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THE INTENSE HURRICANE SEASON THAT SKIPPED FLORIDA

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THE LATE TIP O'NEILL, WHO YEARS AGO SERVED as speaker of the House of Representatives, famously observed that all politics is local. What Mr. O'Neill was getting at was that matters which loom large in places like Washington, D.C. — let's use a missile treaty with Russia as an example — often take a backseat in the minds of voters to issues like getting potholes filled in their neighborhoods. Mr. O'Neill, an astute politician, knew that we tend to focus on that which most directly affects us.

The same could be said of weather. It matters little what is going on around the globe when it comes to weather and

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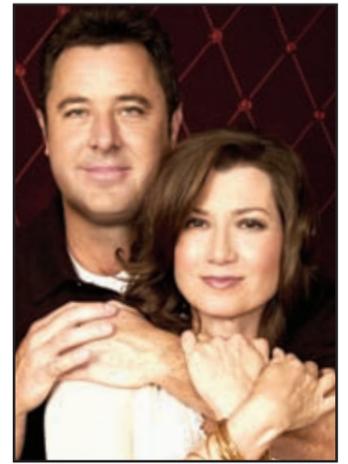
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Yes, it's already time — the time of joy and stress. Hanukkah is here this week, and right behind it looms the behemoth of Christmas.

Customary holiday giving does not require that you put your money where your mouth is at such a time. Instead, you put it where your heart is, in the annual effort to show love with a gift.

But what gift? Which particular object d'art? That troubling question faces many of the 1.2 million citizens gathered on the Southwest coast, a million of whom probably don't read *Florida Weekly*. (If you want

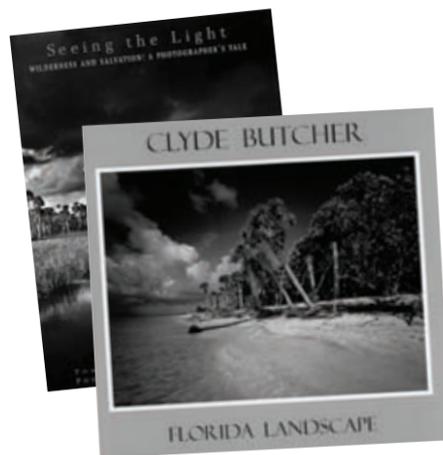
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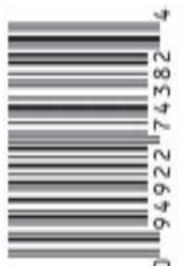
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TSA misses opportunity

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For about 20 days now, I've been deeply disappointed by the Transportation Security Administration's failure to seize the day. Any one of them.

By extension, it's a failure of government in general, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in particular, and the American people as a whole.

This started with the Romans, not with that California dude, John Tyner, who used an effective euphemism for testicles by bluntly warning TSA officials before a mid-November domestic flight: "Don't touch my junk!"

Almost 2,000 years ago, security people roundly ignored the warnings of another dude, this one named Horace, a loudmouth writer who shouted, "Carpe diem."

Possibly he was from California, too. At any rate, the Romans had grown fat and lazy, capable of seizing nothing but the nearest opportunity for debauchery while letting the barbarians storm into town almost unscathed. Result? A sudden end to 1,000 years of orgies and plentiful red wine served in large lead goblets.

A similar tragedy could befall us, too, if we get lazy — unless the TSA takes steps to prevent it, starting right here at Southwest Florida International Airport.

By the end of this year at SWFIA, the TSA will likely have studied, watched, scanned or even patted down about 8 million people. They'll do it again in 2011, and one of those will be me. I apologize in advance to any TSA official who draws me as the scanee or patee, and who suffers from allergic reactions to aesthetically challenged hot-air bags.

Nevertheless, the TSA needs to suck it up. Here is a chance for the organization to accomplish several things at once for the American people — but has it done so? Not so far.

At the moment, officials are merely performing the minimum that duty and good sense require. Every day, they heartily apply advanced-imaging technology (AIT) machines or, alternatively, very thorough pat downs to travelers, in possible violation of the Fourth Amendment.

Here's how George Washington University Professor Jeff Rosen described their "measures" in a *Washington Post* Op-Ed piece the other day: "Courts evaluating airport-screening technology tend to give great deference to the government's national security interest in preventing terrorist attacks. But in this case, there's a strong argument that the TSA's measures violate the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures."

TSA officials want to make sure somebody hasn't ingested or infested himself, or herself, with explosives before getting on the airplane. In countless recent public proclamations they

have said just how sorry they are and how gentle they're trying to be while keeping the rest of us alive.

I, for one, am not in favor of sorry or gentle, especially where the question of explosives is concerned, and with the busiest holiday travel season approaching.

Instead, I am strongly in favor of divesting any person and all airplanes of explosives before we board them, unless we're going to drop them on those who have invested, infested, or ingested explosives with malice aforethought, so I am delighted that TSA officials remain aggressive in their duties.

That last sentence, like three or four out of every 10 Americans, is obese. But I leave it there, flatulent and overweight, to help make my point: The TSA is missing a huge opportunity to solve the obesity dilemma in America.

Actually, along with 8 million opportunities here, officials are missing roughly 44 million opportunities every year at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson, 34 million at Chicago's O'Hare, 29 million at LAX, 28 million at Dallas/Fort Worth, 25 million at Denver International and 24 million at JFK, just to name a few.

Ending obesity at those airports alone would save billions annually in health care costs and solve the deficit problem, as well as pay for an upcoming war with Iran or North Korea.

All we need is a simple government plan, executed by the TSA, to make every American between the ages of 5 and 75 do 50 pushups and 50 sit ups,

then run in place for a minimum of 10 minutes — the equivalent of a very slow mile jog — every time he or she passes through airport security.

Airport Security Workouts or ASWs, they could call them.

That wouldn't violate the Fourth Amendment or any other. It couldn't, since the Founding Fathers never thought of a pushup, as far as I know, and wouldn't have legislated either for or against one if they did.

So it's up to us now, and to the TSA.

For those under 5 or over 75, the TSA could require pro-rated ASWs.

For those who have to stand in line for an extended period to get through a security checkpoint, convenient and easy-to-use volunteer workout stations could be provided. Travelers could earn bonus ASW points by using them vigorously under careful scrutiny from specially trained and highly buffed TSA officials, until their turn came to be scanned or patted down.

Reward systems could be established for those with enough ASW bonus points — say, a chance to use a scanner or pat down any TSA official of your choice, yourself, for 100 points; or an opportunity to make 10 TSA officials take their shoes off anywhere in the airport at any time, for any reason, for 200 points.

Clearly, the time has come to quit whining and toughen up, when it comes to the TSA.

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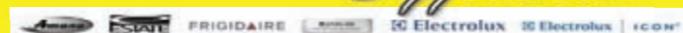


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OPINION

Eric Holder's war



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The Obama administration wants us to believe that one out of 285 ain't bad.

A jury in New York acquitted Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani on 284 out of 285 charges for his part in the murder of 224 people in the U.S. Embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998. Attorney General Eric Holder thought the trial would be a glorious showcase for the civilian court system. We'd stun the terrorists with our courtroom procedure, win over the world with our mincing legalisms, and salve our consciences after the horrors of the Bush years.

This was Holder's war on terror. He's losing it in a rout. The attorney general's obsession with bringing terrorists captured overseas to the U.S. for trial in the civilian courts looks more willful and untenable by the day, as the edifice of his legal strategy collapses in a pathetic heap.

Ghailani offered a brazen defense at his trial. It was all an innocent misunderstanding when he helped buy the refrigeration truck and the oxygen and

flammable acetylene tanks used to make the bomb in Tanzania, when he stored electric detonators in his house, and when the suicide bomber used his cell phone in the attack. These are the things liable to befall any young man on the streets of Dar es Salaam.

Apparently, at least one juror bought some version of this contemptible fabrication and dragged the jury into a senseless verdict. It found Ghailani guilty in a conspiracy to destroy government buildings, but acquitted him of everything else, including 224 counts of murder. Does anyone believe that a truck bomb meant to destroy a U.S. embassy wasn't also intended to kill and maim everyone in the vicinity?

When Ghailani was caught in Pakistan in 2004, he was that most priceless commodity — an al-Qaida operative with real-time information about the terror network. The Bush administration interrogated him harshly with an eye to extracting that information quickly rather than honoring the niceties that obtain in the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Federal Court Building in lower Manhattan. As a result, the judge proceeded to bar a key witness whom the government had learned about through Ghailani's CIA interrogation.

If we're serious about protecting our-

selves, we've never going to give all terrorists the Miranda warnings and immediate legal defense that our civilian justice system demands. That's why the Bush administration fell back on military commissions and Gitmo. Our civilian system is meant to protect Americans from the awesome power of the state, and all its protections shouldn't be afforded to enemy combatants waging war against us.

Even Eric Holder implicitly acknowledges the distinction. He resists even contemplating the possibility that terrorists brought here — and supposedly presumed innocent — will be acquitted. Even if a terrorist is found not guilty, the administration asserts the right to detain him after acquittal. Such a power would be an un-American outrage if it were applied to anyone except an enemy combatant.

In the literal sense, the Ghailani trial was a charade. We pretended to give him an ordinary trial, with the enormous escape hatch of keeping him locked up no matter what. The charade ended in travesty, a fitting conclusion to Eric Holder's misbegotten war. ■

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

The health insurance industry's vendetta against Michael Moore



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Special to Florida Weekly

Michael Moore, the Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker, makes great movies, but they are not generally considered "cliffhangers." All that might change, since revelations made by a whistleblower on "Democracy Now!" news hour that health-insurance executives thought they might have to implement a plan "to push Moore off a cliff." The whistleblower: Wendell Potter, the former chief spokesman for health-insurance giant CIGNA. He was quoting from an industry strategy session on how to respond to Moore's 2007 documentary "Sicko," a film critical of the U.S. health-insurance industry. Potter told me that he is not sure how serious the threat was, but he added, ominously, "These companies play to win."

Moore won an Oscar in 2003 for his film about gun violence, "Bowling for Columbine." He followed this with "Fahrenheit 9-11," a documentary on the presidency of George W. Bush, which became the top-grossing documentary film in U.S. history. So when Moore told a reporter that his next film would be about the U.S. health-care system, the insurance industry took notice.

AHIP (America's Health Insurance Plans), the major lobbying group for the for-profit health-insurance corporations, secretly sent someone to the world premiere of "Sicko" at the Cannes Film Festival in France. Its agent rushed from the screening to a conference call with industry executives, including Potter. "We were very scared," Potter said, "and we knew that we would have to develop a very sophisticated and expen-

sive campaign to turn people away from the idea of universal care. ... We were told by our pollsters (that) a majority of people were in favor of much greater government involvement in our health-care system."

AHIP hired a public-relations firm, APCO Worldwide, founded by the powerful law firm Arnold & Porter, to coordinate the response. APCO formed the fake grassroots consumer group "Health Care America" to counter the expected popularity of Moore's "Sicko" and to promote fear of "government-run health care."

Potter writes in his new book, "Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR Is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans," that he: "found the film very moving and very effective in its condemnation of the practices of private health-insurance companies. There were many times when I had to fight to hold back tears. Moore had gotten it right."

The insurance industry declared its campaign against "Sicko" a resounding success. Potter wrote, "AHIP and APCO Worldwide had succeeded in getting their talking points into most of the stories about the movie, and not a single reporter had done enough investigative work to find out that insurers had provided the lion's share of funding to set up Health Care America." Indeed, everyone from CNN to USA Today cited Health Care America as if it were a legitimate group.

Moore concedes, "Their smear campaign was effective and did create the dent they were hoping for — single payer and the public option never even made it into the real discussion on the floor of Congress."

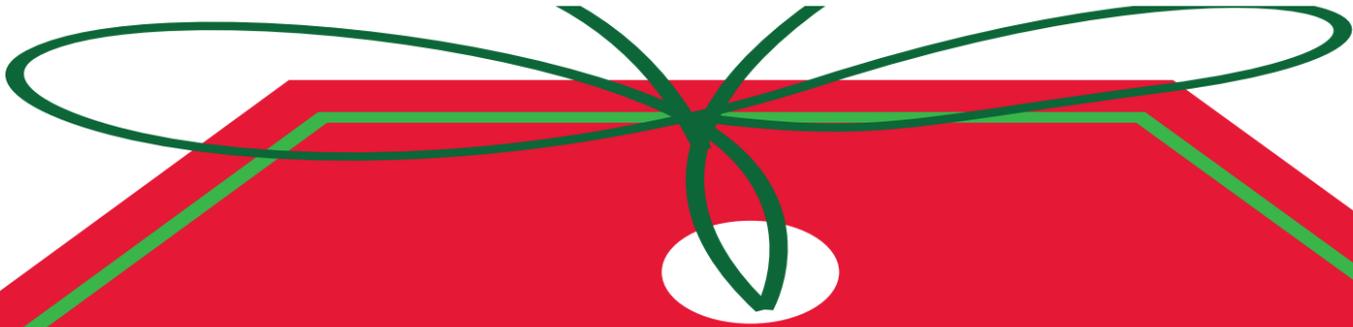
Moore has called Potter the "Daniel Ellsberg of corporate America," invoking the famous Pentagon whistleblower

whose revelations helped end the Vietnam War. Potter's courageous stand made an impact on the debate, but the insurance industry, the hospitals and the American Medical Association prevailed in blunting the elements of the plan that threatened their profits.

A recent Harvard Medical School study found that nearly 45,000 Americans die each year — one every 12 minutes — largely because they lack health insurance. But for the insurance lobby, the only tragedy is the prospect of true health-care reform. In 2009, the nation's largest health-insurance corporations funneled more than \$86 million to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to oppose health-care reform. This year, the nation's five largest insurers contributed three times as much money to Republican candidates as to Democrats, in an effort to further roll back insurance-industry reform. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., an advocate of single-payer health care, declared in Congress that "the Republican Party is a wholly owned subsidiary of the insurance industry." Potter agrees, saying the Republican Party has "been almost bought and paid for."

The health-insurance industry is getting its money's worth. Moore said that the industry was willing to attack his film because they were afraid it "could trigger a populist uprising against a sick system that will allow companies to profit off of us when we fall ill." Now that is truly sick. ■

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 800 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best-seller.



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On a short trip home, Robert Gulbrandsen weds Rachel Gunter

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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U.S. Army Sgt. Robert Gulbrandsen had the chance to introduce his fiancée, Rachel Gunter, to his family in Naples for the first time last week. The couple came to Sgt. Gulbrandsen's hometown for a week over the holiday and were married on a sunset cruise the eve before Thanksgiving.

The pair, both 23, met in October 2009 in Fort Rucker, Ala., where Sgt. Gulbrandsen is stationed, shortly after he returned from a year away at war in Iraq.

"We knew they were dating and were very happy," says Sgt. Gulbrandsen's mother, Robin Rosario. She had more than once reminded her son in years past that when he met the right girl, he would know it. Not long ago, she adds, "He said, 'Mom, I know. She's the girl I'm supposed to marry and spend the rest of my life with.'"

Jackie Ritter, a friend of Mrs. Rosario and manager of Cruise Naples, offered the family special rates for a marriage ceremony onboard a 55-foot, two-story catamaran dubbed The Double Sunshine. "We were very excited to be part of it and to help out a soldier back home," Ms. Ritter says.

The couple tied the knot as the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico.

Other businesses also chipped in to help usher the bride and groom into their new life together. The Inn of Naples held a reception and provided discounted



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The happy couple aboard The Double Sunshine

rooms for out-of-town guests. Honey-Baked Ham donated appetizers for the boat ceremony. Doubletree Guest Suites Naples donated a hotel room for the honeymoon. And Dolphin Transportation provided a limo to get the bride and groom to the ceremony and reception.

After graduating from Naples High School five years ago, Sgt. Gulbrandsen

joined the Army and became a chaplain's assistant.

"Our job is pretty much when we're over there to protect the chaplain, because he doesn't carry a weapon," he explains. "We're basically shooting for him."

In Iraq, he also visited fellow soldiers

to keep moral up and started a ministry called "The Mudhouse," a place for them to relax and unwind. Back in Fort Rucker, one of his duties is counseling couples on how to manage relationships.

Sgt. Gulbrandsen next scheduled deployment will be sometime in the next year, to Afghanistan, where he will continue to serve as a chaplain's assistant.

"It helped open my eyes, I definitely grew up a lot," he said of his tour in Iraq. "When I came back, my parents noticed a big change in me."

When he was overseas, being constantly "battle ready" left him feeling drained of mental and spiritual energy, as it did other soldiers. Part of his duty was to remind them that they had families, loved ones — lives — to come back

home to when the fighting was done. "There's a whole other life after this," he would advise.

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climate. If it doesn't affect you directly or immediately, it's almost as if it doesn't exist.

Such was the case with the 2010 Atlantic region's hurricane season, which ended just this week. (The Atlantic region encompasses the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.) For Floridians, it was almost as if hurricane season did not exist. There was no Andrew, no Charley. In fact, there was nothing to speak of other than Tropical Storm Bonnie, which was hardly one for the record books. No, what we experienced was just that long, drawn-out period from June 1 to Nov. 30 when everyone gets a bit of a twitch when their local forecaster even hints at anything that resembles a "tropical depression."

Yet, this recently concluded hurricane season was one of the most active and interesting in history. It was, in fact, the third-busiest hurricane season in 160 years and notable for producing five major storms with winds that exceeded 111 miles per hour. But none of these storms hit Florida or any part of the United States. So around here, the passing of this hurricane season has been greeted with yawns, if it has been greeted at all.

"I think that given the amount of hype and publicity that surrounded this hurricane season, some people (in Southwest Florida) might have been surprised by the lack of activity," says Morgan Palmer, a meteorologist with NBC-2 News in Fort Myers.

Mr. Palmer is dead-on in that assessment. There was a lot of ominous talk at the beginning of this season, and the predictions largely came true. But a confluence of events — principally systems of low and high pressure that steered storms away from the United States — protected Florida and the rest of the nation from the ravages of a major hurricane. This year marked the first time in 117 years that a season which produces 10 or more major hurricanes failed to have at least one of those storms score a direct hit on the United States. The season also proved to be back-loaded to an unusual degree. This past September tied with 2002 as the busiest September on record. And October saw five hurricanes. Only October of 1870 exceeded that number with six.

In its hurricane season outlook issued last summer, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted "a 90 percent chance of an above-normal season. There is only a 10 percent chance of a near-normal season and no expectation the season will be below normal." According to NOAA, 2010 proved to be the 11th above-normal season since 1995.

NOAA listed the formation of La Nina in the tropical Pacific and very warm temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea as the principal reasons for the active hurricane patterns.

In that regard, NOAA predicted there would be 14 to 20 named storms; eight to 12 hurricanes; and four to six major hurricanes. The predictions were solid in that there were 19 named storms and 12 hurricanes — five of which were classified as major. That amounts to an extraordinarily active season. Indeed, the 12 hurricanes this year ties 1969 as the second most to occur in a single season. The record was set in 2005, when there were 15 hurricanes.

"Our forecasts address how many storms will be produced and how strong they will be," says Dennis Felt-

gen of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "But we make no forecasts about where these storms will make landfall. That science doesn't exist."

Because no one can forecast well in advance where hurricanes might intrude, Mr. Feltgen says no one should predicate their hurricane preparedness on NOAA's seasonal forecasts.

"You can't base your preparation on our seasonal forecasts," he says. "If you use that point of view, it can come back to bite you. Our seasonal outlook is a forecast of how many hurricanes will occur over the entire Atlantic area. Florida was very fortunate this year."

The public's tendency to draw sweeping — and often erroneous — conclusions from hurricane forecasts and data troubles meteorologists and emergency management officials.

"Everything came together to protect us this year," says Mr. Palmer. But that doesn't mean Southwest Florida will enjoy that protection indefinitely, and a catastrophic hurricane could devastate this area next season, even if that season proves to be relatively benign elsewhere.

"People get so fixated on seasonal forecasts," he says.

Often, a prediction of a less-active hurricane season leads some Floridians to conclude there is nothing to worry about.

Mr. Palmer compares the hurricane situation in Florida to the earthquake scenario in California. Experts agree that parts of California are long overdue for a massive earthquake and that such an event is inevitable. But these same experts concede that they have no clue as to when or where the monster quake will strike.

"In Southern California, they are waiting for the 'big one,'" he says. "The experts say it could happen now or it could be a year from now. Or it could be longer. They don't know."

Likewise, Mr. Palmer says, Southwest Floridians need to maintain vigilance, regardless of what the seasonal forecasts say.

"It doesn't matter how active or inactive the season is overall," he points out. "It only takes one storm striking us to make it an active season here."

And NOAA acknowledges that its forecasting is influenced by a number of variables scattered across an enormous area.

"One cannot know with certainty whether a given climate signal will be associated with several short-lived storms or few longer-lived storms with greater intensity," the agency said in a statement that accompanied its 2010 forecast.

NOAA could not have foreseen the circumstances that protected Florida like a guardian angel — along with the rest of the United States — during this season.

High pressure dominated throughout the summer in the southeastern United States. This, in effect, provided a shield against storms that were generated in warm southerly waters. Conversely, a system of low pressure turned the path of storms forming in the Atlantic away from the United States. Those two phenomena are the basic reasons we remained hurricane-free.

If anyone knows that it only takes one massive storm to make a hurricane season an absolute catastrophe it is Wayne Sallade, Charlotte County's emergency management director. In 2004, Mr. Sallade was at the center



SW Florida hurricanes since 1851

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>>G: Unnamed 10.06.1941 Cat. 2 105 MPH	>>O: Isbell 10.14.1964 Cat. 4 110 MPH
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of the storm, so to speak, when Hurricane Charley roared into Charlotte County, leaving massive devastation in its wake.

For years prior to Charley, Mr. Sallade, who has nearly a quarter of a century of experience in emergency management, had been preaching this gospel: Keep your guard up at all times. Don't take anything for granted.

Mr. Sallade, who earned high praise for his management during Charley, continues to counsel that long-range hurricane forecasts are interesting and instructive — but only up to a point. "There really is no rhyme or reason when it comes to hurricanes," he says. "What really matters is what conditions are present at the times these things form. It is by the grace of God that Earl and Igor missed the East Coast (this year). It was only by 100 miles or so that we missed significant issues on the Eastern Seaboard."

While Mr. Sallade admits that some people have short memories when it comes to natural disasters, he says the devastation of Hurricane Charley remains fresh in the minds of those who lived through it, especially in his

county.

"Lee County had fringes of Charley," he says. "(Charlotte County) got it directly. We had \$2.3 billion in damages and 11,000 homes destroyed. That's hard to forget."

Mr. Sallade believes that the transient nature of Southwest Florida's population represents a greater challenge to emergency managers than short-term amnesia. The vast number of people who come and go throughout the region means that there is always a large segment of the population that has had little or no experience with hurricanes.

"The changes in population in Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties are tremendous," he says. "The population changes over by half every nine years

through deaths, births and people coming and going for various reasons. This area is not like Central Ohio, for example, where people have lived for generations and know everything about the area and its weather."

Emergency planners are aware of these population swings and the need for constant education that results from it, Mr. Sallade says, but longtime residents also have a responsibility to instruct and inform newcomers.

"We seem to have a whole different mindset (in Charlotte County)," Mr. Sallade says. "We've got enough of the 'Welcome Wagon' types who tell (newcomers) about Hurricane Charley."

Still, even this form of grassroots vigilance is diminishing.

"Each year, there are fewer and fewer (people who have hurricane knowledge)," he says.

Because of this constant change, Mr. Sallade says hurricane education is an ongoing process and one that cannot be dismissed lightly. And part of this education is stressing that NOAA's seasonal forecasts bear little relation to whether you are personally at risk for being hit by a hurricane.

This year marked the fifth consecutive year that the United States has been spared from a major hurricane. If we make it through next year unscathed, it will be the first time the U.S. has gone six years without being hit by a storm of at least Category 3 force.

Mr. Palmer says that no one should assume that we will be hit by a major hurricane next year simply because we haven't been hit by one for a while. And he also stresses that we shouldn't assume the opposite, either. What he does say is that we should assume nothing. We should enter every hurricane season hoping for the best and preparing for the worst.

Forecasts are not the only things that breed poor planning and dangerous misconceptions, he says. There is a lot of bad information floating around. Many Southwest Floridians, Mr. Palmer notes, believe that the shape of the Lee County coastline makes it less vulnerable to the destructive force of major hurricanes.

"That is not true," he says.

As Mr. Sallade points out, the paucity of longtime residents makes it easy for untruths like that to take hold.

Regarding next year, Mr. Sallade says we must wait and see.

"We have no idea what the highs and lows will do or where the Bermuda High will sit," he says.

Mr. Feltgen with the Hurricane Center in Miami concurs.

"Every year is different," he says, adding that the total number of hurricanes is not always important.

In 1992, it should be recalled, there was only one major hurricane during the entire season. But its name was Andrew. ■

Cream of the high school senior crop will play in All-Star Football Classic

For one night only, it's a chance to see the best Collier County high school senior football players showcase their talents on one field.

The Rotary Club of Naples North presents the third annual All-Star Football Classic, kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Golden Gate High School. The game serves as a fundraiser to provide scholarships for Collier County graduating seniors attending Edison State College and Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology, as well as other worthy community projects.



liar, Gulf Coast, Palmetto Ridge, First Baptist and Immokalee. The South All-Star Squad will be comprised of players from Naples, Golden Gate, Community School of Naples, St. John Neumann and Lely. The coaches will select the players from each high school for the all-senior team.

Only seniors can play in this post-season game due to athletic eligibility rules. Senior cheerleaders will also participate. Student pre-sale tickets for \$3 are available at all participating schools. General admission and at-the-gate tickets will be \$6.

Advanced general admission tickets can be purchased at any TIB Bank in Naples and at all participating schools. ■

An All-Star banquet

The Rotary Club will also sponsor an All-Star banquet for the athletes on Monday, Dec. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are available to athletes' parents for \$40. Each head football coach will have information for ordering banquet tickets.

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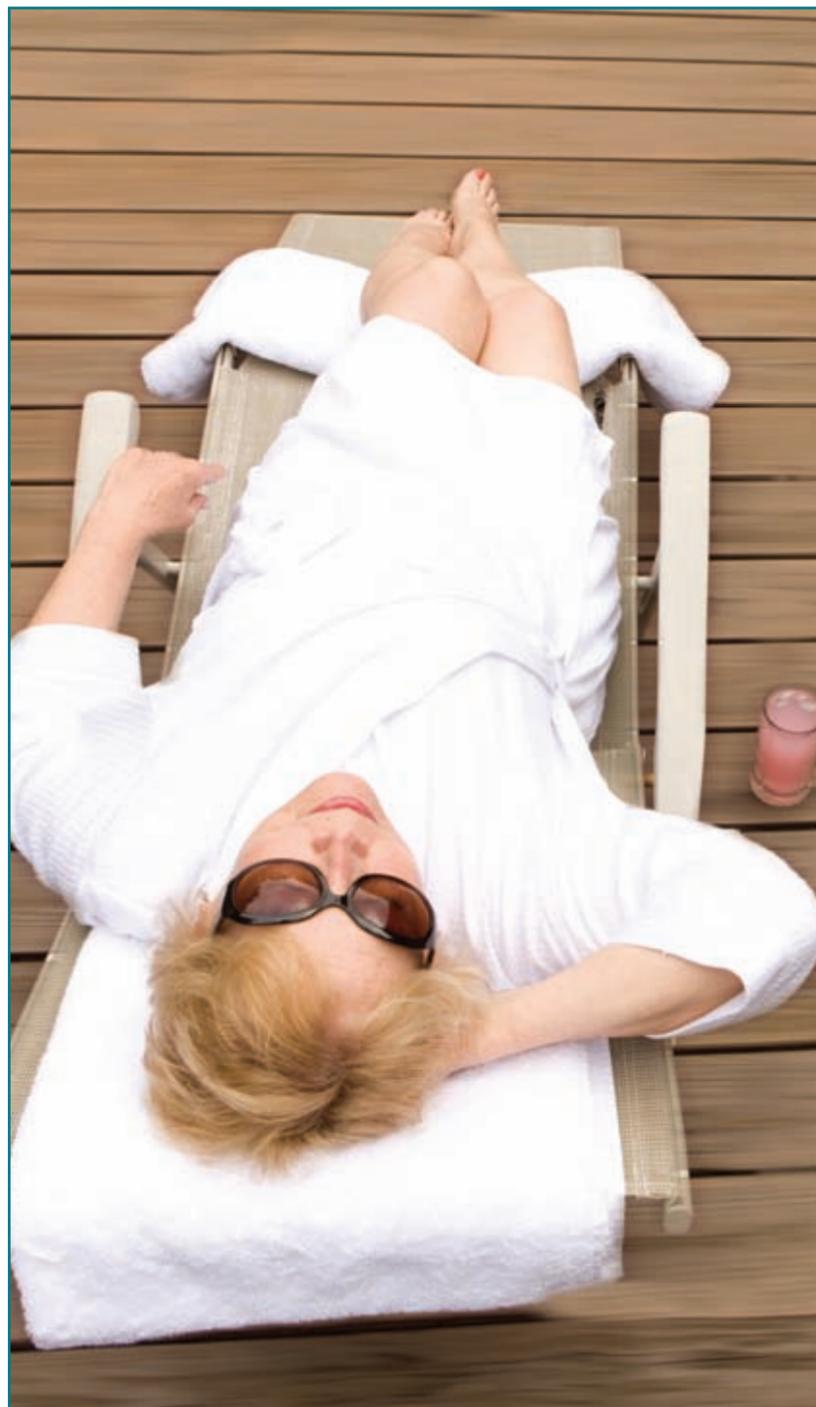


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1. State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo serves up salad
2. Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk serves a customer
3. Collier County Commissioner Tom Henning helps fill a plate
4. Kimberly Prior, Nancy Kerns, Marcela and Dick Rice
5. Rachael Loukonen, Jayma Davis and Soneh, Helen Athan
6. Jim Bloom at the grill
7. Edward Halman, State Rep. Matt Hudson and Robert Halman
8. Michael Wynn and daughter Katie with Jared Traina
9. Lisa Swirda

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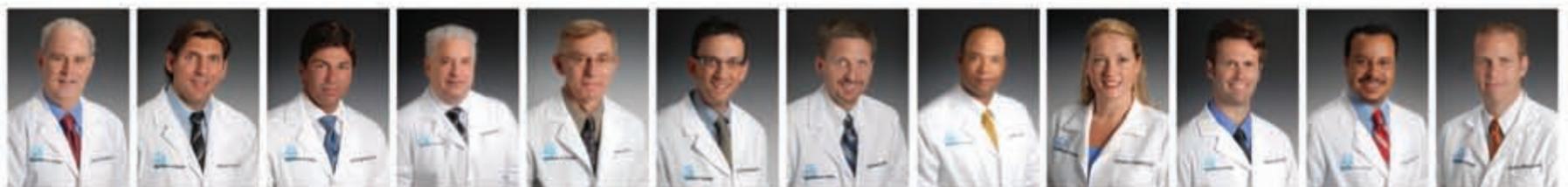
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problem of a good gift immediately, or to inspire another striking choice.

