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IN OUR ANNUAL SALUTE TO AN OLD YEAR SOON reborn in the new, *Florida Weekly* always pauses to look back.

It's not a sentimental or a maudlin glance, but a grateful one — a glance of acknowledgment and celebration. A thank you.

We call it "The Lives They Led."

Whatever else this tradition has become for us, it isn't enough. It isn't even close to enough in Collier County, where 315,000 souls have carried on their lives — and about 1,600 have lost them — during 2011, according to the Florida Department of Health.

Here, we aim to illuminate and to share just a few of those lost lives one more time — lives that touch all of ours, whether we know it or not.

The people whose stories we tell here stood with us on the spinning planet as the year began, and now they don't. Now they've joined those who've gone before.

In their departures, we recognize a single brilliant truth: None have actually departed except in a physical sense.

Their vitality — it's fair to say their love — will

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Glenn Beck, Eric Metaxas launch Town Hall series

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Television/radio host and author Glenn Beck launches the 29th season of the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series on Saturday, Jan. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Eric Metaxas, his longtime friend and *New York Times* best-selling author, will join Mr. Beck on stage.

"His quick wit and candid opinions have made Glenn Beck one of the most talked about media icons in the country,"



BECK

says Rick Borman, Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series president and producer. Guests at the 2012 opening night will be treated to "a revealing evening of insights into the heart and mind of an iconic American

conservative figure" as Mr. Beck engages in intimate dialogue with



METAXAS

Mr. Metaxas, Mr. Borman adds.

Millions of viewers and listeners are attracted daily as Mr. Beck plays host and star of his program. Prior to launching the show on Fox News in January 2009, he had made his television

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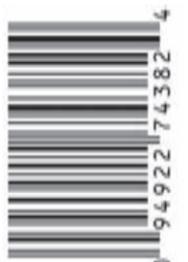
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Happy New Year!

And what should we resolve to inscribe on the annual tablet where nothing yet appears? That's always the question.

Now, through the strategic employment of wild imagination and fanciful listening devices (don't try this combination at home — leave it to a professional), I've been able to answer that very question for those In The Know.

Without going into the technical details, I've divined the New Year's Resolutions of several of the great and powerful. I intend to share them with the rest of us — the small and meek (as Dorothy said to the Wizard of Oz).

■ **THE BILLIONAIRE KOCH BROTHERS, Charles, 75, and David, 71:** Each brother is worth about \$20 billion. Koch Industries is strongly anti-regulation, and has sold millions of dollars of petrochemical equipment through subsidiary companies to Iran, a U.S.-named sponsor of global terrorism, according to a Bloomberg news investigation. Strong Tea Party supporters, the Kochs have spent more than \$50 million to lobby in Washington in the last five years. Their Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation also bought the economics department at Florida State University by giving it \$1.5 million. In return, Charles and David get to dictate who FSU hires and what they preach... sorry, teach, in a new program that pushes "political economy and free enterprise."

Charles: I swear — I swear, David, and mark my words — we are also going to buy the Uni-

versity of Florida in 2012. That is my number one New Year's resolution. All that namby-pamby crap about academic freedom — that's what those pinkos at Yale complained about when they gave back \$20 million just because somebody wanted to tell them who to hire and what to preach... sorry, teach. So agreed: we buy those damn 'Gators in 2012 just like we bought the Seminoles, no matter how much it costs. OK?

David: Right on, bro, as they say "In the Ghetto." Hey, remember that song by Elvis? But let's not forget Newt. We're going to buy Newt's way into the White House in 2012, too, agreed?

Charles: Yeah, that too. "Cause I wanna, said I wanna, I wanna take you hiiiiigher, Yeah let me take you hiiiiigher, Baby, baby let me light your fiiiiirre, O yea, a little bit hiiigher..."

David: "Boom shacka lacka lacka, Boom shacka la boonka boo"

Charles: Dude, we rock like Ike and Tina!

David: Yeah, but we're Charles and David, HA-HA-HA-HA!

■ **U.S. REP. DEBBIE WASSERMAN-SCHULTZ (Broward and Miami-Dade Counties):** Rep. Wasserman-Schultz, the first Jewish Congresswoman ever elected to office in Florida, according to her online biography, sits on the House Committee on the Budget and aggressively supports affordable health care, women's issues, children's issues, and Jewish issues.

Debbie, alone in a room with four white walls:

I'm going to cut off...I'm going to cas...I'm going to stop those Y-chrome wacko elephants if it's the last thing I do. We WILL have socialized medicine in 2012. We WILL help poor people. The Koch brothers WILL pay taxes, like other people, at 30 percent, not 12 percent. We WILL give away government money, lots of it to

people who are fat, poor and undeserving. We WILL have a new tax on Rednecks. We WILL ban the Rebel flag from pick-up trucks. What do you say?

Wall #1:

Wall #2:

Wall #3:

Wall #4: "Boom shacka lacka lacka, Boom shacka la boonka boo..."

■ **U.S. REP. CONNIE MACK (Naples and Fort Myers):** Formerly known as Cornelius Harvey McGillicuddy IV, Rep. Connie Mack is married to Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (R-Calif.). Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, which is part of the powerful Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Mack has announced his intention to become a U.S. senator, an office also won by his father, who once moved up from a Southwest Florida Congressional district to serve two terms in the U.S. Senate.

Connie: Mary, can you get me a beer? I mean a glass of pinot?

Mary: Dammit, Connie, if I've told you once I've told a hundred times — get your own beer. I mean, wine.

Connie: But you're a Republican, Mary, a conservative. You're not a feminist. You can get me a beer — I mean a glass of wine.

Mary: And what if I do? What's in it for me?

Connie: Take your choice, honeybuns — the Senate or...or...OR...

Mary: Yes Cornelius?

Connie: ...The White House!

Mary: What do you want, honeybuns: Budweiser, Old Milwaukee or your favorite, Pabst Blue Ribbon?

Connie: A nice pinot would...

Mary: Pabst it is, then...Wait!

Connie: What?

Mary: You can't get the White House. The Koch brothers are giving that to Newt. You said you could steal Billy Nelson's Senate seat, but I'm not fetching your beer just for that. And I'm not moving to Florida, either, not with all those polyester oldies wearing diapers down there.

Connie: Not that White House, babydoll, the other White House — the one at the U.S. Naval Observatory up on Connecticut Avenue. The vice president's residence where that pig-belly liberal Joe Biden lives, remember? It's white too, and it's a lot nicer.

Mary: Oh, my God.

Connie: You take it well, honeybell. Newt needs a handsome young gunslinger on the ticket — anti-tax, anti-poor people, anti-compromise, screw-South America, assassinate Chavez, nuke Cuba, and drill for oil in the national parks or build a 2,000 mile pipeline, whichever comes first — 'cause God knows Newt's not handsome or young. Don'tcha think those jowls under his chin look like wings?

Mary: Oh, baby. And you can deliver Florida's 29 electoral votes to the Koch — I mean, to Newt. Please don't mention those jowls again.

Connie: You got it, sweatmeat.

Mary: So now let's make our New Year's resolutions. I'll go first. I resolve always to bring you a beer whenever you ask in 2012, which is going to be a very good year for the Koch — I mean for Newt, and for you.

Connie: For you, too, chickie. And I resolve not to spend more than 50 days...

Mary: Make it 40 days, babydoll...

Connie: ...not to spend more than 40 days in Florida throughout 2012.

Mary: Oh, baby...

Connie: Oh, honey...

Connie and Mary together: "Boom shacka lacka lacka, Boom shacka la boonka boo..." ■



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OPINION

Applying while Asian



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Special to Florida Weekly

To check or not to check the Asian box? That is the pointed choice faced by Asian-American students applying to gain admission to what are supposed to be the most tolerant places on Earth, the nation's colleges.

The Associated Press ran a report on Asian students of mixed parentage checking "white," if possible, on their applications to avoid outing themselves as Asians. The Princeton Review Student Advantage Guide counsels Asian-American students not to check the race box and warns against sending a photo.

In a culture that makes so much of celebrating ethnic heritage, especially of racial minorities, and that values fairness above all, Asian-American students think that they need to hide their ethnicity because the college admissions process is so unfair. If African-American motorists fear that they will be pulled over by the cops for the phantom offense of "Driving While Black," these kids worry about what will happen to

them when "Applying While Asian."

Studies have demonstrated what every Asian parent and kid knows: Asians are discriminated against in the admissions process. The Center for Equal Opportunity, a think tank opposed to racial preferences, in a 2005 study looked at an in-state male applying to the University of Michigan who had no parental connection to the school. If he had a 1240 SAT score and a 3.2 GPA, he had a 92 percent chance of admission if black and 88 percent if Latino. If white, he had only a 14 percent chance, and if Asian, a 10 percent chance.

Thomas Espenshade, the Princeton University academic and co-author of the book "No Longer Separate, Not Yet Equal," examined applicants to elite private schools with comparable grades, scores, athletic abilities and family histories. He concluded that whites were significantly more likely to get admitted than Asians. This accounts for what must be the first mass effort of a minority group to "pass as white" since Jim Crow.

All of this is done in the name of a "diversity" of a crude, bean-counting sort. The private California Institute of Technology doesn't use quotas; its student body is 39 percent Asian. The

University of California at Berkeley is forbidden by law from using quotas; its student body is more than 40 percent Asian. Only a bigot would believe that these schools are consequently worse learning environments, or that they are places characterized by monochromatic, lock-step thinking because so many students share a broad-brush ethnic designation.

Stephen Hsu, a professor of physics at the University of Oregon and an outspoken critic of current admission practices, laments that Asians seem strangely accepting of the unfair treatment of their children. The official Asian-American groups tend to support anti-Asian quotas because they are captives of liberal orthodoxy before all else.

The Obama administration's misnamed Justice Department has joined with its wishfully named Education Department to urge schools to get creative in circumventing Supreme Court limits on affirmative action. It's not quite "Asians need not apply," only that they should expect their ethnicity to be used against them should it become known to the authorities. ■

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

Bradley Manning and the Fog of War



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Accused whistle-blower Pvt. Bradley Manning turned 24 Saturday. He spent his birthday in a pre-trial military hearing that could ultimately lead to a sentence of life ... or death. Manning stands accused of causing the largest leak of government secrets in United States history.

More on Manning shortly. First, a reminder of what he is accused of leaking. In April 2010, the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks released a video called "Collateral Murder." It was a classified U.S. military video from July 2007, from an Apache attack helicopter over Baghdad. The video shows a group of men walking, then the systematic killing of them in a barrage of high-powered automatic fire from the helicopter. Soldiers' radio transmissions narrate the carnage, varying from cold and methodical to cruel and enthusiastic. Two of those killed were employees of the international news agency Reuters: Namir Noor-Eldeen, a photojournalist, and Saeed Chmagh, his driver.

Renowned whistle-blower Daniel Ellsberg, who released the Pentagon Papers that helped end the war in Vietnam and who himself is a Marine veteran who trained soldiers on the laws of war, told me: "Helicopter gunners hunting down and shooting an unarmed man in civilian clothes, clearly wounded ... that shooting was murder. It was a war crime. Not all killing in war is murder, but a lot of it is. And this was."

The WikiLeaks release of the Afghan War Logs followed months later, with tens of thousands of military field reports. Then came the Iraq War Dia-

ries, with close to 400,000 military records of the U.S. war in Iraq. Next was Cablegate, WikiLeaks' rolling release (with prominent print-media partners, from *The New York Times* to *The Guardian* in Britain) of classified U.S. State Department cables, more than a quarter-million of them, dating from as far back as 1966 up to early 2010. The contents of these cables proved highly embarrassing to the U.S. government and sent shock waves around the world.

Among the diplomatic cables released were those detailing U.S. support for the corrupt Tunisian regime, which helped fuel the uprising there. Noting that Time magazine named "The Protester," generically, as Person of the Year, Ellsberg said Manning should be the face of that protester, since the leaks for which he is accused, following their impact in Tunisia, "in turn sparked the uprising in Egypt ... which stimulated Occupy Wall Street and the other occupations in the Middle East and elsewhere. So, one of those 'persons of the year' is now sitting in a courthouse."

Another recently revealed Cablegate release exposed details of an alleged 2006 massacre by U.S. troops in the Iraqi town of Ishaqi, north of Baghdad. Eleven people were killed, and the cable described eyewitness accounts in which the group, including five children and four women, was handcuffed, then executed with bullets to the head. The U.S. military then bombed the house, allegedly to cover up the incident. Citing attacks like these, the Iraqi government said it would no longer grant immunity to U.S. soldiers in Iraq. President Barack Obama responded by announcing he would pull the troops out of Iraq. Like a modern-day Ellsberg, if Manning is guilty of what the Pentagon claims, he helped end the war in Iraq.

Back in the Fort Meade, Md., hearing room, defense attorneys painted a pic-

ture of a chaotic forward operating base with little to no supervision, no controls whatsoever on soldiers' access to classified data, and a young man in uniform struggling with his sexual identity in the era of "don't ask, don't tell." Manning repeatedly flew into rages, throwing furniture and once even punching a superior in the face, without punishment. His peers at the base said he should not be in a war zone. Yet he stayed, until his arrest 18 months ago.

Since his arrest, Manning has been in solitary confinement, for much of the time in Quantico, Va., under conditions so harsh that the U.N. special rapporteur on torture is investigating. Many believe the U.S. government is trying to break Manning in order to use him in its expected case of espionage against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. It also sends a dramatic message to any potential whistle-blower: "We will destroy you."

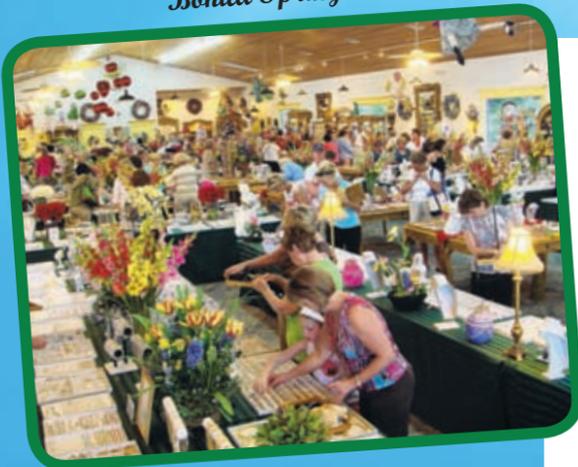
For now, Manning sits attentively, reports say, facing possible death for "aiding the enemy." The prosecution offered words Manning allegedly wrote to Assange as evidence of his guilt. In the e-mail, Manning described the leak as "one of the more significant documents of our time, removing the fog of war and revealing the true nature of 21st century asymmetrical warfare." History will no doubt use the same words as irrefutable proof of Manning's courage. ■

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— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best-seller.



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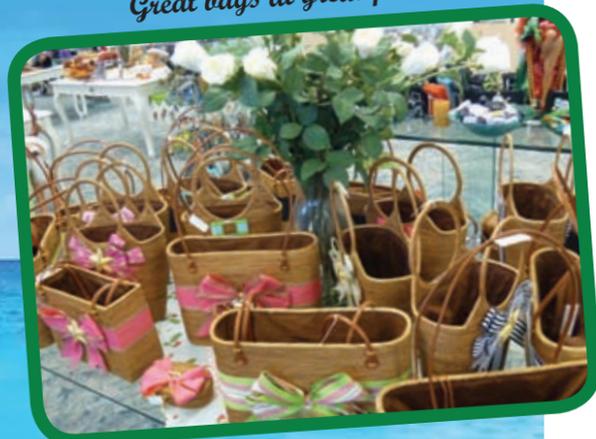


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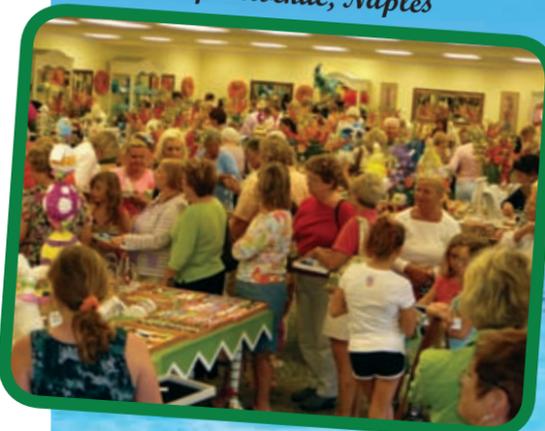


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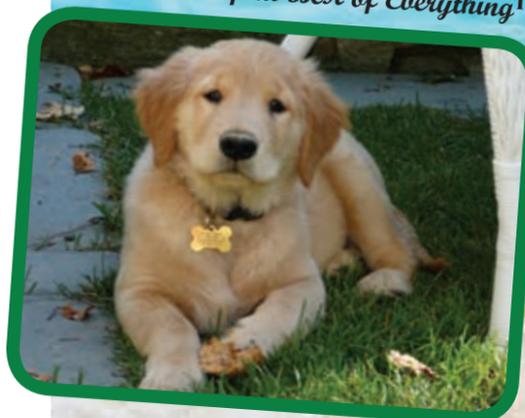
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Putting his signature on the CCSO



For years on my radio program, I've had a "Cop Talk" segment on the first Monday of every month highlighting timely information from the Collier County Sheriff's Office. I have learned to respect the complexity of the CCSO as well as the focus and discipline maintained by the officers I have interviewed. I've also enjoyed having Sheriff Kevin Rambosk as my guest several times. I think he and his predecessor, Sheriff Don Hunter, have built and maintained a culture of excellence in the sheriff's office that contributes to keeping us safe and our property secure here on the Paradise Coast.

Sheriff Rambosk and his wife, Pat, have two grown sons, Kevin and Kyle.

Sheriff Rambosk was elected to office in 2009 and before that served as second in command as the undersheriff for four years. In 2004 he was CCSO chief of operations, and in 2003 he served as captain of the organized crime division.

He started his career in law enforcement with the Naples Police Department in 1978 and was promoted through the ranks to captain of patrol operations. In 1995, he was named Naples chief of police and emergency services. He left the department in 1999 to become Naples city manager and joined the CCSO in 2003.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, he earned an MBA from Nova University and a bachelor's degree in public safety administration from William Paterson University.

He has put his signature on the CCSO by creating programs to enhance the lives of children in Collier County.

"Our young people represent the future of our community," he says. "I believe it is important to invest in them with our time and attention today to help them grow up to be productive members of society."

Here are a few examples of his programs aimed at keeping kids safe and engaged in positive activities:

■ **Summerfest:** For the past two summers, kids of all ages have been able to participate in hundreds of free activities in a safe environment. Help and support from more than 200 businesses and community partners has made Summerfest the most ambitious youth program in CCSO history.

■ **Youth Resource Center:** Sheriff Rambosk led the multi-agency creation of the Youth Resource Center, which offers an array of referral services to at-risk youth. Headquartered at the Collier County Courthouse, the center acts as the hub for youth-centered services available in the community.

■ **D.A.R.E. board:** Last March, the sheriff agreed to serve on the Drug Abuse Resistance Education America international executive law enforcement advisory board to ensure that the D.A.R.E. curriculum reflects the trends that our deputies are seeing in the

community. Last summer, the Florida D.A.R.E. Officers Association presented Sheriff Rambosk with its 2011 Leadership Award.

■ **Blogging:** Sheriff Rambosk blogs about safety on the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples website, www.cmon.org. His topics have included online safety, bicycle safety and Summerfest.

■ **Back-to-school message:** Every fall, every elementary-level student receives a letter with a back-to-school safety message from Sheriff Rambosk.

■ **Do The Right Thing:** Each month during the school year, the sheriff recognizes young students for performing a good deed within their school, community or family.

■ **Community Gallery:** CCSO's Community Gallery features children's art and is open to the public. Recent exhibits have been from Everglades City School, Youth Haven and the K Is For Kids Foundation, among others.

In addition to all of the above, Sheriff Rambosk has served as honorary chairman of the Baby Basics Biking and Walking Challenge and as a literacy buddy for the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. He is a member of the board of directors for the Junior Deputies League and is a past board member for Youth Haven.

In every aspect I can think of, the CCSO and our sheriff reach out to communities, neighborhoods and businesses to build solid relationships to that all of us can be a party to fighting crime throughout the Paradise Coast. ■



Talking points with Kevin Rambosk

Something your mother was always right about: Focus on the positive aspects of life but ensure that you resolve the challenges.

What makes you laugh: Situations where we can laugh at ourselves.

Last book you read: "Thirteen Days: A Memoir of the Cuban Missile Crisis," by Robert F. Kennedy

Something you'll never understand: Why we tend to spend more time thinking negatively about what we can't do rather than positively about what we can do with what we've got.

Pet peeve: Shoppers with more than the maximum number of items allowed in the speedy checkout line in a grocery store.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I had a short stint as a drummer with a rock 'n' roll band called The Inner Sanctum.

What are you most proud of: My history of volunteer service and commitment to my community.

First job: Wyckoff Wines and Liquors. I was responsible for sales, stock and delivery.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Sunset from the Naples Pier.

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

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pulse through our worlds, either visibly and directly or invisibly, as long as any of us breathes.

We picked these people arbitrarily, after overhearing others talk about them. We might have picked any of hundreds more. They were neither famous nor powerful in any classic sense, but only devoted — to their families, to their communities, to their principles.

They were ours, and they will always be ours.

When you raise a glass to this New Year, therefore, perhaps you will salute them, too, with all of us.



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Steve "Lugnut" Duzik



STEVE DUZIK, 1962-2011

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND: THIS MAN who stood 4-feet-1-inch above the pavement could light up the lives of passing strangers simply with a smile and a wave, like magic.

This man could walk into a bar or a church, either one, and make any stranger feel better. This man feared to greet no beautiful woman, when other men with a couple of feet and a hundred pounds on him — other men with a suave style he could never hope to match — would tremble and hold back.

This man loved the romance in Frank Sinatra's voice and showed it by singing out loud in public. This man rounded up goods for the jobless even when he had no job. And why?

Because Steve Duzik was a little big man.

A Jersey boy by upbringing and a Neapolitan by choice, he was also a devoted son and brother, a fiercely loyal friend to many, and a man with an abundance of a virtue that rarely takes the shape you expect: courage.

Mr. Duzik had to have courage in order to do all those things above and to fill his 49 years with a life unshackled from its own hard first fact: that he was born a dwarf.

When he died in October after being hit by a car (he'd been standing on the roadside with a sign and delivering his patent good cheer to every traveler that day), the outpouring of love and sorrow from Neapolitans was immense.

The church (his church, North Naples Baptist) was packed with more than 300 mourners. Many had never met him, but they'd seen him. And they trusted what they saw.

It was an attitude, a style, a temperament that revealed itself in stories like this, recalled by his sister, Darlene DuBois, who spent 30 years as a special education teacher and administrator in New Jersey after being inspired by her brother.

"We're all aging and we talked about it, Denise and I and David (Steve's other sister and brother), and we knew Steven was going to start having medical issues, so we thought we'd file for Social Security disability for him."

His siblings, who always defended him and looked out for him as children, were doing the same thing now, since their parents had died, Mrs. DuBois explains.

"He got the application and he called me. He said, 'Hey Denise, I'm filling this thing out, but WHAT IS MY DISABILITY?'"

That was Steve Duzik, nicknamed "Lugnut" in a whimsical moment by one of his closest friends, Mike Combs, owner of the North Naples Country Club.

