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The gift shop at The von Liebig Art Center

Don't forget nonprofit gift shops for ideas

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Stumped on what to give the last few people on your holiday shopping list? If you've scoured the retail chains and clicked through more online catalogs than you ever thought you could, maybe it's time to look elsewhere.

Try making the rounds to gift shops operated by Naples' various nonprofit attractions. From the art museum to the zoo, these small but vibrant operations always manage to surprise with inventories that reflect their different missions and celebrate local color and, often, hometown talent. The best part is, not only are you likely to find something delightfully different, the money you spend will go toward a good cause close to home, rather than pad some far-off corporate bottom line.

So, whether your last-minute shopping list includes some stocking stuffers, a hostess gift or a meaningful present for the person who means the most to you, check it twice and don't resort to gift cards until you see what these shops have to offer:

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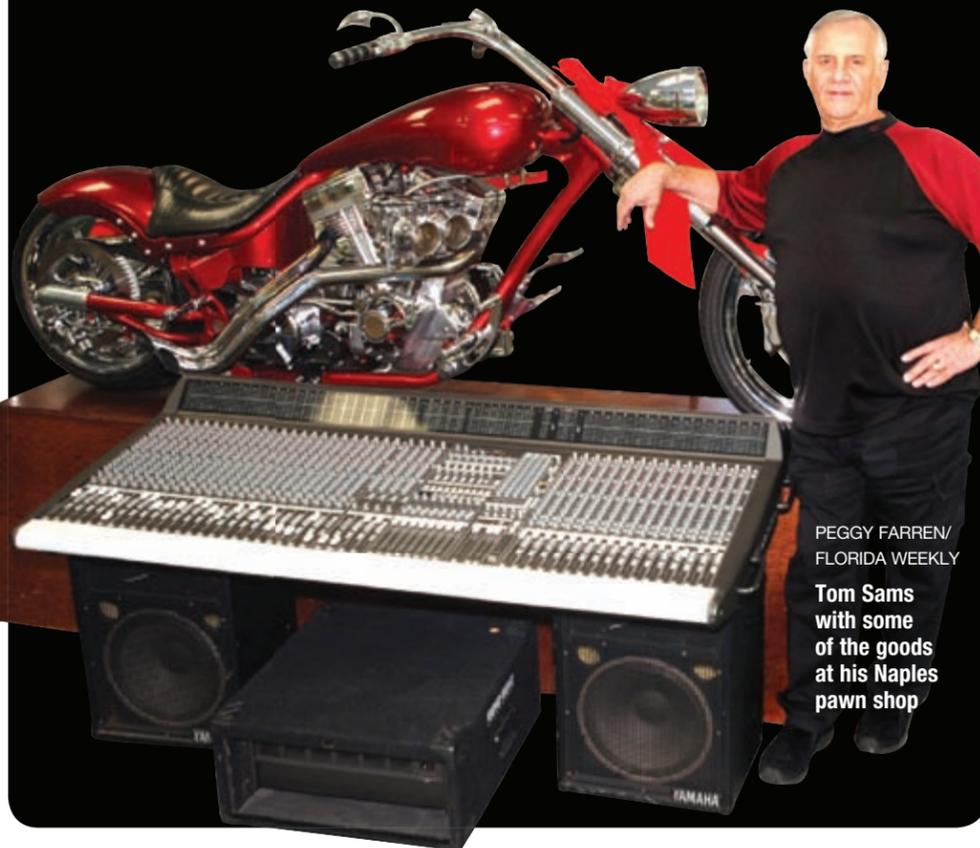
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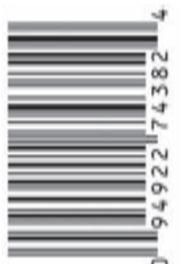
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COMMENTARY

The world in a little lead chest



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In "The Merchant of Venice," Shakespeare's quaintly ribald take on sex roles, greed and grace, a squad of eager suitors face a character-defining choice: They can pick either the gold chest, the silver chest or the plain old lead chest.

There's an unspoken lesson couched in that fanciful dilemma, but the foolish, the vain and the intellectually deaf are not likely to hear it. It's this: Sometimes, pal, the least adorned proves to be the most magnificent. If you don't figure that out, you're spit out of luck.

That's precisely the nature of Bill Kilpatrick's gift book to baby-boomers, "How To Be An Old Guy: Dispatches from the Retiree Front," published last month by Hatala Geroproducts in a 178-page, soft-cover edition.

When you buy this book for \$20 (from amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com or local bookstores), you become a lead-chest suitor. You could probably stuff the stockings of any of the 206,000 people in Collier County now 35 or older with this book, and be entertained by the reaction.

"How To Be An Old Guy" is designed to help men grow old without screwing it up entirely. "What really drives home the bitter truth of being an old guy," Mr. Kilpatrick points out early on, "is the realization of one's essential irrelevance. (So) to be successful, by which I mean a contributing old

guy (someone who still gets pleasure by giving to others), you have to divest yourself of excess baggage."

Chapters on sex, cleanliness, money, death, health, stress, pets, kids and facing up all confront their subjects head on, imbued with the author's trademark mix of humor and candor.

Like any old guy worth his salt, Mr. Kilpatrick is quick with the caveat: "Add to your keep-a-sharp-eye-on list stock brokers, investment counselors, health-care quacks, shady lawyers, car sales personnel, cemetery plot salesmen, home improvement contractors and repairmen, agents eager to sell you unnecessary insurance, auto mechanics, TV repairman, roofing salesmen, mobile work crews who claim to refinish driveways — in short just about anyone who charges fees, works on commission or demands upfront money."

And he's not hesitant to do some preventative cajoling: "Even if you wake each morning alone and without a clue as to what you're going to do with the rest of the day, make it your very real business to attend to your ablutions — a shower (a daily habit, please, whether morning or at night), or at least washed face and hands, teeth brushed, hair combed, shaved, or if you have a moustache or beard making certain it's clean, combed or brushed, trimmed and neat."

Come to think of it, maybe this is a book is for teenagers, cleverly disguised as a book for old guys.

But no, it's sometimes too sober. "When and if you're first diagnosed with incipient Alzheimer's, gather the pertinent players together and tell them right out why they're there and what's at stake," he writes. "Be

frank in your assessment of your condition and your prognosis. This is no time to be coy, no time to be an all-wise patriarch."

Mr. Kilpatrick's wife, Phyllis, pitches in, too, contributing the keynote epigraph: "You know you're getting old when instead of a martini you'd rather have a dish of ice cream," she explains.

Which raises a question: What is the advantage of this book for women? Not much — unless you think that understanding the Great American Male is worth something.

At 84, Mr. Kilpatrick, GMA, is a native New Yorker and a career magazine and newspaper writer. He served as executive editor of True Magazine and the automotive editor of Popular Mechanics, as well as a staff writer and sports columnist for *The News-Press* in Fort Myers, among many other jobs.

He knows baseball, golf, boxing and cars like a surgeon knows anatomy — I can attest to this, because I once worked with him in a newsroom — and he refers to his career merely as "checked." He remains variously tart, clubby, brilliant, affectionate, candid, savvy, funny, irreverent, reverent, a voice of experience, a voice of reason, a hard voice, a gentle voice and an unsentimental guide.

Much of his quality — his credentials, if you will — might come from the men he has known.

His maternal grandfather, William Speechly, ran away from an orphanage in Yorkshire, in England's north country, and went to sea at 15. As an old man, Mr. Speechly lived with the author.

Mr. Kilpatrick's father and namesake — a loving and devoted family man, he

recalled in a recent conversation — had been a fighter pilot in World War I, like the author's older brother, who served during World War II. A 1939 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and nine years older than young Bill, Macgregor Kilpatrick flew fighter planes off the aircraft carriers Lexington and Franklin in the Pacific. He became an ace, winning the Navy Cross and surviving the war to retire as a commander, before graduating from Yale law school.

"He was my hero, he was the best big brother anyone could ever have," the author told me — and trying to live up to the models of his father and brother might be how he found himself flying his eighth mission over Germany as the toggler in a B-17 Flying Fortress from the 100th Bomb Group, on Nov. 30, 1944. He was 19 years old.

During the training missions leading up to combat, "I kept fighting air sickness. I'd come down and throw up, every time. I realized, I was scared to death," he admits. So the flight surgeon grounded him, but the humiliation proved untenable.

"I said to myself, 'No, William. Your brother is a Navy fighter pilot, your old man was a flier, and you're going to get in there. Goddamn it, face it.'"

On that fateful day over a heavily defended oil refinery at Merseburg, Mr. Kilpatrick's plane was hit by flak, and so was he. It shattered the bone in his left arm below the shoulder and badly damaged his leg, but the plane managed to return to base.

"After that," he now says, "I knew who and what I was. I don't have to apologize to anybody for anything in my life. That may be the most important lesson."

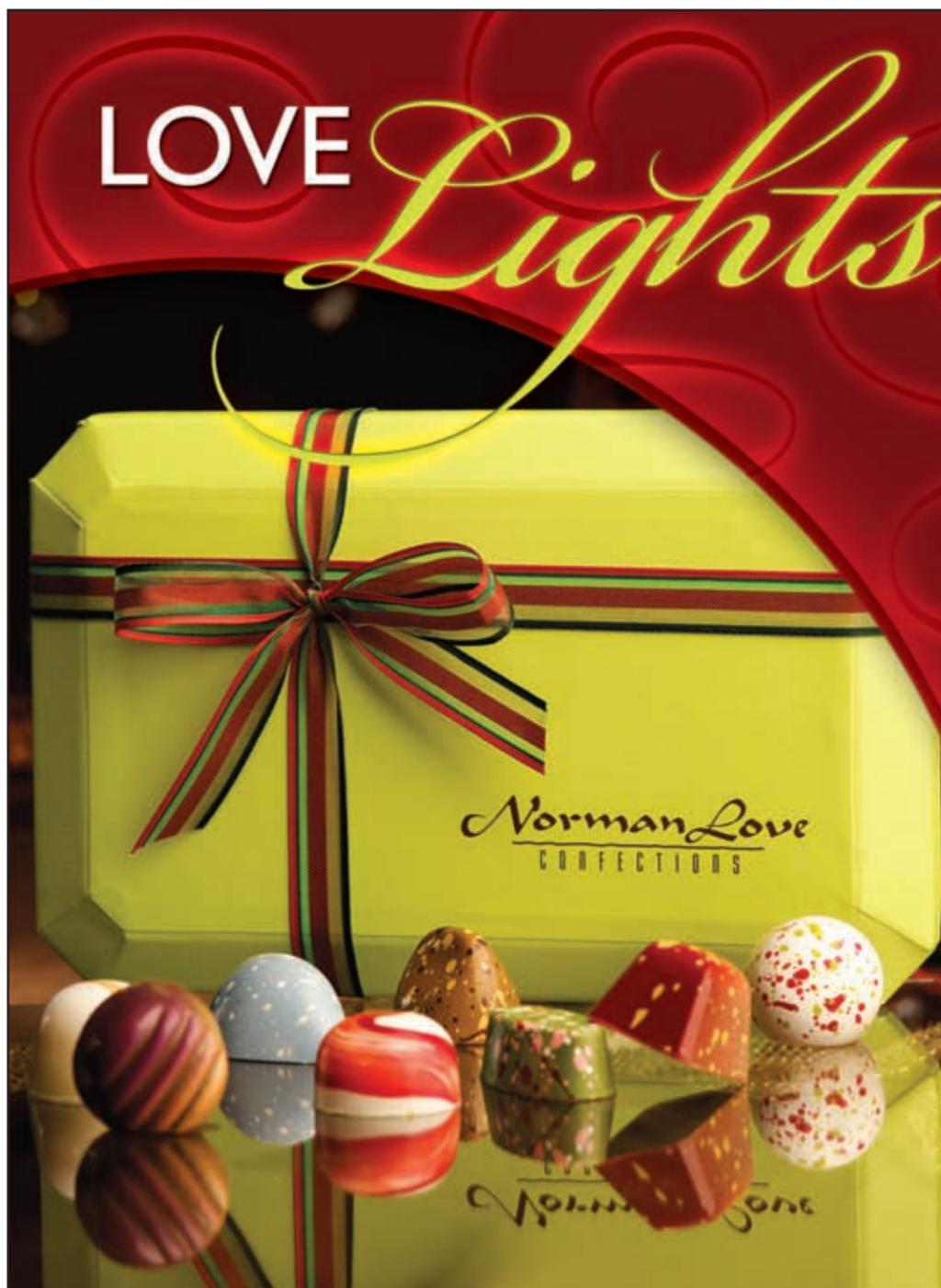
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OPINION

We are living in a climate of doom

BY RICH LOWRY

The phrase “doomsday cult” entered our collective vocabulary after John Lofland published his 1966 study, “Doomsday Cult: A Study of Conversion, Proselytization, and Maintenance of Faith.” Lofland wrote about the Unification Church. His subject could almost as easily have been the Church of Warmism.

Its college of cardinals gathered in Copenhagen amid professions of an imminent global apocalypse that allow no room for doubt or deviation.

“The clock has ticked down to zero,” declared U.N. climate chief Yvo de Boer. Yes, the end is nigh, just as surely as when the Millerites gathered on Oct. 22, 1844, to witness the Second Coming, only to comfort themselves at the end of the night, “Well, maybe next year.”

Copenhagen’s opening session featured a video of children pleading, “Please help save the world.” Had these precocious kids carefully reviewed the costs and benefits of a large-scale global carbon-rationing scheme? Of course not. They were props in the climate confab’s effort to propagandize itself, in the kind of closed loop always welcomed by true believers.

This doctrinaire impulse jumps off the page of the recently disclosed e-mails from the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, an outfit at the heart of climate science. MIT’s Michael Schrage says the e-mails reveal “malice, mischief and Machiavellian maneuverings.” George Monbiot, a leading journalistic promoter of climate alarmism, wrote after the release, “I was too trusting of some of those who provided the evidence I championed.”

At Copenhagen, they’ll have none of it. “It’s clearly an illegal attempt to create confusion,” U.N. IPCC Chairman Rajendra Pachauri said of the hack — or leak — of the e-mails, capturing the deeply illiberal temper of the defenders of the warmist faith. The same people who tend to put “Question Authority” bumper stickers on their cars have made “skeptics” and “doubters” dirty words in the climate debate.

It’s the vastness of the project “to transform the way we run the planet,” in the words of The Associated Press, that makes the slightest questioning impermissible. Emissions in a developed country like the U.S., we’re told, have to be 80 percent beneath 1990 levels by 2050 to

avoid catastrophe. On a per capita basis, Steve Hayward of the American Enterprise Institute writes, emissions were probably never that low, “even back in colonial days when the only fuel we burned was wood. The only nations in the world today that emit at this low level are all poor developing nations, such as Belize, Mauritius, Jordan, Haiti and Somalia.”

Polling shows the American public less alarmed about global warming despite the perpetual hectoring about impending doom. Not to worry. The Obama administration is preparing to take a pass on the inconvenient business of convincing elected representatives to implement costly measures to suppress carbon emissions and instead do it through fiat at the Environmental Protection Agency.

When the world is about to end, the rigors of democratic persuasion are as unwelcome as skepticism and caution. “I have such doubts!” Sister Aloysius declares at the end of the aptly named play “Doubt.” For defenders of the climate faith, that’s strictly forbidden. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Obama is now called a ‘war president’



helenTHOMAS

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama had a golden opportunity to become a peacemaker compared with his hawkish predecessor. But he has let that opening evaporate by escalating the war in Afghanistan.

Now he is called a “war president” — a dubious title that former President George W. Bush personally embraced after starting two devastating wars, one in Afghanistan, the other in Iraq.

In both cases, the U.S. is touting its exit plans. In Iraq, Obama has declared a victory and plans to pull out many troops next year, though leaving thousands behind to secure the Baghdad government. In Afghanistan, Obama has spoken vaguely about a troop drawdown starting in July 2011.

The problem in Iraq is that the sectarian war we nurtured in that oil-rich country — and invaded on the basis of false intelligence — is far from over, as evidenced by the suicide bombings in Baghdad this week that took 127 lives and wounded hundreds of Iraqis.

Obama went into Hamlet mode in his prolonged deliberation about Afghanistan before deciding to send 30,000 more troops there in pursuit of Taliban forces and the al-Qaida network.

The president was accused of “dithering” by militant Republican lawmakers,

most of whom have never known war. Later, he was pilloried for announcing a July 2011 date to begin an Afghanistan exodus.

It must have been tough for the president to prepare a persuasive speech in accepting the Nobel Peace Prize on Thursday while escalating a war in Central Asia.

Obama’s troop buildup is in line with his campaign promise that Afghanistan was a war of necessity — as opposed to Iraq — and that he would target Afghanistan if he became president.

Still, he had a chance to reconsider and begin a withdrawal to save lives.

Considering the domestic problems on his plate, he should have followed the footprints of the Russians, who gave up after some 10 years of warfare in that rugged terrain. In earlier times, both the British and Alexander the Great finally left Afghanistan to the warlike Afghans.

There is a precedent for strategic withdrawal. President Dwight D. Eisenhower — a top commander in World War II — withdrew most U.S. troops from Korea and settled for an armistice with Pyongyang.

As for interventions in civil wars, a Bill Mauldin cartoon said it all. He showed two muddled GIs lifting their heads out of a trench and one asks the other: “How can you tell a North Korean from a South Korean?”

No one called Ike a coward when he compromised. Likewise, Americans heaved a sigh of relief when President Ronald Reagan “redeployed” U.S.

Marines out of Lebanon in 1983.

Obama should remember his own battle cry and tell the hawks: “Yes, we can.”

The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Karl Eikenberry — formerly the top military commander in that tribal country — had warned against a troop escalation in secret cables he sent to the State Department.

But in testimony this week on Capitol Hill, Eikenberry — like a good soldier — came on board with Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who had requested 40,000 more American troops. NATO allies have promised to dispatch several thousand more troops, bringing the total number to 100,000 under U.S. command.

Eikenberry said the goal is to stabilize Afghanistan and ensure that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups cannot regain a foothold there to plan new attacks against the U.S. and its allies.

In an interview with the Financial Times, Gen. David Petraeus — who heads U.S. Central Command — insisted that parallels between Iraq and Afghanistan or Vietnam are “highly misleading.”

“Afghanistan is not Iraq,” or other countries, he said. “It is Afghanistan, with its own list of challenges and difficulties.”

The difference, he explained, is the low literacy rate in Afghanistan and its shaky central government.

Sorry, general. To me it looks like the same old Vietnam quagmire.

In the vernacular, Obama should know the often-repeated phrase: “The way forward” means “out.” ■

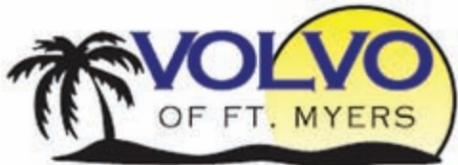
MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Dec. 18, 1916**, Betty Grable is born in St. Louis. Grable, trained as an actress and dancer, was voted “favorite pin-up girl” by American servicemen during World War II. Paramount famously insured her legs for \$1 million.

► On **Dec. 20, 1957**, rock ‘n’ roll star

Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for a two-year stint in the United States Army. Refusing special favors, he was sworn in as an Army private in Memphis, Tenn., on March 24, 1958. Widely praised for not seeking to avoid the draft, Presley was seen as a model for all young Americans.

► On **Dec. 21, 1937**, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” debuts. The film, created by Walt Disney’s animation company, was the first feature-length animated movie. The film became a classic, and box-office receipts recouped the film’s cost of \$1.5 million by the end of its first year in circulation. ■



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15 MINUTES

Mother-daughter duo scores with eBay buyers and sellers alike

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

Who says you can't please everyone? In an economy that's modest at best, booming businesses are a rare commodity, but mother-and-daughter team Christina Wells and Jamie Shissler have started a company that helps everyone get exactly what they want. Not only that, it's poised to aid local charities.

With college for 16-year-old Jamie looming on the near horizon, Ms. Wells, a freelance writer, started looking for a way to earn extra money for the impending expenses. In an economy that's challenging on all fronts, with a job market that's equally difficult, she knew she'd have to think outside the box.

"We thought about Naples and the various things that make the community unique, and then developed a business designed to fulfill the needs of these residents," Ms. Wells says. She and Jamie noticed there were many people in town — especially women — who had accumulated mounds of designer clothing, jewelry, purses and shoes over the years, perhaps when the economy was booming, and who now wished to trade them in for cash.

"Some hoped to exchange their old things for money to buy more updated items," she says. Others needed money to pay bills and regular expenses, she adds.

Mother and daughter decided to start a full-service eBay business, marketing and selling people's things to buyers around the country. Because of the tenor



Christine Wells and Jamie Shissler

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of the Naples community, most of the merchandise they receive to sell was purchased from some of the area's — and the world's — most desirable retailers.

"As it turns out, our business is a win/win situation for everyone," Ms. Wells says. Customers who give her items to sell end up with quick cash for things they probably had sitting around, unused, in their closets, and buyers get things from Chanel, David Yurman, Mui Mui and Manolo Blahnik at greatly discounted prices. "A huge portion of the

merchandise that people bring for us to sell has never been used at all," she says. "Many still have all of the tags on them."

Ms. Wells and her daughter get 50 percent of the sale price for items sold, and they take all shipping and insurance costs out of their cut. "We research the items to determine the correct selling price, buff, polish and prep the merchandise as necessary, write up marketing descriptions and photograph each item, handle all buyer inquiries via phone and e-mail, notify the seller of each monetary offer

that comes in, and ship the merchandise to buyers."

They started operations in late August of this year and began turning a profit almost immediately, Ms. Wells says. "Sales have been brisk. We seem to have hit on something that people really want."

Part of what she loves best about the enterprise is that it's something she and her daughter both enjoy and can do together. Now that business is going well, Jamie is also looking to use a portion of their earnings to support local charities. "My goal was to earn money for college," she says, "but beyond that, my plan is to give to small, local charities where the funds can have a real impact on the lives of those who need help, and where I can become involved on a more personal level.

"I would love to be able to lend a hand to those who need it right here in Naples where I grew up."

A junior at Baron Collier High School, Jamie is a level 10 competitive gymnast, an honor roll recipient and a member of the French National Honor Society. Her brother Billy, 13, is a state-ranked tennis player and a seventh grader at Naples Middle School. The family has lived in Naples for eight years.

"Ultimately I see the business as a chance to facilitate people's needs and to match buyers and seller in a way that helps both," Ms. Wells says. "I think it is great when everyone can walk away from a transaction feeling like they got exactly what they were hoping for." ■



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— Tom Sams, Capital Pawn, Naples

PAWN

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demanded his “pound of flesh” in “The Merchant of Venice,” is one of Shakespeare’s most memorable villains and the character has resonated with audiences from Elizabethan England forward for a very good reason: Cold-eyed money lenders make great bad guys.

Long infamous for their high interest rates and tight-fisted cash outlays, pawn shops routinely are paired in our popular culture with the twin notions of destitution and desperation. One of the enduring scenes of American cinema comes from “The Lost Weekend” and involves a tremulous alcoholic writer (Ray Milland) who vainly scours New York’s Third Avenue on Yom Kippur for an open pawnshop where he can hock his dearest possession — a typewriter — to finance a binge.

To its critics, the act of pawning a possession is at its best distasteful, and at its worst not far removed from pan-handling on Main Street or seeking the services of a mob-connected loan shark. Florida, with nearly 1,500 shops (more than any other state), rests squarely at the epicenter of this much-maligned industry.

Tom Sams, the affable, soft-spoken Naples entrepreneur who has been in the pawn business for two decades and runs eight highly successful shops — all operating under the name Capital Pawn — spread across South Florida, has heard these aspersions before, and he remains unruffled when they’re laid out before him for what is probably the umpteenth time. He doesn’t even wince at the “merchants of misery” reference.

Rather than shy from such discussion, Mr. Sams meets it head-on.

“Look, it is no secret that nationally there are so many bad (pawn shops) that everybody in the business takes a beating as a result,” he says. “When someone, somewhere does something wrong, (all) take a beating — even the good ones. That’s not fair, but that’s the way it is.”

He adds the industry brought on some of this by not policing itself as it should. “But that has changed,” he maintains. “This is the most regulated industry in the United States, without question.”

Fighting a stereotype

The Texas-based, 2,600-member National Pawnbrokers Association, which was begun in 1988 and counts Mr. Sams as an enthusiastic and active member, works to oversee and guide its members and “upgrade the image of pawnbrokers” across the United States.

“Our customers represent the working families of America who have an unexpected need for short-term cash,” the NPA states on its Web site. “Pawn loans keep the electricity on, the rent paid and the cars working and full of gasoline.”

The emergence of chains like Cash America and Maitland-based Value Pawn & Jewelry, whose stores are consistently well maintained and less forbidding than the small, dark hovels usually associated with the pawn business, has helped to perk up the industry’s public persona.

The History Channel now offers a reality television show that tracks the doings of pawnbrokers in Las Vegas and lends a humanizing face to the shadowy industry. Yet the show’s title — “Pawn Stars” — carries with it a whiff of sleaze.



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Tom Sams has been in the pawn business for two decades and runs eight highly successful shops spread across South Florida.

An important service

Sitting in his spacious Naples office, which features a huge flat-screen television tuned to a cable business-news channel, Mr. Sams makes the argument that especially in these perilous economic times, pawn shops perform a vital service that other lenders cannot fulfill.

“We have become the financial vehicle that serves the unbanked, the people who have no bank accounts,” he says. “We have all sorts of people who come in our shops, but we primarily serve the lower end of the financial system. You can’t get a loan for \$5,000 or below at a bank now. They won’t write it. But you can at a pawnshop.”

The average loan at Capital Pawn is about \$80, Mr. Sams says.

“Eighty dollars! Where else can someone who needs money go to get a loan that small? Nowhere. We are the only ones who serve these people. That is not bad. It is good.”

According to a Georgetown University study, the average pawnshop customer has a household income of about \$34,000, which seems to play against the stereotype that pawnbrokers are flat broke. While Mr. Sams has no hard data on that point, he says he figures that Georgetown’s estimated income level probably is about in line with what his many of his customers earn.

“That might be more (income) than most people would expect, but when you think about it, it’s really not that much,” he observes.

There’s no denying that the market is there.

Although he will not discuss revenues, Mr. Sams does share that his company’s sophisticated computer database now lists more than 132,000 customers drawn from across South Florida. The computer tracking also tells him that each of his eight pawn shops, all of which operate under the name of Capital Pawn, serves an average of 5.46 new customers every day.

His flagship shop (called the Capital Pawn Superstore) is in Naples, and the rest are in Immokalee, Golden Gate, Bonita Springs, LaBelle, Sebring,



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Capital Pawn in Naples has become the financial vehicle that serves the unbanked. It also offers a variety of goods, from rings to guitars, for sale.



Okeechobee and Lehigh Acres. He says it’s the largest family-run pawnshop business in this area, and that it employs 76 people and offers benefits like medical coverage and a 401(k) plan. Capital Pawn, under the name Capital Systems, will soon begin marketing nationally a software program called Pawnbroker Plus that it has long used in its own shops.

From unlikely beginnings

Mr. Sams, who is 69 years old, was an unlikely candidate to become a pawnbroker.

After a career as an air-traffic controller in the U.S. Air Force, he founded and ran several successful businesses in his hometown of Pittsburgh. None of these businesses was related to the pawn industry. At various times Mr. Sams operated, among others, a printing company and a storage firm.

