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THE LIVES THEY LED

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WHAT CONSTITUTES A "GOOD" LIFE? Not the easiest of questions to answer with any certainty. For some, the good life involves the pursuit of material possessions. The more the better. For others, it takes the form of an unending quest for personal accomplishments and public recognition and adulation.

Nothing really wrong with any of those goals, but for the purposes of this article, we define a "good" life a little differently.

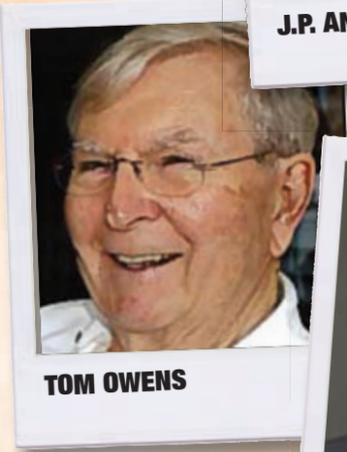
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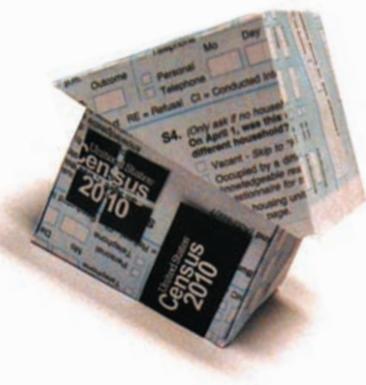
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Construction of the customs facility at Naples Municipal Airport has been completed, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection staff is expected to begin providing services within the next several days. The new facility will save time and fuel for pilots returning from overseas trips.

"The facility will provide a significant convenience for general aviation pilots flying to Naples primarily from the Bahamas and other Caribbean islands, but also Canada and other international airports," says

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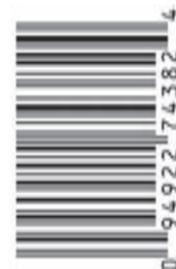
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COMMENTARY

All I want for the new year is...



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There are many things I want beginning Jan. 1, some of them too fierce to mention.

And since I want them, I want you to want them, too.

For example, I want the managers of The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, not only to declare their entire beachfront free and open to the public from the mean low tide line to the mean high tide line to the mean property line to the main lobby, which is not mean — but I also want them to offer free drinks to all passersby on Saturday afternoons.

We have entered, after all, a brand-spanking new year, outfitted as all new years are with infinite possibility.

That will soon change, so let me get to the declarations of want now, not later.

I want Gov.-elect Rick Scott to set aside one day a month to walk among his people — the poor ones, the working ones, hell, maybe even the non-working ones, who amount to about one out of every eight or nine, or maybe one out of every two or three.

He could call it Po-boys' Day. Traditionally with Mr. Scott, every day is Rich-Boys' Day (every day's a holiday and every meal's a banquet), and that worries me.

Maybe the governor doesn't realize

there are any poor people, except in fairy tales. After all, when you open your wallet and peel off roughly \$70 million of your own soft-earned money just to sit in an office with a big desk in a town called Tallahassee — not Paris, not Rome, not even Everglades City or Naples — you might not notice that other people's money comes hard.

When Mr. Scott kicked off his inaugural parade earlier this week — the social whirl leading up to his Jan. 4 inauguration amidst various balls and parties in the state Capital — he visited places for rich people only, or at least for the comfortably well off. His first three venues included the Food & Thought Organic Market & Restaurant in Naples, Disney's Yacht Club Resort in Orlando and Hilliard Farms LLC in Clewiston (got to keep Big Sugar happy).

On Po-boys' Day, however — say the first Monday of each month — the new governor could forego all that and become a true Man of the People.

He could visit places like the boat docks behind the K-12 school in Everglades City, where he could eat a real po-boy and meet one, too. Or the Coalition of Immokalee Workers headquarters in Immokalee, or a field owned by 6Ls growers in eastern Collier, or McDonald's Restaurant #6630 on Collier Boulevard in Golden Gate, where people are working their rears off for about \$8 an hour.

Po-boys and po-girls might be glad to have work, even if it isn't managing a health-care giant like Mr. Scott did

(Columbia/HCA Healthcare System) that earned untold billions from Medicare, millions of it feloniously, or sitting at a big desk in Tally, like he's about to do.

Still, since \$8 an hour isn't going to pay for rent, food, clothing, transportation and/or a visit to the pediatrician, they poor folks might wish to get in a little face time with the governor. They might want a chance to talk about the possibilities for their futures before he mutters the Rick Scott mantra, "Let's get back to work."

Let me be clear: The things I want this year spring from the fact that we are now chest deep in a quandary.

What is a quandary?

To answer that, let me quote one of the world's most celebrated works of literature, "The Vile Village" by Lemony Snicket, the seventh in "A Series of Unfortunate Events." It was introduced to me this very morning by my 8-year-old son, who decided spontaneously, like combustion, to read it aloud at the breakfast table:

"In this large and fierce world, there are many, many unpleasant places to be. You can be in a river swarming with angry electric eels, or in a supermarket filled with vicious long-distance runners. You can be in a hotel that has no room service, or you can be lost in a forest that is slowly filling up with water. You can be in a hornet's nest or in an abandoned airport or in the office of a pediatric surgeon, but one of the most unpleasant things that can happen is to find yourself in a quandary."

I'm sure I mentioned that quandaries

lead to needs, and needs lead to desires, and desires are wants.

Among the things I want even more eagerly than free drinks at The Ritz or face time for poor people with the governor is a new law, muscularly enforced by local officials.

I hereby call upon the Naples City Council and City Manager Bill Moss, the Marco Island council and City Manager Dr. James Riviere, and the Collier County Commission and County Manager Leo Ochs to propose and pass a new law strictly forbidding the closing of any Italian restaurants.

Giuseppe's, Frascati's, Salvo's Pizzeria and Café Alessio all disappeared without a trace in 2010, and nobody made even the slightest attempt to stop that terrible tragedy.

It's the height of absurdity: Officials might donate something like \$260 million in state and local tax dollars to support Maine-based Jackson Labs, but they've forgotten our Italian restaurants.

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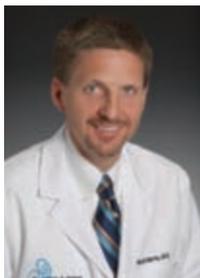
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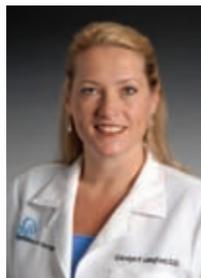
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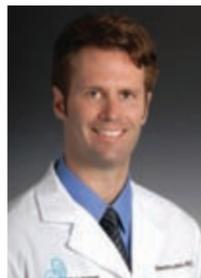
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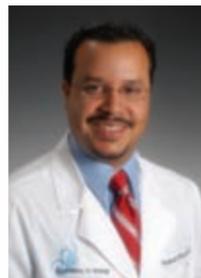
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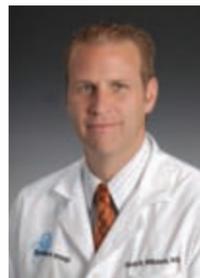
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OPINION

President Obama's Mitterrand moment



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In 1981, Francois Mitterrand swept to power in France in a watershed election. He united the left and fired the imagination of the country's youth, who danced in the streets on election night in a frenzy of revolutionary anticipation.

Mitterrand embarked on a stimulus program that would have satisfied Paul Krugman. He increased the wages of government workers, and hired more of them. He boosted the minimum wage and reduced working hours. He tripled the budget deficit. In a year, he nationalized no fewer than 36 banks, along with the country's largest industrial corporations.

The late historian Tony Judt wrote in his book "Postwar" that the nationalizations were meant "to symbolize the anti-capitalist intent of the new regime; to confirm that the elections of 1981 had really changed something more than just the personnel of government." This was "change we could believe in," taken to Gallic extremes.

Then, the unraveling. With inflation and unemployment at double digits, with the business community terrified, and with currency and people fleeing the country, Mitterrand's "revolution" foundered on the shoals of economic and social reality. As a matter of sheer survival, he announced a "U-turn" and embraced a program of austerity, or "La Rigueur," reversing course on nearly everything.

President Barack Obama's "U-turn" is upon us. It is much more muted. He wasn't as explicitly left-wing in his campaign or in his initial burst of activism as Mitterrand, and he'll never go as far in his reversal as the flamboyantly cynical Frenchman. There's nonetheless a whiff of Mitterrand in the air when Obama marks the extension of all the Bush tax cuts at a White House signing ceremony with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell present, but not House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Like Mitterrand's supporters, Obama's boosters overinterpreted his election as the dawn of a new age, and his youthful fans invested him with unrealizable millennial expectations. His economic program hasn't collapsed, but it has badly underperformed and opened up

an unsettling vista on a future debt crisis. Even Obama acknowledges his facile assurances of "shovel-ready" stimulus projects were misbegotten. In a remarkable turnabout, his economic team sold the extension of the Bush tax rates as protection against a double-dip recession.

It's not economic fundamentals that are breaking Obama's leftward momentum so much as political ones. A center-right country can only take so much hope-and-change. Prior to the arrival of any tea partiers, Harry Reid's Senate couldn't pass a \$1.1 trillion business-as-usual spending bill, and Nancy Pelosi's House ratified the Bush tax cuts in a bipartisan vote. Obama is adjusting to this new political reality rather than raging against it.

Obama is in a long game. If he's to succeed on his own terms as a pragmatic ideologue, Obama will be as wily and flexible as it takes to get re-elected, then protect as much of his state aggrandizement as feasible. Francois Mitterrand would understand, even if Obama's disappointed acolytes don't. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

The chief executive's Christmas gift to AT&T (and Comcast and Verizon)



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Special to Florida Weekly

One of President Barack Obama's signature campaign promises was to protect the freedom of the Internet. He said, in November 2007, "I will take a back seat to no one in my commitment to network neutrality, because once providers start to privilege some applications or websites over others, then the smaller voices get squeezed out and we all lose."

Jump ahead to December 2010, where Obama is clearly in the back seat, being driven by Internet giants like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast. With him is his appointed chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Julius Genachowski, his Harvard Law School classmate and basketball pal who just pushed through a rule on network neutrality that Internet activists consider disastrous.

Free Press Managing Director Craig Aaron told me, "This proposal appears to be riddled with loopholes that would open the door to all kinds of future abuses, allowing companies like AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, the big Internet service providers, to decide which websites are going to work, which aren't, and which are going to be able to get special treatment."

For comedian-turned-Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., the new rules on Net neutrality are no joke. He offered this example, writing: "Verizon could prevent you from accessing Google Maps on your phone, forcing you to use their own mapping program, Verizon Navigator, even if it costs money to use and isn't nearly as good. Or a mobile provider with a political agenda could prevent you from down-

loading an app that connects you with the Obama campaign (or, for that matter, a Tea Party group in your area)."

AT&T is one of the conglomerates that activists say practically wrote the FCC rules that Genachowski pushed through. We've seen this flip-flop before. Weeks before his 2007 Net neutrality pledge, then-Sen. Obama took on AT&T, which was exposed for engaging in warrantless wiretapping of U.S. citizens at the request of the Bush administration. AT&T wanted retroactive immunity from prosecution. Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton told Talking Points Memo: "To be clear: Barack will support a filibuster of any bill that includes retroactive immunity for telecommunications companies."

But by July 2008, a month before the Democratic National Convention, with Obama the presumptive presidential nominee, he not only didn't filibuster, but voted for a bill that granted telecoms retroactive immunity from prosecution. AT&T had gotten its way, and showed its appreciation quickly. The official tote bag issued to every DNC delegate was emblazoned with a large AT&T logo. AT&T threw an opening-night bash for delegates that was closed to the press, celebrating the Democratic Party for its get-out-of-jail-free card.

AT&T, Verizon, cable giant Comcast and other corporations have expressed support for the new FCC rule. Genachowski's Democratic Party allies on the commission, Michael Copps and Mignon Clyburn (the daughter of House Majority Whip James Clyburn), according to Aaron, "tried to improve these rules, but the chairman refused to budge, apparently because he had already reached an agreement with AT&T and the cable lobbyists about how far these rules were going to go." Clyburn noted that the rules

could allow mobile Internet providers to discriminate, and that poor communities, particularly African-American and Latino, rely on mobile Internet services more than wired connections.

Aaron laments the power of the telecom and cable industry lobbyists in Washington, D.C.: "In recent years, they've deployed 500 lobbyists, basically one for every member of Congress, and that's just what they report. AT&T is the biggest campaign giver in the history of campaign giving, as long as we have been tracking it. So they have really entrenched themselves. And Comcast, Verizon, the other big companies, are not far behind."

Aaron added: "When AT&T wants to get together all of their lobbyists, there's no room big enough. They had to rent out a movie theater. People from the public interest who are fighting for the free and open Internet here in D.C. can still share a cab."

Campaign money is now more than ever the lifeblood of U.S. politicians, and you can be sure that Obama and his advisers are looking to the 2012 election, which will likely be the costliest in U.S. history. Vigorous and innovative use of the Internet and mobile technologies is credited with helping Obama secure his victory in 2008. As the open Internet becomes increasingly stifled in the U.S., and the corporations that control the Internet become more powerful, we may not see such democratic participation for much longer. ■

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Florida Gov.-elect Rick Scott also is confirmed to attend the event's VIP reception and evening program.

Florida's Celebration of Reading has raised nearly \$16 million for family literacy programs in Florida and the southeastern U.S. since the program was launched under then-Gov. Bush in 2001.

Laura Bush, author of this year's *New York Times* best-seller "Spoken from the Heart," will read excerpts of her memoir during the celebration program, which will also feature:

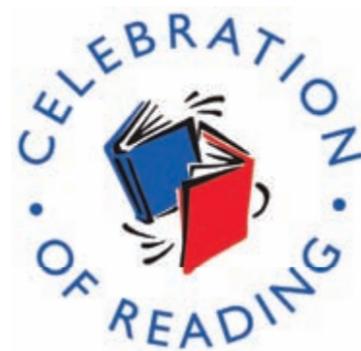


LAURA BUSH

■ Paulo Coelho, the Brazilian author of 26 works including the international best-seller "The Alchemist," with more than 110 million copies sold worldwide in 70 languages, earning him the distinction of Guinness World Record winner for the most translated book by a living author; and

■ N.D. Wilson, author of the 100 Cupboards trilogy, including "100 Cupboards," "Dandelion Fire" and "The Chestnut King."

In addition to former President Bush and his wife, numerous special guests are expected at the event, including



Family Literacy Initiative spokesman Jeb Bush Jr., Senate President Mike Haridopolos, James Beard-award winning author and chef Art Smith and international pop artist Romero Britto.

The Florida Family Literacy Initiative is administered by the Volunteer USA Foundation, which provides funding, training and technical assistance for literacy providers. In addition to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, major partners include Comcast, Publix Super Markets Charities, Florida Trend, Scholastic, Dollar General and Walt Disney World Co.

Tickets to the Celebration of Reading are \$250 per person and include the Celebration Dinner immediately following the reading program. The event begins at 6 p.m. Sponsorships are also available and include preferred seating, an exclusive function with members of the Bush family and other benefits.

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in 2010. Their passing attracted notice, but perhaps not as much as was warranted, probably because they did not always seek the highest of profiles for themselves. All were successful in their chosen endeavors, but their success was not marked in money earned or headlines garnered, although they did accrue a measure of both. Their lives were more complex and far richer than their bank accounts or their scrapbooks. They each exemplified selflessness, good works done unhesitatingly without the expectation of laurels or remuneration and something that often seems to be in short supply these days — common decency.

It is safe to say that, by any measure you may choose, J.P. Antonmattei, Saul Stern and Tom Owens lived lives that enriched others. And as a result, they deserve to be recognized once again as this year, their last, draws to a close.

J.P. ANTONMATTEI

THE 42-YEAR-OLD MR. ANTONMATTEI had just assumed the presidency of the Naples Area Board of Realtors when he died last January in a plane crash off the Bahamian coast. The accident also claimed the lives of David Howell, the pilot, and Andrew Peterson, a young businessman. The deaths of the three men, who were working on a development deal in the Bahamas, sent shock waves through the Naples business community.

Mr. Antonmattei was an interesting figure — charismatic and extremely bright — who had earned a wide reputation as one of the up-and-comers in the Naples real estate world. He had worked as an agent with Amerivest Realty since 2008, and his natural charm and high energy had long marked him for success. His untimely death took from the scene a man who had accomplished much but seemed poised for even greater things in the near future.

But what fewer people knew about Mr. Antonmattei — principally because he was reluctant to broadcast his good works — was his strong commitment to helping others, particularly those within the Hispanic community.

Mr. Antonmattei, whose roots ran to Puerto Rico, became deeply involved in the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force, which was created to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.



J.P. ANTONMATTEI

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“J.P. wasn’t someone who did things simply so he could put them on his resume,” says Jeffrey Ahren of the Legal Aid Service of Collier County and a cochairman of the task force. “He was a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of guy. He wasn’t there for show or to further his business interests in anyway. He was there to help, and he worked hard.”

Mr. Ahren recalls receiving late-night text messages and e-mails from Mr. Antonmattei (“His mind was always going”) relating to task force business.

“J.P. was a very busy guy, but this was his passion,” says Mr. Ahren. “He came to me and said that we really needed to do as much as we could to reach out to the Hispanic community. He felt that (members of that community) didn’t know where to turn for help.”

Mr. Antonmattei, on his own initiative, spent hours translating from English to Spanish hundreds of pages of documents generated by the task force.

Not only did Mr. Antonmattei help those facing foreclosure, he also worked long hours trying to find ways to help more people — especially Hispanics — become homeowners.

“He wanted to do everything possible to reach out to the Hispanic population,” notes Brenda Fioretti, who succeeded Mr. Antonmattei as president of NABOR. “He had high energy, and he was just a very friendly, happy guy. He was good at connecting with people, and he was absolutely committed to helping as many people as possible better their lives.”

Mr. Antonmattei is survived by his wife, Laurie Saunders-Antonmattei (a well-regarded local musician) and their 9-year-old son, Jon Carlo.

“We miss him in so many ways,” says Mr. Ahren. “It wasn’t just the work he did, which was fantastic. It was the person he was. He loved his family and this community. I remember his smile and his warmth. What a wonderful man he was.”

SAUL STERN

LOOKING BACK ON MR. STERN’S LIFE, ONE might pause to ask this question: How did he do all of that in only 94 years?

Washington Jewish Week took on the daunting task of encapsulating Mr. Stern’s extraordinary life and did so thusly: “Stern was both a Jewish communal leader and an all-around civic activist, a staunch supporter of Israel, a Democratic Party potentate, a prolific fundraiser, an accomplished land-use planner and a successful businessman, just to name a few of his identities.”

For many years, Mr. Stern, who died in March, split his time between Marco Island and the Washington, D.C., area, and he never stood idle at either location.

Although many referred to him as the “Mayor of Marco,” he disdained elective office — after one unsuccessful attempt in the 1950s to win a seat on the county council of Montgomery, Md. — and preferred to work in less-visible ways.

“Saul was definitely a behind-the-scenes player,” says Edward Maline, rabbi of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.

Mr. Stern came about his penchant for politics and activism naturally. His father, a Russian immigrant, served in the Maine legislature and was a proponent of laws protecting children and the elderly. In an interview in 2002, Mr. Stern said it was his parents who passed on to him the importance of “responsibility and caring for fellow human beings.”

Mr. Stern served in the Pacific Theater



SAUL STERN

during World War II and later practiced law. He was a partner with his brother in a furniture business in Maryland and, according to several accounts, the brothers totally furnished the Israeli embassy at no cost at all when it first opened in Washington.

Restless, energetic and creative, Mr. Stern was regarded as one of the premier fundraisers within the Democratic Party and for anything that aided Israel.

Despite his support for Jewish causes, he viewed religion with a wary eye.

“Saul had a complicated relationship with organized religion,” wrote Stuart Weinblatt, a rabbi in Potomac, Md. “I think he thought being a Democrat was the 11th commandment.”

In Florida, however, Mr. Stern was a strong supporter of the JCMI and often worked to bring speakers to the synagogue. He was involved with the Jewish Federation of Collier County and helped to establish a Holocaust and Jewish studies program at Florida Gulf Coast University.

It was politics, though, that really fired his passion.

He was a founder of the National Jewish Democratic Council, based in Washington, and remained active until his health began to fail a few years ago.

“Everybody loved Saul,” says Ira Forman, executive director of the council. “He was never an out-front guy, but he was proud of what he did.”

As a fundraiser, Mr. Forman recalls, Saul Stern was, perhaps, without peer.

“He had the most amazing social skills,” Mr. Forman says. “I’d go into a room with him, and there might be 2,000 people there. Saul would go around and talk to everyone. He knew everyone, and they knew him. He also was very good at organizing.”

While a legend in Democratic political circles, Mr. Stern retained his low profile right up until his death.

“A few years back, The Washington Post did a story on power brokers and important people behind the scenes, and Saul was featured in that,” says Mr. Forman. “That was one of the few times I can remember him being mentioned — publicly, in print — like that.”

Although Mr. Stern was not, by most accounts, the most devout congregant, the JCMI will honor him with two programs on Jan. 21-22. And that seems entirely fitting.

“This man of simple origins... was himself, an amazing individual,” wrote Rabbi Weinblatt not long after Mr. Stern’s death.

TOM OWENS

MR. OWENS OF MARCO ISLAND, WHO PASSED AWAY IN NOVEMBER at the age of 88, was good at a great many things, but selecting titles for books was not one of them. Mr. Owens, you see, penned a memoir, which was meant primarily for his family and friends. He called his book "An Ordinary Man in Extraordinary Times."

"He was anything but ordinary," says Vicki Williams, Mr. Owens' stepdaughter. "But that was the way he saw himself. He believed he was just an ordinary man who did the best he could."

The record supports Ms. Williams's view and shows that Mr. Owens was indeed an extraordinary man who passed through some extraordinary times.

A native of Newark, N.J., he had lived on Marco since his retirement in 1985. He was not a man to spin "war stories," although he had them to spare. In fact, it was in World War II that Tom Owens first displayed the extraordinary traits that would serve him so well later in life.

He was on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, and he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The action Mr. Owens saw was the sort that either made a man or broke him. It was close-quarter warfare that called for lightning-quick reflexes and split-second decision-making. Mr. Owens, who came out of World War II as a 2nd lieutenant, was more than equal to the task. He was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star for bravery in combat. He would be called back into duty once again during the Korean War.

Following the war, Mr. Owens went on to graduate from Rutgers University and Stevens Institute of Technology, where he received a master's degree. The G.I. Bill gave him the start he needed. His experiences in the army fostered an interest in communications technology, and this formed the foundation for what would become his life's work.

Once focused, Mr. Owens rose rapidly in the corporate world. He became CFO of AT&T. He spent time working abroad in Taiwan and Costa Rica.

When he retired to Marco, he threw himself enthusiastically into the affairs of the community. One of his most cherished accomplishments was serving on the planning and building committee of the San Marco Catholic Church. Following the death of his first wife, Evelyn, Mr. Owens headed a bereavement group at the church. He met his second wife, Donna, while both were members of the group.

"You would never know it from talking to him, but he practically built the San Marco Catholic Church," says Ms. Williams.

