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# Bonita Bay Resident to Receive USGA's 2009 Bob Jones Award



### Gordon Brewer Jr.,

resident of the Crossings in Bonita Bay, a twotime USGA Senior Amateur champion, longtime volunteer and dedicated servant to the

game of golf, has been chosen to receive the United States Golf Association's 2009 Bob Jones Award. Presented annually since 1955, the USGA's highest honor is given in recognition of sportsmanship in golf. The Award, selected from nominations across the golf community and chosen by a diverse and distinguished committee, seeks to recognize a person who emulates Jones' spirit, his personal qualities and his attitude toward the game and its players. The Award will be presented to Brewer on Feb. 7, 2009, at the USGA's Annual Meeting in Newport Beach, CA.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Brewer. "In fact, when I received the phone call, I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming.

"When you look at the list of winners, you're humbled. To be part of such an esteemed group and to know this award

reflects Bobby Jones and the model he set for the game makes me very grateful for the recognition."

Other past winners of the USGA's most prestigious award include Byron Nelson, "Babe" Zaharias, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

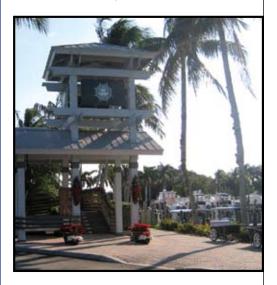
"The Bob Jones Award going to Gordon Brewer is recognition well deserved," said Palmer. "Gordon has been a great credit to the game, both as a fine player and as a longtime supporter of amateur golf and its principles of competition and sportsmanship."

Brewer began his storied career as a top amateur golfer in 1967, when he won the Philadelphia Amateur Championship. He added a second Philadelphia Amateur in 1976 and a Pennsylvania Amateur title in 1984. Competing at the national level, Brewer played in more than 40 USGA championships, beginning with the 1968 U.S. Amateur. He finished runner-up to longtime fellow-competitor and friend Jay Sigel in the 1985 U.S. Mid-Amateur and won the USGA Senior Amateur in 1994 and 1996. In 2008, Brewer won three Golf Association of Philadelphia Super-Senior titles.

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# What will happen to Backwater Jacks?

For many years, Backwater Jacks has been a fixture in Bonita Bay. But its future right now is a bit cloudy.



Back in the 90's, the restaurant was opened to all residents at no charge. Many realtors took their prospective Bonita Bay homeowners there to create a mood and close a deal. It was positioned as a free amenity. Later, around 2000, new buyers had to pay an initiation fee (approximately \$300) to join plus annual dues.

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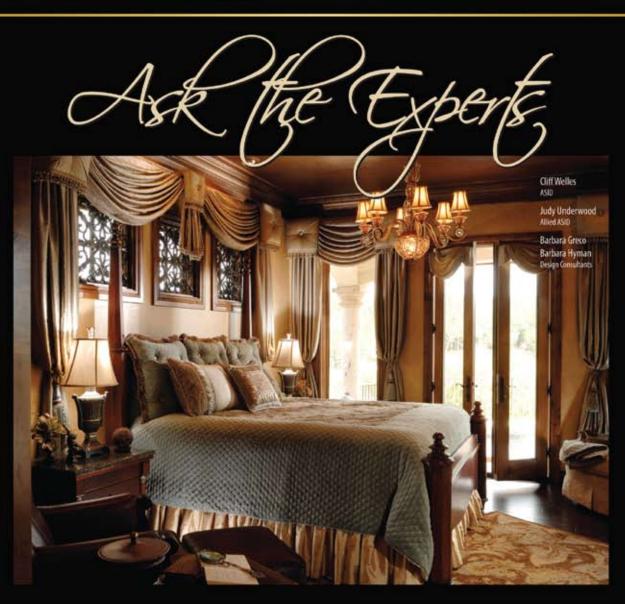
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### **Follow-up Stories:**

### Paradise with a Speed Trap...

...garnered the most vocal and passionate responses with more in favor of eliminating the police presence in our community. Questions were raised as to why Lee County Sheriff's Department patrols the private roads within Bonita Bay. According to Tom Burgess, General Manager of the Bonita Bay Community Association, "...patrol hours of enforcement within Bonita Bay are on a 'by request' basis from BBCA at an hourly rate of \$50 for labor and a vehicle charge of \$15 per visit for the patrol cruiser. Currently, we are utilizing the Sheriff's deputies on a four-hour per week basis. However, that can be increased if we begin to get numerous complaints from residents regarding speeding and other careless driving on our roadways".

### The Need for Transparency...

...will be the subject of conversation for a long while. Comments cover the entire spectrum from: "I trust that Bonita Bay Group will do the right thing"; to "I've contacted an attorney to protect my interest"; to "This recent action has destroyed my trust in BBG."

As of this writing the Advisory Board is soliciting \$100 from each Bonita Bay Club member to hire an attorney. The fund is not to initiate legal action nor endorse turnover, but to become more familiar with the issues faced by the membership.

If you missed these articles in the December issue of Bay Watch News, please log on to <a href="https://www.BayWatchNews.com">www.BayWatchNews.com</a> and click on "View Newsletter". The web site will also continue to function as a clearing house for comments and will report up-to-date developments.

## VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BONITA BAY.



Bay Watch News would like to do a pictorial history of Bonita Bay "then and now."

Do you have any old photos that you would like to share for this feature?

If so, please contact us at BayWatchNews@aol.com.

### **Editor's Notes**

### 2008 is over and what a year it has been!

Bonita Bay experienced a quiet hurricane season, an end to the drought and an announcement by Bonita Bay Group of the suspension of the refund policy that sent a shock wave through the membership. The United States witnessed the election of the first African American President, gas prices that spiked to nearly \$5 per gallon and the Stock Market nose dive. The world suffered terrorist attacks in India and rejoiced in the historic accomplishments of Olympic Champion Michael Phelps.

It has been a roller coaster ride and we are ready for 2009.

Our wish is to wipe the slate clean and mark a new beginning with the Inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Our hope is that the economic downturn will be of a short duration and that its impact on the residents of our community will be minimal. We trust that the friction between Bonita Bay Group and the membership will be resolved. We pray that good health is enjoyed by all.

# Happy New Year to all of our readers.

Editor,

### Don Gorman

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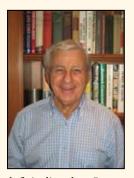
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### By: Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge



Did you realize that one or more of the drugs you or your family may have taken over the years just might have been developed by your Bonita Bay neighbor **Gerry Papariello of Spring Ridge?** 

Gerry is a chemist who spent most of his career doing pioneering research and development in the pharmaceutical industry. During his early years – while at Ciba Pharmaceutical, now Novartis – he worked on, among other things, Ritalin, for attention

deficit disorder. Later, at Wyeth outside Philadelphia, he lead teams that developed drugs to treat high blood pressure, anxiety disorders, allergies, infections and menopausal symptoms ... to name a few.

