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## Bonita Bay In the Home Stretch

All indications are that the Bonita Bay Group and the Club members' Turnover Committee are close to a final agreement.

**THERE IS APPARENTLY** one minor point still to be resolved but it is anticipated that a deal will be finalized by the first few days of February. (Editor's Note: This publication went to press on January 26.)

Assuming there are no last-minute complications, the TOC will prepare and mail a detailed memorandum explaining the agreement. In order to get the 85% of the members needed to join the New Club, town hall meetings will be conducted on February 16 and 17.

Following the meetings, volunteer members will be available from 9 am to 5 pm every day for two weeks to sign up members and answer questions.

The TOC has said all along that while they believe this agreement is best for the membership at large and for the entire community, there most likely will be some unhappy members. Some of those have organized a team to initiate legal action to recover

unpaid Bonita Bay Club deposits for former and downgraded members.

A group of members have hired Greg Woods, a Naples attorney, to represent them. They have indicated that they already have close to 20 joining in on the litigations and only wanted a limited number of participants.

No particulars on the cost to join the New Club have been announced, but there will be separate categories for golf, tennis, fitness and social. Financing will be an option for those who so desire and special arrangements will be available for senior members (80 years and older). In addition, there will be a monthly capital improvement charge that is expected to last two years.

One member said, "Don't break out the champagne yet - look at how Bonita Bay Group decided not to turn over the Marina Club".

## Blondes Have More Fun

*By Dick Connelly, Woodlake*

**AS YOU HEAD WEST** on Bonita Beach Road from Old 41 and pass the railroad tracks, a quarter mile farther and you'll see a knock-out blond in a smashing red cocktail dress standing in front of a small building. The blond is Helga, a 6-foot-tall mannequin named after Dolly Scott's mother-in-law. Helga is the "come on" for Dolly's Produce Patch, a unique restaurant that offers home-made, home-cooked, home-spun food.



The proprietor is a 5-foot spark-plug blond with intense brown eyes named Dolly Scott, who serves breakfast, starting at 6 a.m., and lunch in an inviting laid-back atmosphere that attracts SRO crowds.

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# Editor's Notes:

**TO MANY OF US**, it seems that our paradise has been in turmoil a lot longer than 15 months. One can only imagine how battle-weary both the Homeowners Transition Committee and the Bonita Bay Club Turnover Committee are. The fatigue must be overwhelming. Hang in – there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Nevertheless, life goes on and January went down in the record books as one of the coldest in history. The prolonged cold snap took its toll on the foliage in the community. According to the experts, it remains to be seen how much will recover and how much will have to be replaced with new plantings. We are waiting with baited breath to see the January electric bill!

On a very positive note, the eaglets continue to prosper! Check out mom with her baby!



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# Valentine Couples

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# Who's Who in Bonita Bay

By *Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge*



**WHEN THE FIGURE SKATING** competition begins in Vancouver, at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, Doug Court of Bay Harbor will be watching. Not just because he enjoys the skating, but because it takes him back to 1954 when he himself competed in the World Figure Skating Championships in Norway.

Doug was 13 and living in St. Catharines, Ontario when players and coaches from the Toronto Maple Leafs came to town to coach and critique future hockey stars. They told him he needed to learn to skate better and suggested figure skating. Figure skating at the time was considered a little sissified, but Doug was passionate enough about his hockey to try anything. He was a late starter to figure skating; his competitors had already completed the program of eight tests that Doug was just beginning to tackle. But he whipped through them in record breaking time.

He skated in a number of carnivals across Canada. At one, he met members of the American team who suggested he needed to get to the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs where the USA team trained. So at 15, he got on a bus that took him across the border. It was there he saw how the really good skaters performed and how they trained. He was hooked; and his sights were raised to a level he never dreamed possible.

Although he was still playing hockey, he went on to compete and win the Junior Canadian competition and then silver in the Senior.

In 1954, Doug represented Canada in the World Figure Skating Championships in Oslo, Norway, host city for the 1952 Winter Olympics. He was 20 when he placed ninth overall. But because of his desire to play hockey at the University of Toronto and his plans to finish college, the timing wasn't right for him to compete in the Winter Games in Cortina, Italy in 1956.

He continued to do a lot of exhibitions (jumps and spins were his forte) and received offers from the skating shows. But he eventually traded his steel blades for the steel industry. He got a degree in metallurgy and went into business with his brother.

