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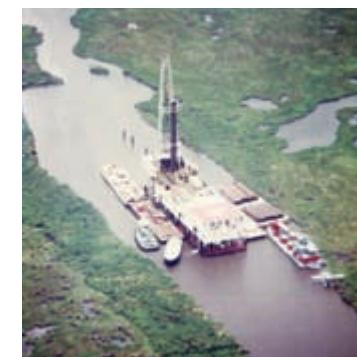
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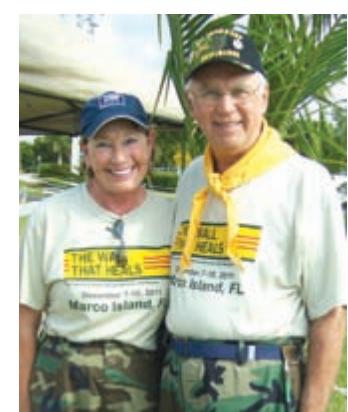
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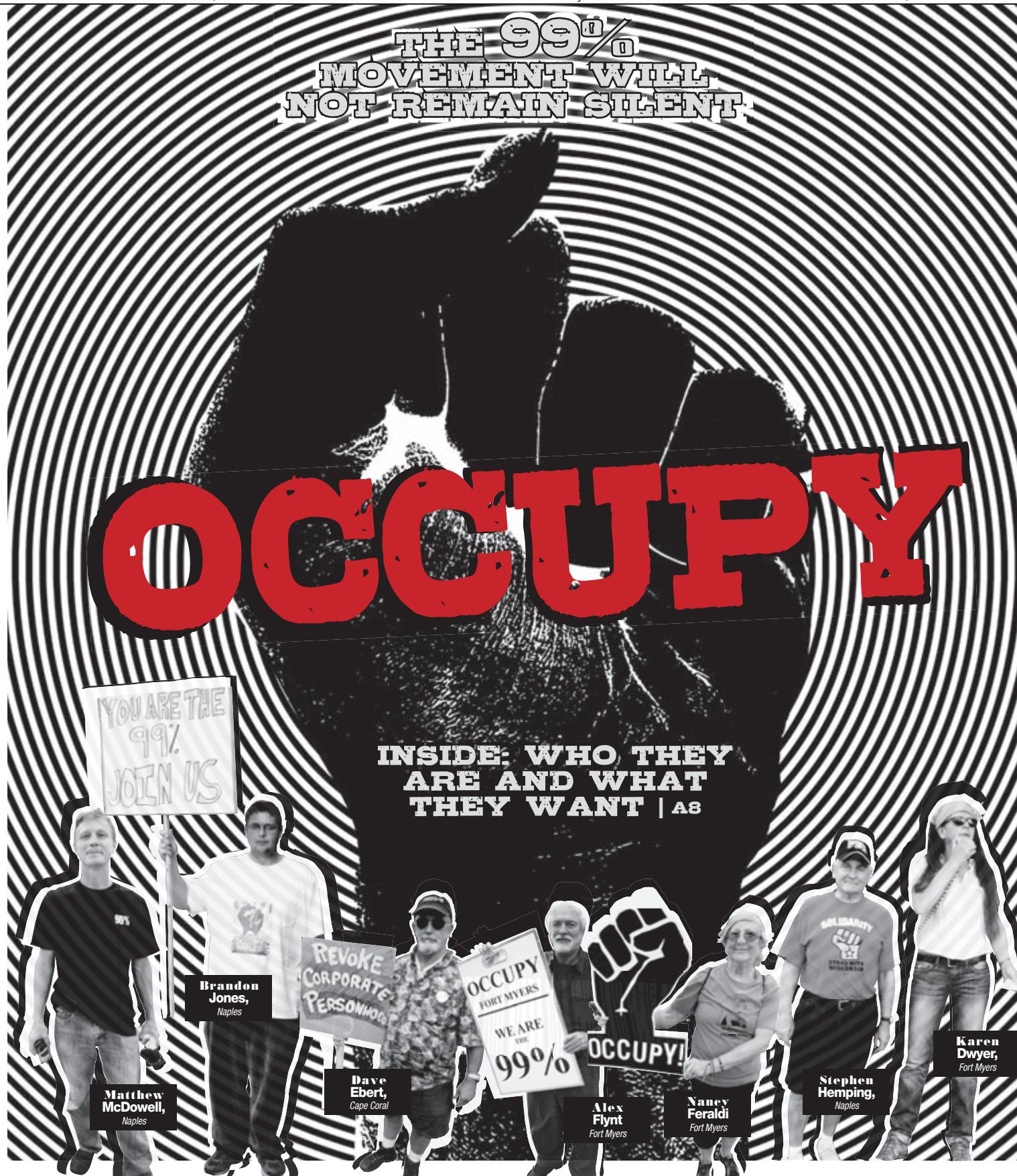
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## Bonita's historic Shangri-La Healing Waters revival under way

BY SANDY REED

Florida Weekly correspondent

When was the last time you stepped into a 90-year-old building to become reinvigorated? While history and tradition go hand in hand, an injection of rejuvenation is coursing through Shangri-La Healing Waters as the landmark hotel and spa in downtown Bonita Springs gets ready for its reopening with a holiday event next week.

Oak Creek meanders through the center of the property, and the owners have maintained the property's original organic garden and orchard. Certified organic by the USDA, its produce has been sold at Food & Thought in Naples, and the owners intend to expand into produce markets in Bonita next year. And when the Shangri-La restaurant opens next

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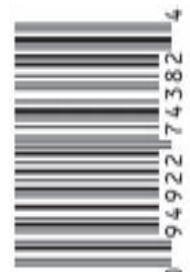
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# Conversion: L'Chaim

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My grandfather, Walter Nash, sat straight in the saddle on his quarter horse, Cherokee, watching me become a Jew last Saturday night. It was the fifth night of Chanukah.

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

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

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

My grandfather said nothing as we played dreidel, the playful gambling game, in the living room, while a Chanukah meal evolved in our kitchen. My wife, Amy,

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

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

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

The guys singing Chanukah songs tried very hard, although none of us knew what their words meant or whether they kept them. But the way he held his horse told me that my grandfather approved of my new religion, with a caveat: When you ride into unknown country, keep your eyes open and think for yourself.

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

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

Nash stumbled into a moment of magical good fortune at his public elementary school, and with him, us: He became the ward of an extraordinary teacher. Somehow,

without sentimentalizing it or patronizing them, Ms. Chernow teaches the world and its basics to children arriving from almost every corner of our national experience.

She fetes a variety of cultures and customs the same way, giving some of her children their first glimpses of a world beyond their own.

But in this case, she drew on her own experience. Her mother was a Scottish immigrant and her father a Jew who owned one of the only shops maintained by an Anglo in New York City's Chinatown decades ago, she told me. Her tales of battles and food and candles that wouldn't stop burning (a huge appeal to a candle-loving kid) captured the fancy of young Nash. Why couldn't we become Jews, too, he reasoned? But how, and which Jews, we asked, applying typical adult obfuscation? Should we become the orthodox or Hassidic ones, the irreverent ones, the eastern European ones, the Israeli ones, the American or Canadian ones, the wandering ones, the sad ones, the mad ones, the tolerant ones, the judgmental ones or the happy ones?

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

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

Someone passionate about education, and someone who isn't afraid to debate or question authority — the authority of parents, politicians, police, preachers or

rabbis, or even the authority and judgment of God, in true old Testament and new American comedic fashion. Someone who remains a good-hearted skeptic and a sobered optimist.

And finally, someone who loves food.

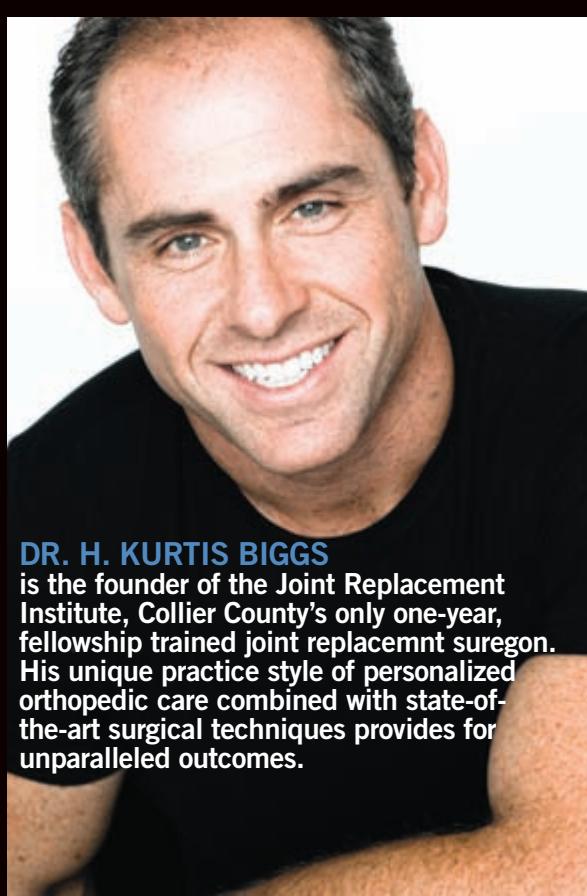
Amy and the boys manned the kitchen, peeling potatoes and making latkes (fried potato pancakes) and applesauce. The boys bent to it with a will, shying away from the special bean dip she made to go with the broccoli, and wary (in Nash's case) of the burnished cast of the Sephardic chicken, roasted and fragrant with fruits and nuts.

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

When Amy finally settled the feast on the table, Nash and D.P. lit the candles on the hanukiah (as distinguished from the Temple menorah, which originally had 7 oil-burning wicks). The hanukiah, which many call the menorah, has a single shamash or helper candle mounted above a star of David, and flanked by four candles on each side. The Shamash is used to light the others.

And then we ate and laughed and fancied for an hour or more, while Nash's great-grandpa Walter Nash, framed in an old photo on my desk, road off into the eternal night, almost grinning. Another day, no doubt, we'd be celebrating something else, and we'd become something else. But on this night, we were the chosen ones. And we celebrated only l'chaim. ■

*This column has become a Florida Weekly tradition with the approach of Chanukah, which this year is Dec. 20-28.*



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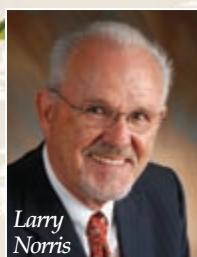
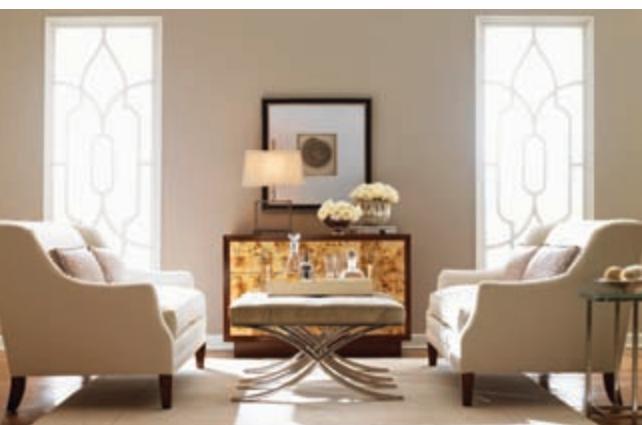
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**OPINION****What's wrong with Tim Tebow?**

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Special to Florida Weekly



In Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, the football gods have offered up a star that every father in America should be grateful for (provided they don't root for a rival team in the AFC West).

Tebow is respectful, wholesome and a man of God. He has no obvious failings besides an inaccurate throwing arm. If Disney were to concoct the plot of a movie about an altogether admirable young man who joins the NFL and is scorned by all the experts for his unorthodox style, yet wins week after week, Tebow would play the lead. In fact, at this point Disney could make it a documentary.

Nonetheless, Tim Tebow is considered "controversial." It's now cutting edge to be a straight arrow. It's counter-cultural to be an outspoken Christian. A player who embodies everything meant by the cliche "role model" is for his critics a figure of fun, or even hatred.

Tebow is widely mocked for "Tebow-

ing," praying on one knee before or during games. Tebow didn't originate the practice, or single-handedly bring religion to the NFL. If there's one staple of professional sports in America, it's players saying prayers and acknowledging God.

An evangelical Christian, Tebow wears his faith on his sleeve. He does this out of a sense of obligation to his faith. It is ultimately a statement of modesty and as such, profoundly out of step with a culture of self-glorification and ostentation in our sports and in our society.

Peter King of Sports Illustrated calls Tebow "the most polite interview in NFL history." When he talked to him after the quarterback engineered a comeback against the Minnesota Vikings, he asked Tebow if anyone had said anything memorable after the game. Tebow told King he had been able in a post-game TV interview to say the name of Blake Appleton, a child with cancer. "That's what I'm proud of today," Tebow noted, before concluding the interview: "Have a good day, Mr. King. And God bless you."

Raised by missionaries and homeschooled, Tebow sets off cultural trip-wires. He says he's a virgin. Feminists

were outraged by a gently pro-life Super Bowl ad he did with his mom about her troubled pregnancy when she was carrying him. But as writer Daniel Foster notes, what is most off-putting to some people about Tebow is his utter lack of irony and sheer earnestness. Doesn't he know life isn't a 1950s sitcom? You can almost hear his critics urging him, "Shut up already about God, and please start failing."

By any reasonable standard, though, Tebow is a blessing. He won't be getting arrested for groping a woman at a Halloween party (Julian Edelman), for accidentally shooting himself with the Glock he smuggled into the dance club (Plaxico Burress) or for running a dog-fighting ring (Michael Vick). He won't be taking performance-enhancing drugs. He may or may not continue his success on the field, but he will do everything he can to respect his teammates and his God.

Here is a prominent player who will almost certainly never require fathers to make awkward explanations to their kids about some spectacular scandal. Rejoice, America, rejoice. ■

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

**Listen to the people, not the polluters**

amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly



DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA — High above the pavement, overlooking Durban's famous South Beach and the pounding surf of the Indian Ocean, and just blocks from the United Nations Climate Change Conference, where up to 20,000 people gathered, seven activists fought against the wind to unfurl a banner that read "Listen to the People, Not the Polluters." It was no simple task. Despite the morning sun and blue sky, the wind was ferocious, and the group hanging the banner wasn't exactly welcome. They were with Greenpeace, and they were hanging from the roof of the Protea Hotel Edward.

Inside the hotel, executives gathered for a meeting of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, an organization that touts itself as "a CEO-led organization of forward-thinking companies that galvanizes the global business community to create a sustainable future for business, society and the environment." Down at street level, as the police gathered and scores held signs and banners and sang in solidarity with the climbers, Kumi Naidoo lambasted the WBCSD, labeling it one of Greenpeace's "Dirty Dozen."

Naidoo is no stranger to action on the streets of Durban. While he is now the executive director of Greenpeace International, one of the largest and most visible global environmental organizations, in 1980, at the age of 15, he was one of millions of South Africans fighting the racist apartheid regime. He was thrown out of high school and eventually had to go underground. He emerged in England, living in exile, and went on to become a Rhodes scholar. Naidoo has long struggled for human rights, against poverty and for action to combat climate change. A colleague and I scrambled up to

the roof to film as the seven banner-hanging activists were arrested. One of them, South African climber Michael Baillie, told me: "Our goal here today was to highlight how governments are being unduly influenced by a handful of corporations who are trying to adversely influence the climate negotiations that are happening here in Durban. They are holding the climate hostage."

Later, at the U.N. conference inside the Alfred Luthuli International Conference Center (named after an early president-general of the African National Congress and the first African to win the Nobel Peace Prize), Naidoo told me about that morning's action: "We are not opposed to the idea of dialogue with corporations, but clearly corporations are not actually moving as fast as we need them to move and, in fact, are actually holding us back. Therefore, we think that calling them out, naming and shaming them, is critically necessary so that people know why these climate talks here are not actually going as fast as we need them to go."

The Dirty Dozen in Durban include Royal Dutch Shell, ExxonMobil, Koch Industries and BASF, along with industry trade groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the WBCSD and the American Petroleum Institute. Greenpeace highlighted these corporations and corporate umbrella groups for their presence in Durban and for their actions throughout the global-climate-change negotiating process, in undermining meaningful progress. The full report, titled "Who's holding us back? How carbon-intensive industry is preventing effective climate legislation," details how these corporations not only derail national legislation on climate change across the globe, but are also gaining privileged access to the global negotiations like these crucial United Nations talks in Durban.

Former South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu addressed a rally before the summit, describing climate change as a "huge enemy... We are saying this is the last chance, please for goodness sake,

make the right decision, this is the only world we have, the only home we have, if it is destroyed, we all sink."

Former Irish President Mary Robinson added, "People are suffering because of the impact of climate change. Those who are suffering most are not responsible, so the rich world has to take its responsibility. We have to have a continuation of Kyoto, a track that leads to a fair, ambitious and binding agreement, and we have to do it here in Durban."

There is a growing consensus here in Durban that the United States is the main impediment to progress at these crucial talks. A consortium of 16 of the major environmental groups in the U.S. wrote a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who directly oversees the U.S. climate negotiations. They pointed out that, while President Barack Obama originally campaigned on a promise to lead in global climate negotiations, "three years later, America risks being viewed not as a global leader on climate change, but as a major obstacle to progress."

The fossil-fuel industry exerts enormous influence over the U.S. government, and over the U.S. public, with tens of millions of dollars on lobbying and PR campaigns to shape public opinion.

Naidoo, who has been jailed many times for his activism, compared the struggle against apartheid to the fight against climate change: "If people around the world can actually unite — trade unions, social movements, religious leaders, environmental groups and so on, which we saw in the march on Saturday — I pray and hope that we will have a similar kind of miracle to get these climate negotiations to deliver a fair, ambitious and legally binding outcome." ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 stations in North America.



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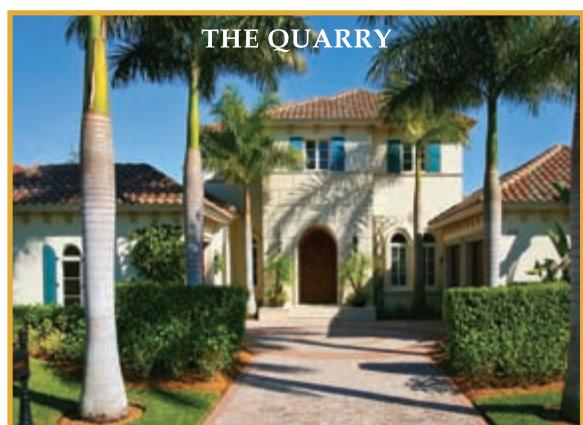
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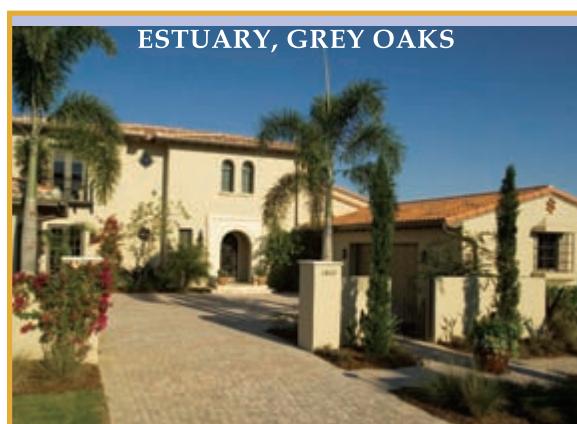


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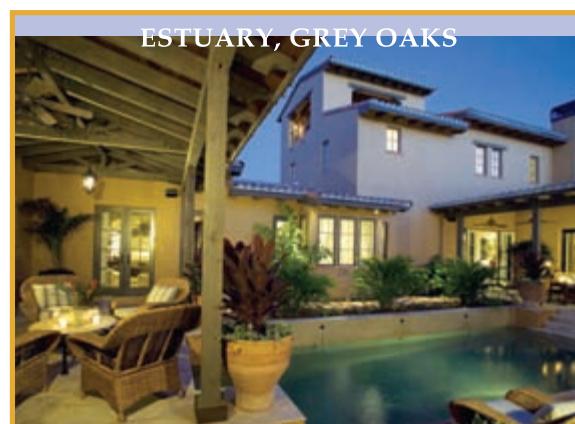
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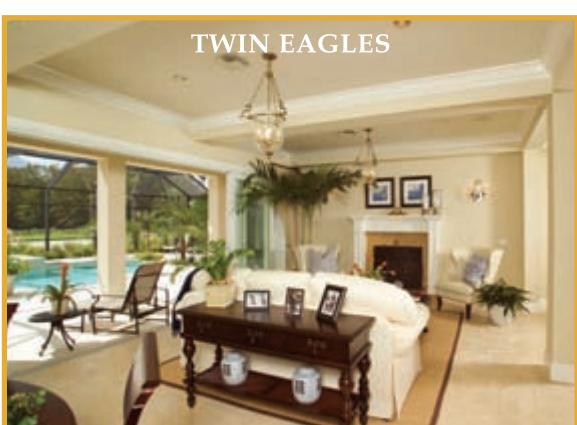


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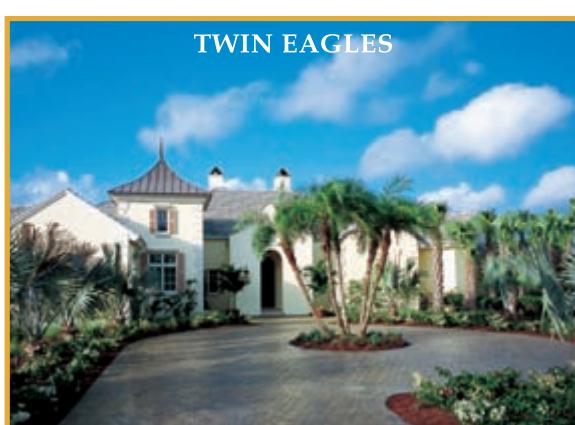


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Bill graduated in 1952 from University of London, England. In 1954, working for a large British Company BTH Ltd., he developed and produced the first practical transistors in England. He came to the U.S. in 1956. He has served on boards of directors of several public and private companies and as a trustee for numerous nonprofit organizations.

While the story of his business success is intriguing, it is the period before Bill's arrival in London that I find so incredible.

In 1940, Russian soldiers burst into the Frusztajer home in Poland. With



Bill Frusztajer's book, "From Siberia to America: A Story of Survival and Success," is available at amazon.com.

few possessions and no preparation, they were taken to the train station to be processed. With several other families, they spent weeks imprisoned in a railroad boxcar (similar to the one at The Holocaust Museum in Naples) on their way to a Siberian work camp.

For more than 30 people, there was no privacy, no facilities, no bathing and little food or hope.

When they arrived at the work camp, they were told, "Here you'll live. Here you'll die. Forget your Poland."

Living and work conditions were poor, but 10-year-old Bill attended a Russian school, which offered an outstanding math and science curriculum, but propaganda for history and social studies.

Bill's mother was taken ill and sent to a hospital more than 10 miles away. In the Siberian winter, the hospital had a failed heating system, and in order to prevent the patients from freezing to death, they were sent home on foot. Miraculously, Bill's mother physically survived the journey, but she lost her mind and died after four months of insanity. Bill looked after her while his father worked in the mines. Still a young teen-ager, he also worked in the mines on Sundays to get extra rations for his ailing mother.

The fortunes of the Frusztajers and other prison camp workers changed with the winds of war. When the Allies gained victory, the tone and treatment toward the prisoners changed, and it was soon after that Bill made the journey to live with his uncle in London.

While living with his uncle afforded a great opportunity to Bill to study at the University of London, his uncle was a perfectionist and set expectations for Bill that were unachievable. Ironically, Bill remembers a loving environment with his family in a Siberian work camp, and a demeaning and difficult environment in London.

There are so many more interesting stories from Bill's past. I look forward to getting him back on the show, because he tells them best.

Of course, there is an object lesson here. Sometimes people whine about their circumstances, about how the deck is stacked against them. Bill Frusztajer grew up experiencing some of the worst of man's inhumanity to man, yet went on to do great things with his life. He believes the United States of America is a great country, and he is grateful for all his opportunities. I am proud to know him and have him as a friend. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at [www.bobharden.com](http://www.bobharden.com). The show is archived for listeners' convenience.

Bill Frusztajer's life story is as amazing as it is improbable. Bill (Boruch) survived life in a Siberian work camp as a child living 1,100 miles from the closest railway station to become an extremely successful entrepreneur in America. The Frusztajers were our neighbors in Boston. When Bill wrote his personal memoir, "From Siberia to America: A Story of Survival and Success," I was humbled that he asked me to review early drafts. When we moved from Boston to Naples, we were pleased to discover that Bill and Olga had owned a home in Naples since Gulfshore Boulevard was a dirt road.

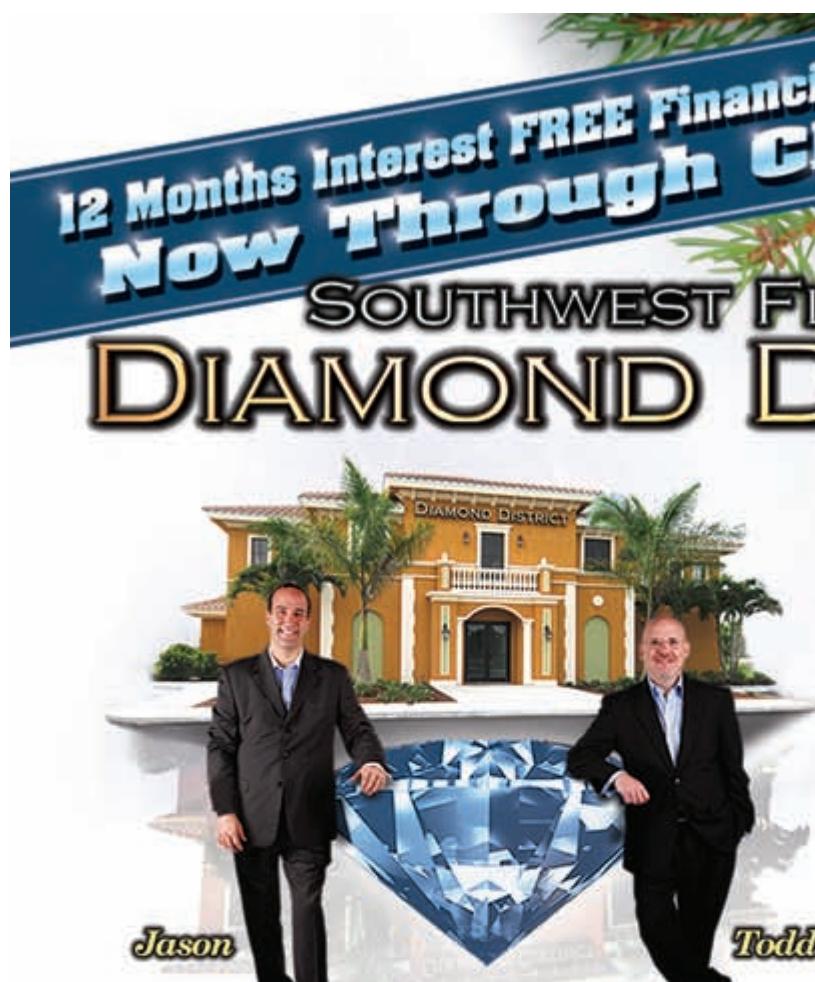
Bill has been a frequent guest on my show. I'll share a few highlights from his life, but it's always better when he tells his story on my show; his mild Polish accent combined with his deep, sonorous voice and ability to articulate his message make his storytelling mesmerizing.

In spite of his lack of business training, Bill has achieved outstanding success in business. He started his first company, Crystalonics, in 1959 in Cambridge, Mass., developing and producing special semiconductor devices for military and aerospace applications. The company's products were unique,

and the company thrived for many years.

Bill's success is a testament to his determination and hard work. He has inspired many people with his story, and his legacy continues to inspire others.

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# Occupy: A leaderless movement with many supporters

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AFTER PEOPLE GATHERED IN PROTEST ON Wall Street in September, a new movement appeared around the country and world, including outside an old courthouse in Punta Gorda, in Centennial Park in Fort Myers, and along Fifth Avenue South in Naples.

"The public seems to understand very clearly what we're talking about," said Karanja Gacuca, a former bank analyst who took up with Occupy Wall Street. "It's quite simply about economic injustice and under that there are so many things, so the specifics are broad and varied. But it's about economic injustice and the control of corporations on government and all our systems."

All around the same time in mid-November, law enforcement forcibly disbanded some of the movement's tent city protests, including in New York City, Philadelphia and Fort Myers.

Protestors rallied again on Dec. 10 for Human Rights Day, dozens convening on a street corner in Naples before heading north to meet others in Fort Myers for a march across the Edison Bridge.

## Signs of the time

Occupy supporter Karen Dwyer met with a handful of others on the Wednesday before the march at a Bonita Springs storage locker armed with a list of more than 100 slogans to be used on posters. Phrases by Martin Luther King Jr. about economic injustice mingled with newer slogans such as the most prevalent, "We are the 99 percent."

The Occupy movement could be defined by decades of slogans, bumper stickers, sound bites and symbols that make up a collage of grievances. The movement's recognizable clenched fist, for instance, has been widely used, including on a poster by the Students for A Democratic Society during protests at the 1968 Chicago National Democratic Convention.