As his responsibilities grew, the teams that reported to him developed antidepressants and immune suppressants to help prevent organ rejection after a transplant. They even assisted in the technical support for the marketing of Advil and Robitussin. How's THAT for some household names created by the guy down the street?

Like all pharmaceutical R&D scientists, Gerry worked on many drugs that never made it to market – not because they weren't interesting scientifically, but for some reasons

(often side effects), they had to be abandoned. These are the ones you never hear about but that are part of the cost of the successful drugs that DO make it to market.

Gerry is originally from New York City, where he got his BS in chemistry from Fordham University. He got his PhD in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. It was while in graduate school that he married his wife Kathy and where two of their four children were born.

He has done a LOT of original research. In fact, he has 37 (!!) published papers in scientific and chemical journals.

Imagine what it was like to do research and development BEFORE computers! In the early years, Gerry and his teammates worked on novel concepts in a science lab, using slide rules. Those of you who are too young to have seen a slide rule should stop by Gerry's and take a look!

As science advanced and molecular biology became a more important part of the drug discovery process, it was necessary for senior staff to study and catch up - no relying on what was learned in school decades before. But that's one of the things Gerry liked about it.

Gerry retired 12 years ago. He says it makes his head spin when he realizes the exponential speed at which his field continues to evolve.

Since retirement, he served four years as a member of the Board of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation and was a tutor for the Literacy Council.

He and Kathy live in Bonita Bay full time and love it. Kathy leads a group of nine holers, who could really teach the more serious golfers how to enjoy the game. The Papariellos enjoy their eight grandchildren during their visits to Bonita Bay and their annual family vacation on the ocean in Avalon, NJ.

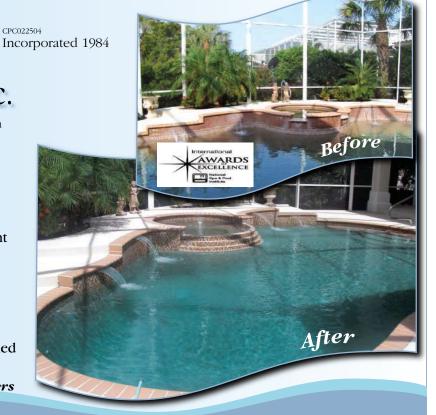


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### Letters to the Editor

### SPEED TRAP

#### To the Editor:

A 35mph speed limit should be considered for Bonita Bay Blvd and Country Club Dr. They are median divided roadways, on a private road system, with no direct access to homes, having stop signs on average every .4 mile (five on BB Blvd in a 2 mile stretch-two on CC Drive in .8 mile) that slow traffic, inside of a gated community that restricts thru traffic.

If Bonita Bay must pay the Sheriff's office to patrol private streets every Friday, it is an overzealous Bonita Bay. If this is being done at the discretion of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, it is an overzealous Sheriff.

#### Jim Eisenhart,

Vistas

#### To the Editor:

Regarding the article entitled "Paradise with a Speed Trap," I am one of the folks who was given a warning for slightly exceeding the speed limit. I personally think the Lee County Sheriff's Office is overzealous. This is a private community. They have no business being here. I suggest that a survey be sent to all residents of Bonita Bay to see if the majority feel we should continue to have or no longer have Lee County's Sheriff staff patrol our private roads. They should be patrolling the streets outside our community where there is real crime.

#### Charlie Cavaliere,

Montara

#### To the Editor:

I read with interest your article on "Paradise with a Speed Trap". I was one of those unlucky ones who got a traffic ticket on Friday, 11/21, at the intersection of Bonita Bay Blvd. and Hidden River Ct. I was heading east on BB Blvd. and stopped at the stop sign. As I drove through the intersection, I looked to my right and noticed the cop sitting on Hidden River Ct. I proceeded east on BB Blvd. and the next thing I noticed, the cop was behind me. Sure enough a little while later he pulls me over and says that I did not stop at the stop sign and I said I did. Twenty minutes later, I get my license and registration back, with a traffic ticket saying that I did not stop at the stop sign.

First of all, I did stop at the intersection. Secondly, I don't know how he could even see me. He was sitting on the other side of the median on Hidden River Ct., quite a ways back from the intersection, which did not have a clear view of the intersection to his left. He was clearly positioned to see the traffic heading west on BB Blvd. and not those heading east. He was looking for the afternoon traffic heading west on BB Blvd. Why he picked me I will never know.

I would like to know if anyone else writes in and has similar stories or whether anyone has successfully dismissed the alleged infraction in court. I did stop at the intersection and I am inclined to fight this. The name of the police officer was "John Craven". I was furious when I was pulled over, but have had a chance to calm down, but am still ticked at this injustice.

By the way, I enjoyed reading your little news letter. It is probably the only one where I read almost every article with interest. I hope that you continue. It is a great resource for local directed information.

### Ron Ezerski,

Rookery Lake

### To the Editor:

I am fully in favor of the presence of police inside Bonita Bay. The fact that 50 people were pulled over in two months speaks for itself, and these are only the drivers that were caught!

I have to assume that those against the presence either, a) don't believe residents violate the laws (obviously not true), or b) don't want to be forced to obey those laws themselves. Pathetic!

### Bill Mason,

Hamptons

#### To the Editor:

First I'd like to congratulate you on your first edition of the *Bay Watch News*. It's a great idea and is informative, interesting and very nicely done. Second, I'd like to respond to your question "Does your view of heaven have St. Peter giving out traffic tickets to anyone floating by too fast?" My answer would be no, it does not. However, my view of heaven also doesn't include people, virtually all BB residents in my experience, who apparently seem to view stop signs as an annoying inconvenience, certainly meant for others not them. I have been nearly T-boned twice by drivers who, while slowing down significantly, (although not close to a full stop) stared so intently straight ahead that they didn't see my car which was already halfway out in the intersection. On two other occasions, while stopped waiting to enter an intersection, I observed drivers approaching at 90° run their stop sign without even slowing down. I've avoided any accidents because I'm blessed with quick reflexes and because I've come to expect and anticipate that kind of behavior, based largely on my early experiences here as a runner and bicyclist.

There is a reason that the Lee County patrol car frequently parks on northbound Riverwalk Way setback a bit, but with a view of the intersection with Bonita Bay Boulevard. Writing tickets for westbound drivers on BB Boulevard who run the stop sign at that intersection has to be like shooting fish in a barrel, especially later in the day when people are in a hurry to get home. When the day arrives that the residents of paradise obey, with some degree of unanimity, the traffic rules designed to protect them and others, that will be the day we can send the "overzealous" Lee County Sheriff home. Thus endeth the rant for the day. Again, nice job on the magazine.