This year, we've ignored the concept of careful spending, without forgetting it. We lean toward the local in place or produce. And we invite you to give the *Florida Weekly* way — boldly, with wit and imagination.

We wish you good luck and skill in the giving, and happy holidays to all.



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The adventurous can hunt Osceola turkeys like this one at Everglades Adventures South Florida Safaris in Hendry County.

On the hunt

Now you can let your friends and relatives participate in a way of life common to native Crackers, while teaching them self sufficiency to boot. It all comes with the gift of the hunt, available from Everglades Adventures South Florida Safaris (www.huntsflorida.com or 863-983-8999).

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Terrain includes improved pastures, oak hammocks, swamps, water retention areas and cypress strands. Dozens of family flocks of Osceola turkeys exist here, for example, featuring "the beautiful wild subspecies, Meleagris Gallopovo, which are native only to southern and south central Florida."

Only males with beards of 8 inches or longer will be shot — except perhaps by children on their first hunts, who are given some leeway. Lodging and meals are available on site, and prices for the turkey hunt in six options range from \$2,000 for a one-guide, one-hunter venture of two days without lodging; to \$5,000 for a fully guided, three-day hunt with three hunters, including lodging

and hearty, home-cooked meals.

Hunts for other game are priced in different ranges.

The art of Clyde Butcher

The most renowned photographer ever to emerge from the American subtropics — the Ansel Adams of South Florida — is no longer young. Earlier this year, Mr. Butcher retired from decades of living and working in the Big Cypress of eastern Collier County to his gallery and home in Venice. But his work remains as vibrant as ever.

And it's still available, signed by the great man himself (www.clydebutcher.com). Why not give the Florida wilderness in a prestigious and breathtaking image created, printed and signed by Mr. Butcher?

We recommend, for example, the magnificent "Big Cypress National Preserve 1," detailing trees, water and sky in that glistening and eternal style nature seems to assume in all the greatest Butcher photos.

Images are hand-printed by Mr. Butcher in his darkroom on fiber-based paper and selenium-toned so they may be archived, he says. They are then mounted, matted and signed in a limited edition number.

Prices for this particular photo range in four sizes from \$450 for a 14-by-16-inch matted print, to a 26-by-30-inch matted print, for \$1,275.

Give a garden

The quiet but astounding repatriation of natural food sources and edible gardens in the region inspires us to patronize their creators, or applaud them, or both. So here we suggest several gift options, ranging from certificates to particular farm stands, to gardens designed and planted by specialists, to instruction by a green coach.

For a gift of food alone, produced from the field you visit to buy it or one close by, we suggest the following farm stands or greengrocers.

- In Collier County, Oakes Farm Market at 2205 Davis Blvd. (732-0144): Oakes not only offers fresh and locally grown produce, but the wholly organic, frozen Mediterranean Meals prepared on Marco Island by Dr. Richard Saitta and his family.

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Prices and options vary widely. Call or write for information.

The get down and get wet

No, this is not the lie-on-a-beach or recline-in-a-spa gift — not that we don't appreciate those, too. This is the more active style of Florida leisure, one that's also physical and simple: kayaking.

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There are many more gifts, of course, but we conclude here with a few final suggestions:

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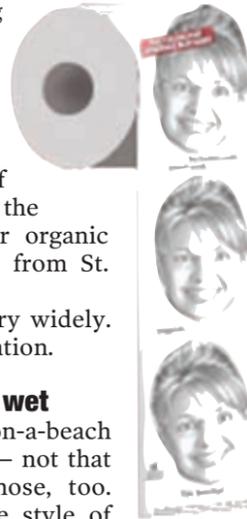
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The picture says it all: Banners like this one have popped up throughout Marco Island, spreading the word about the community Chanukah celebration that begins at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. All are invited to share in the lighting of the menorah and to enjoy holiday music and more. The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island is at 991 Winterberry Drive.

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Light the menorah at Mercato Dec. 7

Mercato hosts the annual Naples community Hanukkah celebration beginning at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at The Strada at Mercato.

- This year's celebration will include:
- Greetings from Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta
 - The lighting of the menorah candles
 - Dreidels and chocolate coins
 - Entertainment by The Shalom Dancers and the Naples Klezmer Revival Band

Bring a chair for seating. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Collier County and several synagogues and organizations, including Hadassah, the Naples Jewish Social Club and Jewish War Veterans Post 202. For more information, contact David Willens, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, at 263-4205. ■

Sisterhood will hear from memory expert

If you've ever had a "senior moment" or been overwhelmed by information, Sisterhood of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island's next luncheon program should be of interest.

Dr. Bill Beckwith, author of "Managing Your Memory: Practical Solutions for Forgetting," will be the guest speaker at noon Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the JCMI, 991

Winterberry Drive. He will outline strategies for enhancing your memory and will explain the difference between effects of normal aging and memory loss.

Cost is \$10 for Sisterhood members and \$12 for others. For reservations or more information, contact Roberta Schwartz at robann18@aol.com or call the JCMI office at 642-0800. ■

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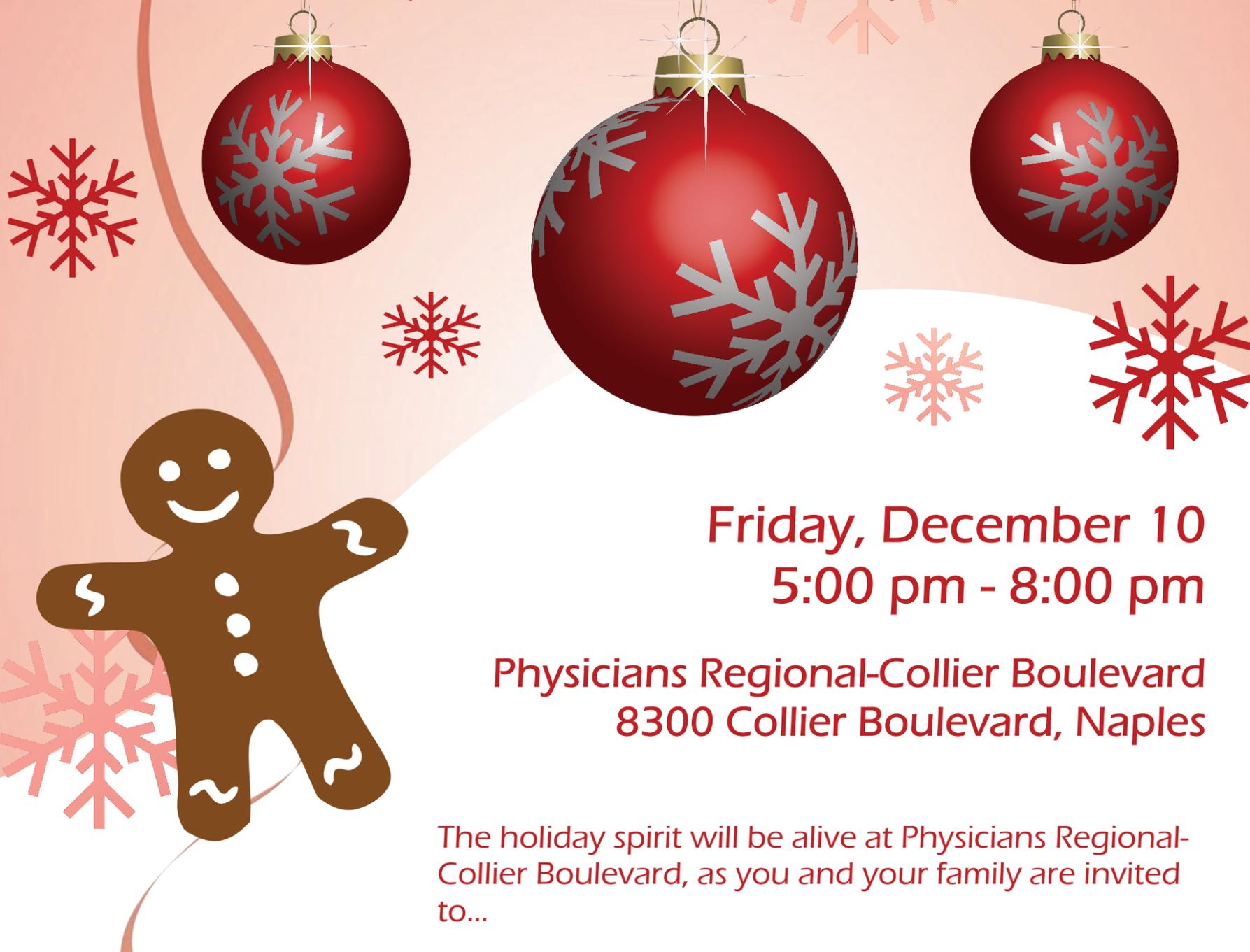
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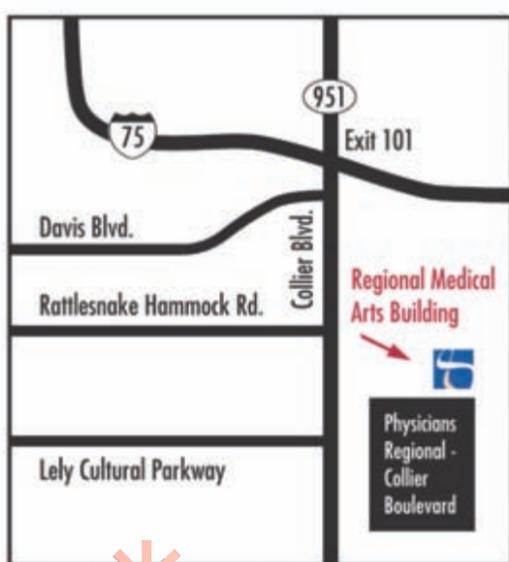


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The American Sign Language gesture that means "to help" is the thumbs-up sign with the right hand followed by gently placing the thumb in the left palm. That is the sign DKSWF hopes everyone in the community will extend by contributing to and shopping at the yard sale.

Secure Storage of Bonita Springs has donated storage space for items that have been accumulating for the sale. For information about dropping off items, call Maria LaRocco at 461-0334. ■



Lighthouse holds gingerbread house party

Lighthouse of Collier invites blind and visually impaired children from throughout Collier County to a gingerbread house party from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4, at 424 Bayfront Place, headquarters for the organization. The party is made possible with funds raised by the 34th annual Great Dock Canoe Race and donated to Lighthouse of Collier.

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers.

To RSVP for the gingerbread house party, call 430-3934. For more information about Lighthouse of Collier and its services, visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

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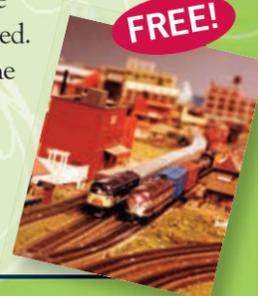
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Edison State College Foundation announces 2011 L.I.F.E. Award

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NCEF, which was founded in 2000 by a group of Naples families to improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County, has raised \$82.5 million to date. The foundation provides yearly grants to children's charities and funds long-term strategic initiatives aimed at filling the most severe gaps in services for the area's neediest children.

"Not only does NCEF provide grants to nonprofits that benefit children, NCEF has taken the lead in examining the needs of Collier County children, then creating solutions to meet such needs," said Jeff Allbritten, Edison State College Collier campus president. He cited the example of the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center, which opened in fall 2008 and serves thousands of children each year. The impetus for the center came from a 2005 needs assessment commissioned by NCEF that revealed an estimated 17,000 Collier County children were without adequate dental care, a proven formula for severe tooth decay, pain and disruption in children's ability



to learn. NCEF trustees spearheaded the building of the dental center in collaboration with state university systems and other community partners.

"Over the past 10 years, NCEF grants have touched the lives of more than 100,000 children, helping them to reach their potential and, in many cases, making a profound and sustaining difference in their quality of life," said Bob Scott, NCEF chairman.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival is the fundraising arm of NCEF.

L.I.F.E. Award honorees must meet criteria in one of four categories: distinguished service, professional service, citizen leadership and outstanding contribution to state legislation. NCEF, and its 72 trustees, were selected as the 2011 honoree in recognition of their outstanding support for education in two categories: citizen leadership and distinguished service.

Previous recipients of the L.I.F.E. award are interior designer Holland Salley (2003), former NCH Healthcare Systems CEO Ed Morton (2004), Kraft Construction Company CEO Fred Pezeshkan (2005), Barron Collier Companies Board Member Judy Sproul

(2006), Raymond and Scott Lutgert of The Lutgert Companies (2007), Naples Trust Company President Adria Starkey (2008), former State Rep. Dudley Goodlette (2009) and Philharmonic Center for the Arts Founder and CEO Myra J. Daniels (2010).

The ninth annual L.I.F.E. Award luncheon is set for Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Naples Grande. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information, contact Kevin Miller at 732-3718 or ksmiller3@edison.edu. ■

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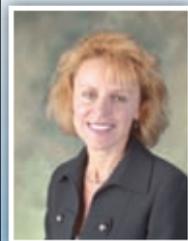
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For more information, call 732-3711 or visit www.edison.edu. ■

Seven Sisters grads plan Naples gathering

For the first time in Southwest Florida, graduates of the Seven Sisters colleges are planning a gathering. Alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley will enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and college memories from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20,

at Longstreth Goldberg Art Gallery, 5640 Taylor Road.

Spouses and significant others are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person, and an RSVP by Jan. 15 is requested. Call Karen Kayser Benson (Mt. Holyoke '63) at 293-0354 or e-mail kkbcoach@comcast.net. ■

\$20,000 scholarship fund established at Ave Maria

The Johnny Bench Scholarship has been established at Ave Maria University. Mr. Bench, a Cincinnati Reds Hall of Famer, will officially unveil the \$20,000 fund during the Ave Maria University Scholarship Soirée at the Country Club of Naples on Thursday, Dec. 2.

"I have been involved in providing scholarships to deserving high school and college students in Cincinnati since 1983,"

he says. "As I spend more time in the Naples community, it is heartwarming to be able to make the same impact through the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund at Ave Maria University."

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FWC launches database to reduce derelict vessels

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission launched a program this week to help prevent vessels in state waterways from becoming derelict. Through the At-Risk Vessel Program, FWC officers will collaborate with local sheriffs' offices and police departments to enter information about potential derelict vessels into a statewide database.



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The At-Risk Vessel Program aims to reduce the number of abandoned boats in local waterways.

When an officer encounters an at-risk vessel, he will post a notice on the vessel, listing the items of concern, then collect information about the vessel and enter it into a statewide database. Photographs and information about the vessel will be displayed on a map, available for the public to view. A letter will also be mailed to the registered owner of the vessel.

Derelict vessels essentially are ones that have been abandoned and allowed to deteriorate in public waters. Aside from being eyesores, derelict vessels can pose environmental, public safety and navigation hazards.

Derelict vessels are subject to removal at the owner's expense, which can exceed \$100,000 for very large vessels. If the owner does not remove the vessel, he may be charged with a felony, lose vehicle and vessel registration privileges, incur other legal and court costs or be forced to reimburse the city, county or state for the cost of removal, depending on circumstances.

If the owner cannot be determined or located, the burden of removing the vessel falls on Florida taxpayers. The FWC, tasked with monitoring Florida's derelict vessel problem, encourages the public to properly dispose of old or unwanted vessels, rather than abandon them in waterways.

The database allows law enforcement officials to consolidate evidence for future cases as well as establish proof of communication with vessel owners before going to court. Local governments and state officials can also benefit by quickly determining the status of derelict vessels in specific areas of concern.

To view the derelict vessel database, or for more information about the At-Risk Vessel Program, visit MyFWC.com/Boating. ■

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OUTDOORS

Work begins at the Conservancy's Sue and Bill Dalton Discovery Center

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida recently celebrated the start of major renovations of the new Sue and Bill Dalton Discovery Center, the next phase of its sustainable campus initiative and "Saving Southwest Florida" Capital Campaign. Made possible by a lead gift by Sue and Bill Dalton, the Dalton Discovery Center will include seven galleries about Southwest Florida's major ecosystems and will allow visitors to have hands-on animal encounters and take action to protect the area's land, water and wildlife.

While work is under way at the Dalton Discovery Center, guests are welcome from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 (free for Conservancy members).

Hourly programs include electric boat rides, Nature Zone programs and outdoor animal encounters.

One Tuesday each month is designated as "Take Action Tuesday" and features a special eco-adventure. On Dec. 28, "Take Action Tuesday" will involve a trip aboard the Conservancy's pontoon boat, The Good Fortune, departing at 10 a.m. for Keewaydin Island. Bring a picnic lunch. Guests will learn about the wildlife of Rookery Bay and will pick up trash on the island. Cost is \$40 for Conservancy members and \$50 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 403-4236.

Every Saturday at the center is "Sensational Saturday," with games, crafts and family fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. included in the cost of admission. The theme for "Sensational Saturday" on Dec. 4 is "Panthers in Peril." Dec. 11 is "Discover the Florida Black Bear," and Dec. 18 is "Mammals of Florida," from bats to bobcats and dolphins to deer.

Free guided walks along Clam Pass take place at 9 a.m. every Monday through Saturday (no walk on Christmas Day).



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Dolph von Arx, Andrew McElawaine and Sue and Bill Dalton



Kelly Sowers holds up a female loggerhead sea turtle during a visit to the turtle's future home at the Dalton Discovery Center. Village School art students Anna Hiller, Emmie Warburton, Emily Kate Ferguson and Alyssa Weardon look on.

Park next to the Naples Grande Resort at the end of Seagate Drive and catch the beach tram with your guide.

Also coming up at the center is a program about "Stories from the Wildlife Clinic" at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16.

Winter camp, including daily field trips for students in grades 2-5, will take place Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 20-22. Kids can come for one, two or all three days. Cost is \$60 per day for members (\$150 for all three days) and \$95 for the first day and \$60 for additional days for non-members.

For more information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org. ■



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A gray fox in the Fakahatchee

Dinner lecture focuses on the Fakahatchee

Learn about the rare inhabitants of the ecologically unique Fakahatchee Strand at "Unusual Encounters in the Fakahatchee," a dinner lecture starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Port of the Islands. Guest speaker Glen Stacell is co-author of "A Guide to Native Wild-

flowers in Southwest Florida." Cost is \$20 for members of Friends of Fakahatchee and \$25 for others. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Dec. 6. Call 695-2905 or book online at www.orchid-swamp.org. ■

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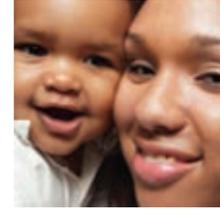
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FGCU discussion

Florida Gulf Coast University presents "Dengue in Florida," a live netcast from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. The event in Academic Building 7, Room 114, is open to the public and will consist of an informal conversation about viruses, particularly the recent re-emergence of dengue fever in Florida.

The discussion will be led by Vincent Racaniello, professor of microbiology at Columbia University Medical Center; Rich Condit, professor of molecular genetics and microbiology at University of Florida; and Alan Dove, a science journalist who will join the discussion via Skype. Participating from the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District will be Director Edsel Fussel, entomologist and Deputy Director Andrea Leal; and senior entomologist Lawrence Hribar.

Afterward, the discussion will be available online as a downloadable podcast from TWiV at www.twiv.tv/.

For more information, contact Sharon Isern, associate professor in FGCU's Department of Biological Sciences, at 590-7438. ■

Surgeon will discuss
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Those struggling with hip and knee pain can learn about the latest advancements in pain relief and surgical techniques at a free seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge. Dr. Robert Zehr will present general information on treatments for advancing arthritis in hips and knees, including minimally invasive surgical techniques, computer-assisted surgery and rapid recovery programs. Dr. Zehr will also discuss MRI-directed, custom-aligned total knee replacement and introduce the Oxford Unicompartmental knee joint replacement.

Reservations can be made online at www.zehrcenter.com or by calling the Zehr Center for Orthopaedics at 596-0100. ■

Parkinson group
offers free drug review

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida offers a free service in which NCH pharmacists will review Parkinson patients' medications and answer questions from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at PASFI headquarters in Hibiscus Center, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Over-the-counter as well as prescription medications will be assessed by Sheila Markham and other NCH pharmacists, who will also speak individually with Parkinson patients about their medications.

PASFI is a predominately volunteer organization that provides most of its services and support free of charge to more than 1,000 families in Southwest Florida. The organization's mission is to promote the quality of life for persons with Parkinson disease and their care partners.

For information or to register for the drug assessment and review, call Linda Stewart at 417-3465 or visit www.pasfi.org. ■

Work it out

Fitness trainer suggests ways
to fit exercise into the holidays

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With Thanksgiving and Black Friday behind us and Christmas just ahead, many people find themselves too busy with shopping and other holiday activities to keep up a regular exercise routine.

"During this time of year, our lives can get very hectic, so workout routines can get disrupted or ignored," says Natalie Lahnan, owner of Naples/Marco Island Adventure Boot Camp for Women. "It's easy to say, 'A few weeks without exercise won't harm me' or 'I'll catch up after the New Year.' However, it will be more difficult to get back to exercising later, when you might have a few post-holiday pounds to lose."

And running from store to store does not count as exercise, she adds.

Although finding time for regular workouts can be a challenge during the holidays, there are ways to stay on track, Ms. Lahnan says. It's all a matter of good planning and motivation.

She suggests these six steps to holiday fitness:

■ **1. Try a bit of visualization.** Imagine yourself on Jan. 1 — and beyond — after not having exercised for several weeks. How much heavier will you be? How much harder/longer will you have to work out to drop those pounds that piled on during the holidays? "Often, when you think of the consequences of your actions ahead of time, that will be all the motivation

you'll need to keep exercising," Ms. Lahnan says.

■ **2. Break your usual exercise routine into a couple of small sessions throughout the day.** Two or three 10- to 15-minute workouts, for example, might be more manageable than an hour-long session.

■ **3. Exercise in the morning.** "It might mean getting up earlier than usual, but at least you'll be done for the day," Ms. Lahnan says. Plus, you'll be more energized for all the other activities. Another possibility is to use part of your lunch hour for a mini-workout; even a short session is better than none.

■ **4. Choose the right type of exercise.** Ms. Lahnan suggests trying High Intensity Interval Training, which is shorter in duration "but extremely effective at burning fat and keeping you in shape."

■ **5. Ban all the "But-I-don't-have-time" excuses.** Don't fall into a trap of coming up with reasons why you can't work out. Tell yourself right now that exercise is an important part of your healthy lifestyle,

and that you can and will fit it into your schedule, no matter how hectic it gets, Ms. Lahnan advises.

■ **6. Work out with a buddy or in a group.** Statistics show that people who exercise with a friend or in a group are more successful at exercising consistently. "Make a pact with friends to encourage each other should one of you feel like slacking off," Ms. Lahnan says.

Following all these points "will help even the busiest people keep up with their exercise routines," she

adds. "When all the holiday bustle is over, they'll be glad they did." ■



STRAIGHT TALK

Giving thanks for NCH's caring, can-do professionals



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Looking back on Thanksgiving, we at NCH and our community have much to be thankful for.

NCH Emergency Room teams on both campuses have earned our gratitude with improved service. Over the past few months, our ER teams have streamlined the process for our patients. We have improved waiting times from an average of two hours (also the national average) to an average of 20 minutes. That's outstanding.

Most hospitals in the country have the same diurnal and weekly ER pattern; few experience the accentuated seasonal swings we do in southwest Florida. As the "season" develops, our inpatient volume doubles — with

delays generally occurring late in the day during the latter part of the week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), when we run out of in-patient beds.

We have smart, adaptable, caring, competent colleagues in both ER and Labor and Delivery who are experts in managing what is known as "lumpy demand" — meaning, the number of ER patients or moms about to deliver ranges randomly from none to too many at one time.

With these facts in mind, Chief Nursing Officer Michele Thoman shared the following e-mail recently:

"I wanted to recognize the extraordinary actions of the staff copied on this e-mail (Gina Teegarden, Bill Diamond, Todd Haner, Jayme Roberts, Debbie Ellis, Melody Bacon and the Bed Board) as well as the nurses at NNH. I was notified late Monday night that NNH (Emergency Room) was holding 11 patients with four more

admits, while our express unit was full at 12 and all of our tower beds completely full. We knew we had a busy surgical schedule with eight orthos and several general cases.

"3W staff stepped up in the middle of their night-shift to send a nurse to the ER to care for the holds so our ER staff could remain focused on the continuous stream of ER patients. 3W staff had to rearrange patient assignments to make this happen.

"In the morning, we were at 16 ER holds with 1 PACU hold for a middle-of-the-night case. All our nurse leaders and Bed Board staff kept calm and worked together to assist in placement of the patients and to ensure our nursing staff that we would get through the day and support them in the process. This aided greatly in keeping our staff calm as well. We had holds in the

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ER all day at a minimum of 11, and PACU held cases for an extended period.

By 6 p.m., all ER holds had been bedded, we had all ORs placed, and express had five empty beds. This means that the express and med surg staffs almost completely turned the entire unit population over on their nursing units by discharging and admitting all of these ER and PACU patients. This is phenomenal work... I am so proud to be leading this exceptional team of people who take pride in what they do with a 'can-do' attitude."

That "can-do" attitude makes all the

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We were delighted during Thanksgiving week to reward nearly all our 3,600 colleagues (those serving more than 500 hours without any disciplinary actions) with bonus checks worth 3 percent of their yearly pay. We also awarded \$1,000 checks to 150 "Key Contributors" in recognition of outstanding work this past year. In aggregate, this increase distributes more than \$3.5 million into the community, which has a three-fold ripple effect.

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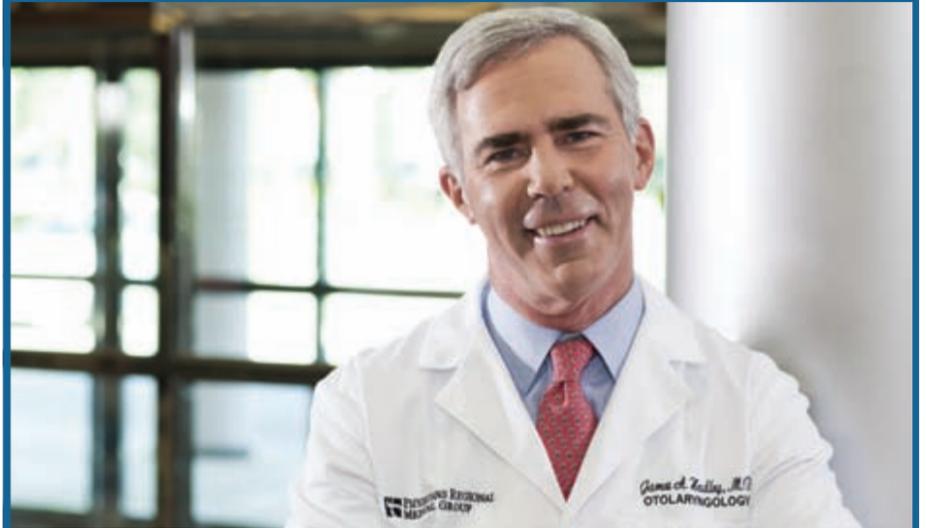
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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S PROSTATE CANCER RESOURCE

Area agencies have hungry mouths to feed

Food banks and shelters throughout Southwest Florida are stepping up efforts to stock their larders in anticipation of record demand through the holidays and into the winter season. Standard pantry items include: canned beans, soup, fruit, vegetables and meat; hot/cold cereal, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly, powdered milk and drink mixes, rice, spaghetti and sauce, baby food, macaroni and cheese, stuffing and biscuit mixes, cake mixes, condiments and juice in boxes or plastic bottles.

Here are a few ways and places you can help:

■ **The Harry Chapin Food Bank** provides food to dozens of agencies in Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Charlotte counties. More than 5,000 turkeys were distributed through the food bank's partner agencies so families could enjoy Thanksgiving in their homes.

Norman Love Confections donated a box of chocolate to anyone donating \$11 to purchase a turkey. This resulted in 2,175 turkeys.

Cameratta Companies/High Point Place and First Street Village I Fort Myers provided funding for 670 turkeys.