Something of a Renaissance man, Mr. Owens was deeply involved in the arts and was a patron of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

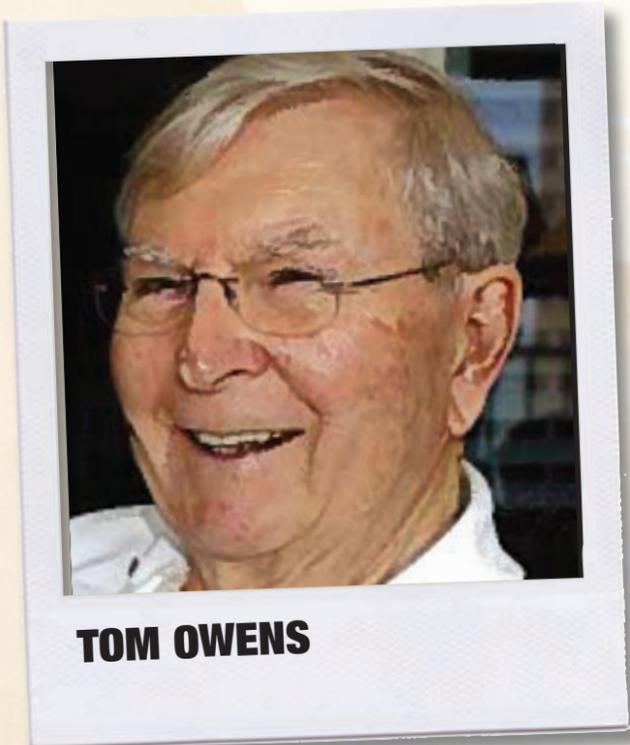
"At times, it seemed like he was into everything," Ms. Williams recalls.

Indeed, he was into almost everything, including the Marco Island YMCA, the Island Health Care Center, Citizens for a Safer Marco and the Marco Police Foundation board of directors, to name but a few. About 20 years ago, Mr. Owens also spearheaded a drive through the Rotary International Foundation to eliminate polio on a global scale. He was named Marco Island Citizen of the Year in 2000, and last year he received a key to the city of Marco Island.

Ms. Williams notes that Mr. Owens depicted himself in his memoir as someone who simply did what was needed to be done.

"An Ordinary Man in Extraordinary Times"? Hardly. But a man had the right to call his memoir whatever he wishes.

But rest assured, to this day, the only person who has ever described Tom Owens as ordinary was Tom Owens himself. And that tells you just about everything you need to know about the man. ■



TOM OWENS



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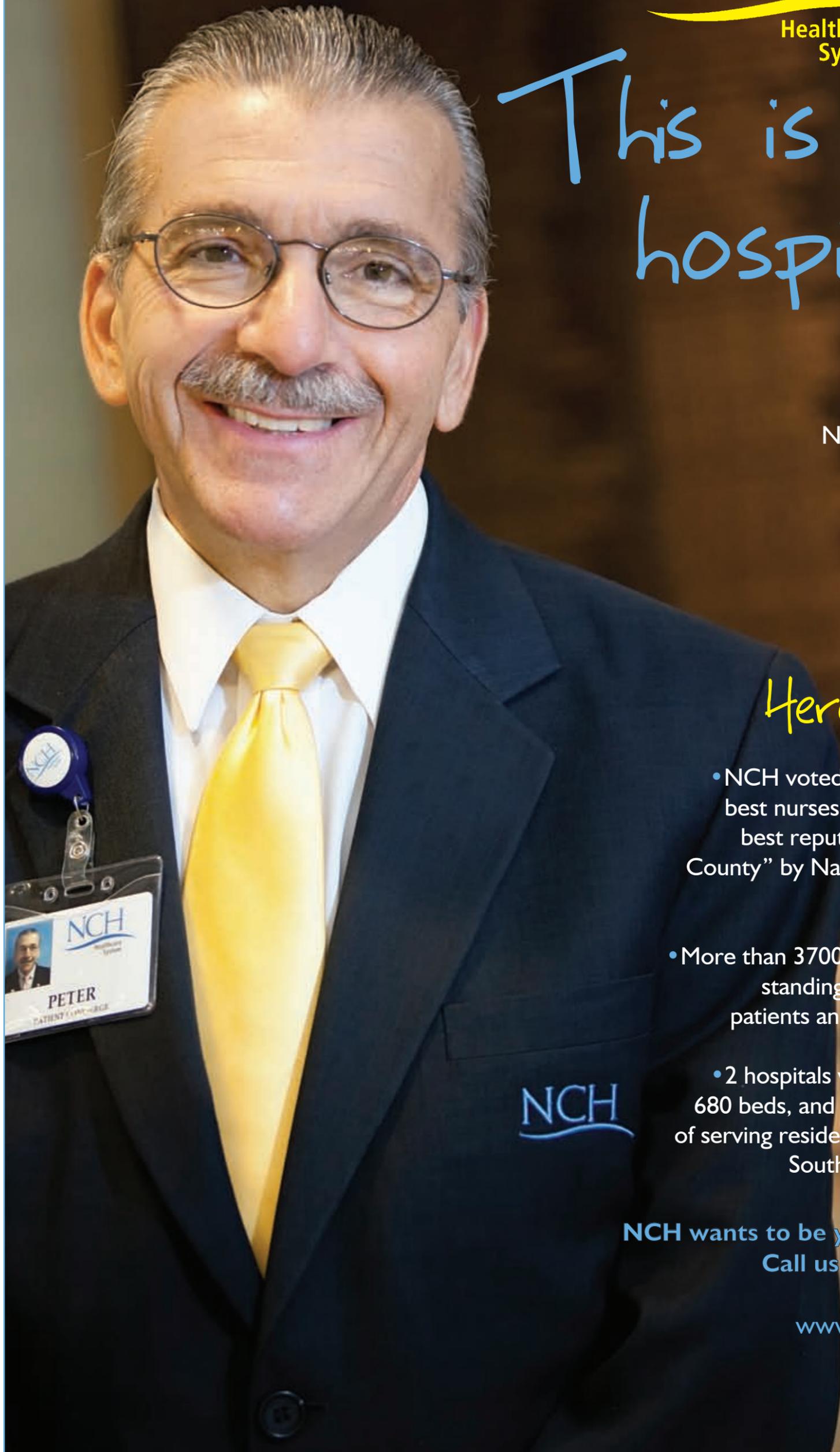
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Garden at Eden plans free tours

The Garden at Eden, Naples' only community-based organic training farm, will host a farm tour from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 8. Operated by Eden Autism Services Florida, the garden is at 2101 County Barn Road.

The free tour will give visitors the chance to see the production field, training field, community field, worm ranches and the plant and fruit tree nurseries. Two dozen fruit trees, courtesy of Collier Fruit Growers Inc., will be given away as raffle prizes.

John Puig, president of the Collier County Fruit Growers Association, has been conducting organic gardening classes at the Garden at Eden since September. Topics have included an introduction to organic gardening, water reservoir container gardening, growing sprouts and composting in Southwest Florida.

While serving the overall mission of Eden Autism Services Florida — to provide services for children and adults with autism — the garden has cultivated a mix of interest from local organizations that want to get involved with organic farming efforts. Bala Vinyasa Yoga has designated the Garden at Eden as a community outreach partner and is planning a February event with Mr. Puig.

Free community "Volunteer on the Farm" work sessions take place from 2-4 p.m. every Thursday. Students seeking volunteer hours for school requirements and others are encouraged to join in the fun.

Eden Florida is a division of Eden Institute Inc., which was founded in Princeton, N.J., in 1975. For more information, contact Raquel Torres at 992-4680, ext. 210. ■



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Nearly New Sale a great place to start 2011

Start the New Year by snapping up some great bargains at the Nearly New Sale organized by the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. The sale takes place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at JCMS, 991 Winterberry Drive.

Merchandise categories include: bric-a-brac, books, CDs, clocks and collectables, computers, cutlery, dishes, fishing equipment, furniture, games, jewelry, kitchen items, hospital equipment, lamps, linens and small household electronics, among others.

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Monday, January 17 at 7pm • The Woodlands at Shell Point

Alexander Popov, bassoonist, is a top prize winner of both the Marvinsky and Tolyati International Woodwind Competitions. An avid soloist, Mr. Popov has been featured with the Idyllwild Arts International Chamber Orchestra and the Novosibirsk Philharmonic and in recitals throughout his native Russia, as well as in New York, San Diego, West Palm Beach, and Los Angeles. Tickets are \$25. Call (239) 454-2067.



Appreciating Classically Simple

Monday, January 17 at 1:45pm
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Michael Hall, Music Director for the Southwest Florida Symphony will present *Appreciating Classically Simple*. Join the maestro for an in-depth look at the three unique pieces that will be performed in the concert next month at Shell Point, including excerpts from the concert on CD, and live at the piano. This event is free. Please call (239) 454-2054 with questions.



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Joy of democracy

► The women's group Femen is growing in popularity in Ukraine (according to a November Reuters dispatch), helped in large part by its members' willingness, during the group's ubiquitous street protests, to remove their tops.

► The Socialist Party in Spain's Catalonia region offered an election video in November on the joy of voting, in

which an attractive, increasingly excited woman simulates herself as she fills out her ballot, climaxing at the moment she drops it into the slot.

► The nativist Danish People's Party called in November for an anti-immigration film that featured bare-breasted women sunbathing, as one way to convince religious fundamentalists abroad not to immigrate to Denmark ■

Unclear on the concept

In November, outgoing Florida Gov. Charlie Crist initiated pardon proceedings (granted in December) excusing now-deceased singer Jim Morrison of The Doors for his 1969 indecent-exposure conviction in Miami Beach. However, Gov. Crist has ignored petitions from still-living, still-incarcerated convicts who almost certainly suffered unfair prosecutions. *Orlando Sentinel* crusader Scott Maxwell has reported on several dozen people convicted in part by trainer Bill Preston's dogs, who suppos-

edly tracked crime-scene scents through water and other obstacles, sometimes months later and despite much site contamination, directly to the defendant on trial. Judge after judge permitted Mr. Preston's "expert" testimony until one demanded a live courtroom test, which Mr. Preston's dog utterly failed. In 2009 two convicts were released after DNA tests proved the dog's sniffs were erroneous, but as many as 60 similar convictions still stand. ■

Cautious maximus

Parents of the 450 pupils (aged 3 to 11) at Applecroft primary school in Welwyn Garden City, England, were given individualized yearbooks recently with all the children's faces obscured by black bars over the eyes (except for photos of the recipient's own children, which had no obstructions). The precautions (described by one parent as

"creepy," like kids were "prisoner(s)") were ordered by headmistress Vicky Parsley, who feared that clear photos of children would inevitably wind up in child pornography. Last year, Ms. Parsley famously prohibited parents from taking photographs during school plays — of their kids or any others — for the same fear. ■

Weird commerce

Among the few commercially successful enterprises in North Korea is its General Federation of Science and Technology's video game unit, which has produced such popular programs as a bowling game based on the American cult classic movie "The Big Lebowski," and another based on the "Men in Black" film series. Bloomberg

News revealed in September that a major international partner of the federation's marketing arm Nosotek is the News Corporation — the umbrella company of Rupert Murdoch's vast enterprises that include the conservative Fox News (which is generally provocative toward the North Korean government). ■

Biologist's challenges

Biologists studying rare species have to be quick. Researchers learned from reports in early 2010 of a new monkey species in Myanmar, with a nose so recessed that it habitually collects rainfall and constantly sneezes. However, according to an October National Geographic dispatch, by the time scientists arrived to investigate, natives had eaten the mon-

key. (The sneezing makes them easy for hunters to detect.) Researchers studying a rare species of Vietnamese lizard had an easier time in November. After learning of the species and rushing to Ba Ria-Vung Tau province, a two-man team from La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., found the lizards being routinely served in several restaurants' lunch buffets. ■

Inexplicable

► Nicholas Hodge, 31, was arrested in Winona County, Minn., in November after he entered the home of an acquaintance at 2:40 a.m. and refused to leave, complaining that a person who lived there owed him something. According to the deputy's report, Mr. Hodge was cuffed while sitting on a toilet "in the kitchen." The deputy added, "I'm not sure why they had a toilet in the kitchen."

► "Sex strikes" (the withholding of favors) are employed from time to time,

especially in underdeveloped countries, to influence political leaders' decisions. However, these almost always appear in patriarchies in which females have little influence beyond the power of sexual denial. In December, Stanley Kalembaye of Uganda's National Resistance Movement, battling to unseat the ruling party, publicly called for the nation's men to withhold sex from their wives unless the wives promise to vote for the Resistance. ■

Least-competent criminals

► Bonnie Usher, 43, was arrested in Manchester, N.H., in November and charged with robbing a Rite Aid pharmacy after being spotted in her car fleeing the store's parking lot. The robber's easy-to-remember license plate: "B-USHER."

► Walter Allen Jr. was arrested in

Houston in November after attempting to purchase two Bentley cars at the Post Oak Motor Cars company. Mr. Allen, using his own driver's license, presented a check for \$500,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (which was, of course, bogus since the Federal Reserve does not bank with checks). ■



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Out with the old, in with the new: Happy New Year!

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in.

A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

"Out with the old and in with the new" is the underpinning of every New Year's resolution; but as most resolutions seems to go in one year and out the other, why bother at all?

Perhaps because we are a culture of hope — Pollyannas who still believe that maybe someday it will be so (whatever that "so" is).

Perhaps because festivities surrounding resolutions have been essential to ringing in the New Year since 2000 B.C., when Babylonians held semi-annual festivals around the spring and autumn equinoxes.

Then again, perhaps it is because of another tradition that dates back to 153 B.C., when the face of the mythical king of early Rome, Janus, was placed at the head of the calendar in such a way that he could look back on past events and forward to the future, thus making him an ancient symbol for resolutions.

Resolutions are intended to get us off on the right foot each New Year. Symbolic rituals have been meticulously created to affect the quantity and quality of the good luck we expect for the coming year. It was once even believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day could bring either good or bad luck the rest of

the year. Perhaps this is why private parties became the thing to do.

'The party of all parties'

While New Year's Eve celebrations in Times Square began in 1904, perhaps due to the first subway line opening that year, the dropping of a lighted ball in the famed location began in 1907, when Adolph S. Ochs (no relations to our Collier County manager), the publisher of *The New York Times*, asked the chief engineer of the newspaper's headquarters, Walter Palmer, to design a spectacular show for the evening that would showcase the new Times Square. Mr. Palmer hired sign-maker Artkraft Strauss to build a 700-pound wood-and-iron ball that was 5 feet in diameter and illuminated by 100 25-watt bulbs.

The publicity stunt was such a success that Lower Manhattan's Trinity Church, long regarded as "the place" in New York City to ring in the New Year, was replaced. Today, "the party of all parties" is broadcast around the world.

Perhaps this promotional act was inspired from another ritual that originally began to help ship captains synchronize their chronometers in 1833 at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England (except that the ball in this case was lowered daily at 1 p.m.).

In America, the tradition was mimicked in 1845, when a ball was dropped each noon at the United States Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., so all



Times Square in 1907

timepieces could be reset.

Even though *The New York Times* outgrew its tower and moved to 229 W. 43rd St., the people of New York did not outgrow the place where the celebration began. Since that first ball drop, except in the war years of 1942 and 1943, Times Square has been an integral part of the New Year's Eve celebration. Today there is even a Times Square

Alliance working to that "the quality of life" at Times Square lives on.

The Waterford crystal ball design that began in 2008 (12 feet in diameter and weighing 11,875 pounds) has a new theme every year, and this year's is "Let There Be Love." With its 288 crystal triangles casting 30,000 watts of light-emitting diodes, this year's celebration in Times Square has all the makings of one of the best.

Since the New Year is all about making the coming year the best, we need to note that perhaps America's idea of New Year's resolutions came from "Poor Richard's Almanac" in 1738, when Benjamin Franklin wrote of the importance of getting rid of old habits to make way for better ones around the New Year: "Each year one vicious habit rooted out, in time might make the worst man good throughout."

Celebrating here at home

To implement Mr. Franklin's advice, Naples has a platform to help you with your New Year, a site that has served as the venue for many a community gathering since 1889: the Naples Pier.

While the fireworks show that begins at 7:30 p.m. is relatively new, the spirit of gathering with family and friends is as old as time itself — and timed perfectly so you and yours can be home in time to usher the old year out and the new one in with a billion of your closest friends.

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Sunset cruises resume aboard Conservancy's Good Fortune

Experience a cruise unlike any other aboard the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Good Fortune. The accommodating pontoon boat piloted by a Coast Guard-certified captain and with a volunteer narrator heads out through the mangrove-lined channels of Rookery Bay, where wading birds find solitude as dusk begins, two hours before sunset every day (tides and weather permitting) beginning Jan. 4.

As the sun sets, thousands of wading birds come to roost. Passengers enjoy a breathtaking sight as long lines of egrets, herons, ibis, pelicans and other shore birds return to their mangrove nests for the night. A trip like this makes it clear exactly why



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Sunset on Rookery Bay

the Conservancy was founded in 1964 to protect this area. It's a great opportunity for photography, too, so be sure

to bring your camera.

Cost for Conservancy members is \$30 for adults and \$13 for ages 12 and younger. Non-members pay \$40 for adults and \$18 for children. Friends and family group rates for up to 10 people are \$259 for members and \$359 for others.

The Good Fortune is docked in a rustic, secluded setting. Watch carefully for the signs. From I-75: Exit 101, Rt. 951 south (Collier Boulevard) toward Marco Island. Cross U.S. 41 and continue on 951 South for approximately three miles and turn right onto Shell Island Road. Continue for approximately 2½ miles (unpaved roadway) and turn right at the sign for the Good Fortune. Parking is on the right. Follow path to boat dock.

At the Nature Center

Even though major renovations continue, visitors are welcome at the Conservancy Nature Center, 1450 Merrihue Drive off Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Daily activities include narrated electric boat tours, outdoor animal encounters and hourly educational programs. January is "Rowdy Reptiles Month," and all programs celebrate the reptiles of Southwest Florida.

For more information, including reservations and departure times for the Good Fortune, call 403-4236 or visit www.conservancy.org. ■

Eagle project improves safety for staff and volunteers at Conservancy wildlife area

Boy Scout Troop 243's newest Eagle Scout, Tripp Koch, recently earned the prestigious rank from the Boy Scouts of America during an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Fewer than 5 percent of all scouts earn the rank of Eagle.

For his Eagle project, Tripp, who is a junior at Barron Collier High School, led an effort to benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. He oversaw the construction of five exterior wood doors and antechambers that were attached to existing

cage doors in the wildlife protection and rehabilitation area at the Conservancy campus off Goodlette-Frank Road. The new design enables volunteer handlers and Conservancy staff to safely enter the wildlife cages through a secondary doorway system, thus preventing any possible escape of animals.

The project took more than 300 hours of work over the course of several months. Tripp enlisted and organized more than 20 volunteers for assistance with the work. ■



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Tripp Koch, Troop 243's newest Eagle scout

Orchid society classes will cover the basics

The Naples Orchid Society presents an eight-week class on "The Basics of Orchid Culture" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Cost is \$40 for the series.

For more information about the class or about membership in the society and its regular monthly programs, e-mail waterway-sorchidman@gmail.com or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org. ■

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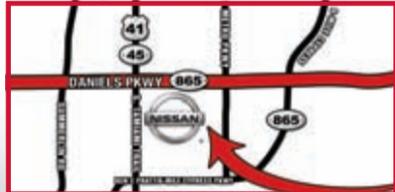


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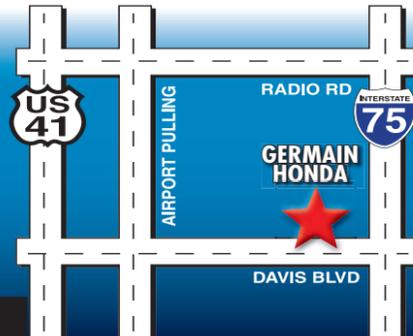


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The Renaissance Academy is committed to the concept that learning should never cease; that keeping the mind intellectually, creatively and culturally active fundamentally enriches and invigorates lives. Among the Renaissance Academy's offerings are affordable, non-credit single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment classes, writing workshops, travel abroad programs and other special events. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

Class categories for the Winter-Spring session, and examples of lectures and course titles offered, include:

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Annual membership in the FGCU Renaissance Academy is \$50 per person; members save up to 20 percent on the cost of each class they take. An open house to preview the season's lineup of classes is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Center. All are welcome.

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Even if you are one of those people who can't get enough of the festivities and celebrations, you're probably feeling tired by now. Let's face it: All this holidaying can be pretty exhausting.

What do you do if you feel worn out and dragged out? Do you reach for another cup of coffee, an energy drink or—even worse—a candy bar?

"All you probably want to do is curl up and sleep the rest of the year away," says Natalie Lahnan of Naples/Marco Island Adventure Boot Camp for Women. "But here is what scientific studies and anecdotal evidence tell us: Exercise, not hibernation, is the best fatigue-busting and energy-boosting technique."

Ms. Lahnan is referring to research that found people who participate in physical activity decrease their tiredness level by as much as 60 percent and increase their energy by 20 percent.

"Exercise energizes and recharges not only your body, but also your mind," she explains. "There's no better way to invigorate you from head to toe."



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So what are the best pick-me-up exercises?

"Virtually anything that keeps you moving at a brisk pace and increases your heart rate will be effective," Ms.

Lahnan says. "Walking, biking, jogging, swimming, doing jumping jacks, even dancing and rope-skipping will rev you up."

Whatever exercises you choose, she recommends scheduling your workout first thing in the morning. "Exercising any time during the day is beneficial, but if you tire easily, you may not feel motivated to exercise later in the day," she says. "If you start early, you will create energy that lasts all day. And as an added bonus, a morning workout will raise your metabolism that will burn calories throughout the day."

Here's another energy-boosting tip: Eat a healthy breakfast.

"Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day," Ms. Lahnan says, adding that the ideal morning meal consists of a serving of whole grains, low-fat protein and dairy, as well as fruit.

Skipping breakfast might lead to bingeing later in the day, when hunger pangs strike, she warns. "Not only will you feel tired, but you'll also probably end up eating something you can grab on the go, like junk food. And it's no secret that eating too much junk food, which is full of saturated fats, as well as sugar or salt, will leave you feeling sluggish and fatigued—exactly the opposite of what you want to accomplish." ■

STRAIGHT TALK

'Tis the season to give thanks for exceptional colleagues

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'Tis the season to celebrate with family and friends, and to reflect on all we have for which we should be thankful. In that spirit, last week we honored the NCH tradition of celebrating the season with a holiday meal for about 3,000, along with \$50 holiday gift checks for everyone, with another free meal to come for the 1,000-plus folks working on Christmas or New Year's.

For more on what we have to be thankful for, I share three recent e-mails:

From Debbie Miller, R.N., and quality review specialist:

"I just had to share how happy I am to hear positive things out in the community about us. When I started here 15 years ago, some of the things people

used to say NCH stood for weren't very nice. I was just in line at ACE Hardware and a gentleman and his wife saw my badge and said, 'Oh, you work at NCH; you guys are No. 1, I hear.' I mentioned about our ortho and cardio and it so happens the gentleman is having hip surgery with Dr. Mead. I told him how long I've been here and that he was in great hands. He agreed. We talked about how people used to go back up North for surgeries (he was from Manhattan), but now it seems here is the place to be and where he decided to have his surgery."

From Jacqueline Crandall, critical care R.N.:

"In my six years, I have grown and changed and learned more than I could ever imagine; not only about nursing, but about life. What really has come to light is how important my co-workers are, not only for day-to-day patient care, but as mentors.

"Katalin Kovy is an outstanding nurse

and shining example of what the profession can bring to the table. She spends her free time, at her own expense, attending medical and nursing conferences throughout the state and country. She is always first to lend a helping hand and is respected by the nurses and doctors she works with. She also has been working tirelessly to bring change through different shared governance committees. She recently spent her own money and time creating a special day for Barbara Garner for 30 years of service as an NCH R.N. Katalin is a silent hero of night shift SICU and an invaluable member of NCH.

"Naz Kinsland is another SICU night shift R.N. who is a wonderful mentor. She wears many hats, can take care of any patient in critical care and fills in as clinical coordinator. She's cool under pressure and respectful of her peers... Ask any nurse in critical care. Naz is a favorite.

"Too often nurses go unrecognized for their years of unflawed and excep-

tional service, especially our night shift nurses. These are two of the best nurses at NCH, and I think someone should know that."

From Chief Nursing Officer Michele Thoman in response to Ms. Crandall:

"Thank you for your e-mail. I could not agree with you more. Katalin is an extremely passionate, committed nursing professional. I also echo your comments about Naz. She is always professional and engaged when I speak with her. We are very fortunate to have both of them on the nursing team at NCH."