They made an unforgettable pair, Mr. Combs standing about 6-feet 4-inches, and Mr. Duzik topping out at 4-feet 1-inch.

"It was 12 or 13 years ago, and I came out with the name 'Lugnut' one night. I don't know why, and it just stuck," Mr. Combs recalls. "Pretty soon he was calling himself by that name."

No matter what was happening, you never knew what Lugnut would do, says Mr. Combs.

"One night he walked over to the jukebox, put on Frank Sinatra's 'New York, New York,' then started kicking his way down the bar... he was like that dead sober. It wasn't alcohol-fueled courage, because he'd stopped drinking — it was a personal decision."

Mr. Duzik first demonstrated that ability to face the music — or at least sing along with it — beginning in his childhood.

Against the advice of doctors who told them their son should be institutionalized because he was severely cognitively disabled and he would never walk, his parents brought him home. And they treated him just like his two sisters and brother — with a lot of love and no fawning.

When he was turned away by a public school kindergarten the first year he was eligible, his mother took him back the next year, with David. The boys ended up going all the way through school together, graduating from South Brunswick High School in Kendall Park, just north of Princeton.

David became Steve's champion, often defending him from bullies and discriminating adults, Darlene recalls.

And in that challenging early environment, Steve Duzik defied the doctors' early predictions. "He learned to walk, he was able to learn, and he sure could talk," his sister says.

Meanwhile, his dad enrolled him in the Boy Scouts, becoming a troop leader in part to look out for Steve. On a bicycle trip with the Scouts one day, the Steve fell and split open his head. After a trip to the hospital for stitches, his dad took Steve back out on the trail and they finished the ride.

When it came time for driver's education in high school, the elder Mr. Duzik researched adapters for the car, secured the best one and took his son to the driver's ed teacher.

"Dad told the teacher to teach Steve to drive just like everybody else," says Denise. And that's what happened.

Now, Steve Duzik has finished his life, but he isn't quite where he wants to be yet.

That'll come soon, though, because he always gets where he's going — his brother and sisters will see to that.

He loved to fish, and did so in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, so some of his ashes will be scattered in both oceans before long. The remainder will be placed with his parents' ashes, in New Jersey.

As for the rest of him — the warmth and humor, the cheerful caring, the love of life — that's here with us to stay.



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Irene Squire, center



IRENE SQUIRE, 1917-2011

STEADFAST. ENDURING. METICULOUS AND thorough. Clean. A leader, a helper, a mother, a volunteer, a woman whose long life spanned six major wars, one Great Depression, one great Recession (or two or three), bi-planes, lunar landings, civil rights, women's rights and lefts and rights.

That was Irene Squire, who stepped out of life quietly last month, at the age of 94.

She was also determined — especially on behalf of others, to whom she devoted the better part of 94 years.

At the celebrated Naples Woman's Club, which has been carrying out good works for 80 years, Mrs. Squire chaired the enviable Christmas Bazaar to raise money for people in need. Not once, not twice, but 25 years in a row.

She continued to volunteer at the club until recently, but it wasn't her only cause.

"She was so infectious — and boy, could she pull some stuff," says Maureen Sullivan-Hartung, a freelance writer and the author of "Hidden History of Everglades City and Nearby Points," who was a close friend.

Take her allegiance to the Chicago Cubs and their die-hard fans, for example. When a cable company threatened to pull the Cubs off the air in Naples in 1988, they ran smack into about 10,000 very disturbed Cubbies, not the least of them Mrs. Squire, who was then a mere three-score-and-ten, in age.

Already she'd lived in Naples for more than 15 years, and she delivered her opinion about the matter succinctly and authoritatively to the *Naples Daily News*, for a story that got picked up by the national press.

"I've been a Cubs fan all my life, and I really want to see them back on TV," she insisted. "If a lawsuit is what it takes, that's what we'll have to do."

And no wonder: Mrs. Squire was born in Chicago on July 21, 1917, in the Middle of World War I and only about 10 weeks after the Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds went a full nine innings with both pitchers throwing no-hitters — the first and only time that's happened in major league history. (The Reds won in the 10th on a hit by the famous Indian athlete, Jim Thorpe.)

Mrs. Squire's daughter, Maureen Squire, who retired from a long career as a nurse at NCH in North Naples and turned 71 last week, recalls her mother with words that become a paean to simplicity and devotion — and perhaps to old-school American women.

"My mom was the model homemaker. She'd make your lunch every day. We (Maureen and her sister, Barbara) always used to tease her and call her 'Mr. Clean,' because she was always cleaning the house. She made us do the things kids used to have to do — set the table because it's your turn. She loved to bake, and we always had dessert. My dad loved meat, potatoes, the whole thing every night." She gave him that, cheerfully.

"When we were small, she sewed all of our clothes out of necessity. She never forgot anybody's birthday; she

mailed all of her friends birthday cakes. When they moved here in the early 1970s, she said, 'I just have to find something to do.' So she joined the Naples Woman's Club and ran the holiday bazaar.

"She was good with neighbors. We had a big garden and couldn't eat all of what we grew, so she shared with the neighbors. She liked people. And her neighbors loved her."

Mrs. Squire's contributions to the Woman's Club — and thus to many in Naples who benefited from her good will and energy without ever meeting her — continued long after she stepped away from the bazaar.

"She was a marvelous volunteer, and she made a lot of crafts every Christmas for sale at the club," says Jeanie Hausstein, club president from 2008 to 2010.

"It was beautiful work. They were all handmade things, the kind people don't do anymore — ornaments, little dolls, — very meticulous crafts. I use as a centerpiece on my table a Christmas skirt she did. I love her work."

Her friend Pat Trowbridge, also a former president of the club (2006 to 2008), points out that Mrs. Squire had the power of beauty and resolve, together, to the end of her life.

"She was a very attractive woman, even when she was 90," Mrs. Trowbridge says. "She was small — not imposing — but very straight backed. She lived by herself, she did all her own housework, she took care of everything."

And she did other people's housework, too, more or less.

When Mrs. Sullivan-Hartung ran the Woman's Club thrift shop on 10th Street in 2001 and 2002 (the club has since sold it), Mrs. Squire would come in, commandeer the donated clothes just washed and dried on site, and begin ironing them.

"She'd iron for the whole six-hour stretch so they looked good. She didn't think those clothes should go out looking wrinkled," recalls Mrs. Sullivan-Hartung.

"So one Friday she comes in, and somebody has sold the iron. 'What am I supposed to do now?' she said. Then the next week she comes in with her own iron."

They don't make them like that any more.

"There's not a single adjective in the whole English language that can describe that woman," says her friend.

"A few people come into your life and make a difference, and she was one of them. She could have done anything, but she took the time for other people."



COURTESY PHOTO

June Ritter, her husband Jack, and son Todd



JUNE RITTER, 1928-2011

THERE ARE TWO PARADOXES THAT EXPLAIN June Ritter.

First, she could see clearly, even though when she died in October at the age of 83 she'd been legally blind

for 66 years.

What she could see most clearly, perhaps, was the crossroads of principle and action in American life — the mandate that all of us must treat each other equally and well, coupled with the imperative that each of us display tolerance, care, compassion and empathy for those less fortunate or simply different.

There was another paradox that defined her, too.

“Her physical stature was small, but her heart and persona were immense,” recalls her close friend Joan Peppe, a fellow member of the Naples Newcomers Club and Pearls, the club’s do-good extension for women who move on from Newcomers after five years to offer significant aid to the community at large.

Mrs. Ritter did exactly that, as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

She arrived in Naples with her husband, Jack, in 2004. They came from homes and lives in Lancaster, Pa., and later Ridgeway, N.J., where they had raised four children. Immediately, she joined Newcomers and (with Jack) the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Naples.

The church had always been part of the family’s life, serving as a platform for the Ritters to do some good. A lot of good, as it turns out.

“We’re liberals,” Mr. Ritter says bluntly. Liberals who put their money, sweat and caring where their mouths are.

In Ridgeway, a town faced with a paucity of decent living quarters for the less-than-affluent elderly, the Ritters led the UU effort to buy older buildings, restore them as condominiums that paid for themselves and manage them — all without taking a cent. At one point, Mrs. Ritter worked fulltime for two years on the nonprofit enterprise.

They created nine homes initially and expanded that to 28 before moving to Naples, where Mrs. Ritter brought a similar high-octane energy to such causes and organizations as Planned Parenthood, in which she deeply believed.

“She was a little tiny woman with a great big spirit, and you had no idea she was nearly blind,” observes Jill Barry, another friend from Newcomers. “She never let it upset her life or define her.

“She was gracious and kind, and even with our age difference, she was also a lot of fun. She had the art of conversation.”

At 44, Ms. Barry is young enough to be Mrs. Ritter’s granddaughter — and couldn’t care less. Age didn’t define Mrs. Ritter any more than poor eyesight or the physical pain she endured from illnesses that ultimately ended her life.

“You never knew she had a bad day,” Ms. Barry says.

When Mrs. Ritter spoke, everyone listened — her voice carried both moral authority and the authority of experience, her friends recall.

Born and raised in Milwaukee during the Depression, she met her husband in a bar when she was 19 and Jack was 20. He had just come home from the Navy and World War II.

Both were dating somebody else at the time — in fact, on that very day and in that very bar. But by the next day, things had changed.

“I called her and asked for a date, and she said, ‘What about Edith?’ And I said, ‘What about Edith?’ Mr. Ritter recalls.

It was the right thing to do whether anybody else thought so or not — an attitude Mrs. Ritter carried with her always.

Years later, remembers her youngest son, Todd Ritter, she would take her two teenage daughters — his older sisters — on a long bus ride to Washington, D.C., to protest the Vietnam War in a public march on the mall.

Mrs. Ritter’s decision to date Jack led

to the first great bloom in a rosebush life whose thorny hardships, for her, came early.

Like many families, hers struggled through the Depression. Unlike some others, however, her family was also hit hard by the war. She lost two brothers, one who went down with the U.S.S. Indianapolis, and one who died in the crash of a B-29 bomber.

But she emerged from those tragedies to win a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she earned a degree in child development while Mr. Ritter became an engineer.

Todd, now a plumbing contractor and highly respected rock climber in Boulder, Colo., made many trips to Naples over the years and reached his mother here in time to say goodbye, in her final days.

Her unprepossessing mental toughness and desire to help other people defined her, he explains.

“She never got close to 5 feet (tall), and she was losing inches by the year at the end of her life, but she was this really strong, really loving, really caring individual.

“When I was growing up, Mom couldn’t just take you to baseball practice like a lot of other moms (she could never drive), but you learned that’s what a bike was for. It gave me a different perspective.

“Maybe Mom didn’t teach me how to rock climb, but she taught me how to deal with adversity and overcome it — that just because something was tough, didn’t mean it wasn’t worth pursuing.”

She led by example, in her case pursuing the interests of others.

“More often than not,” recalls Todd, “Mom wanted to ensure that those around her were comfortable and happy before she gave any thought to her own comfort.”

Those around her, in her mind, included anyone living on the planet she thought she could help.

“I can’t remember a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner where it was just family,” her son says. “There was always some stranger there — a stranger to me but a casual acquaintance to my mother — who didn’t have to spend the holiday alone because her holiday table was always open.”

The Ritters took in foreign students regularly, including a boy from Brazil named Marcos Mauricio, who lived with them and graduated from Ridgeway High School.

Forty years later, at Mrs. Ritter’s funeral, Mr. Mauricio brought his wife and children from Brazil to say goodbye to her.

By that time, the Ritters had visited Brazil themselves on a number of occasions — in fact, they’d traveled to all seven continents and about 75 countries together, says Mr. Ritter, who uses only two words to define his wife: “vibrant and wonderful.”

“I don’t get the feeling my mother had any regrets when she passed away,” her son says. “She’d had this incredible opportunity, and she’d reached a peace with just about everything and everyone in her life.”



DONNA MACGIVEN, 1948-2011

THERE ARE TWO STORIES THAT SHINE LIKE beacons from the last day of Donna MacGiven’s life, when November drew to a dark close and she finally lost her 16-year battle with breast cancer.

With her loved ones gathered around her at home, Mrs. MacGiven beckoned one of her dearest friends, Elizabeth Brickman. “I got in the bed with her — our faces were close together — and she asked to talk with me and to pray,” Mrs. Brickman recalls.

“Suddenly everything changed. I was



COURTESY PHOTO

Donna MacGiven (center) and her family in November

no longer the comforter; I couldn’t do it. She had to comfort me. I said, ‘I don’t want you to go.’ And she said, ‘That’s all right, Elizabeth. It won’t be very long and you’ll be with me.’ She meant that the measure of eternity, the measure of heaven, is wider and higher than we can imagine, and this life is short and transitory. She did not die with fear or any kind of dread.”

The second story from the day Mrs. MacGiven died reflects her devotion to her responsibility as a mother and the kind of people she raised her daughters to be. As she slipped into unconsciousness, the telephone rang. Her younger daughter, Tiffany Lehman, answered the call only to discover a solicitor on the line. “Tiffany could have hung up or been brusque, but she didn’t,” Mrs. Brickman says. “She was courteous and kind. She spoke in full sentences. That’s how they were raised.”

It was probably what amounted to an ideal childhood for Tiffany, now 33, and her sister, Heather Bosse, 34, who grew up in Naples. Their parents met on a blind date during their college days at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and neither one of them ever looked back. While their dad, Ralph, created a thriving insurance business in Naples, Mrs. MacGiven, who had first gone to work after graduation as a social worker, served as his office manager. Later, she became one of the first female State Farm insurance agents in the state of Florida, creating her own agency and establishing a vocational legacy for her girls. Both daughters, now married and mothers themselves, are also insurance agents — Tiffany in Naples. But in some ways, that was the least of it. “Choose to build character over building wealth,” was one of Mrs. MacGiven’s written principals — and building character meant helping people. So that’s what she did.

“Everything she did, she did for someone else. She was the most positive person you’ve ever met,” Tiffany says about her mom. Mrs. MacGiven developed the celebrated Youth Leadership Collier program to help high school juniors discover the community’s resources. She outlined the program one evening with a couple of friends, on a napkin, her daughter recalls. She was also part of the MAG Five, now the MAG 10 — a group of “magnificent” women who bring together the power of their friendships to help each other and others in the community. And she contributed countless hours and work to the Zonta Club of Naples. The club and MAG were both right up her alley: a network of business executives and professional women who help empower girls through education, who support shelters for survivors of domestic abuse, and who perform many other acts of charity and compassion in the community.

But Mrs. MacGiven’s true talent emerged in what her friend Mrs. Brickman calls “the laser focus” of her hope for every person she met. It was the kind of one-on-one caring that can’t be measured and doesn’t come with titles. Once seen, however, it can never be forgotten. Her family and friends say it was simply a matter of adherence to her single favorite Bibli-

cal command, which appears in Galatians 5:14: “For the whole law is summed up in one command: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

When treatment for her cancer required her to wear a wig, for example, she discovered how important that was for a sense of dignity. So on several occasions each year after that, she purchased and donated wigs for those who couldn’t afford them.

“She was a person people were instantly, almost magnetically attracted to,” explains Mrs.

Brickman. “Here is the reason: Donna’s outlook on the world was that everyone was immediately pronounced ‘Not Guilty.’ She had acceptance and hope. I would not describe it as empathy, though she had that, too — it was more a matter of a positive energy and hope laser-directed at another person.

“When she was with any person — from a hotel bellman to a clerk at the grocery store to a president of the board of directors — she focused this cheerful, joyful hope and encouragement on them. That was the essence of who she was.”

She was no Pollyanna, though, especially when it came to raising her children. For example, there was the time Tiffany, as a 15-year-old, decided to run away without telling anyone — for about two hours, to her friend’s house across the street. After a frantic call from her mother, “I was afraid to come home, because I knew how much trouble I’d be in,” Tiffany remembers.

And she was right. Her parents’ reaction sprang from another one of her mother’s rules to live by: “When your child does something bad, overreact the first time so they don’t do it again.” When Tiffany got home, she discovered her bedroom door off the hinges. “I had to strip my room,” she adds. “I had to clean it up and we painted it. I was punished for two months.” And then? “And then that was it. I NEVER did that again.” Perhaps Mrs. MacGiven inherited some of her steel from her parents. Her dad, a World War II fighter pilot, was an inventor of (among other things) a cleaner that could take the spots out of carpet used in commercial aircraft in the 1950s. And her mom was a strong, devoted homemaker. They raised her in Miami.

Her relationship with people in the world, notes Mrs. Brickman, “was not passive. She wasn’t the sweet passive kind of caring person. She was way more active. She was dynamic, energetic, determined. Those molecules were jumping all over the place.” Whether that came from genetics or from a conscious choice probably doesn’t matter, suggests Mrs. Brickman. What matters is that it turned into a habit that became a life. And that life became a Neapolitan jewel. ■

in the know

Going through her mother’s possessions, Tiffany Lehman found a diary in which her mother, Donna MacGiven, made personal observations or jotted rules to live by.

“I never knew it was there,” Tiffany says about the journal. Here are some of Donna MacGiven’s words to herself.

■ If you have a bad dream, just go back to sleep and change the ending.

■ I am the happiest person I have ever met.

■ Driving an ugly car as a teenager builds character.

■ Choose to build character over building wealth.

■ Help kids to start setting goals early for themselves.

■ Love the Lord. Turn to God for strength daily. Say thank you for your blessings, ask for help during your trials and believe with all your heart that God is with you every step of the way, good or bad.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Sean Fedak, Bill Perilli, Courtney Marshall, Dean Staar and Aga Edwards of Fiddler's Creek at Manatee Elementary School with some of the toys collected for students.

Fiddler's Creek residents help make holidays happy for school children

Hundreds of underprivileged children found new toys, games and other gifts under the tree this year thanks to a group of Fiddler's Creek residents. It was the 10th consecutive year the homeowners have collected and delivered the toys to Manatee Elementary School in East Naples. This year, a record amount of items - approximately 400 - were delivered to the school for the young students and their siblings.

"We used to see so many children coming back to school after the holidays in January with their sad faces over not receiving any gifts," says Carmen Fontdevila, the school's point person since the toy drive began. "This makes it possible for every child to be happy on

Christmas morning. That's the motivation for doing this."

Ms. Fontdevila explains that the donated gifts are first organized according to gender and age appropriateness. Then parents are invited to visit the portable "toy store" at the school to choose things for their children. This year's donations included games, dolls, trucks, educational toys, stuffed animals, books, novelty action figures and various sports items.

"We are honored that so many of us are involved in this program," says Aga Edwards, activities director for the Fiddler's Creek Club & Spa. "We believe that by just giving a little, we are making a big difference in their lives." ■



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The Holiday Harmony Carolers — Ken Ruisi, Lauren Redeker, Anita Hold and Cris Blackman — entertained shoppers and guests at Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour on Dec. 17.



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A group of spirited, multilingual second- and third-grade students from Veterans Memorial Elementary School entertained patients and staff at Avow Hospice's Georgeson House the week before Christmas. In addition to granting everyone warm holiday wishes, these young philanthropists brought approximately 30 handmade holiday wreaths as gifts for the hospice patients. Pictured from right to left are: Aaron Slaven, Kasey Salmons, Carissa Procacci, Max Rig-gall and Will Wolff.



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ The **Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center** presents holiday crafts and activities for kids from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29-30. The center at 300 Tower Road also has nature films and naturalist-led programs on topics such as its marine touch tank, sharks and skulls and bones. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for members.

For more information, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org.

■ **"Night Lights: A Winter Solstice Celebration"** takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29-30, at the Naples Botanical Garden, which is turned into an illuminated wonderland with hundreds of tiki torches and lit trees. Live musical performances each night are by The Wholtones, Island Vibes and Joseph Peliska. Visitors can also roast marshmallows over a toasty fire, decorate tasty holiday treats, walk the luminary-lit labyrinth, snap a photo with friends in the Foto Booth by Luminaire Foto or try the food and drink at the Garden Café Cart by Tastebuds Custom Catering.

"Night Lights: A Winter Solstice Celebration" is sponsored by Eventz Inc. and *Florida Weekly*. Admission is \$7 for Garden member adults, \$3 for Garden member children; \$15 for non-members adults and \$5 for non-member children.

For more information, visit www.naplesgarden.org.

■ The Naples Historical Society presents **"Christmas at Palm Cottage"** through Dec. 30. Home of the NHS, the circa 1895 Palm Cottage is Naples' oldest house and the only one in the city listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It's dressed in holiday splendor and open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 1-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S. Admission is free for NHS members and \$6 per person for others (free for ages 10 and younger). No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org.

■ **Beth Tikvah of Naples**, the Conservative synagogue of Collier County, hosts a meet and mingle beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Heritage Bay Golf & Country 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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Jan. 12

Evan Drachman, Cellist and Richard Dowling, Pianist

at 7:00pm. Evan Drachman has appeared regularly as a soloist with orchestras for performances around the world. Evan carries on techniques for which his grandfather, cellist Gregor Piatigorsky, was revered: the ability to make the cello imitate the human singing voice, and to tell a

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Jan. 17 Sanibel Island Shell Point Seminar

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from 10:00-11:30am. The Sanibel Community Church will host an informational seminar to allow the residents of Sanibel and Captiva Islands the opportunity to learn about the numerous resort style retirement options available at Shell Point. Retirement counselors will offer a brief presentation on the benefits of lifecare at Shell Point, as well as the many amenities that are available. Admission is free. **Call (239) 472-2684 to RSVP.**



Jan. 27 Why was Modern Art significant & Understanding Contemporary Art Session 1 from 10-11:30am. Session two from 12:30-2pm. Lecturer Joanna Coke presents

this two session lunch and learn that shows us how the world's cultural changes affected the artistic movements. Attendees will enjoy a boxed lunch. Tickets are \$25. **Call (239) 454-2054 to RSVP.**



Jan. 31 Cantus, On the Shoulders of Giants at 7:30pm. Cantus, a nine-voice men's ensemble, will present masterworks

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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Militia news

Anti-government survivalists engaged in high-profile standoffs have made News of the Weird — most recently the story of Ed Brown and his wife and supporters, resisting a federal tax bill, holed up for nine months in the New Hampshire woods near Plainfield in 2007. (The Browns were arrested by a U.S. marshal who tricked his way inside.) The longest-running standoff now is probably that

of John Joe Gray, 63, and his extended family in a 47-acre, well-fortified compound in Trinidad, Texas, south-east of Dallas. They have lived ascetic settlers' lives since Mr. Gray jumped bail in 2000 on a traffic charge. Mr. Gray has said he feels free on his land and warned authorities "better bring plenty of body bags" if they try to re-arrest him.

Lawn chair lift-offs

■ Larry Walters made history in 1982 with perhaps the most famous balloon ride of all time — in an ordinary lawn chair, lifted by 45 helium-filled weather balloons — soaring to over 16,000 feet in Southern California before descending by shooting the balloons one by one.

■ In 2008, gas station manager Kent

Couch of Bend, Ore., made a similar lawn-chair flight and had scheduled another, for November 2011, to float over now-allegedly peaceful Baghdad, to raise money for Iraqi orphans. (Mr. Couch subsequently postponed his flight until March 2012 to give the charities more time to organize.)

Just nuts

■ Unlicensed "surgeon"-castrator Edward Bodkin resurfaced recently after more than a decade under the radar. He was sentenced to four years in prison in 1999 in Huntington, Ind., for unauthorized practice of medicine (removing the testicles, with consent, of five men). Mr. Bodkin was arrested in August 2011 in Wetumpka, Ala., and charged with possession of child pornography, but authorities also recovered castration equipment, videos of castrations, photos of testicles in jars and a form contract apparently used by Mr. Bodkin to obtain the consent of men going under his knife.