Curb Systems of SW Florida provided funding for 455 turkeys.

Residents of Montenero in Naples provided funding for 190 turkeys.

Numerous other companies, foundations and individuals contributed to the turkey fund to make the 5,000 Thanksgiving turkeys possible.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of more than 170 nonprofit agencies that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly.

For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community. For information about contributing financially, call 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.



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■ **St. Matthew's House** serves between 2,000 and 3,000 meals every month through its Old Firehouse Feeding Ministry and gives more than 500 bags of groceries to families in need. Financial gifts and pantry donations are always welcome, as are toiletries — disposable razors, towels, baby wipes and diapers — for residents.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Matthew's House at 2001 Airport-Pulling Road S. Call 774-0500 or visit www.stmatthewshouse.org for more information.

■ **The Shelter for Abused Women & Children** is preparing to help make a peaceful Thanksgiving and holiday season for its clients. Donations should be dropped at the back warehouse of The Shelter's Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

To coordinate a food drive for the Shelter at your office, club or neighborhood, call 775-3862, ext. 235, or e-mail rgrabau@naplesshelter.org. For more information about the Shelter and its services, visit www.naplesshelter.org. ■

Soup's on for Empty Bowls and pottery sale at FGCU

Soup's on, and so are handmade pottery bowls, for Florida Gulf Coast University's annual Empty Bowls soup lunch and pottery sale beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in the arts complex courtyard.

For 10 years, the FGCU Art Program has partnered with the United Arts Council of Collier County to produce an annual pottery sale featuring potters from across the Southwest Florida region. Sales benefit the UAC's art education programs in Immokalee.

This year's sale will feature pottery by David Hammel, Barbara Haring, Annabelle Johnson, Rinny Ryan, Chas Bean, Mo Anderson, Sandy Lawson, FGCU student Erica Klopff and FGCU faculty member Patricia Fay.

The UAC pottery sale is separate from the Empty Bowls lunch and sale.

Empty Bowls is a national phenomenon that unites potters, students, restaurants and food banks to address the needs of the hungry. The formula for fundraising is simple: Potters and students make bowls, area restaurants donate soup and bread, and hunger assistance organizations provide education.

For a \$15 donation, diners will pick out bowls and fill them with the soup of their choice. Diners keep their bowls with the knowledge of having assisted needy members of the community. One hundred percent of the Empty Bowls proceeds will be given to the Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee Inc. in Estero.

This year's soups are coming from: Hemingway's Island Grill, Hyatt Place Coconut Point, Olympia Grill and Sports Lounge, Naples Flatbread, Waterside Seafood and Grill, La Bamba and Ted's Montana Grill. In addition, the FGCU Science of Cooking class will contribute a vegetarian soup developed as a class project. Bread is donated by The Artisan Bread Company.

For further information, contact Patricia Fay at 590-7229 or pfay@fgcu.edu. ■

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PET TALES

Pill your pet

Medicine doesn't work if you don't give it

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Less than one in five pet owners are successful in giving medications to their pets as directed by their veterinarians. It's difficult to give medication to an animal who absolutely doesn't want it, so a lot of pre-prescriptions end up in the cupboard (or on the floor) rather than in the pet.

Are you in the majority when it comes to pill problems? If so, read on.

When you let your pet sense that you're reluctant to give medication, and then you reward her for resisting by letting her off the hook, you actually are teaching her that medication is bad, scary or otherwise unpleasant — and that she can get away with refusing to take it. And that means your pet is progressively less likely to get the medication she needs to get or stay well.

You can turn things around by admitting that you need help. You may just need a lesson in pilling your pet, or you might need another plan entirely.



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Your veterinarian is happy to help you find ways that get important medication into your pet safely and without stress.

Many pet lovers are unaware that there are alternatives to bad-tasting pills. Your veterinarian may be about to provide you with medications that are in meat-flavored tablets that seem like a munchy, not a medication. Many parasite-control and pain medications, and even antibiotics, are available in these tasty formulations. Or you may not have to give medication at all, as in the case of Convenia — an antibiotic given as an injection at the veterinarian's that lasts up to two weeks. If you're being given a medication that's

not offered in a chewable or injectable form, you may find that a compounding pharmacy can help. These pharmacies mix medications into savory liquids or pastes that pets will lap up eagerly, or into transdermal medications that can be applied inside the ear. With any of these alternatives, your veterinarian will be able to help, so ask!

But even plain old pill-popping can be made easier. Most pet owners are familiar with tricks such as hiding a pill in a bit of meat or peanut butter, which works for many pets, but not all. I like to recommend Greenies Pill Pockets, which make it easy to stuff the pill into a yummy treat, or pill guns that pop the medication safely past the teeth, over the tongue and straight into your pet's throat. Both may be available from your veterinarian, or can be purchased from pet-supply retailers.

When you're hiding the pill, try using three treats to fool your pet. (Think of the street game of three shells and one ball.) The first bit of cheese or treat has no medication and is called "the promise." The second contains the medication and is called "the dead." The last treat also contains nothing and is called "the chaser." Work quickly and stay enthusiastic, and your pet will be more likely to stay in the game until the medication is swallowed.

Whatever you do, don't give up. If your pet doesn't get medication as prescribed, you're wasting money and risking your pet's health. Your veterinarian wants your pet to get the medication as often and as long as it's been recommended. If you can't do that, ask for help — there's plenty of it out there. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Beau Beau** is a 3-year-old, neutered bichon frise. He's hypoallergenic and house- and crate-trained as well.



>> **Dinzel** is a 1-year-old, neutered terrier mix who's a sweet and loving 8-pound package.



>> **Lincoln** is a 1-year-old, neutered schnauzer who deserves to be someone's fabulous companion.



>> **Panzy Priss** is a 7-month old, spayed tuxedo domestic shorthair. She's just about the sweetest, friendliest cat you will ever meet.

To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue, an all-volunteer foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail brookeslegacy@brookeslegacyanimalrescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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MUSINGS

Time is of the essence



"It was a long time with you. It was a long time with me. It'd be a long time for anyone, but looks like it's meant to be."

— "There was a Time," Guns 'n Roses, 2008

"Turn, turn, turn..."

— Recorded 1962, Peter Seeger; 1965, Byrds

"For everything there is a season and a time to every purpose."

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

In 1956, German philosopher Martin Heidegger wrote a letter to Ernst Junger, a German writer who supported Blood and Soil politics while dabbling with hallucinogens. In his letter Heidegger attempted to define nihilism. In so doing, he began to speculate about the difficulty of defining anything. In wondering about the meaning of the word "Being," Heidegger created sous rature.

This typographical form shows a word in text crossed out. In this way, Heidegger allows a word to be both rejected and legible. In the words of Jacques Derrida, the word is shown to be "inadequate but necessary," under erasure. Sous rature

has come to be a kind of typographical representation of deconstruction.

Deconstruction is an approach of pursuing the meaning of text by indicating the internal contradictions in the text. With such analysis it becomes clear that text has myriad interpretation. All text is insurmountable puzzle. We think that we know what we do not know. Sous rature seduces us to know and not, to reveal and conceal, to play with the relationship between ontology and truth.

The shell game has been played in ancient Greece, Brooklyn, and La Rambla. Wherever it is played, there is deception by distraction. Hocus pocus is hoax. Is the seeming choice of legible erasure merely Zobmondo farce?

Time is not of the essence. Unless, of course, it is specified in contract. "Time is of the essence" as a contract phrase means that performance by one party at or within a time specified in the contract is necessary to enable that party to require performance by the other party. Failure to act within the specified required time is a breach of contract.

Maybe we better go back to playing Zobmondo: "Would you rather kill Winnie the Pooh, or Bambi?"

Play is for the feint of heart. This is of the essence.

Essence is the whatness. Essence is the answer to the question "What is it?" Please do not mistake the question of essentia, whatness, with the haecceitas, or thisness, question. Whatness is what

makes a thing a thing. Thisness refers to what is unique, individual essence.

In the magic of thisness, a dream dreamed. A Zobmondo guru appeared. "Would you rather be perfectly wise, powerful, fearless, beautiful — your ultimately perfected self — and explosively destroy this world; OR, would you rather permanently explode yourself and in so doing create a perfectly pure, heavenly world?" "I chose the latter and woke up anyway.

Ochus Bochus claims magic is the ability to will change in reality. In making a will, time is of the essence.

In making magic, absent meaning, under erasure, is essentially embraced in present meaning.

Or some might say magic. I, too, prefer to be homeless. Essentially.

"I've seen all good people turn their heads each day so satisfied I'm on my way. Take a straight and stronger course to the corner of your life. Make the white queen run so fast she hasn't got time to



make you a wife. 'Cause it's time, it's time in time with your time and its news is captured for the queen to use. Move me onto any black square. Use me any time you want. 'Cause it's time, it's time in time with your time and its news is captured for the queen to use. ("Your Move," Yes.)" ■

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



The law office of Joseph M. Madden, in which architect Joyce Owens also has her office, in downtown Fort Myers.

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Offices that inspire

There's nothing 9-to-5 about these workspaces

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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The setting for the paper company in the popular sit-com "The Office" is a ubiquitous one with lots of fluorescent lighting and generic interior design. There is a world of office space outside the standard fare, however, that provides distinct, elegant and sophisticated settings in which to do business.

Here are four Southwest Florida offices that hum with productivity — whether the people in them are managing wealth, practicing law or architecture, selling art or offering interior



The entry at UP Art & Design Gallery and Andrea Clark Brown Architects in Naples.

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design services — and do so with a sense of style that would make Michael Scott's knees weak with envy.

UP Art & Design Gallery and Andrea Clark Brown Architects, Naples

A few years ago, after architect Andrea Clark Brown married the artist John Carroll Long, the couple decided to create a combined studio/office for their businesses.

Ms. Brown had already purchased the space near downtown Naples for her architectural practice. Now more than half the 2,800 square feet is open to the public as Mr. Long's art gallery. It's called UP Art & Design Gallery, but the luminous front windows — "a beacon for the art inside" — also bear the name of Ms. Brown's firm, though less prominently.

SEE OFFICES, B7 ▶

WEEK at-a-glance



Wake up Naples

Breakfast with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, and other good-for-business events.

B9-10 ▶



Ask the Fool

He knows what "2 percent floor" means in tax-talk.

B6 ▶



Another winner

Moraya Bay model designed as a luxurious coastal retreat.

B11 ▶

Cash, electronics, gift cards top wish lists this season

Shoppers need not look any further than their wallets in search of the perfect holiday gift. Money is among the most wanted gift this year. That's according to a new Consumer Reports Holiday Shopping Poll, which also found that 58 percent of people plan on giving cash as a gift this year.

Aside from cold-hard cash, Americans also cited electronics and gift cards as the most desirable gifts to both give and get.

"You can't fault consumers for focusing on the fundamentals," said Tod Marks, Consumer Reports

senior editor and resident shopping expert. "Cash makes a great gift because people can buy something they really need or really want."

Here's the breakdown on what Americans plan to bestow on others this holiday season: clothing (68 percent), electronics (62 percent), gifts cards (62 percent), toys (62 percent) and cash (58 percent).

"Dropping prices on mature products like TVs and laptops, and some hot new categories like tablet computers

SEE GIFTS, B8 ▶



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Microsoft Kinect allows video game players to control the action with their body movements.

MONEY & INVESTING

Wall Street's new debt product



There is a new debt product being offered by Wall Street firms. It is called "Yield Optimization Notes With Contingent Protection." Beware. Read the fine print. And, instead of measuring twice before cutting once, you might want to measure a bunch of times, sit on it, talk to your adviser at length... all before you pull the trigger to buy these notes. At best, they are complex.

If any and all were wondering what ever happened to all Wall Street's financial engineers, well, worry no more... as they are back in full employment with these Optimization Notes, a form of a structured credit product.

There have been many structured credit products issued to the marketplace. The products generally have a fixed maturity, are in the form of a note and have a derivative behind the note. Investment bankers are well aware that buyers of notes and bonds want higher yield. To get higher yield, the note holders would have to take extra risk. Usually greater risk is due to credit risk. But not so with these notes: the risk is that, at maturity, you do not get your principal back in cash... the normal expectation of those lending money.

This debt product is seemingly suc-

cessful, as it has now been offered multiple times, in the many millions. The product has been underwritten (and is partially insured) by multiple top-tier investment banking firms, including UBS and JP Morgan. Retail and institutions are buying it, wanting more and so far, everyone is happy.

The notes are generally short term of six months to one year. The rate of interest is a fixed coupon rate and it is generally around 10 percent per annum. The notes are generally unsecured senior debt of the investment bank issuer but the notes are not principal protected. The twist with these notes is their linkage to a specific publicly traded stock and their unique conversion feature.

The conversion is not into the issuer's common stock such as UBS or JP Morgan stock; rather, conversion is tied to other publicly traded companies such as: Nabors, Verizon, Intel, Schlumberger, Cigna, Goldcorp, Broadcom, Wells Fargo, etc. Individual notes are convertible into the stock of a single company. For example, one issue was named "Yield Optimization Notes with Contingent Protection linked to the common stock of Intel Corporation" and its conversion was tied to Intel.

Unlike convertible debt, where the conversion is at the debt-holder's option and where the debt holder gets the benefit of all the upside in the stock (i.e. not capped), these issues are the very opposite. The note-holder is capped; the maximum to which the note holder is

entitled is the fixed coupon and repayment of the note. But if the stock to which the note is "linked" drops greatly by maturity, the note-holder is not entitled to cash repayment. Instead the conversion feature is forced upon the note-holder by the issuers. The issuer gets to avoid principal repayment in cash and instead pays off the note with the currency being stock of the "linked" company.

Instead of a note being issued in a \$1,000 denomination, these high-yield notes are sized to the closing price of the corporate stock on the date of the debt issue. For instance, if the "linked" stock closed at \$35, then the notes are issued in \$35 denominations.

Here is how it works: As long as the "linked" stock is doing well or stable or has mild loss in value, the note (the six month to 12 month debt) is fully repaid at maturity in cash. But, if the "linked" stock has tanked, either due to general market forces or factors and reasons unique to that company, then pay-off by the issuer is in shares of the "linked" stock.

What does "tanked" mean? For most of these debt issues, tanked means a fall in value of 20 to 30 percent — the trigger price is different for each note's "linked" stock. For example, a note holder buys \$50,000 in notes linked to XYZ, whose stock is trading at \$25 at the time of issue. Each note is \$25 face amount. In this example, the \$50,000 would be convertible into 2,000 shares. And, for

purposes of this example, the trigger price to not receive cash upon maturity is set at 20 percent below the "linked" stock price of \$25.

If, at time of the note's maturity, the stock has risen to \$50 a share, the note holder gets interest and gets repaid in full in cash; the note holder gets none of the stock's upside. If, at time of maturity, the stock is trading "flat" or unchanged at \$25, the note holder gets interest and is paid in full in cash. If, at time of maturity, the linked stock is trading 10 percent below \$25, or \$22.50, the note holder still gets interest and is repaid in full in cash.

But, if at time of maturity, the stock is trading at \$17 a share (or any price 80 percent or less than the price at time of issue), the note holder gets 2,000 shares of XYZ stock as the forced conversion feature has kicked in. At \$17 a share for 2,000 shares, the value of the non-cash stock payment at maturity is \$34,000, some \$16,000 less than the \$50,000 face amount of the note.

This product's risk/reward ratio is not to my liking, but it still may suit you well. To be sure, the product is not "vanilla" and both you and your adviser should read the fine print and really understand what you get in different scenarios and if it is suitable for you. ■

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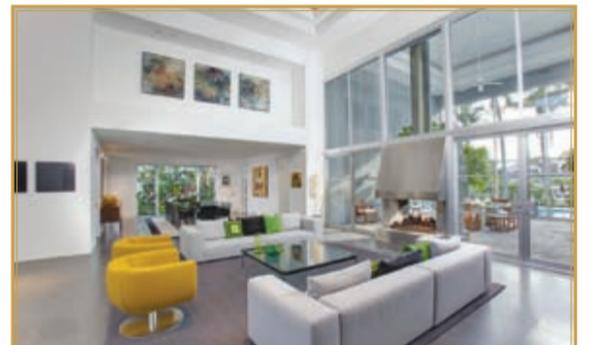
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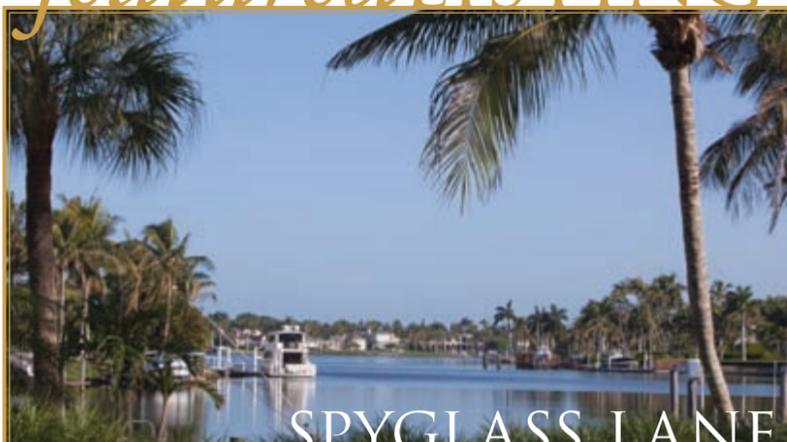
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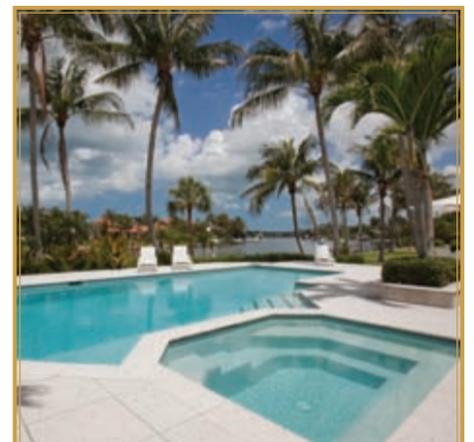
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ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments



HODGES

Elizabeth Hodges has joined the board of directors for the Island Coast AIDS Network. Ms. Hodges is vice president, brand manager with Chico's FAS.

is a member and education chairman of the Everglades Chapter of the Florida CMAA. A graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, he has done post-graduate coursework in hospitality management studies at Cincinnati State.

Mark Lye has been named membership and marketing director for The Old Collier Golf Club, a property of Collier Enterprises. A veteran of 18 years on the PGA Tour and six years on the Champions Tour, Mr. Lye appears on The Golf Channel as men's golf analyst for the network's live tournament coverage of the PGA and Champions tours. On staff at Old Collier for seven years, he is a native of Northern California and a three-time All-American at San Jose State University. He joined the professional golf ranks in 1975. Mr. Lye will be responsible for developing the Old Collier Club's membership and marketing program while continuing his work with The Golf Channel.

Club Management



McPHAIL

Richard McPhail has been named general manager/chief operating officer of TwinEagles, with responsibility for managing all club operations for The Ronto Group property. Mr. McPhail served as

general manager at both Shadow Wood Country Club and The Brooks Commons Club in Estero for the past three years. He was previously responsible for club operations at Estero Country Club. While residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, he managed private country clubs and city/athletic clubs for Dallas-based Club Corporation of America. He began his club career at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He has served as a Golf Digest Top 100 panel member since 1981, assisting the magazine in rating and evaluating golf courses throughout the country. He earned his certified club manager designation through Club Managers Association of America and

Construction

General contractor **Kathy Guyitt**, president of DesignTech of Southwest Florida Inc., has earned certification for her firm as a Woman Business Enterprise from the State of Florida's Office of Supplier Diversity in Tallahassee. Certification as a Florida WBE requires documentation that a business is at least 51 percent woman-owned, is engaged in commerce in Florida and meets other criteria including maximum annual revenue and number of employees. Founded by Ms. Guyitt in 2002, DesignTech is 100 percent woman-owned. Ms. Guyitt holds advanced professional designations from

the National Association of Home Builders including Certified Graduate Remodeler, Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist and Certified Green Professional. She was named the Collier Building Industry Association Remodeler of the Year in 2008. With headquarters in Bonita Springs, DesignTech does residential remodeling and new construction projects from Marco Island to Punta Gorda.

Employment Agencies

Meghan Harlem has joined the management team of BanyanBrown Solutions Inc. as an account executive. A resident of Naples for 23 years, Ms. Harlem is originally from upstate New York and was previously employed as assistant human resources manager for Culinary Concepts Restaurant Group. She has a bachelor's degree in communications with emphasis in public relations and psychology from the University of Miami in Miami, Fla.

Landscape Design

Sabrina McCabe has joined Gardenbleu Landscape Architecture as a landscape designer. The company recently moved its Naples headquarters to 848 Myrtle Terrace. Ms. McCabe brings a total of eight years of professional experience to Gardenbleu, having worked on a range of commercial and public landscape design projects along with high-end resorts. She holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Florida and is certified in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. ■

Learn the basics of QuickBooks with SCORE

SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce present a workshop on the basics of QuickBooks from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N.

In the lecture-style workshop, participants will learn the basics of QuickBooks, the most popular business accounting software for small to mid-size businesses. Topics include how to set up a company file, define and modify the chart of accounts, set up and edit new vendors and customers, invoice customers and receive customer payments, enter and pay vendor bills, enter deposits and prepare bank reconciliations and financial reports.

Presenter Cheryl Willett, president of Willett Business Management Inc. in Estero, has more than 25 years of accounting experience and 10 years of tax experience assisting businesses in financial management and QuickBooks training.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 charge. Sign up online at www.scorenaples.org or call the SCORE office at 430-0081 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

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A Math Moment: Growth Rates

The bad news: Studying companies well involves a little math. The good news: It's not that hard.

Here's a short lesson on calculating growth rates. Imagine Meteorite Insurance (ticker: HEDSUP), with sales of \$12 million in 2007 and \$48 million in 2010. If you have a slightly fancy calculator, it might have a feature that calculates growth rates for you. If not, here's what to do:

Divide \$48 million by \$12 million and you'll get 4. This means that sales quadrupled, or increased by a growth multiple of 4. That doesn't translate to a gain of 400 percent, though. (After all, if something doubles, it increases by 100 percent, not 200 percent.) To get the percentage, you need to take the growth multiple, subtract 1, multiply by 100, and then tack on a percentage sign. So 4 minus 1 equals 3. And 3 times 100 is — bingo! — 300 percent. Between 2007 and 2010, sales grew by a total of 300 percent.

Another way to approach it is to take the

\$48 million and subtract the \$12 million, getting \$36 million, which represents the growth. Divide \$36 million by \$12 million and you'll get 3. Multiply that by 100 and you've got 300 percent. Same answer.

Next, you can annualize the growth rate, to see how much Meteorite sales are growing by each year, on average. You first need the time period involved. From 2007 to 2010 is three years, so we'll be taking the third, or cube, root of the growth multiple. To do that, we'll raise it to the 1/3 power.

You'll need either a computer with a spreadsheet program or a calculator that can raise numbers to various powers. Raise the growth multiple of 4 to the 1/3 power, and you'll get 1.59. (4 to the power of 1/3 equals 1.59. The calculator symbol is $\sqrt{\quad}$.) Now subtract 1, multiply by 100, and you've got 59 percent as the average annual growth rate. (If the time period had been 7.5 years, you'd raise the multiple to the 1/7.5 power.)

This math can prove profitable — after a little practice. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Not One Second of Research

Years ago, I was working on a campaign for an appliance company, just prior to its initial public offering (IPO). One of the ad agency guys suggested it as a "hot tip," as it was starting a TV campaign, had a great product mix, new stores, etc. I bought 100 shares at \$13 and watched with glee as it soon approached \$30. I figured it would go up forever. It slid back to around \$20. I thought it would return to \$30, but just in case, I placed a sell order at \$25. The stock made it to \$24.75, but not \$25, so the shares weren't sold. Then they began a long slide.

I bailed around \$5, and it later filed for bankruptcy protection.

Of course, that was long before I found The Motley Fool, and I didn't bother to do one second of real analysis of the company or any research of any kind

— E.C., Venice, Calif.

The Fool Responds: Research really matters. A stock's price may be volatile, but it's ultimately tied to the company's health, growth and profits. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a sawmill in 1858 and to a 1900 purchase of 900,000 acres of Washington state timberland (the largest private land transaction in American history at the time). During World War I, my spruce was used to make airplanes. Today I'm one of Earth's biggest forest products companies, managing my land sustainably. (Back in 1937, I ran a "Timber Is a Crop" campaign.) In 1980, Mount St. Helens devastated 68,000 acres of my land, as well as property. I rake in about \$6 billion annually. My ticker symbol sounds like a question. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Weyerhaeuser)



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Ask the Fool

Flooring It

Q What does a "2 percent floor" mean, in tax talk?

— L.C., Mobile, Ala.

A It refers to your miscellaneous itemized deductions. They need to exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) in order to be of any value. If they do exceed it, you'll be able to deduct only the amount by which they exceed it.

For example, if your AGI is \$50,000, your floor will be 2 percent of that, or \$1,000. If your miscellaneous itemized deductions total \$675, you can't do anything with them. But if they total \$1,500, you can deduct \$500. Lots of expenses may qualify, such as certain home office expenses, tax-preparation fees, investment-related fees, job-hunting expenses and job-related expenses.

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Q What's a zero coupon bond?

— D.C., Santa Maria, Calif.

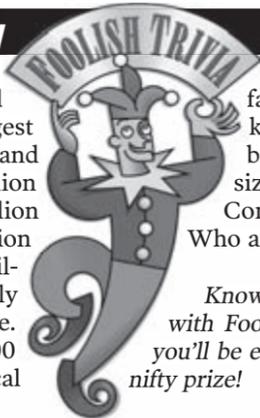
A It's a special kind of bond. Bonds are essentially loans, where you're typically lending money to companies or governments. With a traditional \$10,000 bond that has a 5 percent interest rate, you lend \$10,000 to the borrower and receive interest payments of 5 percent per year. (In the past, people had to send in coupons in order to receive these payments.) When the bond matures, you get your \$10,000, the principal, back.

With a zero coupon bond, there are no interest payments, but the amount you lend is less than the amount you'll receive at maturity. Thus, a zero coupon bond could pay you the equivalent of 5 percent per year by having you lend \$6,139 today in order to receive \$10,000 in 10 years.

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Name That Company

Born in 1946 as a Texas feed store, today I'm one of the biggest chicken producers in the U.S. and Mexico, raking in around \$7 billion annually. My capacity tops 45 million birds weekly, or more than 9 billion pounds per year. I produce 42 million dozen eggs annually. Roughly 4,400 poultry growers supply me. In my early days, I would sell 100 chicks and a bag of feed to local



farmers, who'd raise them, keep some, and sell the rest back to me. I doubled in size in 2003 when I bought ConAgra's chicken business. 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

Ford's Great War on Debt

Ford's (NYSE: F) third-quarter results contained lots of good news, such as a 70 percent year-over-year increase in profits. The most important detail, though, might have been this: The company expects its cash on hand to be "about equal" to its debt by the end of the year. This year!

For a company widely thought to have barely avoided bankruptcy by taking on a crushing debt load just a few years ago, that's remarkable. While General Motors and Chrysler were able to shed debt through bankruptcies, and competitors such as Toyota glide along with investment-grade credit ratings, some say that Ford's debt — which exceeded \$30 billion

at its peak — has held the company back.

There's some truth in that. Ford has brought forth an impressive product renaissance, but it would have been more impressive had the company had another \$10 billion or so to spend. Instead, it has (to its credit) spent \$10.8 billion on reducing that debt load since the end of 2009, thereby saving itself about \$800 million a year in interest payments alone.

One of the company's chief goals is to return to an investment-grade credit rating, which will reduce Ford's future borrowing costs significantly. For the world's most profitable automaker, suddenly all sorts of things seem possible. (Ford is a "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" recommendation.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its 2011 Installation Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Olde Cypress Country Club. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net.

► **The Naples Area Board of Realtors** holds its 61st annual meeting and installation of officers at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Call 597-1666.

► **The Collier County Bar Association** holds its annual holiday party for

families from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Naples Bay Resort. The buffet will have child-friendly options, and a special guest from the North Pole will make an appearance. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for ages 5-16. Cash bar. Register at www.collier-countybar.org.

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its holiday party from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at The Club at Grandezza. Guests are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys for donations to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. Reservations made by Dec. 6 are \$35; cost after that is \$45. Register at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

► **Women's Networking of Collier**



County meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at its new meeting place: Carrabbas at 4320 Tamiami Trail N. In addition to regular networking, a holiday auction is on the program. Register at www.wnoc.org.

► **PRACC**, Public Relations and Marketing Professionals of Collier County, holds its holiday party and annual

scholarship fundraiser from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. RSVP at www.pracc.org.

► Terry Rand and Bianca Vukovic of **Rand Financial Advisors** host a complimentary lunch and estate planning seminar beginning at noon Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Fleming's Steakhouse, 8985 Tamiami Trail N. For more information and to make reservation, call (877) 441-7263 or e-mail Bianca@KSIFA.com.

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its holiday party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$20. Register at www.napleschamber.org. ■



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Top and right: The reception area at The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company is meant to reflect the natural environment of the islands.

OFFICES

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She sees the space less as two separate entities and more a reflection of shared intellectual pursuits.

Ms. Brown's clients make their way by her husband's sometimes-humorous sculptures — years ago he was syndicated newspaper cartoonist — and back toward her architectural studio. Her personal office near the back opens into a garden. "Clients love coming through the gallery to me," she says.

