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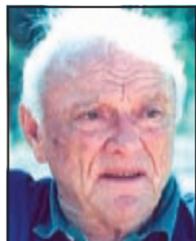
Naples man says he'll kick your butt in soccer

Want to challenge his unique system? Put up \$10,000

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Ed Barreto is no slave to convention where soccer, the game that's virtually etched into his DNA, is concerned.

In fact, with all the confidence of a Wild West gunslinger, the Naples-based soccer coach and consultant is seeking challengers in order to prove the superiority of



BARRETO

his patented system for playing the game where it matters most: on the soccer pitch. Mr. Barreto will back up his come-one, come-all dare with a makeshift squad assembled for the match and coached in his self-devised system that borrows heavily from an unexpected source: basketball.

However, there is one significant proviso for anyone considering accepting the challenge.

"Anybody who's got the guts to play me, come on in," says Mr. Barreto, a retired Collier County teacher. "But you have to have \$10,000, because I'm putting in \$10,000, winner takes all. I'm the best in the world. I take second place to no one and I'm ready to prove it any time they want to."

Mr. Barreto says he played 10 challenge matches against local challengers in 2012, winning all but one, using players assembled from recreational leagues around Collier County.

Gregarious, charming and possessing an

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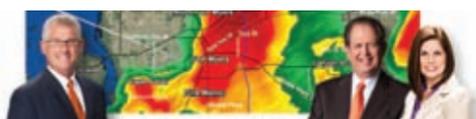
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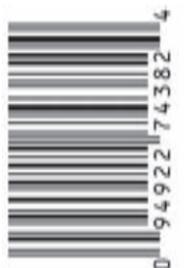
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COMMENTARY

Montcocaine



A lot has been said about U.S. Rep. Trey Radel, who hails from Florida's District 19 as everyone in the United States now knows except ivory-billed woodpeckers.

Reports of his arrest for cocaine buys in Washington, D.C. — in a hot-spot tavern on cushy DuPont Circle — even reached international media outlets last week, along with images of the congressman's pasty, party-pocked, 37-year-old countenance of contrition.

Unfortunately, Rep. Radel's bust has been the fodder of such centerpiece comedians and pundits as Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, too.

But none of them have revealed the real reasons for this American tragedy. So let me do so before the sun sets over the yardarm of Washington's hippest joints, where even now professional pushers known as bartenders are injecting the addicts lining the brass rail — with alcohol, of course. And possibly with a few other things.

The American standard (and I'm not talking toilets) has always been "e pluribus unum." Out of many, one.

And once again, one humbled U.S. congressman has zipped right back out of the many, flying into rehab after only 10 months inside the beltway. He looked like a sharp foul ball hit just outside the third-base line on the first pitch.

No, it wasn't a fastball. Or even a curve-

ball. It was an 8 ball.

Lord knows, alcohol is a drug — and if you're a communion-taking Catholic, as is Rep. Radel, sometimes it's the Lord, too. Go figure.

Caffeine is a drug. Sugar is a drug, sort of, but not one as potent as money or applause or Facebook praise from more than five "friends" every time you post a picture of your pink-ribboned dog just back from the spa.

The sound of a woman's voice, that woman you love — that's a drug. The way your kid looks at you when you do something right: a drug. Having sex 12 times a week? Addiction central, honey.

Let me mention, too, that every time you use work as an excuse not to do something important, such as walking on the beach at dawn, you're mainlining the culture's most revered drug.

"Man, she really works hard." Or, "He's such a hard worker, he's always at the office."

Get help, dude.

Yes, cocaine is illegal and work is not, even though it should be.

So what? Marrying the person you love is illegal in a lot of places, too.

When it comes to Rep. Radel, I don't give a damn what that SOD, which rhymes with SOB, puts in his body. SOD: Son of a (funeral) Director. I'm not his mother. Or his wife, yet another TV newscaster who married yet another fast talker.

But I do care about this: Can our leaders sidestep narcissism, avoid hypocrisy, duck the urge to be self-righteous and didactic, show compassion and courage, and demonstrate some vague appreciation for the truth? Honor and grace are everything in this

national conversation about political values. A politician is not a lobbyist, after all. Not a salesman, not an entrepreneur, not a carnival barker, not a Catholic or Protestant or Jew or member of VFW Post Wham-Bam-Thank You-Ma'am — not first.

A politician here is an American leader, like a pregnant woman is an American mother. She chose the responsibility (we hope), so she has to live by a higher standard for the length of her term, at least.

That hasn't changed since George Washington turned down an offer from senior staff officers to make him a king, one of the greatest moments in the history of American leadership.

And Washington didn't sit around his tent swigging brandy 237 years ago as the Christmas of 1776 approached, either, while his men froze on the banks of the Delaware River outside. So he would never have voted to force drug tests on a bunch of miserable beggars seeking food while he went out and did drugs himself.

No, sir.

If they can't lead, I don't blame them, and I hope you don't, either. I just want them to stay out of public life. I don't want them to be politicians.

Instead, I want them to be privaticians, like I am or you may be. And I suppose if they have to they can be morticians, like Radel's old man.

For Rep. Radel, this isn't about alcohol or cocaine, at bottom. It's about growing up as a mortician's son.

Just imagine: Your dad is always burying the bodies. He's always making mortality look better than it is. And every night he comes home smelling like embalming

fluid — hell, he's got the stuff all over his hands. He's sitting there at the dinner table and he says, "Trey? Eat your vegetables." Then he points to them and flutters two or three fingers.

What do you do?

Well obviously, you do cocaine. And alcohol — lots of it.

And even after you're arrested, you try to hide the bodies just like your old man. You go to fundraising events and you chest thump and you make reality look better than it is.

Not cool.

Mostly, I want our leaders to show a breathtaking reverence for the honor Americans have bestowed upon them with votes.

That does not mean waving the flag and showing up at 10 events on Veterans Day. That does not mean mouthing platitudes about rugged American individualism, or the values of our "forefathers" (I've always hated that word. It sounds too much like foreskins).

It does not mean getting teary-eyed and falling down in a red-white-and-blue trance while muttering "lock-and-load" at the mere mention of the Second Amendment.

The Constitution was written by slave holders, after all, and no women allowed. So it ain't pristine.

But what distinguishes those bone-headed Revolutionary tea partiers of once-upon-a-time from the current Florida crop of bone-heads is this: They were trying to do better. They were trying to look out for people who were not as rich or as smart or as successful or just plain as lucky as they were, with their Monticellos and Mount Vernons and Montpeliers (James Madison's Virginia home).

Is that what Rep. Trey Radel has been doing, with his Montcocaine? ■

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OPINION

Obama loses his cool



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Special to Florida Weekly

Barack Obama is the coolest president we've had since John F. Kennedy, at least according to conventional standards for such things. President Obama has always been a brand as much as a politician, one that has been perceived as sleek, smart and up to date.

Then along came Healthcare.gov. Its failure to launch is a signal event in the long political battle over Obamacare and perhaps an inflection point in the president's image. It's hard to maintain a sense of truly being on the cutting edge of change when you can't build a website.

President Obama's cool was, in part, an artifact of world-class marketing. Graphic designer Michael Bierut writes in the book "Designing Obama" (yes, there's such a book) of how impressed he was watching Senator Obama rallies in 2008: "The awe-inspiring part was the way all the signs were faithfully, and beautifully, set in Hoefler &

Frere-Jones's typeface Gotham." If only the folks at Health and Human Services were consumed with such attention to detail.

The Obama team's technological prowess reinforced the sense that it owned the future. Except it had no bearing on how the president would or could run the government. We've now learned that the president doesn't know how to make a government website work, or know to check to see if it's going to work. "Neither he and I are technology geeks," Vice President Joe Biden explained the other day.

When selling the prospective glories of his website, President Obama compared it to Travelocity and Amazon, leaders in a private sector that is highly flexible and reactive and where failure means extinction. Government is nothing like that. It never has been and never will be. It is plodding and bureaucratic, beholden to political imperatives and often stuck in practices that make no sense.

A presidential campaign can hire whomever it wants without taking account of procurement rules or any other bureaucratic impediment. It is a private entity subject to the laws of competition. It exists more in the world of Travelocity than Healthcare.gov.

At the end of the day, the president has been a dazzling frontman for what is, in essence, the Department of Motor Vehicles. He has created a glittering image of hope and change that has little to do with a rumbling, ramshackle federal government that is still largely built along mid-20th-century lines. Instead of imbuing government with his sense of cool, he has been left apologizing for a government failure that profoundly runs against the zeitgeist.

We celebrate the Internet entrepreneurs who can take an idea and, with pluck and creativity, make it into a reality that we can't live without. It is one of the ironies of the Obama Era that the same kids whose lives are defined by a dizzying array of endlessly changing choices have voted for a president invested in protecting a government that embodies the opposite. It may be that after five years, they are beginning to get a clue. A new Quinnipiac poll shows young people disapproving of the president 54 percent to 36 percent.

The image was that fine logo and typeface; the reality is Healthcare.gov. ■

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

Corporate lobbyists flood Warsaw climate talks



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

The United Nations is holding this year's climate conference in Warsaw, a city steeped in history. Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous Polish astronomer who first posited that the Earth revolves around the sun and not vice versa, is celebrated here. The Frederic Chopin Airport is named for the brilliant composer who lived here. The pioneer in the science of radiation, Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize (she won two of them), was born here.

Here also was the Warsaw Ghetto, one of the many awful hallmarks of the Holocaust, where hundreds of thousands of Jews were imprisoned before being shipped off to their deaths at Treblinka and other Nazi concentration camps. It was under the oppression of the German occupiers that the Jews of the Ghetto rose up, in a courageous act of self-defense. Later, inspired by the Ghetto uprising, the non-Jewish residents of Warsaw rose up as well and fought for two months before being crushed. By the end of World War II, 6 million Poles, half of them Jews, had been killed. Eighty-five percent of Warsaw was demolished.

This is where the so-called COP 19 is being held, the 19th conference of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UNFCCC. Sequestered in the new National Stadium, thousands of negotiators from the body's 198 member countries hurry through the temporary, canvas-walled corridors erected on the stadium's field, along with representatives of countless nongovernmental organizations and members of the press. This year's meeting has a new feature: corporate sponsorship.

"This is perhaps the most corporate climate talks we have ever experienced ... not to say that previous ones haven't had a large corporate influence," Pascoe Sabido told me. "But what's different this time is the level of institutionalization, the degree to which the Polish government and the U.N., the UNFCCC, have welcomed this with open arms and have actively encouraged it." Mr. Sabido works with Corporate Europe Observatory, which published the pamphlet "The COP 19 Guide to Corporate Lobbying: Climate Crooks and the Polish Government's Partners in Crime." Among them, Pascoe says, are "General Motors, known for funding climate skeptic think tanks like the Heartland Institute in the U.S.; you have BMW, which is doing equal things in Europe, trying to weaken emission standards." LOTOS Group, the second-largest Polish petroleum corporation, has its logo emblazoned on the 11,000 tote bags handed out to delegates here.

Poland, which gets 80 percent to 90 percent of its power from coal, hosted a parallel conference with the World Coal Association, called the International Coal and Climate Summit. UNFCCC chief Christiana Figueres enraged many climate activists by dignifying the coal conference with a keynote address. Outside the summit, Greenpeace activists in climbing gear hung from the Ministry of Economy with a huge banner, in the red and white of the Polish flag, stating "Who Rules Poland: Coal Industry or the People?" On the roof, others unfurled "Who Rules the World? Fossil Fuel Industry or the People?" On the plaza below, hundreds rallied against coal, arriving in a procession called "Cough 4 Coal" with two huge inflated lungs, signifying the destructive impact of coal on the atmosphere and human health.

Back in the National Stadium, the negotiations were breaking down. "WTF?" activists shouted in unison.

"Where's the finance?" Wealthy countries had pledged financial support for poorer, developing countries to move to renewable energies ("mitigation") and to prepare for the onslaught of climate change ("adaptation"). Oxfam estimates that to date this fund has raised only \$7.6 billion, far short of the promised \$30 billion to \$100 billion. This is not charity; polluters should pay. The Philippines' chief climate-change negotiator, Yeb Sano, spoke with me on the ninth day of his fast, which he started on the day COP 19 opened. "The U.S., accounting for at least one-fourth of cumulative emissions, has a huge responsibility, a moral responsibility, to tackle climate change, not just to address it domestically, but also to be able to provide support for developing countries."

Typhoon Haiyan's destruction provides a grim backdrop to the negotiations in Warsaw. Yeb Sano learned that his brother survived only by seeing him on a news report, helping to collect the dead. The science is clear: With increasing temperatures, extreme weather events will become more frequent and more deadly. After Mr. Sano announced his fast in an emotional address to the plenary, several students silently walked with him as he exited, holding a banner commemorating the dead in the Philippines. For this spontaneous act of solidarity, they were banned from the climate proceedings, for a year. One of the banned, Clemence Hutin from Paris, told me, "I don't understand why civil society isn't welcome here and corporations are." ■

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Reach for a star, help a child in need

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for local children who are dealing with traumatic, life-changing events. This year's CCSO "Celebrate With A Star" program will benefit children assigned to the 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program in partnership with the Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida.

There are more than 200 children currently living in Collier County who have been abandoned or are alleged to

have been abused or neglected. Guardian ad Litem volunteers advocate for these children in the courts, the child welfare system and the community. Children in the program range from infant to 17 years in age.

Participating in "Celebrate With A Star" is easy. If you'd like to provide a gift for a child, just send an e-mail to pio@colliersheriff.org. You will receive a reply giving you a specific holiday wish for a child in the VFK program.

Anyone can also stop by CCSO headquarters and select a "Celebrate With A Star" ornament from the tree in the human resources lobby. Each ornament on the tree contains a child's holiday wish. CCSO headquarters are in the Collier County Government Center, Building J, at 3319 U.S. 41 East.

Wrapped or unwrapped gifts, with the star securely attached, can be dropped off at the above location or at any of the following CCSO substations:

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 - **Everglades:** 32020 U.S. 41 East, Ochopee
 - **Golden Gate:** 4707 Golden Gate Parkway
 - **Golden Gate Estates:** 1195 County Road 858
 - **Immokalee:** 112 S. First St.
 - **North Naples:** 776 Vanderbilt Beach Road
- The deadline for dropping off pres-

ents is Wednesday, Dec. 5. For more information, call 252-0604 or e-mail pio@colliersheriff.org.

Salvation Army extends deadline for assistance

The Salvation Army has extended the deadline for Collier County residents to apply for holiday assistance until Friday, Dec. 6. Those in need can apply online



at www.napleschristmascheer.com and then bring their documentation and the online receipt to The Salvation Army Toy Store, 2975 Horseshoe Drive South, between 9 a.m. and noon Friday, Dec. 6.

Last year's effort provided more than 25,000 individuals with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and new toys.

For details about necessary documentation, visit the website above.

For more information about the local Salvation Army and its programs, visit www.salvationarmynaples.org.

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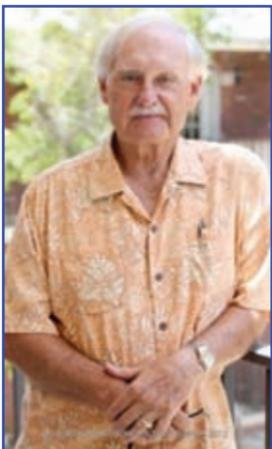
North Naples United Methodist Church invites those who struggle during the holidays to attend one of two "Blue Christmas" programs set for Tuesday, Dec. 3. People dealing with a recent loss or diagnosis, a family



change, empty nest, financial setback or other difficulties are welcome to attend at 4 p.m. in the chapel and at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at 6000 Goodlette Frank Road.

For more information, call 593-7600 or visit www.northnaplesumc.com. ■

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WE DON'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT THE CHILDREN OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING. We assume that back in 1622, any youngsters lingering around the table in Plymouth, Mass., would have been seen and not heard.

Almost 300 years later, we decided to give kids a voice by asking them to tell (and show) *Florida Weekly* reporters Athena Ponushis and Evan Williams some of their favorite things about the Thanksgiving holiday.

Enjoy. And be grateful.

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Florida Weekly: How do you cook a turkey?

Brennan Ringhofer: I would put it in the oven. First, I'd unwrap it. Then I'd put an apple on it, 'cause I want it to be fancy.

Christopher Zumaeta: You buy it from the store and you cook it.

Jack Bode: You put cranberry sauce on it.

Christopher: I don't really like cranberry sauce.

Andrea Reyes: I would put it in the oven and put some chocolate on it.

FW: Chocolate turkey? What would you eat for dessert?

Andrea: Pumpkin pie, because it's yummy. Put the pie in the oven and put some pumpkin in it and turn the oven on for 10 minutes and add some strawberries.

FW: What does your house look like on Thanksgiving?

Lily Carey: My mom cooks. My dad sits at the table. My cousins come over and we play.

Elisabeth McCormack: People come over to eat. And I play.

Brennan Sciacqua: We eat turkey and celebrate. The next day, we get ready for

Christmas.

Johnny Klevanosky: My mom and my grandma cook. After we eat turkey, I play football with my cousins.

FW: What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Stevie Fancher: Chicken.

FW: Chicken? Not turkey?

Stevie: I don't like turkey.

FW: Why not?

Stevie: I never tried it.

Sophia Korunda: You have to try it. It tastes like, it tastes like, it tastes like normal turkey meat. It's very good and you should try it. You should try it because you never know if you will like it.

Stevie: I like mashed potatoes.

Sophia: I don't.

Stevie: Mashed potatoes are good for you.

Sophia: I used to like them.

Stevie: I think you just didn't try them for a long time.

Sophia: Gross.

FW: What is Thanksgiving?

Justin Meijer: You invite people over and you sit at the dinner table.

Rita Saadeh: Thanksgiving means turkey. I don't know how to make turkey. I just know how to draw turkeys.

Ryan Kronewiter: Thanksgiving is a holiday.

FW: What's your favorite holiday?

Ryan: Valentine's Day, because it's my birthday. But both holidays you can eat stuff.

Brennan S.: December is my favorite holiday.

FW: How does Thanksgiving compare?

Brennan S.: I like Thanksgiving because I get to spend time with my family. I like Christmas more because I get to see Santa and I get to spend more time with my brother and sister.

FW: What's your favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving?

Caroline Juda: Popcorn.

Ryan: Corn.

FW: How do you like your corn?

Ryan: Kind of ripe.

Brennan S.: The turkey is my favorite thing. I just bake it and it's so yummy.

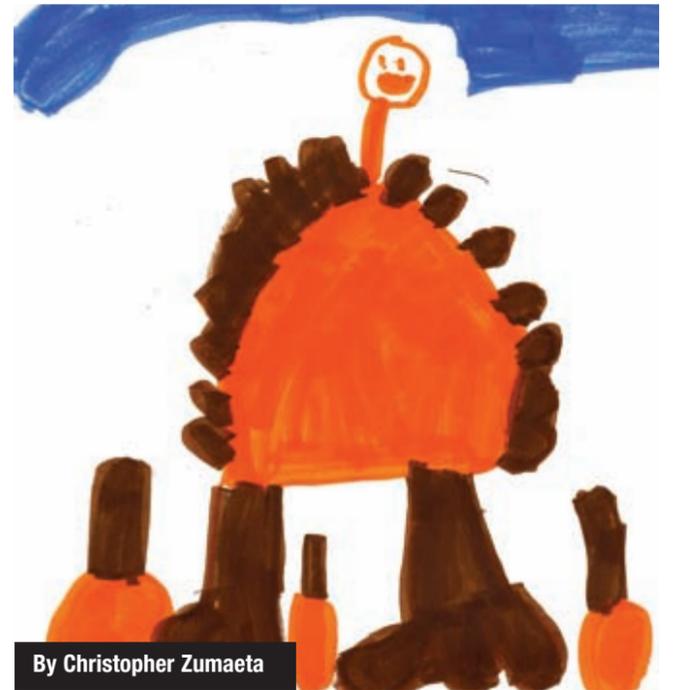
FW: Where do turkeys come from?

Brennan S.: Barns.

Leo Greco: Mashed potatoes are my favorite food on Thanksgiving.

FW: How do you make mashed potatoes?

Leo: You get potatoes and you mash them with pepper.



By Christopher Zumaeta

FW: Do you eat your mashed potatoes and turkey together on the same fork?

Leo: No. I put turkey on one side of my plate and mashed potatoes on the other side. I eat turkey first. Then I eat my mashed potatoes.

Johnny: Warm broccoli is my favorite on Thanksgiving.

FW: Broccoli, really? Why?

Johnny: Because it's healthy.

FW: What do you want on the Thanksgiving table with your broccoli?

Johnny: Mashed potatoes, turkey and carrots.

FW: What did the pilgrims do on Thanksgiving?

Graeme Marshall: They came to America and had Thanksgiving.

FW: If you were a pilgrim and 100 Indians came to you carrying turkeys and corn and pumpkin pies, what would you do?

Graeme: I'd be happy and I'd eat it.

FW: If you had to come up with a new Thanksgiving dish, what would you make?

Jack: I'd take turkey and I'd put cranberry sauce on it and jelly and ice cream — vanilla ice cream and chocolate ice cream — and chocolate on it and turkey all in it ...

Julian: You're making me hungry.

Jack: And sprinkles and doughnuts and chocolate. And that's a lot.

Julian: Me, too. I'd make the same thing.

Jack: Actually, there's one other thing: shark teeth.

FW: You eat shark teeth?

Julian: They're too hard.

Jack: Yeah, they're too hard. But I'd put sprinkles on it and lettuce and cherry pie and candles.

FW: What would you call this masterpiece of a dish?

Jack: Turkey and potatoes.

FW: What's a cornucopia?

Christopher: It's a type of food.

FW: What does it taste like?

Christopher: Pumpkin pie.



By Graeme Marshall



By Kaylee Kieferle

8 Kaylee Kieferle

We left Mrs. Brady's classroom and stopped on the playground at Royal Palm Academy for a little chitchat with 4-year-old Chase Downie-Greene.

FW: What do you do on Thanksgiving?

Chase: Eat turkey ... But my favorite food I like to eat is the chicken birds my papa shoot and cooked. I like the flavor of bird.



SEEN AND HEARD AT THE RENAISSANCE SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS.

FW: What happens at your house on Thanksgiving?

Rueben Garcia: A rain of pie.

FW: A rain of pie? Like pie just raining down? (Gestures with hands). What pies?

Rueben: Pumpkin pie. Bone pie. Sushi pie.

FW: If you were to make your own Thanksgiving dish, what would you make?

Rueben: Turkey sushi.

FW: How would you make turkey sushi?

Rueben: With turkey ... and some avocado and carrot and rice around it, of course ... and some crab.

Grace Hilliker: I would make pumpkin pie cream pie with M&Ms sprinkled on top with whipped cream and a strawberry on top.

Koan Dipiero: I would make pizza. And maybe a few pickles and some chocolate milk and Diet Coke. And that's all.

FW: What are you thankful for this year?

Koan: My friends.

Grace: I'm thankful for my family and my friends, my cousins. I'm probably going to get to see them, but I don't know.

Koan: I'm thankful for video games. And for being alive.

Grace: Actually, that's a good one. I am thankful to be alive, too. And I'm thankful for the delicious food that God created.



SEEN AND HEARD FROM KINDERGARTENERS AND FIRST-, SECOND- AND THIRD-GRADERS IN THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT THE BONITA SPRINGS YMCA

FW: What was the first Thanksgiving?

Ethan Jordan: That's a hard question ... A long time ago, on the first Thanksgiving, there was people that didn't have any food ... There was one lady and one boy, and they were hunting for turkey so they could have food. They went back to their house.

FW: And then what happened?

Ethan: They cooked the turkey for dinner.

FW: Wait up, how did they find a turkey?

Ethan: By going inside the woods.

FW: What does your house look like on Thanksgiving?

Katherine Jordan: There are little tiny pumpkins all over the table. There's one pumpkin that has a blessing on it.

Addison Kieferle: There's a table set out with a bunch of food, like a turkey and ... whatever kind of food.

William Kazmieczech: We're supposed to have a turkey that's 22 big. The turkey has to be that many feet.

FW: You mean it has to be 22 feet long? Wow. How many people come over to your house for Thanksgiving?

William: My family. My grandpa and my mom cook. All I do is watch TV until it's done.

Dylan Gehrs: We have a little, not big, table. We put down salad, turkeys, ummm, syrup. I mean not syrup. I mean what's it called? Butter. And mashed potatoes, and what do you call that liquid? Buttermilk.

FW: How do you cook a turkey?

Katherine: First you have to buy the turkey. Then you have to, well, like sometimes my parents or my grandparents, they buy cherries and they buy pineapple. They cut it into a little circle with a toothpick and put the cherry on ... well, first you put the pineapple, then you put the cherry and you stick it on top of the turkey. But before you do that, you kind of like boil the turkey. And then you sit down at the table and eat. Or you could add some seasoning, too.

Dylan: You cook a turkey in the oven, with butter, salt and buttermilk on it.

FW: What's your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?

Kaylee Kieferle: You get to eat a bunch of food.

FW: What's your favorite holiday?

Kaylee: Christmas.

FW: How does Thanksgiving compare to Christmas?

Kaylee: You get to spend time with your family.

FW: But you like Christmas more?

Kaylee: Yes, because you get presents and you see more people.

FW: How would you describe Thanksgiving?

Lucas Nicholson: Let me think. Thanksgiving ... You would kind of describe it like yummy.

FW: What's on the table on Thanksgiving?

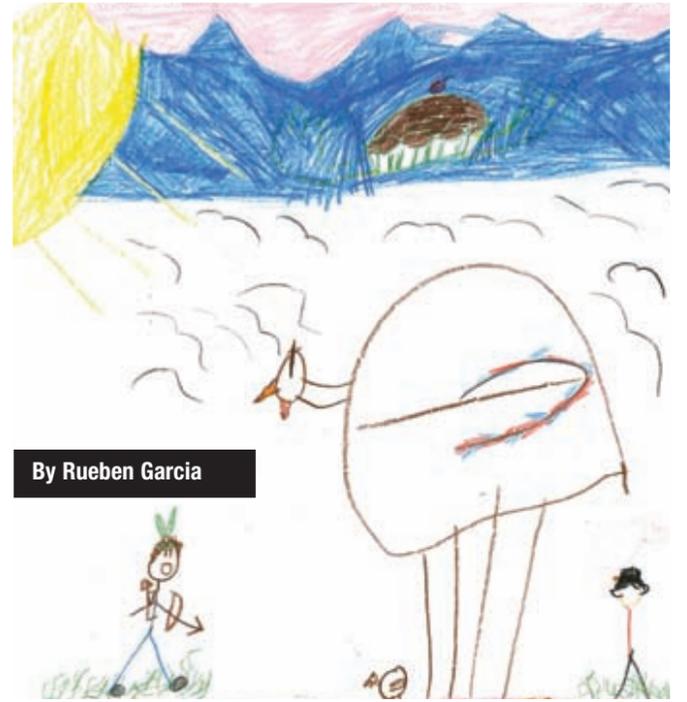
Lucas: Turkey. Mashed potatoes. Maybe biscuits and gravy.

FW: What are you thankful for?

Lucas: My family. Just last week I made this little turkey that said I am thankful for ...

FW: What did you write on there?

Lucas: I wrote my bird, Candy. And then I put my Grandma and Grandpa. And then I put my dog, Lucky. And then I put on there, then I put on there, I put I'm thankful for, I just forgot what



By Rueben Garcia

thankful for means. Could this be one? That God created us.

FW: What do you eat on Thanksgiving?

Jose: Pie. Cheese sandwiches. And pepperoni.

Marshal Rivera: I like to eat turkey. It tastes just like chicken.

FW: What's your favorite Thanksgiving dessert?

Dylan: Buttermilk.

Jerry: Salad.

FW: Salad? Do you want your parents to read this and see how good you are? Do you really like salad more than dessert?

Jerry: Yes.

FW: Where do turkeys come from?

Jose Ameyda: The wild. And the forest.