■ It is almost no longer weird that Western chefs attempt to get as exotic as they can serving plants, insects and obscure parts of animals in their dishes that are usually only experienced by cultures far removed from America. Jennifer McLagan's recent book on how to cook animals' "odd" parts describes various recipes for cooking hearts, heads, tongues and ears, and guesses that the next big thing in Western eating will be testicles. "(S) teaks and chops are like bulletproof to cook," she said. "Any idiot can cook a steak, right?"

What's in a name?

In January 2009, the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services removed three kids from the home of Heath and Deborah Campbell in Holland Township, apparently after becoming alarmed that the Campbells might be white supremacists. Though a court later concluded that the kids had been "abused," the Campbells told the *New York Daily News* in

October 2011 that the state acted only based on the names the parents had given the kids -- Adolf Hitler Campbell, who was then 3, and his then-1-year-old sisters, Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell and JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell. The Campbells have consistently denied that they are neo-Nazis.

Baby-momma daddy

Thomas Beatie was big news in March 2008 when he and his wife, Nancy, decided to start a family, except that Thomas, not Nancy, took on the child-bearing responsibilities. (Thomas, born a female, had his breasts removed but retained his reproductive organs.) Thomas got pregnant, appeared on "Oprah," and

subsequently had three children (who mugged delightfully for the cameras on the syndicated TV show "The Doctors" in October 2011). He also revealed on the show that it might be time to get his tubes tied, as each pregnancy requires him, irritatingly, to abandon his male hormone regimen.

The Pervo-American community

Convicted child-sex offender Charlie Price, 57, was arrested in Pittsfield, Mass., but only for disturbing the peace — because the "victim" was merely made of cardboard. Price,

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Any registered voter can ask for and vote an absentee ballot. To request that a ballot be sent through the mail, call 252-8450 or visit www.collier-votes.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, is the last day to ask the elections office to send an absentee ballot through the mail. After that date, voters will be required to pick up their ballot at the elections office.

It is important to note that absentee ballots are not forwarded and will be mailed to the address provided to the Supervisor of Elections Office. Com-

pleted ballots must be returned in the official ballot envelope provided, and the envelope must be signed by the voter.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Jan. 31. Those who are returning an absentee ballot by mail should note that as of Jan. 22, the cost of mailing a 1-ounce piece of mail through the United State Post Office goes up from 44 cents to 45 cents.

If you receive an absentee ballot but decide to vote during early voting or on Election Day, bring the marked or unmarked absentee ballot to the polls so it can be cancelled.

For more information, call the number or visit the website above. ■

'Lunch & Learn' at Rookery Bay

Bring your curiosity — and your appetite — to "Lunch & Learn" at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center from noon to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Lunch is provided by series sponsors Carabba's and Costco Naples.

Coming up Jan. 4, Lee Hammond will discuss her 20-year career as a nature artist, author and art instructor. Ms. Hammond has written more than 15 books on drawing techniques. She is also a certified police com-

posite artist and holds licenses with numerous NASCAR racing teams to create portraits of drivers that are turned into fine art prints.

She conducts drawing and painting seminars nationwide and will instruct at Rookery Bay later this winter.

"Lunch & Learn" lectures are free for Friends of Rookery Bay members and \$8 for others. Call 417-6310, ext. 401, to register, or visit www.rookerybay.org or facebook.com/friendsofrookerybay for more information. ■

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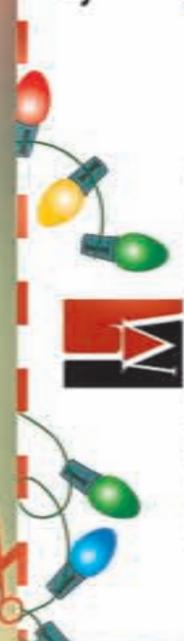
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NONPROFIT NEWS

NABOR Leadership Class cultivates Serenity Garden

The campus of Youth Haven in East Naples has a fresh new look thanks to the Naples Area Board of Realtors 2011 Leadership Class. The class chose Youth Haven as its community project and worked throughout the summer to raise funds to beautify areas of the 25-acre campus that is home to Collier County's only emergency shelter exclusively for abused, abandoned and neglected children.

The centerpiece is a serenity garden complete with benches, a fountain and flowering plants, where the children can retreat for quiet reflection time. The group also refurbished the fence lining

the perimeter of the grounds and created a bus stop for the children.

A dedication ceremony and celebratory barbecue with Youth Haven's children took place earlier this month.

An outpouring of community support helped make the serenity garden and other enhancements possible. Blue Martini and Yabba Island Grill hosted two fundraising nights for the effort. Others who helped include: Dan Henthorne Pre-cast, ETD Restoration, Gulf Coast Pavers, Lowe's, Sherwin William, Emanuel Title, Driftwood Nursery, JS Carroll Electric, All Access Events, Third Street Café, Sweetbay, Sam's Club and Costco. ■

FGCU set for \$1 million to endow children's music therapy program

Southwest Florida Children's Charities is donating \$1 million to Florida Gulf Coast University to create an endowment supporting the Southwest Florida Children's Charities Music Therapy Program within FGCU's Bower School of Music.

SFCC provides funding to local charities serving children. Its signature annual fundraising event, The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, has distributed nearly \$3.5 since its inception. This is the second gift to FGCU; the first provided scholarships for pre-medical

students pursuing degrees in pediatrics.

Music therapy is defined as the use of music in the treatment of individuals who have problems of a mental, physical and/or emotional nature. The field shows great promise in treating the increasing numbers of children identified as autistic, as well as those with numerous other disorders that limit their development. FGCU hopes to open the Southwest Florida Children's Charities Music Therapy Program to its first majors in August 2014. ■



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Volunteer helps David Lawrence Center get organized

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Neapolitan Marla Ottenstein is a professional organizer by trade, and when she heard about the expansion and renovations taking place on the main campus of the David Lawrence Center, she offered her services to help maximize the new facilities and make them more comfortable for clients.

Ottenstein has taken on a series of projects at no charge for David Lawrence. Phase one involved restructuring a multi-purpose room in the Substance Abuse Services Center, creating a serene environment conducive to an individual's recovery from substance abuse. In addition to being multi-functional, the room needed to "show" well to prospective donors and other visitors.

At the same time, the kitchen area needed to be completely reorganized. Ms. Ottenstein consolidated a snack and beverage center and designed a buffet station. These and other changes have made kitchen more functional and orderly for residential clients of the David Lawrence Center.

"Marla has been an active supporter of David Lawrence for many years," says Carol Shaw, vice president of development for the center. "In fact, we were on a tour of the facility when Marla spoke up about the desire to volunteer her professional services and get us more organized."

Enhancing the therapeutic environment while expanding the Crossroads adult residential substance abuse treatment pro-

gram was critical to meet the increased demand for comprehensive treatment services in Southwest Florida and to make such treatment more accessible to those in need. The goal is to create a life-changing



COURTESY PHOTO

Marla Ottenstein, right, rallied others including artist Connie Bransilver and Steve Agius of Creative Tile & Hardwood Floors to take part in a renovation/expansion project at the David Lawrence Center. The new-and-improved Substance Abuse Services Center opened earlier this month.

and life-lasting recovery opportunity for individuals and their loved ones in an environment that welcomes and encourages people through the process.

"This beautiful new space has been enhanced to mirror the services that our clients receive," says David Schimmel, CEO of the center.

An open house was held earlier this month at the recently expanded Substance Abuse Services Center, which now houses

the Crossroads residential treatment program, day treatment, adult drug court, family intervention services, recovery support services, domestic violence batterer's intervention, pretrial intervention and court referred registration. There is also a new serenity garden.

"The David Lawrence Center is such an integral part of our community in helping children, adults and families with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs," Ms. Ottenstein says. "By offering my professional services and expertise, I am able to give back to the community and make a difference."

Many of the materials utilized in the various projects were contributed by local businesses and vendors. One of the first vendors to offer assistance was Steve Agius, vice president and general manager for Creative Tile & Hardwood Floors. The business donated and installed a tile backsplash for the sink in the kitchen area of the Crossroads building.

Other donors included Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church, the Naples Garden Club, Connie Bransilver, Nancy Morrow Harvey, Paul Arsenault, Gulf Coast Construction and The Cabinet Shop of Lee County. Many others supported the project by purchasing commemorative bricks in the serenity garden.

Additional contributions are being accepted. For more information, contact Ms. Shaw at the David Lawrence Center, 354-1416. ■

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'i Gives Back' begins in 2012 with cell-phone collection drive

Iberiabank will start the New Year with a new program aimed at supporting local nonprofit organizations. Titled "i Gives Back," the program will touch several sectors in the community, including veterans, children, the elderly and less fortunate. Each month, the bank will donate labor, serve as a collection point or host an event to benefit a particular charity.

The "i Gives Back" initiative complements the work Iberiabank already does for nonprofit and civic organizations. Charities that have been selected for the program are well-respected organizations, many of which have already benefited from the philanthropic efforts of Iberiabank employees.

"i Gives Back" launches in January with a post-holiday collection of used cell phones. The bank has partnered with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children in Collier County (www.naplesshelter.org) and Abuse Counsel-

ing and Treatment, Inc. in Lee County (www.actabuse.com). All donated cell phones will either be given to shelter clinics to be used for emergency 911 calls only, or donated for money through cellular company buy-back programs. Cell phones of all conditions and ages will be accepted.

"Many people receive cell phones for the holidays and simply don't know what to do with their old phone," says Keith Short, market president for Iberiabank. "This collection allows us to use our expansive branch network to help collect much-needed cell phones for families in these shelters."

Rebecca Grabau, volunteer and resource coordinator with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, says, "With this partnership, Iberiabank is literally helping save lives by providing children, women and men fleeing domestic violence cell-phone access to police 24 hours a day." ■

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NONPROFIT NEWS

Celebration plans are well under way at Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Members of the "Magic Under the Mangroves" committee continue planning for the annual fundraiser to support the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The 2012 event celebrating natural wild spaces takes place Thursday, March 8, on the grounds at the Conservancy.

A "Magic" committee meeting in early December included the spreading of Blazing Star seeds on the Christopher B. Smith Preserve. The native Blazing Star's pink-purple and white flowers will attract butterflies and, when mixed with other seeds, will provide a foraging feast for the gopher tortoises on the preserve.

Over the past seven years, "Magic Under the Mangroves" has raised more than \$2.6 million to support the Conservancy mission.

Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor of the 2012 event, which returns to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center campus. The evening will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by a seated dinner and live auction. Patron level guests will also experience the "magic" of the patron party at the private Keewaydin Club on Keewaydin Island on Sunday, Feb. 12.

For information about tickets, call 403-4200 or visit www.conservancy.org/magic.

Also in the planning stages

Preliminary plans are under way for a

grand reopening festivities for the Conservancy Nature Center. A committee chaired by Jeanne Smith, Maureen Lerner, Sue Dalton and Nancy White is planning a multi-day celebration to take place in January 2013. Specific days and events will be targeted toward "Saving Southwest Florida" Capital Campaign donors as well as Conservancy members and volunteers and area residents and visitors.

The Nature Center is undergoing \$20 million of renovations and upgrades as part of the \$38.8 million "Saving Southwest Florida" Capital Campaign. The balance of the campaign funds raised are supporting incremental initiatives to protect the region's water, land and wildlife, an endowment (which includes the hiring of a veterinarian for the wildlife hospital) and the purchase of land. The sustainable campus initiative includes the use of passive solar, LED lighting, geothermal cooling and energy management systems. The von Arx Wildlife Hospital will utilize photovoltaic solar panels, and all other building roofs will be "solar-ready" for the future installation of solar panels. More than 84 percent of all materials are being recycled or reused.

The Nature Center will open in phases beginning in early 2012, leading up to the grand reopening celebration in January 2013. For the latest information, visit www.conservancy.org. ■

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debut in May 2006 on CNN Headline News with his self-titled topical talk show. He has also appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" as a regular contributor and has authored six *New York Times* bestsellers in the categories of non-fiction, fiction and children's picture books.

Mr. Metaxas' book "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy" topped *The New York Times* Bestseller List in September 2011. He released his most recent book, "Socrates in the City," in October 2011.

A 2011 recipient of the Canterbury Medal awarded by the Becket Fund for Religious Freedom, Mr. Metaxas has written for *VeggieTales*, Chuck Colson and *The New York Times*. His humor writing was first published in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

The 2012 Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speakers Series continues with Andrew Weil, the father of integrative

medicine, on Wednesday, Feb. 1; world-renowned endurance artist David Blaine, Thursday, March 1; and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Tuesday, March 20.

In addition to the above four nights, there are two special Town Hall programs in 2012: *New York Times* best-selling author Rita Cosby on Jan. 16 at Moorings Park; and Fox News anchor Brett Baier on Feb. 25 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

Continuously operating and producing four lectures per season since 1983, Town Hall remains the forerunner in presenting world leaders, experts in the fields of economics, history and science, as well as cultural icons to local audiences. Past speakers have included several former U.S. presidents (George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush), media icons (Sam Donaldson, Tim Russert, Cokie Roberts and Anderson Cooper) as well as global leaders such as Benazir Bhutto and President of Israel Shimon Peres.

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Youth Ambassador Program connects students with Town Hall speakers

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Collier County students have a new opportunity to garner exposure to political, cultural, scientific and media authorities and other people of influence. The Youth Ambassador Program of the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series has been designed to inspire today's youth to become future leaders in their community and beyond, by connecting them to world leaders.

"We hope to encourage students to approach our speakers with an open mind, to listen to what they have to say, to ques-

tion any preconceived ideas they may have and to formulate their own opinions," says Rick Borman, president and producer of the series that starts its 29th season on Jan. 7 (see related story on page A1).

In coordination with public and private schools in Collier County, a select group of high school students will participate, at no charge, in an educational and interactive assembly before each Town Hall lecture and special event in the 2012 season.

"We are striving to encourage young people to get informed about topics, issues and candidates so that they can make the best possible decisions for themselves, without

relying on the opinions and perspective of outside sources," Mr. Borman adds.

Students will have the opportunity to interact with Town Hall guest speakers via a personal meet and greet with each guest and with community leaders before they will view (in simulcast) the speaker lecture.

"We hope these speakers' messages propel the students' desire to make a contribution to society," Mr. Borman says. Sponsorship opportunities for the Youth Ambassador Program are still available. For more information, call 659-6524 or visit www.NaplesTownHall.org. ■

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **German American Club Gemuetlichkeit** holds a dinner dance on Friday, Jan. 13, at St. Katharine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Pulling Road. Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for others. For reservations, call 774-1582.

■ Renowned floral designer Ron Morgan will present "In the Company of Flowers" when the **Naples Garden Club** meets at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. Morgan has dazzled lecture and garden club audiences for more than 20 years with his wit, knowledge and unparalleled creative talents. Through his imaginative use of flowers, fruits, vegetables and other unusual items, he transforms the ordinary into exquisite tablescapes. He has designed window displays for Harrods's and David Jones, opened retail floral and antique shops, consulted as an interior designer and conducted flower-arranging classes.

He now lives in Alameda, Cali., and devotes most of his creative energies to the garden club lecture circuit.

Admission is free for Naples Garden Club members and \$10 for others. Call 262-1272 or purchase online at www.naplesgardenclub.org.

■ The **Zonta Club of Bonita Springs** is accepting grant and volunteer service hour request applications from area nonprofits working to combat violence against women, to support education opportunities for women of all ages and to provide health care to women who cannot afford it

The club has also opened the application process for its annual scholarship awarded to an area woman continuing her education in math, science or business.

The deadline for grant applications is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1. Scholarship applications are due by Friday, March 23. Requests for volunteer service hours are accepted all year.

Application forms can be found

at www.zontabonitasprings.org. For more information, call Denese Mattrey, chair of the club's grant committee, at 989-3453 or e-mail dmattrey@embarqmail.com.

■ The **Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples** will meet from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at a member's home in Grey Oaks. Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome to enjoy tea and treats and to embrace the Pi Phi sisterhood.

Cost is \$10. For more information and reservations, call 262-2259 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

■ 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.

■ The **Cleveland Club** celebrates its 14th anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Heritage Bay Country Club. All Clevelanders are welcome. The club's second dinner dance of the season will be held Saturday, March 24, at Cypress Woods Country Club.

Tickets to both evenings are \$26. For reservations, call Diane Corcelli at 992- 6723.

■ 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.

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■ **The Naples Garden Club's 2012 House & Garden Tour** set for Saturday, Feb. 4, is sold out. There is a stand-by option, however. Those who want to give it a try should arrive at the Naples Botanical Garden 45 minutes before their preferred departure time and put their name on the list. Buses leave the Garden at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Last year, 1:30 p.m. was the best time to get a stand-by seat. Seats are released to those on the list on a first-come, first-served basis when ticket-holders don't show up.

Tickets are \$85.

This year's House & Garden Tour will visit four private properties in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and historic Olde Naples. Proceeds 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, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org or e-mail info@naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **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 choosing 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, e-mail cathynaples@aol.com or call Jim Richardson at 272-3645.

■ **The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

The club meets for lunch at 11:30

a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday).

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Although participation is free, space is limited and reservations are required. Call Ms. Radcliffe at 280-9095.

Grief workshop coming to Avow

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 Whipoorwill 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.

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.

Managing stress for caregivers and professionals

More than 65 million Americans provide care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged relative or friend each year. Family caregivers, health care professionals and clergy are invited to learn strategies for coping from Kenneth Doka, Ph.D., professor of gerontology at the Graduate School of New Rochelle, when he speaks at Moorings Park at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

For family and other caregivers will learn how to manage their own stress, set goals and expectations and take care of themselves.

Health-care professionals and clergy will receive insights about the psychological and spiritual reactions at end of life and will identify ways to help terminally ill patients and their families.

Dr. Doka is a senior consultant to the

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Holiday gatherings might reveal warning signs of Alzheimer's

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The holiday season is a time families gather and spend quality time with loved ones. It is also a time that can raise questions about the cognitive health of aging family members.

"The number of people who express concern about a loved one's health tends to increase after the holiday season," says Gloria J.T. Smith, president and CEO of the Florida Gulf Coast chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

With Alzheimer's disease in particular, Ms. Smith adds, it's important to know what it is and what it isn't.

Here are the 10 most common warning signs of the disease, along with examples of normal aging. If you notice any of the warning signs in aging loved ones, make sure they see a doctor.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life. One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; relying on memory aides (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on one's own.

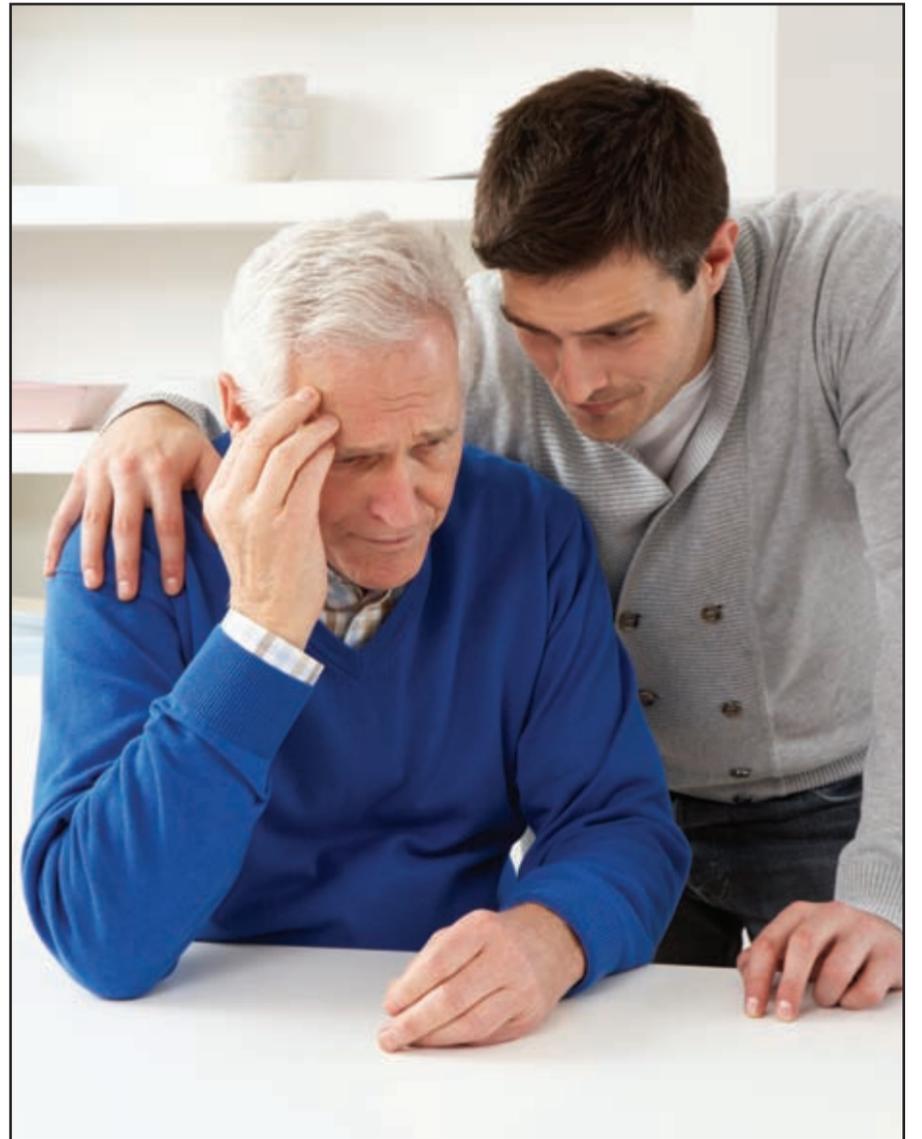
- What's typical: Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems. Some people might experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They might have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They might have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

- What's typical: Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or leisure. People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks, such as driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

- What's typical: Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave



or to record a television show.

4. Confusion with time or place. People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They can have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they forget where they are or how they got there.

- What's typical: Getting confused about the day of the week, but only briefly before figuring it out.

5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. For some people, having vision problems is

a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. In terms of perception, they might pass a mirror and think their reflection is someone else in the room.

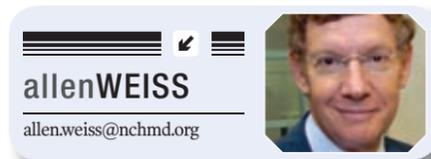
- What's typical: Vision changes related to cataracts.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer's can have trouble following or joining a conversation. They might stop in the middle of a conversation and

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STRAIGHT TALK

Counting our blessings at the end of a banner year for NCH



'Tis the season to be thankful — and boy, do we have many colleagues and friends to thank as NCH completes another highly successful year for our institution and our community. Allow me to mention just a few.

We started a new tradition this year with our first annual Medical Diplomats Holiday Dinner Party, hosted by Chief Development Officer Jim Martin's team and attended by more than 170 generous

supporters. Our 400 Medical Diplomats have raised close to \$5 million since the program's inception in 2004. Singled out for special mention were the following Lifetime Members in attendance: Jay and Patty Baker, Mary Jane Briggs, Robert and Connie Eaton, Robert and Mariann MacDonald, Raymond and Peggy Pettit and Stephen and Lety Schwartz for their selfless efforts on behalf of NCH. The contributions of these people and all our other Medical Diplomats help differentiate NCH as the quality provider it has become for the 36,000 patients we serve each year.