Fortunate indeed, not only to have Katalin and Naz but also Barbara, Debbie, Jacqueline, Michele and the other 3,925 caregivers who make up the NCH team.

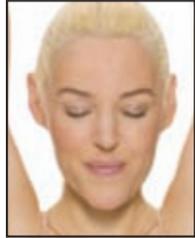
Thanks to you all, and happy holidays. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Yoga masters to lead workshop

Bija Yoga and Bala Vinyasa Yoga are teaming up to bring Ana Brett and Ravi Singh, master kundalini yoga teachers, celebrity trainers and authors of DVDs and a best-selling book, to Naples for a workshop.



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Bala Vinyasa Yoga, 6200 Trail Blvd., will host the workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. The session will feature a Kundalini version of the "Five Tibetans," known for their energizing, rejuvenating and harmonizing effect.

Cost is \$40 per person. Students of all levels and experience are invited. To register, call 598-1938 or visit BVYoga.com. ■

Classes for the visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss collaborates with the Division of Blind Services to present classes for those who are going blind or having vision loss. Classes are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at 424 Bayfront Place.

Lighthouse of Collier Inc. also has magnifiers and optical character readers available to the public for evaluation from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

Expert will discuss the power of joy

Unity of Naples will present *New York Times* best-selling author Dr. Christiane Northrup in a discussion about "The Healing Power of Joy and Pleasure" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at 2000 Unity Way. A book signing will follow her presentation.

Seating is limited, and tickets will be available at the Unity of Naples bookstore beginning Jan. 2. General admission is \$50 per person; VIP tickets are \$125 and include a VIP reception with Dr. Northrup at 5:30 p.m. and premium seating at her presentation.

For more information, call Unity of Naples at 775-3009 or e-mail richardrogers@naplesunity.org. ■

Start the New Year off right by making a blood donation

The NCH Community Blood Center asks Collier County residents and visitors this holiday season to give the gift of life. One blood donation can save three lives.

Donate now and qualify to win an iPad in drawings set for Jan. 4 and Feb. 4. Donate at either of two NCH Community Blood Centers or on the bloodmobiles.

Blood centers:

■ In Naples, NCH Community Blood Center, 311 Ninth St. N. in the Medical Plaza Building (free valet parking); 436-5455 - Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Closed New Year's Day.

■ In Bonita Springs, NCH Community Blood Center, 9170 Bonita Beach Road; 495-1138 - Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Bloodmobile locations:

■ Hollywood 20 Cinemas Naples: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 30 and Jan. 2; free movie ticket with successful blood donation.

■ Americare, 5020 Tamiami Trail N.: Noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5.

■ Marco Island Healthcare Center, 40 Heathwood Drive: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6.

■ Big Corkscrew Island Fire & Rescue, 13240 Immokalee Road: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

Donors should eat prior to giving blood and should be well hydrated. Photo ID is required. Minimum age is 16 years, and a parent must be present at time of donation. There is no upper age maximum to give blood. Minimum weight to give blood is 110 pounds. For more information, call 436-5455 or visit www.givebloodcb.com. ■

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Old dogs, new year

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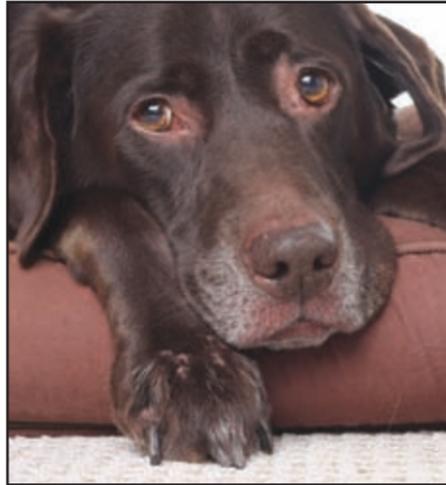
People flip over puppies, but to me, a well-loved older dog is one of the most beautiful creatures on earth. An older dog has a nobleness about him, a look in the eyes that speaks of years of the special love that only a pet can give — trusting, nonjudgmental and unwaveringly true.

Your dog's health as he ages is not entirely in your control, but you can have a real impact on his attitude. Your dog doesn't know he's getting older.

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

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

As your dog ages, increase the frequency and diminish the intensity of his exercise. Instead of taking your dog to the park once a week to chase tennis balls until he's exhausted, take him for a long walk daily. If your dog is having problems with physical activity, talk to your veterinarian. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications may help, as may supplements such as glucosamine and Omega 3



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A soft, thick bed is a godsend to an older dog with stiff joints.

oils, or complementary treatments such as acupuncture. Your veterinarian can also prescribe medications that may address the confusion and anxiety some old dogs experience.

Your dog has no real sense of shame or embarrassment, so he suffers no loss of face if you come up with some ideas to make his life a little easier. Here are a few tips to get you thinking:

■ Beds. Think soft. Think cushioned. Think low. Think heated. Your dog will thank you for all of these thoughts, espe-

cially at this time of year.

■ Clothes. Older dogs, like older people, have a more difficult time maintaining their body temperature. This problem is even more pronounced in slender, short-coated breeds like the greyhound or whippet, or in tiny dogs. So check out the sweater selection at your local pet supply store.

■ Ramps and steps. If your dogs are allowed on the couch and the bed, consider buying or building steps to help the dog who can no longer make it in one jump. You wouldn't want to watch TV without your dog at your side, would you? A permanent ramp going down the back-porch step or a collapsible one to help your dog into the car will also be appreciated.

■ While you're making household adjustments, don't forget to make an appointment for a senior dog checkup, ideally twice a year, to improve your odds of catching little problems before they become big ones. Your veterinarian will likely recommend some diagnostic tests in addition to a physical examination — typically blood work and an X-ray — to spot problems early, or to establish a baseline of what's normal for your dog. You should also discuss having your dog's teeth treated and cleaned under anesthesia, because gum infections and mouth pain will affect his comfort and health.

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

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

Pets of the Week



>> **Blossom** is a 3-year-old Australian cattle dog mix. She's a happy dog and most uniquely beautiful. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>> **Katie** is a 6-year-old boxer mix. Bright and active, she's good with people but not fond of other dogs. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>> **Kevin** is a handsome guy who's about a year old. Shy, but friendly, he's OK with other cats and adores people. His adoption fee is \$55.



>> **McLovin'** is an adorable 2-year-old kitty who is very friendly and quiet. Her adoption fee is \$55.

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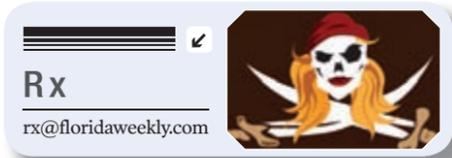
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MUSINGS

Bird of Paradise



“...to finish the poem he could not get along without the house because down in the cellar there was an Aleph... An Aleph is one of the points in space that contains all other points....It's in the cellar under the dining room....I discovered it when I was a child, all by myself... I'd heard someone say there was a world down there. I found out later they meant an old fashioned globe... One day when no one was home I started down in secret, but I stumbled and fell. When I opened my eyes, I saw the Aleph... the only place on earth where all places are — seen from every angle, each standing clear, without any confusion or blinding. I kept the discovery to myself and went back every chance I got... Here begins my despair as a writer: All language is a set of symbols whose use... assumes a shared past...”

— Jorge Luis Borges, “El Aleph”

“Only connect.”

— E. M. Forster, *Howard's End*

A royal consort is the spouse of a ruling king or queen. George III, reigning monarch of Great Britain during the American Revolution, also ruled Ireland and Hanover. So his wife, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, was the royal consort of both the United Kingdom and Hanover.

Beyond her political importance via her influence on George, she was a patroness of the arts, and knew both Bach and Mozart. Charlotte was also an amateur botanist, and helped expand Kew Gardens. It was for this reason that the genus of five species of flowering plants, *Strelitzia*, was named for her. We call this flower Bird of Paradise.

The Bird of Paradise is an exotically beautiful flower, pollinated by sunbirds. The weight of the perching bird opens the spathe, a sheathe that encloses the flower clusters. This releases the pollen onto the bird's feet, which is then deposited onto the next flower visited.

This is not the beginning of the story: This flower comes to its name because of a reminiscence of birds, living mainly in New Guinea, called Birds of Paradise. The beauty of these birds is legendary: For more than 2,000 years their feathers and skins have been sold, bought and collected. In the early 16th century CE, when specimens found their way to Europe, they arrived footless and wingless, stripped down, perhaps, for easier transport.

Perhaps it was being in this form that made Europeans think of the dead avian beauty as the legendary phoenix. Phoenix is a firebird who lives a thousand years, and then sets itself and its nest ablaze. From the ashes, phoenix rises. It is not clear if it is the same phoenix that rises, or if it is an identical offspring. Legend does not lend itself to clarity.

In fact, there is yet another legend. As phoenix is bird of fire, huma is, in Persian



and Sufi mythology, a phoenix-like bird whose name means spirit of water. Huma spends its entire life flying, invisible high above the earth. It has no legs. It is both male and female. From a mere glimpse of huma or even from a touch of its shadow, one would be happy forever. Its shadow bestows kingship and queenship.

Jorge Luis Borges refers to the bird who is somehow all birds.

This necessitates our going to the very beginning: With Borges we go from all birds to tend to Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This letter appears to be a man pointing both up and down, uniting in his gesture the sublime and the mundane. In Borges' story, his poet friend is chronically unsatisfied with base simplicity. The poet employs his “pet principle of verbal ostentation” in which there is, for example, never merely blue, but endless shades of azure, cerulean, and ultramarine. But this poet discovers the aleph, the point, which is somehow all points. Borges shares his experience of the aleph, seen in total darkness: the “small iridescent sphere of almost

unbearable brilliance” was infinite things from every angle. He saw the sea, daybreak, nightfall. He saw “a silvery cobweb in the center of a black pyramid, the splintered labyrinth of London, close up eyes watching themselves in me as if in a mirror, bunches of grapes, snow, tobacco, metal, steam, every grain of sand in equatorial deserts, the tangled hair, tall figure, and breast cancer in an unforgettable woman....”

He saw infinite wonder. He saw infinite compassion.

As he left the cellar and went down subway stairs, “every one of the faces seemed familiar to me...”

But “after a few sleepless nights, I was visited once more by oblivion.” After seeing, there came a nearly simultaneous forgetting. With hearts of stone and porous minds forgetfulness creeps in. Borges mourns the slow eradication of the face of his beloved Beatriz, the face that launched him on his search in the beginning.

But there are legends of similar portals of experience, other mirrors, cups, crystals, spears, mosque columns. Perhaps all places are all places. Perhaps, in the greatest piracy, we are all huma, winged and footless, ablaze. ■

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

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Census

paints mixed economic picture

BY OSVALDO PADILLA

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The release of the 2010 U.S. Census provided one good bit of news for political wonks last week: Florida will gain two congressional seats next year, thanks to the state's revised population figure of 18.8 million. The state's population has increased by 3 million residents since 2000, the last time seats in congress were apportioned.

While the news is good for those with an interest in Florida's ability to carry more weight in matters of federal law-making, the census also paints a picture of how the recession has affected the region.

With statistics released earlier this year, comparisons between 2009 and 2005 are available at the click of the mouse for anyone curious enough to pull up a few data charts. The numbers show a community impacted by a housing market that once bolstered the local economy and that eventually marked its decline. Nevertheless, there are some numbers that belie the bad news and

show some improvement, or at least not such precipitous declines as one might expect.

Among the changes documented by the census' American Community Survey:

■ Per capita income remained practically stagnant in Collier County. The

average figure was \$33,374 in 2005 and \$33,373 in 2009. Nationally, the number increased, from \$25,035 in 2005 to \$26,409.

■ The percentage of people whose income in the past 12 months was below the poverty level rose to 12.6 percent in 2009 compared with 9.6 percent in 2005. The poverty level is \$21,756 a year for a family of four. Back in 2005, Florida's poverty rate was well below the national average. At the end of 2009, the rate was equal to the national average at 14.3 percent.

■ The percentage of vacant housing units in Collier County rose from an already substantial 33.1 percent of inventory in 2005 to 41.6 percent in 2009. Nationally, the percentage of vacant homes was 12.6 percent in 2009. Nationally, the percentage of vacant homes was 12.6 percent in 2009.

■ The Agency for Workforce Innovation charts the unemployment rate for Collier County in November at 12.9 percent. That's almost the same as a year ago, when the statistic for November was 12.8 percent. The national rate is currently at 9.8 percent. ■

in the know

>> The census website is a goldmine of data. The American FactFinder allows visitors to cross-reference housing, economic, social and demographic data from various years down to the city level. Data sets include the expected information, such as total population, average age and gender, as well as more detailed breakdowns, such as the means by which a populace commutes to work and the countries of origin of that population. Visit the site at www.factfinder.census.gov.

>> Another free source for market research is the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation website at www.labormarketinfo.com. Aside from monthly unemployment numbers, there is detailed information on the workforce and projections of what industries are expected to see the biggest growth and declines.

Consumers Union calls for stricter oversight of reverse mortgage market

Industry says reforms already in place

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The group that publishes Consumer Reports is calling for new rules on reverse mortgages that could bring changes to the way the mortgages are marketed and sold.

A Consumers Union press release maintains that as the market for reverse mortgages grows, concerns are mounting that an increasing number of seniors

are being misled into signing up for a complicated financial product that may squander their equity prematurely or put them at risk for losing their homes. In a new report, the Consumers Union, the nonprofit group that publishes Consumer Reports magazine, called for stricter oversight of the reverse mortgage market and new consumer protections for borrowers.

"Reverse mortgages are a very risky deal for borrowers who don't understand the complicated terms of the loan and how quickly fees and interest charges can add up," said Norma Garcia, senior staff

attorney for Consumers Union. "Reverse mortgages should only be a last resort for seniors who want to stay in their homes and have no other alternatives to supplement their income."

The reverse mortgage industry has called the report misleading and irresponsible.

"They fail to acknowledge and report on the many changes that have taken place in laws, regulations and requirements governing counseling and advertising, or any of the market dynamics that have brought down costs to consumers," says Peter Bell, president of the National

Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association in a trade website.

Consumers Union released the report along with California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform and the Council on Aging Silicon Valley. The report and accompanying tips for consumers are being issued as the newly authorized federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau examines reverse mortgages and considers whether new safeguards are needed to protect borrowers from industry practices.

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MONEY & INVESTING

A bumpy ride... at best



of resurgent spending in the private sector by either the consumer or the business sector.

The meaningful business expenditures (the I) in the past five quarters have been very much in inventory rebuilding. (As a business sees it is entering a recession, it often cuts production and employment and sells more of existing inventory. When the recovery starts to happen, the pendulum swings to a higher-than-normal expenditure for raw materials and product to rebuild drawn down inventory levels.)

In our economy, in normalized years, the consumer accounts for about 67 percent of GDP; government combined spending is at about 20 percent (federal at 8 percent; state and local at 12 percent); and the balance is from business investment in capital equipment, hardware, software, etc. Forget growth coming from exports as the U.S. has been a net importer of product seemingly forever; this is a negative to the GDP equation, a drag on the economy.

The critical issue for the U.S. is how to create jobs for the 9.8 percent currently unemployed, as well as the significant numbers of underemployed (those who have been forced to take part-time jobs in lieu of full-time work), the discouraged-and-no-longer-looking-for-a-job, and the still yet to be hired college grads into the labor force. The hundreds of billions

of TARP, QE1 and QE2 money has not found a way to make a significant... or even an encouraging dent... in those employment statistics.

A rule of thumb is that it will take greater than 2.5 percent GDP growth to effect any reduction in unemployment. To further put it in perspective, 3 percent growth in GDP — the percentage currently bandied about by a large number of economists for 2011's growth — would generate new jobs sufficient to lower unemployment to an approximate 9 percent.

India, Brazil and China continue to grow at high rates and continue to be heavy exporters. Increasingly, they are becoming more competitive in areas for which the US has monopolized technical and other expertise. There is no rush to build new factories and bases of operation in the U.S. by any multi national company, even U.S. based companies. So, unless the U.S. gets the show on the road in a meaningful way, there is going to a huge problem with structural unemployment for many, many years to come. All bleak news? No, since corporate profits continue to climb. They're up an approximate 25 percent for 2010. Corporate profits are expected to climb another 10 percent in 2011. Again, these are just estimates, forecasts and best guesses. A lot of the gains are coming from an increase in foreign earnings; no surprise as the

U.S. dollar continues to depreciate against worldwide currencies.

Unfortunately, these corporate gains are not translating into expanded employment, higher incomes or new business capital investment. Corporations are holding very high cash balances; corporations don't spend in uncertain times unless they absolutely have to do so (i.e. inventory rebuilding).

Seemingly, the U.S. monetary authorities will do anything and everything to keep interest rates low as long as unemployment remains high and residential housing is weak. So far they have been successful.

There is less and less wiggle room in dealing with our federal deficit, Medicare, Social Security, etc. This litany of problems and their severity has been stated over and over again since the 1990s. These cans continually get kicked down the road.

Nothing much got solved in 2010 and nothing much got too worse either. The problems and their severity remain, and no solution is forthcoming. In the context of Iceland, Ireland, Greece, Spain, and, as some would say, Japan, we aren't doing so badly. ■

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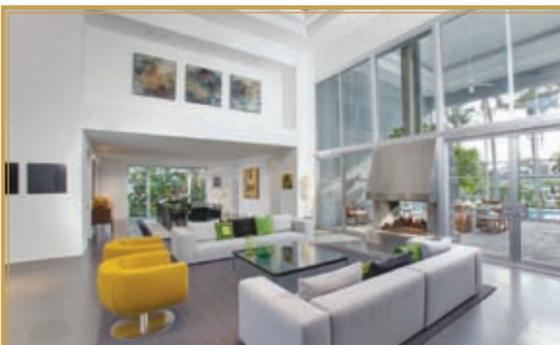
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Floridians' consumer confidence unchanged in December

BY MILENKO MARTINOVICH

Special to Florida Weekly

Florida's consumer confidence this month remained unchanged from November's mark of 71, but there was significant movement among the five components that comprise the index, according to a new University of Florida survey.

The most noteworthy changes had to do with Floridians' present and future perceptions of the economy. Perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago fell five points to 51, while perceptions of personal finances a year from now rose two points to 80. Perceptions of U.S. economic conditions over the next year fell four points to 65, while perceptions of economic conditions over the next five years rose one point to 78.

Confidence also rose for buying big-ticket items such as cars and appliances; that index rose one point to 78.

"It is worth noting the growing divide between what consumers say they have in terms of their personal finances, and what they expect for the future," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic Business and Research.

Younger Floridians were particularly optimistic about their personal finances a year from now, an index which rose seven points to 97.

The most drastic decline for seniors



was their assessment of their personal financial situation now from a year ago, which fell 10 points to 48.

"Consumer confidence among Floridians has settled into a long-term pattern, oscillating between the upper 60s and low 70s," Mr. McCarty says. "Historically, numbers this low would be consistent with recessionary levels. The recession of 2008-2009 changed that. Unlike past recessions where consumers led the recovery, this recovery is leaving a substantial proportion of the population behind."

Rising unemployment has hindered recovery and Florida is lagging behind the national average. Florida's unemployment rate edged up to 12 percent in November; nationally, that number increased to 9.8 percent.

For Florida to rebound more quickly, Mr. McCarty believes stark changes need to be made.

"Businesses are being more productive with less and looking overseas for future business," he says. "It is clear that this trend will not change by doing business as usual. Particularly here in

Florida, there must be dramatic changes in the types of business we engage in. This means moving away from an economy based primarily on development and construction to one with a stronger manufacturing sector, whether that is high technology manufacturing or not."

Despite the increase in unemployment, there are some positives.

Housing prices have been steady through most of 2010, although the median price for an existing single-family home in Florida fell in November to \$132,700, down from \$136,600 in October. A year ago the price was \$139,300. The stock market, a source of present and future income for many Floridians, has made up much of the losses from the crash in 2008-2009, Mr. McCarty adds.

He also says retail sales, travel and tourism related to the holiday season could be another major source of growth for Florida.

"Early indications are that holiday sales are higher than was originally expected," he says. "Those who still have jobs have paid down debt and are in a position to make discretionary purchases."

The research center conducts the Florida Consumer Attitude Survey monthly. Respondents are 18 or older and live in households telephoned randomly. The preliminary index for December was collected from 438 responses. ■

REVERSE

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While California regulations may not be of particular interest to many Southwest Floridians, the Federal Reserve Board is also considering a set of proposed regulations on reverse mortgages.

As the baby boomer generation retires, the market for reverse mortgages is growing fast. Reverse mortgages enable borrowers who are 62 or older to obtain income through cash payment or lines of credit by tapping the equity in their home. The reverse mortgage loan becomes due when the borrower dies, leaves the home for 12 consecutive months or more, or fails to maintain the property or pay homeowners insurance or property taxes.

Borrowers must pay a loan origination fee, closing costs, and compounding interests on the loan principal, which can be significant.

In its examination of reverse mortgages, the groups cited a number of concerns they say underscores the need for more oversight:

■ **Misleading marketing claims:** Borrowers can be duped by misleading marketing claims. A review by the Government Accountability Office found that 26 marketers of Home Equity Conversion Mortgages engaged in questionable sales tactics and made potentially misleading claims that minimized the risk for borrowers. The GAO found that required counseling provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to borrowers was sorely lacking.

■ **Seniors are particularly vulnerable to misleading marketing:** Recent research has indicated that seniors are particularly susceptible to fraudulent marketing. University of Iowa researchers concluded that 35-40 percent of elders studied had impaired decision-making abilities that made them especially vulnerable to misleading advertising.

■ **Cross promotion of other unsuitable financial products:** Seniors are also targeted with aggressive cross promotion of other financial products like long term care insurance or annuities that may not be suitable for them. While lenders and brokers selling HECM loans are prohibited from promoting annuities or insurance, insurance agents can legally direct senior clients to get a reverse mortgage to fund insurance products.

■ **Reverse mortgage defaults are triggering foreclosures:** HUD's Office of the Inspector General found that an increasing number of borrowers had defaulted because they had not paid their taxes or homeowners insurance premiums as required. As of March 2010, 20,631 reverse mortgage loans were in default. Reverse mortgages are likely to generate an even greater number of foreclosures when borrowers die and their heirs are not able to take possession of the home by paying off the mortgage.

■ **Reverse mortgage loan bailouts are on the rise:** A Consumer Reports inves-

tigation found more cause for concern: loan bailouts have soared. The annual sum of reverse mortgages taken over by a federal insurance fund has more than quadrupled in four years, from \$81.3 million in 2004 to \$381.3 million in 2008.

The groups recommended a number of reforms, including:

■ **Ensure loans are suitable for borrowers:** Lenders and brokers should be required to consider whether the loans put borrowers at risk of losing their homes, if the borrower understands the complex nature of the contract, and if there are more viable alternatives available to the borrower.

■ **Establish a fiduciary responsibility for the loan:** Lenders and brokers must be required to act in the best interests of the borrower and should be held liable for violating this fiduciary duty.

■ **Outlaw deceptive marketing:** All reverse mortgages should be required to include information to help borrowers determine whether the loans are suitable for them.

■ **Adopt stronger prohibitions on cross promotions:** Prohibitions against cross promotions of other financial products by lenders and brokers should extend to non-HECM loans. Insurance agents and brokers should be held liable for selling an annuity when it is purchased with reverse mortgage funds.

■ **Strengthen the quality and content of counseling:** HUD counselors should be required to hold an in-person session with prospective borrowers to determine whether a reverse mortgage is suitable for the borrower. The counselor should deny a counseling certificate to the borrower if the loan is not in the

best interest of the senior.