Jerry Cruz: From India?

FW: If you could make a new dish for Thanksgiving, what would you put on the table?

Dylan: Rice with turkeys and buttermilk.

FW: You like buttermilk. What does buttermilk taste like?

Dylan: Butter.

FW: Only love beats butter. I like butter, too. Tell me, what was the first Thanksgiving like? Where was the first Thanksgiving?

Dylan: There were some Indians and pilgrims, and the pilgrims needed the Indians and then the Indians and the pilgrims, um, they'd been bad to each other and then they become friends and the Indians taught the pilgrims how to stay alive for a long time.

FW: I love the way you tell that story. Thank you so much. You're a very good storyteller.

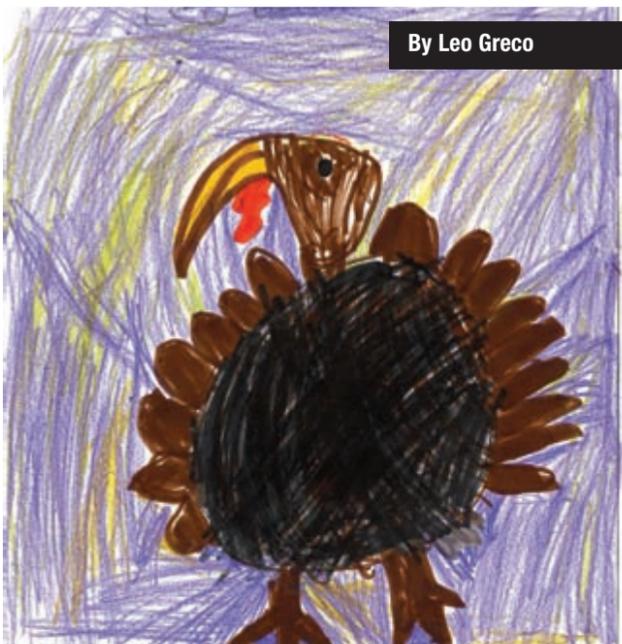
Dylan: Thank you.

FW: What are you thankful for?

Marshal: For banana pudding.

Dylan: Buttermilk. ■

— Compiled by Evan Williams and Athena Ponushis



By Leo Greco



By Marshal Rivera

Local history repeats itself for Christmas at Palm Cottage

'Tis the season for "Christmas at Palm Cottage," the time of year when the Naples Historical Society decorates its historic headquarters in an old-fashioned holiday theme. The decorations will remain for visitors to enjoy through 4 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Thousands of twinkling lights illuminate Naples oldest house inside and out. This year's event features docent-guided tours rather than an unattended walk-through, allowing guests to learn more about local history as they walk through the cottage and its Norris Gardens. Visitors can also enjoy a special exhibit of "seasonal" American cut glass representing Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The cut-glass pieces are on loan from the private collection of Barbara and Bill Meek.

"Christmas at Palm Cottage" hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. The



Palm Cottage, December 2012

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house will be closed on Thanksgiving; on Friday, Dec. 6, for the NHS gala; and on Christmas.

Historic Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens are at 137 12th Ave. S., at Gulfshore Boulevard one block east

of the Naples Pier. Admission is \$10 (free for NHS members and children younger than 10).

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

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 for Naples Garden Club's 2014 House & Garden Tour

Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, for the Naples Garden Club's 2014 House & Garden Tour. If history repeats itself, the tour will be sold out long before the day of the tour Saturday, Feb. 1.

The tour begins and ends at Naples Botanical Garden, where participants park and then board air-conditioned coach busses for the trip that takes them to four homes in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples.

A rambling 1951 home in Old Naples is a showcase of local and international art and outdoor sculpture. Another home on the tour has a Balinese-inspired interior and a Polynesian garden. A beautifully renovated Port Royal has a butterfly garden in the enclosed courtyard. Details about the fourth home on the tour are TBA.

Tour busses depart from the Garden at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. and will return to the Garden approximately three hours later.

General admission tickets are \$100, \$65 of which is tax deductible. Patron tickets are \$175. All House & Garden Tour tickets include admission to Naples Botanical Garden and a 10 percent discount in the gift shop that day.

Those who plan to take the tour are advised that there will be stairs to climb and uneven ground to traverse. High heels are not allowed, nor is photography of any kind. Umbrellas are recommended.

For more information about the tour or to purchase tickets when they go on sale Dec. 1, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org. ■

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earthy, quick wit, Mr. Barreto has zeroed in on a non-monetary factor that attracts opponents.

"I just win every game," he says. "And when you win every game, you're the best. Also, I have such a big mouth that everybody gets mad at me and they want to play me."

A local tournament

Mr. Barreto is also in the process of organizing a 10-month-long soccer tournament in Naples, with participating teams playing once a month. The champion's grand prize would consist of tournament entry fees, which would be a minimum of \$1,000 per team.

He hopes to complete his festival planning by May, with play to begin next fall.

Ultimately, Mr. Barreto, 77, would like to field a semi-pro team based in Naples. For that, he is soliciting sponsorships throughout the community.

The semi-pro team's games would be community events "dedicated to the leaders of the town, the old timers, people I've worked with for the last 50 years like Joe Klimas (a long-time local sports announcer who died last year) and (the late) Father (Thomas J.) Goggin, former pastor of St. Ann Parish in Naples," he says.

A Naples resident for 50 years, Mr. Barreto is a native of Sao Paulo in soccer-mad Brazil, where he first took up the sport at the age of 6, commencing what became a lifelong passion. He played the sport scholastically and at the semi-pro and professional levels before moving to the U.S. to attend college at Ashland University in Ohio.

Ironically, Mr. Barreto views soccer as "a



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Ed Barreto's unique soccer strategy is based on man-to-man defense and fast-break offense.

very basic game" and rather boring.

"I like American football a lot better, but I just happen to have a curse that I know soccer better than anything else in the world," he says.

His patented system for soccer play encompasses both offensive and defense

strategies, in the home team's zone or the opposition's.

Mr. Barreto believes man-to-man is the most effective way to approach defense in soccer, rather than a zone defense, which is the norm today. Man-to-man can require more energy and effort, he says, but it's

more effective in limiting an opponent's scoring opportunities.

On offense, it's fast-break time, a la basketball, to draw offside penalties on the opponent and maximize the number of high-percentage shots on goal. If the possession of the ball occurs in their zone, players are expected to sprint into the opponents' zone ASAP to mount an offensive attack.

His attack strategy runs counter to conventional approaches because it always centers on the players taking the same positions as they would for corner kicks, with five of the 11 players positioned in the penalty box that fronts the goal area.

"So the ball is on their side," he explains. "Even if we lose control of it, I don't care because everybody's covered and we're playing on their side."

It's a system Mr. Barreto has been teaching in seminars in the U.S. and Europe for about eight years, one he describes as the culmination of his experience in the sport, as knowledge gained through teaching the sciences and physical education for 35 years.

"It's simple," he insists. "Stay with your man, and when you have the ball, you're on offense, and when you lose the ball, you're on defense."

He's also written a book on his system, "Coach in the Raw: Soccer, the Boring Game and How to Fix It."

Mr. Barreto views his system of play as an inheritance for his wife, Sandra, their three daughters and their grandchildren. The family operates The Neighborhood Café at the Cove Inn in Crayton Cove, and all have extensive sports backgrounds.

"My kids know the system as well as I do," he says. "They're going to take over my system when I'm gone. That's what I want to leave for them is my system of play."

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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Family of man

■ The notorious white separatist Craig Cobb is soliciting like-skinned people to move to his tiny town of Leith, N.D. (pop. 16), to create a deluxe Caucasian enclave, but at the urging of a black TV host submitted to a DNA test in November to “prove” his lineage — and turned up 14 percent black (“Sub-Saharan African”). He has vowed to try other DNA tests

before confirming those results. Bobby Harper, previously Leith’s only black resident, was gleeful: “I knew there was one other black person in town.” (In mid-November, Mr. Cobb was charged, along with an associate, with seven counts of terrorism for walking menacingly through Leith wielding a long gun.) ■

Government in action

■ The Environmental Protection Agency, already revealed in June to have allowed a contractor to maintain taxpayer-funded “man caves” (TVs, appliances, couches, videos, etc.) hidden away in a Washington, D.C.-area warehouse, made the news again during the government shutdown in October when soup with a 1997 expiration date was found during the shutdown in an EPA employees’ refrigerator. Furthermore, in September, former high-level EPA executive John Beale pleaded guilty to defrauding the agency of \$900,000 in salary, expenses and bonuses dating back to the 1990s by claiming work orders (including secret projects for the CIA) that no one at EPA appears ever to have tried to verify.

■ In October, Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro created a “Vice Ministry of Supreme Social Happiness” to coordinate the welfare programs begun by the late President Hugo Chavez. Critics charged, however, that there is much to be unhappy about, given the country’s annual rate of inflation (near 50 percent), and an Associated Press dispatch quoted one critic who said she would be happy enough if only stores were not constantly out of milk and toilet paper. (Another skeptic said he looked forward to maybe a Vice Ministry of Beer).

■ The U.S. government has engaged in

some legendarily wasteful projects, but leaders in China’s Yungai village (pop. 3,683), in Hunan province, have surely raised the bar for epic squander after borrowing the equivalent of \$2.4 million and building an impressive seven-story government headquarters — but with 96 still-unlooked-out front windows because there is no activity beyond the first floor. According to an October London Daily Telegraph report, the only occupants are the village government’s eight employees.

■ Though many people might agree with blind musician Stevie Wonder that it is “crazy” to let people such as him carry guns, federal and state laws seem ambiguous, according to a lengthy analysis of Iowa’s supplied by the Des Moines Register in September. Some Iowa sheriffs believe that federal anti-discrimination law limits their discretion (though they can deny permits for lack of physical or mental ability to handle the gun). The National Federation of the Blind generally trusts its members never to use guns recklessly, a spokesman said, and blind Iowa activist Michael Barber emphasized his right. “You take it out and point and shoot,” he said, “and I don’t necessarily think eyesight is necessary. ... For me, the inspiration is just to see if I run into any difficulties.” ■

Great art

■ Leandro Granato, 27, said that he discovered, as a kid in Argentina, that liquids sucked up through his nose could then be squirted out of his eye — and an art career was born. News sites reported in October that Mr. Granato’s “eye paintings” of ink colors, splattered out as tears on canvas in various motifs (from up to 1½ pints of ink each), are offered for sale at a top-end price of the equivalent

of \$2,400 each. (Huffington Post’s story also reminded readers that Chilean artist Carina Ubeda is another who uses her body functions as a medium — specifically, her menstrual blood, which she employed in the form of 90 used sanitary napkins arranged in a hoop featuring an apple, symbolizing ovulation. Her June show ran in Quillota, Chile.) ■

Police report

■ Rachel Gossett blew a .216 alcohol reading in Loganville, Ga., in November, but that was probably a formality after an officer witnessed her attempt to put a cheeseburger from a Waffle Shop onto her foot as if it were a shoe.

And Rashad Williams, 38, was charged with DUI in Atlanta in October after he crashed through the front of a Walgreens drugstore and then, according to a witness, calmly exited his vehicle (which was sticking halfway into the building) and resumed drinking next door at the Anchor Bar.

■ Round up the usual suspect: Indicted for rape in August in Hamilton County, Tenn.: Mr. John Allan Raper, 19. (Other recent miscreants were Mr. Batman Superman, 23, convicted in Singapore in November of housebreaking and theft, and Mr. Bamboo Flute Blanchard, 18, who was arrested in June in Gainesville, and

accused of trying to stab his father for an unreported provocation — although one possible motive suggests itself.)

■ Sheriff’s deputy Darrell Mathis of Newton County, Ga. (30 miles east of Atlanta), a five-year veteran, was arrested in September and charged with selling marijuana locally — from his squad car, in uniform and apparently without inhibition. A confidential informant, unnerved by Mr. Mathis’ alleged brazenness, convinced FBI agents in April 2013 to do a by-the-book sting (with which Mr. Mathis, of course, naively cooperated, according to bureau affidavits). In their final meeting before the arrest, for example, Mr. Mathis took pains to assure the agents: “Don’t worry. I’m on your side.” He was reportedly enthusiastic about the sting’s plan to run marijuana and cocaine from Alabama to North Carolina. ■

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Batter up! Red Sox Spring Training tickets go on sale Dec. 7

Tickets go on sale Saturday, Dec. 7, for the Boston Red Sox 2014 Spring Training schedule, which includes 17 games at JetBlue Park at Fenway South in south Fort Myers.

Tickets for \$5 to \$48 go on sale at 10 a.m. and can be purchased by visiting the park, calling (888) REDSOX6 or going to www.redsox.com. Hearing-impaired fans can call the TTY line at (617) 226-6644.

All 2014 day games at JetBlue Park are scheduled to begin at 1:05 p.m., and all night games are scheduled at 7:05 p.m.

Boston opens the Spring Training season at 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, with two college exhibition games. The single-admission doubleheader pits the Red Sox against the Northeastern University Hus-

kies and the Boston College Eagles.

The 2014 Grapefruit League schedule launches at home at 1:05 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, when the Red Sox go up against their Mayor's Cup rival, the Minnesota Twins. The Twins host Boston at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers the next night, the second of six contests between the cross-town foes.

On Monday afternoon, March 17, the St. Louis Cardinals will visit JetBlue Park for a St. Patrick's Day rematch of the 2013 World Series participants. The Red Sox will also play a game against the Cardinals in Jupiter, Fla.,

on March 5.

The Red Sox visit the AL East rival New York Yankees in Tampa on Tuesday afternoon, March 18, and will host the club at JetBlue Park on Thursday evening, March 20, one of five night games on the home schedule. Other division matchups include five contests against Baltimore, four versus Tampa and one against Toronto.

The annual open house at JetBlue Park on Saturday, Feb. 22, will include a celebration of the 2013 World Series Championship. Fans will be able to walk freely around the park and enjoy

concessions and entertainment on Fenway South Drive, a street festival reminiscent of Yawkey Way in Boston. Admission to the open house is free.

The annual Spring Training equipment truck departure from Fenway Park is set for Saturday, Feb. 8. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report on Saturday, Feb. 15, and hold their first workout on Monday, Feb. 17. Position players report on Tuesday, Feb. 18, with the first full squad workout set for Thursday, Feb. 20. All workouts are open to the public free of charge.

For more information about the 2014 Spring Training schedule and tickets, visit www.redsox.com. ■



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RedSnook Tournament nets record for Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Forty-six teams participated in the 2013 RedSnook Catch & Release Charity Tournament that took place Nov. 1-3, generating a record \$140,000 to support the water quality protection and game fish research conducted by Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Sponsor Wayne Meland of Morgan Stanley served as a co-chair with Rhett Robicheaux of Naples Yacht Club.

"We are very pleased with the record-breaking results this year," said Conservancy President and CEO Rob Moher. "The money raised during RedSnook helps ensure that our waters and estuaries remain viable for sport fishing and our quality of life far into the future ... The support from the community, our corporate sponsors, the anglers and the guides is simply overwhelming and truly reflects the commitment of our community to water quality protection."

The weekend began with a kick-off party that included silent and live auctions at Naples Yacht Club. The competition took place Saturday morning and Sunday, and the tournament concluded with an awards ceremony on Sunday evening at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Among this year's RedSnook winners finishing in first place in their divisions were:

- **Guided bait division:** Dave Rowe and Greg Lamonakis with guide Chris McCubbin
- **Unguided bait division:** Troy Pruitt and Doug Hanks
- **Guided artificial division:** Kevin Johnson and Chris Crossan with guide Kevin Milhailoff
- **Unguided artificial division:** Derek Pruitt and Jeff Ball
- **Fly division:** Pat Fulford and Travis Fulford with guide Ken Chambers

- Additional awards included:
- **Top female angler:** Stephanie Parsons
 - **Largest snook:** 41 inches, John Wajda
 - **Largest red:** 40 inches, Rhett Robicheaux
 - **Trash Can Slam:** Alex Cabada (catfish, 28 inches; lady fish, 19 inches; jack, 15 inches)

"We'd like to thank all of the participants for their continued support," Mr. Meland said. "The water quality work and game fish studies undertaken by the Conservancy are more important than ever to help protect our way of life." ■



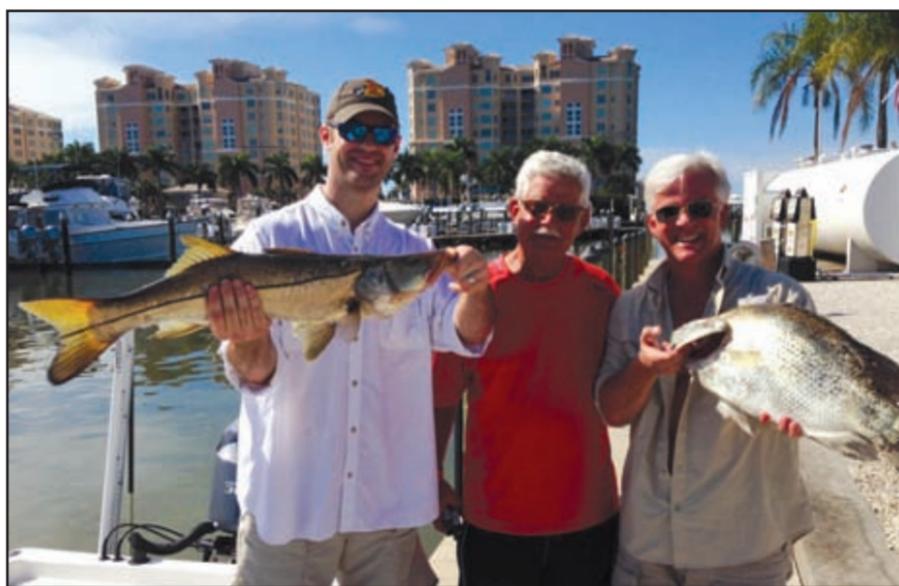
Rob Moher, Conservancy president and CEO; Lynn Slabaugh, board chair; and RedSnook tournament co-chairs Rhett Robicheaux and Wayne Meland.



Tournament committee members Henley Shotwell, Lloyd Liggett, Andy Hill (past committee member), Mokey Shea and John Skiffington.



First-place winners in the guided bait division: Guide Dave Rowe with Chris McCubbin and Greg Lamonakis



Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer CATCHES a big one in the Gulf of Mexico

Joe Mauer, Minnesota Twin catcher caught a 31 inch Snook in the Wiggins Pass area yesterday, November 20 with his father in law John Bisanz and good-friend Bob Emfield. John Bisanz landed a large Triple Tail as well weighing 12 lbs. ■

Conservancy of Southwest Florida honors the Allyn Family

Approximately 200 members of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida gathered at a private club in Port Royal earlier this month for the organization's annual recognition breakfast. The morning's main sponsor was PNC Wealth Management, with supporting sponsorship from Cummings & Lockwood and the Conservancy's Planned Giving Committee.

Conservancy President and CEO Rob Moher announced that the 2014 Eagle Award will be presented to the Allyn Family: Lew and Dawn Allyn, Bill and Penny Allyn and Peter and Elsa Soderberg. The official award presentation will take place at the annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala Thursday, March 6, at the Conservancy. The Conservancy's highest honor, the Eagle Award is presented in recognition of an individual or group's efforts to protect the natural environment and quality of life in Southwest Florida.

The Allyn family has a long history of involvement with the Conservancy and its environmental stewardship efforts.

The grandfather of Lew and Bill Allyn and Elsa Soderberg was one of the original purchasers of Noah's Island in Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. William Allyn Sr. was also a boat captain at the Conservancy. His children and grandchildren have continued to support environmental conservation efforts, most recently with the establishment of the William F. and Sonya G. Allyn Endowment for Veterinary Wildlife Care, allowing the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to hire veterinarian P.J. Dieschel and enhance care of injured native animals.

"As we enter our 50th anniversary season, the word 'legacy' comes to mind — the legacy that has been entrusted to us and the legacy that we will leave to those that follow," Mr. Moher said in making the Eagle Award announcement. "The Allyn family is a remarkable family infused with passion and commitment for the environment. Their legacy continues to inspire and motivate us."

Previous Eagle Award winners are: Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, Clyde Butcher, Kathy Spalding, Dorothy Blair, Lavern Gaynor, Ellin Goetz, the Conservancy Saving Southwest Florida Capital Campaign Cabinet and, most recently, six local veterinarians for their years of volunteer care of injured native wildlife.

About the Conservancy

Conservancy of Southwest Florida began in 1964 when community leaders came together to defeat a proposed "Road to Nowhere" and spearheaded the acquisition and protection of Rookery Bay. The grassroots organization focuses on Southwest Florida's critical environmental issues with a mission to protect the region's water, land and wildlife. This is accomplished through the combined efforts of environmental education, science, policy and wildlife rehabilitation. The von Arx Wildlife Hospital treats in excess of 3,200 injured, sick and orphaned animals each year and releases about half of them back into their native habitats.

Entrance to the Conservancy campus is at 1495 Smith Preserve Way, just south of The Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road. For information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.



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Holocaust Museum & Education Center welcomes German consul from Miami

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Consul General Juergen Borsch of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami visited the Naples-based Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida recently to learn about the 13-year-old museum and its exhibits as well as to share his support for its efforts to teach the community and beyond about the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Mr. Borsch was accompanied by his wife, Iris Borsch, along with Norma Henning, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany for Southwest Florida, and Jim Hollar, president of the German American Business Council of Southwest Florida.

"I think it's extremely important," Mr. Borsch said about the mission of the museum and education center. "They need to know what has happened."

Ms. Snyder described the exhibits and the discussed programs held at the museum as Mr. Borsch walked slowly through rooms filled with donated items of the Nazi era and the Holocaust, including a red and black Nazi flag draped near stark black and white photos of Holocaust victims, concentration camps and SS officers in uniform.

Many of the exhibits tell the stories of Southwest Florida residents who survived the Holocaust or participated in the liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe.

Mr. Borsch spoke with docent Lorie Mayer about her experiences during Nazi Germany's reign in Europe. The 87-year-old she witnessed civilians being shot

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along the train platform. She also said that though the Holocaust cannot be undone, the efforts shown by the German government since have been hopeful and encouraging in building a bridge between the Germany and Jewish communities.

Mr. Borsch's visit to the museum — and visits by other dignitaries — inspire Ms. Mayer, whose father lost his business to the Nazis and spent time in a concentration camp.

"I think it's very meaningful," she said. At the end of the tour, Ms. Snyder read the words near an exhibit of resistors during the Holocaust.

"There is hope in the midst of darkness," she said. ■

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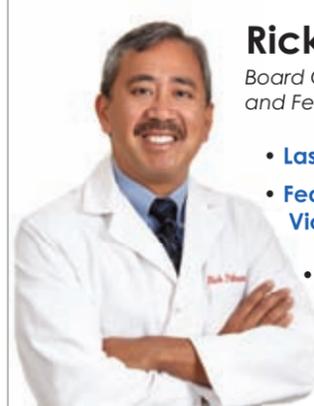
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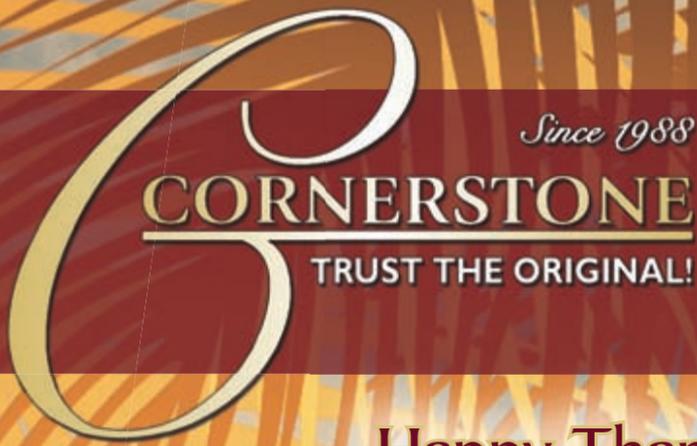


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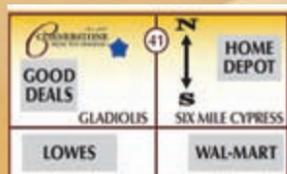
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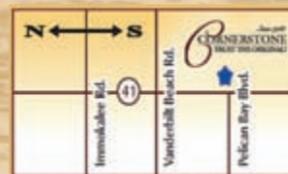
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- **Monday, Dec. 2**
Radio Road and Industrial Boulevard: Aggressive driving
River Reach Drive: Speeding
Estey Avenue: Speeding
- **Tuesday, Dec. 3**
Airport-Pulling Road and Naples Boulevard: Red-light running
Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Elementary School: Aggressive driving
Tropicana Boulevard: Speeding
- **Wednesday, Dec. 4**
Collier and White boulevards: Red-

- light running
11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary: Speeding
Pine Ridge Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Red-light running
- **Thursday, Dec. 5**
Shirley Street and J&C Boulevard: Speeding
Goodlette-Frank Road and Granada Boulevard: Speeding
Hunter Boulevard and Coronado Parkway: Aggressive driving
- **Friday, Dec. 6**
U.S. 41 East and Palm Drive: Red-light running
Livingston and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Speeding
Airport-Pulling Road at Poinciana Elementary: Aggressive driving ■

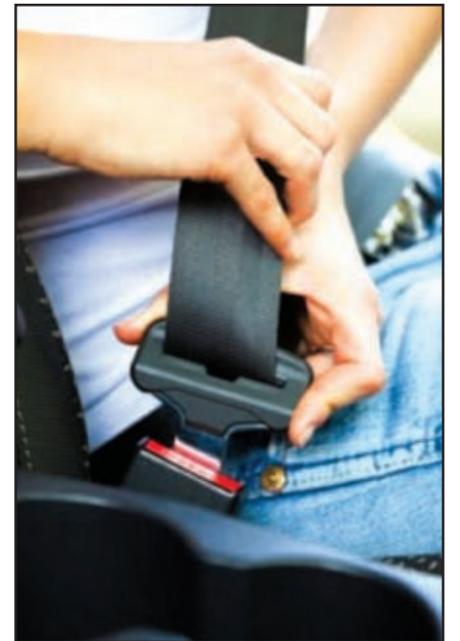
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CCSO has joined forces with other law enforcement agencies across the state, including the Florida Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to crack down on drivers and passengers who fail to buckle up. Here are some seat belt safety basics:

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Moe's Southwest Grill has pledged to donate 1 pound of rice or beans to St. Matthew's House for every registrant. In addition to Moe's, race sponsors include Arthrex, the Naples Pathways Coalition and Naples Velo. Sign up at www.gcrunner.org.

■ The ninth annual **Iron Joe Turkey Ride** to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition takes place Sunday, Dec. 1. The race sets out from North Collier Regional Park and gives bicyclists the change to pedal 15, 30 or 62 miles, or to take the 15-mile Crossfit Box Challenge, with the box challenge taking place mid-ride on the beach. The day begins with sunrise yoga from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and includes lunch.

Registration for each of the above is \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of. To sign up or for more information, visit www.naplespathways.org or e-mail info@naplespathways.org.

■ The **Hardwig Family Scramble Fore Sarah** golf tournament ben-

efiting the Foundation for Retinal Research and Lighthouse of Collier starts with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and tees off at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Tiburon Golf Club.



Sarah Hardwig was diagnosed with Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, a rare genetic eye disorder that leads to retinal dysfunction and visual impairment. Of all the retinal degenerations, LCA has the earliest age of onset and can be the most severe. In the last few years, much progress has been made in understanding the physical characteristics and progression of different types of LCA, as well as the gene mutations causing the disease process. The hope is for a cure someday

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Tournament registration is \$150. To sign up, to make a donation or for sponsorship information, visit www.scrambleforesarah.kintera.org.

■ Chipping in to Change Lives, the 19th annual **Greater Marco Island Family YMCA golf tournament**, tees off Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at Cedar Hammock Golf & Country Club. Registration for \$115 per person includes continental breakfast before the game and lunch with an awards ceremony following play. Various sponsorship levels are available. For more information, call Leslie Drake at 394-3144, ext. 205, or e-mail leslie@marcoislandymca.org.