Best regards,

#### Tom Slater

Lost Lake

### To the Editor:

I appreciate the efforts of the Lee County Sheriff's Office to keep Bonita Bay safe for residents, workers, and visitors. Reckless drivers and bikers make all of us vulnerable to unnecessary roadway hazards.

### Cathleen Morgan,

Bay Harbor

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#### To the Editor:

Bonita Bay's annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, February 3. The golf event will be followed by a lavish cocktail party highlighted by a drawing for fabulous gifts. As in the past, we look forward to your participation in what promises to be a fun and well attended event.

For further details, see your Golf Manual or contact Phyllis Rosenstock 949-0836 or Susan Mulligan 992-4441.

The Komen Fitness Walk/Run is scheduled for Friday, February 6. The route winds through the lovely neighborhoods of Bonita Bay culminating at Backwater Jack's for a continental breakfast...all are welcome. Please contact Linda Ramsey 947-9762 for more details.

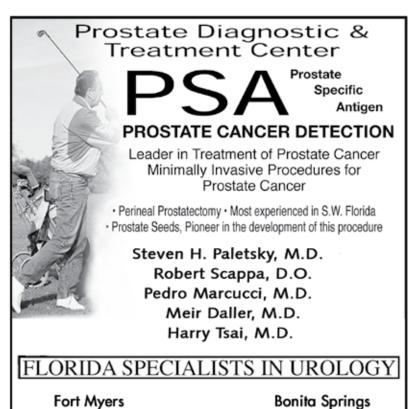
Please mark your calendars for these two important dates.

Phyllis Rosenstock, Sanctuary Susan Mulligan, River Ridge Linda Ramsey, Cranbrook

Editor's Note: If you would like to register for the golf or walk, please log on to www.BayWatchNews.com and click on "Komen Event".

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### **Random Thoughts**

In the New Year, we should all resolve to visit Royal Scoop on a regular basis – the heck with the calories – it's healthy to feel like an 8-year-old again.

For those of you who miss Bob's Barricades on 41, they have now sprung up for miles on 75...btw - a phone call placed to Bob's Barricades, Inc., indicated that Bob doesn't even exist!

So glad that "Curb Your Enthusiasm" (the x-rated Seinfield) will be back with 10 new episodes for Season 7 on HBO.

Since most of us are fast asleep by 10 p.m., why do all the events at the Naples Phil start at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.?

Is one of the prices paid for having grandchildren catching a cold every time you visit them?

W.C. Fields was one of the funniest people of all time.

Why do politicians who run as reformers need the most reforming? (i.e., New York and Illinois Governors)

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Brewer's career was highlighted in 2002, when he captained the USA Team at the World Amateur Team Championship, leading D.J. Trahan, Hunter Mahan and Ricky Barnes to victory in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"It was an honor to serve as captain of the team," Brewer said. "I have the utmost respect for the team competition and what it means."

A former president at Huntingdon Valley (PA) Country Club – and seven-time club champion – Brewer currently serves as President of Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey.

"They don't come any finer than Gordon," says Bonita Bay resident James D. Sykes, former executive director of the Golf Association of Philadelphia and Brewer's longtime friend.

An accomplished sportsman in his youth who earned a basket-ball scholarship to Guilford College in Greensboro, NC, Brewer didn't play golf until he was 19 years old. He became fascinated with the sport after a few trips to the driving range, and soon was a devoted student of the golf swing and its mechanics. His diligence resulted in his making the golf team his final two years at Guilford. "I wasn't very good at all starting out," said Brewer. "But once I started to play, I just absolutely fell head-over-heels in love with the game."

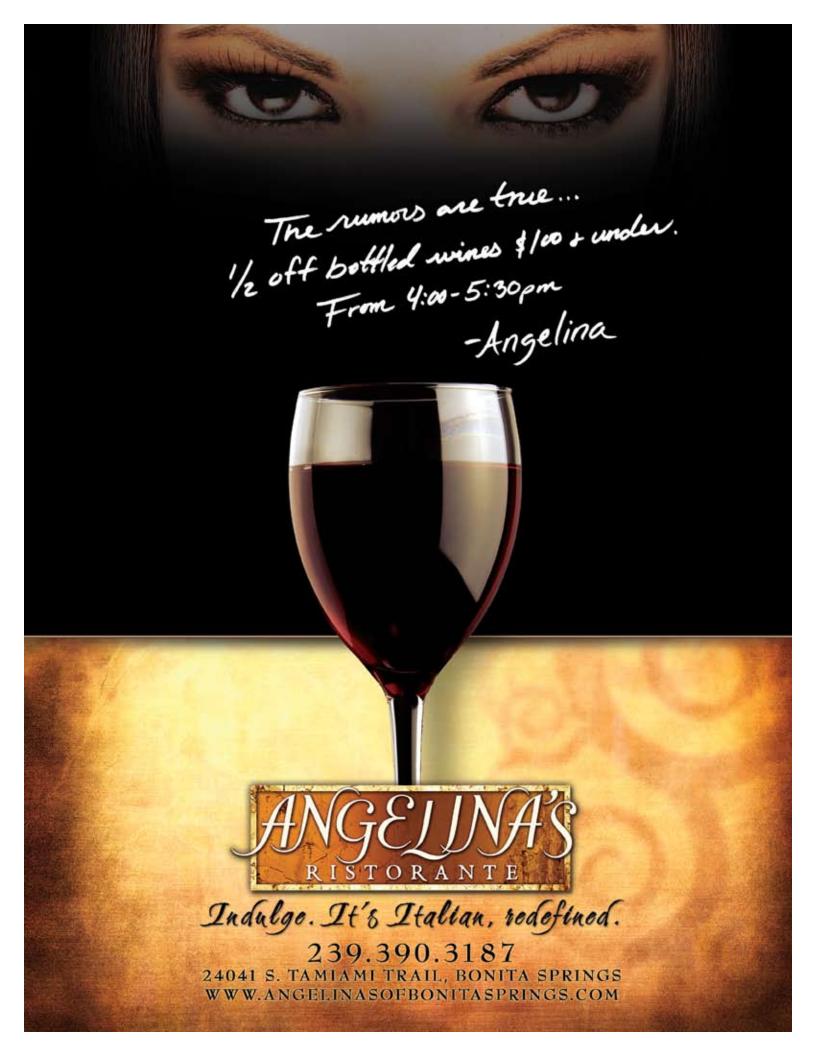
Professionally, Brewer served as the Vice President of Finance for Alco Standards, Inc. and IKON Office Solutions in Philadelphia where he operated with the greatest integrity, living Jones' philosophy about sportsmanship and fair play on and off the golf course.