In the mid 1980s, his 19-year-old son died after undergoing three liver transplants. Mr. Sams and his wife had spent more than four months at their son’s bedside in intensive care, and the expe-

rience left them drained, despondent and ready to leave Pittsburgh.

“I didn’t even want to see the house there again,” Mr. Sams says. “Too many memories.”

The couple retired to the east coast of Florida and then moved over to Naples. In 1990, Mr. Sams was growing restless when a nephew approached him with a business idea. Why not open a pawn shop?

“Pawn shop?” Mr. Sams recalls now with an amused shake of his head. “I’d never thought of such a thing. But the more I checked into it, the more convinced I was that we could be very successful. It excited me.”

He set out to be a different kind of pawnbroker. True, the interest rates at his pawn shops are breathtaking (by law, 25 percent is the max for a 30-day loan), and the mechanics are the same as at every other pawn shop: The customer pawns an item for which he is paid whatever the broker is willing to pay. Interest is figured in, and the customer has 30 days and a 30-day grace period to retrieve his item by paying off the loan and fees. Or he can extend the loan by paying just the interest and hopefully retrieve the item by paying in full at a later date. Mr. Sams says that bet-

ter than 80 percent of his customers eventually get their pawned item returned.

The 25 percent maximum interest rate for a 30-day loan is levied on the smallest of loans, \$10 or so, Mr. Sams says. Even at lower rates, however, the monthly interest rates can pile up.

If someone receives a \$100 loan at, say, 5 percent for 30 days, the annual percentage rate amounts to 60 percent. There is legislation before Congress that would cap the annual percentage rate at 36 percent, and pawnbrokers insist such a restriction would drive many of them — especially the smallest operators — out of business.

Mr. Sams didn't intend to reinvent the pawn business, but he did seek to retool the way pawn shops look and operate.

"I saw an opportunity to take over something that was often done so badly and convert it into something we could be proud of," he says. "Some of the things you see in pawn shops... I walked into one and opened the door of a microwave they had out on the floor for sale. There were slices of pizzas in it. I mean, come on, is that any way to run a business?"

To that end, Mr. Sams decided his pawn shops would not be storefront operations based in cheap strip malls. Instead, he opted for stand-alone businesses that don't look like typical pawn shops. He wanted shops that are bright and airy.

Typical of this thinking, the company recently bought for about \$1 million a former Wachovia branch bank building in Bonita Springs for its new location there, which will open early next year after renovation and remodeling.

"Wait until you see the landscaping we're going to do there," he says. "I want shops that people feel comfortable walking in. Shops that are attractive."

He employs four gemologists to evaluate jewelry that passes through Capital Pawn stores. He has opened a higher-end jewelry shop in Naples named Gems & Gold, which deals mainly in items obtained through estate sales, and has pieces that go for up to \$15,000.

Although he would never say it, Mr. Sams has become something like the Donald Trump of South Florida pawnbrokers, and his shops the pawn equivalents of Tiffany or Cartier — although it's unlikely that either of those establishments feel the need to post signs that loaded firearms are not tolerated.

Despite his efforts, Mr. Sams acknowledges that the business has its down sides. For one, pawn shops are not highly prized as neighbors in many areas, especially in upscale locales like Naples.

Officials in Bristol, Conn., recently closed the last of that town's pawn shops. (That action, however, was



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With several locations in Southwest Florida, Capital Pawn shops are loaded with things people unload in an effort to raise cash. This holiday-red chopper is in the Naples Capital Pawn Superstore.

ostensibly based on persistent criminal activity at the shops and not on an aesthetic distaste for the pawn business per se.)

"Yes, there are people who think we shouldn't exist — anywhere," Mr. Sams says. "That's frustrating, because we try to do everything right, and we're a good neighbor. We have excellent security. There are 13 cameras in every store, and we've never had a robbery, although we did have a break-in at Sebring. But, yeah, some people just don't like having us around."

And while he enthusiastically touts the services rendered by pawnbrokers, he says the deteriorating economy has increased the number of bona fide hard-luck cases that pass through the doors. He finds this circumstance troubling.

"We're seeing people as customers who we wouldn't have seen just a few years back," he says. "This is especially true with the elderly. We see more elderly customers, people whose savings are gone, who have a real need for money now. When the economy was good, we weren't seeing that."

He adds: "But the situation would be worse if we weren't here to help them out when they needed it. These are people who need money for necessities."

Of course, the flip side of this depressing migration to pawn shops is that bargain hunters — those who frequent the shops as buyers, not sellers — now have an even greater selection of merchandise to choose from. There are deals to be found, for sure. On a recent day, a spiffy-looking Rolex (the real deal, not a street-vendor knockoff) is offered for less than \$300 in the Naples store.

"It comes with a 30-day warranty," Mr. Sams is quick to note.

That Rolex represents both the core of the pawn business and the cruel symmetry of hard times: One man's loss is another's gain.

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BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

One hundred and sixty-six years ago today, Nov. 17, 1843, a novella about a miserly, cold, hard-hearted curmudgeon and his spiritual deliverance after being visited by four ghosts on Christmas Eve was published. The Dickens, you say?

The Dickens, I do say— more specifically Mr. Charles Dickens, who wrote “A Christmas Carol” in two months’ time, perhaps releasing some of the humiliation this young man had endured while living in debtor’s prison due to his father’s misfortunes.

He might have been only 12 years old when he was sent away, but young Charles’ education and intellect made him painfully aware of his loss of social standing. This significant event altered his emotional well-being greatly, and it also gave him a great capacity for empathy for the poor, especially children. While he never fully recovered from his psychological wounds, his suffering was not for naught.

Twenty years later, Mr. Dickens approached Parliament to decry the horrifying effects the Industrial Revolution had upon the lives of these poor children. He left the meeting feeling as though he had been unheard, however. After writing a political piece titled “An Appeal to the People of England, on behalf of the Poor Man’s Child,” he asked for another appearance before Parliament. Then, still happy with this composition, he rescheduled his visit for later in the year. Sally Ledger, author of “Dickens and the Popu-



Judging the City of Naples Christmas Parade earlier this month are, front: Gloria Kovacs, Miles “Rocky” Scofield, Mary Watkins, Earl and Thelma Hodges and Jessie Chesser. Back: Rick Rinella, Frank Russen, Douglas Keating, Jean Walker Humphries’ granddaughter and Jean, and Ray Carroll.

lar Radical Imagination,” wrote of how he informed one of the commissioners, Dr. Southwood Smith, on his change of plans: “You will certainly feel that a sledge hammer has come down with 20 times the force — 20,000 times the force — I could exert by following out my first idea.”

Mr. Dickens was true to his word. His change in plans resulted in “A Christmas Carol,” which resulted in actually making people behave better.

I guess the adage of “that which does not kill us, makes us stronger” holds true.

Hardships across the sea

Hardships were not only common in Mr. Dickens’ time; they were common to the pioneering folks who settled Southwest Florida.

Adversity is a badge of honor to those who know how to transcend difficulty, making their pain simply a rite of pas-

sage leading to some higher purpose or learning. Of course, anyone who is part of the Greatest Generation would never use these words; they’d probably simply say nothing. You just do what you have to do without complaining.

These pioneers had families who stayed in this place to make a home, and who passed the torch of hard work and community service on down the line for the next generation to carry forward.

At the recent City of Naples Christmas Parade, several members of this next generation, along with Fifth Avenue South business owners and managers, carried forth the tradition of community service as they as judged the parade, newly themed “The Magic of Christmas Past.”

Rick Rinella of Truluck’s, Doug Keating of Keating Realty, Gloria Kovas of the Name Game Game and Frank Russen, a board member at The von Liebig Art Cen-

ter, have had a collective total of 28 years in Collier County; the pioneering families represented by Miles “Rocky” Scofield, Mary Watkins, Jesse Chesser, Ray Carroll, Jean Walker Humphries and Earl and Thelma had some 550 collective years.

Undertaking stewardship

While Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, our only “parade couple” judges, are junior oldtimers, (the Carroll family came in 1895, whereas the Hodges came around 1956), their profound love for the community is noteworthy. Earl’s career began when he was 13 and attended a funeral with his father. Soon after, he started working for the funeral director, thereby gaining the experience that would serve him well later on in life.

Persistence and hard work were Earl’s friends, just as they are to anyone who is a goal-seeking missile, and Earl was just that. When he signed up for military service in World War II, he failed the physical for all of the Armed Forces because of too much protein in his urine. A nurse advised him to drink lots of water before his next checkup to dilute the protein in his system, and soon Earl was in the Maritime Services. His goal was to serve his country, and like he did throughout his career, he simply didn’t stop until he made it happen.

Thelma, one of the founding nurses of NCH, was always by his side as the couple became one of the most respected stewards of our community. In 1997, they gifted \$12 million to International College, which was renamed Hodges University.

Like Mr. Dickens, the oldtimers had their share of hardships — which most assuredly made them stronger in all their undertakings for this wonderful place we call home. ■

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Palm Cottage 'chickee chats' set for the winter season

The Naples Historical Society announces its 2010 lineup of Garden Side Chickee Chats. Steeped in educational information, the three free presentations take place from 11 a.m. to noon in the Chickee Pavilion in The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. Everyone who attends receives a gift from the NHS.



Naples Historical Society

- **Friday, Jan. 29: "Naples Oral Histories: Tomorrow's Old Timers"** — Neapolitan youth from circa 1950s talk about what it was like here for kids growing up during that time. Guests will be Ray Carroll, Lodge McKee and Nick Turner.
- **Friday, Feb. 12: "Archaeological Landscapes of Naples"** — The city's physical evolution is directly connected

to what Naples has become today. Learn from one of the best authorities in town, John Beriault, past president of the NHS and archaeologist for the Archaeological & Historical Conservancy Inc.

• **Friday, Feb. 26: "Edison, Ford and Friends"** — Learn about the excitement of two of America's greatest inventors, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Hear the stories of how they met, trips they took and the famous friends they made along the way. Presenter is Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the Estates.

The Naples Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered at historic Palm Cottage, 137 12th Avenue South, one block east of the Naples Pier.

Starting in January 2010, Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage are open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Suggested donation is \$8 per person.

For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org. ■

Children's museum receives \$75,000 grant

The Collier County Commissioners and the county's Tourist Development Council have awarded a \$75,000 grant to the Children's Museum of Naples to promote and create statewide awareness of the museum prior to its opening in the fall of 2010.

The funds will enable the museum to expand its Web site, develop promotional materials and maintain the "The Wonders of Children's Museums" exhibit that trav-

els the state to promote the benefits of children's museums.

C'mon is under construction on a 2-acre site in North Collier Regional Park on Livingston Road south of Immokalee Road. The completed facility will be a LEED-certified green building, fully accessible to all children regardless of their physical or learning abilities. For more information, visit www.cmon.org. ■

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2. "Ants Add Up To 100" is the title of the request for \$338.35 that would allow Sonjia Clodfelder at Manatee Elementary School to purchase materials for her first graders to use magnetic ants to count, build number patterns, illustrate a variety of mathematical operations and thereby visualize the concept of 100. "All 150 of our school's first-grade students will be able to use these materials, as our team of six teachers builds activities within individual class-

rooms," Ms. Clodfelder says.

3. At Poinciana Elementary, Thomas Davison aims to build an effective classroom library to increase his students' motivation for reading. He is asking for \$750 for his grant entitled "Literacy Library for the Daily Five." Mr. Davi-

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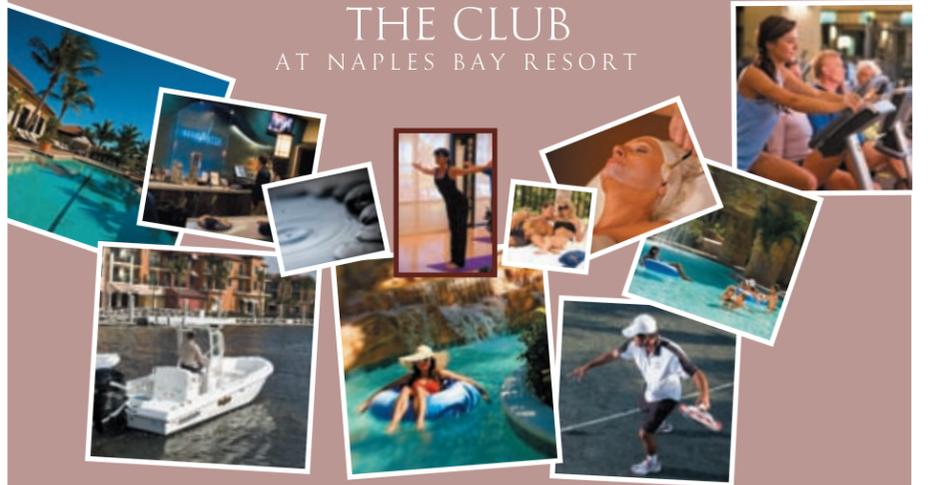
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Golden Apple contenders announced

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"We congratulate this year's Teachers of Distinction on their recognition, and thank them and their colleagues for the opportunity to visit their classrooms," Trish Biebricher, chairman of the 2009-10 Golden Apple Committee, said. "We look forward to honoring all

of our excellent teachers at the 20th annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition program on May 4."

Six of the Teachers of Distinction will receive a Golden Apple and be honored at the celebration at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Stock Development hosted a private reception on Dec. 15 at the Club at Olde Cypress so that past Golden Apple recipients and Education Foundation supporters could meet and welcome the new Teachers of Distinction. Each of the Teachers of Distinction received a \$200 cash prize in recognition of the honor, which was provided through the Mary Ingram Fund of the Columbus Foundation.

The 2009-10 Teachers of Distinction are:

- Sharon Eve Baines, Pine Ridge Middle
- Wylie Bertuna, North Naples Middle
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- Mary Bryan, Manatee Elementary
- Joann Cassio, Lorenzo Walker Technical High
- Timothy Chestnut, Barron Collier High
- Cheryl Coffey, Laurel Oak Elementary
- Cynthia Crouse, Golden Terrace Elementary



- Patricia Ann Della Posta, Palmetto Ridge High
- Susan Fialko, Corkscrew Elementary
- Diane Fontdevila, Osceola Elementary
- Lisa Garby, Manatee Middle
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- Deborah Marino, Sea Gate Elementary
- Carole McPhee, Veterans Memorial Elementary
- Mary Jones Mootispaw, Avalon Elementary
- Jon Mundorf, Tommie Barfield Elementary
- Laurie Nowlin, Pelican Marsh Elementary
- Victoria Stoddard Peterson, Oakridge Middle
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• **Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum**

1300 Third Street South
594-2978, www.naplesbackyard-history.org.

Anyone who's new to town should enjoy reading about local history. Among the mini-museum's most popular books on the subject are "When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried" by City Historian Doris Reynolds (\$24); "My Life on the Water" by Capt. John Morgan (\$15); and "The Life of Tommy Barfield" by Betsy Perdichizzi (\$18). You'll also find Naples Backyard History note cards and T-shirts (\$15 each). To toast your shopping success, stop by Sea Salt next door and sip on a Naples Backyard History Tini, sales of which the restaurant donates to the mini-museum. Hours at the mini-museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with evening hours until 9 p.m. Thursday (except on Christmas Eve).

• **Naples Botanical Garden**

4820 Bayshore Drive
643-7275, www.naplesgarden.org
Gift shop manager Janele Smith says the season's bestsellers are puppets and games for kids (\$1-\$25); Grass Headz — "Their hair is in your hands," Ms. Smith explains. "Just add water, sun and style. Who needs a yard?" (perfect stocking stuffers at \$3.95); Bee Bar Hand and Body Lotion from Honey House Natural (\$9.94); and a set of flour sack hand towels (great for a hostess gift at \$12.95). The gift shop is open during regular Garden hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 365 days a year.



Palmetto Patch Nature Store at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

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• **The Naples Museum of Art and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts**

5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.
597-1900, www.thephil.org
In addition to the requisite CDs and art books, here's where you can find a Naples Philharmonic Orchestra golf caddy pack (three golf balls and 15 tees, all bearing the orchestra logo) (\$20); the Dale Chihuly Art Kid to get kids' creative juices flowing (\$28); and a pair of gilt-trimmed opera glasses in

a pretty protective pouch (\$35). And don't forget: Tickets to any of performance or lecture at the Phil are easy to wrap. Museum gift shop hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The jewelry counter in the lobby of the Phil is open one hour before performances and during intermission.

• **The Naples Zoo**

1590 Goodlette Frank Road
262-5409, www.napleszoo.org

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• **Palmetto Patch Nature Store at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center**

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• **The von Liebig Art Center**

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262-6517, www.naplesart.org
Don't show up with just a bottle of wine for your hostess; make any vintage special by hanging a "Whimsy Wisher" on it. The art center gift shop has these and many more handmade gifts. The most popular items in the store are one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces crafted by local artisans. You'll also find hand-painted silk pillows, glass votive holders and Swarovski crystal bracelets that will make any young girl's eyes light up. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. ■

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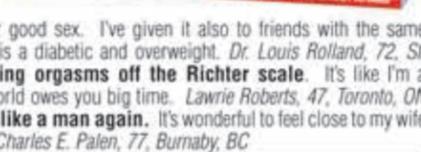
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Health department has H1N1 vaccine clinics

The Collier County Health Department is now giving the H1N1 flu vaccine to:

Pregnant women, health care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct patient contact, persons who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months, persons aged 6 months to 64 years of age, and persons 65 years of age and older who have one of the following medical conditions: Chronic lung disease, heart disease (except high blood pressure), kidney disease, liver disease, cognitive disease, blood disorders like anemia, metabolic disease and immunosuppression.

The vaccine is free at Community Vaccination Clinics scheduled for the following:

• **North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall**, 15000 Livingston Road - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and Monday,

Dec. 21 and 28

• **The former Kmart**, 12693 Tamiami Trail East - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 29.

Although the risk groups have expanded significantly, healthy individuals 65 years of age and older are not yet eligible for the H1N1 vaccine. While waiting for the chance to get vaccinated, these people are encouraged to obtain their seasonal flu vaccine (and pneumonia shot if appropriate).

Seasonal and pneumonia vaccine will be available at the clinics listed. Flu vaccine costs \$30; pneumonia vaccine costs \$40. Medicare Part B will be billed if card is presented.

For more information and the latest dates and times for vaccination clinics, visit www.CollierPrepares.org or call 252-8200 and chose option 2 on the message line. ■

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HEALTHY LIVING

The heart of the matter

Taking care of the most vital organ in the body is a community-wide effort

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special To Florida Weekly

You'll always be in my heart. My heart beats only for you. You must be broken-hearted. My heart fills with joy. Have a heart. Affairs of the heart. It's time for a heart-to-heart. The heart figures prominently in hundreds of sayings that describe life's every emotion.

But how well do we take care of the organ that's referred to with such abandon?

The heart is the most important organ in the body. Nothing else can function without it. Even the mighty brain is helpless when the heart stops beating. Yet heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases are the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, claiming more than 865,000 lives each year.

The American Heart Association is on a mission to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. One of the most visible signs of the campaign is the annual Start! Heart Walk that takes place in town and cities across the country.

"The Heart Walk is more than just a walk, it's about changing your life-



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style," says Geoff Moebius, CEO of Physicians Regional Health Care System and chairman of the Collier County AHA Start! Heart Walk, which took place last month. More than 4,000 walkers stepped out, and a record \$342,000 was raised; the Lee County walk last weekend raised about \$250,000. The AHA's Southwest Florida Heart Ball, a joint gala for Collier and Lee counties, happens in April.

"I've been so pleased working with the American Heart Association, not



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Fred and Shelly Church, McGruff the Crime Dog, Geoff Moebius and Connie Byrne at the starting line for the Collier Heart Walk

just with the Heart Walk and raising funds, but also with what they have done for the community in setting up walking paths and working with the city and different companies to encourage healthier diets to combat obesity," Mr. Moebius says.

"From our cause sponsors — Arthrex and an anonymous donor in memory of Kyle Ferstrom — everyone has been stepping up to help the community with healthy diets, anti-smoking and walking, all of which fight heart dis-

ease," he adds.

After shaping up for the Start! Heart Walk, Mr. Moebius still hits the pavement for his main form of exercise. "I strive to get in my 10,000 steps a day," he says. "I also ride a bike and swim."

Heart disease risks can include conditions and lifestyle factors. Everyone can take steps to tackle risk factors, and this is especially important if someone already has heart disease. Deposits of cholesterol in the arteries of the heart can lead to a narrowing of the arteries

and heart disease.

Another chief risk factor for heart disease is high blood pressure, which can be treated with lifestyle changes or in many cases by medication. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, three-quarters of people with diabetes, which is another culprit in raising a person's risk for heart disease, die of a form of heart or blood vessel disease.

SEE HEART, A19 ►

STRAIGHT TALK

Innovation, collaboration are just what the doctor ordered

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Two themes have guided NCH over the past several years: innovation and collaboration. Here are three examples of the kind of innovation and collaboration that contribute to our organization's leadership as a provider of high-quality health care.

1. Emergency Physicians of Naples: Since establishing an exclusive contract with NCH in 2002, EPN has cared for more than 100,000 patients a year at the Downtown Naples Hospital, North Naples Hospital and the Marco Healthcare Clinic. This month, EPN's 34 physicians and 18 physician assistants joined TeamHealth, which has more than 6,100 affiliated health care

professionals in 550 hospitals, clinics and physician groups in 46 states.

This new collaboration, according to Dr. John Lewis, TeamHealth president and chief medical officer, "will improve our practice and enhance our ability to deliver better care to patients in our community." For NCH, it means increased resources and expertise from a national group to support our emergency-room personnel as they serve the community.

2. NCH and Cerner Corp.: This collaboration represents "a big win for the community and everyone else," says Paul Gorup, chief innovation officer and one of Cerner's three co-founders in 1979. To help ensure that "win," Mr. Gorup will move to Naples to facilitate the continued transformation of NCH's information technology capabilities into a strategic asset.

On his first visit to NCH, he observed nursing and physician workflow as he made rounds through the ER, ICU,

rehab and other downtown units with his team of Carolyn Brooks, Rick Plisko, David Vigil and Dave Zurliene. Nursing and physician workflow will continue to improve as safety and quality are enhanced.

NCH already ranks among the top 60 hospitals in IT in the country, according to Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, a widely recognized independent evaluator. Cerner is among the top health care information technology companies in the world and has a multitude of solutions to be implemented in Southwest Florida. The complexity of today's medical care makes it imperative to obtain new tools for decision support for evidence-based medicine. That's the kind of innovation we're accomplishing with Cerner.

3. Setting the example: Physicians and staff at North Naples recently had a hectic week in Labor and Delivery and the Pre- and Post-Operative areas.

L&D was having a bumper crop of eight C-sections but was short of staff. OR Director Sherrie Laurita and Barb Meehan, post-op R.N., jumped right in to help the L&D team catch up. Almost simultaneously, pre-op nurse Leanne Laettner suggested that pre- and post-op nurses be cross-trained so they can help each other during these kinds of peak demand times. I learned all this first-hand while making rounds.

I also had lunch last week with our outpatient infusion service team. Their leader, Sue Théroux, R.N., recognized the team for going above and beyond to handle peak demands. This kind of working smarter, through innovation and collaboration, is the best way to ensure that NCH continues to provide the highest quality health care to residents of Collier County and beyond. ■

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

HEART

From page A18

Where there's smoke, there's fire

The most important preventable cause of premature death in the United States, cigarette smoking accounts for nearly 500,000 deaths every year. It's such a major risk factor for death in America that the surgeon general has called it "the leading preventable cause of disease and deaths in the United States." The AHA devotes an entire section of its Web site to the link between cigarette smoking and cardiovascular diseases.

In addition to the damage smokers do to themselves every time they light up, the damage their smoke does to others is catastrophic. As many as 69,000 premature deaths annually can be attributed to heart and blood vessel disease caused by secondhand smoke.

Health care head honchos like Mr. Moebius have banned smoking on their medical campuses, with overwhelming support of patients, hospital visitors

and organizations like the American Heart Association.

"We have worked with NCH and Lee Memorial Health System to make all campuses non-smoking," he says, adding, "It's largely due to the American



Heart Association that we were able to pull off these great successes."

Opponents have long fought against a blanket ban on smoking in public places and restaurants, decrying them unconstitutional. Medical professionals recognize that trying to reason with many smokers is a losing battle, and the evidence of secondhand smoke fatality is often lost in translation rendering behavior unchanged. In nicotine addiction, a glaring absence of reason thrives, which means an outright ban on smoking is often the only way businesses and health care providers can

keep workers and patrons safe from secondhand smoke.

Because statistics show that nearly all smokers start the habit before the age of 18, smoking bans are more important than ever if positive anti-smoking messages are to reach children in time to prevent them from picking up that first cigarette, the AHA maintains.

Know the signs

Every year nearly 1 million Americans have their first heart attack. Another 470,000 who have already had one or more heart attacks have another attack.

The AHA lists discomfort in the chest or other areas of the upper body, shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort and other signs like breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness as heart attack warning signs. Although heart attacks that seem obvious, as often portrayed on television or in movies, can happen, most begin slowly with discomfort. And all too often, people wait too long before getting help.

What is your heart telling you? And more importantly, will you listen?

For more information on healthy heart habits or to participate in an AHA event, visit www.AmericanHeart.org. ■

American Heart Association initiatives

Among the AHA's programs to promote heart health are:

- **Go Red for Women:** A national movement to wipe out heart disease in women
- **Start! Heart Walk:** A call to action for all Americans to walk and incorporate heart-healthy habits into their everyday lives
- **Power to End Stroke:** A campaign to raise awareness about and prevent stroke
- **Alliance for a Healthier Generation:** A partnership between the William J. Clinton Foundation and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to encourage a healthier generation of young people
- **Heart Ready Awareness:** Designates cities, counties and communities as Heart Ready
- **American Heart Heroes:** An enrichment program for children who have cardiovascular disease
- **Jump Rope for Heart:** A program that encourages elementary students to raise research and education funds
- **Hoops for Heart:** A way to engage middle-school students in basketball and to raise funds for heart and stroke research and education

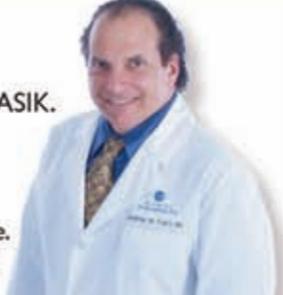


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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Winter solstice at the Garden

Naples Botanical Garden presents a solstice celebration from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, through Wednesday, Dec. 23. More than 500 tiki torches will line the walkways from the Visitor Center to the Solstice Landing overlooking Deep Lake. Santa Claus, in tropical attire, will greet children in the Caribbean Garden Chattel House. Free cookies and hot chocolate will be provided, and the Garden Cafe will sell wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Entertainment — including a guitarist in the Brazilian Garden, a member of Flute Cocktail in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden and a Druid at the Solstice Landing — will be featured each night. The Garden Shop will be open for holiday shopping, with the members' discount of 10 percent available.