When she bought the building it was outdated, divided down the middle like a duplex, with wood paneling. The back portion had been made into a residential apartment. She immediately re-envisioned it as a contemporary space for her architectural firm.

"In my mind, always in an architect's mind, it had the potential for reorganization," she says.

She took out the dividing wall and she added a cupola in the center room, a kind of skylight that sticks up above the roof and brings in light from all four sides.

Now one of her husband's sculptures, a commentary on over population called "Bumper to Bumper," extends up into the cupola. The piece features about 500 micro cars Mr. Long bonded together. They descend from a green, grassy ball near the top of the cupola down to the floor in a spiral.

Ms. Brown also hangs her detailed, wooden architectural models for viewers to enjoy.

UP Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and from afternoon to early evening most weekends. But often, Ms. Brown says, she and her husband work late, and if the lights are on the gallery is open.

The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company headquarters, Sanibel

Driving across the Sanibel Causeway, architect Joyce Owens was inspired by

a green color in the water. Later she matched it up with paint for The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company's headquarters.

"I literally chose that color based on what the water will look like on a good day when the river isn't dumping into it," she says. "I want my spaces to be a part of where they are."

It's one of the ways Ms. Owens redesigned the office of the private wealth and asset management company last year to reflect its natural surroundings and the environmental awareness of the people there. She calls the style Tropical Modern.

"We really designed the office to reflect how our clients might be comfortable when they come to visit us," Terry Igo, president of the trust company, says. "On Sanibel that means something different than in Naples or New York City... It's elegant, but it's not over the top."

The 4,000-square-foot headquarters has three conference rooms, including a boardroom wired for long-distance meetings. Called Polycom, the system is "the business version of Skype," Mr. Igo says. The space also features bamboo floors; wide panes of glass that let in natural light; and dark wood furnishings. The modern looks and technology are juxtaposed with old pictures. A black-and-white photo behind the reception area is a map of Sanibel Island circa 1833.

But all that style doesn't necessarily mean extravagant expense.

"You want to spend your money on key things that make a really big impact," Ms. Owens says. "And you keep everything very simple."

Law Office of Joseph M. Madden Jr., Fort Myers

In the evenings and all night, a George Nelson "Cigar Lamp" glows invitingly in the big front windows of attorney Joseph M. Madden Jr.'s office on Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

The office is actually made up of two tenant spots in the building, which were combined. Mr. Madden shares the space there with architect Ms. Owens, who redesigned the interior in 2008.

"One of the big components here is



Joyce's lighting design that I think makes it pop," Mr. Madden says. "It's a place you come and feel completely comfortable doing 10 hours a day."

The raw space for the law office included a conference room, an enclosed office for Mr. Madden, a "very cool file room," he says, a room to deal with real estate documents, and workspace for five assistants.

After stripping the space clean, Ms. Owens polished the old terrazzo floor to its original glory and left the brick walls exposed. "We chose not to cover that up," she says. "I like to use what is there and available. It all adds to the character of the space."

She also raised the ceiling as Mr. Madden requested, so that he and staff could play a beanbag game called cornhole, for those times when practicing real estate and land development law wears thin.

"Joyce moved the ceiling up about a foot-and-a-half to accommodate it," Mr. Madden says. "It just kind of goes with our theme of being very relaxed. We try to practice happy law."

Decorating Den Interiors, Punta Gorda

In an inspired touch, interior designer Marilyn Brazill salvaged an old arched window frame from Habitat for Humanity. She filled it with a mirror and hung it in her new interior design showroom and office in Punta Gorda.

"I really wanted something unique," she says.

The rest of Decorating Den, once a

yacht sales office with nearly two-decade old furniture and carpet, was also redone in Ms. Brazill's inimitable style.

"This was a vision and it actually came out the way I wanted it to," she says. "I stuck to my guns."

The products she sells, such as environmentally friendly fabrics and indoor/outdoor rugs, pop out against the office's white walls and black countertops. Customers enter into an open and airy space. The back of the office, near the refrigerator, features a countertop of miniature tiles made from recycled black glass.

"The first impression when you walk into the front door is so important," Ms. Brazill says. "If you've got a big desk blocking the entry way, it's not a good feeling. You want to be able to look around for a second and just get your bearings."

A room off the hallway leading to the back of the office has three styles of paintings in it. One is "modern," a fuzzy abstraction of colors; another is "transitional," between modern and classic, with sailboats in an impressionist sea; and the third is "classic," a still life rendered in gold on a black background. To get an idea of how to approach her clients' design, Ms. Brazill asks them which of the three they prefer. Their answers can serve as a start to a workplace that fits their personality, something she strived for in her own office space.

"I think when you walk in here you get a good feeling," she says.

And that's probably good for business. ■



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GIFTS

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and e-book readers, have helped keep electronics on the top of many gift lists this holiday season," said Paul Reynolds, electronics editor of Consumer Reports.

Other highlights from the first Consumer Reports Holiday Shopping Poll of 2010 include:

■ Video games are the most popular electronics item this year with 39 percent of adults considering giving them as a gift. And in households with kids under 12, over half (59 percent) plan to do so.

■ Video game accessories are a hot commodity as well. Eighteen percent consider buying them. That's not too surprising, taking into account the much-anticipated Microsoft Kinect and Sony Move motion-sensitive controllers.

■ Video games aren't for everyone. Other popular electronics that people plan on giving this year include MP3 players or iPods (18 percent), digital cameras (14 percent), digital photo frames (11 percent), and GPS devices (10 percent). Despite lower prices and new 3D technology, only 8 percent of people are planning on giving a TV as a gift.

■ Improved, Wi-Fi-enabled e-book readers and tablet computers are among the newer technologies available to shoppers this holiday season. E-book reader manufacturers may see an increase in sales thanks to newer features and lower prices as 10 percent of Americans plan to give one, up 6 percentage points from last year. Eight



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E-readers, like the iPad, are expected to be hot items this holiday season.

percent of adults are considering giving new technology — iPads and other tablet computers — as a gift.

■ Gift cards are a hot ticket despite drawbacks. Many people plan on buying gift cards (62 percent) and many named them as their most wanted gift (13 percent).

Although recent Federal rules have placed restrictions on onerous fees and ridiculously short expiration dates for gift cards, the negatives haven't disappeared completely. What's more, as of mid-October, just over a quarter (27 percent) of those who received a gift card last year have yet to use one of them, often because they did not have time (51 percent) or they simply forgot about it (41 percent).

The full results of this latest poll are available at www.ConsumerReports.org. ■

Chamber celebrates ribbon cuttings

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce has recently held ribbon cuttings at:

- The new retail location of **Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership**, 3831 Tamiami Trail E. in the Town Center Shopping Center. The company's more than 1,700 stores in the U.S. offer consumers who have income and credit restraints a payment program to purchase electronics, furniture and appliances. For more information, call 417-5139 or visit www.aarons.com.

- **Goin' Postal**, a family-owned and operated shipping store at 4888 Davis Blvd. in King Lakes Square. The busi-

ness ships with all major carriers and also offers stamps, document shredding, private mail box rental with e-mail notification, copy shop, auto transporters, greeting cards and licensed sports items, digital fingerprinting, packing, boxes, faxing and notary services. For more information, call 430-4646 or visit www.ampc.org/store/1769.

- **Stonebridge Country Club** in celebration of the community's newly renovated golf course. The club is at 2100 Winding Oaks Way. For more information, call 594-5200 or visit www.stonebridgcountryclub.com. ■

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Sea Salt hosts author Colman Andrews



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1. Lili Montes Erin Walker and Barbara Walker
2. Ian and Margot Reece
3. Donna Heiser and Teresa Caprari
4. Guest of honor Colman Andrews and Fabrizio Aielli of Sea Salt
5. Ingrid Aielli, Russell Ball and Suzy Dorr

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Celebrating City Mattress and artwork from The von Liebig



Artwork from The von Liebig on display with the newest line of PranaSleep mattresses



City Mattress CEO Stephen Schiller, left, and President Marc Schiller at their Naples showroom, where artwork from The von Liebig Art Center is on display



Sidney and Zachary Schiller



Louise and Jay Schiller, founders of City Mattress

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3. Tricia and Robert Herrema with Trisha Borges
4. Kathleen Willett
5. Jorian Weiner, Patricia Murphy, Randy Antik, Debra Weaver and Mallorey Hartman
6. Jim Von Rinteln, Rosalie Rhodes and Ted Soliday
7. Marc VanDam and Kelly Lauman

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REAL ESTATE

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The new offices of John R. Wood Realtors Inc. are on the second floor at 800 Fifth Ave. S.

John R. Wood relocates on Fifth

John R. Wood Realtors Inc. has moved into a new, larger and more convenient Fifth Avenue office to better serve its downtown customers. The two-story space at 800 Fifth Ave. S. is in the heart of the restaurant district and adjacent to the public parking garage.

Known as “the Boardroom” for the past decade, the second-floor space houses 50 real estate agents.

In part, the company selected the new site for its historical significance. John R. Wood Realtors’ original office was on Fifth Avenue in 1958, and the agency has maintained an office on the street for most of the years since. The site of the new office is the former location of the Rexall Drug Store and soda fountain.

“We feel we finally have turned the corner on this difficult market,” says Phil Wood, company president. ■

Island firm expands to Fort Myers, Naples

Sanibel and Captiva Island-based Royal Shell Real Estate Inc. is expanding. The company will enter the Fort Myers market via an alliance with Denny Grimes & Company. Additional growth will occur with the opening of a Naples office in the old Congress Jewelers building at 601 Fifth Ave. S.

The expansion gives Royal Shell Real Estate four locations in Fort Myers, Naples, Sanibel Island and Captiva Island for more than 45 agents and broker associates. The company also has a property management and vacation rental division and a distressed home owner division. ■

Kraft Construction has new name: Manhattan Kraft

Manhattan Construction Group’s Florida subsidiary, Kraft Construction Co., has changed its name to Manhattan Kraft Construction Inc. as “part of a process to align our commercial construction businesses,” says Kevin Moore, president of Manhattan Construction Group.

The new name more clearly identifies the company’s relationship to its affiliate, Manhattan Construction Co., which provides the same type of service in geographic areas outside of Florida, and its parent company, Manhattan Construction Group, Mr. Moore explained.

Manhattan Construction Group’s commercial building subsidiaries include Manhattan Construction Co., which serves the Southwest, Southeast and Middle Atlantic states as well as Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean; and Manhattan Kraft Construction Inc. which serves Florida exclusively.

The company’s website has been changed to reflect the new name and is now www.manhattankraft.com.

Manhattan Construction Group acquired Kraft Construction Co. in 2008. ■

Moraya Bay

model has shades of the Hamptons, Cape Cod



Family room



Balcony



Master bedroom



The view



Kitchen

COURTESY PHOTOS

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Moraya Bay has unveiled its newest model, a coastal retreat designed by Renee Gaddis of Collins & DuPont Interior Design.

Ms. Gaddis took her inspiration from the extraordinary views of the Gulf of Mexico and white sand beach and relied on a neutral palette of silver, whites, grey and shades of jade green to furnish the 4,000-square-foot, three-bedroom, three-bath residence.

The clean lines and colors evoke a casual yet elegant beach ambiance. Flooring is a grey-wash brushed oak, kitchen cabinetry is crisp white topped with brushed black granite counters and a pebble backsplash. Light-filled living areas have custom built-ins and wet bar with a recycled glass countertop. The master bedroom features a full wall of windows. Jade iridescent mosaic tiles in the master bath reflect the light of the sunset as it streams in.

“The response has been overwhelming by everyone who views the new model,” says Inga Wilson, vice president of sales and marketing at Moraya Bay. “Buyers aren’t use to seeing this type of decor here,” she adds. “It really reminds you of something you would see in the Hamptons or on Cape Cod.”

Moraya Bay is at the northernmost end of Gulf Shore Drive. Residents enjoy views three miles to the north across state and county protected conservation areas beyond Wiggins Pass to Barefoot Beach Park.

For more information, call 514-5050 or visit www.morayabay.com. The development is exclusively represented by Premier Sotheby’s International Realty. ■



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- Gated Community
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- Former Model-Professionally Decorated
- Overlooking the 11th Fairway
- Vanishing Edge Pool
- **\$1,295,000**
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NEW CONSTRUCTION

- 3 Bedrooms, +Den, 3.5-Baths
- Gorgeous Stone Flooring
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- Possible Gulf Views from Upper Floors
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- 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms
- Olde Florida Style Home
- Porches overlook Lake & Sanctuary
- Hot Tub & Fireplace
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BAYSIDE VILLA 5234

- Charming 1 Bedroom
- Sunrise Views From 2nd Floor
- Large Pool and Spa
- Short Stroll to Beach & More
- **\$315,000**
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GULF TO BAY CAPTIVA

- 4 Bedrooms and 4 Baths
- 1 Acre Lot & Boat Dockage
- Enclosed Heated Pool
- Panoramic Views of Gulf
- **\$4,495,000**
- Jim Branyon, 239.565.3233



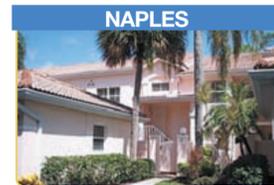
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NEAR DING DARLING

- 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms
- Very Private Setting on Double Lot
- Italian Plaster Finishes
- Exceptional Interior Details
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HEATHER LANE

- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms
- Very Private Neighborhood
- Deeded Beach Access and Pool
- Great Vacation/Rental Home
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ISLAND RETREAT

- 2 Bedrooms and 2 Baths + Loft
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- Chic Island Décor
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- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms
- In Heart of Captiva Village
- Open and Spacious Island Living
- Large Fenced Pool and Spa Area
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HERITAGE PALMS

- Beautiful Attached Villa
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- Nice Lake View
- 2-Car Attached Garage
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BEAUTIFUL COACH HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- Over 1,900 S.F. Living Space
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- Beautifully Furnished
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- Wide Direct Access Canal
- Boat Dock and 10k lb Lift
- Bright & Cheerful Floorplan
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BEST OF BEACHVIEW

- Charming Unique Island Treasure
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- Custom Built in 2002
- Gorgeous Sunset Views
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IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN

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- Seaside "Green" Living
- In Captiva's Village
- New Construction
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BAYSIDE VILLA

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- South Seas Island Resort
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- Resort Amenities Available
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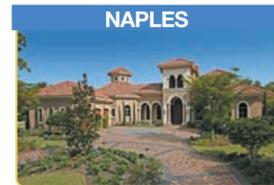
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SUNSET CAPTIVA

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- Gulf Access Dockage
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EAGLE RIDGE LAKES

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- Pristine Condition
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10 ACRE ESTATE HOME

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OLDE CYPRESS

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- Golf & Private Preserve Views
- Gourmet Kitchen
- Large Pool and Spa
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STUNNING LAKE VIEWS

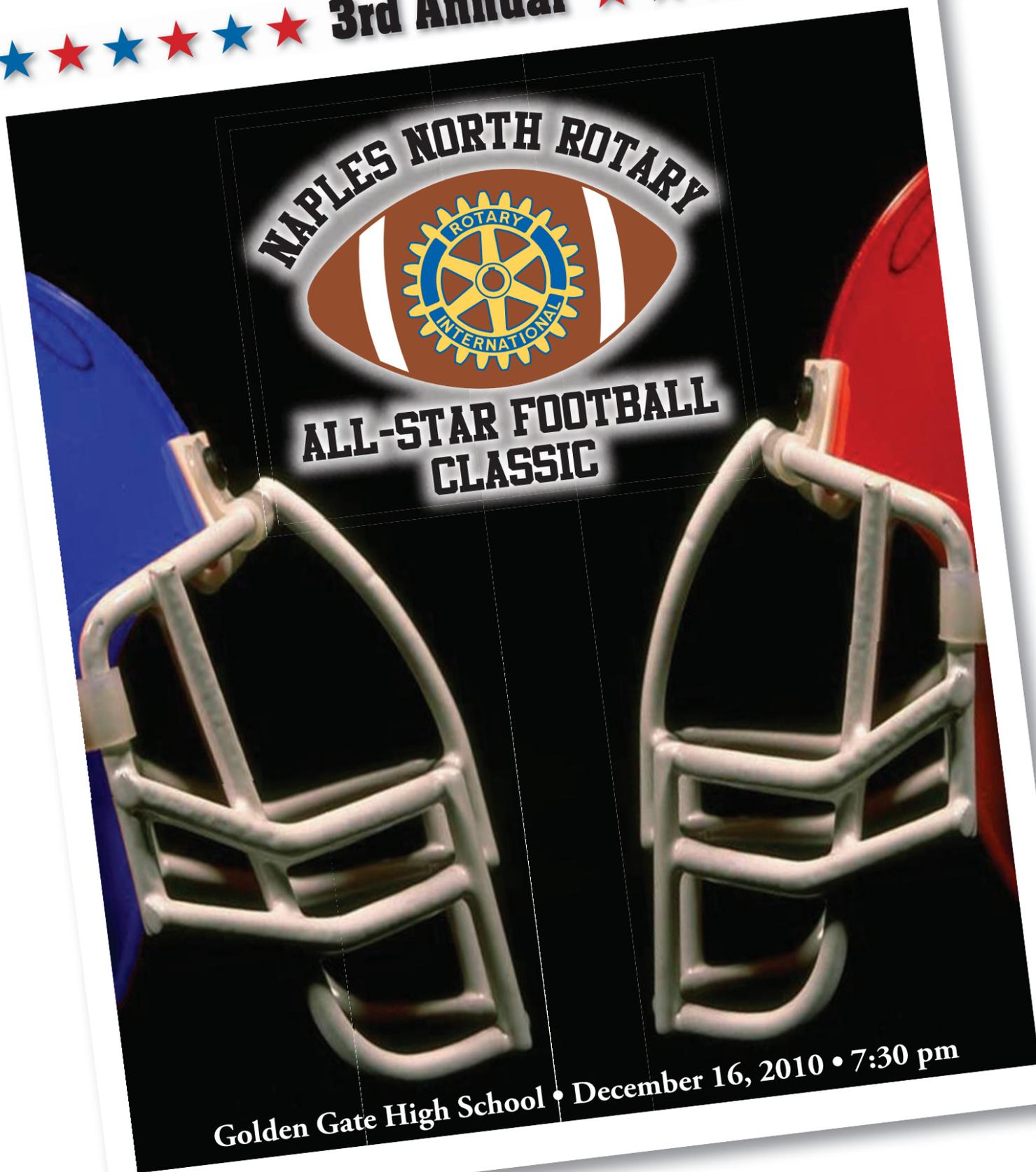
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- Large Decks overlooks Tropical Landscaping
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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

PBS completes renovation of Marco church

PBS Construction has completed a renovation at St.

Mark's Episcopal Church on Marco Island. Designed by the firm of Victor J. Latavish Architect, PA, the renovation modernized Harper Hall with new finishes throughout. ADA accessibility was enhanced along with safety aspects of the on-site Montessori school. ■

Heatherwood begins reno work in Mercato shops

Heatherwood Construction has started work on interior renovations to the Natural Comfort and Sperry shoe stores in Mercato. Michael Crouch is the senior project manager and Pete Estrada is the job superintendent. ■

WCI retires \$300 million loan

Bonita Springs-based WCI Communities has retired its \$300 million senior term loan — representing a 68 percent reduction in total debt — and now shifts its focus to re-establishing and growing its homebuilding operation and returning the company to profitability, according to David Fry, president and CEO.

WCI filed for bankruptcy in August 2008. It has since emerged from bankruptcy as a result of an aggressive plan to monetize non-core assets and reduce costs while re-launching its homebuilding operations in select communities to help retire the senior loan.

"While the Florida real estate market has not materially improved, we have maintained our focus on right-sizing our balance sheet and establishing a strong foundation for the future growth of our community development and homebuilding businesses," Mr. Fry says.

With homebuilding and sales operations recently relaunched, WCI Communities has seen success in two Southwest Florida communities, Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers and Venetian Golf & River Club in Venice, where prices range from \$150,000 to more than \$400,000.

The company will begin selling and building homes in three additional communities in early 2011: Marquesa Royale at Tiburón and Manchester Square in Naples, and Heron Bay in Coral Springs. Mr. Fry says the company is also working on plans to restart sales and construction operations in additional communities in 2011.

"WCI's reputation was built on

providing quality homes in lifestyle-oriented communities with extensive amenities," he says. "Today, they're seeing all-new floorplans and home designs at pricing that's highly competitive, even against resales. We're pleased with the initial response and look forward to an active Florida selling season in 2011."

CFO Russ Devendorf adds, "Streamlining our business model has been a necessity given the economic climate. We continue to rebalance our asset portfolio to align with our go-forward homebuilding strategy. In addition, our amenities and real estate service businesses continue to operate cash-flow positive. It's a solid position to build upon and move forward."

WCI Communities creates master-planned lifestyle communities for primary, retirement and second-home buyers. The company offers traditional single- and multi-family home choices with prices from the mid-\$100,000s to just under \$1 million. In addition to homebuilding and development, WCI generates revenues from its Prudential Florida Realty business, the second largest residential realty company in Florida; its Wells Fargo-affiliated mortgage services; insurance and title services; and land sales and joint ventures. For more information, visit www.WCICommunities.com. ■

Naples firm partners with national company

Morton Wasmer Abraham Construction Managers LLC, a Naples-based construction management firm, announces a local joint-venture partnership with Suffolk Construction, a national company with its Southeast headquarters in West Palm Beach and additional offices in Sarasota and Miami. Partnering with Suffolk Construction allows MWA to enhance its service offerings in terms of project size, scope and geographic footprint.

"Clients today face serious economic challenges," says MWA's Thomas Abraham. "This partnership offers a one-stop resource that will bring diversity in services, scale, local knowledge and skilled team members with deep experience resulting in optimal effectiveness and efficiency."

Sean Morton and John Wasmer established their construction partnership in 2007. After four years of steady growth, their commercial target base was expanded when Mr. Abraham joined the partnership. The locally owned and operated firm has a collective 75 years of building expertise in Southwest Florida on projects ranging from educational and government facilities to health care and assisted living centers, university and college campuses, retail and office centers and condominium developments. ■



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The unique lot is only one of the fabulous features this 3BR, 2.5BA plus den home has to offer. Light and bright it is nicely upgraded throughout with tile in living areas, granite, private pool and more! **\$384,900**



Gracious Family Living Oakmont 3BR, 2.5BA plus den features numerous upgrades throughout, hardwood floors, granite, crown moldings, plantation shutters, custom entertainment center, and private pool with lake views. **\$381,900**



Extra clean Oakmont with real wood floors, full hurricane protection—"turn key" package available. **\$359,000**



Like new Oakmont 3BR, 2.5 BA plus den completely renovated! Features new porcelain tile in living areas, new A/C, Granite, new carpet in bedrooms, freshly painted interior hurricane protection and more! Owner Agent **\$358,900**

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The Lowest Priced Oakmont in Village Walk—need to sell quickly. Tropical retreat complete with Koi pond. **Asking \$335,000**



Capri Model 2BR, 2BA value pack! One Di Vosta most popular home styles ever and with good reason! This lovely home features upgrades galore, tile in living areas, corian counters, custom heated pool, full hurricane protection and more! **\$269,900**



Extended Capri with screened patio. Original owner, very clean, near all amenities. **\$245,000**



Capri Villa 2 BR, 2BA numerous upgrades throughout, very clean and tastefully decorated, Turnkey package available. **\$239,000**



Capri with wide water views. Clean, light and bright, ready for quick closing—enjoy it this season! **\$229,000**

ISLAND WALK VANDERBILT BEACH LOCATION



When only the Finest will do! 4BR, 3.5BA Unparalleled craftsmanship throughout the entire home, gourmet kitchen with top of the line appliances, designer finishes, private pool with lake view and more! **\$569,900**



Casual Elegance 4BR, 3.5BA, features both formal living and dining, fireplace, custom moldings, and pool w/lake views! Pristine Condition. **Furnishings Included! Shows Like New \$499,000**



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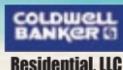
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RECENT TRANSACTIONS

► **Affordable Alarm and Monitoring** has purchased 5,000 square feet of industrial space at 4427 Mercantile Ave. for \$397,150 from William and Wanda Rose. William Gonnering of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **A Taste of Brooklyn** has leased 1,625 square feet of retail space in The Shoppes at Pelican Landing, 24600 Tamiami Trail S., Bonita Springs, from Pelican Landing Community Association Inc. Steve Shelton, Chuck Smith and Carlos Acosta of Grubb & Ellis | 1st Commercial negotiated the transaction.

► **D&A Development LLC** has purchased 16,820 square feet of

industrial space at 1615 Trade Center Way for \$700,000 from Ridgway Properties LLC. Christine Gonnering McManus of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Eagle Martial Arts** has leased 2,375 square feet of retail space at 13020 Livingston Road, Unit 13, from Continental Realty. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Hope Hospice and Community Services** has leased 8,656 square feet of retail space at 13020 Livingston Road, Units 1-3, from Continental Realty. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp.

negotiated the transaction.

► **Port of the Islands Marina** has purchased 30 acres at the corner of Tamiami Trail and Southwest Boulevard from TIB Bank for \$2,025,000. Dan O'Berski and Matt Fredrickson of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

► **RBC Bank** has renewed its lease for 6,810 square feet of office space at Newgate Center, 5150 Tamiami Trail N., from Executive Development Corp. Scott Dunnuck, Dan O'Berski, Doris Taylor and Matt Fredrickson of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction. ■

Sater Group wins design contract in China

The Sater Group, a Bonita Springs-based design firm, has been awarded a residential luxury villa project in Xiamen and will provide architectural designs and collaborate on overall community design for the new luxury home development.

Led by Dan Sater, The Sater Group has provided custom residential designs for more than 26 years. Sater designs have won more than 450 awards and a half dozen international community design commissions.

"It's very exciting, and challenging, to work in places so very different from Florida," says Dan Sater II. "The concepts of luxury are the same, but these cultures have different needs for what is included in the home." ■



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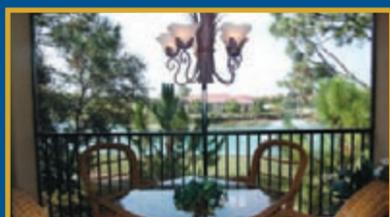
VASARI \$349,900

3 bed/2bath plus den 2nd floor carriage home with attached garage, Professionally decorated with loads of upgrades!



VASARI 349,000

Spacious carriage home boasts 3 large bedrooms+ Den 2 full baths. Bundled golf, tennis and CC amenities included.



