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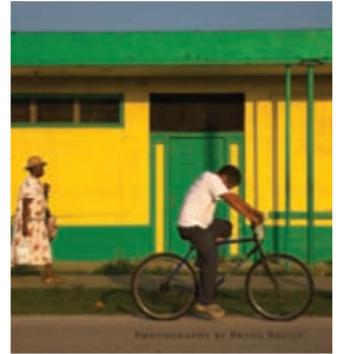
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**I**F JOHN AND SUSIE CIVIC-MINDED ATTENDED six of Naples' biggest charity events this season, they could expect to pay nearly \$20,000 just for tickets. Even more for gowns, tuxedos, shoes and accessories — plus whatever they tally up on auction items and raffle tickets. Southwest Florida's roughly six-month gala season is well under way, bringing magazine and newspaper society pages filled with beautiful ball gowns, beautiful people and beautiful events designed to raise funds for everything from pediatric

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## Thousands in Immokalee will give thanks for dinner in the park

**BY ALICIA LINDO-HODGE**

Special to Florida Weekly

For most families, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on everything you've been given, and be grateful for all that you have. As we prepare for the holiday season, we are reminded of those who are the neediest in our community, and with that foremost in our minds, the Guadalupe Center is preparing for its 27th annual

Thanksgiving celebration.

From noon to 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, more than 100 volunteers will serve turkey and all the trimmings to an estimated 4,000 residents of Immokalee. More people than ever before are expected this year.

Thanksgiving in the Park is a way for all of the citizens of Collier County to thank the hardworking families of Immokalee for picking the crops that come to our

tables every year. This momentous event would not be possible if not for the generosity of others.

Once again, the Guadalupe Center has partnered with the members of Moorings Presbyterian Church and St. Williams Catholic Church for the coordination of volunteers and acceptance of items needed for the event. Each church will

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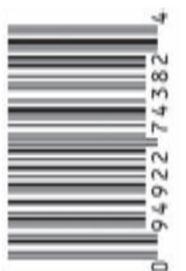
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## COMMENTARY

## The business of breasts



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Let's say there are 315,000 people living in Collier County and half of them are women. That means that about 158,000 human beings here have female breasts.

This is cause for great celebration.

I happen to appreciate women as a general rule: young, old, black, white, tall, short, country, city, rich, poor, liberal, conservative, political, apolitical, good, bad — even those who speak French.

So this is a wonderful statistic. American woman, do not stay away from me. (I'm paraphrasing an old rock 'n' roll line tossed off by some foolish Canadians who turned their backs on the finest species of woman in the world: the sometimes demanding, always fascinating, endlessly appealing Americana Femina Magnifica.)

Let's say that of those 158,000 Collier County women, about 35 percent, or 55,300 range in age from 20 to 50. These are very loose numbers based on my quick glance at Collier County demographics, and they could be off by 2 or 3 percent, or even 20 or 30 percent — but not off enough to explode my point. Which is this: When researchers at the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recently contradicted the American Cancer Society's recommendation that women who have reached the age of 40, even those with no previous history of disease, should get annual mammograms, they made a classic mistake.

Not a mistake of research, perhaps, but a mistake of values.

Here is some of their language: "The USPSTF recommends against routine screening mammography in women aged 40 to 49 years. The decision to start regular, biennial (every two years) screening mammography before the age of 50 years should be an individual one (no kidding!) and take into account patient context, including the patient's values regarding specific benefits and harms."

Good golly Miss Molly, that really helps. "The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the additional benefits and harms of clinical breast examination beyond the screening mammography in women 40 years and older (and) recommends against clinicians teaching women how to perform breast self-examination."

Nosireebob, we don't want to teach the little ladies anything they can actually do for themselves, like save their own lives.

Oh yeah, the USPSTF also points out that "current evidence" cannot allow them to draw any conclusions about the benefits of digital mammography or magnetic resonance imaging, instead of film mammography.

And by the way, breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.

Therefore: Even though many women under the age of 50 die of breast cancer every single day because they didn't discover it in time to stop it, the good folks at USPSTF claim they're concerned about unnecessary biopsies, false-positive tests and "psychological" damage from "fear"

caused by annual testing.

I don't know who did this study, but I don't like them.

My wife, my sister-in-law, several friends and my niece all are women ranging in age from 20 to 50; many are in their 40s. My mother and sister are under 50 in spirit. Actually, mom's 82, and these boneheads — if I may use that word, which I consider modest and restrained in the extreme — have also written off women over the age of 75.

In a nation of fine women, most of the finest women we have ARE over the age of 75, and most of the others are growing into that designation sooner or later.

So they're not worth it because they're going to die before long anyway, is that it?

Horsepucky.

Pragmatism is partly at fault in this study, a cold-blooded, heartless pragmatism. It just isn't "cost-effective," some say (I heard a female doctor argue this point on National Public Radio the other day). But the very term "cost-effective" makes me deeply suspicious. Could it be that insurance companies think women shouldn't be taught to examine themselves because the companies don't want to pay for follow-up tests when a suspicion arises?

I've known two women who found malignant lumps in their breasts with self-exams, ultimately saving their own lives. Those two lives, alone, probably cost their insurance companies — whose managers aren't starving, by the way — tens of thousands of dollars.

Isn't that sad?

At Radiology Regional Center in Naples and Fort Myers, Dr. Mary Kay Peterson has a significant list of patients under 50 fighting breast cancer. And why?

"It is exactly because we have educated people in our society to be in charge of

their health — the monthly self exam, the annual physician exam and a routine annual mammogram BEGINNING AT 40!" she told me at the beginning of the week. "If these women are not screened, the early-caught breast cancers are missed, and later diagnoses mean more disfigurement, more emotional trauma, more treatment and MORE COST.

"And did I mention that pre-menopausal breast cancers tend to be more aggressive? So the earlier the better, for diagnosis."

Dr. Peterson raised one other question: "With all the scientific data, why would we even consider going backward? In the short term, would we save some money? That all depends on who's left holding the bag."

If insurance companies get left holding the bag (which we pay them significant sums to do), but a small percentage of 55,300 women in Collier County ranging in age from 20 to 50 develop cancer they won't catch because now the 40-somethings are told not to worry about annual testing, then one possible conclusion is chilling: Somewhere, in some cushy office, somebody has coolly decided to write off a group of young women in Collier County.

How many are they willing to let die, or how many are you, because it's not "cost-effective" to check?

Maybe 100 or 1,000? Maybe 50? Maybe just two or three?

But I'm not willing to surrender any women. I like them.

So my recommendation, minted like a silver dollar from the mighty workshop of male opinion, is this: Go get that annual mammogram, ma'am, digital or any other kind. Then insist that your doctor teach you how to do a self-examination.

And the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force be damned. ■

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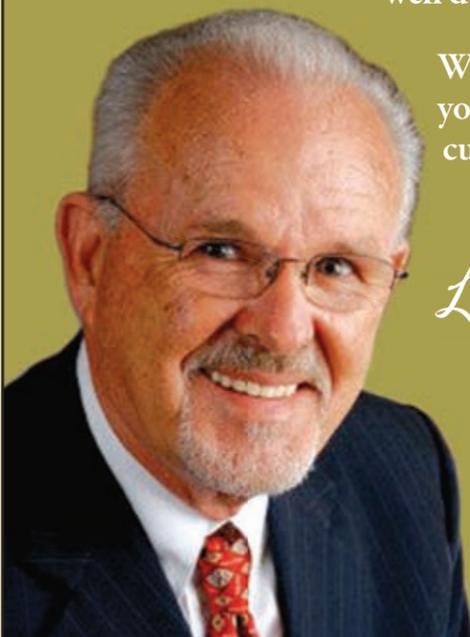
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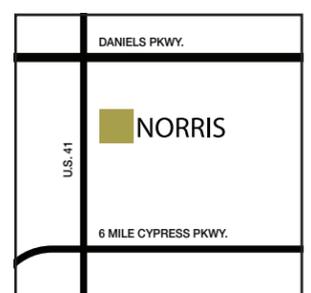
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# OPINION

## 'Hey, Barack. It's your heart'

BY RICH LOWRY

"Hey, Barack. It's me, your heart. It might be all the White House pickup basketball games or the imminent prospect of nationalizing American health insurance, but I'm feeling better than ever.

"Well, at least since the primaries. Remember those students fainting at your campaign events? They'd stand there for hours to get a glimpse of 'the one they'd been waiting for.' Then, BAM! Down they'd go! That was awesome and HILARIOUS!

"Hey, Barack? Are you listening? Hey, hey — I need you to focus. Every time we're in the Situation Room at one of these Afghan meetings, your head starts to take over entirely. Even though Bob Gates is not that interesting. Yeah, yeah, former head of the CIA and all that. But former president of ... Texas A&M. Are you kidding me? And look at the guy — he's a Republican!

"Does he care about the 47 million uninsured? Not the way we do, Barack. And don't get me started on that nonsense you pulled in your joint address to

Congress. You know it's 47 million, not 30 million. You changed the number just so you wouldn't be charged with wanting to provide government insurance to so-called illegal aliens. Lot of good that did you with that bastard Wilson, huh?

"Listen. I don't know how many times I have to say this: Don't sacrifice your presidency to the Afghan War. Not when we're about to get health care, cap-and-trade and who knows what else. You can be FDR for the 21st century, the leader who made America a social democracy. The history books will write about the 'revolution of 2008.' Tell me that doesn't thrill you. But you have to avoid doubling down in a Central Asian war.

"You didn't get in this game to be a wartime president, Barack. You didn't run to be another George W. Bush, fighting a treacherous counterinsurgency campaign with dubious domestic political support in a far-away country that can't attack us. Do I need to remind you that you wouldn't be sitting in this chair if you hadn't given an anti-war speech back in 2002 during the Iraq debate?

"Rahm gets it. I don't care if his side

is losing the argument on the substance. Sure, it's impossible to do a sustained counterterrorism campaign from afar. Yes, if we pull back from Afghanistan we'd pull the rug out from the Pakistani government, just as it gets more aggressive against the Taliban in the tribal areas. Yes, the Taliban and al-Qaida aren't easily disentangled. So what? Rahm knows that 'the heart has reasons that reason cannot know.'

"Would I ever lead you astray? OK, using a prime-time press conference to denounce Sgt. Crowley for the arrest of Skip Gates might, in retrospect, have been ill-considered. You've got to forgive me for that one, eventually. But would you have gone to Dover, if not for me? Remember the human cost, Barack.

"Will you at least promise me this? Hold a few more meetings, ask for more strategic options, and kick this decision even further down the road. I don't care what your head says. Maybe something will turn up to give us a way out." ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### Declare a victory and leave Afghanistan



**helenTHOMAS**  
Special to Florida Weekly

The Nobel Peace Prize crown lies uneasy on President Barack Obama's head as he ponders the next U.S. move in Afghanistan, with hints and leaks showering down to tell us that he will eventually send thousands more troops there.

His decision — which could be announced soon — was triggered by the request from Gen. Stanley McChrystal for 40,000 more troops to secure the cities and protect the citizens of Afghanistan, in addition to the 68,000 U.S. troops there now.

Obama has been reviewing the U.S. role in Afghanistan for months, a time-consuming study that has led to accusations from conservative pundits that he is "dithering" and afraid to make a decision. Few, if any, of those pundits have been to war.

By taking time and seeking opinion from all sides, this president actually looks careful and deliberate compared with his predecessor, who rushed to invade Iraq under wrong pretexts.

It's easy for Obama to appease the armchair hawks — critics like former Vice President Dick Cheney, who managed to dodge the draft as a student during the Vietnam War era. All Obama has to do is give the go-ahead for more drone-dropping bombs on Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

The tougher decision is whether to bolster the numbers of GIs in Afghanistan. And the answer to that question depends on what the U.S. strategy is there.

The reason we have fighting forces in Afghanistan is that, 10 years ago, it was a failed state where the 9/11 plotters could practice their evil in a vacuum, without fear of local authorities.

Withdrawal from the Afghanistan quagmire is not an option for Obama. Even though he inherited the war, the president has embraced it. And he has done so without a whiff of domestic political protest. There are no visible peacemakers, no loud protesters chanting "how many kids did you kill today?" — those painful anti-Vietnam war slogans Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon were forced to endure daily in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

More poignantly in the aftermath of receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Obama attended two national memorial services — one for the victims of the Fort Hood massacre and the other for the dead in all wars at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremonies.

Those provided opportunities for the president to announce that the U.S. would not be a party to further mayhem and that we would be a leader in the search for peace, a word not heard in the White House in recent years.

If Obama cannot learn from the lessons of Vietnam, he is bound to repeat the mistakes from that debacle that besmirched two presidents.

As Obama weighs Gen. McChrystal's request for more troops, he should recall

what President Johnson told reporters. All he ever heard from the generals, LBJ said, was "more, more troops" and we will win the Vietnam War. Well, we didn't.

U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry — a retired general who had been the top military commander in Afghanistan up to 2007 — has reportedly sent two cables to Obama objecting to the dispatch of more troops.

Matthew Hoh, a State Department official in Afghanistan, quit his post to protest the reality that Americans were dying there, "fighting and dying for the Karzai regime."

Both Mr. Eikenberry and Mr. Hoh said they were concerned about corruption in the Karzai regime.

The president should listen to these men who have been there and who are sending warnings to him against escalating the war.

He also should consider the high human cost of war on all sides, in terms of Americans killed by Taliban and al-Qaida and in terms of the innocent Afghan civilians who happened to be too near a bomb target.

This war looks like an expensive, endless gopher hole where we can pour our blood and our treasure that could be used to help the Afghan poor and the American people suffering from job loss and poverty.

Obama is facing probably one of the most crucial decisions of his presidency — one that will define him in history and test his courage to choose peace over war. Yes he can. ■

## MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Nov. 26, 1922**, cartoonist Charles M. Schulz is born. In 1947, Schulz began drawing a comic strip for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* called "L'il Folks," featuring Charlie Brown and his gang of friends. In 1950, after

several rejections, Schulz sold syndication rights to United Features, which renamed the strip "Peanuts."

► On **Nov. 27, 1095**, Pope Urban II makes perhaps the most influential

speech of the Middle Ages, giving rise to the Crusades by calling all Christians in Europe to war against Muslims in order to reclaim the Holy Land. Between 60,000 and 100,000 people responded to Urban's call to march on Jerusalem. ■

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## 15 MINUTES

## For Eric Klopf, the live-aboard lifestyle still has its allure

BY SUSAN BROWN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Countless people imagine what it would be like to leave behind their everyday routine to live aboard a boat, but Eric Klopf only need remember. Raised in Ohio, he visited Naples with his family as a child and knew that one day he would like to live here.

He married his high school sweetheart, Wanda, in 1981. She shared her husband's sense of adventure and in 1986, the once-Midwestern couple and their firstborn, 6-month-old Erica, traveled to Naples, bought an old boat, found a slip and called it home for the next five years.

With an unmistakable fondness in his voice, Mr. Klopf recalls the pleasurable lifestyle they enjoyed in a live-aboard slip at the Naples City Dock at Crayton Cove. "It was great back then. There was a whole community that lived there," he says. Once known as "The Back Bay Docks," the area spawned a fishing industry and served as a community center. The docks were even rumored to have catered to a few prominent bootleggers.

The Klopfs owned one of about 20 live-aboard boats in the "neighborhood." Theirs was a wooden 46-foot, bull-nosed Chris Craft Constellation. Once the family adjusted to living in a smaller space, life afloat was quite comfortable. Air-conditioning kept the interior cool during warmer months, and the Klopfs could shower on the boat or ashore using dock facilities. Bath time for young Erica often involved a cooler on the deck.



Eric Klopf at the Naples Ships Store, which he owns with his wife Wanda.

When it came to the boater's version of spring-cleaning — the annual haul out — the Klopfs took it in stride. Varnishing, sanding, painting and finding alternative living accommodations while their boat was out of the water became a routine part of their live-aboard life.

Although a slip hasn't been home for the Klopfs for many years, it served as a foundation for the life they built together in Naples around the water and the historic dock. The opened a business together, the Naples Ships Store, in 1986 and continue to enjoy the enterprise

today, interacting with a mix of people from the local boating community as well as with visitors. "It's still a good, growing business," Mr. Klopf says.

The couple's hobbies revolve around the water: fishing, boating, scuba diving, traveling to the Florida Keys and collecting marine artifacts. The latter is reflected in their store, where the Klopfs offer everything from supplies to service to collectibles; perusing the place is like going on nautical treasure hunt.

"We're always on the lookout for stuff," says Mr. Klopf. He's encountered many

unusual pieces through the years, including authentic figureheads from various ships. Some of his favorite places to look include salvage yards.

Although he notes Naples isn't as "small town" as it used to be, he thinks the changes are positive. "Naples is a good area to raise a family. It's a clean, fun, place to live." He should know. The Klopfs raised both of their daughters in Naples. Erica now lives in Fort Myers, and Hannah is a freshman at Naples High School.

Even though their former live-aboard community no longer exists, the Klopfs still see some of their old neighbors around town from time to time; the bond remains from having shared a unique lifestyle comprehended by those few persons fortunate enough to have lived it.

Presently, the Klopfs are boatless. Between the demands of running a busy waterfront store and raising a high-school freshman, their time is limited. But eventually Mr. Klopf envisions living onboard a boat again with his wife. He wants to do more cruising, and hopes someday to take his search for maritime treasures underwater on a salvage dive.

One of his favorite things about the live-aboard lifestyle, he says, was the ability to disconnect the dock and shore lines and "off you'd go."

His next home? "A trawler, maybe," he says — someplace where he can no doubt reconnect and embark on a sequel expedition, reliving the life most folks only dream of. ■



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# GALAS

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cancer patients to pets and conservation efforts. With hundreds of non-profit organizations within Collier County and a constant whirl of parties that fill two charity registers, the social season could prove crucial to the survival of many charities, given the current economy.

Gala organizers are hoping area residents will continue to support their causes by bidding on auction lots, stepping up sponsorship dollars and paying ticket prices that range from a bargain \$25 to attend the Alzheimer's Support Network Elephant Fest to \$7,500 per couple for the Naples Winter Wine Festival. The city's premier fundraiser, NWWF celebrates its 10th year this January and has raised more than \$74 million for children's charities since its inception.

"Now more than ever, it really does take a village," says Francis Rooney, this year's wine festival chair along with wife Kathleen.

And that village consists of a small but mighty army of volunteers, charity staffers and professional event planners who this year not only have the arduous task of outdoing and outperforming prior soirees, but must also work within an economy that has stunned charitable giving around the country.

## All in the details

As gala details are announced, social observers just have to wonder what really goes on behind the scenes. How are themes and color schemes selected and, in the case of the Naples Community School Angel Ball — which took place Saturday, Nov. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort — how in the world it managed to land Mickey Thomas and Starship for the entertainment?

Organizers say it all boils down to intense planning, which sometimes starts two years prior to the event. For the Angel Ball, which celebrated its 25th anniversary and funds financial aid for 25 percent of the students at the private school, the committee wanted a theme that reflected 1984 and its inaugural year. That led to a walk down memory lane, contact with Thomas' Orlando agent and a "Find Your Way Back" theme.

"We honed in on Starship, the stars aligned and everything came together," says Carla Costa, the school's development director.

For Matthew Mathias, one of the chairs of the 15th annual NCH Hos-

pital Ball, planning began 10 months before the Saturday, Nov. 14, event at The Naples Grande. "We started by forming leadership teams and subcommittees," he says. "For the Venetian Voyage theme we took an educated approach, looking at the history of the event and its previous themes and discussed ideas that have not been utilized by the organization but may have been used successfully by others."

## Old ways, new ways

Some organizers continue to follow a tried-and-true formula; others are ever evolving. For its 2009 gala in April, the American Heart Association combined its Lee and Collier county events to create the first-ever Southwest Florida Heart Ball, which grossed \$336,000 and received an additional \$320,000 gift to purchase automated external defibrillators for all Collier County sheriff patrol cars. That money was donated by a Naples woman who was saved by an AED and her personal trainer during a heart attack.

Instead of the traditional patrons party and Hats in the Garden luncheon fundraiser, the Naples Botanical Garden hosted a full week of activities to celebrate the official opening of the garden's first phase earlier this month. The events were designed for all levels of patronage — from an elegant dinner party for the wealthiest contributors and sponsors to a painting party for children with Brazilian artist Romero Britto at Waterside Shops and the public opening the last two days, says Lisa Juliano, special events manager.

The signature Hats event drew a record crowd of 530 women, who paid \$500 each to wear their finest millinery and attend a fashion show presented by Marissa Collections and Oscar de la Renta.

"We sold out within two weeks of sending the invitations," Ms. Juliano says.

Because Humane Society Naples' 2009 Pet Lovers Gala attracted a capacity crowd of 210 for a sit-down dinner, the organization has re-tooled the 2010 ball to feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing and lounge areas to attract even more patrons for its \$250 tickets, says Patricia Connell, assistant director of development.

Organizers are banking on the new format and the continued generosity of animal lovers for HSN's 10th annual gala set for Saturday, Feb. 20, at a private club in Port Royal, she adds. Last year's event raised \$100,000 — up from the previous year's \$63,000.

"Considering the economy, it was amazing," says Ms. Connell, who

credits the strength of the organization's sponsors and supporters. "Naples really is a pet friendly town."

## Cutting costs

Although most organizations are reluctant to readily reveal how much they spend to stage their biggest parties of the year, planners say they've found ways to cut corners without impacting the quality of the patron experience.

For the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Magic under the Mangroves gala in March, eliminating a party planner and designing invitations in-house alone will save about \$15,000, says Barbara Wilson, director of marketing and communications.

The NCH Hospital Ball hired an event organizer but whittled other expenses by as much as 30 percent, Mr. Mathias says.

"This can easily become a second-time job for volunteers," he says, adding, "It really helps to have a professional navigate and coordinate all these moving parts. With the economy and the bottom-line benefit to the organization in mind, we really sharpened our pencil on what we were willing to compensate an event organizer. We also found ways to save on the venue, décor, food items and beverage list. We'll probably have criticism that it was not as grandiose as last year, but I think it was a fabulous event that was appropriate."

Helping the bottom line, he says, was a larger crowd and a different venue that allowed the organization to charge less for tickets (\$475 versus \$500). The ball hosted 545 guests compared to 500 the previous year.

Although final results were not available at press time, Mr. Mathias expects a good return. Proceeds benefit NCH's Orthopedic Center of Excellence, ranked second in the country for performing joint- and hip-replacement surgeries.

"A lot of companies are now hitting their earnings because they're cutting expenses," he says. "In essence, we've done the same thing, and I think the contribution back to the hospital may be more than expected."

## Willing to negotiate

Angel Ball organizers were able to shed 28 percent of its expenses, Ms. Costas says. "Fortunately we're all in the same boat. Vendors and venues are far more willing to negotiate than in years past," she explains. "We know every penny we spent (was money that) wasn't going to financial aid, so we kept the ratio within a certain alignment."

The ball netted \$450,000 this year — well off the \$600,000 raised in

2008 — but organizers were thrilled, Ms. Costas adds. "Like other non-profits, we weren't sure what to expect."

Attendance, which in years past has varied from 250 to 500 patrons, came in at 370 guests, who paid \$500 a ticket.

The \$275 ticket price for the Humane Society Naples gala helps defray costs, which last year tallied \$50,000, Ms. Connell says. Those expenses have been pared down even more for 2010.

"Sure, we could bring in a wonderful band from New York and spend thousands of dollars, but we'd rather spend the money on good food. That's our biggest expense," she says. "When it really comes down to it, though, the best part of our event is the pets. We show off the adoptable animals; that's always the highlight for our guests."

## Sponsorships and donations

Most of the up-front expenses and the marketing for the Garden's grand opening were raised through sponsorships and the creation of an inaugural leadership council, a group of 23 women who contributed \$25,000 for committee membership. Additional ticket sales, raffle items and percentages from retail partner sales benefitted the organization's coffers. Ms. Juliano expects the week's events raised a grand total of \$350,000 — \$250,000 from the Hats event alone. Mr. De la Renta donated a fashion package, which included \$2,500 and \$800 gift certificates toward clothing from his ready-to-wear line and shoes at Marissa Collections, respectively, and two tickets to his coveted fall fashion show in New York, an intimate affair for just 250 high-profile guests. Guests paid \$500 for a raffle ticket to win the package.

## Big-budget items

For some events, tents and food are the biggest budget items. For the Naples Winter Wine Festival, logistics are costly; car service to shuttle guests to vintner dinners is by far its largest expense, say organizers, who coordinate a fleet of 250-plus limos and sedans for at least 200 couples plus vintners, celebrity chefs and other guests. In 2008, according to the charity's most recent tax records, the festival's expenses totaled \$7.67 million — \$4.6 million in in-kind donations of auction lots, vintner dinners and other non-cash contributions, and \$2.6 million in actual hard costs. Those costs, which covered everything from transportation to sound systems, were covered through ticket sales, sponsorships and raffle tickets,



says spokesperson Andrea Steffy. All of the \$14 million raised from auction items sold under the tent went to helping underprivileged children in Collier County — not a bad return on \$2.6 million investment.

“Our expenses in 2008 were 16 percent of the gross cash income,” Ms. Steffy says. “Fifteen to 17 percent is the industry standard for fundraisers.”

Volunteers are the crux of keeping expenses in check. More than 400 volunteers contribute their time and talent to the wine festival, logging 2,500 hours during the three-day event and nearly 3,700 total hours, including pre-festival activities. This doesn't include the countless hours put in by trustee volunteers or charity staffers or the celebrity chefs and vintners who donate their time.

“It really is a story of volunteerism,” Mr. Rooney says.

This year's Jan. 29-31 festival, which in the past has attracted a waiting list, will be a “smaller event to reflect the different economy we're in,” he adds.

Instead of 500 guests under the auction tent, organizers are planning for 450. The event overhead is paid through tickets sales, by trustees and through major sponsorships, including The Ritz-Carlton, The Lutgert Companies, Regents Bank and Collier Enterprises. Trustees, who host 15 private dinners in their homes, cover the costs of their individual parties — everything from food to décor and caterers. Many also make annual contributions to the festival's charity, the Naples Children & Education Foundation.

“The genius of the founding trustees ensures that all money raised under the tent goes to children's charities,” Mr. Rooney says. “It's really exceptional when you think of it. It's quite a partnership of different entities.”

### Making \$\$\$, selling experiences

Donated auction items and sponsorships are often the prime moneymaker for most charities. Magic under the Mangroves 2010 sponsorship packages, ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000, include an exclusive patrons preview party in February at Kewaydin Club plus seating at the main event on Thursday, March 4, at Cap d'Antibes at Pelican Bay. Individual tickets are \$550.

This year Ms. Wilson also solicited media sponsorships, signing Florida Weekly, Gulfshore Life and NBC-2 to promote the gala. “Everyone thinks I'm a whiz for that, but now I have to top that for next year,” she laughs.

The proceeds from Magic have

grown from a little more than \$100,000 in the inaugural year in 2004 to last year's \$380,000 — a record despite coinciding with the day the stock market hit its absolute lowest point. Proceeds fund the Conservancy's mission to protect Southwest Florida's unique natural environment and quality of life.

### Making memories

For some gala-goers the memories continue long after the ballroom is empty. As they cash in on auction items won, they jet around the world to sample exclusive wines and meals, or bask in the spotlight as walk-on guests on a hit TV show, or ride with Naples Mayor Bill Barnett in the city's annual Christmas parade.

Experience sells, say several organizers.

“People want something they wouldn't think of doing on their own,” says the Humane Society's Ms. Connell. “Where else but Naples can you win a private fire hydrant for your dog?”

“You have to offer something they can't go out and buy,” Ms. Wilson adds. “Anyone can go to an Everblades game, but how many can take their grandkids on the Zamboni at intermission?”

To that end, Conservancy board members and supporters have donated stays in their private homes in Costa Rica and Mexico, including private air transportation. Conflict-free diamond jewelry donated by DeBeers also proved popular last year.

Animal-themed auction lots are always a win-win at the Pet Lovers Ball, including work by wildlife artist Craig Bone and his daughter Maxine. Attendees last year also vied for dinner with the mayor and a guitar signed by the Rolling Stones. Auction items in the works for the 2010 event include “a bone to the city” and custom jewelry pieces of the society's cat and dog logo created by Port Royal Jewelers, whose giving will continue long after the event. The jeweler, notes Ms. Connell, will offer the pieces at its store and will donate half of each sale to Humane Society

Naples.

A trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., was the big-ticket auction item at this year's Angel Ball, fetching \$11,000. Student Parker Borelli coordinated the trip and another package featuring VIP seating to designer Richie Rich's New York Fashion Week show and after-party, airfare and two nights at the Waldorf Astoria, says Ms. Costa. It went for \$6,500. A winning bidder paid \$10,000 to jet to Tampa for a Miley Cyrus concert, while another anted up \$9,000 for a wine dinner with vintner Clark Swanson and celebrity chef John Tesar.

Sporting events were popular auction items at the NCH Hospital Ball. Mr. Mathias says a trip for four to the 2010 Masters sold for \$22,000, and seats at the 2010 Kentucky Derby went for \$11,000.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going could be the motto of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Vintners, festival trustees and long-time supporters have dug deep to donate “more complex” and generous auction items, Mr. Rooney says, adding benefactors have also stepped up to donate more of their own money.

Among the 2010 festival's 61 auction lots are the opportunity to join Heidi Klum on the set of “Project Runway,” rub shoulders with celebrity guests in the green room of “Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!” and dine with Robert and Bylle Redford on a nine-course menu created by Michelin Two-Star Chef Christopher Kostow. In its efforts to attract a wider audience, the festival is also offering inside access at a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

To date, the festival's single largest auction item was a special-edition NWWF Rolls Royce, for which Raymond Lutgert paid \$2 million in 2007.

To enhance its profit, the festival this year will introduce a first-ever cash call, offering patrons who were outbid on auction lots the opportunity to donate \$1,000 to \$5,000 to a new mental health initiative.

At Magic 2010, the Conservancy will offer a trip aboard a private jet to an environmentally sustainable home

on a private island in the Bahamas. Also in the works are an in-home demonstration by Fort Myers chocolateater Norman Love and box seats to a Miami Dolphins game. “They're our auction co-sponsor this year and we're working on a one-of-a-kind experience,” says Ms. Wilson. “Could you imagine sitting with one of the team's celebrity owners?”

### Surprises and successes

Not everything goes according to plan, and even the best strategies sometimes go awry. Angel Ball organizers had to deal with wind rustling the auction tents in The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort's courtyard this year. Planners of the 2009 Lee County Cattle Barons' Ball, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, noted at the last minute that 20 massive concrete blocks holding down the tent were blatantly obvious and rushed out to buy potted palms to disguise the eyesores (a committee member later bought them for her landscaping).

Weather and the approach of Tropical Storm Ida also threatened the Garden's week of events. “We were all set, and at the last minute had to put out marquee tents in case it rained,” Ms. Juliano says. “It poured right after the opening celebration on Tuesday night just after the guests had strolled the gardens and left.”

Staff and volunteers, however, had to stay and stage the tent for the next day's 11 a.m. fashion show with Oscar de la Renta as part of Hats in the Garden. “We had to squeegee the mahogany porch and wet vac the carpet,” Ms. Juliano says. “We worked through the entire night.”

Sometimes, pleasant surprises occur years later. Ms. Wilson recalls a first-timer who attended Magic Under the Mangrove as a guest of one of the title sponsors two years ago. “She wasn't familiar with the work of the Conservancy, and she bought tens of thousands of fund-a-need cards, all in the education area.”

The patron, Eva Sugden Gomez, just last week donated \$2 million toward the new Sugden Gomez Environmental Planning Center.

“This is why we call Magic a friend-raiser as well as a fundraiser,” Ms. Wilson says.

For many local charities 2010 brings new hope, and organizers remain cautiously optimistic as the dates of their galas approach.

“We have a lot of hope that in these adverse times our beneficiaries will help even more,” says Mr. Rooney. “We're convinced the charitable spirit of Naples will show up again at the end of January.” ■

“Where else but Naples can you win a private fire hydrant for your dog?”

— Patricia Connell, Humane Society Naples



# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## The Naples Woman's Club is firmly rooted in community causes

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

"A woman's work is never done as ye song says, and happy She whose strength holds out to the end..." So wrote Martha Ballard in her journal on Nov. 26, 1785.