The Solstice Celebration is free with regular Garden admission of \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children ages 4-14, and free for members. The Garden is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

Marco art league holiday trunk show

The Art League Marco Island Center for the Arts has a holiday trunk show featuring the jewelry of Joni Gotthelf and Babs Snyderman from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. There is no charge for admission, and gift-wrapping will be provided for every purchase. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit www.marcoislandart.com. ■

Fun in the sun for winter break

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at North Collier Regional Park is open during the holiday school break. Kids will forget all about missing the snow when they make a splash at the water park. The park is closed Christmas Day but open every other day through the public school holiday. For more information, call 252-4021 or visit www.collierparks.com. ■

'Yoo Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg'

Enjoy the film "Yoo Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg" about broadcasting pioneer Gertrude Berg and stay for potato latkes and dessert with the Jewish Federation of Marco Island at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at 991 Winterberry Drive on Marco. Admission is \$25. Call 642-0800. ■

Norris Center presents the tin soldier's story

The toy room comes to life in Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale, "The Brave Tin Soldier," on stage at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at The Norris Center. A toy sol-

dier with a damaged leg falls in love with a music box ballerina and must overcome his limitations to save her from the Evil Renegade Rat, who wants her as his bride.

This show is ideal for ages 2-12. Santa will make an appearance, and each guest will be able to make a holiday craft or two. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Cost is \$8 per child. Call 213-3058. ■

An Anglican Christmas concert

"The Holly and the Ivy: Christmas at Trinity-by-the-Cove," a concert of timeless music by the church choir, takes place at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Selections include "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The Holly and the Ivy," "Ding! Dong! Merrily on High," "Calypso Carol," "Il est né" and "Masters in this Hall." The choir will be accompanied by organ, flute, violin and harp. The church is at 553 Galleon Drive. A freewill offering will be collected. Call 262-6581. ■

Bach Ensemble holiday concert

"Holiday Gavotte: Songs of the Nativity," by the Bach Ensemble of Naples, takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Admission is \$20. Call 732-1055. ■

Christmastime at Palm Cottage

The Naples Historical Society presents Christmas at Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 1-8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday (closed Christmas Day). Requested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Palm Cottage and The Norris Garden are at 137 12th Avenue South. Call 261-8164 or visit www.napleshistoricalsociety.org. ■

Marketplace celebrates 'Holiday Jamboree'

Big Cypress Marketplace presents "Holiday Jamboree: A Celebration of Giving" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Holiday music will be by Sudden Impact. Activities for children will include games, crafts and photos with Santa. Children and parents can shop for toys to donate to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots. Decorated Christmas trees will be for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Renew Thrift Store Food Pantry; live, fresh Christmas trees, ready-to-decorate, will also be for sale to benefit the food pantry; free gift-wrapping will be offered by students from the Lely High School Key Club, with freewill donations to benefit local charities; and the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign bell ringers will be on hand.

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AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Florida's wild poinsettia

BY LEE BELANGER
Special to Florida Weekly

Wild poinsettia, *poinsettia cyathophora*, is a colorful Florida native plant in the family *euphorbiaceae*. Easy to grow, it crowds out weeds and attracts butterflies such as the white peacock and honeybees that drink nectar from its tiny flowers.

Because wild poinsettia grows at will in pinelands and disturbed areas, however, many people consider it a weed. That got me thinking, "When is a weed and weed and not a wildflower? Perhaps when it is not wanted or appreciated?"

Everyone is familiar with the cultivated Christmas poinsettia, a showy plant that's closely related to our native wild poinsettia. The Christmas poinsettia is native to Mexico and might never have come to the United States were it not for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico from 1825 to 1829. Mr. Poinsett admired the red and green plant and sent cuttings to John Bartram, a Philadelphia naturalist who in turn gave it Robert Buist. It was Mr. Buist who named it *euphorbia pulcherrima*, which means "the most beautiful euphorbia." (The name has since changed to *poinsettia pulcherrima*.)



COURTESY PHOTO

Wild poinsettia (*poinsettia cyathophora*)

Soon people began to decorate their homes at Christmas time with this Mexican native plant. The rest is history.

Although Florida's wild poinsettia is not as showy as its Mexican relative, it retains many of the same characteristics. Both plants have milky sap, and all parts of the plants are poisonous. (This is something to remember in placing any poinsettia near small children or pets who might try to take a taste.) Both plants have very small greenish-yellow flowers surrounded by leaves, many of which are a combination of bright reds

and green.

So it is the leaves and not the flowers that make both species attractive.

You'll find many names for wild poinsettia: painted leaf, fire on the mountain, painted spurge and summer poinsettia are some.

In Southwest Florida, the plant blooms throughout the year. They can reach about 30 inches tall, which is small compared to the cultivated poinsettia, and their colorful leaves assume many shapes, from oval to fiddle-like.

Wild poinsettia grows in scattered locations from Florida to California in the south and north to Virginia and across to Minnesota in the Midwest.

Florida's attractive wild poinsettia provides food for wildlife, is drought resistant, crowds out weeds and requires little to no care.

Unlike our many invasive non-native plants such as Brazilian pepper and Australian pine, the wild poinsettia remains part of the real Florida. Look for it and enjoy it. ■

— Lee Belanger is a seasonal volunteer trail and canoe guide at Collier-Seminole State Park. To contact her, e-mail Lungwort@aol.com.

Let a ranger be your guide

Guided day and moonlight canoe trips and hikes are booking up quickly at Collier-Seminole State Park. Coming up:

>>Daytime canoe trips: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. 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.

>>Moonlight paddles: 7:30-10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 30. Join a park naturalist and discover the changes nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. These trips are great for ages 12 and older; cost is \$30 per person.

>>Night hikes: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 13. These walking adventures are ideal for ages 6 and older; cost is \$10 per person.

Those who want to discover Collier-Seminole State Park on their own can explore the park's 11 miles of hiking trails from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Enjoy picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

Entrance to the park is at 20200 U.S. 41, eight miles east of Highway 951. Reservations are required for the guided hikes and canoe trips. Call 392-3397 for more information.

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PET TALES

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Medications need to be given to be helpful

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Press Syndicate

Your veterinarian makes it look so easy: Pill. Pet. And like a magic trick, suddenly the pill is inside the pet, the pet seemingly none the wiser.

If only it were that easy for you.

You go home, and you can't even find your cat when it's time for medication. Under the bed? Maybe. Behind the couch? Maybe not. How does the cat know, and how is he able to disappear as if by another talented magician?

Your dog is only marginally easier, maybe. Not quite as fussy as your cat, he'll eat the pill if it's hidden in something yummy, or so you think. But later you find the pill on the kitchen floor, and you realize he was somehow able to extricate the yummy stuff from the medicine and hide the pill in his jowls for spitting out later. Outsmarted again!

You figure it's a victory if you get half the pills in for half the number of days they're prescribed, and you hope that's good enough.

Problem is, it's not. One of the biggest problems veterinarians have in helping your pet get better is ... you. If you aren't able to follow through with

medications, your pet will likely be back at the vet.

Do you dread walking out of your veterinarian's with pills? Here are some strategies to make the pill-popping easier:

- Pop and treat. Have your veterinarian demonstrate. Always start with a positive attitude and end with a treat and praise. You can find "pill guns" through pet retailers that help with getting the pill quickly in the right place.

- Stealth. Perhaps the most popular method is to hide the pill in something cats love, although most cats figure this out soon enough and start eating around the pill. Try treats that are designed for pill-popping: They're yummy little bits with pockets for hiding the treats.

- Presto-chango. For pets who just won't tolerate pills (or people who just hate giving them), ask your veterinarian about using a compounding pharmacy. These businesses take all manner of medications and turn them into edible treats in pet-friendly flavors.



Don't skip giving medications to pets because it's difficult: Ask your veterinarian for help.

- New technologies. Ask your veterinarian for the latest options. The medication you're using may be available in an easier-to-use format, such as transdermal.

No matter what, always give pet medications exactly as prescribed and to the end of the supply. If you have questions or problems, or if the condition hasn't improved after the medications are gone, you must call your veterinarian for advice for the health of your pet.

If you need help, ask! Your veterinarian wants your pet to get better just as much as you do. ■

Pets of the Week



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>>Bella is 2 years old. She had a problem with her ear tips, but that has been fixed and now she's ready for a new home. She loves to be petted, but not held. \$55.

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MUSINGS

Drawing a blank



I know what it's like to be caught with my drawers down. This is not my preferred method of drawing attention to myself. I would rather be drawn and quartered. Perhaps from an eviscerated position I could better draw upon my internal resources. But in the end, it's a draw: All positions come in a dead heat. But this here and now is where I draw the line. Completely drawn down, I can only draw water from this, my stream of consciousness.

Please draw me away from this insanity. You can help. Just imagine me for a moment: The night draws nigh in the Saharan Desert. Drawing what could be my last breath, I draw up into fetal position in the shade of a non-existent bodhi tree. It could have taken this Ficus religiosa 3,000 years to grow. But in my mind the tree draws on in an instant. And just as instantaneously, I draw a sigh, deeply, in homage of its heart shaped leaves.

Draw the image in your mind's eye: See me as I simply watch my imaginary friends, no longer surrounding me, drawn off.

In the distance I see the Little Prince, asking St. Exupery: "If you please, draw me a sheep." Well, Antoine might have

been able to draw on his pilot salary or draw a sword in self defense, but to save his life he could not draw a sheep. The box he did draw, complete with peep holes for viewing the inner sheep, drew out the crowd of my phantasm friends.

Among them is Pierre Jaquet-Drox, the 18th century ingenious creator of automata. Pierre held in his hands one of his creations: The Drawer. This little child doll, a kind of ancestor of our computers, was able to draw four images: a portrait of Louis XV; the royal couple Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI; mon toutou, my doggie, with that title added to the portrait; and Cupid drawing a chariot drawn by a butterfly.

Liu Bolin, a contemporary Chinese artist known as the invisible man, stood next to him. Drawing on my intuitive genius, I am able to sense his presence although I only see desert sand and dark sky. Perhaps that is a moon and star, or he might have drawn these celestial bodies over his eye orbs.

Our word "draw" comes from the



this image one hand is what the other is doing. Does he hold the drawing, or does the drawing draw him, trompe l'oeil travesty?

Perhaps it is all merely harmless, drawn out of all proportion, overdramatically drawn. Perhaps it is beyond the telling.

But I know this: Drawing a blank is not impotence.

It is, rather, the full spaciousness of the ever possible, dimensional beyond drawing. It is the white of all lights and the black of all pigments. It is the waiting canvas, drawing the impossible with ease.

Before the season of jolly being, there is the draw of pondering, the drawing near of animal breath and starry skies, the drawing nigh of sheep and heaps of unwashed men who watch them. And drawn, too, are wise kings and things beyond telling.

What is more drawn blank than a baby mind, needing no unlearning? And what better to draw than the water of wonder or the wine of drawn boundaries erased? ■

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

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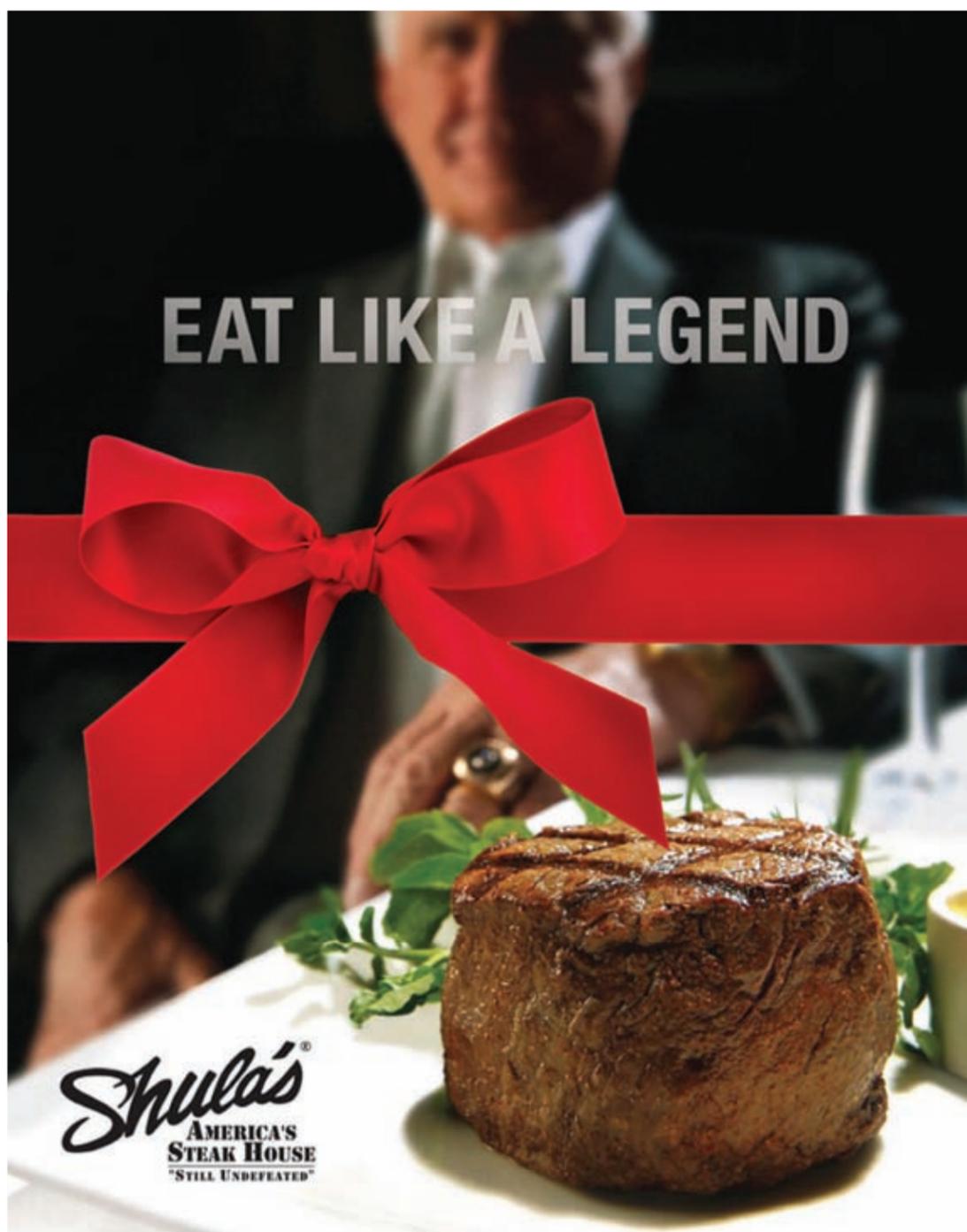
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“The party is the best way to network and get your bookings.”

— Lynn Anklam, direct sales consultant for Tastefully Simple

PARTY ON

For many reps, a job in direct sales rules

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Michele Ivanov prepared to travel from her home in Naples to a small party at a private residence in Fort Myers last Friday evening. But this was no ordinary party. A direct sales consultant for Arbonne International, Ms. Ivanov toted along her line of all-natural cosmetics and



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Carol Ambrosini, the owner of Salon Delphine in Naples, shows an Arbonne product to a client.

skin-care products.

“We’re going to do some face masks and some hand rubs and talk about the products and the opportunity and that’s it,” she said.

Direct sales people market various product lines to co-workers, family, friends and acquaintances. Many rely on the industry’s best-known sales and networking model: social gatherings that combine a casual party setting with a low-pressure marketing pitch.

Later that evening, Ms. Ivanov introduced herself to the three party guests. They hung out together for a couple of hours, opened some wine, tried on tingly facial masks and browsed the Arbonne catalogue.

“It’s a numbers game,” said Ms. Ivanov. “In a down economy, the busi-

ness model still works. You just have to make more phone calls.”

Direct benefits

Direct sales of cosmetics, food and jewelry traditionally perform well in an economic downturn because of their affordability, consultants say. And the social sales model has also played in the industry’s favor during the recession, allowing consultants to meet and greet a steady stream of potential clients.

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WEEK at-a-glance



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The shape of the U.S. economy: a ‘V,’ a ‘W,’ a ‘U’ or Hirigana?

Foremost on everyone’s minds is the shape of our economy because it drives employment, affects gains in the equity and credit markets, and a host of other economic variables. It is a heavy on our minds and also the minds of our key trading partners who are concerned about their need to stimulate their economies to pick up our slack, their need to finance our deficits and their appreciating currencies. Everyone wants to know what the recovery will look like.

There seems to be four likely scenarios, three of which actually take the shape

of letters.

The first is a snap-back recovery; the U.S. hits bottom (a rock-solid bottom) and monetary and fiscal stimulus is sufficient for the economy to resume growth on a sustained basis. This shape is a “V.” Obviously, this is most desired and it is the form to which the U.S. is most accustomed, as most recent recessions have

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been characterized by a snap back.

It would seem that the equity market is discounting a “V” recovery because the equity market itself has snapped back

some 50 percent from its lows.

How many really think the worst is well behind us?

Take a look at the percentage of equity advisers who are long-term bears (something more than a correction).

The percentage was at 54 percent in spring 2009 and now is at less than 17 percent. Many market technicians translate this exuberance as overconfidence as the last time the percentage of bears was at comparable levels was at the October 2007 peak. Of course, this time it can be different.

The snap back could also be followed by a snap down and, after more stimuli, we could find our way back to sustained growth. This shape is a “W.” The basis

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Manager finds a bit of the Caribbean at landmark Lemon Tree Inn

BY GEORGE RAAB
Special to Florida Weekly

Nearly four years ago, Robert DeCastro came to Naples for an interview. The Massachusetts native had managed a day resort on the Caribbean island of Tobago for more than nine years. He wanted similar work in the United States and heard that the owners of the Lemon Tree Inn were looking for a general manager.

He flew down from Orlando, where he was also interviewing. Unlike cities in the center of the state, Naples is very much influenced by Gulf waters. There was a breeze in the air. He felt at home.

Lemon Tree co-owner Sid Kalmans also owns Hotel Caravelle, billed as the sister property, in St. Croix. He's been in the hotel business for 27 years, lived on and off in the tropics and loves his calling. In Mr. DeCastro, he recognized a certain kinship; someone who understands the charm that characterizes his resort.

"We're two island boys who enjoy scuba diving and active lives," Mr. Kalmans remarks. "He understood the Caribbean-island nature of Lemon Tree. We hit it off."

Without a doubt, this laid-back inn is unlike any other in the area. In the heart of Naples — on Tamiami Trail a few blocks north of Fifth Avenue South — it's within walking distance of world-class dining and shopping and not far from sugar sand beaches. With rooms that open onto a colorful garden courtyard containing a swimming pool, an old-fashioned gazebo and plenty of pastel-

Painted Adirondack chairs, this cheerful rest stop is more beachy and casual than its upscale environs would suggest.

"People walk back to the courtyard and see the gazebo and always remark that they'd never expect to find something like this here," Mr. Kalmans says.

Indeed, the inn is a period piece. Opened in 1949 as Naples Motor Court, it was completely renovated and reborn with the Lemon Tree look and name in 1997. The stand-alone front office still extends a motor-court welcome.

Along a bright white wall underneath a soaring ceiling, a brilliant green metallic lizard gazes at guests stopping in for brochures detailing nearby adventures or catching up on e-mails at a computer station. Thirty-four rooms and suites open to lanais and terraces facing the courtyard. The ambiance, with continental breakfast each morning and easy conversation poolside, is similar to that of a bed and breakfast. Affordable rates — \$89 off season and \$129 in season — are one of several reasons the inn exceeds expectations.

Guests might be lured in with rates, but the Lemon Tree experience is such that they often extend their stays on repeat



Robert DeCastro

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visits. Some have been returning for 20 years.

Since Mr. DeCastro's been on board, he's seen average stays of repeat guests doubling from two to four or even five days.

Lemon Tree Inn doesn't advertise in many venues. This is a word-of-mouth or just-in-town, last-minute variety of vacation stop.

"In Florida you get a lot of people who are just driving around and will stop without any plans," he explains. "They run sort of a loop between Orlando and

Key West, and if they like what they see along the way, they'll stay longer."

Mr. DeCastro lives on site. He's always on call and jokes that he sleeps with his cell phone. Business begins to pick up in mid-October, and from Christmas to mid-April the Lemon Tree is sold out. The inn is also popular with Europeans during summer months.

"This is very good fit for me," he says. "I wanted the island feel without the island craziness, and I've found it."

He sits on the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board, which reports to the City Council, and is a member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce 2010 Leadership

Collier class, a forum designed to hone skills for the purpose of discussing challenges and opportunities facing the community.

While he sees himself as a behind-the-scenes kind of guy, he has enjoyed learning more about the community.

"The tourism industry has a special role in a community like Naples," he reasons. "Change is only good if it preserves a certain quality of life enjoyed by the people who live here year-round. The key focus these days seems to be finding the right balance." ■



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Evelio Rodriguez has been named vice president, residential lending manager, and **Linda Lane** has been named residential operations manager for TIB Bank. Mr. Rodriguez previously worked at FDIC Receivership, Orion Bank, Transamerica and Metropolitan Mortgage. He is a graduate of Miami Dade Community College. Ms. Lane, a graduate of Malone College, most recently worked at Fifth Third Bank. Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Lane will be based in TIB Bank's Metro Parkway annex in Fort Myers.

Communications



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Dave Wacker, president and CEO of Intech Printing and Direct Mail, attended the 2009 Converge Conference for "the next generation of print and communication service providers" in Orlando. As the business paradigm for print changes, top leaders gathered and exchanged thoughts on the next steps

they need to take to lead their graphic communications companies to higher levels of success.

Land Development

Ryan Binkowski has been named director of planning and landscape architecture at Waldrop Engineering P.A., a civil engineering and land development consulting firm. With the addition of Mr. Binkowski, the firm will offer a complete package of site development design services. A graduate of Penn State University, Mr. Binkowski has nine years of experience in town and community master planning, amenity design, residential design-build and project management. He is a registered landscape architect in the state of Florida, an active member in the American Society of Landscape Architects and secretary of the Naples Gulfshore Rotary Club.

Public Education

Collier County School Board member **Pat Carroll** was recognized as a STAR for her exemplary leadership at the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations 64th annual Joint Conference of Florida School



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Boards Association and Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Education foundations from throughout the state nominated school system leaders for the awards, which were sponsored by Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union. Nominees were reviewed by other education foundation directors in the state and rated for their leadership and involvement with their local education foundation.

Retail



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Marina Grebenshikova, an associate at Marissa Collections for more than five years, is completing her degree in finance at Florida Gulf Coast University and has been promoted to assistant manager of store operations. She will continue to assist the buyers in her new role in management. **Derice Seslar**, who began her career in fashion at Marissa Collections in 1996, has returned as a personal stylist to assist her broad Naples client base. **Monica Cabada**, a two-year associate at the boutique, has earned her license as an esthetician and has been named the shop's beauty consultant in charge of skin care and make-up. Ms. Cabada recently returned from training in Connecticut with Cellcosmet skin care products and is available at Marissa Collections for make-up and skin care consultations.



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Nonprofit Organizations

The Friends of Rookery Bay announces its officers and board members for the 2009-10 fiscal year: **Bruce Robertson** of Marco Island, the retired owner of George Robertson and Sons Florist and Decorators in Philadelphia, chairman and president; **Christian Spilker** of Naples, vice president of environmental policy and permitting for Collier Enterprises, vice president; **Harold "Skip" Lee** of Marco Island, recently retired CFO of Cedar Bay Yacht Club, treasurer; **Robert Davy Jr.** of Naples, attorney and principal of Robert E. Davy Jr. & Associates, secretary.

Additional board members include **Pat Carroll**, member of the Collier County School Board; **Bob Galloway**, general manager of the Wal-Mart Supercenter across from Rookery Bay; **David Gordley**, senior vice president and senior loan officer with TIB Bank; **Scott Hopkins**, general manager of Cedar Bay Yacht Club; **Susan Calkins Ritas**, retired professor of anthropology and sociology; **Sharda Spahr** and **Paul Westberry**. Friends of Rookery Bay connects people with Southwest Florida's estuarine environment through education, engagement and stewardship by supporting the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. ■



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Ms. Anderson joins FineMark following a long tenure with Northern Trust in SW Florida. She brings to FineMark 31 years of experience serving Trust and Investment clients. Ms. Anderson received a BA from Campbell University and also completed the American Bankers Association Trust School and Graduate Trust School Programs. She is a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA). Ms. Anderson is very active in the community in activities including: Literacy Council of Bonita Springs, Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs Historical Society and Hope Lutheran Church. "I am thrilled to join FineMark which has quickly established a reputation as the premier provider of Trust and Investment, Banking, and Brokerage Services in SW Florida. I look forward to building deep relationships with FineMark clients throughout the area." said Anderson.

Catti commented, "Shelley has established a wonderful reputation by building extraordinary relationships and by going above and beyond. She will be a terrific addition to our team and personifies our unique service oriented culture." Landfried added, "The combination of Shelley's experience, skills and dedication to personal service are a perfect fit for our clientele. Her commitment to clients is well known and widely respected throughout the community."

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Chamber welcomes 20 new members

The following 20 new members joined the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce in November:

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& Development, Royco Enterprises Inc., Senior Life Magazine (North Fort Myers), Southwest Inventory Services LLC, Ultimate Relaxation Massage Salon, The Ultimate Gift Book, VG-Digital and Water Works Total Rehab.

To learn more about the newest chamber members, visit the online business directory at www.napleschamber.org. To learn more about joining the chamber, call Don Neer, new member services manager, at 403-2906. ■

European fashions and accessories fill Marilyn's

Marilyn Hellman has opened Marilyn's, a boutique filled with European fashion accessories, on Fifth Avenue South. Decorated with an air of art deco, Marilyn's is home for jewelry, silk scarves and knit wraps, the de rigueur white blouse and an array of fine leather purses, belts and shoes from France, Italy and Spain. Ms. Hellman's 12 years of retail experience

throughout Europe is apparent in every display.

Shoes step to the forefront at Marilyn's, with styles ranging from lighthearted sandals bejeweled and bedecked, to exotic stilettos and fashionable flats.

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"I'm a very, very busy direct seller," said Naples resident Valorie Morris, who left her job as a manager at a department store to go into direct sales. She's been a consultant for Jewels By Park Lane for seven years.

"It's a career path I've chosen," she said. "I quit my job and threw myself into direct sales. All the perks are huge. I've earned cars and trucks and have been all over the planet on vacations."

Companies offer big rewards such as cash, cars and vacations, for consultants who do well.

"Basically you just invite a few friends over and I come to your house," said Punta Gorda resident Mona Chupein, a



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consultant for Pampered Chef, a line of cooking equipment and other products. Since 2004, she has traveled to nearly 200 households in Southwest Florida, performing cooking demonstrations for groups that range from just a few to a

few dozen people.

"The party is the best way to network and get your bookings," said Fort Myers resident Lynn Anklam, a direct sales consultant for Tastefully Simple, a line of easy-to-prepare, gourmet foods and gifts. "If you just show up for work, whether making phone calls, throwing a party or doing an exposure event (like setting up a kiosk at a mall), that helps you get new leads and referrals."

Women's work

There are 15.1 million direct salespeople in the United States, the majority of whom work part-time and earn 20 percent to 50 percent commissions on average. Many are content to earn a few hundred dollars per month — the average yearly income of direct salespeople is \$2,400, according to the Direct Selling Association, the industry's national trade association. The start-up costs are usually low (most kits cost \$99-\$150), and there's flexibility along with little obligation.

Some do make direct sales a full-time



Above: Naples resident and Arbonne International consultant Michele Ivanov explains the company's cosmetics at a home party in Fort Myers. **Right:** Trying out a facial mask and perusing the product catalog.

profession, however, sometimes staying with a company for decades, building networks of recruits and making six-figure incomes.

"I was looking to get back into the workforce," said Arbonne consultant Ms. Ivanov, who began in May and already has nine recruits under her. She also has two children, ages 7 and 8. Her decision to go into direct sales was based on "the flexibility to do this around my family schedule, and to start a business for low start-up costs compared to what other franchises would cost me," she said. "I'm very happy with the choice I've made."