Doug never really gave up skating. He taught hockey to youngsters, which he describes as "back breaking" because he was always picking them up. He took up speed skating, which improved his stroke and strengthened his leg muscles. And he is still an ardent watcher of all things skating. "It's fascinating

to see skating in the Olympics. I was getting more and more rotations into my own jumps, and someone asked me where it would stop. I said I didn't think it was ever going to. Most skaters do three and four revolutions now, and there are a few newcomers who are trying to work five into their routines."

Doug still gets to some of the figure skating competitions. He knows some of the judges and the coaches and stays in touch by email. He heads to Germain Arena occasionally for an Everblades game or a figure skating show. And he now owns roller blades – that's probably Doug you've seen gliding along on the sidewalks of Bonita Bay.

But where skating once consumed him, golf does now. When his wife Nancy hurt her back and could no longer ski, they stopped their mountain vacations and headed to Florida to take up golf. They couldn't be happier.

Looking back at his skating years, Doug says, "My first figure skating coach told me you can make it near the top and your eyes will be opened to so many different ideas. He was right. It is one of the lifetime joys the sport has brought me. And the vigorous training taught me self-discipline, focus and motivation that have helped me all my life."



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# Bridge Lesson Love That Ninth Trump

By Pat Harrington

**YOU ARE DEALER** holding this hand: ♠ 9 4 ♥ A K 7 5 3 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ 6 3. Will you open the bidding? While it's common to require an opening hand to have at least 13 points, we saw last month that all 13 points need not come from high cards. Distribution counts too. The fifth heart adds 1 point to your 12 HCP, giving you 13 total points. Open 1♥.

Your partner jump raises to 3♥. Most modern players use a jump raise to show a bit less than opening count – about 11 to 12 points. These raises invite game and are known as limit raises. Using limit raises, opener adds his strength to the 11 or 12 points partner has shown and decides whether the pair has the 26 points required to make 4♥. Your 13 and partner's 11 or so total to about 24 points, which is a bit short of the 26 needed points and you might decide to pass.

### Example 1

♠ A 7 6  
♥ Q 6 4 2  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ J 7 5

♠ Q J 10 3    ♠ K 8 5 2  
♥ J 8        ♥ 10 9  
♦ J 10 9 8    ♦ 4 3  
♣ K 10 9     ♣ A Q 8 4 2  
  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A K 7 5 3  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ 6 3

### Example 2

♠ A 7 6 2  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ J 7 5

♠ Q J 10 3    ♠ K 8 5  
♥ J 8        ♥ 10 9 2  
♦ J 10 9 8    ♦ 4 3  
♣ K 10 9     ♣ A Q 8 4 2  
  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A K 7 5 3  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ 6 3

As declarer in Example 1, South, you make a plan by counting losers: 1 spade, 2 clubs, and 1 diamond, but dummy should have a heart left to ruff that diamond loser after drawing trump ... so 4♥ makes. Did you bid it?

The best agreement to have is for partner's immediate jump raise to 3♥ or 3♠ to show 11 to 12 (or a very good 10) total points and at least FOUR-card support. Opposite that kind of raise, opener can bid game with all hands having 15 or more points and also with a dead minimum unbalanced hand like South has in the example above. Bid game even with only 12 HCP and one length point, because your hand is unbalanced and partner promised 4 trumps. Responder's fourth heart gave you a 9-card fit instead of the usual eight.

Let's make one small change in the deal in Example 2 to give partner only 3 hearts. Does this affect your plan as South? You will use up all of dummy's trumps when you draw trump so you can't trump the fourth diamond later. If you play diamonds before drawing trump, East will ruff a winner. Yes, 4♥ would still make if diamonds split 3-3 or if the player having only two diamonds also has only 2 hearts. But you also need hearts to split 3-2 and the whole package happens less than 40% of the time, not often enough for you to want to be in 4♥. When partner's limit raise shows the same number of points, but only 3 trumps, game is not as good a proposition. Without a bigger than 8-card fit, your point count is a more accurate judge of how high to bid. Pass 3♥ with only 13 points opposite about 11.

N-S had the same total strength on both deals – 24 points. The only way for South to know when it's right to bid game and when it's better to pass North's 3♥ limit raise is for North to have a way to differentiate between hands with 3-card support and hands with more support. We'll see how that can be done next month. Meanwhile, talk to your favorite partners and see what they think a jump raise of a major suit opening bid shows.