While the majority of American women back then chose to stay at home, where society believed they belonged (and, if you were Southern, barefoot and pregnant, too), many dared to venture out into the working world mostly out of necessity. Following the American Revolution, education ranked high for the new republic because it was widely held belief that an educated person made the best citizen. As opportunities for education increased, so did literacy among Americans.

The saying, "A woman's work is never done," has perhaps never been truer than it was for American women in the 1940s. Up until then, except for the poorest among us, we had been somewhat protected from actual hard manual labor. But World War II and its demands left no choice for our men but to leave our country's home front and its workforce in the soft hands of housewives.

And nowhere were the hands softer, the hearts bigger and the spirit more enduring than among the "bazaar women" of Naples, who were busy doing what all good women did at that time in any community: making it a better place to raise their families.

The Naples Woman's Club was formed in September 1932, when Doris Gandeas called a meeting with 17 original auxil-



**Jim Elson, president of the Collier County Veterans Council, Peter Thomas, Sgt. Robert McDonald and Chaplain Hamby Barton at the 2009 Veterans Day service.**

ary club members from the Community Church, which had been the only church in town until 1930, with Catholics and Protestants alike sharing in the good lord's words under one roof. By 1931, plans were on the drawing boards for both a Catholic church and a Church of God, but the women who bonded together with Ms. Gandeas had "community" etched in their hearts and were not about to allow dogma or semantics to interfere with the work that needed to take place for the greater good of Naples.

### A sense of community responsibility

From its home on Park Avenue across from The von Liebig Art Center, the

NWC spearheaded, well, just about everything relating to "making Naples a better place to live." Its members started the first Garden Club, Teen Club, The Naples Players, the Junior Woman's Club, Youth Haven and the public library (with the theme "Bring me thy books"). They even sponsored a drive for house numbers.

At this time of the year, two of the club's projects stand out in our community's mind: the Christmas Bazaar and the Veterans War Memorial at Cambier Park. While their Christmas Bazaar is no longer, it set the benchmark of high standards for holiday bazaars; the veterans memorial, on the other hand, still stands

as a powerful reminder in the northeast corner of the park.

In preparing the ceremony for Veteran's Day earlier this month, Jim Elson, president of the Collier County Veterans Council, asked us at Naples Backyard History whether we knew anything about the memorial. Since sleuthing is our specialty, we discovered that the NWC had spearheaded and sponsored the monument. No surprise.

On January 1984, Mayor Stanley Billick and Evelyn Van, then president of the NWC, broke ground for the memorial. DeMarco Tile donated the marble, and Venetian Bay Construction contributed the labor. Pilar Montes, chairwoman of the NWC Community Improvement Program, noted that the community "needed a way to pay their respects to the veterans. They died to protect our freedom."

### A good American's work is never done

The current president of NWC, Jeanie Haustein, sent regrets that she could not attend this year's Veterans Day program at the Veterans War Memorial, but she would send in her stead Donna Porter, club treasurer and chairwoman of the "Sew Much Comfort" Committee. Members of that committee, Ms. Haustein explained, alter clothing so that it is comfortable and dignified for wounded and hospitalized military men and women. The "Sew Much Comfort" women also knit helmet liners.

Yes, it seems that a woman's work is never done. And neither is the work of our men and women in uniform.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD  
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### So what if it doesn’t work?

The first line of “defense” at the 400 Iraqi police checkpoints in Baghdad are small wands with antennas that supposedly detect explosives, but which U.S. officials say are about as useful as Ouija boards. The Iraqi official in charge, Maj. Gen. Jihad al-Jabiri, is so enamored of the devices, according to a November *New York Times* dispatch, that when American experts repeatedly showed

the rods’ failures in test after test, he blamed the results on testers’ lack of “training.” The Iraqi government has purchased 1,500 of the ADE 651s from its manufacturer, ATSC Ltd. of the UK, at prices ranging from \$16,000 to \$60,000 each. The suicide bombers who killed 155 in downtown Baghdad on Oct. 25 passed two tons of explosives through at least one ADE-651-equipped checkpoint. ■

### What a difference a day makes

► Charles Wesley Mumbere, 56, was a longtime nurse’s aide at a nursing home in Harrisburg, Pa., until July, when the Ugandan government recognized the separatist Rwenzururu territory founded in 1962 by Mumbere’s late father. In October, Mumbere returned to his native country as king of the region’s 300,000 subjects.

► Jigme Wangchuk, 11, was a student at St. Peter’s School in Boston when he was enthroned in November by a Buddhist sect in India’s Darjeeling district as its high priest, covering territory extending to neighboring Nepal and Bhutan. He will live in seclusion in his monastery, except for contact with Facebook friends he made while in Boston. ■

### Cultural diversity

An unprecedented toilet-building spree has taken hold in India over the last two years, spurred by a government campaign embraced by young women: “No Toilet, No Bride” (i.e.,

no marriage unless the male’s dowry includes indoor plumbing). About 665 million people in India lack access to toilets, according to an October *Washington Post* dispatch. ■

### Tradition

► The town of Waiau, New Zealand, had once again planned an annual rabbit-carcass-tossing contest, to a chorus of complaints from animal rights activists concerned that children not associate dead animals with fun. (In New Zealand, rabbits are crop-destroying pests, doing an estimated NZ \$22 million (US \$16 million) damage annually, but nonetheless,

the town canceled the contest.)  
► As the Irish Parliament debated whether to lower the blood-alcohol reading that would earn drivers a DUI charge, legislator Mattie McGrath begged colleagues to keep the current, more generous standards: “(Modest drinking) can make people who are jumpy on the road, or nervous, be more relaxed.” ■

### Latest religious messages

► “Bonnet books” are a “booming new subcategory of the romance genre,” reported *The Wall Street Journal* in September, describing “G-rated” Amish love stories that sell well among outside readers but have found an even more avid audience among Amish women themselves. The typical best-seller is by a non-Amish writer, perhaps involving a woman inside the community who falls in love with an outsider. In one

book described by the *Journal*, the lovers “actually kiss a couple of times in 326 pages.”  
► The radical Islamist group Al Shabaab in Somalia recently began accosting and beating robed women whose bras made their breasts (even though covered) look too provocative. One mother told Reuters in October that police told her that any “firm(ness)” must be natural and not bra-enhanced. ■

### Questionable judgments

► “Ultrarunning” (whose signature event is the 100-mile marathon) takes such a degree of commitment that 5 to 10 percent of participants are said even to have permanently removed their toenails in order to eliminate one of the potential sources of runners’ discomfort. A sports podiatrist told *The New York Times* in October that many “ultras” consider their toenails “useless appendages, remnants of claws from evolutionary times,” but on the other hand, said one ultrarunner, “You know any sport has gone off the rails when you have to

remove body parts to do it.”  
► After her two kids, ages 5 and 3, died in a house fire in Rialto, Calif., in May, Viviana Delgado, 27, worked her way through the stages of grief until deciding in October on one final tribute. She turned the vacant, charred dwelling into a showcase haunted house for Halloween. To the average visitor, it’s just a spookily decorated house, but neighbors know that kids died inside, and they know what the two tombstones in the front yard represent. ■

### The British health care bureaucracy

► When social workers praised the progress 10-year-old Devon Taverner was making with her prosthetic leg (necessary because of a birth defect), bureaucrats terminated her disability payments, which instantly made her life harder. For example, the lack of a car allowance means she cannot travel without, each trip, removing and re-attaching the prosthesis.

► On the other hand, Britain’s High Court ruled in September that inmate Denis Roberts, 59, a murderer, was entitled to free surgery to remove a birthmark, and the National Health Service in August granted a free prescription for Viagra to recidivist sex offender Roger Martin, 71, whose latest conviction, last year, involved an 11-year-old boy. ■

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# Sweetbay Supermarkets says 'C'mon' to partnership with children's museum

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Sweetbay Supermarket is the newest corporate partner to join the Children's Museum of Naples. With its \$75,000 gift to C'mon, Sweetbay will receive naming rights to the mini-market tot lot in the museum's produce market exhibit. In addition to the new exhibit, Sweetbay's grant will also include a scholarship program in support of C'mon's educational outreach programs.

"C'mon is pleased to team up with Sweetbay Supermarket to give kids the opportunity to role play and socially interact as well as facilitate a strong foundation for early math learning," Joe Cox, the museum's executive director, said when announcing the partnership.



The Children's Museum of Naples will be Collier County's first learning environment devoted exclusively to child's play, the serious business of discovery that helps children attain hallmark milestones on the journey into adulthood. Construction is under way on a 2-acre site on Livingston Road south of Immokalee Road. The completed facility will



COURTESY PHOTO  
C'mon Executive Director Joe Cox, center, and representatives of Sweetbay Supermarkets greet students from Pelican Marsh Elementary School.

be a LEED-certified green building, fully accessible to all children regardless of their physical or learning abilities.

"For Sweetbay, partnering with the Children's Museum of Naples is a natural fit," said Nicole Lebeau, director of marketing for Sweetbay Supermarket. "We are proud to create an exhibit devoted to teaching children how to choose nutritious foods."

Scheduled to open in the fall of 2010, C'mon will provide a well-rounded universe of 13 exhibits and programs that will lead children and their families on a journey from the swamps of the Everglades to the outer reaches of the galaxy and from an experience at a working farm to a day at the beach. To learn more, visit [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org). ■

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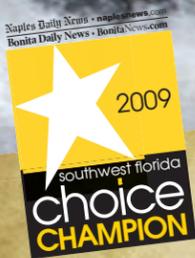
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## Seminar covers small claims court

The office of the Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Court is holding a free seminar about filing a small claim from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning at Hodges University.

Filing a small claim is a way to settle a legal dispute with someone when the damages or value of property involved does not exceed \$5,000. Small claims court is called the "people's court," and a lawyer is not required.

This seminar will focus on the basic requirements, forms and fees for filing a small claim as well as the specific process steps. While there will be ample time for questions from participants, the clerk's staff cannot provide legal advice.

For registration and directions, call 598-6133. For more information about seminars offered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court office, call 252-6879 or e-mail Robert.StCyr@collierclerk.com. ■

## Panelists, questions sought for meeting about drug abuse

Drug Free Collier invites members of the community to participate in a town hall meeting and panel discussion about substance abuse.

"Voice of Collier County: The Unspoken Trust about Substance Abuse" will take place from 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 13, in the MLK School Administration Building at 5775 Osceola Trail.

Lois Thome of WINK News will moderate the panel. Keynote speakers will be Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and Collier County Schools Superintendent Dennis Thompson.

To learn more about sitting on the panel, to RSVP as a guest or to submit a question you would like the panel to address, call Maribel De Armas, Drug Free Collier executive director, at 377-4994 or e-mail [mdearmas@drufgreecollier.org](mailto:mdearmas@drufgreecollier.org). ■

## Stroll back in time on guided tour

Savor a taste of yesteryear by taking a 1-mile walking tour with a docent from the Naples Historical Society. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., volunteer docents lead the tours that begin and end at the NHS's Palm Cottage. A tour of the cottage in its full holiday décor is part of the experience through December. For reservations, call the NHS at 261-8164. ■

## 2010 Census seeks short-term workers

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring will be from February 2009 through the end of May 2010 for temporary assignments, most lasting five to 10 weeks. Positions require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle. Every applicant undergoes a background check.

A short-term job with long-term results, 2010 Census positions offer competitive wages and flexible schedules. "The jobs also allow people to work in their neighborhoods and for their neighborhoods," says Marilia Matos, associate director for field operations with the Census Bureau. "We hire locally, and an accurate count means a fair distribution of money for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements and elderly care in your community."

For testing locations and more information, call (866) 861-2010 or visit [www.2010Censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010Censusjobs.gov). ■



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IHFS Executive Director Sheryl Soukup

## New name better reflects Immokalee agency's mission

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Immokalee Housing & Family Services is the new name for the organization previously known as Immokalee Non-profit Housing. The change was celebrated at a recent fundraiser at the Naples Yacht Club.

The new IHFS logo includes the traditional house representing the more than 75 rental homes the organization owns in the Timber Ridge and Sanders Pines communities in Immokalee.

"The logo also includes a family reaching for a sunlit sky in hopes of a better life that comes with all the new supportive IHFS counseling, educational and enrichment programs," Earl Zellen, board director, explained. "These programs are the Keys to a Brighter Future to promote self-sufficiency and housing stability."

Formed in 1985, Immokalee Non-Profit Housing had the dream that even the poorest of farm workers need and deserve decent, affordable places to live and raise their families. In 1992, INPH completed the development of Sanders Pines, an apartment community that includes nine buildings with 41 housing units, two playgrounds and a community garden. In 1995, INPH completed construction of 34 single-family rental homes in the nearby Timber Ridge development.

IHFS continues to rent those properties to low-income families today.

In addition to rental housing, IHFS provides supportive social and educational services to residents of its communities as well as to those in the surrounding Eden Park neighborhood. Programs take place in the Carl J. Kuehner Community

Center at Timber Ridge, construction of which was completed in 2008.

IHFS is also engaged in a project to develop 176 multi-family rental units in a new neighborhood called Esperanza Place. The first apartments at Esperanza Place are scheduled to open for occupancy in late 2010.

In addition to Mr. Zeller, IHFS board members are Howard Agranat, Darby Beliveau, John Hannsz, Maureen Kelleher, Carl Kuehner, Harriet Lancaster, Frank Nappo, Alan Parker, Frank Proto and Donald Shapiro. Sheryl Soukup is the executive director.

Collaborative community partners include the United States Department of Agriculture, The First Tee of Collier/Naples, The Naples Children & Educational Foundation, The Community Foundation of Collier County, The von Liebig Art Center, The Immokalee Foundation, Collier County Department of Housing & Human Services, the Immokalee Library and Leadership Collier.

Sponsors of the recent fundraiser were: AdSource, Choice Environmental Services, Gulfshore Insurance, Outside The Box Studio, Pacific Collier, Professional Building Services, Nobles-Collier, Spires Roofing & Spires Construction, Strubwerks, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Wind and Water Consultants and Wilkinson Photography.

"We are so grateful for the support of our staff, volunteers, board members and sponsors," Ms. Soukup said. "Our metrics for success are not just the dollars we raised, but, the awareness of IHFS's work in Immokalee and lives being changed." ■

## DINNER

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accept cooked turkeys, pies and monetary donations on Wednesday, Nov. 25 — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian, and from 10 a.m. to noon at St. William.

The Guadalupe Center of Immokalee has been serving the children and families of Immokalee for more than 25 years. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources. From early childhood educa-

tion and after-school tutoring, to the soup kitchen and clothing programs, the efforts of this privately funded organization make a real difference in every aspect of the lives of those it serves.

This year, especially, the Guadalupe Center needs your help. Take the time to give thanks for all that's good in your life — and help the center give to others who may not be as fortunate.

In addition to the church locations above for Thanksgiving contributions, donations can be mailed anytime to the Guadalupe Center, 509 Hope Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible and will be used to benefit the children and families the center serves. ■

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## GOLF EVENTS

### Tee off with NFL legends in shootout for children's charities

Golfers who want to compete in a round with a National Football League hero have to hurry for a spot at the tee. Limited openings remain in the Inaugural Gridiron Legends Charity Shootout coming up Saturday, Dec. 5, at Palmira Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs.

The tourney is a benefit for the Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Step by Step Early Childhood Education & Therapy Center, and Angels' Activities Inc.

The NFL honorary host for the shootout is former Minnesota Vikings running back Chuck Foreman. A Pro Bowl team member from 1973-1977, he rushed for a total of 5,950 yards and 53 touchdowns over his career and caught 350 passes for 3,156 yards and 23 touchdowns.

The honorary community host is former Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter, who has dedicated himself toward supporting local children's causes. Mr. Hunter serves as the law enforcement liaison for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Gridiron Legends Charity Shootout will begin on Friday, Dec. 4, with a pairings party at Palmira Golf & Country Club. The evening event will feature a live and silent auction as well as

other activities. On Saturday, Dec. 5, the competition begins with a tournament breakfast followed by the 18-hole scramble, awards ceremony and raffles. The festivities will conclude with a three-team shootout to determine the champion team.

The winning team will earn a spot to play in the 2010 South Florida NFL Alumni Chapter Super Bowl Golf Tournament in February 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, which is a qualifier for the Super Bowl of Golf National Championship in Maui, Hawaii, in April 2010. The winning team also will receive a 12-inch porcelain golfer specially designed by Lladro.

Dozens of former NFL players have been invited to participate in the Gridiron Legends Charity Shootout. Among those who have committed to play are: former St. Louis Cardinals quarterback Jim Hart, former Green Bay Packers wide receiver Barry Smith; Tony Nathan and Bob Kuechenberg, Miami Dolphins; Cornelius Bennett, Joe Cribbs, Jimmie Gilies and Jack Laraway, Buffalo Bills; Parnell Dickinson, Los Angeles Rams; and Eddie Payton, Cleveland Browns.

Entry fee for the Gridiron Legends Charity Shootout is \$2,000 per foursome or \$500 for individual golfers.

Sponsors of the inaugural event include: Beasley Broadcast Group, Monarch Marketing Services, Comcast, Cone Communications Company, Living Now Inc., BDK Group, In Trouble Zone Pro-

ductions, The PublicRelate Integrated Marketing, Disney World, Discovery Cruise Lines, Minnesota Twins, Bealls Department Store, The Naples Zoo, Florida Everblades, Shark Shootout, Miller Lite, Mercedes and Ford.

For more information on the Gridiron Legends Charity Shootout, contact Angels' Activities at 591-8901 or visit [www.GridironLegendsCharityShootout.com](http://www.GridironLegendsCharityShootout.com). ■

### Immokalee Foundation Charity Classic raises \$1 million-plus

The Immokalee Foundation 2009 Charity Classic — a combined event consisting of a dinner and auction at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and a pro-am golf tournament at Bay Colony Golf Club — generated more than \$1 million to help sustain and expand the programs of The Immokalee Foundation.

Tournament results in the Couples Division were:

- **First place:** Curt and Sue Culver and Chris and Sandi Sullivan, 55 (17 under par); professionals John Cook and Wayne Levi

- **Second place:** Carmen Campbell, Mac McDonald, Don Smith and Carole Meyer, 58 (14 under par); professionals Billy Ray Brown and Bruce Fleisher

Tournament results in the Men's Division were:

- **First place:** Don O'Neill, George Lorch, Chris Gray and Ian Mossman,

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# GOLF EVENTS

58 (14 under par); professionals Wayne Levi and Andy Bean

• **Second place:** Gary Bigham, Dave Davis, Joe Wortman and Jim O'Connor, 60 (12 under par); professionals Blaine McAllister and Mike Hulbert

• **Third place:** Ed Mihalovich, Wally Labermeier, Will Bobb and Lou Rutigliano, 61 (11 under par); professionals Frank Nobilo and Bill Kratzert

Closest to the Pin winners: Carolyn McCulloch, Cindy Darland, Skip Hildebrand and Russ Scurto

Proceeds from The Immokalee Foundation 2009 Charity Classic will benefit the following Immokalee Foundation programs: Take Stock in Children, Vocational Success, College Success, Immokalee Readers, First Tee of Naples/Collier and community grants. ■

## 2010 ACE Group Classic moves to The Quarry

The ACE Group Classic Champions Tour will move to The Golf Lodge at The Quarry for the 2010 tournament, which tees off on President's Day weekend and wraps up on Valentine's Day.

"We are excited to bring The ACE Group Classic to The Quarry," Jason Camp, tournament director, said. "I know this course will be a great challenge for the legends of golf that annually compete in our field. We hope to continue to build off

the successes we've had the past three years, including last year at TPC Treviso Bay."

The 2009 ACE Group Classic marked TPC Treviso Bay's grand opening to the public. The tournament drew more than 100,000 fans over the course of a week for the third consecutive year.

The tournament's relocation to The Quarry will allow TPC Treviso Bay to finish its infrastructure, including the clubhouse and locker rooms.

"We are delighted to host the 2010 ACE Group Classic at The Quarry," said Doug Reed, general manager and vice president of golf and club operations for Coral Hospitality, the Naples-based company that manages the golf operations at The Quarry on behalf of Pulte Homes Inc. "The Quarry's management team relishes the chance to draw on many years of collective tournament experience in contributing to the success of this prestigious event," he added.

The centerpiece at The Quarry in North Naples is the 320-acre Stone Lake, which was created from an old limestone quarry. Opened in 2007, the community's championship golf course created by Hurdzan/Fry winds around the lake.

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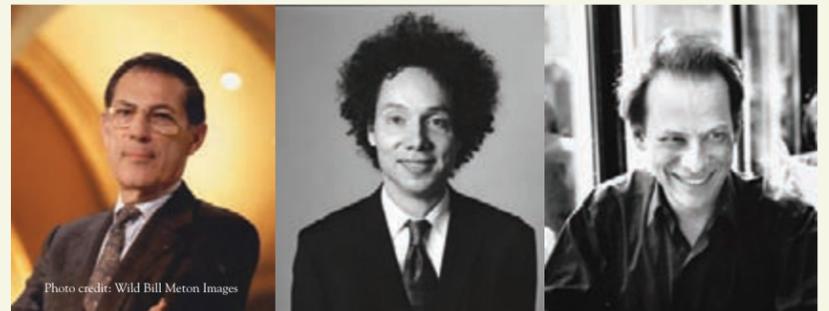
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# \$2 million gift made for new Conservancy headquarters

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has received another leadership gift to its "Saving Southwest Florida" Capital Campaign. Eva Sugden Gomez has donated \$2 million to support what will now be known as the Sugden Gomez Environmental Planning Center.



Center will provide the Conservancy, including state-of-the-art laboratories that will allow scientists to tackle more sophisticated research and collaborative meeting areas where the environmental mission can be shared."

Ms. Gomez's \$2 million capital campaign gift was announced during a reception celebrating the

completion of the new filter marsh on Conservancy of Southwest Florida grounds. Once a "dead ditch," the filter marsh, which reduces the amount of pollutants flowing into the Gordon River and ultimately Naples Bay, is now full of life as wildlife habitat, teeming with many juvenile fish and visited by assorted wading birds.

The goals of the sustainability project include achieving gold standard LEED certification from the U.S. Building Council for all the new and remodeled building on the Conservancy campus as well as achieving "Net Zero" energy use utilizing the combined efficiencies of geothermal cooling, LED lighting, "Intelligent Buildings" technologies and monitoring systems and passive and thermal solar elements. There is a long-term plan to add solar photovoltaic energy generation on the campus.

The Conservancy is also applying best management practices such as managing stormwater and using native plants requiring no irrigation. Anticipated completion date for the sustainable campus project is 2011. To date, the Conservancy has raised \$29 million toward its \$33 million campaign. For the latest information, please visit [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org) or call 262-0304. ■

Ms. Gomez is thrilled to be part of the Conservancy's sustainability project. "I am absolutely on the green team and committed to saving our wildlife and our planet for our children and our grandchildren in generations to come," she said, adding, "I look forward to the educational opportunities the Environmental Planning



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Conservancy biologists Jeff Schmid, Melinda Schuman and David Shindle at the new filter marsh.



The filter marsh removes pollutants from runoff that flows into the Gordon River and ultimately Naples Bay.

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida conducts free, guided nature walks along the boardwalks, beach and bay at Clam Pass Park beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1, and continuing at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday through April.

No reservations required. Meet your guide at the tram stop for a relaxed, informative stroll that takes about two hours. For more information, call 262-0304 or visit [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org). ■



Royal terns

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## Birders will hear about migration

The Collier County Audubon Society welcomes Charlie Ewell for its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Mr. Ewell will discuss “The Wonderful

World of Migration” and how birders can track the various bird species that come through Southwest Florida.

For more information, 643-7822 or e-mail [audubon@collieraudubon.org](mailto:audubon@collieraudubon.org). ■

## Puppet show teaches youngsters about the importance of water

“Water, Water Everywhere” is the theme of a puppet show designed for ages 3-5 that takes place as part of the “Mommy and Me” program from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



and Vulture on their quest for water. Nature activities and games will follow the show.

Cost is \$12 for mom and child Conservancy members and \$4 for each additional child; non-members pay \$15 for mom and child and \$5 for each additional child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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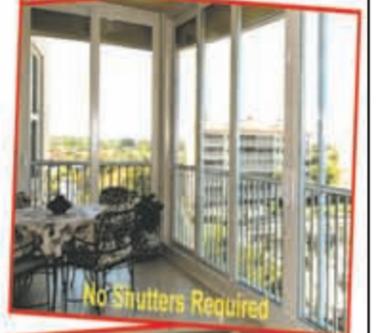
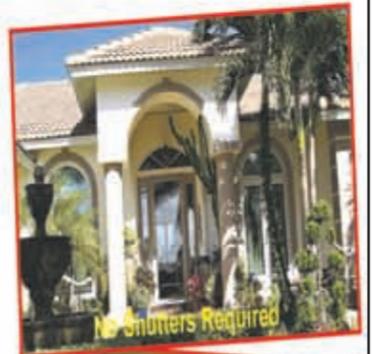
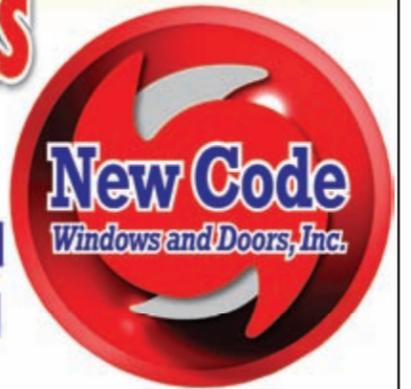
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## HEALTHY LIVING

## A super patient

BY HELENA OLIVIERO  
Special To Florida Weekly

When 6-year-old Jonah Henneberg was asked if he needed anything to make his hospital stay more comfortable, the boy with a swollen tummy who desperately needed a liver transplant didn't hesitate.

Yes, he exclaimed. A safety pin.

And, all of a sudden, the comfy blue blanket from home was transformed into a cape, and Jonah was no longer a child with a serious illness. He was "Captain Underpants."

Since getting his transplant in June, Jonah has turned to superhero costumes (13 of them) as a form of super-therapy.

Jonah, who lives in Mableton, Ga., now wears costumes every day. His mother said dressing up gives her son an escape from physical challenges and something positive to focus on.

There are a few restrictions: He can't dress up for school or the synagogue. But, when he goes to the playground or grocery store and every time he visits the doctor's office or goes to the hospital, he can assume an alter-ego — Buzz Lightyear, Wolverine, Batman, Spider-Man, etc.

"There was a day when I asked him to put his clothes away and he said no," said his mom, Kerrie Henneberg. "And he never does that. And I was telling him that I do a lot for you, Jonah. I do the laundry, the dishes, cook dinner. And he looked at me. He was on the verge of tears and he said, 'I am a superhero, and I have to save the world from disaster and that is a hard job, too. ... And it was in that moment, I realized he really believes this.'"

#### A rare disease

When Jonah was born, he seemed perfectly healthy. Within a couple days, he

was jaundiced, which is common among newborns. But as the yellow hue lingered for days, even weeks, his parents became increasingly concerned something more serious was going on. He wasn't gaining weight and was having trouble keeping food down.

Finally, at about 3 months of age, he was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a rare liver disease in which there is a blockage in the ducts carrying bile from the liver to the gallbladder. He underwent a procedure that involves connecting the liver to the small intestine. And for the next several years, with his condition closely monitored, he seemed to thrive.

But earlier this year, his health steadily declined. His spleen became enlarged. His energy declined, and his doctors determined he would need a new liver.

As Jonah waited for his transplant, he grew increasingly interested in superheroes. And his mom has seen him get superhero-like strength from the costumes, too.

During a trip to Disney World earlier this year, Jonah decided one morning that he wanted to go on the Buzz Lightyear ride. But his mom noticed he seemed lethargic so she suggested they go back to the hotel room and rest. So Jonah put on his Buzz Lightyear costume and he suddenly felt better.

"It was like the second he put it on, he was never sick," said his mom.

The first thing he said after the breathing tubes were removed after the surgery



JASON GETZ / COX NEWSPAPERS

Spider-Man, or Jonah Henneberg, 6, plays in a Mableton, Ga., park with mom Merrie Henneberg. His super suits seem to aid his recuperation after a liver transplant in June.

was "I want my Iron Man costume."

Jonah was at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for six weeks after his transplant. And so were a handful of costumes and his Spider-Man sheets.

#### Costumes for coping

Ginger Tuminello, a child life specialist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, said children in the hospital often like to bring something from home, like a favorite stuffed animal or a toy. She said it can be very comforting.

"It can give them a sense of normalcy and a sense that things are going to be OK," said Ms. Tuminello.

Ms. Tuminello said dressing up as a superhero can provide an escape for Jonah

and also "remind him he's a kid."

Dr. Rene Romero, medical director of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Liver Transplant Program, said pediatric patients often latch on to something — whether it's a toy or pet — to help them cope with difficult times. He has seen patients in costume before, but never anything like this. He plays along.

"I've seen him waiting for me at the door and he's in a Flash costume and he has his hands on his hips. And I said, how are you feeling Flash? and he said, 'Great.'"

Once, when Jonah was clad as Humungous, a Dinosaur-like superhero, he even tried to teach Dr. Romero how to roar just right.

Dr. Romero said Jonah is recovering very well from the liver transplant, and his future looks bright. His energy is at an all-time high. He is being home schooled because it's the flu season and will probably return to school in March, his mother said.

For now, Jonah takes 21 pills and two blood-thinning shots daily.

On a recent afternoon, Jonah jumped on the living room sofa and quickly turned into a superhero fending off alligators.

Clad in a Buzz Lightyear costume, Jonah flung the pillows (alligators) and wriggled across the cream-colored sofa (a treacherous swamp).

And even though Halloween has past, Jonah clearly will continue to get a lot of wear out of his costumes. ■

## SMART TALK

## NCH responds to health care challenges, embraces opportunities

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Last week, Phil Dutcher and I heard Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, discuss the economy, technology and globalization — which he believes are the three major challenges/opportunities to health care today. We have been responding to the challenges and embracing the opportunities, as evidenced by these four encouraging subjects"

• **First**, the NCH Hospital Ball on Nov. 14, chaired by Matt Mathias, Brenda O'Connor, Sharon Treiser and their co-chairs, was a great success. The evening's 545 guests honored Dr. Howard Cohen as Physician of the Year and Erin Raney as Nurse of the Year. Drs. Alberto De La Rivaherrera, Paul Jones, John Lewis, Deborah Lopez, Leon Mead, Charles Vedder and Michael Vickers were also recognized by their colleagues as Physician of the Year nominees. Others honored were Compass Award winner Dr. Rick Buechel, Rising Star Nurse Amy Byal, Indirect Patient Care Nurse of the Year Paul Farmer, and Direct

Patient Care Nurse of the Year H.L. Lawrence. Congratulations to all!

One highlight of the evening was an inspirational video featuring the eight Physician of the Year nominees. Produced in-house by Paul Adrianzen, Kris Schumacher and Dan Landrum, this short feature gave the audience a first-hand view of the passion that goes into becoming a great physician. You can view it at [www.nchmd.org/poy](http://www.nchmd.org/poy).

• **Second**, I'm pleased to report that our partnership with Cerner Corporation, our information technology management provider, is going great. The transition to Cerner has been seamless, and we have successfully implemented two significant projects long in the planning stages:

1. E-Care is a simplification for electronic documentation for nurses. Eight years ago, our nurses led the way with pioneering efforts in electronic documentation. Recently, we wanted to reduce nurse computer time away from patients, so a front-line team of nurses, led by Associate CNO Laurie Zone-Smith, redesigned and simplified nursing documentation. This is only one example of our continuing efforts to upgrade and improve our systems.

2. Our second major IT initiative, led by Sue Slaght, director of reimbursement and revenue cycle oversight, is Lynx, an emergency report facility charge ticket that Cerner has successfully used as a coding and billing solution in 165 hospitals. Our goal is to capture

charges at the time of a visit, so we can improve accuracy and efficiency.

• **Third**, we continue to manage our system finances prudently and maintain a stable operation. This kind of fiscal management enabled us to show a modest gain from hospital operations for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Positive investment income and gifts from the community helped further. So in light of these results, we will proceed with a board-designated bonus of 1.5 percent for all eligible colleagues (those who have worked for 500 or more hours and not had significant disciplinary actions). The bonus will be shared during Thanksgiving week.