Direct Sales is also a female-dominated industry. The DSA records show only 13.6 percent of direct salespeople are men.

Ms. Morris remembers one of her friend's husbands once did well selling Tupperware. "They are a rare bird," she said. "It's a big-time female dominated business. When a man comes in, he usually skyrockets to the top because women like to party with men."

Party etiquette

At direct sales parties, guests gener-



ally get some free goodies and demonstrations in return for their attention. Hopefully they make a purchase or — better yet — decide to try selling the product line themselves. The most successful direct sales consultants manage people they recruit, and earn commissions on those sales.

"It's very low key," said Ms. Ivanov. "If I see they have the qualities and what it takes to be successful, I tell them, 'I'd love to have you on my team. I'd love to share the opportunity and tell you about it.'"

"Loving the products is really the beginning, then wanting to improve

yourself, wanting to start a business, just wanting to do something else," she says.

Building a team means earning more money and, in most companies, taking on a title such as district manager, area manager or vice president."

"I have a nice-sized team, so when I go on vacation they're still working, and I have an income from that as well," said Ms. Anklam, the Tastefully Simple consultant. She's made her living as a direct salesperson since 1983 and has been with Tastefully Simple for seven years.

"You know, 25 years ago if you said you did direct sales, people looked at you like it's not a job," she said. "I think after they see your paycheck, then they think it's a real job."

She quit her job as a banker more than a quarter-century ago after one of her friends, a direct salesperson, threw three parties in her neighborhood. "I remember adding them up and thinking, 'My God, that woman made \$2,500 in one week,'" she said.

Making a living through direct sales isn't easy, however.

Ms. Morris, with Jewelry by Park Lane, estimates only one out of 10 potential clients says 'yes' to hosting a party. "When you first start out, the 'no' is horrible," she said. "But once you're in it long enough, you realize that 'no' is part of the business, and it gets you closer to the 'yeses.'"

Pampered Chef consultant Ms. Chupein is like most direct salespeople: She covets the freedom that the work offers. As an independent contractor, she runs the business on her own time while homeschooling her children. And she has fun at her parties.

"I do a 30-minute incredible chicken show" featuring a stone baking pot, she said. "Some of our consultants call it 'the magic pot.' I put a whole chicken in — it's one of our stoneware pieces — throw some seasonings on it — the ones we offer — and I just put it in the microwave for 30 minutes. It's juicy. It falls apart."

Parties can also be as much social as business events for direct sales consultants.

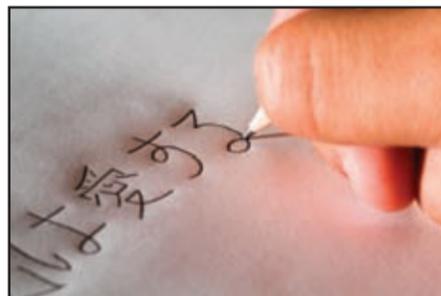
"That's my social outlet, too," Ms. Morris said. "Some of my best friends over the years have come from my parties." ■

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for such thinking is that the current stimulus is insufficient to generate job growth and higher business and consumer confidence levels, or that another down leg in real estate occurs or the U.S. has difficulties in refinancing some \$3.5 trillion in debt next year (some \$2.5 trillion due and another \$1 trillion in new deficits — give or take several hundred billion). Who of import believes the "W" might be likely? It would seem that George Soros might, inasmuch as he has suggested that the correction in the commercial real estate sector is around the corner in 2010. A host of other hedge fund players are long in gold to play the fall in the dollar and the difficulties in refinancing our deficits. In the scenario, the recovery that sticks happens in 2011 or 2012. Ugh! This is NOT a popular theme.

Another alternative is that the economy really isn't snapping back and we are at bottom for a longer period of time, i.e. the "U" shape. Sure, the employment numbers looked better recently, but a host of



other statistics and economic indicators are still languishing. It's hard to say who (of the heavy hitters) are in this camp but it might be the folks at PIMCO, the mutual fund Goliath in U.S. Treasuries. This is merely suggested by their heavy position in long-term bonds, which would appreciate if yields fall. (Yields fall if the recession continues and or if sovereign default risk makes the U.S. look safe... relatively safe.)

As suggested by this column, there is another shape the recovery could take — the shape of the Japanese non-recovery of the past 20 years. This is clearly the most unpopular option and, as such, is rarely discussed. In lieu of a letter to describe, it is called the Hiragana — the Japanese word for letters. This recovery is a non-ending "W"; growth is followed by recession that is followed by growth,

which is followed by recession... ad infinitum... or at least to date. The non-recovery for Japan continues. It just announced that its third-quarter growth was revised downward from 4.8 percent to a mere 1.3 percent.

What does all this mean for investors?

Well, a "V" recovery means that investors long in the U.S. market will probably see more gains in 2010; a "W" recovery means that investors will probably experience a correction from current levels in 2010; a "U" recovery? Not quite sure, but probably suggests downward movement. And the last shape, well... It is a trader's dream come true as the markets soar and then collapse and then soar and then collapse, on and on.

A balanced portfolio can weather downturns. A portfolio that derives income from a variety of sources can weather a downturn better than a non-income producing portfolio. A bond portfolio with maturities spread out over many years reduces interest rate reinvestment risk. Your investment adviser can tailor these ideas, and others, to your specific needs. With New Year's resolutions only a few weeks away, now is a good time to review your portfolio. ■

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Spotting Bad Investments

Have you ever received a breathless mailing hyping a little-known stock as the next great investment? It can be hard to resist them, but that's very often the right thing to do. Most of the stocks these mailers promote are completely unknown (and risky) penny stocks (priced below \$5 per share).

Here are some red flags to look for in such mailings:

- Claims that are oddly specific, such as saying that an expected deal "will soon drive the stock above \$20!" and that we can expect future recommendations to rise more than 30 percent in less than 30 days. At such a rate of return, a single \$1,000 investment would grow to more than \$6.8 billion in just five years. You'd think the promoters wouldn't need to hawk newsletters and stock picks.

- Too many capital letters, exclamation marks and exciting words. If you're being told you'll become "an Oil-Stock Legend!" and that a supposed deal that's in the works "Points to HUGE Profits for early share-

holders," be wary.

- An unprofessional Web site for the company. If it features poor grammar and misspellings, and pages "under construction" or absent, that's a bad sign. You should find clear, honest communication from the company and be able to find its financial statements, too.

Ask yourself this: If these tiny companies with relatively few shares really are such mind-boggling bargains, why would they need to advertise? Wouldn't knowledgeable folks already have discovered them? And if there were such steady demand for the shares, wouldn't their price have risen, rather than fallen to bargain levels?

A seemingly inexpensive share price doesn't mean a stock is a good value. A 50-cent stock can soon become a 5-cent one, while a \$50 stock can double to \$100 and keep growing. In companies you consider, seek track records of accomplishments, healthy growth (of sales and earnings), financial health (little debt, ample cash), and sustainable competitive advantages. Don't just fall for an exciting story of possibilities and supposed probabilities. ■

My Dumbest Investment

My BOOM Went Boom

I became an individual stock investor last year. After the market crashed, looking for bargains, I bought stock in Dynamic Materials based on a Fool newsletter recommendation. It soon doubled, from \$10 to \$20 per share, so I put four times more money into it, expecting it to double again, to \$40. Well, the stock then fell more than 30 percent. What was my favorite stock is now my least favorite, not because of the company, but because of how I invested. Lesson learned: Don't get greedy. When a stock is soaring, it's tempting to buy more, but stick to value and fundamentals.

— Kevin, Austin, Texas

The Fool Responds: Here's hoping you hung on to your shares after writing that to us in August. The explosives company Dynamic Materials (with the terrific ticker symbol BOOM) recovered and was recently around \$20 again. You're right not to act on greed. Adding more to your stake can be effective, too, if you believe the company is still worth much more. ■



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

When my founder was 19, he opened The GreenFrog restaurant, featuring "Service With a Hop." Born in 1968 and based in Orlando, Fla., I'm the world's largest full-service-dining restaurant company. I own nearly 1,800 Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze, LongHorn Steakhouse, Seasons 52 and Capital Grille restaurants, raking in more than \$7 billion annually. I own all my North American eateries, offer no franchises and employ about 180,000 people. I became a public company in 1995 when I was spun off from General Mills. I serve more than 400 million meals per year. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Darden Restaurants)



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Ask the Fool

Stick With Your Mix

QI've heard that when stocks fall, investors move their money to bonds, and vice versa. Should I do that?

— B.E., online

A Think for yourself and don't follow the crowd. Decide, for example, how much of your nest egg you want to keep in bonds. Young people might want to be close to 100 percent in stocks, while those near or in retirement might want to have a chunk of their money in bonds. Whatever your desired allocation is, stick with it until you have a good reason to change it. The whole point of having some money in each category is so that when one slumps, the other might offset that effect (though that doesn't always happen). So give the categories a chance to do their thing.

QI've recently learned that it's OK to have multiple IRA accounts, but I'm wondering why I would want to have more than one.

— F.O., online

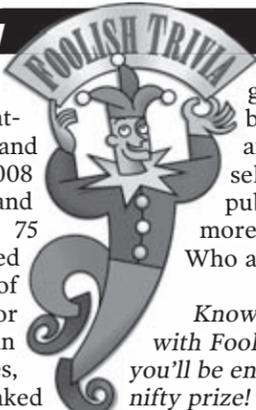
A Well, you might open a traditional or Roth IRA account with a regular brokerage so that you can invest in individual stocks through it. (Learn more about brokerages at www.broker.Fool.com.) Meanwhile, you might open another IRA account with a mutual fund company, if it's the best way for you to invest in a particular fund (some funds are not available through brokerages). Also, if you change jobs, you might roll over money from your old 401(k) into a new IRA account, so you can keep track of that money separately.

It generally doesn't matter if you have multiple accounts — just know that if your contribution limit for the year is \$5,000, that's all you can contribute in total — it's not \$5,000 per account.

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Name That Company

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goods, pharmaceuticals, beauty products, cleansers and oral care products. I sell nothing directly to the public, but I still rake in more than \$2 billion annually. 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

Disney Knows Best

Fourth-quarter results at entertainment giant Disney (NYSE: DIS) showed revenue up 4 percent over year-ago levels, to \$9.9 billion. Gains at its steady cable networks and a rebound in its broadcasting division were more than enough to offset declines at its theme parks and consumer products — and operating deficits at its studio and software arms.

In an interesting switcheroo, CFO Tom Staggs and theme parks chief Jay Rasulo will be swapping gigs come January. A logical suspicion is that both are being groomed to eventually succeed CEO Bob Iger, so they are being immersed into new leadership positions to have a better

command of the entire company. This doesn't mean that Iger has to be checking his back, though, as the company is doing well, topping analyst expectations in each of the past three quarters.

The future is bright at Disney. Beyond the juicy possibilities of it spending Marvel Entertainment acquisition, Disney's studio should get a significant boost as sequels to "Toy Story," "Cars" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" hit the silver screen. The fate of its theme parks is tied to the global economy, but major additions at Disney's California Adventure Park and Florida's Magic Kingdom are on the way.

See what investors are saying about Disney (and thousands of other stocks) at CAPS.Fool.com. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its Holiday Business After 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Hilton Naples. Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$40 at the door. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Economic Development Council of Collier County** will hear from Collier County Manager Leo Ochs at its regular luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the Community Room at the Naples Daily News. Cost is \$20 per person. Register in advance by calling the EDC at 263-8989, ext 105, or online at www.enaplesflorida.com.

► **The Remodelers Council of the Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next dinner meeting from 5:30-

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Larson-Allen LLP, CPAs, Consultants & Advisors, in the Bank of Naples headquarters. Representatives of the firm will discuss "Remodeling Your Business: Ways to Adapt and Survive in Today's Economy." Cost is \$15 for Remodelers Council members and \$20 for CBIA members. Call 436-6100.

► **The Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples** will host a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Chokoloskee Room at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Members, \$30; Guests, \$40. RSVP www.cfanaples.org

► The next **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meeting takes place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Tiburon Golf

Course Members Club, 2610 Tiburon Drive. Meeting sponsor is TIB Bank. For more information, call Tim Cartwright at 262-6300.

► **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.

► **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 at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call Nancy Dalaskey at 280-3803.

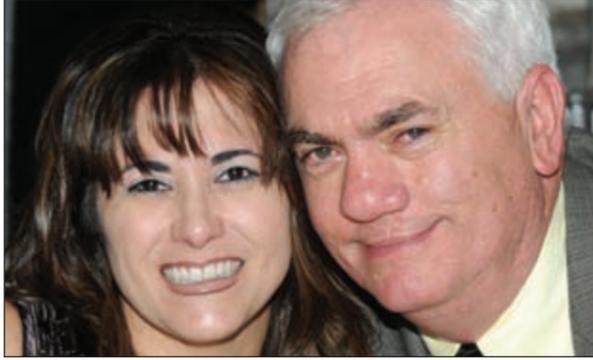
► **Women's Empowered Network** has two local chapters: The North Naples Chapter meets at 11 a.m. every second and fourth Friday at Buca di Beppo, 8860 Tamiami Trail N.; RSVP to NorthNaples@EmpoweredNetworking.com. The Central Naples Chapter meets at 11 a.m. every first and third Wednesday at Patric's, 1485 Pine Ridge Road; RSVP to CentralNaples@EmpoweredNetworking.com ■

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REAL ESTATE

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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Collins & DuPont gets guest room in first-ever DCOTA design house

Collins & DuPont Interior Design has been selected to design a room for the Design Center of the Americas' Design House. This is the first year DCOTA has explored the design house concept. The center in Dania Beach has 775,000 square feet of design products in 150 showrooms.

Design firms from around the state applied to participate, and Collins & DuPont is the only Southwest Florida firm to be selected by a committee that met in New York.

With the theme of "Color Collision," the design house will be open Jan. 13 through June 15, 2010. It will have 14 rooms, from a grand entrance foyer, to kitchen/family room, wine cellar and balcony terrace to a master suite and other bedrooms.



COLLINS



DUPONT

Collins & DuPont will design the guest bedroom. "We are using Miami's long love affair of glam deco blended with a natural tropical rainforest as inspiration for our room," says Sherri DuPont.

Since 1987, Collins & DuPont has earned recognition for its residential interiors from organizations including the Southeast Building Conference's Aurora awards, the Best in American Living awards sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders, and the ASID-Florida South Chapter Design Excellence awards. ■



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The Metro Luxe model by Collins & DuPont is at Mercato in North Naples.



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Stock Construction's Ponte Vedra model at Lely Resort

Stock Construction Named CBIA Builder of the Year

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Collier Building Industry Association has named Stock Construction its 2009 Builder of the Year. Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the parent company of Stock Construction, accepted the award during the annual CBIA installation banquet on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Grey Oaks Country Club.

In presenting the award, CBIA President David Aldridge called Stock Construction "one of the most respected builders in the Southwest Florida real estate market."

"Brian has been in the construction industry all of his life with his father, K.C. Stock, as a friend and mentor. His Midwestern roots are evident in his professional life with his company, including his decision years ago to bring Bob Imig down from Wisconsin as president of Stock Construction," Mr. Aldridge added. "You can count on them to stay true to the values that have shaped it from the beginning, to their attention to detail and a commitment to give back to the community through charitable contributions and participation."

Earlier this year, Stock Development

and Stock Construction received 21 Sand Dollar Awards from CBIA for their work at Lely Resort. Among the Sand Dollar awards were Community of the Year honors, four clubhouses and pool awards, three residential design awards and two interior design awards.

"The Stocks have been very involved in the Sales and Marketing Council, the Parade of Homes and the Sand Dollar Awards," Mr. Aldridge said. The company's reputation has been solidified with several prestigious awards, including: the Governor's Business Diversification Award for Entrepreneurship, the Collier County Economic Development Council's Excellence in Industry Award for Entrepreneurship, Lee Building Industry Association Developer of the Year award and many national, state and local awards including Excel, Sand Dollar and Pinnacle Awards.

Despite the housing downturn, Stock



COURTESY PHOTO

Stock Construction's Monterey home in Lely Resort

Development has remained financially strong and continues to have new home sales success.

Stock Construction has built more than 1,800 homes in Southwest Florida over the past eight years. From January 1 through November 30, Stock Development posted 240 new home sales at its communities of Lely Resort, Paseo in Fort Myers and Vivante in Punta Gorda. The company's

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

► Quail West Development Company has announced the Quail West Realty sales team:

Betty Smith, sales executive, has specialized in luxury home sales for 18 years. She joined Quail West in 1992 with London Bay Homes prior to joining Bonita Bay Group, VK Development and West Bay Development. Ms. Smith is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Women's Council of Realtors Naples-on-the Gulf Chapter.



SMITH

Madeleine Longfield-Smith, broker associate, began her career in real estate with Bonita Bay Group prior to joining the sales team at West Bay Club in Estero. A graduate of Bromley College in Kent,



LONGFIELD-SMITH

Collier Building Industry Association.

The community of Quail West has 263 estate-sized homesites available from \$300,000; custom homes are available from \$1,250,000 to \$9,950,000. For more information, call 592-1010 or visit www.QuailWest.com.

► **Cynthia Corogin** with Amerivest Realty South LLC has earned the nationally recognized Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource certification. The National Association of Realtors offers the certifi-



COROGIN

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Quail West introduces five villa residences

Villa homes have been introduced to the product mix at Quail West, the 1,180-acre master-planned community in North Naples. Two models are scheduled for completion in January, and three more should be underway in the near future.

The first offering consists of 19 south-facing homes in the La Caille neighborhood. Designed by Southwest Florida-based architects Rich Guzman of R.G. Designs and Alberto Abad of New Architectura, the homes are being built by McGarvey Custom Homes. Five floor plans range from 2,965 square feet to 3,491 total square feet under air. They overlook a lake and holes eight and nine on Quail West's Lakes Golf Course.

"This new phase is particularly noteworthy because it is the first entry-level product with homes starting under \$1 million," said Cheryl Deering, the community's vice president of sales and marketing. The villas, she added, will complement the initial phase of Quail West, which has larger home sites

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McGarvey Custom Homes expects to complete its villa models of the Domani, above, and the Ciprani, on page B11, in January. Construction of three more villa floor plans should be under way in Quail West soon.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION MARCO ISLAND
768 Bluebonnet Ct. - Newly constructed 3 bedroom + study, 2 bath, and 2-car garage home with canal access. Features include custom cherry cabinets, premium tile flooring, stainless steel appliances, crown moldings, covered lanai and private pool. Danielle Smith, 239-398-0910
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805 Caribbean Ct. - This home includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, study, and 2-car garage. Features include custom cherry cabinets, premium tile flooring, wet bar, stainless steel appliances, boat dock and lift, lanai with summer kitchen private pool and spa. Danielle Smith, 239-398-0910
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QUAIL WEST

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and estate-sized single-family homes.

The new villas incorporate single-family home features such as distinctive ceiling details, premium crown moldings, gourmet kitchens and Bosch appliances, while offering the convenience of the villa lifestyle, Ms. Deering added.

One- and two-story floor plans are available and priced from \$985,000 to \$1,275,000.

The Cipriani is a one-story, three-bedroom, 3½-bath floor plan with a study and 2,965 square feet under air.

The Domani, a two-story home with 3,491 square feet under air, has three bedrooms, 3½ baths, an oversized garage and a circular outdoor living area.

The Avarone, a one-story home with 3,139 square feet of air-conditioned living area, features three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a great room, breakfast nook and study.

The two-story Bardane, with 3,452 square feet of air-conditioned space, includes three bedrooms and 3½ baths along with a loft, sitting area in the master bedroom and an optional fireplace in the oversized outdoor living area.

The Estrella has 3,414 square feet under air, a single-story courtyard, two bedrooms, 3½ baths, study, pool with cabana and attic storage in the garage.

At the heart of Quail West is the newly renovated, \$15 million, 70,000-square-foot clubhouse with casual and fine dining facilities, ballroom, wine grotto, full-service spa and beauty salon, pro shops, fitness center, card room, eight lighted red-clay tennis courts and a junior Olympic-sized solarium pool. It is significant that all Quail West amenities are completed, fully operational and are owned debt-free.

Quail West is east of I-75, one mile south of Bonita Beach Road. To view a photo gallery and register for updates, visit www.QuailWest.com. For more information, call 592-1010. ■



McGarvey Custom Homes' Cipriani model

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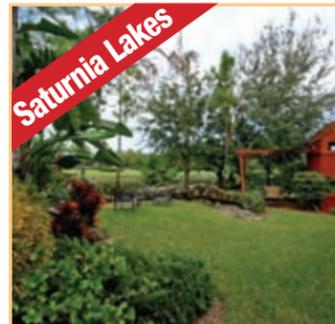
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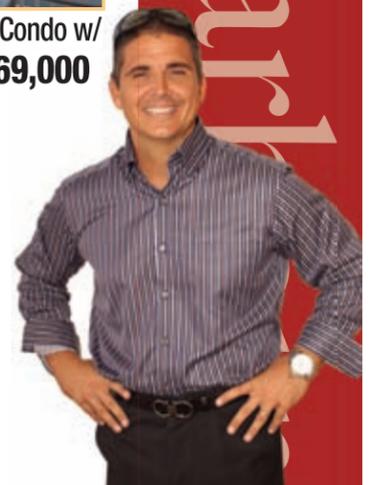
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Members support club purchases at Shadow Wood, The Commons

Members of Shadow Wood Country Club and The Commons Club at The Brooks have supported the purchase of the club from Bonita Bay Group. More than 90 percent of current members have committed to join the new member-owned clubs and have raised enough funds to allow the club sale to proceed.

The purchase price is \$8.25 million, and the sale includes the 30,000-square-foot Shadow Wood clubhouse, two golf courses and a tennis complex; the Shadow Wood Preserve clubhouse and course; the Shadow Wood Sales Center; and The Brooks Commons Club amenities, including fitness and enrichment centers, Rosie Spoonbill's restaurant and a private beach club on the Gulf of Mexico.

"We are confident the purchase agreement is the best possible deal for our members and the new club," said Dave English, president of the Shadow Wood Country Club member board. "Member control not only allows us to direct the operation of the club, but also preserves the community's lifestyle, protects property values and removes the uncertainty of future changes in club ownership."

Terry Fuhrovden, a Brooks resident who worked with representatives of all The Brooks communities in the purchase of The Commons Club said, "Knowing that the amenities of The Commons Club will be secure under member ownership and control is a huge relief to all residents and members."

Brian Lucas, vice chairman of Bonita

Bay Group, expressed appreciation for the efforts of those on the member boards. "They shared an enormous amount of complex information with club members in a very short time and have developed a solid plan for an economically sustainable club with a vibrant future."



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The clubhouse at Shadow Wood Country Club

"We continue to negotiate in good faith with the other club transition teams," Mr. Lucas added. "The turnover of The Club at Mediterra and the success of the effort at Shadow Wood and The Commons Club help reposition Bonita Bay Group for the next phase of its business."

A date for the closing has not been set, but the sale may be finalized by the end of the year.

At the intersection of U.S. 41 and Coconut Road in Bonita Springs, The Brooks opened for home sales in January 1998 and sold out in seven years. More than half of the 2,532-acre community is open space, with 416 acres of undeveloped forest and freshwater wetlands and 878 acres set aside for recreation, open areas, buffers and lakes. ■

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sales volume totaled \$90 million. "It is an honor to receive this award on behalf of Stock Construction and I would like to thank CBIA," Mr. Stock said when the award was presented. "This is a testament to the dedication and quality of the Stock employees. In particular, it is a tribute to Bob Imig, the president of Stock Construction, who has poured his heart and soul into the company. "I am proud that Stock Construction has remained strong in challenging times and is expanding. Sales are strengthening; we currently have more than 100 new homes under construction and in permit-

ting, and we are developing new residential offerings for a future that we think is very bright." Stock is developing three Southwest Florida communities. At Lely Resort, the company has 12 neighborhoods of flats, town homes, coach homes, twin villas, single-family homes and estate homes. Prices begin in the \$180,000s. Paseo offers award-winning flats and town homes in 14 designs, as well as

six casita floor plans. Two neighborhoods of single-story, two-story and courtyard-style single-family homes are also available. Prices at Paseo begin in the \$150,000s. Vivante offers two- and three-bedroom waterfront and harborfront condominiums priced from \$149,990. Stock Development headquarters are at 2647 Professional Circle in Naples. For more information, visit www.stockdevelopment.com. ■

NEWSMAKERS

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► **Robert "Bob" Hewes** has joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as a sales associate. Originally from Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Hewes has 18 years of real estate experience in Naples. Prior to joining Down-

ing-Frye Realty, he was an administrative broker at Amerivest Realty. Before that, he was involved in new home construction and residential real estate sales. He is a member of the Naples Area, Florida and National associations of realtors. A member of the Council of Residential Specialists he has earned numerous professional real estate designations, including the GRI, CRS, ABR and SFR. ■

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New presidents recently installed at real estate boards around Southwest Florida posed at Heritage Palm Country Club in Fort Myers during the installation dinner for the Realtor Association of Fort Myers and the Beaches. They are, left to right: Mel King, Cape Coral Board of Realtors; Al Speech, Bonita Spring-Estero Association of Realtors; J.P. Antomattie, Naples Area Board of Realtors; and Christy Knight, the Realtor Association of Fort Myers and the Beaches.