"I think it's an issue of human rights," said Bill Coughlan, adjunct professor of philosophy and ethics at Edison State College, about the Occupy message. "It's a massive sort of catchall in the 99 percent: basic human rights, opportunity to earn a living, opportunity to share in the profits, opportunities for women and minorities. It's all the same issues we've been fighting, like in the '60s."

As a self-described "leaderless" movement, Occupy's center shifts to each individual, making up a great ship of ideas with everyone and no one at the helm, supporters say. On Saturday's events, singular personalities and tastes were reflected by signs displayed along streets. Peace signs — many of them — were flashed by protestors and drivers, and a dissenting "bird" was flipped from the passenger window of a maroon pickup.

Two senior women walking together carried messages of dry, biting humor: "House for Sale, Senate Too" and "Insider Trading, Congress at Work."

## Human Rights Day protests

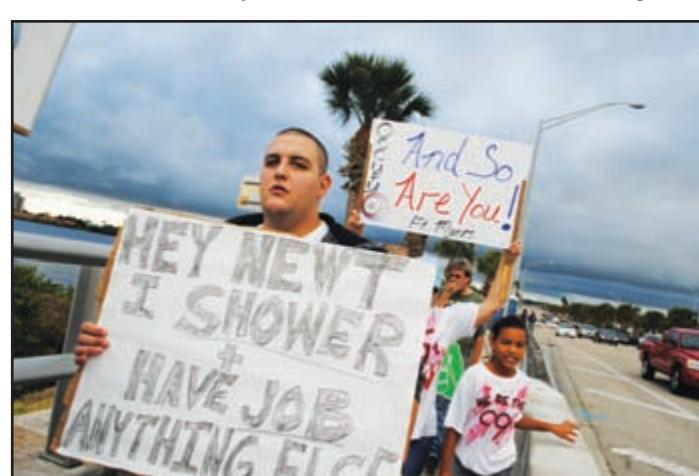
The Occupy movement mingled with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers by the Publix grocery store at U.S. 41 and Immokalee Road in Naples. Publix hasn't agreed to pay tomato growers a penny more per pound so field workers in Immokalee can make a better wage.

"For us in Immokalee the economic crisis is nothing new," Jordan Buckley of Interfaith Action told supporters with a megaphone while picking at the seeds of a pomegranate fruit. "Occupy is doing what the CIW has been doing for a while, highlighting the profit of the



Nick Williams and other protestors at the foot of the Edison Bridge in Fort Myers on Dec. 10.

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Jeffrey Dimas responds to Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich's characterization of Occupy protesters.



Occupy and Coalition of Immokalee Farmworkers convened in Naples.

big corporations at the expense of the 99 percent that make it possible."

A man who wouldn't give his name but called himself "Patrick Henry" of the Naples Tea Party arrived with his own signs: a sign that said, "Occupy Wall Street are union free-loading thugs," and a portrait of President Barack Obama with the words "FRAUD."

"Get a job!" he yelled, marching up and down the sidewalk. "Pack up and go home."

The Occupy protestors were already leaving for the march in Fort Myers. A few dozen convened at the courthouse downtown under an ominous bank of clouds and marched about a mile over the Edison Bridge and then back. Sheets of rain were coming down on both sides of the Caloosahatchee River, but the protestors and media covering the event were only misted.

The most rhythmic slogan of the day was chanted at the corner of First and Fowler streets: "Show me what Democracy looks like! This is what Democracy looks like!"

Defined as character, democracy looks notoriously messy. It has ridiculous bed-head and bleary eyes, and a hoarse voice. It's young and it's old. It's well-employed and out of work and sometimes conflicted about its own desires and beliefs. But it's out there making a stand. Following is a collection of supporters who were standing up for their varying versions of democracy with the Occupy movement last weekend.

## Profiles of the 99%



Hemping

"WHAT'S REALLY NICE IS WE'VE GOT PEOPLE out on a rainy day to speak out about what's happening in our country," said **Steven Hemping**, a leader in the Democratic Party of Naples.



Feraldi

**Nancy Feraldi** MARCHED THE BRIDGE in a pink bandana and shirt that read, "Gandhi is my homeboy." She carried a giant Occupy fist, a symbol of solidarity, and teaches an online composition course for Kaplan University.

"You might say I've been involved with the movement all my life," said Ms. Feraldi, 68. "I believe in human rights, social justice, peace, and environmentalism, saving a piece of the planet for future generations. Many people have fought long and hard for regulation to help achieve that. But eight years of the Bush administration pretty well overturned all that — deregulated it."



McDowell

**Matthew McDowell** HAS BEEN A spokesperson for Occupy Fort Myers, and lives in Naples. He said Phase I of the movement, in which protestors camped out in public places, is moving on to Phase 2 after police kicked them out.

"(Lee County Sheriff) Mike Scott, the Fort Myers Police Department, the city, all stifled our ability to assemble," said Mr. McDowell, 34.

Phase 2 plans include occupying foreclosed properties in Southwest Florida, as well as more marches, and targeting issues such as voter registration. United

States military actions were part of what spurred him to get involved with the movement.

"For me, it probably started with 9/11," he said. "I used to be a hard-core Republican. The engagement in the Iraq War made me take a closer look at what was going on in the world. The president we have in office — he hasn't much helped either."

But Mr. McDowell says the basic tenets of the movement have been brewing for a long time.

"A lot of us feel like we've been waiting," he said. "We haven't had a movement like this in 50 years."



**Littlefield**

**Paul Theodore Littlefield** HAS BEEN traveling across the country to different Occupy events. He has a rare brand of crazy charisma with his Santa hat, combined with a skinny frame and a long grey beard. He says he's registered as a Republican in Maine, and a Democrat in Vermont. In Fort Myers on Saturday, he said, "We're heading into World War III. Sometimes the safest place to be is out in the woods."



**Jones**

**Brandon Jones** HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN an activist but felt Occupy needed his support.

"I have a great job; I'm in school (studying environmental science)," said the 26-year-old Golden Gate City resident. "I'm here more for the people that it is affecting; compassion for my fellow human beings. I'd hope people would do the same for me if I were in that situation. It feels good to play a part in that; it's an exciting time."

Mr. Jones says he's not sure whom he'll vote for in the presidential election. "I'm just torn. I have a year. Definitely not Republican, that's a guarantee. But the Democrats are not that much different."



**Ebert**

"REVOKE CORPORATE PERSONHOOD" READ the sea-green lettered piece of cardboard held by **Dave Ebert**.

He participated in anti-war protests in the late 1960s in Chicago. Now 61, he lives in Cape Coral five months out of the year.

He heard about Occupy as a member of a philosophy club at Edison State College.

Mr. Ebert was raised as a Quaker and is anti-war, but also describes himself as "staunchedly middle class, a snowbird, and employed full time. I'm by no means a

wide-eyed radical."

He was there in support of one of Occupy's main tenets: to stop corporations' undue influence on politicians.

"They even co-opted the Supreme Court to allow corporate personhood," he said. "It's an insidious undermining of democracy."

He also offers a critique of Occupy: "The movement right now is too diffused — too many different opinions."



**Dwyer**

**Karen Dwyer** IS A LONG-TIME SOCIAL and economic justice advocate, and a former college English professor. She believes the movement, in only a few months, has accomplished much. "Every little bit helps," she said. "It makes a difference in your own consciousness even if we don't see immediate political change. Even if it doesn't immediately change the political system, it changes us. This is about winning hearts and minds."

She adds, "It's only been six weeks, eight weeks. It took the civil rights movement years and years. I feel like Martin Luther King would side with us and stand with us... It's sort of a civil rights movement for economic justice."

"I think this movement has only just begun. To say they haven't done anything yet — it hasn't even been a year!"



**Coughlan**

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS PROFESSOR **Bill Coughlan** picked what one of his favorite philosophers might say about the movement. "I guess I'll go with Aristotle, who said we ought to focus on our function as a human being, which is as a rational animal, so we need to reason and to think," he said. "I think we need to just pursue the truth and go back to basic fundamental issues about goodness and justice. The truth about ourselves, the truth about what it is to live with other human beings. It's not me, me, me. We're part of a society. Now what we need to do is not have 5,000 friends on Facebook — Facebook has a purpose — but let's get to the depth of who we are, what it means to be a friend or family member, what it means to be a neighbor."



**Fuller with daughter**

**Christine Fuller**, 24, AND HER DAUGHTER Chloe Fuller-Smith, 1, helped make posters and walked over the bridge on Saturday. When she read about the Occupy

movements' many demands online, "More than half of the stuff resonated with me," such as outsourcing jobs to foreign countries, she said. "Basically we're condoning slavery in another country."

Her father is also on Social Security. "Every time I hear about cutting Social Security — where do they think that's right? My father worked his entire life putting money into that program."

She hasn't taken advantage of government funded Medicaid or WIC even though she qualifies.

"We try to make everything work without being dependant on the government," she says. "I'd love to go back to work. I'm a graphic designer by trade and would like to start my own business."

But with day-care and other costs, that would be too expensive for her now.



**Palacios**

**Rodrigo Palacios**, 22, HAS LONG BEEN A supporter of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. On Saturday, he carried an Imperial Wars sign in "Star Wars" lettering, listing military conflicts the United States is involved in.

He's worried about equality in government, including corporate influence on politics, is "freaked out" by what Republican presidential candidates are saying and feels disillusioned by President Obama. And he sees the huge scope and breadth of the 99 percent as a good thing.

"It's very fragmented, not one leadership, which I think makes it even more powerful," he said. "Everyone has their own motive for being in the group. That's what makes Occupy so nice — a rainbow of different ideas."



**Gacuca**

**Karanja Gacuca**, 38, LIVES IN BROOKLYN and used to be an analyst for Wall Street banks until he was laid off in September. Financially well-off, he spends his time now helping the Occupy movement in New York, many times as a spokesperson.

Last week he answered the media phone number listed on the Occupy Wall Street page and talked openly about how he's involved.

"We don't have spokespeople per se," he said. "We don't say we have a spokesman or spokeswoman. We don't have anyone that has an office and a desk in the occupation. We have office space that we share. People book the space for whatever it is they need at a given time. Most of us are generally either in working group meetings most of the day or are taking part in action that we are organizing. Like myself right now, I'm sitting at home, but I've been central to the foreclosure actions on Dec. 6. I've been doing most of the media and PR for that action. So I'm sitting at home responding to general inquiries right now."

Although his previous job makes him

well-off financially, that doesn't exclude him from Occupy, he says. "It was a well-paid position. But that's not really the point. People whose incomes are in the so-called upper 1 percent income bracket are supportive of Occupy, so it's not so much about individual income but rather people who desire for economic equality and justice for all."



**Flynt**

**Alex Flynt**, 68, IS A RETIRED TEACHER AND fireman who has followed the Occupy movement in Fort Myers and elsewhere, and he looks like Ernest Hemingway. Financially well off, he was there for people who aren't as fortunate. "I'm not sure what kind of future we'll have for our kids," he said.

"The thing they can learn (from earlier protest movements), especially the young people, is they have to prepare themselves to take over some of the positions they're criticizing... I don't know if the younger people in this movement have a vision," for themselves personally, as well as the movement in general. "Many are just trying to cope with life."



**Hemrick**

**Ellen Hemrick** IS A SINGLE MOTHER WHO lives in Naples. She works as a speech language pathologist, but is stifled from running her own business, like she used to do, because health-care costs for herself and her 2-year-old son.

"The government's not protecting people from the health insurance industry, which I think is fleecing us," said Ms. Hemrick, 42. "They don't protect children — children with disabilities that I work with (as a speech language pathologist), children like my own who are on child support. I was very hopeful when President Obama was elected. I kind of naively thought he might be able to do something about this. But I've come to the conclusion that the Democratic Party has been held hostage by corruption."

"I'm not against capitalism per se — I used to own a business — but there are certain things capitalism isn't good at. It's not good at justice. It's not good at health and education. You really don't want the people in charge of your health trying to figure out how much money they can make off you being sick — it just doesn't make sense. And with education, the same thing. We want to educate our children, not run them through some mill and meet productivity standards."

"I think (Occupy) is going to be a long-term movement because it has to be. It's not going to achieve any of its goals in a short period of time. Getting the money out of politics and corruption out of government and returning the country to real democracy is an extremely long and difficult process." ■

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The grant "represents one of the most significant investments in the Naples Manor neighborhood," says Dr. Sam Durso, president of the Habitat board. By helping people meet the most basic of human needs — safe,

decent shelter — Habitat for Humanity allows families to begin focusing on health care, education and building a better future for their children, he adds.

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County has been serving families since April 1978 and has built more than 1,400 homes to date. It is one of the oldest and most successful affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. Locally, a small, professional staff manages the general programs with assistance from a board of directors made up of men and women who volunteer their time to Habitat for Humanity.

To make a donation, volunteer or learn more about Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, call 775-0036 or visit [www.habitat-collier.org](http://www.habitat-collier.org). ■



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**Dale Hall, Machelle Manor, Laura Wrenn, Jocie-Mae Beebe, Lisa Lefkow, Michelle Braun, Rick Altemeyer and Debra Kent Faulk celebrate the grant from Wells Fargo to Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. Ms. Beebe is a Habitat homeowner in Naples Manor, where more homes will be made habitable thanks to the \$500,000 grant.**

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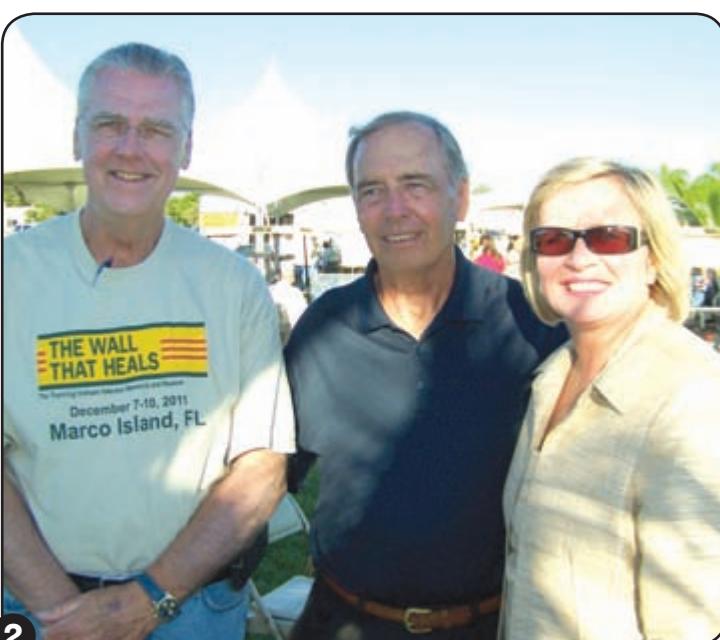
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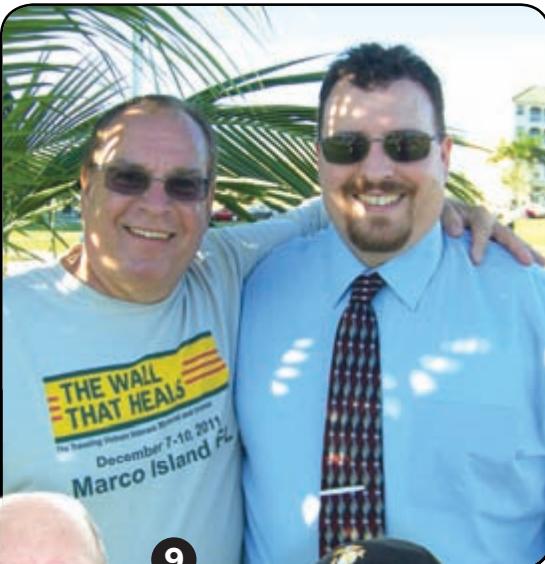
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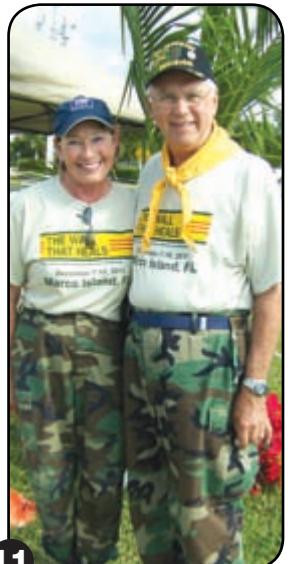
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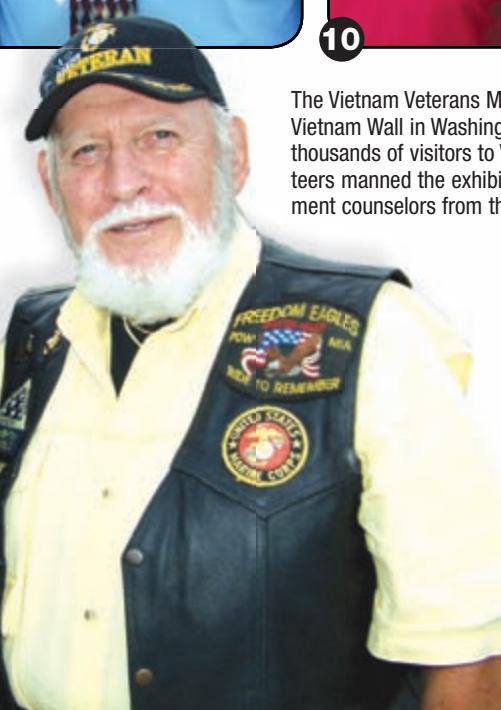


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bers and their families often conflicted and overwhelmed about prognoses. At times the Pentagon (serving active-duty personnel) and the VA (ex-military) balked over coordinating their treatments. The agencies, however, told the *Post* that any duplication was intentional, even though the *Post* cited military families who each wished they had a single, authoritative case manager they could turn to. A GAO official called the situation "crazy" and "disturbing." ■

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■ The U.S.-Pakistan relationship has reached "the nadir of absurdity," wrote Wired.com, after a December report in The Atlantic revealed that Pakistan "secures" its tactical nuclear weapons by moving them around the country in ordinary unmarked vans ("without noticeable defenses"). It supposedly uses the "Econolines of Doom," "hidden" in plain sight on the country's highways, because it fears the U.S. (its "ally") would steal the bombs if it knew where they were. Dizzingly, wrote Wired, the U.S. funds Pakistan yet regularly invades it, though desperately needing Pakistan's help in Afghanistan, even as Pakistani soldiers fight alongside Afghan insurgents against the U.S.

■ In October, the super-enthusiastic winners of a Kingston, Ontario, radio station contest claimed their prize: the chance to don gloves and dig for free Buffalo Bills' football tickets (value: \$320), buried in buffalo manure

in a child's plastic inflatable pool. The show's host, Sarah Crosbie, reported the digging live (but, overcome by the smell, vomited on the air). More curious was a runner-up contestant who continued to muck around for the second prize, even though it was only tickets to a local zoo.

■ In a federal lawsuit for malicious prosecution, a judge found a "strong" likelihood that EPA agent Keith Phillips "deliberately" set up a hazardous-waste enforcement case against Hubert Vidrine for the purpose of facilitating his own work/sex relationship with a female EPA agent. According to the court, Mr. Phillips was married and unable to carry on with the agent (stationed in another city) except when they worked together, which they did periodically over a three-year period on the Vidrine case. In October, Vidrine was awarded \$1.6 million in damages. ■

### Worst-laid plans

■ L.B. Williams, a black man married to a white woman in Panama City, Fla., reported that the Ku Klux Klan had burned a cross in his driveway in November and left a threatening note. However, the note did not demand that the couple move from the neighborhood; it demanded that they stay. Since the Klan is not known for supporting mixed-race couples, the police were suspicious and ultimately charged Williams with making the threats himself — to frighten his wife into abandoning the divorce she had recently requested.

■ Paul Moran, possessing (according to his lawyer) "considerable intellectual ability," nonetheless attempted a procedure to

turn his own feces into gold (and was sentenced in October to three months in jail in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, after accidentally setting his apartment on fire in the process).

■ Math teacher Paul LaDuke, 75, was fired in November from the Schaumburg (Ill.) Christian School after a student reported seeing him brazenly masturbate, with his pants lowered, as he sat behind his desk in a full classroom. Mr. LaDuke had been at the school for 26 years, and police believe (according to a *Chicago Tribune* report) he had "committed similar acts at the school several times a year for a decade or longer." ■

### Fine points of the law

Daniel Vilca, 26, was ordered to prison for the rest of his life (without possibility of parole) following his conviction in Naples in November for having pornographic photos of children on his computer. He had no previous criminal record, nor was there evidence of any contact with children. The judge computed the sentence by multiplying a five-year term by the 454 photos police found.

■ A week earlier, a judge in Dayton, Ohio, sentenced former CEO Michael Peppel, 44, for defrauding his shareholders by overstating revenue in a company that went on to lose \$298 million and cost 1,300 employees their jobs. Sentencing guidelines recommended an 8- to 10-year

term, but federal judge Sandra Beckwith ordered Mr. Peppel to jail for seven days.

■ Dog walker Kimberly Zakrzewski was found not guilty in October of violating the poop-scooping ordinance of Fairfax County, Va., despite photographic "evidence" of dog piles submitted by neighbors Virginia and Christine Cornell (who had previously been feuding with Ms. Zakrzewski). The jury chose to give greater weight to testimony by the dog's owner that the photographed piles were bigger than anything she had ever seen from "Baxter." The owner also revealed that she had brought to court one of Baxter's actual piles but decided to leave it in her car. ■

### Gun wrongs

■ A 22-year-old man was shot in the face on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, in September; his companion on the camping trip thought he was shooting at a bear.

■ An 85-year-old man was shot in the face in Augusta, Ga., in September; a female

acquaintance thought she was shooting at an opossum.

■ A 20-year-old woman was shot in Vilas County, Wis., in July; deputy sheriff Ty Peterson (a relative) thought he was shooting at a cougar. ■

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Also on Saturday, the Red Sox will hold a City of Palms Park Yard Sale beginning at 8 a.m. at the park at 2201 Edison Ave., Fort Myers. Fans will be able to buy items from the team's 20-year history at the park. Admission is free, and all sales are cash

only.

The spring training season opens with two college exhibitions on Saturday, March 3: a matinee game against the Northeastern University Huskies, followed by a nightcap with the Boston College Eagles. See the complete schedule at [www.redsox.com](http://www.redsox.com).

Red Sox pitchers and catchers report to Fenway South on Sunday, Feb. 19, and hold their first workout on Tuesday, Feb. 21; the first full squad workout is set for Saturday, Feb. 25. All workouts are open to the public free of charge. ■



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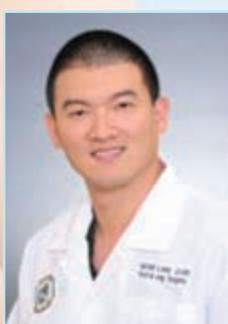
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## 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' provides inspiration for student writing contest

Volunteer USA Foundation and best-selling children's author Jeff Kinney have partnered for a writing contest open to students throughout Southwest Florida.

Mr. Kinney is well known for his "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series, which combines funny stories about growing up with doodles and cartoons. In his recently released "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever," beloved character Greg Heffley is in trouble. When the authorities begin closing in, a surprise blizzard hits and Greg is trapped indoors with his family, causing even more chaos.

In the Celebration of Reading writing contest, students in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties, grades 4-7, are invited to create a funny story involving Florida's own storm season — that of hurricanes, tornadoes and tropical storms.

The short-story contest involves simple illustrations or a comic strip based on the "storm watch" theme.

"As a resident of New England, I've weathered a number of storms that have turned my life upside down for days or even weeks. I've found that the best way to get through a tough situation is with a positive attitude and a good sense

of humor," Mr. Kinney says. "I'm very excited to read the contestants' essays on the 'storm watch' theme and see how they inject humor into their work."

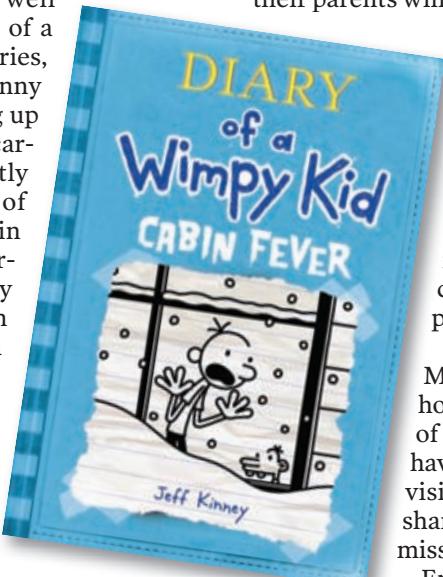
Contest winners accompanied by their parents will be recognized at a VIP breakfast on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa hosted by former Gov. Jeb Bush, Mrs. Barbara Bush and members of the Bush family to support successful family literacy programs.

The students will be Mr. Kinney's guests of honor at the Celebration of Reading breakfast and have the opportunity to visit with the author and share their winning submissions.

Entries must be submitted electronically to Contest@VolunteerUSAFund.org or postmarked no later than Wednesday, Jan. 18, to: Volunteer USA Foundation, Attn: COR 2012 Writing Contest, 516 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Fifteen winners will be selected based on their writing and imagination. Winners will be listed at [www.volunteerusafoundation.org](http://www.volunteerusafoundation.org) and schools will be notified on Jan. 27, in conjunction with Celebrate Literacy Week.

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- Here are some programs and events in the works among the area's clubs and organizations:
- The **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae chapter for Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island holds its annual Founders Day Celebration beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Club at Mediterra. All alums from chapters in the United States and Canada are welcome. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required by Jan. 17. Call 431-5434.
  - Save the date for the **Zonta Club of Naples'** seventh annual "Make A Difference" fashion show, auction and luncheon set for Friday, March 30, at The Club at the Strand. Proceeds will benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and Naples Teenage Parenting Program (TAPP), the Sally Sitta Awards for Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology in Health Sciences, Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships. To donate silent auction items or become a sponsor, call Bernie Garabed at 571-2466.
  - New officers installed at the December luncheon of the **Naples Newcomers Club** are as follows: Cathie Williams, president; Suzanne Goeren, first vice president; Sylvia Samano, second vice president; Joan Jones, third vice president; Donna Derry, fourth vice president;
- Jan Henry, secretary; Barb Grasl, treasurer; Doreen Pierceall, communications; and Eileen Kennan, luncheon reservist. The club helps women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years meet and develop friendships with others who are new to the area and to learn about the culture and lifestyle of their new home. Luncheon meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at country clubs throughout Naples. in Naples. Club members also meet in small groups for various outings depending on their interests. Orientation for the prospective members is held on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com)
- A limited number of tickets remain available for the **Naples Garden Club's 2012 House & Garden Tour** set for Saturday, Feb. 4. Hundreds of visitors will tour four private properties in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and historic Olde Naples. Tour buses depart from the Naples Botanical Garden at intervals throughout the day beginning at 8:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. departures are sold out). General admission is \$85; patron tickets are \$150. Proceeds from the House & Garden Tour help provide scholarships for students of botany and horticulture at FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden.
- For more information or tour reservations, visit [www.naplesgardenclub.org](http://www.naplesgardenclub.org) or e-mail [info@naplesgardenclub.org](mailto:info@naplesgardenclub.org).

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**■ The Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club** invites artists to hit the pavement for Chalk Art 2012 on Saturday, Jan. 28, along Fifth Avenue South. Thousands of spectators will "walk the chalk" as individuals and teams of amateur and professional artists transform the street into a colorful, half-mile-long concrete canvas.

Businesses can participate by purchasing a "canvas" — either a 6-foot (\$200), 9-foot (\$300) or 12-foot square (\$500) — which they, an artist of their choos-

ing or an artist provided to them by the Rotary Club can use to create a curbside masterpiece. A total of 150 artist squares are available, each bearing the name of the sponsoring business. Proceeds will benefit the Pelican Bay Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Artists who wish to participate are encouraged to register at no charge. They will be matched with a sponsor and will receive all the materials needed to complete their artwork.

Registration for sponsors and artists will be accepted through Jan. 21.

Admission to Chalk Art 2012 is free to the public and will include live entertainment, music and fashion shows throughout the day. The public will determine the first-, second- and third-place People's Choice Awards by purchasing voting tickets as they stroll the event. This year's winners will also receive cash prizes.

For more information or to sign up as a business sponsor or a participating artist, visit [www.pelicanbayrotary.com](http://www.pelicanbayrotary.com), e-mail [cathycnapses@aol.com](mailto:cathycnapses@aol.com) or call Jim Richardson at 272-3645.

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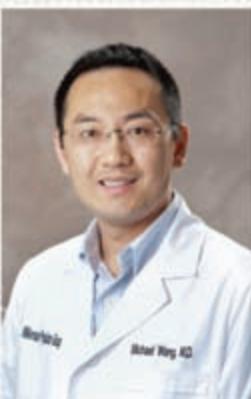
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## Avow Hospice hosts book signing for local author

New author Joni Raycroft, launches her book, "I Love You More Than I Love The Yankees," with a book signing from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Avow Treasures, the thrift store operated by Avow Hospice at 3601 Tamiami Trail N.

The author will donate \$5 to Avow Hospice for each book sold at the event.