• **Fourth**, all our campuses have become officially tobacco-free. I am delighted to have heard good reports from a number of colleagues who have stopped smoking or whose spouses or significant others have stopped. Please note that people who stop smoking add an average of three to five years to their lives. And please have compassion for those who are struggling to stop.

Let's all stay positive, as we have so many good things to share as the holiday season approaches. ■

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



# HEALTH NEWS

## Free hearing screenings offered

Decibels Audiology and Hearing Aid Center will offer a free "Hearing Health and Hearing Aids" seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road.

Free hearing screenings will be offered immediately following the presentation. RSVP by calling 593-5327. ■

## Study shows statins might reduce flu's severity

A large study recently released by a team including researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has shown that hospitalized patients taking statins were twice as likely to survive seasonal flu.

"This is not surprising" says Dr. Edwin Dean of the Edwin J. Dean Medical Wellness Center in Naples. "Statins, which include Lipitor, Crestor and Simvastatin, not only lower cholesterol but contain some anti-inflammatory effects," he says,

adding, "Both seasonal flu and swine flu's lethal effect are from inflammation of the lung and the resulting complications."

While several studies have shown statins to improve survival from pneumonia and lessen the severity of asthma, doctors are not recommending treatment of flu using statins just yet. This study — completed using records of 2,800 people who were hospitalized with seasonal influenza in 10 states during the 2007-2008 flu season — is still reassuring to those already taking statins. A leading drug in the crusade to improve heart health, statins reduce cholesterol and the risk of atherosclerotic vascular disease, the cause of most heart attacks and strokes.

"The beneficial effects of statins in high-risk patients are indisputable" says Dr. Dean. Furthermore, he adds, they have been shown to increase longevity and decrease the risk of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, blood clots and possibly some cancers including colon, lung and melanoma.

Dr. Dean, a graduate of Cornell Medical College and USC-LA County Emergency Medicine Residency, is a long-time Naples resident. He first specialized in emergency medicine and family medicine before realizing that a practice specializing in prevention was the best way to guarantee lasting

health in clients. For more information about his wellness programs or heart and health screening services, call 263-0014. ■

## Holistic health and healing center opens



FINUCAN

Dr. Paul Finucan has opened the Alternative Health & Healing Center in North Naples.

The center embodies a holistic approach to wellness, addressing physical, emotional and spiritual needs through a variety of therapies and practices, many of which are centuries old, Dr. Finucan, a naturopathic chiropractor, says.

With the help of applied kinesiology, Dr. Finucan determines what he calls "weaknesses in the body" and then administers natural, non-invasive treatments. Among the treatments he uses are homeopathy, low force adjustments, acupuncture or meridian balancing, general and clinical nutrition, neuro-emotional techniques and

decompression therapy.

He also conducts free workshops about alternative medicine techniques, preventative and children's issues.

Many patients and health care providers today use alternative treatments together with conventional therapies. This is known as complementary medicine. Complementary and alternative medicine, commonly known as CAM, focuses on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, treating illness and preventing disease. According to data from the 2007 National Health Interview Survey, approximately 38 percent of adults use some form of CAM for health and wellness or to treat a variety of diseases and conditions.

"People often turn to CAM when they have a long-lasting problem that conventional medicine hasn't completely cured," Dr. Finucan explains. "For example, someone who has seen a doctor for years about persistent headaches might try using CAM in addition to current treatments to deal with any symptoms or side effects from conventional treatments," he adds.

The Alternative Health & Healing Center is in Royal Cove Plaza at 13240 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 204 (across the street from Germain Toyota). Call 592-7767. ■



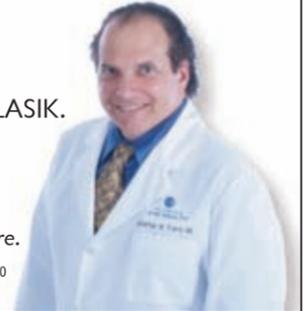
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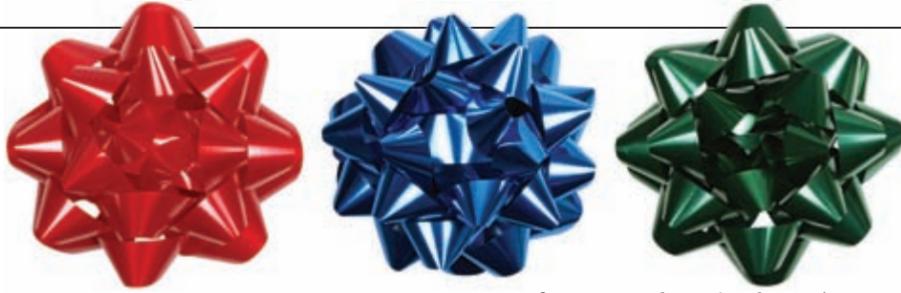


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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



## Make a run for it on Thanksgiving Day

Prepare yourself for feasting at the Thanksgiving dinner table by getting the day off to a running start by participating in the Gobble Gobble Run that takes off from The Village at Venetian Bay at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26. The 4-mile run hosted by the Gulf Coast Runners will benefit St. Matthew's House and Coffeekids. For registration and more information, visit [www.gcrunner.org](http://www.gcrunner.org). ■

## Sign up to help wrap at Barnes & Noble

Volunteers from the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic will wrap gifts at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops throughout Thanksgiving weekend. Anyone who wants to help wrap is welcome to sign up by calling 537-3401 or e-mailing [volunteer@collierspayneuter.org](mailto:volunteer@collierspayneuter.org).

Barnes & Noble hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. CSNC volunteers will be at the gift-wrapping station Friday, Nov. 27, through Monday, Nov. 30. ■

## It's time for tea to help cancer fund

The Bay House in Naples will serve afternoon holiday tea for mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters and friends (teddy bears welcome) on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, complete with holiday music, tea sandwiches and treats and children's fashions from Beth Mone and LuLu Belle's.

Teatime is 2 p.m., and tickets are \$40 per person. All proceeds benefit Barbara's Friends, the Cancer Fund at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. For reservations and more information, call 985-3550. ■

## Tree lighting set at Venetian Village

The lights on go and music, carolers, caricature artists, face painters and the Jolly Old Soul fill the sidewalks of The Village on Venetian Bay from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Get in the spirit and bring an unwrapped present to add to the south fountain for donation to the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee's holiday gift shop. ■

## Barron Collier students will strike up the band

The Barron Collier High School Cougars Marching Band, Drum Line, "McClintock's Own" Bagpipe Band and Jazz Band present the school's annual holiday concert for the community at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the band shell at Cambier Park. Santa will greet youngsters beginning at 6:30 p.m., and the band's parent boosters will sell baked goods and hot chocolate.

Nearly 250 student musicians and auxiliary members will take part in the program under the direction of Kelly Hardman Parker. Admission is free for all who bring canned goods for donation to a local charity. Monetary contributions are also welcome to support the BCHS band program. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. For more information, call Kathy Lewis at 596-7293. ■

## Let it snow! Let it snow!

Snow, albeit manmade from ice, is in the forecast from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Golden Gate Community Park. Carnival rides will add to the excitement. The carnival, sans snow, will continue from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. It's all sponsored by Collier County Parks and Recreation. Admission is free, although there is a charge for carnival rides.

Free shuttle transportation will be provided from Calusa Park Elementary School and the Golden Gate Parkway K-Mart.

For more information, call 252-4000 or visit [www.snowfestnaples.com](http://www.snowfestnaples.com). ■

## Poker run a good bet for Toys for Tots

The Marine Corps League of Collier County will sponsor a poker run to benefit Toys for Tots on Saturday, Dec. 5. The run will start at 8:30 a.m. at Naples Harley Davidson on Pine Ridge Road and end at Chrissy's Bianchi Restaurant at 3340 Tamiami Trail. Entry fee is \$20 per bike and a new, unwrapped toy to

be Pincher's Crab Shack, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples City Dock, Naples Landing, Kelly's Fish House, The Boat House Restaurant and Cove Inn. The new route will not pass Bayview Park. Entry forms are available at the MIACC office as well as online at [www.miacc.org](http://www.miacc.org). For more information, call 261-0882 or e-mail [director@miacc.org](mailto:director@miacc.org). ■

## Venetian Bay boat parade winner will help charity

The Village on Venetian Bay invites boaters to compete in the annual holiday boat parade with a special incentive: the chance to win a \$1,000 donation for the charity of their choice.

The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Landlubbers can enjoy the spectacle along with entertainment throughout the evening at The Village on Venetian Bay.

In addition to entering the parade on behalf of a charity, individuals can compete for a \$500 gift certificate to M Waterfront Grille for first place, a \$250 gift certificate to MiraMare Ristorante for second place, and a Sea Two annual membership for third place.

There is no registration fee, and overnight dockage is available adjacent to The Village. For registration and more information, call 403-2204. ■

## Orchestra and Chorus tunes up

The Naples Orchestra and Chorus, under the direction of Robert Herrema, presents "Many Moods," a Christmas and Chanukah program, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Golden Gate High School. Admission is free. For more information, call 348-0938. ■

## Naples Bay parade will ply new route

The 20th annual Naples Bay Christmas Boat Parade will launch along a new route at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. From the Naples Boat Club and Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, the flotilla will travel south to the Naples City Dock before continuing down the bay to just north of marker 27 and then turn around to head north to Pincher's Crab Shack at Tin City and the Gordon River Bridge. Prime viewing spots will

be Pincher's Crab Shack, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples City Dock, Naples Landing, Kelly's Fish House, The Boat House Restaurant and Cove Inn. The new route will not pass Bayview Park.

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## Gay and Lesbian Chorus lines up festive concerts

The SWFL Gay and Lesbian Chorus celebrates the holiday season in Naples at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Under the artistic direction of Kevin Halesworth, the chorus will perform traditional festive favorites as well as new numbers. Admission is \$15 per person, and the chorus will donate \$1 from each ticket to support local food banks.

In Fort Myers, the chorus will take part in a fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. John the Apostle MCC Church, 3049 McGregor Blvd. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and is a fundraiser for the church; the chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. Cost for dinner and the show is \$30 per person; the concert only is \$15 per person.

The chorus will perform again in Fort Myers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane. Tickets are \$15 per person.

For more information, call 691-2532, visit [www.gaychorus.org](http://www.gaychorus.org) or e-mail [swflgaychorus@aol.com](mailto:swflgaychorus@aol.com). ■

## It's Christmastime at Palm Cottage

The Naples Historical Society presents Christmas at Palm Cottage through the holiday season. November hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Starting Dec. 1, the cottage will be open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 1-8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday (closed Friday, Dec. 4, and on Christmas Day). The requested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Santa will greet young visitors in The Norris Garden from 4-7 p.m. Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Children under 10 years of age will be admitted free with a maximum of two children accompanied by one adult.

Palm Cottage and The Norris Garden are at 137 12th Ave. South. For more information, call 261-8164 or visit [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org). ■

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## ANIMAL FUNDRAISERS



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### Animal-assisted therapy expert coming to Naples for fundraisers

Internationally acclaimed animal behaviorist Patricia McConnell will appear at two fundraising events in Naples early in the New Year. Both events will benefit The Brody Project, an animal-assisted therapy program.

The host of National Public Radio's "Calling All Pets" for 14 years, Dr. McConnell will be the special guest at a cocktail reception and canine companion dinner at Bamboo Cafe French Home Cooking on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Well-behaved pooches are invited to attend along with their human companions. Tickets are \$150 per person, and reservations are required.

The following evening, Thursday, Jan. 7, Dr. McConnell will discuss "The Power of Pets" at Moorings Park Continuing Care Retirement Community. A question-and-answer session and a book signing will follow the lecture. Tickets are \$50 per person.

A certified applied animal behaviorist, Dr. McConnell is an adjunct associate professor in zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has published a dozen books on dog training and dog and cat behavior, including the acclaimed "The Other End of the Leash" (published in 13 languages) and "For the Love of a Dog: Understanding Emotions in You and Your Best Friend." She also writes the animal behavior column for "The Bark" magazine.

Based in Naples, The Brody Project is the only formal program to offer animal assisted therapy in Southwest Florida, harnessing the human-animal bond and its therapeutic applications.

For more information or to reserve seats at the dinner or lecture with Dr. McConnell, call 659-1055 or 325-9328 or visit [www.TheBrodyProject.org](http://www.TheBrodyProject.org). ■

### Rescue group seeks help for two golden retrievers

Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida is seeking help for two special goldens.

**Emma** is a sweet, gentle middle-aged golden retriever/shepherd mix in need of a loving forever home. She enjoys car rides, walks and cuddling. She prefers the company of women, but is friendly with men. Emma needs to go to a home without cats.

**Marley** is a beautiful 5½-half-month old pup whose life until now has been filled with abuse and neglect. His back leg was broken in two places and healed improperly. His other hip has also been broken, no doubt by physical abuse, making it difficult for him to walk at all.

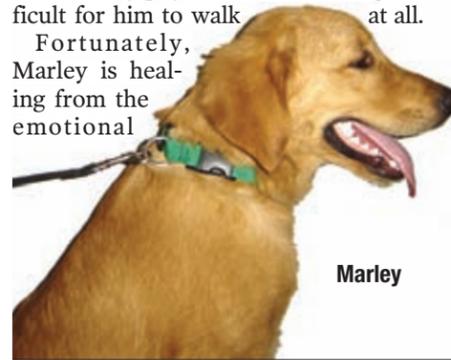
Fortunately, Marley is healing from the emotional



Emma

effects of his abuse. He is happy-go-lucky and all puppy. But despite his love for life, Marley can hardly move himself around; his back legs will not work right, leaving him to drag them behind him. A surgical procedure can be done to fix his broken back legs and allow him to run and play. The surgery is expensive, however, so GRRSWF is seeking sponsors to help.

Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization serving Collier, Charlotte, Lee and surrounding counties. For more information about volunteering, adopting, sponsoring or fostering golden retrievers in need, call 369-0415, e-mail [applications@grrswf.org](mailto:applications@grrswf.org) or visit [www.grrswf.org](http://www.grrswf.org). ■



Marley

### Kids and canines can pose with Santa

Kids and their dogs are invited to sit for a portrait with Santa at Fred's Diner on Saturday, Dec. 12. A \$20 donation to Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida will get a 5-by-7-inch professional photo plus a gift from Santa for each child and canine. A special kids'

pancake breakfast will be available for \$1.99.

Reservations for photos are being accepted from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 431-7928 or e-mail [Freds08@live.com](mailto:Freds08@live.com). Fred's Diner is at 2700 Immokalee Road next to Sam's Club in North Naples. ■

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# PET TALES

## Brainy birds

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI  
Universal Press Syndicate

Parrots are incredibly intelligent, and for anyone who doubts this, we point to Alex, Dr. Irene Pepperberg's well-known African Grey, who showed by matching words to objects that he and his kind are anything but "bird brains."

And yet, we too often see these brilliant beings kept as little more than decorative objects, prized for their plumage and locked for nearly all their lives in cages that are too small no matter how large. Is it any wonder so many pet birds die young, or rip out their own feathers in frustration?

Toys are essential to maintaining the physical and mental well-being of parrots large and small. Playthings help keep pet birds fit while fighting the boredom that can contribute to behavioral problems such as feather-picking.

There are toys your bird can hold, toys that hang from the top and sides of the cage, and toys that do double duty as perches and swings. Twirlies, holdies, chewies, puzzles and noisemakers can all keep your bird occupied. Although you can buy toys by major manufacturers from the big chain stores, it's also nice to choose from the variety of playthings lovingly made by a cottage industry of bird lovers and available from independent bird shops, through catalogs and on the Internet.

Some basic rules apply when shopping for toys, to ensure they are suitable and safe for your bird. Look for the following when choosing bird toys:

- **Materials:** Toys are subject to your bird's healthy urge to destroy, which means safe components are a must. Wood, rawhide, plastic or stainless steel chain, rope, cloth and hard plastic are among the more popular materials that make up safe toys. Choose toys that break down into pieces that can't be swallowed. An exception: Toys made to hold food items, such as dried corn-cobs or fruit chunks. With these, eating is a large part of the fun.

- **Construction:** Challenging toys, the best choice for busy birds, feature pieces combined in ways that make it hard for the birds to pull the whole product apart — but not too hard. Indestructible toys are not appropriate for most birds, because the time and energy used to rip apart the gadget is part of the reason toys fill such a need.

- **Size:** Little toys for little birds, big toys for big birds. A big bird can catch and lose a toe in a toy made for a smaller bird, and small birds can get their heads trapped in toys made for their larger relatives.

Some birds are apprehensive of new toys. If yours is one of them, try to set the toy outside the cage (but within eye range) for a day or two, and then put it on the floor of the cage for another day or two. Once your bird starts to play with the toy, you can go ahead and attach it to the cage.

Don't overwhelm your pet with toys. Instead, keep two or three in the cage and rotate new ones in regularly. Shopping for bird toys can be fun, but the costs do add up, especially if you have one of those gleefully destructive parrots. With some creativity, you can make your money go further by



Parrots need an ever-changing variety of toys to stay healthy and happy. Possibilities are limited only by a bird lover's imagination.

complementing store-bought bird toys with alternatives.

The cardboard cores of toilet paper and paper towel rolls are perfect for shredding, especially for smaller birds. String those tubes together on a thick leather cord and hang them in your bird's cage. Other cheapies include ballpoint pens with the ink tube removed, pingpong balls, old plastic measuring cups and spoons, and plastic bottle tops. (Wash in hot soap and water, rinse well and air-dry before offering such items to your bird.)

Toothbrushes are another bargain toy, sturdy and colorful. You can buy cheap ones new or give your pet your worn ones after running them through your dishwasher (or hand-washing in soapy water, followed by rinsing and air-drying). The hard plastic keys on a ring sold for human babies are also a budget-wise buy that birds love, and real keys can be just as fun, after a scrubbing.

Keep your eyes and mind open for playthings your bird can enjoy — you may surprise yourself with the possibilities! ■

### Pets of the Week



>>Chief is a 6-month-old Labrador retriever mix. He's a big, strong dog who loves to be around people. His adoption fee is \$75.



>>Fred is a 6-month-old Australian cattle dog-blue heeler mix. He's quiet, very alert and strong. His adoption fee is \$75.



>>China is certain she's a human, but she gets along with other cats, too. She's 7 years old. Her adoption fee is \$55.



>>Amelia & Neo are 6-year-old siblings. They are wonderful cats. Because they should stay together, the adoption fee for both cats is the price of one, \$55.

### To adopt a pet

All dogs and cats adopted from The Humane Society Naples come with a medical exam, vaccinations, sterilization surgery, ID microchip and 30 days of pet health insurance. HSN is at 370 Airport-Pulling Road North. Adoption center hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call 643-1555 or visit www.HSNaples.org.

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# MUSINGS

## Noah's arc calls



We are conversant with pirates of many sorts. We know Blackbeard, Calico Jack, Jack Sparrow, the Somali pirates, Captain Hook, and many others. But for me (and who would know better than I?), the primal pirate is Noah. You know, Noah from the Biblical book Genesis.

He has all the excellent pirate qualities. He sailed the vastest sea in a ship built by his own hand.

He endured the scoff of the immoral majority who did not hear voices, who placed no value in bizarrely absurd plans with no clear present reason, no ancient precedent, nor future goal clarity.

Noah is outside boundaries, the interstitial invader of yarns in all the Abrahamic religions. He even appears in Hindu texts, albeit under the alias Manu.

And let us not forget that in his spare time, after voyaging, he invented wine. We know how he fell into a drunken stupor, inadvertently exposing the family jewels to his son who, for this very reason, was cursed forever.

Is this sort of behavior consistent with the moniker of blameless man who walked with God?

Will the real Noah please stand up?

The Latter Day Saints believe he is the great archangel messenger Gabriel

become man. Some remember him as working on the Ark slowly in order to give the scoffers time to repent.

Quite good form, that: Very pirate-like. But others say he did not follow the custom of the time that demanded that one pray for those one killed. But I suppose that could also be construed as possible pirate attribution.

The Noah character arc spreads across the narrative seas just like the rainbow arc that was sign to him.

Both have a compelling lack of stable clarity and an abundance of clarity which exists as mere dependence upon perception in ephemeral contexts. Rainbows have their air moisture, reflecting light, dust particles, and auspiciously positioned observer. And, ultimately, Noah has the animals.

He brought them all, it is said, in fornicating pairs. But all for holy purpose. The Latin etymology suggests animal as the breathing being, the soul, the living of air. And yet we know animal nature as wild, raw, base, unhindered by social code.

The ungraspable, uncapturable Noah himself captures the reproductive beast flesh that Adam had captured earlier in his naming of the animals over whom he conceived dominion.

And we follow suit. We bring our bias to the seeing of the animals with all the slipperiness of rainbow arcs. We see cute, nuisance, food, friend. We eat them, hold them, exterminate them, pet them.

We do science on them. They are

experimental flesh fodder. And mind fodder as well, to cognitive ethologists not content with mere label of anthropomorphizing. They see ravens fooling, ants saving, elephants painting, plovers feigning injury.

We ask, too, even if with scientific naïveté, what is it like to be this creature? What is their consciousness? What, after all, is our own mind? Buddha claimed that all happiness, complete enlightenment, was nothing more or less than the realization of mind.

I think of Noah, qua pirate, as sign of mind, the inebriated instigator of kaleidoscopic animal kingdoms, rainbow impermanence, slippery attributions. Beyond reflex arc, he catapults us. Beyond mere circumference part, arcing into a limitlessly possible potentiality more than bow or heavenly orbit, beyond even continuously progressing nets of story development we arc.

I do only what all pirates do. Saint-Exupery, pirate of the air, says it well: "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but



rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

This is the Noah arc calling. ■

— 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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# BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY



Apple's iPhone, BlackBerry, Android and Windows Mobile phones make it easier to do business outside the office.

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## Business without borders

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
Special to Florida Weekly

Smartphones are one of the fast-growing fields of mobile technology. They're relatively inexpensive, pocket-sized, and have the computing power and storage capacity to perform a variety of small business operations from anywhere.

But there are a daunting array of gadgets, smartphone applications and service providers competing for your attention. How do you weed out what you actually need to get the job done?

*Florida Weekly* will help you sort out the mobile devices, service plans and applications that can help your business run more easily and efficiently. Now you can take at least one confident step into the mobile computer age, if not a giant leap.

"A smartphone from our perspective is what we'd call a mobile computer," said Nigel Thompson, CEO of CloudSync, a mobile device management company for small- to medium-sized businesses. "You can create and run applications on them."

The most popular devices are Apple's iPhone, BlackBerry, Android and Windows Mobile phones. They offer many of the most popular functions of a PC: Internet surfing, e-mail, and, in the last few years, running applications. There are tens of thousands of applications available online for each phone and more created constantly. Many are free or cost only a few dollars, which has led to a surge in popularity.

Schools are also responding to the business opportunities the hot new technology will present for entrepreneurs or programmers. FGCU is planning course

to teach students how to produce and sell applications for smartphones.

"Whether it is an iPhone, an Android, or a Windows-based phone, we want people skilled and well-versed enough to develop those apps," said Steven Bloomberg, executive director of continuing education at Florida Gulf Coast University. "For a larger business, I think it can increase efficiency and effectiveness, and for a smaller business, you can run most of your operations from a phone."

The Small Business Development Center at FGCU can also consult with owners on how to integrate mobile technology into their game plan.

Judy Pultro, a certified business analyst with the SBDC, relies on her iPhone to remind her of appointments. "If I lost

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## WEEK at-a-glance



**ABWA Happy Holidays**  
Businesswomen celebrate the season, and other events.  
B10, 11 & 12 ▶



**Downtown on her mind**  
As head of the Downtown Naples Association, Lisa Swirda knows and loves her territory. B2 ▶



**Designs for the times**  
Robb & Stucky seminars filled with ideas to try at home. B17 ▶

## Buffett has spoken, but what did he say?

On Nov. 3, the world may not have stopped spinning but it did slow down. In financial circles, heads turned, conversations paused and various forms of "Wows" were whispered... Not just in the U.S. but all over the world.

Warren Buffett was speaking and he was speaking loudly.... with his wallet. He announced that Berkshire Hathaway (the company created by Mr. Buffett — he is the CEO and primary shareholder) was acquiring Burlington Northern Santa Fe in a \$34 billion transaction. It was an offer to buy all outstanding shares of

the railroad and, if consummated, it would be the largest acquisition in Berkshire Hathaway's history.

Everyone worldwide looks to Mr. Buffett, an extraordinary investor who some would say is unparalleled in the past 50 years. In 2008, he was ranked by Forbes as the richest person in the world with an estimated net worth of approximately \$62 billion. In 2009, Mr. Buffett was the sec-



ond-richest man in the U.S. with a net worth of \$40 billion. But this was after he donated billions of dollars to charity.

Mr. Buffett is often called the "Oracle of Omaha" and is noted for his value investing philosophy. He's also a notable philanthropist.

What was his message beyond liking BNSF so much that he wanted to own much more than his current 22 percent?

He was betting that the U.S. and global economy will recover; that hauling by truck and air is not nearly as price and fuel efficient as rail — both now and in the foreseeable future — and that he is contributing to the welfare of the U.S. by buying the company that needed huge amounts of capital to remain competitive and meet the needs of the U.S. economy — now and in decades to come.

In a world of day trading and derivative investing, it is such a relief that

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Director dons running shoes to run Downtown Naples Association

BY GEORGE RAAB  
Special to Florida Weekly

Lisa Swirda stays busy most days of the year. The executive director of the Downtown Naples Association hits the ground running most mornings, so much so that she wears sneakers. On event days, she's just as likely to still be running after dark. The DNA hosts up to 30 events a year, many attended by thousands.

Always ready to pitch in and help with everything from art shows and wine tastings to Halloween festivities and the monthly Evenings on Fifth every second Thursday, the bubbly brunette is friendly, boisterous and filled with energy. Event planning was not her first calling, however.

Prior to moving from Middlebury, Conn., in 1982, she and her husband of 32 years, Len, owned a title search firm. She loved rooting through records that would often turn up fascinating histories dating back centuries. Once they arrived in Florida, however, the pickings were slim. Documenting Collier County's freshly plotted ground — often dating back to just one owner — would probably bore her to tears, Ms. Swirda quickly realized.

"I'd come a long ways from those musty-smelling books in the town clerks offices up in Connecticut," she reasoned. "Florida's so new. Down here the plots of land are perfectly square. No challenge."

Besides working for several developers, she did quite a bit of community volunteering and along the way made con-



Lisa Swirda

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tacts within the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

"Lisa is one of the most giving people I've ever met," says Brenda O'Connor, the chamber's senior vice president. "I'm not making this up when I say she pours her heart and soul into what she's doing. She really does want the downtown businesses to succeed."

Formerly the Fifth Avenue South Association, in 2006 the group merged with Bayfront, 41-10, Crayton Cove and

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—Brenda O'Connor,  
Chamber senior vice president

Tin City to become the Downtown Naples Association promoting the area's shops, galleries, restaurants and businesses. Ms. Swirda has been running the association since its fresh start three years ago. While many businesses on Third Street South are members, Third Avenue South maintains its own association.

In the face of increased competition from the likes of Coconut Point, Gulf Coast Town Center and Mercato, the need for promotion is great. A division of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the DNA has a budget in excess of \$300,000. Of that amount, more than \$200,000 pays for the Information Center at 800 Fifth Avenue South. Up to \$70,000 is earmarked for marketing; another \$40,000 is spent on events.

Up to 300 visitors stop by the Information Center each day during season. They want to know where to eat, shop and stay. They're also looking for things to do. Many rely on the center for just

about all of their vacation planning. Europeans, for instance, often drive into town without reservations, and stop at the center first.

Mrs. Swirda started coming to Naples and Southwest Florida twice a year in 1964.

"My dad was Army Air Force and stationed in Buckingham during World War II," she explains. "He would hitch hike down here to go to the USO, which is now Naples Depot. He just loved Naples, and years later he would bring us."

Very matter-of-fact about her role during this busy time of year, she remarks that running around, recruiting new members, greeting people, calling people, checking on reservations and making sure events run smoothly is all in a day's work. In her off hours, she plays tennis and loves to cook.

"I'm very high energy," she admits. "That's why I love to do all of these events for the association and for the area businesses. Oh my gosh, this is a busy time of year, but it's fun!"

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 3, when the annual Downtown Christmas Walk jumpstarts the holiday season for many. On the evening of the popular event, Fifth Avenue is closed from Third Street to U.S. 41 and the street is filled with entertainment. The mayor lights the Christmas tree on Sugden Plaza, Mr. and Mrs. Clause make an appearance and the festivities begin.

"Once the tree is lit, the music starts," Mrs. Swirda says. "It's fantastic." ■

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# ON THE MOVE

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based on peer-review surveys in which thousands of lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. Mr. Salvatori practices in the areas of real estate, real estate development, banking, commercial financing and business law and corporate/LLC/partnerships. He graduated summa cum laude from Stetson University before earning his J.D. from the Stetson University College of Law. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1980, he is a member of the Collier County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Florida State Bar.



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## Law

Four attorneys from Salvatori, Wood, Buckel & Weidenmiller have been named to the Florida edition of 2010 Best Lawyers. **Leo Salvatori** was named the 2010 Best Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in Florida; fellow attorneys **Robert Buckel**, **Kevin Carmichael** and **C. Lane Wood** also earned Best Lawyers accolades. Best Lawyers compiles its lists

## Travel

**Bernhard Kainer** has joined Preferred Travel of Naples as a domestic and international travel specialist. Mr. Kainer began his travel career in the hotel industry and most recently was

a travel specialist in Dallas, Texas, and Boca Raton, Fla. He is fluent in English, Spanish, German and French. He is also a Skål Club member and served as president of Skål in Aruba while in hotel management there.



ADAMS

**Lynne Adams** of Betty Maclean Travel Inc. has earned the Certified Travel Associate designation from The Travel Institute. The CTA curriculum covers four key skill areas for the working travel professional: communication and technology, geography knowledge, travel industry trends and sales and service.

## Media



HUDLER

**Carol Hudler**, publisher of *The News-Press* in Fort Myers, will take over the reins of another Gannett Co. Inc. property, *The Tennessean* in Nashville. President and publisher of *The News-Press* since 2000, she succeeds Ellen Leifeld, president and publisher of *The Tennessean*, who is retiring. Ms. Hudler will remain group president of Gannett's South Newspaper Group, which comprises 16 media operations in five states. She has worked in a variety of advertising, marketing and general management positions at the *Kansas City Star*, the *Orange County Reg-*

*ister*, the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, the Rochester, N.Y., *Democrat and Chronicle*, the St. Paul, Minn., *Pioneer Press* and the Macon, Ga., *Telegraph*. She is a board member of the Newspaper Association of America and chairs its Audit Bureau of Circulations liaison committee.

## Mental Health Services



PERYMON

**Amber Perymon** has joined Eden Autism Services Florida as assistant director of adult services. She will provide clinical oversight for all of Eden's adult programs, including residential services, adult day services and training and employment and vocational training. She also will serve on Eden's behavioral management committee and collaborate with the Eden Behavioral Team to analyze behavior problems and solutions for both adults and children. Ms. Perymon earned her doctorate from the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She completed her internship at the Kelberman Center for Autism and Related Disorders at UCP in Utica, N.Y., and gained additional experience at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the Brief Therapy Clinic at the South Behavioral Therapy Center in Dayton, Ohio, and Lovaas Institute/Douglas Developmental Center. She was an adjunct professor in Wright State University's Psychology Department and worked as an ABA Therapist and Program Manager for the Huber Heights, Ohio, City Schools. ■

## MONEY

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the world's second-wealthiest person likes a bricks and mortar business of sorts — at least rails and railcars — and is expressing his confidence in future decades by investing now, even with all uncertainty.

The flip side is that he generates billions of cash each year; is looking for a home for his cash; and he is not judging himself by BNSF's performance in the next 30 days, six months or five years. Yes, you heard it, plenty of cash and plenty of time for the investment to prove itself. Now that flip side is generally not part of the investing equation available to the retail investor. Cash and time are downright luxuries. But give Mr. Buffett credit, he



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did not inherit those luxuries — he created them over a long period of time for his investors and himself building success upon success.