We also honored 1,200 extraordinary NCH volunteers with holiday luncheons hosted by Amanda Smith, our director of volunteers, and Lauren Turner, volunteer

coordinator. As I have shared many times, our volunteers are often the first NCH representatives that patients or guests meet when visiting our campuses. The volunteer-run gift shops and white elephant sales this past year helped us purchase a \$280,000 interoperative neurosurgical imaging instrument and more than \$25,000 worth of pediatric equipment.

Volunteers serve in our cafeterias, transport patients, refresh bedside stands with water, assist with admissions and do so much more. Over this past year, NCH volunteers contributed 185,652 hours of their time to make our hospital what it is. They are NCH. And we are most grateful to each

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American Heart Association seeks Fit-Friendly Companies for 2012

The American Heart Association's Fit-Friendly Companies program recognizes employers who champion the health of their employees and work to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace. The "Gold" level is the first tier of annual recognition, and "Platinum" is the advanced tier. In addition, the program presents Innovation awards to companies that creatively tackle the issue of physical inactivity.

Collier County companies recognized as Fit-Friendly in 2011 are: Arthrex; Gulfshore Insurance; the District School Board of Collier County; and Physicians Regional Healthcare System.



The next Fit-Friendly Companies application is due to the AHA by Jan. 31. For more information, contact Regan Goldberg, AHA vice president of Southwest Florida Field Operations, at 495-4901 or regan.goldberg@heart.org. An online application is at www.heart.org. ■

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have no idea how to continue, or they might repeat themselves, struggle with vocabulary or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").

- What's typical: Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. A person with Alzheimer's disease might put things in unusual places, or lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they accuse others of stealing. This might occur more frequently over time.

- What's typical: Misplacing a pair of glasses or the remote control from time to time.

8. Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's might use poor judgment when dealing with money and do something like give large amounts to telemarketers. They might also pay less attention to personal grooming and hygiene.

- What's typical: Making a bad decision once in a while.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities. A person with Alzheimer's might start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They can have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby.

- What's typical: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

10. Changes in mood and personality. Someone with Alzheimer's might become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They can be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

- What's typical: Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted. ■

— For more information on the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease or for help finding a medical professional, call the Florida Gulf Coast chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900. The helpline is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

STRAIGHT TALK

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one of them.

We are also grateful also to our medical staff of 652 professionals who cover the emergency room around the clock, caring for 60 percent of patients who never expected to spend their night in a hospital. These dedicated men and women are directly responsible for the low mortality and morbidity (complications) rates that enabled Collier County in 2011 to repeat as the healthiest county in Florida, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and also to have the nation's longest life expectancy for a woman and second longest for a man, according to the University of Washington.

Finally, of course, we are truly grateful for every one of our NCH colleagues. Together we have changed the face of health care in Southwest Florida over the past 10 years. Every day and every night, all

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Hospice Foundation of America. His visit to Naples is sponsored by Vitas Hospice, Dignity Memorial, IberiaBank, Moorings Park and 21st Century Care.

Light dinner will be served. RSVP by Jan. 12 by calling 597-3101.

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.

Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors ages 60 and older who are experiencing stress from changing life circumstances can obtain free peer counseling from the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida.

Counseling is coordinated by Margot Escott, a licensed clinical social worker with MHASWFL. Call 261-5405 or e-mail mescott@mhaswfl.org. Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association's other services.



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The Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall is nearing completion at Edison State College-Collier. The first classes in the building are scheduled for the spring semester. Frank Stout, project manager for general contractor GATES, reports work continues on the installation of flooring inside and sidewalks and landscaping outside. The 43,500-square-foot building will have nursing and related labs on the first floor and chemistry and biology labs on the second floor. Both floors will also house classrooms and administrative space, and the rooftop will have a patio.

Free seminars at Physicians Regional

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

"New Vein Treatment Options," 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10: Cardiologist Julian Javier will discuss treatment options for vein disease, including sclerotherapy and laser therapy procedures to eliminate varicose and spider veins.

"Robotic-arm Knee and Hip Surgery," 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10: Orthopedic surgeon Jon Douchis will discuss the latest advances in robotic techniques to restore hip and knee function.

"MAKOplasty Joint Resurfacing," 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11: Orthopedic surgeon

Frederick Buechel Jr. will discuss diagnosis and treatment advances for early to mid-stage osteoarthritis of the knee and hip.

"What's New for Painful Knees and Hips," 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12: Orthopedic surgeon Robert Zehr will discuss treatments and recovery programs.

For more information or registration, call 348-4180 or visit www.physiciansregional.com/events.

Support for Parkinson's patients and their caregivers

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. holds exercise, speech and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from

Parkinson's disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Dance classes take place 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Fitness for Life Center in the Shops of Hidden Lakes in Bonita Springs. Attendance is free.

PASFI has recently signed a contract with NCH Healthcare System to hold speech classes at the North Collier Hospital.

Classes will take place once a week for eight weeks, beginning early in 2012.

To sign up for classes or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFi.org. ■

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PET TALES

Check the neck

Take a few minutes to ensure your pet's collar and tags are in good shape

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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It's a New Year's tradition around my home, one that has outlived three generations of pets but still works to help ensure the safety of the animals I live with now.

No, not resolutions, although I make those, too — vowing, among other things, to exercise the dogs more, take more time for their training and do more for animals who are not as lucky as mine are.

The tradition I'm talking about is far easier to accomplish. I call the pets over and check their necks.

I always do my "neck checks" around the first of the year. It's easy to remember that way, especially for me, a person who has a hard time remembering much of anything when it comes to appointments: heartworm and flea medications on the first of the month, neck checks the first of the year, annual exams on each pet's birthday. (Any variation and I'm hopelessly lost!)

The neck check is easy, taking a few minutes to look for wear and fit on the collars, and legibility on the tags.

Consider the collar first. A properly fitted collar is important, but so is the right type. For dogs, a buckled or snap-together collar made of leather or nylon webbing is the best choice, and the proper fit is comfortably close but not too snug. Make sure your dog's not wearing a "choke" or prong collar for everyday use. These pose a potentially deadly hazard if left on an unsupervised dog.

When it comes to cat collars, some people fear their pet will get snagged while roaming and die. Other people argue that their cats stay indoors and so never need a collar. But if your pet has ever slipped out, or might, you ought to reconsider a collar and tag. As for cats being caught by their collars, this is resolved by the simple piece of elastic in most cat collars that enables the pet to slip free of the collar in a pinch.

If you have the right kind of collar on your pet, look at the holes and the fasteners. The collar is weakest at these spots, so if you see signs of excessive wear or strain, you'll need to

replace the collar soon.

As for those tags, they need checking, too. A license is great, but since many lost pets are picked up by people in the neighborhood, it's a good idea to supplement the license with an ID tag that has a couple of phone numbers — your home, mobile and the number of a friend or relative. Check to make sure the information is current and legible, and if not, order a new tag. I never put the pet's name or my address on the tags. Instead, my pets' tags say "REWARD!" with a collection of phone numbers. I want to get the point across that I want my pets back quickly.

Don't delay in fixing any problems you find with your pet's neck check. Issues with collars and tags are easy to fix, and these items are the cheapest insurance you can buy against loss or accidents. And if your pet isn't microchipped, add that to your to-do list. Animals given up as lost forever have been reunited with their families because of this technology.

Video bonus: Watch Pet Connection's Dr. Marty Becker and his daughter, dog-trainer Mikkel Becker, discuss the best — and worst — choices for collars on Vetstreet.com (vetstreet.com/learn/choosing-the-right-collar-for-your-pet). ■



Pets of the Week



>> **Momma Cat** is a 2-year-old Manx mix who lived up to her name, bringing the shelter a litter of kittens that have since been adopted. She's fixed now and ready for a good home.



>> **Pinky** is a 7-year-old Chihuahua. Although he's a bit timid at first, he warms up to be loving and playful.



>> **Tiego** is a 6-year-old Chihuahua mix. He's full of energy and hopes to find his forever home soon.



>> **Lena** is a Cider House All-Star pooch who was returned to the shelter because her family didn't have enough time for her and she was left alone for long periods of time.



>> **Benji** is a 6-month-old retriever mix. He's a bundle of joy who will give your family tons of happiness.

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• All dogs and cats adopted from Humane Society Naples come with a medical exam, vaccinations, sterilization surgery, ID microchip and 30 days of pet health insurance. Visit the animals ready for adoption at the main shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), or at the new satellite adoption center at Coastland Center during regular mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit HSNaples.org for more information.



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MUSINGS

Hortus conclusus



Rx
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IN (rising) beginning:
“A B C: It’s easy. It’s like counting up to 3. Sing a simple melody.”
— Sampson Alan Mark & Sean Jay, “Easy As 1,2,3”

middling:
“The Type A field is the one that has generally been written about and thought of, especially by classical analysts. It’s the field in which symbolic communication prevails... It’s a play space, and a creative space, a field in which illusion is also present... The Type B field is what I call an action-discharge field..., which has to do with taking contents within yourself, placing them into the other person, not for the purpose of understanding but to get rid of them... It is not designed for understanding. And the Type C field is the most fascinating of all because it’s really not been identified before... I call it the static field... It’s a very interesting field in that non-communication is the medium. Language is used in order not to communicate. One is symbolic and the other is interactional..., but in a Type C field, all language is used as a barrier... Type C field is one in which meaningfulness is the model, the lie is the

mode, and deception is the goal.”
— Robert Langs, “The Listening Process”

“Hortus conclusus soror mea, sponsa; hortus conclusus, fons signatus. (A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a garden enclosed, a fountain sealed up.)”
— Song of Solomon, 4: 12

“I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken dish.”
— Psalm 31: 12

ending:
“You have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar... If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”
— Psalm 139

(.....)
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.....)

OUT (falling) beginning:
No framed dinner with Andre here. This is a simply a glass of cold water given in name to the least little one party. Soon: the longest night of the year is over. The dreidels spin no more. The wise men have come and gone via the long route. The ancient ancestors sleep again, perhaps with the elves and caribou, the lion and the lamb. (Who?)



And I leaving — did I ever enter? — the garden fresh, each and every leaving never before, un-presented, unprecedented. Nude, descending the stare case. A blurry of flashings and scintillation. Untimely. How could such a package been left unopened?

ending:
Do I ever leave? This is for you: Beyond meaning, but not meaningless. Beyond action-discharge, but not still. No barrier and no content and no mystery. Content. Beyond contentious and consensual. Not contextual. Totally rim shot; sting snap shot. If there is getting lost, it likely happens here, de profundis clamavi.

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

middling:
So: dreaming a little dream.

In the master dance class of my dreams all is given. Given is the key-stone; given is the arch. The time, the place, the riddle and its answer that gives me entry: All is given. Monster memories, Caesarian birth, sunshine threnody, moonshine plainchant: All is given. Even the garb, the socks and the tights and the too, too many to be counted moves. All is given.

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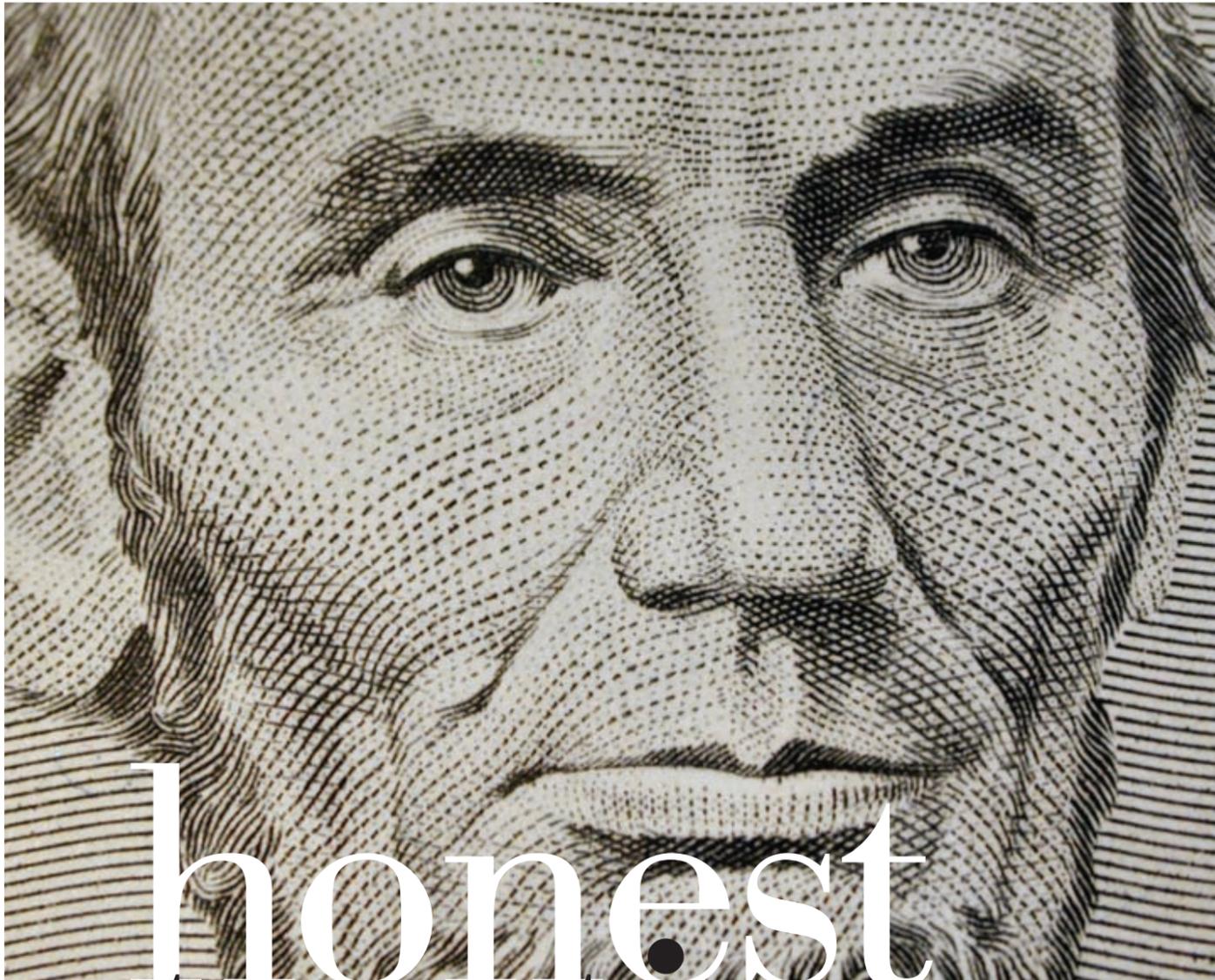
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BY Nanci Theoret
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THE CLOCK ISN'T JUST TICKING DOWN THE hours to a new year. For local businesses, there's just a matter of days to make those last-minute big-ticket purchases and major gifts to reap the benefits on tax day.

Come midnight Jan. 1, the clock expires on several solid tax breaks, including a major 100 percent bonus first-year depreciation for most new machinery, equipment and software. Part of a congressional economic stimulus package, the government has yet to extend the Dec. 31 deadline, which will return to its traditional five-year capitalization period with the new year.

"If you need a new computer, buy it now because you can write it all off," says Chuck Knox, a Fort Myers accountant. "Without this provision, businesses would have to claim a five-year depreciation. Businesses planning to purchase new depreciable property this year or next should try to accelerate their buying plans."

The provision allows businesses to deduct up to \$500,000 of the cost of new equipment or assets purchased in 2011 and is subject to a phase-out if more than \$2 million of equipment is placed in service. Assets that don't qualify include real estate and inventory purchased for resale. The annual deduction amount declines to \$125,000 in 2012.

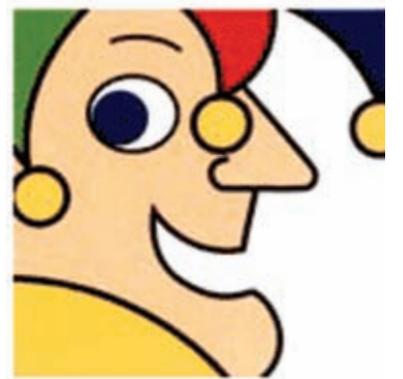
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House Hunting

Olde Naples ambiance on the water in Aqualane Shores. **B11** ►

Court dismisses \$85 million verdict against Arthrex

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The federal district court in Portland, Ore., reversed an \$85 million jury verdict against Naples-based Arthrex Inc. issued in June of this year. The move effectively dismissed Smith & Nephew Inc.'s eight-year-long pursuit against Arthrex and its SutureTak and PushLock line of suture anchors. These suture anchors are used in arthroscopic shoulder surgery throughout the world.

The court held that under the correct construction of the patent, no rea-

sonable jury could find that Arthrex infringed in this case. The court also held no reasonable jury could have found that Arthrex committed indirect infringement of the patent, vindicating Arthrex in all respects.

Since the filing of this lawsuit in January 2004, Arthrex has consistently maintained that it did not infringe S&N's patent. This was the third trial in this case, with the first trial being a mistrial, a verdict for plaintiff in the second trial being reversed by the Court of Appeal for the Federal

Circuit in Washington, D.C. and now this third trial's verdict overturned and judgment granted for Arthrex. This ruling comes six months after Arthrex won an appeal against S&N, which took away a \$4.7 million dollar verdict awarded to S&N in the Eastern District of Texas.

"While we are very pleased with the judge's ruling, we are perplexed by S&N's continued attempt to compete in the courtroom rather than the marketplace," said John W. Schmieding, Arthrex's general counsel. "Arthrex

would much rather apply its resources toward advancing innovation and life-changing technologies."

The court also denied S&N's request for enhanced damages, for an injunction and willful infringement. Arthrex is hopeful that S&N agrees with this sentiment, will forgo an appeal and drop the matter.

More than 6,000 products for arthroscopic and minimally invasive orthopedic surgical procedures have been developed by Arthrex and are currently marketed worldwide. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Time to make some New Year's investment resolutions



With the year's end will come year-end investment statements from your advisers. What to do? First things first: know your portfolio. After understanding your portfolio as much as you possibly can (on your own or through assistance), then talk to your advisers. After reflection (and not knee-jerk reactions), then consider making changes, focusing on asset allocation as the most important of portfolio elements.

Here are some suggestions to help you keep your financial house in order in 2012:

■ Make a commitment to understand what your statements are telling you about your portfolio's components and performance. Numbers tell a story and you need to find out your story. Find your year-end statements and study them. When you sit down with your broker or adviser, you will review all elements of those statements, especially those parts of the statement that are not comprehensible to you. You cannot have a meaningful conversation with a lawyer, a spouse and your multiple investment advisers unless you understand your statement. You will know that you know when you can explain it to a spouse or someone who

is not a financial geek so practice aloud to yourself or write the story of your portfolio on paper. Many investment firms have different ways of presenting the same information so transition is not seamless; it takes a while to get oriented to each firm's layout.

■ Make a commitment to set an annual review with your advisers or brokers. The best time to book a meeting is after the market closes: the office is quiet and the adviser won't have any distractions. Make sure you received your statements in advance and that you have done your best to understand them. Make a list of questions and attend the meeting with a note pad. Like a lecture, you will want to take notes and reread them that evening. You want to ask the same questions over and over until you understand the answers. You want to absorb as much insight from your advisers as possible.

If you start a meeting in a critical or negative frame of mind and use critical language (as you are disturbed that you have losses or under performance), you might be limiting the amount of information that you really need to gather to make an informed assessment of your portfolio.

■ Be cautious when you hear that your adviser is not concerned about what has happened in the past 12 months and is really only concerned about the next five to 10 years. You might be dead in five to 10 years. Such discussions really take the client's attention away from recent per-

formance. True, one year is not necessarily a good yardstick, as some strategies and algorithmic trading needs 18 months to two years for evaluation.

■ An equity portfolio that is very large will most often approximate market returns; if such a portfolio is not faring as well as benchmarks, you might have reason for immediate concern. If managers tell you that they invest for the long term and are not deterred by short-term results, be careful that you do not hear this tune again next year. Accumulated years of short-term returns ultimately become the long term.

■ Be cautious to not get focused on one individual stock or one sub-manager in your portfolio review with your adviser as it, again, derails your focus from the picture and many an adviser can talk his/her way out of any corner.

■ Making a decision to allocate more funds or pull funds while in a meeting might not be to your advantage; you might be better served to consider all the information over several days before you make any changes. You might be better served to speak to all your advisers before you make any asset changes.

■ Let your adviser know clearly how often you want communication other than statements or mass e-mailing's. Some clients want constant dialogue and others will plan to talk to you in a year or more. The adviser might be thinking that you want to be left alone, when all the while you are wondering

why you are not getting phone calls.

■ You (or your accountant or your adviser) should pull all your various accounts together to see allocations and performance on a consolidated basis. You will want to know your consolidated exposure to: equities, bonds, and other alternative asset classes; you will want to know consolidated income from the portfolio. Remember: portfolio allocation is more important than the individual selections! And you want to create true portfolio diversification, beyond traditional asset classes of bonds and equities

Consider the benefits of several investment advisers. There is value to having multiple advisers as each might have a different area of expertise and each has a different view of the world. Studies have shown that after 2008, there was marked shift in wealth portfolios from a sole adviser to several advisers. ■

— Jeannette Showalter, CFA is a commodities broker with Worldwide Futures Systems, 571-8896. For mid-week commentaries, write to showalter@wwfscsystems.com.

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ON THE MOVE

Awards and Recognition

Maxine Corbett, the owner of Richlin Interiors, received a 2011 Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Interior Designers South Florida Chapter in the category of Historic Renovation-Residential for her restoration of Victor Alfred Lundy's Herron House.

Kelly Reese of Richlin Interiors received the 2011 Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Interior Designers South Florida Chapter in the category of Product Design Fixtures-Attached for her work on a client media wall. Originally from Lancaster, Pa., Ms. Reese graduated magna cum laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in interior design. She also studied Italian Renaissance architecture in Florence, Italy, at the Florence University of the Arts.

Robert Carsello, Ross Obley and Alan Reynolds were inducted into the Collier Building Industry Association Housing Hall of Fame during the annual CBIA awards banquet earlier this month at Olde Cypress Country Club in Naples. The three were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the building industry and to the local community. Mr. Carsello is the former CEO of Kraft Construction. Mr. Obley developed 2,100 acres in Collier County that is now known as Pelican Bay. He also worked with the Economic Development Council of Collier County. Mr. Reynolds has been with WilsonMiller since 1978 and is currently the vice president of StanTec, the 10,500-employee company that WilsonMiller joined in 2010.

Board Appointments

Kent Anderson, vice president and senior private banker for Harris Private Bank in Naples, has been named to the American Military Veterans Education Fund Cabinet at Hodges University. The committee raises awareness and funding to help veterans whose benefits are insufficient to cover the full cost of tuition for attending Hodges University.

Chris Spina of Spina Realty Company has joined the board of directors for the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida.

William Keith, partner in the law firm of Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist, P.A., has been elected to the national board of directors of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Prior to his election, Mr. Keith qualified as an advocate member of ABOTA, which required a minimum of 50 civil jury trials to a jury verdict as lead counsel. HE is board certified as a civil trial lawyer by the Florida Bar and also holds certifications as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and as a circuit civil court mediator by the Florida Supreme Court. He was honored with the Lion of the Law award from the Collier County Judiciary and as Attorney of the Year by the Collier County Bar Association. He was also named one of the 2012 Best Lawyers in America in the area of personal injury law.