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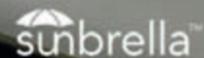
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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Press Club** holds its holiday party and annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Hilton Naples. The program will include remembrances of Tom Cardamone, Suzi Door and Arthur Hecht, NPC members who died in 2013.

“Musical Mindreader” Keith Raygor, who “hears” the songs we sing to ourselves, will entertain. Mr. Raygor has won two Best Entertainer awards in Florida and has a host of Fortune 500 clients. A member of the esteemed Magic Castle in Hollywood, he has been the resident entertainer at the Watermark Grille in Naples since 1999.

Cost is \$25, payable by cash, check or credit card at the door. Reservations are required by Dec. 2 and can be made by calling Rhona Saunders at 434-9230 or e-mailing rsvp@naplespressclub.org. If responding by e-mail, please note your menu selection: merlot-braised pot roast with vegetables; roasted Key lime tilapia with tomato basil relish, mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables; or gluten-free brown rice with mushrooms.

■ Members and guests of the **Naples Garden Club** will travel vicariously to 27 countries over a 35-year period when guest speaker



CATHCART

Dennis Cathcart presents “Tillandsias in the Wild and in Your Garden” at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the Buehler Auditorium at Naples Botanical Garden. Mr. Cathcart and his wife have explored remote areas of the world seeking new and varied species of rare and exotic bromeliads, including orchids and Tillandsias. Before the program, a workshop will cover how decorate your home with Tillandsias.

Attendance is free for club members, \$20 for others. For more information, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women** meet at 11:30 a.m.



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Members and guests of the **Naples Press Club** welcomed film producer **KC Schulberg** as guest speaker at the November NPC luncheon at the Hilton Naples.

1. Karla Wheeler and Connie Kindsvater
2. KC Schulberg and Philip Beuth
3. Rhona Saunders, KC Schulberg and Carole Greene

on the first Wednesday of the month at Arbor Trace, 15661 Vanderbilt Drive north of Wiggins Pass. The next meeting is Dec. 4. For more information, call Diane Van Parys at 431-5224.

■ The **Lawrence University Alumni Association** hosts “HoLUday Happy Hour” from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at McCormick & Schimick’s in Mercato. RSVP by calling 992-2119.

■ The **Naples Area Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** invites all Pi Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island to a Christmas potluck dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the clubhouse at Marbella Lakes, 6678 Marbella Lane, Naples. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person, plus a dish for 10-12 to share.

For reservations or more information, call Donna Issenmann at 431-6524 or e-mail donna@marketthisinc.com.



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■ The **Naples Christian Women’s Connection** holds its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Quail Creek Country Club. Guest speaker Tempe Brown will present “Christmas Jazz,” and harpist Laura Lou Roth will perform holiday music. Bring a wrapped gift (not exceeding \$15) for Secret Santa.

Cost is \$23. Call 254-0584 to make a reservation. For more information, visit www.cwcf.net.

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** holds its next meeting begin-

ning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Science & Technology Building at Hodges University. Guest speaker Eileen Keesler-Connolly, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, will present “An Insight Into the Community Foundation.”

Guests are welcome. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, visit www.aauwgnb.org.

■ The **Naples Music Club** invites members and guests to a holiday party



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beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Quail Creek Country Club. Award-winning students will present a short recital after dinner. Admission is \$50. Reservations are required and can be made at www.naplesmusicclub.org.

■ Boston College alumni, family and friends are invited to **"Cocktails and Christmas Lights"** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Brio at Waterside Shops. RSVP by calling Diane Van Parys at 431-5224 or e-mailing bcswwfloridaalumni@gmail.com.

■ The new **Florida Poetry Club** will meet for open mic readings at The Norris Center from 4-5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month beginning Dec. 10. Members and guests are welcome to enjoy dinner together at Alberto's on Fifth afterward. For more information, call Jan Cosner at (440) 554-1144 or e-mail formulawriting@hotmail.com.

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Jewish Federation of Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. All who are interested in getting starting and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome. No experience is necessary. RSVP by e-mailing genresearch13@yahoo.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** holds its next regular meeting and a holiday dessert buffet Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker Ray McAdams will present part two of "Identifying, Dating and Preserving Old Photographs." The annual business meeting and election of officers will also take place.

The society celebrates its 29th anniversary with a dinner for members and their guests on Tuesday, April 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. A regular meeting and program will follow and is open to those interested in genealogy. Guest speaker Tom Tyrell, a retired lawyer and family historian, will present "Tales of the Unexpected," his best stories from 30 years as a genealogist in Europe. Mr. Tyrell was born in London and educated at Cambridge and London universities. He and his wife divide their time between Naples and the Isle of Man.

Attendance at regular meetings is free. For reservations or more information about the anniversary dinner, call 593-4550 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ **Kappa Kappa Gamma** alumni and their guests will celebrate the holidays with wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Imperial Golf Club. Cost is \$20. Call 403-3012 for reservations.

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

■ Bonita Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.

■ Collier Communique Club: 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 208. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

■ Marco Island Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at colliertoastmasters@gmail.com.

■ Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club: 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

■ Naples Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

■ Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club: Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Greenglass at 431-0931.

■ Naples Advanced Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership.

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Dec. 19. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ The **Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered on various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mah-jongg, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information about the Dec. 5 orientation or the Dec. 12 luncheon, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join the **Chess Club** at the Moorings, which meets for friendly competition from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park. Each morning begins with a brief discussion by various experts about some aspect of the game. Participation is free. Bring your own chess set or use one provided by the Moorings.

Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate for directions to the Chess Club meeting. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525.

■ The **Naples Woman's Club** is cooking up its second annual Naples Kitchen Tour showcasing kitchens in Port Royal area homes where prominent Naples restaurant chefs will offer their finest gourmet samplings. Each home will also have musicians, floral designs, gift boutiques and prize drawings.

The date is Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, with tours setting out from the Naples Woman's Club at either 10 a.m. or noon. Tickets are \$100 for general admission, \$150 for patron level. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Foster Children, the David Lawrence Center, Youth Haven and the Naples Woman's Club philanthropic efforts.

To purchase a ticket, call the club at 262-6331 or send a check made payable to the club to Naples Woman's Club, 570 Park St., Naples, FL 34102. ■

— E-mail club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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Drug may help alcoholics beat their addictions

The generic anticonvulsant medication gabapentin shows promise as an effective treatment for alcohol dependence, based on the results of a 150-patient clinical trial of the medication. Conducted by scientists supported by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health, the study found that alcohol dependent patients using gabapentin were more likely to stop drinking or refrain from heavy drinking than those taking placebo. Gabapentin is already widely prescribed to treat pain conditions and epilepsy.

"Gabapentin adds to the list of existing medications that have shown promise in treating alcohol dependence," said Kenneth R. Warren, Ph.D., acting director of the NIAAA. "We will continue to pursue research to expand the menu of treatment options available for alcoholism in the hopes of reaching more people."

A report of the study, led by Barbara J. Mason, Ph.D., of The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., appears in the Nov. 4 edition of JAMA Internal Medicine.

Ms. Mason and her colleagues randomly assigned alcohol dependent patients to receive a moderate or high dose of gabapentin (900 milligrams or 1,800 milligrams) or a placebo. During the 12-week treatment, patients receiving the 1,800-milligram dose were twice

as likely to refrain from heavy drinking (45 percent vs. 23 percent) and four times as likely to stop drinking altogether (17 percent vs. 4 percent), compared to placebo. Participants receiving gabapentin also reported improved sleep and mood and fewer alcohol cravings. The medication appeared to be well tolerated with few side effects.

Participants who received the 900-milligram dose of gabapentin saw similar but less dramatic improvements in their drinking levels, sleep, mood, and cravings when compared to the 1,800-milligram dose.

"The results of the study on gabapentin showed similar or greater positive outcomes when compared to existing FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)-approved treatments for alcohol dependence," said Ms. Mason, Pearson Family Professor and co-director of the Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research at TSRI, who led the new research. "Plus, it's the only medication shown to improve sleep and mood in people who are quitting or reducing their drinking, and it's already widely used in primary care — that's an appealing combination."

Alcohol-use disorders affect about 18 million people in the United States and have an estimated societal cost of \$225 billion each year, primarily from lost productivity, but also from health care



and property damage costs. Currently, three medications are approved by the FDA for treating alcohol dependence: disulfiram, an older drug that blocks the metabolism of alcohol and causes nausea; acamprosate, which helps support abstinence and can ease symptoms of withdrawal; and naltrexone, which can help people reduce heavy drinking.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the

National Institutes of Health, is the primary U.S. agency for conducting and supporting research on the causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of alcohol abuse, alcoholism, and alcohol problems. NIAAA also disseminates research findings to general, professional, and academic audiences. Additional alcohol research information and publications are available at www.niaaa.nih.gov. ■

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NCH recently celebrated Radiology Technologist Week to recognize those professionals who touch almost every patient entering the health-care system.

Dr. Park Hand, chairman of radiology, shares a recent story that demonstrates our capabilities:

"Last week, the stroke team at NCH, led by Dr. Mazen AbuAwad, took advantage of the new state-of-the-art tools and resources in the Radiology Department to engage in a case of intra-arterial embolectomy and reperfusion for acute large vessel stroke in a stroke patient.

"An elderly woman came to the Emergency Department with clinical signs

of large artery stroke syndrome. The initial CT exam revealed blockage of a major artery that feeds a large portion of the brain. Using the latest CT perfusion technology, the team confirmed that there was a substantial region of brain tissue at risk of dying if adequate blood perfusion was not restored quickly ... The team moved forward with intra-arterial stroke embolectomy, using the latest clot-removal technology, the Trevo Pro Retrieval System.

"The clot was successfully removed without complications, and within hours of the procedure, the patient regained function in her arm and leg."

Such teamwork is critical in dealing with acute stroke patients. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the leading cause of serious long-term disability.

Ischemic stroke, which represents more than 85 percent of strokes, occurs

when a blockage or clot develops in one of the arteries supplying blood to the brain. Major strokes in which a blood clot lodges in one of the larger vessels of the brain have a poor prognosis if not treated quickly. The goal of intervention is to remove the clot from the vessel in the brain, thereby restoring blood flow to the brain.

NCH radiologists work with the most sophisticated equipment available. Latest generation devices, like the Trevo Pro, offer physicians and patients new options for stroke intervention. Along with our new 64-slice CT scanner, which is faster and uses lower radiation to produce better images, we have added a new MRI for larger patients and a new fluoroscopy room.

This winter, we will add another state-of-the-art biplane room to increase capabilities for all our interventional radiologists.

Our teamwork and technology in treating strokes echoes our 13-year-old, Code Save-A-Heart program, which has lowered the chances of dying from a heart attack in Collier County by about 50 percent.

Cathy Scranton, lead diagnostic technologist at our downtown campus, along with Susan Nigro, lead CT technologist, and registered technologists Brooke Langdon and Jerry Chess, are representative of our team of 95 compassionate professionals who produce radiographic images for the NCH Healthcare System. They — and all of their colleagues — have truly changed the way we practice medicine. And for that, we are all eternally grateful. ■

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



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Temporary artificial heart stabilizes teen, allows organ recovery as she awaits transplant

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A 16-year-old girl in severe multi-organ system and heart failure is the first in Florida to receive the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart, the only approved mechanical device that eliminates the symptoms and source of heart failure.

University of Florida Health surgeons implanted the device in early June in an effort to stabilize Lexi Henderson of Sanford so she would be healthy enough to survive transplant when a donor heart becomes available.

UF Health Shands Hospital is the first in Florida to become a SynCardia-certified center.

The SynCardia and UF Health teams switched Lexi to the Freedom Portable Driver, a wearable power supply for the SynCardia heart, on Nov. 20. The driver is the first wearable power supply for

the SynCardia heart and is undergoing a Food and Drug Administration investigational device exemption clinical study in the United States.

UF Health cardiothoracic surgeon Mark Bleiweis and his team removed Lexi's own failing atria and ventricles and implanted the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart, which is powered by an external machine nicknamed "Big Blue." At 418 pounds and the size of a washing machine, Big Blue provides pneumatic power to the heart, but it isn't conducive to patient mobility. The portable driver will allow Lexi to walk around the hospital more freely instead of being confined mostly to the pediatric intensive care unit.

When Lexi arrived at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital in mid-May, she thought she just had a very bad stomach virus. She'd had relentless stomach

pains and had been throwing up for several days. It was much worse than that, however. She was diagnosed with severe cardiac allograft vasculopathy, a condition in which the coronary arteries are severely damaged by risk factors associated with a heart transplant.

Lexi received her first heart transplant at UF Health Shands Hospital in 2007, after she developed dilated cardiomyopathy (an enlarged and weakened heart) for an unknown reason.

In May this year, she was in severe heart failure again; her heart could no longer pump enough blood throughout her body to keep her other organs functioning. Her body was shutting down.

"Lexi was in deep trouble, with multi-organ dysfunction," Dr. Bleiweis says.

While UF Health offers pediatric and adult cardiac patients a variety of ventricular assist devices, the primary

devices for children are the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart and the Berlin Heart. In 2006, UF Health Shands was the first in Florida to use the Berlin Heart, an external device specifically designed for children that connects to the patient's own heart.

The SynCardia heart was a better choice for Lexi, who is nearly adult-sized, because it can pump more blood than the Berlin Heart.

Without devices like the SynCardia heart, there are limited options for patients like Lexi as they await a transplant, Dr. Bleiweis says.

"We choose a machine to help the heart because we feel medication alone won't be enough for them to survive until transplant," he says. "With the SynCardia heart, Lexi's other organs have completely recovered. She's now an excellent candidate for transplant." ■

Give blood, get a movie ticket

The NCH Community Blood Center offers blood donors a free movie ticket when they give the gift of life through Dec. 7 either at the CBC center or on the bloodmobile.

Donors are welcome at the Community Blood Center headquarters in Naples at 311 Ninth St. N. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29.

Here's the bloodmobile schedule:

■ Friday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Sembler Plaza, corner of Naples Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road (near Panera Bread)

■ Tuesday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Blvd. S.

■ Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bed Bath & Beyond plaza, corner of Airport-Pulling and Pine Ridge roads (bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to The Salvation Army)

All successful donors between Nov. 24 and Jan. 31 will be entered into a drawing for a pair of two-day adult admission tickets to Universal Studios

in Orlando. Donors must present a valid photo ID and should eat beforehand and be well hydrated. For more information, call 624-4120 or visit www.giveblood-cbc.org. ■

Musical tells story of a 'Balancing Act'

As a thank-you to the community for 56 years of support, the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida invites the public to a free presentation of "Balancing Act: The Musical" at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Hodges Univer-

sity. Written and performed by Wambui Bahati, the one-woman show tells her true story of a journey that includes mental institutions, Broadway, welfare mom and dining with presidents.



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Planned Parenthood hosts navigator to help with Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act gives the 80,000 Collier County residents who are without health insurance the chance to obtain it. To help those people understand the law and determine if they are eligible and, if so, if they qualify for financial aid, Planned Parenthood of Collier County hosts an ACA navigator who offers free counseling every Wednesday morning at the Naples PPCC clinic.



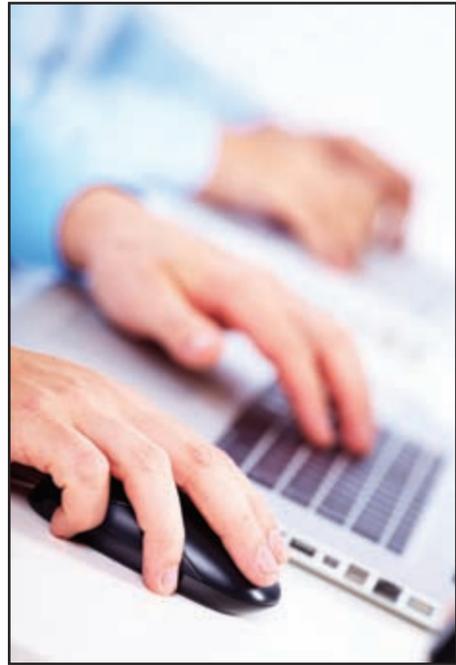
will be a vital part of this new health-care landscape," Stephanie Marshall, president and CEO, says. "We support the ACA and the preventive health benefits it offers to women, and we applaud its efforts to expand access to care that so many of our uninsured residents have gone without."

The open enrollment period for the newly created health insurance exchanges is through March 31. The law requires most Americans to have health insurance through their jobs, government plans such as Medicare or the exchanges by 2014.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County has offered reproductive, preventive and women's health care for 40 years regardless of patients' ability to pay. That commitment to care doesn't change with the new law. But for those who obtain coverage, this new insurance means access to services beyond what Planned Parenthood offers, including chronic disease management, hospital care and immunizations.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County is an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. PPCC health centers are at 1425 Creech Road in Naples and at 419 N. First St. in Immokalee.

The ACA navigator is at the Naples clinic on Wednesday mornings. Counseling is free, but appointments are recommended. To make an appointment or for more information, call 262-0301 or visit www.plannedparenthood.org/collier-county.



Minister will discuss the connection between religion, spirituality and sexuality

Planned Parenthood of Collier County presents the Rev. Debra Haffner, co-founder and president of the Religious Institute, in a discussion of "Religion, Spirituality and Sexuality: What's the Connection?" as a fundraiser starting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.



HAFFNER

Since its founding in 2001, the Religious Institute has emerged as a national leadership organization working at the intersection of sexuality and religion. The organization provides clergy, congregations and denominational bodies with technical assistance on addressing sexuality and reproductive health, and assists sexual and reproductive health organizations in addressing religious issues and developing outreach to faith communities.

Prior to founding the Religious Institute, Rev. Haffner was CEO of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. During her tenure from 1988-2000, she created the Religious Declaration on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing; the National Coalition to Support Sexuality Education; the

Commission on Adolescent Sexual Health; and the Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Prior to joining SIECUS, she served as the director of education for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington; and as a special assistant in the U.S. Public Health Service.

She is the author or co-author of six books, including the award-winning "From Diapers to Dating: A Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Children," which has been translated into 10 languages.

An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, she is the endorsed community minister with the Unitarian Church in Westport, Conn. Rev. Haffner has a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, a master of public health degree from Yale University School of Medicine and an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University. In 1996-97, she was a research fellow at the Yale Divinity School. She is currently a visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary and the Pacific School of Religion, and previously taught at Yale Divinity School and Meadville-Lombard Seminary.

Tickets to her presentation are \$75 per person, \$40 of which is a tax-deductible donation to Planned Parenthood of Collier County. For reservations or more information, call Shannon Starr at 262-8923, ext. 300, or e-mail Shannon.Starr@ppcollier.org.

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The 2014 Youth Leadership Collier takes place Saturday, June 7, through Friday, June 13. Tuition is \$500. Applications are due by Feb. 14 and can be found at www.naples-chamber.org. For more information, call Amanda Beights, vice president of the Leadership Collier Foundation, at 403-2903 or e-mail amanda@napleschamber.org. ■

Program focuses on college financial aid

Collier County high school students interested in attending college can learn about financial aid beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive. Parents are encouraged to accompany their students. Admission is free.

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Sports CLUB hosts the second annual "Dodge This" Dodgeball Classic for children in grades 1-6 on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Sports CLUB Center, 3275 Pine Ridge Road. Registration is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Sports CLUB began in 1999 with a mission to provide opportunities to children and their families for afterschool care that

encourage a balance between academics, the arts and physical activity. More than 30 percent of the families involved receive financial aid, much of it provided by Sports CLUB scholarships.

To register for the dodge ball tournament or for more information about Sports CLUB programs, visit www.SportsCLUB-Naples.org. ■

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Admission is \$10 for seats in the lower section of the auditorium and \$5 for balcony seats. Tickets will be available begin-

ning at 6 p.m. before each show and can also be ordered by e-mailing susanvivonet@yahoo.com or beattylaw@embarqmail.com.

Tickets will also be available in the GCHS band room from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, and Wednesday, Dec. 11, and from 5-6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9-10.

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Cat scents

A feline's sense of smell is as powerful as a dog's, but used for different purposes

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON AND DR. MARTY BECKER

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How important is scent to cats? More than you might think. No one has ever been silly enough to try to put them to work finding people or substances by scent, but cats have a keen sense of smell and rely on it heavily. Unlike dogs, however, who have developed an array of scent-related careers to help people, cats use their sense of smell for more personal endeavors: to establish territory and determine where they are, to identify each other and to whet their appetites.

Odor is crucial to a cat's feeling of comfort in the home. Cats use scent to mark territory and make a place their own. Their sebaceous glands — located primarily on the lips, chin, between the eyes and ears, at the base of the tail and around the anus — secrete sebum, an oily substance that is odorless to us but contains scent markers that are meaningful to cats. Urine and feces also contain these scent markers.

When you see your cat rubbing his face against your body or an object such as the refrigerator (where the food comes from), he's laying down an invisible but scented token of possession, a signal to other cats that this person, place or thing belongs to him. Urine marking is a more odorous, and less-pleasing-to-humans, means of accomplishing the same thing.

Cats also use scent to identify and

greet each other. They begin by sniffing faces and then rears. Think of it as the feline version of a handshake, and don't be offended when your cat presents his butt for you to sniff. He's just being polite — in a catly sort of way.

Odor is also strongly linked to appetite. A cat who has lost her sense of smell will be uninterested in food. That's why feline nasal infections can be more serious than they might seem. Cats can quickly go downhill if they refuse to eat. Entice them by offering stinky canned food or warming their food before giving it to them. (Stir it well to make sure there aren't any hot spots that could burn the mouth.)

Cats also have an odd ability to "taste" scents, with the help of some unusual anatomical features. They have two small air passages known as the nasopalatine ducts, which are located in the roof of the mouth just behind the upper front teeth (incisors). Air in the mouth passes through the ducts, which lead to the vomeronasal, or Jacobson's, organ in the nasal cavity.

If you've ever noticed your cat give something a good sniff, wrinkle his nose and open his mouth with the lips slightly retracted, you're seeing the vomeronasal organ in action. That expression, as if he's smelling something unpleasant, is called the flehmen response. It occurs when cats encounter urine or other odors that provide information to them. Nerves run between the VNO and



A cat's sensitive nose plays a role in communication, reproduction and appetite.

the area of the brain that controls sexual behavior, and scientists believe that the flehmen response helps the cat to draw in and sample more of the odor. It's seen primarily in male cats and may assist them in determining a female's reproductive status. Females are more likely to display the flehmen response when sniffing their newborn kittens. Any cat may flehmen in response to the scent of catnip, the urine of other cats or to any unfamiliar smell.

Like humans, cats find certain odors to be repulsive, but their idea of what smells bad isn't the same as ours. Orange peel and mothballs are on their "do not sniff" list.

Which odors do cats love best? Catnip, of course, and, strangely, garlic and onion. And if you are lucky, your cat's favorite scent is you. ■

Pets of the Week



Domino is a sweet little Papillon mix who's about 4 years old and 10 pounds of affection. He walks well on his leash, sits and is happy to come when his is called.



Hummingbird is a beautiful and well-mannered 1-year-old domestic longhair.



Nubby is a handsome Manx who gets along with everyone. At about 6 months old, he purrs to the touch and loves to be held and petted.



Tabitha is a Rhodesian ridge-back mix who's about 3 years old and weighs 56 pounds. Calm and friendly, she's good on her leash and will make a lucky family a wonderful pet.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

How blissful life was before Brown Thursday



Southwest Florida, your diva is disheartened. I am normally so festive, so gay, so filled with joie de vivre and sparkle — especially this time of year.

But, alas, I recently heard a new term and it's put me in a dismal funk. **Brown Thursday.**

How blissful it was to have never heard the phrase. But now the Interwebs have unfortunately enlightened me. Brown Thursday is the day before what is apparently the biggest shopping day of the year, Black Friday. Most of us know Brown Thursday as *Thanksgiving*. You know, that little national holiday when we break bread with loved ones and express our gratitude for all we have, no matter how much or how little? Yeah, that holiday — the one I thought was kind of a big deal — or used to be.

Last week in this column, I lamented the fact that we're racing from Halloween straight to Christmas morning with nothing in between. But I didn't mean we were totally *skipping* Thanksgiving to go Christmas shopping. That's just gross.

But apparently, this phenomenon has been going on for several years. It used to be that Black Friday started

around dawn the day after Thanksgiving. Of course, there were always those insane people who camped outside of Best Buy. Then the stores started opening earlier and earlier — until they were opening Thanksgiving evening. I thought that was bad enough, but now many of the nation's biggest retail big box stores are opening at 6 a.m. on Brown Thursday, aka the holiday formerly known as Thanksgiving.

Don't get me wrong. Y'all know I love to shop, and I especially love to shop for bargains. I can easily spend hours upon hours in the likes of Ross Dress For Less moving from dresses to housewares to things I don't need at all like nightgowns with cats on them or purple leotards that are 20 years too young for me and look ridiculous. I've been known to go into a Ross trance where I completely forget all sense of time and space. I'll walk in around lunchtime and when I walk out with bags full of clothes and yoga DVDs and bath towels, it's dark outside and I'm confused and disoriented — yet strangely giddy. So, yeah — shopping is my thing. But *not* on Thanksgiving.

And while I know folks need to work and make money, I kind of hate to see them working on Thanksgiving, especially when they have to deal with crazy, greedy shoppers fighting over X-Boxes and what-not.

If you're looking for me on Brown Thursday or Black Friday, you'll find me on my sofa, in a food coma, watching "It's A Wonderful Life" — the way

the pilgrims meant it to be.

Holiday happenings

On a good-news note, there are so many fabulous festivities coming up around town that you won't have *time* to shop.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, there's the first-ever **Grand Car Menorah Parade & Festival**. Chabad Naples and Naples Luxury Imports will parade fancy cars (think Rolls Royce, Bentley, Maserati) with sparkly menorah hood ornaments down U.S. 41 to Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South before returning to Chabad Naples for a family-friendly grand finale. Find out more, including how you can borrow a magnetic menorah for your vehicle and join the parade, at www.chabad-naples.com.

One of Naples' nicest traditions this time of year happens Thursday, Dec. 5, when The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort hosts the 15th annual **Tea & Fashion Show for Humane Society Naples**. This year's theme is "Passport to Paris." Oh, la-la! Find out how you can join the fun at www.humanesocietynaples.com.

Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 7, you can gather the kiddos for **Breakfast with Santa** at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Seatings at 9 and 11 a.m.



Shelter dog Sammy struts the runway with Ashley Scouler and his owner, Chelsea Mooney, at last year's Humane Society Naples' Tea & Fashion Show: "South of SoHo" at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The 15th annual event is coming up Thursday, Dec. 5.

include all the fixins' and, of course, a photo op with the jolly old soul himself. Call 403-4200 for reservations ASAP. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*



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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



Promotional items awash in international trade issues

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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LOOKING AT THE FIVE-DECADE-OLD CLAY-mation Gumby that symbolizes her business, Promotional Incentives, you wouldn't think Lucy Costa and her husband, Jack, the co-owner, are international traders anchored to the global economy.

But it's true. Mrs. Costa, a sharply articulate, Cape Coral-based entrepreneur who arranges the delivery of promotional products to businesses all over the United States and the world, is worried about the price of shipping fuel, and politics in Yemen, and Chinese aggression in the Sea of Japan.

What does that have to do with an

appealing FGCU car decal — or with embroidered apparel, awards, business gifts, giveaways or recognition and incentive-program hallmarks?

Everything, as it turns out — which is also true for Bill Fuller, owner of Endless Specialties based in Naples, as well as Barbara and Jerry Durham at Unforgettable Promotions, based in Charlotte County.

There are others working from the Southwest Florida coast, too, and together they supply most of us with the cultural artifacts we use, enjoy and find amusing or precious, almost as an afterthought.

"We are middle people," explains Mrs. Costa. "We buy from suppliers — sometimes from the manufacturers, and some-

times our suppliers buy from manufacturers — and we develop identities for businesses."

It takes a savvy flair for understanding the personality of a business, and a willingness and talent to think internationally.