What has put him at the top? He developed an investing style and he stuck to it. He figured out what he did well and he kept doing it. Sure, there is more to it but this was a lot of it. He is a value investor and he figured out his own values — not Wall Street's price tags. He invests in businesses that generated cash — maybe they are net users of cash at the time of acquisition but not forever. He frequently takes a small position in the company and after he gets very comfortable with the management and the business, he buys more or all. He stays away from technology because he

doesn't understand it. He leaves management alone — he is buying a management team as much as anything else and he doesn't tinker with that team. His wealth is unfathomable, but clearly he is not greedy. Unlike many corporate CEOs and much of Wall Street, the vehicle for creating his wealth became the exact same vehicle for creating fortunes for his co investors; he was not creating personal wealth through a ridiculous salary or option grants.

Investors and business owners are well served to read his company's annual report ([www.berkshirehathaway.com](http://www.berkshirehathaway.com)) and ponder his style. Maybe there is something to be learned... something to be applied. ■

— *Jeannette Rohn Showalter is a South-west Florida-based chartered financial analyst, considered to be the highest designation for investment professionals. She can be reached at [jshowaltercfa@yahoo.com](mailto:jshowaltercfa@yahoo.com).*

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# NEW IN BUSINESS

## Find your fitness purpose at Beyond Motion studio

Owners Rick and Amy Lademann have opened Beyond Motion, a fitness studio designed to incorporate mind and body-based fitness into the world of sports and athletic performance. Classes include Pilates (on the mat and with equipment), yoga, zumba and nia, as well as sports conditioning and strength conditioning. Private and semi-private sessions are also available.

From its earth-friendly paints and eco-friendly flooring to its separate studio rooms for each modality, Beyond Motion is a healthy environment as well as a functional one for everyone from teens to retirees, and from weekend warriors to high-school, collegiate and professional athletes.

The business stems from the Lademanns' passion for moving beyond per-

sonal limits and creating a balanced lifestyle. Mr. Lademann is a leading authority on enhancing human performance. As a strength and conditioning specialist for the last 15 years, he has developed players on all levels including NBA, MLB, NFL and elite collegiate athletes.

Ms. Lademann specializes in mind/body fitness. She teaches Pilates, nia and yoga and also has contributed nutrition, fitness and lifestyle tips to books and Web sites for organizations throughout the United States. When she isn't teaching, she speaks to groups locally and around the country as a personal development and motivational coach.

Beyond Motion is in Riverbend Plaza, 11985 Tamiami Trail N., Suite A, in Naples. Call 254-9300 or visit [www.go2beyondmotion.com](http://www.go2beyondmotion.com). ■



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The Pilates equipment studio is a separate room at Beyond Motion.

## At new Jewels Du Jour, they only look expensive

Sisters Amy Turner and Tammy Turner Kipp, the former owners of Mangos Gifts in Coastland Center, are opening Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour, a shop filled with faux jewelry.

"We wanted a store that features accessories ranging from the classic to the contemporary," Ms. Turner says. "And we wanted to create an

atmosphere that is inviting and fun. Shopping should be fun, whether it's by yourself or with family and friends."

The store at 900 Neapolitan Way, at the corner of U.S. 41 and Neapolitan Way is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 434-9700. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

European Wax Center has opened in Collection at Vanderbilt.

## Wax on, hair off at new waxing salon

European Wax Center has opened in Collection at Vanderbilt. George Kaufman is the owner.

Established in 1992, European Wax Center began as a department within a second-generation, family-owned salon in Aventura, Fla. Founders David and Joshua Coba spent more than 10 years refining every aspect of the company before evolving into a stand-alone, wax-only facility. All wax specialists are licensed estheticians with a minimum of two years field experience. Additionally, each wax specialist completes

EWC's training program.

To celebrate the new Naples location, the center is offering a free wax service for first-time guests. Women can choose a bikini line, eyebrow or underarms wax; men can select eyebrow, ears or nose wax.

The salon is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Appointments are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 514-5020 or visit [www.waxcenter.com](http://www.waxcenter.com). ■

## Christmas shop opens

The Deck the Halls Christmas Shoppe is open through January 2010 in Collection at Vanderbilt. Holiday shoppers can purchase a single ornament, a special wreath or a completely lighted and decorated tree. Professional design services also are available for home and office spaces and also for event planning.

The shop in Suite 131 at Collection at Vanderbilt is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Owner Merida Hines-Tyler will host the following holiday how-to workshops in the community room at the Shops at Galleria:

- **The Art of Swirls and Swashes Creating "Zentangle"**  
Wednesday, Dec. 2

Calligrapher Gerri Pearson Nichols will instruct participants on the art of "zentangle," the easy-to-learn art of creating images from repetitive patterns. Cost

is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

- **Silk Scarves with Style**  
Saturday, Dec. 5

Julie Tilmann, a retired high school teacher and local artist, will lead the class in hand-painted silk scarves. Participants must be 15 years old or older. Cost is \$20 per person.

- **Beautiful Beaded Ornaments**  
Saturday, Dec. 12

Jewelry designer Christine Longton will assist participants ages 5-12 in making beaded ornaments. Cost is \$10 per child.

- **Sweet Treats**  
Sunday, Dec. 13

Master pastry chef Emily Duncan will demonstrate Christmas treats that just might be too good to share. Cost is \$15 per person.

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## Fool's School

### Billionaire-Makers

Since billionaires must know something about how to make money, let's see how many of them have made their bundles.

Though some folks such as George Soros, James Simons and Steven Cohen have traded their way to massive wealth, they're not in the majority. Most billionaires, such as Warren Buffett, Carlos Slim Helu, Bill Gates and Larry Ellison, have gotten there through ownership of a single great company.

Often, their success had much to do with having a great business idea, guts, timing and a little bit of luck. Michael Dell, for example, founded the predecessor to Dell in his college dorm in 1984. Dell was one of the first companies to successfully sell computers directly to consumers, allowing Michael Dell to cut out the middleman — and undercut his competitors' prices.

Fortunately, we can make lots of money without our own billion-dollar business idea — by owning shares of a great company for a long time. Michael Dell didn't get

rich by trading in and out of Dell shares; he did it by owning a big piece of the company as it became a leader in PC sales. Likewise, it wasn't savvy options trading that helped Bill Gates score his enormous net worth — it was owning a chunk of Microsoft and benefiting from its long-term growth.

But you don't want to hold on to just any stock for a long time. So what are the shared characteristics of the companies many billionaires have owned? These:

- A sustainable competitive advantage that kept them at the forefront of their industries.
- A shareholder-friendly management team that (preferably) owned a big piece of the company.
- A solid balance sheet.
- A business that pumped out cash.

They were also small, in their early days. So look for smaller companies with the billionaire-making traits. Learn more at [www.fool.com/investing/small-cap/index.aspx](http://www.fool.com/investing/small-cap/index.aspx) and [www.investopedia.com/articles/stocks/08/small-cap.asp](http://www.investopedia.com/articles/stocks/08/small-cap.asp). (Microsoft and Dell are Motley Fool Inside Value recommendations.) ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Cheap Isn't Always Best

I thought I was a pretty good investor. I've always done well with stocks that I've researched. But last year I listened to my neighbor and a guy I met at the races. The stocks they recommended were CHEAP, so I bought 500,000 shares of one and 200,000 shares of the other, and lost more than 80 percent of my investment. I learned to stay with what I do best. I do all my homework on The Motley Fool and Scottrade Web sites. To date with these two tools (even during the market's fall), I am up over 25 percent on my total portfolio.

— R.F. Hass, Houston

**The Fool Responds:** Those must have been penny stocks, notorious for being volatile. They often end up hyped up by some profiteer before they crash. Investors are often lured by the idea of owning, say, 500,000 shares, and they may think that a 2-cent share is so cheap that it can only go up. Wrong — it can become a 1-cent stock, or worse. Remember that a \$200 stock can still be cheap and can double. Avoid those pennies. ■

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

## Last week's trivia answer

Founded in 1946 and based in Phoenix, I'm the world's largest hotel chain, with around 4,000 hotels offering more than 300,000 rooms worldwide to roughly 400,000 guests nightly. Not a publicly traded company, I'm a nonprofit association of independently owned and operated for-profit hotels. All my locations offer free high-speed Internet access, free local phone calls and more. My international division features hotels that were formerly castles built by Napoleon or hotels consisting of homes for rent. My founder was among the first to advertise hotels directly to the public. I've long worn a crown. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Best Western)

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## What Is This Thing Called The Motley Fool?

Remember Shakespeare? Remember "As You Like It"? In Elizabethan days, Fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. The Motley Fool tells the truth about investing, and hopes you'll laugh all the way to the bank.

## Ask the Fool

### Imitating Buffett's Style

**Q Do any mutual funds mirror Berkshire Hathaway's investment style?**

— D.G., online

**A** Be careful. Some people erroneously think of Warren Buffett's company as a kind of mutual fund, since he owns stock in a bunch of companies, such as Wells Fargo, Kraft, Nike and ConocoPhillips. It's true that we can buy and sell the same stocks Buffett does, but we can't do so at the same time, as his moves are only revealed via occasional required filings with the Securities & Exchange Commission. More important, Buffett's company is much more than its stocks. He owns dozens of entire companies, such as See's Candies, Fruit of the Loom, Benjamin Moore, Dairy Queen and GEICO, and those can't be duplicated. The company is also heavily involved in insurance.

That said, Buffett's style isto seek out good values in great companies, and there are some fund managers out there with similar orientations, such as those who run the Fairholme (FAIRX) and Sequoia (SEQUX) funds. You might also just buy stock in Berkshire Hathaway itself, as we have, at The Motley Fool.

**Q I want to move my Smith Barney account (with around 20 stocks) to a discount brokerage so that I can trade stocks inexpensively. Will I be able to simply have my portfolio transferred to the new brokerage en masse? Or will I have to sell everything, taking a hit on each transaction, and start from scratch with the new account?**

— B.N., Charleston, S.C.

**A** Fear not — some simple paperwork will have your holdings transferred to the new brokerage without selling them and generating any capital gains.

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

## Name That Company

I was founded in Indianapolis in 1876 by a Civil War veteran who, dismayed by the hawking of "medicines" in sideshows, began developing high-quality medicines to be dispensed by doctors. I introduced the world's first insulin product in 1923, and in the 1940s I developed a method to mass-produce penicillin, the first antibiotic. In the 1980s I introduced one of the world's most widely prescribed antidepressants,



Prozac. Some of my other drugs include Cymbalta, Cialis, Strattera, Forteo, Actos and Evista. I spend 19 percent of my revenues on researching and developing new drugs (each costs about \$1 billion). 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

### What's Up With Motorola?

Motorola (NYSE: MOT) is enjoying a surprisingly bright outlook. This might be the start of a new era in Motorola's long history — powered by Google's Android phones.

Recent third-quarter earnings per share of 1 cent put Motorola in the black by the skin of its teeth — a huge improvement over the year-ago period's \$0.18 loss per share. Sales rolled in at \$5.4 billion, some 27 percent lower than last year. Management is bullish about the future, though.

Verizon will be selling the handsome Motorola Droid handset, which might be Motorola's first real hit since the early

days of the RAZR phone. (The Motorola Cliq is offered by T-Mobile, but T-Mobile has a relatively small subscriber base.) The Droid features a camera with flash and a slide-out keyboard and has been generating some positive buzz.

Motorola would not have come close to positive earnings without an aggressive cost-savings program. The savings are running ahead of plan by \$100 million this year for a total cost reduction of \$1.9 billion. If those iPhone-challenging Droids hit the ground running with some traction, that low-cost operating model should pave the way for some nice, juicy earnings in coming quarters. That is, until Motorola spins out the handset division into a separate company. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meets for breakfast with guest speaker John Felmy, chief economist of the American Petroleum Institute, at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Country Club of Naples. Cost is \$20 for Executive Club members only. Register at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► The next **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meeting takes place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Tiburon Golf Course Members Club, 2610 Tiburon Drive. The meeting sponsor is TIB Bank. For more information, call Tim Cartwright at 262-6300.

► The next **Accelerated Networking Luncheon** hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce begins at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Cost is \$15 for chamber mem-

bers. Register at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **The Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples** will host a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Chokoloskee Room at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. John Rogers, president and chief executive officer of the CFA Institute, will speak on the worldwide activities of the organization and its impact on current financial issues. Members, \$30; Guests, \$40. RSVP [www.cfanaples.org](http://www.cfanaples.org)

► **Network International**, the Downtown Networkers chapter, meets weekly at 7:45 a.m. Thursday at IHOP, 1921 Davis Blvd., East Naples. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$10. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720.

► **WNOCC Women's Networking of Collier County** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the

second Tuesday of the month (next meeting Dec. 8) at the Collier Athletic Club. Call Nancy Dalaskey at 280-3803.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business on the second Friday of the month (next meeting Dec. 11) from 7:30-9 a.m. in the conference room at Robb & Stucky, 13170 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. To RSVP and for more information, call 433-7708 or e-mail [yourjbn@chabadswf.org](mailto:yourjbn@chabadswf.org).

► **The Naples Speakeasy Toastmasters Club** meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month (next meeting Dec. 14) at the North Naples Collier Government Building, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 262-8183 or visit [www.naplesspeakeasy.org](http://www.naplesspeakeasy.org).

► **Insurance Professionals of Collier County** holds monthly meetings the third Wednesday (next meeting Dec. 16) at the Naples Harbour Yacht Club, 475 North Road. E-mail [info@picconline.org](mailto:info@picconline.org) or visit [www.ipconline.org](http://www.ipconline.org).

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

► **The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services**, N.A.P.L.E.S., meets from 7-9 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month at The Club at Naples Bay Resort. [www.naplesgroup.net](http://www.naplesgroup.net). ■

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Your Home Watch Professionals could be your next business

Now is the ideal time for new Home Watch business owners to set up shop. Economic trends in resort locations indicate many homeowners will not be living in their properties immediately.

"We see new owners delaying or slowing full- and even part-time occupancy," says Diane Westphal, founder of Naples-based Your Home Watch Professionals. "Of course, they're still concerned about maintaining their investment and are looking for trustworthy and reliable services," she adds.

Another key reason to enter the home watch market now is to prepare for the influx of returning seasonal residents, Ms. Westphal says. Seasonal homeowners sometimes return to discover pest infestation, air-conditioner malfunctions or water intrusion, all of which can be costly to remediate, she says.

Typically, they start looking for solutions and making inquiries after the New Year, Ms. Westphal adds, which means home watch business owners who start now will be prepared respond to these opportunities in the months ahead.



Your Home Watch Professionals offers complimentary, one-hour starter sessions for those interested in learning more about getting into the business. The next sessions are at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 and Tuesday, Dec. 1, and at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, all at Calistoga Bakery Café, 7941 Airport Pulling Road, North Naples.

For those who decided they want to open a business, Ms. Westphal provides in-depth workshops, tools and materials to help them get started quickly and successfully. Existing home watch companies also benefit from the training to revisit business fundamentals and systems. From basic forms to business insurance and marketing guidelines, the company addresses every aspect of business launch.

"The response has been fantastic," she says. "We feel it reinforces the relevance of this opportunity at a thriving time in the market. The sooner we help our clients start their business, the sooner they can capitalize on the trend.

"The home watch industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy. It's a flexible, low-cost and highly valued service with unlimited potential."

Full workshops begin Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette Road, Naples.

For more information, call 707-4296 or e-mail Diane@YourHWP.com. ■

### Shine and Dine merges with Fort Myers company

Shine and Dine Inc. of Naples announces the corporate merger with Fidelity Cleaning Service of Fort Myers. With the motto of "Have it all: a clean

home and a gourmet dinner for two," Shine and Dine will now serve all of Collier and Lee counties with personal chef and cleaning services.

The company is offering a first-time cleaning special for \$129 and will include a free pumpkin pie or pumpkin flan for services booked prior to the end of the year.

For more information, call 537-2395, e-mail contact@shineanddine.net, or visit www.shineanddine.net. ■



### Business magazine seeking 'Best Companies to Work For'

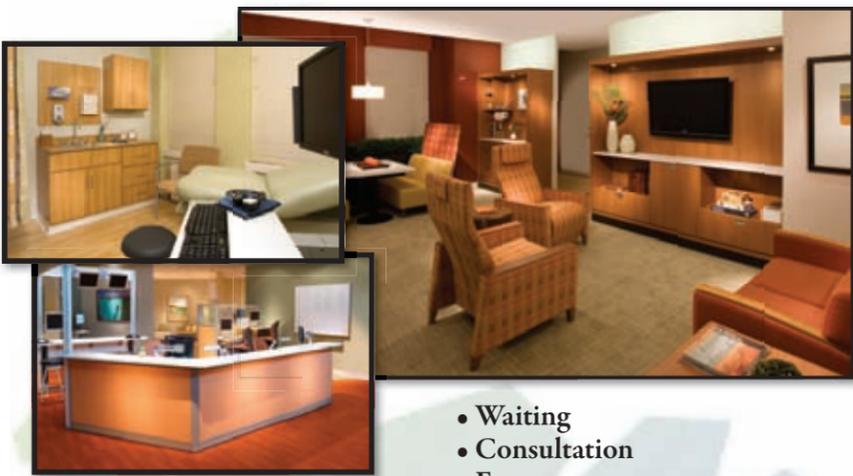
Florida Trend business magazine is commencing its search for Florida's best workplaces in the second annual Florida's Best Companies To Work For program. Participation is free, and companies with at least 15 full-time, regular employees are eligible to participate. Registration deadline is Jan. 29, 2010.

"Our goal is to recognize companies that strive to build even better workplaces for their employees, thereby strengthening their own as well as Florida's competitive advantage in the national and global arenas," Andrew Corty, publisher of the monthly magazine, says.

Conducted by Best Companies Group, the rating process is based on an assessment of the employers' policies and procedures combined with the results of an employee survey. The list of winners will be published in Florida Trend's August 2010 issue.

The statewide Best Companies To Work For program is endorsed by the HR Florida State Council, the state affiliate for the Society of Human Resource Management. For more information on the program and the registration process, go to www.bestcompaniesfl.com. ■

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Audi Of Naples • 601 Airport Pulling Rd, S  
Auto Europa • 40 Goodlette Road  
Auto Spa Naples • 2630 Pine Ridge Rd  
Bad Ass Coffee • 1307 Third St, S  
Bamboo Wok • 8595 Collier Blvd #105  
Bambusa Bar & Grill • 600 Goodlette Rd, N #200  
Bank Of Naples • 4099 N Tamiami Trl  
Bayfront Inn • 1221 5th Ave S  
Beach Unlimited • 998 6th Ave, S  
Beef Jerky Outlet • 2400 Vanderbilt Beach Road #104  
Bella Maria • 489 5th Ave, S  
Bella Mia Amore • 5628 Strand Blvd, Unit#4  
Bella-U • 5443 Airport Road  
Bellasera Hotel • 221 9th Street, S  
Bentley Village By Hyatt • 561 Bentley Village Dr  
Bentley Village By Hyatt • 875 Retreat Dr  
Big Al's City Grill • 8004 Tamiami Trl, N  
Blue Willi's • 4262 Gulf Shore Blvd  
BNY Mellon Wealth Management • 4901 Tamiami Trail, N  
Bob Taylor Jeep • 3665 Airport Pulling Rd  
Boston Beer Garden • 2396 Immokalee Rd  
Box Galaxy • 12980 Tamiami Trail, N Suite 10  
Brio Tuscan Grille • 5505 Tamiami Trail, N #J1  
Brambles English Tea Rm • 340 5th Ave, S  
Brunina's Pizza & Pasta • 4330 Thomasson Rd  
Café at Bayfront • 469 Bayfront Place  
Café Italia • 14700 Tamiami Trl,N, Unit#22  
Café Luna • 467 5th Ave S  
Callistoga Bakery Café • 7941 Airport Pulling Rd  
Calypso Car Wash • 1472 Golden Gate Parkway  
Cap Kirk's Stone Crabs • 629 8th St, S  
Capri/A Taste of Italy • 11140 Tamiami Trail, N  
Carsmetics • 2121 Pine Ridge Road  
Cassner Law Office • 4085 Tamiami Trl, N, Unit#B102  
Castaways Backwater Café • 2025 Davis Blvd  
Central Dental Of Naples • 850 Central Ave, Unit#103  
Century21 #1 Sunbelt Real • 15275 Collier Blvd  
China Buffet • 12655 Tamiami Trail, E  
China Chen Restaurant • 4631 Tamiami Trl, N  
China Wok • 11156 Tamiami Trl, N  
Chinatown Express • 2091 Pine Ridge Rd  
Chrissy's • 4910 Tamiami Trail, N  
CI Travel • 8799 Tamiami Trl, N  
City Bakery • 6215 Taylor Road  
Clock Family Restaurants • 670 9th St, N  
Coldwell Banker • 550 5th Ave, S  
Collier Building Industry Association • 4779 Enterprise Ave  
Collier County Tax Collector • 2348 Immokalee Rd  
Collier County Medical • 870 111th Ave, N Ste 2  
Conservancy of SWFL/Retail Store • 1450 Merrihue Drive  
Cove Inn on Naples Bay • 900 Broad Ave, South  
Culinary Concepts • 853 5th Ave, South  
Curves • 2362 Immokalee Rd  
David Lawrence Center • 6075 Bathey Lane  
Dax Enterprises • 5401 Taylor Road, Suite #4  
Del's 24 Hour • 2820 Thomasson Road  
Dennis Lynch, PA • 4081 Tamiami Trl, N, Unit#C105  
Devoe Cadillac • 4100 N Tamiami Trail  
Downing-Frye Realty, Inc • 3411 Tamiami Trl N, Unit #100  
Downing-Frye Realty, Inc • 5395 5th Ave, S  
Downtown Naples Assoc • 800 5th Ave, S  
Dr Kathleen Galatro • 3435 Pine Ridge Rd, Unit #102  
Dr Marcus Schneider • 6101 Pine Ridge Road Suite #304  
Dr Robert Zehr • 2659 Professional Circle, #115  
Dragon Place • 1241 Airport Pulling Rd, S  
East Naples Pediatrics • 1755 Heritage Trl, Unit #601  
Economy Body Shop • 2240 Davis Blvdw  
Education Foundation • 3606 Enterprise Ave, Suite #150  
Edwin Watts Golf • 3980 Tamiami Trail, N  
Electric Shaver Service • 2900 14th Street N, Sutie #42  
Em-On's Thai Café • 2364 Immokalee Rd  
Encore Bank • 3003 Tamiami Trail, Ste#100  
Engle Implant/Periodontology • 5659 Naples Blvd  
EPN Urgent care • 6400 Davis Blvd, Unit#103  
Estuary At Grey Oaks • 1485 Anhinga Pointe  
EVOO Market • 13240 Tamiami Trl, N  
Executive Support Services • 1100 Fifth Ave, South #201  
Eye Centers Of Florida • 877 111th Ave, N  
Eye Physicians & Surgeon Fl • 1890 SW Health Pkwy  
Fairfield Inn/Marriott • 1785 5th Ave, S •  
Family Practice • 90 Cypress Way, E, Unit#10  
First International Title • 2425 Tamiami Trl N #215  
First Watch Restaurant • 13030 Livingston Road  
First Watch Restaurant • 7163 Radio Rd  
Five Guys Burgers • 13020 Livingston Rd  
Five Guys Burgers • 1410 Pine Ridge Rd  
Florida Eye Health • 2100 Tamiami Trl, N  
Florida Home Realty • 1575 Pine Ridge Rd  
Food & Thought • 2132 Tamiami Trl, N  
Frascati's ReSt • 1258 Airport Pulling Rd, S  
French Bread Oven • 8793 Tamiami Trail East, Unit 105-1  
Garden District • 1290 Third St, S  
Gattle's • 1250 Third St, S  
Germain Acura • 659 Airport Pulling Rd  
Germain Big Lot East • 3325 Davis Blvd  
Germain BMW • 12286 Tamiami Trl, N  
Germain Honda • 3707 Davis Blvd  
Germain Lexus • 13491 Tamiami Trl, N  
Germain Lincoln/Mercury • 13329 Tamiami Trl, N  
Germain Toyota • 13315 Tamiami Trl, N  
Germain/The Big Lot • 13327 Tamiami Trl, N  
Giovanni's • 5975 Pine Ridge Road

Gold's Gym • 2151 Trade Center Way  
Goldies • 5400 Taylor Road #105  
Grand Buffet • 2700 Tamiami Trail, E  
Greek Gourmet • 390 9th St, N  
Grouper & Chips • 338 9th St, N  
Gulfcoast Inn • 2555 Tamiami Trl, N  
Hair Classics Of Naples • 4081 Tamiami Trl, N, Unit#C102  
Hammock Cove Liquors • 4380 Thomasson Dr  
Hampton Inn • 3210 Tamiami Trl, N  
Haskells' Wines • 2021 Pine Ridge Road  
Havana's Cuban Café • 2366 Immokalee Rd  
Hawthorn Suites • 3557 Pine Ridge Rd  
Hess Express • 11655 Collier Blvd  
Hess Express • 2055 Pine Ridge Rd  
Hess Express • 2100 Goodlette Frank  
Hilton Of Naples • 5111 Tamiami Trail, North  
Hooter's • 3625 Gateway Lane  
I HOP • 1921 Davis Blvd  
Illustrated Properties/Village Walk • 2250 Village Walk Circle #101  
Inca's Kitchen • 11985 Collier Blvd, Unit#9  
Inn At Pelican Bay • 800 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Inn Of Naples • 4055 Tamiami Trail, N  
JABZ • 2151 Trade Center Way  
James Michael Salon & Spa • 3652 Tamiami Trail, N #109  
Jane's Restaurant • 300 9th St, N  
Joe Cool • 1460 Golden Gate Pky #108  
Joe Muggs • 9100 Strada Place  
Joe's Crab Shack • 1355 5th Ave, S  
Joe's Diner • 1225 Airport Pulling Rd  
Joe's Diner • 9331 Tamiami Trl, N  
Joey's Pizza & Pasta • 2448 Pine Ridge Rd  
John Marrazzi Nissan • 3640 Pine Ridge Road  
John R Wood Realtor • 3255 Tamiami Trl, N  
John R Wood Realtor • 616 5th Avenue, S  
Johnny's Diner • 3584-B Mercantile Ave  
Keating Realty • 837 5th Ave, S, Unit#102  
Kilwan's Ice Cream • 743 5th Ave, S  
King's Lake Barber Shop • 4844 Davis Blvd  
King's Liquors • 4864 Davis Blvd  
Kitchen 845 • 845 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
LeCiel Venetian Tower • 3971 Gulf Shore Blvd, N  
Levington & McQuade • 5628 Strand Blvd  
Lifestyle Family Fitness #124 • 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Longstreth & Goldberg Art • 5640 Taylor Road #D  
LuLu B's Grill • 8795 Tamiami Trl, N  
Lutger Insurance • 1395 Panther Lane, Suite #100  
Marine Max • 1146 6th Ave, S  
Massa Dental • 2220 Venetian Ct, Unit#1  
McConnell's True Value Hardware • 4404 Tamiami Trl, E  
McCormick & Schmicks • 9114 Strada Place  
McDonald's • 5616 Tavilla Circle  
McDonald's • 11411 N Tamiami Trail  
Mel's Diner • 12035 Collier Blvd  
Mel's Diner • 3650 Tamiami Trl  
Mercato • Walkway: Garage to The Pub  
Micheal Thomas Hair Design • 5048 Airport Pulling Rd  
Moon Family Health Center • 1190 Pine Ridge Road  
Moorings Park • 120 Moorings Park Drive  
Mr \$ 5 • 1716 Airport Pulling Road, S  
Murdock Family Medicine • 1750 SE Health Parkway, Building #1  
Murdock Family Medicine • 1284 Creekside Street, Suite #107  
Nana Vetta's Country Diner • 12285 Collier Blvd  
Nana Vetta's East • 11518 Tamiami Trail, E  
Naples Airport/Commercial • Terminal Dr  
Naples Backyard History Ctr • 1300 3rd St, S Ste #103  
Naples Bay Resort • 1500 5th Ave, S  
The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club • 851 Gulf Shore Blvd, N  
Naples Boat Mart • 829 Airport Pulling Rd, N  
Naples Car Wash • 2595 East Tamiami Trl  
Naples Chamber of Commerce • 2390 Tamiami Trl, N  
Naples City Dock • End of 12th Ave, S  
Naples Cosmetic Surgery Center • 6101 Pine Ridge Road  
Naples Harley Davidson/Café • 3645 Gateway Lane  
Naples Famous Pizza • 8595 Collier Blvd, #106  
Naples Fitness Boot Camp • 5644 Tavilla Court, #102  
Naples Government Center • 3901 E Tamiami Trl  
Naples Information Center • 1100 6th Ave, South Ste10  
Naples Jet Center • 377 Citation Point  
Naples Liquors • 2045 9th St, N  
Naples Municipal Airport Authority • 160 Aviation Dr, N  
Naples Nephrology • 878 109th Ave, N  
Naples Packaging & Ship • 853 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Naples Pier • 125 12th Ave, S  
Naples Princess • 550 Port-O-Call Way  
Naples Transp/Country Store • 1010 6th Avenue, S  
Naples Volkswagon • 603 Airport Pulling Rd, S  
Naples Women's Center • 1726 Medical Blvd, Unit#101  
Naples Zoo • 1590 Goodlette Rd, N  
Neapolitan Deli • 818 Neapolitan Way  
Neapolitan Car Wash • 6265 Naples Blvd  
Nicolas Hair Design • 4613 Tamiami Trl, N  
Noodles Italian Café • 1585 Pine Ridge Road #5  
Noodle Saigon • 13500 Tamiami Trail, N Ste #11  
Norris Center • 755 8th Avenue, S  
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network • 2325 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Ste #201  
Oakes Farm Market • 2205 Davis Blvd  
Old Naples Realty • 466 5th Ave, S  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surg • 90 Cypress Way, E, Unit#30  
Orion Bank • 1905 Pine Ridge Rd  
Oswald,Trippe & Company • 4085 Tamiami Trl  
Ozone Computers • 13020 Livingston Rd, Unit#14  
Pack & Post • 300 5th Ave, S, Unit#101  
PakMail • 12693 Tamiami Trail, E  
Paddy Murphy's Irish Pub • 457 5th Ave, S  
Paradise Jewelry • 5455 Airport Pulling Rd, N  
Pavilion Shoes • 10651 Tamiami Trl N  
Pelican Bay Family Dental • 5811 Pelican Bay Bld  
Pelican Isle • 435 Dockside Drive  
Pelican Larry's Bar & Grill • 2700 Immokalee Road  
Pelican Larry's Bar & Grill • 7785 Davis Blvd  
Perkins • 3585 Gateway Lane  
Philharmonic Center Arts • 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd  
Physicans Reg Hospital • 6000 Pine Ridge Rd  
Pincher's Crab Shack • 1200 5th Ave, S  
Piola Pizza • 9118 Strada Place, Sutie 8170  
Planet Fitness • 2650 Tamiami Trl, E  
Planet Smoothie • 6420 Naples Blvd #101  
Planet Smoothie • 2400 Immokalee Rd #5  
Plantation Club • 310 Dunes Blvd