Keith

Chamber of Commerce

Erin Morton has joined the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as administrative assistant to provide staff support for several departments, including finance, accounting and the Leadership Collier Foundation. Originally from Wisconsin, she has lived in Naples for six years and most recently served as a business relationship manager with the Economic Development Council of Collier County. Ms. Morton holds a bachelor's degree with a concentration in behavioral analysis, clinical psychology, case management, substance abuse and addiction counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She graduated magna cum laude with an MBA from Capella University.



Morton

Health Care

Dr. Pedro Arocho has joined Alta Private Health Group as a board-certified family practice physician. Dr. Arocho earned his bachelor's degree in natural sciences from Fordham University in New York City and his medical degree from New York College of Medicine. He completed his family practice residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. He has held a fellowship at the University of North Carolina and an appointment on the CNN Health Advisory Board. He was also an associate professor at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.



Arocho

Club Management

Three new staff members have joined Tiburon Golf Club, a WCI Communities development in North Naples. They are: **Bill Delayo** as general manager; **Daniel Scinto**, executive chef; and **Desmond Maguire**, sous-chef.

A graduate of Villanova University, Mr. Delayo has an extensive background managing residential and resort clubs, including TPC Treviso Bay in Naples, Shadow Wood Country Club in Bonita Springs and TPC Louisiana in New Orleans.

Chef Scinto has trained at properties including the Da Arrigo Hotel, Milan, Italy; the Hyatt Regency, Brussels, Belgium; Hotel Guardaval, Arosa, Switzerland; and Loews Monte Carlo Hotel & Casino, Monte Carlo, Monaco. While in Monte Carlo, Scinto was part of the culinary team that prepared the royal wedding dinner for Her Royal Highness Princess Caroline.

Chef Maguire, a graduate of the culinary arts program at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, has led the food and beverage team at WCI's Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club in Naples and was previously with Naples Grande Beach Resort.



Delayo



Scinto



Maguire

THE END OF THE CANAANS AT SHAAR HAGAI?

Shaar Hagai Kennels is facing a serious legal suit by the Israel Government Lands Authority who intend to evict us and the dogs from the place where we have been living for nearly 42 years. To anyone who is not familiar with the history here, when I immigrated to Israel I chose to live in an isolated and derelict spot, with a few buildings that were built by the British during the mandate years, and were abandoned from the time they left. This was my form of Zionism to breed and preserve the Canaan Dog, the national and natural breed of Israel, and one of the few original breeds still existing in the world, in a place that was also worth preserving.

We chose to live here, in an isolated place that was in a condition of near total ruin when we moved here, without electricity or phone for 17 years, because it was a place where we could breed dogs, the Canaan Dogs, without bothering anyone. We entered with a contract, and only after a number of years did we discover that the authority that we signed with had no rights over the place. For all the years we have been here, we have attempted to resolve the problem and legalize our position, with continued contact with the authorities "to no effect, in fact we have been ignored. And now they have decided, after total refusal to even enter into mediation, to evict us. Their only plans are to demolish the place.

The Canaan Dog has great importance as one of the last representatives of the natural dog, as it was when it first became associated with man. In most places these dogs have disappeared, but here in Israel there are still dogs living in nature and with the Bedouin that can be brought in to strengthen the gene pool. This can not be done anywhere else.

Eviction will be a huge and disastrous blow to the breeding and preservation of the Canaan Dog, both here and in the world. I have dedicated all my resources to the breeding of the dogs and their care. My daughter was born here, and my grandchildren have been born here, and the family is united in their love for what we are doing here and the need to continue. We do not have the resources and financial possibility of buying new land and building new kennels. Just the legal costs of trying to defend ourselves is a huge burden.

We are turning to our friends and those that are aware of what we have been doing and the significance of it, to try to gain support that may help influence the decision makers. Please support us by signing our petition page <http://canaandogs.info/>, by sending us a note of support, by passing the word on to anyone who may have some influence, and help us to continue with the Canaan Dogs at Shaar Hagai Kennels.

-Myrna Shibolet

See a further explanation of the situation:

- The Habibi Diaries -
<http://myrnash.blogspot.com/?spref=fb>

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Isabeau Cana me Shaar Hagai

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The cultural & historical significance of these indigenous dogs is important. Isabeau's wild born father was a gift from the Bedouin. Her mother Timnath Sara & Myrna were featured on a National Geographic special a few years ago. Our girl, Isabeau Cana was funny & would even smile showing her teeth. This breed is very intelligent. We are devastated at the loss of our beloved household family member, loving companion & fierce guardian of our person & property. Please help support the cause to save the foundation kennels by visiting the link below and save a piece of history for years to come!

- Pamela Templeton



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PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW

With captivating long water views of Galleon Cove, this beautiful Costa del Sol architectural masterpiece captures the essence of Florida's indoor-outdoor lifestyle. Located on one and one-half Port Royal lots, this five bedroom home is designed for glorious water views. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$6,850,000



PORT ROYAL - KINGS TOWN DRIVE

Dramatic views over Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by renowned architect Kasimir Korybut. Elegant, yet comfortable, tropical living. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,950,000



PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

Spectacular long water view estate site. Close to the Port Royal Club. Expansive lot and one-half creates a large building envelope along Morgan's Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,900,000



PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

This property has beautiful panoramic views overlooking Morgan's Cove, which, allows a substantial building envelope, and is one of the most desired areas of Port Royal as evidenced by the extraordinary quality of the homes recently built around it. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,295,000



AQUALANE SHORES - 8TH STREET SOUTH

Wonderfully designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, this home captures the true essence of cottage living while providing the finest of modern day conveniences. The home is situated on an extraordinarily deep, Western exposure lot, which provides the owner with expansive green spaces and open vistas to the wide waters of Flamingo Cove. \$4,990,000



SANCERRE, A CONDOMINIUM - UNIT 401

The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind's eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services. \$4,290,000



PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW

Beautiful western exposure on Rum Row with inspiring multidirectional views of Man of War Cove and Hidden Bay. Substantial building envelope. Terrific safe harbor, no bridge access to the Gulf of Mexico. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$4,240,000



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. \$3,850,000



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. \$3,450,000



OLD NAPLES - 3RD STREET NORTH

Just steps to the beach and nestled in the heart of Old Naples, this stylish single-story home sits among lush tropical gardens that include mature mahogany, palm and citrus trees. The home was substantially rebuilt in 2007, including a new master suite addition. Large rooms feature French doors that open to a private patio and garden areas. \$2,475,000



OLD NAPLES - 14TH AVENUE SOUTH

Perhaps one of the finest locations on the navigable waters abutting Old Naples. This Southern exposure waterfront bungalow and the lush tropical gardens which surround are nestled just one block to the historic 3rd Street South shopping and dining district. \$1,750,000



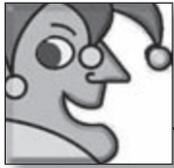
GULF SHORE BLVD. CONDOMINIUM

Unique vistas are had from the main living areas and sizable bedrooms of this beautifully updated Admiralty Point II condominium. Admiralty Point's unique setting along the North bank of Doctor's Pass and its on-site amenities are among the finest in the Moorings. \$674,000

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Savings Bonds Basics

If you're looking for safe but slow growth, consider U.S. savings bonds, backed by Uncle Sam. Some bonds even offer inflation-adjusted returns. (With interest rates so low these days, though, consider other options as well, such as solid dividend-paying stocks.) Here's a quick introduction:

- **Series EE Bonds:** These have replaced the Series E bonds. Their current interest rate (through April 2012) is fixed, recently at 0.60 percent. You can buy these and other bonds electronically or on paper.
- **Series HH Bonds:** These bonds have been phased out, so you might not be able to get your hands on any now.
- **I Bonds:** The "I" stands for "inflation," because the return on an I Bond is a combination of a fixed rate (established at the time of purchase) and a floating rate that is adjusted every six months based on the Consumer Price Index for urban users (CPI-U). The most recent composite interest rate is 3.06 percent.
- **Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS):** These are Treasuries, not savings bonds. But people buy TIPS for the same

reasons they buy I Bonds: inflation protection and safety. The interest rate on TIPS stays the same, but the principal is adjusted to keep up with inflation. TIPS are sold via auction, with the interest rate set at that time.

While savings bonds are not generally traded, TIPS can be bought and sold in the secondary market.

Though there are many differences among the bonds above, they have some favorable characteristics in common: They're issued by the U.S. government, so they're pretty safe. They're exempt from state and local taxes. (EE and I Bonds have the additional tax advantages of tax-deferral, and can be tax-free if used for qualified higher-education expenses.) They can be purchased commission-free at www.treasurydirect.gov and sometimes also through your local bank or other financial institution.

There's a lot more to learn about savings bonds before you invest. Visit www.savingsbonds.gov to start. For info on CDs and money market accounts, drop by www.fool.com/savings/savings.htm.

And to grow your savings more aggressively, learn more about stocks. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Broken Promises

What messed up my retirement the most was believing the prime minister of Canada. When he was seeking re-election, he promised not to change the tax laws on income trusts. Well, the laws were changed. I had been investing on margin at a very conservative level, but I still ended up forced to sell at the very lowest point and lost almost 70 percent of my whole portfolio.

— C.B., Peterborough, Ontario

The Fool Responds: First off, when you invest on margin (by borrowing money from your brokerage), that will amplify your gains — or losses. The more margin you employ, the more risk you take on. It's good to remember, also, that despite what politicians may promise, laws do change on occasion.

Here in the U.S., we're enjoying very low tax rates on most dividend income, but that could easily change. Even the rules for Roth IRAs might change. When the Canadian income-trust tax changes were first announced, there was a big overreaction. Those who could wait it out didn't suffer as much. In the U.S., master limited partnerships (MLPs) are similar to income trusts. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1965 and my first store, in Bridgeport, Conn. Today I'm the world's largest fast-food chain, with more than 35,000 locations in more than 90 countries. I began franchising in 1974, which helped me grow. Some 8,000-plus stores are in unconventional locations, such as museums, riverboats and construction sites. I've recently started offering breakfast fare. My flagship sandwich, introduced in 1975, is named for the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit system. I reportedly rake in more than \$15 billion annually. Since I'm still privately held, you can't buy stock in me. Who am I? (Answer: Subway) ■



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Ask the Fool

Who's Buying?

Q When the stock market falls due to lots of selling, who's buying?
— J.F., Salinas, Calif.

A Generally, for every seller, there's a buyer. The stock market is like an auction, where shares trade at prices that buyers are willing to pay and sellers are willing to take.

Thus, if it's revealed that the Free Range Onion Co. engaged in fraudulent accounting, buyers will immediately decide that its shares are worth a lot less and sellers will only be able to unload at lower prices. You might want to sell your shares, but at their new low price, there's probably someone who thinks they're a bargain.

Q What does "OTC" refer to in the stock market?
— L.N., Victoria, Texas

A It officially stands for "over the counter," but today it should really be "over the computer." Long ago, to buy or sell a stock that didn't trade on an exchange, you would call your broker, who would then call another broker and make the trade over the phone. Then, in 1971, the Nasdaq stock market was established, offering an automated trading system. Suddenly, it was much easier to get the best price on your transaction, and trading activity could be monitored, too.

The Nasdaq stock market is the main OTC system in the U.S., and it lists thousands of companies — from young, relatively unknown firms to many enterprises you're probably familiar with, such as Apple, Microsoft, Intel, Starbucks and eBay.

Thousands of more obscure OTC companies that don't meet Nasdaq's requirements trade separately, often with their prices listed only once daily, on "pink sheets." There's usually little information available about them, and many are volatile, speculative "penny stocks," best avoided. ■

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percent of my products are made in the U.S. My offerings reflect five signature "lifestyles": Vintage, Elegance, Explorer, Romance and Modern. I'm named for a Vermont folk hero. Who am I? ■

Know the answer? Send it to us with *Foolish Trivia* on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

The Motley Fool Take

Ford's Doing Better Than You Think

Automakers reported a 13.9 percent jump in U.S. sales (year over year) in November. Ford's (NYSE: F) overall gain lagged that a bit, at 13 percent.

But Ford's increase in retail sales was 20 percent, its largest such increase in nine months. And its retail market share in the U.S. stands at about 15 percent, a five-year high.

The distinction between retail and overall sales matters. For years, the Detroit automakers have been dependent on sales to fleets — think rental-car companies, government agencies and the like — to boost their sales numbers and keep factories humming, particularly with less-competitive models. That's

not necessarily bad, but retail sales are more profitable.

Higher retail sales are also a good sign for shareholders because they reflect the competitiveness of an automaker's products, and thus its ability to get good prices and profit margins.

Boding well for automakers is the fact that many consumers have postponed new-car purchases in recent years, and the average age of cars on American roads has gone way up. With unemployment numbers finally ticking down a bit, it's possible that more households will be shifting into car-buying mode in coming months.

Continued strong execution on Ford's part should serve its stock price well. In the meantime, it just reinstated its dividend. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Ford, and its newsletters have recommended it.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets for lunch and a program titled "Setting Your Business Goals" at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Hilton Naples. Panelists will be Dan Regelski, director of the Small Business Development Center at FGCU; Jan Kantor, president of Success Systems; and Robin Richards, owner of Growing Forward Business Solutions; Sue Huff will emcee. Cost is \$20 for

members, \$25 for others. Call 981-7426 or prepay online at www.AboveBoard-Chamber.com.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts Wake Up Naples for members and guests from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Hilton Naples. The morning is sponsored by Seminole Casino Immokalee. For reservations, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Gulf Coast Venture Forum-Naples Chapter** meets from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at The Ritz-Carton Golf Resort. The primary purpose of the GCVF is to promote the success of

Southwest Florida's new and emerging businesses by educating and bringing together the best entrepreneurs and Angel Investors. For information about membership requirements, call 262-6300 or visit www.gcvf.com.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its first Business After 5 of the New Year from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Naples Day Surgery at the NCH downtown campus, 311 Ninth St. N. Attendees will tour one of the first and largest outpatient surgery centers in the area. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Leadership Collier Foundation** alumni will meet for a box lunch and hear from Naples Mayor-elect John Sorey beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Professional Development Center at 615 Third Ave. S. Graduates of Leadership Collier, Growing Associates In Naples and the Leadership Institute are welcome. Cost is \$10. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **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. ■

TIPS

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Typically, software purchased for business use must be depreciated over a 36-month period.

Also expiring: The research tax credit and an extraordinarily high \$500,000 expensing limitation (and within that dollar limit, \$250,000 of expensing for qualified real property). Businesses that take advantage of the business property expensing option that expires this year can qualify for a \$500,000 expensing limit with a \$2 million investment ceiling. Unless Congress changes the rules, the dollar limit will drop to \$139,000 in 2012.

Those generous dollar ceilings that apply this year allow small- and medium-sized business to make timely purchases and deduct most — if not all — of their outlays for machinery and equipment. Also helpful, the expensing deduction is not pro-rated for the time the asset is in

service during the year, opening a significant year-end planning opportunity.

Small businesses that pay at least half of employee health insurance premiums may also qualify for a tax credit — up to 35 percent of the premiums paid. Employers with fewer than 25 full-time employees that pay an average wage of less than \$50,000 a year may qualify.

Additional business tax deductions allow businesses to reduce taxable profit. Paying attention to other on-the-books laws can also yield some personal benefits, including a company car at a small cost or a business-vacation trip.

■ **Auto Expenses:** The cost of maintaining a vehicle — used for business or owned by the company — can be deducted. Expenses can be claimed by keeping track of and deducting all actual business-related use or calculating the standard mileage rate for all business-related travel, tolls and parking fees. The 2011 rate is 51 cents per mile. Companies that calculate the actual expense method can also deduct vehicle depreciation.

■ **The cost of going into business:**

Businesses that opened their doors in 2011 are eligible for a standard capital expense deduction.

■ **Books and legal and professional Fees:** Books that help a business forgo legal and tax professionals are considered part of the cost of doing business. Fees paid to attorneys, tax pros and consultants can also be deducted.

■ **Bad debts:** A business that sells goods can deduct the cost of merchandise that was sold but not paid for. Businesses providing services, however, can not claim an unpaid debt.

■ **Entertaining:** Discuss business with a present or prospective client at a restaurant or catered lunch, and claim 50 percent of the cost.

■ **Travel:** Business-related travel, including the costs of airfare, transportation, lodging, meals, drying cleaning and shipping, telephone or fax expenses incurred while away, can also be deducted.

■ **Interest:** Companies that use credit to finance business purchases can fully claim interest and any carrying charges.

■ **Charitable contributions:** Part-

nerships, limited liability companies and S corporations that make charitable contribution and pass the deduction on to individual tax returns. Regular C corporations can deduct charitable contributions on their business tax return. Items such as computers or office furniture donated to a school or not-for-profit organization can also be claimed, unless the equipment has been fully depreciated.

■ **Taxes:** Taxes incurred in operating a business are also typically tax deductible, including sales tax on items purchased for a company's day-to-day operations.

■ **Education expenses:** Expenses necessary for maintaining or improving business skills can also be claimed if related to a company's current business, trade or occupation.

■ **Advertising and promotion:** Companies that advertise their goods or services — everything from business cards and Yellow Page ads — are deductible as a current expense. Businesses can also claim promotional costs that create business goodwill, such as sponsoring a local sporting team. ■

Poll reveals what people do with lousy gifts

One in five adults admitted to having been the recipient of at least one lousy holiday gift last year, according to a new Consumer Reports poll. Some of the ways in which they dealt with those less-than-stellar presents might give pause to prospective bad-gift givers this holiday season. Thirty-nine percent hid it away somewhere, 15 percent regifted the item, 11 percent threw it out, and another 11 percent returned it to the store. Daringly, 2 percent gave the gift right back to the giver. The full results of the Consumer Reports Holiday Poll can be found at www.ConsumerReports.org.

The Consumer Reports poll also revealed who Americans think deserve the title of worst gift-giver. One in 10 adults identified their in-laws, 9 percent said friends, while 5 percent said Grandma and Grandpa gave the worst presents.

"Our survey shows that at least 44

percent of Americans still believe that it's the thought that counts and simply make the best of it when they receive a bad gift," said Tod Marks, Consumer Reports senior editor and resident shopping expert. "And, of course, gift receipts are always a good idea."

Holiday spending

Americans expect to spend an average of \$707 on gifts this year, up 4 percent from last year. Shoppers say they'll use cash (33 percent) and debit cards (36 percent) most often to pay for gifts; 24 percent say they'll rely most on credit cards. On average, consumers expect to charge 6 percent more this holiday season than last.

Overall, consumers feel this season's holiday shopping deals are about the same as they were last year, with 17 percent saying the deals are better and

16 percent saying they are worse. Poll respondents cited online merchants (36 percent) and mass merchandise stores (36 percent) such as Walmart and Target as the best source of holiday bargains so far this season. More adults feel big box or warehouse stores like Costco or Sam's Club have the best deals this year (19 percent) than last year (12 percent). ■

Where bad gifts go

- Forty-four percent made the best of it.
- Thirty-nine percent stored it somewhere out of view.
- Eighteen percent donated it.

• Fifteen percent regifted it.

- Eleven percent returned it to the retailer.
- Eleven percent threw it out.
- Six percent tried to sell it.
- Two percent posted a picture of it online.
- Two percent gave it back to the gift-giver.
- Five percent did none of these things.



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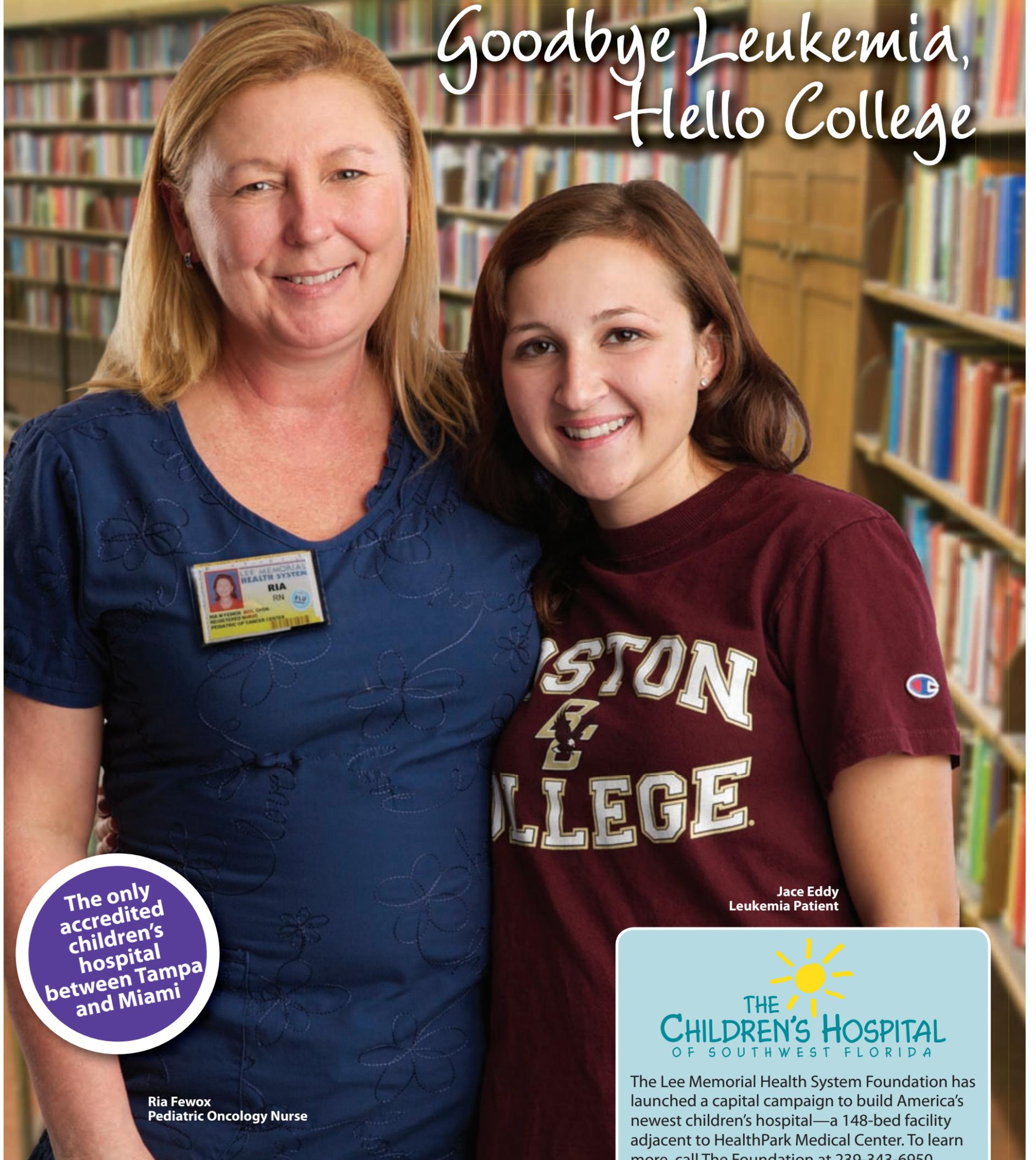
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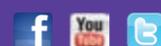
The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation has launched a capital campaign to build America's newest children's hospital—a 148-bed facility adjacent to HealthPark Medical Center. To learn more, call The Foundation at 239-343-6950.