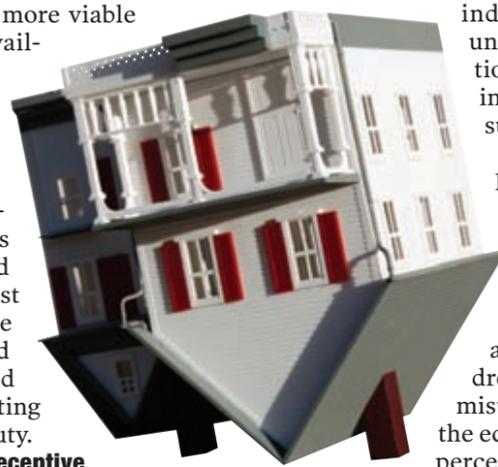
■ **Protect non-borrowing spouses and tenants:** Spouses and tenants whose names are not on the reverse mortgage loan should be notified about their limited rights to remain in the home after the borrower dies or permanently moves out of the home.

Industry responds

The National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association responded to the report, publishing its own research showing high levels of satisfaction among seniors with reverse mortgages and equally positive numbers indicating borrowers understood the transaction they were getting into and felt no pressure getting a loan.

The study, "The Retirement Abyss: America's Seniors' Search for Security," shows that almost 85 percent of senior citizens and their adult children are deeply pessimistic about the state of the economy and nearly 50 percent of senior citizens worry they will not have

enough money to support themselves in retirement. One-in-four seniors believe they will not be able to cover their monthly expenses, such as housing and utilities, and nearly 20 percent believe that, without additional cash flow, they will have to give up their homes. The poll, conducted by Marttila Strategies on behalf of NRMLA, revealed that seniors with reverse mortgages fully grasped the financial terms associated with the product, with 75 percent saying they understood the financial terms well or very well. Finally, 90 percent of all seniors who selected a reverse mortgage as a retirement security solution felt no sales pressure, and the same proportion indicated they were more than adequately informed about the financial product. ■





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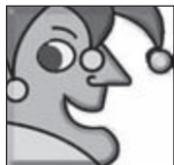
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- Finally, check your bills from hospitals and doctors. They often contain errors. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Disney Oops

My all-time dumbest investment, without a doubt, was in Euro Disney. Walt Disney stock had been my first trade. I had the original, frameable share. My uneducated thinking was, "How could such a great company, with great stories, theme parks and history, fail?" The answer that I did not have at that time was a lot of arrogance. Disney didn't sufficiently study the French culture, and as a result this venture has been a required subject for many business grad courses, under the heading "What does not work when expanding your firm into new cultures."

— Lenri, online

The Fool Responds: The Disneyland Paris theme park turned itself around after considerable reworking, but Euro Disney is still struggling. Differences that the company didn't initially appreciate include the fact that while Americans often buy their meals at Disney parks, many French would bring their own. The alcohol-free environment was fine with Americans, but the French were used to wine being available. Many businesses have had a hard time expanding into new regions and cultures, but global dominators find ways to make it work. ■



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(Answer: Paychex)



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Social Security Timing

Q Is it better to start receiving Social Security benefits early, or late?

— J.D., Providence, R.I.

A There's no one-size-fits-all answer. Collecting early means you'll receive less each month, but you'll receive payments for more months. The difference between age 62 and age 66 is 48 payments. If you have any reason to believe you won't live a long time, starting early can be best, but it can also make sense for other folks. After all, money you receive early can be invested, or can permit you to leave other investments in place longer. Also, some people have little choice; they simply need the income before retirement age.

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There are other considerations, too. If your income surpasses a threshold, some of your benefit will be taxed. If you plan to work a little before your retirement age, your benefits may be temporarily reduced. Look at the question from many angles, and perhaps consult a financial planner as well.

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— B.R., -Lexington, Ky.

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Merck Smartens Up

Merck's (NYSE: MRK) acquisition of privately held SmartCells looks like a smart move — assuming it didn't overpay.

SmartCells' draw, its SmartInsulin, is only in preclinical development. It has a long way to go before it's on the market, if it gets there. Ideally, Merck was smart enough to hedge some of the development risk by tying a large portion of the \$500-million-plus milestone payments to clinical advancements far in the future.

SmartInsulin is rather risky, since it uses an unproven technology, but it's a potential blockbuster if it works. The drug senses the concentration of glucose and then releases insulin as the glucose levels fall. Rather

than constantly pricking their fingers to get glucose levels, and then injecting insulin, diabetics might only have to inject the drug once a day and let the SmartInsulin release as necessary.

Merck already sells Januvia, its very successful diabetes drug, so SmartInsulin would be a good fit.

The Smart technology could even extend beyond insulin. It could be used to sense any molecule and then release a drug. Drugs that have a tight therapeutic window — where too much is bad and too little doesn't do enough — would be good candidates.

If SmartCells succeeds, its purchase will make Merck look like a downright genius no matter how much it paid upfront to buy the company. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **Trial lawyers of the Collier County Bar Association** meet for lunch at noon Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Bonefish Grill, 1500 Fifth Ave. S. Trusts and estates lawyers meet for lunch at noon Thursday, Jan. 6, at Northern Trust, 4001 Tamiami Trail N. Real estate attorneys meet at noon Thursday, Jan. 13, at Carrabba's, 4320 Tamiami Trail N. The general membership luncheon for January begins at noon Friday, Jan. 14, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Register for any of the above meetings at www.colliercountybar.org.

► **The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meets for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Avow Hospice. There is no cost for this members-only event. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Gulf Coast Venture Forum,**

Naples chapter, meets from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, in the members club room at Tiburon Golf Course, 2610 Tiburon Drive. Presentations will be by RAM Network Services LLC, a telecommunications company; VisApp LLC, a Web-based tool for helping real estate agents and potential buyers virtually enhance unkempt properties; and LinguaSys, a language translation software company. Members and those interested in learning more about joining are welcome. Call 262-6300 or visit www.gcvf.com.

► The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce holds its next **Business After Hours** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Wiebel, Hennells & Carufe, 9420 Bonita Beach Road. Cost is \$10 in advance for chamber members and \$20 for others. Call 992-2943, visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com or e-mail Stephanie@bonitaspringschamber.com.

► The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce holds its next **Back 2 Basics** brown-bag lunch from noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive. Margaret Pagel of Pagel Consulting Services will discuss "It's All About Prevention: Updating Your Employee Manual." Attendance is free for chamber members and \$20 for others. Call 992-2943, visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com or e-mail Stephanie@bonitaspringschamber.com.

► The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its next **Business After 5** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Encore Bank, 3003 Tamiami Trail N. Cost is \$5 for members and \$20 for others. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Council of Hispanic Business**

meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Next meeting: Jan. 5. For more information, visit www.chbp-naples.org.

► **PRACC**, Public Relations and Marketing Professionals of Collier County, holds a luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Next meeting: Jan. 20. For more information, visit www.pracc.org.

► **The ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** meets for dinner and a business meeting with program at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Bellasera Hotel. Next meeting: Jan. 25. For more information, visit www.abwaneapolitan.org. ■

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The American Society of Interior Designers Showcase House will be built by Stock Construction within Lakoya at Lely Resort.

Lely Resort puts out welcome mat for 2011 ASID Showcase House

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Construction is teaming up with 15 local interior design firms to complete The ASID Showcase House for entry in the Collier Building Industry Association 2011 Parade of Homes.

The American Society of Interior Designers Showcase House will be built by Stock Construction within Lakoya at Lely Resort. Each interior designer is responsible for completing a different section of the home, which will be open for tours during the Parade of Homes beginning Feb. 4 and through the 2011 winter/spring season. The house will be sold furnished, with proceeds from the furnishings earmarked for the ASID Education Fund.

This marks the first time in five years the ASID Showcase House has been built.

"The Florida South Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers is proud to showcase the creative talent of local interior designers

and partner with world class interior design supply firms like Ann Sacks," says Emilio Sadez, president of International Design Source.

As the 2010 Community of the Year, he adds, Lely Resort "is the perfect location."

The Showcase home will feature a soft tropical theme and will utilize many environmentally friendly products. "The final result will truly be a collective effort," Mr. Sadez says. "This is not a 'wild artistic dream,' but rather a beautifully designed home that will be an enjoyment to view."

The participating designers are: Barbara Roach of B.R.I.E.; Linda Burke of Linda Burke Interiors; Christina Forbes of Accessories Etc.; Peggy Oberlin of Peggy Oberlin Interiors; Tina Margrander of KVS Interior Design; Pam Durkin of New Line Design; Diane Oldfin of Expressions in Design; Deana Skelly of Mackenzie and Company; Melissa Allen of MGA Interior Design; Janet Bilotti of Janet Bilotti Interiors; Teresa Gilger

of Interiors by TC; Denise Ward of Denise Ward Interiors; Carleen Doster of Carleen Doster Interiors; Eileen Hafke of Design Matters Studio; and Sandy Elliott of Interiors, Interiors, Interiors.

Stock Construction's Riviera floorplan has been chosen as the model. With 3,138 square feet under air, the Riviera is a four-bedroom/four-bath home with a gracious foyer, family room, formal dining room and a private study. The large island-style kitchen has an adjacent breakfast nook. The master suite overlooks the pool via bay windows and includes twin walk-in closets.

Founded in 1975, the ASID is the leading professional organization for interior designers. Its more than 36,000 members engage in a variety of programs and activities through a network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

The central sales center for Lely Resort is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive in Naples. For more information, call 793-2100 or visit www.lely-resort.com. ■

14th annual Winter Real Estate Trends Conference coming up

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Nothing in today's real estate market is certain, which makes it more important than ever for those in the profession to hear from and network with leaders in the industry. The 14th annual ULI/CBIA Southwest Florida Winter Real Estate Trends Conference coming up Thursday, Jan. 13, at The Club at Olde Cypress will provide such an opportunity.

Sponsored by the Urban Land Institute Southwest Florida and the Collier Building Industry Association, the conference will feature national and regional real estate leaders, decision-makers and visionaries who will discuss the latest market trends and critical issues.

Guest speakers will include:

■ **Mark Vitner**, senior economist with Wells Fargo – Mr. Vitner is responsible for tracking U.S. and regional economic trends. Based in Charlotte, N.C.,

he also writes for the company's monthly economic outlook report and the Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary.

■ **Tom Murphy**, ULI senior resident fellow, ULI/Klingbeil Family Chair for Urban Development – The former mayor of Pittsburgh, Penn., Mr. Murphy will discuss "What Drives Investment." He specializes in public policy, retail/urban entertainment, transportation/infrastructure, housing, real estate finance and environmental issues.

■ **Anthony Downs**, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. – A celebrated public speaker, advisor to the White House and author of 24 books, Mr. Downs will discuss "Real Estate and The Financial Crisis."

■ **Gregg Logan**, managing director of RCLCO – Over the past 30 years, Mr. Logan has worked with leading real estate developers, land owners, investors, builders and public-sector entities,

helping them make the best development, investment and/or planning decisions for their real estate. His advisory work has included market evaluations and strategies for residential, commercial and mixed-use developments; town centers and suburban business districts; and economic development studies for cities, counties and community improvement districts. His conference topic will be "Consumer Demand and Demographics."

The conference begins at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at noon. After lunch, the CBIA will present its 2011 Pathfinder Award to Brad Cornell of the Collier Audubon Society.

Registration, including breakfast and lunch, is \$60 for ULI and CBIA members, \$75 for others. Cost to attend the Pathfinder Award luncheon only is \$30.

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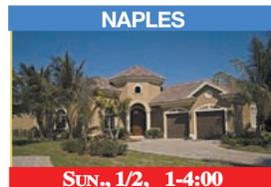
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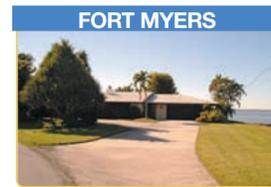
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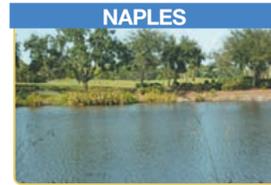
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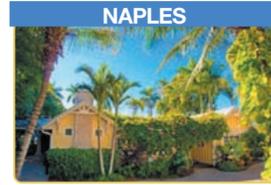
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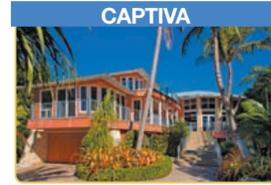
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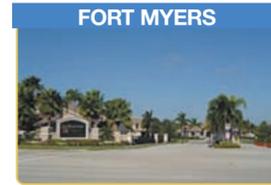
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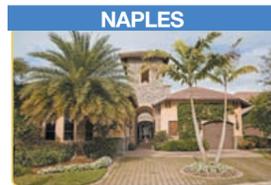
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The El Santiago

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Firano at Naples has quick delivery homes

Toll Brothers has released for sale a new quick delivery home, the El Santiago design, at Firano at Naples, a community of single-family homes off the Davis Boulevard corridor.

Quick delivery homes are those in various stages of construction, perfect for buyers with time constraints who still want to be able to personalize the details of their home.

The El Santiago has three bedrooms plus a study, two full baths and a powder room in 2,797 square feet of air-conditioned living space. With a two-car garage, covered lanai and covered entry, the home has 3,491 total square feet.

Special features include a master suite with two walk-in closets and a luxurious master bath with a Roman tub, a separate walk-in shower, twin vanities and a private water closet. The gourmet kitchen includes a serving bar open to the breakfast area

and family room. Both the family room and the master suite have direct access to the lanai through sliding glass doors. The home has 12-foot ceilings throughout.

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■ Blocker Properties of Tennessee Inc. has purchased 3.33+/- vacant acres at 914 and 916 Laurel St., Immokalee, from Jose Lozano Jr. for \$135,000. Carlos Acosta of Grubb & Ellis | 1st Commercial negotiated the sale.

■ Born to be Wild has renewed 882 square feet of retail space at Dockside Boardwalk, 1100 Sixth Ave., from Dock-

side LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

■ Cypress Capital Group Inc. has leased 4,400 square feet of office space at 850 Park Shore Drive, Suite 101, from Trianon Centre Land Trust. Clint Sherwood and David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

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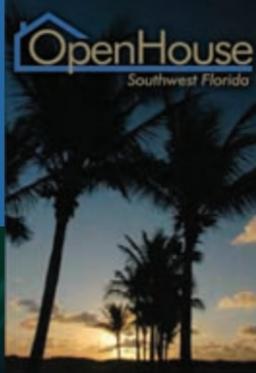


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16 • PARK SHORE • 743 Old Trail Drive • \$849,000 • Premier SIR • Mitch/Sandra Williams 370-8879

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19 • PARK SHORE - THE TROPICS • 4560 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #243 • \$950,000 • Premier SIR • Cathy Owen 269-3118

20 • BONITA BAY - RIVERWALK • 3371 Myrtle Oak Court • \$999,000 • Premier SIR •

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21 • PELICAN BAY - POINTE I • 655 Via Mezner #203 • \$1,150,000 • Premier SIR • Richard/Susie Culp 290-2200

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23 • OLD NAPLES - PARKSIDE OFF FIFTH • 601 - 7th Avenue South #202 • \$1,349,000 • Premier SIR • Richard/Susie Culp 290-2200

24 • THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - WILLOW WALK • 9160 Willow Walk • \$1,449,000 • Premier SIR • Kevin Smith 641-2942

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30 • MARCO ISLAND • 919 Caxambas Drive • \$5,350,000 • Jim/Nikki Prange 642-1133

31 • PORT ROYAL • 2550 Lantern Lane • \$5,950,000 • Celine Van Arsdale - Campbell & Prebish, LLC Real Estate Professionals 239-404-9917

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32 • PORT ROYAL • 3075 Fort Charles Drive • \$7,400,000 • Premier SIR • Ruth Trettis 403-4529

33 • PORT ROYAL • 1527 Galleon Drive • \$7,950,000 • Premier SIR • Michael Lawler 571-3939 •

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34 • PORT ROYAL • 3243 Gin Lane • \$8,900,000 • Premier SIR • Karen Van Arsdale 860-0894

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PARK SHORE - REGENT ▲
Capture explosive views! Directly on the beach! Professionally designed, 4 bedroom suites, guest cottage & theatre. **\$7,200,000**
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



OLD NAPLES ▲
Beachfront cottage, renovated, yet maintains charm of its 1916 origins plus all the modern comforts. Guest house.
\$6,500,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



PORT ROYAL ▲ Beautifully finished bayfront 3BR/3.5BA home. 2 docks, direct Gulf access. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. **\$6,200,000**
Kristin Mikler & Sue Black | 370-6292



ESTATES AT BAY COLONY GOLF CLUB ▲ Positioned perfectly with sweeping golf views! Magnificent SBR estate home offers 8,400 SF of luxurious living. **\$5,995,000**
Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 289-0433



PELICAN BAY - JAMESTOWN ▲ Lakeside masterpiece, SW exposure, custom designed to bring the indoor & outdoor living spaces together. Pool/spa.
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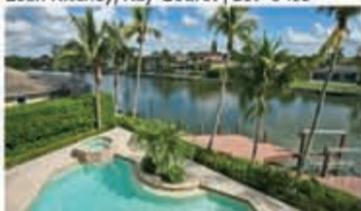
PARK SHORE - PROVENCE ▲
Gulf views, 3BR/4.5BA + den stunningly decorated by Collins & DuPont. Beachfront building, boat dock available.
\$3,175,000 | Otto Becker | 250-6808



NEW LISTING
PORT ROYAL AREA - LITTLE HARBOUR ▲ A private waterfront sanctuary. Dock with direct Gulf access. Port Royal Club Associate Membership Eligibility.
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BAY COLONY - BILTMORE ▲
Sophisticated beachfront lifestyle, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA+family room luxury end residence, 3,325 A/C SF. **\$2,895,000**
Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899



PARK SHORE ▲
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



GREY OAKS - 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**
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



PARK SHORE - LE CIEL VENETIAN TOWER ▲ Prime beachfront penthouse with glass walls and sliders for the epitome of views of the beach. Offered furnished.
\$2,150,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS ▲
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



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



MEDITERRA - BELLEZZA ▲
Immaculate, sun-splashed retreat. Carefully chosen colors and fabrics, appliances and electronics. Furnished.
\$1,675,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



NAPLES CAY - BAYPOINTE ▲
Spectacular views of the Gulf and bay. Over 2,400 sq. ft. of living area. Private guard-gated beachfront community. **\$1,575,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - WILLOW WALK ▲ Customized home, views to the pool area and lake and golf course beyond. Plantation shutters, jetted master tub.
\$1,449,000 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942



PELICAN LANDING - PENNYROYAL ▲
Perfect views of the 7th green, lake/fairway. Exquisite 3BR/4.5BA+den. Separate cabana. Beach, golf, tennis & more! **\$1,395,000**
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAHOGANY BEND ▲ Truly immaculate home with 3BRs, den, 3-car garage, lovely pool/spa overlooking golf course. Many upgrades.
\$1,299,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



BONITA BAY - HORIZONS ▲
Panoramic Gulf views. Open plan, 3BRs, den, 4BAs, family & great rooms, granite, 10' ceilings, stone floors. **\$1,295,000**
Trudy/Carl Salyers | 398-8901



COLLIERS RESERVE ▲ Outstanding Rutenberg built home, private preserve lot. Immaculate 3BR, family rm, den, tropical screened pool/spa. **\$1,285,000**
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MARCO COURTYARD TOWERS ▲
Beautifully decorated, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA top floor penthouse. Incredible Gulf, Bay/City views. **\$1,199,000**
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OLD NAPLES - VILLAS VERONA ▲
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



PARK SHORE - ALLEGRO ▲ Endless Gulf, Venetian Bay/city views! Perfectly renovated penthouse, 2,172 sq. ft. with glass-enclosed terraces. **\$1,100,000 | Marion Bethea & Anne Killilea & Bette Helms | 261-6200**



PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III ▲
Naples ultimate island! Great views, turnkey furnished 3BR/3BA. Equity membership to private Yacht Club included.
\$939,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



PALMIRA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB RAVISTA ▲ Stunning 3BR/3.5BA+den former model with wide lake & golf views. Family room, heated pool & spa. Member owned club.
\$925,000 | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583



MOORINGS - INDIES WEST ▲
Charming 2nd floor 2BR/2BA beachfront villa style condominium. Stunning views, private marina, direct Gulf access. **\$899,000 | Marion Bethea & Anne Killilea & Bette Helms | 261-6200**



MOORINGS - BILLOWS ▲
Charming villa with beachfront cottage feel. SS1 appliances, tasteful interior, built-ins, new A/C & glassed-in porch. **\$845,000 | Ted Dudley | 860-2498**



BONITA BAY - SIENA ▲
Beautifully expanded 3BR/3BA+den "Florentine" plan overlooks 11th green of Creekside course. Exquisitely appointed.
\$829,000 | Judy Stead | 273-3438



COQUINA SANDS - MANSION HOUSE ▲ Charismatic 2BR/2BA low-rise beachfront condominium. Picture perfect grounds, 1st floor garage, tropical pool. **\$795,000**
Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I ▲
Tastefully-decorated 3BR/3BA, great Bay/Gulf views! Pools, fitness area, steps to beach. Weekly rentals, turnkey.
\$779,000 | Daniel Pregont | 272-8020



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ▲
Masterfully updated, 4BRs, 3BAs, Mexican tile and wood floors. Sun patio with koi pond. Membership required.
\$749,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



TIBURON - BOLERO ▲
Gated, stroll to the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort & Tiburon Golf Club. Top floor penthouse with views of golf/lake. **\$744,000**
Linda Piatt/Jeri Richey | 269-2322



MARCO ISLAND ▲
Delightful 3BR/2BA custom built home close to the beach with open water views. Boat dock with lift & Gulf access.
\$659,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



AQUALANE SHORES - AQUALANE MANOR ▲ Savor the relaxed style of this 2BR/2BA walking distance from beaches. Deeded covered boat slip w/lift. Turnkey.
\$595,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



MOORINGS - HARBORSIDE WEST II ▲ Exceptional panoramic bay and partial Gulf views! Furnished corner, recently updated 3BR/2.5BA PH. Open floor plan.
\$595,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



LEMURIA ▲
Newer construction, low-density in a gated community. Built in 2007, 4BR/3BA coach home with superb appointments.
\$595,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW I ▲
Gulf and Bay views! Leaded glass front door, 10' ceilings, 3 BR, 3BA, plantation shutters, electric storm shutters. **\$574,000**
Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282



VANDERBILT YACHT & RACQUET CLUB ▲ Magnificent long water views. Bayfront, 2 master suites, meticulously cared for. Gated community across from beach. **\$459,990**
Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



BEACHWALK HOMES ▲
Rarely available 3BR/2BA, 2-car garage free standing home near clubhouse, tennis courts, pool/spa. Walk to beach.
\$439,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



FIDDLER'S CREEK - 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



Park Shore, 4101 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #16 S - From dramatic floor tile to custom coffered ceilings, this exquisite 8400 SF Gulf-front condo designed & furnished by Collins & DuPont has it all. 5+Den/6+2half (C7032) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$7,900,000**



Park Shore, 4101 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #6 S - Custom 6th floor estate w/wraparound panoramic views of the Gulf. The ultimate in beachfront living. Marble & hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, library. 5+Den/6+2half (C6506) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$5,250,000**



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) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$3,950,000**



Old Naples, 238 9th Ave S - Built in 2001, courtyard home w/ fml liv & din, fam rm, travertine flrs, granite counters, pool & spa, sep guest cabana, steps to beach. 4+Den/4.5 (H4958) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$3,695,000**



Bonita Bay, 26070 Mandevilla Dr - Elegance is key in this home. Spectacular panoramic golf & water views. Enter a world of prestige & charm in this luxury estate home. Lots of features. 6 or More/5+2half (H3998) The Dillard Team, 498-2888 **\$3,395,000**



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**



Port Royal, 960 Galleon Dr - Southern exposure over Runaway Bay & no bridges to Gulf. Great location. Come build your dream home in Port Royal. Immed Port Royal Club membership eligibility. 6 or More/5 (H4789) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$2,750,000**



Bay Colony, 8111 Bay Colony Dr, #201 - On the beach, updated, exquisite details. End unit, 3,061 square feet, southwestern exposure. 3+Den/3 (C5407) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$2,150,000**



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**



Naples Boat Club, 909 10th St S, #304 - Waterfront views from every room give way to endless lazy days watching the boats go by. 42' terrace, fabulous amenities, walk to 5th Ave. 3/3.5 (C4947) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$1,590,000**