Brewer and his wife, Gail, have been married for 49 years and reside in Pine Valley, NJ and in the Crossings in Bonita Bay. Brewer's son, Oliver G. (Chip) III, is president and chief executive officer of Adams Golf in Plano, TX.

Story as reported by www.USGA.org

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Soon all non-Marina members had to pay annual dues that went from \$50 to \$100 to \$200 to \$325 plus tax in 2008 (a total of \$344.50). In 2009, that annual fee will remain the same. This change in policy did not sit well with the membership. Many people resigned out of principle. Others did the math and realized that they were paying a hefty surcharge per meal based on the number of times they dined at BWJ's. Backwater Jacks now has approximately 1,300 Social members and 325 Marina members.

Early last year at the President's Breakfast Meeting, it was announced that BWJ's operating loss was between \$700m - \$750m but about \$500m of that was offset by annual dues. Incredulous at such a staggering loss, a committee of residents was formed to advise and help reduce the loss. Through menu changes, reduced hours of operation and management changes, we understand that in 2008, BWJ's was at breakeven.

What happens now? One of the BWJ Advisory Board members, **Art Herman**, of Marina Isle recently quit. Still frustrated and angry over the "peeling away" of this one time free amenity, he is also upset that Bonita Bay Group hasn't provided full disclosure on the overhead, management fees, allocated rent, etc. "I am a stubborn, principled guy who bought here in Bonita Bay, not because it was the cheapest but because it was the best". He, like many others, feels it should be turned over to the Community Association where everyone would once again be a member. He points out that BWJ's, like the Beach Shuttle Bus, Bay Breeze Concerts and the Old Fashioned Social, is all part of the Bonita Bay fabric and is what helps make this place special. On the other side of the

spectrum are the residents who don't want to be given a losing restaurant to operate.

Bonita Bay Management has said that they don't want to turn it over to the Community Association without getting approval from the Marina members and without a groundswell of support from the community at large. At any rate, it appears that no change will occur prior to January 2010.

There are members who openly question whether BWJ's has been used as collateral to obtain financing and whether the lenders would allow it to be transferred to the Community Association. Stay tuned.

Editor's Note: Bay Watch News is conducting a web site poll. Please visit <a href="https://www.BayWatchNews.com">www.BayWatchNews.com</a> and vote:

- 1. I would like to see Backwater Jacks turned over to the Community Association
- 2. I would like to keep Backwater Jacks the way it is now.
- 3. Close Backwater Jacks.
- 4. Other

Results of the poll will be reported in the February issue.

### Superior Interiors -by Judy Underwood, Allied ASID

### The Psychology of Color

There's no doubt about it—color sets the mood for every single room of your home. How often have you entered a room that just seemed so "right" and you were immediately filled with a sense of well-being? Color may have induced that feeling, without you realizing it.

Because colors have an impact on our moods and emotions, the psychology of color should play an important role in your color selections for your home. Here are the impressions primary and secondary colors generally impart:

• Red: A strong, stimulating color. Often selected for dining room to stimulate appetite and conversation. The color of love and action for passionate people.

- Blue: A serene, cool color, considered by most to be a calming hue. Blue lovers tend to be capable, responsible and sensitive individuals.
- Yellow: Sunny and bright. Often used in rooms facing north to compensate for the lack of direct sunlight. Yellow promotes cheerfulness.
- Purple: The color of the royals. This stately and impressive color appeals to our artistic, cultural instincts and adds flair to our surroundings.
- Green: Restful and calming, greens generally appeal strongly to outgoing people. The color of nature is probably the most popular color in the current color palette.
- Orange: A cheerful and warm color. And people who enjoy orange are typically also cheerful and warm and mellow.

There is no such thing as a bad color - only bad combinations of color, and personal likes and dislikes for certain colors. Color is seasoning - it adds spice to our lives. And although new wall paint is often the first thing to actually DO when redecorating, the paint color choice is always the LAST decision to make, after fabrics for window treatments and upholstery are selected.

'Choosing Colors with Confidence' will be explored at the Home Design Showcase at Abbey Carpet and Floors, co-hosted by INTERIORS by Decorating Den, on Wednesday, January 21st. The free seminar is at 1:30 PM.

Judy Underwood, Allied ASID, and partner Cliff Welles, ASID, own INTERIORS by Decorating Den in Bonita Springs. 239-948-9779 www.decdens.com/sfl.

### Letters to the Editor

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### **BONITA BAY EAGLE CASE**

#### To the Editor:

I am the lead plaintiff, together with three of the closest residents to the bald eagle nest buffer zone in Bay Woods, via a Circuit Court lawsuit to attempt to prevent Bonita Bay Group from developing 15 homesites surrounding the nest tree in a half circle at only 330' in full visibility of the nest. We believe, based upon the guidance of the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines and the opinions of Lee County Environmental Staff and Eagle Watch persons that are very familiar with this eagle pair and this nest site, that BBG's development plan for the existing buffer zone would cause great risk of disturbance and possible nest abandonment to these eagles.

Further, we are certain that the destruction of 16 out of the 23 acres of existing old growth upland pine habitat in the existing buffer zone will prevent future generations of eagles from nesting in this 5.1 acre remaining preserve. There are no other large pine wild habitat areas remaining in Bonita Bay and only two active eagle nests in the City of Bonita Springs.

The Sierra Club and the American Eagle Foundation are providing help and support for our cause.

John Spear's article in the December Bay Watch News was written with some sensitivity for this dispute, but he lacks the detailed knowledge of the site, these nesting eagles, the impact of the proposed development within these eagles' nesting habitat zone, negative impact on Bonita Bay wildlife and Bonita Bay residents and the National Guideline recommendation of 660' minimum distance from development to nest tree that applies to this site and this proposed development. Council Members had the above detailed information when they voted 5 to 2 to deny BBG's proposed development on June 25, 2007.

John was correct in pointing out that the City's attorneys did an ineffective job of defending Council's decision and did not even retain an "eagle expert" and did not even show the Administrative Law Judge available photos that proved that the development would be within full view of the nest.

John's opinion that the mediation could have or should have resulted in a compromise that would have fewer home sites might have satisfied both BBG and those who opposed the proposed development within the nest buffer zone is faulty. The configuration of this site in relation to the nest location will not allow space for even one home site beyond the 660' minimum radius stipulated by the National Guidelines. It is also not economically feasible for BBG to perform the required infrastructure and site preparation construction for any less that 15 home sites. These are the reasons that prevent a compromise for this dispute.