The book shares nearly 100 notes Ms. Raycroft's husband, Ray, wrote to her following his 1995 diagnosis with terminal testicular cancer. It provides a unique look into one husband's thoughts, fears and promises to his wife during his long struggle with cancer.

Written primarily on paper towels, Mr. Raycroft's notes expressed love for

life, laughter and ultimately his fear of what eventually came.

He died on Christmas morning in 1996.

Chad Lilly of Revolution Press, publisher of the book, says Ms. Raycroft's "passion to share her husband's innermost thoughts and feelings during this terrible period of struggle in the couple's life would act as a beacon of guiding light for readers to share with their loved ones."

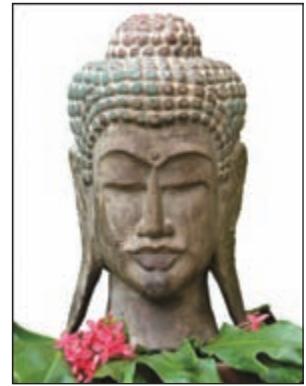
"The emotion is raw and unedited and offers a unique look at the lasting impressions we leave with loved ones."

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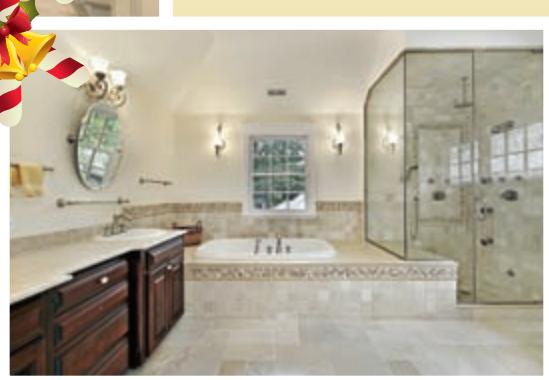
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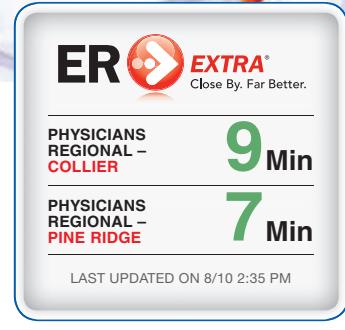


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## HOTEL

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year, the chefs will use homegrown produce.

Previous owners installed a European-style spring fountain in the spa. The owners will return the property to its original state with additional mineral spring baths for soaking. The next closest minerals springs spa is in North Port, north of Punta Gorda in Charlotte County.

The Shangri-La resort and spa was built on the first natural mineral springs spa in North America. From the very beginning in 1921, it attracted many Europeans to the area.

"In Europe, they have long tradition of spas being developed alongside natural springs," says current co-owner Heather Burch. "Europeans visited these spas to rest or recuperate."

Ms. Burch experienced this healing tradition while she recuperated from an illness during the 1970s. Inspired and impressed with its revitalizing atmosphere, she and co-owner Addison Fischer purchased the property in 1998, when the resort was in foreclosure, from the previous owners, Leo and Deborah Dahlmann from Germany.

Alternative medicine practitioner Dr. Charles Gnau, who owned the hotel in the 1960s, is the one who developed the holistic healing environment there, Ms. Burch says, adding, "We will build on that environment."

### Local history

Renowned historical preservation-

ist J. Allison DeFoor, who once served as former Gov. Jeb Bush's "Everglades Czar," says Ponce de Leon sought out Shangri-La's spring of healing waters. More recent Florida history indicates Babe Ruth and Buddy Hackett also visited the spa. "There's neat artwork in Bonita City Hall that includes a spa with Babe Ruth, Buddy Hackett and others," he says.

Mr. DeFoor also says holistic healing "had a powerful effect on (Mr. Burch's) life," and the rejuvenation of Shangri-La "is not just a business venture for her."

Charlie Strader, past president of the Bonita Springs Historical Society, says he and others in the organization are pleased to see Shangri-La reopen its doors.

"In the early 1920s, there was tremendous growth in Bonita Springs," Mr. Strader says, adding, "Many soldiers from World War II trained in Florida, and they ended up moving here or retiring here." Even when gated communities started popping up during the 1960s, Old Bonita remained intact.

"The community is fascinated with Bonita's historical attributes," he says. "The Wayside Inn was brought from Fort Myers to Bonita by barge in 1914. Back then, it was the premier hotel. People like Barron Collier, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison stayed there when they came to the area to hunt. The Inn was later torn down by developers.

"We're excited to see Shangri-La reopen its doors. It has really maintained its historical character."

To continue to protect the integrity of Shangri-La, the owners purchased adjacent land, making the area a 15-acre escape from reality.



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The public will be able to tour the grounds of the Shangri-La Healing Waters next week.



After the owners' longtime discussions with the Bonita Springs City Council, a unanimous 6-0 vote granted a special event permit, and the council agreed to co-sponsor Shangri-La's reopening event.

Shangri-La will reintroduce itself

to the community with a two-day celebration that includes holiday activities and entertainment, organic food and beverages at the pool pavilion by Chef Don Splain, a public tour of the grounds and the Shangri-La labyrinth. A VIP reception is available for \$125

per person each evening. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bonita Springs Rotary Club.

Arleen Sheehan, Bonita Springs' director of development services, says, "The city is very excited about co-sponsoring this event. This historical resource is going to be a staple to our redevelopment of downtown Bonita Springs. The facility with its unique historic value and focus on healthy living and healing will promote Bonita and Southwest Florida; it will create new jobs."

So what's next after the New Year rolls around?

According to Ms. Burch, "We plan to open in February or March — not the (main) hotel or restaurant yet — but the northern four acres of property that include 22 rooms, a dining room and kitchen, as well as the spa building, meeting rooms and the natural spring for events like weddings, workshops, yoga retreats, and some of our own events."

Until then, the public is welcome to attend the following festivities:

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**

**5-6 p.m.** - Invitation-only ribbon-cutting ceremony

**6-9 p.m.** - General admission is \$10 (free for children under 10); VIP admission is \$125 per person and includes a "first look" tour with the property's owners.

**Thursday, Dec. 22**

**11 a.m.-2 p.m.** - Holiday fun and photos with Santa (bring your camera). Free admission

**6-9 p.m.** - VIP "first look" tour with owners. Admission is \$125.

For more information and VIP tickets, call 498-7701 or visit [www.ShangriLaHealingWaters.com](http://www.ShangriLaHealingWaters.com). ■

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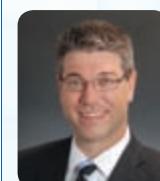
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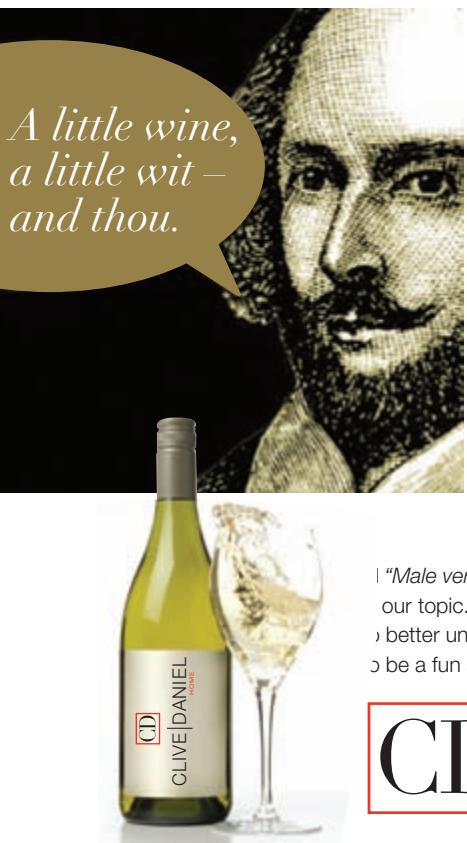
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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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See the full schedule of events at [www.napleszoo.org/holiday](http://www.napleszoo.org/holiday).

"Trumpet Christmas" by the **Naples Concert Band** will be presented as part of Evening on Fifth from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, along Fifth Avenue South. Musicians highlighted include the Trumpet Ensemble, J&P Trio, the Saxophone Ensemble and the Stein Family Ensemble. The evening's entertainment is sponsored by IberiaBank and DeVoe Automotive.

For more information about this and other holiday happenings on the avenue, visit [www.FifthAvenueSouth.com](http://www.FifthAvenueSouth.com).



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The Eco-Center at the Naples Preserve is framed by a banyan tree in this photo from the 2010 "Preserving the Holiday Spirit" open house.

The **Naples Preserve and Eco-Center** holds its second annual "Preserving the Holiday Spirit" open house with seasonal music and refreshments, naturally decorated holiday trees and guided evening tours of the boardwalk at the preserve in the heart of the city.

Hours are 4-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 16-18. Friday's entertainment will be by steel drummer Joey Bathol of Steel Cruzin'; Saturday's music will be by the Irish band Inish; and the Golden Gate High School Ensemble will perform on Sunday.

Admission is free. The preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail, at the corner of Fleischmann Boulevard. For more information, call 261-4290.

The **Naples High School concert bands** present their "Holiday Prism" concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, in the school auditorium. The program will feature performances by the concert, symphonic and jazz bands and the percussion ensemble.

Admission is \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 821-8520.

## Everybody loves a Christmas parade



Pictures of happy faces from the Naples Christmas Parade say more than 1,000 words. Photographer Bob Raymond caught hundreds of people in the crowd on film but couldn't possibly get their names. See if you can find someone you know.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Artichoke and Company** presents Ray Livosi in "A Christmas Dinner Show with Frank Sinatra" from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Inn at Pelican Bay. Cost is \$54 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 263-6979.

**Aldo's Ristorante Italiano & Bar** hosts its fifth annual **Pizza with Santa** from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Children ages 12 and under can have their photo taken with the jolly old soul and then enjoy free pizza, soft drinks and cookies. A full menu will be available for adults. All proceeds benefit the ABLE Academy, which serves individuals with autism and related disorders. Aldo's Ristorante is at 4820 Davis Blvd. For more information, call 775-2200.

**The Dock** at Crayton Cove celebrates its annual **Dickens Fest** from 4:30 p.m. until closing on Saturday, Dec. 17. The staff dresses as characters from "A Christmas Carol," and the holiday classic movie will be shown on TVs throughout the restaurant. The chef is at work creating Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim's favorites dishes, and the Friend of Music String Quartet from Barron Collier High School will entertain. For reservations or more information, call 263-9940.

**Join Chabad of Bonita Springs** for the eighth annual Grand Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Festivities, a family celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Coconut Point in Estero.

Listen to music by the Mike Eisenstadt Band, do arts and crafts, enjoy latkes and doughnuts as well as kosher deli and Israeli food. Menorah and fine Judaica will be for sale.

All are welcome. For more information, call 949-6900.

**Beth Tikvah of Naples**, the Conservative synagogue of Collier County, hosts three social events this holiday season.

The annual **New York-style Kosher Deli and Game Night** begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Village Walk town hall off Vanderbilt Beach Road. Deli food will be from Ben's Kosher of Boca Raton; the games people play are the ones they bring along: cards, Scrabble, etc. Admission is \$36 for adults, \$18 children under 13. For reservations, call 513-1950.

A **Latke Lunch** and Chanukah celebration begins at noon Sunday, Dec. 25, at the synagogue, 1459 Pine Ridge Road (just west of Mission Square). Fill up on potato pancakes and enjoy holiday songs and fellowship for \$15 per person. Call 598-2880 for reservations.

A **meet and mingle** at **Heritage Bay Country Club** begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the club off Immokalee Road east of Collier Boulevard. While they enjoy desserts and drinks, guests will get to know one another via short presentations focused on personal memorabilia such as an award, a family heirloom, a collectible, etc. Admission is \$15 per person. For reservations, call 598-2880. ■



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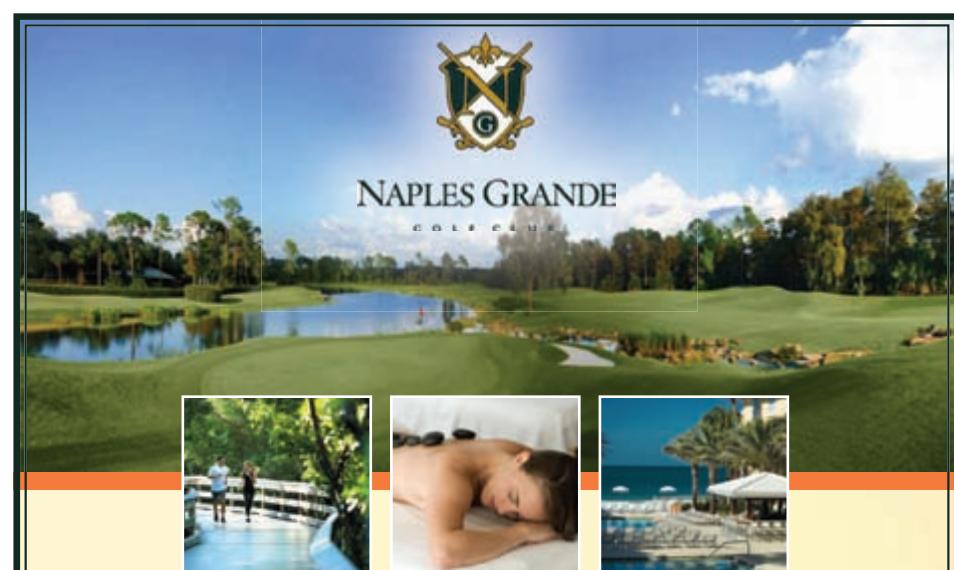
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# Naples residents paid on the spot as they take advantage of record high gold and silver prices!

**They are paying cash on the spot for my stuff! Awesome!**

By David Morgan  
STAFF WRITER

If you have a jewelry box with bling from an old fling or a coffee can full of old coins, you may want to haul it down to the **Hawthorn Suites** next week. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Dennis Kouts Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Kouts.

Starting Monday at 9am and every day next week through Friday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Naples** at the **Hawthorn Suites**. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver, pre-1970 coins and turn them into cash on the spot explains Dennis Kouts. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Kouts. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Kouts. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors."

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and

platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during Refinery hours at **(217) 787-7767**.

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The annual "Tuba Christmas" concert took place under the stars in Sugden Plaza on Dec. 8. Hundreds of people enjoyed their favorite holiday songs performed by tuba, sousaphone, euphonium and baritone horn players from the Naples Concert Band. DeVoe Automotive and IberiaBank sponsored the free concert.

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## Weekend blood drive will also collect toys

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Bringing an unwrapped toy to the event will ensure that children in area hospitals, at St. Matthew's House and at the Shelter for Abused Women & Children will have a gift.

Giving blood will help ensure supplies are available during the holidays for patients in area hospitals.

All successful blood donors will receive a prize pack (while supplies last) including gift cards from Chili's, Sports Clips and Cruise Naples. Panera Bread will provide refreshments.

Donors are always welcome at CBC's two locations:

■ In Naples at 311 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 108; 436-5455

■ In Bonita Springs at 9170 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 102; 495-1138.

For more information, including a schedule of bloodmobile drives, call 436-5455 or visit [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org).

N., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Appropriate donations for the holiday season include: gift cards to Walmart, Target, Coastland Center; phone and gasoline cards; dolls (all ethnicities); sports equipment; non-violent books, CDs, DVDs and video games; roller skates and skateboards; MP3 players and portable CD players. Clothing for adults and children (especially teen boys) is also needed, as are toys for pets.

For information about hosting a Shelter giving tree, adopting a shelter family for the holidays or organization a donation drive in your office or neighborhood, call Rebecca Grabau at 775-3862, ext. 235.

## Salvation Army needs new toy donations

The Salvation Army is collecting new, unwrapped toys for Collier County children this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Store, 2100 Trade Center Way, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday or at the Salvation Army headquarters, 3180 Estey Ave., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Toys appropriate for babies and toddlers to children 12 years old are welcome.

For more information, go to [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

## Add something to every Red Kettle

As 2011 draws to a close, many people in Collier County are still feeling the effects of the economic downturn that started in 2008. Low-income families and individuals are having to choose between buying food or making utility payments. A successful Red Kettle campaign can help The Salvation Army's help the less fortunate bridge the gap between their resources and the cost of acquiring basic human needs. Through Christmas Eve, Red Kettles manned by bell-ringing Salvation Army volunteers are up and running at more than 50 locations in Collier County. From pennies and dimes to dollars in all denominations, cash donations are welcome.

The Salvation Army foresees a critical situation in 2012, because chronic economic instability has affected not only those who are already struggling, but also those generous people who would usually feel compelled to offer their financial support.

As you make your rounds for holiday shopping, drop a donation in a Red Kettle wherever you see one, and know that every gift will help someone in need ring in the New Year with a renewed sense of hope. ■

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## Children's Advocacy Center welcomes toys, gifts

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County is collecting new toys and clothing for children who have been physically or sexually abused. The items will be distributed to parents and caregivers to give to their young charges. Clothing of all sizes as well as games, toys and sports equipment for all ages are needed. Financial donations are also much appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the CAC office at 1036 Sixth Ave. N. For more information, call Tina Streeter at 263-8383, ext. 232, or e-mail [TStreeter@CACCollier.org](mailto:TStreeter@CACCollier.org)

## Shelter collecting gifts for all ages

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children needs new, unwrapped, non-violent toys and other gift items to help make the season safe and bright for hundreds of domestic violence victims throughout Collier County. Donations can be delivered to Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave.

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### Grief workshop coming to Avow Hospice

Avow Hospice will present "Opening the Heart," a workshop for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Ispiri community center on the Avow campus at 1095 Whippoorwill Lane.

Led by nationally recognized grief workshop facilitators, the program provides a supportive atmosphere to help adults heal grief using a variety of activities including music, meditation and holistic exercises. Participants make a commitment to confidentiality regarding information shared during the workshop.

Registration is \$95 and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. A monthly payment option is available upon request. Professionals and students can earn six CEs.

Enrollment is limited and early registration suggested. Call 261-4404, ext. 3733.

### Free seminar at Physicians Regional

The following free seminar is coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road:

■ "Living with Back Pain," by neurological surgeon Rick Bhavin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 - Dr. Bhavin will highlight the latest surgical and non-surgical treatment options for painful back conditions.

For more information or registration, call 348-4180 or visit [www.physiciansregional.com/events](http://www.physiciansregional.com/events).

### Find out what's so funny about growing older

Everyone knows that aging isn't for sissies, but no one said you shouldn't have some laughs while it's happening.

Dr. Richard Bimler will present "Aging with Humor," a free program with insights about growing older, on Friday, Jan. 13, at Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. Registration begins at 10 a.m., the program starts at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will follow, compliments of The Arlington.

For reservations, call 394-0332.

### Lighthouse has free classes for visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Florida Division of Blind Services offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier.

Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org).

"For an hour a day, they can do something that everyone else is doing."

— Isabel Castro, a 30-year dance veteran and class instructor



COURTESY PHOTO

A dance class wraps up with a sharing of energy.

## Parkinson's patients step out for dance classes

BY CHUCK CURRY

Special to Florida Weekly

It's all about movement. That's what Parkinson's disease patients and their caregivers learn in free dance classes offered by the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. Movement is a key health component for those with Parkinson's, and the dance class offers a low-impact way to stay in motion.

Parkinson's is considered a movement disorder, so maintaining activity should be a priority for anyone facing the challenges of the disease, says Ruth Hubing, executive director of the Naples-based PASFI.

Through a grant from the Martin Foundation to the United Arts Council of Collier County, PASFI is able to offer the class at no charge to residents of Bonita Springs and Collier County until Dec. 22. The Bonita class is set to resume on Jan. 10; the Naples class, however, will not start up again unless funding can be found (\$135 per class), now that the grant has ended.

The class was developed through the Mark Morris Dance Group in New York City. Isabel Castro, a 30-year dance veteran and the local instructor for the past

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### in the know

Signs of Parkinson's disease

- Tremor or shaking
- Small handwriting
- Loss of smell
- Trouble sleeping
- Trouble moving or walking
- Constipation
- A soft or low voice
- Masked face (no expression)
- Dizziness or fainting
- Stooping or hunching over

Source: The National Parkinson Foundation

## STRAIGHT TALK

### From conference spectators to poster presentation leaders

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Six years ago, a handful of us from NCH ventured to Orlando for the annual meeting of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Our small group was overwhelmed by the more than 6,000 health-care professionals in attendance from around the world.

This year, 40 NCH colleagues, including eight board members, 18 staff nurses, seven directors, six physicians and three senior administrators, just returned from IHI's 23rd annual National Forum, where we presented 18 posters about what we know best: health-care quality.

IHI's five strategic pillars are: innovation, raising joy while caring, motivating, execution and sustaining for the long haul. We contributed to these important goals with our colleagues' projects:

- Hypoglycemic control in cardiac surgical patients, presented by Christine Caranza;
- Prevention of heel ulcers in lower

extremity fractures, presented by Nicole D'Amico-Schaal and Erin Raney;

■ Reporting with a purpose: improving communications, presented by Jessica D'Agostino and Helen Heers;

■ Fall into safety: safety facilitator and power plans, presented by Kristin Miller;

■ Preventing falls using evidence, presented by Laraine McNeese;

■ Handoffs take team collaboration, presented by Debora Bouchard;

■ Patient safety: bar code medication administration, presented by Kim Andrews-Dapper and Gina Teegarden;

■ Raising patient satisfaction: focusing on courtesy, presented by Helen Einer;

■ Oncology nurses conquering central line infections, presented by James O'Neil;

■ Speed saves lives: improving door-to-EKG time, presented by Jon Baldia;

■ Line-care bundle to prevent bloodstream infection, presented by Jonathan Kling;

■ Improving patient satisfaction, presented by Dr. Mario Trance;

■ Prevention of incontinence-associated dermatitis, presented by Sandy Wheeler;

■ Ventilator reduction days, presented by Karin Gutierrez;

■ Increasing home care knowledge of central lines, presented by Sheryl

Voivedich;

■ Saving minutes: reducing door-to-balloon times, presented by Steve Cooke;

■ Preventing respiratory distress in surgical patients, presented by Marcia Swasey; and

■ Holistic relaxation: pain management in orthopedics, presented by Maria Feola.

That's quite an impressive list of presenters and topics. Next year, we'll need a bigger bus!

NCH's remarkable evolution at the prestigious IHI gathering, from being a spectator six years ago to taking a leadership role today, is further proof of how far we've come as an institution and as quality health-care professionals.

But the last thing we should do now is rest on our laurels. Now is the time for all of us to redouble our efforts in realizing IHI's five yardsticks to sustain our community's continued progress in quality health care.

We should all be proud and thankful for the 4,000 NCH colleagues who are making a difference in our community's and our nation's health care, every single day. ■

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

# DANCE

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three years, travels to New York City at least once a year for training with the MMDG specific to the company's "Dance for PD" program.

"For an hour a day, they can do something that everyone else is doing," Ms. Castro says about her Parkinson's dance class participants.

"Leave your worries at the door," says Doug Carman, a member of Naples City Improv who provides the keyboard music for the class.

The movement and music are interlocked: Dance allows Parkinson's patients to exercise both right- and left-brain activity, and the live component of the music tailors the program to the participants in a way that no CD player could ever emulate.

"It's an hour of having fun and education," says Ms. Castro, who begins each session with some gentle ballet warm-up exercises. The program then progresses until couples glide across the dance floor. Gliding is important because it doesn't strain the joints as a high-impact workout would, and it links the brain to the activity.

Following a recent session of the Parkinson's support group at the PASFI headquarters in Naples, members who had only minutes before been in a discussion about which style of walker was best found themselves arm-in-arm for a dance lesson.

"I've seen people arrive (for dance class) in a wheelchair and walk out," Ms. Castro says. "No words can express (the satisfaction)."

The MMDG program was one of the first dance programs to target Parkinson's patients. According to the dance com-

pany's website, "The 'Dance for PD' program offers dance classes for people with Parkinson's disease at the Mark Morris Dance Center in Brooklyn, The Juilliard School in Manhattan and through our network of partners and associates in more than 40 other communities around the world. An on-going collaboration between MMDG and the Brooklyn Parkinson Group, the program also provides teacher training, offers master classes in other cities as part of MMDG's touring outreach program and nurtures relationships among other organizations so that classes based on our model are widely available."

## About PASFI

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is at 2950 U.S. 41 N., Suite 20, in Naples. The association offers classes and workshops in: exercise, dance, speech/swallowing, balance and art therapy. An anonymous donor recently has offered to cover the cost of PASFI members' participation in a program at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

Respite and day care assistance and support groups are also part of the association's offerings.

For more information, call 417-3465 or visit [www.pasfi.org](http://www.pasfi.org). ■

## in the know

### The fourth annual PASFI Fashion Show & Luncheon

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Instructor Isabel Castro, left and in background above, leads a warm-up exercise.



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# PET TALES

## Game-changers

Litter, scratching posts have changed the way we keep cats

BY DR. MARTY BECKER

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Every year, I make the rounds of pet-industry trade shows and veterinary conferences, and every year I at least glance at thousands of new pet-care products. While a few are truly innovative, many are just variations on a theme as companies work to mimic top sellers as closely as they can without getting sued.

Whether any new product will catch on is anyone's guess, though few will reach the level of those that truly have changed the way we live with our pets.

I recently mentioned five such products for dogs. Now, here are some for cats, with a handful of items that have changed the world for cat lovers:

### Litter

While the idea of keeping a box inside for cats to use as a potty was around for a while, it never really took off until Edward Lowe happened upon what he called "kitty litter" in 1947. His dad owned a company that made industrial cleanup materials, and when someone asked him to suggest something for a cat box, he filled up a bag of Fuller's Earth, a kind of absorbent clay. When Lowe sold his Kitty Litter company decades later, he was rich beyond his wildest dreams, and cats had become more popular than dogs as pets. Today, more than 80 percent of cat owners have litter boxes in their homes, although clumping

litter is used in most of them now, not the material on which Lowe built his company.

### Scratching posts/cat trees

Clawing is natural, normal and very satisfying for cats. While cat lovers may understand the normal and natural behavior, they're not on board with the satisfying when then shredded objects include the furniture.

No one knows who first came up with the idea of providing cats an approved place to scratch, but the idea was a great one for both cats and people. While scratching posts used to look like DIY fright

shows covered in dreadful colors of leftover '70s shag carpet, today it is easy to find cat trees and other related items that

keep cats happy and divert attention from the corner of the sofa.

### Microchips

Cats are notorious for roaming, even if they have to slip out against an owner's wishes to do it. They're also pretty good at slipping out of their collars, since cat collars are designed to give way if a cat gets caught on something. Problem is, a cat with no ID tag is unlikely to be reunited with

her family, and shelter workers sadly note that many "strays" turned in are obviously lost pets.

The microchip betters the odds of a reunion, since most shelters scan lost pets for such ID. The size of a grain of rice and easily implanted at a veterinarian's office or shelter, the microchip is the best insurance you can buy to help your cat come home when lost.

### Cat fishing toys

Cats love string, but string can be a problem for cats. Young cats and kittens sometimes swallow string, and that can lead to a crisis that requires surgery. That's why whoever first thought of tying one end of a string to a pole and the other to a cat toy deserves a nod for coming up with what may be

the best cat toy ever. You can find all kinds of variations on the cat fishing toy, and you can even make your own. It's all good — and it keeps your cat busy, you amused and the claws on the end of the string. Runner-up: Laser pointer, and only second because you can't make it on your own.

That's my list! Feel free to drop me a note with your favorites for cats, dogs or others pets, to petconnection@gmail.com. ■



**Cats who are kept indoors are prone to obesity and boredom. The cat fishing pole helps keep those problems under control, in a manner entertaining for all.**

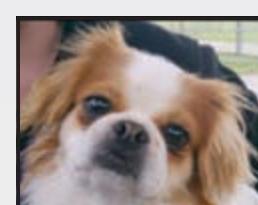
### Pets of the Week



>>**Randy Reindeer** is a 3-year-old neutered dachshund mix who weighs 20 pounds and whose tail never stops wagging.



>>**Sleigh Belle** is a 1-year-old spayed border collie mix who weighs in at 30 pounds and has a wonderful temperament.



>>**Foster** is a quiet little 1-year-old neutered Pekinese/shih tzu mix who tips the scale at 18 pounds.



>>**Mistletoe Kisses** is a 6-month-old spayed tortie who wants nothing more than a forever home for the holidays.

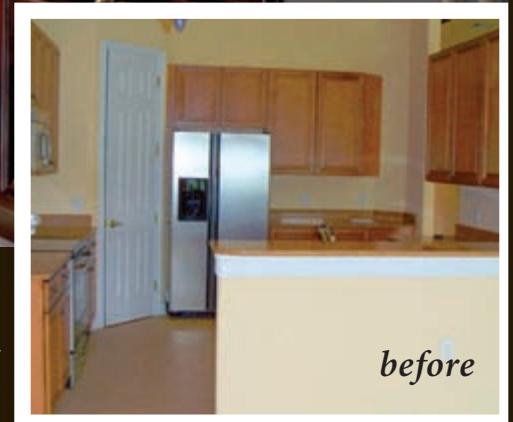
### To adopt or foster a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For information about volunteering or about making one of this week's pets your own, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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# MUSINGS

## Anoesis



"They saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord."