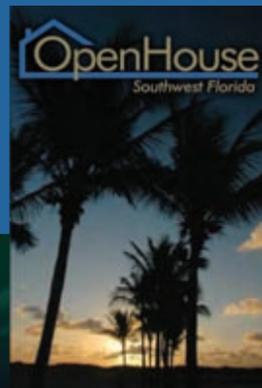
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Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



GULF SHORE BLVD. S. ▲ Beachfront cottage with gorgeous Nantucket-style! Renovated, spacious rooms respect the beauty and structure of its 1916 origins while offering the comforts of modern updates. Separate guest house. **\$6,500,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



382 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. ▲ One block to beach! Gracious luxury 4BR home, 6 full and 3 half-baths, media room, Summer kitchen, heated pool & spa. **\$4,990,000** | Susan Barton | 860-1412



202 - 9TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ Brand new home 2 blocks to beach, near downtown. Five bedroom/5BA plus 2 half-baths. Pool/spa. Fall '10 completion. **\$4,200,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



155 - 20TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ One block to beach! Built in 2008. Over 5,300 A/C SF, 4BRs plus den and bonus lounge. Heated pool/spa. Furnished. **\$3,995,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



PAR LA VILLE ▲ Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches, and is one block off of 5th Avenue shops and dining. **\$3,650,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



PAR LA VILLE #5 ▲ Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches, and is one block off of 5th Avenue shops and dining. **\$2,495,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



663 - 11TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ Fabulous new construction! A distinctive Florida style with maple wood floors & 10' ceilings. Lanai; pool. **\$1,795,000**
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



NAPLES BAY RESORT- THE RESIDENCES #C209 ▲ Gorgeous 3-story custom-painted villa with 2-car garage. Wood flooring, chiseled marble, fireplace, 3BRs+den. Five private balconies; breathtaking bay views. **\$1,750,000** | Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004



2ND AVENUE NORTH ▲ A beautiful large lot (100'x150') just 5 houses from the beach. Located on a pretty tree-lined street just minutes from all that downtown has to offer. Older home on property being sold "As-Is". **\$1,750,000** | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



CASA BELLA ▲ 458 - 11th Avenue South Updates include faux paint, hand rubbed finishes & built-ins. Elevator. Plunge pool, outdoor kitchen & fireplace. **\$1,700,000**
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



ISLA MAR ▲ 1006 - 5th Street South #503 - Coveted top-floor condominium with 3 bedroom suites & roof-top patio. Low-density complex, tropical pool/spa area. **\$1,700,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



PARKSIDE OFF FIFTH #202 ▲ Sophisticated urban living! High-end quality, uniquely designed one-of-a-kind 3BR+den. Lush tropical garden courtyard with large pool & hot tub. Walk to beach, shops & restaurants. **\$1,349,000**
Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



RIDGE LAKE ▲ Charming renovated lakefront home in a very private location. Natural wood-beamed ceilings, fireplace & stone floors. Oversized pool/lanai, 1BR/1BA guest cottage offers privacy to guests or tenants. **\$1,290,000**
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



11TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage home with southern exposure. Walk to downtown shops and beaches. New paint, tile and carpet. Homesite size is 67' x 150'. House is being sold in as-is condition. **\$1,200,000** | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



VILLAS VERONA ▲ 259 - 4th Ave. S. #105 Two blocks to the beach & 1 block to 5th Ave. S. Private heated pool/spa, 2BRs+den, 2 full baths & one half-bath. **\$1,195,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



456 - 9TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ Charming 3BR/2BA cottage. Family room, updated appliances, tile floors. S. exposure pool, near beach, shops/dining. **\$1,049,000**
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OLD NAPLES - COLONNADE ON 5TH ▲ Beautifully appointed 3BR/2.5BA with south facing lanai. Professionally decorated, secured parking. Walk to dining, shopping & beach. Meets the latest hurricane codes. **\$859,000**
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3RD AVENUE SOUTH ▲ This home is actually 3 rental units. Main house is a duplex, each unit is a 1BR/1BA. The guest house is a 1 bedroom, 2 bath. All with great rental history. This lot is also zoned for multi-family. **\$799,995**
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VILLA D'ANNA ▲ 974 - 5th Street South Light, freshly painted, flexible 3BR/3BA + den plan. Tropical private courtyard. Close to Gulf, shopping & dining. **\$745,000**
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



PERGOLA VILLAS ▲ A charming 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath townhouse built by Burt Binder. Updated kitchen, 18-inch tile, plantation shutters. Plunge pool and waterfall feature. Walk to Gulf beaches. **\$720,000** | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL #A322 ▲ Quiet, top floor 2BR, 2BA (whirlpool soaking tub) on an end location. Sunset water & dock views. NE balcony views city/bay. Marina, boat rentals, quaint shops & fine restaurants. **\$595,000**
Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



WARWICK #104 ▲ A perfect location just 2 blocks to beach! Great restaurants and shops are just a short stroll away. Beautifully renovated in 2007, 2BR+den, updates galore, glass-enclosed porch overlooks gardens. **\$574,000** | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513



BELLASERA RESORT #215 ▲ Boutique hotel condominium offering full home amenities. Elegantly decorated and professionally managed. Room service available, courtyard surrounds pool area. Minutes to beach, shops & dining. **\$429,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



PETTIT SQUARE ▲ 292 14th Avenue South #B - A beautiful pied-a-terre in a low-density condominium complex. Lovely great room, steps to shops, dining & beach. **\$399,000**
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MARCO ISLAND



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲ Rare opportunity to own one of Hideaway's premier beachfront homes with guest suite. Luxurious appointments throughout this 6 plus bedroom residence with 8,800 SF of living area. Beach & Gulf views. **\$8,900,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



SHORES COURT ▲ A boater's dream with 691' of direct access-protected water frontage. Views of Gulf, sunsets, 10,000 Islands and more! Six BR suites, theatre, exercise room with sauna, 3 boat lifts & 2 jet ski lifts. **\$7,500,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



MADEIRA #PH-202 ▲ Luxurious beachfront lifestyle! An exceptional top floor penthouse, 6,500+ SF of living area. Breathtaking Gulf/island vistas, 2,140 SF of terraces. Unparalleled amenities. Seller financing available. **\$7,495,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



ALAMEDA COURT ▲ A European chateau with guest residence on Robert's Bay with 354' of frontage blends Old World artistry & modern technology. Almost 9,900 SF living area, 14,495 total + dock with direct Gulf access. **\$7,425,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



CAXAMBAS COURT ▲ One-of-a-kind, Slocum-Christian, waterfront home with 245' of direct access water frontage. Old French manor ambiance with detailed luxury appointments and quality throughout. Great docking facility. **\$6,900,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



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CAXAMBAS DRIVE ▲ Escape to this secluded residence on Barfield Bay. Far-reaching views across preserve and Bay. Custom built in 2010 sprawling 5 bedroom, 5 full and 2 half-bath estate w/rooftop terrace, pool, spa. **\$5,350,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲ Custom-built modern architectural masterpiece with 152' on pristine beach. Panoramic vistas of beach, Gulf, sunsets and nature. Quality craftsmanship and luxury appointments abound. FURNISHED. **\$5,000,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



CAXAMBAS DRIVE ▲ Extremely private location on natural shoreline along Barfield Bay. Quick direct access & panoramic vistas of Bay, nature & wildlife. Fishing pier/boat docks. Custom built Slocum & Christian home. **\$3,190,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model. Panoramic lake and fairway views abound. Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs, 5 full BAs + 2 half baths. **\$4,995,000** | Melissa Williams | 248-7238



ESTUARY ▲
Furnished. Marble and wood floors, wine cellar, media room, lanai, fireplace, & outdoor kitchen. Lake/golf views. **\$4,950,000** | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



ESTUARY ▲
Grand waterscapes, long golf course views, magnificent, 5BR/4.5BA Harwick built home. Lot and a half, 4-car garage. **\$4,899,000** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903



ESTUARY ▲
Monterey-style luxury & architecture abound in this 4BR+den lakefront home. Pool, gas fireplace, spa, 3-car garage. **\$3,500,000**
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INDIGOBUSH WAY ▲
Exquisitely furnished 4BR custom estate. Study, game, exercise & family rooms. Pool/spa overlook lake/golf course. **\$2,870,000** | Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004



ESTUARY - NOBLE HERON ▲ Four BR plus den, 4 full and 2 half-baths. Marble and wood floors, gas cooking, Pool/ spa, fireplace. **\$2,395,000**
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ISLA VISTA ▲
Double fairway and lake views. Large pool with wading area, hot tub with fountain & sheer descent privacy waterfall. **\$1,849,000**
Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



ESTUARY ▲
Gorgeous 4BR, den, 4full/2 half BAs offered furnished. Lake & golf views. Summer kitchen, grill, custom pool/spa. **\$1,799,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



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MULBERRY ROW ▲
7645 Mulberry Lane - Expansive lake views, 3BRs plus den, professional decor, crown moulding, heated pool and summer kitchen. **\$895,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851



CRANBERRY CROSSING ▲
Turnkey furnished former model features decorator touches throughout, 3 bedrooms + den, Pool/spa overlooking lake. **\$890,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851



MULBERRY ROW ▲
7630 Mulberry Lane - Landscaping surrounds the lanai, waterfall, heated pool/spa, and built-in grill. Three bedrooms plus den, 3 baths. **\$789,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851



MALLARDS POINT ▲
Quiet cul-de-sac, 3,927 SF of living area, 5 bedrooms including cabana, 4 baths, loft. Wide lake views. Pool/spa. **\$749,900** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



CRANBERRY CROSSING ▲
Popular village. Featuring 3BRs including 2,524 A/C SF, private guest cabana, pool, spa & a 2-car garage. **\$749,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



BELLAGIO ▲
Beautifully furnished and decorated former 3BR model pool home with western exposure lake views. Golf/beach/marina. **\$749,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



MALLARDS LANDING ▲
On the Creek with dock! SW exposure, preserve views. Pool/spa, upgrades, 3BR/2BA home. Golf, tennis, Club & more! **\$699,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



SERENA ▲
Lovely 3BR plus office, 3,000+ SF A/C, oversized tile, custom cabinets, private elevator & many upgrades! **\$690,000**
Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288



CASCADA ▲
Panoramic golf/water views! Three bedroom plus study with coffered ceilings and expanded kitchen. **\$689,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



CASCADA ▲
Great golf course views, charming 3BR/3BA+office. Renovated kitchen & bathroom, new carpet & A/C system. Furnished. **\$658,000**
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SERENA ▲
Furnished home w/large lanai overlooks lake. Three bedrooms + den, 3 baths, family room & living room, 2-car garage. **\$499,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



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This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath condominium is in immaculate condition. Seller will even consider trade. **\$259,000** | Richard Marquardt & Lori Pheasant | 289-4158

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MULBERRY ROW 7750 Mulberry Lane - Stunning home with golf course views! Fully furnished 4BR/4.5BA with 3-car garage. Pool, spa and summer kitchen. **\$1,100,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

MENAGGIO 9279 Menaggio Court #201 - Stunning luxury decorator furnished 3BR/3BA + study coach home with western lake view. Golf, beach, Club & Spa. **\$1,100,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

BELLAGIO 8597 Bellagio Drive - Beautifully furnished 3 BR + den home on the creek bordering a preserve. Negative-edge pool/spa. Private boat dock. **\$998,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

SERENA 3198 Serenity Court #201 - Beautifully furnished residence with private elevator. Over 3,000 SF of living area, 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths. **\$829,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

MALLARDS LANDING 8455 Mallards Way - Beautiful lake views! Immaculate home. Spacious bedrooms, negative-edge pool & spa. GE Profile kitchen appliances. **\$498,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

CRANBERRY CROSSING 9127 Cherry Oaks Lane - Priced to sell! Beautifully furnished 3 BR home. Award-winning Club & Spa, golf and marina memberships available. **\$495,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

DEER CROSSING 3990 Deer Crossing #201 - Lake and golf views. This 3 bedroom plus den is very private with large lanai and 2-car garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$399,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851

PEPPER TREE 8541 Pepper Tree Way - Beautiful lake views, private lanai with pool & spa. Attractively furnished 3BR/2BA with many special features. **\$399,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851

CHERRY OAKS 9131 Cherry Oaks Lane - Priced to sell! Nearly new 3BR home. Award-winning Club and Spa. Private golf & beach/marina memberships available. **\$398,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

DEER CROSSING 3960 Deer Crossing Court #203 - Gorgeous S. exposure golf course views! Spacious 3BR/2BA coach home. Golf, beach, tennis, marina, club and spa! **\$519,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

CARDINAL COVE 4574 Cardinal Cove Lane - Spectacular lake view! Furnished end residence w/ 2 large BRs + den. French doors, tile on diagonal, gas stove. **\$299,900** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

LAGUNA 9283 Museo Circle #103 - Long lake views. Furnished, open plan 3BR/3BA plus family room coach home. Two-car garage, endless area amenities. **\$299,000** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

DEER CROSSING 3970 Deer Crossing Court #203 - Beautiful lake & golf course view! Over 2,100 SF under air, 3BRs, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings. Furnished. **\$299,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851

CARDINAL COVE 4521 Cardinal Cove - Immaculately maintained split-plan 3BR/2BA attached villa. Turnkey furnished, courtyard, 2-car garage & lake views. **\$279,000** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

BENT CREEK VILLAGE 8472 Bent Creek Way - An immaculate 3BR villa with lake views and southwestern exposure. Professionally decorated property. Furnished. **\$265,000** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

BENT CREEK VILLAGE 8467 Bent Creek Way - Beautiful views over landscaped grounds & lake in a very private setting. Spacious 3BR/2BA, 2-car attached garage. **\$240,000** | ML Meade | 293-4851

VARENNA 9213 Museo Circle #103 - Bright, split 3BR/3BA floor plan, large lanai, wide lake view. Attractively priced, 2-car garage. Great amenities. **\$194,500** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

CARDINAL COVE 4510 Cardinal Cove Lane - Very private 2BR/2BA villa with attached 2-car garage and lake views. No residences above or below! Club and Spa. **\$184,900** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

WHISPER TRACE 8305 Whisper Trace Way #101 - Turnkey furnished, immaculate 3BR/2BA. New A/C, preserve views. Gated community with club/spa & fabulous amenities. **\$165,000** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

WHISPER TRACE 8350 Whisper Trace #102 - Coach home w/ 2BRs/2BAs, hardwood floors, upgraded cabinets in kitchen/bath. Pretty lake views. Close to pool. **\$159,000** | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288

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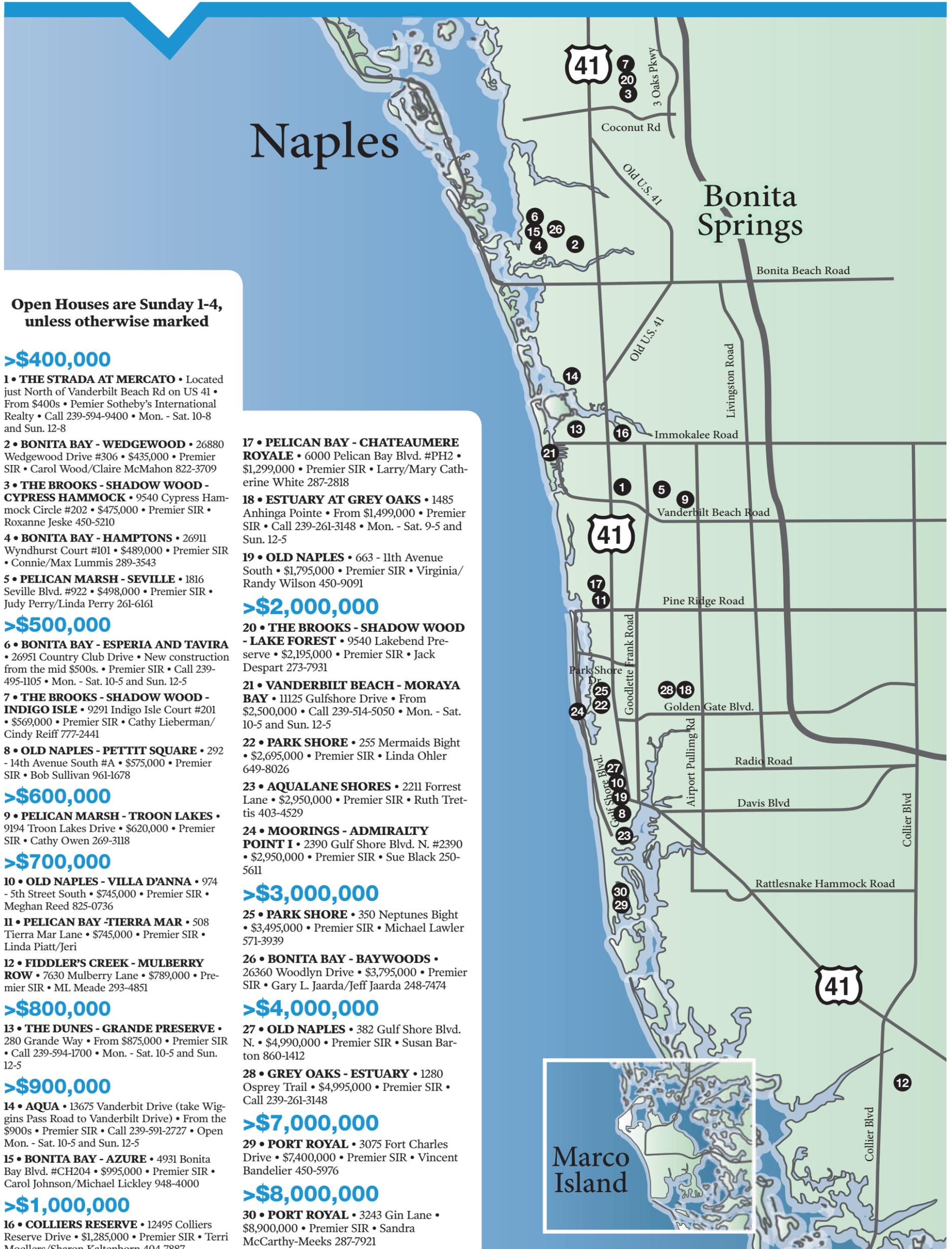
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- 7 • THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - INDIGO ISLE** • 9291 Indigo Isle Court #201 • \$569,000 • Premier SIR • Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff 777-2441
- 8 • OLD NAPLES - PETTIT SQUARE** • 292 - 14th Avenue South #A • \$575,000 • Premier SIR • Bob Sullivan 961-1678

>\$600,000

- 9 • PELICAN MARSH - TROON LAKES** • 9194 Troon Lakes Drive • \$620,000 • Premier SIR • Cathy Owen 269-3118

>\$700,000

- 10 • OLD NAPLES - VILLA D'ANNA** • 974 - 5th Street South • \$745,000 • Premier SIR • Meghan Reed 825-0736
- 11 • PELICAN BAY - TIERRA MAR** • 508 Tierra Mar Lane • \$745,000 • Premier SIR • Linda Piatt/Jeri
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MOORINGS ▲
 325 Windward Way - Wide Bay views, 4BR/4.5BA+den. Two-story floor plan, elevator, outdoor living space, pool/spa. Direct access dock.
\$4,900,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



PARK SHORE ▲ Wide water views from recently updated, 2-story luxurious waterfront property offering 5 bedrooms, den and 6 baths.
\$4,495,000
 Paula Sims /Julie Rembos | 262-6600



MOORINGS ▲
 Rare opportunity for no bridge access to Gulf & S. exposure property with 122 ft. on the water, 4BR+den, pool/spa.
\$3,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE ▲
 Luxuriously appointed waterfront villas offer exquisite views Mooring Bay, deeded boat slips.
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PARK SHORE ▲ 350 Neptunes Bight Fountains grace entry of this 4BR+ den two-level home. Overlooks bay, Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock.
\$3,495,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE ▲
 Sensational Bay view! Unique waterfront 4BR+den villa, over 3900 SF. Private pool, spa & dock in a gated village!
\$3,200,000
 Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



MOORINGS ▲
 Double lot waterfront residence with 100 ft. on the water, 4BR/3.5BA, solar heated pool & spa, boat dock with lift.
\$2,999,500 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



PARK SHORE ▲
 Waterfront 3 bedroom plus study home with multiple open and screened lanais, heated pool/spa. Dock with lift.
\$2,950,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲
 Located seconds from the Gulf of Mexico with direct access. Commanding views, 100 ft. on the bay, 3BR/3BA + den.
\$2,695,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



PARK SHORE ▲
 255 Mermaids Bight - Waterfront 4BR plus den, 5BA, 3,911 A/C SF home. Outdoor grill, pool and spa. 3-car garage and cul-de-sac location.
\$2,695,000 | Linda Ohler | 404-6460



MOORINGS ▲
 Ideal S. exposure, 4BR/4.5BA, sophisticated details, exquisite landscaping. Pool/spa, 4-car garage, beach access.
\$2,495,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲
 Commanding bay views from striking 4BR plus den home with multiple private courtyards and gorgeous landscaping.
\$2,195,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲
 Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marble/wood floors.
\$1,995,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



COQUINA SANDS ▲
 Updated 4BR with 2,337 A/C SF, large lanai/pool deck and SW exposure. 145' on the water. Dock with 16,000 lb. lift.
\$1,890,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



PARK SHORE ▲
 Fine accoutrements & amenities in this 4 BR/5.5BA & den home. Dramatic wood & beamed ceiling. Six-burner gas stove.
\$1,795,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



PARK SHORE ▲
 Enjoy bay views and boating with easy Gulf access from this 4BR, 2,566 A/C SF. 145'x191'x77'x154' sized lot.
\$1,750,000 | Steve Smiley | 298-4327



COQUINA SANDS ▲
 Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113'x197'x110'x195' Close to beaches, shopping & dining.
\$1,640,000
 Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



PARK SHORE ▲
 Waterfront property on Venetian Bay with 116' of water frontage with only 1 bridge to the Gulf. Close to the beach.
\$1,495,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



SEAGATE ▲
 Waterfront living, walk to beach. Custom-designed 5BR/3.5BA + den 2-story pool home, 5,015 total sq. ft. Boat dock.
\$1,399,900
 Paula Sims /Julie Rembos | 262-6600



MOORINGS - FAIRWAY TERRACE ▲
 Blocks to the beach. Decorator ready 4BR+den with 3,914 SF A/C. Two story, Key West exterior, lanai has pool & spa.
\$1,350,000
 Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



PARK SHORE - COLONY GARDENS ▲
 Remodeled 1st floor 3BR/3BA. Gorgeous new kitchen, walk out to pool & Bay. Boat docks available, pet friendly.
\$850,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



PARK SHORE ▲ 743 Old Trail Drive Painted & staged to current trends, 3BR/2.5BA, heated pool. Private Beach Club membership and boat slips available.
\$849,000
 Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



MOORINGS ▲
 Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Wood floors, moldings, granite, SS appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views.
\$795,000 | Mary Smallwood | 293-0349



PARK SHORE ▲
 Lovely 3BR/2BA pool home. Walk to beach & shops. Very private, spacious screened pool area with large side yard.
\$650,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170



PARK SHORE - COLONADE ▲
 "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters & 10' ceilings.
\$649,000 | Linda Ohler | 404-6460



MOORINGS ▲
 Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA home, large, elevated corner lot. Heated pool, convenient to beach, shops & dining.
\$645,000
 Linda Perry /Judy Perry | 261-6161



PARK SHORE - PIEDMONT CLUB ▲
 Finely appointed 3BR, 3BA with wide western bay views! Turnkey furnished. Intimate complex with bayside pool.
\$599,900 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



COQUINA SANDS ▲
 Exceptional property located on one of Coquina's loveliest streets. Build your in this neighborhood near the beach.
\$599,000 | Steve Smiley | 298-4327



PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS ▲
 Walk to beach. Remodeled 2BR + den has every upgrade you could need! Spectacular Bay views from AC lanai.
\$599,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



PARK SHORE - VILLAS OF PARK SHORE ▲
 Serene 2BR/2.5BA plus den villa flooded with morning sunlight! Glassed/screened lanai. Walk to beach, shops/dining.
\$575,000
 Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



PARK SHORE ▲
 Desirable southern exposure 3BR home. Floor plan offers easy expansion & remodeling opportunities. Screened pool.
\$575,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲
 Fabulous location! Three bedrooms, incredible views of Venetian Bay. Steps to beach, fine dining and shopping.
\$539,900
 Paula Sims /Julie Rembos | 262-6600



PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS ▲
 New hurricane impact windows throughout. Splendid view of Bay from 2BR, 2BA. New SS kitchen appliances.
\$525,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS ▲
 Long Venetian Bay views, new carpet/paint. Corner 2 bedroom with windows on 3 sides for a light, bright interior.
\$450,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲
 Wonderful water views from this 2BR/2BA residence. Beach access. Stroll to Venetian Village dining and shopping.
\$325,000
 Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



PARK SHORE - HARBORSIDE TERRACE ▲
 This stand alone 3BR features 3 exposures plus a sunny tiled lanai. Kitchen and baths remodeled. Eat-in kitchen.
\$295,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



PARK SHORE - BELAIR CLUB ▲
 Terrific value! Newly renovated, bright 1st floor 2BR/2BA condominium, gorgeous views, 2 minutes to private beach.
\$285,000 | Keith Alexander | 250-5156



PARK SHORE - JACARANDA ▲
 Inviting 2BR, 2BA ready to enjoy. Friendly complex, excellent location. Covered parking, community pool.
\$235,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



MOORINGS - NAVARRA CLUB ▲
 First floor 2BR/2BA, southern exposure & private landscaped view. Nicely upgraded, new features, minutes to beach.
\$235,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



VENETIAN BAY YACHT CLUB
 Boat Docks Available to Park Shore property owners. Gulf access through Doctors Pass. Ample parking, electric & water available. From \$29,900
 Call 261-6161 or 659-0099



Port Royal, 1145 Galleon Dr - Situated on 1.5 Port Royal lots w/wide water views of Naples Bay. Formal living & dining, open kitchen/family room. Tropical pool area, summer kit. & boat dock. 6 or More/8+2half (H3740) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$10,995,000**



Port Royal, 3530 Fort Charles Dr - Tropical retreat fronting no-bridges, Gulf access canal. 2-story home w/marble floors, fireplace, formal living & dining, poolside guest suites. 40' boat dock. 6 or More/6.5 (H3228) Donald E. Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$3,950,000**



Barefoot Beach, 224 Malibu Cv - Premium location for estate home that was rebuilt in 2007 w/sweeping views of the Bay. WALK to BEACH, 2 boat docks w/lifts, chef's kitchen, Jerusalem Stone flrs. 4+Den/4.5 (H4981) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$3,750,000**



Royal Harbor, 1680 Dolphin Ct - Amazing home built in 2008. Naples Bay views. 4,600 SF living space, formal living & dining, fam rm, den, 1st fl master, sum kit, 61' boat dock. 5+Den/4+2half (H4456) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$2,890,000**



Old Naples, 154 4th Ave N - Just steps to the beach, this Florida style home w/large veranda nestles into lush landscape w/spacious outdoor living & privacy all around. Open floor plan. 3+Den/3.5 (H5399) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$2,000,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 368 Bayside Ave - Enjoy waterfront living at this large SW exp, bay-front property. Captivating panoramic views, located on a point at the tip Bayside Ave, Gulf access. 2/2 (H4947) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$1,100,000**



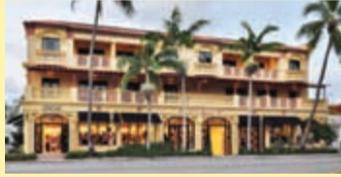
Pirates Cove, 27208 Gasparilla Dr - Imperial River Front, 3 Bedroom, The Barbados, 2000 SF home plan by award winning, Weber Design Group. 3/3 (H4896) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$979,900**



Vanderbilt Beach, 328 Heron Ave - Connors - Southern exp & wide canal are just the start for this home. Remodeled home w/fabulous views & a boaters dream. Enjoy coffee on your dock or patio. 2/2 (H4854) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$769,900**



Cove Towers, 425 Cove Tower Dr, #604 - End-unit condo w/view of Gulf, Bay, Wiggins Pass & Naples skyline! Shows like model w/many custom finishes. Club Mbrshp includes beach shuttle, dining & more. 3+Den/3 (C6842) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$760,000**



Old Naples, 555 5th Avenue S #201 - Lofted Gulf Breeze, gentle air from the Southwest. Finished w/the utmost craftsmanship & of materials of the finest quality. & superior architecture. 2+Den/2 (C5121) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$729,900**



West Bay Club, 22236 Natures Cove Ct - Relax by enjoying our private Beach Club, Boating, Pete Dye Golf Course, Tennis Center, resort-style Fitness Center & Pool, or 500 preserve acres. Call today! 3/3 (H5089) Diana Coyle, 220-4534 **\$725,000**



Pelican Bay, 7008 Pelican Bay Blvd, #203 - Mid-rise w/panoramic golf views from every window. Over 1800 SF w/large lanai & 2 balconies. Park under bldg w/extra storage. Convenient to tram & boardwalk. 3/2 (C6528) Helen Janssen, 450-7437 **\$679,000**



Banyan Woods, 4980 Rustic Oaks Cir - Modified Catalina floor plan allows more open area in kitchen & family room. Home has an upgraded allergy free A/C system w/air purifier. 3+Den/3 (H4031) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$659,000**



Kensington, 5049 Kensington High St - Private Setting! Bright & spacious courtyard home w/separate cabana. Beautiful lanai area w/pool & spa. Golf membership available. 4/3 (H5242) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$629,550**



Mediterra, 15509 Monterosso Ln, #102 - Loaded w/extras & professionally furnished. Spectacular long range lake views & is within walking distance to the Mediterra clubhouse. 3/2.5 (C5214) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$600,000**



The Dunes, 325 Dunes Blvd, #405 - WOW! The Lanai gives you outstanding views of Turkey Bay to the West & North. All the upgrades you would expect, plus fabulous amenities!. 3/2 (C5090) Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$580,000**



Highland Woods, 26491 Summer Greens Dr - Wonderful decor! Large private pool home on corner, overlooks golf & lake. Built-ins in family room, 3 car garage. Private golf & tennis included. Near beach. 4/3 (H3385) Sandi Meyer, 248-7934 **\$518,000**



Vineyards, 554 Avellino Isles Cir #102 - Pvt, peaceful, unobstructed panorama of Vineyard's north course just beyond lake. Neutral color palette. Lg tile in living areas. Granite countertop, SS appls. 3/2.5 (C6131) Lynn H. Fulton, 293-3125 **\$499,999**



Olde Cypress, 2854 Lone Pine Ln - Beautiful 4 bedroom home loaded w/ upgrades w/golf course view & southern exposure to let in as much of the Florida sun as possible!. 4/3 (H4927) Matthew Klinowski, 370-0892 **\$499,500**



Naples Lakes Country Club, 4740 Cerromar Dr - Well maintained "Franklin" model. Pool, hurricane shutters, pillared columns. Bundled golf course designed by Arnold Palmer. Seller offers a 1 year HO Warranty! 2+Den/2 (H5345) Annemarie M. Giannini, 289-1820 **\$499,000**



Highland Woods, 26201 Summer Greens Dr - Updated St. Charles great room, pool home. Big golf course view. Granite kitchen, upgraded cabinets, plantation shutters, elec storm shutters. Will go fast!. 3+Den/2 (H5316) Sandi Meyer, 248-7934 **\$495,000**



Banyan Woods, 5001 Maxwell Cir, #201 - View! Location! Spaciousness! Gorgeous 2nd floor coach home w/private elevator. Stunning features & details make this a unique property in an ideal location. 3+Den/3 (C7047) Linda Loomis, P.A., 451-0769 **\$450,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 4393 11th Ave SW - Beautifully maintained pool home on 2.73 acres W of Collier Blvd. Upgraded kitchen & baths, paint, carpet & more. Out-bldg is 1500 sf w/3 full bays & car lift. 3/2.5 (H5398) Matthew Klinowski, 370-0892 **\$449,000**



Royal Palm Golf Estates, 18001 Broadview Dr - Absolutely beautiful home w/fine golf course view. Enjoy a peaceful setting w/low fees. A pleasure to show!. 4+Den/3 (H5389) Keith A. Marvelle, 659-6344 **\$350,000**



Waterfront In Naples, 2206 Anchorage Ln, #C - Hidden away & loaded w/upgrades, elegant w/privacy, boating possibilities & Gulf access. Professionally decorated w/top of line finishes & minutes to downtown. 3+Den/2 (C6319) Mary Naylor, 784-1689 **\$350,000**