There are no other completed development projects in Florida similar to the proposed Bay Woods Phase Two that encroach upon an existing nest to 330'. Therefore, there is no previous similar experience to test BBG's stated opinion that these nesting eagles would not be disturbed.

This development, if allowed to proceed, would not only put our Bonita Bay Eagles at risk and destroy 70% of their existing habitat, but would set the precedent in Florida and possibly in the whole country to develop (with any size or type of project) to surround existing nests as close as 330'.

Bonita Bay Group is certainly not doing "the right thing"!

Ed Parks, Bay Pointe

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# Burton P. Golumbic, DDS

Following a distinguished 27- year career in private practice in the Empire State Building, interspersed with lecturing and teaching at Columbia University, Dr. Golumbic, together with his wife Lizzie, also in the dental field for more than



20 years, celebrate five years in their new dental practice in beautiful Bonita Springs, Florida.

A native of Erie, PA, Dr. Golumbic graduated with honors from Penn State University and Temple University Dental School.

Dr. Golumbic enjoys all aspects of general dentistry. His areas of expertise are crowns, bridges, implant restoration and aesthetic bonding. Dr. Golumbic has incorporated the most advanced technology, including laser therapy, and computer digital X-rays which reduce exposure to radiation by over 90 percent.



The practice is run as a partnership. Together Dr. and Mrs. Golumbic (Lizzie) take the time needed to get to know their patients. They listen to their patients' concerns. Their caring approach, together with their years of experience and good clinical judgments set them apart in their field.

Burt and Lizzie have met so many lovely residents of Bonita Bay. It is so wonderful to have many of them as "our dental family of patients".

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### **Bonita Springs Charter Review Committee**

### By John Spear, City Council Member

As part of the City elections in March 2010, City of Bonita Springs voters will likely be presented with several referenda questions regarding changes to the City Charter.

City voters have had two previous opportunities to amend the City Charter, in 2002 and 2004. A change to residency requirement, resulting from prior language being found unconstitutional, was also approved by voters in 2008. During the summer of 2008, City Council unanimously appointed a Charter Review Committee and directed its members to make recommendations to City Council for amendment proposals to be placed on the 2010 ballot.

Since September, the Charter Review Committee has met almost a dozen times and has completed the first stage of its work. What remains are Public Hearings on January 26, 2009 and February 5, 2009, at City Hall to accept public comments regarding Charter amendments and a formal presentation of the Committee's recommendation to the City Council on February 18, 2009, which has the final choice of what is or is not put on the 2010 ballot. Every City Council meeting to finalize the ballot questions will allow public comment.

The Committee tentatively has or will make the following recommendations. Only the important or controversial ones are identified in this article.

- 1. Delete several paragraphs of the Charter that addressed the transition into City hood. These provisions are no longer relevant since the transition has been complete for many years. Most of these can be implemented by City Council by ordinance rather than needing to go to referendum.
- 2. Clarify an ambiguity in the City Charter that was an election issue in 2004, 2006, and 2008. The present charter language "Neither the Mayor or any other Council Member may serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms in the same seat," has been perceived to prohibit either Jay

Arend or Ben Nelson to run for Mayor in 2008 based on the argument that each would have been an elected City official for more than two 4-year terms; it was also an issue in 2006 for 3 original Council Members who had each served a 2-year term and a 4-year term. Although that argument usually ignored the "in the same seat" language, proposed amendment language will make it clear that a Council Member can serve for a maximum of 8 years as a District Council Member, 8 years as Mayor, again 8 years as a District Council Member, etc., rather than (arguably) prohibiting "graduation" from a Council position to the Mayor's office.

- 3.The City Charter provides for spending limits of \$2.00 per registered voter in a District for Council Member seats and \$2.00 per registered voter City-wide for the Mayor's position. The proposed amendment provides that the spending cap will be increased by the lesser of 3% or a CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase annually beginning in 2012.
- 4. The current City Charter provides for a run-off election if no candidate for a position gets 50% plus 1 vote. Both in 2000 and in 2008, the Mayor's ballot contained more than two candidates (7 in 2000 and 4 in 2008) and a run-off was held over two months later in both years. The Committee recommends a charter amendment to provide that the highest vote-getter wins even if that person does not get 50% plus 1. A run-off would still be required in the event of a tie.
- 5. The current City Charter provides very ambiguous language about how the Deputy Mayor is appointed and no language about whether the Deputy Mayor has a definite term or serves at the pleasure of the Mayor and/or City Council. The Charter Committee makes two alternative recommendations for amendment, one having the Mayor nominate and a majority of City Council elect a Deputy Mayor, and the other simply having the Mayor appoint the Deputy Mayor, and the other simply

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having the Mayor appoint the Deputy Mayor. Both alternatives provide for the Deputy Mayor to become Mayor only for up to 180 days before the next general election, or otherwise have a special election for the departed Mayor's remaining unexpired term.

The Charter Review Committee also considered and voted not to recommend amendments concerning the following issues:

- 1. Proposal to have Council Members elected atlarge rather than District by District.
- 2. Proposal to limit the City Council's ability to increase spending for non-capital purposes and limit the amount of reserves without a referendum. These proposals are collectively referred to as "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights", or TABOR.

Numerous other issues, mainly to clear up uncertainties in language, punctuation, etc., were discussed and not acted on such as clarifying some confining language about whether the Mayor is a "Council Member," separating the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer, and the like.

After the City Council makes the final decision as to whether any or all recommendations will be on the ballot, or if any other matters will be added to the ballot, the final step is having an attorney draft precise ballot language and titles, both having strict word limits. Once that is completed, the issues would appear on the ballot in 2010 and the voters, not the Charter Review Committee or the City Council, would make the final decision.

One final comment: I was appointed by City Council to serve as Council liaison to the Committee. I attended about 60% of the Committee meetings. Chairman Jacke McCurdy (Bonita Bay resident), and the remaining Committee members (6 regular and 2 alternates), the City Manager and City Attorney worked very hard and very intelligently to address issues that were already the subject of controversy as well as comb through the Charter language for ambiguity or lack of clarity. They deserve our gratitude for serving us so well.



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## LIVING ON THE COURSE -Jack Sullivan, Riviera

Once you've decided to buy a home in La La Land (some macabre comics call it, "God's Waiting Room"), chances are you'll find yourself looking out at a well-manicured, green-carpeted fairway. You've arrived! You're living on one of Bonita Bay's five prestigious golf courses. You can relax now. Sit back and have your lunch or a cocktail on your lanai (you used to call it a patio – no more, it's a lanai). From there, when you aren't out on the course yourself, you can critique the funny swings of other golfers as they pile on strokes en route to the green.