— Exodus, 34:35 (New International Version)

"He's got the whole world in his hands."

— from the hymnal "Spirituals Triumphant, Old and New"

"Manager: I am rehearsing and you know perfectly well no one's allowed to come in during rehearsals. Who are you, please? What do you want?

Father: As a matter of fact...we have come in search of an author...

Manager: An author? What author?

Father: Any author, sir.

Manager: But there's no author here...

Step Daughter: So much the better!

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Father: Isn't it your mission: to give life to fantastic characters?"

— Luigi Pirandello, "Six Characters in Search of an Author"

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"Is every single writing specifically by you... or have I detected that someone else occasionally stands in for you?"

— from an e-mail written on Oct. 11 by a Musings reader

"As far as your closing the discourse without reply, I must assume that you consulted someone else as to how this agenda should be handled, and he or she advised you to submit....Either way..."Cogito, ergo sum."

— from e-mail written on Sept. 9, 2010 by a Musings reader.

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emerging from cave dream, from dark to light dream, to whole plant, to simply leaves edge eaten into living fractils, then merely one leaf with one hole heart shaped, wondering what mouth could create such wonder, author appears: green friend, six legs, two bulging eyes (radiant white with red pupils), two antennas, black hourglass on back, contact: he backs a wave way, but still stays and listens, looks, knows that things are going well in the south

(do you really think i could make this stuff up?)

ii

Dear Sir or Madam: Dear Whoever is in Charge of You and Yours: This is a formal complaint regarding a serious mattering, smattering mishandlings,

road kill technicalities abundings, wind shield protoplasm smearings, sneerings, brick out housings, mammoth mogul mis-happenstanceings: Don't give any lip, any sir vice, any going to fast too fast, any lane changing out breathing in hailing: Dear Departing Meant Head, Dear Personal Personnel, Dear IT Co Ore Din Ate Or: Whom It Few Mitt May Concern: Flail fail safe rap mug shootings stars and mangier managering, got to go to hand it to you.

(it doesn't have to make sense to escape the spell check)

iii

black vehicle driving down road up round up loaded. white vehicle approaching, nothing extra, ordinary. unilled inner discourse intra-coursed, you know, wanting to even out cogito bumps ergo assumes ergot assumptions, 'er got a mine, knot minding miming, blahs say striving, sin sere maximum:

Then veil water boarding:

Flash: "That white car was coming north toward this black car driving south, not head on, no crash intended, but in complete and unnoticeable propriety. Until as it was passing through windows open all around that vehicle came an infinity of 8 1/2-by-lis": Oh, sheets: flying whiter than white, whiter than cloth out of the bleacher's lye, filling the spacious sky, like flat one-winged birds, untamable, mindless: wander lust story, were you somewhere pixel safe or is the white horse rider long haired and

naked laughing still, like leg ohs and ahs shaking out pouring in date ah logged low g ah humming home?

(The buck stops here.)

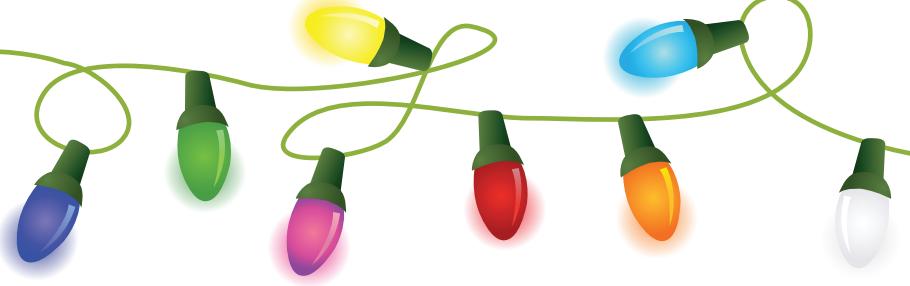
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To sum, caving back, wanting to find my friend again, but being lost in space and timeless: no such hope. even to see the whole plant, much less the leaf with hearted hole, much less a green tiniest tininess. still going south again, mounting sigh nigh, mount horeb, mount musa, mount twain mama, dancing with the stars, lay downing the law, how turning left at the store long ago sealed, condemned, rocked, how turning right at the north star, the big dipper, it's all moving even mountains. And yet, the eye on the turn notes and he appears impossibly, not a moment too soon or too belated, sans cronies, oceans the tears of you, nigh on; of ions; of pion then muon, of anti- and new tree no.

(But eye just see you) (this has that heard) ■

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# BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS &amp; REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

"Generally, people don't realize oil production is occurring right here..."

— Tom Jones, senior vice president, Collier Resources

## SWFL is Oil Country

*Legislature looks to expand inshore drilling*

BY NANCY THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

THERE'S OIL IN THEM THAR' HILLS. OK, maybe a slight exaggeration; Southwest Florida is, after all, flat.

But just 30 miles inland from Naples, Fort Myers and area beaches threatened by last year's Deepwater Horizon disaster, a dozen oil wells churn out nearly 2,800 barrels daily — much as they have for nearly 70 years. Owned by Collier Resources and operated by California-based BreitBurn Energy Partners, the Sunniland Trend, an oil reserve extending from Fort Myers to Miami, has produced more than 120 million barrels since oil was first discovered 12 miles south of Immokalee in 1943, says Tom Jones, senior vice president of Collier Resources, a minerals management company jointly owned by the Barron Collier Companies and Collier Enterprises.

Today, as state lawmakers continue to debate the pros and cons of offshore oil drilling along Florida's coast and ponder a bill introduced last week that seeks to rejuvenate wells drilled before 1981, fields in Lee, Hendry and Collier — from Lehigh Acres to the Big Cypress National Preserve — continue to produce nearly half of Florida's oil. Jay, a small town in the Panhandle, is the only other inland oil-producing region in the state. Combined, these wells have produced 600 million barrels without incident or environmental impact.

### in the know

Crude oil production around the world

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Russia	9,900,000
Saudi Arabia	9,800,000
United States	9,100,000
Texas	962,338
Alaska	670,553
California	536,800
<b>Florida: Sunniland Trend</b>	<b>2,800</b>
Iran	4,200,000

\* Source: MSNBC, "Bubbling Crude: America's top six oil-producing states," June 6, 2011; and U.S. Energy Information Administration



FLORIDA PARK SERVICE COLLECTION / COURTESY PHOTO

A drilling platform in the Everglades in the 1970s. Oil extraction continues there to this day.

Wait: Oil production in Florida? For many Florida residents the introduction of House Bill 87 by Rep. Matt Hudson, R-Naples, was an eye-opener, to say the least. The bill advocates the re-exploration of abandoned inland oil wells — a move that could ante up the state's oil-producing cache while creating jobs and

tax revenue. Sure, proposals that would permit off-shore drilling continue to loom over the state and on the minds of many residents and tourists, but on-shore oil production is part of Florida's history, too, and it happened right in Collier County.

SEE OIL, B7 ►

DESIGNERS OF DISTINCTION



### Designing men and women

Miromar Design Center honors its 2011 Designers of Distinction, and more business to-dos. B8-9 ►



### The Fool knows

What's the difference between A 403(b) plan and a 401(k)? B6 ►



### House Hunting

See what we found on Hurricane Harbor. B11 ►

## Holiday retail season starts strong

December's Consumer Reports Index, a measure of overall consumer financial health, showed that despite flagging confidence and a weak employment picture, the holiday season is off to a good start, with excellent activity in November and the prospect of a strong December.

After several years of reining in spending, consumers are in the mood to splurge this holiday season with activity up substantially over last year. The Past 30-Day Retail Index for December was 13.9, up from 12.4 a year ago, and planned spending for December was also strong at 12.7 compared to 11.8 last year. Among the cat-

egories comprising the Retail Index, the largest gains were in personal electronics.

Though there has been no improvement in Consumer Sentiment or in the financial difficulties faced by consumers, overall, measures are fairly stable.

"It may be this relative stability in contrast to the gloom of the past several years, that is causing consumers to cast off the restraint of the seasons gone by and 'celebrate' with some serious shopping," said Ed Farrell, director of the Consumer Reports National Research Center.

The Consumer Reports Index report is available at [www.ConsumerReports.org](http://www.ConsumerReports.org). ■



## MONEY & INVESTING

### Getting a little help from your Value Forum friends

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#### Value Forum.

Started in 2003, VF is a 1,400-member community of investors who manage a collective \$1.4 billion of capital. Most are individuals over 55; there is a sampling of hedge fund and money managers in the mix. VF serves as a clearinghouse for members' insights and research. It is "rich" in content from outside experts and from many members who, unquestionably, are skilled beyond the standard money manager fray of talent. The forum allows the novice to follow a thread; for the experienced trader/investor, there is a community with like expertise. Within the broad forum are smaller groups... and entry is by invite. Not that the group is snobbish; entry to some inner circles is best made by quality of your postings.

The group generally embraces the investment style of Warren Buffett who, in my opinion, now value invests on a billionaire's preferential playing field. Buffett often appears in critical times/situations when a lot of money is immediately needed and deal negotiation must be extremely fast; Buffett is handsomely paid and often well-protected in his investments.... far beyond terms available to the public.

But traditional value investing, the piece-by-piece analysis of a company's assets and cash flow, is really not dead as VF carries a torch for individual investors. In general, the VF investor seeks higher income with added benefit that the dividend or distribution often provides a floor for the equity in volatile markets.

A widely accepted maxim (akin to "too good to be true") is: if the yield is so high, there has to be something very much

wrong. But there are important caveats to that truism: if a company is sufficiently small, it will not be covered by an institutional analyst and, if the industry or company is sufficiently complex, many an analyst will stay clear of coverage as they know that few of their clients would have the patience, interest, time or capacity to read even the best of breed research on such. But this is where VF members thrive.

Certain sectors offer many of the above-mentioned size and complexity components: mortgage REITs, oil and gas MLPs/trusts; shipping companies; and SBICs (i.e. real estate investment trusts, master limited partnerships, and small business investment companies). The Value Forum group likes the hunt and relishes prized annual yields of 10 percent plus; some pay upwards of 18 percent!

Not all VF coverage is on high-yielding plays as some follow natural resources, agricultural/fertilizer plays, consumer products, even a tad of tech can be found. Not all postings are fundamental; some members share their technical approaches and some discuss business cycle/wave theorists (e.g. Nenner, Armstrong, Prechter, etc.)

Participants post by "handle" and can remain anonymous... except the forum hosts an annual event called InvestFest, held all over the country but, as it happens, this year is in Tampa on Feb. 12. Three days of learning and sharing — many a face matched to their handle.

One of the big highlights of the conference will be presentations by mortgage REIT AGNC and its recently formed sister company (MTGE) explaining how it man-

ages their leveraged mortgage portfolios (with heavy explanation on how they have produced AGNC's quarterly dividend of 18 percent... for several years). Another speaker is a VF member who is an expert in shipping companies, particularly those of John Frederickson. (Some VF members actually travel to Bermuda for Frederickson companies' annual meetings and face-to-face fact-finding.) Other topics are: wealth planning, technical trading, etc. I am also on the speaker list but, lest you think this is self-promotion, I am eager to learn as I invest/trade in AGNC, MTGE, and CHKR and a list of others to be bought at certain prices.

You can try VF online (<http://valueforum.com>) for a nominal cost. Downsides? This is not a free site, which is also an upside as it keeps out online riffraff. Also, the vituperous online dialogues sometimes lack decorum.

A trial membership might make a great Christmas gift for the beginner investor (who needs a fish but was never taught how to investment fish) or the retiree who doesn't need more hardware, software, gloves, ties or gift cards.

None of the above opinions or position disclosures should be construed as a recommendation; check with your adviser to determine suitability and for verification of investment facts. ■

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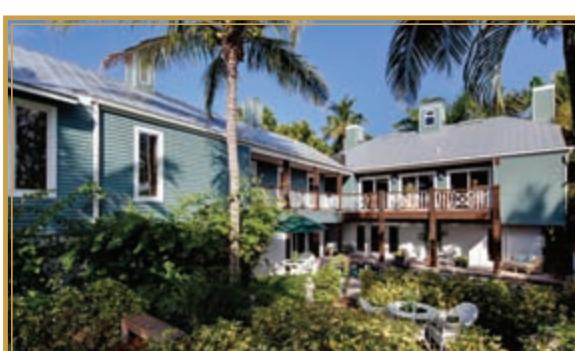
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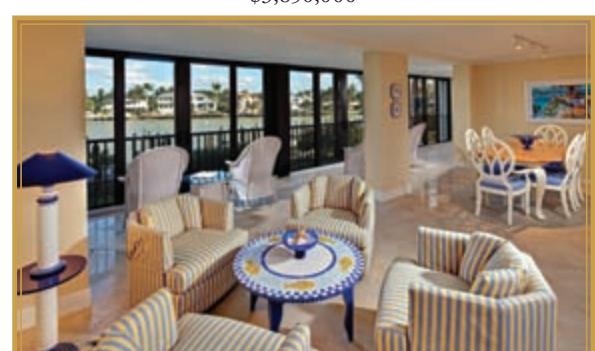
**PORT ROYAL - CUTLASS LANE**  
Cutlass Cove is a coveted address by people who appreciate its safe harbor, proximity to Gordon Pass, and its membership eligibility to join not only the Port Royal Club but, in addition, the Cutlass Cove Beach Club. The size of the property permits a substantial building envelope with sought after southwest exposure.  
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**PORT ROYAL - GALLEON DRIVE**  
This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.  
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**OLD NAPLES - 14TH AVENUE SOUTH**  
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# ON THE MOVE

## Banking & Finance

**Richard Greenwood** has joined The Naples Trust Company as a managing director and will help guide overall capital allocation and corporate strategy in addition to his role as a client advocate and member of the firm's asset management committee. He will work out of the company's Naples and Chicago offices. Mr. Greenwood is president and chairman of the Chicago-based Madison Advisory Group Inc., which he founded in 1977 to provide investment services to institutions, foundations and high net-worth individuals and families. Madison acts as the general partner in a private investment partnership. From 2000-2003, he worked with Advisory Research Inc. in Chicago as the company's director of large cap equity investments. Earlier in his career, he spent seven years with Merrill Lynch as an account executive in its Chicago office.

## Board Appointments



Hanlon



Hickey



Jones



Scholtz



Waite

Several new members have joined the board of directors for the Neighborhood Health Center. They are: **Sharon Hanlon**, attorney with Zelman and Hanlon PA; **Daniel Hickey**, senior vice president and senior portfolio manager at Northern Trust; **Dr. Paul Jones**, past board chair and a clinic volunteer who is board-certified in family medicine; **Chet Scholtz**, clinic volunteer and the retired president and CEO of Rossborough Supply Company; and **Sandy Waite**, co-owner of Platinum Total Fabricare.

**Michael Schmidt**, Ph.D., has joined the board of Bonita Springs-based VR Laboratories LLC. Dr. Schmidt will support VR Laboratories in business development, negotiations, discovery and screening, clinical trials, medical food development and botanical drug development. He is one of three scientists teaming up for an inaugural science expedition aboard Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo. The scientists will study radiation and other exposure in the suborbital space environment. Dr. Schmidt has spent the past 20 years studying human performance under extreme conditions and developing analytics, small molecule therapeutics and neuroplasticity-based training solutions to optimize performance in these environments.

**Carol Conway**, president of CRS Technology Consultants, has been named vice chair of the board of directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. She will assist in advancing the member services and public communication committees of the chamber. An 18-year resident of Southwest Florida, Ms. Conway is also active in the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, FGCU, The United Way and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Southwest Florida.

## Fitness

**Debra Orringer** has been named director of fitness at Tiburón Golf Club. Previously with the fitness center at Kennedy Space Center and a consultant with equipment companies including Winsor Pilates and Total Vibes, Ms. Orringer holds a master's degree in exercise physiology. She is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine, the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America and the American Council on Exercise. She also has been featured in and authored fitness articles for Shape magazine and the IDEA Fitness Journal.



Orringer

## Health Care

**Dr. Vivian Ebert, D.C.**, was honored as the distinguished chiropractic physician of the year in Southwest Florida by the Florida Chiropractic Association. She has been a chiropractic physician in Southwest Florida for more than 30 years. She practiced for 27 years in Naples and recently opened Living Well Chiropractic in Bonita Springs. She graduated from

Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo., and also completed a post-graduate program to become a certified chiropractic sports physician. Dr. Ebert currently serves as the president of the Collier County Chiropractic Society, which she co-founded in 1989. She also co-founded the Naples Executive Women's Golf Association, and is an assistant golf coach for girls at The Community School of Naples.

Three bilingual, board-certified psychiatrists have joined the medical staff at the David Lawrence Center. **Dr. Frank Lehninger** will serve as a child and adolescent psychiatrist in Children's Outpatient Services; **Dr. Monica Robles** will serve as the senior physician in Children's Outpatient Services; and **Dr. Luis Rives** will serve as an adult psychiatrist in Adult Outpatient and Urgent Care Services.

A native of Germany, **Dr. Lehninger** earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, European Division, and doctor of medicine from Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Fachbereich Humanmedizin in Germany. After relocating to the United States, he completed residencies and fellowships in child, adolescent, adult and geriatric psychiatry at SUNY Buffalo in New York, University of South Florida and University of Florida.



Lehninger

A native of Spain, **Dr. Robles** received her doctor of medicine from the Complutense University of Madrid and completed her residency in psychiatry followed by a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.



Robles

**Dr. Rives** earned his bachelor's of arts degree in chemistry and his doctor of medicine from the University of South Florida. He completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Virginia. He has more than 15 years of experience in an outpatient, inpatient and hospital treatment setting serving the adult and geriatric population. He also has experience working with individuals battling eating disorders and chemical dependency.



Rives

**Maxine Michael** has joined Park Royal Hospital as director of business development. She is responsible for marketing, product development and strategic community alliances for the private 76-bed mental health facility that will open in January on the HealthPark Medical Center campus in Fort Myers. Ms. Michael has 25 years of experience in the health care industry and has owned her own medical and mental health company for nine years. She most recently served as director of business development with Psychiatric Solutions Inc. in Fort Lauderdale and North Carolina and previously worked with privately held psychiatric and medical hospitals in the Tampa-St. Petersburg market.

She holds a master's degree in gerontology from University of South Florida.

**Dr. Katie Harrington** has joined Physicians Regional Medical Group, a strategic affiliate of Physicians Regional Healthcare System. Dr. Harrington earned her medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies, and completed an OB/GYN residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Her specialties include high-risk obstetrics, pediatric and adolescent gynecology and family planning. Her office is in the Medical Arts Building at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard.



Harrington

**Jason Babel** has been promoted to director of sales and community relations for the five Southwest Florida Jason's deli restaurants. A graduate of Central Michigan University, Mr. Babel has more than seven years of experience as a catering manager for Jason's in Naples and Fort Myers.



Babel

**Chef Marty Freeman** has joined the culinary team at Noodles Italian Cafe and Sushi Bar. He brings more than two decades of cooking and catering experience to the restaurant, beginning in the industry at age 11 washing dishes at a French restaurant in his hometown of Closter, N.J., and opening his first kitchen 10 years later in Westchester, Pa. ■

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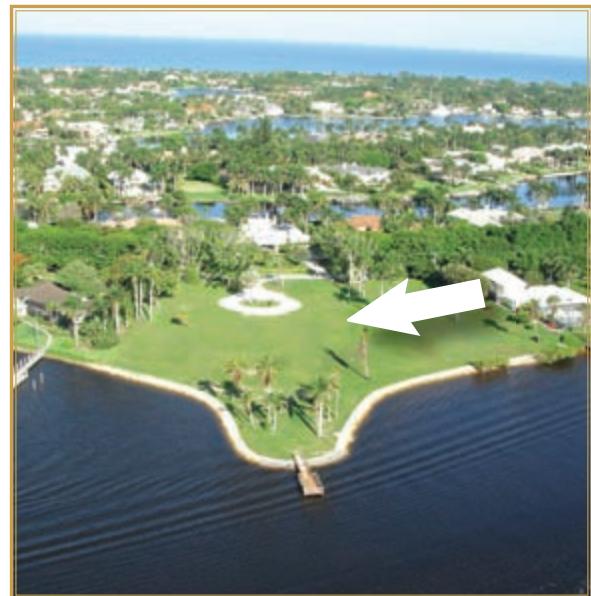


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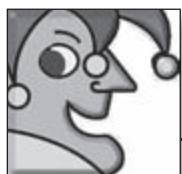


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— M.C., Tampa, Fla.

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— R.G., Springfield, Mo.

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Buffett Buys IBM

Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-B), recently revealed that he has bought a 5.5 percent stake in IBM (NYSE: IBM), worth more than \$10 billion. After a great third-quarter earnings report and the appointment of 30-year veteran Ginni Rometty as the next CEO, Buffett's buy, and therefore implicit approval of IBM's path, is icing on the cake for what most investors already know is a great company and stock.

In the past, Buffett has avoided the tech sector, claiming he didn't understand the companies well enough to make significant investments. But current CEO Sam Palmisano impressed Buffett with his unusually detailed

disclosure of IBM's future financial plans and goals.

At one point, IBM had teetered on the edge of irrelevance. Palmisano reimagined and reinvented the company, adding consulting and other services. Looking beyond mere technology to the total customer solution took IBM out of its comfort zone and has led it to new and unimagined heights.

Buffett's big buy bodes well for a company that's already doing quite well. IBM's stock has been on a steady climb since 2009, and with a P/E of 14, it's reasonably priced. The company even pays a modest dividend, yielding around 1.6 percent. (Motley Fool newsletter services have recommended buying shares of Berkshire Hathaway, and the Fool owns shares of it and IBM.) ■



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■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For location and more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600. ■

# DRILLING

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## A century of drilling

Although oil production in Florida has never reached the scale of Texas or the Middle East, exploration traces its history back to the turn of last century, when wildcatters were lured here by Indian folklore and dreams of striking it rich. The search for Florida's black gold centered on the Panhandle and the 1.3 million acres owned by Barron Gift Collier, who was convinced his land would fuel America's growing demand for oil. Early oil exploration proved fruitless until Sept. 26, 1943, when after decades of failed attempts and dozens of dry holes throughout the Panhandle and Southwest Florida, the Humble Oil & Refining Co. struck pay dirt at Sunniland just south of Immokalee. Humble, which later became Exxon, spent \$1 million and reached a depth of 11,626 feet before tapping into the reserve. Sunniland No. 1 became Florida's first producing oil well.

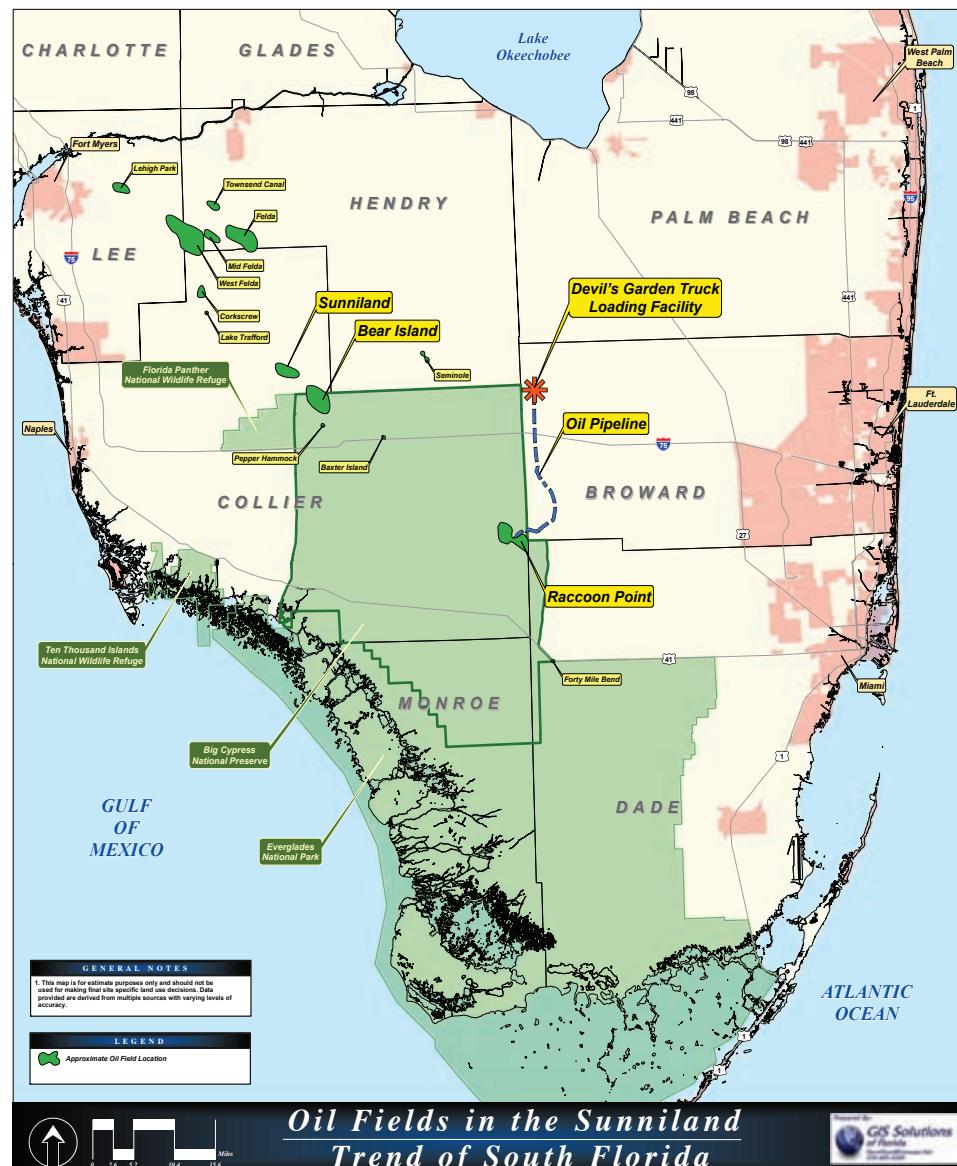
Although Mr. Collier never lived to see his speculation prove true, Humble Oil, which leased the mineral rights to Sunniland through Collier Resources, claimed the \$50,000 incentive offered by state legislators who were eager to see Florida become an oil-producing state. The company donated the money plus an additional \$10,000 to the University of Florida and the Florida State College for Women.

Oil at Sunniland was discovered after a decade of seismic testing and numerous dry holes throughout Collier, Lee and Hendry counties — a process involving the first big-wheeled swamp buggy in the country, according to a 2004 Petroleum Age article recounting the search for oil in Florida.

"Back in the old days they used gravity surveys and gravity anomalies," says Mr. Jones. "It was traditional wildcatting. Oil forms in pockets so it really was speculation. That's why historically there are a lot of dry holes put down in Florida. The challenge is to find those pockets of oil, which are not necessarily large. Some of these fields are 1,000 acres over 2 square miles."

Sunniland No. 1 initially produced 140 barrels of oil a day before eventually settling down to 20 barrels. But the discovery of oil unleashed a fury of wildcat wells and within a decade, the field was producing 500,000 barrels annually from 11 wells. Sunniland Trend remained Florida's top producer until 1964, when after 34 dry holes and \$10 million, Sun Oil tapped into the Felda field in nearby Hendry County.

Oil was discovered in Jay in 1970, where



**Oil Fields in the Sunniland Trend of South Florida**

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70 wells produced tens of millions of barrels annually until Exxon abandoned its operations in 2007 — the same year BreitBurn Florida took over operations at 15 wells for Collier Resources, which retains the mineral rights to 800,000 acres in the three-county region. Last year, BreitBurn cranked up its oil production with new horizontal wells at the Raccoon Point Field, which accounts for more than half of its Florida production. Its capital spending in Florida in 2010 was approximately \$24 million.

Additional Sunniland Trend fields were discovered at Bear Island and Raccoon Point in 1972 and 1978, respectively. Both operations began before the land became part of the Big Cypress National Preserve and have yielded a combined output of 31 million barrels. The Sunniland Oil Trend has one of the highest on-shore per-well flow rates in the country.

Oil tapped in Southwest

Florida is piped into storage facilities, which, when full, are transported by tanker trucks to Port Everglades and periodically emptied into barges. Those barges



transport Florida's black gold across the Gulf of Mexico to refineries in Texas, explained Mr. Jones.

Of course, finding oil today is a little more scientific than it was during those fledgling wildcat days. Depth-penetrating oil-locating sound waves reduce the need to drill multiple exploratory wells.

"Today, it's more precise," says Mr. Jones. "They use a 3D seismic process, to identify oil."

Florida's inland oil production — topping 600 million barrels since 1943 — has occurred without a hitch. Inland oil production, especially in the Sunniland Trend, is a different animal than deepwater offshore drilling, says Mr. Jones. "We don't have the prospect of a blow out, which is something that occurs at the well head," he says. "Our wells are two miles deep and the oil rises on a couple of hundred feet. All of these wells are pumped. There's no free flow to the surface."

## Reopening old oil fields

It's that almost-risk-free venture Rep. Hudson is advocating with HB 87, which will offer tax incentives for tapping into wells drilled before 1981 in Southwest Florida and the Panhandle. His bill could step up Florida's oil production by next summer. The House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee voted 10-4 last week in favor of the proposal that would open up 16 Florida oil fields, including five in Southwest Florida.