Grey Oaks, 1335 Noble Heron Way - Mediterranean villa. Custom floor plan. Lake/golf views. Marble & wood floors, soaring ceilings, state-of-art kitchen. Summer kit, covered loggia, pool & spa. 4/4.5 (V1272) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$1,495,000**



Pelican Bay, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #702 - Luxurious residence, renovation just completed, sweeping Gulf & estuary views from every room! Extraordinary finishes, new furnishings, all waiting for you! 3/3 (C6890) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$1,250,000**



Twin Eagles, 11238 Five Oaks Ln - Lake view SFH w/attached 2 bedroom guest cabana. Tiled garage, pool/spa, large master. 4+Den/4.5 (H5450) Monte Gerard, 784-4437 **\$899,000**



Crossings, 7335 Stonegate Dr - Coveted Crossings At Stonegate - 2 person office or 5th bedroom, marble floors, granite counters, large open rooms. Almost 1 acre land. 4+Den/4.5 (H5350) Monte Gerard, 784-4437 **\$889,000**



Moorings, 2601 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #19 - Wow Views! Want to live right on Moorings Beach? Rare opportunity to own a Billows Beachfront Villa at this price. New A/C, hot water heater, paint & carpet. 2/2 (C6113) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$774,500**



Old Naples, 617 6th Ave S #202 - Beautifully furnished condo located a block off 5th Ave. S. Stroll to beach, Cambier Park & all downtown has to offer. Unit boasts 2 covered parking spaces. 2/2.5 (C2574) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$749,000**



Pelican Bay, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #603 - Impressive Gulf view, bright & spacious, wood floors, electric shutters. www.Grosvenor603.com . 2+Den/2.5 (C7087) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$700,000**



Pelican Bay, 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd, #G-14 - St Raphael luxurious living at a modest price! In the main tower, not on the street. Private pool & garden. 2/2 (C6907) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$700,000**



Old Naples, 1325 7th St S, #6D - Sixth floor totally remodeled unit offers views of Naples Bay, the city, & gorgeous sunsets. Guest accomms, boat slips, extra storage, covd parking. 2/2 (C6605) Don Winkler, 961-2166, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$699,000**



Eden On The Bay, 372 Mallory Ct - Exquisitely upgraded, beautifully designed, volume ceilings, lush lake view, outdoor kitchen, electric shutters, surround sound. View it at www.372Mallory.com. 3+Den/3 (H5446) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$625,000**



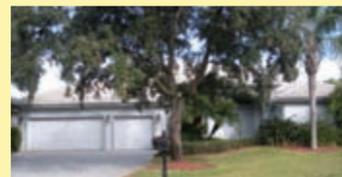
Pelican Marsh, 9146 Troon Lakes Dr - Delightful spacious pool home w/ private setting, mature landscaping, Plantation shutters, electric storm shutters, 2 car garage. 3/2 (V1451) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$600,000**



Pelican Bay, 6020 Pelican Bay Blvd, #105 - Exceptional lake & golf course view, corner unit, large rooms, extremely large wrap around lanai, new hurricane rated sliders & windows. 3/3 (C6906) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$550,000**



Pelican Marsh, 2380 Mont Claire Dr, #102 - Perfection awaits you. Serene lake front coach home in desirable Mont Claire of Pelican Marsh. Redesigned w/current color trends. Well priced - move right in. 3/2.5 (C7088) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$500,000**



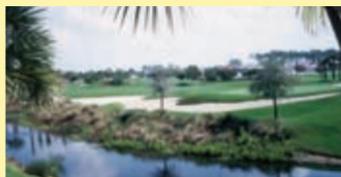
Vineyards, 245 Silverado Dr - Rarely available three car garage pool home in desirable Valley Oak. Large lanai, open sun deck, resurfaced pool, popular split floor plan. 4/3 (H5457) Laurie Cassell, 290-5353 **\$499,000**



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**



Park Shore, 300 Park Shore Dr, #2A - This 3BR bay-front condo is located steps from the beach, fine dining & boutique shopping. Updated kitchen & 140-mi. impact windows. Your small pet is welcome. 3/2 (C6968) Sally Kellogg, 571-5445 **\$495,000**



Pelican Marsh, 1856 Timarron Way - Pristine home, new carpet, fresh paint, on quiet cul-de-sac. Private pool in screened lanai. Spacious home, ready for immediate occupancy. 2+Den/2 (H5437) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$490,000**



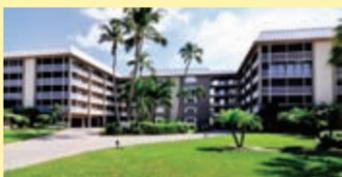
Reflection Isles, 11360 Reflection Isles Blvd - One of a kind "Tuscany-Platinum" former model-2 story w/lake views. Professionally decorated w/every possible appointment, right down to game room w/pool table. 4+Den/3 (H5036) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$455,000**



Oyster Bay, 1569 Chesapeake Ave - This pet friendly condo has it all! Completely renovated, 30' deeded boat slip, direct Gulf access, vaulted ceilings, addtl storage, laundry in unit. 3/2 (C6595) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366, Don Winkler, 961-2166 **\$449,000**



Saturnia Lakes, 1524 Pacaya Cv - Paradise Found! One of the finest lots, PRIVATE lake views, southern exp. & lush landscaping, LARGE heated pool, Sunny high windows, tile throughout. 3+Den/2.5 (H5056) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$424,900**



Moorings, 2880 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #209 - Price Reduced! Bayside bch retreat! Updated open fl plan, glassed in lanai, 1554 TA, carport, new windows & plumbing. Lovely bayside pool or stroll Moorings Bch. 2/2 (C5890) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$399,000**



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**



Village Walk Of Bonita Springs, 15379 Trevally Way - Oakmont & pool house on lake w/eastern exp. Like new, poured concrete construction, beautifully appointed w/crown molding thru out, wainscoting & so much more. 3+Den/2 (H5494) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$342,000**



Pirates Cove, 27208 Gasparilla Dr - Spectacular wide views of the Imperial River. This homesite is a rare find & perfect for your custom home design. (L1234) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$339,000**



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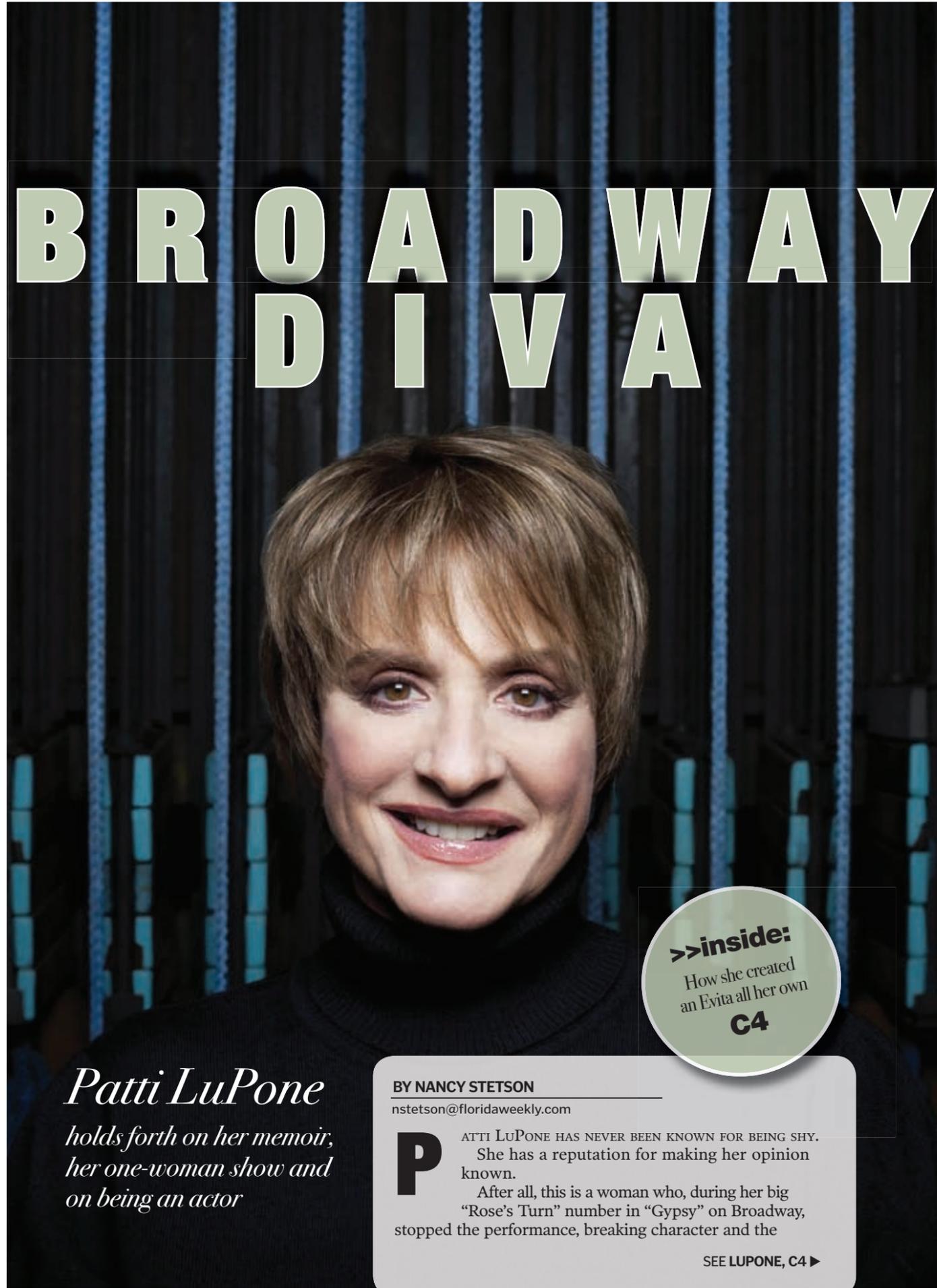
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WEEK OF DEC. 30-JAN. 5, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



BROADWAY DIVA

Patti LuPone
holds forth on her memoir, her one-woman show and on being an actor

>>inside:
How she created an Evita all her own
C4

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PATTI LUPONE HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN FOR BEING SHY. She has a reputation for making her opinion known. After all, this is a woman who, during her big "Rose's Turn" number in "Gypsy" on Broadway, stopped the performance, breaking character and the

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It's all about art downtown on New Year's weekend

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Start off the New Year in downtown Naples at the 15th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Weekend Art Fair and Art in the Park. You'll find a broad selection of one-of-a-kind art, from jewelry and pottery to paintings, wood carvings and more, all created by nationally known and Southwest Florida artists.

The juried art fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 1-2, along Fifth Avenue South. Between noon and 3 p.m. both days, visitors

SEE ART, C3 ►



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A tiny table setting by ceramics artist Rinny Ryan.

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Now that's a party!
Italian American Society has a ball for Avow. **C25** ►



Must-reads
Nancy Stetson recommends books you might have missed in 2010. **C8** ►



Must-sees (and not)
Dan Hudak delivers his picks and pans from the year in movies. **C12-13** ►



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Marco Island	642-2222
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The Odd Couple



The third wheel is an exhausting role to play. You have to constantly make nice while the couples around you canoodle, as if you were the one left standing in a game of relationship musical chairs. You can play the third wheel or you can go home.

My roommate, Adele, who is from Toulouse, taught me the expression in French: *tient la chandelle*, or candle-holder. The term comes from the time before bedside lamps, when servants would hold the candle while their masters frolicked in bed. The expression has a certain poetry, I think, and Adele and I get a good laugh out of it. Like me, she holds the candle a lot, too.

When I come home from a night out with my paired friends, I give her all the details of their coupley antics — the way they tell stories that are only funny between the two of them, their small spats at the table. We'll have a drink together on the porch and laugh at the silly couples we know. Then she'll tell me about her day as I listen, and I'll tell her about mine. Sometimes she asks me for advice about work; I'll confess my own career worries. Afterward, Adele rinses the glasses in our kitchen sink

and I dry them with a dish towel. We wish each other good night and head to our separate bedrooms.

In this holiday party season, my roommate and I have started attending fêtes together. We sit side-by-side at the table and tell stories from our communal life. Adele likes to talk about how we've signed up to host travelers on the CouchSurfing website.

"But I told her," she says and points to me, "it's her baby. She takes care of the CouchSurfer."

The other couples at the table laugh.

At times I notice their eyes glaze over when Adele and I start in on a story that only makes sense to the two of us. I'll mention the snails in our garden and how we think of them as pets. It's tough to tell the back story — the time Adele told me she spent an hour watching one of the giant snails devour a hibiscus leaf; how I made fun of her afterward; how later in the week I found myself crouched over the same snail as he gulped down another flower and had to admit it was

fascinating. It's not the kind of story that translates.

Sometimes Adele and I go out to dinner with friends, and if she's in a hard mood, she'll pick at me until I snap at her. Then she'll sulk through the rest of the meal, and I'll notice the other couples sharing glances between them. Our tiff will surely be discussed in kitchens that evening.

The moment will blow over, though,



"...tient la chandelle, or candle-holder... when servants would hold the candle while their masters frolicked in bed..."

and Adele and I will be back to sharing a pot of coffee in the morning. Over our buttered toast, we talk about getting a cat. We occasionally talk about men, and we both say we would kill for a proper date. But I don't find myself pining for a relationship. It turns out, I'm already part of a couple. ■

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Also throughout the day, ceramics artist Rinny Ryan, this month's featured Art in the Park artist, will create miniature cups,

saucers, teapots and more on her tiny potter's wheel.

Art in the Park takes place on the first Saturday of the month through April and is sponsored by *Florida Weekly*, Happenings and the office of Steve Stolz of Edward Jones.

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Ceramics artist Rinny Ryan at work at the wheel.

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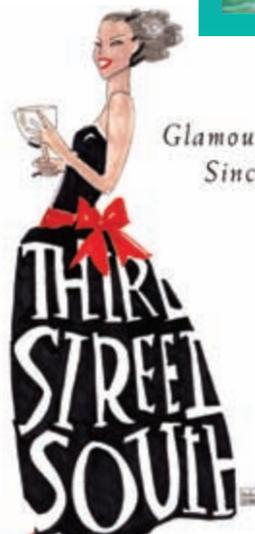
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LUPONE

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fourth wall, to loudly berate an audience member for taking photographs. (Theatergoers applauded her. And ironically, someone also recorded her, so the tirade is preserved on the Internet.)

But on a recent morning during a phone interview from New York, she seemed almost reticent.

"My responsibility is to do it on stage but not talk about it," she said. "My responsibility is to go out on stage. If I have to explain it, I'm not doing it."

In spite of the fact she's appearing on Broadway eight times a week in "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," she's honoring the dates she had scheduled for her one-woman show, "The Gypsy in My Soul." That includes her Jan. 4 performance at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, where she'll perform with a 10-piece band.

"I like being in Naples," she said. "It's beautiful down there, real beautiful."

Ms. LuPone has appeared at the Phil three times already — once with her friend Mandy Patinkin, who played Che to her Evita on Broadway.

The title of her one-woman show is a sly reference to her recent role as Rose in "Gypsy," for which she won the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Actress in a Musical. Her portrayal also earned her the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance.

"The Gypsy in My Soul" also refers to the fact that those in the theater are called gypsies.

"It's more of a dance term, but we (actors) can also be gypsies, because we travel," she said. "(We) go from show to show."

Conceived and directed by Scott Wittman, "The Gypsy in My Soul" is broken into two acts.

"The first act is just a bunch of songs," Ms. LuPone said. "All my shows hold together somehow, but they don't have a theme. I transition from one song to the next; there's an emotional logic to the songs, to the line-up."

The second act consists of songs she's sung in her career.

"Not all, but a lot," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO
Patti LuPone will perform her one-woman show "The Gypsy in My Soul" at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

The list of shows she's performed in over the past four decades is quite impressive. It includes "Evita," "Sunset Boulevard," "Anything Goes," "Sweeney Todd," "Oliver!" "Les Miserables" and "Gypsy."

When asked about the backstage stories it's been said she tells during her one-woman show, she replied: "They're just introductions to the songs, they're not backstage stories."

And no, she didn't want to share one. "No, I'm not going to tip my (hand)," she said.

She wrote her autobiography (with Digby Diehl) that was published this fall: "Patti LuPone: A Memoir."

On her blog she urged her fans to purchase the book, saying, "Dolls buy my book. I'm trapped on the *NY Times* Bestseller list between two Republicans!"

"It was fun to do," she said of the memoir. "It wasn't cathartic. The career is not that far in the past, even going back to my childhood. I have a good memory. It was fun to look through the scrapbooks."

"It got a little slimey. I felt icky after the 'Sunset Boulevard' chapter."

(Regarding "Sunset Boulevard," her relationship with Andrew Lloyd Webber went from bad to worse, and though she was contracted to play Norma Desmond on Broadway, after

playing her in London, the role was given to Glenn Close instead. With part of her financial settlement, Ms. LuPone built The Andrew Lloyd Webber Memorial Swimming Pool at her home in Connecticut.)

"The Baker's Wife," earlier in her career, was also a horrendous experience. She refers to it as "Hitler's Road Show" in her book, explaining, "There's a saying in the theater that if Hitler were alive today, his punishment should be to send him out on the road with a musical in trouble."

"The Baker's Wife" was riddled with problems and disasters, including non-stop re-writings, continuous rehearsals and firings. Her co-star, Chaim Topol, grabbed her breast on the first rehearsal day, and things went downhill from there. Eventually seven people from the cast wrote to Actor's Equity, requesting his Equity card be revoked "because he was so damaging to the production and detrimental to the company's morale."

"It's painful. It's going to evoke that emotion, all that stuff happening," she said. "And it's only my story. It may not be somebody else's experience."

She said she has received positive feedback about her book from fans. And, "People in the business I run into love it, and I'm appreciative of that."

Advice for aspiring actors

For those who want to be actors, Ms. LuPone urges them to study the craft.

"Know what you're doing before you dare to put stuff on the stage," she said. "There are too many people like Paris Hilton in this world. If you want to be in the business, honor the craft. That's what it is, a craft. It requires training."

"They have no idea what the requirements are for performing eight times a week. They have no idea what it means to show up for eight shows a week, let alone get on stage and act."

Her book begins and ends with "Gypsy," considered one of the great American musicals. She's opened the show four different times. The first time, she was a young girl in junior high school, playing Louise. On opening night, when she was singing "Little Lamb," the lamb broke loose from her and ran around bah-ing.

Her last time in "Gypsy" was quite different: She was on Broadway, portraying the role of Rose, the stage mother.

And as she writes in her memoir, "I

know that 'Gypsy' will remain one of if not *the* best experiences I've ever had in my career."

Now on stage

She's currently performing as Lucia in "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," a musical based on Pedro Almodovar's movie of the same name.

"I love this play," she said. "(My character's) released from a mental institution. My husband left me. I'm part of a quartet of women, three are on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and I had mine. It's a very moving, very original piece of theater... and very funny. And it's an incredible company. I'm very proud to be part of this production."

The musical is scheduled to close Jan. 23.

A revival of "Hello, Dolly" is rumored to be Ms. LuPone's next project.

But when asked about it, she turns coy.

"So they say," she said.

"I can't talk about it now. It's premature."

How does she handle doing a Broadway show and also doing her one-woman concerts?

"I take it a day at a time," she said.

"I'm a little tired. I wake up, I look at my schedule. I'm glad I'm busy. I could be not working. I'm tired, but I'm really grateful I'm working, and so I do it. If I was ungrateful, I'd be sick, I'd be bitchy. I'm grateful I have these opportunities. I get up and go about my day. My schedule is pretty intense."

She'll take some vacation time in January, after "Women on the Verge" closes.

Then, more work.

"I'm doing New York City Ballet, 'Seven Deadly Sins,'" she said. "But first, 'Company,' with the New York Philharmonic."

"It's a gypsy life." ■

in the know

>> "Patti LuPone: The Gypsy in My Soul"

>> When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4

>> Where: The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.

>> Tickets: \$69 and up

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Ms. LuPone on creating her own Evita

BY NANCY STETSON

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Patti LuPone sings scores on stage, but in her autobiography "Patti LuPone: A Memoir," she also takes the opportunity to settle some scores with people.

It's been a rocky career, and she tells it bluntly: the good reviews, the bad reviews, the roles she didn't get, the ones she did but then wished she hadn't, the backstabbing, the broken promises, the highlights, the standing ovations, the times she walked off the stage when her contract wasn't being honored.

The memoir is like the woman herself: talented, bold, highly dramatic, outspoken, no-holds-barred.

There are people who are friends for life (playwright David Mamet, director/playwright Arthur Laurents) and those who are sworn enemies (Andrew Lloyd Webber, Chaim Topol and Bill Smitrovich, her co-star in the TV series "Life Goes On.")

She devotes two chapters to "Evita," the role for which she won her first Tony

Award for Best Actress in a Musical.

"It made me a star," she writes. "It was the most difficult role I had been given to play. It also gave me a reputation and a shadow of controversy that has followed me to this day... What many believe must have been a glorious ascent into heady stardom was, for me, a trial by fire, with the constant threat of being burned at the stake. But I did it."

Wanting to make the role her own, she bristled at being directed to follow in the footsteps of Elaine Paige, who played the role of Evita in London.

"At the beginning of rehearsal I was plagued with people telling me things that Elaine Paige... did in the part," she writes. "The producers brought three dancers over from the London production and they'd say, 'Patti, right here Elaine would do this. Here's where

Elaine did this.' I was polite for about two days. And then a Broadway reputation was born. 'Shut up,' I said. 'I don't want to hear another word about Elaine's performance. If you tell me what she did, then I don't have a chance to discover it for myself. I'm an actor. I'll figure it out.'"

And the famous arms-straight-up-in-a-V pose was born from not wanting to be like Ms. Paige, too: "(Photographer Martha Swope) asked me to lift my arms, elbows slightly bent. That was Elaine Paige's pose, and at that point I really didn't want anyone else telling me to imitate Elaine. 'I don't do that,' I told her. 'I do this.' And then I raised my arms in a V. I did it spontaneously."

She acknowledges that she doesn't know what she was doing at the end of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," but now that she was photographed that way, she said to herself, "Well, I guess that's what I do now."

She reveals that she struggled with

the singing, and was on vocal rest when off-stage. Because she was a blonde onstage, no one recognized her outside the theater, with her natural brunette hair. She regularly went to the Oyster Bar at the Plaza Hotel "a great bar that was also a discreet hangout for Central Park South hookers," she writes. "I'd sit at the far end of the bar so I could watch the people coming in. The bartenders would say hello and talk to me... None of them ever knew I was Evita. All they knew was that this girl came in, sat in the corner, and drank two beers. When I was sufficiently buzzed, I'd grab a cab and go home. They must have thought, *That poor little hooker, she never manages to get a single customer.*"

Despite her ups and downs, she concludes, "...I've never wavered in my love and dedication to the craft of acting and the belief in the value theater holds in our culture. Whether you're in the audience or on the stage, theater is eternally transportive and transformational, allowing the soul to breathe and the spirit to rejuvenate." ■



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■ **Young Frankenstein** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers at 8 p.m. through Jan. 2. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.org.