Golf community living has its amenities such as easy access to the game and well-groomed courses, the camaraderie of other golfers, the use of the clubhouse, and golf lessons for reasonable fees. It also has a comic downside, depending on what your values are. A social custom that has been part of your repertoire for your entire life changes: the way you greet people and what you can expect in return.

Here's how it goes. You're settled in and unpacked. The shipping cartons are flattened and are ready for the recycle bin. You're having a drink on your patio, I mean lanai. You're wife of 33 years is food shopping. The guy next door knocks on your screen door and you tell him to come in. He's a big fellow, broad shouldered, wearing a red golf shirt with an ornate emblem on it that's difficult to read. You think it may be from Augusta National. His white shorts are neatly pressed and impeccably clean. He's wearing golf shoes.

"Hi, I'm your new neighbor," he says, giving your hand a bone-breaking shake. "Where you from?"

You don't know his name yet, but think you'd better answer the question so he won't think you're being impolite. You say, "I'm from Cincinnati – Cincinnati, Ohio. Lived there all my life. Worked for . . ."

He doesn't care where you worked or for or how long you lived there. He asks, "Where'd you play in Cincinnati? What's your handicap?"

Once you get established in the community there's an adjustment. You meet one of your best golfing buddies at the club, Charley Par. You haven't seen him in months. You've been in the hospital having openheart surgery. Your wife had to go back to Cincinnati to baby sit your twelfth grand-child while your daughter and son-in-law recovered from the automobile accident that occurred on their way to the delivery room. Besides that, your youngest son,



married and a father of four, a sergeant in the National Guard, just got activated and is heading for Iraq. Your 92 year-old-mother crashed the Lexus you bought her and was arrested for drunk driving. You're feeling down and would like to talk to somebody.

Charley seems delighted to see you. "Hey, how you hitting them?" he asks.

Somebody cares you think and start to unload on Charley. "Well, we've been having some trouble. I mean big trouble."

"With your swing?" he asks with a frown.

"Well, no, it's more important than that," you say, not knowing where to start.

Charley smiles and puts a hand on your shoulder. He says, "Yea, well, you'll get over it. The last time we played you were hitting 'em real good. Don't get down on yourself. See you later."

Bernie, a regular in your golfing group is at the bar having a beer. He sees you leaving Charley and calls to you, "Hey pal, how you hitting them?"

You smile and say, "Right handed."

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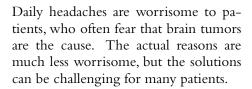
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### In The Doctor's Office

### **Persistent Daily Headaches**

By: Michael F. Finkel, M.D.,

Neurologist, Medical Surgical Specialists



A common cause for daily headache is overuse of pain medications, especially those that are sold without a prescription. The cycle begins when a patient takes frequent doses of these medications for control of mild to moderate headaches. By trying to suppress the discomfort, the individual creates a situation that actually prolongs and perpetuates the headache. Frequently, the patient does not find the medicine to be very helpful but continues to use the medications to "take the edge off" the headache. Patients find that headaches return if they do not take the medicines, so they repeat the medication as a "chaser". However, this ensures that the headaches will continue. To break this cycle, the patient must stop the medications and put up with worsening of the headaches for 1-2 weeks. The benefits, however, are worth the period of discomfort.

Chronic headaches in the back of the head are often caused by "wear and tear" changes that are appropriate for the individual's age and occupational history. These are frequently influenced by neck movements or occur after a night's sleep. These often respond well to medications.

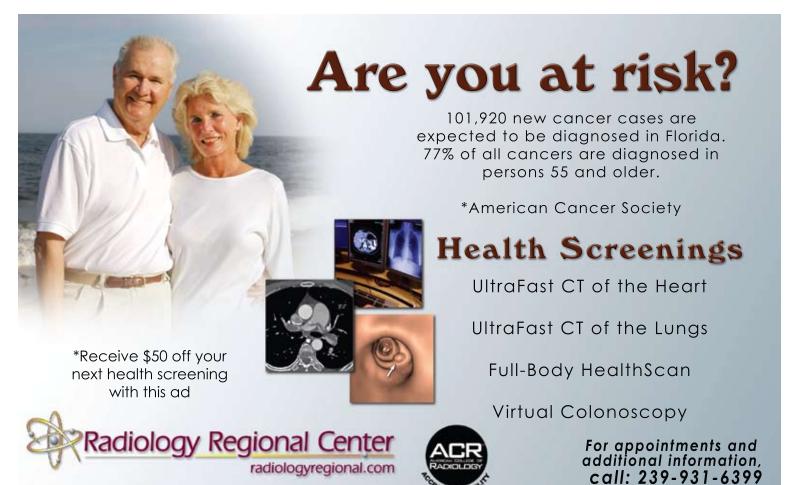
Daily headaches that do not respond to medications and which appear normal in MRI and CT scans, are often due to severe emotional and/ or physical trauma. These individuals often have

been abused, and have post-traumatic stress disorder. The therapy here often requires prolonged work with a psychiatrist and a therapist.

Some headaches occur as a side effect of some medications. Changing the medication under the supervision of the person's physician frequently gets rid of the problem.

As the most common causes for daily headaches, these symptoms do allow for treatments. The treatments may involve discomfort, but the solutions are worth it.

For more information on Dr. Michael Finkel, or the Division of Neurology at Medical Surgical Specialists, call 239.348.4397 or visit www.medical-surgical.org.



### **Restaurant Reviews**

by John Klocko, Riviera



To start the New Year, let's review two local North Naples favorites.

The BAY HOUSE is off US 41 at Walkerbilt Road, sitting on the Cocohatchee River presenting modest waterfront views. This restaurant has been a favorite of locals and seasonal guests for over 20 years. The physical structure is based on a lighthouse nautical theme with a warm and friendly atmosphere. A unique focal point is a "wood burning" fireplace in the bar lounge which presents a warm and inviting setting for before- or after-dinner relaxing and im-The menu provides a wide bibing. range of tasteful seafood, chicken and beef dishes. A full selection of wines and liquors is available and served by Steve and his staff of bartenders. This is a restaurant that you will want to come back to again.

**NAPLES TOMATO,** located across from Bentley Village, was an instant hit when it opened several years ago. It has been writ-

ten up in the NY Times and received awards from the Wine Spectator. All pastas, sauces and desserts are prepared from scratch. Butternut squash ravioli or Florida Stone Crab and hearts of palm stuffed ravioli are examples of the innovative cooking of Chef Sebastian among dozens of other pasta items. The "Classic Lasagna" with 20 secret ingredients is a house favorite. Tilapia on Alderwood Plank is a flavorful treat versus normal baked fish. In addition to a broad wine list, Enomatic self-serve wine dispensers are available in the wine lounge to taste 40 wines in 1-ounce, 3-ounce or 6-ounce pours. A full-service bar is available with freshly prepared specialty cocktails such as a blueberry martini. Happy hour half-priced premium wines and liquors are served along with a range of half-priced appetizers and early dining specials.