Players Club/Lely • 8060 Grand Lely Drive  
PNC Bank • 15465 Tamiami Trl, N  
Preferred Travel • 801 Laurel Oak Drive, Suite #300  
Premier Commercial • 1395 Panther Lane, Suite #210  
Premier Prop/Rental Adm • 1395 Panther Lane  
Premier Prop/5th Avenue • 776 Fifth Ave, S  
Premier Prop/Gallery At Nern Trust • 4001 Tamiami Trl, N  
Premier Properties/Old Naples • 390 BRd Ave, S  
Premier Properties/Vanderbilt Office • 325 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Premier Properties/Venetian Bay • 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd, N  
Premiere Plus • 749 12th Ave, South  
Prudential Realty • 621 5th Ave, S  
Prudential/WCI Realty • 4130 Tamiami Trail, N  
Publix #172 • 4601 9th Street, North  
Publix #249 • 871 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Publix #32 • 4370 Thomasson Drive  
Publix #330 • 4860 Davis Blvd  
Publix #410 • 7101 Radio Road  
Publix#414 • 11200 US 41 North Suite #2200  
Publix #453 • 5991 Pine Ridge Road  
Publix #488 • 2310 Pine Ridge Road  
Publix #516 • 12663 Tamiami Trail East  
Publix #635 • 5624 Strand Blvd  
Publix #676 • 2450 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Publix #76 • 1981 9th St North  
Publix #781 • 15265 Collier Blvd  
Publix #811 • 8585 Collier Blvd  
Quail Creek Country Club • 13300 Valewood Drive  
Quail Run/Club House • 260 Quail Forest Blvd  
Quail West Country Club • 6289 Burnham Road  
Quality Inn & Suites • 4100 Golden Gate Parkway  
Radiology Regional Center • 700 Goodlette Road  
Randy's Fish Market • 10395 Tamiami Trail, N  
Red Brick Pizza Of Naples • 6355 Naples Blvd  
Regina's Ice Cream • 824 5th Ave, S  
Residence Inn/Marriott • 4075 Tamiami Trl, N  
Rib City Grill • 9191 Tamiami Trl, N  
Rib City Grill • 3871 Tamiami Trl, E  
Ric's New York Style Bakery & Deli • 694 9th St, N  
Riebesell Chiropractic • 1001 Crosspointe Drive Ste 1  
Roberto of Italy • 862 Neopolitan Way  
Roberts of Philadelphia Salons • 4380 Gulf Shore Blvd, N, Unit#810  
Roberts of Philadelphia Salons • 440 Bayfront Pl  
Rodeo Consignment Shop • 975 Imperial Golf Course #115  
Royal Palm Academy • 16100 Livingston Road  
Royal Palm Country Club • 405 Forrest Hills Blvd  
Salad Creations • 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Unit #120  
Salon Delphine • 7700 Tamiami Trail, N Suite #106  
Salon Fusion • 6345 Naples Blvd A6  
Sea Salt • 1186 Third Street  
Shane's Cabana Bar • 495 Bayfront Place  
Simply the Best Car Wash • 4790 Radio Rd  
Smoothie King • 2500 Tamiami Trl, Unit#109  
Snappers Night Club • 2634 Tamiami Trail, E  
South Bay Realty • 9136 Gulf Shore Dr  
South Bay Realty • 819 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
S St City Oven • 1410 Pine Ridge Rd  
Spanky's • 1550 Airport Pulling Rd, N  
Spring Hill Suites by Marriott • 3798 White Lake Blvd  
Starbucks • 5995 Pine Ridge Road  
Stevie Tomatoes Pebblebrook Shop Ctr • 15215 Collier Blvd  
Stock Development • 2647 Professional Circle, Suite 1201  
Stoney's Steakhouse • 403 Bayfront Place  
Subway • 10565 Tamiami Trl, N, Unit#5  
Subway • 1250 Airport Pulling Rd  
Subway • 5955 Pine Ridge Road  
Subway • 2626 Tamiami Trl, E  
Subway • 4408 Thomasson Rd  
Subway • 4830 Davis Blvd  
Subway • 817 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Subway • 8575 Collier Blvd #104  
Sunburst Café • 2348 Pine Ridge Rd  
Sunshine Ace Hardware • 4929 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd  
Sunshine Pharmacy • 6350 Davis Blvd  
Sunshine Pharmacy • 1400 Gulfshore Blvd, N  
Sunshine Pharmacy • 13020 Livingston Road  
Sunshine Pharmacy • 5482 Rattlesnake Hammock Road  
SunSplash Market • 850 Neopolitan Way  
Sushi Thai Two • 7935 Airport Pulling Rd, N  
Sweetbay #1906 • 4897 Golden Gate Pkwy  
Sweetbay #1929 • 7550 Mission Hill Drive  
Sweetbay #1934 • 5926 Premier Way  
Sweetbay #4015 • 4015 Santa Barbara Blvd  
Sweetbay #927 • 2482 Immokalee Road  
Sweet Caroline's Bakery & Sandwich Shop • 11121 Health Park Blvd Suite 300  
Sweet Treats • 7935 Airport Pulling Rd, S  
Tommy Ford • 1471 Airport Pulling Rd, N  
Tavern on the Bay • 489 Bayfront  
Temple Citrus Grove • 6500 Airport Pulling Road  
Terracina Grand • 6825 Davis Blvd  
Tickled Pink • 1300 Third St, S  
The Beach & Tennis Club • 5700 Bonita Beach Rd  
The Benz Connection • 245 Tamiami Trail, East  
The Blue Monkey • 7550 Mission Hills Drive  
The Café • 821 5th Ave, S  
The Captain's Cabin • 3380 Mercantile Ave  
The Club At Mediterra • 15755 Corso Mediterra Circle  
The Club at Olde Cypress • 7165 Treeline Drive  
The Club @ Sterling Oaks • 822 Sterling Oaks Blvd  
The Club At The Strand • 5840 Strand Blvd  
The Country Club Of Naples/Golf Club • 185 Burning Tree Drive  
The Deli Club • 2800 Davis Blvd, Unit#103  
The Dunes • 280 Grande Way  
The Good Life • 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
The Humane Society • 370 Airport Road  
The Pickled Parrot • 1100 5th Ave S Ste#124  
The Real Macaw Bar & Grill • 3275 Bayshore Drive  
The Serious Cookie#107 • 1200 5th Ave, S  
"The" Wicker Showroom • 5307 Shirley Street "F"  
The Wine Merchant • 12820 Tamiami Trail, N  
Tijana Flats • 11164 Tamiami Trl, N  
Tommy Bahama • 1120 Third St, S  
Tourist Information Gazebo • 1207 Third St, South  
Trim & Tone Spa • 1201 Piper Blvd, #20  
Troiclean Auto Spa • 9995 Tamiami Trail, E  
Tropical Palm Café • 754 Neapolitan Way  
Tropical Smoothie Café • 13585 Tamiami Trl, N  
Tropical Smoothie Café • 570 9thth Street, N  
Tropical Smoothie Café • 5016 Airport Pulling Rd  
Tuscany Villas Of Naples • 8901 Tamiami Trail, E  
US Post Office/North Bay Busi Ctr • 13500 Tamiami Trl, N

Uno Chicago Grill • 2680 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
UPS • 6022 Pine Ridge Rd  
UPS Store • 2338 Immokalee Rd  
Vanderbilt Beach & Harbour Club • 9301 Gulfshore Drive  
Viliaggio Café • 4350 Gulf Shore Blvd, N  
Vineyards Country Club • 400 Vineyards Blvd  
The Von Liebig Art Center • 585 Park Street  
Walgreens • 15295 Collier Blvd  
Walgreens • 4290 Tamiami Trl, E  
Walgreens • 7985 Airport Pulling Rd  
Walgreens • 950 Immokalee Rd  
Waterfalls Car Wash • 4920 N Tamiami Trl  
Weichert Realtors • 15495 Tamiami Trl, N, Unit#121  
Wildside Café • 5026 Airport Pulling Rd  
World Bakery & Café • 15275 Collier Blvd, Unit#201  
Wound Healing Ctr/NCH • 6400 Davis Blvd, Unit#104  
Wynn's Market • 141 Tamiami Trail, N  
YMCA Of The Palms • 5450 YMCA Rd  
VeronaWalk • 8090 Sorrento Lane, Suite #1  
Voigt's Texaco Auto Center • 2934 E Tamiami Trail

## Outside Locations

4000/4100 Block Tamiami Trail,N • Alongside McDonalds

## Bonita Springs

AmericInn Lodge & Suites • 28600 Trls Edge Blvd  
Art League Of Bonita Springs • 26100 Old 41 Rd  
Best Western/Bonita SprHotel • 27991 Oakland Dr  
Big Al's Sports Grill • 25101 Tamiami Trl  
Bonita Community Health Center • 3501 Health Center Blvd  
Bonita/Estero Assoc Realtors • 25300 Bernwood Dr, Ste #1  
Bonita Rice Bowl • 28811 Tamiami Trl, S, Unit#5  
Bonita Springs Chamber Comm • 25071 Chamber Commerce Dr  
Bonita Village/Island House • 3998 Bonita Beach Rd  
C&C Tire and Café • 27861 Crown Lake Blvd  
C Grape Coffee & Wine Bar • 4450 Bonita Beach Rd, Unit#1  
Capriotti's Sandwich Shop • 28811 S Tamiami Trl, Unit#4  
China A • 12950 Trade Way Four, Unit#102  
Devoe Auto Group • 28450 Tamiami Trail, South  
Downing-Frye Realty, Inc • 27180 Bay Landings Dr, Unit#5  
Dr Robert Klausner • 3501 Health Center Blvd, Unit#2250  
Edwin Watts Golf • 8350 Hospital Drive #114  
Emeritus • 26850 S Bay Drive  
Hampton Inn Of Bonita Springs • 27900 Crown Lake Blvd  
Hillcrest Bank Florida • 24201 Walden Center Dr, Unit#101  
Holiday Inn Express • 27891 Crown Lake Blvd  
Iguana Mia • 28051 S Tamiami Trl  
Inn At The Springs • 8901 Highland Woods Blvd  
John R Wood • 26269 S Tamiami Trail  
Johnny Malloy's Sports Pub • 10347 Bonita Beach Rd #101  
Medical Surgical Specialist • 3291 Woods Edge Pkwy  
Mel's Diner • 28601 Trls Edge Blvd  
Naples Fort Myers Greyhound Track • 10601 Bonita Beach Road  
Navona • 23540 Via Veneto Blvd  
Old 41 Restaurant • 25091 Bernwood Drive  
Premier Prop/Commercial Div • 3960 Via Del Rey  
Premier Prop/The Promenade • 26831 S Bay Dr, Unit#130  
Prudential Realty • 24880 Tamiami Trail  
Pushing the Envelope • 10940 Harmony Park Drive  
Radiology Regional Center • 9776 Bonita Beach Road, SE  
RE/MAX Coastal Living • 3725 Bonita Beach Rd  
Roberts of Philadelphia Salons • 26831 S Bay Dr, Unit#102  
Rodes/Seafood Market • 3756 Bonita Beach Rd  
Shadow Wood Country Club • 22801 Oakwilde Blvd  
Spanish Wells • 9801 Treasure Cay Lane  
Specialists In Urology • 28930 Trls Edge Blvd  
Subway • 12870 Tradeway Four  
Super Suds Car Wash • 28301 S Tamiami Trl  
Sunshine Ace Hardware • 9100 Bonita Beach Rd  
The Bean Café • 8803 Tamiami Trl, N  
The Coffee Mill @The Promenade • 26581 South Bay Drive  
The Commons Club • 9930 Coconut Rd  
The Crexent Business Center • 27499 Riverview Ctr Blvd  
The Fish House • 4685 Bonita Beach Rd  
Thrift Stores • 3725 Bonita Beach Rd  
Trionan Hotel • 3401 Bay Commons Dr  
Tijana Flats • 8350 Hospital Dr  
Walgreens • 11494 Bonita Beach Rd, Unit#96  
Walgreens • 28100 Tamiami Trl, S  
Woolbright Development • 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road #154  
YMCA Of The Palms • 27201 Kent Rd

## Ave Maria

The Bean • 5068 Annunciation Circle

## Marco Island

700 Block of Bald Eagle • across from Progressive Auto  
Anglers Cove Condo • 999 Anglers Cove  
Barfield Medical Center • 1010 N Barfield Drive  
Big Al's Deli • 715 Bald Eagle Drive  
Breakfast Plus • 1035 N Collier  
Cathy O'Clarke's Irish Pub & Grill • 591 S Collier Blvd  
City of Marco Racquet Club • 1275 San Marco Road  
Collier County Airport Authority • 2005 Mainsail Drive, Ste#1  
Collier County Tax Collector • 1040 Winterberry Drive  
Curves • 1829 San Marco Road  
Frank E Mackle Community Park • 1361 Andalusia Ter  
Island Drug • 1089 N Collier, #409  
Keep In Touch/US POST OFFICE • 135 S Barfield  
Marco Ace Hardware • 880 W Elkcam Circle  
Marco Island Area Assoc Realtors • 140 Waterway Drive  
Marco Island Chamber of Commerce • 1102 North Collier Blvd  
Marco Island YMCA • 101 Sand Hill Street  
Marco Office Supply • 571 Bald Eagle Drive  
Nacho Mama's • 599 S Collier Blvd, #201  
NeNe's Kitchen • 297 N Collier Blvd  
Orion Bank • 605 Bald Eagle  
Premier Properties/Espanade Office • 760 N Collier Blvd  
Progressive Auto Center/Car Wash • 740 Bald Eagle Dr  
Progressive Auto Center/Quick Lube • 740 Bald Eagle Dr  
Publix #275 • 175 S Barfield  
Publix #622 • 1089 N Collier, #401  
Starbucks/Espanade • 740 N Collier Blvd  
Subway • 670 Bald Eagle Dr  
Sun Trust Center • 950 N Collier Blvd  
Sunset Cove • 571 W Elkcam Circle  
Sunshine Ace Hardware • 1720 San Marco Road  
The Pub • 1817 San Marco Road  
Tokyo Inn • 1825 San Marco Road  
Walgreen's • 1800 San Marco Road

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that, I don't think I'd know where I need to be tomorrow," she said.

But can there ever be enough tiny phones and apps? Relying on your smartphone too much could be a danger.

"Working 24/7 is one of the downfalls," Ms. Pultro said.

So is playing 24/7.

"I don't want to be one of those people who go out with my friends and they're not even watching the band," said Steve Best, an employee at Brent's Music Headquarters. "They're playing poker on their iPhone. I have friends who don't pull their heads out of their phone all night long. It's like a 21st-century umbilical cord."

And as smartphones grow more similar to PCs, they may also someday soon contend with viruses.

"Because they're computers and they're available, we do anticipate you'll see those sorts of things happening," CloudSync's Mr. Thompson said.

Smart phones still don't have the computing power to replace a PC — not yet, anyway. But that may not be far off.

"I'd say about 40 to 50 percent of the time I'd need a computer, I just go ahead and use an iPhone instead," said David Acevedo, an artist and co-owner of daas Gallery in downtown Fort Myers. He likes to take pictures of his art and e-mail them directly to clients, as well as use the phone to manage social networking sites.

## Applications

The applications are available online, including the Web sites of BlackBerry and Apple, which has more than 10,000

smartphone applications alone.

There are plenty of goofy games to be had for your phone, like one in which you race to create pizza for zombies (topped with body parts). That's a "staff" favorite, according to Apple's Web site. But there are also apps that you can use to check accounts payable, even monitor employee productivity and edit Microsoft documents, not to mention make a phone call or respond to e-mails.

There are apps for just about any field. One app, called "Epocrates," can be used by doctors to look up the side effects of prescription drugs, and calculate a patient's co-payment based on his or her insurance plan. Another, "Mint," can be used to manage multiple bank accounts and credit card bills in real time.

Google Maps is a GPS-powered navigational system. DataViz Documents-to-Go can run Microsoft Excel, Word, Powerpoint and Adobe PDF files from your phone.

Of course, not every business owner feels the new technology is useful to them.

Brian Chandler, owner of Comics Cards and Stuff in Fort Myers, is content to stick with his old cell phone, which can't access the Internet. In fact, he doesn't have a Web site, and has been happily in business since 1993.

"I'm pretty much doing business old school," he said. "I tend to doubt I'll get (a smartphone or a Web site)."



But some experts say the new technology could make his life easier. Charly Caldwell II, owner of Internet Services Group of Florida, uses a free smartphone app called Google Analytics to track his clients' Web site traffic. He helps business owners develop Web sites and utilize mobile technology, instead of relying on word of mouth or the phone book.

"A great example is the Yellow Pages," he said. "We have a lot of companies that say, 'I used to get 50 calls per week from the Yellow Pages and now I'm getting two or three calls per week.' If you really want

to keep momentum going, you have to adopt new techniques."

The major service providers for smartphones are AT & T, Sprint and Verizon Wireless. They have sections on their Web sites under the tab "solutions" that are devoted to business owners' interests. FGCU's Mr. Bloomberg said that's a good place to start your research.

The phones start out at around \$100 and go to \$500 and up. The new iPhone 3GS starts around \$200.

The first step is figuring out which combination of phone, provider and applications fit your business.

"Technology is a tool just like anything else," Mr. Bloomberg said. "It can be over-used or underused. Those who use it correctly, and take their time and research it and understand what it means to their business (will benefit the most).

"What you want to do is match the desired qualities to a particular phone,"

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Some of the most popular business applications for smartphones:

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Mr. Bloomberg said. "In other words, the iPhone is great, but it may not be great for all users. There is a new Windows Mobile phone that is basically a small version of your PC." ■

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Ponte Vedra model

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## Ponte Vedra model under construction at Lely Resort

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Stock Development has started construction on a new Ponte Vedra model at Covington Place, a neighborhood of single-family homes in The Estates section of The Classics at Lely Resort.

The Ponte Vedra, with interior design by East Indies Trading Company, is a four-bedroom, 4½-bath plus study home with 3,482 square feet under air and a total of 4,867 square feet, including an attached three-car garage and a screened and covered lanai with outdoor kitchen. Base price is \$724,990, plus home site.

The unique split design affords maximum privacy to homeowners and guests alike by placing the three full guest suites with baths on the opposite side of the home from the master suite.

The Ponte Vedra opens to a formal living room with a dining room to the right and a private study with French doors to the left. The large island-style kitchen has a dinette overlooking the pool and spa, and opens to an oversized family room with direct access to the lanai via two walls of sliding glass doors. The home seamlessly melds the indoor and outdoor living areas, creating a perfect environment for entertaining.

In the north half of Lely Resort, Covington Place is a private neighborhood of 38 single-family homes situated on a quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by nature preserves and vistas across the fairways and greens of The Classics Championship Golf Course.

Lely Resort, which was named the CBIA 2009 Community of the Year, offers 12 neighborhoods showcasing flats, town

homes, casitas, coach homes, twin villas, single-family homes and estate homes. Prices begin in the \$180,000s.

Amenities at Lely Resort include The Players Club & Spa, three championship golf courses designed by legends of the game Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player and Lee Trevino as well as two golf clubhouses within the community. On a nine-acre parcel, The Players Club & Spa offers 20,000-plus square feet under air and includes a state-of-the-art fitness center, a full-service spa, a resort-style pool and tennis complex.

The 20,000 square foot Village Center is also open in the Olé neighborhood.

The Lely Resort central sales center is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and C.R. 951. For more information, call 793-2100 or visit [www.lely-resort.com](http://www.lely-resort.com). ■

## ‘MoneyTrack’ co-host has advice for today’s homebuyers, sellers

Whether you’re in the market to buy a home or need to sell the one you have, chances are you’re confused by conflicting reports and statistics coming at you from national, statewide, regional and local sources.

Pam Krueger, creator and co-host of PBS’ “MoneyTrack” finance series, reminds us that because real estate is “super local,” we shouldn’t let the national numbers wreak havoc on our emotions. Listen to what the local experts have to say, she advises, and work with a real estate agent who not only understands your community but can drill the numbers down to street level.

What other tips does Ms. Krueger share about today’s market?

Don’t even think about buying if your financials are not in order, she says, urging, “Don’t reach for it if you know it’s not reachable.”

Buyers who have a credit score over 700 are in the driver’s seat, but no matter what their situation, she encourages buyers to

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establish a relationship with a good local or regional bank.

Southwest Florida has a bank on nearly every street corner, but as Ms. Krueger warns, some have been taken over, others are on the watch list, and still more are in trouble. Amidst all the chaos, there are banks that have steered clear of all the credit mess. “Find one with a really strong balance sheet and hitch your wagon to it,” she says.

There are many banks that want to give loans. They just can’t get the word out fast enough. Once you find one, make sure you get pre-qualified. “We are different borrowers than we were five years ago,” she says. “We’ve learned because we’ve been burned.”

Yes, today’s buyers are more cautious, but Ms. Krueger doesn’t want their fears to hold them back from taking advantage of the

deals that are out there. Low interest rates, an extended \$8,000 tax credit and rock bottom prices make it the perfect storm for first-time homebuyers who qualify.

“There’s a window right here, right now,” she says. “Tax credits will go away and inventory will be sopped up.”

Just be aware that even if you’re looking at foreclosures, buyers must stay in a home for at least five years to make the purchase price worthwhile. The days of “day trading” houses have gone out of style, as have the days of 15-30 percent appreciation. Now 3-6 percent appreciation will be more likely.

What about if you have to sell your home? If it’s priced below \$500,000, you’ll want to be particular in choosing an agent who deals with that price point, she says. If it falls between \$500,000 and \$1.2 million, which is the portion of the Southwest Florida market that just isn’t moving, you’ll be frustrated and you have to be prepared to swallow your pride, she adds.

Both buyers and sellers have to be “super sharp with their tools and they have to pick the right people,” Ms. Krueger says. But for buyers especially, she stresses, now couldn’t be a more wonderful time to be home shopping. ■

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Internet has long been an instrumental tool in our communication framework," Mr. Wilson says.

The new site provides nearly 200 photographs of the company's custom home designs and fully furnished move-in ready homes. Visitors can also search the site for available homes or floor plans based upon location, size and pricing.



The site was designed to do much more than simply display the company's homes, Mr. Wilson adds. "I will be blogging about a variety of subjects related to the custom home industry. We will provide tips on maintaining the high-end products found in custom homes, and we will post timely and relevant information about the marketplace from credible third-party sources to help our visitors become better informed about housing opportunities."

In addition, a private entrance to the site provides Realtors with the latest information about special programs and pricing incentives at London Bay.

The new site was designed and built in conjunction with Blue Tangerine Solutions, a technical services company based in Vero Beach, Fla.

London Bay Homes, winner of the 2008 America's Best Builder award, has been building luxury residences priced from \$800,000 to more than \$10 million in Southwest Florida since 1990. The company also operates Romanza Design Studio. ■

### London Bay Homes launches new Web site

London Bay Homes has designed and launched a new company Web site that provides visitors with a wide range of content, including a custom home photo gallery, interactive floor plans, a blog and real estate news at [www.londonbay.com](http://www.londonbay.com). President Mark Wilson says the new site was designed to provide buyers relevant information about London Bay and its homes, as well as timely content about housing industry trends and the Southwest Florida real estate market.

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**Lynn Koch** has joined the sales staff at South Bay Realty. A Naples resident for 13 years, Ms. Koch came here from Long Island, N.Y.

**Athena Pappas** has also joined the sales staff at South Bay Realty. Originally from Rockport, Mass., Ms. Pappas worked in the hospitality, travel and tourism industry for more than 20 years before moving to Naples in 1997.

"Naples Golf Guy" **Matthew Klinowski** of John R. Wood Realtors Inc. has released his new Web site, [www.NaplesGolfGuy.com](http://www.NaplesGolfGuy.com), to provide residents and visitors with information on local golf courses and golf course communities. Mr. Klinowski, who worked with Agent Image Inc. to develop the site, specializes in residential real estate in golf course communities in the greater Naples area. In addition to a new look, his Web site contains a calendar of events and activities, local restaurant recommendations and real estate news.

**Sharon Eldred** and **Mark Himelick** have joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as sales associates. Ms. Eldred has 27 years of real estate experience in Illinois and Florida. Prior to joining Downing-Frye Realty, she was an agent

with Prudential, Arvida and Prudential WCI. She specializes in residential properties on Fort Myers Beach. Mr. Himelick has 10 years of real estate experience in the Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach areas. He specializes in single-family-home and condominium sales along the waterfront and in golf course communities. Prior to his career in real estate, Mr. Himelick spent 30 years in sales and marketing and customer service in the airline business. Both Ms. Eldred and Mr. Himelick are members of the Florida and National associations of Realtors and the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach. ■

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# Remodeling complete in 319 guest rooms at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club has completed a multi-million-dollar remodeling of all 319 guest rooms and suites. The resort also is nearing completion of its \$5 million pool complex. The resort is the area's only resort directly on the beach with an on-site championship golf course, a world-class spa and an award-winning tennis center.

The first phase of the guest room project was completed in January 2008 and included new bedding and fabrics, flat-panel televisions, rich new furnishings and accents in calming tropical shades. This second and final phase of this project included totally remodeled

since 2007, and more than \$55 million on enhancements to the resort since 2000.

In addition, the resort is nearing completion of its all-new new pool complex. Just north of the existing pool area, the beachfront complex has two pools (a free-form pool for families, and a secluded oval-shaped pool for adults) and two new whirlpools (one by the family pool and the other by the adult pool). There also are eight new cabanas with views of the pools and the Gulf of Mexico. The \$5 million pool project also includes new restrooms and lockers, a pool bar with food service and a new pool shop.

The pool project began in July 2009



Artist's rendering of the new pool complex



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Aerial view of the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Resort

bathrooms in all guest rooms and suites, new carpet in all guest rooms and corridors, and new sliding glass doors in guest rooms and suites.

The new bathrooms in the guest rooms and suites are larger and feature sizeable walk-in, glass-enclosed showers with striking sea-blue tile along with double sinks, spacious vanities and new fixtures. A second vanity outside of the bathroom was also added.

General Manager Jim Gunderson says the resort has invested more than \$16 million in its guest rooms and suites

and will be complete by mid-December. The existing beachfront pool will remain open until the new pool complex is complete.

A consistent recipient of many of the meetings industry's highest honors, the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Resort has 34,000 square feet of meeting space and several outdoor venues for meetings and receptions. The 22,000 square feet of meeting space in The Clubhouse provides an impressive view overlooking the resort's championship golf course. Meeting rooms include the 6,283-

square-foot River of Grass Ballroom, which can accommodate more than 650 for receptions, and the 2,457-square-foot Mangrove Ballroom.

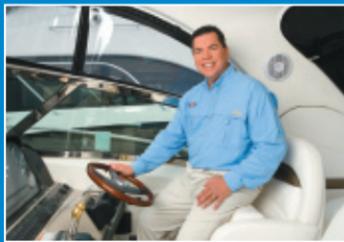
Standard offerings in rooms and suites include a private balcony or patio with a view of the Gulf, lush grounds or the golf course. There are in-room refrigerators, two telephones with voicemail, modem access and high-speed wireless Internet access.

Owned and operated by the Watkins family for more than 60 years, the 125-acre resort features an enviable

beachfront location in the heart of scenic Olde Naples. Recreational offerings include: 1,000 feet of beach, an on-site par 72 championship golf course, a world-class spa and fitness center; the Mary C. Watkins Tennis Center with six Har-Tru courts; the Beach Klub 4 Kids and an Orchid House with more than 3,000 tropical plants. ■

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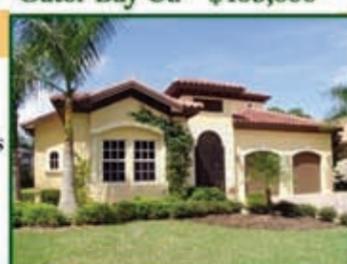
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Refresh your home's décor with tips from the professional interior design team at Robb & Stucky Interiors. Robb & Stucky designers host a variety of complimentary seminars throughout the month covering design techniques, introductions to the latest trends and provide guidelines for home accessorizing.

The following seminars will take place at Robb & Stucky Interiors at 2777 Tamiami Trail N., unless otherwise noted. Seminar space is limited and reservations are requested. Call 261-3969, ext. 7000, to register.

• 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, "Sleek and Chic-Transitional Accessories" - The latest design trend in home décor is the transitional style, a blend of traditional and contemporary that creates a sophisticated and timeless design. How does this look translate into accessories? Robb & Stucky interior designer Donna Grose will demonstrate how to de-clutter and simplify your accessories

to complement the transitional style.