"If I'm buying a coffee mug from a Florida supplier, for example, it's made overseas. So we represent thousands of suppliers across the country — in drink wear, corporate wear, to all the writing instruments and awards — then we're the go-between with those folks and usually the end user. That's a business or organization, and very rarely it's an individual. We're mostly business-to-business."

If, for example, she can get something

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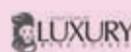
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Negative interest rates and the cashless future



new chairwoman. Mr. Summers is a not a monetary conservative in absolute terms but, relative to Ms. Yellen, he is "hawkish." Clearly, he is not Republican. As of this summer, his economic thinking did not play well to President Barack Obama's game plan, either. Specifically, he was not an advocate of the current Fed policy of low rates and neverending Quantitative Easings, or QE's. When his thinking about how he would steer the Fed into higher interest rates became known, the bond market went haywire: interpreting his potential Fed policies to be negative for bonds.

In his Nov. 8 speech to the IMF, he characterized the most pressing economic problem to be, "If another recession were to hit now or in the next couple of years, the Fed will have even less power to combat it since rates are already at zero." (Business Insider, Nov. 17, 2013)

The multiple monetary quandaries are as follows:

1. Recent years' fiscal policy has been ineffective (or nonexistent) to stimulate the economy. Recent fiscal policy has turned economically repressive to the extent there has been increased taxation.

2. Politicians/leaders have abdicated their economic role to the Fed, which is charged with the responsibility to use monetary policy to bring about full employment. The Fed's ability to spur employment is based on the assumption that interest rates are sufficed as a stimulative tool. In the past, a large cut in interest rates by the Fed (cut to a lower level but not cut to zero rates) would stimulate capital investment and spending; resultingly, the economy, as

best measured by GDP, would grow at hefty rates and employment would improve.

3. The QE's have helped recapitalize the banks and have lowered rates, bringing gains to bond holders, but it has not repaired the economy.

4. After several years of near-zero Fed funds rates and QE's, employment lingers in the 7 to 8 percent range. At best, this is an optimistic statistic, in that it excludes all those who have dropped out of the labor market after not finding a job.

5. While the equity market continues to move ahead, it ignores the fact that the monetary repair kit of the Fed is now absent the tools used in prior recessions and many global partners have adopted the same tool kit. If a recession hit us again, the Fed would have little it could do... as it has done all that it can. (WWFS Blog, Aug. 23, 2013, "Equity Investors: Be Not Lulled") If a recession hit again, China has less wiggle room to spur the global growth engine as it did in 2009, 2010, etc.

Mr. Summers poses the current problem to be: "The natural interest rate — where investment and savings bring about full employment — is now negative. Meaning that to get companies and people to spend and make capital investment would require a disincentive for them to hold onto their cash. Negative interest rates would be a solution except that "people will choose to hoard money instead of putting it in the bank. This is called the zero lower bound and has reduced the power of Fed policy." (Business Insider)

Here are his solutions: create inflation and create a cashless society. "We could

also move to a cashless society where all money is electronic. This would make it impossible to hoard cash outside the bank, allowing the Fed to cut interest rates to below zero, spurring people to spend more." (Business Insider)

Mr. Summers' thinking, though quite scary, should not be too surprising. First, the economic malaise continues; there is a mismatch between U.S. (and global) economic growth versus our (and global) deficit spending. Second, Mr. Summers is part of a group that views the solution to be government doing another "something." Third, the world's economic thinkers are already proposing all sorts of new taxation ideas to solve the inevitable global government spending crisis, including a "surprise" onetime tax levy on assets.

While some might think this will never happen, others might have their eyes wide open and understand that there is already movement in this direction. ■

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Promotional value

All of this has a huge effect on the culture.

At the Endless Specialties website, Bill Fuller provides some telling statistics, scrolled across the top of the home page so viewers will recognize, in general terms, the import of their purchases: "82.6 percent of people can recall the company and brand on their product; one in four walk around with a promotional product;



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Promotional Incentives created a T-shirt packaged to look like a car for FGCU staff.



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Jack and Lucy Costa of Promotional Incentives.

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But Mr. Fuller puts the effect of this business in specific terms, too.

"There are industry specific items that help. A restaurant, for example, wants to get its name out there, so we make suggestions. Then they sell them. Say, Mel's Diner. I'm saying that because I service Mel's Diner.

"Somebody takes the item home, puts the coffee mug to their face a week later, and says, 'Oh, let's go to Mel's tonight.'"

It works. And it works especially if people in the industry meet certain standards — as these Southwest Florida companies do.

The standards — giving each promotional product business equal access to information about manufacturers and suppliers, for example — are maintained in part by a couple of professional trade organizations, including the nonprofit Promotional Products Association International. It's a way of helping entrepreneurs stay afloat in an increasingly complicated world.

International considerations

"The biggest challenge is import-export and related issues, whether transportation, fuel or product," Mrs. Costa says.

"Petrol is at the base of a whole lot that we do. If a plant closes in Yemen and

our suppliers can't get cost-effective fuel for the plastics they produce, that's a big issue."

About a decade ago, there was a move by suppliers to cut out the middlemen — but it failed when suppliers realized how complicated working with end users could be, and how much creativity it required in helping them visualize effective products.

So the promotional products business got past that, says Mrs. Costa.

One of the challenges has also been buying American, an increasingly rare opportunity.

"In the '90s when we did apparel, we targeted on Vantage Apparel out of New Jersey," Mrs. Costa recalls. "They made all their own garments, decorated them and sent them out. My husband and I, that was our target, to buy American.

"But all of the mills they were using, primarily in the Carolinas, closed. The work went to India and Bangladesh. The whole industry flip flopped. Now you can barely find any made-in-the-U.S.A. apparel."

The advantage, however, is that Americans still control the manufacturing.

"You have U.S.A. manufacturing standards in factories, you don't use ones that use child labor, so the fabrics have to be made over there, but they're supervised and controlled by the American company, who decorates, steam presses and folds.

"And you have a whole factory in New Jersey who are doing that." ■

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ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments

Pat Carroll and **Kathy Curatolo** have been named chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Collier County School Board. Both will serve one-year terms.

Ernest Linneman

has been appointed by the Naples Airport Authority to fill a vacancy on the Noise Compatibility Committee. Mr. Linneman will represent the area southwest of Naples Municipal Airport. A Naples resident since 1991, he served as an airport commissioner from 2003 until October this year. During his professional career, he was with Honeywell International for 19 years and served as senior vice president of planning and corporate development for Honeywell Aerospace. He also was vice president and general manager of ITT Service Industries, providing services to the three New York City airports. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from City College of New York and an MBA from Marquette University/New York University.



LINNEMAN

New officers of the Community Council of the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida are: **Marshall Bower**, president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, chairman; **Sharon Thompson**, leading shareholder for Hughes, Snell & Co., PA, vice chair; and **Gilda Suarez**, John Naumann & Associates, secretary. New members join-

ing the council are: **Craig Wolf**, VIP Realty Group; **Deanna Hansen**, community volunteer; **Steve Eller**, Raymond James and Associates; and **Vincent Modarelli**, advertising director, the *Naples Daily News*.

Construction

Lenny Halperin has been named vice president of installations at Precast Keystone. Mr. Halperin has more than 20 years of experience working in natural stone and masonry. He earned an associate's degree from Edison State College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida.

Hospitality

Don Crowe has been named general manager and COO at Collier's Reserve Country Club. Mr. Crowe previously worked at Kemper Sports for more than 15 years, holding leadership positions at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Oregon, Desert Willow Golf Resort in California, Independence Golf Club in Virginia, Royal Melbourne Country Club in Illinois, Holly Hills Country Club in Maryland, Dorado Beach Golf Resort in Puerto Rico and The Glen Club in Illinois. Prior to his career in the club industry, Mr. Crowe held management positions in hotels and restaurants. He earned a bachelor's degree in hotel management from



CROWE

the University of Las Vegas and studied at Ecolé Hoteliere de Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Michael Madsen

has been named executive chef at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Mr. Madsen has worked at luxury resorts in the United States, fine European hotels and destinations around the world. He has been featured on The Travel Channel's "Great Chefs of the World" and was elected Culinarian of the Year" by professional chefs of the American Culinary Federation. He attended the Culinary Institute of America and graduated from the Hotel and Restaurant Management School of Copenhagen, Denmark. As the owner of a catering company in Washington, D.C., he served clients at the U.S. Department of State and the Smithsonian Institution, among others. While in Washington, he also served as executive chef at the Royal Danish Embassy.



MADSEN

Jose Rivera

has been named restaurant chef at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. Mr. Rivera has been a sous chef at the resort for the past three years. He studied at the Walt Disney Center for Culinary Arts and previously worked at Planet Hollywood, the Hard Rock Café and



RIVERA

Loews Hotels. He has more than 20 years of experience in kitchen operations.

Susan Ghannam

has been named retail shop manager at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. She has worked for the past eight years as group sales coordinator at the hotel and previously co-owned two businesses for 20 years.



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Nonprofit Organizations

Aaron Lapp

has been named director of development for the David Lawrence Center and Foundation, Collier County's nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility for children, adults and families. Mr. Lapp will be responsible for major gift solicitations, grants and corporate partnerships. He will also manage a new fundraiser symposium, "Music Festival for Mental Health," next spring. He has more than 18 years of fundraising experience, most recently at the Guidance Center of Westchester in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design from State University College at Buffalo, N.Y., and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Association of Development Officers. ■



LAPP

Edison State College plans sixth annual GreenFest Expo

Business that offer environmentally friendly and sustainable products and services are invited to showcase their products at Edison State College's sixth annual GreenFest Expo. The event is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the ESC Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway.

"The GreenFest Expo was started as the joint project of a student group and Collier Campus faculty," says Dr. Kirk Otto, science lab technician. "We saw a need to better educate both our student body and the community about a more sustainable lifestyle."

"By incorporating sustainability into our lives, not only are we helping to make the community, state, country, and



world a better place for our children and grandchildren, we also save money and live a better, healthier life in the process."

Nonprofit organizations can set up an exhibit at no charge; commercial business pay \$100 for an exhibit.

To register or for information, call 732-3743 or e-mail kirk.otto@edison.edu. ■

Learn to write a business plan that SCOREs

SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses, presents "How to Write a Successful Business Plan," from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail. The workshop targets owners and decision-makers of start-ups, early stage and existing companies before they invest time, money, energy and resources. Instructors are Vincent Izzi and Ike Lichtenstein. Attendance at both sessions is encouraged.

A former IBM executive, Mr. Izzi has international experience in high technology including general management, strategy, education and training. He is

president of IZZI Business Consulting. Mr. Lichtenstein serves as SCORE Naples' deputy director of client services for South Lee County. As a CPA, he specializes as a profitability and business development consultant and business strategist. Prior to relocating to Florida, he was a CPA in New York for more than 25 years.

Registration for each session is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door (free for students with a valid ID). Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior if you have not registered in advance.

Sign up at www.scorenaples.org/localworkshops. For more information, call the SCORE office at 430-0081 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or e-mail info@scorenaples.org. ■

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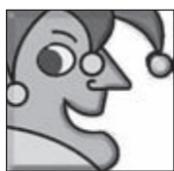
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- Review your capital gains and losses. If you're looking at substantial gains on which you'll be taxed in the coming year, you might want to sell some stock for a loss to offset some or all of those gains. (You can buy that stock back, too, after 30 days.)

- If you believe your tax bracket next year will be no higher than this year, you're itemizing your deductions, and you won't be bothered by any alternative minimum tax issues, consider making your state and/or local tax payments before the end of this year. You're going to owe the money anyway, so if you pay now, you can take the federal tax deduction this year instead of next.

- Don't forget your IRA and/or your employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k). The maximum 2013 IRA contribution is \$5,500 (plus \$1,000 if you're 50 or older), and it's \$17,500 (plus \$5,500) for 401(k)s. For both,

the 2013 contribution deadline is actually April 15, 2014, but earlier contributions have longer to grow. (Learn more about these plans at fool.com/retirement.)

- Don't overlook valuable credits. If you have modest means and you're contributing to retirement plans, you may be eligible for the Savers Credit, worth up to \$1,000 for a single person and \$2,000 for couples.

If you pay someone to care for your child younger than 13 so that you can work, you might be eligible for the Child and Dependent Care Credit. The Child Tax Credit can save you \$1,000 per qualifying child younger than 17. If you've recently adopted a child, you may be able to enjoy a credit of up to \$12,970.

The American Opportunity Credit offers savings of up to \$2,500 per eligible student for qualified tuition and fees paid by or for the student. The Lifetime Learning Credit offers up to \$2,000.

For much more tax information, head to irs.gov and fool.com/taxes. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Las Vegas Loss

My dumbest investment was buying a house in Las Vegas in October 2007. After only two years, it had lost about 40 percent of its sales value — while I was sleeping in it. Two refinances later, and now a planned strategic sale by the end of the year, and I'm hoping I can get out of this "investment" essentially even (with the bonus of having lived in it for six years). I will be completely debt-free! But I'll also be homeless, looking for a single-level, three-bedroom, two-bath rental.

— M., online

The Fool Responds: Housing markets can be surprisingly volatile at times, and it can be a mistake to think of your primary home as an investment. (For one thing, over the long run, on average, stocks tend to grow in value more rapidly.) There are upsides to buying a home, such as equity growth, but there are other considerations, too, such as taxes, insurance, maintenance, repairs and utility costs.

You can often save money by renting a home, and if you sock those savings into a retirement account, you can often build an equity-like nest egg. ■



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 was founded in 1998 in California and went public in 2004. Since then, my stock has grown in value more than tenfold. I began in 1996 as an online tool called BackRub that used links to determine the importance of individual pages on the Internet. My current name is a play on the number that's a 1 followed by 100 zeros. Over the years, I've acquired Picasa, YouTube, Zagat and Motorola Mobility. I rake in more than \$57 billion annually, keeping more than \$12 billion as income. My mission is to organize the world's information. Who am I? (Answer: Google) ■



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Ask the Fool

Best Time to Buy

Q Is there a best time of day, week, month or year to buy stocks?

— A.K., Pueblo, Colo.

A The best time isn't found on a calendar or clock — it's different for each person. To determine if you're ready to buy a stock, ask yourself whether you've done enough research to be confident that the company is financially healthy and growing, has sustainable advantages over its competitors and has a promising future.

Then determine whether the current stock price is low enough to offer a good chance of growth. Some terrific companies might be priced so high that it's hard to rationally imagine them advancing much more in the next few years.

Evaluating a company's fair value is not easy, though. Measures such as price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and price-to-cash-flow ratios can help, but in order to keep improving your results, keep learning more. You can do so at fool.com/how-to-invest and at dailyfinance.com.

Once you're confident you've found a great company selling at a good or great price, that's the best time to buy.

Q What do tulips have to do with stocks? I see references to them sometimes.

— O., Flint, Mich.

A They're references to the great "tulipmania" bubble that grew in Holland in the mid-1600s. That was one of the first documented cases of a speculative investing frenzy. Incredibly, people took out loans on their homes in order to buy tulip bulbs. Prices soared to the modern-day equivalent of tens of thousands of dollars per bulb, and more. The bubble eventually burst, wiping out many investors.

The easiest way to avoid such trouble is to avoid borrowing money to invest — and to be wary of stocks that seem to have soared beyond reason. ■

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Name That Company

I was founded in 1886 as the California Perfume Company by a bookseller who found his customers more interested in perfume. Headquartered in Manhattan today, I'm a global beauty company, raking in more than \$10 billion annually (though my earnings have been shrinking lately). For more than 125 years, my business model has featured women selling directly to other women, and today my network of sellers tops 6 million people in more than 100 coun-



tries. I owned Tiffany from 1979 to 1984. I ended animal testing in 1989. My brands include ANEW, Skin-So-Soft, Advance Techniques and mark. 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

Qualcomm: An Overlooked Value

You may not have heard of Qualcomm (Nasdaq: QCOM), but its technology is found inside just about every smartphone, from Androids to Apple devices. The company not only makes semiconductors, but also derives billions annually from the licensing of its many patents.

Qualcomm collects a 3 percent to 5 percent royalty on the sale price of each cellular device sold. It offers a 2 percent dividend yield, too, with the payout having doubled in just a few years.

Qualcomm does face formidable competition, such as from Intel and Broadcom, but it's still a dominant force, with a recent market share of 53 percent for smartphone applications processing.

Growth prospects for Qualcomm are

solid as it expands into territory such as telemedicine, where it connects medical devices, facilitating the capture and transfer of biometric data, among other things.

Indeed, CEO Paul Jacobs sees Qualcomm's mobile technology playing a role in everything from medicine to virtual reality-like interfaces between the physical world and the Internet, with the potential for products such as wearable computing devices and other mobile-savvy inventions transforming the world.

Bears worry about competition and a slowdown in the smartphone market, but with a recent price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 18, well below its five-year average of 24, Qualcomm deserves consideration. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

- The **Greater Naples Area Planned Giving Council** and the **Association of Fundraising Professionals- Everglades Chapter** hold a holiday party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Ridgway Bar & Grille, 1300 Third St. S. Free for GNAPGC and AFP members and their spouses or significant others. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash bar. RSVP at www.naplespgc.org/programs. For more information, call Charles Kerwood at 325-8505 or e-mail ckerwood@waller.com.

- The **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** holds its holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Hilton Naples. Guests are encouraged to bring a children's book for donation to Grace Place for Families & Children. \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for others. Register at www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

- Wake Up Naples for members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Dr. Allen Weiss of the NCH Healthcare System will discuss "blue zones." The morning's sponsor is Bigham Jewelers. Register by calling 298-7928 or visiting www.napleschamber.org/events.

- Members and guests of the **Collier County Bar Association** will enjoy the CCBA annual family holiday party from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Naples Bay Resort. Children are welcome and will be entertained by arts and crafts and a visit from someone special. For reservations or more information, visit www.colliercountybar.org.

- The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its annual installation

and awards banquet from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at The Club at Olde Cypress. \$50. RSVP by calling 436-6100, e-mailing nancy@cbia.net or visiting www.cbia.net.

- **Business After Five** and the annual holiday party for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up by calling 298-7928 or visiting www.napleschamber.org/events.

- A **Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

- The **Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** holds its next networking

meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Call 449-8668 or e-mail webmaster@chb-naples.org.

- **Consultants from the Small Business Development Center** at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

- The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next business mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Executive Electronics of Southwest Florida, 28741 S. Diesel Drive in Bonita Springs. \$15 for members, \$25 for other. Sign up by calling 436-6100 or visiting at www.cbia.net (no walk-ins). ■

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House Hunting:



7356 Monteverde Way Olde Cypress

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This lakefront home in Olde Cypress with 3,500 square feet under air and panoramic views from tee to green is the perfect combination of comfort and sophistication. There are four en suite bedrooms, separate dining and living rooms and a kitchen with generous prep room to engage any chef. Faux finishes and a warm neutral palette enhance the interior spaces, and soaring ceilings add to the sense of openness. Plantation shutters and a coffered ceiling highlight the first-floor owner's suite. Two upstairs bedrooms have their own living area and balcony. Olde Cypress golf and social membership opportunities are available for the newly renovated PB Dye Championship golf course.

This property is listed at \$925,000 by broker-associate Ruth Bethem of Downing-Frye Realty. Call 777-7007 or e-mail Ruth@RuthBethem.com. ■



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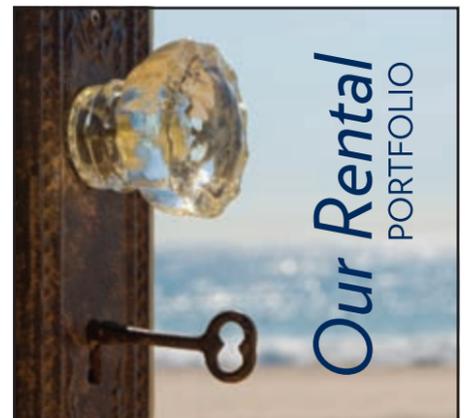


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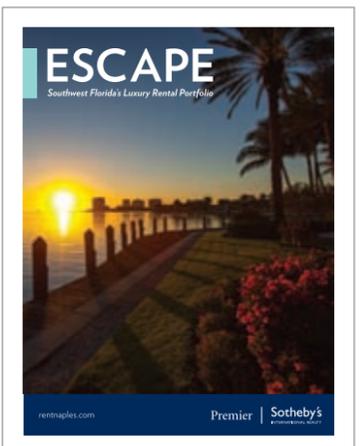
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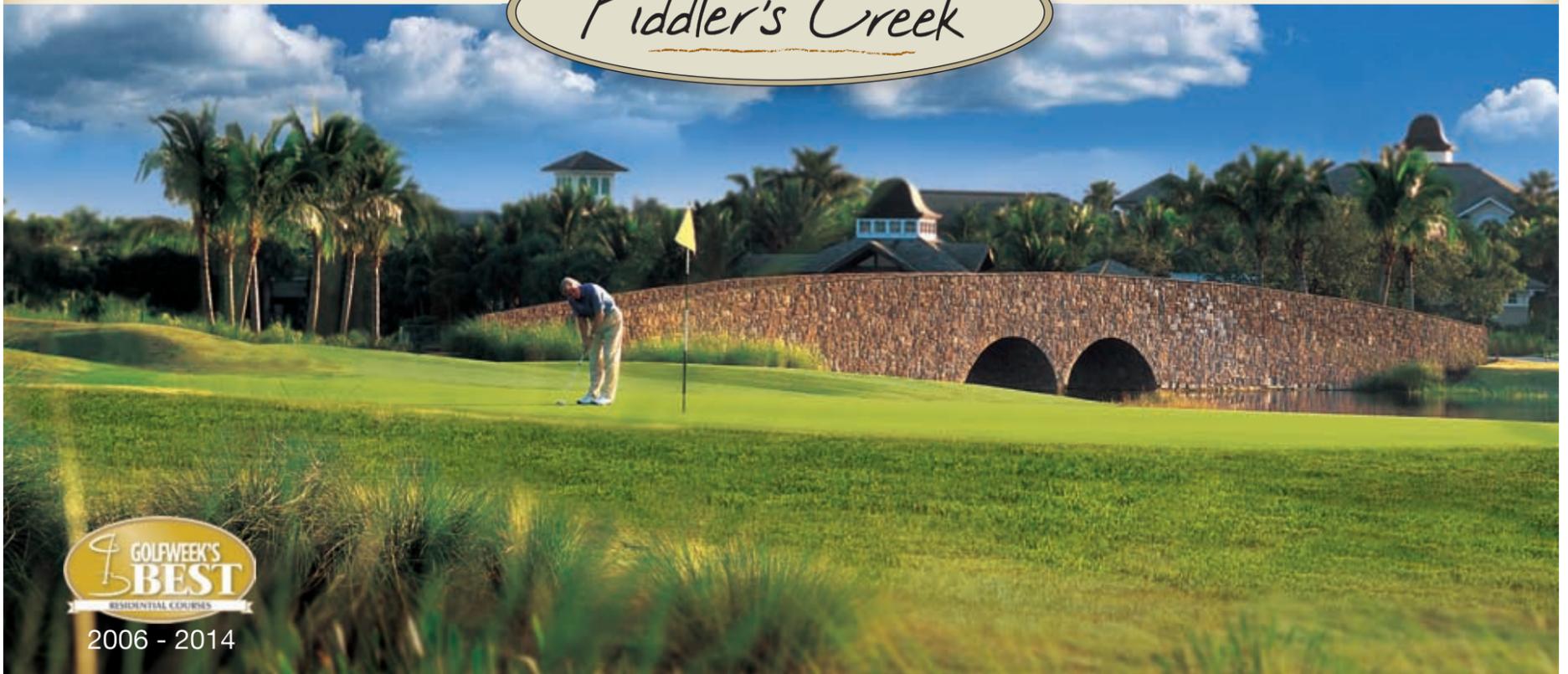
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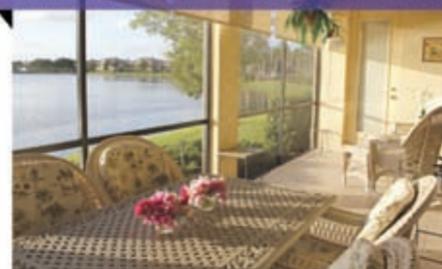
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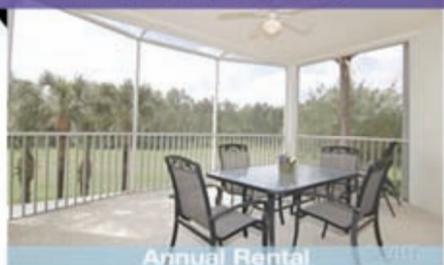
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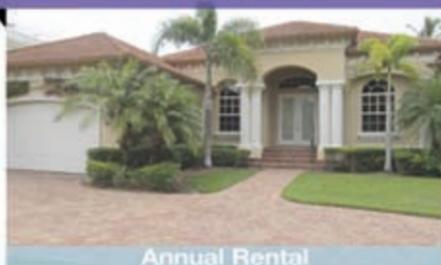
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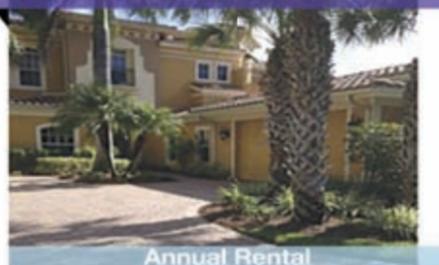
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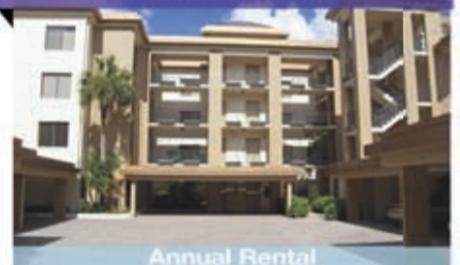
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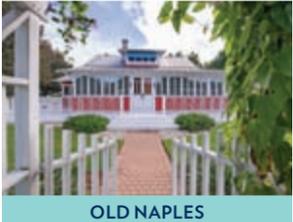
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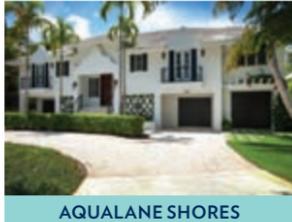
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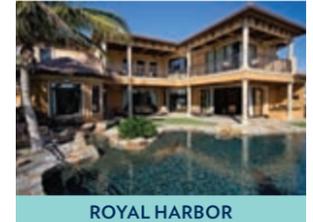
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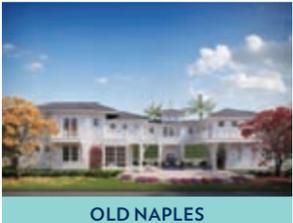
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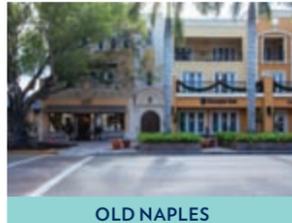
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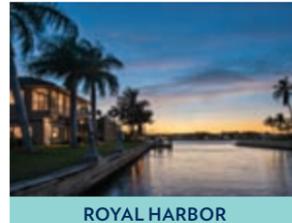
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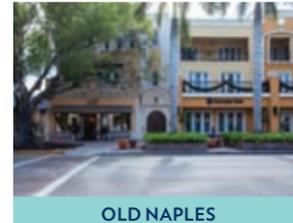
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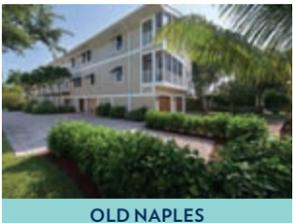
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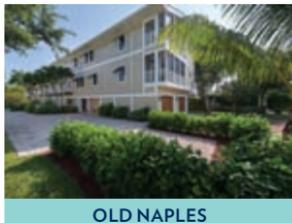
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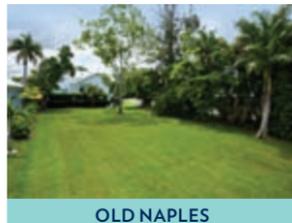
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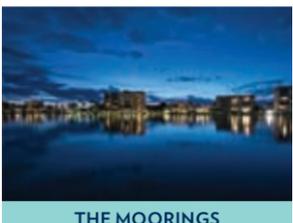
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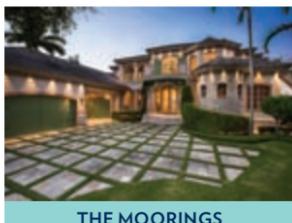
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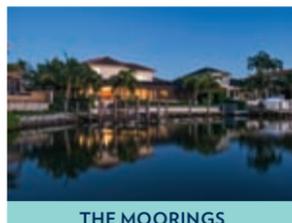
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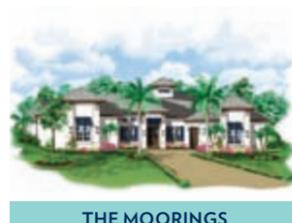
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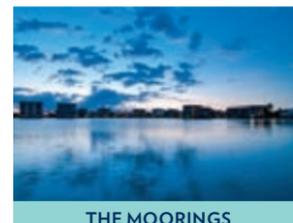
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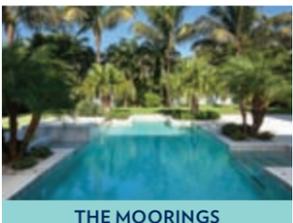
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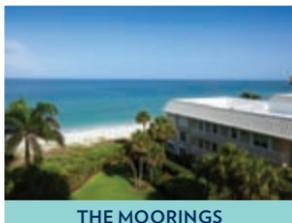
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723 Mooring Line Drive
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411
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Gramercy #N-5
Sharon Kaltenborn 239.248.1964
premiersir.com/id/213020599 \$1,750,000



Westgate #S-8
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/212003352 \$1,695,000



Charleston Square #302
Lodge McKee 239.434.2424
premiersir.com/id/212014801 \$1,290,000



Charleston Square #208
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678
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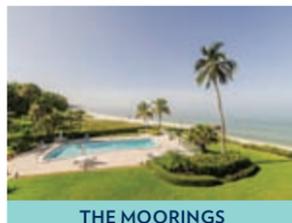
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Ruth Trettis 239.571.6760
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Ryan Nordyke 239.776.9390
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Lausanne #312S
John D'Amelio 239.961.5996
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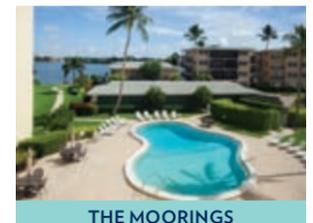
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Ryan Nordyke 239.776.9390
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Madrid Club #5-D
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premiersir.com/id/213022432 \$529,000



Palm Bay Villas #209
Patricia Bucalo 239.248.0694
premiersir.com/id/213508689 \$359,000



Harborside West #306
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534
premiersir.com/id/213502449 \$339,000

Pelican Bay

Pelican Bay is home to many distinctive neighborhoods, comprised of single-family estate homes, towering high-rises and a wide spectrum of coach homes and villa enclaves. It's set amidst hundreds of acres of natural habitat, with large lakes and preserves. Discover all of Naples' finest amenities here. Private golf and club memberships.