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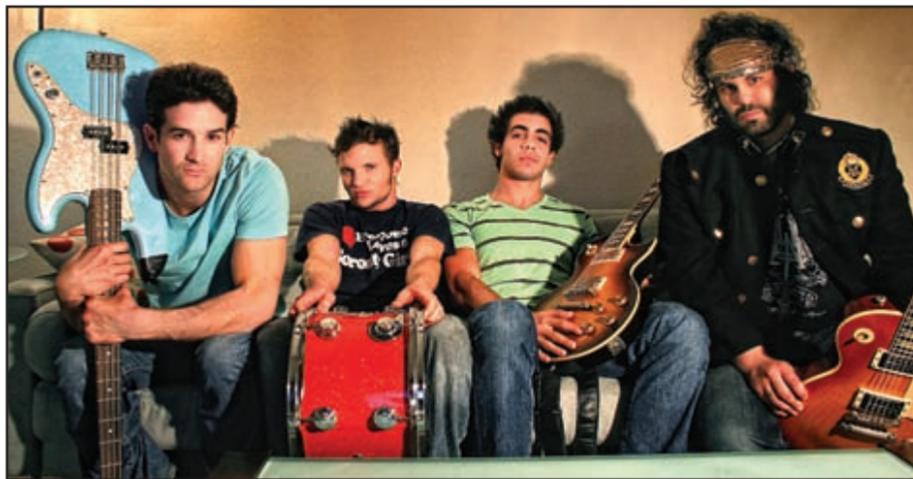
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Symphony

■ **All That Jazz** – Randy Brecker joins the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra for “January Jazz” at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 6. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Classical Series** – Young conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto leads the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in “A Third Of Beethoven” at 8 p.m. Jan. 6-8. The Conductor’s Prelude begins one hour before each concert. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Swing Tunes** – The Southwest Florida Symphony presents “When Swing was King” at 8 p.m. Jan. 7 and 8 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. 418-1500 or www.swfso.org.



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■ **Concert Series** – Gulf Coast Symphony performs at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. 277-1700 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

■ **From Canada** – The Toronto Symphony Orchestra performs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Jan. 9. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Thursday, Dec. 30

■ **Music on Fifth** – The Inn on Fifth concert series in Sugden Plaza on Fifth Avenue South features Billy Jollie at 9 p.m., followed by the Moony Man Band from 9 p.m.-midnight.

■ **Thursday on Third** – Enjoy music and more fun from 6-9 p.m. all through the Third Street South shopping district.

Friday, Dec. 31

■ **Fireworks Time** – New Year’s Eve Fireworks light up the Naples Fishing Pier from 7:30-8 p.m. 213-7120.

■ **Fun on Fifth** – The Inn on Fifth presents Matty Jollie at 9 p.m. followed

by Rick Krive until 1 a.m. in Sugden Plaza on Fifth Avenue South.

Saturday, Jan. 1



■ **Art in the Park** – Members of the Naples Art Association display their work for Art in the Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Park Street alongside The von Liebig Art Center. See story on page C1.

■ **Downtown Art** – The 15th annual Downtown Naples New Year’s Art Fair runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday on Fifth Avenue South.

■ **Live Music** – The Inn on Fifth presents Rick Krive from 6-9 p.m. followed by Ernie McDonald until midnight in Sugden Plaza on Fifth Avenue South.

Sunday, Jan. 2

■ **Pickin’ in Paradise** – The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents the Bugtussle Ramblers, Andy Wahlberg, Irish Cream and Tommy Powell and Jim from 2-5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Road in Estero. Pickers are welcome. www.acousticmusicso-ciety.org.

■ **Ballet in the Plaza** – The Inn on Fifth presents The Naples Ballet from 6-6:30 p.m. and music by Crossfire from 7-10 p.m. in Sugden Plaza on Fifth Avenue South.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

■ **Broadway Legend** – Tony Award-winning actress Patti LuPone performs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org. See story page C1.

■ **First Tuesday Art** – The Art League of Marco Island’s First Tuesday Art @ 5 social takes place at 1010 Winterberry Dr. 394-4221 or www.marcoisland-art.com.

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■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents a screening of the Italian film “The Tiger in the Snow” at 7 p.m. at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. \$5 donation. For future films, visit www.italianculturalsociety.com.

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■ **Book Talk** – Elaine Newton discusses “The Blue Notebook” by James Levine at 10 a.m. Jan. 6 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Village Nights** – The Village on Venetian Bay presents live entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 7. 216-6100.

■ **Funny Lady** – Janet Williams, aka “The Tennessee Tramp,” performs Jan. 6-9 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

■ **Art Reception** – The Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery hosts a reception for wood sculptor Peter Sargent from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 7. The gallery is at 4259 Bonita Beach Road. 776-6844 or www.artistkb.com.

■ **First Friday** – Mercato hosts its First Friday celebration from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 7. 403-2204 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Kids’ Event** – The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples presents hands-on activities at Mercato from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 7. 403-2204 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Art Event** – Hot Works presents the seventh bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 8-9 at Miromar Out-

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■ **Church Concert** – The Festival Singers of Florida & Friends concert starts at 4 p.m. Jan. 9 at North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Rd. N. A free-will offering will be accepted. 593-7600.

■ **Organ Concert** – The Hyacinth Series presents organist Diane Bish at 4 p.m. Jan. 9 at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 261-1487.

■ **Trunk Show** – Marissa Collections hosts a Rena Lange Spring Trunk Show Jan. 11-12 at 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148.

■ **Free Film** – The Friends of the Library of Collier County present “Flipped” at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the South Regional Library and at 2 p.m. Jan. 12 at Headquarters Regional Library.

■ **Book Talk** – Join the discussion about “Founding Brothers” by Joseph Ellis at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

■ **More Book Talk** – “Kings of the Earth” by Jon Clinch will be the topic of discussion at 4 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Vanderbilt Beach Library, 788 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. 597-8444.

■ **Musical Show** – Lisa Manning and friends perform cruise music, Hollywood favorites and Americana at its best in a variety show beginning at 2 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Eight great reads you might have missed in 2010

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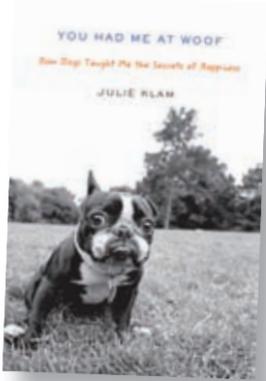


There's a video making the rounds this month of a 3-year-old boy opening some gifts at Christmas. One of the presents happens to be a few books. The disappointed kid throws a mini-temper tantrum because, he says, books aren't fun. You should get only toys for Christmas.

I feel bad for the kid, who obviously doesn't realize just how much fun books can be.

For those of you who do love books, here are a few titles you might have overlooked in 2010. It's far from comprehensive, and it's by no means a list of all the best books that came out this year. It's just an idiosyncratic assortment of books I personally enjoyed reading and that I think you might, too.

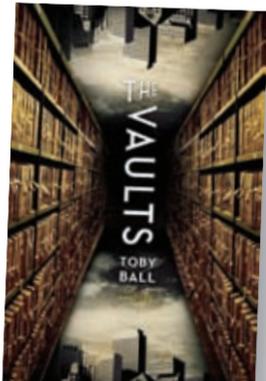
■ **"You Had Me at Woof: How Dogs Taught Me the Secrets of Happiness"** by Julie Klam (\$24.95, Riverhead) — You'd think there couldn't possibly be room for one more book about dogs, but an exception should be made for Julie Klam's "You Had Me at Woof."



Ms. Klam was single and living in New York City when she became involved with rescuing and fostering dogs through the Northeast Boston Terrier Rescue Group. Boston terriers have a unique beauty that not everyone appreciates: flat noses, bulgy eyes a la Marty Feldman and ears that stick up and, when viewed from behind, bring to mind the back of Batman's head.

It all begins when Ms. Klam dreams of a Boston terrier and then winds up adopting one. Otto, the dog of her dreams, becomes the first of a series of Bostons who wind up living with her. She's not sure she can commit to any kind of relationship, but the dogs teach her responsibility, self-sacrifice, compromise and, yes, how to be happy.

■ **"The Vaults"** by Toby Ball (\$24.99, St. Martin's Press) — Toby Ball's writing has been described as what would happen if George Orwell and Dashiell Hammett got together and produced a book. Set in the 1930s, "The Vaults," which is Mr. Ball's debut novel, tells the story of Arthur Puskis, the sole archivist for municipal criminal justice records. One day, he finds double files for a criminal and realizes someone is trying to rewrite history by placing false information in the archives. And then the city begins to put the records on file, destroying the original documents.



The author skillfully sets one group of characters in action, then another set,

then another, and manages to keep the various scenarios going, like a juggler who keeps adding more balls and keeps them up all in the air. I know, a book about an archivist might not sound too suspenseful, but trust me, this one is.

In some ways, it reminded me of the movie "Brazil" and of Colson Whitehead's innovative debut novel, "The Intuitionist," about elevator inspectors. I'm curious to see what Mr. Ball writes next.

■ **"Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void"** by Mary Roach (\$25.95, W.W. Norton & Co.) — After writing about the helpful life of cadavers ("Stiff") and the strange world of sex research ("Bonk"), what would writer Mary Roach tackle next?

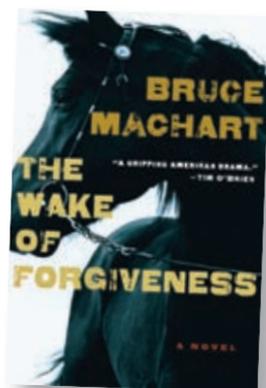


Life in outer space, of course. "Packing for Mars" doesn't look at rockets and engines, but instead examines the squishy side of rocket science — the part having to do with humans.

Ms. Roach wonders about the things we all wonder about but that NASA rarely discusses: How do astronauts go to the bathroom? What do they eat and how is the food made? Do they suffer motion sickness? What do they do if they throw up from weightlessness? Can astronauts have sex in space? Have they? And if so, what would sex in zero gravity be like?

Ms. Roach asks the experts and relays it all with her wonderful dry humor and witty asides. I would read anything she writes. She could make a book about cardboard — or accounting — interesting.

■ **"The Wake of Forgiveness"** by Bruce Machart (\$26, Houghton Mifflin) — Another debut novel, this one isn't the type of book I'd normally pick up. Set in the end of the 1800s in rural Texas, it deals with men who ride horses and own farms, and it's full of dust and leather and chewing tobacco and spitting into the dirt.



When Karel is born, his mother dies in childbirth and his father, reacting to the death, becomes cruel and distant. He never holds his son, touching him only in anger, to beat him. It's a bleak and hard life, yet somehow, Mr. Machart makes it fascinating. He writes like the old masters, with complex sentences and description. Occasionally, he gets a little florid, but this is a compelling novel, and even more impressive because the author makes a world totally foreign to me interesting.

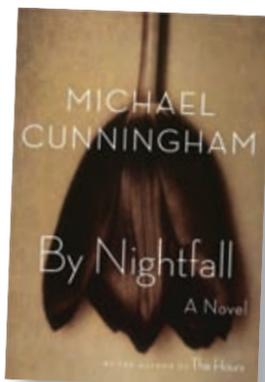
■ **"Everything: A Novel"** by Kevin Canty (\$25.95, Nan



A. Talese) — If "The Wake of Forgiveness" is a dense, complex novel, Kevin Canty's "Everything" is its opposite: minimalist, almost Zen-like with its simple sentences. It opens in Montana with RL and June on the 11th anniversary of June's husband's death. (The man was RL's best friend.) Both are spurred by the occasion to look at their own lives, and neither is too pleased with what they see. RL runs a bait-and-tackle shop and takes people fly-fishing; June is a hospice worker. What are they going to do with the time they have left on this earth?

Mr. Canty's prose is spare and beautiful, and I found myself taking my time, not wanting to rush through it. For readers in their 20s, this book might not seem to be about much. But more mature readers will relate to this tale about the longing to make your life count, about life and loss and love and second chances — about, well, everything.

■ **"By Nightfall"** by Michael Cunningham (\$25, Farrar, Straus and Giroux) — Jonathan Franzen might have been on the cover of Time magazine as a Great American Novelist, but I found the prose in his latest novel prickly and off-putting. Too bad Time didn't put Michael Cunningham on its cover.

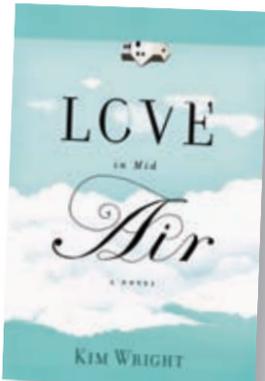


Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Hours," Mr. Cunningham writes elegant sentences that are simply seductive. They don't hold you at arm's length but instead, woo you.

"By Nightfall" is the story of midlife crisis in the life of Paul and Rebecca, a couple in New York City. He's a SoHo art dealer; she's a magazine editor. Her younger brother, Mizzy, who's been in and out of rehab, comes to stay with them and upends their existence. All three face turning points in their lives.

Mr. Cunningham is equally insightful about relationships as the New York art world. "By Nightfall" is a work of intelligence and beauty, a killer combination.

■ **"Love in Mid-Air"** by Kim Wright (\$23.99, Grand Central Publishing) — This is the story of Elise, who's trapped in a stifling marriage to a man who's indifferent to her. She's contemplating divorce when she meets a man on a plane and, though it's unlike her, begins an affair.

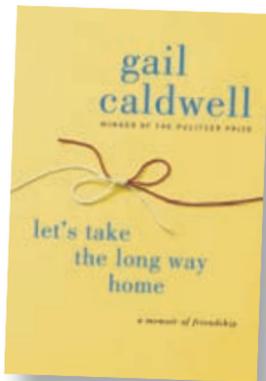


Kim Wright's excellent writing and eye for details keep this novel out of chick-lit territory. It's a fresh perspective on a somewhat clichéd situation, a book that looks at marriage and relationships with unflinching honesty.

"Love in Mid-Air" didn't get the attention it deserved when it was published. It's an intriguing find of a book.

■ **"Let's Take the Long Way Home: A Memoir of a Friendship"** by Gail

Caldwell (\$23, RandomHouse) — It doesn't happen often enough in life, but sometimes you meet someone and you just click. Or as Gail Caldwell, a Pulitzer Prize-winning book critic describes it in this book: "Finding Caroline was like placing a personal ad for an imaginary friend, then having her show up at your door funnier and better than you had conceived."



Ms. Caldwell and Caroline Knapp have a lot in common: They're both writers, love dogs and are recovering alcoholics. Ms. Caldwell relays the story of their growing friendship, including Ms. Knapp being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer and her death in her early 40s.

She writes: "It's an old, old story: I had a friend and we shared everything, and then she died and so we shared that, too." This book is a tribute to friendship and how others can irrevocably change our lives. ■

According to The Times...

It isn't every day I get quoted in *The New York Times*.

In case you missed it, the paper ran a front-page story on Saturday, Dec. 18, about the success of John Cariani's play "Almost, Maine." The article by Cara Joy David mentioned Florida Repertory Theatre and *Florida Weekly*, quoting a line from my review of Florida Rep's 2007 production of the play (unfortunately, it didn't refer to me by name, only as "a *Florida Weekly* critic" — Sorry, Mom!).

It also described the audience at Florida Rep and included a photo of John-Patrick Driscoll and Deanna Gibson in the local production. (Ms. Gibson has been in several shows at the Rep and will appear in "The 39 Steps" in February.)

With sweetness and an irreverent humor, the quirky play consists of a series of vignettes that all occur on the same night in a Maine town called Almost. People fall in love, fall out of love and rediscover love.

Headlined "New York Flop Becomes a Hit Everywhere Else," the article noted how "Almost, Maine" was the most-produced play in high schools in North America in 2010, performed even more than "Our Town" and more than Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which previously held the No. 1 position.

It's also been performed around the world, in places including Mexico City, Dubai and Seoul, Korea. Locally, in addition to Florida Rep, the play has also been staged by Fort Myers' Theatre Conspiracy and by The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre. ■

GIVING

Women's Philanthropic Network targets the needs of Collier seniors

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Community Foundation of Collier County was founded in 1985 by individuals who believed this organization could help charitably minded individuals create legacies for the immediate and future needs of our community. This dedication to our community has motivated the development of many programs over the years such as the Women's Philanthropic Network.

Launched in 2007, the mission of the WPN is two-fold: to increase the endowment funds available to help women and girls in Collier County, and to build in all women a sense of empowerment through philanthropy.

Over the past two years, with the aid of research, fact-finding and data collection, the WPN Steering Committee has uncovered a severe lack of coordinated services for Collier County's most vulnerable seniors. This has led to the launch of the first senior resource center in Collier County, the Brookdale Center.

The 11,000-square-foot center, which will be constructed on the site of the old Golden Gate Library and connected to the new library, will have a far-reaching impact for all county residents. Its mission is to provide comprehensive information, services and resources that affect the quality of life of seniors and caregivers in Collier County, empowering them to maintain independent and meaningful lives.



The problems

The main challenges for seniors and those who care for them are:

- For older adults on a modest fixed income in search of fellowship, affordable enrichment, wellness services, and continuing education, there is nothing available.

- For older adults who are at or below the U.S. poverty level of approximately \$11,000 per year income, finding basic services in Collier County is a frightening and frustrating experience.

- For caregivers in Collier County, and those who care for seniors from long distance, there is no centralized local place



to gather information about resources and services available for seniors.

- For providers of services to seniors, budgets and staff are stretched to meet the growing need; inter-agency communication or collaboration is limited to none, and services are "siloeed" and fragmented.

The solutions

Bring resources, communications and people together to:

- Increase agency-to-agency communications, to leverage resources and reach clients.

- Centralize data to identify needs, gaps, and trends; and create a networked database of referral resources.

- Provide personal attention to seniors and caregivers to help navigate solutions and assure outcomes.

- Create a warm and welcoming place for social interaction, an auditorium for artistic programs, enrichment, education and access to the world.

Progress to date

The 12-member senior resource center board of directors has been busy in the past year and much has been accomplished, including:

- Articles of incorporation have been filed and the 501(c)(3) application is in process.

- The capital campaign has been developed and a campaign manager hired.

- A community-wide needs assessment has been completed.

- A land lease has been signed with the county for the Golden Gate site.

- Initial building plans have been drawn and a five-year projection for capital and operating costs completed.

- The Leadership Council on Aging is completing a virtual resource directory to be integrated into the new website.

- A major naming gift has been secured contingent upon construction commencing by June 2011.

For more information about The Brookdale Center, contact Mary Baron, board chairman, at mhbgirl@aol.com.

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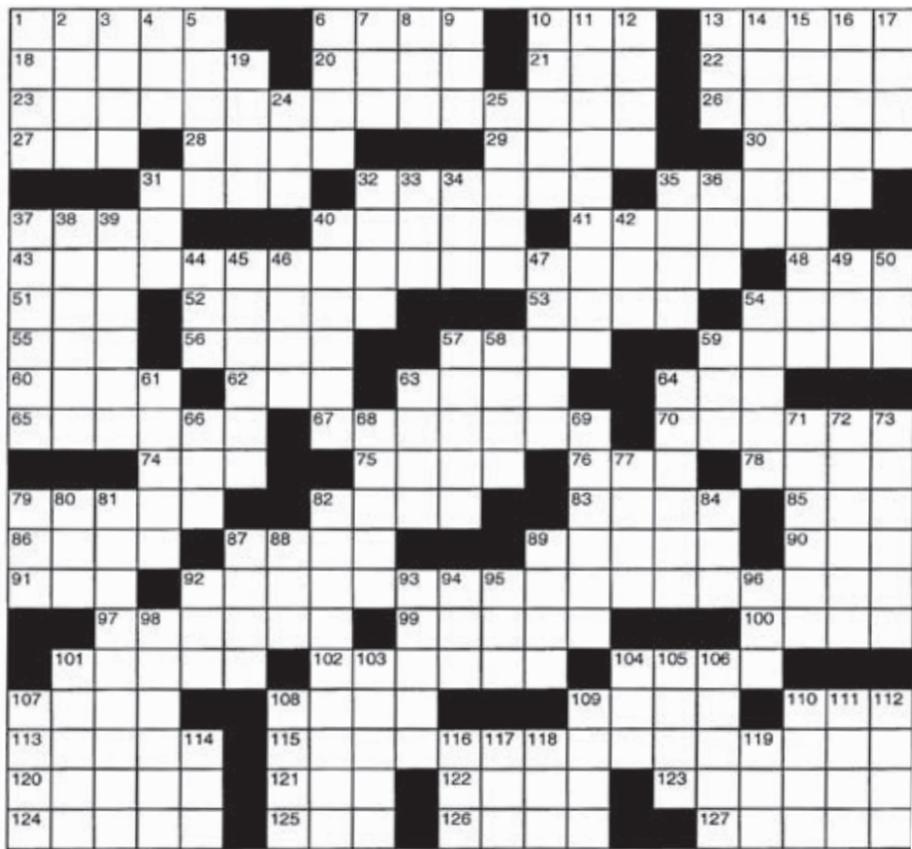
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiffany treasure
 - 6 Zoom
 - 10 Likely
 - 13 Send the money
 - 18 Novelist Lurie
 - 20 In the thick of
 - 21 Med. test
 - 22 Leave out
 - 23 Injudicious pageant winner?
 - 26 Williams of "Happy Days"
 - 27 Crank's comment
 - 28 Facilitate a felony
 - 29 "homo"
 - 30 Tropical spot
 - 31 Literary lioness
 - 32 Couch kin
 - 35 Mobile homes?
 - 37 Leading man?
 - 40 One of twelve
 - 41 Musical key
 - 43 Argumentative pageant winner?
 - 48 "The Raven" monogram
 - 51 Cookbook phrase
 - 52 Pan-fry
 - 53 Dynamic
 - 54 Shade of green
 - 55 Spigot
 - 56 The ___ Brothers
 - 57 Trudge
 - 59 Teach on the side
 - 60 He gave us a lift
 - 62 Homeric character
 - 63 Pound piece
 - 64 Chic, in the '60s
 - 65 Bean's brother
 - 67 Nonconformist pageant winner?
 - 70 Come up
 - 74 Liotta of '127 Across
 - 75 Start fishing
 - 76 Accounting abbr.
 - 78 "___ Lang Syne"
 - 79 Aromatic spice
 - 82 Rocker Townshend
 - 83 Unwelcome visit?
 - 85 TV's "My Sister ___"
 - 86 Wet blanket
 - 87 Stead
 - 89 Sweetly, to Solt!
 - 90 Dallas coll.
 - 91 Slangy sib
 - 92 Inarticulate
 - 97 French pointillist
 - 99 Lose one's tail?
 - 100 Cooking fat
 - 101 Play ground?
 - 102 Congenital
 - 104 Coalition
 - 107 "Oh, wool!"
 - 108 Scored, to Sampras
 - 109 Impartial
 - 110 Exec's deg.
 - 113 Ditka and Douglas
 - 115 Deceptive pageant winner?
 - 120 "Die Fledermaus" maid
 - 121 PA hours
 - 122 With
 - 125 Down, aquarium fish
 - 123 Expiated
 - 124 Thick
 - 125 Crosses (out)
 - 126 Casanova's cry?
 - 127 "Unlawful ___" ('92 film)
- DOWN**
- 1 Window part
 - 2 Director Kazan
 - 3 Desire
 - 4 Slalom curve
 - 5 Resident
 - 6 Diplomacy
 - 7 Aussie walker
 - 8 Feel awful
 - 9 Nutritional abbr.
 - 10 Clerical vestment
 - 11 Went on
 - 12 Prong
 - 13 Singer Chris
 - 14 Weather factor
 - 15 Abusive pageant winner?
 - 16 Sacred cows
 - 17 Shoe size
 - 19 Collars a crook
 - 24 Where goats gambol
 - 25 See
 - 122 Across
 - 31 Marmaduke has two
 - 32 Positive
 - 33 Hesitater's sounds
 - 34 Little one
 - 35 Baseball's Martinez
 - 36 Chang's sib
 - 37 Explosive mixture
 - 38 Expand
 - 39 Neat ___
 - 40 Shore sight
 - 42 Bach's "Bist du bei ___"
 - 44 Neighbor of Mex.
 - 45 That is
 - 46 Sonny & Cher song, e.g.
 - 47 Mother Judd
 - 49 Commotion
 - 50 Part of MPH
 - 54 Biblical region
 - 57 Oater extras
 - 58 Departed
 - 59 Hen's hubby
 - 61 Remove varnish
 - 63 HS exam
 - 64 Florentine family name
 - 66 Holm of "Brazil"
 - 68 Freeze
 - 69 Actor Power
 - 71 Zhivago's country
 - 72 Star quality
 - 73 Halley or Hillary
 - 77 Soft mineral
 - 79 LP replacements
 - 80 Psychic Geller
 - 81 Inaccurate pageant winner?
 - 82 DDT, for instance
 - 84 Narcs' org.
 - 87 Italian bread?
 - 88 "It ___ far, far better
 - 89 Teen title
 - 92 Toby, for one
 - 93 Rips to shreds
 - 94 Slangy suffix
 - 95 Squirrel's snack
 - 96 RN's specialty
 - 98 Art supporters?
 - 101 Playground feature
 - 103 Homes on high
 - 104 Candy quantity
 - 105 Ohio city
 - 106 Declaim
 - 107 "Diary of ___ Housewife" ('70 film)
 - 108 NYSE rival
 - 109 Baptism site
 - 110 Make money
 - 111 Transvaal resident
 - 112 He's Devine
 - 114 Diocese
 - 116 Hostelry
 - 117 Society column word
 - 118 Crafty critter
 - 119 Heavy weight

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES



■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that

you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

■ LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

■ BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

By Linda Thistle

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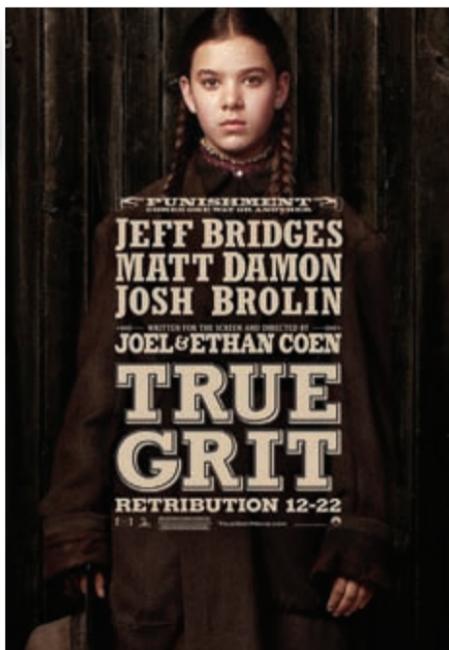
For as good as all the actors in "True Grit" are — and Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Josh Brolin are exceptional here — the performance you'll be talking about afterward is Hailee Steinfeld's, whose precocious 14-year-old character drives the movie. It's unfortunate that Paramount is promoting her as a supporting actor for awards purposes, because this is a lead character if there ever was one.