If you are in the mood for a sandwich, try these three places.

**CAPRIOTTI'S,** located across from Bill Smith's on US41, has been voted the Best of Delaware and Las Vegas. Its signature Sub is the freshly baked turkey, with or with-

out cranberry sauce and stuffing. Hot items include the Philly cheese steak, meatball or Italian hot or sweet sausage. Vegetarian sandwiches are also available.

**JERSEY MIKE'S,** located in the Iguana Mia strip shop area, is a bustling place at lunch time. Their unique feature involves freshly slicing the meats and cheeses right before your eyes when you place your order...no pre-cut here. They offer a full range of hot and cold deli sandwiches and wraps. The "Original Italian" is the top seller.

**JIMMY JOHN'S,** located in Estero off the west side of US 41 south of Corkscrew Rd., offers a large array of Subs and Giant Club Sandwiches plus side items. They tout themselves as the world's greatest gourmet sandwiches, and also deliver and cater for large orders.



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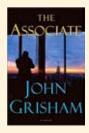
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### On The Bookshelf



#### The Associate

Kyle McAvoy grew up in his father's small-town law office in York, Pennsylvania. He excelled in college, was elected editorin-chief of *The Yale Law Journal*, and his future has limitless potential.

But Kyle has a secret, a dark one, an episode from college that he has tried to forget. The secret, though, falls into the

hands of the wrong people, and Kyle is forced to take a job he doesn't want-even though it's a job most law students can only dream about.

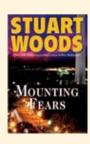
With an unforgettable cast of characters and villains-from Baxter Tate, a drug-addled trust fund kid and possible rapist, to Dale, a pretty but seemingly quiet former math teacher who shares Kyle's "cubicle" at the law firm, to two of the most powerful and fiercely competitive defense contractors in the country-and featuring all the twists and turns that have made John Grisham the most popular storyteller in the world, THE ASSOCIATE is vintage Grisham.



### The Temptations of the Night Jasmine

Lauren Willig spins another sultry spy tale in her fifth installment of the Pink Carnation series. When Robert, duke of Dovedale, returns after more than a decade abroad, Lady Charlotte Lansdowne hopes the romantic world of her novels will soon come to life in the form of a love story between her and Robert.

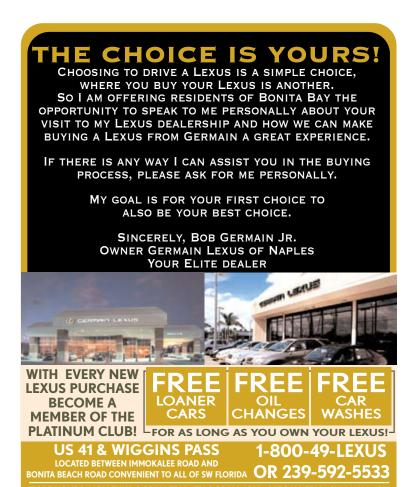
But the duke has come back from India to track Arthur Wrothan, a spy who killed Robert's mentor, and though his and Charlotte's reunion culminates in a blaze of kisses, he abandons her to track down his nemesis. On the trail, Robert cavorts with the Hellfire Club, which holds opium-fueled orgies that provide cover for Wrothan. In the meantime, Charlotte's efforts to help the king throw her again into Robert's path. The story unfolds within the frame of a contemporary love affair between Eloise, a Harvard graduate student researching spies of the late 18th and early 19th century, and Colin Selwick, descendant of one of the spies who so pique Eloise's interest. The author's conflation of historical fact, quirky observations and nicely rendered romances results in an elegant and grandly entertaining book.



### Mounting Fears

In this sixth Will Lee thriller (after Capital Crimes), the incumbent U.S. president, William Jefferson Lee, faces a series of crises in an election year: his vice president has died during surgery; a nuclear warhead is missing in Pakistan and believed to be in the hands of a terrorist group possibly connected to al-Qaeda; and an indepen-

dent presidential candidate, a charismatic minister, has erased Lee's once significant lead in the polls. To make matters worse, Lee's newly appointed vice president, the former governor of California, has gotten himself entangled in a messy divorce as well as a sordid love triangle that, if exposed, could become front-page fodder for the tabloids and all but destroy Lee's re-election bid.





## In an Emergency, Which Hospital is the Best?

Well it turns out that the answer depends on the particular health issue in question.

Heart Attack			
Best ★★★★ As Expected ★★★ Poor ★			
Hospital Name	Location	In hospital Mortality (Survival)	Cardiac Procedure Availability
NCH Healthcare System	Naples, FL	****	Full
Lee Memorial Hospital	Fort Myers, FL	***	Full
Physicians Regional Medical Center	Naples, FL	***	Partial
Cape Coral Hospital	Cape Coral, FL	***	Limited
Lehigh Regional Medical Center	Lehigh Acres, FL	*	Limited
Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center	Fort Myers, FL	*	Full

Total Knee Replacement				
Best ★★★★ As	s Expected	Poor 🛨		
Hospital Name	Location	Major Complications		
Lee Memorial Hospital	Fort Myers, FL	****		
Physicians Regional Medical Center	Naples, FL	****		
Cape Coral Hospital	Cape Coral, FL	****		
Gulf Coast Hospital	Fort Myers, FL	****		
NCH Healthcare System	Naples, FL	***		
Lehigh Regional Medical Center	Lehigh Acres, FL	***		
Southwest Florida	Fort Myers, FL	***		

Coronary Bypass Surgery			
Best ★★★★ As Expected ★★★ Poor ★			
Hospital Name (Survival)	Location	In hospital Mortality	
NCH Healthcare System	Naples, FL	****	
Charlotte Regional Medical Center	Punta Gorda, FL	***	
Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center	Fort Myers, FL	***	
Lee Memorial Hospital	Fort Myers, FL	***	

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# "What's Happening in Real Estate?"

I like to think that one of the reasons that I have been able to survive the ups and down of the real estate business over several decades is that I am, at heart, positive and optimistic about the op-

portunities Southwest Florida provides. At the same time, there are times where we have to be realistic about the current market.

Many of us were already feeling the effects of a slowing economy and the decline in the stock markets and financial markets. That was before the Bonita Bay Group announced their decision to renege on the terms of the promissory notes associated with Bonita Bay's golf memberships. This decision has not only hurt those of us who have golf memberships but has hurt every Bonita Bay property owner by driving down home values.