Waterfront in Naples, 2206 Anchorage Ln, #2206-D - Lovingly cared for & upgraded w/privacy & nature all around, this 3/2 +den is warm & inviting. Dockage avail w/gulf access. 3+Den/2 (C6300) Mary Naylor, 784-1689 **\$350,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 6030 Sea Grass Ln - Opportunity to own 3/2 home & 2/1 guest home west of Santa Barbara. Great location, pool, fireplace, fruit trees, storage shed & more. Very nice property!. 3/2 (H4111) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$350,000**



Vineyards, 156 Spring Lake Cir - Oak Colony; picturesque hamlet of 14 homes. Villa w/many features including plantation shutters, 2car garage, hurricane protection & private back yard. 3/2 (H4367) Bobbie Dusek, 659-6132 **\$349,000**



Stonebridge, 1675 Winding Oaks Way, #202 - All Inclusive Golf Comm continues to be one of the most desirable N. Naples CC communities. Spacious 2nd fl home w/open fl plan. Views to preserve on cul-de-sac. 3/2 (C6381) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$348,000**



Cypress Woods Golf & Country Club, 3885 Jasmine Lake Cir - Enjoy bundled golf & spectacular lake view from this well maintained former model home. Ready to move in! Turnkey furnished. Heated pool/spa. Gated community. 2+Den/2 (H5373) Annemarie M. Giannini, 289-1820 **\$299,000**



The Reserve At Estero, 9305 La Bianco St - Enjoy life in this sunny, bright, open & spacious great room design home perfect for the casual Florida lifestyle in an amenity rich gated community. 2+Den/2 (H5326) Sarah Thompson, 398-8333, Darline Hillard, 273-4444 **\$289,000**



Moorings, 3100 Binnacle Dr, #302 - Sophisticated updating in this 3rd fl Port Side Club unit. Lake view from lanai & master. Well managed, financially stable assoc. Pvt Mooring Bch Club included. 2/2 (C6200) Lynn H. Fulton, 293-3125 **\$288,000**



Forest Glen, 3896 Forest Glen Blvd, #101 - Previous Model! Professionally decorated first floor unit overlooking the 6th fairway being offered Turnkey Furnished! A True Must See!. 3/2 (C7042) Matthew Klinowski, 370-0892 **\$269,500**



Worthington, 13120 Southampton Dr - Villa shows like a model. Includes long lake views & perfect southern exposure, large lanai, Jasmine water garden, quiet & serene, newer A/C. Gorgeous!. 3/2 (V1460) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad, 851-6918 **\$259,000**



Ocean Terrace, 1500 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #NW3 - Perfect Snowbird beach nest. Directly across from Lowdermill Park Beach. 2/1 1/2 ready for creative upgrading. Sunsets over the gulf at a great price. 2/1.5 (C6900) Bobbie Dusek, 659-6132 **\$259,000**

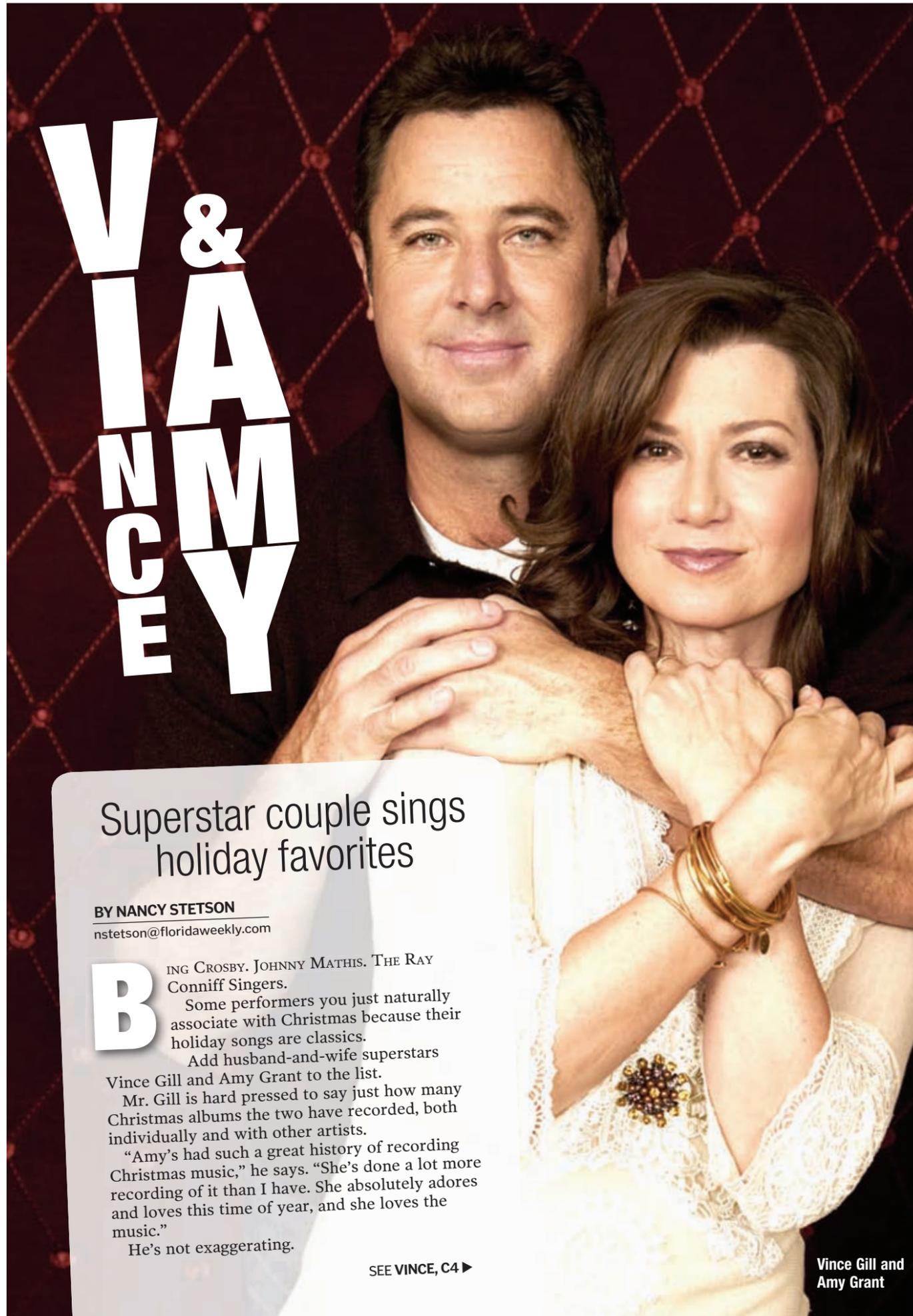


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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



V & A N & G C & E

Superstar couple sings holiday favorites

BY NANCY STETSON
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BING CROSBY. JOHNNY MATHIS. THE RAY Conniff Singers. Some performers you just naturally associate with Christmas because their holiday songs are classics.

Add husband-and-wife superstars Vince Gill and Amy Grant to the list.

Mr. Gill is hard pressed to say just how many Christmas albums the two have recorded, both individually and with other artists.

"Amy's had such a great history of recording Christmas music," he says. "She's done a lot more recording of it than I have. She absolutely adores and loves this time of year, and she loves the music."

He's not exaggerating.

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Vince Gill and Amy Grant

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Get your fill of art by locals in the park

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Art in the Park, Naples' oldest outdoor art festival continues its 54th season from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, along Park Street to the west of The von Liebig Art Center. Sponsored by the Naples Art Association on the first Saturday of the month November through April, the festival showcases work by artist members of the association.

Potter and ceramics teacher Donna Torrance, the featured artist for December, will conduct demonstrations from noon to 4 p.m. In addition



to the wheel-throwing exhibitions, Ms. Torrance will supply bowls created by local students and potters for Art in the Park visitors to paint for the Naples Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank (an Empty Bowls event at FGCU takes place this Friday, Dec. 3; the fifth annual Naples event is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Cambier Park).

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Donna Torrance



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Letters from an angry mother



It's a sad dating reality that many relationships end in heartache. If you're not getting married, then you're probably splitting up. Sometimes you're the one doing the breaking, and sometimes you're on the receiving end. It evens out over the long haul, which means there's no reason to drag your mother into it.

Amit and I dated for almost a year. He was smart and handsome, had a thing for hip-hop and a way with a spreadsheet. His mother was meddlesome, displeased with her youngest son's dating choice (Amit's older brother had just wedded an Indian girl from a good family in an arranged marriage).

Despite his mother, Amit and I slogged through our relationship. He was funny — funnier than me, he said — and could talk sports scores and current events. That we didn't share the same background, that my Florida crackerness did not match up with his Indian Diaspora, never seemed to matter. We ate in Haitian restaurants and visited Little Havana, and when a man selling Barack Obama condoms on the street in Vegas pitched us with, "Interracial couples love these," I glowed to think what a modern pair we were.

But even modern couples don't always

make it.

Amit and I had limited chemistry, not enough of the magic it takes for romance to work. He must have known this on some level, but it was me who did the breaking. The split was messy, and it was sad and difficult to put things right afterward. So we parted ways, destined to be one of those couples that do not remain friends.

I still think of him sometimes, but mostly I've shelved that period of my life.

What a surprise, then, to discover an e-mail in my inbox this morning. From his mother.

"I hope you never have peace," she wrote, "and may happiness ALWAYS avoid you and I hope you rot in hell for what you did to my son."

A fist formed tight in my gut and I raised my hand to my throat, the way I do when I hear bad news, when something terrible has happened. I imagined the worst, an unexpected death, a suicide. I fretted about whom to contact. Who could tell me what had happened?

In my search, I found Amit's phone number in a document that had escaped the post-breakup purge. As I dialed, I briefly wondered who would answer and what I would say, but there was no time for hesitation. Someone answered on the second ring.

"This is Amit," he said.

I held the phone for a second, not sure what to do now that he was on the line.

"Are you all right?" I asked finally.

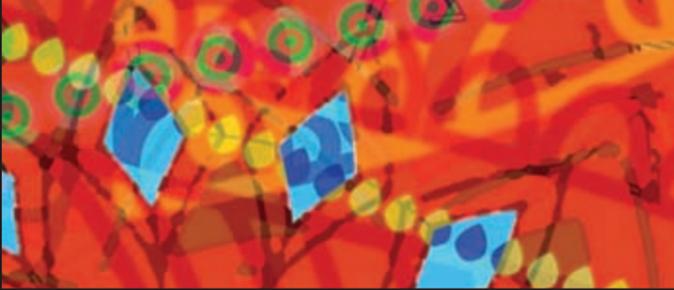


"...may happiness ALWAYS avoid you and I hope you rot in hell for what you did to my son..."

"I'm fine," he said. He sounded perplexed, surprised to hear from me. "Why? Did someone say something?"

Suddenly, I felt silly. There I was calling him in the early morning hours, a year since we had last spoken, asking if he was okay. He was calm. Brusque, even. I was the fool.

As I hung up the phone, I thought of his mother, protecting her son with threats and curses. I was glad to be out from under her spell. ■


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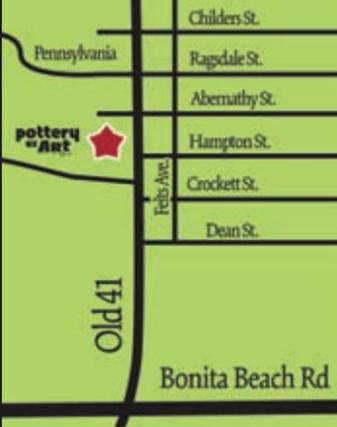
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Contemporary jewelry shines at gallery

BY PEG LONSTRETH
Special To Florida Weekly

Trudy Labell Fine Art Gallery holds its second annual Contemporary Jewelry Show from noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Wishing

Well Foundation. Beginning her 34th year as a contemporary art dealer, Ms. Labell is a founding member and vice president of the Naples Fine Art Dealers Association. Originally based in Boston, she and her husband Mel have created a must-see gallery for Neapolitan residents and visitors interested in fine contemporary art in the Big-ham Galleria at 2425 Tamiami Trail N.

Given that such venerable institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Art Institute of Chicago now showcase both fine art jewelry and costume departments within their museums, Ms. Labell believes the addition of carefully selected pieces of jewelry by fine artisans make a fine addition to her gallery. Representing 12 artisans, this year's Contemporary Jewelry Show features necklaces, earrings, pins, rings and bracelets, some of them airy wisps of gold or silver and others starkly contemporary statements in a variety of materials.

Firmly committed to giving back to this community, the Labells will donate 20 percent of all jewelry sales during the show to the Wishing Well Foundation, which serves children who have life-threatening illnesses. ■



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Sterling silver or gold-plated cuffs, by Tana Acton; \$150-\$395.



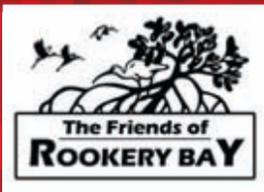
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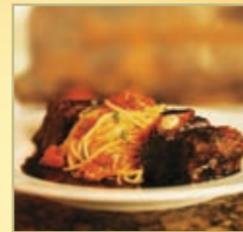
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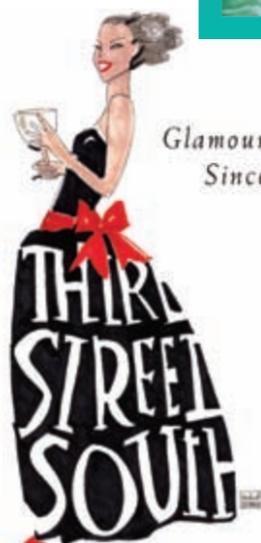
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VINCE

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Ms. Grant's 1983 "A Christmas Album" went platinum. In 1992, her "Home for Christmas" reached No. 2 on the Billboard 200 and No. 1 on Top Holiday Albums and Top Contemporary Christian charts. Her third Christmas album, "A Christmas to Remember" recorded with the Patrick Williams Orchestra, was certified gold and made No. 3 on Top Holiday Albums and No. 1 on the Top Contemporary Christian chart in 1999. She also recorded "Animals' Christmas" with Art Garfunkel in 1986 and also has two Christmas compilation albums under her belt as well.

Mr. Gill has made his own substantial contribution to the holiday musical lexicon, with albums including "Let There Be Peace On Earth" in 1993 and "Breath of Heaven: A Christmas Collection" recorded with the Patrick Williams Orchestra in 1998. In 2000, he released "'Tis the Season," recorded with Olivia Newton-John and the London Symphony Orchestra and distributed by Hallmark Cards. He also has a compilation Christmas CD: "Vince Gill Christmas Collection."

A number of holiday TV specials are also in the prolific performers' repertoire.

"That's basically how we met, doing Christmas shows," Mr. Gill says. "I was doing a TV special in '93... with Chet Atkins, Michael McDonald and Amy (as my guests.) That's the first time we spent any time together. I immediately felt as if I'd made a lifelong friend."

After the special, Ms. Grant was headed to Nashville to do a benefit for the symphony there, so Mr. Gill joined her for several performances at The Grand Ol' Opry.

"Our whole relationship begins with Christmas music, so it has a really soft spot in both of our hearts," he says. "Once we got married, we went out and did Christmas tours. Amy would do one every year, if she could," he adds.

Still deciding what to sing

This year, the two kick off "The Twelve Days of Christmas," their 11-city, 12-night Christmas tour, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota and bring the show to Fort Myers for a Friday, Dec. 10, date at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. (The tour concludes back in Nashville with two nights at the Ryman Auditorium.)

I tell Mr. Gill that the Mann Hall recently hosted The Rockettes' "Christmas Spectacular," with 18 attractive precision dancers and a living nativity complete with two camels, four sheep and a donkey, and jokingly ask him: "How're you gonna top that?"

His response is equally tongue-in-cheek.

"I can out-dance them all," he boasts. "And I'm already a jackass, no problem there." Plus, he says, "I'm bringing my bride. She can trump them all."

On previous Christmas tours, the couple performed with a symphony, but with the current economy, doing so now is "not just very smart from a financial standpoint," Mr. Gill says. "We loved touring with them, but it's an awful lot of people to put in motel rooms."

"We try to pick the songs that work best for the band that we've put together ... I follow Amy's lead in this setting; she's so good at this, it really suits her."

—Vince Gill

This year, they'll do what they did two years ago and travel with a band, "10 or 12 of us, including a horn section. It has orchestral leanings, but we're finding other ways to make it sound big and lush and beautiful. With just a band, it has almost a homey feel. It's a little more intimate."

"It's interesting. When the symphony plays, you have a tendency to be a little more reverent in the way you sit and listen. This is a little more relaxed."

They haven't picked which songs they'll perform yet.

"We try to pick the songs that work best for the band that we've put together," he says. "We want to have it be light, have it be serious, have it say all the things you want to say. I follow Amy's lead in this setting; she's so good at this, it really suits her."

His daughter from his first marriage, Jenny Gill, tours with them as a backup singer.

"There's a lot of family, a lot of love on that stage," Mr. Gill says. "It's really a sweet night."

They'll most likely include "A Christmas Song," "O Holy Night" and a couple of Ms. Grant's compositions, "Tennessee Christmas" and "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)."

"That's one of the most popular songs she wrote," he says of the latter. "That is usually the show stopper."

The two have written some Christmas songs together, including "Baby, It's Christmas," a romantic, jazzy tune.

It's fun but very difficult to write Christmas songs, he says.

"You sit down and start writing about jingle bells and mistletoe, you think it's so lame," he admits. "So you tend to run to the staples, (like) 'I'll Be Home for Christmas.'"

"People love familiarity this time of year... They can sing along. So many were written in that great romantic era, with really great melodies, great chord changes."

"It was such a great era for music, that Big Band sound. 'I'll Be Home for Christmas' was written during World War II. There's a real sadness to it when you know it was about that era, when men and women were apart."

"I think it's a time of year to just be still," he says reflectively. And then, like a true bluegrass artist, he adds, "I prefer sad songs. The sadder the better, for me."

He wrote, "It Won't Be the Same This Year," about Christmas after his older brother died.

"That was a difficult time, but an easy song to write for my brother," he says. "I knew Christmas (after he died) would be different than any other Christmas we had."

It's not a typical Christmas song, because it recognizes how the holidays can be bittersweet when we're mourning the loss of someone we love.

"It's not always about warm and fuzzy and presents and all that," he says. "There's a real tenderness to this time of year."

Opposites attract

Mr. Gill says he and Ms. Grant are uncertain whether they'll perform any of their non-holiday hits... and there are plenty to choose from. Mr. Gill has 19 Grammys and almost as many Country Music Association Awards — 18. Ms. Grant has won six Grammys and 26 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards.



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Vince Gill will perform with his wife Amy Grant at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

Mr. Gill reasons that fans can hear "normal songs" when the couple tours throughout the rest of the year. "This is a Christmas show," he says. "People shouldn't come wanting to hear 'Baby Baby' and 'Liza Jane.'"

One year, he recalls, they toured and sang each other's songs.

"You just want to show people a good time and not sing the same 11 songs every time you show up," he says.

He and his wife are very different musically, he says. "I like tempos slow, and she's quite the opposite. I'd say, 'Can we do this slower?' and she'd say, 'Can I do this quicker?'"

When asked if he has a favorite Christmas song, he pauses to think.

"I like singing 'O Holy Night,'" he says. "It's very grand, and it's orchestral, and your voice gets to soar. I enjoy singing that more than anything. It seems the most reverent."

No matter what Christmas songs they choose to perform, they'll put their own sound on all of them.

"Maybe the song has been done 8,000 times already. Do it in a way that speaks to you," he says.

"No matter what you do, you're trying to be musical, communicate, do something someone will respond to, something that's honest of you, something that's real." ■

in the know

>> "The Twelve Days of Christmas with Vince Gill and Amy Grant"

>> When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10

>> Where: The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers

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PARK

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In addition to Ms. Torrance's hand-built pottery pieces, visitors to Art in the Park will also find everything from jewelry and silk scarves to classic watercolor paintings. For music enthusiasts, the 4 Tall Guys Barber Shop Quartet will perform from 1-3 p.m.

Art in the Park is sponsored by Steve Stolz/Edward Jones Financial Advisor, *Florida Weekly* and Happenings A&E magazine. Admission is free. For more information, call The von Liebig Art Center at 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■



A few bowls by potter Donna Torrance.

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Salon-style evening for artists only

Richard Rosen of Rosen Gallery & Studios in North Naples invites area artists to network, critique, share ideas and encourage one another at "ArtistSalon" from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the gallery in North Line Plaza, 2172 J&C Blvd.

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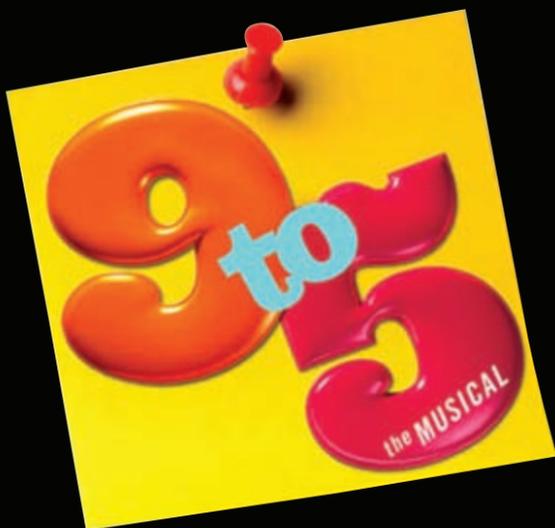
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■ **Dickens' A Christmas Carol** – By The Naples Players at Sugden Community Theatre through Dec. 19. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Gaslight** – By Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers through Dec. 19. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Dead Man's Cell Phone** – By Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers, Dec. 3-5, 9-11 and 16-18. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Holly Jolly Christmas** – At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **The Nutcracker** – By Broadway Palm Children's Theatre in Fort Myers on select dates Dec. 3-21. Buffet included. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **The Andrews Brothers** – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Symphony

■ **Brahms Pastoral** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Classical 2: Brahms Pastoral" at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **The Music of Pink Floyd** – By the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at 8 p.m. Dec. 7. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Thursday, Dec. 2

■ **Got Jewels?** – Marissa Collections hosts a seasonal appearance by Peter Ciesla with Bazyli Jewelry today through Saturday. 687-1148 or www.marissacollections.com.

■ **Piano Concert** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a "Four-Hand Piano Recital" at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Building. Free. 590-7209.

Friday, Dec. 3

■ **First Friday** – Mercato presents a holiday show with the Ocean Reef Band,

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Hometown guitar hero Chase Padgett performs "6 Guitars" at 7 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. One guy and one guitar make for an amazing evening of entertainment. \$25 per person. The show will be repeated at 7 p.m. Dec. 13. Call 263-7990 for reservations.

the Naples Sundancers, a snow show and fun throughout the center from 6-9 p.m. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Redneck Tenors** – The 3 Redneck Tenors bring their "Christmas Spec-Tac-Yule-Ar" to the Phil at 6 and 8:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **New Plays** – The Naples Players ETC... Readers Theatre presents "An Evening of New Plays" at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$10. 239-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Marco History** – What did Marco Island look like before development? Find out at a lecture at 5 p.m. at Everglades Community Church. 695-2905.

Saturday, Dec. 4

■ **Soggy Doggies** – Pups of all persuasions are invited to take the plunge in the pool at River Park Community Center beginning at 9 a.m. A \$10 donation will benefit the new Naples Dog Park and the new River Park aquatic center. 213-3035.

■ **Art in the Park** – The Naples Art Association holds Art in the Park from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Park Street. See story page C1.

■ **Crafts Galore** – Do some artful holiday shopping in historic Everglades City at an arts and crafts sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in McLeod Park. 695-2905.

■ **Cruise Control** – Mercato hosts a Holiday Car Cruise from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. www.mercatoshops.com.



■ **Tesh Tunes** – In celebration of its silver anniversary, The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, presents Grammy-nominated TV personality and radio show host John Tesh in a holiday concert. 598-6644.

■ **Mob Scene** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents Chicago Mob in a free concert under the stars from 7-9 p.m. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Dec. 5

■ **Laugh, Stretch, Breathe** – A class in "Laughter Yoga" begins at 9 a.m. at Bija Yoga, 1250 Tamiami Trail N. 404-6306.

■ **Accessories Count** – Find out about "Accessorizing for the Holidays" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marilyn's European Shoes & Accessories, 331 Fifth Ave. S. 206-4460 or marilyn@marilynhellman.com.

■ **Strike Up the Band** – The Naples Concert Band performs a free holiday program at 2 p.m. in the Cambier Park band shell. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

■ **Making Waves** – The Southern Extreme Water-Ski Team performs at 4 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

Monday, Dec. 6

■ **Chamber Music** – Classic Chamber Concerts presents "Baroque and Romantic Strings" at 8 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$45 (students half price). 263-7990 or www.classicchamberconcerts.org.

■ **Film Mixer** – Mix, mingle, intellectualize and screen indie films at the Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer at 7 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. \$2 at the door. 333-1933.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

■ **Marco Art** – The Art League Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an opening reception for the "Outdoor Artists Exhibit: Documenting Beauty & Change" from 5:30-7 p.m. The exhibit runs through Dec. 27. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.com.

■ **Jewelry Trunk Show** – Marissa Collections holds an Irene Neuwirth jewelry show today and Wednesday. 687-1148 or www.marissacollections.com.

■ **Holiday Fest** – The city of Bonita Springs' annual Holiday in the Park runs from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at Riverside Park on Old 41. Enjoy a snow slide, a visit from Santa and a host of winter activities. Free admission; bring lawn chairs and blankets. 949-6262 or www.CityofBonitaSprings.org.

■ **Holiday Procession** – The Naples Christmas Parade steps out from Broad Avenue at 6 p.m., winding its way through town and ending at Eighth Avenue South and Eighth Street South. 213-7120.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents a screening of "The Orange Thief" (in Italian with English subtitles) at 7 p.m. at the Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. \$5. For future films, visit www.italianculturalsociety.com.

■ **Guitar Hero** – Naples native Chase Padgett performs "6 Guitars" at 7 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$25 per person. The show will be repeated at 7 p.m. Dec. 13. 263-7990 for reservations.

■ **Klezmers and More** – The Jewish Federation of Collier County holds its Chanukah celebration beginning at 5:45 p.m. at Mercato. Entertainment includes the Naples Klezmer Revival Band. 403-2204 or www.mercatoshops.com.

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Classic Chamber Concerts presents a program of "Baroque and Romantic Strings" by the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra with the Jasper String Quartet, above, and Catherine Ian on harpsichord at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$45 (students half price). 263-7990, 434-8505 or www.classicchamberconcerts.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

■ **Guided Stroll** - The Naples Historic District Walking Tour, a 2½-hour guided tour through the streets and back alleys of Old Naples, starts at Palm Cottage at 10 a.m. Reservations required. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Jewelry Show and Sale** - Designer David Yurman visits Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops from 2-4 p.m., with all sales benefiting the American Cancer Society.

■ **Bling It On** - The women's a cappella quartet Bling performs holiday songs at 6:30 p.m. at South Regional Library, 8065 Cultural Parkway. Free. 252-7542.

Upcoming events

■ **Ladies Afternoon** - Janina Birtolo presents "Conversations with History: Remember the Ladies" at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. This one-woman original play follows the life of Abigail Adams during the American Revolution. 252-7542.

■ **Step Aboard** - The Holiday Boat Parade at The Village on Venetian Bay sets sail at 6 p.m. Dec. 9. Bring a toy for donation to the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee Holiday Gift Shop. 403-2204.

■ **Holiday Sounds** - St. Paul's Episcopal Church hosts a family Christmas concert with Paul Todd and Paul Todd Jr. at 7 p.m. Dec. 9. The church is at 3901 Davis Blvd. \$20. 643-0197.

■ **Naples Piano Quartet** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Around the World in 80 Minutes" with the Naples Piano Quartet at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$30-\$35. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Sacred Sounds** - The 75-voice combined choirs of Ave Maria University present a program of sacred choral music to celebrate the Christmas season at 7 p.m.

Dec. 9 at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive \$15. 304-7032 or 280-2485.

■ **Improv on Marco** - Naples City Improv takes its brand of spontaneous comedy to the home of The Marco Players for shows at 8 p.m. Dec. 9-11 in the Marco Island Town Center. \$20. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Sit with Santa** - The Jolly Old Soul will greet visitors in The Norris Garden at Palm Cottage from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 9-11. No reservations required. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Perfect Harmony** - The Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus performs at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at The Norris Center. \$15. 213-3049.

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■ **Boats on Parade** - The Marine Industries Association of Collier County's 21st annual Holiday Boat Parade is set for 6-8 p.m. Dec. 11 in Naples Bay. The theme is "Holiday Rock 'n' Roll." Free, but donations are welcome for the Ricky King Fund. 682-0900 or www.miac.org.

■ **Cluster Pluckin'** - Also known as "The Neapolitan Opry," this evening featuring 10 bands playing acoustic music from blues to bluegrass starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Seasonal Treasures** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents a program of sacred and popular seasonal music at 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at First Presbyterian Church of Naples. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Here's 'A Christmas Carol' that tugs the heartstrings just right



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Sheesh! Does Charles Dickens know how to tug on heartstrings or what?

The man plucks at emotions like an old jazzman hunched over an upright bass.

In "A Christmas Carol," Mr. Dickens not only gives us a story of astounding repentance, but throws in a cute little boy as well who's irrepressibly good-natured, despite the fact that he's handicapped and expected to die during childhood.

"A Christmas Carol" is as seasonal a staple as "The Nutcracker." In the years since its initial incarnation as Mr. Dickens' printed novel, the story has been retold by multitudes, from Scrooge McDuck to Barbie to the Muppets.

This year, The Naples Players take a turn.

Their production at the Sugden Community Theatre is both familiar and fresh.