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## Blondes Have More Fun *continued from page 1*

"Some people come here five days a week," she says. One couple recently drove more than a 100 miles from Hollywood, FL just to have lunch. Another couple, when they arrive back in SW Florida, leave the airport and stop at Dolly's on the way home to have lunch first. Another regular has a sign "This is Mary's table" on her table, so don't sit there. One web site described the restaurant as "Five scrambled eggs and local yokels."

The restaurant offers a broad range of food, from full breakfasts to soups and salads and it's all home cooked. She offers a table full of pies and cakes that are almost too pretty to eat.

Plus, it's cheap. The most expensive hamburger, a Double Cheeseburger, is less than \$9. The soup is \$3.

Dolly and her late husband started Dolly's Produce Patch as a one-room fruit and vegetable market in '96. She

had a hot stove and began making pies and cakes and the business grew. In 2001, they added a large kitchen and opened a second small dining area and now they can sit almost 100 patrons. If you're going there for lunch, get there before noon or you'll have to wait.

Dolly, who's from Minnesota, once had a regular customer ask where she was from. When she told him, he said he was too. He turned out to be Brad Childress, coach of the Minnesota Vikings. They became good friends and he invited her to attend a practice session one year and also gave her a football signed by the entire team.

It's on display in a rack in the dining room which also contains photos of her at ballroom dance contests which she says she does "to keep me sane" from the demands of running a very busy restaurant.

Also on display is one of the torches used to carry the Olympic flame. Dolly was chosen as one of the torch bearers when the Olympic flame came through Florida in 2001 en route to the winter games at Salt Lake City. She ran a quarter-mile with it over in Miami.

What contrasts the restaurant from, say, the Ritz-Carlton, is the laid-back atmosphere and décor. For example, many times the chairs or the dishes don't match and some plants in the windows sit in old coffee pots. A sign out front invites you to "flirt with the waitress."

One of Dolly's most memorable days was when 9/11 happened. "People came into the restaurant in droves," she said. "Many sat there, holding hands. They just wanted to be some place safe, so they came here."

Perhaps the most interesting problem Dolly's has had was caused by Helga. One day they dressed her in a provocative black cocktail dress with a slit skirt and put an expensive looking handbag in her hand. It was a bit windy that day and the wind was blowing open Helga's skirt. This became a traffic hazard as cars were slowing or stopping to stare because, from a distance, Helga looked real. Dolly said one guy got out of his car to talk with Helga and another came up and touched her to be sure she wasn't real. The authorities had Dolly revise Helga's wardrobe for safety reasons.

One rating service gave Dolly's "Five Stars." But stars don't seem important to Dolly. The stars she cares about are the folks who keep coming back. And they do.



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# Superior Interiors Dinner is Served

By Judy Underwood, Allied ASID

**THERE IS A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT** in contemporary living that the formal dining room is used so seldomly today that the investment hardly seems worth it. While it is perhaps true that our busy lives preclude a daily formal dining experience, casual family meals in the dining room can serve us well in many ways. And the occasional cool winter evenings here in Bonita Bay are the perfect time to bring dining indoors—all the way indoors, away from TVs and kitchen distractions.



To understand what creates the perfect mood for dining, think of some of your favorite restaurants. As much as the food makes it special, the way you feel as you arrive, the design, colors, lighting and music all combine to make the evening splendid. The design impression of your dining room at home is just as important.

The degree of formality is a matter of personal taste, but certainly dining is more enjoyable when the company is good, the food delicious even if simple and the ambiance relaxing. The goal of the design professional is to place a memorable décor at the top of the list of priorities, ensuring a stimulating and satisfying experience for friends and family without overwhelming an opportunity for more casual use.

Beautiful, quality furnishings and exquisite detailing greatly enhance the dining experience. However, too much grandeur can overwhelm and cause your guests to subconsciously feel a bit uncomfortable. Creating this balance takes skill, but it is indeed worth the effort because the dining room is probably the only single-purpose room in your house, and is frequently therefore under-utilized.

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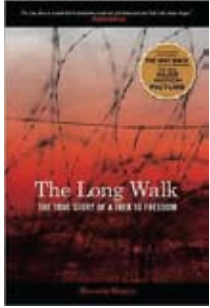
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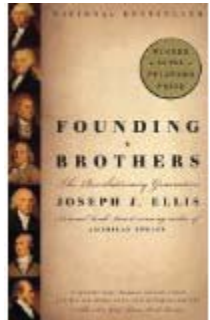
**THIS IS THE REMARKABLE** autobiography of a young Polish cavalry officer who was captured by the Russians in 1939, and sentenced to hard labor in a Siberian “camp” near the Arctic Circle. He rather briefly describes his torture in Moscow, the inhumane means of transport to the camp and the bleakness of life in the camp itself.