- 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, "Home for the Holidays" - Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the New Year with friends and family, enjoy this guided tour featuring stunning table décor by design consultants Bob Jones, Karli Mateja, Todd Stevenson, Susie Petril and Catherine Baker.
- 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, "Chinese Antiques Show" - Interior designer Catherine Baker discusses the many styles of Chinese antiques and how to integrate one-of-a-kind treasures and Asian accents into your existing décor. ■



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**5 • MOORINGS - COQUINA CLUB** • 3200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #314 • \$374,000 • Premier Properties • Larry/Mary Catherine White 287-2818

**6 • PELICAN LANDING - BAYCREST** • 25270 Galashields Circle • Premier Properties • \$399,000 • Daniel Pregont 272-8020

**>\$400,000**

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**10 • PARK SHORE - VENETIAN COVE CLUB** • 3500 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #404 • Premier Properties • \$450,000 • Ed Cox/Jeff Cox 860-8806

**11 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - VARENNA** • 9218 Corfu Court #102 • Premier Properties • \$450,000 • Michelle L. Thomas 860-7176

**12 • STONEBRIDGE - MIDDLEBURG** • 2120 Aberdeen Lane #203 • Premier Properties • \$495,000 • Kathryn Hurvitz 659-5126

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**13 • TREVISO BAY** • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • Priced from \$500s • Call 239-643-1414 • Closed Thanksgiving Day / Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 11-5

**14 • THE VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK** • 216 Silverado Drive • \$524,900 • South Bay Realty, Avi Puri 239-248-0319

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**16B • PELICAN BAY - POINTE AT PELICAN BAY** • 540 Via Veneto #101 • Premier Properties • \$749,000 • Phyllis O'Donnell 269-6161

**17 • MARCO ISLAND** • 1160 Ludlam Court • Premier Properties • \$750,000 • Darlene Roddy 404-0685

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**22 • PELICAN MARSH - PORTOFINO** • 1456 Via Portofino • \$895,000 • Mara & Michael Muller 272-6170

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**24 • ROYAL HARBOR** • 1935 Snook Drive • Premier Properties • \$1,299,000 • Isabelle Edwards 564-4080

**25 • VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSIDE II** • 10851 Gulfshore Drive #505 • Premier Properties • \$1,350,000 • Pat Callis 250-0562

**26 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1607 • Premier Properties • \$1,395,000 • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544

**27 • PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** • 9108 Terrabella Court • Premier Properties • \$1,425,000 • Rod Soars 290-2448

**28 • BONITA BAY - COCONUT ISLE** • 26400 Brick Lane • Premier Properties • \$1,650,000 • Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda 248-7474

**29 • MARCO ISLAND - CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ** • 940 S. Collier Blvd. #1105 • Premier Properties • \$1,750,000 • Natalie Kirstein 784-0491

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**31 • OLD NAPLES** • 408 Central Avenue • Premier Properties • \$1,995,000 • Mitch/Sandi Williams 370-8879

**>\$2,000,000**

**32 • MOORINGS** • 2201 Beacon Lane • Premier Properties • \$2,250,000 • Trey Wilson 595-4444

**33 • BAREFOOT BEACH - BAYFRONT GARDENS** • 209 Bayfront Drive • Premier Properties • \$2,595,000 • Cynthia Joannou 273-0666

**34 • VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** • 11125 Gulfshore Drive • Premier Properties • From \$2,750,000 • Call 239-514-5050 • Closed Thanksgiving Day / Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

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**35 • OLD NAPLES** • 1355 Gordon Drive • Premier Properties • \$3,195,000 • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231

**36 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1456 Anhinga Pointe • Premier Properties • \$3,575,000 • Sam Heitman 537-2018

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**37 • PORT ROYAL** • 3243 Gin Lane • Premier Properties • \$8,900,000 • Dru Martinovich 564-1266



**OLD NAPLES** ★  
Charming beachfront home with guest house circa 1901 has been completely renovated. Secluded pool area.  
**\$8,950,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**GREY OAKS- ESTUARY** ★  
Stunning 4 BR+den with lake & golf course views. Expansive veranda with summer kitchen, fireplace, pool/spa. **\$5,399,000**  
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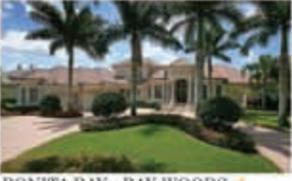
**PARK SHORE - ENCLAVE** ★  
#22 - Ultimate 360-degree views! Beachfront, encompassing 5,800 SF A/C, expansive terraces, only one Estate per floor. **\$4,850,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**MARCO ISLAND - ESTATES** ★  
Unparalleled Casambas Pass & Gulf views. Drvco built 4BR+den, 4,000+ A/C SF, 134' of water frontage with dock/lift. **\$4,000,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**MOORINGS** ★  
Exceptional Bay views, 131 feet on the water, 2 docks & boat lift, 3BR/4.5BAs, office, covered lanai, pool & spa. **\$3,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**BONITA BAY - BAY WOODS** ★  
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**PORT ROYAL** ★ A gorgeous setting on Rum Row overlooking Hidden Bay with significant water frontage. Quiet older home being offered in "as-is" condition. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. **\$3,650,000 | Richard G. Prebish II | 357-6628**



**BAY COLONY - REMINGTON** ★  
#204 - Beautifully finished, 3,010 A/C SF, 2BRs plus den/3rd BR, elevator, OVERSIZED terrace. FURNISHED. **\$3,395,000**  
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**MEDITERRA - VERONA** ★  
Beautiful 4BR custom-built home overlooks preserve. Family room, den/study, fireplace. Pool and outdoor fireplace. **\$3,195,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266**



**AQUALANE SHORES** ★  
Approx. 167' of waterfront! Older home on property, 58'x195'x167'x136' site with cut-in boat slip. Direct Gulf access. **\$2,895,000**  
**Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**MEDITERRA - CELLINI** ★  
Custom-built home with stone and hardwood flooring, media room, large guest suites, fireplace, lagoon pool/spa. **\$2,395,000**  
**Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**GREY OAKS** ★  
Charming 2-story brick home with lake & golf course views, 3 BRs + den, 2-sided fireplace, & full outdoor kitchen. **\$2,295,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB** ★  
Expansive lake/golf views, double cul-de-sac lot. Custom 4BR/5BA pool home, double-car garages. Member owned club. **\$2,245,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543**



**MOORINGS** ★  
Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marblewood floors. **\$2,199,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494**



**FIDDLER'S CREEK- MAJORCA** ★  
Stately 2-story 3 bedroom home. Designer ceiling treatments, faux paint, fireplace, full game room, den, pool/spa. **\$2,190,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**PELICAN BAY - BARRINGTON** ★  
Pristine 4 BR+den/5.5BA pool home on golf course. Tram to beach, golf/social memberships, fitness center, tennis. **\$2,000,000 | Sharon Kipyk | 777-3899**



**OLD NAPLES - CASA BELLA** ★  
Updates include faux paint, hand rubbed finishes & built-ins. Elevator. Plunge pool, outdoor kitchen & fireplace. **\$1,999,500**  
**Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**PARK SHORE - PROVENCE** ★  
#501 - Neutral backgrounds, quality finishes & furnishings, 10 ft. ceilings. City, bay & Gulf views. Boat docks available. **\$1,895,000 | Ed Cox/Jeff Cox | 860-8806**



**PELICAN BAY - ST RAPHAEL** ★  
#PH20 - Spectacular sunsets over Gulf with totally unobstructed views from this penthouse. Sunrise terrace overlooks golf. **\$1,795,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**



**MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA** ★  
#606 - Views of the Gulf from the beachside balcony and living areas of this professionally decorated 2,974 SF residence. **\$1,695,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130**



**OLD NAPLES** ★  
A classic Old Naples cottage located 2 blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offered as-is. **\$1,450,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**



**PELICAN MARSH TERRABELLA** ★ WOW! Incredible SW view of pool/spa to lagoon. Detached 4BR/4.5BA+den villa, formal living, dining & family rooms. **\$1,425,000 | Red Soars | 290-2448**



**VANDERBILT BEACH GULFSIDE II** ★  
#505 - Preferred 3 bedroom corner residence with wraparound vistas of Gulf. New A/C system & electric hurricane shutters. **\$1,350,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562**



**ROYAL HARBOR** ★  
No bridges to Gulf. Immaculate updated home. Granite kitchen counters, vaulted ceiling, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **\$1,299,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080**



**CROSSINGS - STONEGATE** ★  
Four bedroom & den, 3 bath Coleman home on 2/3 acre. Stone floors, granite kitchen, pool, spa and 3-car garage. **\$1,275,000 | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170**



**PELICAN LANDING LONGLAKE** ★  
Three bedroom plus den home, 3-car garage, fireplace, outside grill, pool water feature and landscaped deck area. **\$1,199,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**



**MARCO ISLAND** ★  
Direct access & beautiful views! New home by Marco River with great room plan, 3 BRs, den, 3 BAs & Viking appliances. **\$1,195,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**



**PELICAN LANDING - HERON POINT** ★ A world of privacy on Heron Lake, preserve beyond! Office, 4BR/4BA, gas cooking, tiered lanai & outdoor kitchen. **\$1,190,000 Pam Umscheid & Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000**



**COQUINA SANDS CHARLESTON SQUARE** ★  
#208 - Bayfront 3 bedroom with spectacular upgrades and furnishings. Beach is across the street. Hurricane Harbor views. **\$1,095,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB II** ★  
#703 - Incredible views! Three bedrooms, three baths and 2,600+SF of living space. Yacht club membership available. **\$975,000 | Ann Marie Shimmer | 825-9020**



**SEAGATE** ★  
Charming waterfront home, 1 block from beach. Substantial \$ reductions - one of the best values in Park Shore Area. **\$899,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**PARK SHORE - VISTAS** ★  
#302 - Now reduced nearly \$500,000 when last on market! Panoramic Gulf views and sounds of the surf. Turnkey furnished. **\$850,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235**



**WILSHIRE LAKES** ★  
Lakefront, 5 bedroom, 3 bath pool home. Upgraded cabinets, granite, crown moulding, tray ceilings, pool/spa. **\$849,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**



**PARK SHORE BAY SHORE PLACE** ★  
#1103 - Outstanding Gulf & Bay views. Furnished 2BR+den, 9' ceilings & 3 balconies. Newer building amenities. **\$827,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412**



**BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW I** ★  
Fabulous views of Bay & Gulf from this spacious open floor plan with neutral colors, wood toned kitchen & Corian tops. **\$825,000**  
**Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441**



**VANDERBILT BEACH REGATTA II** ★ #705 - A beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath residence with gorgeous water view, light & bright. Beach closeby, great amenities. **\$795,000**  
**Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



**MOORINGS** ★  
Pristine 3 BR pool home with recent upgrades overlooking golf course. Tenant thru Dec. 14, 2009 for add. income. **\$749,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203**



**COVE TOWERS- BEQUIA** ★  
#801 - Unobstructed views of Gulf, Bay, River & Naples skyline. Tarpon Cove Yacht & Racquet Club membership. Pet friendly. **\$715,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559**



**OLDE CYPRESS** ★ Beautifully landscaped! Impeccably maintained 3 bedroom plus den Rutenberg home. 2,738 SF A/C, and a 3-car garage. **\$699,000**  
**Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921**



**WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE** ★  
Gorgeous lake and golf course views. Large living room, family room with fireplace. Membership required. **\$595,000 | Kathryn Hultvitz | 659-5126**



**THE BROOKS - COPPERLEAF JASMINE LAKE** ★  
Bundled golf community. Turnkey furnished 3BR/3BA + loft home. Many upgrades. Clubhouse, tennis, social activities. **\$504,900 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434**



**SAN CARLOS ESTATES** ★  
Quiet country living on a 1.25 acres site, yet near shops. Newer, spacious 3BR+den home. Family room, heated pool. **\$485,000**  
**Pam Umscheid & Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000**



**BEACHWALK VILLAS** ★  
One-of-a-kind 2BR/2BA villa owned and designed by an interior decorator. Overlooks a peaceful lake. Walk to beach. **\$365,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**



**VINEYARDS - VILLA VERONA** ★  
Convenient location. Immaculate, updated 2BR+den single family pool home. Walked-in yard, lush tropical plantings. **\$315,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**



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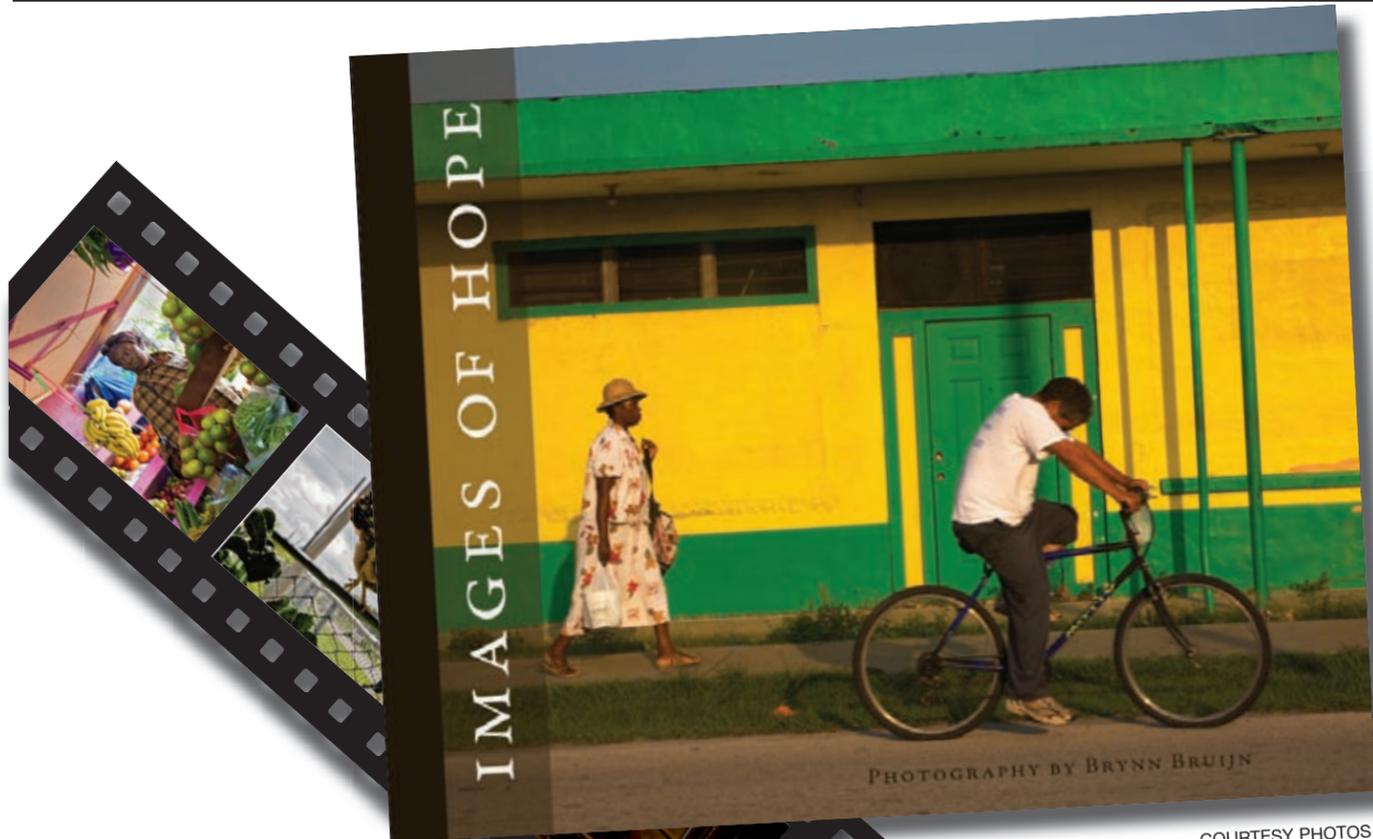
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



COURTESY PHOTOS

"Images of Hope: Immokalee – Looking Forward, Looking Back," a photographic essay by Brynn Bruijn, opens Dec. 1 at the Naples Museum of Art.

## images of hope

Photographics look forward and back at Immokalee



Brynn Bruijn

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

"Images of Hope: Immokalee – Looking Forward, Looking Back," an illuminated portrait of Immokalee and the people who live and work there, opens Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Kohan Gallery and Friends of Art Gallery at the Naples Museum of Art. The exhibit consists of more than 70 photographs taken over a period of several months by international award-winning freelance photographer and Naples resident Brynn Bruijn.

Ms. Bruijn has spent a lifetime capturing the human experience,

erasing the differences between cultures with her lens and revealing the commonality of the human experience. She has photographed projects for Save the Children and UNICEF, and her work on Tibet became a UNESCO Cultural Project of the Decade that appeared in National Geographic Magazine and was a major exposition at the Rijksmuseum voor Volkenkunde, The Netherlands. "Images of Hope: Immokalee" was

SEE HOPE, C4 ►

## WEEK at-a-glance



**Wish you were there**  
See who attended the NCH Hospital Ball, and more must-do events around town. **C27-30** ►



**Invited for Thanksgiving?**  
Count your blessings if you don't have a hostess from Hell. **C8** ►



**Three new plays**  
Playwrights prepare to step into the spotlight with their winning works. **C16** ►

## Take your holiday shopping list to the Renaissance Fall Art Festival

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Holiday shoppers looking for one-of-a-kind gifts won't find them in stores. For beautiful presents that say "I picked this out just for you," head to the Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival on 10th Street South, near the Four Corners intersection of U.S. 41 and Fifth Avenue South.

The festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29. More than 100 national, regional and local artists will sell their original paintings, drawings, photography, sculp-

ture, ceramics, glass, jewelry, metalwork, wood carvings, clothing and more. The full artist list is available at [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

Jewelry always sells well at art festivals, and holiday time is particularly busy for these artisans, as buyers want to surprise friends and loved ones with something sparkly under the tree. The festival boasts 15 jewelers selling pieces at a variety of price points. Among the returning favorites are Dianna Dinka,

SEE RENAISSANCE, C25 ►



COURTESY PHOTO

*Stilts Sunrise,*  
Geoff Coe



**Room at the table**  
Antiques expert Terry Kovel explains how innovation solved seating problems. **C32** ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## I love my wife (and you should, too)

“It makes me wonder what this guy did that he feels the need to display his love for his wife on the bumper sticker...”



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Driving across Highway 20 with a big Texas sky stretched overhead, I once passed a pickup with a bumper sticker that caught my eye. “I love my wife,” it said, with a bright red heart standing in for “love.” I looked at the friend in the seat next to me and rolled my eyes, mock gagging at the hokey display on the Chevy in the next lane. When we pulled alongside the driver, I expected to see a pasty suburbanite, the kind of man who can be browbeaten into putting that sort of bumper sticker on his truck. To my surprise, the driver was rough and rugged, a true Texan by the looks of him, as mean and muscly as a man can get. So, where’d the bumper sticker come from?

A group called the Promise Keepers, it turns out. A faith-based organization founded in Colorado, the Promise Keepers today number more than five million men in their discipleship. The core of the PK (hip shorthand pulled from their Web site) mission is to bring men together for a yearly revival. Now, let’s get this part straight: This isn’t one of those hand-holding, Kumbaya-singing hippie affairs. The Promise Keepers are Biblically-based (real men love Jesus, after all), and their guiding principles are pulled from scripture. These include

“practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity” and “building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.” The “I love my wife” bumper sticker is a declaration of that philosophy. Promise Keepers are proud of their faith and proud of the promises they keep. So proud, in fact, that they share it with the world.

Which can be an invitation for derision. “For some reason when I see these, I feel the need to make fun of them,” says one poster on The Nest, a women’s Web site focused on marriage, home, and family. “It makes me wonder what this guy did that he feels the need to display his love for his wife on the bumper sticker. And why it wouldn’t just be a given that you love your wife.”

“Maybe they give them out to repentant adulterers?” asks a commenter on the Democratic Underground Web site.

“I have an ‘I love your wife’ sticker,” writes another.

The most revealing message comes from another poster on The Nest. “I think they are dorky, but quite brave as I would not put one on my car.”

Which is perhaps the heart of the matter. Promise Keepers are braver than most. They are fearless in their philosophies, their faith, and their love, and they’re willing to say so in a wimpy-look-



ing bumper sticker. Now that’s a real man.

I’ll admit that when I first saw that “I heart my wife” sticker in central Texas, I felt a pang of jealousy. True, I said the same things as those online posters — comments about weenie men being whipped into submission — but a part of me thought how lucky that man’s wife must feel. Every relationship could use more declarations of love. And bumper stickers. ■

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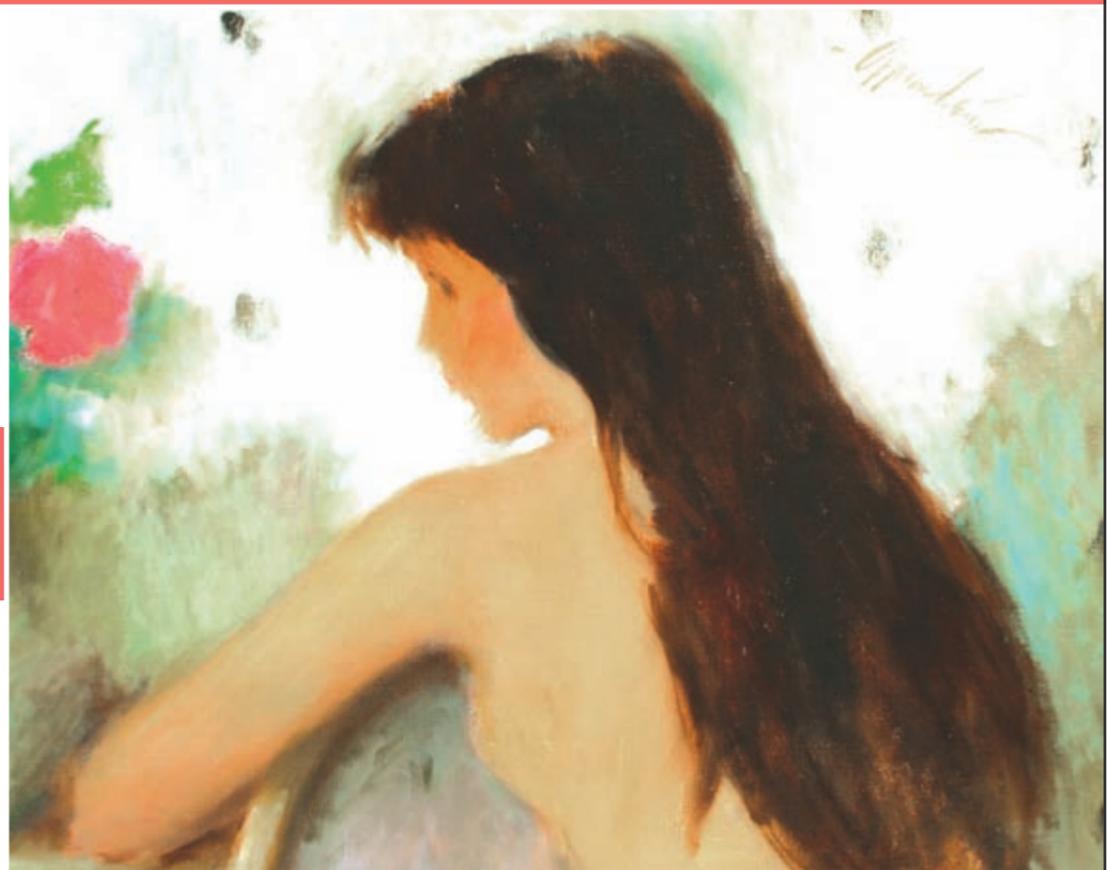
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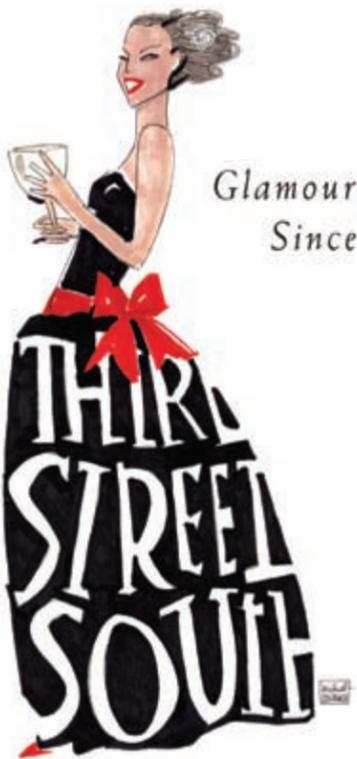
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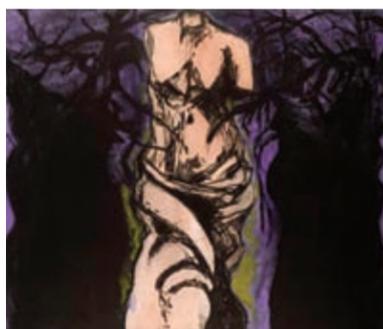


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# HOPE

From page 1

launched by the Community Foundation of Collier County with the support of many donors who believe Immokalee is a vital thread in the fabric that is Collier County.

A hardcover book by the same name as the exhibit contains 250 of Ms. Bruijn's Immokalee photographs. Phil Beuth, a Naples resident and Guadalupe Center board member and the retired president of CapCities/ABC's "Good Morning America," volunteered to write the text to accompany Ms. Bruijn's images in the 195-page book.

The "Images of Hope: Immokalee" book and individual prints will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Community Foundation's Immokalee Initiative, which provides grants and customized training in areas of leadership, organizational development and community engagement for 30 nonprofit organizations serving Immokalee residents.

The book will be available at the Naples Museum of Art gift shop beginning Wednesday, Dec. 23, and can be ordered online at [www.cfcollier.org](http://www.cfcollier.org). Cost is \$59.95 plus tax. Signed, matted and mounted prints are \$150 and \$195.

The "Images of Hope: Immokalee - Looking Forward, Looking Back" exhibit is organized by the Community Foundation of Collier County and the Naples Museum of Art and is sponsored by Lowry Hill Private Asset Management. It will remain on display through Feb. 7, 2010. ■



PHOTOS FROM "IMAGES OF HOPE"

**Top:** Buckets of tomatoes harvested from fields in Immokalee hold approximately 32 pounds.

**Above:** An institution known simply as "The Market" has historically served individuals and local businesses as a fruit and vegetable source.

**Left above:** Before dawn, a farmworker waits in the bus for transportation to the fields to begin his 14-hour workday.

**Left:** Graduation from Immokalee High School is an important stepping stone and an event that elicits great pride.

if you go

**>> "Images of Hope: Immokalee - Looking Forward, Looking Back"**

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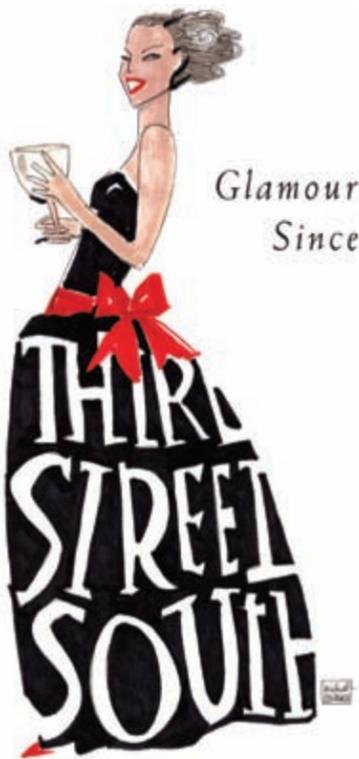
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■ **Crimes of the Heart** - The Naples Players presents "Crimes of the Heart" through Dec. 19 on the main stage



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at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Dial 'M' For Murder** - Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Dial 'M' For Murder" Dec. 4-20, previewing Dec. 1-3. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

■ **A Christmas Carol** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents "A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 26. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

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## Thanksgiving Day

■ **Explore the Garden** - The recently reopened Naples Botanical Garden is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 643-7275 or visit [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

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## Friday, Nov. 27

■ **Festival of Lights** - Third Street South lights up for the holidays at 7:30 p.m. 434-6533.



## ARTS COMMENTARY

## Starting a new tradition: Thanksgiving from Hell

Nancy STETSON

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I'm thinking of starting a new Thanksgiving tradition.

Sure, Arlo Guthrie has his, performing "Alice's Restaurant" every year. (All 2,974 verses of it.)

A while back, I'd spend Thanksgiving with some friends, their children and their parents/in-laws. The husband would grill the turkey outside on the back deck (sometimes in the snow, as this was in the far western suburbs of Chicago). The Greek mother-in-law would bring her own stuffing, which only she and her husband would eat. Football games blared from the TV, with people sporadically cheering and cursing at the set.

It was a wonderful free-for-all. (With a house full of Greeks and Italians, you couldn't exactly expect a quiet Quaker Thanksgiving, or taciturn guests a la "Babette's Feast.")

One year, my friends' younger daughter showed me what she had made in school: a construction-paper replica of the digestive system. She stretched it out on the living

room floor, pointing out the different parts. It was complete, from esophagus to rectum.

Imagine looking at *that* before embarking on a Thanksgiving feast.

This year, the Web site Awkward Family Photos ([www.awkwardfamilyphotos.com](http://www.awkwardfamilyphotos.com)), which I first wrote about in June, posted a Thanksgiving letter from a woman named Marney.

Marney, to put it bluntly, has control issues. Major control issues.

From her letter, it's obvious she's hosting Thanksgiving. The letter stipulates what everyone should bring.

It starts out tamely enough. But then there's the second paragraph:

"Now, while I do have quite a sense of humor and joke around all the time, I COULD NOT BE MORE SERIOUS when I am providing you with your Thanksgiving instructions and orders. I am very particular, so please perform your task EXACTLY as I have requested and read your portion very carefully. If I ask you to bring your offering in a container that has a lid, bring your offering in a container WITH A LID, NOT ALUMINUM FOIL! If I ask you to bring a serving spoon for your dish, BRING A SERVING SPOON, NOT A SOUP SPOON! And please do not forget anything."

That paragraph is followed by one that says that all food should be already prepared, and should be hot and ready to serve, warm, or room temperature. "Those are your ONLY THREE options," she writes.

I'm sure Marney has "quite the sense of humor," or at least thinks she does, but for me, whatever humor she possesses is cancelled out by her admission that "I am very particular."

Marney then goes on to give instructions to seven different families. Painfully detailed, multi-pointed exacting instructions, all delivered in a condescending, bossy tone. I'm sure if this woman could gather her family all together, she'd lecture them using Power Point, whacking the screen for emphasis, a la Gen. Patton.

For example, to the Mike Byron Family, she starts off requesting "turnips in a casserole with a lid and a serving spoon. Please do not fill the casserole all the way up to the top, it gets too messy. I know this may come as a surprise to you, but most

of us hate turnips, so don't feel like you have to feed an army."

She also requests two half gallons of ice cream. While one has to be vanilla (excuse me, VANILLA), she claims the other can be of their own choosing, but then says it can't be a store brand, and strongly suggests Hagan Daz Peppermint Bark Ice Cream.

She does the same with the next family, the Bob Byron Family, demanding they bring green beans or asparagus. If they're bringing beans, it has to be FOUR pounds, but if it's asparagus, it has to be FIVE. "It is up to you how you wish to prepare them," she writes, then immediately orders, "no soupy sauces, no cheese (you know how Mike is). A light sprinkling of toasted nuts, or pancetta, or some EVOO would be a nice way to jazz them up."

It goes on through four other families, with equally incredibly exacting demands.

Some of the asides are hysterical. To the Lisa Byron Chesterford Family, she says, "Lisa, as a married woman you are now required to contribute at the adult level." And to the Amy Misto Family, she adds, parenthetically, "why do I even bother she will never read this," which made me immediately like Amy Misto tremendously, even though I've never met her.

To the June Davis Family, she demands "15 LBS of mashed potatoes in a casserole with a serving spoon. Please do not use the over-size blue serving dish you used last year. Because you are making such a large batch you can do one of two things: put half the mash in a regulation size casserole with lid and put the other half in a plastic container and we can just replenish that or use two regulation size casserole dishes with lids. Only one serving spoon is needed."

I'm no chef, but isn't 15 pounds a lot of potatoes?

And what the heck is a regulation-size casserole dish?

Marney reminds me of a house I drive by regularly. If its lawn were a person, it would have a military haircut. I'd bet money these people, if they have magazines on a coffee table, have them all stacked neatly and at exact right angles. I bet their food is alphabetized in their refrigerator. I bet their furniture is all covered in plastic. ...I bet their *sink* is covered in plastic!

Marney, with her obsessive-compulsive letter, makes Martha Stewart look like a slacker in comparison.

The letter, posted in July, has so far received 1,172 responses. And oh, what wonderful responses.

CVT wrote, "I wonder if these people received instructions when they arrived. 'We will sit down for diner at precisely 1600 hours. You will smile. You will pass the salt

counter-clockwise. The conversation has been scripted. Please do not improvise."

Kathy wrote, "Ya'll just come to my house for Thanksgiving and eat your little hearts out — leave Marney tied up on her plastic-covered sofa in front of the TV, which should be playing continuous episodes of 'Monk.' By the time you get home, she should be sufficiently mellowed."

A few people wrote that they couldn't see the humor at all in the letter; if she's holding Thanksgiving at her house, why shouldn't she be organized, they queried.

More than one reader compared her to the Soup Nazi on "Seinfeld."

Alisha wrote: "I think she and my sister are one and the same!!!! Seriously, I am related to people this anal!!!! I would bring sporks just to watch that vein in her the middle of her forehead pop!"

Katy said, "I would just not bother going. No One tells me what to cook, and gets it done. I would just bring a can of cranberry sauce, the jellied kind that comes out shaped like a can, and let her be mad. I would also bring my 11 children, plus spouses, girlfriends, best friends, etc., and let them whine about how hungry they are. Anything to avoid getting a letter like that again!"

And some readers knew people just like Marney. Janyne wrote, "My MIL could have written this, but it would probably have additional instructions on where to park, when to arrive, where to hang your coat, and when we're expected to leave."

Someone else said they'd show up with bean dip, tortilla chips and a desert no one likes and tell Marney they thought she was joking.

Eva wrote, "Can someone say Aspergers?"

Another reader, Lisa, immediately responded, "Aspergers, without cheese, because you know how Mike is."

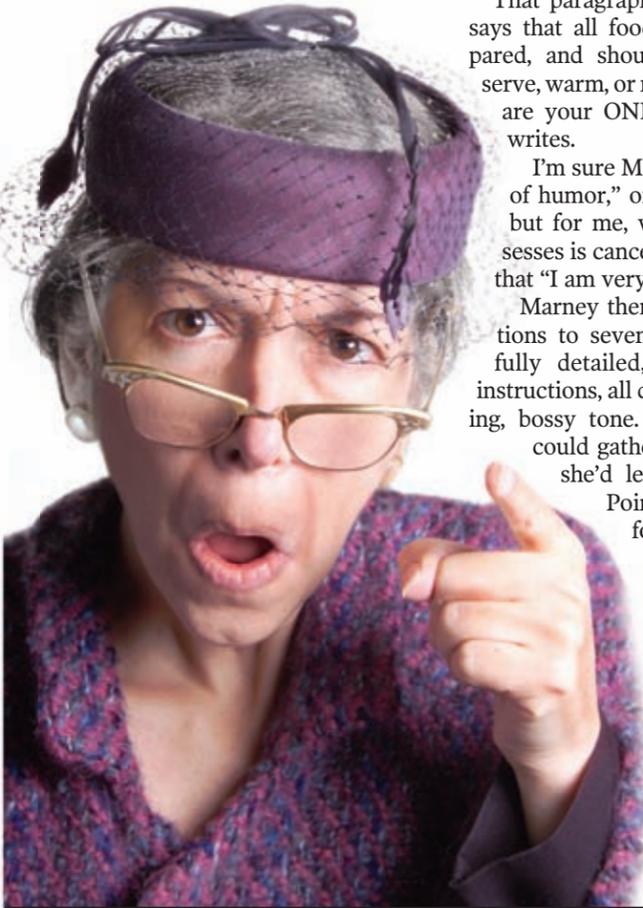
Other readers beg the woman who submitted the letter to write in and tell them how Thanksgiving goes, or to please submit Marney's Christmas letter.

And while I haven't made it through all of the responses yet, I loved this one by Misty: "I am no expert, but it would appear to me that this woman is a big steaming kettle of crazy."

I hope, this Thanksgiving, to start a tradition of reading the letter aloud, along with some of the readers' responses. (They could be read by many people, like one of those old-time radio shows.)

And among the many things I am grateful for this Thanksgiving is this: I'm not eating at Marney's house.

Though I'm sure the experience would make a hell of a column. ■



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## GIVING

# Neighbors Helping Neighbors picks Estero High student

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The holidays are nearly upon us, bringing with them the spirit of generosity, fellowship with friends and family and joyful hearts for good things to come.