Adapted by novelist John Jakes ("The Kent Family Chronicles" and the "North and South" trilogy), it's a clever piece of theater. According to Mr. Jakes' comments in the program, Mr. Dickens delivered lectures that were part readings, part performance. The man loved to act.

"He was an ardent amateur actor, and a very gifted one, according to contemporary accounts," Mr. Jakes writes. "Later in life, 'theatricals' staged in his home, or in a theater rented for the evening, featured the author in leading roles; they were one of his favorite entertainments... The most popular reading he offered was the beloved story from which this play is adapted. So it seems natural to give him a role, letting him create the story before your eyes."

The play is initially presented as another of Mr. Dickens' lectures, but soon after he begins his tale, the curtain rises and we see a tableau of the scene he's describing. Then the people come to life before our eyes.

Mark Vanagas is totally convincing as Mr. Dickens, reciting passages from the novel, watching as various scenes take place and even taking part in the story from time to time, whether it's joining a group of street carolers or portraying a harsh school teacher.

He's both narrator and participant. It's always entertaining to see Mr. Vanagas on stage at the Sugden, as he

possesses the ability to totally disappear into every role.

Bob Garnett plays Scrooge as a character not to hate but one to pity. All scowling bluster when around others, he's simply scared when he's alone — and absolutely comical when hiding under his bedcovers.

Some scary stuff

"A Christmas Carol" is, of course, a cautionary tale, but I hadn't realized how much it is also a horror show until this production. Scrooge is visited by four ghosts: his former business partner, Marley (Jeff Weiss), wrapped in chains; the Ghost of Christmas Past, (Jenna Canfield), a kind of fairy sprite; the Ghost of Christmas Present (Dino Moretti), a larger-than-life Santa Claus who towers over everyone; and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come (Paul LoPresti), a looming, menacing figure with skeletal limbs who might be the Grim Reaper. (Some of these figures may be too scary for young children.)

The spirits walk through walls and are very magical, though intimidating.

Every so often, everyone freezes, creating a tableau while Mr. Dickens interjects.

Costume designers Dot Auchmoody and Mr. Vanagas have outdone themselves with the ghosts and with the Victorian outfits for the rest of the cast. And Mr. Vanagas looks exactly like Mr. Dickens. The only misstep seems to be in Mr. Moretti's outfit when he's "a charitable gentleman" (many of this cast of 36 play multiple characters.) Dressed in a green overcoat and light brown top hat and sporting a short, flipped-up red beard, he looks so much like an overgrown leprechaun I wouldn't have been surprised if he started talking in a brogue about rainbows and a pot of gold. (That certainly would have gotten Scrooge's attention.)

To mention just a few...

There are so many outstanding por-



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Mark Vanagas, center, as Charles Dickens; Bob Garnett as Scrooge, holding Joe Aguilera as Tiny Tim; and David Goguen as Bob Cratchit, surrounded by Londoners in "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol."

trays in this show, it's difficult to name them all. But David Goguen does a great job as Bob Cratchit, and Jack Weld is outstanding as Scrooge's nephew, Fred, who continues to invite Scrooge to Christmas dinner at his house, despite his continual refusals. Both men are friendly and affable, but totally believable.

Mr. Dickens was an expert at creating quirky characters, and Sepp Ronay and Beverly Canell portray Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig as if they just stepped out of the pages of the novel. And the trio of performers who ransack Scrooge's home — Harry McCartney, Patti Caroli and Lisa Federico — almost steal the show.

This is a quick-paced production, with a cast of millions, it seems sometimes. (This is great for a community theater, because it allows many adults and children an opportunity to act in a show.) On occasion, especially in the beginning, the stage seems a little too crowded with people, and some scenes work better than others. But co-directors Dallas Dunningan and Anne Rosemond have given us a "Christmas Carol" that is new and meaningful.

While I wouldn't consider it a musical, the show does contain various Christmas songs in natural settings, such as people caroling in the street. Charles Fornara is the vocal arranger and coach.

And there's a dance scene at the Fezziwigs' that was choreographed by Dawn Lebrecht Fornara.

The set must have been a challenge for Matt Flynn, as it has to do multiple duty for a variety of scenes, both indoor and outdoor, all within a short period of time. Props are minimal, and a city passageway creatively turns into a fireplace for an indoor scene.

Mr. Dickens can get a little over-the-top, and I confess that when the Ghost of Christmas Present starts preaching about Ignorance and Want and shows Scrooge two pathetic children dressed in rags (with lighting that suggests they're imprisoned), I did roll my eyes a little.

But Mr. Dickens — and The Naples Players — know how to nudge the heart.

And in giving us this version of "A Christmas Carol," they've given the community an early Christmas present we can thoroughly enjoy. ■

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GIVING

Charity Classic raises \$1.5 million for The Immokalee Foundation to help make dreams come true

BY JOHN COSTIGAN
Special to Florida Weekly

The Immokalee Foundation's Nov. 12 Charity Classic has officially been declared a success. The event was similar to prior years' fundraisers in that it included an evening dinner dance and silent and live auction for 400 guests at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, as well as the pro-am golf tournament at Bay Colony with 24 fivesomes that included a world-famous golf pro on each team.

The combined events raised a record-breaking \$1.5 million in revenue for the foundation's educational programs for Immokalee children.

A fundraising twist came during the second half of the dinner dance when guests had the opportunity to spend big dollars and get nothing in return — nothing that is, except some very specific opportunities to change a child's life for the better.

"We invited everyone to be dreammakers for Immokalee children during what we called the Fund-A-Dream opportunity, and Wow! did they respond," says Louise Penta, chair of the 2010 Charity Classic and a foundation board member.



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Guests raise their bid paddles for The Immokalee Foundation.

People's generosity was no surprise: Earlier in the evening the silent and live auctions raised \$100,000, with winnings including a flying adventure on a Phantom F4 fighter aircraft and a private tour of Jay Leno's garage stocked with pricey and priceless automobiles.

Yet asking guests to raise paddles indicating a donation of up to \$32,500 (to send five children to college) — all for the satisfaction of helping children — seemed, well, like a calculated risk, according to Ms. Penta.

"We weren't sure what to expect. But when fellow board member Don Gunther announced to the crowd that we had raised more than \$200,000 after the second Fund-A-Dream opportunity, I knew for sure the kids would win big," she adds.

Altogether, Fund-A-Dream raised more than \$550,000 with 100 percent going directly to Immokalee children. The pro-am raised more than \$500,000, placing it among the most successful charity golf events in South-

west Florida.

So what enticed guests to be so generous during Fund-A-Dream, and how will kids benefit?

The first Fund-A-Dream opportunity raised more than \$100,000 for 168 children to participate in the Immokalee Readers program, a partnership between the public schools and The Immokalee Foundation. The four-day-a-week program provides 50 teenage tutors for 200 children in the youngest grades. It also funds a summer reading program.

Almost \$200,000 was raised for the second Fund-A-Dream item, Baccalaureate Bound, which will send 30 children to a Florida state college for four years. A state match enables every \$6,500 donation to cover a student's full tuition.

The third Fund-A-Dream was for two-year vocational scholarships, and guests came through again, raising more than \$200,000 for 103 students to learn marketable skills and give them the opportunity for promising careers.

"I went to vocational school myself and have a soft spot for kids who don't go to college," Dick Stonesifer, foundation board member and co-host during Fund-A-Dream, told guests that evening.

The final Fund-A-Dream will give Immokalee children experiences most kids take for granted, such as going to a movie or a baseball game or taking an educational trip. Thanks to a plethora of paddle-raisers, \$65,000 was raised for children to attend summer camp, take local field trips, go on a class trip to Washington, D.C., or the Kennedy Space Center or participate on newly formed sports teams.

"These experiences may open doors for a future senator or president or an astronaut or pro ball player," Mr. Gunther said. "We think the sky's the limit if we give kids a chance at new, positive experiences."

Ms. Penta gave an important nod to Charity Classic sponsors as the dreammakers behind both events. "None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, and we are extremely grateful for their participation," she noted. Sponsors included: The Johnson Meland Group-Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, presenting sponsor; Fifth Third Bank, founding sponsor; GE Foundation, corporate matching sponsor; Bigham Jewelers, Jaguar Naples and Porsche of Naples, gold sponsors; Naples Illustrated, corporate media sponsor; and Bessemer Trust, BNY Mellon and Northern Trust Bank, corporate sponsors. ■

— John Costigan is chairman of the board for The Immokalee Foundation. To learn more about making dreams come true for Immokalee children through donations or mentoring, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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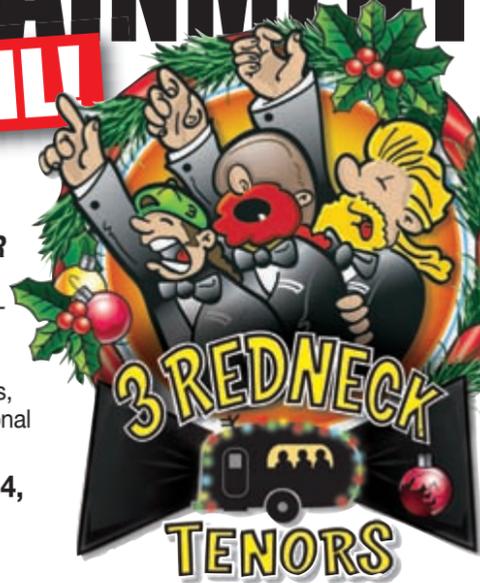
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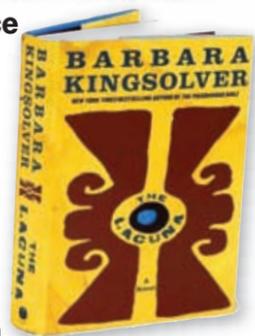
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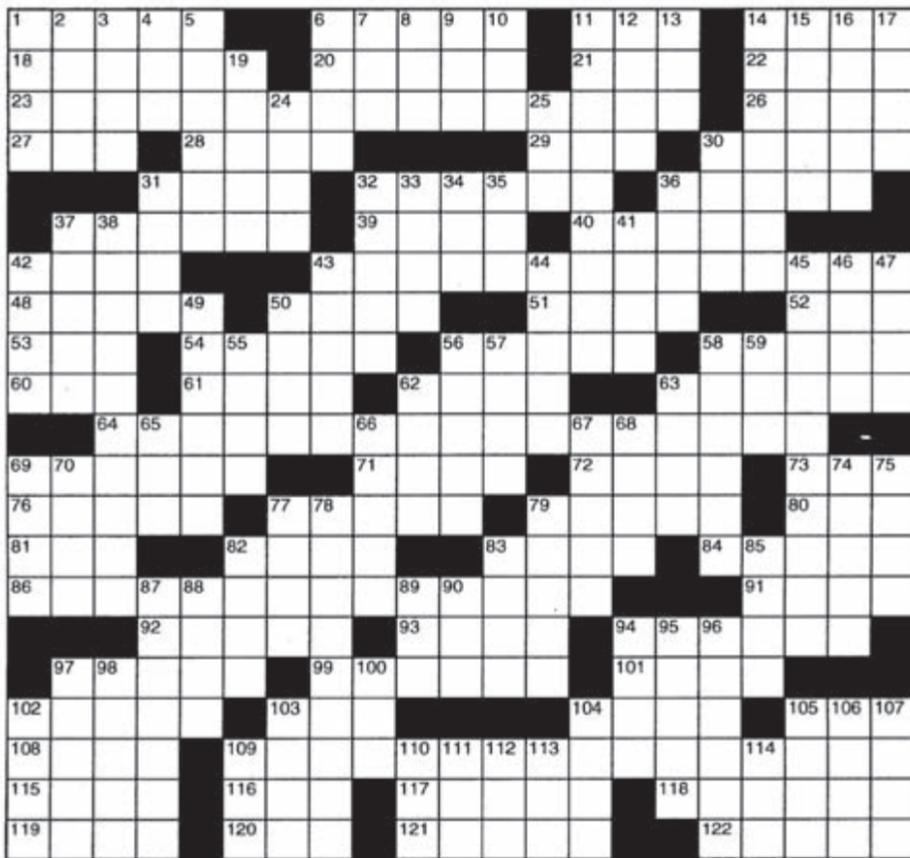
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 - 25 Agt.
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 - 34 "Annabel Lee" monogram
 - 35 Pupil's place
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 - 38 Striking
 - 41 Cain's nephew
 - 42 Freighter front
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 - 62 Submachine gun
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 - 70 First zookeeper?
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HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Positive aspects are strong this week.

Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

By Linda Thistle



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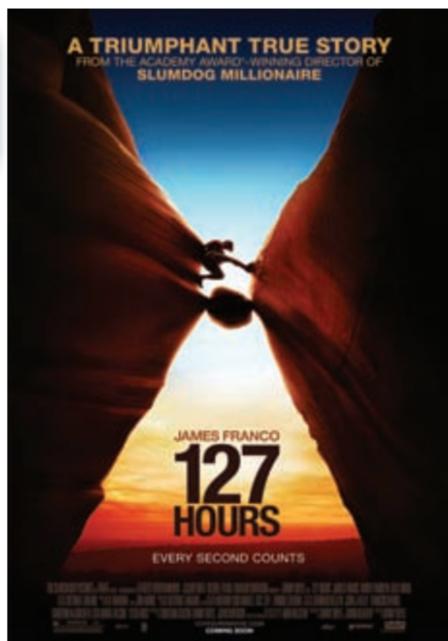
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You've likely heard the expression "between a rock and a hard place," but you've probably never thought about it the way it happens in "127 Hours."

Or maybe you have: The film is based on the real experiences of outdoorsman and survival guide Aron Ralston, here played with Oscar-worthy grit and smarts by James Franco. In April 2003, after hanging out with two fellow outdoor-loving females (Amber Tamblyn and Kate Mara) while canyoneering in middle-of-nowhere Utah, Aron falls down a crevice. A boulder pins his arm against a rock wall, and because the girls are gone and he didn't tell anyone where he was going, he has little hope of rescue.

Director Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire") smartly shows off the vast beauty of the desert and keeps an up-tempo, product-placement heavy pace in the first third of the movie. Although things slow down after Aron is trapped, that's not to say it gets boring; on the contrary, it's fascinating to see Aron logically think through his options and try to keep his cool.

Mr. Boyle's movies tend to have a vivid, immediate quality to them, and the heightened sounds (such as swallowing water), quick cuts and close-ups help emphasize the importance of every decision Aron makes.

Mr. Franco does a great job of using Aron's knowledge, instincts and intelligence to stay alive. We go inside Aron's mind as he distracts himself from the reality of the situation by thinking of family and loved ones, and he also sadly says goodbye to his parents via a video camera. These moments are alternately touching, funny and sad, and Mr. Franco is so engaging that we easily lose ourselves in Aron and his predicament.

When he figures out how to free himself, be prepared for five of the most brutal, tough-to-watch but exhilarating min-

utes you will ever see. In fact, enough people have fainted during this sequence that we can safely call it the "fainting five"; in full disclosure, it made me nauseous and I broke into a cold sweat. It was the nerve that got me. You'll know what I mean.

Some movies that are so powerful, vivid and impactful that seeing them once is more than enough. "The Passion of the Christ" and "The Pianist" were excellent dramas, but watching them takes such an emotional toll it's difficult to find the desire to see them again. Now we can add "127 Hours" to that list, and it may be the best of the bunch.

When "127 Hours" ends, you'll feel like a weight has been lifted from your chest. It's intense, suspenseful and exhausting to watch, and it's only 94 minutes. Even better, it leaves you asking your companions, "What would you do?" The truth is it's an impossible question to answer. Unless you're Aron Ralston. ■

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in the know

>> Aron Ralston has been back to the canyon numerous times, including one special trip to spread the ashes of his cremated hand.

CAPSULES

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Tangled ★★★★★

(Voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy) Trapped in a tower her entire life by her evil mother (Ms. Murphy), longhaired Rapunzel (Ms. Moore) escapes after a thief (Mr. Levi) promises to take her to see a special starry night. Great animation, imagination, songs and humor make this an instant classic that's very deserving to be the 50th animated film released by Disney. Rated PG.

Love And Other Drugs

★★★★ (Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway, Oliver Platt) Womanizer and successful pharmaceutical sales rep Jamie (Mr. Gyllenhaal)

meets his match in Maggie (Ms. Hathaway), a smart, free-spirited artist who challenges him for the better. The shift from lighthearted to serious is a bit abrupt, but strong performances from the leads and a tender (albeit conventional) ending make it a moving, effective drama. Rated R.

The Next Three Days

★★★★ (Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Wilde) Believing his wife (Ms. Banks) has wrongfully been given a life sentence for murder, loyal husband John (Mr. Crowe) devises an elaborate escape plan to get her out. Writer/director Paul Haggis ("Crash") nicely keeps things within the realm of plausibility, and Mr. Crowe plays John with such admirable conviction we can't help but root for him. Rated PG-13. ■



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FLORIDA WRITERS

'Strangers' serves a feast of history and mystery

"Strangers," by Mary Anna Evans. Poisoned Pen Press. 322 pages. \$24.95 Hardcover, \$14.95 Trade Pbk.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

"Strangers" is the sixth novel in Mary Anna Evans' Faye Longchamp mystery series. But now the 40-something protagonist is Dr. Faye Longchamp-Mantooth, eight months pregnant and finally possessing her doctorate in archaeology. With her husband, Joe, she has founded an archaeological consulting firm. Their first significant job brings them to St. Augustine, Fla., to work for Daniel and Suzanne Wrather.

Suzanne has inherited an important historical house, Dunkirk Manor, part of which is now a bed and breakfast. The Wrathers are considering additional changes, including installing a swimming pool. Faye will advise them about excavating the rear gardens in compliance with local preservation ordinances.

Not only does this lavish estate capture the atmosphere of the decades between its establishment in 1889 and its heyday in the Roaring '20s, it is also

woven into St. Augustine's history from 1565.

Before long, Faye and Joe are involved in mysteries of the distant and recent past as well as a new one that opens up almost upon their arrival.

As Faye's staffers sift through the garden areas, they discover tiles that edged a buried swimming pool. Under some of those tiles are belongings of the manor's former owners, Raymond and Allyce Dunkirk.

In the attic, Faye finds interesting curios of the past, along with the journal of a Spanish priest who had been among the explorer-settlers of the 16th century. Old weapons, tools, toys, coins and other items accumulate to give clues about the heyday of Dunkirk Manor and the centuries-old history of St. Augustine.

Also working for the present owners is a beautiful, intelligent young woman named Glynis Smithson. An ardent preservationist and conservationist, she's the daughter of a major local real estate developer — and her concerns are in direct conflict with her father's. Manipulative Alan finds his daughter a new boyfriend, a man whose values echo his own. But the relationship between Glynis and Lex is a disaster. When both are discovered missing, "Strangers" shifts into high gear.



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In Glynis's blood-stained car is a collection of rare artifacts and a note that signals a wish for Faye's help. Lex could be a suspect, except that his body soon turns up in the Matanzas River with his throat cut open. The detective assigned to the case feels that Faye's expertise can aid the investigation, especially with regard to the artifacts.

Faye, however, is so advanced in her pregnancy that the physical strains of her initial assignment are complicated by the stress of the murder mystery, the disappearance of Glynis and the discovery of buried children's toys from the 1920s. When an eerie feeling that Dunkirk Manor is haunted, she senses Allyce's uneasy, forlorn spirit.

Faye, who has befriended local historians, learns that Raymond betrayed Allyce by having an affair with Lilibeth Campbell, a member of the Hollywood set that populated St. Augustine in the 1920s. Lilibeth ended up murdered.

While the present murder and missing person investigations proceed, Faye spends any spare time translating the priest's journal. Her former professor, Magda, who is working on Faye's staff, helps with the translation. This evocative narrative, sections of which are

alternated with the present action, is as fascinating in its own way as the primary plot. It sketches the conflict of European forces for control over North America, the friendship with and betrayal of the Timucua Indians by Spanish expeditionary forces and the corruption of the clergy.

"Strangers" turns thriller in its later chapters, and the gradually unfolding plot leads to an astounding outcome, consequent upon an unexpected motive cleverly disguised until late in the game.

In populating and detailing her three intersecting story lines — the 1560s, the 1920s and the present — Gainesville author Ms. Evans builds a cast of fascinating characters. These

include Faye's husband (a contemporary take on the noble savage concept), Detective Overstreet, Father Domingo, Faye's friend and colleague Magda, the manor's owners (past and present) and an old man named Victor who as a child had been close to the Dunkirk family and whose shaky memory holds important clues.

"Strangers," a generous feast of history and mystery, is a splendid addition to a first-rate sleuthing series. ■

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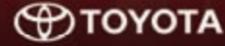
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'100 Cupboards' author has a writing contest for kids

Children's author N.D. Wilson has teamed up with the Volunteer USA Foundation to launch the Behind the Cupboard Door writing contest for young readers throughout Southwest Florida.

Students in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties (grades 4-7) are invited to participate in the contest aimed at promoting the joy of reading and imagination. Students are asked to write a poem or short story to the theme of "Behind the Cupboard Door."

"For me, the cupboard doors are about discovering the magic of this world, the magic hidden in things that we've always seen but never noticed. And, of course, once we see that magic, it can take us anywhere," said Mr. Wilson, the author of the "100 Cupboards" book series.

Contest winners, accompanied by their parents, will be recognized at a VIP breakfast, sponsored by Brown & Brown Public Risk Insurance Agency, to kickoff Volunteer USA's 11th Celebration of Reading event on Feb. 11. Celebration is an annual event hosted by former Gov. Jeb Bush and his family to support successful family literacy programs in the southeast. The students will be Mr. Wilson's guests of honor at the celebration breakfast and have the opportunity to visit with the entertaining author and read their winning submissions to the crowd.

Fifteen winners will be announced to schools and on Volunteer USA's website at www.volunteerusafoundation.org on Jan. 27, as part of Florida's Celebrate Literacy Week.

"We know children love reading books

filled with adventure, delightful characters — all sprinkled with a bit of charm and smirk. All they need to do now is create their own unique world behind a cupboard door," said Liza McFadden, president of Volunteer USA. "I know we have so many imaginative writers out there who would love the chance to meet the incomparable N.D. Wilson in person and this is their chance."

Contest guidelines

Students in grades 4-7 from the Florida counties/school districts of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties can participate by entering either a poem or essay.

Entries must be based on one of the cupboards left unexplored in Mr. Wilson's series of "100 Cupboards" books. Pieces must be able to be read aloud in no more than three minutes. Original, creative stories and poems must be typed and must include a title page with the entrant's name, age, county/school district, school and teacher's name. Entries not having all of this information will automatically be disqualified.

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Q: I bought an album of Victorian calling cards at a flea market. I would like to know more about the history and tradition of calling cards.

A: Long before people sent “friend requests” on Facebook, social contacts were made by leaving a calling card or visiting card at the home of the person you wanted to visit. Visiting cards were first used in China in the 15th century. They were used by French royalty in the 17th century and by the well-to-do in Europe in the early 19th century. Early cards were hand-lettered with just the name and title of the owner, and possibly the days or hours they were “at home.” Women’s cards were slightly larger than men’s cards. Special messages could be conveyed by folding down a corner of the card. Folding the top left meant the card was delivered by the person wanting to visit, not by a servant. A top-right fold meant “congratulations,” a bottom-right sent condolences and bottom-left signaled “farewell.” Calling cards were popular in the United States during Victorian times and often were collected and pasted into scrapbooks. They were larger than earlier cards and often featured colorful flowers, fancy borders, attached scraps and fringes. If the person who received a card wanted to receive the visitor, he sent his own card back. If the person leaving the card didn’t get a card back, it meant the person called on didn’t want to see her. (Something like having your “friend request” ignored on Facebook.)

A “censer” sometimes can be found at an antique shop, but the word can be confusing. It has nothing to do with a “censor,” the person who decides what is acceptable to be published in books or shown on television. A vintage censer is an old container used for burning incense. It can be made of pottery, porcelain, bronze, iron or another material that will not burn. Some censers were used at home. A home censer was heated with glowing charcoal that ignited the incense. The aromatic smoke fumigated clothes and other fabrics and killed insects. But a censer is most often used in a church or temple for religious ceremonies. The earliest censers date back to the second century B.C.

Collectors can find censers in several traditional shapes — a mountain, a perforated box or cylinder or a bulbous vase. Many are suspended on chains.

A Japanese censer with a mark used from 1868 to 1912 was offered for sale at a Leland Little auction this year. The decorations and pale yellow crackled glaze are typical of what collectors call “Satsuma ware.” The decorative 12-inch-high censer with a pierced lid, handles and feet was valued at \$3,000 to \$5,000.

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A: The Janssen Piano Co. was founded by Webb Janssen in New York City in 1901. The company was bought by C.G. Conn in 1964. It was sold to Charles R. Walter in 1970, and the company's name became Walter Piano Co. Pianos were made with the Janssen name until 1976. The Organo was made in the 1950s. One was offered for sale recently for \$350.

Q: Can you give us some information on an old horse-drawn ice saw we acquired a few years back? We don't know anything about it, how old it is or what it is worth. It has no markings on it that we can see. It has a wooden case that you can put the saw in when it's not in use. The saw is about 65 inches long and 43 inches tall from the floor to the top of the handle. The blades are 11 inches long.

A: Ice harvesting was a big industry in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Blocks of ice were usually cut from local rivers and lakes in January and February when the ice was 10 to 12 inches thick. First the ice was scored with a horse-drawn marking plow, and then it was cut with a horse-drawn ice saw or ice plow like yours. The ice saw has larger teeth than the marking saw. After harvesting, blocks of ice were stored at an ice house and covered with sawdust to keep them cool throughout the rest of the year. Ice harvesting declined with the development of refrigeration and ice-making in the 1920s. You might find a similar ice saw at a tool show or farm auction.



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This 12-inch-high Satsuma censer is decorated with flowers. The pierced lid that allows smoke from burning incense to escape is the clue to identifying its use.

Tip: To get a glass stopper out of a decanter or perfume bottle, try pouring a little glycerin around the neck of the bottle. Wait a few hours, then try to remove it. Repeat until the stopper is loose. Glycerin can be found in drugstores. ■

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■ Jacque Offenbach's three fanciful "Tales of Hoffman," Feb. 5



■ Mozart's mixture of comedy and melodrama, "Don Giovanni," April 30

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The Met goes to the movies with 'Don Carlo' in local theaters

The Metropolitan Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's "Don Carlo" live in select movie theaters around the world at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. An encore performance will be broadcast at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Southwest Florida opera aficionados can see the broadcast, part of the opera

company's Peabody and Emmy award-winning series "The Met: Live in HD," at Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, Hollywood Coconut Point-16 in Estero and the Bell Tower-20 in Fort Myers.

Director Nicholas Hytner makes his Met debut with this new production of Verdi's profound, beautiful and most ambitious opera. Roberto Alagna leads the cast, which also stars Ferruccio Furlanetto, Marina Poplavskaya, Anna Smirnova and Simon Keenlyside. Yannick Nézet-Séguin, back after his triumphant debut leading "Carmen," conducts.

The dark and intense epic combines love, war, politics and religion in Spain at the height of the Inquisition.

"I think 'Don Carlo' is the quintessential Verdi opera," Mr. Hytner says. "Right through this opera there is, on the one hand, an implacable expression of impending doom and, on the other hand, a succession of the most gloriously open-throated arias, the most fantastically determined music."

Expected running time at the theaters is five hours. Up next in "The Met: Live in HD" is Puccini's "La Fanciullo del West," showing in theater at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Expected running time is 3½ hours.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$24. For more information, visit www.metopera.org/hdlive. ■



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■ The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Brahms Pastoral," the second program in the orchestra's **Classical Series**, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-4. Music Director Jorge Mester conducts and also delivers his Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert.

Tickets start at \$64 for adults and \$25 for students.

■ The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra gets in tune with its rock 'n' roll/psychedelic side with "**The Music of Pink Floyd**" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Joining the orchestra will be an eight-member rock band led by vocalist Randy Jackson (lead singer of the rock band Zebra) and guest conductor Brent Havens.

Tickets start at \$60.



■ Maestro Stuart Chafetz will lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "**Holiday Pops**" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, and Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 16-19, and also at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. Broadway's Jan Horvath, the Philharmonic Center Chorale and the Philharmonic Youth Chorale will join the orchestra for this family-friendly program.

Tickets start at \$47 for adults and \$22 for students.



Holiday Pops with Stuart Chafetz and Jan Horvath

■ Singing cousins Billy Joe, Billy Bob and Billy Billie celebrate the holidays with down-home country laughs and big-city music in "**3 Redneck Tenors: Christmas SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR**" at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4. The real-life Broadway and opera stars serve up a deep-fried fest of musical delights, including familiar holiday songs, seasonal spoofs and a few surprises.

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The show features Dolly Parton's original title song along with her new Tony Award and Grammy-nominated score. It is Ms. Parton's debut as a Broadway composer and lyricist.

Tickets are \$89.

■ **Ring in the New Year with Paul Anka** and members of the Naples Phil-

harmonic Orchestra on Friday, Dec. 31. The early show includes hors d'oeuvres and a champagne reception at 5 p.m. followed by the performance at 6 p.m. The late show begins at 9:30 p.m. and includes dessert, coffee and champagne immediately following.

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■ From the producers of Broadway's "Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy" comes the touring production of **"Cirque Dreams: Illumination - A New Dream Appears,"** with evening and matinee performances Tuesday through Sunday, Jan. 11-16.

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Red Sox Spring Training tickets go on sale Jan. 8

Tickets to the Boston Red Sox 2011 Spring Training games go on sale Saturday, Jan. 8. The season includes 17 games at the downtown Fort Myers City of Palms Park.