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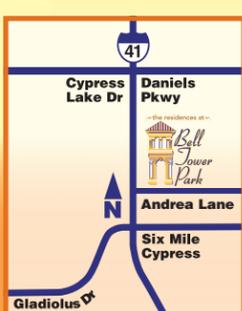
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Port Royal, 3860 Gordon Dr - BEACH HOUSE. Easy living beach front home affords panoramic views and breath taking sunsets. Totally renovated in 2007. Just steps to the beach! 4/4 (H3560) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$7,495,000**



Old Naples, 92 Gulf Shore Blvd S - Situated west of the boulevard & approx. 100 ft from the sand w/views of the Gulf, easy access to all Old Naples has to offer & pool. 5,949 sf. 5-car garage. 5+Den/5+2half (H4224) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$6,975,000**



Old Naples, 136 Gulfshore Blvd S - Situated west of the boulevard & approx. 100 ft from the sand w/views of the Gulf, easy access to all Old Naples has to offer & pool. 5,865 sf. 5-car garage. 5+Den/5+2half (H4233) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$6,950,000**



Old Naples, 368 4th Ave N - Meticulous 2008 renovation. A 5,368sf two-story home on a wide lot with multiple living and entertainment spaces and all-day sun on the 47' freeform pool. 5+Den/5 (H4457) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$3,295,000**



Pelican Bay, 8171 Bay Colony Dr, #1904 - The amenities of Bay Colony and panoramic Gulf views in this beautifully updated end-unit offered furnished. Includes poolside cabana and 2 parking spaces. 3+Den/3.5 (C5956) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$2,855,000**



Pelican Bay, 6597 Nicholas Blvd, #704 - Old world charm creates a beautiful sanctuary w/ Gulf & cityscape views to enjoy an incomparable lifestyle of private beach pavilions, tennis, culture and more. 4+Den/4 (C5721) Rose Mary Everett, 272-7790, Jessica Sowin, 272-6810 **\$2,595,000**



Moorings, 723 Mooringline Dr - New home w/ Old Florida style. Expansive, lush yard has water feature-pool, summer kitchen. Gracious details abound. Lots of space for lots of living. 4+Den/3.5 (H4338) Rose Mary Everett, 272-7790, Jessica Sowin, 272-6810 **\$2,195,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 10620 Gulf Shore Dr, #701 - Your private elevator leads to a double door entry. Enjoy expansive views to the west, north and east from this end unit. 3 porches. Dock included. 3+Den/3.5 (C4718) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$2,150,000**



Livingston Woods, 6411 Sable Ridge Ln - Your very own resort. Exceptional quality and detail in this unique and very private Livingston Woods estate on 5 acres. 4+Den/4 (H4289) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$1,795,000**



Naples Boat Club, 909 10th St S, #304 - Waterfront views from every room give way to endless lazy days watching the boats go by. 42' terrace, fabulous amenities, walk to 5th Ave. 3/3.5 (C4947) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$1,690,000**



Mediterra, 16509 Cellini Ln - Reduced OVER 1 Million. Owner has over 2 million in property; \$250k lanai, \$200k furn/decor, \$75k landscape, \$150k interior upgrades. Brand new never lived in. 4+Den/4.5 (H992) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$1,489,000**



Windstar, 1650 Star Point Ln, #103 - Vaulted ceilings add volume and a large screened lanai gives a bird's eye view of the golf course and Naples Bay beyond. 3+Den/3.5 (C4765) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$1,295,000**



Grey Oaks, 2571 Twinflower Ln - Avila - Stunning Courtyard villa w/pvt. cabana suite, pool/spa is elegantly casual with wide wood flooring, new paint & updated. Large lot w/yard & 2nd lanai. 3/3 (V1304) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$1,100,000**



Pelican Bay, 7515 Pelican Bay Blvd, #7-A - Claridge - Never miss a sunset from this So end residence. Lanai converted to family room. Elec. Shutters, 2 a/c storage rooms, walls of glass. 3+Den/2.5 (C5510) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$989,000**



Pelican Bay, 7082 Villa Lantana Way - Remodeled with granite, marble, cr. molding, inlays, lots of windows, pvt. pool, bonus rm. or 4th BR, oversized tile throughout, storage, natural light abounds. 3+Den/2.5 (V1281) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$929,000**



Royal Harbor, 1540 Bonita Ln - Spectacular bungalow with wide canal views, lush landscaping and quick access to Gulf. New kitchen, pool deck and pool surface. 3/3 (H4327) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$895,000**



Moorings, 2121 Gulf Shore Blvd #101 - If you would like the feeling of Living on the Beach, this 1st fl, updated, end unit is for you! Private stairway to beach. Panoramic views to Gulf & b each. 2/2 (C6077) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$849,000**



Pelican Bay, 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd, #201 - Marbella - First Class amenities at this elegant senior living address. Western views-Sunset skies and 1200 sq ft terrace for entertaining. 2+Den/3 (C5776) Mary Naylor, 784-1689 **\$845,000**



Cove Towers, 425 Cove Tower Dr, #1001 - Beautiful end unit w/panoramic southwestern views over the Gulf, Bay & Naples skyline. Shows like a model w/many custom finishes. 3+Den/3 (C5492) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$835,000**



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Moorings, 2309 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #113 - Spectacular value with wide views of Pass and Gulf from expansive south-facing lanai. Modestly updated. Resort-style amenities. 2+Den/2.5 (C5564) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$728,000**



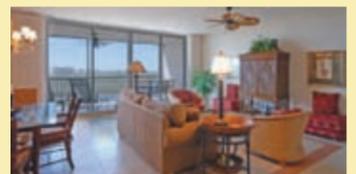
Lely Resort, 8706 Mustang Island Cir - Absolutely gorgeous "Palomino" model w/ golf view. Loaded w/top upgrades, granite, cherry, electric hurricane shutters, heated pool/spa, oversized 2-car garage. 3+Den/3 (H4592) Robin Hill, 776-0733 **\$669,900**



Park Shore, 4751 Gulf Shore Blvd, #PH04 - Fabulous views of bays & city lights from this penthouse. New carpet, paint, furn. Major price reduction makes this a great opportunity on the beach. Remodeled. 2/2 (C4238) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$649,900**



Vanderbilt Beach, 400 Flagship Dr, #405 - Regatta - Great bay & sunsets from this beautifully decorated unit. Ext. use of tile, open & spacious floor plan, short stroll to beach, great amenities. 3/3 (C5358) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$649,000**



Cove Towers, 425 Cove Tower Dr, #1502 - Waterfront residence w/SW Gulf view. 15th floor condo w/tile in main living areas. Mbrshp to Yacht & Racquet Club is transferrable w/tennis, fitness, dining. 3/2 (C5935) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$575,000**



Old Naples, 1222 Gordon Dr, #3 - Outstanding renovation in convenient location between The Pier & Third Street. High end appointments normally found in multi million dollar properties. Turnkey. 2/2 (C5000) Merry Coolidge, 450-4924 **\$575,000**



Moorings, 2400 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #PH2 - Wide Bay views and resort-style amenities plus boat docks available. Nicely maintained and ready for decorator touch. 2/2 (C5897) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$570,000**



Moorings, 2875 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #207 - Beachfront living at its best! Completely renovated condo from inside the walls (pipes, wiring) to every appliance and surface creating more space and storage. 2/2 (C6088) Rose Mary Everett, 272-7790 **\$559,000**



Banyan Woods, 5004 Maxwell Cir, #201 - The value is in the details. Like no other competitor in Banyan Woods, this 2nd floor carriage home built in 2005 with 3,084 sf of well-designed living space. 3+Den/3 (C5755) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$539,000**



Naples Bay Resort, 1005 Sandpiper St, #C 103 - The Cottages @ Naples Bay Resort. Best lifestyle in Naples features club, spa, tennis, fitness, kids club & more. Stunningly turnkey furnished. 2/2 (C5770) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$514,900**



Pelican Bay, 7702 Pebble Creek Cir, #302 - Top floor unit w/vaulted ceilings & overlooks lake & pool amenities. Lg. great room, spacious master, large lanai, 2+ car garage, beach tram across street. 2/2 (C2346) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$449,000**



Pelican Bay, 619 Serendipity Dr, #619 - Serendipity; Delightful corner residence w/new kitchen & baths, updated A/C & HW heater, 1st floor overlooks gardens & pool. 3/2 (C5975) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$399,000**



Pelican Bay, 5950 Pelican Bay Blvd, #132 - An affordable jewel. Spacious top floor unit w/new carpet, paint & A/C. Walls of windows for lots of natural light. Views of lake, golf course & pool area. 2/2 (C5748) The Candito Group 290-5236 **\$379,000**



Worthington, 13191 Southampton Dr - All updated w/new kitchen inc. new cabinet fronts, newer s/s appliances, newer washer & dryer, neutral carpet- nicely turnkey furnished. Great views. 3/2 (V1231) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad, 851-6918 **\$329,900**



Arbor Trace, 301 Arbor Lake Dr - SELLER SAYS MAKE OFFER! Lovely end-unit villa with garage located in an exclusive senior community (55+) featuring large screened lanai overlooking Arbor Lake. 2/2 (V1008) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564 **\$275,000**



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VERONA ★
17018 Verona Way - Beautiful 4BR custom-built home overlooks preserve. Family room, den/study, fireplace. Pool and outdoor fireplace. **\$3,195,000** | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



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Sparkling lake & watercolor sunset views. Jerusalem marble floor, 2nd floor guest suite, marble/onyx master bath. **\$3,175,000**
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Tuscan-style 4BR home with stone flooring, loft & stone fireplace. Pool/spa overlooking the golf course. Furnished. **\$2,995,000**
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Custom-built home with stone and hardwood flooring, media room, large guest suites, fireplace, lagoon pool/spa. **\$2,099,999**
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14858 Bellezza Lane - Capri II plan overlooks fairway. Oversized site, expanded pool/spa area. Interior by Collins & Dupont. Furnished. **\$1,749,000** | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



FELICITA ★
16496 Felicità Court - Lakefront designer decorated 4BR+den home. Floor-to-ceiling sliders open to pool/spa, summer kitchen, S. exposure. **\$1,599,000**
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MILAN ★
15429 Milan Way - Custom-built 3 bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath villa. Great room, dining area, loggia, pool, spillover spa. Lake views. **\$1,595,000**
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MILAN ★
Panoramic views of the fairways from 3BR plus den, 4.5BA residence with 5,036 total SF. Rock waterfall, pool/spa. **\$1,475,000**
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VILLORESI ★
15683 Villorelli Way - Glistening lake views from this 3 bedroom villa. Golf course views. Columns, cherry flooring and granite counters. **\$1,375,000**
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VILLORESI ★
15628 Villorelli Way - This Mediterranean-style 3 bedroom villa is open to glistening lake and outdoor spaces. Courtyard pool and spa. **\$1,075,000**
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Single Family Homes

IL CORSINI 15303 Corsini Lane
Custom 2-story 5 bedroom home. Fairway views. Stone flooring, 11-14' ceilings, summer kitchen, and pool/spa. **\$4,875,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

SAVONA 15805 Savona Way
An elegant custom-built residence on a private .57 acre lot overlooking the lush fairway. Exquisite architecture. **\$3,350,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

MARCELLO 29080 Marcello Way
Custom-built 4 bedroom plus den with oversized bedrooms & large bathrooms for each guest suite. Lanai with summer kitchen. **\$2,797,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

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Magnificent BCB-built estate home on a 3/4 acre golf-view lot. Exquisite finishes, 4BR+den, nearly 5,600 SF A/C. **\$2,299,000** | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883

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FELICITA 16487 Felicità Court
This 5,000 total sq. ft. designer decorated residence has expansive lake views! Summer kitchen, custom pool & spa. **\$1,399,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

VILLORESI 15746 Villorelli Way
Tropical setting with screened pool, summer kitchen & outdoor bar. Three BRs, 3 BAs and over 2,400 SF of living area. **\$1,095,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

VILLORESI - 15631 Villorelli Way
Mediterranean 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath villa. Paved courtyard with Corinthian columns. Family room open pool/spa. **\$1,075,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

OPEN SUN. 1-4 **MONTEROSSO II** 15513 Monterosso Lane #102
Views of glistening lake. Open plan, tile flooring and a vibrant color palette. Spacious master has lake views. **\$715,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

Lots

VERONA 16947 Verona Lane
Private lot located at the end of a cul-de-sac in a neighborhood with 36 estate sites/homes. Golf, tennis and more! **\$725,000** | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kallenborn | 659-0099

VERONA 16987 Verona Lane
Privacy plus serenity is afforded on this lot, which overlooks a lake and a natural preserve. **\$695,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

MARCELLO 29171 Marcello Way
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Furnished. Marble and wood floors, wine cellar, media room, lanai, fireplace, & outdoor kitchen. Lake/golf views. **\$5,395,000** | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



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Elegant home with 5 bedrooms, private 2-story guest cabana with suites, theatre room surrounded by full bar, library. **\$4,500,000**
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Richly appointed 4BR+den estate home, sweeping fairway & lake views, 1,000+ SF lanai for ultimate entertaining. **\$3,990,000** | Jutta Lopez | 571-5339



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Magnificent California-inspired, customized "Bacara IV" 4BR. Vaulted beam ceilings & lake, golf and preserve views. **\$3,575,000**
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GREY OAKS ★ Former Santa Rosa model furnished in tasteful style. Coffered ceilings, double crown mouldings. Large pool and spa. **\$2,950,000**
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GREY OAKS ★
Elegant Mediterranean style single-family 4BR/5.5BA+den home. Outside cooking center, fireplace, heated pool, spa. **\$2,899,000** | Mary Yon | 572-3274



QUAIL CREEK ★
Over 8,000 SF A/C, all 4 bedrooms are master suites. Spectacular pool, spa, over 5,000 SF of outdoor living. **\$2,450,000** | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ★
Spectacular golf course views! Private 4BR+den villa finished at the highest level. Pool, spa, fireplace, kitchen. **\$2,395,000**
Carolyn Weinand/Lynn Anderson | 434-2424



GREY OAKS - PALM ISLAND ★
Gracious home with 180 degrees of breathtaking water & golf views from most rooms. Custom design, 4BRs, den/study. **\$2,290,000** | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ★
Estate home on 1.5 lots overlooking double fairway views. Five bedrooms en suite, home theater, 3 gas fireplaces. **\$2,199,000** | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



GREY OAKS - CAPISTRANO ★
Idyllic views! Beautifully decorated, furnishings are comfortable and chic, gourmet kitchen. Perfect pool area. **\$2,189,000**
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 594-9494



GREY OAKS - ISLA VISTA ★
Lake/golf views. Customized "Cadiz" floor plan with over 4,800 total SF, 3 bedrooms plus study and summer kitchen. **\$2,145,000**
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GREY OAKS ★
Charming 2-story brick home with lake & golf course views, 3 BRs + den, 2-sided fireplace, & full outdoor kitchen. **\$2,059,000** | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



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Remarkable 4BR! Stunning lake/golf view. Screened summer kitchen with fireplace. Custom pool and spa. **FURNISHED. \$1,900,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



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Elegant yet comfortable, clean and open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, a den and 3.5 baths. Offered furnished. **\$1,695,000**
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ★
Gorgeous finishes in this 3 BR+ study, 4.5 BA furnished former model overlooking the golf course, lake & clubhouse. **\$1,595,000**
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN ★ Former Dahlia model finished in 2008 with 3BRs + library has wonderful views of a lake/golf, 2,985+ A/C SF, pool/spa. **\$1,550,000** | Dan Guenther | 261-3148



GREY OAKS - AVILA ★
Furnished 3BR, 3.5BA home with lake and golf course views, faux finished ceilings & walls, & wide crown mouldings. **\$1,495,000**
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GREY OAKS - TRADITIONS ★
At close to 4,000 SF, this elegant home features a long lake view, marble & wood floors, & library with cherry doors. **\$1,450,000** | Jutta Lopez | 571-5339



OPEN SUN. 1-4
KENSINGTON ★ 5212 Old Gallows Way - Expansive golf views. Large pool, lanai, 3 bedrooms and den Guard-gated entry, golf equity membership. **\$1,375,000**
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KENSINGTON ★ Magnificent sunsets overlooking lake and golf course. Almost 3,500 SF living area, 3BRs, den, family room & pool. **\$1,199,000**
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VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ★
Wonderful estate home 4BRs, den and golf course views from screened lanai with heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. **\$999,000**
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WYNDEMERE - VILLAGES ★
438 Glen Meadow Lane - Beautiful home with gorgeous tile floors, crown mouldings, & coffered ceilings. Fabulous lake & golf view. **\$895,000** | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ★
Masterfully updated, 4BRs, 3BAs, Mexican tile and wood floors. Sun patio with koi pond. Membership required. **\$825,000** | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



KENSINGTON - YORKTOWN ★
Updated villa offers great room with gas fireplace, formal dining, 3BRs + den. Renovated master bath with marble. **\$799,900** | Mary Morris | 784-8599



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OPEN SUN. 1-4
WYNDEMERE - GLENDEVON ★
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VINEYARDS - ARBOR GLEN ★
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WYNDEMERE

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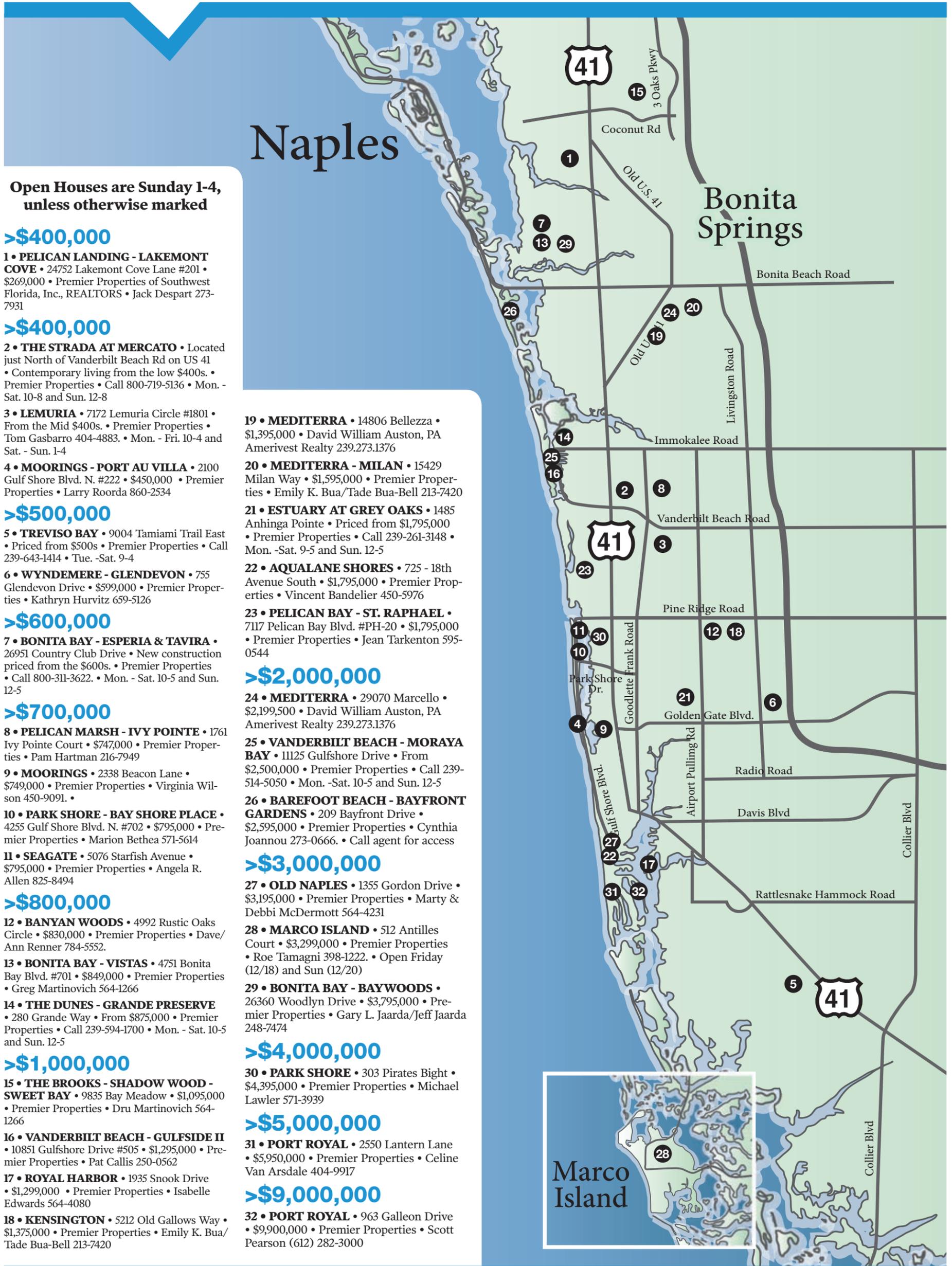
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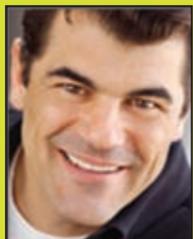
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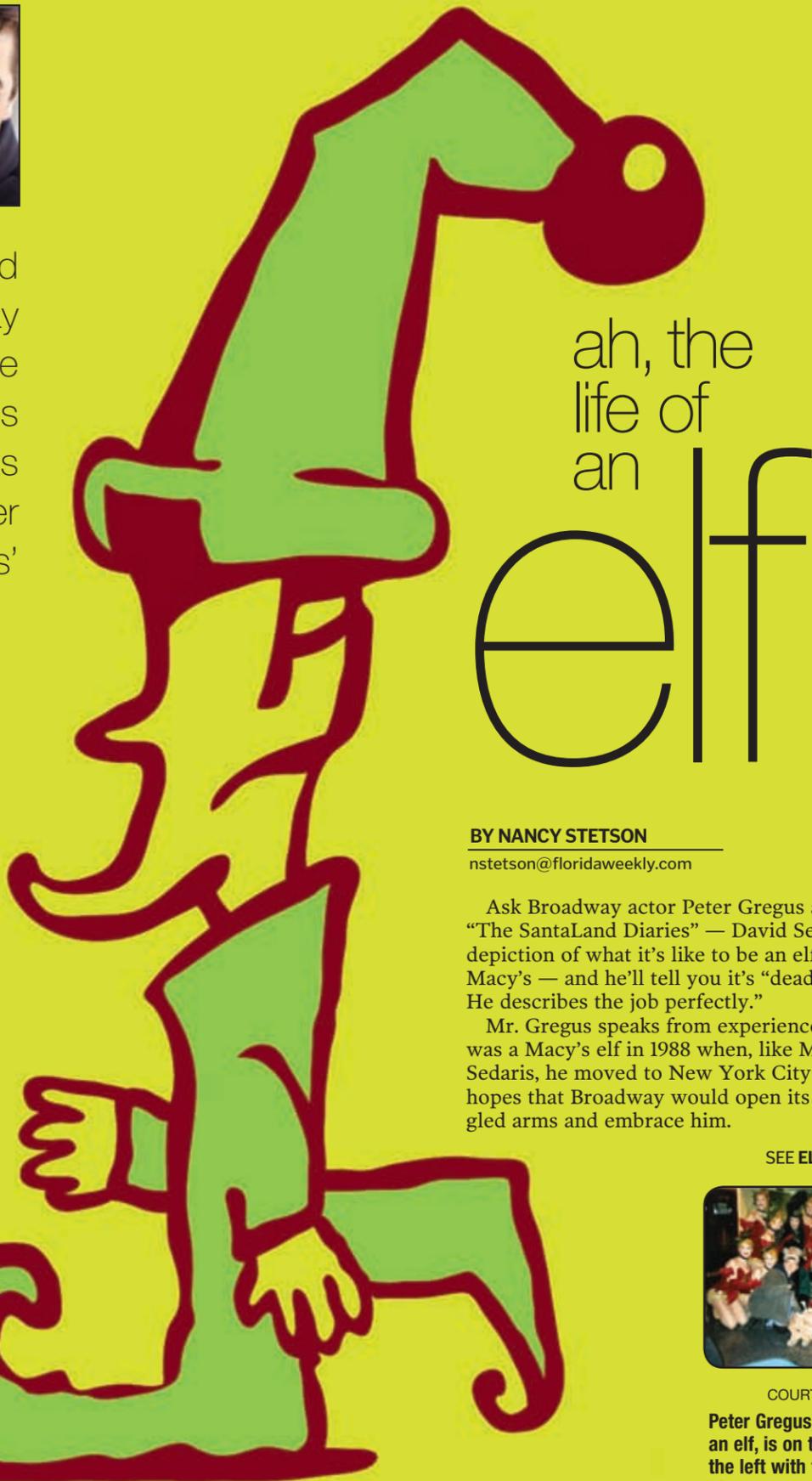
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



GREGUS

Seasoned Broadway actor, once a Macy's elf, recounts his 'career lowlights'



ah, the life of an elf

BY NANCY STETSON

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Ask Broadway actor Peter Gregus about "The SantaLand Diaries" — David Sedaris' depiction of what it's like to be an elf at Macy's — and he'll tell you it's "dead-on. He describes the job perfectly."

Mr. Gregus speaks from experience. He was a Macy's elf in 1988 when, like Mr. Sedaris, he moved to New York City with hopes that Broadway would open its spangled arms and embrace him.

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Peter Gregus, dressed as an elf, is on the floor on the left with the girl in his lap.

WEEK at-a-glance



Tuning up for 'Fiddler'

A glimpse behind the scenes as The Naples Players' spring musical takes shape. This week: auditions. C14 ►



Dickens at the Dock

A 25-year tradition continues when restaurant staff takes on "A Christmas Carol." C33 ►



A happy medium

Georgia Engel stars in "High Spirits," TheatreZone's first show of the new season. C16 ►

Immerse yourself in Janet Fish's magical vision of the world

It's difficult to view the exhibition of Janet Fish's large and luscious paintings at the Naples Museum of Art without feeling positively gluttonous.

Each of the paintings selected for the show is, indeed, a pearl in and of itself.

The works by Ms. Fish, an American contemporary realist painter (1938-), on display in the Robert & Carolyn Spring-born Gallery make for an absolutely must-see show. So much did I love it, I had to return. Thus it was that I spent the better portion of a Saturday afternoon immersed in the magic that is Ms.



Fish's vision of the world.

I covet her talent, the magic omnipresent on her canvasses, each one brimming with hidden touches of reflections from first one, then another vessel. Surprisingly, although a number of people were in the building, not one person entered the exhibition room during my visit, an unexpected bonus for someone who enjoys the all-too-rare opportunity for the pleasure of my own company at an

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Ilka's Teapot by Janet Fish



Pop the cork

Area wine aficionados share their picks for champagne and sparklers worthy of a celebration. C34 ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

When PDA gets out of hand

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There are two types of public displays of affection (PDA, in short). The first — flagrant, in your face, often at bars where booze and strangers draw together — is somehow less reprehensible than the second, which is softer, subtler, and yet stratospherically more annoying.

My friend Jessica once found herself engaged in the first kind of PDA at a club in Paris. While the rest of our group danced on the floor downstairs, Jessica snuck upstairs with one of the handsome Frenchmen who had been dancing at the fringe of our group all night. She came down a few minutes later, flushed and giggling. When we asked what happened, she had this story to tell: Jacques bought her a drink and lead her to one of the club's couches where the two sipped and chatted and, inevitably, began kissing. Jacques had one arm around Jessica's shoulders and the other on her knee. Jessica closed her eyes to romanticize the moment (although how that was possible with all the bad Euro pop in that place, I'll never know). Suddenly, amidst the kissing and knee stroking, Jessica felt a hand on her leg. She did a quick mental calculation. One hand around her shoulders, fine. One hand on her knee, also fine. But a third hand on her leg? She opened her

eyes. Jacques smiled. "That is my brother, Jean-Luc," he said. "Do you mind?"

This sort of PDA — as tacky as it is — is not nearly as obnoxious as the second kind, the kind Nathan and Lizzie have perfected.

I know these two in a professional setting, which makes all the nuzzling that much more awkward. When Nathan asked over lunch how my latest project was coming, I tried to answer with a straight face while Lizzie stroked his ear. They hold hands through meetings and practice surreptitious leg stroking during workshops. Colleagues report Nathan-Lizzie (read: Nizzie) make-out sessions at after-hours parties, and the conspicuous lovebirds have become the butt of every PDA joke.

It would be easy to dismiss our behavior as only so much jealousy. After all, Nathan and Lizzie look like they have a good thing going. But it's more than that. Because there is an element to these two — and to a certain type of PDA-phile — that feels smug. You can't help but think they're gloating as they kiss and cuddle and make the rest of us feel out of place, seemingly enjoying their togetherness in a sea of loneliness.