Many families who are struggling with medical costs due to illness, surgeries and life-saving treatment need this holiday spirit, perhaps now more than ever. But help is close by.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors can reach out and lend a hand to those in need.

NHN was formed as a partnership between Mercato and [www.iWannaHelp.net](http://www.iWannaHelp.net), a nonprofit networking site for philanthropic efforts. Their shared vision is to identify, raise awareness and funds for those in need.

Each month at Mercato First Fridays, fundraising efforts focus on one individual who is nominated from the community and selected by a special committee formed through [www.iWannaHelp.net](http://www.iWannaHelp.net).

In November, 3-year-old Charlie Mootispaw was recognized as the second neighbor in need, since the partnership was formed. Battling liver cancer, Charlie received a liver transplant with the assistance of Children's Organ Transplant Association, a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for people in need of organ transplants. Funds raised at the November First Friday are helping offset costly chemo treatments that Charlie continues to undergo. So far, NHN has raised \$1,665 for Charlie.

All honorees of NHN can continue receiving donations through the [www.iWannaHelp.net](http://www.iWannaHelp.net) Web site for up to one year.

### December's next neighbor

A headache he couldn't shake led to a devastating diagnosis for 16-year-old Cody Mading. The Estero High School student was eventually diagnosed with an aggressive medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer. The tumor was causing Cody's headache, as well as some bleeding in his brain detected by an MRI scan.

You can help on Mercato First Friday from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 4. Money raised will go toward Cody's medical costs, with stem cell therapy alone costing \$250,000. Cody's diagnosis came at a time when the family lacks medical insurance.

"We had it up until a year ago. Then we changed and it wasn't very good," says Erin Mading, Cody's mother. "Unfortunately, we let it lapse."

Even through the darkest days, the Mading family has persevered, their strong faith in God getting them through. "They gave him six to 12 months to live," said Erin Mading. "That was the first pathology report. We prayed really hard." Cody's treatment plan has him remaining on hospital homebound status.

[www.iWannaHelp.net](http://www.iWannaHelp.net) is an Internet-based home for nonprofit organizations, businesses and the public. The Web site provides information on nonprofits, charitable events and volunteer opportunities, and allows interested parties the opportunity to get involved and give back.

Registration is free, and members have access to make tax-deductible donations online, offer in-kind services, set up sponsorships or nominate persons in need.

Anyone who knows of someone in need is encouraged to submit a nomination to Neighbors Helping Neighbors at [www.iWannaHelp.net](http://www.iWannaHelp.net). ■

## Collier Spay Neuter Clinic needs equipment, supplies and volunteers

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Collier Spay Neuter Clinic needs a chest-style freezer and hopes someone in the community has one to donate. Also on the clinic's wish list: a hand truck, a 55-gallon trash can, sticky notes, pens and Sharpies, scissors, pink and blue index cards, athletic tube socks, lint rollers, laundry detergent, paper towels, Zip-loc bags and timers.

The clinic also needs volunteers to help spread the word about CSNC can help their pets and feral cats in their neighborhoods.

Do you have a couple of hours to stand in front of a local business hand-

ing out flyers to customers?

Can you organize a group of volunteers to participate in a one-time local event?

Maybe the time you have to give has to take place at your home. If so, CSNC can put you to work making telephone calls to tell more people about the clinic, getting permission to leave flyers on countertops at local stores or calling businesses to get permission to hand out flyers to their customers for a few hours.

Whatever time and energy you have, the clinic welcomes your help. For more information, call 514-SNIP or e-mail [volunteer@collierspayneuter.org](mailto:volunteer@collierspayneuter.org).

And spread the word. ■

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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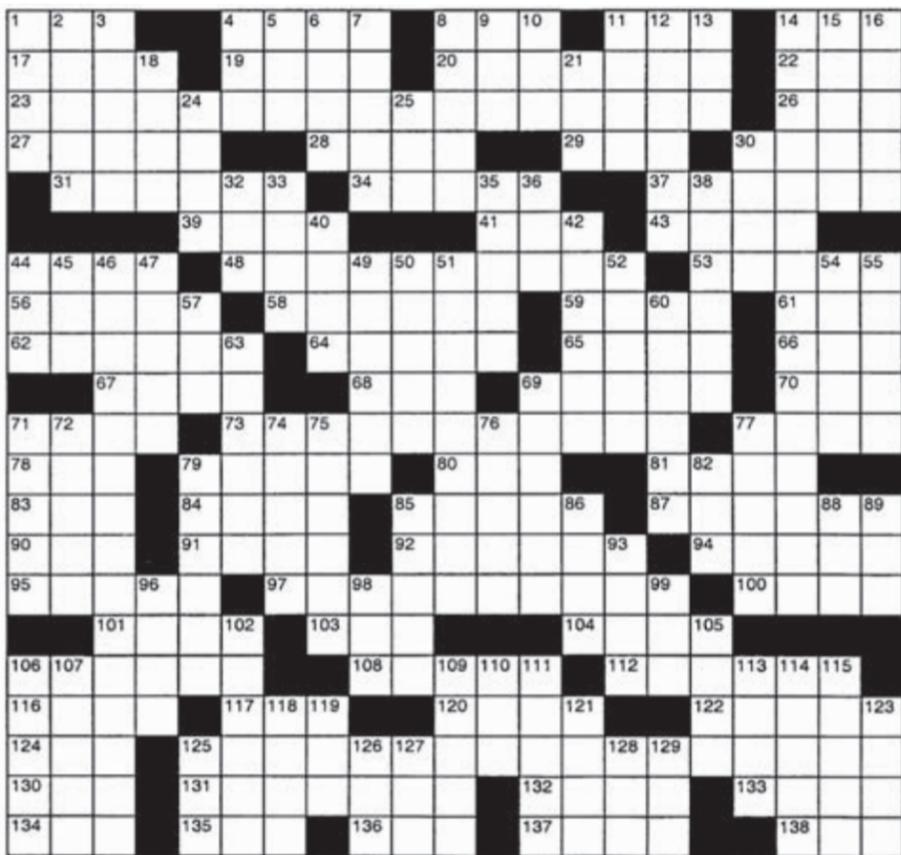
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  - 103 "Unforgettable" name
  - 104 Bogosian or Stoltz
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  - 120 Neighbor of Can.
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  - 125 Sean Penn film
  - 130 Mrs. Morgenstern
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  - 46 Nicolas Cage film
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  - 49 Entry point
  - 50 "— say more?"
  - 51 Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
  - 52 Tom of "State Fair"
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  - 55 Extend a subscription
  - 57 — offensive
  - 60 Arthurian island
  - 63 Mrs. Ivanhoe
  - 69 In a reliable manner
  - 71 Midas' sin
  - 72 Boring thing
  - 74 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
  - 75 Heavyweight Sonny
  - 76 Yiddish automaton
  - 77 "— Dogs" ('71 film)
  - 79 "Cabaret" setting
  - 82 Scottish cap
  - 85 — Carlo
  - 86 "— forgive those ..."
  - 88 Yoko —
  - 89 Tie the knot
  - 93 Head set?
  - 96 Keen
  - 98 Bannen or Ballantine
  - 99 Puppy bark
  - 102 Smoothly, to Schubert
  - 105 Spelunker's spot
  - 106 Beyond zealous
  - 107 Stomach
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  - 111 Gate feature
  - 113 Interstate exit
  - 114 Cutter kin
  - 115 Rush to the judge
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  - 121 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
  - 123 Don Juan's mom
  - 125 Fix a fight
  - 126 Velvet feature
  - 127 Former Pontiac model
  - 128 — la-la
  - 129 "Tell — About It" ('83 song)

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Although a romantic theme domi-

nates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** No time for a catnap -- yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

In 1950s America, rock 'n' roll was born, as was McDonald's. Television took over home entertainment, and science-fiction thrillers took over the box office. It was a time of innocence and opportunity, and also paranoia; the Red Scare spread the fear of Communism far and wide, so much so that any form of the unknown was considered a threat.

What does this have to do with the animated, PG-rated family film "Planet 51?" Let's just say the "51" in the title has more to do with 1951 than it does Area 51. In fact, the titular planet is pretty much the same as an idealized version of the United States in the 1950s, except it's inhabited by little green people. Their biggest fear — courtesy of cheesy sci-fi movies such as "Humanoids II" — is invasion by Earthlings, so when American astronaut Charles Baker (voice of Dwayne Johnson) crashes on the peaceful planet, chaos ensues.

The government immediately views Charles as a threat to harvest organs and eat brains. But self-centered Charles isn't dangerous, he just wants to return home. Fortunately for him, there's a little gizmo on Planet 51 called Wall\*E, err, Rover, to help. And he befriends a high school student and assistant planetarium curator named Lem (voice of Justin Long), who helps him evade General Grawl (voice of Gary Oldman) and other authority figures. In return, Charles helps the shy Lem woo his next-door neighbor, Neera (voice of Jessica Biel).

The CGI animation is solid but not spectacular, and the action scenes are as formulaic as they come. As for the talent, Mr. Johnson overplays Charles a bit, but

is fine. Mr. Long and Mr. Oldman have the most success as the innocent teen and gruff bad guy, respectively, but one has to wonder why Biel would sign on for this. Neera is little more than the token female love interest, and she doesn't do or say anything important.



Although some young children may be confused when the aliens call Charles an "alien," the script by Joe Stillman is a cutesy and predictable inverted telling of "E.T." that should be easy to follow. Mr. Stillman and director Jorge Blanco also earnestly try to entertain adults with references to sci-fi classics, such as the music from "2001: A Space Odyssey,"

often repeating that Charles has "The Right Stuff," and naming Lem's dog Ripley while rendering it to look just like the alien in the "Alien" movies. And for good measure, there's even a nod to "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) and "The Terminator," among others.

All this is good to keep parents entertained, but it is also similar ground to what "Monsters Vs. Aliens" handled much better (and in 3-D) last spring. More than anything, "Planet 51" is missing a "wow" factor to get people talking. Solid yet unremarkable isn't terrible, but it can be terrible for the box office. ■

— Dan Hudak is the chairman of the Florida Film Critics Circle and a nationally syndicated film critic. You can e-mail him at dan@hudakonhollywood.com and read more of his work at www.hudakonhollywood.com.

Did you know?

>>Although the movie is firmly rooted in 1950s America, Ilium Animation Studios, which created the film, is based in Madrid, Spain.

## CAPSULES

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'2012' ★★★★★

(John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton) A failed writer (Cusack) tries to keep his ex-wife (Peet) and two children safe as earth destroys itself. The story, directed and co-written by Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day"), has plenty of disaster movie clichés (martyrs, near escapes, family turmoil, etc.), but it's also amusing throughout and good popcorn fun. Rated PG-13.

'The Men Who Stare at Goats' ★★

(George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Kevin Spacey) A reporter (McGregor) in Kuwait meets soldier Lyn Cassady (Clooney), who tells him about the "First Earth" army battalion led by a Vietnam veteran (Jeff Bridges) who believes psychic powers can help prevent conflict. It's supposedly based on a true story, but the occasionally amusing satire falls flat

when the humor misses and the story gets too dramatic. Rated R.

'A Christmas Carol' ★★

(Voices of Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Robin Wright Penn) Elderly miser Ebenezer Scrooge (Carrey) hates everything about Christmas. But after the ghost of his old business partner, Jacob Marley (Oldman), warns him of the three spirits (all played by Carrey) who will visit during the night, he gets a new outlook on life. The Charles Dickens classic novel is re-imagined as a 3-D animated adventure here, but the visuals overwhelm as the story is too action-oriented and lacks heart. Rated PG. ■



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## SAVE THESE DATES

### Slip into 'If The Shoe Fits' for Education Foundation

"If The Shoe Fits," a girls' night out to benefit The Education Foundation of Collier County, takes place Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, at Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops.

Shoes, handbags and jewelry go hand in hand with shopping for a good cause — the foundation's Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program. A raffle and silent auction are part of the fun, as are hors d'oeuvres, provided this year by McCormick & Schmick's, and the signature "Shoetini" cocktail, sponsored this year by Pinnacle Vodka.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Call 643-4755 for reservations.

### Ring in the New Year with stars from 'Dallas'

A dozen cast members from TV's "Dallas" will host a two-day capital fundraising celebration for the J. Timothy Hogan Foundation in Naples on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 30-31.

The Ewings of Dallas New Year's Eve Safari Gala will open with cocktails and dinner for sponsors and VIPs hosted by the cast at the Hilton Naples. High tea will take place Dec. 31 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort, where the New Year's Eve gala for 900 guests will also take place.

More than a dozen cast members from the soap opera will be on hand, including Larry Hagman (JR Ewing), Charlene Tilton (Lucy Ewing), Steve Kanaly (Ray Krebbs), Christopher Atkins (Pete Richards) and Joan Van Ark (Valerie Ewing).

The J. Timothy Hogan Foundation provides treatment options for children of working families with mental health issues. The foundation's mission is to reduce and prevent teenage suicide.

For more information, visit [www.jthogan.org](http://www.jthogan.org) or e-mail Don McHugh at [don.mchugh@jthogan.com](mailto:don.mchugh@jthogan.com) or Jeanne Jackson at [jeanne.jackson@jthogan.com](mailto:jeanne.jackson@jthogan.com).



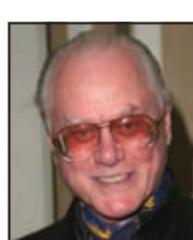
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### Palm Cottage gala will benefit NHS

The Naples Historical Society will hold its Christmas at Palm Cottage Gala on Friday evening, Dec. 4. Historic Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens, fully outfitted for the holidays by Brimmer's Custom Décor, will welcome guests for an elegant, black-tie dinner party and

sparkling entertainment.

Tickets are \$300 per person, \$500 for the patron level, or \$5,000 for eight guests at an Angel Table. For more information, call the Naples Historical Society at 261-8164.

### Game fish association plans 'Oceans Five'

The International Game Fish Association is holding the Oceans Five - Let's Keep Them Alive gala to benefit IGFA conservation and education programs beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at The Port Royal Club. Hosts are Roy and Jackie Cronacher and Kermit and Jenny Sutton; guest speaker will be marine scientist, author and former IGFA trustee Dr. Ellen Prager.

Tickets start at \$250 per person, and sponsorships are available. For more information, call Lesley Arico at (954) 924-4222 or e-mail [larico@igfa.org](mailto:larico@igfa.org).

### David Lawrence Center plans Russian adventure

Ticketholders for the David Lawrence Foundation's 2010 gala fundraiser will be transported to St. Petersburg, capital of the Russian Empire and the land of splendid palaces, imperial estates and monuments. Honorary co-chairs are Carol and Dick Munro and Jack Randall.

The adventure begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the Naples Yacht Club and includes dinner, dancing, entertainment and a silent auction. A VIP patron party will be held the evening before at a private residence in Naples.

Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP guest or \$5,000 per table of 10. For more information and to make a reservation for "Saint Petersburg: Land of the Tsars," call 354-1416 or via e-mail to [carols@dlcmhc.com](mailto:carols@dlcmhc.com).

### St. Katherine's goes Greek again

The annual Greek Festival at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29-31. The all-day fun includes Greek food and wine, live music and dance performances plus raffle prizes and much more. Admission is \$3 per person, which children younger than 12 admitted free. The church is at 7100 Airport Road N. For more information, call 591-3430.

### Fun Time academy bound for Land of Oz

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy's third annual "play date fundraiser" will have the theme of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." The evening of fine dining and fun will have a silent and limited live auction with Mayor Bill Barnett as auctioneer.

The adventure unfolds Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Fifth Third Bank is the presenting sponsor; event co-chairs are Carol Munro and Kenneth Deedy.

Proceeds will help support the Fun Time academy mission to provide safe, affordable early childhood education and quality childcare for the children of low-income working families in the community.

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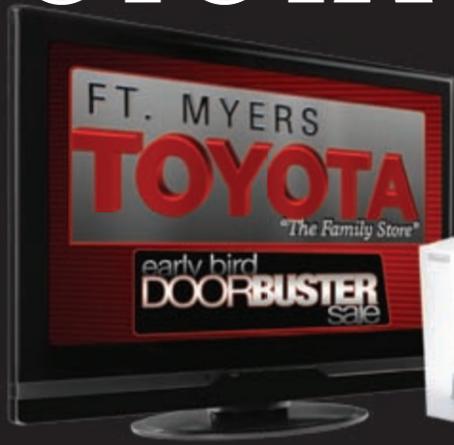


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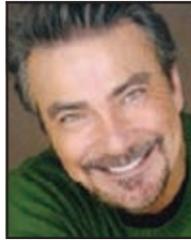
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Fifteen percent of all sales will benefit the life-transforming programs and services offered by The Shelter. Admission to the Designer Boutique is free. For more information, call 775-3862.

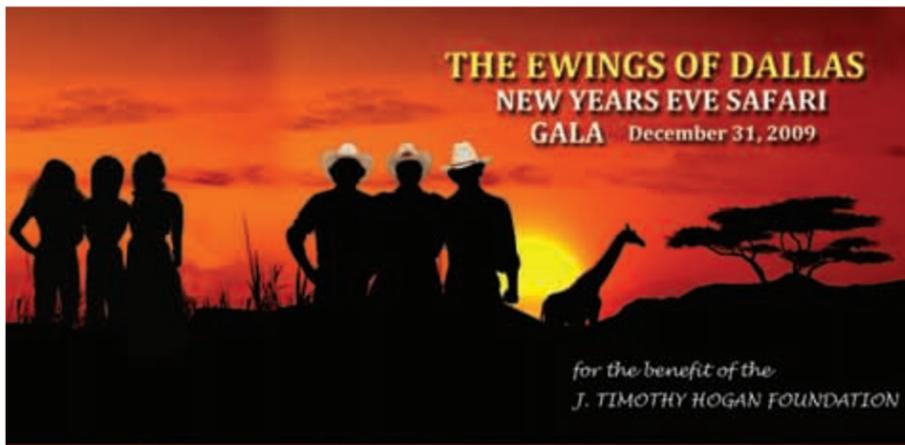
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■ Guided daytime canoe trips take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Participants paddle through a mangrove wonderland along the Blackwater River and listen to a park ranger tell stories about the Seminoles' survival. These trips are fun for ages 6 and older; cost is \$25 per person.

■ Guided moonlight paddles take place from 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, Monday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 30. Join a park naturalist and discover the dynamic changes and reflections nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. These trips are great for ages 12 and older; cost is \$30 per person.

■ Guided night hikes take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-15. These walking adventures are ideal for ages 6 and older; cost is \$10 per person.

Those who want to explore Collier-Seminole State Park on their own can rent a canoe and paddle down the Blackwater River through a mangrove forest toward the Gulf of Mexico from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

The park's 11 miles of hiking trails are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The park also offers picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and a chance to see the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

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# New Plays Contest winners will step into the spotlight for readings

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

For six years, ETC... Readers Theatre of The Naples Players has encouraged area playwrights with its popular New Plays Contest. The three winners of this year's competition — and, of course, their plays — will share the spotlight for two performances of "An Evening of New Plays" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, in the Toby Studio at Sugden Community Theatre.

The winning writers are Louise Wigglesworth for "Second Movement," John Repa for "Epilogue at Elsinore" and Joe Moran for "At the Four Deuces."

Their works were judged anonymously from a field of 34 entries. Judges were John McKerrow, Janina Birtolo and Linda Fikes; their choices were approved by the ETC... Readers Theatre Committee and by Dallas Dunningan, artistic director for The Naples Players.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Natalie King for "Breakfast in the Algonquin," Iris Shur for "The Consignment Shop" and 2008 winner Sandi Haupt for this year's "Mrs. Ramsay, Please."

**What the winners say**

New Plays Contest coordinator Joan Laughlin asked the three winning playwrights: "What does it feel like to be a winner?" Here are their responses:

• **Louise Wigglesworth, author of "Second Movement"** — My plays have been selected three times, and each time the reaction is the same: Wonderful! The play connected with the readers! Now the play will have

a life. The celebration that surrounds this competition is a tremendous goal to me to take the next step, which is to get this play out to more stages so more people can know these characters' story and ask their own questions about art in a time of war.

The idea for "Second Movement" came from stories my parents told of a refugee couple, a violinist and a pianist, who lived and worked for a season on our farm in New Jersey in 1944. There were photos. She was lovely and he was handsome, even in their farmworkers clothes. Questions haunted me. What responsibility did those two feel to their families who had set them free at the cost of their own freedom, maybe their lives? How, in all that displacement, could these musicians possibly practice? What happened to their hands in that rough environment? And how many young artists today are having their lives stolen from them by someone's war?

— Ms. Wigglesworth also won the New Plays Contest in 2006 and 2007.

• **John Repa, "Epilogue at Elsinore"** — I have a passion for Shakespeare. Most of my recent works have been light and comedic, so to turn to a project that was Shakespearean, heartfelt

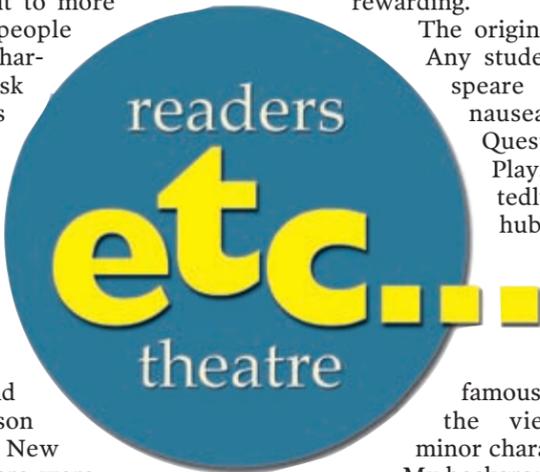
and serious was very satisfying. Now on top of that, to have others tell me they find value in my work is very rewarding.

The origin of the play? Any student of Shakespeare has read ad nauseam on The Question of The Play. It is, admittedly, an act of hubris to retell "Hamlet," but as a writer I've always enjoyed re-telling famous stories from the viewpoints of minor characters.

My background as a playwright? I've always written, but I started focusing on playwriting in college, first at Southern Illinois University and later at Columbia College, Chicago, where I earned my degree. I've had success with productions in Seattle, Chicago and most recently in Fort Myers — and soon Naples, thanks to The Naples Players... I've had a resurgence of inspiration and believe that I'm hitting a new stride.

— Mr. Repa is the director of the Murder Mystery Dinner Train in Fort Myers.

• **Joe Moran, "At the Four Deuces"** — The thrill of seeing and hearing a gifted cast of players and director bring my words to life before a responsive audience is the most satisfying theatrical experience I know.



"At the Four Deuces" is a kind of Jazz Age version of "Beauty and the Beast." By chance, a lovely lady stirs the romantic impulse in a yet unknown young mobster. This astonishes a henchman who knows him very well and opens a new horizon for the lady. Where will it lead?

This play was inspired by a family story told by my mother; I am a former Chicagoan and alum of The University of Chicago. This play is dedicated to my wife, Colette, also a former Chicagoan and an astute critic of my work.

A dozen or so of my short comedies and dramas have been presented publicly at Chicago Dramatists, LAExpress and in workshops at The Naples Players and Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota. I have also played in, produced and directed several ETC... "Nights To Remember" presentations and handled lights or crewed for Blackburn Hall productions. This is the first time a play of mine has been chosen by The Naples Players for public presentation, and I am deeply honored. And naturally, I hope to repeat this success! ■

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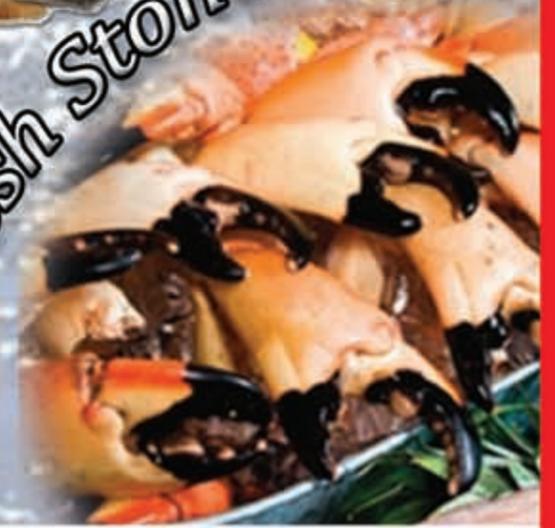
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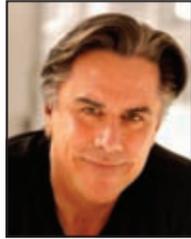
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TheatreZone opens its fifth season in Naples with "Man of La Mancha" Dec. 3-13 in the G&L Theater on the campus of Community School of Naples.

"Our fifth anniversary season gives us a chance to look back and focus forward as we move into the next step of TheatreZone's development," says Mark Danni, co-founder and artistic director. "In keeping with our mission, this year we will again present a diverse selection of masterful lost treasures of Broadway."

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Mr. Danni will direct the production starring Jeff McCarthy and featuring Larry Alexander, Ladd Boris, Meg Pryor and Joseph Peterson.

Mr. McCarthy most recently played Billy Flynn in the Broadway production of "Chicago." Other starring roles on Broadway include Lockstock in "Urinetown," Terry Turner in "Side Show," Dubdharma in "The Pirate Queen," Beast in "Beauty and the Beast" and Niko in "Zorba" (opposite Anthony Quinn). After "Man of La Mancha," Theatr-



eZone's 2009-2010 season continues with "High Spirits" starring Georgia Engel, Jan. 7-17; "The Beast of Broadway" starring Hal Linden, March 4-14; Lee Roy Reams in concert: "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance," April 22-25; and "I Love My Wife," June 10-20. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (888) 966-3352 or visit [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com). ■

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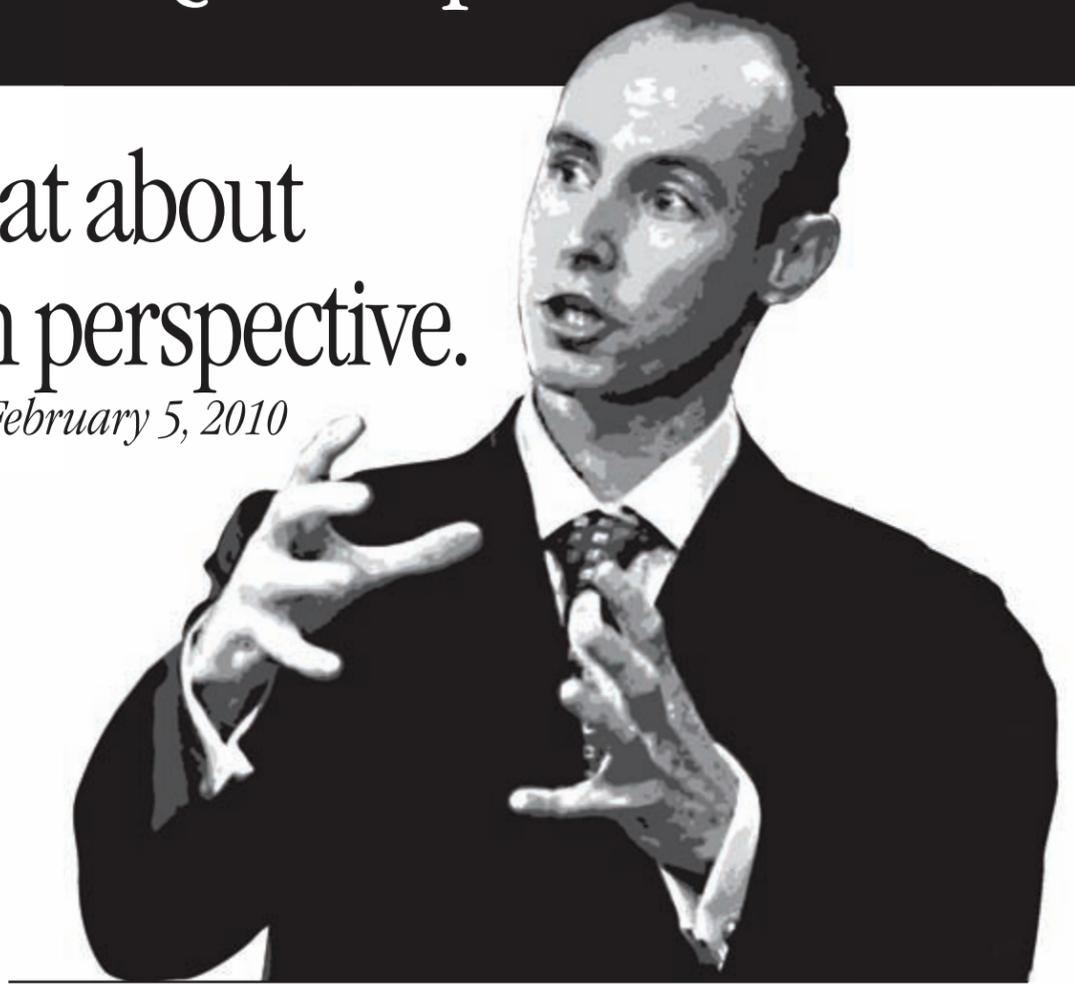
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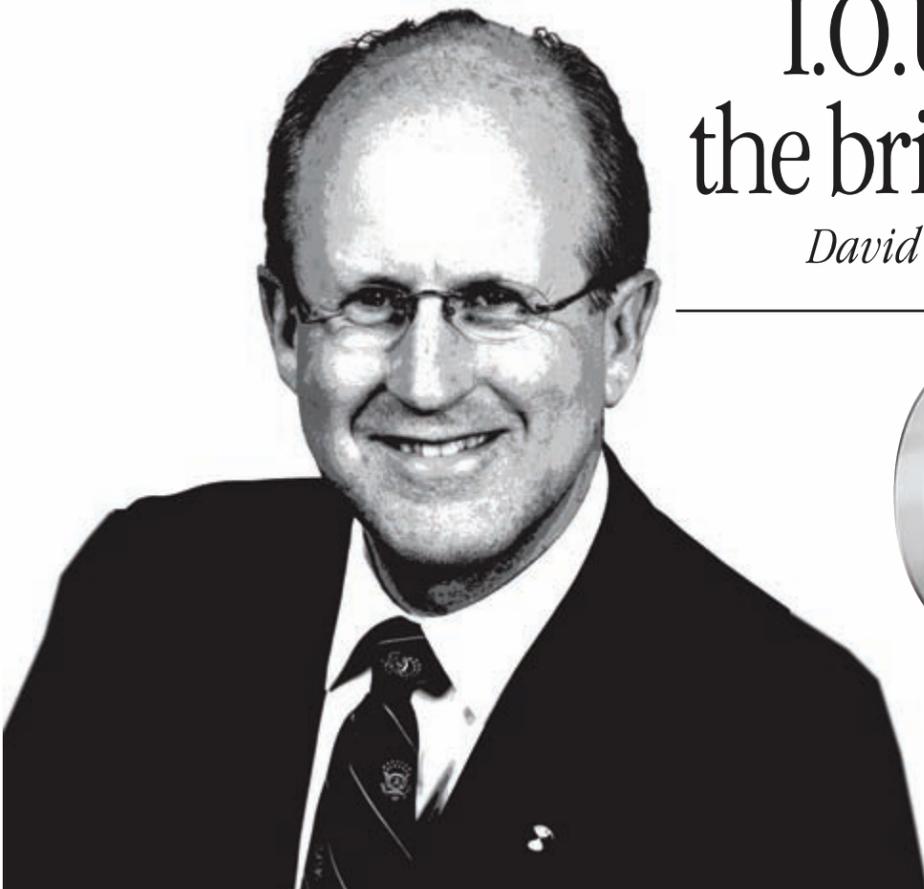
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## Naples Players set auditions for spring 'Fiddler' production

The Naples Players will hold auditions the weekend of Dec. 5-6 for the spring musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." The show begins rehearsal on Jan. 11; performances are March 3 through April 3 at the Sugden Community Theatre.

The Naples Players team that was responsible for the hit productions of "Anything Goes" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is at the helm again, with Dawn Lebrecht Fornara as director/choreographer and Charles Fornara as musical director.