Boston opens the spring season with two college exhibitions on Saturday, Feb. 26: a matinee against the Boston College Eagles followed by a night-cap with the Northeastern University Huskies.

The 2011 Grapefruit League season kicks off Sunday, Feb. 27, when the Mayor's Cup rival Minnesota Twins host Boston at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. The Red Sox will host the Twins the following day at City of Palms Park, the second of five total contests between the cross-town foes.

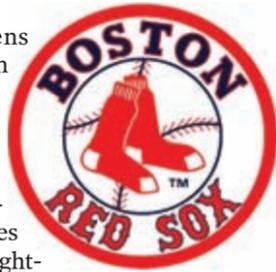
Boston will visit the American League East rival New York Yankees on Friday, March 4, in Tampa and will host the club on Monday, March 14. Other division matchups include four contests against the Baltimore Orioles, four versus the Tampa Bay Rays and two with Toronto.

On Thursday, March 17, the New York Mets will visit City of Palms Park in a St. Patrick's Day match-up. Also in March, the Red Sox will host Atlanta, Philadelphia, Florida, Detroit and St. Louis.

The Red Sox have sold out every

Grapefruit League game at City of Palms Park since March 16, 2003. The upcoming season marks Boston's 19th at City of Palms Park. New facilities are under construction in Lee County and scheduled to debut in 2012.

Prior to the start of the exhibition season, the Red Sox will hold workouts at their Player Development Complex at 4301 Edison Ave. in Fort Myers. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to hold the first workout on Tuesday, Feb. 15, and the first full-squad workout is set for Saturday, Feb. 19. All workouts are open to the public free of charge; shuttle bus transportation from City of Palms Park is \$2 per person for a round trip. ■



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'The Help' author on the way

Tickets are on sale for The League Club's annual fundraising luncheon that takes place Friday, Feb. 11, at the Naples Grande. Novelist Kathryn Stockett will discuss "The Help," her first novel and best-selling book that soon will be a motion picture by Dreamworks.

Since 1986 The League Club has contributed more than \$2 million through its Community Trust Fund to nonprofit causes in Collier and Lee counties. Membership in the club is open to women who have been or still are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Luncheon tickets are \$150 (\$300 for patrons) and can be purchased at www.theleagueclub.org.

German American club dinner dance

The German American Club Gemuetlichkeit holds a Christmas Dinner Dance beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Pulling Road. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Call 774-1582 for reservations.

Penn State alum plan holiday to-do

The Penn State Alumni Chapter of Naples will hold a holiday cocktail party from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at The Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree

Drive. All Penn Staters and friends are welcome.

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Dec. 2. Call 597-2681.

Hungarian-style holiday service

The Hungarian American Club of Naples will hold a Christmas service and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lely Presbyterian Church in Naples. Rev. Steve Nagy will officiate. Lunch will be stuffed cabbage and kolbasz. Entertainment will include singing by Victoria Szanto-Smith, poetry by Eva Takacs and traditional Hungarian carols.

Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and younger. Call Frank Dobos at 595-2345 for reservations by Dec. 7.

Ave Maria founders plan Christmas gala

The Ave Maria University Naples Founders Club holds its Christmas gala beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Hilton Naples.

Guest speaker Fr. Johannes Jacobse will present "The Birth of Christ and the Rebirth of Culture," an exploration of the miracle of Christmas and its impact on cultures past and present. Fr. Hans is the founder of the American Orthodox Institute as well as the former pastor of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Naples.

Cost is \$35 per person, and all are welcome. RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 9, by calling 254-9730 or e-mailing veronicaabate@earthlink.net.

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Casting calls

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If you've got talent and can commit to rehearsal and performance schedules, these groups would love to hear from you:

■ **The Naples Players** will hold auditions for the March musical production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Call for an appointment by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10: 434-7340, ext. 10.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" is based on the popular 1988 film about high jinks and high living on the Riviera. It revolves around a bet between a suave con man and a punk nickel-and-dime fraudster, who wager over the fortunes of a naïve American soap heiress. The show will be directed by Dallas Dunnagan, with Charles Fornara as music director and Dawn Lebrecht Fornara as choreographer.

A large singing and dancing cast is needed, including Lawrence Jameson, the older, wiser con artist; Freddy Benson, a young and inexperienced con artist; and Christine Colgate, the heiress vacationing on the French Riviera. Andre Thibault is Lawrence's French assistant; Lawrence's victims include wealthy socialites Lenore, Sophia and Muriel, who is also Andre's love interest; and other heiresses, victims and assorted denizens of the Riviera.

Callbacks will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, and rehearsals will begin Jan. 10. Performances are set for March 2-April 2, 2011.

Perusal scripts are available, with a \$20 deposit, at the box office at the Sugden Community Theatre.

■ **The Marco Players** will hold auditions for "Take Five" and "Baggage" the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, at the theater in the Town Center mall.

"Take Five," a new comedy about love, betrayal, divorce and a not-so-well-planned funeral, calls for five women ages 50-67 and two men, both in their 60s but one of whom looks younger. The play runs Feb. 9-27.

"Baggage" is the story of two heartbroken people who discover that, although they might be difficult for everyone else to live with, they're just right for one another. The script calls for two women ages 30-40 and two men ages 30-50. The play runs from March 16 to April 3.

Each show rehearses for six weeks prior to opening. Copies of the scripts are available by calling 404-5198. ■



Scenes from the 2009 production of "The Nutcracker Goes Pop!"

COURTESY PHOTOS

A holiday classic returns with more 'Pop'

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The KidzAct troupe of The Naples Players reprises the musical revue version of "The Nutcracker" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-5, at Golden Gate High School. The kids presented the highly styled production for the first time in 2009; this year's version has some new music, choreography and costumes, worked

in to ensure that students moving up through the program have new challenges each year.

The show features more than 125 children, ages 4 to 18, as KidzAct

once again partners with Naples Ballet Theatre and Golden Gate High School. The ballet company, which danced to great applause last year, will perform "Snow" as the finale to Act I. Soloists and dancers from Golden Gate High School share some spotlight moments in Act II.

Megan McCombs directs the production. Choreographers Dawn Lebrecht Fornara, Whitney Bunch, Jessica Walck and Kate Carothers have created delightful, funny and challenging routines for the young performers. Scott Morlock has supplied all original music, and Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan is music director for the top two levels. ■

in the know

"The Nutcracker Goes Pop!"

>>**What:** A holiday production by KidzAct of The Naples Players in collaboration with Naples Ballet Theatre and Golden Gate High School

>>**When:** 7 p.m. Dec. 3-4; 2 p.m. Dec. 5

>>**Where:** Golden Gate High School

>>**Cost:** \$5 for students, \$10 for adults; available at the door two hours before show time and also by calling The Naples Players box office at 263-7990

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Honorary co-chairs named for 'India: An Exotic Journey'

The David Lawrence Foundation has named Naples philanthropists Bev and Art Cherry honorary co-chairs for its signature fundraiser gala. "India: An Exotic Journey" takes place Friday, Jan. 14, at The Naples Yacht Club.

The Cherrys were introduced to Naples while traveling on business trips and moved here upon retiring. A lifelong volunteer, Mrs. Cherry has given her time to various organizations including schools, the homeless and foster care, with a particular interest in children's issues. She recently traveled with her daughter to Haiti to help residents there after the earthquake.



BEV AND ART CHERRY

"India: An Exotic Journey" will recreate elements of India's rich history, exquisite palaces and temples, opulent royal cities and diverse kaleidoscope of landscapes. From snake charmers to elephants and the beauty of the Himalayas and the Taj Mahal, every detail will be carefully attended.

Established in 1976, the David Lawrence Foundation raises funds to support the programs and services of the David Lawrence Center, a community center that provides affordable mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional

and substance abuse challenges, the center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. The center has eight locations in Collier County.

Gala tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. For more information or reservations, call 354-1416. ■

Jewelry designer visits Saks for cancer society

Jewelry designer David Yurman visits Saks Fifth Avenue at Waterside Shops as a benefit for the American Cancer Society from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Mr. Yurman will show his latest pieces and a special selection from the limited edition David Yurman Collection. For more information, call 592-5900. ■

Lace up your sneakers for the Y

YMCA of the Palms holds its annual Sneaker Ball the evening of Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Greater Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road. Leave your gown and tux at home and dress casually from head to toe for this fun event that helps the Y help underprivileged children and families in the Collier County community.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information, call 598-5143 or visit www.ympalms.org. ■

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Saint Anne School celebrates with Saks

The Saint Anne School Foundation celebrates 10 years of partnering with Saks Fifth Avenue for a benefit fashion show the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 19. The event will honor that history with a retrospective of fashions by Saks Fifth Avenue designers of the past 10 years. The elegant evening of cocktails, dinner, fashions and entertainment takes place at the Saint Anne Jubilee Center.

For more information, call 262-4110. ■

Ave Maria founders plan fashion show

The Ave Maria Founders Club of Naples will hold the third annual Spring Luncheon and Style Show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ave Maria University. The event benefits the Ave Maria University Student Financial Aid Fund. Free bus transportation from Naples will be provided.

A gentlemen's table will be available for spouses, who will also be able to take a guided tour of the Ave Maria oratory, the Annunciation sculpture and the school campus.

Call Sydney McManus at 250-3537 or e-mail sydney.mcmanus@avemaria.edu for reservations. Overnight accommodations can be arranged in the university's Xavier Hall by calling 304-7206. ■

Rookery Bay plans another Bash

Friends of Rookery Bay will hold the second annual Batfish Bash from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.



Lavern Gaynor is the honorary chair, and Sharda Spahr is event chair.

The evening will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

featuring the Batfish Brew, a "wild" silent auction of outdoor adventures and other items including getaways to Costa Rica, a private cabin in North Carolina and a New Hampshire inn; original jewelry created just for the Bash; and a shark tagging expedition. Russell's Catering will set up Old Florida fare food stations, and the Raiford Starke Band will strike up a tune for the Batfish Boogie, written especially for the event by Bill Beach.

A patron party with a sunset cruise will be held Feb. 24 at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club.

All proceeds will help Rookery Bay continue its youth science education programs, environmental research projects and community outreach activities. Title sponsor of the second annual Bash is Fifth Third Bank.

Tickets are \$150 (patrons, \$250). For reservations or more information, call -417-6310, ext. 409, visit www.rookerybay.org/batfishbash or e-mail friends@rookerybay.org. ■



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Professional models will stroll the runway along with local residents Nancy Near and Patti Peterson and hospital patients Chase Hoover and Amanda Cregmiles, all donning fashions from shops in Mercato, Neapolitan Way, The Village on Venetian Bay and The Promenade at Bonita Bay.

Tickets are \$65 each. For tickets or more information, call Pat Smart at 495-8295. ■

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Zoo gala will help fund giraffe habitat

Zoobilee 2011, a gala to benefit The Naples Zoo, takes place from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Special guests will be National Geographic Emerging Explorers Dr. Luke Dollar and Dr. Mireya Mayor and herpetologist and licensed Everglades python hunter Shawn Heflick of the National Geographic Channel.

Tickets are \$250 per person. For tickets or more information, call 262-5409, ext. 135. ■

Dog trainer stars for humane society

The Humane Society Naples hosts "An Evening With Victoria Stilwell" from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Naples Yacht Club to kick off the society's Pet Lovers Gala weekend.

A dog trainer and beloved star of Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog" television show, Ms. Stilwell has enthralled audiences with her amazing rapport with animals using her positive training methods. By working with Humane Society Naples shelter dogs onstage, she will take the audience on a journey designed to ensure that they develop a relationship with their pets based on

Robin Givens will address Shelter luncheon

Actress, author and domestic violence survivor Robin Givens will be the keynote speaker at the 11th annual "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children on Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Arthrex has signed on as the event's signature sponsor.

Tickets are \$300 per person and \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Mary Ann Green at 775-3862, ext. 211, or e-mail mgreen@naplesshelter.org. ■



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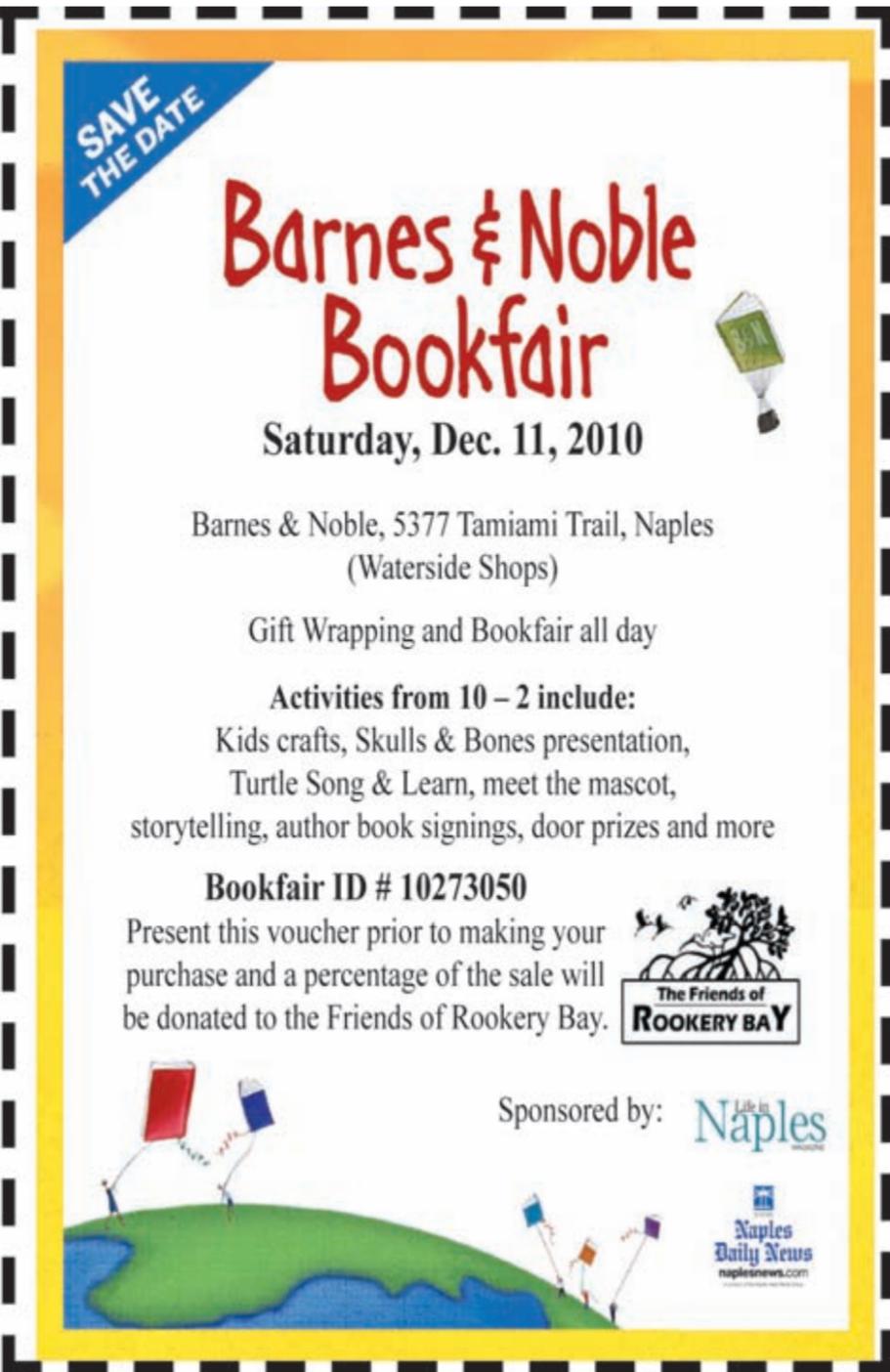


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'Furry Valentine' fun in February

The Humane Society Naples' 11th annual Pet Lovers Gala is set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The "My Furry Valentine" evening celebrates the bond between humans and their pets by inviting guests to bring their well-behaved, leashed dogs with them to the gala (only one dog per couple). The Wigglebutt Inn will host a "Wiggle Room" where dogs can be treated to a doggie massage by Inko's Exemplary Pet Care Services.



Tickets are \$275 per person and \$50 per pet. Call Patricia Connell at 643-1880, ext. 18, for more information and to inquire about sponsorship opportunities. ■

There's 'Magic' in the air

"Magic Under the Mangroves," the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's seventh annual signature fundraiser, is set for Thursday, March 3, at Cap d'Antibes in Pelican Bay.

Last year's event raised more than \$440,000 to help the Conservancy fund wildlife transport, monitoring water quality and estuary research projects, scholarships for children's summer

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Make sure the 'Bucket List Bash' is on your list

The American Cancer Society presents the first "Bucket List Bash" to help raise funds and awareness beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. High bidders on an array of creative auction items designed to celebrate life will be able to cross off incredible experiences on their bucket lists.

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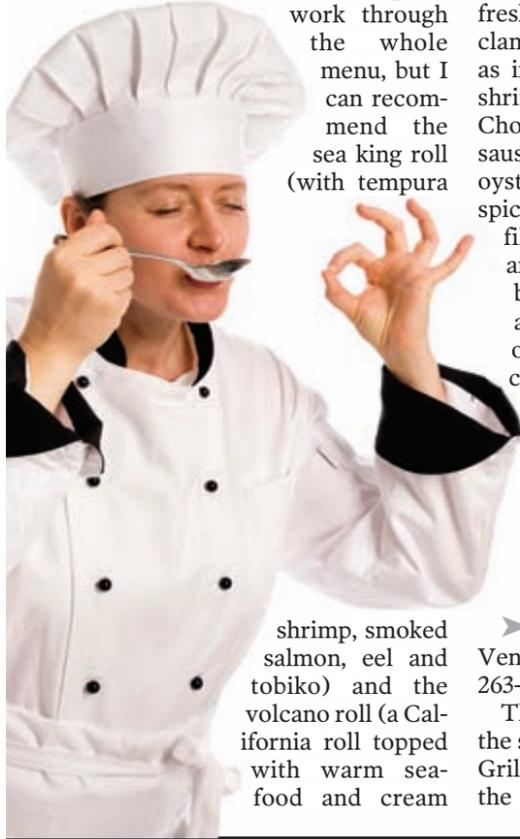
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Blue Fish Seafood and Sushi Buffet and Hibachi**, 5425 Airport Pulling Road; 596-6688

Blue Fish offers Japanese fare in a variety of styles — hibachi steakhouse style, traditional cooked fare served at a conventional table or wide-ranging sushi — and does a good job all the way around. In recent months, it's introduced a buffet as well. It would take many trips to work through the whole menu, but I can recommend the sea king roll (with tempura



shrimp, smoked salmon, eel and tobiko) and the volcano roll (a California roll topped with warm seafood and cream

cheese), the artfully crafted sashimi platter and the chicken and scallop hibachi dinner. The service was as good as the food. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2009

► **Chops City Grill**, 8200 Health Center Blvd., Bonita Springs; 992-4677

Stylish, hip Chops manages to offer something for everyone with a full bar and extensive wine list, aged meats and fresh seafood, classics like New England clam chowder and beef Oscar as well as inventive dishes such as hand-rolled shrimp and beef spring rolls and oysters Chopafeller (clams with crab, andouille sausage, spinach and smoked gouda). The oysters, crab and lobster cakes, entrees of spiced yellow fin tuna and a 10-ounce filet with blackberry-cabernet sauce and a side of butternut squash with brown sugar and almonds made for an outstanding meal. A warm wedge of Grandma's apple pie provided the crowning touch. The staff does a great job of taking care of even the smallest details, making customers feel welcome and pampered. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed January 2010

► **M Waterfront Grille**, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; 263-4421

The former Maxwell's on the Bay is now the sleek and sophisticated M Waterfront Grille. There was no improving upon the view of Naples Bay, which remains

a focal point, but the dining room, done in lots of woods and earth tones, gives the restaurant a contemporary, stylish air. Executive Chef Brian Roland's menu features cutting-edge Continental cuisine, with dishes such as heirloom beets with fried goat cheese, escargot with wild mushrooms, spinach and Boursin cream, orange miso-glazed sea bass with goat cheese dumplings and milk chocolate lava cake. Every one is painstakingly prepared and artfully plated. Polished service and an exemplary wine list further enhance the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed December 2008

► **The Pub**, Mercato, 9118 Strada Place; 594-2748

At this lively gastro pub, tartan-clad servers deliver well-prepared British fare in a room that appears to have been lifted whole out of the U.K. then plunked down in Naples. It offers a broad assortment of beers — 25 on tap alone — as well as a full bar that includes an impressive range of gins, bourbons, single-malt scotches and wine. The Scottish egg was a tasty concoction of hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage and breadcrumbs then fried. Spicy pub mustard completed the dish. An order of curry chips — crisp fries with red and yellow curry sauces — was plenty for two. The fish and chips (made with pollock) were excellent and the Young's Double Chocolate Stout BBQ burger was large, juicy and delicious with bacon, cheddar and tangy-sweet barbecue sauce. For dessert, we shared a Topsy Laird: two slices of fried pound cake with fresh berries sautéed in brandy and creamy

English custard. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Last reviewed November 2009

► **Sea Salt**, 1186 Third St. South; 434-7258

Chef Fabrizio Aielli was the darling of the Washington, D.C., political elite before he and his wife, Ingrid, decided to head south. And so was born Sea Salt. No expense has been spared in the chic, modern décor, the voluminous wine list or the painstakingly prepared food. Curry coconut black mussels and a salad of red and gold beets with mache and pecan-crusted goat cheese were excellent starters, although those with a taste for carpaccio, raw oysters or meats and cheeses will find suitable options as well. The menu changes regularly so some dishes aren't going to be available but the limoncello-marinated salmon with green lentil mustard sauce, as well as the wild halibut and veal osso buco ravioli were outstanding. Desserts include house-made gelato and a sushi-style menu of Norman Love chocolates. The pistachio gelato with tomato marmalade was rich and velvety, the tiny almond linzer torte three bites of bliss. Our pair of servers were true professionals, adding polish to an excellent meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed February 2009

Key to ratings

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

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Savoir faire and savory fare abound at Café Normandie

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French food and the rarified air that customarily surrounds it usually command a serious investment of cash. It could be the cost of the gourmet ingredients that necessitates the hefty price tag, or it could be that people are accustomed to paying dearly for it so many restaurants oblige them.

Café Normandie is a noteworthy exception to this rule.

A slim storefront wedged between Design Salon of Naples and the defunct Best of Everything along busy U.S. 41, this little establishment is the domain of owner Benoit Legris, whose personality is as charming as his palate is discerning. The native of Normandy offers a limited but varied French menu and an equally well-honed wine list.

"The menu is what I like to eat," he said during a stop at our table. "I want to be able to taste my food and know that it's good. It's the same with the wine."

Mr. Legris has managed to create a classic French café in subtropical Florida in a not-so-comely strip center on a major highway. That is no small feat. Then add in that the food and libations are first rate at prices generally charged at off-the-beaten-path spots. This isn't your typical French restaurant.

A smiling server led us right to our table for two when we arrived at the precise time of our reservation. From the aforementioned wine list, we selected a bottle of Sophie Bertin pouilly fume, a golden-hued, fruity white from the Loire Valley that proved a worthy companion to the seafood and duck that were to follow. Our server delivered a lovely ceramic wine chiller with it.

Dinner was delightful from start to finish. It began with mussels in Normandie cream sauce (\$7.99) and escargots de Bourgogne (\$7.99). Both dishes featured impeccably fresh mollusks with sauces that complemented them perfectly. The mussels sat in a pool of delicate shallot cream sauce that was neither too thick or too thin, although there could have been a bit more of it. The snails were tucked into a well-balanced blend of butter, garlic, shallots and parsley. While garlic often overwhelms this type of sauce, Café Normandie's version was just right.

The entrees were just as skillfully craft-

ed. Shrimp and sea scallops au gratin (\$19.99) consisted of large, flavorful shellfish bathed in a béchamel sauce that had a hint of tomato, topped with Swiss cheese and breadcrumbs then baked until the mixture bubbled and the shrimp and scallops were perfectly done.

The duck aux peches (\$24.99) was a refreshing variation on duck l'orange. The duck was roasted so that the skin was crisp and golden while the flesh remained moist. It came with a slightly spicy peach sauce that seemed a more harmonious accompaniment to the duck than the classic orange sauce, which can be overpowering. A square of scalloped potatoes au gratin worked well with the duck, as did a well-seasoned ratatouille.

While the food was wonderful, I suspect the atmosphere of



A raspberry tart with pastry cream is one of several desserts offered at Café Normandie.

the place added to our enjoyment. No matter that the sun had set. The room maintained its cheery ambience, with its golden yellow walls, tablecloths with yellow and orange patterns, and little shelves along the wall holding what looked like antique dolls dressed to represent various trades. A glass case in front of the kitchen offered a glimpse at the evening's appetizing dessert offerings: tart tatin, crème brulee and fruit tarts among them.

From that display we nabbed the last raspberry tart (\$4.50), a perfect specimen consisting of a tender crust, ethereal pastry cream and a layer of fresh raspberries. A warm, whisper-thin crepe Suzette (\$4.50)



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1. Escargot in butter, garlic, parsley and shallots comes in classic snail crockery.
2. Duck with peach sauce, ratatouille and scalloped potatoes au gratin combine to create classic French meal.
3. Sherry cream sauce lends delicate flavor to fresh mussels.
4. Simple but elegant, shrimp and sea scallops au gratin is a popular entrée at Café Normandie.

had soaked up much of its orange-lemon butter with a hint of Grand Marnier and was delicious. Crepes also can be made with strawberries, almonds and whipped cream, apple, caramel and whipped cream, or Nutella, an addictive chocolate-hazelnut concoction. We took Mr. Legris' advice and were happy with the classic version of this oh-so-French dessert.

Café Normandie is a refreshing alternative to the sprawling, chic and often deafening restaurants currently in vogue. Its simplicity is one of its charm.

On the night of my visit, the effervescent Mr. Legris moved from table to table, chatting with guests, many of whom appeared to be regulars, but making first-timers feel welcome as well. By the time we left, we felt like we belonged, too. ■

in the know

Café Normandie
3756 Tamiami Trail N.; 261-0977

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** Lunch served 11 a.m.-3 p.m., dinner from 5 p.m.-close (reservations until 8:30 p.m.), Monday through Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted
- >> **Price range:** appetizers, \$6.99-\$12.99; entrees, \$18.99-\$24.99
- >> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served
- >> **Seating:** Conventional tables and chairs or high tops plus two tables out front
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Savory petit fours, escargot de Bourgogne, foie gras, boeuf Bourguignon, shrimp and scallops au gratin, duck with peaches, sea bass a la Normande
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
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★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

- > **Thursday, Dec. 2, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Sample some of the newly arrived seasonal beers; \$5, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.
- > **Friday, Dec. 3, 5:30-7 p.m., Tony's Off Third:** The 12th annual champagne and sparklers tasting will feature more than 18 brands with new wine manager Wayne Walker on hand to help guide guests through the tasting process; \$20 (with \$10 credit toward the purchase of one of the featured items), 1300 Third St. S.; 262-7999.
- > **Saturday, Dec. 4, 8:30-11 a.m., BRIO Tuscan Grille:** Santa's on hand for breakfast as well as a coloring contest and goodie bags for kids. Guests who bring an unwrapped donation for Toys for Tots will be entered in a drawing for a prize; \$10 adults, \$7 for children; 5505 Tamiami Trail N.; 593-5319. Reservations required.
- > **Saturday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Whole Foods:** Healthy-eating specialist Robin Murray prepares a hearty creamy

- cauliflower soup that has no oil or cream and is easy to prepare; free, Mercato; 552-5100.
- > **Saturday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 3-5 p.m., Tony's Off Third:** New wine manager Wayne Walker hosts a weekly wine tasting; 1300 Third St. S.; 262-7999.
- > **Sunday-Saturday, Dec. 5-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fifth Avenue South:** Sample food from three Culinary Concepts restaurants on The Zoo Crawl to help create a new giraffe habitat at the Naples Zoo. The tour goes from Pazzo! Cucina Italiana to Chops City Grill to Yabba Island Grill. Seating is limited and by reservation only; 298-5015.
- > **Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2-3:30 p.m., Whole Foods:** Learn how to create decadent chocolate treats to impress holiday guests; \$10, Mercato; 552-5100.
- > **Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6:15 p.m., Roy's Bonita Springs:** Chef Roy Yamaguchi hosts a private wine dinner as a prelude to the Southwest Florida Food & Wine Fest

- (which takes place Feb. 25-26); \$99, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26831 South Bay Drive; 498-7697 for reservations. For details about the Northern Trust Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, call 278-3900 or visit www.Southwestfloridawinefest.org.
- > **Wednesday, Dec. 8, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Taste a variety of pinot noirs, made from the grape that's hardest to grow; \$10 (with \$5 credit toward purchase that evening), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.
- > **Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** It's the final Wine Throw-down of the year, featuring five wine suppliers offering eight wines each, along with appetizers; \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.
- > **Farmers markets**
- > **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The weekly farmers market features fruit, veggies, cheeses, desserts, breads, flowers and many more items

along with music; parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

- > **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Collection at Vanderbilt:** More than 40 vendors set up for the North Naples Green Market at the northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads; 594-9358.
- > **Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Bank of Naples:** Find artwork, handmade jewelry, crafts, organic produce, gourmet foods, baked goods, collectibles, pet products, home improvement items and more; 4099 Tamiami Trail; 249-9888.
- > **Wednesday, 2:30-6:30 p.m., St. Monica's Episcopal Church:** Load up on local produce, breads and other baked goods, seafood, Greek specialties, Italian food and sauces, coffee, orchids, soaps and more; 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4572. ■

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