In an official statement, Collier Resources said it was not aware of Mr. Hudson's proposal but does "believe that additional onshore drilling in Florida can provide many benefits including new jobs. Oil drilling in Southwest Florida, ongoing for over 60 years, has proven to be an economic advantage generating tax revenues and creating jobs all in an environmentally sensitive manner."

"Quite honestly I haven't followed the bill, Mr. Jones says in an exclusive interview with *Florida Weekly*. "But I understand the purpose of it: New drilling technology could target abandoned wells in a different direction."

Whether Rep. Hudson's proposal stirs a controversy akin to that of offshore drilling, it has spotlighted an industry few knew existed in Collier County.

"Generally, people don't realize oil production is occurring right here in Florida and Southwest Florida," says Mr. Jones. "It creates jobs. We currently have a partner and at some point in the future will look at the possibility of doing exploration ourselves. We would ultimately get into oil production, as well."

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One of Collier Resources' oil derricks at sunset.

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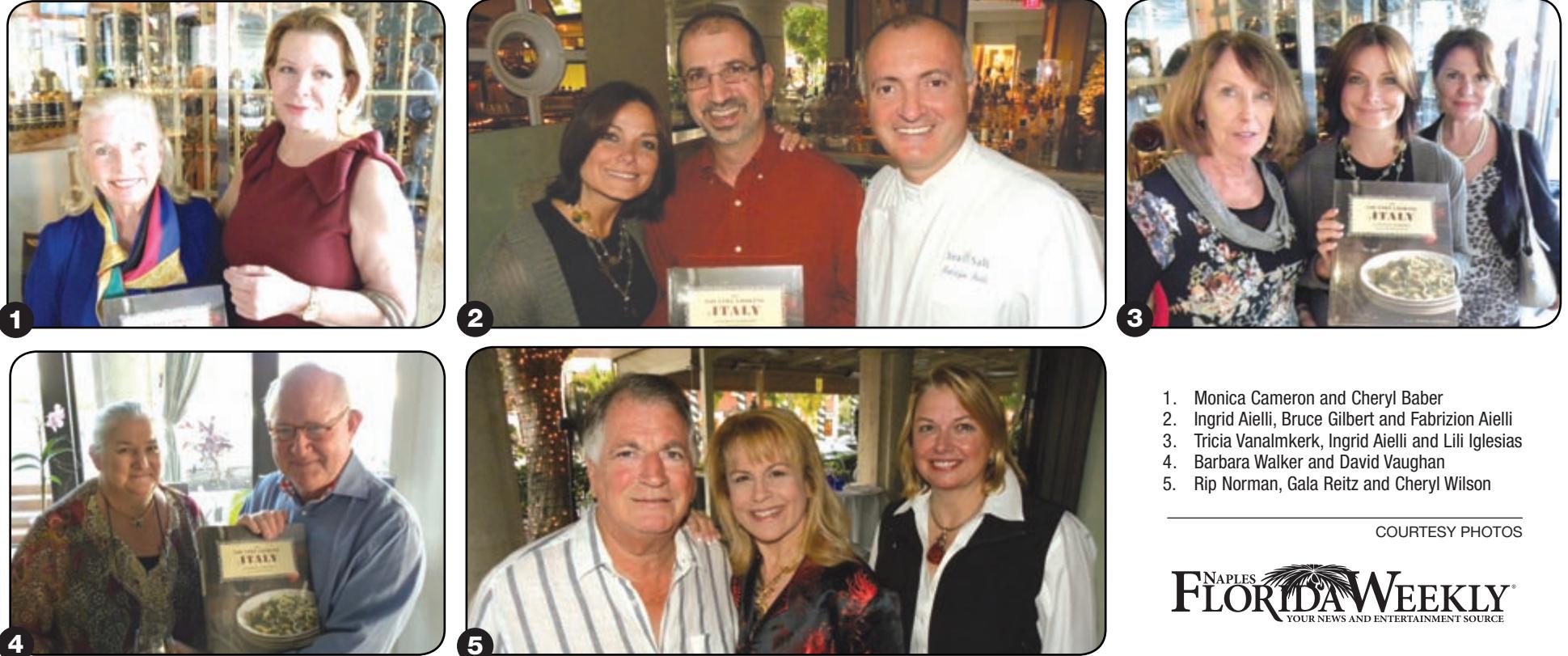


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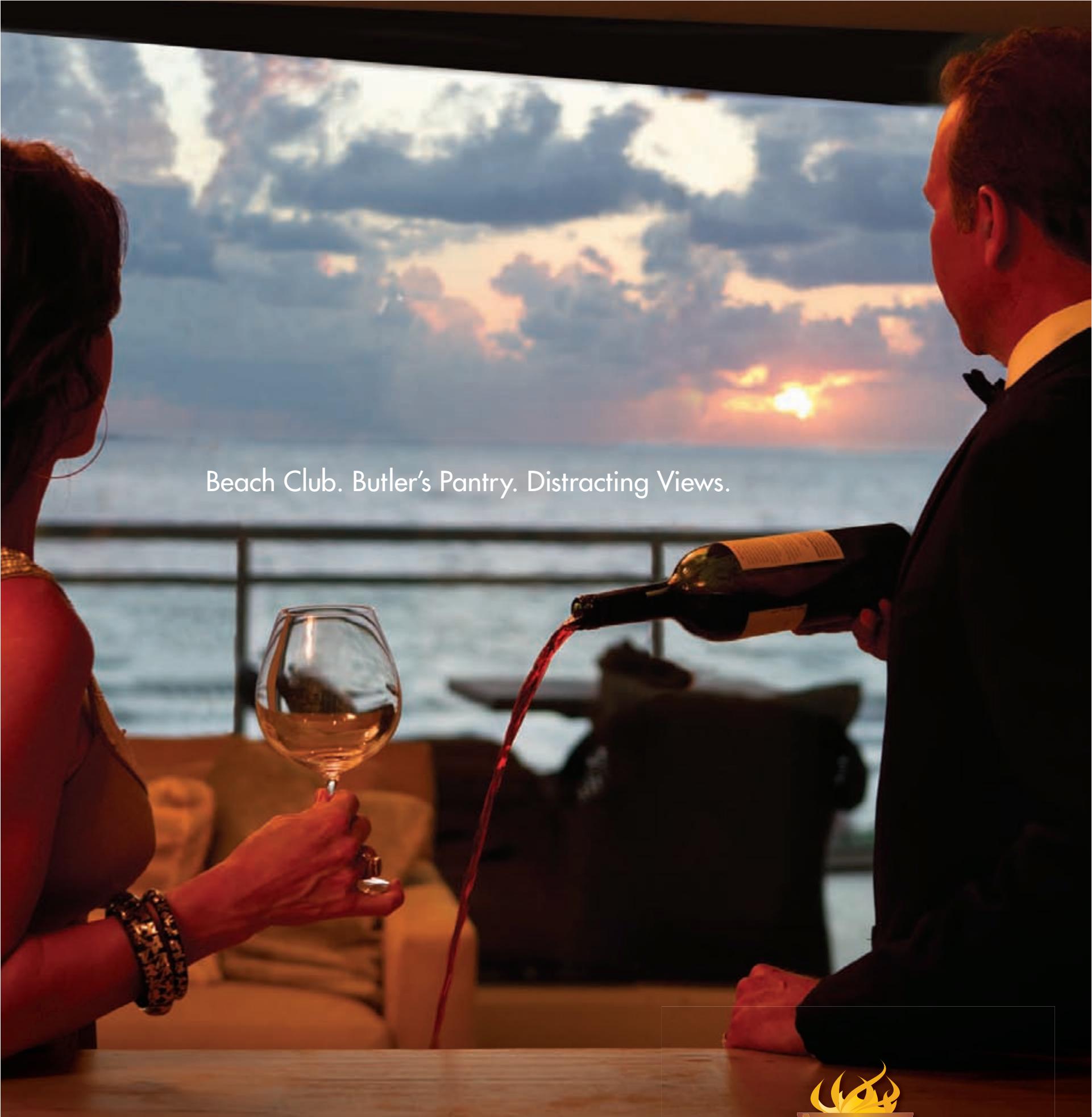
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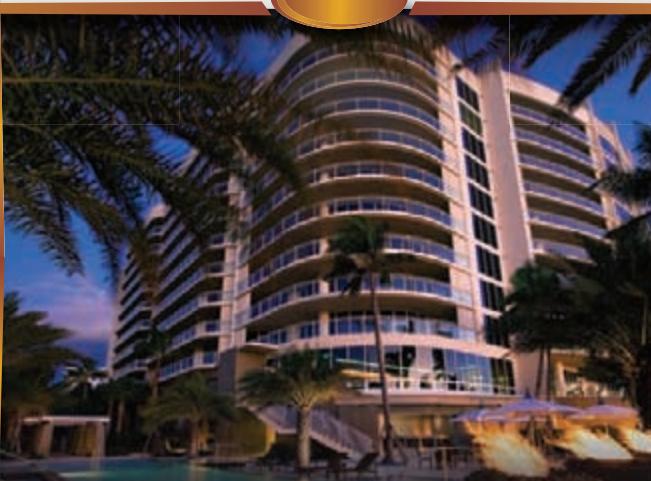
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## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Five agents have joined the team at Weichert, Realtors-On the Gulf.

**Michael and Donna Ricci** moved to Naples from Rhode Island in 2008 and opened the restaurant Table 82. They are also the founders of an international adoption agency called Gift of Life Adoption Services. The Riccis are members of the Naples Area Board Realtors and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

**Duncan Wales** previously worked in contract sales of natural stone to area builders. Before relocating to Florida in 2002, he owned floor covering and interior design businesses in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Portland, Ore. He belongs to NABOR, FAR and NAR.

**Jo Ann Stafford** is a 24-year resident of Bonita Springs. She belongs to the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and The Beach as well as to FAR and NAR.

**Guadalupe (Lupe) Morera** has lived in Naples for 45 years and is the former owner and operator of an independent real estate brokerage firm. She holds memberships in NABOR, FAR and NAR. Prior to entering real estate, she worked in the medical field for 20 years.

**Cathy Rogers**, a Certified Luxury Home Specialist, has joined Premier Sotheby's International Realty as a sales associate. She is based in the company's office in the Esplanade Shops on Marco Island. Ms. Rogers previously worked for Keller Williams Realty, where she consistently ranked as a top producer. She graduated from Sacramento State University and enjoyed a career in customer service with a major airline before joining the real estate industry.

Three members of the Bonita Springs-Esterro chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors were awarded the Performance Management Network designation at the National Association of Realtors and National Women's Council of Realtors conference in Anaheim, Calif., in November. The recipients were **Heather Wightman** of John R. Wood Realtors, president of the local chapter; **Judi Gietzen** of Amerivest Realty, president-elect; and **Debra McAlister-Brown** of Sun Realty, vice president/membership. ■



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## House Hunting: 1752 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

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Directly on Hurricane Harbor, this model home is one of 12 new architectural creations at Naples Casamore within the Coquina Sands community. With interior décor and furnishings by Collins & DuPont and with all upgrades in place, the property is offered furnished for \$3.995 million.

Expansive windows throughout the three-level floor plan draw in views of the water and natural light. There are four bedrooms, 5½ baths, an elevator, gas fireplace, four-car garage, pool, spa and a boat dock on Hurricane Harbor with access to the Gulf of Mexico. Square footage is 3,953 square feet under air and 6,008 square feet of exterior space.

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## The Eagle has landed

Redesigned course will ring in the New Year at TwinEagles

A grand opening celebration for The Eagle at TwinEagles, the community's golf course that has been redesigned by Steve Smyers and his design associate Patrick Andrews, is set for Tuesday, Jan. 3.

"We regard what we are creating at TwinEagles as very much a work of art," Mr. Andrews says. "The design worked to create interesting, vibrant shapes and lines that have a harmonious relationship to the surrounding land."

The renowned Talon course, designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son Jack Jr., has been the pride of TwinEagles for years.

"Now The Eagle course is going to be the perfect complement to the Talon," says Dick McPhail, general manager at TwinEagles.

The Eagle promises to be another home run in the Naples golfing world, with amazing approach shots, significant elevations and unique multiple tee boxes.

"The ninth hole is one of the neatest looking second shots into a par 4 that I've ever seen in Florida," says Scott Newhouse, director of golf at TwinEagles. "Imaginatively shaped greens, one of which is over 15,000 square feet, add to the allure of the new course," he says, adding, "The best feature of this design philosophy is that it provides a different experience for golfers each time the course is played."

"When The Eagle opens, we will

have two tournament-ready golf courses — and two tournaments are already scheduled."

TwinEagles hosts the 2012 ACE Group Classic and the CME Group Titleholders ladies LPGA tournament.

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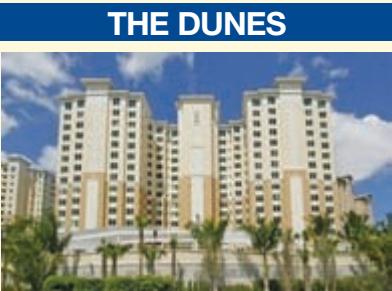
- 6 Bedrooms, 5.5-Baths
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- Extensive Custom Millwork Throughout
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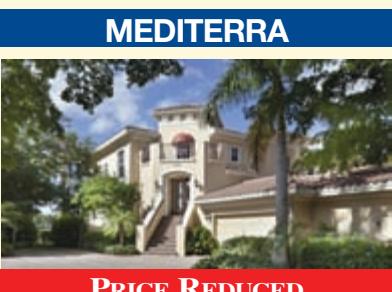
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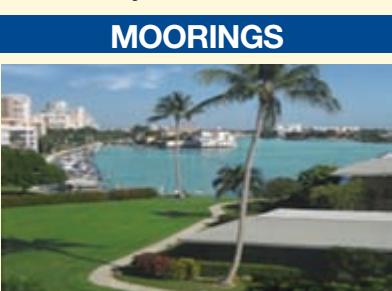
- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
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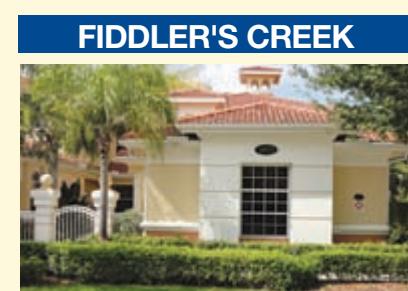
#### BEAUTIFUL WATER VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 2.5-Baths
- Situated on the Imperial River
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- Private Elevator
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- Stunning Appointments Throughout
- Beautiful Pool and Spa
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- 2 Bedrooms, +Den, 2-Baths
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- Resort Style Amenities
- Private & Quaint w/Bay Views
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- Over 1,600 S.F. of Living Space
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- Wonderful Community Amenities
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- 2 Story Estate w/Guest House
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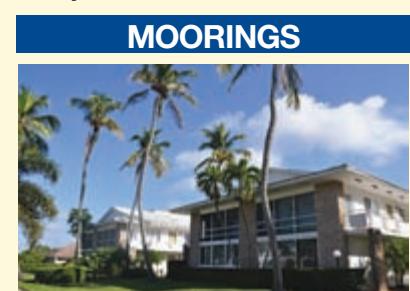
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### MONTEROSSO AT MEDITERRA

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- Custom Features Throughout
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- Unobstructed Gulf Views
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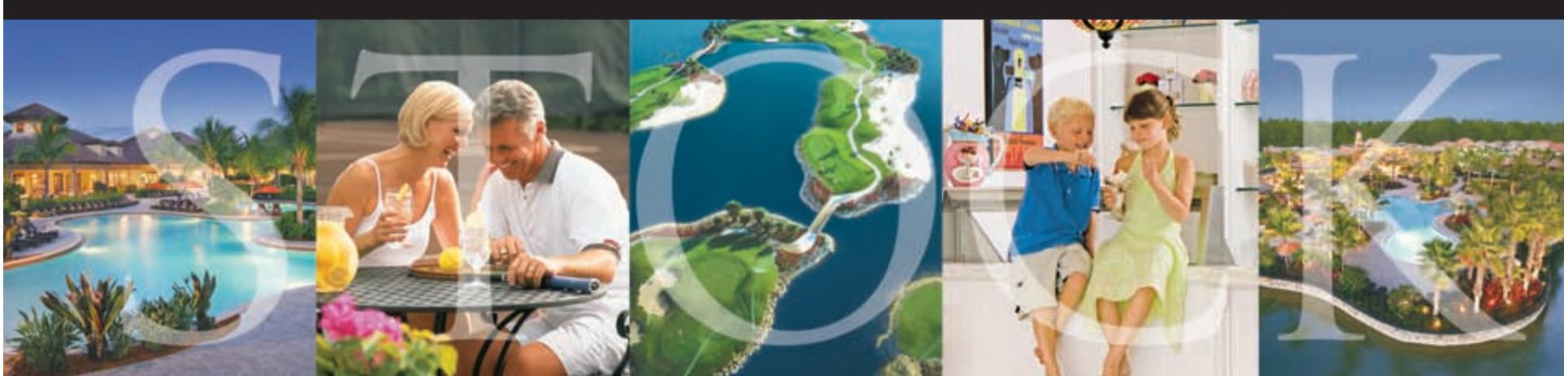
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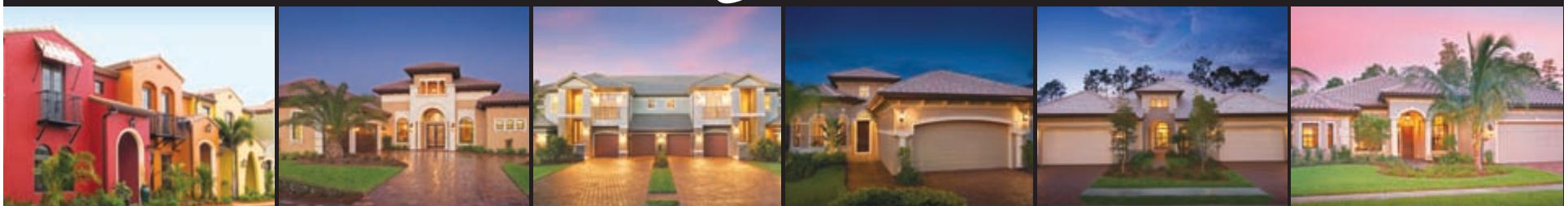
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## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

■ **The Ferrante Group** has leased approximately 2,000 square feet of office space in the Fifth Avenue Place Building in downtown Naples. Dougall McCorkle of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the tenant. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. represented the landlord.

■ **Gary and Debbie Fike**, d/b/a Once Upon a Child, have leased 6,000 square feet of retail space at 13560 Tamiami Trail N. from Smyrna Land Company LTD and Tamiami North LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ **Glen Lerner & Assoc.** has leased approximately 1,000 square feet of office space in the Sun Bank Building. Dougall McCorkle of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the tenant. Dean Prevulos of Commercial Management of Naples represented the landlord.

■ **Healthy Body by Nina Inc.** has leased 1,013 square feet of office space at 860 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, from Eagle Center LLC. Dave Wallace of CBRE brokered the transaction.

■ **J Mark Designs Inc.** has leased 5,625 square feet of retail space at 3950 Tamiami Trail N. from The Sherwin-Williams Company. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ **J&G Watson LLC** has sold a 1,650-square-foot retail condominium in Burnt Pine Plaza at 24920 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, to Drs. Owen and Claudie Feeney for \$215,500. Andrew DeSalvo and Matt Stepan of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the seller and Todd Sabin of Cameron Real Estate Services Inc. represented the buyer. ■

■ **Love My Dog Salon and Inn** has leased 2,100 square feet of retail space at Orange Pine Plaza, 2079 Pine Ridge Road, from PRY of Naples LLC. Mike Concilla of CBRE brokered the transaction.

■ **Natural Health Vitamins** has leased 900 square feet of retail space at 304 Ninth St. N. from Cooke & Cooke Properties. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ **Nature's Creations Crafts LLC** has leased 635 square feet of office space at Dockside Boardwalk, 1100 Sixth Ave. S., from Dockside LLC. Bill Young of CBRE brokered the transaction.

■ **Orange Leaf Yogurt** has leased approximately 1,200 square feet of retail space in the Village on Venetian Bay. Dougall McCorkle of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the landlord. Tim Elvino of Coldwell Banker Commercial represented the tenant.

■ **Rolling Frito-Lay Sales LP** has renewed its lease on 8,840 square feet of industrial space at 700 Industrial Blvd. from Houchin O'Dean LLC. Doris Taylor of CBRE brokered the transaction.

■ **Special Acquisitions Holdings Inc.** has sold 3,700 square feet of retail/office space at 2544 and 2546 Northbrooke Plaza Drive for \$325,000 to RM PT Properties LLC. Andrew DeSalvo and Matt Stepan of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the seller and Todd Sabin of Cameron Real Estate Services Inc. represented the buyer. ■

## Sotheby's International Realty launches YouTube channel

Premier Sotheby's International Realty has launched the brand's official YouTube channel to provide consumers an inside look into the properties represented by the firm locally and by the nearly 600 Sotheby's International Realty offices around the world.

The channel features three categories of video:

■ The Spotlight section provides candid views into some of the Sotheby's International Realty network's most exceptional properties and their lifestyles;

■ The Property section contains videos on the many homes represented by the network; and

■ The Destination section spotlights the many luxury markets served by the network around the world.

The YouTube channel also showcases the latest news from the brand's Facebook and Twitter pages, offers direct links to the Sotheby's Auction House's videos and the Sotheby's International Realty brand's official website, and provides a lifestyle and amenities video search.

"Video is not a unique medium in real estate marketing, but we are leveraging it in an innovative way," says Wendy Purvey, chief marketing officer for Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC.

"Our YouTube channel was designed to provide consumers with an inside view of some of the world's most extraordinary properties... Consumers are looking to video now more than ever before as a research tool in the home-buying process, and YouTube, the No. 1 online video website, is where they are searching for video, with 60 percent of video streams happening there," Ms. Purvey adds.

The Sotheby's International Realty network has more than 11,900 sales associates in approximately 590 offices in 44 countries and territories worldwide.

"Our YouTube channel enables us to offer our clients another powerful tool to market their homes," says Judy Green, president and CEO of Premier Sotheby's International Realty. "According to YouTube, 48 hours of video is uploaded there every minute. When you study that, this new channel substantiates consumers' demand for video." ■



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Perfect views of the 7th green, lake/fairway. Exquisite 5BR/4.5BA+den. Separate cabana. Beach, golf, tennis & more! \$1,395,000. Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



**THE BROOKS - SHADOWWOOD IDLEWILDE** Super "WOW" lake house to entertain year round. Decorator features throughout. 4BR/4.5BA + den. Great room plan. \$1,199,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - LONGLAKE COVE** Beautifully renovated lakefront home! Oversized homesite, extra-large lanai, 3BR/2.5BA + den, heated pool and spa. \$749,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**BONITA SPRINGS - BRENDAN COVE** Gulf access, beautifully remodeled 4BR/3BA home in a gated boating community. Docks, boat lift. Screened pool/spa. \$689,000 | Mark Leone | 784-5686



**PELICAN LANDING - THE COTTAGES** An exquisite courtyard home with private courtyard pool & spa area. S. facing lanai overlooking lake/golf course. \$617,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**PELICAN LANDING - PELICANS NEST** South facing vistas over golf course & lake. Family room, 3BR+den/4th bedroom. Lushly landscaped, offered 'as-is.' \$595,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



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**THE BROOKS - COPPERLEAF - CINNAMON RIDGE** Sunset views across golf course from heated pool. Airy 2-story great room, upgraded kitchen & formal dining area. \$489,000 | Trudy/Carl Salvers | 398-8901



**VASARI - ALTESSA** Elevator access to this coach home with a view, open plan & airy finishes. Bundled golf, tennis, fitness & club. \$479,500 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - CAPRI** Totally updated & renovated 3BR/2BA home. Beautiful lake view, large lot & entire interior was repainted in 2010. \$449,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**ESTERO - GRANDEZZA - SAVONA** Wide lake views, well-maintained 4BR+den home. Extended lanai w/spa overlooks tropical yard. Gated golf community. \$439,000. Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



**BONITA SPRINGS - BRIDGEWATER** Bay views abound from this 2BR/2BA condominium just blocks to beach. Convenient 1st floor, screened lanai, terrace. \$390,000 Cliff Donenfeld/Carol Sheehy | 398-0335



**PELICAN LANDING - BAYCREST** Lake to golf course view plus western exposure for sunsets. This 2BR/2BA+den villa has been beautifully updated. \$385,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**PELICAN LANDING - COSTA DEL SOL** Sweeping rolling golf course view with a peek of the lake is the perfect spot for this upgraded 3BR/3BA pool home. \$379,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TOSCANA** Bundled golf community. 3BR/2BA+den coach home has room to roam. Quiet lake & preserve views, near pool. Furnished. \$349,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - SANDPIPER ISLE** Airy & light, 2nd floor condominium with open space, storage, lake & golf course views. Tennis across the street. \$339,000 Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**PELICAN LANDING - SOUTHBRIDGE** Outstanding long lake views from this 3BR/2BA condominium. Large tile on the diagonal and new carpet in bedrooms. \$299,900 | Jack Despart | 273-7931



**BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA FARMS** Boaters - completely remodeled 2BR+den home with 100 ft. on the river, 60' wraparound dock, 10,000 lb. boat lift. \$269,900 | Mark Leone | 784-5686



**HIGHLAND WOODS - ST. ANDREWS VERANDAS I** Relaxing golf to lake views from this well-maintained 2BR/2BA + den end residence. Turnkey furnished. Gated entry. \$269,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TOSCANA I** Southern exposure golf/lake view. Meticulously maintained end residence. Bundled golf. Near clubhouse, pool/tennis. \$249,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**PELICAN LANDING - LAKEMONT COVE** Lovely 3BR/2BA 2nd floor residence in move-in condition. This condominium has recently been partially updated. \$249,900 | Jack Despart | 273-7931



**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TOSCANA I #101** - Fantastic turnkey furnished, corner 2BR+den. Preserve view, tile in all living areas & 1-car garage. Bundled golf. \$240,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - LAKEMONT COVE** A quiet cul-de-sac setting overlooking lake. Wonderful 3BR/2BA home offered turnkey, 1-car garage & private lanai. \$239,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - ALTESSA #204** Bundled golfing community. Wide lake views, southern exposure, beautifully decorated turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA+den. \$239,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - LAKEMONT COVE** Spectacular S. lake view, in a park-like setting, open plan 3BR/2BA across from community pool. Beach park, tennis. \$239,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - CYPRESS ISLAND** Incredible wraparound water & nature preserve views. Meticulously maintained corner 2BR+den, custom features. \$229,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**VASARI - FIRENZE #102** - Turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA coach home with a S. exposure lake/golf view. Bundled golf community, Har-Tru tennis. \$224,900 Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TRIESTE #204** - Bundled golf, southern exposure lake/golf views. Upgraded 2BR/2BA+den end residence. Cul-de-sac location by pool. \$219,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - POINTE** Privacy & quiet complements this end position coach home. A most desired location with many lifestyle activities. \$217,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**THE BROOKS - SPRING RUN HIDDEN LAKES** Model condition turnkey and totally renovated 2BR/2BA condominium. Close to the pool, fabulous lake & golf view. \$199,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - SAWGRASS POINT #102** - Glorious lake and golf course views! Well-maintained, many appliances have been replaced, newly painted interior. \$189,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**THE BROOKS - SPRING RUN AUTUMN LAKE** Outstanding lake view, 1st floor 2BR/2BA condominium, attached garage. Turnkey furnished, near pool & clubhouse. \$179,900 Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



**ESTERO - COCONUT POINT RAPALLO** Excellent value, rental in place through 8/20/11. Open plan 2BR/2BA + den, private garage. Resort style living. \$170,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**PELICAN LANDING - SAWGRASS POINT #103** - Mint condition 1st floor condominium overlooks landscaped area to golf course. Tennis, fitness, private beach park. \$169,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**GRANDEZZA - SABAL PALM** Quiet preserve and golf view, 2BR/2BA plus den condominium. Neutral colors. Community pool and the Club is closeby. \$162,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**BONITA SPRINGS - BERMUDA PARK** Impeccably cared for 2BR/2BA + den with lanai feels like a seaside cottage. Offered turnkey furnished. \$129,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

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**PINE RIDGE**  
Private & secluded 1.29 acres on lake. Over 3,000 SF main residence, separate 2BR/1.5BA guest house, sold 'As Is'. \$1,250,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



**PINE RIDGE**  
Charming older home on 1.65 acres on beautiful Mockingbird Lake. Southern exposure. Near beach. Being sold 'As Is'. \$1,249,000  
Sue Black | 250-5611



**THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE DOMINICA**  
Unsurpassed views of the Bay & Gulf. Model perfect residence. Private membership beach and on-site clubs, gated.  
\$1,199,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**PINE RIDGE**  
Close-in, yet private neighborhood. Picturesque home overlooks lakeside dock. Separate 2BR guesthouse, 1 acre+. \$1,199,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Stunning 5BR home on a quiet cul-de-sac. panoramic lake views & SW exposure. Spa, rock waterfall & gas heated pool.  
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Enchanting 3BR/3BA garden residence has private terrace with a spa & private gate to pool. Live a resort-style life. \$1,125,000  
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Enchanting Luxurious 3BR/3BA garden residence has private terrace with a spa & private gate to pool. Live a resort-style life. \$1,125,000  
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Mint condition, updated 4BR+den home on .67 acre lot. Spacious, bright, large lanai with solar heated lap pool/spa.  
\$999,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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Sprawling 5BR/4BA+den pool home, S. exposure lakefront lot. Clubhouse, 24-hr guarded gate, 3 Har-Tru tennis courts.  
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6941 Mill Run Circle - Sunny & spacious 4BR/3BA + den pool home on large southern exposure lot. Freshly painted, meticulously maintained.  
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Overlooking lake, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths. Granite countertops in kitchen, heated pool/spa, Outdoor kitchen. \$599,000  
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**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Absolutely meticulous, immaculate lakefront home has private lanai with large pool/spa. Updated kitchen & baths.  
\$595,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Fabulous 3BR/3BA + family room home with stunning west lake views. Large lot with mature tropical landscaping.  
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David Milner | 594-9400



**MERCATO - THE STRADA**  
Sophisticated, brand new, elegantly furnished condominium just 1 mile from beach. Upscale shops/dining downstairs. \$449,900  
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**AUTUMN WOODS**  
Meticulous, neutral, sunny and spacious lakefront two-story 4BR. Completely neutral colors and 2,453 A/C SF.  
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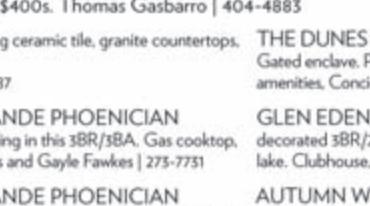
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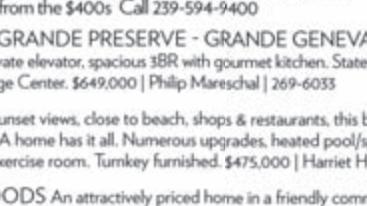
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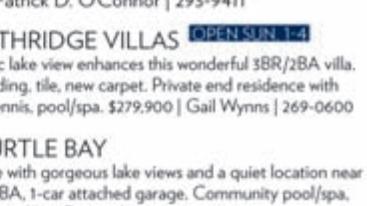
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**8 • VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I** • 400 Flagship Drive #PH08 • \$675,000 • Premier SIR • Patricia Bucalo 248-0694

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**12 • OLD NAPLES - VILLAS TORINO** • 355 - 9th Avenue South #102 • \$1,125,000 • Premier SIR • Marty/Debbi McDermott 564-4231

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**16 • PARK SHORE - MERIDIAN CLUB** • 4901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1403 • \$1,355,000 • Premier SIR • Pat Duggan 216-1980

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**26 • PORT ROYAL** • 1365 Spyglass Lane • \$3,190,000 • Premier SIR • Ruth Trettis 571-6760

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#### CAXAMBAS DRIVE

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Luxurious beachfront living! Corner 3BR/3.5BA, beach/city views. Professionally decorated & exquisitely finished.  
\$1,850,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



#### STONE COURT

Immaculate custom 3BR/3BA home with 3-car garage, granite counters & huge master suite. Water direct, SW exposure. \$1,399,000  
Cathy Rogers | 821-79263



#### HIDEAWAY BEACH

Absolutely gorgeous, 2005 custom built, 3-level 4BR/3.5BA home. S. exposure lanai, golf view, beach, tennis/dining. \$1,350,000  
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#### DUNNFOIRE

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HIDEAWAY BEACH 870 Sea Dune Lane - One of the largest & true Gulf front homesites available in a gated beachfront community. Tennis, fitness, dining. \$3,000,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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508 Tigertail Court - Beautiful, custom-built home with quick, direct access through Collier Bay. This 4BR/3.5BA has nearly 3,300 SF. \$1,295,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 357 Morning Glory Lane - Stunning 3 story custom home with 33' volume ceilings, marble floors, granite counters, elevator, & pool/spa. \$1,279,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

MARCO COURTYARD TOWERS 1131 Swallow Avenue #PH-2 - Beautifully decorated, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA top floor penthouse. Incredible Gulf, Bay/City views. \$1,199,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access, River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expansive waterway views. \$1,099,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #1303 - Southwest exposure, Gulf views, nicely renovated beachfront condominium. High ceilings, granite. Pool, spa, tennis. \$1,099,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

160 Peach Court - Magnificent bay views, tip cul-de-sac lot with 171' of waterfront. Expansive lanai/pool. Deep, quick river access. \$1,045,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

OLD MARCO VILLAGE 1064 Gayer Way - Immediate, direct Gulf access custom-built 3BR/2BA Florida cottage. Manicured grounds and spectacular water views. \$999,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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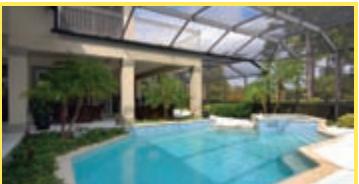
**Admiralty Point At Moorings**, 1 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #402 - 10 acre Gated Luxury Beach Resort. One of a kind, facing beach & Gulf. 4th floor. Owner paid \$1.6, then renovated/furnished. Turnkey, 3 pools, boating. Stunning. 3/3 (C7666) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,399,000**



**Bonita Bay**, 4080 Marshview Ct - Frey & Son built in 2003. Two master suites, custom cabinets with center island & granite counters, gas cook top, hobby room, den, family/media room, marble floors. 3+Den/3.5 (H5600) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$1,280,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 806 Slash Pine Ct - On quiet cul de sac, 5870 T.Sq Ft Pool Home boasts Total Renovation. Granite Kitchen & BA's, Marble, Tile, Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings, New Roof & Pool. Florida Room. 3/2.5 (H4744) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,229,000**



**Colliers Reserve**, 862 Barcarmil Way - London Bay Award winner. 6000 sq. ft. Superb finishes, marble, granite, hardwood. 3 car garage. Elevator to 2nd level bonus suite. 3+Den/3.5 (H4839) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,199,000**



**Pelican Marsh**, 8841 Muirfield Dr - Priced to sell peaceful & private luxury home situated on cul-de-sac in Muirfield. Split floor plan flows nicely with formal dining room/living room area for entertaining. 4+Den/3 (H6155) Debi Foss, 272-4494 **\$1,150,000**



**Bonita Bay**, 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd #1802 - Sit in awe watching beautiful multi-colored sunsets from this exquisitely appointed 18th floor elevated home. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, SS appliances & more. 3/3 (C7457) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$1,150,000**



**Bonita Bay**, 27401 Hidden River Ct - "Harwick" home. Beautiful lake view, stately oak trees, crown molding, family room, fireplace, formal living & dining rooms, tray ceilings, large covered lanai. 3+Den/3.5 (H6176) Judy Stead, 273-3438 **\$1,100,000**



**Vanderbilt Beach**, 405 Pine Ave - Canal and partial bay view, immaculately maintained, granite kitchen tops, rare cut in boat slip with roof, elevator, volume ceilings, 3 car garage, great value. 3+Den/3 (H6214) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$899,900**



**Royal Harbor**, 2120 Snook Dr - Royal Harbor canal home with boatlift, dock, pool & large lanai for entertainment. Beautifully landscaped & totally remodeled. Hardwood floors, granite counters & more. 3/2 (H6153) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$895,000**



**River Reach Estates**, 27600 River Reach Dr - Direct Gulf access, new villa home in Bonita Springs, deeded boat dock, custom pool/spa, outdoor kitchen & fireplace, 3-car garage, furnished model. 3+Den/4+2half (V1577) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$849,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 815 Arrowhead Ln - Special home on huge cul-de-sac lot with crown molding, vol/tray ceilings, pool/spa. Attached garden apt. Chipping/putting green. www.815arrowheadlane.com. 4+Den/3 (H5561) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$799,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #401 - Living, dining, kitchen and all bedrooms overlook the Gulf, new kitchen renovation (new cabinetry, granite, tile and appliances). 2,532 A/C sq ft, 60 ft lanai. 3/3 (C7619) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$795,000**



**Stonebridge**, 1975 Essex Cir - Seldom available Fairfield with den on cul-de-sac. Former decorator model with heated pool in sunny private setting in desirable Hawthorne. Text: MHG4 To: 97063. 4+Den/3 (H5682) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$785,000**



**River Reach Estates**, 27576 River Reach Dr - Direct Gulf access, new villa home in Bonita Springs, deeded boat dock, custom pool/spa, outdoor kitchen & fireplace, 2-car garage & more. 3+Den/4+2half (V1575) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$749,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd, #G-14 - St Raphael - luxurious garden villa, comfortable easy living, 10 foot ceilings, stone floors, screened lanai and outdoor patio, private garden with pool, gated. 2/2 (C6907) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$700,000**



**River Reach Estates**, 27592 River Reach Dr - Direct Gulf access, new villa home in Bonita Springs direct access to Gulf of Mexico new villa home, GE monogram appliances, deeded dock lift, custom pool & spa, outdoor kitchen, outdoor fireplace. 3+Den/4+2half (V1576) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$649,000**



**River Reach Estates**, 27588 River Reach Dr - Bonita Springs direct access to Gulf of Mexico new villa home, GE monogram appliances, deeded dock lift, custom pool & spa, outdoor kitchen, outdoor fireplace. 3+Den/4+2half (V1583) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$649,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 7032 Pelican Bay Blvd, #E-302 - Top floor Calais unit overlooking the golf course, 1,864 A/C Sq. Ft., 10 ft. ceiling on lanai and living area, storm shutters, elevator access, private garage. 3/2 (C7922) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$639,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #603 - Impressive Southwest Gulf view, bright and spacious, wood floors, electric shutters. Expansive wrap-around screened lanai. 2+Den/2.5 (C7921) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$619,000**



**Mediterra**, 15509 Monterosso Ln, #102 - Loaded with extras and professionally furnished. Spectacular long range lake views & is within walking distance to the Mediterra clubhouse. 3/2.5 (C5214) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$550,000**



**Four Seasons**, 9404 Autumn Haze Dr - Own this estate home on one-acre home site. Features include a fireplace in the family room overlooking large pool/spa. Formal living/dining. Spacious back yard. 4+Den/2.5 (H5938) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$549,900**



**Moorings**, 2170 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #81 W - OPEN BY APPT. Spectacular Gulf & bay views! Penthouse unit ready for renovations! Walk to beach access. Boat slips available. Call today! 2/2.5 (C7599) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$549,000**



**Vineyards**, 955 Fountain Run - Large pristine single-villa with pool & beautiful lake view. 2 master bds: 1 upstairs with fireplace & balcony. So many extras. New AC, pool heater, generator & tile roof. 3+Den/3 (H6127) Bobbie Dusek, 659-6132, Alexander Dusek, 207-7263 **\$520,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 8495 Abbington Cir, #212 - Sunny & bright open floor plan. South & west exposure. 1st floor end unit overlooking lake with water feature. Well-maintained with updated mechanicals. 3/2 (C7936) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$499,900**



**Sorrento At The Colony**, 23650 Via Veneto Blvd, #201 - Former Model, furnished 3/3+den, granite & crown molding. Enjoy upscale ambiance of The Colony & Bay Club. Walking distance to beach shuttle. OPEN HOUSE BY APPT. 3+Den/3 (C7723) Judy Stead, 273-3438 **\$425,000**



**Bonita Bay**, 26951 Montego Pointe Ct - Immaculate seldom available end unit upstairs with southern lake view, cathedral ceilings, new hot water heater, built-in media center, storm shutters & more. 3/2 (C7873) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$363,500**



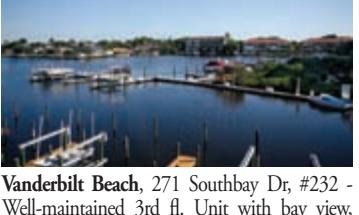
**Imperial Golf Estates**, 1969 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Lovely Classic home located on lake & parkette. 2800 T. Sq Ft. Carefree Naples lifestyle awaits you. 5 Min drive to Beach. Pristine condition, turnkey furnished. 3/2 (H5822) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$359,000**



**Tarpon Bend**, 27586 Tarpon Way - PRICE REDUCED SUBMIT ALL OFFERS. 2 Story home on canal with easy access to Gulf. Boat dock & Lift, Heated Pool, Approx 1200+SF screened Lanai, W of 41, dual Master Suites. 3/3 (H5909) Dave Clements, 938-4360 **\$359,000**



**Moorings**, 3200 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #217 - A beautiful setting, perfectly priced. Enjoy a vacation lifestyle year round from your second story bay front condo on Gulf Shore Blvd across from the beach. 2/2 (C7667) Michele Harrison, 580-9889, Sharon Kennedy, 595-2032 **\$349,900**



**Vanderbilt Beach**, 271 Southbay Dr, #232 - Well-maintained 3rd fl. Unit with bay view, common elevator & under building assigned parking. Boat dock included. Short walk to beach, restaurants. Great value! 2/2 (C7885) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$339,900**



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



**Moorings**, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #103 - Facing Gulf, sugary sand beach steps away. Top renovation in complex. Turnkey furnished, all new interior, full size washer/dryer. Large Custom Tile, Hurricane shutters. 2/2 (C7757) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$319,000**



**Old Naples**, 980 7th Ave S, #11 - 1st Floor, perfect Apt, beside pool, no stairs, & 1 of only four, 2BR, 2BA in Castleton Gardens. Reno & furniture included, 2 blocks to 5th Ave, 9 blocks to Beach. 2/2 (C7085) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000, 272-4462 **\$299,000**



**Moorings**, 2170 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #24W - Leisure living in this Tommy Bahama décor 1 bdrm, 1½ bath, up to the minute pied-e-tierre. 3 Full beds, a must see (not pull out sofas), 2 decks off LR. Carport. 1/1.5 (C6636) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$279,000**



**Wildcat Run**, 20675 Wildcat Run Dr #102 - Enjoy fabulous long lake views from meticulous 1st floor unit with beautiful Florida sunsets across lake & island preserve. Spacious floor plan & large screened lanai. 3/2 (C7946) The Dillard Team, 498-2888, Nina Link, PA, 357-5058 **\$234,900**



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

My life as a rat, a flower, a snowflake in ...

# 'The Hard Nut'



*Local dancer reflects on her roles in Mark Morris' rendition of a classic*



The snowflakes in Mark Morris' "The Hard Nut"

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ALYCE BOCHETTE LOOKS BACK WITH GREAT FONDNESS AT HER TIME AS A RAT.

"It was fun to be a rat!" she says. "We came out from under the couch and fought the GI Joes."

In addition to being a rodent, she was also a flower, a snowflake and a fashionable woman from France.

She played these roles as a dancer in "The Hard Nut," Mark Morris' groundbreaking, offbeat interpretation of "The Nutcracker."

As a member of the Mark Morris Dance Group, Ms. Bochette performed in the January 1991 debut of the dance in Brussels, Belgium. Though "The Nutcracker" is standard ballet repertoire, it was the first time she'd ever danced in any version of the holiday staple. Viewers today can see her in the DVD of "The Hard Nut," originally filmed for the PBS series "Great Performances: Dance in America."

The dance has been shown annually on cable TV on Ovation's "Battle of the Nutcrackers," in which viewers vote for their favorite from among five different productions of "The Nutcracker" the network broadcasts. The winning "Nutcracker" then airs on Christmas Eve.

"The Hard Nut" was so popular —

SEE HARD NUT, C4 ▶

## Exhibit showcases Picassos, Chagalls, Matisses and more

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

An exhibit of signed lithograph prints and vintage posters by master artists of the 20th century opens Friday, Dec. 16, at The von Liebig Art Center. On loan from Galerie Mourlot, New York, the works will remain at the Naples Art Association headquarters through Jan. 15.

Eric Mourlot, owner of the New York gallery as well as the Galerie Mourlot in Paris, will present a behind-the-scenes look at the arts, lithography and the history of his family's business at 4 p.m.

before the opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 16.

The master artists in the exhibition are said to have been inspired to explore lithography, a unique print art form, through the encouragement of the Atelier Mourlot, a Parisian print shop founded by the Mourlot family in 1852.

SEE MOURLOT, C23 ▶

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Vintage art posters from Galerie Mourlot.



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A-listers populate this romantic comedy.  
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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Dear Abby letters put relationships in perspective

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People will tell you newspapers are dying. They say it's all electronic now, that nobody pores over the morning paper with a cup of coffee, flipping through the funnies and reading the latest from Dear Abby.

It's true that many of us have moved to online formats. We prefer CNN.com to the old paper-and-ink editions. But I still have an affinity for the printed newspaper, and I still flip through the comics with my morning cup of tea. And, God help me, I still love Dear Abby.

Her topics have become racier over the years, the current slew of sex scandals and derelict boyfriends nothing like the G-rated versions I read growing up. What I love best about the Dear Abby letters is their obviousness, the way the questions almost feel rhetorical. I sometimes wonder why the writer even bothered; the answer is often in the asking.

For instance, "In a Quandary" recently wrote in with these two opening sentences. "Dear Abby: I married 'Raymond' in 2004. I met his son, 'Bill,' a year before the wedding and have been in a relationship with him ever since."

Yikes. I scanned to the end of the letter, wondering what she could possibly

want to know.

"Am I walking into a ring of fire by keeping the relationship with Bill?" Quandary asked.

Yes, dear writer. Unequivocally, yes.

Another advice-seeker presented a different dilemma. She was 31 and had been in a relationship with a man for 11 years. She desperately wanted a baby. But the boyfriend?

"He says he has a successful business, loves his life and doesn't want any more

Dear Abby: I married 'Raymond' in 2004. I met his son, 'Bill,' a year before the wedding and have been in a relationship with him ever since.

kids," she wrote. He hinted that he might change his mind down the road but made no promises.

What's more, the woman wrote to Abby, she had two abortions five years into their relationship.

"He felt we weren't ready," she said.

She signed her letter "Cheated in New York" and asked Abby for help.

"I hate him for this," she said. "I'm starting to pull away."

I took a sip of tea and pushed my empty cereal bowl to the edge of the counter. I wondered if people took the time to read back over their letters, if they were truly so blind to what was really going on.

Did "Cheated in New York" not see that she was being used? Did she not understand that her boyfriend of more than a decade was never going to give her what she really wanted — a stable relationship and a baby? Did "In a Quandary" really think that her affair with her husband's son could go on forever? That she hadn't already plunged her marriage into hot water?

Apparently not.

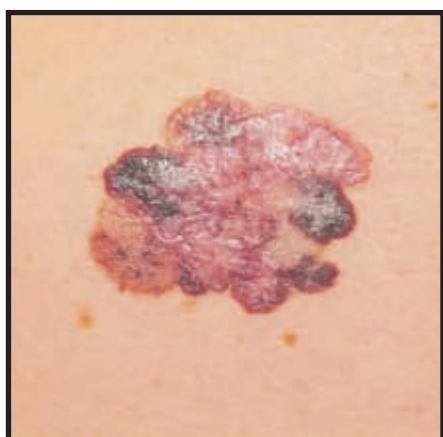
I folded the paper and mentally cast stones at the Abby letter-senders. I shook my head at their willful blindness. But then I stopped myself. What would my own letter to Dear Abby look like? I started to compose one in my head, realizing as I wrote that my romantic complications would wind up being just like those I read every morning: Elusive to my own eyes, but painfully obvious to everyone else. ■



### See Spot.



### See Spot Change.



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# ARTISTS AMONG US

## Tammra Sigler

**■ How do you describe your art form and your style?** Expressionist painter.... oil and mixed media... many large-scale works. I'm also a printmaker. I am considered a "colorist." I usually work in series... and I enjoy exploring new ideas.

My style is high-energy, fresh and very spontaneous. I follow my whims and random ideas, only to find later that they are linked and meaningful. I love surprise.

**■ Where are you from?** I was born and grew up in Baltimore, Md.



**■ When did you discover your creative talents?** When I was in the 11th grade, my art teacher pulled me aside and said, "Tammra dear, you really should pursue your art." I was quite shocked.

**■ Where can we see your work?** In my studio at 5760 Shirley St. and online at [www.tammrasigler.com](http://www.tammrasigler.com).

**■ What inspires you?** Just about anything can bring birth to new ideas. I need to always be "open" and watchful, visually and mentally. Music is a great inspiration, rhythmically and sometimes content-wise.

**■ How has living in Naples inspired you?** The light and "lightness of being," the joyful lifestyle here inspires me. I teach at The von Liebig Art Center, and my wonderful group of students have been inspirational in a special way.

**■ What is your studio like?** Cozy and filled with music. Wonderfully messy... my own organization of tables full of many, many colorful tubes of paints and brushes in all sizes.

**■ Are you a full-time artist?** Yes, and an art educator.

**■ How do you feel your art contributes to our community?** My work is contemporary and much of it is abstract. I think my vision is my own, and therefore brings its own unique point of view to an "art-forward" community.

**■ How do you use technology in your work?** For announcements and invitations. Also for creating my website, lots of image communications and entries and sales, my contact list of patrons and studio visitors,

keeping earlier versions of a painting, and for storing, scanning and printing images that will be used in paintings as collage.

**■ Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?** Family! I also love physical exercise and fresh air. And I care a lot about my friendships, old and new.

**■ What are you reading now?** "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls and "Incognito, the Secret Lives of the Brain" by David Eagleman.

**■ Who have you studied with?** I studied at Syracuse University School of Fine Arts and The Maryland Institute of Art, which is where I met my mentor, Jon Schueler, from the New York Abstract Expressionist School.

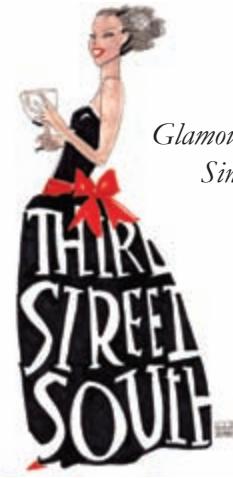
**■ Tell us about any awards won or recognition that you're proud of.** I enjoy the fact that my work resides in many major corporate collections, as well as in the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., and the Baltimore Museum of Art.

**■ What would you want to be if you weren't an artist?** I enjoy working with young adults, so I could see myself as a "kid coach" for college applications... helping students understand and believe in their talents and finding their "hook!"

**■ Favorite artists:** Picasso, Matisse, Bonnard and Milton Avery. ■

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# HARD NUT

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winning in 2007, 2008 and 2009 — that Ovation retired it from the competition.

Inspired by E.T.A. Hoffmann's original "Nutcracker" tale, which is much darker than many realize, and by Charles Burns' comic book illustrations, Mark Morris' ballet is a far cry from George Balanchine's classic version.

In "The Hard Nut," partygoers don green and red '70s outfits (think bell-bottoms, mini-skirts and shirts with long, way-too-pointy collars). Their dances include The Jerk, The Swim and The Bump. They proceed to get drunk and make passes at each other... or pass out. The family's maid is actually a man in a French maid's outfit.

Ms. Bochette danced with the Mark Morris Dance Group from 1988-1995. A Fort Myers native, she now contributes her expertise to the students of Dance Bochette, which is under the tutelage of her mother, Jeanne Bochette, in Fort Myers.

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the debut of "The Hard Nut," I invited Ms. Bochette to watch the DVD with me over pizza. It'd been years since she'd seen it. Here are some highlights from the ballet, along with Ms. Bochette's reactions, memories and behind-the-scenes comments.

## Opening credits

The camera pans over Brussels' ornate Theatre Royal de la Monnaie. When it passes over some people sitting in a box, Ms. Bochette points out that the woman in purple wearing glasses is the choreographer's late mother, Maxine Morris, and the younger woman next to her is his sister, Maureen. They're not identified on screen.

## The children watch TV

The ballet opens with Marie, Fritz and Louise watching television. Dressed in black and white, they almost look like comic book figures themselves. The set design, by Adrienne Lobel, is based on Charles Burns' pen-and-ink drawings.

"The one playing Fritz is Marianne (Moore)," Ms. Bochette notes. "It's actually a woman."

And she's not the only dancer playing the opposite gender in this ballet.

The housekeeper soon appears, performed by Kraig Patterson, a slim African-American man who dances en pointe, which is extremely rare for men. "He just brought the house down (with his performance)," Ms. Bochette says.

Mikhail Baryshnikov was supposed to be in the dance, she reveals, adding, "He was cast as the Nutcracker Prince, but he ended up not performing with us because he hurt his knee."

## Party prep/rival of the guests

The parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum, show up, both dressed in holiday greens and reds. The husband, a short man sporting glasses and a goatee, wears a green plaid jacket. "That's Barry Alterman; he was one of the company managers," Ms. Bochette says.

The physically imposing mother, wearing an off-the-shoulder dress, is Peter Wing Healey. He towers over the husband. Ms. Bochette comments that some of the audience members never realized he was a man.

The father turns on the TV, which shows a fire in a fireplace.

The guests arrive, dressed in bellbottom pants, half-unbuttoned shirts. (The choreographer, Mr. Morris, has his shoulder-length hair tucked up under an Afro-like wig and wears a green silk



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The party scene from a 2005 performance of "The Hard Nut." Alyce Bochette performed in the production in the 1990s and appears in the DVD.



The DVD cover by Charles Burns



Alyce Bochette backstage during "The Hard Nut"

scarf tied around his neck. He's the man who passes out on the couch.)

"The waltz of the drink cart," Ms. Bochette notes as they all proceed to get drunk, following the maid as she pushes the cart.

When the company performed "The Hard Nut" in New York at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, "We had walk-ons by former Mayor Ed Koch and Kitty Carlisle," she says. "They came in as a couple to the party." They didn't dance, but the other guests hobnobbed with them onstage, she adds.

## Gift giving

Christmas gifts are exchanged, and two large boxes contain a Barbie doll and a robot.

Ms. Bochette laughs.

"I forgot the robot was anatomically correct," she says.

The robot and Barbie dance, until the robot rips off Barbie's right arm.

This definitely wasn't in Balanchine's ballet!

## Invasion of the rats

When Marie falls asleep, rats appear. The first ones are motorized and have glowing red eyes. "The dancers were controlling them by remote control from the wings," Ms. Bochette says. "They had to rehearse how to control them."

As Marie dreams, everything around her grows to gargantuan size.

"As rats, we were standing behind the dust skirt of the couch, which is actually a curtain, waiting to come out. I think I was the first rat out."

She watches the screen. "That's me," she says. "I think I'm the tallest rat."

The soldiers in "The Hard Nut" are

any kind. Frankly, I wanted a stage full of people, and my company is 50 percent men and 50 percent women. It became a sociopolitical thing when, in fact, it's just: Bring on the snowflakes!"

As more and more snowflakes leap about the stage, they toss handfuls of "snow" into the air. Twenty pounds of confetti were used for each performance.

"We'd go offstage and just grab handfuls of the 'snow' before we went back out," Ms. Bochette recalls.

The dancers all wear tutus and off-kilter headpieces that look like the swirls tops of ice cream cones.

At one point, dancers hidden in the wings were throwing handfuls of "snow" onto the stage, Ms. Bochette explains. And at the end of the number, the snowflakes leap across the stage, tossing handfuls of "snow" up into the air in time with the orchestra's crashing cymbals.

## 'French Dance'

In Act II, in this tale within a tale, a princess is bitten on the face by a rat and becomes ugly. Only a special hard walnut can cure her, and the man who can bite the hard nut and crack it open will return her to beauty and win her hand in marriage. A search is made around the world for this magical hard nut, which introduces the "Spanish Dance," "Chinese Dance," "Russian Dance." (The "Arabian Dance," starring Mr. Morris as a woman veiled in orange, was edited out of the Great Performances' "Dance in America" and is offered elsewhere on the DVD as an extra.)

Ms. Bochette is one of four dancers in the "French Dance." She enters first, with supermodel haughtiness, high stepping and wearing a hat that looks like a lampshade. Each dancer is holding a prop. "I have a Vogue magazine, Bill (Wagner) has a baguette, Megan (Williams) has a hatbox and Joe (Bowie) has a riding crop," she says.

## Closing celebration

At the end of the ballet, there's exuberance and a sense of celebration as all the women come out and do pique turns on stage. The men follow, doing "turns in second," in which they spin rapidly with one leg outstretched.

"Usually one man in a ballet will come out and do that, but here it's a whole stage full," Ms. Bochette says.

There's wistfulness and a joy in seeing her old friends and fellow dancers on the DVD, as the ballet brings back memory of that time.

She performed "The Hard Nut" in Brussels a couple of times and also at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, but she can't estimate how many times she's danced it.

"The more you dance something," she says, "the more comfortable you become with it, the more familiar your body is with the moves, and the more freedom you have with it. You don't have to think as hard, the movement becomes clearer in expression."

"You can go into an almost suspended thought phase. So then you (ital) are (close italic) the dance, you're not doing the dance." ■

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## Holiday dance show

It's not "The Hard Nut," but it's a holiday tradition. Dance Bochette and Gulfcoast Dance team up to present dances from "The Nutcracker" and other holiday classics at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at First Baptist Church on Jackson Street in Fort Myers. Admission is free. For information, call 334-3274.

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## Theater

**Sherlock Holmes, the Final Adventure** - By The Naples Players through Dec. 17. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Becky's New Car** - By Theatre Conspiracy, Fort Myers, through Dec. 17. 936-3239 or [www.theaterconspiracy.org](http://www.theaterconspiracy.org). See review on page C8.