Most of the book is about his escape with a few others, and their journey to freedom. They walk thousands of miles from Siberia, through Mongolia, the Gobi desert, China, Tibet, and the Himalayas, to safety in India. It is a story of survival in the most elemental sense – the daily need to avoid capture, keep warm, find something edible, find water and maintain the will to live.

Rawicz wrote in the foreword to the Polish edition: “I hope *The Long Walk* will remain as a memorial to all those who live and die for freedom, and for all those who for many reasons could not speak for themselves”.

## Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph Ellis

Elaine Brotman, Horizons



**THIS PULITZER PRIZE WINNING BOOK** will appeal to a wide range of readers even those not particularly interested in early American history. Instead of one chronological study of the events of the 1790s, this book is divided into six decisive episodes portraying the interactions of seven of our greatest patriots. They all knew each other well, having worked together closely in forming the new nation. They all had their individual personalities, differences, opinions, ambitions and rivalries in dealing with each other.

Each episode exemplifies these intertwined relationships: the duel between Hamilton and Burr; the secret dinner of Jefferson, Hamilton and Madison to decide the location of the new capital in exchange for support of the collaboration between Jefferson and Adams; and the renewed friendship between Jefferson and Adams at the end of their lives.

What makes *Founding Brothers* extremely enjoyable to read are the little-known facts showing that politics has not changed in 220 years.

## House Lights by Leah Hager Cohen

Shirley Gorman, Oakwood



**BEATRICE FISHER-HART** is a happy 20-year-old. She lives in a house wedged between Harvard and Central Square with her parents, Sarah Fisher and Jeremy Hart. They are psychologists with faculty positions at the University and a shared private practice in offices adjacent to their home.

Bea’s grandmother is Margaret Fourcey, the legendary actress. When very young, Bea had seen her grandmother on stage and in her senior year of high school decides to become an actress. Her parents are opposed. Eventually, they decide to allow Bea, to quote her father, “to court her dreams” for a year before entering college.

Bea secretly writes to her grandmother – curious about her long estrangement from her daughter, Sarah, and to seek advice about becoming an actress. As she gradually enters her grandmother’s world, Bea’s own world begins to change. Bea has always lived in the world of the Fisher-Harts. Now her adored father’s professionalism is challenged. Her relationship with her parents is changed. And Bea finds she is attracted to a man whom her grandmother and her parents consider inappropriate.

Lea Hager Cohen’s well crafted novel explores the life of Beatrice and her family. At the same time the novelist writes about her characters, she writes about the lives of her readers.

# Bonita Springs Historical Society



*Built in 1926, the Goodbread Grocery was a market and filling station. For many years, the building had a patio on the roof where travelers could relax and enjoy a meal. The basic structure in recent years was used by the Dixie Moon Café.*

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*In 1923, these women posed alongside a boathouse located on the bay waters of Bonita Springs. The three women are believed to be Ruth Baird, wife of a local businessman; Mrs. Harris, a teacher at the Bonita Springs Elementary School; and Mrs. Conant, an opera singer.*

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Fifties Party

February 3, 2010 - 6:30 PM

Party Club to benefit the Jim Near Center at Guadalupe will take place at Bonita Bay. Music by "Sweet Charity". \$100 per person. For more information, please contact Lou or Patsy Graham at 239.947.4149 or at programm@aol.com

### Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida

February 5, 2010 - 11 AM networking; 11:50 AM presentation; 1:30 PM adjournment. \$45 per person

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Karen DeYoung - Associate Editor, *Washington Post* & Author.

Issue: International Terrorism. For more information, please call 239.948.7909 or visit [www.speakersassembly.com](http://www.speakersassembly.com)

### Hearts of Hope Ball

February 6, 2010

The Hope Hospice Gala will take place at the Ritz-Carlton, Naples. For more information, please contact Barbara Brown at 239.489.9147

### Side Street Artists

February 13, 2010 - 10 AM to 4 PM

Bonita Shores Club - West Avenue and 3rd Street, Bonita Springs. For information, please visit [www.SideStreetArtists.org](http://www.SideStreetArtists.org)

### Hope Lutheran Golf Tournament

February 13, 2010 - 11 AM clinic; 11:30AM Luncheon; 1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Golf event to benefit Hope Lutheran Pre-school. \$110 per person. For more information, please contact Len Bunge at 239.992.1979