The French have an understanding about romantic relationships, that the more discord a couple displays in public, the more content they are at home. I'm not sure if I buy this for the American psyche, but I believe there is a kernel of wisdom in it. When you love



"You can't help but think they're gloating as they kiss and cuddle and make the rest of us feel out of place..."

someone and are confident in that love, isn't your private romantic time enough? Doesn't it feel gluttonous to extend that affection to the public sphere, to make your friends and colleagues unwilling participants in your escapades? To me, this sort of public display reeks of insecurity. Nathan and Lizzie — and all the other smug public gropers — would be wise to keep it in the bedroom and spare the rest of us the spectacle. ■

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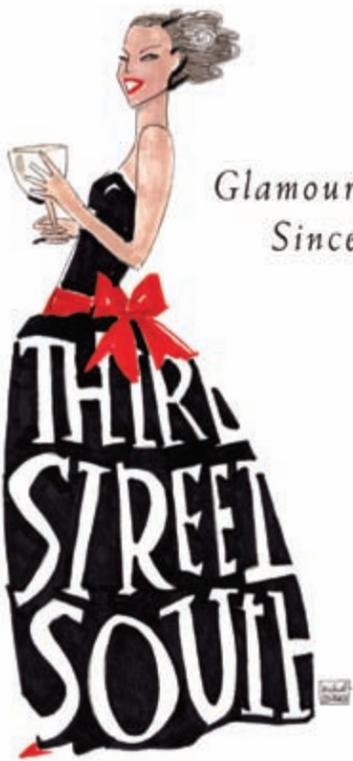
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ELF

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It eventually did. Mr. Gregus, who performed in Susan Stroman's "Contact" at Lincoln Center Theater, now appears on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning "Jersey Boys" as Bob Crewe, the record producer and lyricist for Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons who was sometimes referred to as "The Fifth Season."

Mr. Gregus' bio in the Playbill begins: "Career lowlights: Elf (Macy's), 10-foot-Day-Glo-frog (Radio City), Elf (MSG, better costume, still an Elf), Dean Martin's head (Radio City.)"

Here, in Mr. Gregus' words, is a firsthand account of what it's like to be an elf at Macy's (and later, at Madison Square Garden):

I had just moved to New York... I guess I was at an audition, and someone told me about (being an elf at Macy's.) They said they did it every year, that it was quick money and they were willing to adjust your hours for auditions.

So I went and interviewed. They did that to make sure you weren't absolutely crazy — but I'm not sure that some of those people weren't crazy.

Some people did it every year; it's just what they did every year.

We all had to name ourselves. I think I was Happy. I didn't use my name a lot, I thought that was one step too far.

I was full time, so I must have worked six to eight hours a day. You rotated around, and you were the greeter elf or the photo elf. The year I was there, they had an elf puppet theater with marionettes. I was there to keep the kids from running up to the stage and ripping them off of the stage. I was a child body checker; I'd sit on the bench with the



COURTESY PHOTO

Peter Gregus

kids, and if one wanted to (run up and get a puppet), I'd have to grab them.

It was fun — very, very fun — being an elf at Macy's.

And very funny.

You had to laugh. You had parents who were mean and stupid and kids who would cry and scream. But then you had kids who would smile.

My friend Candy will kill me for telling the story, but I have to tell you. She's very grand. She wears fur coats and is an ex-dancer. She has an air about her.

She was going to the dentist down the block from me at the Empire State Building. So we had lunch, and I went to work and she went to the dentist. Well, the dentist gave her too much of whatever (the laughing gas), and she couldn't drive home. So she shows up in SantaLand almost incoherent from the sweet air.

I had to prop her up in the puppet theater — this grand dame, watching the puppet theater, wearing her fur coat, sitting there with all the kids, basically stoned out of her mind from the gas from the doctor. She just sat there through I don't know how many shows...

Her husband finally came to get her.

I liked (the job). It was a neat atmosphere. The people were fun and cool. There were people who were doing it for the money and those who were really into it. I guess I was a little of both.

You got paid barely minimum wage, not a lot of money. But I had just moved to New York; I was broke and starving. And hey, it'd be a fun story to tell a reporter later on!

I've since read David Sedaris' "SantaLand Diaries" many a time, and thought one of these days I'd do a production myself. It's the most hilarious piece of work, very dead on. He describes it perfectly.

A little elfin magic

I didn't find it humiliating to be an elf. The only time it wasn't fun was when the parents were overly serious about it and the kids weren't. They'd be doing it more for themselves than for the kids. I'd think: "This isn't right."

There'd be a two-hour line — it could take that long to see Santa — and I'd have to calm down the parents. There was one line and then they turned a corner, and there was a whole 'nother long line. You'd see their faces (when they realized that.) It was like being at Disneyland; you think you're near the head of the line, and then you realize it snakes around again and you have to wait more.

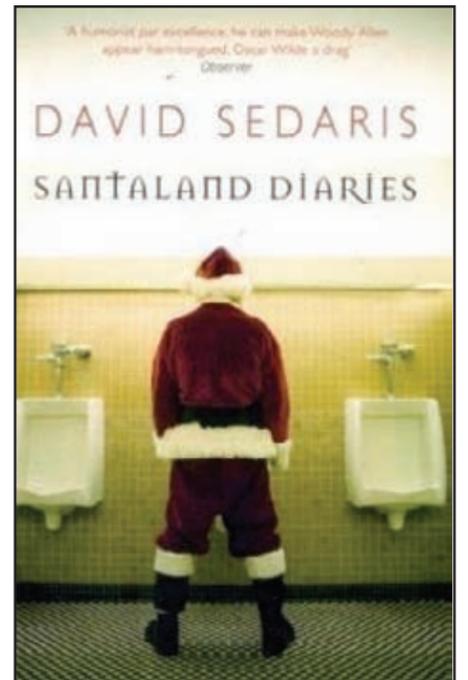
My outfit was gold knickers and a gold kind of smock vest with embroidery on it. And a little hat, all gold. I wore my own boots.

I did that for one year.

Macy's to Madison Square Garden

Then for a number of years, I was an elf at Madison Square Garden, in the middle of a musical version of "A Christmas Carol."

The Ghost of Christmas Present showed up with a whole plate of Christmas crackers, which opened up



and they were showgirls in red bustiers — Santa's showgirls in red Christmas bustiers! They were his little fairies.

To help get things moving and to drag scenery around, he had four fat elves. I was one of the four elves.

Those costumes were gorgeous — green velvet brocade with white fur trim. And a fat suit. Elves are fat, don't you know?

We had a whole bunch of time backstage, so we'd run and do belly flops (along the floor). We'd also run at each other and bump stomachs, and just carry on. It was a lot of fun.

— David Sedaris' "SantaLand Diaries" is playing at Florida Repertory Theatre through the holiday season. The one-man show starring Jason Parrish is staged in the Rep's new studio theater adjacent to the main stage theater in The Arcade in downtown Fort Myers. See review on page C8.

FISH

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art exhibition, no social chitchat to disturb my thoughts.

A native of Boston, Ms. Fish was raised in Bermuda, the grandchild and daughter of artists. As such, it was not unexpected that she had little difficulty making her career choice, even though she began her studies at a time when the field was a males-only environment.

Initially majoring in sculpture, she switched to painting because Bauhaus, the sculptural flavor of the day in the late 1950s and early '60s, held little interest to her. She had hoped to teach art at the university level — until sexism again reared its ugly head, and it was suggested she would be "better" served as a teacher in a girls' school.

Undeterred, she continued her studies, bucking the trend of abstract expressionism because she found it barren. Instead, in 1963, she became one of the first women to graduate from Yale with an MFA. Determined to be taken seriously, very seriously, as a realist artist, in what was then an otherwise male-dominated world, she eked out a living until her persistence — and talent — was rewarded.

Her first show was completely pre-sold, and she's never looked back since, dividing her time between her studios in New York and Vermont.

There is nothing whatsoever in the subject matter of the paintings on exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art (other than the absence of palm fronds) that could not just as easily depict Midwestern or Southern still life paintings or ordinary



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Above: Meredith's Flowers
Right: Lorna and Jane

life events. That, indeed, is part of their appeal to me.

The oh-so-familiar, vibrantly colorful zinnias, their stems tumbling out of an assortment of shimmering glass containers.

A plump rose here; Shasta daisies there.

Spider mums, a rubrum daisy, a string of shimmering tiny stars, scarcely noticeable.

The slightly askew grape arbor leading to the lake.

Overscale vegetables, including a gigantic head of cabbage, freshly picked.

Ribbon glass tumblers and a similar pitcher, juxtaposed with a slender ornamental vase you would swear was lifted



from the dim memories of your childhood visit to an ancient relative's parlor for a special dress-up event.

These are paintings that instantly engage you, beckon you to smile at the familiarity of it all.

Even on my second visit to the exhibition, my selections remained unchanged. It took but an instant to know my pref-

erence is forms. Ms. Fish's exuberant, densely painted, multi-patterned, "no free space" paintings — the play of quilt or tablecloth patterns and, in some instances, their distinctive stitchery, a perfect interwoven background for the vases, flowers, conversations between friends.

Cornflower blue plates overflowing with slices of ripe cantaloupe in "Ilka's Teapot" provide a perfect counterbalance for the peach/apricot and blue patterned cloth beneath the elements of the still life. Red spider mums abound in the fluted pitchers, and a taste of yellow/tawny orange cockscomb further saturates the patterns dimly reflected in the handsome silver teapot.

Just about the instant I was ready to slip the painting under my arm and tip-toe out the door, there, for all the world to see, was the penultimate painting of this exhibition: "Lorna and Jane" (oil on canvas, 60 inches by 70 inches). All but hidden by the glut of patterns in the foreground, it is easy to miss the two women and a man in the background, a celebration of sorts clearly under way.

Janet Fish is a modern master, clearly one of the most important female artists of the 20th-21st century. Her show at the Naples Museum of Art is a must-see. ■

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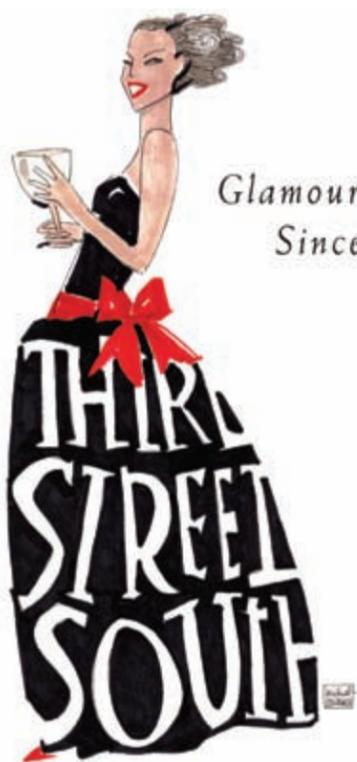


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Live bands

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■ **Bice** - Live entertainment from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. 300 Fifth Avenue South. 262-4044.

■ **Brio Tuscan Grille** - 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday: Nevada Wilkens Trio with jazz, Motown and '60s and '70s tunes. In Waterside Shops. 593-5319.

■ **Capri, A Taste of Italy** - Thursday: Jebry's Jazz Jam; Friday: Manhattan Connection; Saturday: Bill Jollie; Monday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band; Tuesday: Karaoke with Steve Roberts; Wednesday: Cahlua & Cream. In Riverchase Plaza, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

■ **Fitzgerald's Famous Pub** - Country and bluegrass every Saturday night. 9070 Bonita Beach Road. 949-2111

■ **Fred's Diner** - Tim McGeary hosts singer/songwriter night at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Jack's Bait Shack** - Thursday: Soapy Tuna; Friday and Saturday: Ocean Roads; Monday: Overthrowing Amy; Tuesday: Geek Skwad; Wednesday: Love Funnel. 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. 594-3460.

■ **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** - Thursday and Monday: Guitarist Kevin Ribbel; Friday and Tuesday: Guitarist JoRey Ortiz. Saturday and Wednesday: Guitarist Barefoot Gino. All from 6-9 p.m. at the Sunset Beach Bar. Sunday: Mixed Nuts poolside from 6-9 p.m. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 659-4309.

■ **Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar** - 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday: Blues and jazz with Rick Howard, Dave Tregether, John Lamb and Bob Zottola; 8-11 p.m. Saturday: "Acousticlectic Music for the Easily Amused" featuring Beck; 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band. 6436 Naples Blvd. 598-9463.

■ **Paddy Murphy's** - Thursday: Justin; Friday: Barefoot Geno; Saturday and Tuesday: Maxi Courtney; Monday: Patrick. 10 p.m. to closing. 457 Fifth Ave. S. 649-5140.

■ **The Pickled Parrot** - 5-9 p.m. Thursday: Nevada Smith; 5-10 p.m. Friday: Steve Hill; 5-9 p.m. Saturday: Maxi Courtney. On the boardwalk at 1100 Sixth Ave. S. 435-7900.

■ **Riverwalk at Tin City** - 6-9 p.m. Thursday: John Lowbridge; 6-9 p.m. Fridays: Merril; 6-9 p.m.; 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturdays: Sal DeSatis; 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday: Sal DeSatis. 1200 5th Ave. South. 263-2734.

■ **South Street City Oven and Grill** - Thursday: Open mic night; Friday: Maxi Courtney at 5:30 p.m. and Dave T. at 9:30 p.m.; Saturday: Brown Truck; Sunday: Reggae with Chaefin; Monday: Meagan Rose; Tuesday: Karaoke; Wednesday: P.A. Trick and the PR Icks. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333.

Theater

■ **Crimes of the Heart** - The Naples Players presents "Crimes of the Heart" through Dec. 19 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **'Twas the Night** - "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" is presented by Theatre Conspiracy Dec. 21-23 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers. 936-3239 or e-mail info@theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **SantaLand Diaries** - Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers presents the thorny comedy, "The SantaLand Diaries" through Dec. 31 in the new Studio Theatre. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Over the River and Through the Woods** - Theatre Conspiracy presents "Over the River and Through the Woods" Dec. 17-19. 936-3239 or e-mail info@theatreconspiracy.org.



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Scrooge and Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol," playing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Dec. 26.

■ **A Christmas Carol** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents "A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 26. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Alice in Wonderland Jr.** - The Broadway Palm Children's Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland Jr." on select dates in December. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Dial 'M' For Murder** - Florida Repertory Theatre presents "Dial 'M' For Murder" through Dec. 20. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Winter Wonderettes** - The Off Broadway Palm Theatre presents the musical comedy "Winter Wonderettes" through Dec. 26. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Symphony

■ **Holiday Pops** - "A Very Merry Pops" is presented by the Southwest Florida Symphony at 8 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Enjoy music from Rudolph, Charlie Brown and the Grinch. Tickets: \$16-\$52. 418-1500.

■ **The Fab Four** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "A Tribute To The Beatles" at 8 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22. 597-1900.

■ **More Holiday Pops** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "Holiday Pops" at 8 p.m. Dec. 16-20 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

Thursday, Dec. 17

■ **Thursdays on Third** - The courtyards and plazas of Third Street South come alive with holiday music from 6-9 p.m. and snow falls at 7:30 p.m. 434-6533.

■ **Evenings on the Fifth** - Enjoy live holiday-themed music sidewalks of Fifth Avenue. This is a free event from 6:30-9:30 p.m. 435-3742.

■ **Trunk Show** - The Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a trunk show and art exhibit from 5:30-7 p.m. 394-4221.

■ **Holiday Music** - Enjoy the sounds of Take Four, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, beginning at 6 p.m. at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. Free, but registration required: 252-7542.

■ **Art Event** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Art League Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay from 4-7 p.m. 495-8989.

Friday, Dec. 18

■ **Brazilian Dance** - Outside the Box Studio hosts a Brazilian Dance Party from 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$10; 272-6152.

■ **Ad Lib** - Naples City Improv performs at 8 p.m. at the Norris Center. Join the NCI players as they perform in a series of hilarious, fast paced, unscripted games that will keep you rolling in your seats. \$15. 213-3058.

■ **Nightlife** - The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens hosts a Night Eyes Tour to see the Zoo at night. 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road. 262-5409.

■ **Music Fest** - The Marco Island Beach Music Festival takes place today and Sunday at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, 400 South Collier Blvd. Enjoy a beach concert, skim-boarding competitions, sandcastle building and other events. \$5 per day. The beach concert kicks off at 6:30 p.m. 800-GET-HERE.

■ **Country Canadians** - Back by popular demand, The Laws perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Diner, 2700 Immokalee Road. \$5 at the door. 431-7928 or www.FredsDiner.com.

■ **Free Music** - Miromar Outlets presents a free concert from 6-8 p.m. every Friday in December near the Restaurant Piazza. Enjoy a different live musical performance every week.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents free music by P.A. Trick beginning at 8 p.m. in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or gulfcoast-towncenter.com.

Saturday, Dec. 19

■ **Skate Night** - The Florida Everblades Christmas Skate with the Team Night takes place at Germain Arena.



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Celebrate the winter solstice at Naples Botanical Garden from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, through Wednesday, Dec. 23. More than 500 tiki torches will line walkways leading to the Solstice Landing. Santa will greet children in the Caribbean Garden Chattel House, and live entertainment will be part of each evening. Admission is \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children ages to 4-14, and free for members. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

After the game, skate with the team to holiday music. 948-7825.

■ **Christmas Concert** - The choir of Trinity-by-the-Cove will sing Christmas music at 5 p.m. today and at 4 p.m. Sunday, accompanied by organ, flute, violin and harp. The church is located at 553 Galleon Drive in Naples. 262-6581, ext. 207.

■ **Tin Soldier** - The Norris Center hosts a performance of "Brave Tin Soldier," plus a chat with Santa, crafts and treats, at 10 a.m. 213-3058.

■ **Galleria** - Outside the Box Studio hosts its first Galleria from 5-7 p.m., displaying all the artwork done in the fall semester. This is a free family event. 272-6152.

■ **Bluegrass** - The Norris Center hosts the Bluegrass Parlor Band, featuring The Walker Brothers, with opening act Frontline at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. 213-3053.

■ **All Aboard** - Seminole Gulf Railway in Fort Myers hosts the Jingle Bell Express today and Sunday. The special package includes an ornament for decorating, snacks, a photo with St. Nick and a nostalgic train ride featuring a special reading of "The Polar Express." 275-8487.

■ **Art Show** - Marco Island's Center for the Arts and the Marco Island Art League host an arts and crafts show on the Marriott Beach from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. www.marcoislandart.com.

■ **Movie Night** - The Norris Center hosts an Outdoor Family Movie Night at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to watch the night's featured film on a two-story inflatable screen. 213-3053.

Sunday, Dec. 20

■ **Sweet Weekend** - It's Willie

Wonka Weekend at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Enjoy the life-size Willa Wonka chocolate factory, with multiple candy stations and activities for children from noon-2 p.m. 598-3300.

Monday, Dec. 21

■ **Beachcombing** - Barefoot Beach Preserve offers a park ranger program, "Beachcombing & Shelling," every Monday at 10 a.m. Meet at the Learning Center at Barefoot Beach Preserve. The program is free, but there is an entrance fee into the park for those who do not have a Collier County park permit.

■ **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

■ **Trail Walk** - A guided walk through mangroves, hammocks and flatwoods with a naturalist is set for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. today and Dec. 29 at Rookery Bay Reserve's Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road. 417-6310.

■ **Team Trivia** - Boston Beer Garden Team Trivia is played at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

■ **K-Nine Kayak** - Kayak with your canine from 10 a.m.-noon at Dog Beach on Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. \$40. Registration is required 48 hours in advance at www.leeparks.org or 533-7440.

Upcoming events

■ **Snakes Alive** - A program on "Snakes of Florida," by Rookery Bay

naturalist Paul Allen is set for 11 a.m. Dec. 24 and 31 at Rookery Bay Reserve's Environmental Learning Center. 417-6310.

■ **Nutcracker** - Moscow Ballet's "The Nutcracker" is performed at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. 481-4849.

■ **Jazz Band** - Woody Allen and his New Orleans Jazz Band perform at 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples. 597-1900.

■ **Indian Fest** - The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida's education department presents the 35th annual Miccosukee Indian Arts Festival Dec. 26-Jan. 3 at the Miccosukee Indian Village on U.S. 41 at mile marker 70. Events include live alligator wrestling, Native American foods, arts and crafts exhibits and booths, and airboating (954) 370-3900.

Ongoing events

■ **Exhibit** - Creighton-Davis Gallery at The Village on Venetian Bay presents Valerie Whitaker Nudes during December, featuring 12 photographers exhibiting classic photos of the well-known model. There will also be nudes by Picasso, Matisse, Zorn, Renoir and other artists. 304-3000.

■ **Immokalee Images** - "Images of Hope, Immokalee: Looking Forward, Looking Back" is on exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art through December. 597-1900.

■ **Latin Art** - The Naples Museum of Art showcase works by contemporary Latin American artists in the exhibition "Latin American Painting Now" through Jan. 10. 597-1900.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Merry elfing Christmas!



When it comes to Christmas shows, most are so sickingly sweet you might as well just pour a 5-pound bag of sugar directly down your throat instead.

You know the ones I'm talking about; they overdose on sentimentality, tugging on your heartstrings the way a bratty kid insistently tugs on his parent's sleeve, demanding he or she buy him a certain toy.

"The SantaLand Diaries," playing at the Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 31, is the perfect antidote to that.

Based on an essay by satirist David Sedaris and adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello, this one-man show relays the experience of being a Macy's elf one December.

To put it bluntly, David, played by Jason Parrish, doesn't exactly have the right disposition to be an elf in SantaLand. But he's out of work, running out of money, and desperate. So, he applies.

Amazingly, he gets the job, even though he's more bah-humbug than elfin.

As he says, "Everything these elves said has an exclamation point at the end of it!!! It makes one's mouth hurt to speak with such forced merriment. I feel cornered when someone talks to me this way. Doesn't everyone? ... I am afraid I won't be able to provide the grinding enthusiasm Santa is asking for. I think I'll be a low-key sort of an elf."

Low-key doesn't begin to cover it. Try sardonic. Sarcastic. Wise-ass.

Mr. Parrish plays it all with smirking relish.

He tells one misbehaving kid that Santa is going to come in his house and take away all his food and appliances. And when interpreters for the deaf come to the store to teach the elves how to sign "MERRY CHRISTMAS! I AM SANTA'S HELPER," David learns (from his sister) how to sign "SANTA HAS A TUMOR IN HIS HEAD THE SIZE OF AN OLIVE. MAYBE IT WILL GO AWAY TOMORROW BUT I DON'T THINK SO."

Scene by scene, Mr. Parrish reveals the underbelly of Christmas at Macy's. Kids puke into the fake snow. One elf is a tease, leading on fellow elves and Santas alike. Racism rules and some parents ask to see a Santa who's, you know, "white — like us."

This is a delightfully subversive show, humorously dark, with unexpected twists. At 70 minutes long, it gallops along at a good clip. Maybe too quickly, at times.

Director Brian Maschka has Mr. Parrish constantly moving about the tiny stage, continually moving oversized red-and-white-wrapped presents. Sometimes the pace is a little too manic, and you wish at times Mr. Parrish would just sit and talk to you, draw you in by his words.

They should trust the material more; it's certainly good enough and funny enough.

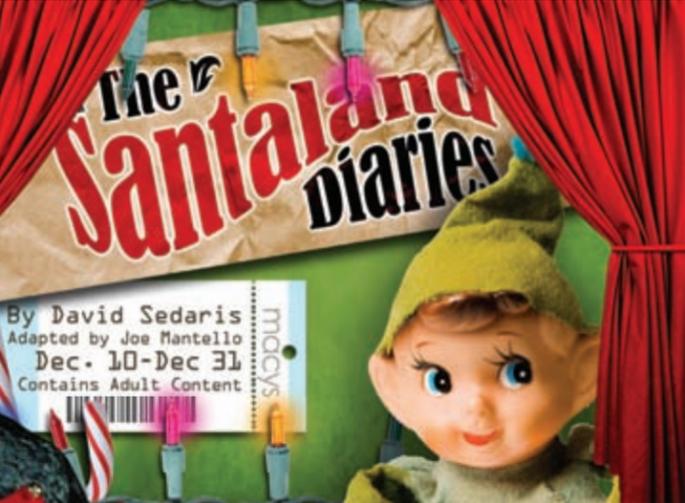
In telling this tale of a demented Christmas season, Mr. Parrish transforms into a variety of other characters, most unnamed, when delivering their dialogue.

He's great as the various Santas, overworked managers, and as the little kids themselves. But some in this many-populated show could use a little fine-tuning. His guys from Jersey don't sound like New Jerseyans, and his non-English speaking foreigner seems more stereotype than authentic. Some of his women are on-target, while some seem more like Milton Berle doing drag.

There are plenty of highlights in this one-man show that provides countless laughs. I won't give them all away, but I was particularly amused by Mr. Parrish's little striptease when he takes off his street clothes and puts on his elf outfit. (Kudos to costume designers Roberta Malcolm and Janelle Turco for providing sartorial amusement.)

"The SantaLand Diaries" is Florida Rep's inaugural play in its new Studio Theatre, located just down the hall from the main stage. It used to be the company's rehearsal studio, but it's been turned into an 80-seat theater with tiered seating.

audience were dressed, it'd be easy to believe they were part of the show. One man wore a shirt that had multiple images of Santa fishing from a motorboat and one couple, both dressed in red-and-white Christmas sweaters, were perfectly color-coordinated with the set, and looked as if they could be self grandparents.)



With both the minimal props and backdrop that play multiple roles, Florida Rep has created the feel of a SantaLand within an extremely limited space.

The show is selling out quickly. In fact, it's so popular, the venue had to add an extra week of performances.

Year after year Florida Rep's proven it can provide a full season of quality shows on its main stage; here's hoping it makes as much use of this new Studio Theatre and adds a full season's worth of edgier, more experimental shows.

"The SantaLand Diaries" is a welcome alternative to much of the mushy sap we're so often force fed at Christmastime.

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But sometimes, the real miracle is that the elves on 34th Street don't rise up and murder the overbearing moms and pushy, rude customers. ■



COURTESY PHOTO David, played by Jason Parrish

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If you go

- >> **What:** "The SantaLand Diaries"
- >> **When:** Through Dec. 31 (no shows Dec. 24 or 25)
- >> **Where:** The Studio Theatre of Florida Repertory Theatre, 2267 Bay Street, downtown Fort Myers, between Hendry and Jackson
- > **Cost:** \$38
- > **Information:** Call 332-4488 or go to www.floridarep.org
- >> **Note:** Evening shows start at 8:30 p.m.; seating is general admission. Material is adult and not intended for children.

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Connect Now with the community through Collier County schools

BY LINDA LEPORE
Special to Florida Weekly

During this time of giving and an approaching new year, it is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, give thanks and celebrate friends and accomplishments. This is especially true at The Education Foundation of Collier County, as this marks the 20th year of working to engage our community and schools in pursuit of a quality education for every child.

The foundation began with the core belief that teachers have the greatest impact on student learning. Initiatives have evolved to support teachers, principals, and individual student success within Connect Now, a community articulated framework to support education.

This past year through Connect Now, The Education Foundation completed a series of community-based conversations that allowed citizens from every part of Collier County to speak with one voice about their shared aspirations for education. After participating and then seeing the resulting Connect Now statement, Principal Jory Westberry at Tommie Barfield Elementary said, "The most valuable part of this experience has been the reassurance that there are others who care as much as we do as educators."



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Kate Ellsworth and her kindergarten class at Mike Davis Elementary celebrate upon receiving a community-funded Connect With A Classroom grant.

Also after participating in Connect Now, one Collier County high-school student said, "I've learned that no matter where you come from, you can always contribute and you can constantly work to make your community a better, safer place to live."

Educators, students and the community alike are encouraged to donate time and resources to make these shared aspirations for education a reality. Please visit www.ConnectNowCollier.org to read the Connect Now statement in its entirety.

Upon asking several friends of The Education Foundation why they feel the community should support the foundation now and in the future, we received a

variety of replies.

Linda Flewelling said: "As parents, we understand the importance of investing in our children's education; as citizens, we understand that the community's investment yields powerful returns for our country and county."

Dianne Mayberry-Hatt thoughtfully shared: "If you are able to read this, honor and thank your teachers by donating time and resources to the Education Foundation."