Twice diagnosed with leukemia, Jace Eddy battled her illness with the help of her family, friends, Dr. Emad Salman, and the staff at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. She also relied on her courage, strength and determination. Today, Jace is a high school graduate ready to embark on her collegiate journey. To read more of Jace's story, please visit www.LeeMemorial.org/caring

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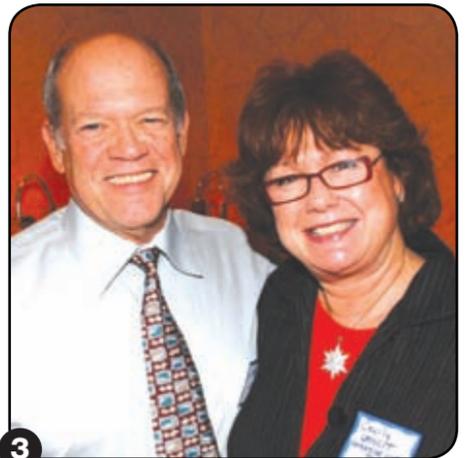


1. Holding a check of \$1,000 for the Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation, left to right: Max Passino, Sheba Katz, Sandy Cotter, Joan Bilson, Francine Cavaseno, Kimberly Doerseln, Claire Pera, Beth Cameron, Debbie Lohan and Melody Kappauf. The association also donated gifts and \$1,000 to St. Matthews House.
2. Sheba P. Katz, Max Passino and Beth Cameron
3. Bobbye Drobnyk and Jean Baer
4. Sandy Cotter, Kimberly Doerseln and Lisa Wilson
5. Jim Magnusson and Melissa Shanahan
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FineMark Bank ready to serve customers in Bentley Village

The Lubner Group recently completed the interior design of the FineMark National Bank & Trust office in Vi at Bentley Village in Naples. Lead designer on the project was Nancy Woodhouse, IDS, Lubner Group vice president of design and product development.



Woodhouse

One of the first steps was to replace sliding glass doors with an elegant entrance featuring custom doors. Materials used throughout the project include LEED-certified exotic bamboo strand wood floors, eco-friendly fabrics, lighting, wall coverings and many other LEED-certified materials plus fabrics made of 100 percent recycled polyester.

The Lubner Group offers design and purchasing services with capabilities for crafting custom-designed furniture and total turnkey furnishing packages for commercial projects as well as shared-use properties such as timeshare resorts, hotels, fractional ownership and private residence clubs, plus developers of high-rise condominiums and single-family communities in North America and abroad. ■

Coldwell Banker office raises funds for area nonprofits

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate CARES, the charitable arm of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, recently distributed more than \$6,000 to three nonprofit charities in Naples. The funds were raised by Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate's Naples North office through a golf tournament, garage sales and donations made by associates and employees during office gatherings. Many associates also made donations in their customers' names after they closed on a home.



Murphy

Sales associates nominated the charities that were chosen and the office's CARES committee voted on how to distribute the funds. The Education Foundation of Collier County received \$2,587 to fund six "Connect with the Classroom" teacher grants. Avow Hospice received \$2,500 for a children's grief counseling program, and Humane Society Naples received \$1,000 for its animal husbandry workshops for children with autism and returning war veterans.

"Naples, as a whole, is very community minded and offers so much to improve and enhance the quality of life for its residents. It is our pleasure to be able to give back to these organizations who do such great work in the communities we serve," says Gerald Murphy, managing broker of the Naples North office. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

House Hunting:

6191 Aqualane Shores

"House Hunting" is a *Florida Weekly* feature that focuses on one listing in the local marketplace.

In beautiful Aqualane Shores, this gracious waterfront residence epitomizes the luxurious coastal living ambiance of Old Naples. Warm yellow stucco combined with columns and arched windows provide a unique combination of traditional architecture with Mediterranean appointments. Dual winding staircases lead to the main entrance, which opens to a spacious living area adorned with balconies, interior columns, marble flooring and arched entryways.

Delving further inside, the most talented of chefs would covet the gourmet kitchen with its custom-crafted cabinetry and abundant countertop space. The upper level of this home is designed for optimal comfort with a lavish master suite, three bedrooms and additional living space overlooking the bay and a dramatic zero edge pool. The outdoor living area includes a spa, kitchen, pool bath and a fire pit for enjoying cool evenings. This estate also affords residents a 16,000-pound lift and a dock that will accommodate a 60-foot watercraft.

Michele Harrison of John R. Wood Realtors offers this listing. For more information, call 580-9889. ■



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Anita Colletti, an agent with John R. Wood Realtors, received the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-on-the-Gulf chapter. Ms. Colletti also served as the 2011 president of the chapter.

Heather Wightman, an agent with John R. Wood Realtors, received the 2011 Realtor Member of the Year Award from the Women's Council of Realtors, Bonita Springs-Estero Chapter. Ms. Wightman also served as the 2011 president of the Bonita Springs-Estero WCR chapter.

Ginny Nobbe, an agent with John R. Wood Realtors, received the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Women's Council of Realtors, Bonita Springs-Estero Chapter. Ms. Nobbe also served as chapter secretary this year and will do so again in 2012.

Robert White, a 30-year veteran of the real estate industry in Naples and Marco Island, has joined the offices of Downing-Frye Realty. He was born on Long Island, N.Y., and moved with his family to Marco Island in 1976 when he was 15 years old. He has represented more than 15 developers on Marco Island's beachfront since 1981. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and is a member of the Florida and National associations of Realtors. ■

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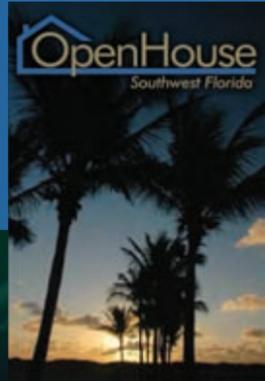
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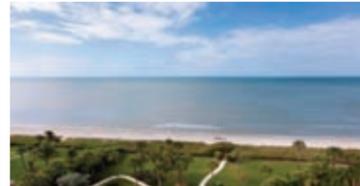
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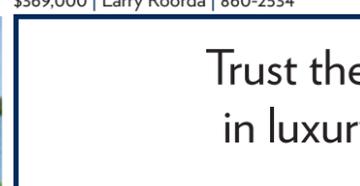
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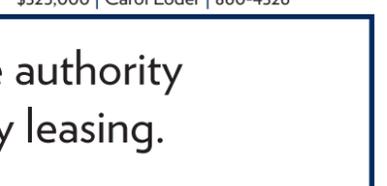
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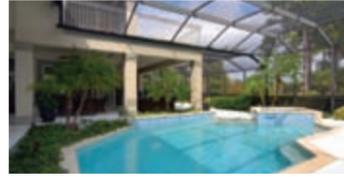
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



COURTESY PHOTO

Kay Francis as Vivian in "Church Basement Ladies"

Longtime Naples actress returns to the local stage

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA

Florida Weekly Correspondent

The traditional gift for a 25th wedding anniversary is silver. Bruce Francis had another idea. He is giving his wife Kay a play.



FRANCIS

The couple, both actors, met in 1985 through a "Christmas miracle" at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Mr. Francis was called at the

last minute to portray Joseph, and Ms. Francis was asked at the last minute to play the Virgin Mary in the church Christmas pageant.

"It was the craziest confluence of coincidence the universe could have designed," says Ms. Francis. "We locked eyes, and it was the lightning bolt."

After the pageant, Ms. Francis resumed performing across the country, and her "Stage Door Johnny" followed along. "The Gin Game" was the first show he saw her in, performed at The Northern Lights Playhouse in Minocqua, Wis. Now Mr. Francis is underwriting the same show for his wife and one of her colleagues to perform Jan. 4-6 at The Norris Center.

Ms. Francis hasn't performed it since that first production. "It will be so much sweeter to do it now, when I'm closer to the age."

In "The Gin Game" a man and a woman reflect on their lives as they play a game of cards on the

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GOD OF CARNAGE

Florida Rep, Asolo mount productions of award-winning show

BY NANCY STETSON

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ISN'T IT ALWAYS THE WAY? EVERYTHING IS POLITE AND CIVIL... UNTIL it isn't.

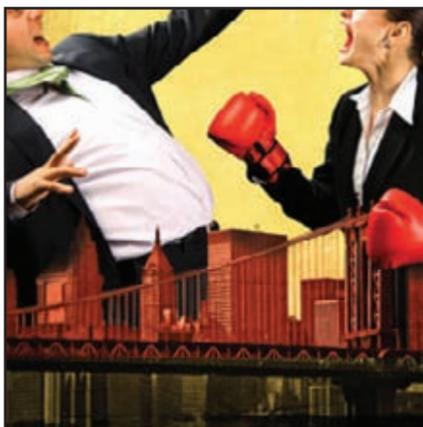
In "God of Carnage," two couples whose 11-year-old sons had a fight with each other meet to discuss the incident.

Things start out well in Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning play but quickly deteriorate. All hell breaks loose, causing some to call it "a comedy of manners... without the manners."

It won the Olivier Award for Best New Play in London in 2009 and was equally as successful when it hit Broadway. Nominated for six Tonys, it won three: Best Play, Best Director (Matthew Warchus) and Best Actress (Marcia Gay Harden).

"Carnage," a film version of the play directed by Roman Polanski, was recently released.

Productions of "The God of Carnage" are popping up on the boards everywhere, including at Chicago's Goodman Theatre



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Posters promoting "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza at Florida Rep, top, and Asolo, above.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Fig, fall into my mouth



I recently came across a book of Italian folktales. My favorite went something like this:

A farmer had a lazy son who refused to work in the fields. The farmer fretted about what to do with his useless boy until one day, walking through the village, he spotted a professor reclining beneath a fig tree. The wise old man appeared to be pondering the complexities of the universe. He lay perfectly still for several minutes before reaching out to pluck a fig from the ground. He ate the fruit slowly and afterward went back to his stationary meditations.

The farmer thought to himself, *I shall make my son a scholar.* He approached the professor.

"You must teach my son your wisdom," he said to the professor.

The professor nodded gravely. "Send him to me."

The next day, the son joined the old teacher beneath the tree. They lay for many hours without moving or speaking. As the professor extended his hand to retrieve a fig from the ground, the boy spoke to the branches overhead.

"Fig, fall into my mouth," he said.

At the end of the day, the farmer arrived to retrieve his son. He took the

professor aside. "How did he do?" he asked.

The professor stroked his chin thoughtfully. "Your son is already very wise," he said. "He has taught me this day."

When it comes to relationships, I have something of the same philosophy. I've read so many dating advice books and digested so many articles on what men really want, that I'd decided a woman has to be passive when it comes to romance. Dating advice experts claim that men want to be men. Let them make the first move, the books say. Let them invite you on a date. Let them pursue you. All these admonitions to be receptive rather than proactive have made me one stationary woman.

The problem with this strategy, as my wise friend Ken recently pointed out, is that you have to take what you get. You take the fig that falls into your mouth, even if it's neither the juiciest nor the plumpest. Or even the fig you want at all.

The dilemma is how to strike the right balance. How to be both active and demure. How to signal the right person

while still letting him lead. Or not. Sometimes we have to take the lead ourselves.

There's a particular fig I've been waiting to fall for some time. We correspond regularly, but he's never made the next step. I started to lose patience. Meditating on my new approach, I dropped him an e-mail.

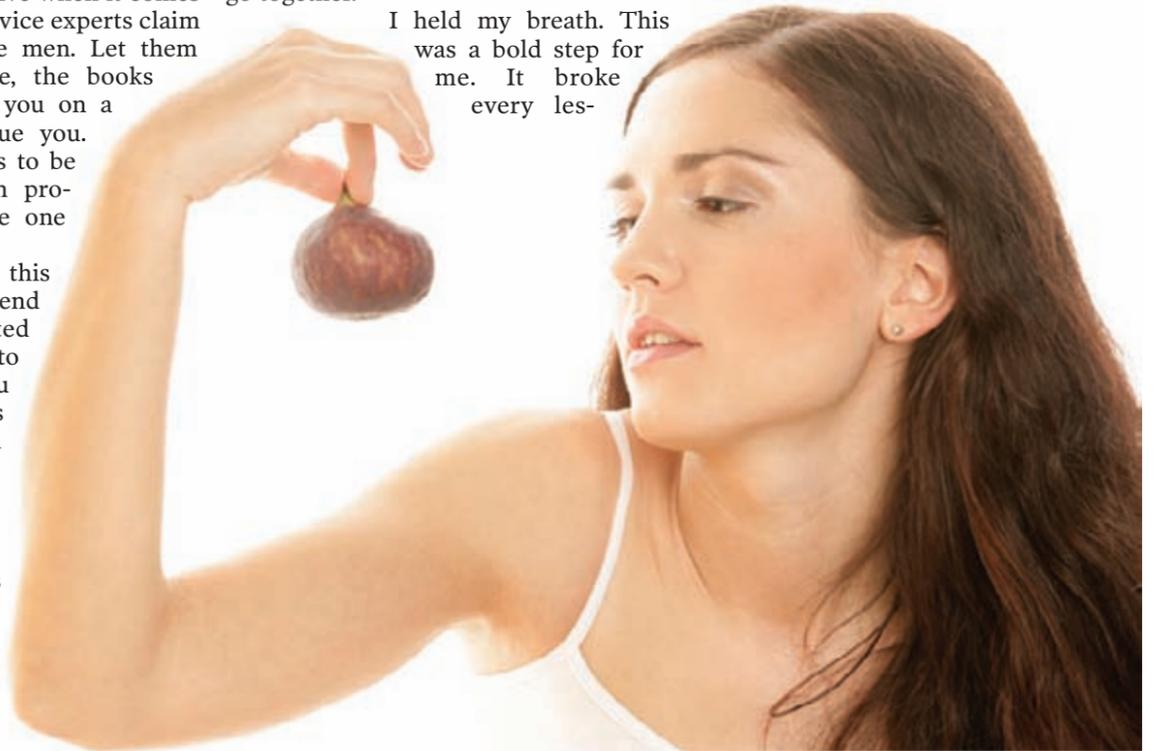
"Have you seen the new art exhibit downtown?" I asked. "Maybe we could go together."

I held my breath. This was a bold step for me. It broke every les-

son The Rules taught, defied every gospel Steve Harvey preached. But I was tired of taking only the low-hanging fruit.

My new interest wrote back the same day. "Sounds like fun," he said. "How about this weekend?"

Perhaps, then, my approach has been all wrong. It only pays to be demure to a limit. At a certain point, a lady has to make her own harvest. ■



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Naples Players take audiences behind the scenes for the making of 'Gone With the Wind'

Presented by The Naples Players, "Moonlight & Magnolias," a comedy from the Golden Age of Hollywood, runs Jan. 11-Feb. 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre.

It's 1939, and three weeks into the filming of "Gone With the Wine," producer David O. Selznick has fired his director and closed down the shoot. Frantic to rewrite Sidney Howard's screenplay in time, Mr. Selznick pulls director Victor Fleming off the final scenes of "The Wizard of Oz" and coerces ace screenwriter Ben Hecht to rework the film. The only problem is, Mr. Hecht has never read the book, doesn't like Mr. Selznick's synopsis and thinks it is bound to bomb.

The three men are locked in a room together for five days with nothing to eat but bananas and peanuts.

By playwright Ron Hutchinson, "Moonlight and Magnolias" premiered at The Goodman Theatre in Chicago in 2004. The Naples Players adaptation is directed by Michael Scanlan.

Randall Jones stars as Mr. Selznick. A veteran of theater in the Washington, D.C., area, Mr. Jones previously appeared with The Naples Players as Rooster in "Annie."

Adam Shaver ("How the Other Half Loves," "Art," "The Laramie Project")

and "Two Rooms" with the Players) performs the role of Mr. Hecht.

Joel Hawkins, a newcomer to the Players, appears as Mr. Fleming.

Rounding out the cast as Miss Pop-penghul is Patti Caroli ("The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," "Mame!" and "Cabaret"). ■



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Tensions mount in the scramble to write the screenplay for "Gone With the Wind." Left to right: Joel Hawkins as Victor Fleming, Randall Jones as David O. Selznick and Adam Shaver as Ben Hecht in the frantic comedy "Moonlight & Magnolias."

in the know

"Moonlight & Magnolias" by The Naples Players

- >> **When:** Jan. 11-Feb. 4; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Tickets:** \$35 adults, \$15 ages 18 & under
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets

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will take place at 4:30 p.m. Fridays beginning Jan. 13.

A one-time audition workshop to help prepare students for an audition reading takes place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13.

Jazz and tap classes will begin in January, as will a variety of classes in technical theatre and a voice class. For a complete list and description of classes, visit www.naplesplayers.org/education. Registration is available online or at the administrative offices of The Naples Players, 701 Fifth Ave. S., or by calling 434-7340, ext. 10. ■

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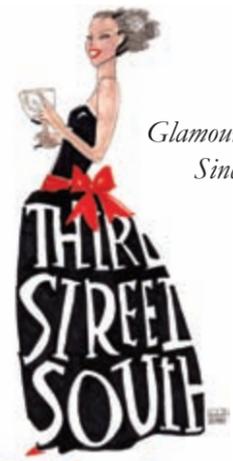


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CARNAGE

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and at the Guthrie in Minneapolis, both earlier this year.

And two of the top theaters in Florida are staging it this season: Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers and the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota. I talked to the two directors — Dennis Lee Delaney, who's guest directing at the Florida Rep, and Greg Leaming at the Asolo. Because of logistics and rehearsal schedules, I talked to them separately, asking the same questions. Here's a condensed, edited version of our conversations.

■ What is it about "The God of Carnage" that has gripped audiences and made it one of the most popular works being currently produced?

• **MR. DELANEY:** It's pretty fascinating for a number of reasons. First, to just see an ensemble of four great actors go at it... It's a field day for them in terms of getting to run the gamut of emotions.

It starts out conservative and dry, two couples meeting to talk reasonably about this confrontation that happened between their sons. Slowly and surely, you see the veneer of civilization that we all have crumble and you see that one guy's a savage, underneath it all... We see each character, in their own way, let go of their social mask and get down to the core of who they are as human beings...

This play is relentlessly, hysterically funny. We keep drawing parallels with "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" That's a savage marital drama — but a funny, funny play. We want to capture both aspects in "God of Carnage."

• **MR. LEAMING:** It's an extremely volatile play, dark but very humorous. That makes it very interesting to a lot of theaters. The other reason is, it's so intensely literate... very well constructed and tightly written.

As we work on it in rehearsal, we're finding it's a very tightly woven network of conflicting intentions. Characters will actually respond to something, a nerve being hit, three or four pages after the nerve is hit. It's very interesting that way. There's an awful lot bubbling under the surface... When a person explodes in rage, involuntarily, it often comes from buttons that have been pushed a couple of times more than those times we see on stage. It's that kind of relationship and involuntary response that this play is about.

One of the things I discovered is that it's a lot like "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" In both plays, you don't know why people go as far as they do in their rage... for an audience, being in the room with them is fascinating and terrifying at the same time. "God of Carnage" is, of course, a much funnier play.

■ "God of Carnage" has one set and four characters and basically takes place over an afternoon. What are the challenges of directing this?

• **MR. LEAMING:** There are huge challenges. Every director and actor works on a production as if it were a series of building blocks. Each of those building blocks is called a beat. Usually a beat has a beginning, middle and end. They all are connected and lead forward. This play does not break down into beats. The characters don't stop and regroup.

We compare it to getting on a roller coaster: Once you're on, you're on; you can't stop and think, you just have to go with it. You have to go where it takes you.

• **MR. DELANEY:** It's definitely a somewhat claustrophobic story... one



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The cast of "God of Carnage" at the Florida Rep: Craig Bockhorn, Carrie Lund, Shelley Delaney and Chris Clavelli



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The cast of "God of Carnage" at the Asolo Repertory Theatre

set, and you never leave that set. That provides a unique challenge... The four characters share the responsibility of carrying the play. They're constantly jumping in and giving their opinions. You have to keep your eye on the ball of all four — where they are physically, emotionally, and in relationship to each other physically and emotionally.

It's a fun challenge. You don't often get plays where it's that concentrated on four characters.

■ So is this play like a chamber piece for actors?

• **MR. DELANEY:** It does operate almost like a piece of music. You can think of them like a string quartet: occasionally playing off of each other, occasionally playing as an ensemble; occasional dissonance, interesting harmonics, and moments where it all falls apart. Which is wonderful in itself...

It's not a string quartet in the old fashioned way. It's more Bartok than Beethoven. It has lots of sharp edges to it.

• **MR. LEAMING:** I guess you could call it that.

Yasmina Reza's plays have more of a musical structure than a dramatic structure... One person will be at a certain pitch while the other three are at a different pitch. Another character will join in and they'll do a duet. Sometimes

it's a trio, sometimes it's a quartet... that's the shape of many of her plays.

■ How is this similar to Ms. Reza's earlier play, "Art"?

• **MR. DELANEY:** There are a lot of similarities. She likes the idea of throwing characters together in a room and letting them bounce off of each other. It's the same kind of dynamic (as "Art"), but they're not friends.

And it's not just these two couples against each other. It's against themselves, within their relationship.

• **MR. LEAMING:** I think it's more similar to her play "Live x 3," in which a crying child offstage destroys a cocktail party, completely shatters it. "Theater of nerves" is what she calls her theater; she writes about people who are on edge, or close to a breakdown... incidents on stage push them further into the abyss.

Like "Live x 3," ("The God of Carnage") is examining the kind of animal instincts that are aroused the minute people discuss their children. Not just the protective instinct. Children bring out, in a funny way, the worst in people. You can't be rational when you talk about your children. That's certainly the case here... The playwright is playing with characters whose nerves are already frayed.

■ How do you think audiences will respond to this play?

• **MR. DELANEY:** They're gonna love it, I have no doubt... I think audiences are eager to embrace the idea of: Who's got the power? Who's in control at any given moment in the play? It's a very fun thing to track.

• **MR. LEAMING:** I'm not sure. All we can do is do the play and do it on the best possible level. I think audiences will have a spectacular time with it. We chose it for that reason. When you're in the room with this kind of playwriting, you're horrified and fascinated by it.

There's a kind of complicity that's very exciting in the theater. That's a huge part of the audience's response. I think that's where the laughter comes from.

All we can do is do the play we think has been written, and bring out the structure as much as possible, and the complexity of the characters and the situation and hope the audience has a wonderful time as we have.

I think this going to be a fascinating experience.

■ "Carnage," a film version of the play, just came out. Have you seen it, or do you plan to see it?

• **MR. DELANEY:** No. I don't know that I have time to see it. Roman Polanski's a great director, the cast is terrific. He specializes in these claustrophobic type films.

I don't doubt they did a great job with it. But I don't see a strong need to see someone's idea of the play. It's kind of interesting timing that it's coming out right when we're about to do it.

An audience member could go see the film and it would be really interesting for them to see the play and compare. I'm sure they'd be completely and wildly different from each other. You have four different actors, a different director, a different medium. What you do on film and stage are two very different things.

• **MR. LEAMING:** (He has not seen the film and doesn't plan to.) I've been thrilled to see that the reviews of the movie have not been good.

This playwright has structured this play to be experienced in a live theater. As soon as you take (it out of the theater, you take) the life out of it. You lose that the audience's complicity. You lose that the audience is almost horrified by being in the same room with this.