Cap Ferrat #PH11
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez 239.659.5113
premiersir.com/id/212026616 \$4,699,000



6963 Verde Way
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433
premiersir.com/id/213509912 \$3,895,000



St. Lucia #5
Jerry Wachowicz 239.777.0741
premiersir.com/id/213509158 \$1,999,000



St. Raphael #1109
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544
premiersir.com/id/212025912 \$1,695,000



St. Raphael #204
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544
premiersir.com/id/213017286 \$1,295,000



Crescent #15
Jane Bond 239.595.9515
premiersir.com/id/213506187 \$1,049,000



Grosvenor #1206
Debbi/Marty McDermott 239.564.4231
premiersir.com/id/212027711 \$799,000



5924 Chanteclair Drive
Heidi Deen 239.370.5388
premiersir.com/id/213014662 \$684,000



St. Maarten #703
Jerry Wachowicz 239.777.0741
premiersir.com/id/213509167 \$675,000



St. Raphael #G-14
Friley Saucier 239.293.3532
premiersir.com/id/212034060 \$649,000



St. Tropez #504
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213024894 \$585,000



764 Willow Brook Drive
Nicola Gentil
premiersir.com/id/CHAR1120131HE \$389,000

Pelican Marsh

Pelican Marsh is located in North Naples, 1.5 miles from some of the finest beaches on Florida's West coast. Inside this exclusive, gated community, enjoy tennis, fitness, spa facilities and more. Sophisticated shopping and dining are just blocks away at Mercato. Or, take in a show at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.



8695 Purslane Drive
Terri Moellers 239.404.7887
premiersir.com/id/213501942 \$2,475,000



9069 Terranova Drive
Cheryl Turner 239.250.3311
premiersir.com/id/213501918 \$1,599,000



1337 Little Blue Heron Court
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463
premiersir.com/id/213018738 \$1,250,000



Osprey Pointe #201
Lura Jones 239.370.5340
premiersir.com/id/212022636 \$639,000



Osprey Pointe #202
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213021139 \$619,000



Clermont #202
Cheryl Turner 239.250.3311
premiersir.com/id/212023659 \$364,900

North Naples

North Naples boasts beautiful beaches, fine dining, shopping and essential amenities. Single-family homes, villas and towering high-rises dot the landscape. Public and private golf courses, water sports, tennis and more.



QUAIL WEST

5817 Glenholme Circle
Paul Gaffy 239.273.0403
premiersir.com/id/212030811 \$2,750,000



QUAIL WEST

4341 Brynwood Drive
Jane Bond 239.595.9515
premiersir.com/id/213500850 \$2,150,000



TIBURON

2924 Tiburon Blvd. East
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/213507223 \$1,895,000



OLDE CYPRESS

3088 Strada Bella Court
Jane Bond 239.595.9515
premiersir.com/id/212032281 \$1,399,000



THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE

Grande Geneva #1104
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
premiersir.com/id/213505187 \$1,300,000



THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE

Grande Excelsior #403
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
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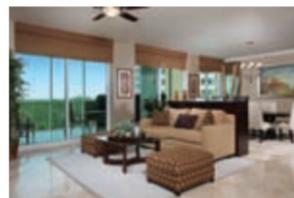
COLLIER'S RESERVE

1023 Barcarmil Way
Linda Roberts 239.450.2864
premiersir.com/id/213506614 \$1,250,000



PELICAN ISLE

Residences I #802
Suzanne Ring 239.821.7550
premiersir.com/id/213510488 \$1,165,000



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Grande Phoenician #504
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
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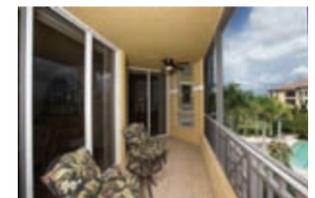
VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

2132 Laguna Way
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213019697 \$999,000



AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB

213 Charleston Court
Fern Ritacca 239.405.6210
premiersir.com/id/213023494 \$970,000



TIBURON

Ventana #C-305
Sherree Woods 239.877.7770
premiersir.com/id/213501160 \$899,900



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

2119 Mission Drive
Sue Black 239.250.5611
premiersir.com/id/213022234 \$779,000



VILLAGE WALK

3396 Cerrito Court
Carol Sheehy 239.340.9300
premiersir.com/id/213023771 \$689,000



OLDE CYPRESS

2893 Lone Pine Lane
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213508063 \$639,000



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

8042 Cadiz Court
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213507007 \$549,000



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES

1981 Imperial Golf Course Blvd.
Tess/Tom McCarthy 239.207.0118
premiersir.com/id/2135009969 \$548,000



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES

1984 Imperial Golf Course Blvd.
Pat Callis 239.250.0562
premiersir.com/id/213510321 \$475,000



NAPLES PARK

711 104th Avenue North
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213022427 \$455,000



TIBURON

Castillo III #101
Mark Maran 239.777.3301
premiersir.com/id/TIBU0828131HE \$429,000



CARLTON LAKES

6199 Ashwood Lane
Gayle Fawkes 239.250.6051
premiersir.com/id/213505242 \$365,000



THE STRAND

Mango Cay II #5809
Jane Bond 239.595.9515
premiersir.com/id/213507279 \$325,000



ISLAND WALK

4225 Saint George Lane
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411
premiersir.com/id/213505534 \$280,000



NAPLES PARK

748 104th Avenue North
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411
premiersir.com/id/213510345 \$195,000

Park Shore

Glistening beachfront towers, bedside mansions and finely crafted inland homes make Park Shore the perfect blend for desirable living. Enjoy superlative shops and bistros at The Village on Venetian Bay plus beach and boating amenities.



Regent #PH1
Bet Dewey 239.564.5673
premiersir.com/id/213508022 \$14,400,000



Regent #6N
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
premiersir.com/id/213503230 \$5,900,000



Regent #5-N
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/2100213575 \$5,500,000



Provence #PH3
Susan Barton 239.860.1412
premiersir.com/id/2120196866 \$5,500,000



4215 Crayton Road
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/GEIG118131HE \$4,995,000



Aria #802
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614
premiersir.com/id/213501154 \$4,395,000



310 Neapolitan Way
Roxanne Jeske 239.450.5210
premiersir.com/id/2135079744 \$4,300,000



Le Jardin #403
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614
premiersir.com/id/2135042332 \$2,695,000



4010 Old Trail Way
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/NER10419131HE \$2,695,000



750 Fountainhead Lane
Sherree Woods 239.877.7770
premiersir.com/id/213503229 \$2,495,000



Provence #1101
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/212013826 \$2,295,000



Park Plaza #1903
Susan Barton 239.860.1412
premiersir.com/id/213003931 \$2,095,000



4700 Crayton Court
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/FLE1122131HE \$1,750,000



Brittany #305
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/212019590 \$1,675,000



The Savoy #PH-6
Sarah Theiss 239.269.0300
premiersir.com/id/213002051 \$1,599,000



Park Shore Tower #12B
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
premiersir.com/id/213508071 \$1,295,000



Colony Gardens #4041
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/213503526 \$1,250,000



Meridian Club #1403
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premiersir.com/id/211505192 \$1,249,000



4833 West Blvd.
Kathy Morris 239.777.8654
premiersir.com/id/213505752 \$1,125,000



Colony Gardens #401
Jerry Wachowicz 239.777.0741
premiersir.com/id/213010888 \$849,900



Allegro #7C
Marlene Suarez 239.290.0585
premiersir.com/id/213023694 \$827,500



Terraces #505
Polly Himmel 239.290.3910
premiersir.com/id/213012814 \$799,000



Terraces #PH-03
Heidi Deen 239.370.5388
premiersir.com/id/213505732 \$794,500



Villas of Park Shore
Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea 239.285.1292
premiersir.com/id/212007991 \$645,000

Grey Oaks

Grey Oaks' 54 holes of award-winning golf serve as the centerpiece in this heart-of-Naples community interspersed with luxurious single-family estate homes of a grand scale and elegant villas.



1223 Gordon River Trail
Melissa Williams 239.248.7238
premiersir.com/id/213502713 \$7,495,000



2133 Canna Court
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez 239.659.5113
premiersir.com/id/2135041505 \$5,200,000



2614 Bulrush Lane
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez 239.659.5113
premiersir.com/id/2135005733 \$3,700,000



2708 Buckthorn Way
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463
premiersir.com/id/213011148 \$2,995,000



1315 Noble Heron Way
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121
premiersir.com/id/209007310 \$2,049,000



1331 Noble Heron Way
Lynn Anderson 239.290.6674
premiersir.com/id/2120349831 \$1,800,000



1568 Marsh Wren Lane
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213010788 \$1,684,900



L'Ermitage #26
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213504744 \$1,350,000



1268 Osprey Trail
Melissa Williams 239.248.7238
premiersir.com/id/2120020731 \$1,300,000



2606 L'Ermitage Lane
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213509732 \$1,249,000



2634 Trillium Way
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/2120340251 \$1,050,000



Terra Verde #2362
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premiersir.com/id/213504761 \$650,000

Bay Colony

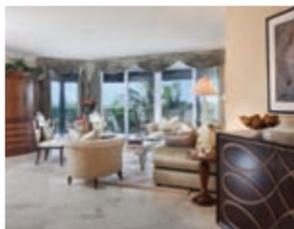
Bay Colony is the very definition of privileged living. From the beachfront high-rises to the golf course estate homes to the villas in quiet alcoves, this is luxury living at its best. Golf and beach club memberships.



Contessa #PH-22
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/211014834 \$6,000,000



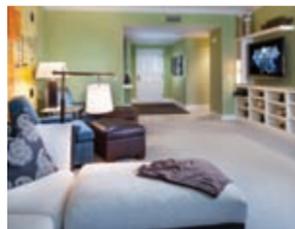
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Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463
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Salerno #301
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463
premiersir.com/id/213510254 \$1,695,000



Toscana #203
Sharon Kiptyk 239.777.3899
premiersir.com/id/213504542 \$1,195,000



Mansion La Palma #203
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/213011428 \$1,095,000



Mansion La Palma #402
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
premiersir.com/id/213015266 \$1,050,000

Naples & Surrounds

With sun-drenched sugary-sand beaches, stretching over 10 miles, temperate year-round weather and abundant fishing and boating activities, Naples has been a natural attraction for affluent travelers and sun seekers from around the world for decades.



NAPLES CAY

The Seasons #1903
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premiersir.com/id/211516035 \$5,995,000



NAPLES CAY

76 Seagate Drive
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
premiersir.com/id/213507962 \$2,650,000



NAPLES CAY

Baypointe #PH105
Julie Rembos 239.595.1809
premiersir.com/id/213506374 \$2,095,000



PINE RIDGE

585 Ridge Drive
Linda Perry/Judy Perry 239.404.7052
premiersir.com/id/213505298 \$1,870,000



PINE RIDGE

23 Banyan Road
Susan R. Payne 239.777.7209
premiersir.com/id/213507721 \$1,350,000



LOGAN WOODS

5271 Mahogany Ridge Drive
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213018599 \$1,150,000



WYNDEMERE

324 Edgemere Way East
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
premiersir.com/id/213012825 \$1,100,000



HAMMOCK BAY

Lesina #2005
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685
premiersir.com/id/212037624 \$1,015,000



VINEYARDS

420 Terracina Way
Pat Callis 239.250.0562
premiersir.com/id/213505586 \$995,000



LIVINGSTON WOODS

6381 Sandalwood Lane
Pat Callis 239.250.0562
premiersir.com/id/213002571 \$899,000



WYNDEMERE

186 Edgemere Way South
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
premiersir.com/id/213022930 \$725,000



VINEYARDS

Vista Pointe #3606
Amy Atherholt 239.592.6343
premiersir.com/id/213020686 \$635,000



WINDSTAR

Somerset #12
V.K. Melhado 239.216.6400
premiersir.com/id/213507629 \$619,900



WYNDEMERE

260 Edgemere Way East
Joe Garabed 239.571.5700
premiersir.com/id/213023827 \$575,000



WYNDEMERE

910 Wyndemere Way
Gary L./Jeff/Becky Jaarda 239.248.7474
premiersir.com/id/212035106 \$529,000



WYNDEMERE

157 Edgemere Way South
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411
premiersir.com/id/213510346 \$499,000



HAWKSRIDGE

The Colony #1304
Beth McNichols 239.821.3304
premiersir.com/id/213507779 \$462,500



BERKSHIRE LAKES

34 Hastings Place
Susan R. Payne 239.777.7209
premiersir.com/id/213506320 \$360,000



VICTORIA PARK

9703 Oxford Street
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411
premiersir.com/id/213510361 \$360,000



EAGLE CREEK

53 Grey Wing Point
ML Meade 239.293.4851
premiersir.com/id/212027690 \$349,000



MARBELLA LAKES

Marbella Lakes #201
Ryan Nurdyke 239.776.9390
premiersir.com/id/213508658 \$348,500



VERONA WALK

8646 Genova Court
Robin/Larry Taylor 239.250.9016
premiersir.com/id/213508120 \$273,000



BERKSHIRE LAKES

7524 Berkshire Pines Drive
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
premiersir.com/id/213504612 \$255,000



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES

3275 68th Street SW
Susan Barton 239.860.1412
premiersir.com/id/213504389 \$199,000



WYNDEMERE

36 Water Oaks Way
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
premiersir.com/id/213503753 \$190,000



NAPLES BATH & TENNIS

Naples Bath & Tennis #B
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678
premiersir.com/id/213506575 \$174,000



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES

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Fahada Saad 239.659.5145
premiersir.com/id/213501239 \$170,000



ISLES OF CAPRI

Tarpon Village Apartments #A6
Cynthia Corogin 239.393.6747
premiersir.com/id/212027439 \$136,500



MARCO SHORES

153 Queen Palm Drive
Angelica Andrews 239.595.7653
premiersir.com/id/213018457 \$132,132



WYNDEMERE

Courtside Commons #202
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
premiersir.com/id/213015911 \$127,500

Vanderbilt Beach

Vanderbilt Beach is home to The Ritz-Carlton, trendy shops, cafes and a host of retail establishments. Single-family homes, luxurious beachfront and waterfront condominiums and mid-rise living are found here.



Regatta II #403
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
premiersir.com/id/213016356 \$888,885



385 Willett Avenue
Dina L. Moon 239.370.1252
premiersir.com/id/213020729 \$849,000



Vanderbilt Gulfside #104
Pat Callis 239.250.0562
premiersir.com/id/213005063 \$799,000



Vanderbilt Bay #211
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Celine Julie Godof 239.404.9917
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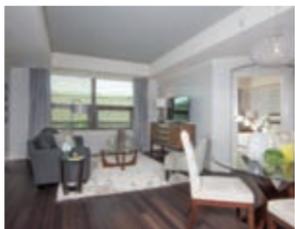
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Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
premiersir.com/id/213006886 \$559,000

Strada Residences at Mercato

Live a lifestyle that puts a world of shopping, dining and entertainment within walking distance of home. These 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom condominiums are spacious, lavishly appointed and fully-amenitized examples of ultra-chic living at one of Naples' best addresses.



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Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227
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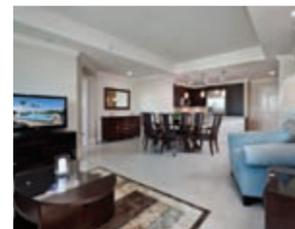
The Strada #7406
Mary Kavanagh 616.957.4428
premiersir.com/id/211505590 \$599,000



The Strada #7504
Susan Gardner 239.438.2846
premiersir.com/id/213006422 \$599,000



The Strada #7404
Susan Gardner 239.438.2846
premiersir.com/id/213510024 \$599,000



The Strada #5205
Susan Gardner 239.438.2846
premiersir.com/id/213017713 \$519,000



The Strada #7409
Mary Kavanagh 616.957.4428
premiersir.com/id/213018594 \$415,000

Marco Island

Graced with miles of powder-white sand beaches, Marco boasts luxurious real estate, shopping, dining, entertainment and a bounty of recreational activities from boating and fishing to golf and tennis and more.



1549 Heights Court
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premiersir.com/id/213509751 \$12,950,000



Belize #1104
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
premiersir.com/id/212039528 \$1,949,000



71 Hickory Court
Helga Wetzold 239.821.6905
premiersir.com/id/212038543 \$1,595,000



Royal Marco Point I #17
ML Meade 239.293.4851
premiersir.com/id/213015109 \$1,495,000



1781 Barbados Avenue
Gwen Tolson 847.208.2754
premiersir.com/id/213022036 \$1,399,000



123 Landmark Street
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
premiersir.com/id/212039821 \$1,295,000



616 Waterside Drive
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
premiersir.com/id/211524107 \$1,200,000



Sandcastle #1503
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premiersir.com/id/213503529 \$1,150,000



818 Elm Court
Laura/Chris Adams 239.404.4766
premiersir.com/id/213024746 \$1,025,000



1955 Sheffield Avenue
Laura/Chris Adams 239.404.4766
premiersir.com/id/213015139 \$679,000



624 Waterside Drive
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
premiersir.com/id/209044008 \$599,000



930 Heron Court
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
premiersir.com/id/213506569 \$598,550



Nautilus #401
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premiersir.com/id/213505996 \$549,000



Royal Seafarer #702
Angelica Andrews 239.595.7653
premiersir.com/id/213023824 \$529,900



855 Hideaway Circle West
Paul Strong 239.404.3280
premiersir.com/id/213023635 \$499,000



Royal Marco Point III #255
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premiersir.com/id/213506067 \$499,000



961 Mendel Avenue
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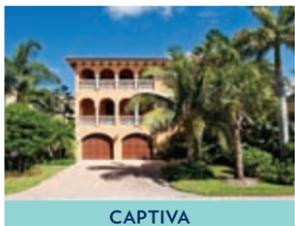
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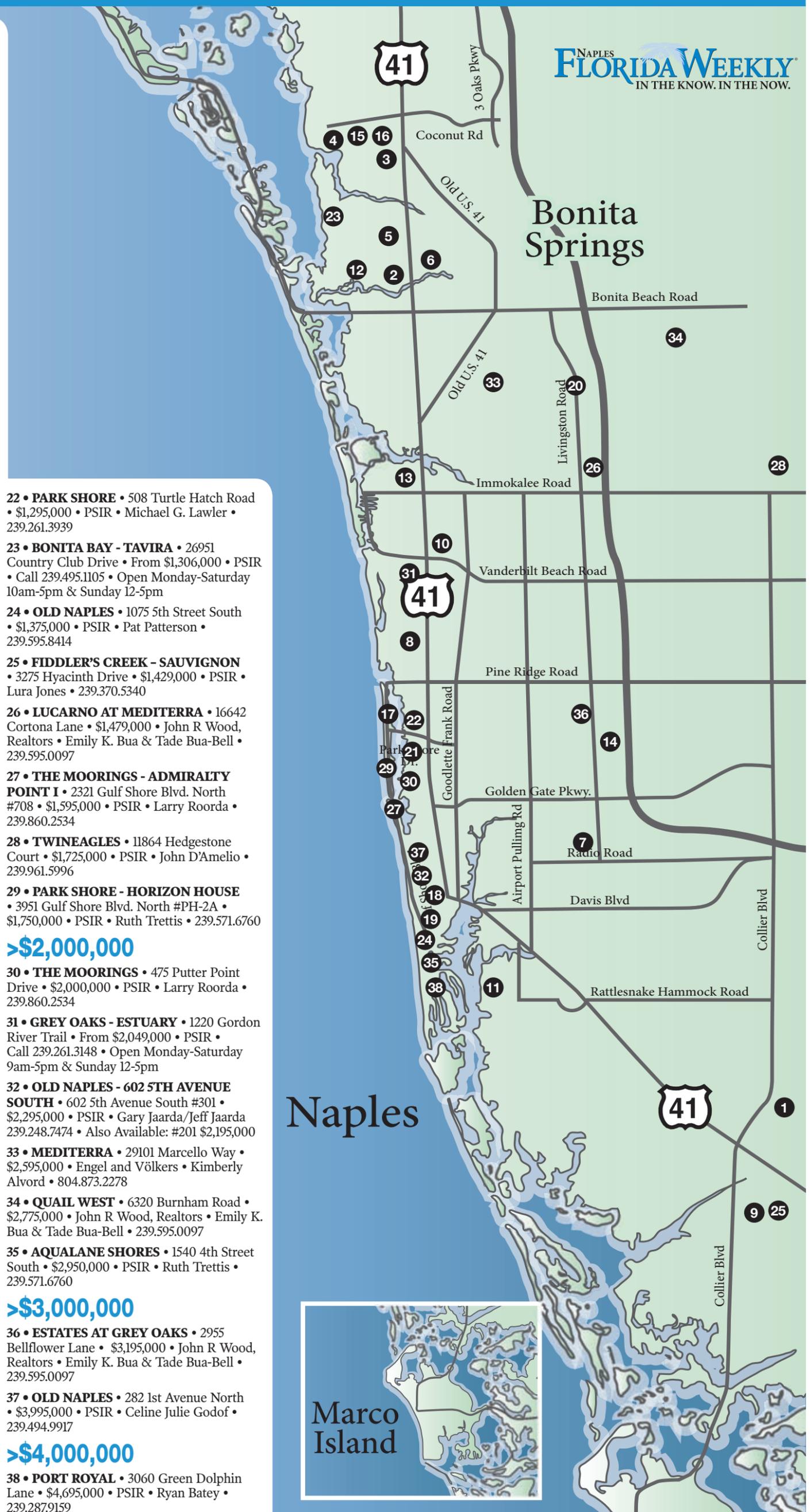
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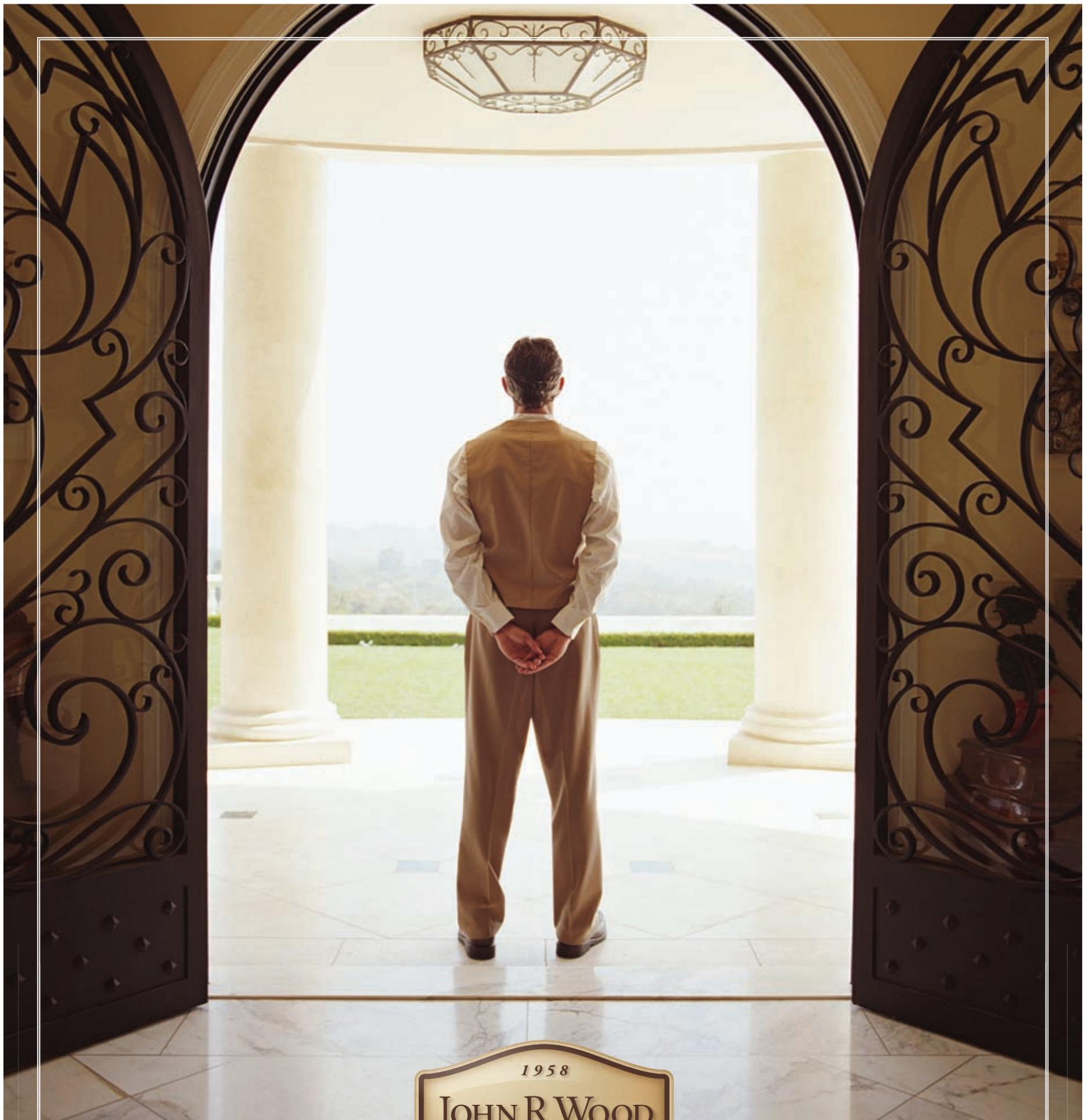




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▲ “Grandma’s Christmas Goose” gets cooked at Fred’s.