Miss Steinfeld plays Mattie Ross, who in the late 1870s sets out to avenge her father's murder at the hand of Tom Chaney (Mr. Brolin). To get the job done, she hires grizzled U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn (Mr. Bridges) and Texas Ranger LaBoeuf (Mr. Damon), who have their own motives for catching Chaney. As the unlikely trio ventures into hostile territory, they risk danger at every turn, particularly when they learn Chaney has joined Lucky Ned Pepper's (Barry Pepper) crew.

The film was written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen (aka the Coen Bros.), and it continues their theme of focusing on a character thrust into an uncomfortable situation and watching said character try to wiggle his/her way out. While the end result of each film is often dictated by the genre, it's fascinating to see the Coen Bros.' style and the gorgeous cinematography by Roger Deakins bring this Old West tale to life.

If only it did so with more urgency. For as great as the movie looks and as good as the performances are, the story is often slow and tedious. Far too much time is spent riding, scouting, talking and gesturing, all of which takes away from the suspense. One of the appeals of the Coen Bros. is how raw and brutally honest their movies often are, but that harshness is easily undermined by boredom.

Thankfully, the acting always keeps us engaged. We immediately like Miss Steinfeld's Mattie after she barbers with a local businessman, and she never ventures into "pretentious child actor" mode. She also holds her own very well



with the prominent cast, which is no small feat.

It's not easy to step into an Oscar winner's shoes, unless maybe you're an Oscar winner like Mr. Bridges ("Crazy Heart"). His Cogburn is just as gruff and tough as John Wayne's Oscar-winning 1969 performance, though in that film Mr. Wayne was playing a version of his famous screen persona, whereas it's relatively new territory for Mr. Bridges.

Regardless, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Damon and Mr. Brolin are very good, and the dialogue — note how distinct it sounds by simply not using contractions — always gives their characters interesting things to say.

The last time the Coen Bros. gave us a remake it was "The Ladykillers" in 2004 with Tom Hanks, which wasn't very good. "True Grit" has problems, but Miss Steinfeld's star-marking turn, the acting and the beautiful visuals make this worth recommending. ■

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in the know

>> The story begins in 1878. At that time, the U.S. consisted of only 38 states, and the town where Mattie's father died — Fort Smith, Ark. — was the westernmost "civilized" town in the nation.

Edward Albee's
SeaScape

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2010 FILM PICKS

There were some great cinematic surprises...

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Looking over my list of the Top Ten movies of 2010, what strikes me are the things I never thought I'd see on one of my Top Ten lists: A teen comedy, a Joan Rivers documentary, a ballet movie and a British period piece are far from sure things, yet each was spectacular in its own way. Here now are the 10 best movies of 2010:

10. Blue Valentine

Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams star as an unhappily married couple whose relationship implodes from within as they constantly bicker. The great part of director Derek Cianfrance's film is that he also shows the two meeting, falling in love and the circumstances that led to their marriage. As one part of the movie begins to inform the other, and the fantastic performances from the leads keep you hooked into the brutally honest story, you know you're watching something special.

"Blue Valentine" has opened in New York and Los Angeles and opens nationwide in January.

9. The Kids Are All Right

We've seen plenty of domestic family dramas, but few like this. Annette Bening and Julianne Moore play a lesbian couple whose lives unravel after their teenage children seek out their sperm donor father, played by Mark Ruffalo. Writer/director Lisa Cholodenko's film is

progressive and smart, and Ms. Bening should earn an Oscar nomination for her performance.

"The Kids Are All Right" is available on video.

8. Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work

If you think Joan Rivers is just a plastic surgery red carpet joke, you'll be shocked to see the sacrifices she makes, the struggles she's had and continues to have, and how hard she continues to work into her mid-70s. The documentary, which chronicles a year of Ms. Rivers' life, is inspiring, revelatory and stunning, and not to be missed.

"Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work" is available on video.

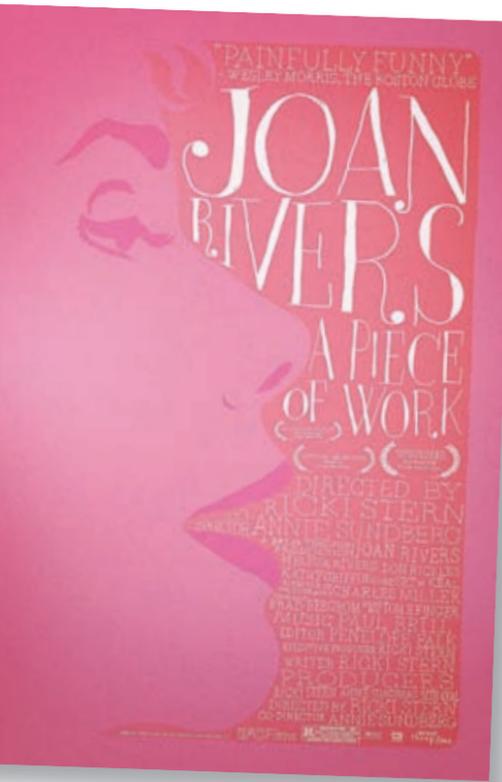
7. Easy A

Teen comedies often resort to crass sex jokes and gross-out gags for a laugh, but this standout managed to avoid that trap while still being absolutely hysterical. Yes, the knowing references to John Hughes' great '80s teen comedies warmed my heart, but the real highlight is Emma Stone's pitch-perfect performance as a girl who pretends to be slutty in order to get attention, then can't stop the gossip train once its rolling.

"Easy A" is available on video.

6. The King's Speech

I guarantee that the acting categories at his year's Academy Awards will include



the names Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush, both of whom help make this drama as good as it is. Mr. Firth plays King George VI, who had a terrible stutter that limited his social engagements and made him very self-conscious. Enter Mr. Rush as the speech therapist, who is always respectful of His Majesty but knows the only way to make a difference is to speak very frankly

with the king.

"The King's Speech" opened in theaters Christmas Day.

5. Tangled

Disney got back to its fairy-tale roots with an update on the story of Rapunzel, and the results could not have been better. It was wonderful to see Disney back in top form.

"Tangled" is in theaters now.

4. Kick-Ass

I know it's my job to use words to describe movies, but no words describe this film better than the title itself: "Kick-Ass." The premise is ingenious: Why haven't more comic-book geeks tried to become superheroes themselves?

"Kick-Ass" is available on video.

3. The Social Network

What started out as "that Facebook movie" has become a cultural phenomenon, and I suspect anyone following the early critics' choice awards will not be surprised to see "The Social Network" on my list. Director David Fincher's movie very smartly (thanks to a great script by Aaron Sorkin) documents the web giant's early days, and in doing so captures the moments that led to our collective infatuation with online social media.

"The Social Network" will be on video Jan. 11.




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2. Black Swan

Director Darren Aronofsky has made a career out of getting inside his characters' heads and seeing how they deal with deeply personal issues. But not only is Natalie Portman's performance as a tortured ballerina Oscar-worthy, the film is also a technical masterpiece that is the epitome of superb modern filmmaking.

"Black Swan" is in theaters now.

1. Inception

In an otherwise creatively dead summer, this film stood out as a truly mind-bending idea. With the sure-handed direction of Christopher Nolan ("The Dark Knight") leading the way, the acting, pacing, action and visual effects made it a marvelous, unforgettable viewing experience. Because of the sheer size and ambition of the project and its incredible accomplishment, it's definitely the best film of the year.

"Inception" is available on video.

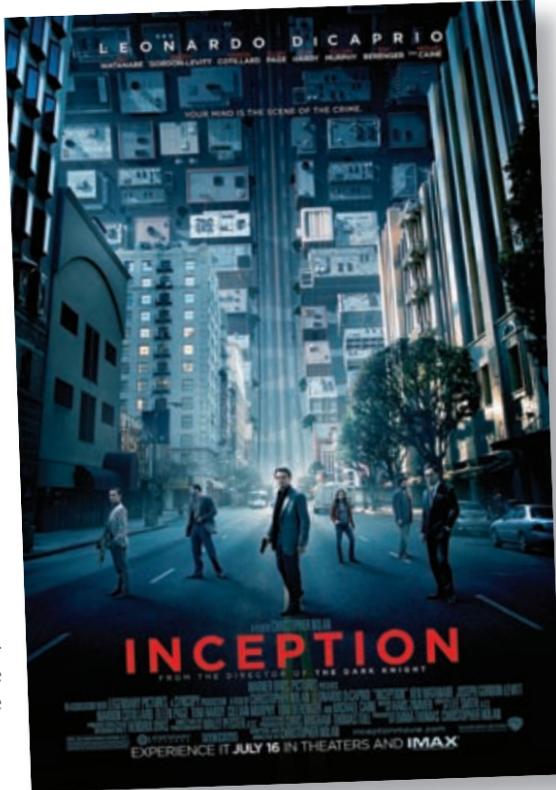
I also liked:

The energy, warmth and message of "How to Train Your Dragon"; the sentimentality and timelessness of "Toy Story 3"; the bare intensity of George Clooney's performance in "The American"; the intrigue and heartbreak of "The Tillman Story"; Casey Affleck and Joaquin Phoenix having fun with us in "I'm Still Here"; James Franco's phenomenal performances in "Howl" and "127 Hours"; the suspense of Ben Affleck's "The Town"; the scary state of the education system unveiled in "Waiting for Superman"; and Noomi

Rapace's breakout performances as Lisbeth Salander in the Millenium Trilogy movies.

...and there were some sure-fire disappointments

I hate to be one to dwell on the negative, but sometimes you just need to vent. All of the movies listed here left me either



angry or disappointed, and most often it was a combination of both. Here now are the Worst Movies of 2010, in chronological order by release date except for one: I like to save the very worst for last.

"Leap Year" was released in the first week of January, and it couldn't have gotten the year off to a worse start. Eerily enough, the first six months of the year were just brutal in terms of quality, prompting some to call this the worst year ever for movies. Thankfully, things improved, and Amy Adams redeemed herself with "The Fighter," but "Leap Year" is a glaring reminder of how bad a star vehicle can be.

Speaking of stars in terrible movies, I felt genuinely sorry for Bruce Willis after seeing him in "Cop Out." Not only did he have to put up with Tracy Morgan, who played the single most annoying character in the history of motion pictures, but he had to keep a straight face while doing it. How could Kevin Smith have directed this?

"Remember Me" had the worst ending a movie has ever had. EVER. And could someone please tell Robert Pattinson to go away?

If Freddy Krueger actually stayed dead any of the first 800 times he was killed, no one would have complained. Certainly not anyone who sat through the dreadful "A Nightmare On Elm Street" reboot at least.

Not only was "Robin Hood" a bloated, colossal bore, it's also the movie that got a rough summer off to an awful start. I didn't think Russell Crowe and director Ridley Scott could make a movie worse

than "A Good Year," but they did. And let this be a lesson to us all: The next time you say, "It can't be worse than..." the only proper response is, "Yes it can."

Thanks to an uneven performance from Steve Carell, "Dinner for Schmucks" was a total misfire. And after seeing him in "Due Date," I'm officially over Zach Galifianakis — at least until "The Hangover 2" next summer.

Sass, style, stupidity. "Step Up 3D" looked great in 3D, but was so hideously dumb that I want someone to punch me in the face if I ever "step" into one of these movies again.

If you want a headache, see "Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World." It tried to be creative and had an original premise, but it becomes one-dimensional and tedious very quickly. And I'm tired of seeing Michael Cera play the same role in every movie. Evolve or perish, Mr. Cera.

In "Lottery Ticket," we saw what happens when stupid, uneducated people encounter large sums of money. I'm referring, of course, to the filmmakers and their production budget.

As far as alien invasion movies go, the cheesy effects in "Skyline" are as bad as it gets. As was the acting. And the directing. And the script. You get it.

Disliking M. Night Shyamalan is starting to feel like picking on a fat kid on the school playground: Sure it's amusing at first, but after a while you feel bad and start to pity the poor soul. So I'm not going to rub in the fact that "The Last Airbender" had the worst 3-D I'd ever seen, the script was terrible and the performances were worse than awful. I'm just going to say this was the worst movie of the year and call it day. ■

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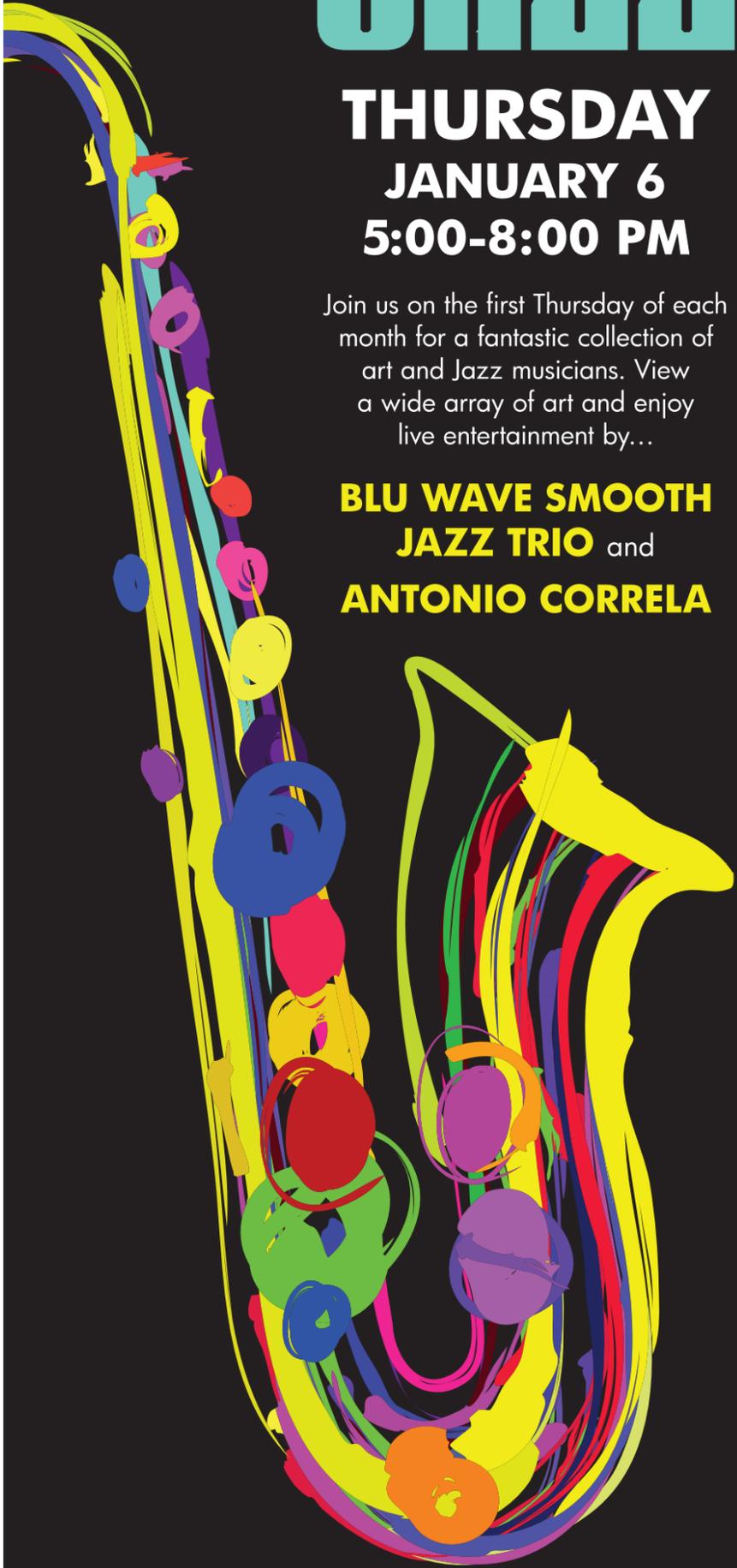
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Karen Molnar embraces challenge and welcomes the opportunity to ring in the New Year by choreographing the tap-dancing musical "No, No, Nanette" for TheatreZone. The Broadway treasure that won a Tony and a Drama Desk award for choreography opens Thursday, Jan. 6, at the G&L Theatre on the campus of Community School of Naples.

Ms. Molnar is what's known in theater circles as a "triple threat" — a dancer, singer and actor. She is also co-founder of TheatreZone with her husband, Artistic Director Mark Danni, and has staged and choreographed many TheatreZone productions on the intimate G&L Theatre stage.



MOLNAR

Choreography begins with the music she says.

"I listen to the music over and over again. Then I start to see the movement in my head, and then I write it down."

Choreography came to her naturally. During her senior year in high school, her drama teacher requested that she create some movement for their production of "The Pink Panther," so Ms. Molnar choreographed her first show. At the same time, she was studying tap dancing with David and Shirley Morgenstern in Cleveland. The Morgensterns booked her to perform around town, which is where she really learned

in the know

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the ins and outs of show business.

"Dave was an old master and an old vaudevillian," she says. "He worked with tap dancing greats Fred Astaire and Henry LeTang, and he really taught me how to 'perform.'"

She credits "Smile" and "Exaggerate," two signs that decorated the Morgensterns' dance studio, as key motivators to her triple-threat success, but also acknowledges that, "You must love what you are doing in order to share your passion with your dancers."

Dance tells a story, she adds, "So you must have a reason why you are doing every move as it coordinates with the music. Every movement must have meaning to help to advance the story."

About 'No, No, Nanette'

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Directed by Brad Goetz, the show stars Bonnie Knapp and Kip Jones as the humans and Don Manley and Heather Hobrock as the sea creatures. Ms. Knapp directed and performed in "Weekend Comedy" with The Marco Players; for Mr. Jones, Mr. Manley and Ms. Hobrock, "Seascape" is their first appearance with the players.

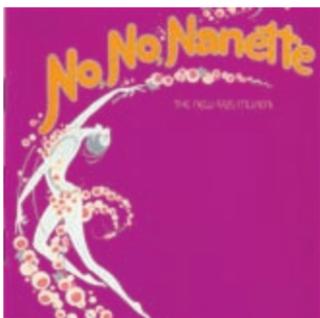
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NANETTE

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on a summer weekend. The score includes the beloved "Tea for Two" and "I Want to Be Happy."

"No, No, Nanette" was first presented in London and played for 665 performances at the Palace Theatre. It then ran for 321 performances on Broadway at the Globe Theatre. The New York revival played for 861 performances at the Forty-Sixth Street Theatre in 1971. This revamped version, billed as "The New 1925 Musi-



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The players received more than 30 essays about dogs for the "An Evening Out with Sylvia" contest. The top five submissions present a range of life-with-a-dog perspectives, from humorous and chaotic to life-changing and poignant.

"Sylvia" explores how a stray dog, rep-



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Voting for the best dog story ends Jan. 10; the winner will be announced Jan. 12 and will receive dinner for two and tickets to the play. The finalists are: "Sam" by Erv Burros; "Who Rescued Who" by Lori Flick; "Emily" by Barbara Metcalfe; "Wagging Tails of Chaucer" by Danna Paglino; and "A Tail of a Blended Family" by Karen Ryan. Read them all and cast your vote at www.naplesplayers.org. ■

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The English Speaking Union-Naples Florida Branch presents "Luncheon with Libations and Conversation" with Richard Hertzberg, professor emeritus at Lehigh University, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Country Club of Naples.

In his signature entertaining fashion, Dr. Hertzberg will discuss such things as: Why do bridges collapse, ships break in two and planes fall from the sky, and why did the Liberty Bell crack?

Dr. Hertzberg received his doctorate in metallurgical engineering at Lehigh University and during a 46-year career there served as professor and chair of the department of materials science and engineering.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 434-2440. ■

Penn State alum will get together

The Penn State Alumni Chapter of Naples will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive. Guest speaker will be Barbara Korner, Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture. All Penn Staters and friends are welcome.

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Jan. 6. Call 597-2681. ■

Christian women have lunch plans

The Naples Christian Women will gather for luncheon and a program from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at Quail Creek Country Club. Guest will be palm frond artist Heidi Saletko and vocalist Joyce Bartholomew. Inspirational speaker Joyce Schneider will discuss "Ripping Off the Band-Aids." For reservations, call 596-6376 or e-mail napleschristian-women1@comcast.net or 596-6376. ■

Ave Maria U. Naples Founders dinner meeting set

All are invited to the next Ave Maria University Naples Founders Club dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Kevin Joyce, director of external and governmental relations at the university, will discuss "From Chicago Politics to Ave Maria," the story of his journey from being a state representative in the Illinois General Assembly to AMU.

Cost is \$35 per person. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Jan. 6. Call 254-9730 or e-mail veronicaabbate@earthlink.net. ■

German American Club dinner dance

The German American Club Gemuetlichkeit is sponsoring a dinner dance Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Pulling Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$39 guests. Call 774-1582 to make a reservation. ■

Opera guild plans afternoon tea

The Opera Naples Guild will present "The Madness of Opera" during afternoon tea at Brambles Tea Room from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Friday, Jan. 14. The entertaining presentation will be made by Ronald Bowman, president of the Naples Opera Society and a member of the Opera Naples advisor board.

Cost is \$35 per person. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Call Sue Christiano at 898-1194 or Bronwen Adams at 435-1401. For more information, e-mail theoperanaplesguild@gmail.com. ■

Rotarians plan Chalk Art 2011

The Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club invites artists to hit the pavement for Chalk Art 2011, the organization's annual street-painting fair along Fifth Avenue South, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Thousands of spectators are expected to "walk the chalk" as individuals and teams of amateur and professional artists transform the avenue into a concrete canvas. Live music will fill the air throughout the day.

Artists and sponsors can register to participate through Jan. 22. Attendance for spectators is free.

Businesses can purchase a "canvas" (\$200-\$500, depending on size) that they, an artist of their choosing or an artist matched by the Rotary Club can use to create a curbside masterpiece.

The public will determine the winners of first, second and third Place "People's Choice Awards" by purchasing voting tickets during the event. All proceeds will benefit the Pelican Bay Rotary Scholarship Fund.