I recall when I joined Bonita Bay back in 1999. At the time, I was told that I could always get my deposit back by giving 30 days' notice of my resignation. The decision by BBG to delay refunding

deposits has caused some potential buyers to look for real estate opportunities elsewhere.

Prior to the BBG policy change, I believed that our community was better off having the Bonita Bay Group own and operate our club rather than having a member-managed club. Now, I am not so sure. Perhaps the time has come for us to explore buying the club and courses from the BBG.

The value of our homes in Bonita Bay depends, in part, on the stability of our golf and club facilities. The uncertainty associated with golf membership refunds needs to be eliminated as soon as possible. If the Bonita Bay Group were to choose to return to the refund policy they promised each of us, I believe this uncertainty would be eliminated. But if they do not, our community may need to take it upon ourselves to restore certainty.

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### The Curious Photographer

Question:

What was the greatest invention/discovery of the 20th Century?



**Bob Brotman** Horizons

From the vantage point of the year 2008, the greatest invention of the 20th Century was Penicillin and the anti-biotics that followed. This discovery has saved millions of lives.



Joe Davi, Hamptons

I think the most important invention of the 20th century is the computer AND the subsequent development of the worldwide web. The Web offers the potential for worldwide communication and information exchange.



Nancy DenBesten, Augusta Creek

One of the greatest discoveries of the 20th Century would be space exploration which resulted in putting a man on the moon.



David Vander Kam, Creekside

The greatest discovery of the 20th century in my opinion is "The Green Revolution" which allowed for greater production of food using less land and water. It ultimately prevented mass starvation in many areas of the world.

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### Movie Talk

### New/coming soon on DVD

- - ★★ Burn After Reading: The Coen Brothers of "Fargo" fame misfire here with this CIA spoof starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand.
- ★★★ Ghost Town: Fantasy comedy starring Ricky Gervais and Greg Kinnear. A fun, feel-good movie about a passionless, self-absorbed dentist who has the ability to communicate with dead people. Light and very enjoyable. Tea Leoni also stars
  - Righteous Kill: How can a movie starring two of the best actors of the last 25 years miss? Rent this and find out. Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino play a pair of New York City Detectives trying to solve serial crimes. A major disappointment.

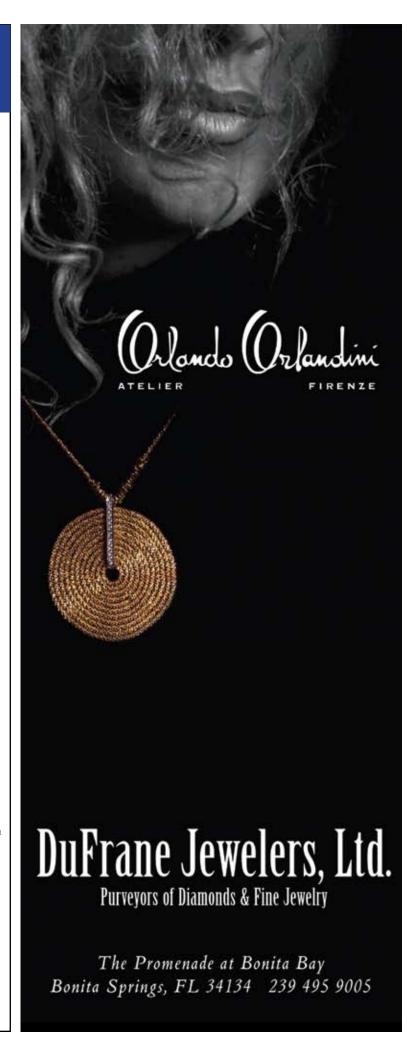
### **Current Theatrical Releases**

- **Doubt:** This film adaptation of an excellent play falls short more suited for the intimacy of the theater rather than a big screen treatment. However, it is engaging and will stimulate discussion. The great actress, Meryl Streep's performance seems like a caricature. Buzz is that Viola Davis will get a supporting nomination.
- ★★★ Slum Dog Millionaire: Don't miss this movie about a young boy from the slums of Mumbai who becomes a contestant on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire". Intense, sweet, humorous, romantic-picture has it all. Stay for the closing credits.
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button: This Fantasy about a man aging backward is overlong at 2 hours and 45 minutes; but after a slow beginning, it grabs you. While Brad Pitt is very good as the title character who waxes philosophically about life frequently throughout the movie, it is Cate Blanchett who is truly wonderful.
- ★★ Valkyrie: As one critic said, you should see this movie if you want to see Tom Cruise try to assassinate Hitler. Once you get past the major distraction of non-German accents, it is interesting even though you know the outcome.
  - Yes Man: All but the most die-hard Jim Carrey fans will be disappointed in this lightweight comedy. If you've see the trailer, you've seen it all. With the number of good December releases, avoid this one.

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Think about how you would feel if you lost those baby pictures or financial data and had to spend thousands of dollars in an attempt to recover your computer files. Even worse is when you went through the process of backing up your computer, only to find out the backup system was not working and you lost all of your data!

There are a few points to be made about backing up your computer.

- Use an external backup hard drive to get the data off of your computer. There are several on the market currently such as Maxtor, Seagate, and Western Digital ranging from \$80 - \$300.
- Automate and schedule the process so you don't have to remember to backup. Most backup drives come with backup software. Windows XP and Vista have backup software built in. Here is a Microsoft website with the details. http://www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/data/backup.mspx.

- Check the backup occasionally to make sure it is working. I like to actually open the drive from the "My Computer" icon and check the dates of the files.
- Finally, make sure you can actually restore the data. While it's a nice idea for everyone to verify they can restore the data, the most important thing is to have the data and if needed you can get help restoring. So, even if you simply want to copy and paste the data to the external drive that's fine but please do it

Making CD/DVD disks work fine but often don't hold enough data. I have had customers hand me their backup CD/DVD disks only to find they are blank because they didn't understand the full process of burning a disk. Many tears have fallen because hours of work or pictures have been lost due to hard drive failure.

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**Fishing Tip** - How to Catch Sheepshead: Pretty soon, cooler waters are likely to bring the larger sheepshead that we get during the winter season. When fishing for sheepshead, it is difficult to keep them from stealing your bait, and we all hate to lose a good-sized fish. The best thing to do is to go against instinct and not set the hook. Just hold some tension on the line and let the sheepie get a bite or two. Lift up to set the hook only after you feel a pulse in the rod-tip. Timing the hook-set with the rod-pulse is the key to catching these fish.

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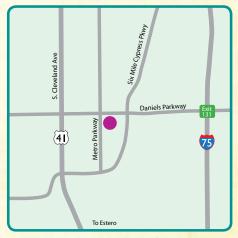
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