### The Naples Committee for Heritage

February 17, 2010 - 10:00 AM - Panel Discussion; 11:30 AM - Reception; 12:00 PM - Luncheon

Steve Forbes - Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Forbes Media; and Trustee, The Heritage Foundation. The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. RSVP by February 3, online at [MyHeritage.org/Naples](http://MyHeritage.org/Naples). \$30 per Heritage Member; \$60 per Non-Member. For more information, contact Dria Graham at 202.608.1524 or email at [specialevents@heritage.org](mailto:specialevents@heritage.org)

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February 19, 2010 - 11 AM networking; 11:50 AM presentation; 1:30 PM adjournment. \$45 per person

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Barbara's Friends - The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund

March 5 - 6

Celebrity Tennis Event - Fred Stolle, Michael Pernfors and Jared Palmer among others to play in the event. For more information, contact Denise Markovits at 239.985.3550 or [denise.markovits@leememorial.org](mailto:denise.markovits@leememorial.org)

### 2010 Susan G. Komen Event

March 8, 2010

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### Bonita Springs National Art Festival

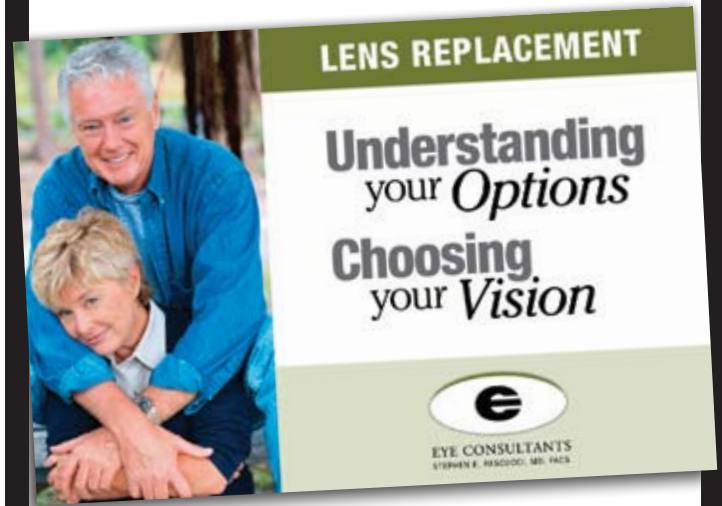
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# Living on the Course by Jack Sullivan, Riviera

## It's Not All About Golf



**BILL HEFFERON AND I** were scheduled to play golf that Saturday. Instead we had lunch in the Pelican Marsh clubhouse while watching rain fall on the course that was getting the brunt of the coldest Florida day in 35 years. A bittersweet change to our plan – bitter because I missed the chance to play with a guy who is, arguably, one of the world's most courageous golfers. Sweet because any time spent with Bill Hefferon is a reward in itself – both interesting and inspirational. It's one of life's pleasures – like golf.

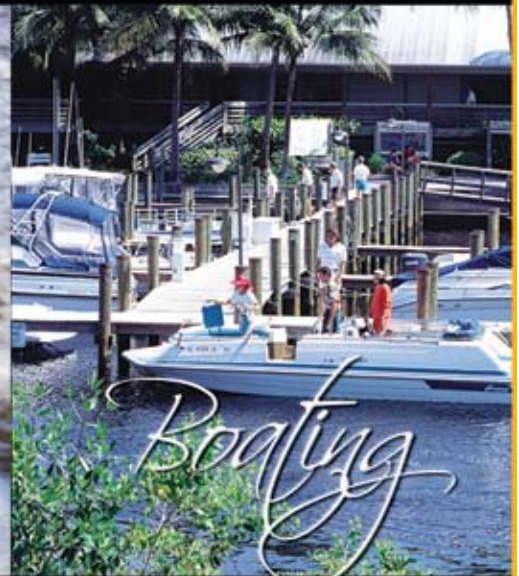
Success is never final. Failure is never fatal.  
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Bill retired from his upper New York-based risk management firm of Ernstrom & Hefferon in 1996. He had made his mark in business and had enough serious health problems to tell him it was time to relax and enjoy his most loved pastime. He and his wife, Marilyn, decided to move to Naples. They bought a membership at Pelican Marsh and moved into their new home in early 1997. It was relatively smooth sailing from that time until 1999. They became acclimated to Florida living, developed a cadre of friends and Bill got his handicap down to a very respectable 15. Then on Saturday, January 23, 1999, at four o'clock in the afternoon, disaster struck.