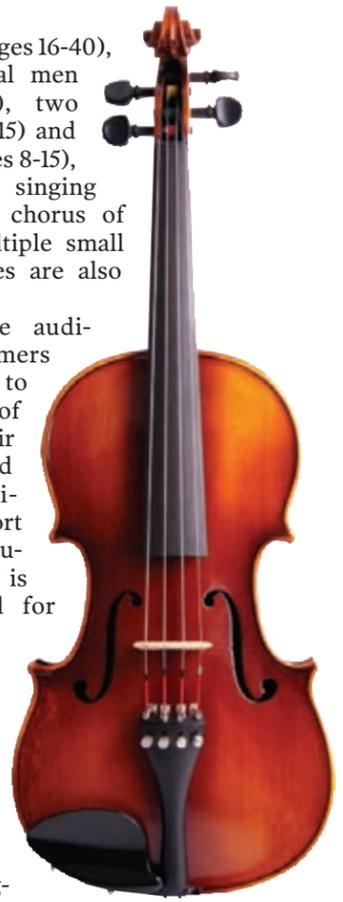
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pal women (ages 16-40), nine principal men (ages 18-60), two girls (ages 8-15) and two boys (ages 8-15), plus a large singing and dancing chorus of all ages. Multiple small speaking roles are also available.

During the audition, performers will be asked to sing 16 bars of a song of their choosing, and to participate in a short movement routine. Dancing is not required for all roles.

First auditions will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, with call-backs Sunday, Dec. 6. All auditions are at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South in downtown Naples. Scripts are available at The Naples Players box office for a three-day perusal with a \$20 refundable deposit.

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## Classic Hitchcock thriller next up at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre goes classic Hitchcock with its second show of the season. "Dial 'M' for Murder" by Frederick Knott opens Friday, Dec. 4, with discounted previews on Dec. 1-3. Pure suspenseful fun, the quintessential murder mystery was made famous by the 1954 Hitchcock film starring Grace Kelly.

"It harkens back to the murder mysteries and thrillers of the silver screen, and Hollywood doesn't make movies like it anymore. That's what I want this play to feel like: a classic thriller come to life on the stage," says Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo.

A tangled web of deceit and intrigue, "Dial 'M' for Murder" is a dark and dangerous story full of forbidden love, blackmailers and backstabbers — figuratively and literally. Less of a "whodunit," and more of a "will he get away with it?" it tells the story of former tennis pro Tony Wendice, who married for money and is willing to kill for it.

Florida Rep's production stars regulars Brendan Powers, Deanna Gibson and Tad Ingram. Ms. Gibson plays Margot, Tony's beautiful heiress wife, and Mr. Powers the American crime novelist with whom she has had an affair. Mr. Ingram, a five-time Broadway veteran who appeared in last season's "Alone Together" at the Rep, plays the Scotland Yard investigator Inspector Hub-

bard. After many years with Cincinnati Shakespeare, Giles Davies makes his Florida Rep debut as Tony.

Mr. Cacioppo directs. "Dial 'M' for Murder" is a classic for a reason," he says. "Hitchcock made it famous, and we are very excited to bring this silver-screen masterpiece to life at the Arcade Theatre."

"Dial 'M' for Murder" plays at Florida Rep. Dec. 4-20, with previews at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 and 3 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 (tickets \$25 and \$20). In addition to the discounted preview performances, Florida Rep unveils two special offers in December: At 2 p.m. Dec. 5, groups of 10 or more can take advantage of an introductory rate of \$10 per ticket, and at 7 p.m. Dec. 6, audience members under the age of 35 can see the show for \$10. Regular tickets are \$38 and \$42. Subscriptions and single tickets are now on sale through the box office at 332-4488.

"Dial 'M' for Murder" is sponsored by Tween Waters Inn, Naomi Bloom and Ron Wallace and Northern Trust Bank. Set furnishings are provided by Robb & Stucky Interiors.

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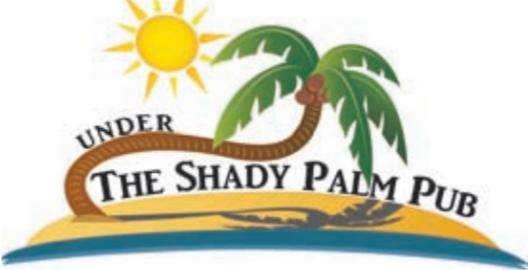


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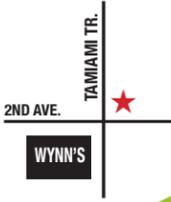
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estates, artists' studios, collections and museums. Works range from old masters by the likes of Durer, Rembrandt and Goya to modern and contemporary pieces by Picasso, Miro, Chagall, Warhol, Haring, Matta and Matisse.

An opening reception takes place from 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with The Village's annual tree-lighting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 3.

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Festival organizers also seek out artists who haven't participated in the show before, so guests have new artwork to enjoy. Some experienced artists traveling to Naples for this festival include Geoff Coe, a nature photographer known for his wild images of Florida; Steve Luongo, who works in mixed media 2-D using a computer; Sylvester Robinson, who designs and makes sculptured leather pouches and handbags; and Kelvin Schartz, who creates fun and functional hand-crafted ironworks pieces for home and garden.

For those who get hungry while browsing among the artist booths, there is an alternative to turkey leftovers. Old Time Concessions from South Carolina is bringing its portable diner and will serve sirloin steak burgers, beef tenderloin shish kebab, sweet potato fries and ice cream sundaes.

A suggested donation of \$3 at the festival gates benefits The von Liebig Art Center's youth education and related programs.

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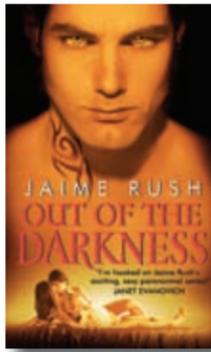
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BY PHILIP K. JASON  
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■ *"Out of the Darkness,"* by Jaime Rush. Avon Books. \$6.99.

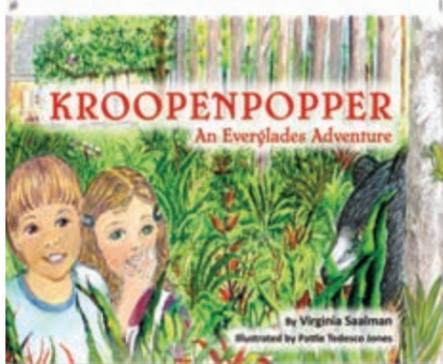


This is part two in Jaime Rush's "Offspring" series, an ambitious sequence of linked paranormal romances. The characters, many introduced in "A Perfect Darkness," have various supernatural abilities. One converses with the dead; another can image the future and release the vision in eerie paintings. One can set fires through psychic energy. They are particularly sensitive to one another because they are all part of an extended family: in part biological, in part the result of experiments that have produced or altered them.

Their common goal is to trace their origins, master their special gifts and discover — perhaps to thwart — the ends for which they were engineered via a rogue government project. Like so many projects of super-patriots, the Offspring were designed to serve the national interest — but something has gone wrong. Now they pose a threat to their would-be controllers, and the Offspring themselves have divided into adversarial groups.

In "Out of the Darkness," Ms. Rush introduces several new characters and elaborates upon those already established. Rand Brandenburg and Zoe Stoker are forefront, their red-hot romance simmering. The terms of their relationship and the ways in which they fit into the larger Offspring family hold our interest even while we follow their quest to understand their mysterious talents and origins and foil their enemies.

High on action and thrills, "Out of Darkness" features otherwise ordinary 20-somethings whose struggles to deal with their unusual psychic powers are presented in a convincing manner within a larger conspiracy plot that doesn't seem so far-fetched at all.



■ *"Kroopenpopper: An Everglades Adventure,"* by Virginia Saalman. Moson Publishing. \$15.

Written to entertain children ages 4-8, Virginia Saalman's book brings a Maryland family to a small Everglades town for summer vacation. The children, Mary and Tommy, are frightened by a large black bear. However, as can only happen in children's stories, the bear befriends them and leads them on a journey through the swamp to satisfy

Mary's curiosity and find the home of the squirrels.

Along the way, they meet several other Everglades denizens, and each decides to join in the quest. In this way, the children (and the readers) learn about the Everglades inhabitants: the deer, the beaver, the panther, the howler monkey (a zoo escapee), the snake, the barred owl and others. They finally arrive at the squirrels' home at the base of a tree, only to encounter a taste of danger.

Fanciful additions to the expected characters include a giraffe (only because Mary wants to see one) and a night-flying woofing bird (or did they just imagine that scary creature?).

The author, who also wrote the well-received "Frog Poop and Other Stories," does a fine job of blending entertainment and instruction, these ends supported marvelously by the stunning illustrations supplied by Patti Tedesco Jones. Mrs. Jones, who is legally blind, runs the New Sight Greeting Card Company.

#### Naples' Oldest Tradition Swamp Buggy Days



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■ *"Naples Oldest Tradition: Swamp Buggy Days,"* by Lila Zuck. Collier County Historical Research Center. \$24.95.

This dazzling presentation of Naples' history is at once a must-have, lavishly illustrated coffee table book and a treasure trove of research.

Lila Zuck has turned over every relevant document in local archives, public and private, to fashion a fact-packed narrative of community life.

She traces, in meticulous detail, the origins and development of the yearly tradition, now 60 years old, by which the Naples community successfully branded itself for the purpose of attracting tourism, having fun, and fostering community solidarity and pride. In so doing, the author weaves together brief anecdotes involving colorful individuals who made important contributions to the town's prosperity and culture.

Through the lens of the Swamp Buggy competitions and parades, readers become more familiar with the doings of those families whose names are recorded on the community's street signs and public spaces. They become familiar, as well, with the contributions of lesser-known individuals whose talents and efforts have helped fashion the unique blend of ingredients that is Naples.

"Swamp Buggy Days" is the lively story of how a dynamic, cohesive community invented and re-invented itself, winning a place on the national map of attractive destinations. It's a book of record and a celebration. And it's a bargain. See www.collierhistorical.org. ■

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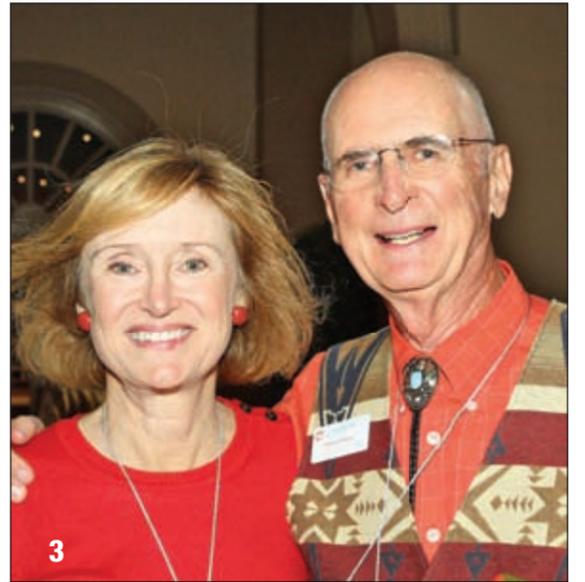
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Don't miss the Nutcracker Boutique filled with holiday items for decorating and gift giving. Shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 27; from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Visitors can also enjoy more than 25 beautifully decorated Christmas trees in the dome at the Naples Museum of Art.

The Nutcracker Boutique and Christmas tree display are free and open to the public. Tickets for Miami City Ballet's "The Nutcracker" are \$59 for adults and \$25 for students.

### 'Smooth Jazz' with Dave Koz

Dave Koz and Friends: "A Smooth Jazz Christmas" comes to the Phil at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30. In celebration of the tour's 12th anniversary, this year's Christmas tour features a reunion of the

original cast. Multi-Grammy nominee and saxophonist Mr. Koz is joined by Rick Braun, David Benoit, Peter White and Brenda Russell. Tickets are \$69.

### Make time for fun with Tom and Dick

Tom and Dick Smothers present "The Smothers Brothers Show" and their special guest, The Yo Yo Man, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Over the past four decades, the irrepressible Smothers Brothers have made sibling rivalry an art form and have been embraced by diverse generations of fans. Tickets are \$52.

### Orchestra tunes up for Classical #2

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "From Beethoven to Bernstein," the second program in the season's Classical Series, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-5. Maestro Jorge Mester conducts; the Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert. Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students.

### Feel the love with 'The Color Purple'

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### Books discussion series continues

"The White Tiger" by Aravind Adiga is the second book in the Critic's Choice series of discussions by Elaine Newton. Balram Halwai narrates the tale of his climb from lowly chauffeur and houseboy to wealthy entrepreneur in prosperous, corrupt "New India." The book will be presented at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Hayes Hall. Tickets are \$30.

The Critic's Choice series continues with "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows on Jan. 9; "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett on Feb. 6; "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave on March 6; and "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese on April 10.

### 'Holiday Pops' for the family

Maestro Stuart Malina returns to lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "Holiday Pops" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 17-20, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. The Philharmonic Center Chorale and Youth Chorale will join the orchestra for the family concerts. Santa and Rudolph make special appearances. Tickets are \$47 for adults and \$22 for students.

### Bring back The Beatles

Four "Beatlemania" cast members join the full Naples Philharmonic Orchestra for "A Tribute to the Beatles" at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 21-22. Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$33 for students.

### 'Chicago'

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table. Late 19th- and 20th-century designers created tables with removable boards or boards that could be pulled out on a track under the tabletop. Modern tables are made using all of these ideas.

The problem of making a table that takes up a small space but provides a large tabletop has been solved in many ways. In the 18th century, especially in the South, where homes were made with large, long front halls, the solution was several matching tables. Two tables with drop leaves were kept against the wall on either side of the hall or near each other on the same wall. A center table that became larger with a flip-top or leaves was also used in the hall or perhaps in a nearby parlor. When there was a party, the three tables were moved together to form one large table that could seat 12 to 18 people.

A center table was needed in the days before electric lamps because the only light in the room often came from a single lamp on the table. If the room was small, the table could be made with large drop leaves on each side. To enlarge the table for family time or a card game, the leaves were extended and held in place by moveable legs or hidden supports.

The small-table problem was also solved with a nest of three or four tables, each a little smaller than the next, so they fit in the space of one

**Q:** I have a copper or brass ice bucket from the RMS Carpathia. It has an added metal plate that says "Please do not remove from first-class passenger cabin." Could this be a replica or is it the real thing? I found it in a shed on our property after my father died.

**A:** The RMS Carpathia was a transatlantic passenger ship that was part of the Cunard Line from 1903 to 1918. The Carpathia rescued survivors of the sinking of the Titanic when it hit an iceberg in 1912. The ship also carried supplies from Britain and troops from Canada during World War I. It was sunk by torpedoes from a German U-boat on July 17, 1918, off the coast of Ireland. There are many replicas of Carpathia ice buckets because so many people want Titanic-related memorabilia.

**Q:** I have a small plain brown pottery bowl signed "M. Jananivich, Biloxi." I know that he worked with George Ohr, the "Mad Potter of Biloxi," around 1910. Does this piece have any value?

**A:** Manuel Jananivich was born in Biloxi, Miss., in 1897. He studied pottery

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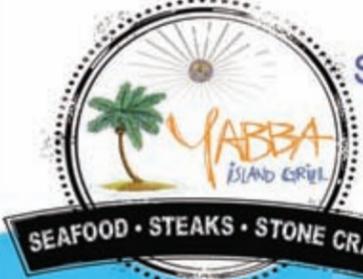
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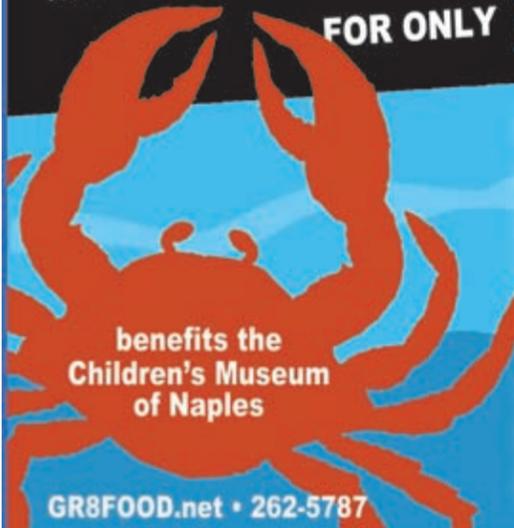
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with George Ohr in 1910-12 and operated his own small pottery in Biloxi in 1915. Jlanovich studied at Niloak Pottery and at Durant Kilns before enlisting in the Navy in 1919. He moved to San Francisco in 1922 and worked with Ingvardt Olsen. Jlanovich made wheel-thrown pottery and Olsen glazed it. Some of it is marked "Jalan." Jlanovich taught at the California School of Fine Arts from 1937 to 1939. He and Olsen taught pottery and art to wounded veterans at the hospital in San Francisco's Presidio during World War II. Jlanovich died in 1944. A collector of Jalan pottery might pay \$100 for your bowl at a pottery auction.

**Tip:** To be safe, hang a large picture on two hooks, not just one.

### CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- Ohio Lodge ax, probably Odd Fellows, nickel-plated brass head and handle, Pettibone Mfg. Co., Cincinnati,



COURTESY PHOTO

This is an American Sunderland table made about 1840. It can be kept against a wall until needed. The sides lift up to form a full-sized table. It was sold at Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans for \$922.

marked, c. 1900, 40 inches, \$90.

- Etruscan Majolica compote, green leaves, pink, yellows and browns, dark red underglaze with embossed branches, 9-by-15 inches, \$245.

- Madame Alexander doll, Marme of "Little Women," Margaret face, plastic, curlers, box, 1948, 14 inches, \$360.

- Mickey Mouse scissors, on original cardboard holder, "Mickey Capers, Cutting Paper, Shear Fun, Get One," Walt Disney Enterprises, 1937, \$450. ■

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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries from previous reviews:

► **IM Tapas**, 965 Fourth Ave. North, Naples; 403-8272

There's nothing puny about the small plates that emerge from the kitchen at IM Tapas. Each looks like a work of art and possesses big, fresh flavors that reveal the passionate dedication to this classic Spanish cuisine of its creators, chefs Isabel Polo Pozo and Mary Shipman. A polished staff and stylish dining room add to the warmth and conviviality of meal at this little off-the-beaten-path gem. Highlights from a recent meal included fresh anchovies in garlic, chorizo in cider, wild bonito with pomegranate seeds and pomegranate foam, duck breast with figs and port wine reduction, bacalao-stuffed peppers and a plate of stellar artisanal cheeses. While not situated on one of the city's popular dining areas, it could easily hold its own among them, it's easy to find and there's plenty of parking. Beer and wine.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

► **M Waterfront Grille**, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 263-4421

The stylish update of Maxwell's on the Bay features a sleek new look and a sophisticated menu to match. There was no improving upon the view of Naples Bay, which remains a focal point, but the dining room, done in lots



of woods and earth tones, gives the restaurant a contemporary, stylish air. Executive Chef Brian Roland's menu features cutting-edge Continental cuisine, with dishes such as heirloom beets with fried goat cheese, escargot with wild mushrooms, spinach and Boursin cream, orange miso-glazed sea bass with goat cheese dumplings and milk chocolate lava cake. Polished service and an exemplary wine list further enhance the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

► **Pelagos Café**, 4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-2996

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food" and that's an excellent description. Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape

leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The avgolemono soup, Greek salad and gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. Odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

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

► **Truluck's**, 698 Fourth Ave. South, Naples; 530-3131

It may be a crab house, but Truluck's has the look and feel of an upscale supper club, with service to match. The restaurant brings in stone crabs this time of year with its own fleet from Isle of Capri and so usually has a good supply. The tuna tartare tower looks like a seafood version of a trifle, with layers of tuna, crab, tomato, avocado and pineapple drizzled with a citrus soy reduction. This appetizer is worth the trip alone. Miso-glazed barramundi was a white, flaky and mild fish, enhanced by crab fried rice and a generous topping of julienned vegetables. The Nigerian shrimp were enormous, as billed, but not as flavorful or tender as the gulf variety. Plan to share one of the massive desserts. The white cake with almond-studded cream cheese icing served with crème anglaise and raspberry puree made for a satisfying finish.

Full bar. Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★

★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

► **Two Brothers Baci**, 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd., Naples; 597-4800

There are plenty of Italian restaurants in these parts, but I haven't been to one that comes close to matching the great food and down-to-earth charm of Two Brothers. There's not a member of the staff that doesn't do his or her utmost to make customers feel welcome, especially the eponymous brothers, Bob and Sal Lanzieri. Live music gives patrons a reason to get up and dance, but then so does the food. The marinara alone is worth a visit — vibrant and perfectly balanced, it's good enough to drink, but paired with Aunt Roberta's crisp and creamy arancini (rice balls), fried olives and Asiago cheese or clams, it enlivens everything it touches. Sal Lanzieri's chewy pizza knots are addictive. Portions are huge and most of the recipes come from the Lanzieris' extended Italian-American family. I loved the lasagna, just like Mama Lanzieri used to make. Don't miss this one. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## The Ritz brings something old, something new in December

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The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, brings back its popular Willy Wonka chocolate factory in December while also launching a new dining concept in its updated Lobby Lounge.

Starting Dec. 1, Bites will offer tapas, or small plates, from various parts of the world.

"Our guest feedback showed diners wanted more selection and the opportunity to share with their dining companions," says hotel manager Lawrence McFadden. "Our cuisine approach caters to today's diner who is seeking unique, innovative, yet convenient experiences coupled with the high level of service our guests expect from The Ritz-Carlton."

Small plates, priced from \$3-\$14, include items such as crispy pork belly with roasted pineapple and rum raisin glaze, oxtail gnocchi with Parmesan cream, crispy sweetbreads with arugula salad and mustard vinaigrette, gyro satay with tzatziki sauce, ahi tuna with avocado and watermelon, white anchovy tart with olives, tomatoes and tarragon, fried green tomatoes with creole hollandaise, shrimp pot stickers with chile lime dipping sauce and raclette and cipollini tart.

Live entertainment will feature the colorful style of Latin America. The Bites menu will be available from 5-10 p.m. every night. Call 514-6001 for reservations.

As a special holiday attraction, the Willy Wonka chocolate factory made famous in Roald Dahl's classic tale, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," comes to life at The Ritz Dec. 18-20.

Willy Wonka weekend begins with a special premiere from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Guests who buy golden tickets will enjoy a themed dinner buffet and a question-and-answer session with the son and daughter-in-law of the late author. Naples residents Theo and Maddie Dahl, son and daughter-in-law of the late author, will answer questions and sign copies of the book.

From noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 19 and 20, there will be surprises for kids of all ages, including a flowing chocolate river and fondue dip, Bubble Trouble, Powder Pucker, the chance to decorate cupcakes, frost gingerbread men and sample all manner of candy.

The Dec. 18 event is \$95 for adults, \$85 for children 12 and younger; the Dec.



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The Willy Wonka chocolate factory in the ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

19-20 events are \$55 for children ages 12 and younger, \$40 for adults.

Other festive holiday events include the traditional Teddy Bear Tea, running Dec. 19-30 in the Lobby Lounge, and a New Year's Eve Family Carnival at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, is at 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road. For reservations, call 598-3300.

### Sea Salt welcomes food writer

Colman Andrews, an internationally acclaimed food, wine and travel writer, will take part in a celebration of his latest book, "The Country Cooking of Ireland," from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Sea Salt Restaurant. The book features 250 recipes and more than 100 photographs of Ireland as well as a host of stories about the people who make Ireland such a wonderful place to eat.



ANDREWS

The founder and longtime editor of *Saveur* magazine and a restaurant columnist for *Gourmet* magazine, Mr. Andrews has authored six cookbooks and won six James Beard Awards, among the most prestigious awards for food journalism. Copies of his new book will be available for purchase and author signing.

Sea Salt chef-owner Fabrizio Aielli will become Chef O'Aielli for the afternoon as he prepares complimentary samples of dishes from Mr. Andrews' new book.

Sea Salt is at 1186 Third Street South. Call 434-7258.

### Eat at Jolly Cricket, support kids' art

The newly opened Jolly Cricket will host a benefit for The von Liebig Art Center's children's programs on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Naples Art Association board members Sandra Beauchesne and Tom Rourke invite everyone to the restaurant for soup or salad, choice of three entrees and two desserts as well as coffee. Cost is \$75 per person.

The Jolly Cricket is the British pub that has opened in the space formerly occupied by Trilogy at 720 Fifth Avenue South. Reservations and payment in advance are required. Call 262-6517, ext. 115, by Monday, Nov. 30, to reserve a spot.

### Bayside offers wine with entree

Order an entrée in the downstairs bar of Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar and receive a complimentary glass of wine now through Dec. 20.

Choose from three wines — Hahn Chardonnay, Carmenet Merlot and Darby & Joan Cabernet Sauvignon — selected by Sukie Honeycutt, wine director and co-owner of Bayside, Ridgway Bar & Grill and Tony's Off Third.

Bayside serves seafood, oak-grilled steaks and chops, specialty pasta dishes and Mediterranean salads, along with a great view of Venetian Bay. There are two dining venues, with the downstairs bar and the second-floor Upper Deck full-service restaurant.

The restaurant is at Village on Vene-

tian Bay. Call 649-5552 or visit online at [www.baysideseafoodgrillandbar.com](http://www.baysideseafoodgrillandbar.com).

### Snook Bight welcomes sushi chef

Bayfront Bistro has added sushi to the menu, bringing on Chef James McGonigal, a sushi specialist and former instructor, to create it.

Mr. McGonigal trained at Le Cor-don Bleu in Mendota Heights, Minn., and Thai Sushi & Cooking School in Bangkok, Thailand. He has worked with New York chefs Gerry Hayden and Jean Georges, among others. He also taught the art of sushi at



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Speaking of Bayfront Bistro and Snook Bight Yacht Club & Marina, in which it's located, the inaugural All Aboard Against Breast Cancer fundraiser held there recently garnered \$70,000 in donations for the Southwest Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The event included a wine dinner and auction, boat show and waterside festival.

"The best thing about these events was that it gave not only our team, but our partners and customers the opportunity to get involved in supporting this important cause," says Joe Yerkes. "The Komen affiliate board and I are already looking forward to the second annual event next year." ■

## diningCALENDAR

➤ **Saturday, Nov. 28,** 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features fresh produce, baked goods, hand-crafted items and more; behind Tommy Bahamas; 434-6533.

➤ **Saturday, Nov. 28,** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Collection at Vanderbilt: The North Naples Green Market features a wealth of produce, plants, pastries, honey, handmade items, organic items and more; Vanderbilt beach and Airport Roads; 249-9480.

➤ **Saturday, Nov. 28,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Coconut Point Mall: The Coconut Farmers Market takes places weekly

through April, featuring produce and other goods; U.S. 41 adjacent to Panera Bread at the mall, Estero; 249-9480.

➤ **Wednesday, Dec. 2,** 6 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy demonstrates how to create an antipasto platter, a great way to start a holiday celebration; \$30, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

➤ **Wednesday, Dec. 2,** 6:30 p.m., M Waterfront Grille: The restaurant hosts a Domaine Serene wine dinner with a portion of proceeds benefitting the Immokalee Foundation; \$225, Vil-

lage on Venetian Bay; 263-4421.

➤ **Friday, Dec. 4,** noon, Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy prepares flavorful soups that are perfect for sharing with family and friends on cool winter evenings; \$25, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

➤ **Monday, Dec. 7,** 6 p.m. Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Learn to create salads that are more meal than side dish with Executive Chef Martin Murphy; \$25, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

➤ **Thursday, Dec. 10, noon,** Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy prepares simple seafood recipes using fresh local fare in dishes that are ideal for the holiday season; \$30, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

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**BEAUTIFUL 3 BED/2 BATH**

**\$274,400**

1 car garage. The original owners of this well maintained condo have methodicaly and tastefully added upgrades to many of the areas, Ask for 802NA9026365. 1-866-657-2300



**BONITA BAY GOLF & LAKE VIEW**

**\$250,000**

Turnkey Ready Great Value & Lifestyle 2 BD 2BA Pool Spa under building parking Amenities galore. Award Winning Community Ask for 802FM904172. 1-866-657-2300



**BEAUTIFUL HOME**

**\$249,900**

2 bed plus room that can be converted to a 3rd bedroom by adding 1 wall, 209 deep and 380 frontage Ask for 802NA9024393. 1-866-657-2300



**VACATION EVERY DAY**

**\$239,900**

Second floor unit - Beautifully appointed - Stainless Steel appliances - 1,351 sq ft under air - luxury pool a must see Ask for 802NA9029720. 1-866-657-2300



**THE PERFECT SPOT IN NAPLES**

**\$215,000**

Location, location, location! The perfect spot in Naples. 2BR/2BA end unit. Immaculate condo. Adorable with many extras. Ask for 802FM939641. 1-866-657-2300



**MARCO ISLAND POOL HOME**

**\$199,000**

WOW 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home on Marco Island Ask for 802NA9038739. 1-866-657-2300



**TUSCANY COVE**

**\$195,000**

3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage - almost new home overlooking a private preserve, community pool and tennis. Ask for 802NA9003439. 1-866-657-2300



**SPRING RUN AT THE BROOKS**

**\$179,900**

Sought-after 2BR/2BA Gardenia unit. Resort-style living, bundled golf, tennis, pool, and spa. Much more! Call today! Ask for 802FM951010. 1-866-657-2300



**5 ACRE FARM**

**\$179,000**

Built in 2004 this home has lots of potential 3 plus den or 4 bedrooms - very private and close to major airport. Ask for 802NA9031179. 1-866-657-2300



**HIGHLAND WOODS TURNKEY CONDO**

**\$179,000**

Fully furnished 2nd floor condo with 2 lanais. Views of fairway, lake & clubhouse. Move in ready. Don't miss out! Ask for 802CC932420. 1-866-657-2300



**HUNTINGTON LAKES COACH HOME**

**\$169,900**

Turnkey, designer furnished coach home in Huntington Lakes. Impeccably maintained two bedroom, two bath end unit Ask for 802NA9027027. 1-866-657-2300



**LAKEFRONT CONDO**

**\$159,900**

Established Assn - 2 bed, 2 bath, carport 2 pools and clubhouse. Lighted tennis and shuffleboard court Priced to sell! Ask for 802NA9013754. 1-866-657-2300



**HIDE AWAY HOME IN BONITA**

**\$152,000**

Sheltered by live scrub oaks, this peaceful 3/2/2 home sits on a huge corner lot. Ask for 802SS934223. 1-866-657-2300



**GULF ACCESS**

**\$149,999**

This charming home is located in the boating community of Henderson Creek Park, which has direct access to the Gulf. Ask for 802NA9024291. 1-866-657-2300



**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**

**\$140,000**

No need to look further if you are a first time buyer, a retiree looking for a smaller home, this is the one for you. Ask for 802NA9028804. 1-866-657-2300



**OVER LOOKING THE 17TH TEE**

**\$120,000**

Spacious 2 Bed 2 Bath on the Golf Course - oversized Lanai - many upgrades. New AC / Hurricane Shutters Must See Ask for 802NA9033527. 1-866-657-2300



**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**

**\$120,000**

3/2/2 2.50 Acres. This house is in good condition, has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, two car garage. Tile floors, under truss lanai fruit trees. Ask for 802NA8033623. 1-866-657-2300



**SECOND FLOOR CONDO**

**\$119,900**

2 + Den. Great condo 2 plus den priced to sell yesterday. Pool, tennis, BBQ, club house and low fees, will go fast. Ask for 802NA9029766. 1-866-657-2300



**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**

**\$119,000**

Great Price. Potential Short Sale, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, tile throughout, vaulted ceilings. 2,020 sq under air Ask for 802NA8046224. 1-866-657-2300



**BERKSHIRE LAKES**

**\$85,900**

1st Floor End Unit. Foreclosure, "sold as is" with right to inspect. Lovely first floor condominium in beautiful Berkshire Lakes. New paint Ask for 802NA9037645. 1-866-657-2300



**CORNER VILLA BANK OWNER**

**\$69,900**

2/2/1 car garage CORNER LOT...SCREEN LANAI PLUS OPEN PATIO . Mature trees for shade an privacy Ask for 802NA9034338. 1-866-657-2300



**PRICED TO SELL**

**\$50,000**

Nice 3/2/2 in Cape Coral - eat in kitchen nice yard and priced for sell today! Ask for 802NA9024760. 1-866-657-2300



**GREAT 2 BD 2 BA TOWNHOUSE**

**\$39,900**

Short Sale. two bed two full bath town home in very nice gated community Two pools two tennis courts and low fees make this a great Ask for 802NA9037808. 1-866-657-2300