It’s holiday SHOW SEASON

Nutcrackers, Christmas Carols, church ladies and a snarky elf are here to celebrate

BY NANCY STETSON
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WHAT FOLLOWS TURKEY DAY? Leftovers, serious shopping and, of course, holiday shows. This season’s traditional and decidedly non-traditional Christmas shows include Nutcrackers and Christmas Carols, as well as folksy Midwestern church basement ladies and a play that also became a movie in the 1950s. And, once again, our favorite crotchety elf, Crumpet, returns to sneer and cause Christmas mayhem. Here’s a look at some of the seasonal shows coming to town.

SEE HOLIDAY, C4 ►

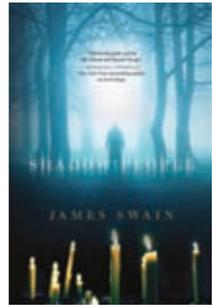


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Cookbooks can ease the angst over holiday meals

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

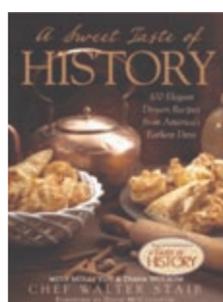
There is no shortage of holiday and general interest cookbooks with holiday recipes, although a few stand out among the pack as important or funny or intrinsically tied to Southwest Florida. Here are a few we’ve found that will help the home cook really heat things up this season.

■ **“A Sweet Taste of History”**
By Chef Walter Staib and Molly Yun

Perhaps no one is more excited about holiday cookbooks than PBS viewers. Celebrity Chef Walter Staib of Philadelphia’s famed City Tavern Restaurant and host of PBS’s “Taste of History” has just

released his new cookbook with collaborator Molly Yun.

“A Sweet Taste of History” is based on American history that celebrates the 18th century sweet table, what Chef Staib calls the grand finale course of an 18th-century meal. You could almost eat this book; the photos are truly exquisite, and the 100 dessert recipes include cakes, cobblers, pies, cookies, quick breads and ice cream. “A Sweet Taste of History” also includes original recipes from some of America’s first ladies, such as Martha Washington’s An Excellent Cake and Dolley Madison’s



French Vanilla Ice Cream.

Aside from the recipes, the coolest part of this cookbook is the foreword, by legendary author and historian David McCullough, which reads in part: “We can enter their world, we can come to know them through the letters they wrote ... and yes, God be praised, by the food they ate ... To dine as John Adams and his contemporaries once did is to be reminded of how full-flavored life at best must have been for them, and that they themselves, at their

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Lessons on reality for the romantic heart

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I just discovered “Pride and Prejudice.” A little late in life, I know, but with so many good books out there it had been easy to put off reading that one. Plus I imagined it would be slow going, stodgy in the way of many old books.

What a delight then to learn that it’s every bit as captivating as people say. I’d bet a lot of single English majors out there are still holding out hope for a man as desirable as Mr. Darcy.

Which could be part of the problem for a lot of us.

Some people — myself included — spend so much time with our heads in books that we forget what actual relationships look like. When we do see them in action, we can’t help but be disappointed.

I recently had breakfast with a couple in their mid-50s who reminded me of the challenges that come with the partnered life. Over organic oatmeal, the woman asked her musician husband if he planned to work on the piano that day.

“Kevin’s working on the piano,” he said tersely.

“But the other one?” the woman said. “In the studio?”

The man flicked a dismissive hand. “It’s a subpar piano.”



“But it’s still a tool,” she pressed. He glowered into his bowl. “I’m used to perfection in my tools.” I kept my eyes on my own plate, trying to make myself invisible, the way we do

around feuding couples. Why, I wondered, can’t they just be like Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet? The people I know who are perpetually single also happen to be big read-

ers. They are lovers of poetry and fiction, those territories of well-scrubbed romance. These same people will ask me why they can’t find anyone to love, and I hate to tell them the truth: that real-life affairs never look the way they do in books. In this world people behave badly. They get food stuck in their teeth and wake up with crust in their eyes. They sometimes have bad breath and pimples on their bums. All of this is anathema to the romantic heart.

To put it in perspective, the contemporary novelist Jo Baker has done an excellent job of exposing reality in her new novel “Longbourn,” a take on the “Pride and Prejudice” tale told by the household servants. The book catalogs many of the realities of life that escaped mention in Jane Austen’s comedy of manners — inconveniences like armpit hair and laundry — and we’re reminded that the epic love story at the center of “Pride and Prejudice” has few touchstones in the real world.

Which might be forgiven if we consider the author herself. Miss Austen died at the age of 42, unwed, having never left her family. The idealized relationships in her books were invented stories. They make for great reading but disastrous life lessons.

The romantics among us would do well to remember that partnerships happen in this world, a place of traffic jams and stubbed toes and dirty dishes in the sink. It might not be as pretty as what happens in fiction, but at least it’s something we can touch. ■

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HOLIDAY

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Christmas Carols and more

■ Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples presents a different take on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with "**Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol**" Dec. 6-22 at The Norris Center. In this one-man play, performed by Cody Nickell, artistic associate at Gulfshore Playhouse, Jacob Marley finds himself in hell. The only way he can escape is by saving Scrooge's soul within the next 24 hours. Mr. Nickell plays a number of characters, including angels, demons and goblins, as well as Mr. Marley and Mr. Scrooge. Call (866) 811-4111 or go to www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ Laboratory Theater in Fort Myers puts on its production of "**A Christmas Carol**" Dec. 13-15 and 19-21. Call 218-0481 or go to www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

■ A national production of "**A Christmas Carol**" unfolds on Dec. 22 at the Van Wezel in Sarasota. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org.

■ Florida Repertory Theatre reprises "**My Three Angels**" Dec. 6-22 (previews Dec. 3-5). The play by Sam and Bella Spewack is based on Albert Husson's French play, "La Cuisine des Anges." (It was also made into a Humphrey Bogart movie, "We're No Angels" in 1955.) Three escaped convicts find their lives entwined with a struggling family in the sub-tropics on Christmas Eve. For tickets or more information, call 332-4488 or go to www.floridarep.org.

■ The Marco Island Children's Theatre presents Jean Shepherd's "**A Christmas Story**" Dec. 20-22. In this classic humorous tale set in the 1940s Midwest, Ralphie longs for a Red Rider BB gun from Santa, even though it might poke his eyes out. Call 642-7270 or go to www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ Singing, dancing and costumes dominate Broadway Palm Theatre's main stage holiday offering, "**Swingin' Christmas**." Running Nov. 28-Dec. 25, it includes classics such as "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," "Baby it's Cold Outside," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "O Holy Night." Call 278-4422 or go to www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ Already playing in the Broadway Palm's Off-Broadway Theatre, the light-hearted "**Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas**" runs through Dec. 25. The musical follows a group of Minnesota women in their Lutheran church basement as they prepare for the holidays and the Sunday school's annual Christmas pageant. Call (239) 278-4422 or go to www.broadwaypalm.com.

Christmas concerts

■ **Michael McDonald**, solo artist and former lead singer for The Doobie Brothers, presents "This Christmas - An Evening of Holiday & Hits," Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. The program includes the five-time Grammy winner's hits "What a Fool Believes" and "I Keep Forgettin'" as well as a number of holiday numbers. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org.

Mr. McDonald also performs at Artis—Naples (formerly known as The Phil) on Sunday, Dec. 15. Call 597-1900 or go to www.artis-naples.org.

■ Celebrate the season Motown-style with "**The Motown Experience**," made up of members from The Miracles, The Capitols and The Temptations. The group performs Friday evening, Dec. 13, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, singing classics such as "My Girl," "Get Ready" and "Tears of a Clown" as well as Christmas songs. Call 481-4849 or go to www.bbmannpah.com.

■ For those who love Celtic music, the Irish ensemble Danu presents "**Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Eirinn**" on



"Swingin' Christmas," the Broadway Palm Theatre



"The Motown Experience," the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall



"The Great Russian Nutcracker," the Van Wezel in Sarasota

Monday night, Dec. 16, at the Van Wezel in Sarasota. The ensemble, fronted by Muriann Nic Amhlaioibh and joined by special guests, will perform Christmas music from their homeland. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org.

Jazz, smooth and serious

■ Seeing Grammy-nominated saxophonist **Dave Koz & Friends** perform Christmas songs smooth-jazz style is a holiday tradition for many. It's also a tradition for Mr. Koz, who's been doing this for 16 years. This time, he's joined by singer Oleta Adams, contemporary jazz/gospel artist Jonathan Butler and pianist/composer/producer Keiko Matui. They perform Friday night, Nov. 29, at the Van Wezel in Sarasota. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org.

■ **The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**, led by Grammy Award-winning trumpeter and managing/artistic director Wynton Marsalis, swings

through Florida for a number of holiday-flavored concerts.

Joined by singer Cecile McLorin Salvant, they start off at the Van Wezel on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org. The following night, they perform at Artis—Naples. Call 597-1900 or go to www.artisnaples.org. And on Thursday, Dec. 19, Mr. Marsalis and band will play at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. Call (561) 832-7469 or go to www.kravis.org.

Nutcrackers

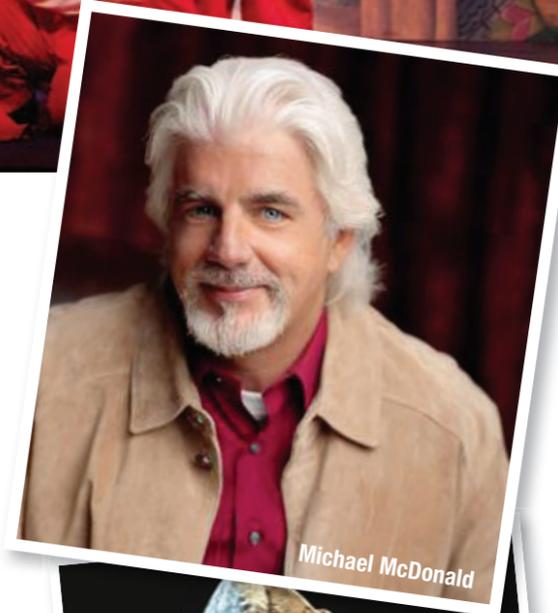
If seeing "The Nutcracker" is your holiday entertainment tradition, you have a number of productions from which to choose this year.

■ The **Miami City Ballet's** production of "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker" runs Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at Artis—Naples. The Naples Philharmonic accompanies. Call 597-1900 or go to www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Naples Ballet** presents adult dancers and students from several area ballet academies in "The Nutcracker" Dec. 14-15 at Gulf Coast High School. Call 732-1000 or visit www.tututix.com.

■ The Sarasota Ballet, accompanied by The Sarasota Orchestra, presents "**John Ringling's Circus Nutcracker**" at the Van Wezel with three performances Dec. 20-21. In this special version of the time-honored story, Clara runs away to Sarasota with the circus. Call (941) 359-0099, ext. 101, or go to www.SarasotaBallet.org.

■ The Moscow Ballet's "**Great Russian Nutcracker**" comes to the Van Wezel in Sarasota for two performances on Dec. 29. Call (941) 953-3368 or go to www.vanwezel.org. The troupe brings the show to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Dec. 30. Call 481-4849 or go to www.bbmannpah.com.



Michael McDonald



Florida Rep's "Santaland Diaries"

The Uncategorizable

■ The comedy duo of Compton & Bennett, creators of "Assisted Living: The Musical" and "FleaBitten: A Day at the Flea Market," presents "**Grandma's Christmas Goose**" Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits in North Naples. The show is described as "a tribute to the excess, duress and unfulfilled desires that simmer within us all at this time of year." "Grandma's Christmas Goose" can be enjoyed with or without dinner at Fred's as part of the evening. Call 431-7928, or e-mail ComptonAndBennett@aol.com.

■ David Sedaris' "**The Santaland Diaries**" returns to Florida Repertory Theatre's ArtStage Studio Theatre in downtown Fort Myers for the fifth year in a row, Dec. 18-29. The one-man show stars Jason Parrish as Mr. Sedaris, a man who's so desperate for a job he signs up to be an elf at Macy's — a job for which he's astoundingly ill-suited. Mr. Parrish not only plays Crummet the Elf, but other Macy's elves, Santas, befuddled children and parents with attitude. "The Santaland Diaries" has become somewhat of a tradition for those who enjoy the spirit of non-saccharine Christmas fare. Call 332-4488 or go to www.floridarep.org.

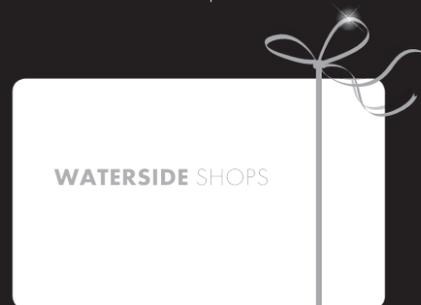
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Theater

■ **Our Town** – By The Naples Players through Dec. 21 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Collected Stories** – Through Dec. 7 by Florida Repertory Theatre in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas** – Through Dec. 25 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. \$28-\$49. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Swingin' Christmas** – Through Dec. 25 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Nov. 28

■ **Gobbler Dash** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts the Gobble Gobble Four Miler walk or run and Lil' Gobbler Dash for children starting at 7:35 a.m. Participants in Thanksgiving attire will receive a special gift. www.gobblegobblefourmiler.com.

■ **Turkey & Tunes** – Jebry puts on a special Jazz Jam for the holiday from 3-6 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun and Spirits. Fred's will offer a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Friday, Nov. 29

■ **Muck Around** – Guided swamp walks take place today and Nov. 30 in the wet wilderness behind Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Preserve gallery off U.S. 41 in Ochopee. Mr. Butcher will be in the gallery for conversation and signatures. \$50 for adults; \$25 for ages 18 and younger. Reservations required. 695-2428 or www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com.

■ **Tree Lighting** – The Village on Venetian Bay holds its annual tree lighting from 5-8 p.m. with music, face painting, photos with Santa and more. www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Piano Tunes** – Larry Moss performs from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7138.

■ **See You at Stan's** – Rasta Roni & Pappa Rasta perform from 6-10 p.m. at Stan's Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or www.standsidlehour.net.

■ **Date Night** – Sur La Table in Mercato holds a couples cooking class focusing on Asian Flavors at 7 p.m. \$48.96 per person. (800) 243-0852 or www.surlatable.com.



Harmon-Meek Gallery introduces a new exhibition of contemporary American masters (including Robert Natkin's "Hitchcock Series-Blue," above). Other artists represented include Byron Browne, Jon Corbino and Stanton MacDonald-Wright. The show hangs through Dec. 13. 599 Ninth St. N. 261-2637 or www.harmonmeekgallery.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – Porky's Restaurant & Lounge presents Rockin' Horse from 8-11 p.m. 701 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 394-8727 or www.porkysonmarco.com.

■ **Last Laugh** – The Old Naples Comedy Club presents BJ Odom Comedy & Magic, Rick Walters and Brian Corrion at 8:30 p.m. tonight and Nov. 30. \$15 per person. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

■ **Funny Guy** – Todd Bridges takes the stage tonight through Dec. 1 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehook-comedy.com.

■ **Little Bar Jam** – Rod MacDonald and Rex Blazer perform at the Little Bar Restaurant in Goodland on Marco Island this evening. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.com.

Saturday, Nov. 30

■ **Nutcracker Ballet** – Miami City Ballet performs "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker" at 2 and 8 p.m. today and at 1 p.m. Dec. 1 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Piano Tunes** – Lynn Carol tickles the ivories at Capers Kitchen & Bar from 6-9 p.m. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7138.



The Esplanade on Marco Island makes way for a Canine Christmas Parade 5-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3. And as if dogs in Santa hats weren't entertaining enough, Larry D will provide live music to add to the festive atmosphere. 389-1265.

■ **Live Tunes** – The Raiford Starke band performs at Joanie's Blue Crab Café from 2-5 p.m. today and Nov. 24. 39395 Tamiami Trail E. 695-2682 or www.joaniesbluecrabcafe.com.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 7-8 p.m. and Milogna from 8-11 p.m. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabllorepuntango.com.

■ **More Music** – The Ex-Bachelors perform from 9:30 p.m. to midnight at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

■ **More Tunes** – Devon Meyers performs at Vandy's & 5 Brothers on Marco Island starting at 11:30 p.m. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

Sunday, Dec. 1

■ **Yoga in the Garden** – Naples Botanical Garden presents an outdoor yoga class from 10-11 a.m. \$10 for Garden members, \$15 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Strike Up the Band** – The Naples Concert Band presents a free concert beginning at 2 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. The program includes a selection of Chanukah and Christmas tunes. www.naplesconcertband.org.

■ **Afternoon Jazz** – Jazz in the Garden returns to Naples Botanical Garden with The Stu Shelton Trio from 2-4 p.m. Free for Garden members, \$12.95 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Monday, Dec. 2

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "Seraphine" at 7 p.m. \$9. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Jazz Jam** – Jebry and her jazz friends perform from 6-9 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Bonnie Raitt** – Artis—Naples welcomes Grammy Award-winning blues artist Bonnie Raitt at 8 p.m. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Tuesday, Dec. 3

■ **Canine Christmas** – The Esplanade hosts a Canine Christmas Parade featuring pets in their most festive outfits from 5-7:30 p.m. Entertainment by Larry D. 389-1265.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

■ **Book Signing** – Author Robert Macomber visits Sunshine Booksellers for a discussion and signing of his new book “Honors Rendered” at 2 p.m. 677 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-0353.

■ **Champers & Oysters** – Decanted Wines hosts an evening of oysters perfectly paired with six premium Champagnes from 5-7 p.m. Reservations required. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-1814 or www.decantedwines.com.

■ **Art Alive** – Art Alliance Naples in the Naples Art District (north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road) invites the public to enjoy artist demonstrations and more from 5-8 p.m. Free. 821-1061.

■ **Dancing Under the Stars** – Top instructors from Arthur Murray Dance Studios of Naples teach new steps under the stars at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. www.mercatoshops.com.

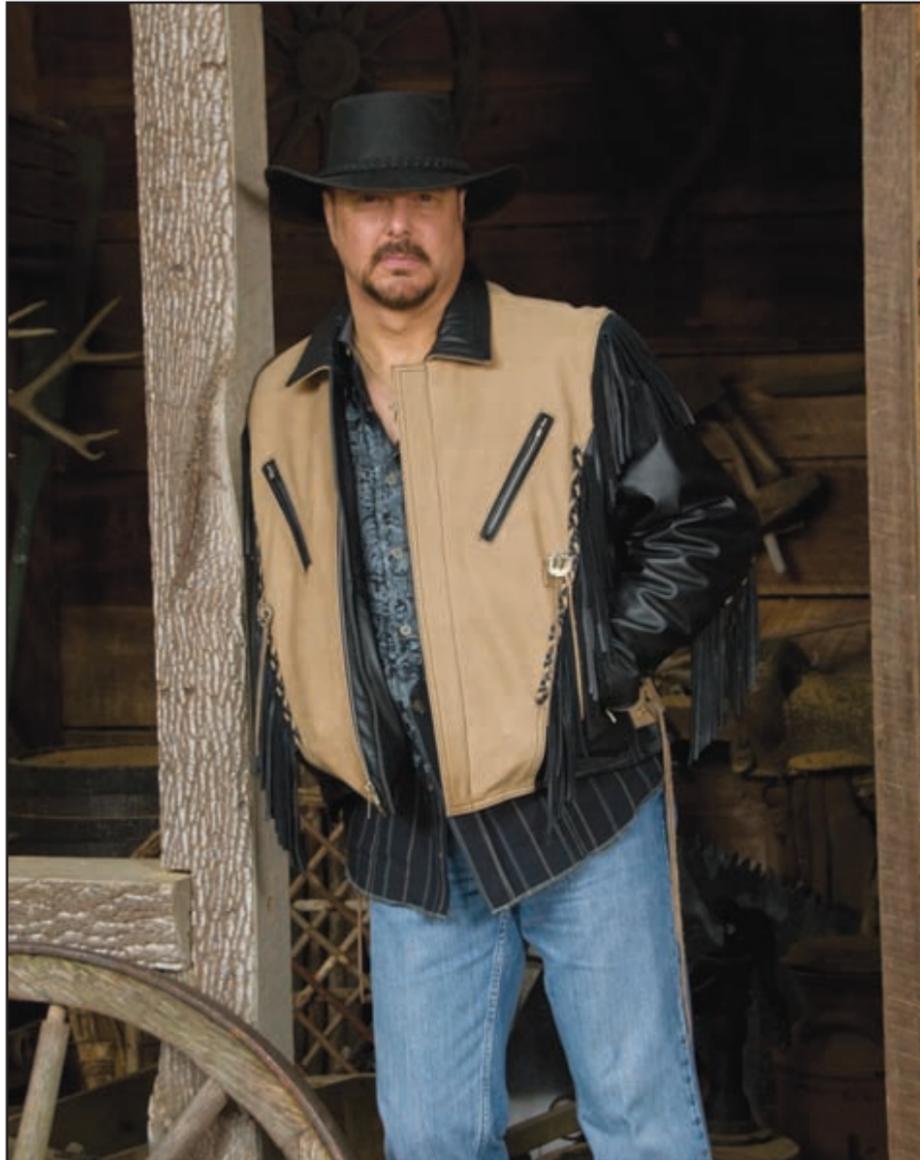
Coming up

■ **Funny Guy** – Ahmed Ahmed takes the stage Dec. 5-8 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

■ **Tree Lighting** – Fifth Avenue South hosts the 39th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting ceremony from 5-9:30 p.m. Dec. 5. Activities include holiday performances by local schools, dance troupes and more. www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

■ **Cook's Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a “Comfort Foods Made Healthy” class from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 5. \$50. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenas.com.

■ **Music at Mercato** – Mercato presents a free concert with the soulful blues and rock 'n' roll sounds of Victor Wainwright from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5. www.mercatoshops.com.



Grammy award-winning country music star Mike Brookshire, above, performs a free concert from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Riverwalk at Tin City.

■ **Grandma's Christmas Goose** – By Compton & Bennett at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits Dec. 5, 12 and 19. \$39.95 per person. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or comptonandbenett@aol.com.

■ **Celebration of Lights** – Ave Maria celebrates the season with the annual Celebration of Lights event from 5-9 p.m. Dec. 6. Activities include an outdoor skating garden, stage performances by local youth and school organizations, vintage autos from the Cool Cruiser Car Club, and more. 352-3903 or www.ave-maria.com.

■ **Champagne Tasting** – Tony's Off Third hosts its 15th annual Champagne & Sparkler Tasting from 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 6. \$28 per person. 1300 Third St. S. 262-7999 or www.tonysoffthird.com.

■ **Deck the Halls** – Mercato hosts its holiday tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Dec. 6. in the piazza outside The Second Cup. NBC-2's Krista Fogelsong emcees. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Winning Plays** – Etc... Readers' Theatre of The Naples Players presents readings of its 10th annual New Play Contest winners at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6-7 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$10. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Breakfast with Santa** – The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples hosts breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. Dec. 7-8. Reservations required. 260-1600 or e-mail education@cmon.org.

■ **Snow Fest** – Collier County Parks & Recreation hosts “Snowfest” at Golden Gate Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7. The event features 100 tons of snow along with winter activities. \$2 per person. www.snowfest-naples.com.

■ **Jazz on the Green** – Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center and Edison State College present a free concert by the Danny Sinoff Quartet from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 8 on the green behind Building M at ESC. 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway. 775-2800 or www.bayshorecapa.org.

■ **Home for the Holidays** – Voices of Naples community chorus presents “Home for the Holidays” at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Freewill offering. 777 Mooring Line Drive. 455-2582 or www.voicesof-naples.org.

■ **Holiday Rock-n-Roll** – JT Musical Productions presents “Johnny T's Holiday Rock-n-Roll Review” starring Terry Johnson & The Flamingos at 6 and 8 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$45 per person. 263-7990.

■ **Local History** – Local author Marya Repko discusses the history of the Everglades and the efforts to restore what remains of the unique ecology at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at Collier Seminole State Park. 20200 Tamiami Trail E. 394-3397.

■ **Artist Party** – The Artist's Gallery on Marco Island hosts “It's a Holly Jolly Artists Party” showcasing works by local artists from 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 11. 784-4436 or www.bettynewmanart.com.

■ **Piano Rock** – A special piano-based rock performance by John Ondrasik of Five for Fighting takes place on the lawn outside Mercato's Bravo! at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. Mr. Ondrasik is best known for the Top 40 hits “Superman,” “100 Years” and “The Riddle.” www.mercatoshops.com. ■

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Theatre CONSPIRACY

"Becky Shaw" is one strange play.

Toward the end of the second act, when Suzanna (Denise Scott) moans, "I'm so confused," I thought: "Me too, sister!"

Theatre Conspiracy, where "Becky Shaw" is playing through Dec. 15, is known for putting on offbeat fare.

But this production doesn't seem off-beat as much as off-rhythm.

The dialogue moved forward in a herky-jerky manner. Throughout the show, something just felt off. The pieces were there, but they weren't fitting together. I kept trying to decide if it was the production, the pacing or the play itself — or a combination of the three.

Of course, it's always risky to have a character as abrasive as Max (Mike Breen) in a play. He's prickly, bullying, manipulative and devoid of any empathy. When he dates women, he discards them after three months. In the opening scene, he mocks his adopted sister for mourning fairly recent death of her father.

Mr. Breen is perfect at playing by-the-book people — detectives, cops, federal agents, etc. — who see the world in black and white. His Max is so reprehensible that you totally dislike him from the start. He's so hostile and brutish, your hatred only grows as the action progresses.

When Suzanna declares at one point,

"I think I'm revolted by Max!" I totally agreed.

"Becky Shaw" is supposed to be a romantic comedy with edge, but this production contains little humor and not much romance. On opening night, there were long stretches where no one laughed much, though every so often a good line hit a funny bone. (This is also not a play for children; there's a ton of adult language.)

The plot is somewhat difficult to explain. It's about a blind date that goes awry, but it's also about complicated family and romantic relationships, economic necessities, manipulation, boundaries and how much truth any relationship can bear.

Becky Shaw (Tera Nicole Miller) is a single woman who works with Suzanna's husband, Andrew (Christopher Brent). Suzanna and Andrew set Becky up on a blind date with Max — which, of course, turns out to be a disaster. (How could any date with Max be otherwise?)

Ms. Miller plays Becky with some complexity, so we're never quite sure if she's a victim or a manipulator, or perhaps just someone who's extremely needy. She keeps us guessing. (It has been suggest-

ed playwright Gina Gionfriddo based the character on Thackeray's social-climbing Becky Sharp from the classic "Vanity Fair.") I especially liked her opening scene, when she arrives for her blind date in a pink party dress better suited for a 4-year-old.

As Suzanna's mother, Susan, Kim Crow rules every scene she's in. Think of the most loving, nurturing mother you know. Susan is the direct opposite. Her scenes are small, but she makes the most of them. And on opening night, she received the most laughs when she talked about the necessity of having "pockets of privacy" within a marriage.

Ms. Scott's character is like Alice in Wonderland, only she's fallen down the rabbit hole into an upside down world of family dysfunction. (So what does Suzanna do? She gets a graduate degree in psychology and becomes a therapist!)

I wish director Karen Goldberg had guided her actors to have more nuance to their characters. Perhaps they would've received more laughs. I also wished for more exciting staging; at times it felt as if everyone was just standing around talking or exchanging pages of dialogue.