In a movie theater, you can easily turn away and block anything out; in the theater, you're forced to stay on board... you become part of the movement of the event. In the film, you're stepping back and watching it.

With theater, you step into that room and you're part of it, you're engaged, and you're responsible in a funny way for everything that happens in there. ■

in the know

"God of Carnage"

>> **When:** Jan. 6-22 (previews Jan. 3-5)

>> **Where:** Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers

>> **Tickets:** \$40, \$45; previews, \$25, \$20

>> **Info:** 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org

>> **When:** Jan 13-April 6

>> **Where:** Asolo Repertory Theatre, Sarasota

>> **Tickets:** \$65, \$57, \$37, \$29

>> **Info:** (941) 351-8000 or www.asolorep.org

ARTISTS AMONG US

Richard Grant

■ **Where did you grow up?** In western Massachusetts in a suburb of Springfield. I lived most of my adult life in central New York between Ithaca and Syracuse.

■ **When did you discover your creative talents?** I have always been fascinated by images. I got my first camera when I was 10 years old. I majored in cinema and photography in college.

■ **How would you describe your style?** I consider myself a landscape photographer.

■ **What type of equipment do you work with?** I have a professional grade single lens reflex camera, similar to a 35mm, except that it's digital.

■ **Where can we see your work?** At the Naples Art Crafters shows in Cambier Park in Naples.

■ **What inspires you?** The natural beauty of nature. I like to capture that one moment when the light and the scenery come together to make something special.

■ **Are you a full-time photographer?** As much as I would like to do this full time, I pay the bills by working as an attorney.

■ **Your photo shows a large-format image. Do you focus on that size work?** Although I have smaller pieces, I really like the big pieces because what I strive for in my work is for you to feel like you can just step right into the scene... I don't think you can get that feeling by viewing an 8-by-10 in a frame sitting on your desk.

■ **What changes have you seen in photography?** The biggest change I've



seen with photography has been the digital revolution of the last several years. Now my darkroom sits inside my computer and I do all my work on that. Also, digital allows me to be more creative with my subject, because I can take three images of the same thing and combine them to express the entire range of light that I see. That was impossible to do before with film.

■ **Who are some photographers you admire?** The two that jump right out are Ansel Adams and Clyde Butcher. Both are pioneers in landscape photography: Ansel Adams for the mountains of California and Clyde Butcher for the Everglades.

■ **Education:** Ithaca College as an undergraduate; Syracuse University for law school

■ **Website:** www.paradisedigitalphoto.com ■

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An opening reception for artist Peter Sargent's "A New Direction" runs from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery, 4259 Bonita Beach Road. The exhibit runs through Jan. 27. www.artistkb.com/ or 776-6844.

Theater

■ **The Gin Game** – At The Norris Center Jan. 4-6. (800) 838-3006, ext. 1, or www.brownpapertickets.com.

■ **The Santaland Diaries** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 31. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Me and My Girl** – By the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Dec. 29-Feb. 11. 278-4422.

Thursday, Dec. 29

■ **Amazing Acrobatics** – Cirque Dreams Holidaze takes the stage today through Jan. 1 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.com.

■ **Regis and Joy** – Regis and Joy Philbin take the stage with an 18-piece orchestra at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Laugh It Up** – Michael Yo and Lynne Koplitz perform tonight through Sunday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Jazz It Up** – Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 6-9 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$10 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Friday, Dec. 30

■ **Old Favorites** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "A Rodgers & Hammerstein Celebration" beginning at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Saturday, Dec. 31

■ **Fine Art** – The Coconut Point New Year's Weekend Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at Coconut Point in Esterol. (561) 746-6615.

■ **Casino Countdown** – Seminole Casino Immokalee celebrates New Year's Eve all day long with live music in the Zig Zag Lounge. Enjoy a ball drop, party favors and complimentary drinks from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (800) 218-0007.

■ **Fireworks & More** – The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on the Naples Pier. 213-7120.

■ **Rock 'n' Roll** – Cary Vhygen & The Ex-Bachelors perform from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$20 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Sunday, Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, Jan. 2

■ **Call It!** – Bingo season is under way at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. The doors at 991 Winterberry Drive open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog supper, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

■ **Library Music** – Billy Dean and Dawn perform tunes from the 1930s to today at 6:30 p.m. at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. Registration required. 252-7542 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents a screening of "Malena" beginning at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$5 donation. www.italianculturalsociety.com.

■ **Local History** – The Marco Island Historical Museum presents Bert Gillespie with an illustrated lecture about the Calusa Indians at 7 p.m. 180 S. Heathwood Drive.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

■ **Music Program** – University of Miami Research Professor of Music Frank Cooper presents "On the Path to Revolution: Baroque to Classicism" at 2 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Go Underground** – Studios and galleries of the North Naples Arts Alliance host Underground Art Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. throughout the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

■ **Native Faces** – An exhibit of recent works with American Indian themes in watercolor and pastel by Tracy Magen Rosen are on view through January at Rosen Gallery & Studios, 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.

■ **Open Mic** – Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts open mic night for singers, songwriters and musicians from 7-10 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

■ **Cupcakes & Pupcakes** – Pooches and their people are invited to open house at Sabal Palm Animal Hospital from 6-7 p.m. Jan. 5. People treats from Simply Cupcakes; canine goodies from Top Dog Kitchen. 417-8338 or www.sabalpalmanimalhospital.com.

■ **Classical Music** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Prokofiev's Fifth" at 8 p.m. Jan. 5-7 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or visit www.ThePhil.org.

■ **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.

■ **Hyacinth Series** – Moorings

Presbyterian Church presents organist Nathan Laube on Jan. 6. No tickets; freewill offering. 261-1487 or www.moorings-presby.org.

■ **Antique Show** – The St. Ann School Jubilee Center hosts an antique show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 7-8. 877-2830.

■ **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.

■ **Art Fest** – The Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 7-8 on Fifth Avenue South. 262-6517.

■ **Musical Legend** – The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center presents Dionne Warwick at 8 p.m. Jan. 7 as the singer and activist celebrates her 50th year in show business. 2301 First St. \$175. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

■ **Music at Mercato** – Mercato's First Friday concert runs from 6-10 p.m. Jan. 6. 403-2204.

■ **Show Band** – The Music Makers Show Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 8 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Naples Orchestra** – The Naples Orchestra performs Count Basie tunes from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 9 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Piano Lesson** – Concert pianist Jodie DeSalvo presents "Shopping List! - Or Chopin Liszt!" at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$42. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Modern Dance** – The Martha Graham Dance Company takes the stage at 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Fiber Artists** – The Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an invitational exhibit of work by the Maine Fiber Artists from Jan. 9-Feb. 5. Opening reception is 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 10. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

■ **Book Discussion** – Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre" is the topic for discussion at 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Jazz Guitarist** – Guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli performs at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Food & Wine** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "An Affair of the Arts: The Art of Food & Wine" from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 11 at FineMark Bank. Create artwork while enjoying small plates and wine. \$85. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **12 Angry Jurors** – By The Marco Players Jan. 11-29. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Hollywood Show** – "Hooray for Hollywood" starts at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

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ACTRESS

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porch of a home for the aged. The play opened on Broadway in 1977. Starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, it earned four Tony Award nominations: Best Play, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Director. Playwright D.L. Coburn, in his first effort, won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Ms. Francis' reflections on her performing life begin in 1949 when her father, a builder in Michigan, began bringing his wife and four children to escape winter on Marco Island because he liked to fish. The family lived in a 24-foot aluminum house trailer at The Doxsee Trailer Park in Old Marco Village.

Although the men fished all day, there wasn't much for children to do. So Ms. Francis — then around age 7 — put on shows for the park residents.

"There wasn't much night life, unless you count Molly's Bar," she recalls. "So when a little girl comes knocking at your trailer door with a hand-printed flyer that says 'Show tonight at The Johnsons. Bring your own chair, who could resist?'"

Ms. Francis graduated from Naples High School in 1961 and attended the University of Florida. She and her first husband raised two children and ran a landscape company in Naples. In her free time, she was a female "end man" in the Naples Jaycee Minstrel Shows in the 1960s, regularly appeared in The Naples Players productions in the 1970s and 1980s and also established the Shower-stall Opera Company. She began performing professionally at The Naples Dinner Theatre in 1983. In 1984, with her children raised and herself divorced, she began performing in regional theaters around the country.

Over the years her favorite roles, in addition to her sentimental attachment to "The Gin Game," have been as Fräulein Schneider in "Cabaret" ("I adore that role, have done it three times and would do it again in a minute") and in "The Waverly Gallery," a show about Alzheimer's that she performed at the Sugden Community Theatre with Janina Birtolo ("That play had such an impact on the people who saw it").

Her professional credits include roles in "Show Boat," "Annie," "The Music Man," "The King and I," "I Do I Do," "Carousel" "Hello Dolly" and "My Fair Lady."

With the close of the Naples Dinner Theatre in 2006, Ms. Francis began working with Prather Entertainment Group, which operates the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers and other dinner theaters throughout the United States. For the last three years, she has performed with The Old Creamery Theater Company in Amana, Iowa, which is where she met Tom Milligan, who stars opposite her in "The Gin Game."

This coming season, she will perform at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers in "Squabbles" in February. In March, she travels to The Old Creamery for productions of "The Gin Game," "On Golden Pond" (Ethel) and "Church Basement Ladies 2" (Vivian). Later in the year, she will reprise her role as Vivian in "Church Basement Ladies 2" for Prather at its Dutch Apple Dinner Theater in Lancaster, Pa.

But for now, her focus is on the local production for her anniversary. She is happy that her children, Mike and Abby, live locally and that two of her grandchildren, Korey and Bianca, will be helping out with the show.

Oh... and what is Ms. Francis giving her husband for their anniversary? "The man adores golf," she shares, "and

always finds the closest golf course when he travels with me. So I got him one of those watches that is like a computer and has GPS and all the national golf courses in it."

Sounds like the couple definitely supports each other's passions. ■



COURTESY PHOTO
Ms. Francis as Lottie in "Crazy for You" at Theatre by the Sea, Matunuk, R.I.

in the know
"The Gin Game" by D.L. Coburn, starring Kay Francis and Tom Milligan

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THEATER REVIEW

My bunch of art non-resolutions for the New Year



Once again, a new year stands poised at the door, waiting to make its grand entrance.

People seem to fall into two categories at this time of year: Those who make resolutions, and those who don't.

I'm in the latter category. There's something that seems false about making resolutions just because we're switching calendars. Any day can be a new beginning, any moment.

There's also something too overly gung-ho about it all, like waking up and declaring: I'm now going to climb Mt. Everest!

Call them plans, goals, new ways of thinking. Just don't call them resolutions.

If I were making a list, here's what some of my art non-resolutions would be:

- Go see that interesting movie I'd read about ASAP, while it's playing at a local theater. Because if I've learned anything living in Southwest Florida, it's that the rare times a cinema here shows an art film, a foreign film or a really intriguing quality film, it often disappears before you can say, "One ticket, please."

- So if I don't see it as soon as it comes out, I might have to wait for the DVD.

- Additionally, keep asking theaters about movies I want to see. I hope that by doing so, I'll help them realize there's an audience here. About a month ago, I asked a movie theater manager when he was going to get "The Artist." He hadn't heard of it and couldn't tell me a date. The movie turned up on a number of "Best of 2011" lists this month.

- Go back and see that exhibit I really liked but couldn't see that well because there were too many people at the opening. Many times — unfortunately — art openings are more about socializing and being seen than actually looking at the art. If you don't have X-ray vision, it's difficult

to see artwork when people are standing in front of it.

I've never regretted the times I've gone back to see a show. In our instant-everything multi-tasking society, it goes against the grain to spend time contemplating a piece of art. Too often we look for just a few seconds, then move on.

- Stop pushing myself to finish a novel that's just not working for me. Sometimes when reading, I'm much too generous in nature. I'll keep reading, even if the

book's not that satisfying. I keep thinking it'll get better. Usually, it doesn't. I have to learn to just close the book and move on to something else.

Recently, I was reading a thriller that seemed promising. But the writing was clunky and just serviceable, the plot strained credulity. Before long, I realized I wasn't enjoying

myself. I kept hoping the story would get better, show some depth. I was momentarily interested when the author set some of the action in Fort Myers and Naples, but then was confused when a character stated that the area is filled with people from New York. (In reality, it seems that Midwesterners far outnumber New Yorkers here.) I stopped reading.

- Refuse to get emotionally invested in "Project Runway." The series takes a group of fashion designer-hopefuls and gives

them a different assignment each week. Maybe one week it's to design an outfit out of recycled items. Another week it could be to create an ensemble inspired by some aspect of New York City.

Initially, the series was fun; it was fascinating to see how other creative minds thought when presented with

an assignment that also contained restrictions and obstacles.

Then the series moved from Bravo to Lifetime, and the tenor of the show changed. It became less about fashion and creativity and more about irritating personalities and dramatic clashes. There was also a heavier hand in product placement, and the judging grew inconsistent. The integrity of the show seemed compromised.

- Subscribe to the magazines I really like to read. This way, I'm assured of seeing them every week or month, rather than hoping I'll catch them on the newsstand. Borders is now gone, and the remaining bookstores don't always carry the titles I like to read. (And they're not found in the local library, either.) Subscribing will assure that I receive every issue — and it's cheaper too.

- See a traditional opera from the Met at the movie theater. I don't have a background in opera, and making a three- or four-hour commitment seems a little daunting at times.

I did see "Nixon in China" broadcast from the Met, however, and thoroughly enjoyed it. I wish there were more modern operas performed/broadcast. I remember reading about a new opera written about Anna Nicole Smith, and thought: I'd go see that in a heartbeat!

Trashy pop culture and opera? There's a winning combo!

- Stop expecting the film adaptation to be as good as the play or the book. Not to sound all Gertrude Stein-ish, but a movie's a movie and a play's a play. "Doubt" and "Rabbit Hole" were both incredible on stage, but not as exciting when translated to film.

- Re-read a classic, or read one I've never read. I'm sure a book will strike me differently at this age than when I read it in college or high school. And there are still some gaps — classics I've never read. (Stephen King recently admitted he's never read anything by Jane Austen.)

- Read a book and see a movie that's outside of my taste. It's good to step outside of your comfort zone. You never know what you might discover. ■



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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.

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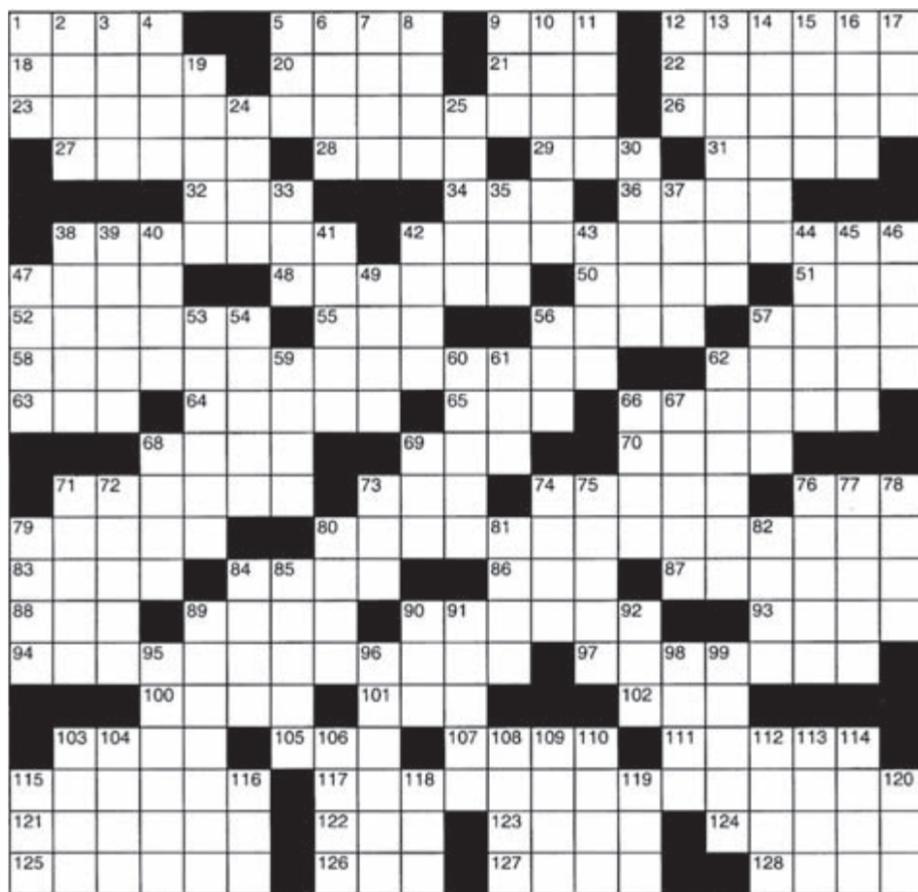
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 - 9 "Sister —" ('92 film)
 - 12 Rodeo ropes
 - 18 "America's Most Wanted" info
 - 20 Panache
 - 21 Chase away gray
 - 22 Changes
 - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
 - 26 Rice dish
 - 27 Tangle
 - 28 Quahog, e.g.
 - 29 Consumed a knish
 - 31 Cart
 - 32 Altar oath
 - 34 Hair ball?
 - 36 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
 - 38 Hazard
 - 42 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 Bete noire
 - 48 Reserved
 - 50 Mideast gulf
 - 51 Supp.
 - 52 Way in
 - 55 Lend a hand
 - 56 Noah's eldest
 - 57 Cornmeal concoction
 - 58 Part 3 of remark
 - 62 Surround
 - 63 West ender?
 - 64 Greene of "Bonanza"
 - 65 Author LeShan
 - 66 Picturesque
 - 68 — shui
 - 69 Switch-board abbr.
 - 70 Irish island group
 - 71 Asian island
 - 73 Joanne of "Red River"
 - 74 Cavalry weapon
 - 76 Spare part?
 - 79 French dynast
 - 80 Part 4 of remark
 - 83 — of passage
 - 84 University ordeal
 - 86 Family vehicle
 - 87 A hole near the sole
 - 88 Sten relative
 - 89 Profess
 - 90 Walked off with
 - 93 Pickable
 - 94 Part 5 of remark
 - 97 Act like a mirror
 - 100 Dweeb
 - 101 Empower
 - 102 Dernier —
 - 103 Bear's advice
 - 105 Puppy bark
 - 107 Role for Liz
 - 111 Stout
 - 115 Reach
 - 117 End of remark
 - 121 Hispanic cake
 - 122 Cover the cake
 - 123 The — Brothers
 - 124 Lofty spaces
 - 125 Exchanged
 - 126 Getz's instrument
 - 127 Sammy or Stubby
 - 128 No sweat
- DOWN**
- 1 Chou En —
 - 2 Charity
 - 3 Anthropologist
 - 4 Fossey
 - 4 Arp's art
 - 5 Role for a rat
 - 6 Baldwin of "Malice"
 - 7 Cry like a baby
 - 8 Novelist Seton
 - 9 "Tobacco Road" character
 - 10 Nosy guy?
 - 11 Try out
 - 12 Drink like a dachshund
 - 13 '92 Disney film
 - 14 Audiophile's equipment
 - 15 Ward of "Sisters" agency
 - 16 French airport
 - 17 Govt. agency
 - 19 Printer's stroke
 - 24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue"
 - 25 Fireplace fragment
 - 30 Practice piece
 - 33 Vintage
 - 35 Manipulate
 - 37 Bookkeeping entry
 - 38 Dad-to-be, often
 - 39 Like Machu Picchu
 - 40 Rock hound?
 - 41 Find out
 - 42 Designer Gernreich
 - 43 Cowardly Lion Bert
 - 44 Mother Judd
 - 45 Jerkin
 - 46 Draft animals
 - 47 Movie piglet
 - 49 Boxer Tyson
 - 53 Taciturn
 - 54 Teatime treat
 - 56 Where the gulls are
 - 57 Quaker colonist
 - 59 As a result
 - 60 Link
 - 61 Banned pesticide
 - 62 Cordial
 - 66 "The Thief of Bagdad" star
 - 67 Minos' realm
 - 68 Manumit
 - 69 Misjudge
 - 71 Feltlike fabric
 - 72 Eye-related
 - 73 Singer Shannon
 - 74 Ginger cookie
 - 75 One of the Yokums
 - 76 Antique
 - 77 Like a lummoX
 - 78 — the bullet
 - 79 Muck
 - 80 Dupe
 - 81 Roman poet
 - 82 Present
 - 84 Mind — matter
 - 85 Actor McDowall
 - 89 "Sweet —" (1903 song)
 - 90 Heifer or hen
 - 91 Good speller?
 - 92 Cal. page
 - 95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
 - 96 Lama kin
 - 98 Starting at
 - 99 Neighbor of Niger
 - 103 Christmas-tree topper
 - 104 Singer James
 - 106 Mascagni opera
 - 108 Plumbing problem
 - 109 "Cope Book" aunt
 - 110 Heed
 - 112 Punta del —
 - 113 Blood components
 - 114 "— Coming" ('69 song)
 - 115 Cockpit fig.
 - 116 Head motion
 - 118 John Ritter's dad
 - 119 Language suffix
 - 120 Weldon or Wray

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

- **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.
 - **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.
 - **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.
 - **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.
 - **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.
 - **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.
 - **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move
- closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.
- **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.
 - **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.
 - **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.
 - **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.
 - **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.
 - **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures. ■

By Linda Thistle

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★★★★
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It took nearly 12 months, but we finally have the best action movie of 2011. "Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol" is intense from the very beginning and resonates with pulse-pounding excitement at every turn. It's the standard to which all action movies should aspire.

This time around, Ethan Hunt's (Tom Cruise) IMF team has no choice but to accept its mission. Valuable nuclear weapons information has fallen into the hands of a madman named Hendricks (Mikael Nyqvist), who's hell bent on destroying the world. Ethan's team, which consists of computer genius Benji (Simon Pegg), beautiful but tough Jane (Paula Patton) and the somewhat ominous Brandt (Jeremy Renner), is smart and efficient but constantly one step behind Hendricks. Watching them try to catch up is as exciting as an action movie can be.

Great action set pieces set the tone, each topping what came before it in style and execution. The first, inside a Russian prison, is nicely staged, but when Ethan and Benji use gadgets inside the Kremlin, you'll be both delighted and amazed. Later, Ethan has to climb the outside of the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai. The visuals (especially if you see it in IMAX, which I highly recommend) and suspense are incredible. This is followed by a chase through a sandstorm and a fight in a motorized garage, both of which are expertly paced.

Director Brad Bird cut his teeth with Pixar animation, and one speculates that the attention to detail he had to give every frame of animation has served him well in his transition to live action.

Much has been made of Cruise doing his own stunts. No doubt he does, given that safety nets, harnesses and other precautions can be removed in post-production. What this adds, though, is a

level of authenticity, and when you know it's really him swinging around the tallest building in the world, darned if it doesn't take an extra breath away.

In fairness, the script by Josh Appelbaum and Andre Nemecek keeps things simple: Good guys, bad guys, stop nuclear war. What's smart about the writing is that it's efficient and it gives every character time in the spotlight. For example, Cruise, who certainly does his share of the hard work, nicely steps aside to allow Renner and Pegg to shine in a scene in which Brandt has to jump 25 feet into a revolving fan and trust that Benji will "catch" him before he's shredded. Pegg plays it straight, Renner stresses, and the scene is a trip.