**It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play** - By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Dec. 18. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

**The Santaland Diaries** - By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Dec. 31. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

**A Christmas Carol** - By Laboratory Theater of Florida, Fort Myers, at 8 p.m. Dec. 15-17 and 2 p.m. Dec. 18. 218-0481 or [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

**Irving Berlin's White Christmas** - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

**A Christmas Survival Guide** - At the Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

## Thursday, Dec. 15

**Shakespeare Fun** - A free Shakespeare seminar and wine tasting with John McKerrow of Shakespeare in Paradise takes place from 4-6 p.m. at Clive Daniel Home. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 261-4663.

**Art in Bonita** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. at the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 26811 S. Bay Dr. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Holiday Pops** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Holiday Pops" at 8 p.m. tonight through Sunday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

**Cantors in Concert** - The Gulf Coast Symphony presents "Cantors: A Faith in Song" at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. A reception starts at 6:30 p.m. 277-1700 or [www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org).

## Friday, Dec. 16

**Fine Art** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts a preview reception for "Lithography from Galerie Mourlot, New York" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Jan. 15. See story on page C1.

**Craft Show** - The Southwest Florida Craft Guild hosts an opening reception for "No Boundaries" from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. The juried show features work by local guild artists in clay, glass, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, wood and mixed media. It remains on exhibit through December. 26100 Old 41, Bonita Springs. 495-8989.

**Seasonal Sounds** - The Naples High Concert Bands perform a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the school auditorium. \$5. 821-8520.



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"Night Lights: A Winter Solstice Celebration" returns to Naples Botanical Garden this year with more music, activities, marshmallows and lights from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 20-23 and again Dec. 26-30. See story on page C17.



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Naples City Improv takes the stage for an evening of ad-libbing from 8-10 p.m. Friday at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

**Hansel and Gretel** - By Opera Naples tonight through Sunday in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. 963-9050 or [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org).

**It Takes Two** - Enjoy a tango show by Pablo and Vicky at the Martin Fierro Restaurant, 6002 Radio Road. 659-5996.

**Sacred Tunes** - The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida performs "The Messiah" at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500, 560-5695 or [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org).

**Storytime with Santa** - The jolly old soul himself reads holiday classics for kids 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. at Waterside Shops. Young performer Jessie Cohen entertains at 3 p.m. [www.watersideshops.com](http://www.watersideshops.com).

**Street Art** - Celebrate original American art while shopping at the Shirley Street Galleries and Studios from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 5760 and 5850 Shirley St. 572-3386.

## Saturday, Dec. 17

**More Art** - "3rd Saturday Art Days," presented by the North Naples Arts Alliance, runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in galleries and studios in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

**Christmas Carols** - The choir at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church presents a concert of carols at 5 p.m. today and 4 p.m. Sunday. A carol sing-along concludes the program, and a reception follows. 262-6581, ext. 207.

**Holiday Party** - Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour holds a holiday open house from 6-8 p.m. The Holiday Harmony Carolers sing seasonal classics. 434-9700 or [www.OohLaLaNaples.com](http://www.OohLaLaNaples.com).

**Free Concert** - The Naples Orchestra and Chorus presents its holiday concert at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday at Golden Gate High School. Free. [www.naplesorchestraandchorus.org](http://www.naplesorchestraandchorus.org).

**Beachfront Brass** - The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Late Night Brass in a free outdoor holiday concert from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy craft-making activities, holiday snacks and more. 261-2222.

**Winter Wonderland** - The Village on Venetian Bay presents holiday activities and entertainment by Patchouli Duo from 5-8 p.m. [www.venetianvillage.com](http://www.venetianvillage.com).

**Movie Night** - It's free family movie night from 7-10 p.m. under the stars at Cambier Park. Tonight's feature: "The Polar Express." 213-3058.

**Bluegrass Sounds** - Hearttown Bluegrass performs at 7 p.m. at the Norris Center. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. 213-3049.

**Holiday Cheer** - Florida Gulf Coast University Theatre Lab presents "Thistletoe Cabaret," an evening of seasonal cheer and a silent auction beginning at 7 p.m. in the FGCU Arts Complex. \$25. 590-7268.

**Holiday Pops** - The Southwest Florida Symphony performs "Holiday Pops: Timeless Treasures" at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500 or [www.swfso.org](http://www.swfso.org).

## Sunday, Dec. 18

**Free Film** - The Marco Island Jewish Film Festival presents "100 Voices: A Journey Home" at 2 p.m. Free. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.

**Big Band Sound** - The Gulf Coast Big Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058

**Bach Ensemble** - The Bach Ensemble Troubadours and the choir at St. Mark's Episcopal Church present "A Holiday Celebration" at 6 p.m. at the church on Marco Island. [www.thebachensemble.org](http://www.thebachensemble.org).



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Pack up the family with some blankets and chairs and head to Mackle Park on Marco Island for a free screening of the holiday favorite "Home Alone" beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. 252-4000.

# WHAT TO DO



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Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" plays at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

**All That Jazz** — The Jerry Stawski Quartet performs from 2-4 p.m. at Suggen Regional Park. 775-2800.

**Holiday Service** — Marco Presbyterian Church holds a family Christmas service, "Through the Eyes of a Child," beginning at 6 p.m. 875 W. Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. 394-8186.

## Monday, Dec. 19

& Spirits hosts Wine Down Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Open mic night starts at 7:30 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

**Funny Guy** — Jimmy Walker performs today through Friday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

**Acrobatics Galore** — "Cirque Dreams Holidaze" takes the stage Dec. 27-Jan. 1 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

**Me and My Girl** — At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, Dec. 29-Feb. 11. 278-4422.

**Art Event** — The Coconut Point New Year's Weekend Art Festival is set for Dec. 31-Jan. 1 at Coconut Point. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (561) 746-6615.

**The Gin Game** — Kay Francis and Tom Milligan present "The Gin Game" Jan. 4-6 at The Norris Center. (800) 838-3006 or [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

**Good Company** — TheatreZone presents Stephen Sondheim's "Company" Jan. 5-15 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

## Tuesday, Dec. 20

**Broadway Tunes** — Waterside Shops presents a sneak peek of the national tour of the Broadway musical "Million Dollar Quartet," with 20-minute shows at noon and 2 p.m. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents the show at 8 p.m. tonight through Dec. 23.

**Menorah Lighting** — Chabad Naples hosts a Chanukah celebration from 5-7 p.m. Free parking and shuttle service from the Northern Trust Bank building. 404-6993.

**Movies at Mercato** — The Mercato "Movies on the Lawn" series continues with "A Christmas Story" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Free.

**Night Lights** — "A Winter Solstice Celebration" is set for 6-8 p.m. tonight through Dec. 23 and Dec. 26-30 at the Naples Botanical Garden. Enjoy concerts, a movie night and more. [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). See story on page C16.

## Wednesday, Dec. 21

**Wine & Music** — Fred's Food, Fun

**Hyacinth Series** — Moorings Presbyterian Church presents organist Nathan Laube on Jan. 6. No tickets; free-will offering. 261-1487 or [www.moorings-presby.org](http://www.moorings-presby.org).

**Young Artists** — Bayshore CAPA presents the Naples Music Club Young Artists in concert Jan. 6 as part of the Eric Kunzel Community Concert Series at Edison State College-Collier. 775-2800 or [www.bayshorecapa.org](http://www.bayshorecapa.org).

**Neapolitan Opry** — "Cluster Pluckin'" at The Norris Center features The Laws, The Bugtussle Ramblers, Scott Ritter & The Bean Pickers, The Crying and Screaming Blues Band and more on Jan. 14. 213-3049.

**Mamet Play** — Gulfshore Playhouse presents David Mamet's "Race" Jan. 27-Feb. 12 at The Norris Center. 261-7529 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org).

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# THEATER REVIEW

## 'Becky's New Car': As much fun as a Maserati

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Fairly early into "Becky's New Car," Theatre Conspiracy's latest production in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts, Becky (Lauren Drexler) decodes women's secret longings for us.

When a woman says she wants new shoes, she really wants a new job, she explains. When a woman wants a new house, she actually wants a new husband.

And when she says she wants a new car... well, what she's really longing for is a new life.

Becky's at that mid-point in life when friends and spouses of friends are dying. She works hard as the office manager at a car dealership, but her bosses don't seem to appreciate her. The demands never seem to end, and she constantly brings work home with her, her work life continuously bleeding into her personal life.

She's married to a big slab of a guy, Joe (Gene Krupp), a roofer. He's a little rough around the edges, and you can't quite see what Becky sees in him. Over the decades, their marriage has settled into one of comfortable taking-each-other-for-granted. (One of Mr. Krupp's best scenes occurs when he does a little monologue about why he doesn't like to talk about his feelings — or his wife's.)



### Quirky, fun, intelligent

"Becky's New Car" is the type of production Theatre Conspiracy excels

Their 26-year-old son, Chris (Jordan Wilson), still lives with them. He's a psychology major in graduate school who lacks motivation to move out and look for a job. He has little life experience but thrives on psychoanalyzing and labeling everyone around him. Mr. Wilson's perfect in this role: smug and condescending. With youthful ignorance and from the safety of academia, he thinks he has the world all figured out — but it's all just book knowledge.

Becky's car-selling co-worker, Steve (Martin Hastings), is a widower who still hasn't come to grips with the loss of his wife. He's the type of guy who needs a woman to take care of him, and he leans on Becky for emotional support. Mr. Hastings plays him as a classic narcissist, displaying an irritating single-minded self-centeredness.

One night, a wealthy man walks into the dealership to buy cars for his employees. Walter (Scott Thomson), a widower, falls for Becky, and as they converse, he mistakenly comes to believe that her husband is dead too. Mr. Thomson is perfect at portraying Walter's mix of emotions: infatuated, hopeful, doubting, vulnerable.

Becky, more than a little intrigued, doesn't know how to tell Walter that her husband is still alive.

And so she begins to live a kind of double life.

in: quirky, funny and totally unpredictable. Steven Dietz's witty play is intelligent and fresh; not only could I not guess what was going to happen next, but I enjoyed his unique staging.

The set (by Bill Taylor) is divided into thirds — office, home and the veranda of Walter's posh home — among which Becky divides her time, stepping back and forth between locales in a just a matter of seconds.

Ms. Drexler, whose appearance on stage is always cause for celebration, breaks the fourth wall from the very beginning, directly addressing the audience. She continues to do so throughout the night, even pausing to ask some women in the audience what she should do about Walter.

The actress moves between script and improvisation and back again with unflappable ease. And her charm makes us like her character, even if we might not care for her choices.

This is not as much a play about possible adultery as it is about midlife in general, and reassessing one's possibilities and options.

Life narrows, the older you get, Walter says at one point. And Becky ruefully notes how, after 40, women become invisible. Perhaps that's part of the reason why Walter's attention intrigues her so much; her husband, her son, her bosses and her co-workers all seem to take her for granted.

And a client whose husband left her for a swimwear model echoes the classic Peggy Lee song, asking her, "Is that it, Becky? Is that all there is?"

It's interesting to note that Mr. Dietz wrote "Becky's New Car" after turning 50 and experiencing a death in the family.

And, as director Steve Hooper mentions before the play begins, "Becky's New Car" was commissioned by Charles Staadecker, a Seattle commercial Realtor, in honor of his wife Benita's 60th birthday.

But the play is unexpectedly funny, not at all depressing. The characters' dilemmas will ring emotionally true to anyone over a certain age. And Mr. Dietz displays such an amazing sensitivity to women that at times it's surprising to remember the play was written

by a man.

"Becky's New Car" received the Steinberg New Play Award from the American Theatre Critics Association, and Mr. Dietz was named one of the most produced playwrights in America in 2010, tied with Edward Albee and Tennessee Williams. Productions of "Becky's New Car" are popping up all over the nation.

This is a play about changes — about how life changes when we don't want it to, with friends or spouses dying or leaving, and about how we have to struggle to make positive changes the older we become.

Walter's daughter, Kensington (Bri Curtis), and his neighbor, Ginger (Nancy Antonio), represent opposite ends of the spectrum.

The daughter is young, privileged, and more than a little spoiled. (She's bored with her father's present of a downtown loft, because he gave her the same gift last year.) She thinks life will always go on as it has been.

Ginger, on the other hand, depended on a trust fund for decades, but now the money is gone and she must (gasp!) actually work for a living in her later years.

This production, however, has one of the most boring openings I can recall seeing in the theater. For what seems like endless minutes, we're subjected to watching Becky clean her living room. Director Steven Hooper lets this opening scene go on for too long. (No one wants to watch someone else do housework — unless, of course, that person is wearing a Speedo or a French maid's outfit, and cleaning your house for you. For free.)

The numerous traffic signs tacked to the set's black curtain backdrop also seem superfluous and heavy-handed.

But these are minor missteps.

"Becky's New Car" is one of those rare nights at the theater: thoughtful, entertaining and fun. It's one hell of a ride. ■

### in the know

"Becky's New Car," by Theatre Conspiracy

>> **When:** through Dec. 17  
>> **Where:** The Foulds Theatre, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers  
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For more information about Naples Ballet, call Jeff Wardrop at 732-1000, e-mail giving@naplesballet.org or visit www.naplesballet.org.

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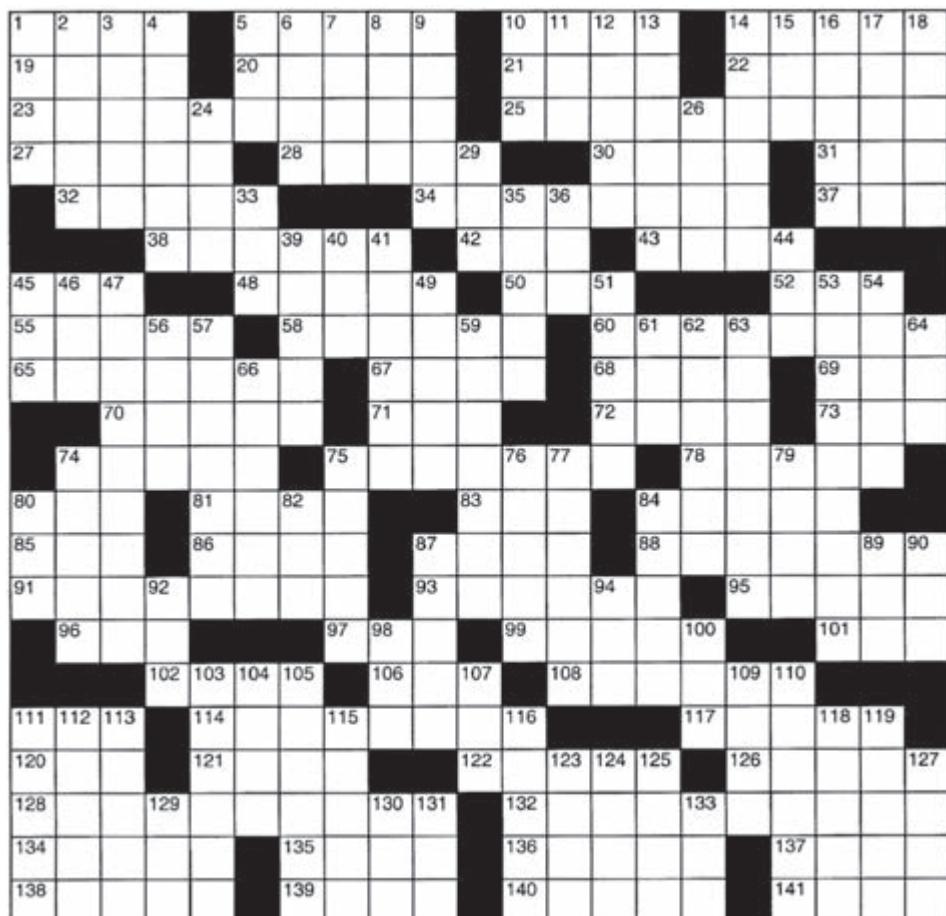
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37 Chinese principle  
38 Fit for farming  
42 "Ligela" author  
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52 Make wine divine  
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## 'New Year's Eve'

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Call me a hopeless romantic, but there's something about New Year's that warms the heart. It's an opportunity for change, rebirth, the pursuit of unfulfilled hopes and getting rid of all that weighs you down. It is, in short, a special night for those who choose to make it special.

"New Year's Eve," director Garry Marshall's moderately successful and endearing follow-up to "Valentine's Day," works because it embraces the romance and optimism that people love about New Year's. The film is about love, loss, hope, friendship, second chances and fresh starts. Set in New York City, it features a cast of A-listers and legit up-and-comers.

Major players include: Hilary Swank as the person in charge of the ball drop in Times Square; Halle Berry as the nurse to Robert DeNiro's dying cancer patient; Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele as opposites stuck in an elevator; Katherine Heigl as the spurned lover of a rock star played by Jon Bon Jovi, and Sofia Vergara as her assistant; Josh Duhamel as a man who desperately needs to get to the city; Abigail Breslin as a teenager wanting to hang out with her friends, but her mother (played by Sarah Jessica Parker) won't allow it; and Jessica Biel and Seth Meyers racing against another couple (played by Sarah Paulson and Til Schweiger) to have the first baby of the new year.

The best and most interesting storyline, however, features the unlikely pair of Zac Efron and Michelle Pfeiffer. He's a courier who wants her tickets to a posh party; she just quit her job and has a list of resolutions she has no idea how to fulfill. The deal: He makes her resolutions come true in one day and she'll give him the tickets to the party. He's allowed a lot of leeway, and it's a real treat the way he provides her with a trip to Bali, a traffic-free taxi ride, etc. This is a storyline that would be fun to see as its own movie.

Often ensemble movies featuring many storylines and characters get

lost in a balancing act, but Marshall and screenwriter Katherine Fugate are always able to focus on the end point of the ball dropping at midnight. This is especially important because it allows momentum to build as Marshall cuts between characters and keeps all in the same time frame.

That said, none of the performances are very memorable, though a few stand out: Swank has a nice speech in the midst of the ball being stuck half way up the pole, comedian Larry Miller is amusing as an indifferent tow truck guy and Vergara gets some good laughs even if she's playing the same role (in terms of personality) she does on "Modern Family."

So no, there's not much here if you're



like my uncle and go to bed at 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. But if you celebrate or have any fond memories of New Year's at all, "New Year's Eve" will make you smile. ■

### in the know

**>> Filming began in** Times Square on Dec. 31, 2010, making it the first feature film to capture the event, live, in its 106-year history. The crew returned in February 2011 for an additional two weeks of filming with the actors, and rebuilt the stage at 45th and Broadway. Shots focusing on the malfunctioning ball were caught from atop the roof of a building adjacent to One Times Square.

# CAPSULES

## The Sitter ★

(Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor, Sam Rockwell) A college dropout (Hill) babysits three weird kids so his mother can go to a party. Unfortunately, his pseudo-girlfriend (Graynor) coaxes him into bringing the kids into New York City, where predictable chaos ensues. It's not funny, but it is hideously stupid and misguided. Plus, "Adventures in Babysitting" already did this perfectly. Rated R.

## Arthur Christmas ★★★

(Voices of James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent) After Santa's (Broadbent) long night out, his son Arthur (McAvoy) races to give a little girl her present on

Christmas morning. Nothing too special here, but it's a fun, harmless and enjoyable Christmas movie that's nice for the kids and easily tolerable for adults. Rated PG.

## My Week With Marilyn

★★★½

(Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne, Kenneth Branagh) Well-to-do 23-year-old Colin (Redmayne) wants to join the film industry in 1950s England, and lucky for him his first job is on a set with Laurence Olivier (Branagh) and Marilyn Monroe (Williams). Much of the focus is on Colin's time with Monroe and the story is nicely told, but the real highlight is Williams' phenomenal performance. Rated R.



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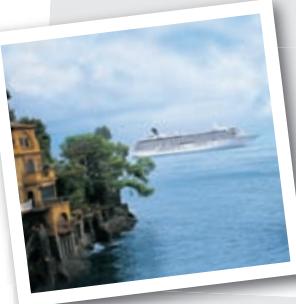
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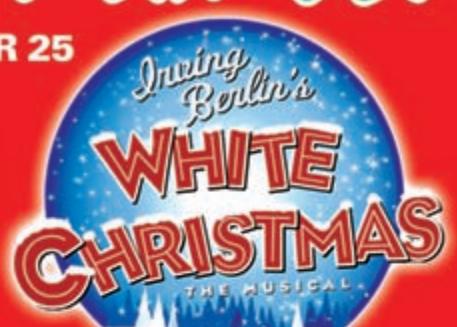
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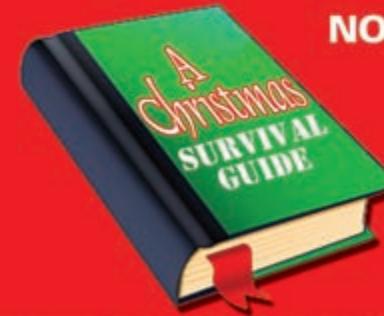
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■ **"Collateral Damage,"**  
by H. Terrell Griffin.

Oceanview. 360 pages. \$25.95.

Terry Griffin's novels have a most attractive narrative ease. Nothing seems rushed as we move with the characters from one location to another — which often means from one restaurant, pub, or dive to another — enjoying an eating and drinking tour of Longboat Key and its environs.

Business and friendship coexist in these sub-tropical neighborhood eateries. There is a tension in the dialogue, as questions are raised and explanations explored about the pressing criminal

matters at hand. This balance of ease and tension, of pointed concern and light-hearted banter, of indulgence and discipline, gives Mr. Griffin's novels their unique charm and energy. Throw in his idyllic portraits of coastal Southwest Florida and a delightful cast of central characters, and you've got surefire reading pleasure.

"Collateral Damage" is no exception. Here's the setup: One day after his wedding at the local Hilton, the groom is murdered on the beach by a sniper. The man's father, a wealthy businessman with whom Matt Royal served in Vietnam, asks Matt to look into the matter. Is it a coincidence that three other homicides take place on a Sarasota Bay dinner cruise the same day as the groom's murder? If not, then what's the link?

Matt, retired lawyer and intrepid freelance crime fighter, soon gathers together his old friends and loyal comrades in arms to pursue the investigation. Mr.

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Griffin's readers will always be pleased to reunite with Logan Hamilton and Jock Algren, the latter being a prominent agent for a top-secret government security agency that is even more powerful than the familiar alphabet agencies. Involved in the case as well is Longboat Key Police Det. J.D. Duncan, a forceful and attractive woman whose friendship with Matt is cautiously moving toward romance.

Before long, Matt himself is targeted, and the likelihood is that a powerful group with Asian connections is behind the Longboat Key attacks and similar ones elsewhere in the United States. More and more, the threat seems focused on American individuals who served in the Vietnam War, or the children of such former soldiers. Moreover, the friend who has called upon Matt for help — a man who saved Matt's life in Vietnam — does not seem to be entirely forthcoming.

The investigation requires cooperation between the official investigators — J. D., her boss and to some extent Jock's agency — and the unofficial ones like Matt and Logan. The team works well together, covering a lot of territory in and around the Sarasota-Tampa area, other parts of Florida and the Bahamian Abaco Islands. Matt and company must probe the mysterious Otto Foundation and the sinister Vietnam-era Operation Thanatos before getting to the bottom of things.

Mr. Griffin's plot has plenty of complications, twists and turns. He takes us from question to surmise to answer to new question with skill, allowing what's murky to clarify through the efforts,

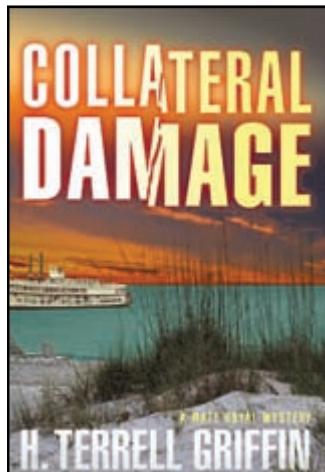
both physical and cerebral, of his key characters. The suspense thermometer registers increasing heat as the dangers multiply. The author's signature mood and tone give readers a splendid vision of Southwest Florida's aura and Matt Royal's karma. "Collateral Damage" is a fine addition to the burgeoning canon of Florida mystery fiction.

#### About H. Terrell ("Terry") Griffin

Mr. Griffin has spent his adult life soldiering, studying, lawyering and writing. Born in Waycross, Ga., he moved to Sanford, Fla., at the age of 12. Upon high school graduation, he served for three years on active duty in the U.S. Army.

He earned degrees in history and law at Mercer University. He was an editor of the Mercer Law Review and received the Delta Theta Phi Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Upon graduation, he returned to Central Florida and practiced law for 38 years.

His first novel, "Longboat Blues" became a regional bestseller following publication in 2005. His next, "Murder Key" (2006), was an immediate hit. "Blood Island" (2008) had a second printing within three weeks and was a finalist for the USA Book News National Best Book of 2008 in the Mystery/Suspense category. It won several other awards as well. "Wyatt's Revenge," released nationwide in 2009, was named as National Best Book of The Year in the mystery/suspense category by USA Book News. "Bitter Legacy," another hit, was reviewed in these pages this past January. ■



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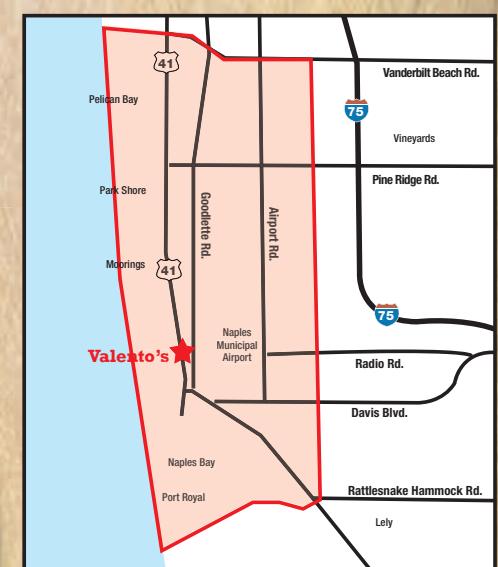
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■ Maestro Stuart Chafetz leads the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "Holiday Pops," at 8 p.m. Dec. 15-18 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 17. Broadway's Michele Ragusa, star of "Ragtime," "Titanic" and "Young Frankenstein," joins the orchestra. The Philharmonic Center Chorale and the Philharmonic Youth Chorale, directed by James Cochran, will also be featured, and Santa will make a special appearance.

Tickets start at \$30 for adults and \$22 for students.

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■ "Blast!," winner of the 2001 Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event and the 2001 Emmy for Best Choreography, comes to the Phil at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. A celebration of movement and music, "Blast!" has surprised and delighted critics around the world by "bridging the categories of classical, blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll and techno-pop music," according to Bruce McCabe of *The Boston Globe*.

Tickets start at \$59 for adults and \$36 for students.

■ Regis and Joy Philbin will perform with an 18-piece orchestra at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29.

Tickets start at \$79.

■ The NPO, led by Jerry Steichen, presents "A Rodgers and Hammerstein Celebration" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30. Broadway stars Nat Chandler and Teri Dale Hansen will sing and dance the songs of the celebrated collaborators who transformed the musical genre during the Golden Age of Broadway.

Tickets start at \$28.

■ The NPO presents "Prokofiev's Fifth," the third program in the orchestra's Classical Series, at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 5-7. The Concert Prelude begins one hour before each performance.

Jorge Mester will lead the orchestra in Bernstein's Overture to "Candide"; Brahms' final composition for orchestra, the Double Concerto for Violin and Cello; and Prokofiev's epic Fifth Sym-

The cast will also present live preview performances at noon and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the pavilion at Waterside Shops.

Tickets start at \$59 for adults and \$39 for students.

■ The Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents the second concert in this season's "All That Jazz" series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the intimate setting of the Daniels Pavilion. Trumpet, flugelhorn, sax and flute player Ira Sullivan, an alumnus of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, is the guest artist joining Glenn Basham, violin and harmonica; Lew Del Gatto, tenor saxophone; Jerry Stawski, piano; Mike Harvey, drums; Kevin Mauldin, bass; and Dan Miller, trumpet.

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Regis and Joy Philbin come to the Phil Dec. 29.

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Tickets start at \$55.

■ **Frank Cooper**, University of Miami research professor of music, returns to explore the world of classical music as part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning arts education program. Classes will begin at 2 p.m. in the Toni Stabile Building just south of the Philharmonic Center.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 4:** "On the Path to Revolution: Baroque to Classicism"

• **Friday, Jan. 6:** "A New Style – Components in Coalescence"

• **Monday, Jan. 9:** "Mastery Developed and Acknowledged – Haydn"

• **Wednesday, Jan. 11:** "Genius Apparent and Achieved – Mozart"

• **Friday, Jan. 13:** "Giant Astride the Centuries – Beethoven"

Tickets are \$160 for the series \$34 each for individual performance.

■ Concert pianist **Jodie DeSalvo** presents "Shopping List! – Or Chopin Liszt!", the first program in her piano music series in the Lifelong Learning program, at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9.

Tickets to the first in the series are \$42. The series, which can be purchased for \$160, includes additional performances with Jodie DeSalvo as follows: Feb. 6 – "Jodie and Glenn," featuring NPO

Concertmaster Glenn Basham; Feb. 27 – "A Tribute to Victor Borge"; and March 21 – "Around the World in 80 Minutes!"