It's possible the cast was thrown by the lighting difficulties on opening night.

The set, by Bill Taylor, looked fine to me: blue walls divided into rectangles of various sizes by white lines, as if a blueprint, with wooden squares, ovals and rectangles representing paintings, mirrors and furniture.

But the walls were translucent scrims backed with LED lights; the walls were supposed to change color with each new locale, but the lights weren't working.

"Becky Shaw," which had its world premiere at Actors Theatre of Louisville's Humana Festival of New American Plays and its New York premiere Off-Broadway at Second Stage Theatre, was a 2009 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

But this production, unfortunately, doesn't reflect what the play is possibly capable of. It feels as if it aspires to be an "August: Osage County" or "God of Carnage," but it's not even half as funny or deep.

This production of "Becky Shaw" had moments and actors I liked, but as a whole, it doesn't hold together or excite. ■

in the know

"Becky Shaw"

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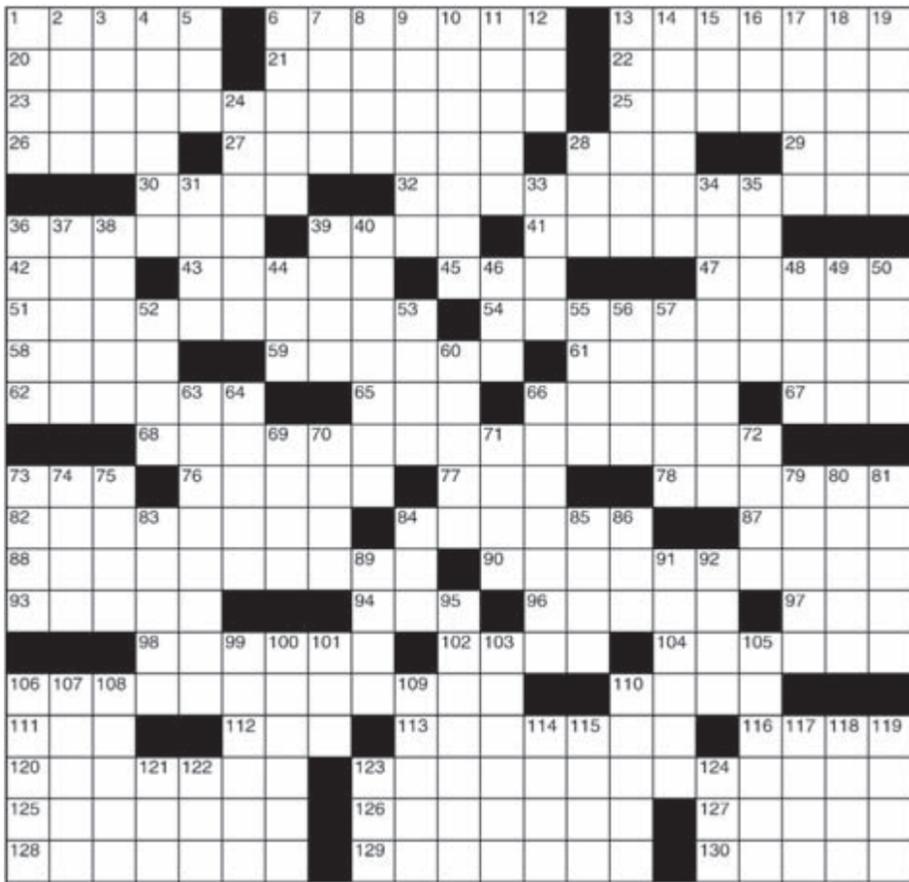
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| | 31 Little kiss | | 72 Notre — |
| | 33 "I did it!" | | 73 — and aahs |
| | 34 Amino acid supplement popular with bodybuilders | | 74 Leg bender |
| | 35 Prefix with fit | | 75 Chair or pew |
| | 36 — -Croatian | | 79 Chain of hills |
| | | | 80 Musician |
| | | | 81 Fungi in a supermarket |
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◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated

when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives. ■

By Linda Thistle



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"The Book Thief" starts and ends with sadness, and has sadness at all stops in between. Since it's a World War II movie set in Germany, the sadness is no surprise. What does surprise, however, is how the story feels fresh while covering familiar territory.

This is not a typical war movie by any means. There's nothing groundbreaking here, but it's a heartfelt, solid drama for people who like to see a good story told well.

Early in the film, young Liesel (Sophie Nélisse) is adopted by Hans (Geoffrey Rush) and Rosa (Emily Watson), a German couple who don't have much to offer besides bad soup and strict rules.

Liesel befriends boy-next-door Rudy (Nico Liersch) and gradually settles into her new, modest life. Soon a Jewish teenager named Max (Ben Schnetzer) comes to live in their basement during the Holocaust. As Liesel learns to read, she also learns the value of secrecy, words and literature, which leads her to read books (that she steals from a Nazi officer, hence the title) such as "The Invisible Man," a symbolic choice for sure during her time with Max.

Michael Petroni's adaptation of Australian author Markus Zusak's best-selling novel nicely captures Liesel's confusion at the events around her. Why, she thinks, would Max have to hide in the basement, would Nazi leaders burn books in the town square, and would certain individuals have to fear for their lives? Ms. Nélisse skillfully allows her character Liesel's unabashed youth and naïveté to expose moral corruption with startling clarity. Mr. Rush and Ms. Watson are also stellar in supporting roles; at the risk of taking them for granted, we expect nothing less.

For the life of me, however, one thing about this film just doesn't make sense: It's set in Germany, so the characters should be all rights be speaking German. But the movie is Americanized (because mainstream American audiences hate subtitles), so everyone speaks English. Fine. Inexplicably, though, the street

signs and the words "yes," "no," and "thank you" are in German, as we hear "ja," "nein," and "danke" (respectively) quite often. If you can explain why this inconsistency is necessary, you are my hero.

Director Brian Percival's film drags a bit in the middle, and the ending is abrupt in addition to being full of pathos. Quibbles aside, it's nonetheless unusual to see a war movie from a child's perspective, and the fact that it's handled with gentility and unflinching honesty is admirable.

Liesel might not be overtly rooting for the Nazis, but she also doesn't want her home, country, family or friends



destroyed, which means she kind of has to root for the Nazis or risk losing everything. And yet we still root for her, because she is an innocent whose sympathetic presence and capacity for good outweigh her guilty-by-association circumstance.

"The Book Thief" is not a story for kids, but adults and young teens should find virtue in Liesel's character, relate to her and, hopefully, learn something along the way. A bold story told with strength and conviction, it deserves to be seen. ■

in the know
>> "The Book Thief" novel was on The New York Times Bestseller List for seven years.

CAPSULES

The Best Man Holiday

★★★★½

(Taye Diggs, Nia Long, Morris Chestnut) Old friends — and old issues — reunite for the holiday season in this sequel to "The Best Man" (1999). It's a well-rounded, thoughtful, funny and heartfelt look at a group of African-American friends caught in between the exuberance of youth and oncoming mid-life crises. Rated R.

Last Vegas

★★★★

(Michael Douglas, Kevin Kline, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman) Four old friends reunite in Las Vegas when Billy (Mr. Douglas) decides to marry someone half his age. The veteran Oscar-winning actors share affable chemistry in this genuinely funny film. Rated PG-13.

Thor: The Dark World

(Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman) Thor (Mr. Hemsworth) must save Jane (Ms. Portman) and protect the universe from a long-thought-dead Dark Elf named Malakith (Christopher Eccleston). The action is rousing, the comic relief is spot on, and there's no doubt that Thor's movies are the best of the Avengers' individual efforts. Rated PG-13.

Diana

(Naomi Watts, Naveen Andrews, Douglas Hodge) In the last two years of her life, Princess Diana (Ms. Watts) has an affair with a Pakistani heart surgeon (MR. Andrews) in London. The premise is interesting, but Diana is too one-dimensional to carry our sympathy, and there's little chemistry between Ms. Watts and Mr. Andrews. Rated PG-13. ■

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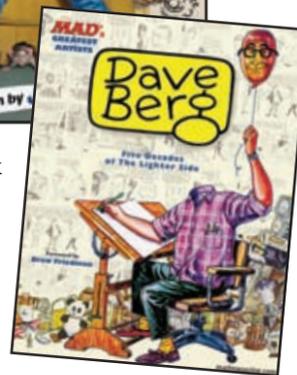
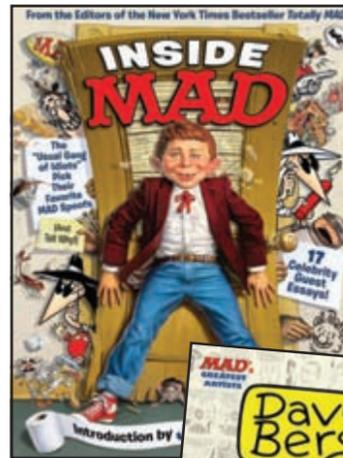
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"Inside Mad" highlights many of the classic spoofs by such legendary writers and artists as Jack Davis, Drew Friedman, Dick DeBartolo and others. Its 17 celebrity essays include contributions by Roseanne Barr, Whoopi Goldberg and Ken Burns, who reveal what it was like to be lampooned in its pages. As a bonus, "Inside Mad" also serves up an all-new, specially commissioned gatefold poster by Sergio Aragones, and a never-before-reprinted Alfred E.

Neuman pop art poster.

Some favorite features include "Will Success Spoil Charley Brown," a classic by Jack Rickard and Larry Siegel; the outrageous "Baseball at the Bat"; "A Mad Look At Other Uses for Live Lobsters"; and "Clodumbo," lampooning the TV detective. This is great stuff.

The second book, "Dave Berg," highlights the work of one of Mad's most popular artists. Berg spent 50 years at Mad and was responsible for one of the magazine's most popular features, "The Lighter Side Of..." In addition to presenting his best work chronologically, there is a rare 1970 interview with the artist.



These two volumes illustrate many American humor at its wackiest. Anyone who grew up with "Mad" should rejoice. For those who aren't familiar with it, my advice is to grab the books, settle back and be prepared for a delightful shock. ■



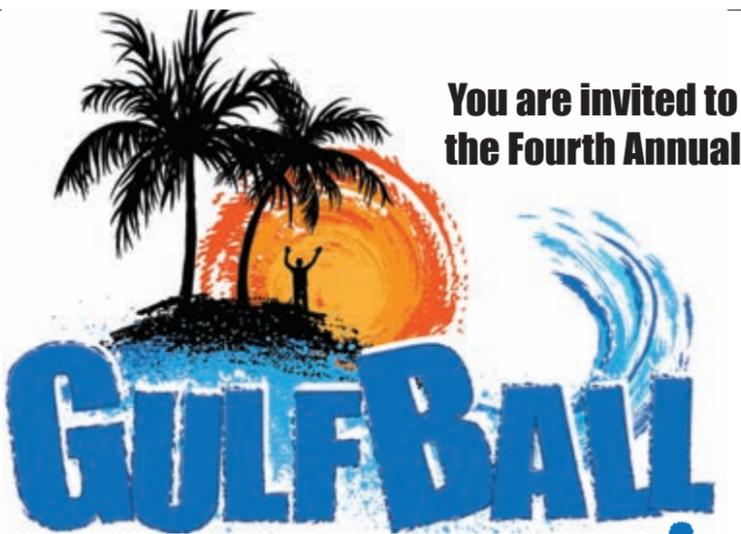
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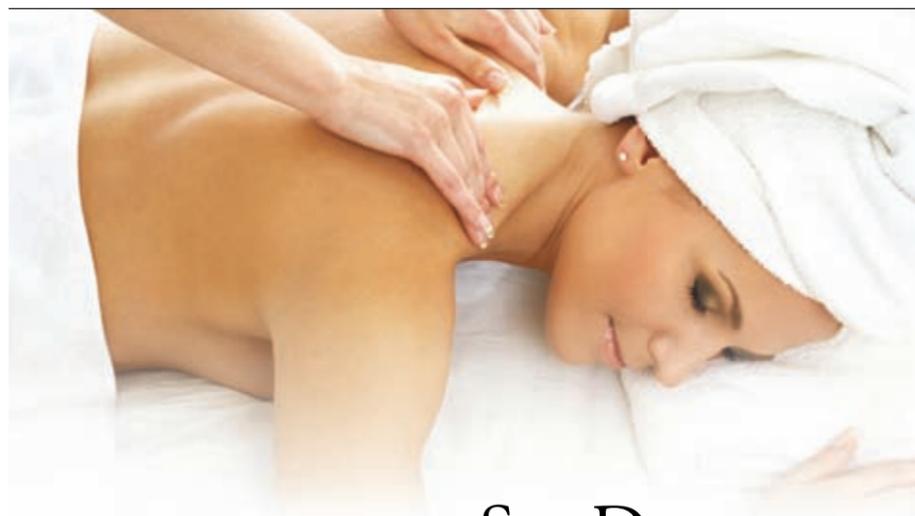
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Magician, psychic, FBI consultant Peter Warlock is back



■ **“Shadow People” by James Swain. TOR. 352 pages. \$25.99.**

This is the second in Mr. Swain’s arresting series that features youthful psychic/magician Peter Warlock in blood-curdling thriller plots.

Peter is more than your everyday psychic, as demonic forces can overcome and transform him, charging him with rage and superhuman physical strength. Most often, his better nature allows him



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to bend that force to the good, but there’s always the chance that he’ll turn into an uncontrollable menace.

Besides working his regular, sold-out magic shows in Manhattan, Peter often uses his psychic powers to assist the FBI. This time out, he’s in league with FBI agent Garrison to foil a serial killer before he murders his next target. Driven to kill those who do good in the world, this madman has lured a young woman to meet him under false, but convincing pretenses. The clock is ticking.

What Peter seeks is normality. He wants fulfilling human relationships. He wants to be truthful, rather than having to hide his background, his tainted legacy and his frightening talents. He wants to be deserving of beautiful Liza, the young woman he has allowed to enter his life to a deeper level than any other woman has.

Peter has the ability to enter the spirit world, which in the author’s imagination is not a desirable place; in fact, it might not be a place at all, but rather a state of being.

Peter is threatened at the outset of the novel by the Shadow People, who give him a glimpse of the future that includes the serial killer’s purpose and plan. The killer in turn is connected to the evil Order of Astrum, a group of demonic figures who murdered Peter’s parents.

Enough plot lines? Indeed. But there’s more.

The young psychic Holly, niece of one of the psychic elders who stand in place of family for Peter, has a huge crush on him. Holly violates all the protocols of witch and psychic behavior by constantly spying (“scrying”) on Peter and otherwise making his life difficult. How can he resolve this without hurting her?

The pursuit of the serial killer provides fascinating and often gruesome action. The battles between good and

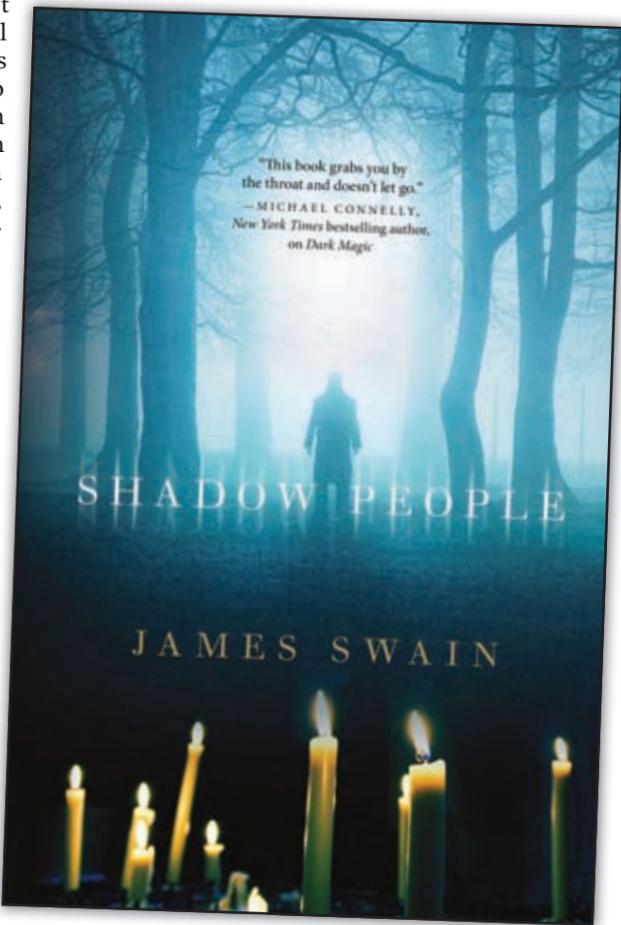
evil are not pretty, and Mr. Swain manipulates his readers into a stunning “suspension of disbelief” in conjuring up scary scenes both in this palpable world and the “other world” where souls and spirits reside. As with Jonathan Swift’s success in “Gulliver’s Travels,” the key is in making the central character so credible that we believe his experiences could happen because he knows that they did — and we believe in him.

There is something pleasantly cartoonish about the characterizations and settings. I mean this in a positive sense. Scenes in the Peter Warlock novels could make great graphic novels. Mr. Swain also injects a vein of humor. He encourages us to have fun with the mythology he fashions, whether we find it credible or not.

The author’s comfortable and variegated portrayal of contemporary New York City and its environs — this time a slice of Westchester County — is one of the many charms of “Shadow People.” Mr. Swain has found a winning formula at the intersection of fantasy and thriller fiction.

About the author

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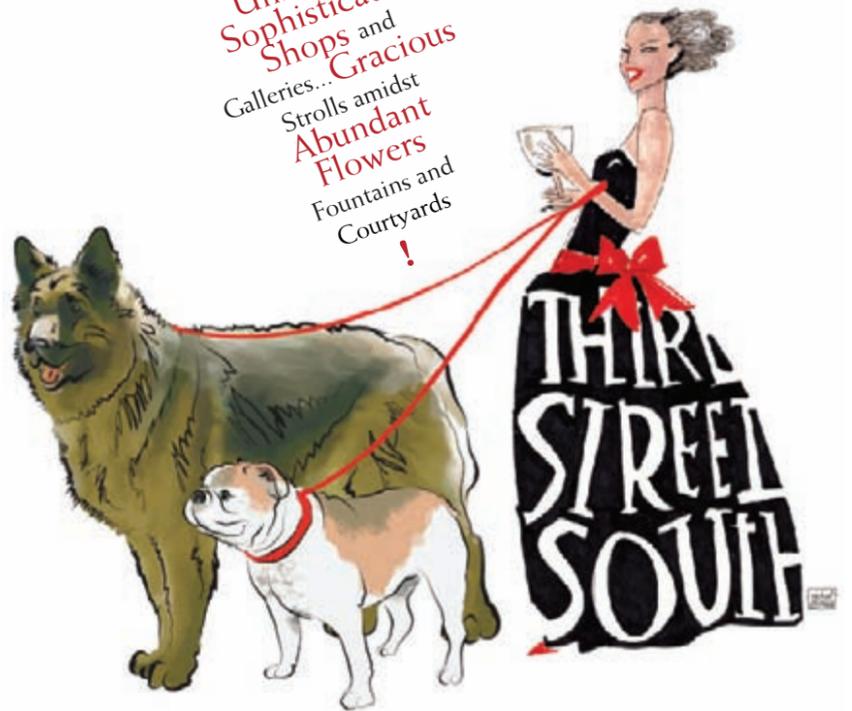


national bestselling author of 15 thrillers. His novels have been translated into many languages and chosen as Mysteries of the Year by Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews. He has received three Barry Award nominations, a Florida Book Award for fiction, and the prestigious Prix Calibre .38 for Best American Crime Writing. An avid magician for most of his life, he has written extensively about the subject. ■

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Bottle collections inspire adventurous modern art

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL
 Special to Florida Weekly

The ancient Greeks collected bottles, but only a few wealthy American collectors were buying bottles in the early 1900s. At the time, only commercial flasks that held whiskey and a few other hand-blown bottles were considered important.

Probably the earliest book for bottle collectors was written in 1921 by Stephen Van Rensselaer. In 1941, George and Helen McKearin wrote "American Bottles" and created a system of identification that listed, numbered, described and sketched all known historic American flasks.

Bottle collecting became a hobby of the middle class in the 1950s. Valuable bottles were dug from backyards and river banks or found at resale shops or yard sales. The first collectors club, the Antique Bottle Collectors Association of California, started in 1959.

By the 1960s, articles on old bottles were being published in magazines and books. Kovels' "Bottles Price List," written in 1971, was the first of 13 editions. We wrote the last in 2006. Interest in bottles has gone up and down during the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s, but clubs, shows and collections remain. Prices of historic flasks have gone from less than \$100 to thousands of dollars. Fruit jars, soda bottles, commemorative bottles, perfumes, poi-

sons and inks attracted new collectors.

But who would have guessed that old bottles could become part of modern art? Amateurs could buy kits that helped them take old bottles and stretch them into elongated modern shapes. Early 1900s bottles were turned purple by exposure to the sun or radiation. Claire Falkenstein became famous for sculptures made from iron rods and drooping bottles. An English artist, Barry McGee, made modern art from bottles he painted with pictures of heads. He chose empty whiskey bottles to picture street people. His bottle art sells for thousands of dollars.

Still, the most expensive commercial bottles today remain the historic flasks. Rarities can sell for more than \$40,000.

Q: A few months ago, my husband and I bought a mahogany bookcase with four leaded glass doors at an estate sale. It's about 54 inches high, 66 inches wide and 12 inches deep. There is a small brass plaque on one of the shelves that reads "Library Bureau Sole Makers." Can you give us the history of this bookcase?

A: Library Bureau was founded by Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), a librarian and the inventor of the Dewey Decimal Classification System used by many libraries today. He published his system in 1876, the same year he



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town in France, from 1906 until 1916, producing their own designs as well as works by other artists. In 1916 they moved to nearby Luneville. Your vase, marked "Mougin Nancy," was made between 1906 and 1916.

Q: I have a 9½-inch Orrefors decanter decorated with an etching called "Susanna bathing with the old men watching her." I can't find any information about it. Do you know what it's worth?

A: Orrefors, a Swedish glassworks, has been in business since 1898. It has made many styles of decorative and useful glass. The story of Susanna bathing is an apocryphal chapter in the Bible's book of Daniel. The story, about a pair of old men trying to blackmail a virtuous young woman, has been the basis of many pieces of artwork throughout the centuries. It is likely your decanter isn't yet an antique (100 years old), but in 1993 one like it auctioned at Christie's for \$690.

Tip: Never store celluloid jewelry with metal or rhinestone jewelry. Celluloid ages and gives off an acidic gas that eats metal. The metal will become pitted and greenish. Celluloid "disease" also attacks pearls, paper and other organic materials. Store celluloid by itself. ■

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. By sending a letter with a question, you give full permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. The amount of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.



Three empty whisky bottles and three metal wall brackets plus the imagination of a modern artist made this artwork by Barry McGee. The untitled piece sold for \$6,875 in October 2013 at Los Angeles Modern Auctions.

Q: I have a ceramic vase marked "Mougin Nancy" and "J. Mougin.dc." It has been in our family for more than 60 years. I would like to know who made it.

A: The marks on your vase were used by Joseph Mougin (1876-1961). Joseph and his brother, Pierre, were French sculptors and ceramists known for their Art Nouveau and Art Deco designs. They worked in Nancy, a

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There's still time to tune up for Naples Players auditions

The Naples Players holds auditions for the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 9-10, at the Sugden Community Theatre. All tryouts are by appointment.

Winner of five Tony Awards, the play begins when a die-hard musical fanatic tries to ease his blues by playing his favorite 1920s cast album of "The Drowsy Chaperone," the story of a Broadway starlet who wants to leave it all behind for love. This show-within-a-show is complete with comic vaudeville gangsters, mistaken identities, rousing anthems, dream sequences and whole lot of spit-takes resulting in a riotous parody of 1920s screwball comedy.

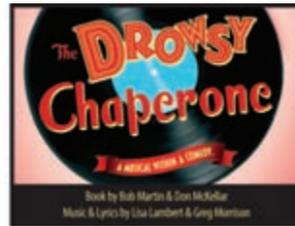
The script calls for seven principal men, ages 25-60, one principal man age 30-60, and five principal women, ages 25-60.

Those auditioning should come prepared to sing 32 bars of a song to a recording without vocals or to the provided accompanist (bring sheet music). The Naples Players has a small library of show tunes that can be perused during business hours. Tryouts also involve learning a choreographed movement or dance routine.

Scripts of "The Drowsy Chaperone" are available at the box office for 72 hours perusal with a \$20 deposit. Call 263-7990 to check availability.

Rehearsals begin Jan. 13, and performances are March 4-April 5. Dallas Dunningan directs, with choreography by Dawn Lebrecht Fornara and musical direction by Charles Fornara.

For an audition appointment, call 434-7340, ext. 10. ■



Make a lunch date for theater on Marco

The Marco Players presents "Second Lady" by M. Kilburg Reedy as part of its Lunchbox Theatre series beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Marco Players Theater in Marco Town Center.

Marilyn Hilbert stars in the powerful performance piece about a fictional political wife who has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Her stories become more and more personal as she peels away rationalizations and justifications she

has accumulated over the years and confronts the truths of her life and marriage.

Ms. Hilbert has appeared many productions with The Marco Players and also with The Naples Players and the now-defunct Naples Dinner Theater.

The Lunchbox Theatre series continues with "Taste of Broadway" on Feb. 15; "Cleopatra" with Janina Birtolo, March 22; and "Julius Caesar" by the Marco Island Academy, April 5.

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The newest winning plays and playwrights, directors and casts are:

■ "Thus Saith the Angel of the Lord" by Marc Simon of Naples - Director is Annie Rosemond, and cast members are Mary Jane Jones, John Reidy and Michael Troop.

■ "Clarissa" by Carole Fenstermacher, also of Naples - Joel Banow directs the cast that consists of Joel Banow, Linda Miseur, Barbara Role and David Whalley.

■ "Waiting for My Vote" by Chuck Wood of Lehigh Acres - Bob Garnett is director, and Ed Bransilver and Keith Gahagan make up the cast.

■ "The Bridge Party" by Joan Hetzler of Naples - Director is Janina Birtolo. Cast members are Barbara Bonthron, Lori Broderick, Jan Byrne, Casey Cobb, Margo Escott, Frank Garofalo, Louise Langley, Claire McKinney and Michael Troop.

The judges awarded an Honorable Mention to Natalie King for her play "Speed."

In addition to the public readings and reception, each of the 2013 Finalists will receive a \$100 royalty and a trophy. This year's judges were Patti Caroli, Val

Kuffel and Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan.

Tickets are priced at \$10 each at the Box Office. Call 239-263-7990.