For more information, visit www.pelicanbayrotary.com. To sign up as an artist or sponsor, call Jim Richardson at 272-3645 or e-mail cathycnaples@aol.com. ■

Porcelain painters offer free lessons

The Naples Porcelain Artists offer free lessons at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. The group is a nonprofit organization created to inspire porcelain artists and offer a forum to learn new techniques. For more information, e-mail Wilma@Porcelain-Studio.com. ■

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Doll club plans show and sale

The Naples Doll Club holds its annual doll show and sale to raise money for children's charities on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Doll collectors and dealers from throughout North American will attend. Exhibits for young and old alike will show how dolls and toys have changed, yet remained similar from the 1800s to modern day.

Admission for adults is \$8 on Friday, \$5 on Saturday and \$3 for children either day. For more information about the club and the doll show and sale, visit www.naplesdollclub.blogspot.com or e-mail naplesdollclub@gmail.com. ■

Music club urges members to help at Bayshore festival

The Naples Music Club encourages its members to sign up to volunteer for the Bayshore Festival of the Arts, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at Sugden Regional Park. Volunteer duties will include handing out programs, giving directions, selling T-shirts, etc.

The Naples Music Club is a founding member and supporter of Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center, whose mission is to provide accessible and affordable space for local visual and performing artists and arts education. ■

On another note, The club's "Stars of the Future Today" recital and reception to benefit its scholarship fund is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the home of maestro William Noll, 6888 Trail Blvd. Violinist McClaran Hayes and cellist Jared Blajian, both 15 and who tied for first place in the Senior Strings Division of the club's 2010 Scholarship Competition, will perform.

Tickets to "Stars of the Future Today" are \$100. Club members will automatically receive invitations. To request invitations for friends, members should call Anne Roberts at 498-6366 and provides names and address.

Club members are also reminded that it's time to sign up to participate in the annual members' recital set for Sunday, Feb. 27, at First United Methodist Church. Call Frank Burgeson at 598-2082 for more information or visit www.naplesmusicclub.org. ■

Here's to Toastmasters

Naples Speakeasy, an advanced Toastmasters Club and Speakers Bureau, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the North Naples Collier Government Building, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Guests are welcome.

As an advanced club, Naples Speakeasy offers members the opportunity to give longer speeches, receive in-depth evaluations and participate in a community speakers bureau. For more information, call 262-8183 or visit www.naples-speakeasy.org. ■

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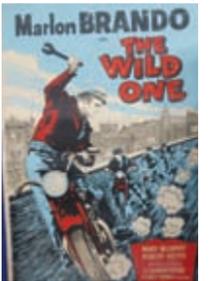
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William Heffernan's detective attends to the dead



■ **"The Dead Detective,"**
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William Heffernan's Harry Doyle is a hard-boiled, no-nonsense police detective with a spiritual side and a powerful sense of mission. Some say that the dead speak to him, and Doyle doesn't deny it. After all, he was dead once himself — murdered at age 10, along with his younger brother, by a lunatic mother who thought her sons needed the benefits of the heavenly hereafter.

Technically, if briefly, gone from this world, Harry was miraculously resuscitated. In part due to his testimony, his mother was locked up for life. When the boy was adopted by the loving couple who had become his foster parents, he took their last name.

The present time of the story is two decades later. Doyle is a detective with the Pinellas County (Tampa area) Sheriff's Department tasked with examining the homicide of Darlene Beckett. The

victim, a gorgeous young woman, was herself recently a perpetrator. Because her victim did not wish to testify, she was able to receive a light sentence for sexual assault of a minor, a 14-year-old boy who was a student in Ms. Beckett's health class. Her sentence included three years of wearing an ankle monitor, but no actual jail time. Many outraged people felt she deserved a much harsher punishment. Would they take matters into their own hands?

Doyle and his colleagues find Ms. Beckett's body seductively posed with the word "evil" cut into her forehead. Though she had bled out from her throat being sliced through, there was no blood pool where the body was discovered, suggesting that she was murdered elsewhere and then moved.

The case, investigated by Doyle and his team under great political pressure, is conducted (and narrated) with careful attention to procedural detail. Mr. Heffernan is able to fashion the procedural trail so that it is not only authoritative and authentic, but also intriguing and suspenseful.

The range of suspects includes the boy's parents and members of the church they belonged to, many of whom seem ready to take the Lord's retribution into their own hands. They have been urged on by the church's head minister, who has used his pulpit to stir them up. Additionally, the minister's son, a young man with a juvenile police record, has been one of Ms. Beckett's playthings and might have his own motives. Another

of Ms. Beckett's bedmates is a would-be Lothario policeman soon removed from working on the case. Altered police records point a finger at him.

Doyle and his new partner, the sharp and shapely Vicky Stanopolous, lead the investigation, with the help of an eager young deputy named Jim Morgan. However, something else is on Doyle's mind. His mother is up for parole after 20 years in prison, and Doyle is determined that she be kept behind bars. His testimony will be part of the parole hearing.

This second line of interest develops in counterpoint to the first, Doyle's personal story explaining his sympathy with youthful victims like Ms. Beckett's student. His situation might suggest that Doyle would have little sympathy with Ms. Beckett and thus be less than fully committed to finding her murderer. However, he is nothing but dogged as he pushes the investigation along. Whether his involvement is professional or personal, Doyle's interest in justice is equally strong.

The steps taken to narrow the list of suspects and determine the one to be charged with murder take Doyle, and thus the reader, all over the Tampa area. Mr. Heffernan develops the scenes of the novel's action sure-handedly but without over-elaboration or showmanship. He works crisply and economically while constantly deepening his central character and ratcheting up the suspense.

As an investigative reporter for the *New York Daily News*, Mr. Heffernan is a three-time Pulitzer Prize nomi-

nee and winner of several journalism awards. "The Dead Detective" is his 17th novel. Earlier titles include "The Dinosaur Club" (a *New York Times* best seller) and "Tarnished Blue" (winner of an Edgar Award). The many fans of his Paul Devlin mysteries can hope that "The Dead Detective" launches a new series. Mr. Heffernan lives near St. Petersburg, Fla.

A conversation with the author

■ **PKJ:** When did Harry Doyle first make his appearance in your imagination?

■ **WH:** Shortly after I moved to Florida in 2005, a story in the *St. Petersburg Times* told of two young boys whose mother was an Evangelical fanatic who had become unbalanced and tried to "send both of her sons to Jesus." As in the book, she drugged her boys, dragged them into her garage, folded their hands and started her car. Also as in the book, a passing neighbor heard the car running in the enclosed garage and became concerned. When he could not arouse anyone in the house, the neighbor phoned the police. Two Tampa officers responded, broke into the garage and found the boys unconscious. Neither was breathing and neither had a heartbeat. The officers administered CPR and were able to revive the older boy; the younger child never regained consciousness.

The newspapers, of course, played it to the hilt, as did the state prosecutor. The older boy was interviewed and



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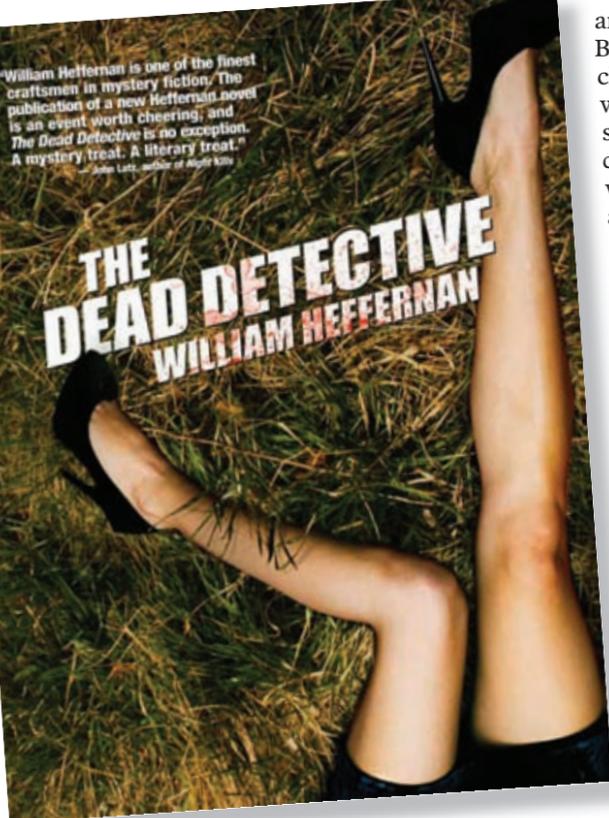
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quoted extensively about testifying against his mother. The one quote that sealed the character for me was when he said he wanted to make sure his mother never got out of prison. The psychological impact of what had happened to that child seemed overwhelming.

At the same time, an extraordinarily beautiful young school teacher was appearing on television news almost nightly. She had been charged with seducing a 14-year-old student. My youngest son was 14 at that time. I kept looking at her, then at him, and asking myself why such a beautiful and sexually appealing young woman would want to take a child as a lover; more importantly, why she would need a child as a lover? The two, of course came together as a great "What If?" the question that novelists feed on. What if the boy who was brought back to life grew up to become a homicide detective, determined to devote his life to capturing murderers, and what if 20 years after his own death at the hands of his mother, he was forced to investigate the murder of a woman who had become notorious for abusing children? Throw in, because of his own death, his ability to "feel" what murder victims felt when they were killed, and the fact that his own mother was coming up for parole, and I felt certain I had some very strong elements for a good psychological mystery.

■ **PKJ:** When did you move to the Tampa Bay area and how did you make the transition to using this area as setting for "The Dead Detective" after writing so many books set in New York?

■ **WH:** When I came to Pinellas



County, I immediately found the area fascinating. The abundance of churches, juxtaposed with the equally abundant number of strip clubs, adult video stores and the like had a great visual impact, and after a short time I became certain that many of the people who visited one, visited the others as well.

There also seemed to be an excess of religious fanaticism. My family and I attended a small village church in Vermont, mostly so the kids would have a good grounding in Christian teachings

and Judeo-Christian ethics. But when we tried to attend church here, we were overwhelmed by the negative statements that seemed to devour every service. There were anti-homosexual rants, anti-abortion rants, anti-evolution rants — and very little about God's mercy and His great ability to forgive.

The church I used in the book was one I actually attended twice.

I have found Florida to be a fascinating place with one horror story after another. The number of deviants per square mile rivals any area I have worked in or visited. Any who doubt that should go on-line to the sex offenders registry and start punching in zip codes. You'll come to believe that Florida is the place where all sex offenders retire.

■ **PKJ:** "The Dead Detective" seems to suggest a new series: Harry's relationship with his new partner, Harry's attitude toward his mother, etc. What can you tell us about that possibility?

■ **WH:** Right now we have some very strong interest in "The Dead Detective," either as an HBO movie or as a TV series. Should that come to pass there will, of course, be other books. Also, if the book develops a strong audience, as it seems to be doing, I will probably do another. For example, I'd love to have Harry investigate a murder in Clearwa-

ter's Scientology compound.

■ **PKJ:** How did your work as a reporter prepare for your emergence as a novelist?

■ **WH:** As you know I spent two years as the *Daily News* bureau chief at police headquarters in New York City, and as such was responsible for all the crime news. I can't even begin to describe the dividends I received toward my career as a mystery writer. During that time we had the Son of Sam murders... I was there when they finally brought David Berkowitz in, and I spoke to the cops who interrogated him.

The corruption, the internal battles, the raw politics of the department were part of my everyday life throughout those two years, as were the friendships I developed with amazing cops like Sonny Grosso of "French Connection" fame and forensic wizards like Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Michael Baden, who later testified for the defense at the O.J. Simpson trial. It was an amazing time, a time before newsrooms became computerized; where reporters still wrote their stories on manual typewriters and shouted for copyboys to retrieve the copy page by page; a time when the desk drawers of many reporters contained a bottle of strong spirits, and at night those bottles were often openly displayed on the desks. I later wrote about that era in by novel, "Cityside." ■

— Philip K. Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

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PARADE magazine columnist, resident veterinarian on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" show and "The Dr. Oz Show" and best-selling co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul," Dr. Becker will speak at 7 p.m. at the Pelican Bay Community Center. Admission is \$75 per person. For an additional \$75, guests can attend a cocktail party and book signing with Dr. Becker beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Diane Koestner at 649-8040 or e-mailing duk3211@comcast.net.

Explore India here in Naples

The David Lawrence Foundation will hold "India: An Exotic Journey," on Friday, Jan. 14, at the Naples Yacht Club. Dinner, dancing, live entertainment and a silent auction are on the evening's program.

Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200

per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact the David Lawrence Foundation at 354-1416.

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.ymcapalms.org.

Ave Maria founders plan fashion show

The Ave Maria Founders Club of Naples will hold its 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.

Saint Anne School celebrates years 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.

Five 'Stars' will be honored at UAC luncheon in March

The United Arts Council of Collier County holds its annual "Stars in the Arts" awards celebration at 11 a.m. Friday, March 4, at the Naples Grande. Chosen from among 53 nominees, the five honorees for 2011 are the Naples Music Club, Kristen Coury of the Gulfshore Playhouse, Mark Danni of TheatreZone, Donna Fiala and Opera Naples.

Luncheon tickets are \$95 per person. For reservations or more information, call 263-3830 or visit www.uaccollier.com.

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.

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. 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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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Fernandez the Bull**, 1201 Piper Blvd., Naples; 254-9855

This restaurant has thrived for years at its 1265 Airport Road location. Now, with its sleek second location, even more people can enjoy the authentic Cuban cuisine served up by the hospitable Fernandez family and staff. I can recommend the Cuban nachos, an inventive mix of thinly sliced fried plantains, savory chicken, cheese sauce, capers and parsley (plan to share this one); calamari in a



well-seasoned tomato sauce with pepper and onions, a refreshing departure from fried calamari; ropa vieja, a classic dish of shredded flank steak in a tomato sauce with peppers and onions; and shrimp and scallops in white wine, garlic and capers. Yuca in creamy garlic sauce, black beans and yellow rice and sweet fried plantains were great sides. For dessert, you can't go wrong with the flan or the tres leches cake. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed March 2010

► **Loving Hut**, 975 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 254-9490

Vegans will rejoice and even die-hard carnivores are likely to reconsider their anti-vegetarian stance after a meal at Loving Hut. Simply put: The food tastes great, and the types of protein used make it seem as if there's meat in all of the vegan fare it serves. Using the lively flavor palette of Asia, the restaurant serves dishes such as crispy golden rolls (eggrolls minus the meat), papaya salad, tamarind-laced Thai hot and sour soup, zesty Vietnamese pho and Dancing Mushroom, which features mushrooms, soy protein, bell pepper, onion and garlic served on a sizzling platter, which presumably makes the mushrooms "dance." Even the cheese-free cheesecake was delicious. Soft drinks served

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed July 2010

► **Old 41 Restaurant**, 25091 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs; 948-4123

Diner lovers — especially those who love the Philadelphia-style version — will rejoice at finding Old 41, which doesn't have the chrome-covered exterior but does have the heart and soul of a true diner, complete with hoagies, Philly cheese steaks and scrapple. I can attest that the cheese steak consisted of thinly sliced steak, melted American cheese and grilled onions contained in a sturdy Amoroso Bakery roll. The fries that came with it were golden, crisp and devoid of grease. My companion's spinach, feta and onion omelet had a good balance of ingredients, was properly cooked and came with just-right home fries. The boardwalk waffle sundae — featuring a Carbon's malted waffle with two mounds of Royal Scoop ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream and a cherry — was ideal for sharing. Service was great from start to finish. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed July 2010

► **O'mei Chinese Cuisine**, 14700 Tamiami Trail; 254-8973

Devotees of authentic Chinese food finally have a place in which to celebrate a widely misunderstood cuisine. Mark and Mary Cheng bring an elegant new standard to the region with their exceptional food and service. You'll find no egg foo yung or crab Rangoon on this menu, just imaginative, artfully plated real Chinese food. Never mind the name: Order the salted pepper calamari, which consists of tender tubes of squid fried to

perfection and topped with toasted garlic and onion. The Peking duck is always available and well worth ordering. Chilean sea bass with two sauces — hearty black bean and delicate garlic — was terrific, as were the mango prawns served with sweet mangoes and hot red peppers topped with pine nuts. Service was as polished as the cuisine. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed May 2010

► **Sophia's Ristorante Italiano**, 3545 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 597-0744

This classic and classy establishment serves ultra-fresh, well-executed Italian dishes along with house-made breads and desserts. From the warm bread with olive oil and the al dente broccoli rabe with spicy homemade sausage and crisp polenta to the vivid red tuna carpaccio with caper berries to the huge and delicious zuppa di pesce, to desserts of tiramisu and sfogliatelle, this was an exceptionally good meal. Service was also excellent, including table checks by owner Jay Cherr, one of which included a visit with 1-year-old daughter, Sophia, on whom he and wife/co-owner Camille clearly dote. The ambience is lovely as well, reminiscent of trattorias found in Italy. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
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For a taste of something different, try these newcomers

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It's not as if there's been a dearth of restaurants in Naples, but more just keep opening in various spots around the city. If you're looking for someplace different, here's a trio of newcomers:

■ **Wharf Tavern Restaurant & Clam Bar** offers New England-style seafood and ambience, with clam bar classics such as New England quahog chowder; lobster salad roll; fried clams; fried scallops and fried shrimp. In the main restaurant, the menu includes steamed littleneck clams; a shore dinner (1 pound lobster, corn on the cob, stuffed quahog, steamed mussels and broth); lobster prepared various ways; New England fish and chips; filet of sole; bouillabaisse and a few dishes for landlubbers, such as prime rib; grilled pork medallions and blackened chicken pasta. And, for a little added northern ambience, watch Celtics games on the TV at the bar. The Wharf is at 909 10th St. S. Call 331-4053.

■ **Blue Agave Tequila Bar and Grill** is serving Mexican and Tex-Mex fare in a casual setting. Situated in Naples Towne Centre, the freestanding building was once a Ponderosa Steakhouse, followed by Roggero's Italian Bistro and the Vegas Lounge. Think low prices, south-of-the-border food and a tequila bar. Open for lunch and dinner, it's at 3785 Tamiami Trail E.

■ **Citrus** has opened on Fifth Avenue South, between Bellini's and Paddy Murphy's Irish Pub. Although the name might suggest otherwise, the specialty of the house is seafood, with comfort fare such as fish tacos and fish and chips as well as more elegant preparations. There's a well-appointed dining room as well as outdoor seating. It's at 455 Fifth Ave. S. Call 435-0408.

Cote d'Azur has the ticket

Claudio and Seda Scaduto, owners of Cote d'Azur Restaurant, spent a month exploring the interior provinces of France and took inspiration from their experiences to create the restaurant's winter menu.

During their working vacation, they visited farmers and vintners in southwestern France, known for such classic French fare as terrines, pot-au-feu and foie gras. With its wealth of walnut trees, walnut oil is another favorite, along with truffles, which often grow beneath the large trees.

The new menu includes the Provençal dishes for which the restaurant is known, as well as new creations such as roasted Moulard duck breast with foie gras; farm-raised pheasant with butternut squash puree, morels and chestnuts; and quail with roasted apple and foie gras stuffing in a blueberry and Cote de Rhone sauce.

Fish lovers can choose from pan-seared wild striped bass served with mini root vegetables, wild mushrooms and orange zest; yellowtail snapper with sun-dried cherries, capers and shallots in Sancerre wine sauce; and Provençal-

inspired Chilean sea bass.

The restaurant is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday. It's at Riverchase Shopping Center, on the northeast corner of Immokalee Road and U.S. 41. Call 597-8867 for reservations.

Cooking classes at Le Lafayette

Le Lafayette chef/owner Sebastien Maillard is offering cooking classes throughout January at his restaurant.

Classes take place at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Each hands-on class is limited to eight students. Here's what's on the schedule:

- ▶ Jan. 4 and 8 - boeuf Bourguignon
- ▶ Jan. 11 and 15 - seafood risotto
- ▶ Jan. 18 and 22 - lemon meringue tart

Each class includes lunch and a soft drink and costs \$29.50 plus tax and gratuity.

Le Lafayette is at 375 13th Ave. S. Call 403-7861 for reservations.

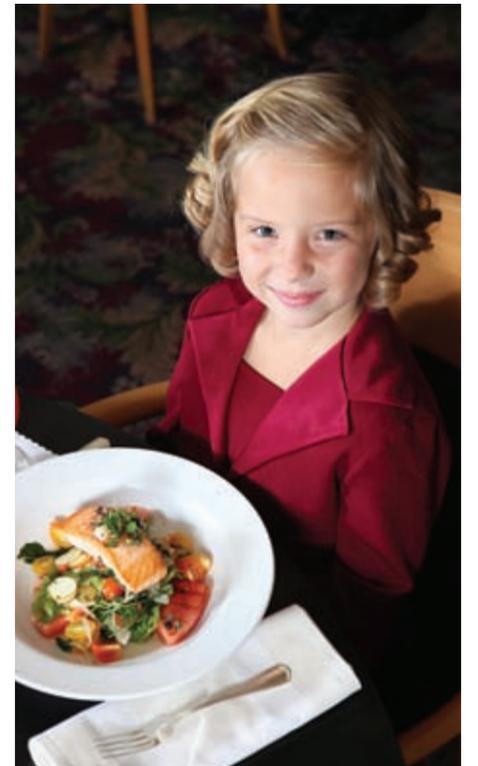


Comfort fare at Bamboo Café

Throughout January, Bamboo Café French Home Cooking presents Comfort Mondays and Tuesdays, featuring boeuf Bourguignon for \$19.95 each evening. A second French comfort dish will be specially priced each week as well. The café serves dinner from 5-10 p.m. seven nights a week. On Mondays,

Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Jan. 19, diners are welcome to bring their own wine to enjoy with dinner and pay no corkage fees.

The café is at 755 12th Ave. S. at Crayton Cove. Call 643-6177.



Mimi's Manners just for kids

Help your kids start the new year off right with a fun and informative class in etiquette. Mimi's Manners is a short course taught by Suzanne Willis, former Naples resident and director of public relations for The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Now serving in the same capacity at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, Ms. Willis took the lessons her grandmother taught her when she was a child growing up in Fort Myers and crafted a practical and fun course she shares with others.

The two-hour class includes a three-course meal during which participants learn the proper way to perform introductions, shake hands, navigate a multi-course meal and write a thank-you note, among many other social skills.

Classes are scheduled for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5, at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. The course is \$40 for estates members, \$50 for non-members. For details or to register, call 334-7419. ■

food & wine CALENDAR

▶ **Wednesday, Jan. 5, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted Wines:** Sample wines such as malbec and carmenere, from the famed wine-making regions of Chile and Argentina; \$10 (with \$5 credited toward purchase that evening), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

▶ **Thursday, Jan. 6, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted Wines:** Beer lovers will get the opportunity to taste interesting varieties from a selection of small breweries; \$5, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

▶ **Monday, Jan. 10, 5-7 p.m., Pure Urban Oasis:** Sample a variety of Italian wines at this biweekly tasting; \$10

(can be used as credit toward dinner that night), Mercato; 514-7873. Reservations preferred

▶ **Thursday, Jan. 13, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted Wines:** Learn about the process of making sake and how to pair it with food, including a variety of sushi prepared by Sushi One; \$10 (with \$5 credited toward purchase that evening), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

▶ **Saturday, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The weekly farmers market features fruit, veggies, cheeses, des-

serts, breads, flowers and many more items along with music; parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

▶ **Saturday, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Collection at Vanderbilt:** More than 40 vendors set up for the North Naples Green Market, with booths offering fresh and organic produce, gluten-free goodies and more; northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads; 594-9358.

▶ **Sunday, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Bank of Naples:** A pet-friendly seasonal farmers market features artwork, handmade jewelry, crafts, organic produce, gourmet

foods, baked goods, collectibles, pet produces, home improvement items and more; 4099 Tamiami Trail; 249-9888.

▶ **Wednesday, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2:30-6:30 p.m., St. Monica's Episcopal Church:** A seasonal farmers market takes place weekly through April 6, featuring local produce, breads, baked goods, seafood, Greek specialties, Italian food and sauces, coffee, orchids, soaps and more; 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4572. ■

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