■ Grammy Award-winning jazz singer and pianist **Diana Krall** will perform at 6 and 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 (her performance on Feb. 12 has been canceled).

Tickets start at \$119. ■

— The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).



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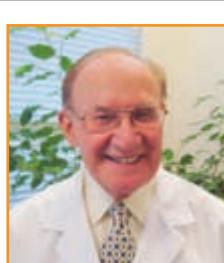
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## The 2012 Lecture Series

Mr. Mourlot's lecture before the opening reception launches the Naples Art Association's 2012 Lecture Series. Programs are held in the Watson Gallery at The von Liebig and are designed to give context to contemporary artwork and the business of art today.

In addition to Mr. Mourlot's presentation, lecture attendees this season will learn about ways to design a space around art and how to manage art as an asset. Featured speakers offer insights to educate and surprise both seasoned collectors and experienced artists. The 2012 series continues as follows:

- **6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12:** Richard Geary of Geary Studio/Art & Interiors, "Designing Your Environment Around Art."
- **4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27:** Contemporary furniture artist Tommy Simpson, "Hand, Heart, Home."

- **4 p.m. Friday, March 9:** Jerry Uelsmann and Maggie Taylor will discuss the evolution of their imagery and their creative process.
- **4 p.m. Wednesday, March 14:** David Sleeman, director of the Winston Art Group, will discuss a current appraisal as a step toward the successful management of art as an asset.

The 2012 Lecture Series is sponsored by Mutual of Omaha Bank, Hahn Loeser and Leslie Hindman Auctioneers and WGC Public Media. Sponsors of "Lithographs from Galerie Mourlot, New York" include Physicians Regional Healthcare System and Florida Weekly.

Lecture tickets are \$10 for NAA members and \$15 for others and must be purchased in advance. Call 262-6517, visit [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org), follow the NAA on Facebook at [facebook.com/vonliebigartcenter](http://facebook.com/vonliebigartcenter) or Twitter at [twitter.com/vonliebigart](http://twitter.com/vonliebigart). ■



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■ The Boca Grande Masters Art Festival will be held March 24-25 on the grounds of the historic Boca Grande Resort. The festival takes place at the same time as the Boca Grande Wine Festival on the same

property. Proceeds benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

■ The Marco Island Masters Art Festival will be held March 31 and April 1 in Veterans Park on Marco Island. This festival is held in partnership with Marco Island Foundation for the Arts.

For more information about the festivals and online application forms, visit [www.boulderbrook.net](http://www.boulderbrook.net). ■

## Library announces lecture series authors

Four best-selling authors have been engaged for the 2012 Nick Linn Lecture Series sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Collier County. Limited tickets remain available for the programs that take place at the Naples Grande on:

■ Monday, Feb. 13: Brad Meltzer ("The Inner Circle," "The Tenth Justice," "The Book of Lies" and more)

■ Monday, Feb. 20: James Rollins (the blockbuster movie novelization "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull")

■ Tuesday, March 13: Andrew Gross ("The Dark Tide," "Judge and Jury" with James Patterson)

■ Monday, March 26: Lisa See ("Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," "Flower Net," "The Interior," "Dragon Bones," "Peony in Love" and "Shanghai Girls")

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### Music for Minors plans fashion show

Music for Minors, a nonprofit organization that provides musical instruments for students in Collier and Lee county schools, holds a luncheon and tennis fashion show on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at The Club at Barefoot Beach. Local tennis players will model fashions provided by Just Tennis.

Tickets are \$50, and a raffle will help generate more money for the cause. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mailing Becky Kimberly at docbeckyk@aol.com.

### Counting down to Fun Time fun

The launch date for Fun Time Early Childhood Academy's annual fundraiser, "Fun Time Blasts Off into the Future," is Friday, Feb. 10, at The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a cocktail reception, dinner and silent and live auctions. Fifth Third Bank is the presenting sponsor.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available. Proceeds will provide tuition assistance for the children of low-income working families.

For reservations or more information, call 261-8284.

### A wine tasting for Nicaraguan orphanage

Diana and Jerry Thirion host "A Pour For The Poor," a wine tasting featuring select vintages of Shafer Hillside Select wines, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, at Bay Colony Golf Club.

Guests will taste pours from 1990 through 1997 of this rare and highly rated wine accompanied by enjoy hors d'oeuvres selected by three top local chefs and prepared by Master Chef Wilhelm Gahabka at a pre-tasting champagne reception.

Proceeds will benefit Casa Jacinta y Francisco, an orphanage and school in Nicaragua that the Thirions manage. Attendance is limited due to wine availability. For more information or to receive an invitation, call Mr. Thirion at 777-1922.

### Go black tie for Make-A-Wish

The sixth annual Wishmakers Ball to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation is set for Friday, Jan. 20, at the Hilton Naples with the theme of "Black and White." Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsorships start at \$3,000. Premium tables are also available starting at \$5,000. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org. ■



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Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. A variety of sponsorship opportunities and levels are also available. For more information, call the David Lawrence Foundation at 354-1416.

Bosom Buddies plan 10th annual luncheon

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Inc., an organization run solely by volunteers who are breast cancer survivors, holds its 10th annual "Caring Women Bond to Beat Breast Cancer" luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton-Naples. This year's theme is "Love, Laughter and All That Jazz."

Tickets are \$135 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For reservations or more information, call Joetta Abbazio at 417-4600.

Hope for  
Haiti plans  
garden gala

Hope for Haiti holds its 2012 gala, "A Passport to the Secret Garden," from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the St. Ann Jubilee Center. The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, raffle drawing, entertainment and more.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Elizabeth Davison at 434-7183 or [Elizabeth@hopeforhaiti.com](mailto:Elizabeth@hopeforhaiti.com). ■

Royal Palm  
school will honor  
Donahues

The faculty, staff and families of Royal Palm Academy will honor Jack and Rhoda Donahue at the school's "Denim and Diamonds" gala beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The Donahues are longtime Naples residents whose daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Patrick Moore, founded Royal Palm Academy in 1998.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations or more information, call the school at 594-9888.

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### Maui-style Beach Ball for children's center

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County holds its 2012 "Meet Me in Maui" Beach Ball Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Naples Beach Hotel. Guests will enjoy sunset cocktails on Watkins Lawn followed by dinner under the stars, entertainment by Paul Easton and live and silent auctions.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, call Tina Streeter at 263-8383, ext. 232, or e-mail [TStreeter@CACCollier.org](mailto:TStreeter@CACCollier.org).

### Be a goddess for an evening

Goddess Night 2012, an evening of pampering and enlightenment sponsored by the Naples Art Association, takes place Thursday, March 29, at The von Liebig Art Center. A champagne reception gets things going, and guests enjoy a seated dinner and keynote speaker as well as their choice of informative breakout sessions. For more information, call Aimee Schlehr at 262-6517, ext. 120, or e-mail [aimee.schlehr@naplesart.org](mailto:aimee.schlehr@naplesart.org).

### C'mon to the Dream Gala

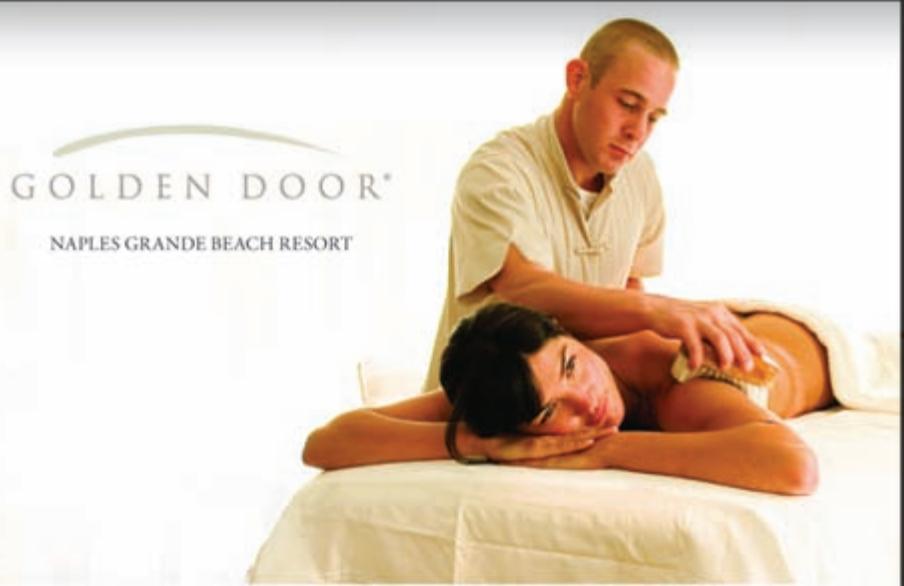
The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples will hold its inaugural Dream Gala beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March

23, at C'mon in North Collier Regional Park. Gala chair Shelia Davis and her committee are hard at work planning an evening of adventure and discovery that will benefit Collier County's first learning environment devoted exclusively to the serious business of children's play. The 30,000-square-foot museum is set to open in early 2012. For information about gala sponsorship opportunities, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org).

### Youth Haven hosts Olympian skater

Olympic speed skater and eight-time medalist Apolo Anton Ohno will be the guest speaker at Youth Haven's "Home Hope Healing" luncheon Thursday, March 22, at the Naples Grande. Tickets are \$250 per person, or \$1,000 for two people and a pre-luncheon reception with Mr. Ohno. Sponsorship opportunities from \$2,500 to \$15,000 for business and individuals are available now. Youth Haven provides a home for children who have been removed from their families by the authorities because they are in grave danger of further physical or sexual trauma, emotional abuse and/or neglect. For more information, contact Jamie Gregor, Youth Haven director of marketing and communications, at 687-5153 or [Jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net](mailto:Jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net). ■

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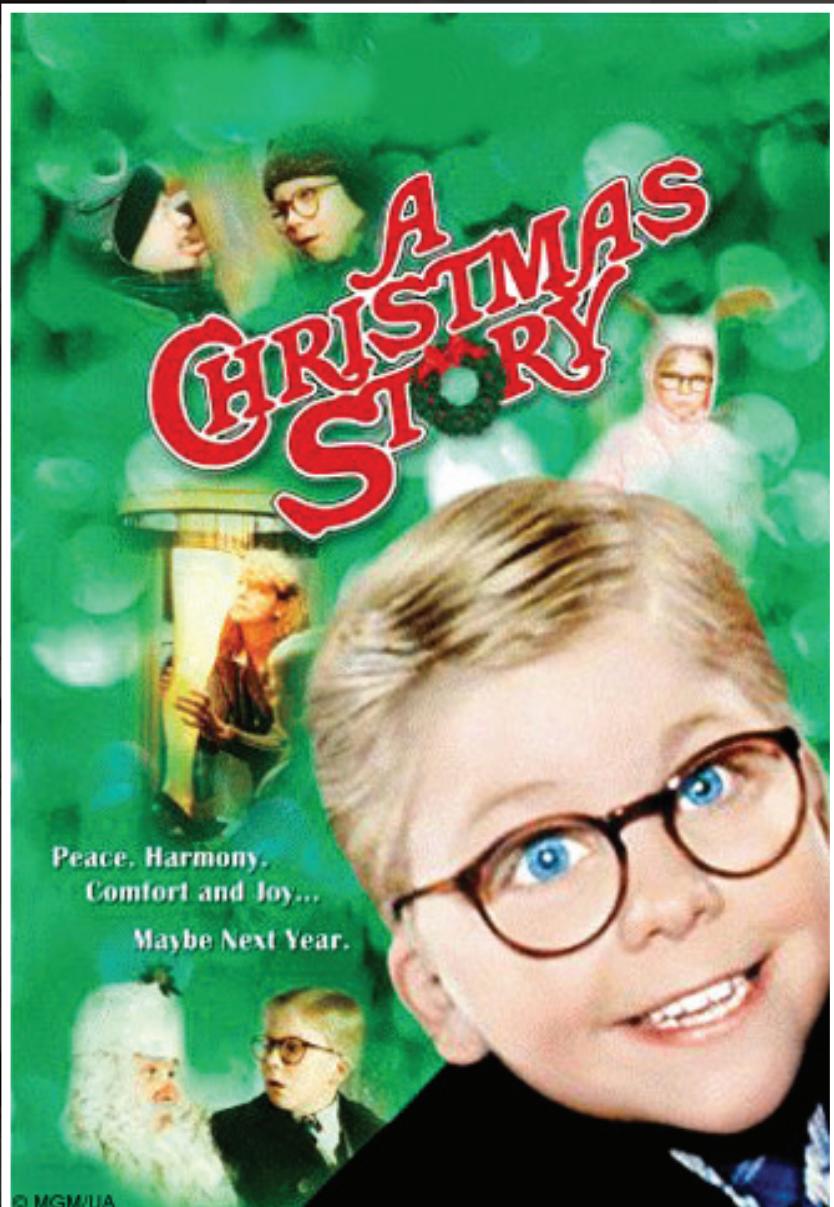
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### ► FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 9 p.m.

#### PBS Arts From San Francisco: "The Little Mermaid" from San Francisco Ballet

Experience Hans Christian Andersen's haunting tale of love with San Francisco Ballet's production of John Neumeier's inventive ballet.

### ► SUNDAY, DEC. 18

#### 8 p.m. - Masterpiece Classic Downton Abbey - Part 1

When the Titanic goes down, Lord Grantham loses his immediate heirs, and his daughter Mary loses her fiancé, throwing Downton Abbey and its servants into turmoil. The new heir turns out to be Matthew, a handsome lawyer with novel ideas about country life. This Emmy-winning production stars Hugh Bonneville, Dame Maggie Smith and Elizabeth McGovern. (Followed by Part 2.)

### 9:30 p.m. - Masterpiece Classic Downton Abbey - Part 2

Mary entertains three suitors, including a Turkish diplomat whose boldness leads to a surprising event. Downstairs, the shocking former life of Carson, the butler, is unmasked, and Bates risks his health to remain the valet.

### ► MONDAY, DEC. 19, 8 p.m.

#### Antiques Roadshow Forever Young

A celebration for the young and the young at heart proves it's not only toys and that capture the spirit of youth. Highlights include original art for a Dr. Seuss lunchbox and a child's shoe autographed by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

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## KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

### Collectibles track Santa through the ages

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Santa Claus has changed in appearance throughout the centuries. He is now a mixture of the Dutch, German, Scandinavian, British and American characters that have represented Christmas. The earliest Santa-like figure was Saint Nicholas of Myra, a 4th-century Greek bishop. He was pictured in religious clothing and was very thin. By the 13th century, the bearded Norse god Odin had influenced the Santa Claus image. He led a hunting party in the sky while riding an eight-legged horse.

The Dutch had Saint Nicholas, or Sinterklaas, by the 16th century. He rode into town on a steamboat in November and carried a book that told which children were good and which were naughty. Then in December, the elderly tall man with white hair and beard and a long red cape rode a horse in the sky and delivered gifts through the chimney.

Santa got shorter by the 1840s in Scandinavia, where he became a bearded elf dressed in gray and wearing a red hat. The Scandinavians also have a tradition of the "Yule Goat" that pulled a sleigh through the sky. It came from the story of Thor, a Norse god.

In 17th-century Britain, Father Christmas was a jolly, bearded man dressed in a green fur-lined robe.

Here in America, Santa Claus has been inspired by the figure in the 1823 poem "The Night Before Christmas," which describes St. Nick as plump and jolly but also as an elf that could slide down a chimney. By 1863 Thomas Nast, a cartoonist, had pictured Santa as a large, heavy-set man with a beard. The Coca-Cola ads in the 1930s feature the Santa best known today, the jolly man with a beard and fur-trimmed red suit.

All of the Santas gave gifts to children, and most could ride in the sky.

A rare tin Santa toy made in the 19th century sold recently for \$161,000. It shows Santa in a sleigh drawn by goats.



This clockwork toy showing Santa in a goat-drawn sleigh could be wound up to move. It is one of three known, and was auctioned for \$161,000 by James D. Julia of Fairfield, Maine.

The first one found made experts wonder if it was all original - because goats, not reindeer, are pulling the sleigh. Two more of the clockwork toys are now known, however, proving that the expensive toy is original. Perhaps the maker was familiar with the tradition of the Yule Goat.

**Q:** Can you give me information about a rhinestone necklace and matching screw-on earrings that were given to me by a deceased friend born about 100 years ago? Each piece is marked with the copyright symbol and the name "Lisner."

**A:** Your costume-jewelry pieces were marketed by D. Lisner & Co. of New York City. Founded by David Lisner in 1904, the company was strictly a wholesaler of imported European jewelry until the 1930s. During the '30s, Lisner enlisted a partner to oversee the establishment of a retail business that depended on contracts with jewelry manufacturers in Providence, R.I. The "Lisner" mark was used starting in the 1930s, but any Lisner mark with the copyright symbol dates from after 1955. The company was sold and resold several times since 1979, and jewelry marked "Lisner" has not been made since 1985. Lisner necklace and earrings sets sell for \$75 to \$150 or even more, depending on style, colors, material and condition.

**Q:** I have a set of four winking Santa mugs from 1960 with an "H.H." logo on the bottom. I'd like to know who made them and if they're worth anything.

**A:** Your winking Santa mugs were

made by Holt-Howard Co., an importing company that started working in New York City in 1949 and moved to Stamford, Conn., in 1955. The company sold candleholders, condiment jars, decanters, spoon holders, saltshakers and other table accessories. It was bought out by General Housewares Corp. in 1969. Holt-Howard pieces often are stamped in black with "Holt-Howard" or "HH" and the year of manufacture. The "HH" mark was used until 1974. Production of Holt-Howard pieces ceased in 1990. Your mugs, if in perfect condition, are worth \$5-\$6 each.

**Q:** I have an Edna Hibel 1985 Christmas plate called "The Angels' Message." It's in perfect condition, but I don't have the original box. I'd like to know the current value.

**A:** Edna Hibel's 1985 Christmas plate was the first in a series of four Christmas plates by the artist. It originally sold for \$45. The first in a series of limited edition plates usually sells for more than subsequent plates, and buyers who "discover" the series later try to find the first of the series to complete the set. Today you can find this plate listed online for prices ranging from \$10 or less to more than \$200, but the plate in a frame sold for less than \$15 at auction this year.

**Tip:** A dirty rag doll can be cleaned with a vacuum. Put a lingerie bag, held in place by a rubber band, on the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner. Then vacuum for a few minutes. ■

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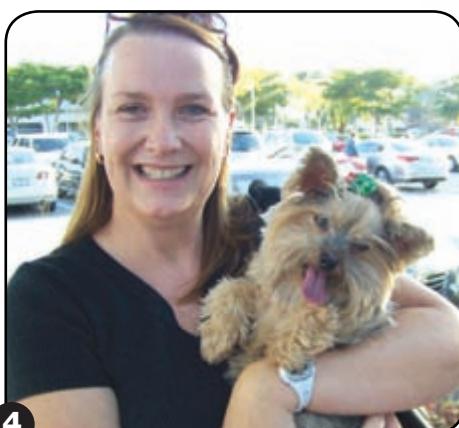


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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

► **Café Normandie**, 3756 Tamiami Trail N.; 261-0977

This low-key outpost along U.S. 41 manages to provide delightful French fare and a casual, laid-back hospitality, compliments of owner Benoit Legris. The wine list is brief but well chosen, a snapshot of wines that please the owner. You can't go wrong with mussels in Normandie cream sauce or the well-executed escargots de Bourgogne. Roasted duck with spicy peach sauce was a glorious variation on duck l'orange, and the shrimp and sea scallops au gratin were simple yet elegant. Dinner concluded with a classic raspberry tart and whisper-thin crepe Suzette. The service, Old World atmosphere and moderate prices all enhanced a wonderful meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★½

Service: ★★★★★

Atmosphere: ★★★★★

Reviewed December 2010

► **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 refresh-

ing 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

► **Figs Grille**, 25987 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700

Sam Tadros, the chef behind the popular Sam-Bucco Bistro in North Naples, has another winning concept with this exploration of the cuisines of Turkey, Spain, Morocco, Lebanon and France. It's a worthy and welcome concept, considering how inadequately some of the regions are represented here. When you cross the threshold, it's easy to forget you're in a commercial strip center. Egyptian tapestries adorn the walls in the garnet and gold dining room. Ceiling lamps evoke Morocco and ethnic music plays softly in the background, but the effect is understated. Whichever country you decide to visit for your main course, your meal should begin with mezze platter of hummus and baba ganoush as well as charry and sweet grilled eggplant chunks and cucumber salad served with lightly pickled vegetables. You can't go wrong with one of several Turkish kebabs or with the filet medallions with grilled shrimp, garnished lavishly with caramelized

onions, port wine sauce and fig chutney. Lush (chocolate marquise) or light (lemon semifreddo), dessert shouldn't be missed either.

Food: ★★★★

Service: ★★★★

Atmosphere: ★★★★½

Reviewed November 2011

► **Grouper & Chips**, 338 Ninth St. N., Naples; 643-4577

Located in an older strip plaza across U.S. 41 from NCH, Grouper & Chips is a self-described "small unpretentious hole-in-the-wall restaurant." It is indeed so small, that you might find yourself rubbing elbows with other parties or waiting an hour for table — reservations are not accepted. Takeout and delivery are options, but then you'd miss out on the warm hospitality of the staff. Besides, once you order, food is quickly delivered. The menu is heavy on fried foods, but the conch fritters and grouper did not suffer from greasy excess; batter, however, overwhelmed the fried shrimp. You wouldn't expect to find it in a place like this, but the bouillabaisse is loaded with lobster, sea scallops, mussels, shrimp and chunks of grouper and is worth trying. Dessert shooters — petite servings of Key lime pie and chocolate mousse — are the perfect way to end a meal here.

Food: ★★★★½

Service: ★★★★★

Atmosphere: ★★★½

Reviewed October 2011

► **Mimi's Cooking**, Orange Pine Plaza, 2099 Pine Ridge Road; 566-2275

Mimi's intimate dining room has the

charming ambience of a Parisian café and the kitchen serves up food to match. Both the classic bouillabaisse and coq au vin were flawless, as were appetizers of endive salad — with spinach, Roquefort cheese chunks and sesame dressing — and organic carrot and ginger soup. Portions are realistically sized, just right for a single sitting. Don't miss dessert. We shared an outstanding warm apple tarte tatin with whipped cream. Service was efficient and warm. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★

Service: ★★★★★½

Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

Reviewed June 2011



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★★★★ Noteworthy  
★★★ Good

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# CUISINE

## A Table Apart continues to set the bar high

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Chef Jeff Acol and his wife, Jessica, made a lot of smart choices when they opened A Table Apart three years ago.

With 15 tables, the restaurant on Bonita Beach Road is small, which keeps overhead low, creates an aura of exclusivity and intimacy and enables the house to treat patrons with undivided attention. The small but diverse menu spans the globe, embracing classic French techniques, bold Asian flavors and even a bit of Italian pasta panache while emphasizing a commitment to sustainable seafood and seasonal ingredients.

Husband and wife are veterans of the former Registry Resort in Naples as well as several other resorts in Florida and Hawaii. He's a Cordon Bleu-trained native of Hawaii; she's French and holds a degree in hotel/restaurant management.

All of which begins to help explain why A Table Apart is, well, an experience apart from most Southwest Florida restaurants. The food is sophisticated but unfussy, ambitious but not overworked, classical yet novel. Oh, and it serves the best French fries you will ever eat in Southwest Florida.



A stack of quesadilla slices stuffed with succulent pork and topped with balsamic onions.



Okinawa sweet potato pie is topped with a coconut custard.

I had the opportunity to revisit A Table Apart recently and was pleased to see that it has lost none of its luster. The restaurant closes during the summer, and I imagine taking a break gives the Acols a chance to recharge their batteries and renew their dedication to making this a truly memorable restaurant.

Where to start? The wine list offers some interesting choices by the glass. We enjoyed a pinot gris from King Estate in Oregon (\$11) and Sileni Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand (\$9) with our appetizers.

You can start with "snacks" of Asian-flavored boiled peanuts, Madeira-infused chicken liver pate or the famous pommes frites (with or without truffle oil) for \$3 to \$5. The pate was tempting, but we decided to dive straight into appetizers, which are pricier at \$9 to \$14.

The chorizo mejillones (\$14) is simply one of the best mussel preparations I have eaten in a couple of decades of reviewing restaurants. Imagine the flavor explosion of spicy Mexican chorizo sausage, acidic white wine and tomatoes, grassy cilantro pesto and creamy queso fresco. Picture these colorful toppings mingling with a dozen and a half plump mussels sautéed until they are just barely cooked through and not a second more. Now, don't forget to dip the toasted bread into the bottom of the bowl, where the flavors of all these ingredients pool together in a complex, briny broth. Mussels can be pretty mundane, but these would lure even a hater out of his shell.

Quesadillas generally don't generate a lot of excitement either. Maybe I eat too many at home. But never have I tasted a tortilla and cheese combination quite like Chef Acol's Hawaiian kalua pig quesadilla (\$9). A luau staple, kalua pig is wrapped in tea leaves and roasted slowly for a long time. The meat comes out moist and



A flatiron steak gets dressed up with house-smoked blue cheese and roasted tomatoes.

some, and here it was tucked into tortillas along with provolone and queso fresco, which raised the creaminess factor through the roof. A balsamic onion confit added sweetness, while a chipotle tomato jam brought a smoky lushness to the dish.

Our attentive server clearly was keeping an eye on things from afar, only approaching the table when it appeared that we were ready, whisking away used dishes and keeping water glasses filled throughout the evening. Ms. Acol also circulated around the room, ensuring quality control.

We settled on the fish of the day, Arctic char (\$26), which is closely related to salmon and trout. The Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch rates it among its best choices for sustainability.

The char was simply grilled and simply perfect: moist, flaky, slightly less oily than salmon. It was a large fillet topped with a sweet-salty tomato-olive tapenade that stood up to the strong flavor of the fish. Grilled yellow squash, zucchini and asparagus were nicely charred and tender-crisp. The garlic mashed potatoes were fine.



Plump mussels are laced with chorizo and cilantro pesto.



Arctic char, the fish of the day, is served with tomato-olive tapenade, grilled vegetables and mashed potatoes.

Meats are executed equally well, as evidenced by an expertly crusted, juicy flatiron steak (\$23). The 8-ounce portion was just right, especially since it was topped with rich blue cheese that's smoked in-house.

I never realized that blue cheese could be improved upon, but smoking it turns out to be a terrific idea. The acid in the roasted tomatoes on top helped balance the flavor profile of the dish.

Why bother with mashed potatoes on the side when you can substitute pommes frites drizzled with truffle oil and sprinkled with fresh herbs and Parmesan cheese for a couple more bucks? Truth is, this is probably the best way to order these crispy,

fluffy treasures paired with luscious garlic aioli; if you get them as a starter, you will want to finish the basket and you'll probably end up full before the main course. Even as a side, the basket is glutonously large. You'll need everyone at the table to pitch in — and they won't mind.

After all, it would be a shame not to have room for dessert, such as the unforgettable Okinawa sweet potato pie (\$7). It's a purple sweet potato filling topped with a sort of coconut custard —visually startling and simply scrumptious.

From appetizers to dessert, A Table Apart certainly lives up to its name. ■

If you go ↗

### A Table Apart

4295 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 221-8540

#### Ratings:

**Food:** ★★★★★

**Service:** ★★★★★

**Atmosphere:** ★★★

>> **Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday

>> **Reservations:** Accepted

>> **Credit cards:** Accepted

>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$3-\$14; entrees \$19-\$35

>> **Beverages:** Wine and beer served

>> **Specialties of the house:** Global fusion, with French, Italian and Asian Pacific influences

>> **Volume:** Moderate

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★★★★ Noteworthy

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★★ Fair

★ Poor

### food & wine CALENDAR ↗

► **Friday, Dec. 16**, 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods: The store's monthly beer tasting benefits Avow Hospice; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Reservations required. Reserve a spot by visiting [www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter](http://www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter).

► **Friday, Dec. 16**, 7 p.m., Caffe dell'Amore: Join Chef Fabio for a six-course holiday meal that includes zuppa di pesce, grilled vegetables with tomomi cheese, goat milk ricotta gnocchi with sausage fennel ragu, lamb della Mamma Toscana, cheese plate and Christmas sweets; \$89, 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 261-1389. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, Dec. 17**, 2-3 p.m., Whole Foods: Marky's Caviar, a Sara-

sota-based nonprofit, holds a tasting of its farm-raised, local and sustainable Siberian Osetra caviar; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Reservation required by calling or online at [www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter](http://www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter).

► **Monday, Dec. 19**, and Wednesday, Dec. 21, 12:30-3 p.m., Ristorante Farfalla: Chef/owner Mike Fattah demonstrates the techniques of classical and regional Italian cuisine culminating with a three-course meal with wines; \$50, 21301 S. Tamiami Trail, Estero; 495-9912. Reservations required.

► **Tuesday, Dec. 20**,



6:30-8:30 p.m., The Wine Merchant: Sample the cabernets of Nickel & Nickel, a top Napa producer; \$25, 12820 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 592-0000.

#### Farmers markets

► **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.**, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

► **Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, the Marco Island Farmers Market, Veterans Community Park, Marco Island.

► **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**, the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S.

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► **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**, Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon**, Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, North Naples Green Market at the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

► **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon**, Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway.

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