Dori Wexelbaum explained that, "We have the ability to open our hearts to young people" in reference to opportunities to support student success. Students, teachers, and the community feel the positive impact as a result of the work of The Education Foundation.

What can you do to support education and make an impact?

The foundation is proud of its ongoing commitment to make every dollar count for students and teachers and is grateful for the support of many volunteers to help keep administrative expenses low. Our entire community reaps the reward when all of our young people are well educated. Please consider making a year-end gift to the Education Foundation with the financial flexibility to impact the areas of work

in greatest need.

With your help, we will work to give students and educators what they need to succeed.

On Monday, Feb. 8, the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will generously host The Education Foundation's Heart of the Apple 20th Anniversary Luncheon. CenturyLink; Florida Power & Light; Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown P.A.; and TIB Bank are also generous sponsors of this sure-

to-be memorable event.

Please contact us today to learn more, reserve a table or seat at the luncheon (\$60 for individual; \$500 for table of 10) or make a donation at any level to honor family, teachers or friends during this special time of year. ■

— Linda Lepore is vice president of development for The Education Foundation of Collier County, which has been engaging our community and schools in pursuit of a quality education for every child for the past 20 years. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.EducationForCollier.org.



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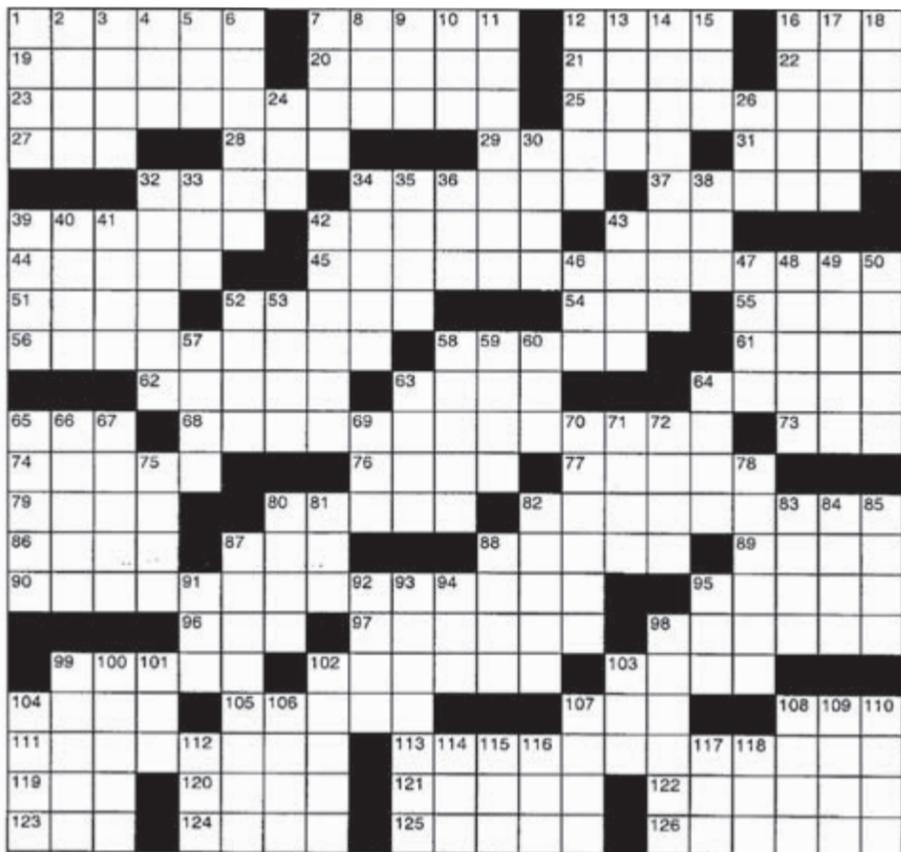
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Self-confidence
 - 7 Lady of the house
 - 12 Pacific archipelago
 - 16 Fit — fiddle
 - 19 Not as affluent
 - 20 Let up
 - 21 "East of Eden" character
 - 22 Negligent
 - 23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash
 - 25 Massachusetts
 - 27 "Kind — Drag" ('67 hit)
 - 28 Little fox
 - 29 Does some cobbling
 - 31 Jannings or Gilels
 - 32 "Pequod" captain
 - 34 Whippet or wolf
 - 37 Raptor feature
 - 39 Dugong, for one
 - 42 Salon offering
 - 43 Faint
 - 44 Fashionable Emilio
 - 45 Part 2 of quip
 - 51 Agatha's colleague
 - 52 Hardly popular
 - 54 NASA affirmative
 - 55 — vera
 - 56 Revolt
 - 58 Prop for Figaro
 - 61 Make murky
 - 62 Alpine area
 - 63 Soccer superstar
 - 64 Gounod opera
 - 65 "Fantasia" frame
 - 68 Part 3 of quip
 - 73 Narcs' org.
 - 74 Old Testament character
 - 76 Jet-setter's need
 - 77 Spine-tingling
 - 79 Middle Eastern money
 - 80 Play ground?
 - 82 Cajole
 - 86 Cry of dread
 - 87 — Na Na
 - 88 Tuscan town
 - 89 Surfeit
 - 90 Part 4 of quip
 - 95 Prepare the champagne
 - 96 Vintage
 - 97 62 Across sight
 - 98 Grown-up grub
 - 99 Cumin or coriander
 - 102 Pieces
 - 103 Noisy birds
 - 104 Tibia
 - 105 Walker's "The — Purple"
 - 107 Kennel feature
 - 108 Catchall abbr.
 - 111 Flirt
 - 113 End of quip
 - 119 Burmese statesman
 - 120 TV's "— Life"
 - 121 Early computer
 - 122 Pianist Jose
 - 123 Billy — Williams
 - 124 Scent
 - 125 Musical movement
 - 126 Get in shape
- DOWN**
- 1 Lhasa —
 - 2 Magic-show sound
 - 3 — Linda, CA
 - 4 Zinc or copper
 - 5 Ran into
 - 6 NBC newsmen
 - 7 Actor Damon
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Historic org.
 - 10 Had some halibut
 - 11 Handel oratorio
 - 12 Tale
 - 13 "Dies —"
 - 14 Control lever
 - 15 Office-holders
 - 16 Battle site of 1836
 - 17 Fancy fabric
 - 18 Salchow kin
 - 24 Spare part?
 - 26 — Aviv
 - 30 "— in America" ('63 tune)
 - 32 Say yes
 - 33 — polloi
 - 34 Proof-reader's mark
 - 35 Sailed through
 - 36 Tang
 - 38 Orthopedists' org.
 - 39 Detailed description
 - 40 Continental currency
 - 41 Bill of Rights grp.
 - 42 Femme —
 - 43 Couturier Christian
 - 46 — Vicente, Brazil
 - 47 Zhivago's love
 - 48 Audibly
 - 49 Din
 - 50 Actress Burke
 - 52 Long lunch?
 - 53 Mighty mite
 - 57 Satellite —
 - 58 Wither-spoon of "Legally Blonde"
 - 59 Soprano Gluck
 - 60 Zuider —
 - 63 Bluenose
 - 64 Move like a hummingbird
 - 65 Chocolate substitute
 - 66 Yale or Root
 - 67 Inclined
 - 69 Palindromic name
 - 70 Most modern
 - 71 MTV viewer
 - 72 Precinct
 - 75 Story line
 - 78 Decorates glass
 - 80 Wearing saddles
 - 81 Author Amy
 - 82 Places
 - 83 Came down to earth
 - 84 Droop
 - 85 Howard or Petty
 - 87 Chose
 - 88 Bacteriologist Jonas
 - 91 Ad — committee
 - 92 Repeat
 - 93 Mitty's creator
 - 94 Harrison's "Star Wars" role
 - 95 Dodger Ron
 - 98 Good name for a raccoon
 - 99 Radiated
 - 100 Stimulate
 - 101 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 102 Weather word
 - 103 Roast beef au —
 - 104 Move quickly
 - 106 Football Hall of Famer Jim
 - 107 Puerto —
 - 108 To be, to Baudelaire
 - 109 Forbidden
 - 110 Overcharge
 - 112 Inflatable item?
 - 114 Lennon's widow
 - 115 Canterbury can
 - 116 "I've been —"
 - 117 Ike's domain
 - 118 Sister

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're

conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

By Linda Thistle

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LATEST FILMS

'Invictus'

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★★★
Is it worth \$10? Yes

"Invictus" is a nicely made drama with strong lead performances and a compelling story. But it also feels oddly hollow, and the reason is this: No matter how important a rugby game may be to uniting apartheid-torn South Africa, it's still just one game, and one game cannot eradicate 50 years of hateful segregation. Granted, there are key turning points in all major struggles, but director Clint Eastwood gives the impression that this game will make all the difference, and that's too much to believe.

When Nelson Mandela is elected president of South Africa in 1994, he inherits a country that's uncertain of how to proceed in a post-apartheid world, as that's the only society most of his countrymen have ever known. Based on a true story, President Mandela is a tireless worker who believes small steps can lead to great gain. He refuses to fire the holdover presidential staff, most of which is white. He also hires white bodyguards to the objection of his head of security, Jason (Tony Kgoroge). "Forgiveness liberates the soul," Mandela tells Jason, in effect asking him to forgive the white authority figures who've mistreated his friends and family.

The country has lingering housing, food, employment and crime problems, but Mandela sees an opportunity for unity in the national rugby team, captained by Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon). With the country hosting the 1995 Rugby World Cup, Mandela enlists Pienaar to lead the mostly-white team to victory, and do so with a spirit of inclusion of the entire country — all 43 million people.

Although Anthony Peckham's script is based on the book "Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation" by John Carlin, the film is named after the poem "Invictus" by William E. Henley. The poem, which is recited throughout the film, inspired Mandela during his 27 years of incarceration for daring



to speak out against apartheid. It is about the character of man while under great adversity, which is a theme that reflects both Mandela and Pienaar, as the latter must motivate an otherwise terrible team to do something special in a little more than a year.

The rugby scenes are handled nicely, and Mr. Freeman ably captures a determined man who believes in his convictions even when others tell him he's wrong. Mr. Damon is also superb, as he bulked up substantially for the role (he was probably happy to do so after being "doughy" for "The Informant!") and perfectly handles a South African accent.

At 134 minutes "Invictus" does slightly overstay its welcome, but the performances and dramatic impact make it worth the effort. It's a human story with real emotion, handled professionally and effectively. ■

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Did you know?

>>In real life Mr. Pienaar is much taller and bigger than Mr. Damon. "Francois invited me to his home and made me this incredible gourmet dinner," Mr. Damon said. "When I got to his house, he answered the door and I just looked up at him. There was a pregnant pause, and I said, 'I look much bigger on camera.'"

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK
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'The Road' ★★★½
(Viggo Mortensen, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Guy Pearce) In a post-apocalyptic world in which Earth is slowly destroying itself, a father (Mortensen) and son (Smit-McPhee) seek food, shelter and warmth as they struggle to survive. Plausible and logical drama, an atmosphere of impending doom and great performances from Mr. Mortensen and Mr. Smit-McPhee make this a movie you will not soon forget. Based on the novel by Cormac McCarthy. Rated R.

'The Twilight Saga: New Moon' ★★
(Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner) After Edward (Pattinson) loves her so much he has to leave her, Bella (Stewart) grows closer with the now hunky Jacob (Lautner), who wants more than a friendship. Werewolves and vampires

subsequently clash, but if you haven't seen the film's predecessor, "Twilight," and/or read the books by Stephenie Meyer, it's unlikely you'll understand what's happening here. But even if you are familiar with the story, it's still just a vaguely interesting teen drama that works in moments but is mostly just a bore. That said, the women I've spoken to who've seen the movie have really liked it, mostly (I suspect) because of Mr. Lautner's impressive abs. Rated PG-13.

'The Fourth Kind' ★★
(Milla Jovovich, Elias Koteas, Will Patton) In Nome, Alaska, a psychologist (Jovovich) believes alien abduction may be why a number of her patients are waking at 3:33 a.m. and seeing a mysterious owl, then acting erratically. Writer/director Olatunde Osunsanmi gives a pseudo-documentary feel by constantly interweaving (fake) archive footage with dramatic reenactments. It's all pretty distracting, and none of it works, though die-hard sci-fi fans may find it amusing. Rated PG-13. ■

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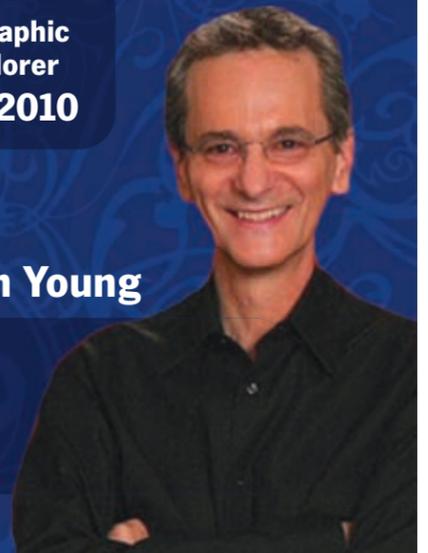
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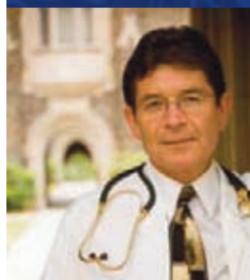
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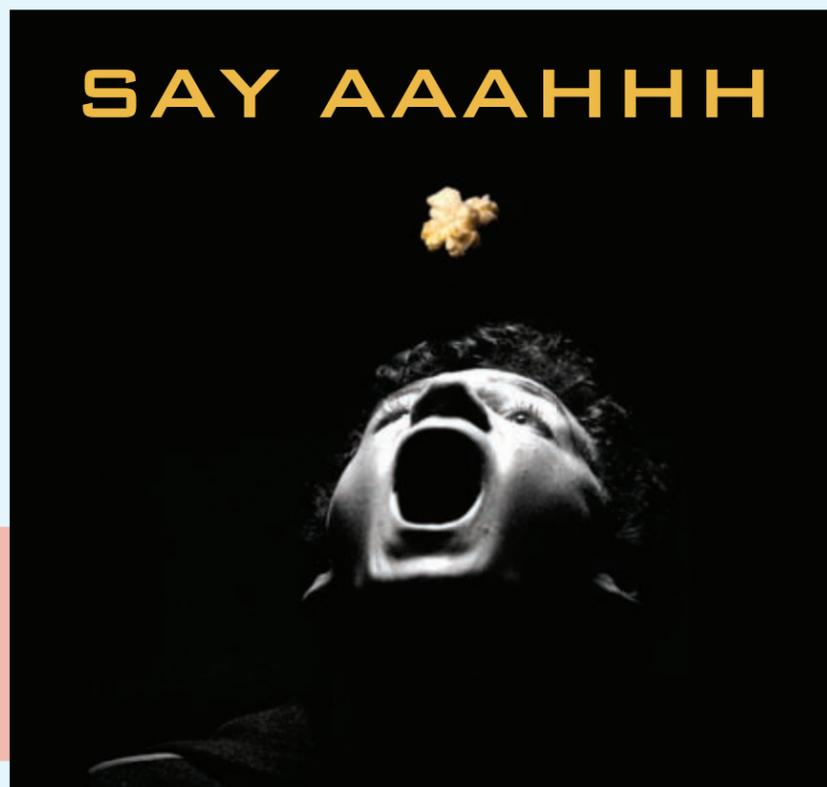
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Clearwater author extends her pattern of riveting excellence

"Die for You" by Lisa Unger
(Shaye Areheart Books imprint of
Random House. 352 pages. \$24)

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

Lisa Unger is a novelist whose style and plotting are so fine, and whose explorations of the human psyche are so emotionally devastating, that reading her novels is an exquisite torture. This Clearwater, Fla., author takes us places we don't really want to go.

Her latest effort, "Die for You," is a brilliant evocation of the questioning mind: the person who cannot live without knowing the "why" behind the forces that are out to betray and destroy her, even if the search for answers only deepens the danger.

Isabel Raine, a successful novelist and seemingly happily married young woman, finds herself in a dangerous situation when her Czech-born husband doesn't return from work one day and, soon after, his office is ransacked by FBI imposters. At his office to find clues to Marc's disappearance, Isabel is seriously injured by the intruders. When she awakens in a hospital, she asks her sister, "Why didn't they kill me?" As narrator, Isabel continues:

It wasn't a lamentation; it was a question of pure curiosity. They should have killed me. I saw them all, could easily identify any of them and would likely be doing so shortly. But they hadn't. Why not? To someone who constructed plot for a living, it seemed stupid, careless.

So it goes with Isabel Raine, asking the questions a novelist would ask with the audacity of the creative spirit rather than allowing herself to be a mere victim. She pushes against the professional investigators as often as she cooperates with them, and she takes independent action as if she were merely following out the dynamics of a work of fiction set in motion by her own imagination.

The police detectives pursue the case with some suspicion of Isabel herself. Their professional skills and commitment are well drawn, as is their frustration with Isabel's behavior.

Early in the investigation, they provide Isabel with some shocking truths: Her husband of five years had usurped the identity of another man — a Marcus Raine who was also an immigrant from the Czech Republic and who also worked in computer software, but who disappeared in 1999. The new Marcus had been living a lie. Isabel had been duped.

With these revelations, the premise is no longer "What happened to Marcus Raine?" but "How could Marcus have

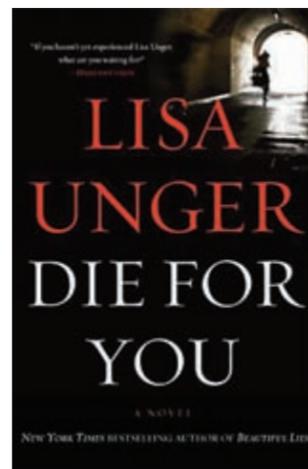
done this to Isabel?" and "How could she have let this happen?"

Ms. Unger probes questions about how well we ever know another person and the root of personal identity. The novel explores how relationships are built, how trust is won and lost, and how both knowledge and ignorance are dangerous things.

While we can easily label "Die for You" as a psychological thriller, it is much more.

Like Isabel Raine, Ms. Unger is compelled to follow up on all questions about what makes people tick. She makes

Isabel's chase after the truth about her husband an inquiry into Isabel's own psyche and behavior. Ms. Unger complicates our understanding of the creative process, drawing parallels between the kind of character-invention a novelist undertakes and the kind of self-creation that we all undertake to one degree or another. It is even possible to say that Isabel believed in her husband because he was so well scripted and fit so well into the plot of her own life.



Lisa Unger

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But now her life's plot includes imminent danger. At one point her longtime friend, constant admirer and literary agent warns her: "This is not some novel you're writing, Isabel... This is your life." When she asks, "What's the difference?" she's not just making a flip remark.

"Die for You" commands the reader's attention as a pulse-pounding march of incidents and information, often frightening, sometimes tender, always drawn sure-handedly and efficiently. Ms. Unger carefully orchestrates the revelation of information and the building of suspense by juxtaposing Isabel's narration with scenes that glide through the thoughts of several other characters. Her renderings of New York City neighborhoods and her evocations of Prague ring true.

"Die for You" extends the pattern of riveting excellence that has brought acclaim to Ms. Unger's previous work: "Beautiful Lies," "Sliver of Truth" and "Black Out." Keep in touch with her via her Web site www.lisaunger.com. ■

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Part 1: Tuning up for the 'Fiddler'

Starting this week, *Florida Weekly* will keep track behind the scenes as The Naples Players' spring production of "Fiddler on the Roof" takes shape. With its memorable score and universal theme of tradition, "Fiddler" has touched audiences around the world with humor, warmth and honesty. The full-scale musical opens Wednesday, March 3, and runs through Saturday, April 3, at Sugden Community Theatre. Dawn Lebrecht Fornara is the director/choreographer; Charles Fornara is the musical director. Auditions took place earlier this month. Next week, Part 2: callbacks.



Above: Many members of The Naples Players' KidzAct program tried out for various roles. Among those hoping to score singing parts were sisters Anna and Bianca Prioretti, Tori Hendry and Danielle Sblendorio.

Also at the Sugden

You don't have to wait until "Fiddler" to be entertained at the Sugden Community Theatre. Here's what's ahead for The Naples Players in the coming weeks:

- **Through Dec. 19:** "Crimes of the Heart" on the main stage at 8 p.m.
- **Jan. 13-Feb. 6:** "Almost, Maine," an enchanting comedy by John Ciarani set in the far, far north. On the main stage with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.
- **Sunday, Jan. 17:** Films on Fifth, The Naples Players' series of foreign and independent movies, presents the Israeli film "Waltz with Bashir," a Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee (English subtitles). Show time is 7 p.m. in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre.
- **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24:** Auditions for the Tobye Studio production of A.R. Gurney's "Crazy Mary." The show will be staged March 24-April 17 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden. Audition appointments not necessary. For more information, call 434-7340, ext. 10.



Appropriately for "Fiddler," Eric Sengson auditions on the violin.



Left: Naples Players Artistic Director Dallas Dunnagan and "Fiddler" Director/Choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara, seated, listen and evaluate as Matt Striegel sings his audition. Music Director Charles Fornara accompanies Mr. Striegel.



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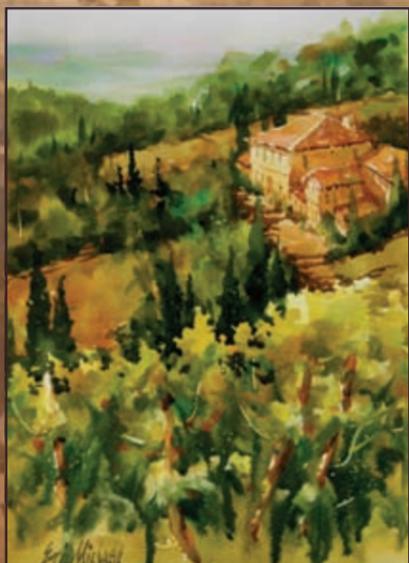
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A 'ghost of Broadway past' opens TheatreZone's fifth Equity season

Ghosts are finding their way to Naples with TheatreZone's revival of the long-forgotten Broadway gem "High Spirits." Mark Danni, the company's founder and artistic director, has cast film, television and stage actress Georgia Engel in the lead role of medium Madame Arcati for 10 performances at the G&L Theatre in January.

"High Spirits" is the 1964 musical rendition of playwright Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit." Originally titled "Faster Than Sound," it played for 11 months and was nominated for eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

While many critics loved Hugh Martin and Timothy Gray's reimagining of the play, however, the production closed in the red and became a ghost of Broadway past as new, edgier musicals like "Hair" took over.

"High Spirits" is heavily dependent on the comic abilities of the player in the role of Madame Arcati," Mr. Danni says. Mr. Coward created "a genuinely great comic character in Madame Arcati," he adds, "and Georgia Engel, well-known for her role as Georgette Baxter in 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show,' joyfully makes it her own."

Mr. Coward wrote 'Blithe Spirit' as a farce, Mr. Danni says. "It was in a time when spiritualism was having a renaissance due to the war, because people wanted to contact their loved ones who had died. England had been bombed and was devastated," he says. "Coward's irresistible combination of urbane humor, intriguing characters and enough surprise to keep things interesting still delights audiences today as it did half a century ago."

The "improbable farce" of 1941 about connubial love and hisses from beyond the grave is not, despite its subject, an immortal work. Written during an awe-inspiringly brief period of six days, "High Spirits" concerns fussy, cantankerous socialite Charles Condomine (James DePavia), a suave Cowardesque novelist who invites an eccentric medium and clairvoyant to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book.

The scheme backfires when he is

haunted by the ghost of his annoying and temperamental first wife Elvira (Karen Molnar) following the séance. Elvira makes continual attempts to disrupt Charles's staid marriage to his priggish second wife, Ruth (Susan Hartley), who cannot see or hear the



Georgia Engel

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ghost. As the worldly and unworldly personalities clash, unlikely twists and turns continue throughout this entertaining musical.

Performances of "High Spirits" are set for 8 p.m. Jan. 7-9 and 13-16 and 2 p.m. Jan. 9 10 and 17. Additional TheatreZone 2010 season productions feature the world premiere of "The Beast of Broadway," March 4-14; Lee Roy Reams in concert: "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance," April 22-25; and "I Love My Wife," June 10-20.

TheatreZone is the creation of Mr. Danni and his wife, actress/choreographer Karen Molnar, who share a vision and a passion for bringing the "Lost Treasures of Broadway" to Southwest Florida. The company is marking its fifth year as an Equity professional theater company. All performances take place in the 250-seat G&L Theatre on the campus of Community School of Naples, 13275 Livingston Road. Tickets are \$38-\$43.

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Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers presents a free Christmas comedy

Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers will have audiences ho, ho, ho-ing and ha, ha ha-ing with "Twas the Night Before Christmas" a world premiere for families this holiday season.

Written by Jamie Carmichael and Bill Taylor and presented through generous support of the Alliance for the Arts, the

city of Fort Myers and The Southwest Florida Community Foundation, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is a hilarious take on the classic holiday poem of the same name. Full of high energy, broad, family friendly comedy, it's perfect for a festive holiday outing. Kids and adults alike will be in stitches as the pages of the well-known story take on a life of their own, complete with classic shtick and cartoon inspired silliness.

The short, one-act play features a merry band of Theatre Conspiracy favorites: Tiffany Allen, Christopher Brent, Lisa Owens-Chapman and Lisa Marie under the direction of Mr. Carmichael.

"I thought it was important for us to do something for families this Christmas," says Mr. Taylor, Theatre Conspiracy producing artistic director. "This was an idea I had in the back of my mind for sometime, and the timing was just right to do it. It should be a lot of fun for everyone."

Admission to the production is free, with donations accepted.

Performances will be in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers at 2 and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, and 2 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

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"An Evening with Britto" will take place at the gallery from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. Mr. Britto will unveil "Big Temptation," the sculpture he has donated to FGCU.

The Miami artists' work has been exhibited extensively in galleries and museums around the world, including the Louvre and many other venues in England, Germany, China the U.S. and his native Brazil. Influenced by 20th Century artists from Picasso to Mat-

isse and Chagall, his body of work includes Pop Art paintings and sculpture in Mr. Britto's characteristic exuberant, colorful style with an emphasis on composition.

Music for the evening will be provided by Dost Thou Love Me of Naples. The reception is supported in kind by HW Galleries and the Hyatt

Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. All proceeds will support the continuing efforts of the Art Gallery at FGCU to bring cultural events and activities to the area.

Tickets to the private fundraising reception with Mr. Britto at FGCU are \$150 per person. Call gallery director Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199 or e-mail at asturdiv@fgcu.edu. ■

Call for photographers for Rookery Bay exhibit

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the United Arts Council of Collier County have put out a call to artists for the 2010 All Photography Exhibition.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, Jan. 4; exhibition dates are Feb. 2 through April 2 at Rookery's Bay's Environmental Learning Center. Renowned Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher is the juror.

Artists can submit up to three jpegs to abrowne@uaccollier.com. A \$10

application fee made payable to United Arts Council must also be sent to UAC, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., #504, Naples, FL 34103. Fees are waived for members of the UAC or Friends of Rookery Bay.