The New Plays Contest has received more than 200 qualified entries in its first 10 years. Its purpose is to encourage, recognize and promote original works by Southwest Florida playwrights. Several ETC... winners and submissions also have been presented in community theaters in Los Angeles, Chicago, Sarasota and elsewhere across the country. ■

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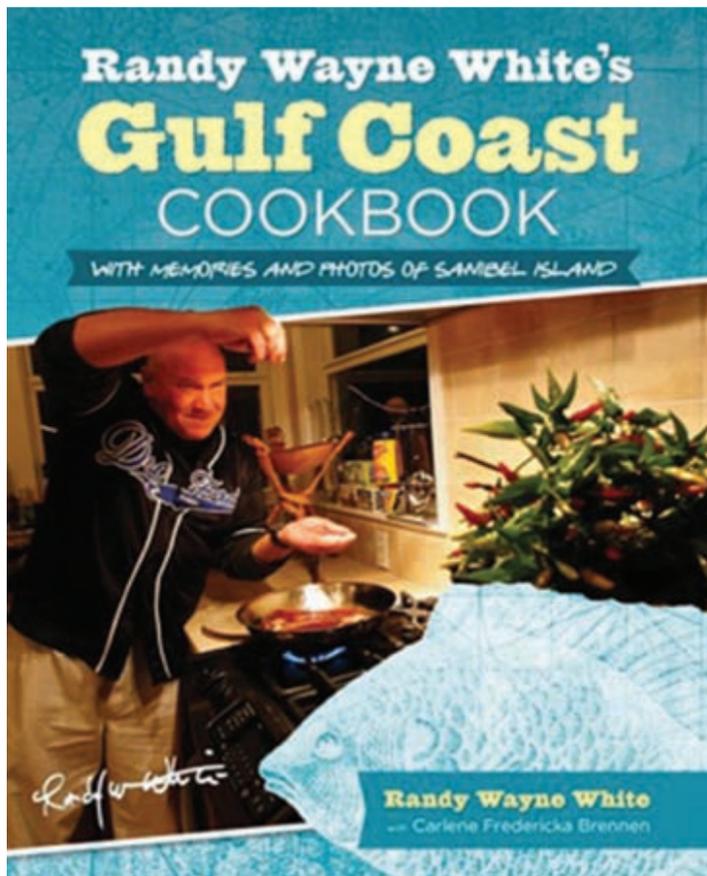
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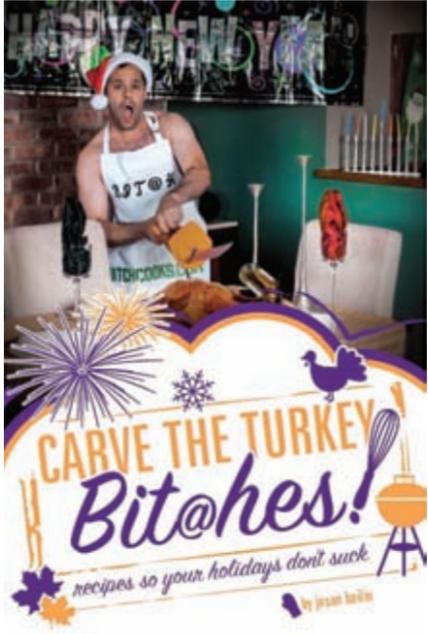
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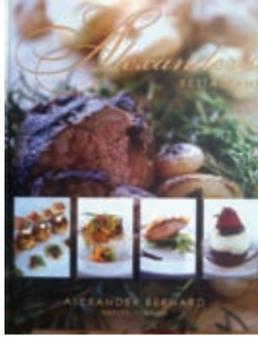
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— *Jon W., Redding, Calif.*

A: "Noah" — which also stars Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Anthony Hopkins and Logan Lerman — will flood into theaters March 28. The story is about the biblical Noah (played by Russell), his family and their quest to build the Ark to save human- and animal-kind from complete annihilation in the upcoming Great Flood. After watching the online trailers, I can tell you this is one you shouldn't miss.

Q: My sister told me that there is a remake of the movie "Flowers in the Attic" in the works. Is that true? I don't think anything can top the original movie in campiness, that's for sure!
— *Becky G., via e-mail*

A: The 1987 feature film starring Kristy Swanson, Louise Fletcher and Victoria Tennant certainly was awash in awful-movie goodness. While I don't think that can be replicated (at least I hope not), Lifetime Television is having a go at the cult favorite, based on the hit book by V.C. Andrews. On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. we'll get to see what Heather Graham, Kiernan Shipka and Ellen Burstyn do with this Gothic tale. If you're familiar with the book, I can tell you that the movie is faithful to it; they do indeed "go there." If you don't know what "there" is, you'll have to tune in to find out.



Russell Crowe as "Noah"

Q: I really enjoyed the most recent "Mission: Impossible" movie, and I loved the addition of Jeremy Renner. Are there more of these movies in the works?
— *Patrick D. in West Virginia*

A: The fifth installment in the "Mission: Impossible" franchise will premiere Christmas Day 2015. "Mission: Impossible 5" — which doesn't yet have a subtitle — will star Tom Cruise, with Jeremy Renner, Paula Patton, Simon Pegg and Ving Rhames rumored to be returning as well. The story line, as well as mention of any villains, has been kept pretty hush-hush so far, but I'll be sure to share what I find out as news begins to leak. ■

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■ The **Greater Naples YMCA** holds its ninth annual **Sneaker Ball** on Friday, Feb. 21, at Seacrest Country Day School. Proceeds will help the Y continue the rebuild and repair efforts that have been ongoing since a Labor Day fire. Guests are encouraged to wear sneakers with their black-tie optional attire. Dinner will be by Artichoke & Company and Quantem Aviation. Dance music will be by the Robert Williamson Band. The evening's Premier Sponsor and event chair is Lavern Gaynor.



Tickets range from \$150 for a single ticket to \$1,200 for a table for 10. For reservations or more information, call 289-2348 or visit www.greaternaplesymca.org.

■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** hosts its annual gala Friday, Feb. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. To the theme of **"Let the Fun Times Roll at Mardi Gras,"** guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Honorary co-chairs are Becky and John Allen; co-chairs are Janet and Blake Gable.

Tickets are \$250 per person or \$500 for patron tickets. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available. Proceeds will provide tuition assistance for the children of low-income working families attending Fun Time. For more information, call 261-8284.

■ Retired NBA professional basketball player Shaquille O'Neal and ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale will be the honored guests at the **Boys & Girls Club of Collier County's** second annual **Youth of the Year Celebration** on Monday evening, March 24, at Artis—Naples.

Tickets are \$50 per person for the program, \$1,000 per person to include dinner. Underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, call the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County at 325-1765 or visit www.bgccc.com.

■ **Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida** hold the 13th annual **Comedy Cabaret** beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Comedians Cory



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Kahaney and Jim David headline the evening's entertainment. Gold sponsors are Arthrex and the Children's Network of Southwest Florida.

Tickets are \$250 for patrons, \$175 for others. Reservations can be made by calling 262-1808 or by visiting www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.

■ The **Education Foundation-Champions For Learning** will honor Myra Janco Daniels, Stacey Herring and Adria Starkey as its **2013 Glass Slipper Award** recipients at the "Women Tomorrow" event Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, at The Club at Olde Cypress. The annual award honors local women for their passion, dedication and lifelong commitment for serving children.

Attendance at "Women Tomorrow" is by invitation only. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.Champions-ForLearning.org.

■ The third annual **Tea at The Ritz** to benefit **Make-A-Wish Southern Florida** is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The afternoon, which includes a silent auction, is a popular holiday treat for men, women and children of all ages.

This year's chair is Dylan Sanders; tea host and hostess are Craig and Kelly Chasnov. Tickets for \$100 can be purchased by calling Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or

e-mailing lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ The David Lawrence Center Young Executives hosts the 2013 Gulf Ball on Saturday, evening, Dec. 7, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Like-minded philanthropists and professionals are invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and live music by Brendon McDonnell.

Tickets are \$60 until Dec. 6 and \$65 thereafter can be purchased by calling 304-3505 or by visiting www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

■ **Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida** presents "Planting Seeds for Better Tomorrows" from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Artis—Naples. Guest speaker Kim Lear will discuss "Four Generations of Family and Philanthropy." Guests will be able to wander the center's galleries while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before the program.

The evening's sponsor is BMO Private Bank. Event co-chairs are Marvin and Carol Lader and Dr. Nat and Susan Ritter. Tickets are \$225.

JFCS is a non-sectarian social service agency. For tickets or more information, call Jaclynn Faffer at 325-4444 or e-mail jfaffer@jfcswfl.org.

■ **"Rebuilding Children's Lives,"** the fourth annual benefit luncheon for **Youth Haven**, is set for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

Guest speaker Antwone Fisher, award-winning film and literary writer, was the subject of the eponymous movie co-starring and directed by Denzel Washington. Like Youth Haven's children, Mr. Fisher's young life was scarred by abandonment and abuse. The loving support of a special therapist, friends and, ultimately, a reunion with his family, changed everything for the better.

Chair and co-chair of the 2014 luncheon are Liz Jessee and Diane McGinty. Tickets are \$300. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Aileen Carrol at 687-5155 or e-mail aileen.carroll@youthhaven.net.

■ Harmon-Meek Gallery hosts the inaugural **Visionaries of the Visual Arts** awards and benefit dinner Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Three individuals will be

recognized for their contributions to the visual arts in Southwest Florida. Keynote speaker Charles Shepard is director of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Indiana.

Tickets are \$125 per person, with proceeds benefiting art programs for children and at-risk youth in the community through the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Co-chairs are Kristine and Juliana Meek. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check made payable to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to Harmon-Meek Gallery, 599 Ninth St. N., Suite 309, Naples, FL 34102.

For more information, call the gallery at 261-2637.



■ The **David Lawrence Center and Foundation** holds its signature destination-themed gala Friday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guests at **"Under the Eiffel Tower: A Journey to 1920s Paris"** will be transported to the City of Lights in an era when soulful jazz played through the evening streets and gas-lit promenades were filled with people dancing, dining and indulging in economic prosperity and social and artistic dynamism of the day.

Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$10,000 per premier sponsor table of 10. A variety of additional sponsorship opportunities also are available.

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■ The eighth annual **Wishmaker's Ball for Make-A-Wish Southern Florida** takes place Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Hilton Naples. Engle Dentistry is the presenting sponsor of the "When You Wish Upon a Star" evening. Chairs are Jenny Foegen, Dylan Sanders and Amy Sedlacek; honored guests will be Lavern Gaynor and Michele Eddy.

This year's goal is to raise enough funds to grant 30 wishes to local children with life-threatening medical conditions. Tickets for \$225 can be purchased by calling Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or e-mailing lcolantonio@sflawish.org. Sponsorships are also still available starting at \$2,500. For more information, visit www.sflawish.org.



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■ **Charity for Change** holds its inaugural signature fundraising event, **"The 'Giver' Challenge,"** from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Vi at Bentley Village. The night of minute-to-win-it fun will include name-that-song and other games relating to the Charity for Change character education program. The safari-themed fundraiser will include an open bar, appetizers, plated dinner, deejay and silent auction. Committee members are Kathleen and John Passidomo, honorary chairs, and Beth Amico, Mary Birr, Sara Dewberry, Kathy Feinstein, Marjorie Johnson, Gordon Kellam, Joe Keith, Debbie Newman, Amy Owen, Meredith Parsons, Jackie Reesa and Brooke Stone.

The evening's title sponsor is Vi at Bentley Village, and the auction sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, call Suzanne Todd at 784-7945 or visit www.charityforchange.org.

■ The **Seven Sisters of Southwest Florida** hold their fourth annual networking social from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Galerie du Soleil in Old Naples. All alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley colleges are invited to reconnect, renew old friendships and make new ones.

Cost is \$20, and reservations are required by Jan. 30.

For more information, call Karen Kayser Benson (Mount Holyoke) at 293-0354 or e-mail kbccoach@comcast.net.

■ The **NAACP of Collier County** holds its 31st annual **Freedom Fund** banquet Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Naples. This year's Mardi Gras themed evening includes cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, music and dancing.

For tickets or more information, visit www.naacpcolliercounty.com or e-mail freedomfund@naacpcolliercounty.com.

■ The 11th annual **Neighborhood Health Clinic Block Party** takes place Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. Susan Jones, R.N., returns to chair the clinic's signature event that includes cocktails, dinner and dancing to Cahlua and Cream.

The party generates approximately 25 percent of the Neighborhood Health Clinic's annual operating budget. Using a professional volunteer staff and funded by private philanthropy, the clinic delivers medical and dental care to low-income, working but uninsured Collier County adults.

Invitations will be mailed in early January. Tickets are \$300 per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. For information, call Marsha Stefan at 529-2247 or e-mail community-outreach@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

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■ **Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida** hosts "Make the Night Bright," an evening of food and libation, silent and live auctions to benefit abused, neglected

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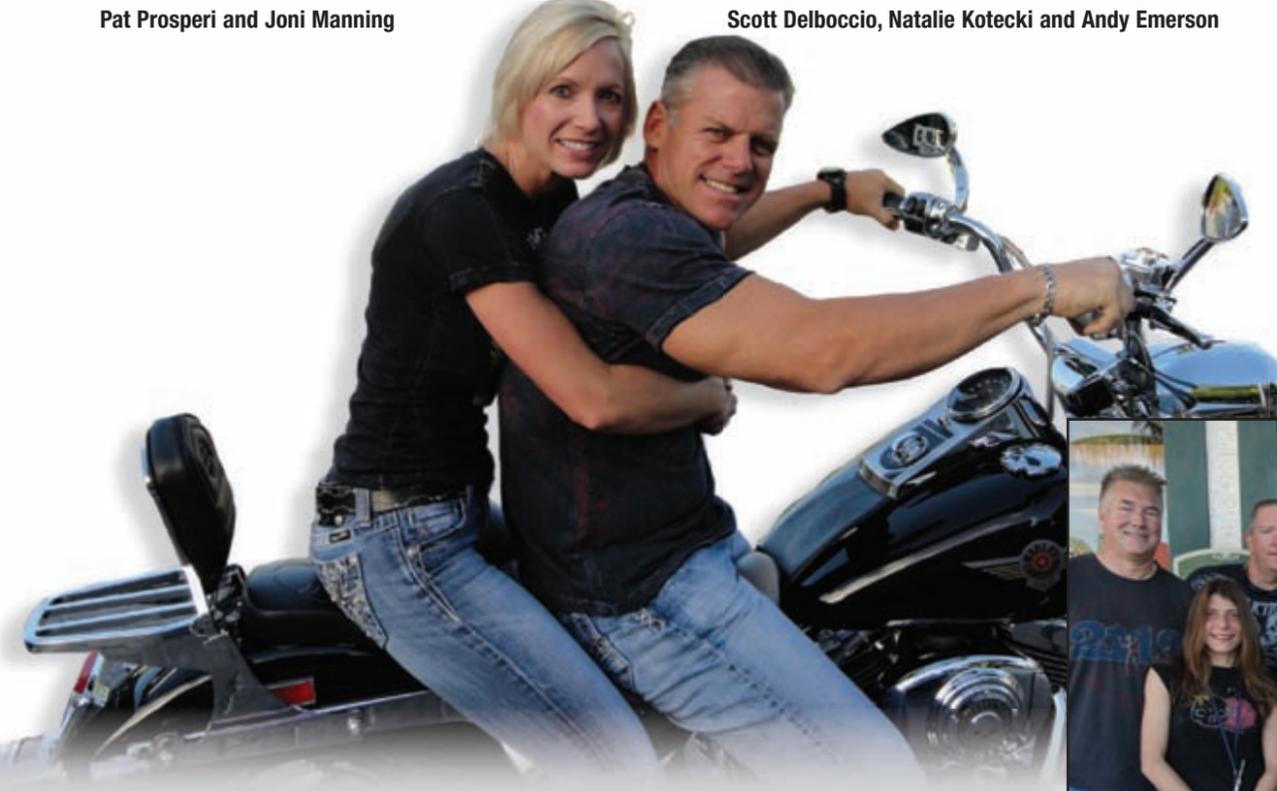
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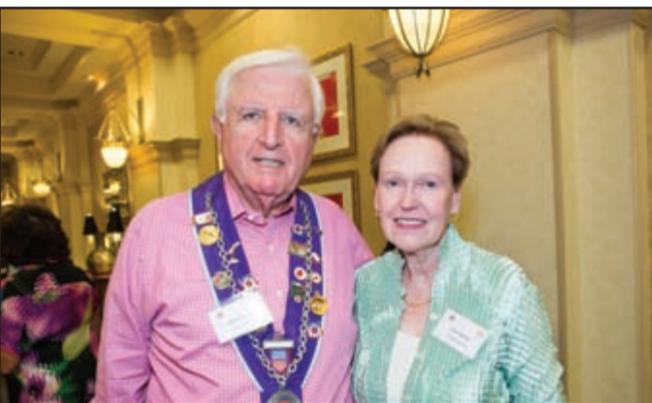
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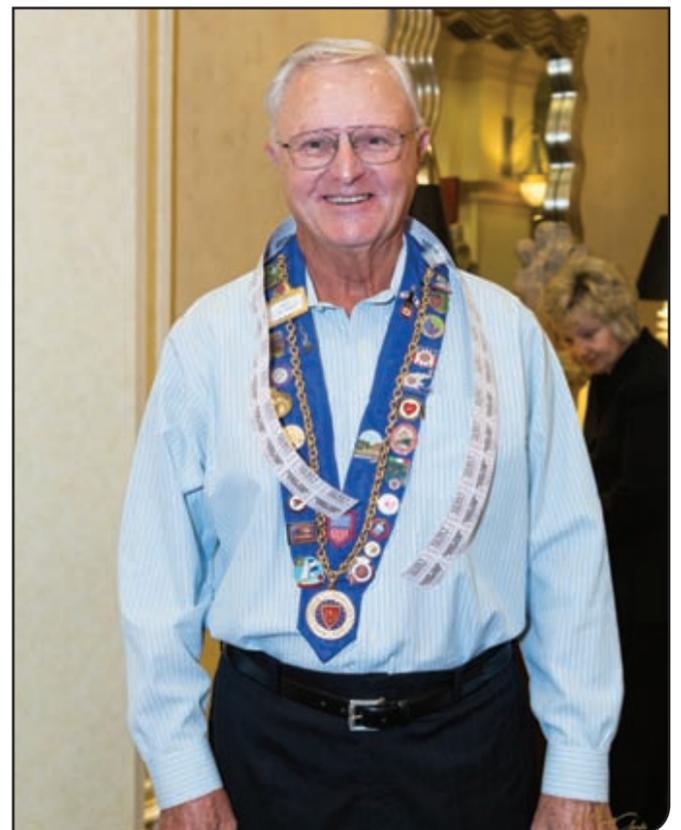
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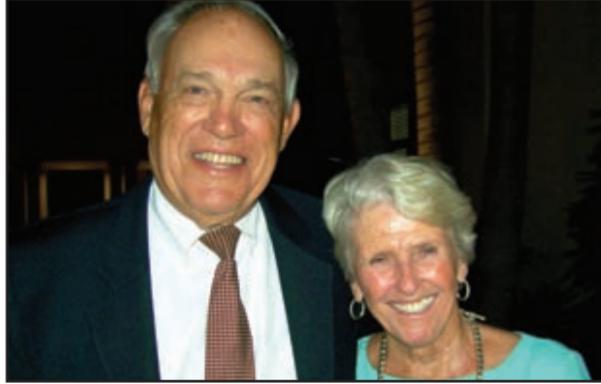


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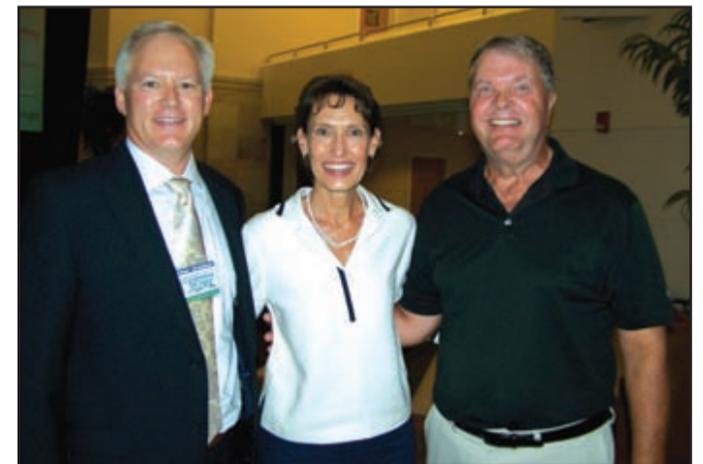
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With all the parties and festive meals coming in the next few weeks, it's a great time to break out some champagne. But then, anytime is a good time to drink sparkling wine, as Americans are discovering and retail sales trends are revealing.

Champagne sales in the United States, the largest wine market in the world, are increasing six times faster than elsewhere around the globe. This is due, in large part, to changes champagne makers have made to their products as they accommodate customers' changing preferences. Some have modified their existing brands or released new ones and also have begun taking advantage of the new avenues of marketing via social media. Here are just a few examples:

■ GH Mumm has reblended its Mumm de Cramant Champagne Grand Cru, going to 100 percent Chardonnay grapes, and added Blanc de Blancs to the label. Lower pressure in the bottle gives the wine a creamier texture on the palate; less sugar in the content makes it lighter, crisper and more food-friendly.

■ Moët & Chandon has replaced its established brand, White Star, with the new moniker Imperial, and lowered the sugar content, likewise making a crisper, cleaner and more food-friendly product.

■ To reach a new market, Moët & Chandon released a new concept geared for less

sophisticated drinkers: Ice Imperial, a Champagne meant to be poured on the rocks. Made with black and white grapes, it has more body, fruit and sugar than Imperial, resulting in bright fresh flavors that remain in the glass as the ice melts.

■ Krug Champagne has launched a fan club on its website. Krug Lovers offers a platform for stories, inspirations and favorite getaways. It also features member profiles and their collaborative efforts with Krug, such as drawings and photographs of Krug-inspired scenes and locations.

■ As in happening in all aspects of marketing, social media is becoming increasingly prominent in the marketing of wines and champagnes. A recent Wine Spectator article quotes Cyril Brun, the senior winemaker at Veuve Clicquot, explaining how that house uses Twitter to educate its consumers. "It's not necessarily about the brand itself, but more about sharing basic information," he said.

■ Wine culture has matured and wine drinkers desire to learn more about their selections. Champagne Roederer recently released an app for the iPhone and iPad. When you scan the QR code on the back label, it takes you to a web page describing the specific wine scanned, including tasting notes, varietal composition and production information.



Enjoy Moët & Chandon Imperial this holiday season.

Tasting notes

All that said, champagne still remains the perfect wine for celebrations and special occasions, so break out the bubbly this Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, New Year's or whatever other reason you have to raise a glass. Here are some nice picks for the holidays and beyond:

■ Bollinger Special Cuvee NV (\$75): "A golden color, distinctive of black grape varieties ... very fine bubbles ... ripe fruit and spicy aromas ... hints of roasted apples, apple compote and peaches." — Champagne Bollinger.

■ Charles Heidsieck Brut Champagne 2000 (\$100): "A deep golden hue with warm highlights ... aromas of the humus and ferns of the forest mixed with the floral notes of musk rose ... plush with red currants, blackberries and blueberries ... with an incredibly long finish." — Champagne Charles Heidsieck.

■ Moët & Chandon Impérial Brut Champagne NV (\$41): "An elegant color ... golden straw highlights ... a sparkling bouquet ... the vibrant intensity of green apple and citrus fruit, the freshness of mineral nuances and white flowers, the elegance of blond notes (brioche, cereal, fresh nuts) ... The delicious sumptuousness of white-fleshed fruits (pear, peach, apple)." — Moët & Chandon.

■ Montaudon Champagne Grande Rosé NV (\$38): "A delicate pink with

slightly coppered hints ... Bubbles are abundant ... fruity aromas such as currant, strawberry or raspberry scents with a wealth of aromas and a deliciously long and powerful finish." — Champagne Montaudon.

■ Louis Roederer Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne 2005 (\$90): "Golden, bright and iridescent. Fine, regular bubbles with a well-defined flow. Sparkling, almost varietal bouquet, redolent of Chardonnay and white fruit aromas (apple, pear), pollen and soft, sweet citrus fruit (grapefruit). These are followed by the warm, chocolaty hints (vanilla, tatin pie, baked apple) which are typical of our Maison." — Jean Baptiste Lécaillon, Champagne Louis Roederer.

■ Louis Roederer Brut Champagne Cristal 2004 (\$249): "Brilliant yellow color displaying light amber nuances, combined with an ultra-fine, persistent, soft effervescence. There's an intense, highly expressive bouquet on the first nose! The aromatic elegance and precision of Chardonnay is apparent: white fruit, sweet pollen, fine citrus fruit and very pure minerality." — Jean-Baptiste Lécaillon, Champagne Louis Roederer.

■ Taittinger Brut Blanc de Blancs Comtes de Champagne 2005 (\$175): "A pale yellow Champagne with very light, abundant bubbles ... very intense bouquet, opening with notes of pastry cream of great aromatic richness ... good structure and a hint of fruit wood ... flavors of ripe fruit such as pink grapefruit ... long, rich complex finish." — Champagne Taittinger. ■

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Fuse in Naples

Greg Scarlatos, the former executive chef of Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs, opened Fuse in Naples with his fiancé, Monika Czechowska, on Nov. 15, in the space formerly occupied by Paris Bistro.

The global concept allows Chef Scarlatos to broaden his repertoire. Among the options diners might find on the menu are shrimp and crawfish etouffee, fried duck mac 'n' cheese with smoked tomato aioli, chili garlic hot wings with sesame and green onions, and ginger lime fried yellowtail snapper.

Fuse also has a full bar. It's at 2500 Tamiami Trail N. Call 455-4585.

Naples Chocolate Stroll

This tour's motto could be: Will walk for chocolate. The Naples Chocolate Stroll involves guided strolls along Fifth Avenue South with stops in nine food



shops to taste all things chocolate: truffles, cupcakes, gelato, custard, popcorn ... you get the idea. Along the way, you also learn the history of chocolate and how it's made.

Tours are \$39 (\$29 for ages 5-10 and free for those younger), with a 10 percent discount Thanksgiving weekend. Two-hour tours set out at 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and cover a mile with places to stop and sit.

Call 653-7933 or visit www.napleschocolatestroll.com.

Empty Bowls

Mark your calendar for Friday, Dec. 6, when the Florida Gulf Coast University Art Program hosts its annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Lunch at



Empty Bowls at FGCU, 2012

the campus arts complex. The sale runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The soup lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. and continues until the soup runs out.

Potters, students, restaurants and food banks unite to address the needs of the hungry in Southwest Florida. Local potters and FGCU students make bowls, restaurants donate soup and bread, and hunger assistance organizations provide education.

For a \$15 donation, visitors select bowls and fill them with the soup of their choice for a soup kitchen-style meal. Afterward, they can wash out the bowls and take them home. All of the proceeds go to Interfaith Charities of South Lee in Estero for use in its community food pantry.

Soups this year will come from Hyatt Regency Coconut Point (beef and barley), Ted's Montana Grill (bison chili), Carrabba's (lentil sausage), PF Chang's (hot and sour and egg drop), Waterside Grill (chicken noodle) and Connors Steak and Seafood (crab and lobster bisque). The FGCU Science of Cooking class will contribute a vegan soup developed as a class project. The Artisan Bread Company will donate ciabatta bread.

In addition, the United Arts Council

of Collier County will hold a pottery sale, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the purchase of art supplies and equipment as well as funding for teachers in after-school programs.

For details, call Sara Truman at 745-4229 or e-mail struman@fgcu.edu.

Quick bites

■ **Sparklers party at Tony's Off Third:** Sample 22 Champagnes and sparkling wines at this 15th annual affair hosted by co-owner and wine director Sukie Honeycutt from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Cost: \$28, with \$10 credit toward purchase of the evening's featured selections. Tony's Off Third is at 1300 Third St. S. Call 262-7999.

■ **Wine dinner at Ciao:** Savor the wines of Tuscany over a four-course dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Ciao, 835 Fourth Ave. S. Cost: \$85. Reserve a spot by calling 263-3889.

■ **Wine tasting at Chez Boet:** Cherry Hill Winery owners Mike and Janet Sweeney will present their collection of Willamette Valley, Ore., pinot noirs from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Chez Boet. Cost: \$20 for four tastes (waived for those who dine at the restaurant afterward). Reservations recommended. Chez Boet is at 755 12th Ave. S. in Crayton Cove. Call 643-6177.

■ **Pollo Tropical holiday cards:** Purchase a \$25 gift card at any company-owned Pollo Tropical now through Dec. 31 and receive a \$5 gift card for use in January. For locations, visit www.poltropical.com.

■ **Good Life cooking classes:** Upgrade your culinary skills with the following classes led by Chef Kristina San Filippo: 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, "Comfort Foods Made healthy," \$50; 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, "Creative Sushi," \$65; 6-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20, "Cheese from Around the World for Holiday Entertaining," \$75. The Good Life is at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Call 514-4663 for reservations.

■ **Black Friday wine tasting:** Try sipping wines from Napa rather than shopping from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Decanted. Cost: \$15 (\$10 for inner circle members). Decanted is at 1410 Pine Ridge Road. Call 434-1814. ■

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