Ordinarily, the fourth installment of a franchise means stale repetition of an old routine, but having a new director for each "Mission: Impossible" movie has allowed Cruise to keep each film fresh — even if not always successful. The fact that "Ghost Protocol" is as good as it is proves a little creativity can go a long, long way. ■

in the know
>> This is director Brad Bird's first live action feature. He previously made "The Incredibles" and "Ratatouille."

CAPSULES

The Adventures of Tintin

★★
(Jamie Bell, Daniel Craig, Andy Serkis) An old enemy (Craig) stands in the way of a young reporter (Bell) and ship captain (Serkis) as they search for lost treasure. The motion capture animation is decent and some of the action is exciting, but this plays like a humorless young Indiana Jones on a treasure quest. When the most consistently amusing character is a dog named Snowy, it's a problem. Based on the comic book series by Herge. Rated PG.

Young Adult

★★★★
(Charlize Theron, Patrick Wilson, Patton Oswalt) A struggling author (Theron) returns

to her old hometown to steal her old boyfriend (Wilson) from his wife and children. Theron is equally sympathetic and bitchy in the lead, which is a much more complex role than it might appear, and Oswalt is good as a former classmate. Rated R.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

★★★★
(Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Christopher Plummer) A disgraced journalist (Craig) and computer hacker named Lisbeth (Mara) investigate a 40-year-old disappearance in northern Sweden. It's a compelling story and Mara is good as Lisbeth, but it's too long at 2 hours, 40 minutes. Based on the book by Stieg Larsson. Rated R.



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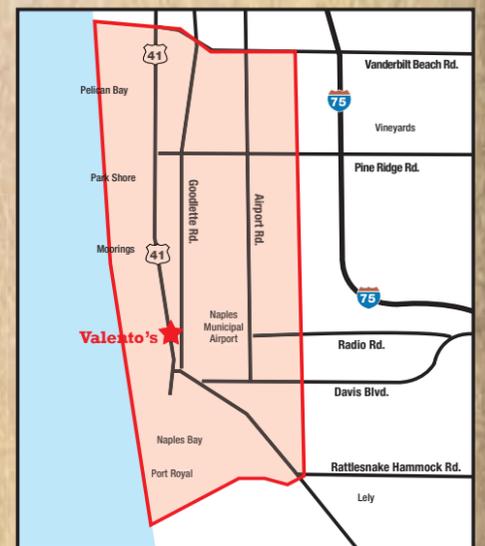
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■ The **Martha Graham Dance Company** performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. Always a fertile ground for experimentation, the company continues to foster the groundbreaking vision of Martha Graham, whose choreography created a new modern dance vocabulary. Tickets start at \$69.

■ Jazz guitarist and singer **John Pizzarelli** performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Pizzarelli was the 2009 recipient of the Ella Fitzgerald Award, joining a select group of past winners including Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett and Harry Connick Jr. Tickets start at \$55.

■ 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.

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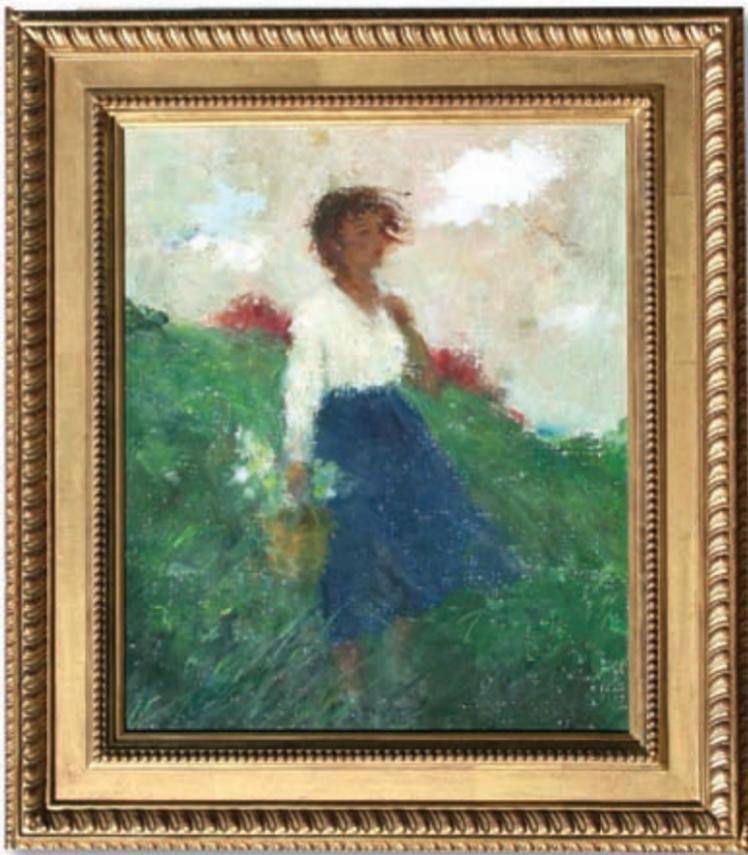
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More than three decades ago, while living and working in New York, Lake Worth resident Martha Moffett wrote a novel that was published by Berkley.

That was in 1977. Recently, she decided to give it a second life. "The Common Garden" holds up amazingly well in its smart portrayal of artists, intellectuals and striving professionals during the hedonistic '70s. Here is the "Me Decade," still wearing and exploiting the trappings (and perhaps the traps) of communalization that characterized the '60s.

Without quite knowing what they're getting into, Paul and Robin succeed in locating a summer rental to satisfy their desire to enjoy Manhattan while Paul continues building his career as a marketing professional. Robin, a young woman without much experience of the world, is determined to use these few months to explore all that the city has to offer: the museums and galleries, the theaters and recital halls, the distinctive neighborhoods. She is a naïf hankering after sophistication.

The community of handsome brownstones in which they have found a temporary home is notable for its common garden, at once a protected plot for fruits and vegetables and flowers collectively grown and enjoyed, and another kind of garden — one of earthly delights and communally shared sexual partners. The couple has stumbled into a kind of collective farm or

The Common Garden

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Martha Moffett

urban kibbutz of heightened sensuality, enhanced by hallucinogenic drugs and safeguarded by a code of secrecy and a demand for loyalty.

The novel's focus is on Robin (Paul is often away on business or simply preoccupied with it), who has trouble reading the largely unarticulated code that governs behavior in this brave



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new world. At first hesitant — even fearful — about opening herself up to new intimate relationships, she gradually moves from the periphery toward the center of the group, enjoying along the way new and seductive knowledge of her body's capacity for erotic pleasure.

Through Robin's progress, Ms. Moffett suggests that there is much to be gained through casting off one's inhibitions, through experimentation, and through increased self-knowledge. However, in the environment of the common garden, liberation paradoxically pushes up against threatening group-think. It's a kind of yuppy, East Coast "Hotel California" that is "programmed to receive./ You can check-out any time you like,/ But you can never leave!" (Pardon me, Eagles.)

When Hannah, the woman who has taken on the role of Robin's confidante and mentor, expresses some disillusionment with the pattern her life has taken, our antennae are raised. When Hannah is found dead, the antennae vibrate.

Each of Robin's erotic escapades (of which there are several) brings some degree of enrichment, some enlargement of her potential. But there is the growing suggestion of bondage as well. Can she take what is identity enhancing in these closed-door laboratory experiments and transplant them into her own soil, her own garden? Questions like these turn what might have been simply an escapist, erotic novel into a thoughtful, intellectually provocative one.

Ms. Moffett has a fine ability to create place and mood. The New York we travel through, filtered by Robin's perspective, is vividly and crisply etched, its many atmospheric qualities conveyed with knowing skill and magnetic charm.



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Martha Moffett

Although there is a sadness born of knowledge at the end of Robin's ecstasies, a certain brightness radiates through the gemlike prose of this daring author.

From the author's website:

Martha Leatherwood Moffett was born at the end of a dirt road in St. Clair County, Ala. She lived for a few wonderful years in Manhattan, worked in publishing in New York City (GQ, American Heritage Dictionary, Ladies' Home Journal) and wrote for "Cosmopolitan, New York Magazine, British Heritage and others.

Then she returned to a small town and another dirt road in South Florida (not by choice), where for several years she was chief librarian at The National Enquirer. (Asked what that was like, she says, "It's like being flung into a Victorian workhouse.")

Now she remains in Florida because she won't be separated from her circle of friends and Situationist associates. She writes in several forms: novels, essays, children's books, poetry. She has won two Florida State Council on the Arts individual fellowships, one for short fiction and one for playwriting, and a Yaddo fellowship. ■

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Former First Lady Barbara Bush will join three *New York Times* best-selling authors for the celebration on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Tickets are now available at www.CelebrationOfReading.org and include the reading event, dinner and a book signing with the authors for 2012:

■ **Jeff Kinney**, children's author of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series and movies, who was named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World;

■ **Greg Kincaid**, author of "A Dog Named Christmas," which was adapted into a movie for the Hallmark Hall of Fame and whose newest bestseller is "Christmas with Tucker," a prequel to the original hit; and

■ **Randall Wallace**, novelist, screenwriter, director, producer and songwriter whose credits include "Secretariat," "Pearl Harbor," "We Were Soldiers" and the Oscar-nominated screenplay for "Braveheart."

In addition to Mrs. Bush and the authors, numerous special guests are expected, including Family Literacy Initiative spokesman Jeb Bush Jr., Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos, incoming Florida Speaker of the House Rep. Will Weatherford, PGA Professional Peter Jacobsen and James Beard award-winning author and chef Art Smith.

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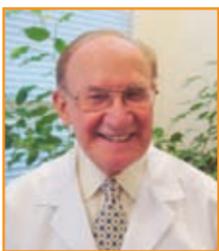


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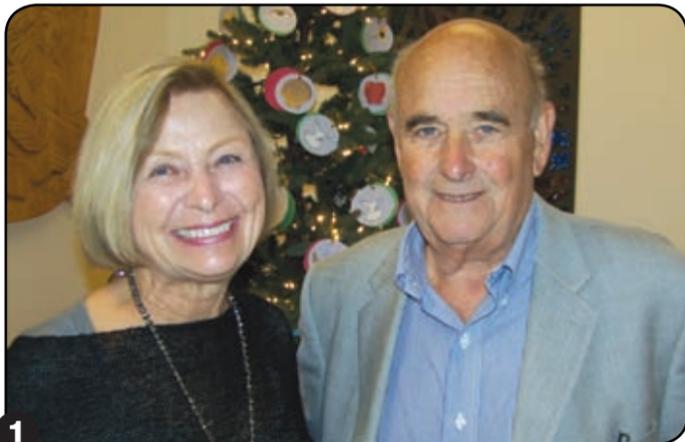
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Happy holidays with the Italian Cultural Society at Kensington Country Club



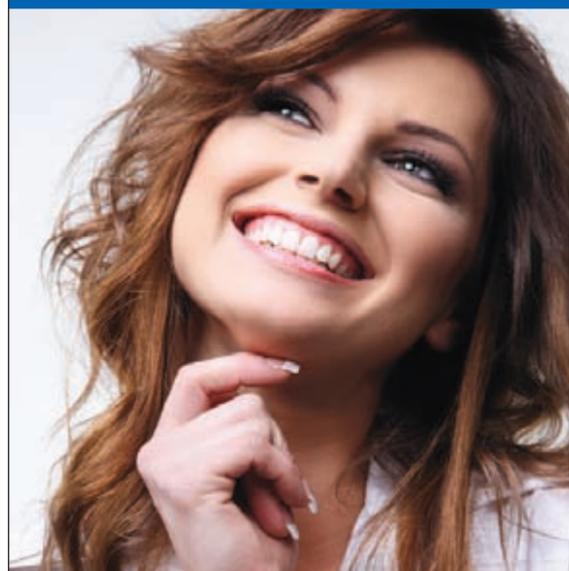
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill**, 8990 Fontana Del Sol Way; 431-7611

With 70-plus flat-screen televisions, you won't miss out on your favorite team's game at this trendy sports bar, the brainchild of former Miami Dolphin Kim Bokamper. What makes this a great choice for sports lovers is an inventive menu that includes shrimp, calamari, tuna wontons and fish tacos in addition to the usual burgers, wings, sliders and chili. Bo's banging shrimp, in a sweet and spicy sauce topped with sesame seeds, were tasty and cooked just right. Bo's signature chicken wings were excellent, grilled then topped with a medium hot barbecue and garlic sauce and accompanied by a bounty of celery and blue cheese dressing. The fish tacos, made with mahi, were terrific. Apple pie a la mode was a perfect finish to a winning meal. Full bar.

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

➤ **The Fish House**, 4685 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 495-5770

Don't judge this one by the weather-worn face it presents to Bonita Beach Road. What's beyond the ho-hum façade is a fetching view of the tranquil back bay waters, an ultra-casual atmosphere, cheerful servers and a simple, well-executed menu. If you like your seafood in a straightforward fashion — grilled, broiled, blackened or fried and then

paired with homey sides like hush puppies, fries and slaw — there's plenty to choose from here. I particularly like that there are heart-healthy dishes marked on the menu. I can recommend the steamed clams, the coconut shrimp basket and, my personal favorite, grouper tacos. The Jamaican jerk tuna was good, too, lightly grilled so the interior was rare but with a lively assortment of seasonings forming the crust. Homemade Key lime pie wasn't bad either. Service was good throughout the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed June 2011

➤ **IM Tapas**, 965 Fourth Ave. N., Naples; 403-8272

Small plates they may be, but the dishes that emerge from the kitchen here are packed with flavor and style. Each looks like a work of art and possesses big, fresh flavors that reveal the passionate dedication of its inspired creators, chefs Isabel Polo Pozo and Mary Shipman, both experts in this inspired Spanish cuisine. A polished staff and stylish dining room add to the warmth and conviviality of a meal at this little off-the-beaten-path gem. If there's a less-than-wondrous dish on the menu, I haven't found it yet in several visits. Among my favorites are chorizo in cider, beets napoleon, garlic-laced white anchovies, diver scallops on octopus slivers, spinach wilted a la Catalana, wild bonito with pomegranate seeds and pomegranate foam, and a plate of stellar artisanal cheeses. It's situated

a few miles north of the city's tonier dining areas, but it surpasses many of the more high-profile establishments in both cuisine and style. Beer and wine.

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

➤ **The Jolly Cricket**, 720 Fifth Ave. S.; 304-9460

This handsome upscale British gastropub offers a wide-ranging menu that encompasses pub grub, tropical flavors and locally grown organic produce. As befits a pub, the beer selection is extensive, and there's an intriguing list of ciders as well, including Ace apple cider, which has a lovely pear essence. The ploughman's board comes three ways. We tried it with smoked ham and Brie, both of which were tasty. The fish and chips were just right, enhanced by tangy homemade tartar sauce. Though beautifully plated, the chicken curry was under seasoned. Those wanting a zesty version should tell their server when ordering. An apple tart with ice cream, oatmeal cookie and caramel sauce was lovely and satisfying. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed February 2010

➤ **Noodle Saigon**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 598-9400

For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might be intimidating at first, but the friendly

servers are happy to help newcomers sort through it. I've found it's hard to go wrong here. On my most recent visit, I enjoyed savory asparagus crabmeat soup, shrimp paste on sugar cane, steamed rice crepe with grilled pork, shrimp summer rolls, clams with black bean sauce and the restaurant's heavenly version of rare beef pho. For dessert, we followed our server's suggestion and tried a tasty mix of mashed avocado, sweetened condensed milk, ice, lime, sugar and mint. The combination resembled Italian water ice and was a great end to a terrific meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed May 2011



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Stylish Komoon has masterful touch with three diverse cuisines



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I dare you to check out Komoon's website and not want to make an immediate trip to this lovely little restaurant.

Granted, the combination of Thai, sushi and Peruvian fare may be off-putting at first, but it makes more sense once you know that the couple who run the place are Thai and Peruvian, respectively. And someone in the joint knows how to craft sushi that's fresh, great tasting and stunning to behold.

Just take a gander at the photos on the website. Whether the dish is Japanese, Peruvian or Thai, it looks fabulous. Judging from my recent dinner there — which won't be my last — I can say that the photos offer an accurate vision of what you'll experience. With just one minor exception, everything we tasted was stellar, starting with the sake, which was served well chilled and with full-sized wine glasses, an Americanization I'm happy to accept if it means I don't have to pour a thimble's worth every other sip.

The menu is vast, covering large swaths of both hemispheres. It was hard to narrow down our choices, but it's a sure bet that customers will always be able to find something new to try.

The dining room is lovely, with warm mustard and brick walls and upholstered booths and banquettes to match. A vertical waterfall stands between the door and the dining room, providing a degree of separation from the sprawling strip center in which Komoon sits while also supplying a soothing whooshing sound for background noise.

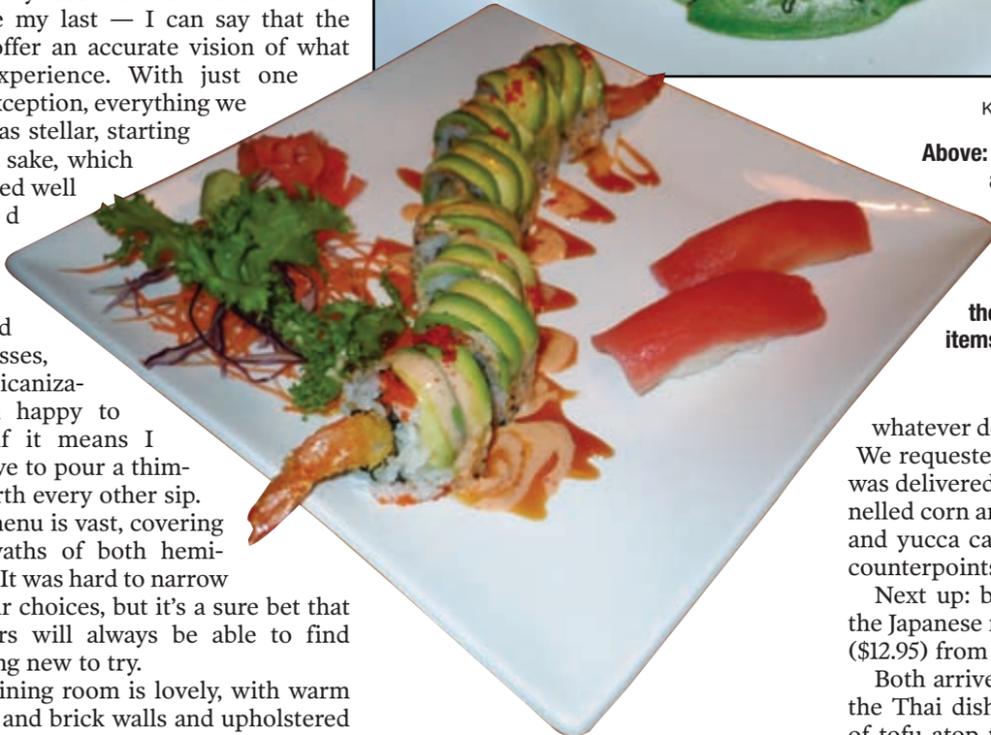
Dominating the space is the well-appointed sushi bar, from which a rainbow assortment of boats full of artfully crafted sushi, sashimi and rolls emerged.

Because we wanted to try a bit of everything, we ordered just a couple of pieces of sushi and one roll. The maguro (tuna) sushi (\$2.50) was a lovely pinkish-



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Above: Kiss Me is the fanciful name of a Thai stir fry with vegetables, garlic sauce and tofu.



Left: A green dragon roll and maguro (tuna) sushi are among the many expertly crafted sushi items available at Komoon.

red, tender and fresh. A green dragon roll (\$11.95) contained a meaty tempura-fried shrimp topped with thinly sliced avocado and a drizzle of eel sauce. It was laid out beautifully on the plate and tasted wonderful without a bit of soy sauce (the Japanese equivalent of ketchup).

From the Peruvian palette, the mixed seafood ceviche was equally good. A mound containing chunks of white fish, calamari, shrimp, clams in the shell and strips of red onion came marinated in a sauce containing healthy doses of lime and pepper. (This dish can be ordered at

whatever degree of spiciness you'd like. We requested medium and that's how it was delivered.) A small bowl of large kernelled corn and segments of sweet potato and yucca came with it, serving as mild counterpoints to the zesty seafood.

Next up: beef yaki soba (\$12.95) from the Japanese menu and Kiss Me with tofu (\$12.95) from the Thai selections.

Both arrived in attractive white bowls, the Thai dish full of big bronzed pieces of tofu atop tender-crisp vegetables and a delicate garlic sauce with ginger and a hint of sweetness. The yaki soba had the requisite noodles, cooked just enough, with veggies and tender pieces of beef mixed in. The beef tasted like prime steak, not the chewy and less flavorful varieties found all too often in stir fries. Decorative strips of seaweed finished off the dish nicely.

The only clinker of the night was the mochi (\$4.95), small balls made of very glutinous rice with ice cream inside. As with the previous courses, it looked lovely, like two flowers with four petals

each. One contained red bean ice cream, the other green tea ice cream. Each was covered with a rice mixture that exactly matched the color of the ice cream, but the covering was too gelatinous and had little flavor. The whipped cream and chocolate sauce were tasty, as was the ice cream when scraped out of the shell.

Service was good throughout the meal. The accommodating hostess — who I believe is also one of the owners — was gracious and helpful, refilling our sake, clearing dishes and making sure our dinner was just right.

Besides the mix of cuisines, another unusual aspect of Komoon is its technological advancement. The servers use iPads to take orders and the menu has QR codes on it that allow customers to use their cell phone scanning apps to find out more about the dishes. And then, of course, there's that tempting website.

A welcoming manner, well-executed food and high-tech service combine to make Komoon a worthy destination, whether you've got a hankering for Eastern or Western fare. ■

in the know

Komoon Thai Sushi & Ceviche,

1575 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 596-9991

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
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- >> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served
- >> **Seating:** Banquettes, booths, tables and at the sushi bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Sushi, ceviche, vegetarian spring rolls, papa a la huancaína, jumping seafood, tempura, teriyaki, yakisoba, Thai curries, pad Thai
- >> **Volume:** Low
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
- >> **Website:** www.komoonthai.com

★★★★★ **Superb**
 ★★★★★ **Noteworthy**
 ★★★ **Good**
 ★★ **Fair**
 ★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

- > **Wednesday, Jan. 4,** Gordon's on the River: The new waterfront restaurant atop Jack's River Bar at Naples Harbour opens to the public; 475 North Road; 213-1441, ext. 214.
- > **Wednesday, Jan. 4,** 6-8 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Connors offers Italian boot camp; \$50, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.
- > **Saturday, Jan. 7,** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: Learn how to make Tuscan soup and salad, \$25, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.
- > **Wednesday, Jan. 11,** 5:30-7 p.m., Alexander's: The restaurant teams up with Decanted Wines for a wine tast-

- ing paired with appetizers; \$10, 4077 Tamiami Trail; 434-1814. Reservations required.
- > **Thursday, Jan. 12,** 5:30-7 p.m., Decanted Wines: Learn how to recognize the many aromas in wine using an aroma kit at this event, which also includes tasting wines with appetizers; \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required
- > **Friday, Jan. 13,** 6-8 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Connors shows how to make a date-night dinner;



- \$60, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.
- 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. 41 E.
- > **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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