Artwork sales throughout the exhibition will be split among the artist (70 percent) and UAC and Friends of Rookery Bay (30 percent). For more information, contact abrowne@uaccollier.com or download the prospectus and application at www.rookerybay.org. ■



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Depending on how many new mem-

bers participate, the cost would be about \$75 per month for each member, plus some start-up fees for necessities such as proper lighting and a mop sink,

If you are interested in learning more about the possibility of a permanent home for the Printmakers Guild, call Joan Dunkle at 435-3547 or e-mail joan818@aol.com. ■



A dozen of the latest works by Naples artist Arturo Samaniego are on exhibit in the Holiday Suite at Waterside Shops through December. The medium- to large-format oil paintings celebrate the human figure and include *Pearls*, left, *Cradle*, below left, and *Ponder*, below. Mr. Samaniego is at the Holiday Suite from 3-6 p.m. every Friday to meet visitors and answer questions about his art. The exhibit is sponsored by Waterside Shops, The Garden District and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

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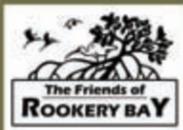
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Back to the glitz of 1920s 'Chicago'

Celebrating 11 years of girls, glitz and glamour across the country, the record-breaking hit musical "Chicago" is back in town for four performances Dec. 26-28. Tom Wopat stars as Billy Flynn in the story of murder, greed, corruption, exploitation, adultery and treachery amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s. Tickets are \$64.

New Orleans jazz out of New York

In a rare, non-New York appearance, Woody Allen's New Orleans Jazz Band performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, as part of a limited tour of Florida and California. The band's sound is firmly rooted in the classic jazz music that Mr. Allen has loved since childhood. The group regularly sells out The Café Carlyle in Manhattan and was the subject of the documentary film, "Wild Man Blues." Tickets are \$89.

Three great American voices

Crystal Gayle, Larry Gatlin and Andy Cooney bring "American Voices" to the Phil at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Ms. Gayle and Mr. Gatlin, each with a long Grammy Award-winning career, team up with Irish America's favorite son for a stirring celebration of patriotism, honoring the American songbook and celebrating country, heritage, faith and friendship. The three superstars will be joined by a 30-piece orchestra. Tickets are \$52.

Bernadette is back

Bernadette Peters, who has dazzled audiences and critics with her performances on Broadway, on television and in concert, performs at the Phil for one night only, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.



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The program includes "Swedish Rhapsody," a symphonic portrait of a nightlong wedding festival; Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy," based on lively folk melodies; Mozart's Symphony No. 33; and Britten's "Variations on a Theme by Henry Purcell," which introduces all of the instruments in the orchestra. Violin virtuoso Ilya Kaler is the guest artist. Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students.

'Three Men and a Baby Grand'

Broadway and recording artists John Boswell, Brian Lane Green and Lee Lessack join voices to present "Three Men and a Baby Grand" as part of the Phil's Cabaret Series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, January 12-13. Mr. Boswell, musical director for Andy Williams and Judy Collins, has cooked up some ingenious arrangements for "Three Men." Mr. Green was last seen on Broadway in Cy Coleman's "The Life," and cabaret star Mr. Lessack appeared at the Phil last season in his tribute

to singer/songwriter Johnny Mercer. Together their musical harmonies and distinct styles make for a delightful concert event that has thrilled audiences nationwide.

Cabaret performances are presented in the intimate setting of Daniels Pavilion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres are available for purchase and may be enjoyed during the show. Seating in Daniels Pavilion is reserved, so order your tickets early. Tickets are \$42.

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Get ready to be swept off your feet! The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by guest conductor Michael Krajewski, presents Let's Dance, a spell-binding song-and-dance pops extravaganza, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Tuesday through Saturday, January 12-16 at 8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17 at 2 p.m.

Broadway stars Joan Hess and Kirby Ward will join the orchestra to sing and dance some of your favorite music. Selections include Gershwin's I Got Rhythm and Shall We Dance; Strauss' Thunder and Lightning Polka; Berlin's Monte Carlo Ballet and Cheek to Cheek; Leroy Anderson's Blue Tango; and much more.

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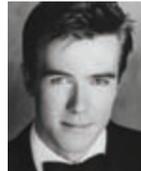
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Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP guest or \$5,000 per table of 10. For more information and to make a reservation for "Saint Petersburg: Land of the Tsars," call 354-1416 or via e-mail to carols@dcmhc.com.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Bea Ferretti at 642-8800, ext. 112, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday or stop by the American Cancer Society office at 917 N. Collier Blvd. For the best seats, purchase tickets by Jan. 10.

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Break out your sexiest stilettos, tallest 10-gallon hat and best bandana for the American Cancer Society of Marco Island's annual Cattle Barons' Ball coming up Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Marco Island Marriott Resort. Celebrity emcee will be Bill Wood of Fox4's "Morning Blend." The Wild, Wild West evening begins with cocktails following by dinner, dancing to the sounds of Fakahatchee, a silent auction, gaming tables and pony races. Prizes will be awarded for best stilettos, hat and western outfit.



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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.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Patron tickets for \$350 include a private party the week before the main event. For more information, call 261-7411, 263-2673 or 262-4878.

Celebrate Chinese New Year with AZN

Celebrate the Year of the Tiger at Asia Fest with AZN restaurant, Mercato and The National Association of Asian American Professionals of SWF from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Mercato. The afternoon will showcase martial arts, traditional dances, children's activities and, of course, Asian cuisine. Proceeds will benefit the NAAAP-SWF Florida College Scholarship Program. For more information, call 404-5836.

Step out to The Ritz for Step by Step

Step by Step Early Childhood Education and Therapy Center, an inclusive early child care and education program that provides children ages birth to 5 years, regardless of their diverse abili-

ties, a nurturing environment that supports their social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical development, holds its annual gala and auction event Sunday evening, Feb. 21, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

Charles and Marve Ann Alaimo are chairing this year's event. Tickets are \$125 per person, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Jean Mekeel at 455-9525.

Former NFL player will help mend hearts

Former NFL offensive guard Victor Rivas Rivers, spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, will be the keynote speaker for the 10th annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The event, which typically draws a sellout crowd, is set for Friday, Feb. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

In his *New York Times* best-selling book, "A Private Family Matter," Mr. Rivers chronicles his journey from gang member to class president, including details of the child abuse and domestic violence he endured and witnessed as a child.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Call Mary Ann Green at 775-3862, ext. 211, or e-mail mgreen@naplesshelter.org.

Designer Boutique will help The Shelter

Shop The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's annual Designer Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and support adult and child victims of family violence.

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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.

dressed duckling contest.

The 2009 Duck Race raised \$87,000 for the Children's Museum of Naples, and the goal for 2010 is \$150,000. Sponsors include The Lutgert Companies, TIB Bank and Gigi's Boutique at Mercato. Sponsorship packages ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 are still available. Contact Joe Cox at 514-0084 for details.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for events and activities leading up to the race, as well as on race day. To learn more, contact Vicki Tracy at missvickit@earthlink.net.

Get your ducks in a row for race

Plans are going swimmingly for the 2010 Great Venetian Duck Race on Saturday, Feb. 27, at The Village on Venetian Bay. On that morning, 10,000 "adopted" rubber duckies will be dropped into Venetian Bay for a race to the finish line. Top placing lucky ducks will win thousands of dollars worth of prizes.

Ducks are \$10 each and can be purchased online at www.naples.com/duckrace. The day of family fun is free to watch, open to the public and will feature contests and prizes for children, including a best-



Another magical evening for The Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts its sixth annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala on Thursday, March 4, 2010, under a tent at Cap d'Antibes at Pelican Bay. The mangrove-fringed property will be transformed into an eco-chic environ for an evening that will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. A seated dinner and live auction will follow.

The Conservancy will also present its Eagle Award, an honor bestowed annually to a citizen representing leadership in environmental protection and conservation, to Ellin Goetz, a former Conservancy board member and current honorary chair of Magic Under the Mangroves. Patron packages begin at \$3,500, and individual tickets are \$550. For more information, call 403-4219 or visit www.conservancy.org/magic. ■



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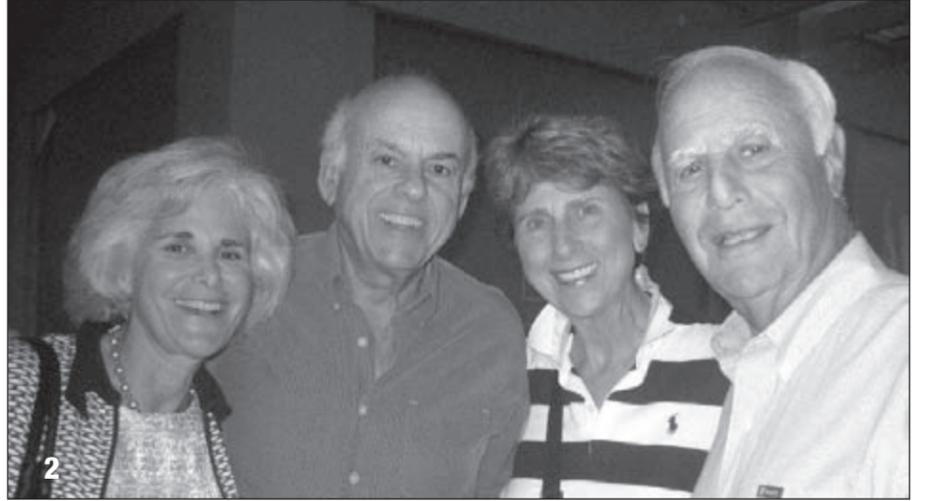
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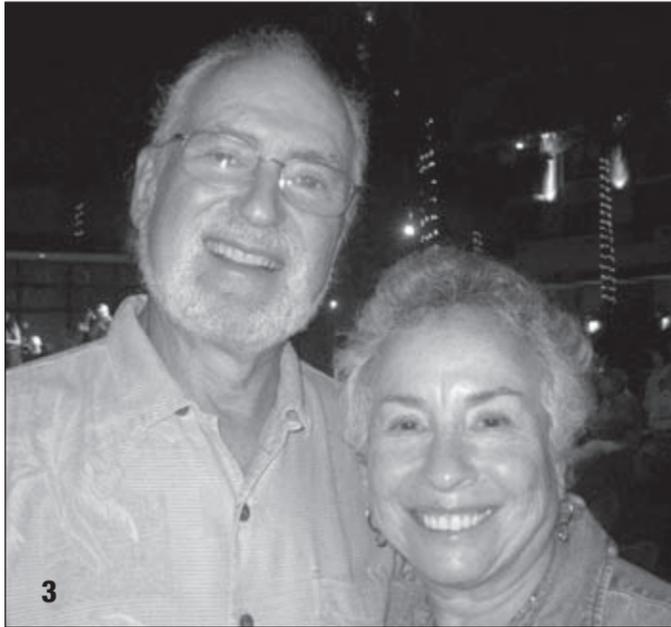


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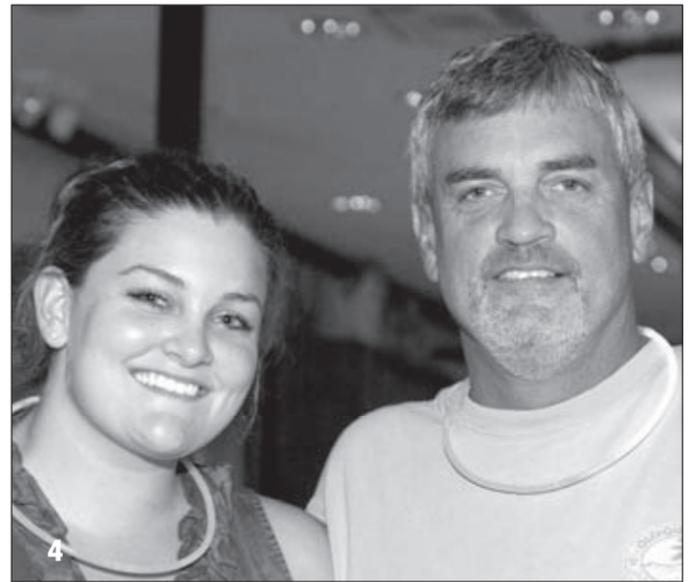
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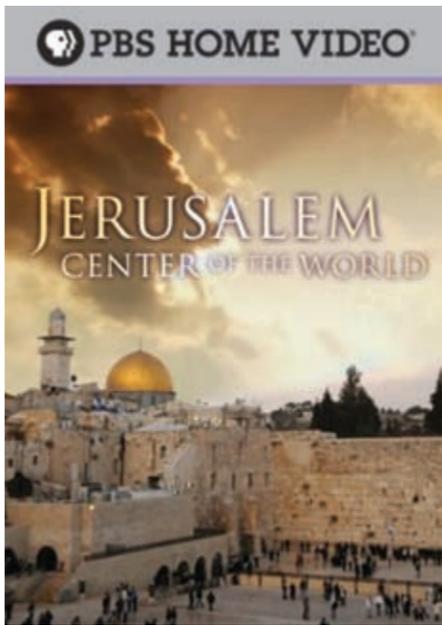
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Q: My father was once on board the USS Williamsburg presidential yacht. I still have the souvenir he received that day, a Ballantine Burton Ale bottle with a "Christmas Greeting" paper label that says "Brewed especially for Harry S. Truman on May 12, 1934. Bottled December 1949." Would this be worth anything?

A: If the bottle is still full, it's worth more than if it's empty. Ballantine Burton Ale was a very special ale brewed and aged at one of Ballantine's plants in Newark, N.J. It was never sold. Bottles were given as Christmas gifts to Ballantine distributors and VIPs, including President Truman. The USS Williamsburg had been used as a naval gunboat during World War II, but served as the presidential yacht from 1945 to 1954 so it was used by both President Truman and President Dwight Eisenhower. Full Ballantine Burton Ale bottles with the Truman label sell for more than \$100. An empty bottle sells for less.

Q: Recently I bought an old Barbie doll at a house sale. Her face doesn't look like the face on the doll I had as a child. Has Barbie had a facelift?

A: Barbie has had dozens of faces through the years. Different molds have been used. Molds have names like Christie, Lea, Mackie, Steffie, Summer, SuperStar and Teresa. Later variations

included fringe lashes, open-close eyes, open mouth, pouty mouth and lips that move. In recent years, Barbie dolls have been made to represent Lucille Ball, Marilyn Monroe, model Heidi Klum and other celebrities. The first Barbie had painted and molded eyelashes and a closed mouth.

A reproduction of the original Barbie was released in 1994 to celebrate Barbie's 35th birthday. Barbie celebrated her 50th birthday in 2009 with another new face. The model is Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif.

Tip: Plastic bubble wrap can ruin the glaze on old ceramics. If the wrap touches a piece for a long time in a hot storage area, it may discolor the glaze or adhere to the surface in an almost permanent glob.

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. "Baby, It's Cold Outside" sheet music,



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Holt-Howard made this punch cup in the 1960s as part of a set that included a bowl, ladle and eight mugs. The complete set sells for about \$150-\$200, but this mug alone costs only \$7.

Christmas is a time to buy gifts, but also a time for manufacturers to sell special holiday items. In 1949 John and Robert Howard and Grant Holt finished college and started Holt-Howard, a New York City business that sold Christmas items. Their first success was a revolving brass candelabrum called "Angel Abra." The heat from burning candles makes a round metal propeller rotate to spin cutouts of angels.

The idea dates back to the Middle Ages in Europe and similar candle carousels are still being made. At first Holt-Howard focused on Christmas items — candle holders, punch sets, dishes, planters, candy dishes and other ceramics featuring angels, pixies and Santa. The company moved to Connecticut in 1955 and started making kitchen-related items like condiment dishes, cheese jars and salt and pepper sets.

Holt-Howard is credited with making the coffee mug a common household item; in the 1950s it made many different styles of mugs instead of traditional cups and saucers. The company's ceramics were all made in the U.S.A. until the late 1950s, when manufacturing was transferred abroad and Holt-Howard became an importer.

Collectors like the playful look of Holt-

from the film "Neptune's Daughter," starring Esther Williams and Red Skelton, 1948, 9-by-12 inches, \$10.

- "Better Homes & Gardens Christmas Ideas for 1962" book, articles on food, gifts to make, tree ornaments, 9-by-12 inches, \$15.

- Lefton Christmas candy dish, girl in sled wearing red bonnet, holding muff, 1950s, 6-by-8 inches, \$90.

- Pez Santa Claus candy dispenser, full body, red outfit, black boots, white beard, 1950s, 4 inches, \$110.

- Steiff Santa teddy bear, "Friends of Christmas," Santa bear in redwood sleigh, reindeer, wrapped packages, 1989, 9-by-17 inches, \$225. ■

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"We've stunned more than a few people who weren't expecting it," says Rachel Shea, a hostess who will don a Victorian frock for what she believes is her 10th Dickens event. "But it doesn't take long for them to get into the spirit and start having fun."

Like many other restaurants, the Dock gets all decked out for Christmas. And it's not unusual to see decorated boats moored at the City Dock, or dropping by the restaurant. But that just didn't seem enough for owner Vin DePasquale, who had already established the ongoing traditions of the Great Dock Canoe Race and the annual mid-February Birthday Party. His family's theatrical background (his mother was, after all, a June Taylor dancer, and Mr. DePasquale has operatic training) led him to the idea of creating a tropical-style version of "A Christmas Carol."

And so began yet another great Dock tradition back in 1974.

As part of the celebration, all staff dresses as characters from the book. Kitchen Manager Dee Dee Brown, who has been there for every Dickens Festival to date, says some are a little reluctant at first. "They're used to wearing shorts and sneakers, and moving very fast," she explains. "The ruffles, long skirts and top hats take a little getting used to."



Others, though, get right in the spirit of things. One bartender has been known to belt out a Christmas carol or two while serving drinks. Santa has arrived (often by boat) more than a few times, sharing ho-ho-hos and candy canes with all the good (and not so good) boys and girls.

And there are servers who remain in character, British accents and all, for the entire evening. It's hard to tell whether they or their customers are having more fun.

Still, there's one more surprise coming... after all, what would Christmas be without holiday foods? Every year, Executive Chef Corey Heath concocts a series of specials to complement the restaurant's usual menu. This year,

putting a tropical twist on Old English dishes, he has included Ebenezer's Crab-Stuffed Rescued Sole, Jacob Marley's Dickens Turducken and Tiny Tim's Not-So-Tiny Prime Rib — with Egg Nog Crème Brulee to top it all off.

Sometimes it may seem that Christmas in Florida is a little out of place without the snow or yule logs that many of us came to expect at this magic time of year. But at the Dock, you can step right in to one of the most beloved Christmas tales ever — and no scarves or mittens are needed.

—The Dock Restaurant is adjacent to the City Dock, where 12th Avenue South meets Naples Bay. For reservations and information, call 263-9940. ■



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Scenes from Dickens Festivals past include John McKerrow and Scrooge and Gerry Kane as Marlow, above, and Rachel Shea as a Victorian lady, left.

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Here's to a sparkling and bubbly new year



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With the family feasting and all the holiday shopping out of the way, it's time for a toast to a bright new year. There's no better way to do that than with something cold and bubbly — champagne or a sparkling wine from another region altogether.

It need not be Dom Perignon or nothing. There are moderately priced champagnes as well as a host of excellent sparkling wines from around the world, many at extremely modest prices.

Harold Balink is the executive chef at Cru in Fort Myers and a wine aficionado with a particular affection for sparklers.

"For me, it's all about the bubbles, especially during the holidays," he says. "It's so versatile; I could drink champagne from start to finish with a meal."

Mr. Balink loves brut rose sparkling wines because of their many berry flavors and slight sweetness. Laurent Perrier Brut Rosé Champagne (about \$90) is one of his favorites. "Its delicious, heady nose with strawberry, yeast and raspberry flavors,

tiny bubbles and a 40-second finish" are all reasons to love it, he says.

Cru pours Graham Beck Brut Rosé, a sparkling wine from South Africa. "The quality on this is very good with strawberry, raspberry and slight yeast on the nose," says Mr. Balink. With good acidity, a touch of orange, small bubbles and a great price, it sells at Cru for \$9 a glass.

Wine educator Jerry Greenfield of Fort Myers has a taste for another off-the-beaten-path sparkler: Gruet Blanc de Blanc from New Mexico. "It's my favorite lower-priced sparkling wine," he says. The Gruet family owns Gruet et Fils, a champagne house in Bethon, France, and uses the traditional methode champenoise on its New Mexico wine as well.

"Light in the mouth, it has a nice, yeasty bread-dough aroma and flavor, with an almond nuttiness," Mr. Greenfield says. "It's not overly complex," he adds. "And it's a terrific value for about \$18."

Ben Sandstrom, manager of Haskell's The Wine People in Naples, things Schramsberg makes the best sparkling wine in the United States.

"Schramsberg Brut Rosé is my favorite sparkling rosé," he says, adding rosé tends to be more expensive because of the care needed to produce a good wine. Made from pinot noir and chardonnay, this selection (about \$40 at Haskell's) has a nice floral nose with toasty notes, nice fruit and not

too dry a finish, Mr. Sandstrom says about the Schramsberg. "I like this rosé for cocktail hour or to start the meal off," he adds.

Llopart (pronounced jo-part) Brut Rosé, a Spanish cava, is a top seller at Haskell's during the holidays, Mr. Sandstrom says. "Good color, nice fruit and supple dryness make this a great wine," he adds about the wine that sells for about \$20.

He also likes Graham Beck from South Africa. "Their Bliss Demi Sec (about \$20) has a touch of sweetness for people who don't like a dry sparkling wine. I call this a patio-pounder: When chilled way down, it's perfect for sipping outside."

Tony's off Third wine director Sukie Honeycutt favors rosé sparkling wine for its bigger flavors. "Castellroig Rosato is a terrific Spanish cava for only \$18," she says. "The color is a light salmon, and it's jammed with lots of strawberry and raspberry flavors and has a nice finish."

Thom McKay, manager-sommelier at The Wine Merchant in Naples, recommends Ruinart Brut Rosé Champagne (\$80). "This elegant champagne has a bit more flavor and fruitiness," he says. "It's not too dry, with strawberry and ripe berry flavors."

While Mr. Greenfield favors the Gruet, he won't be drinking it on New Year's Eve. "Perrier Jouet Flower Bottle Champagne is always our choice for special occasions," he says. "It's what

we drank on our wedding night, so it has a nice sentimental attachment for us." He likes the finer-grain bubbles and its minerality with a yeasty, toasty sensation. It's about \$100.

Soter Vineyards Brut Rosé has long been one of Ms. Honeycutt's favorites. "It's 100 percent pinot noir, which gives it a rich and creamy feel in the mouth, with a bright strawberry flavor and color," she says. "It's my favorite sparkling rosé from the USA." It costs about \$45.

Fort Myers wine lovers Chuck and Linda Rakos always drink the same champagne for New Year's Eve. "We stay at home and drink Laurent Perrier Brut Rose with friends," says Mr. Rakos. "It's truly a great wine. It has great color, fine bubbles and is full-bodied with bright fresh strawberries, raspberries and dark cherries."

Mr. Balink has a secret stash of a special wine that's in short supply for New Year's Eve. "I'll be drinking Charles Krug Clos de Mesnil Grand Brut 1990," he says. "I have only three bottles left. It's pretty ethereal, with monster apple and pear flavors, creamy mid-palate, and a full one-minute finish. It is the most perfectly balanced champagne I've ever tasted. It makes you remember it and want to drink more."

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Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar is really two restaurants in one building. On the first floor is the more casual bar, with a basic, lower-priced menu than the grill on the second floor, with its more upscale atmosphere and menu.

The upstairs has another advantage: an expansive enclosed patio that affords diners a choice view of Naples Bay. (The water's visible from the first floor, too, but the higher view is better.)

When the maitre d' asked if we'd like to dine indoors or out, we didn't hesitate. The spacious balcony beckoned, and we settled into a table for two overlooking the bay. As it turned out, almost everyone who arrived after us came to the same decision.

Our server came over promptly and patiently checked back two more times before we were ready to order wine. We finally decided on one that matched the balmy evening — Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc '07, a light and lovely wine with lots of citrus notes and a hint of apple.

While we enjoyed the view of the water and the nearby condos with twinkling Christ-

mas trees visible through the windows, our tiny table for two quickly proved problematic. Once the server placed the bread basket and wine chiller on the table, there wasn't room for much else. We had to juggle wine glasses, water glasses and plates throughout the meal.

One of the nightly specials was stone crab claws, which were available as an appetizer or entrée. I ordered the appetizer, which included four medium-sized crabs (\$14.95). The claws, served chilled, came with lemon and lime wedges and dipping sauce. The claws had been nicely cracked, making it relatively easy to coax the meat out. I've had stone crabs several times this year, and these claws weren't nearly as sweet and tender as those I had previously. They needed the sauce to add flavor, something stone crabs rarely require.

Our other appetizer, the Bayside taster platter (\$13.95) was much better. It

contained one large coconut shrimp, a plump, perfectly cooked scallop and one toasted lobster ravioli. The shrimp was lightly breaded and not too sweet, and the skillfully seared scallop was heavenly. The toasted ravioli was a little too chewy and just barely warm. A small mound of wakame salad served with it was crunchy and good.

Although it's possible to have nothing but seafood at Bayside, I wanted to see how the kitchen handles meat. It handles it well, as it turns out. The filet mignon and shrimp (\$31.95) consisted of a tender filet topped with three shrimp, julienned red and green peppers and a creamy sauce with a hint of garlic and shallots. The meat was tender and perfectly cooked. A generous side of crisp sweet potato fries provided a satisfying counterpoint to the entrée.

My companion tackled the seafood

platter, which featured yellowtail snapper, scallops and shrimp topped with seasoned breadcrumbs served with tender-crisp stalks of broccolini on the side. The fish was moist and lightly breaded, as were the scallops and shrimp. However, the scallops and shrimp weren't nearly as good as they'd been on the appetizer plate. It

seemed as if the breadcrumbs detracted from the seafood rather than enhancing it. A side order of lobster mashed potatoes (\$8.95) was very good, with large chunks of lobster atop creamy mashed potatoes.

For dessert, we split a piece of caramel pecan butter cake, which our server thoughtfully split for us in the kitchen. Unfortunately, the cake was hard and dry. Seeing that we'd only had a bite each our server asked if we'd liked it, then quickly took it off of the bill when we told him we didn't.

When it comes to the setting and the ser-

vice, Bayside fares well. The servers were attentive and friendly without becoming familiar, a hard balance to strike. The view couldn't be improved upon. There was even a guitarist/vocalist at the far end of the patio, singing loudly enough to be heard but softly enough to allow conversation. His voice was good, as was his playing as he worked his way through a well-chosen mix of pieces in the James Taylor-Gordon Lightfoot vein.

The dining room, with its warm cantaloupe hued walls, white columns, French doors and large windows, was attractive and would have served us well had the weather not been so beautiful.

Bayside is lovely and welcoming. Its problems lie in the kitchen. Given the prices charged here, the food should be better. Considering the competition within the Village at Venetian Bay, not to mention the many other area restaurants vying for business these days, it can't expect to survive on its charm and good looks. ■



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The Bayside sampler features a taste of three appetizers: coconut shrimp, seared scallop and toasted lobster ravioli. A seafood platter included the fish of the day, yellowtail snapper, along with scallops, shrimp and broccolini.

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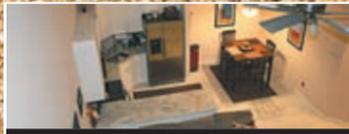
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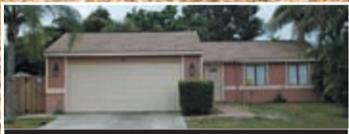
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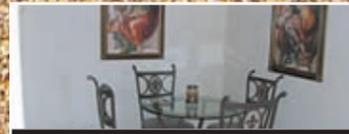
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