Bill, home alone and finishing up some business on the computer, decided to get ready for dinner. Marilyn had decided to attend an afternoon Mass at St. John the Evangelist church. Bill went into the bedroom, undressed and headed for the shower. He took one, two, three steps and hit the deck. He couldn't move. His left side went numb, his left arm and leg were paralyzed, but he could use his right hand and he could think. He pushed his way to the bed and pulled on the telephone cord until the phone fell off its perch on the headboard bookcase. He dialed 911 and told the operator he'd had a stroke. The operator couldn't understand

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# Travel By Pat Hazen, CTC

## Educational, Exciting and Fun ...



**AS PARENTS** and grandparents and even great-grandparents, we all want the best for our children and their children. I'm very prejudiced, I know, but travel is very educational. It can also be exciting and fun.

I recall my stepson saying about his college graduation gift (a student-oriented trip to Europe), "I really wish you guys would buy me three new suits for work, instead of sending me to Europe." But, he hasn't stopped talking about that trip 20 some years ago! His resume showed many travel countries and WE think that international experience is why he was offered a job in Europe. Not only was it educational at the time, but it opened doors for later in life as it created lifelong memories. Now, he works around the globe and wouldn't change any of his travel experiences. Of course, with kids of his own now, he wants them to travel too. And they have!

How and why is travel educational? Planning is a great educator. From selecting the destination, the best dates to

travel, length of trip and the activities, you are learning all the way. Securing a passport and appropriate tickets adds to the educational process. Are you going to a foreign country? Will you be learning about cultures and currencies and time zones? Are you visiting museums, places of worship, castles, gold mines, historic sites or other places of interest? How do you make a trip educational? The list is endless!

Many of us have the privilege and ability to travel. For work or pleasure, it's all an experience. Wouldn't it be fun to actually *participate* in the educational experiences that we give our children and grandchildren? Are you considering taking an

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# Restaurant Talk from Phyllis

By Phyllis Liebman, Woodlake



**OH, HOW I WISH** I had a pseudonym! (Bay Gourmet???)

## AZN

Now may be a particularly good time to visit AZN, the upscale Pan Asian restaurant at Mercato. Why now? Well, almost anything and everything that could possibly have gone wrong with a restaurant that we had previously visited and enjoyed, did! Trust me – the evening’s events could never be duplicated!

After being seated in a booth (one of the quietest spots in AZN) almost a half an hour after our reservation time, Nelson, our server, arrived at the table. He greeted the four of us in a friendly way, telling us that we were going to have a terrific meal and wonderful service. Funny! He spoke with forked tongue. Neither was true!

When he asked for our drink order, and learned that only one of us was interested in an alcoholic beverage ... and a beer at that ... I think Nelson was about ready to write us off. Along with glasses of water, which could have been delivered sooner in the Sahara, two of us ordered hot tea ... “green tea”. One ordered (hold your hat): hot water. Okay, I realize that many of you readers may be agreeing with our server right now ... deadbeats! However, a number of us “Bostonians” don’t “imbibe” when we have Oriental food.

On the positive side, the beer was cold. On the negative, so were the “hot” drinks. Two of them went back to the kitchen. Mine was cancelled entirely. How could I have forgotten that the tea in this Asian restaurant is merely a cup of hot water with a teabag on the side?

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# Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

By Mike Hanson, Sanctuary

## Part 2



**ONCE AGAIN**, the subject is golf balls – specifically, losing them, finding them and re-selling them.

*Let's begin with a few statistics:*

- More than 500 million rounds of golf are played annually on 16,000 golf courses in the United States.
- The average golfer loses one golf ball for every 18-20 full swings taken (approximately four balls per round).
- Roughly 1.9 billion golf balls are “regained” annually.

These numbers are an indicator of the annual market for golf ball sales in the U.S., and the demand for used and refurbished balls is growing rapidly.

On the front line of the used ball business are companies who contract with golf courses for the right to retrieve balls and employ divers to go get them. Typically, these contracts provide for a variety of compensation alternatives, like these outlined by PG Professional Golf:

- 20% of balls retrieved – returned as first-rate counter balls to sell at \$1 per ball.
- 25% of balls retrieved – returned at no charge as striped range balls.
- For every seven balls retrieved – one new soft core range ball provided.
- Cash per ball retrieved (paid quarterly).

Many companies hire contract divers whom they pay per ball. Rates vary, but eight cents a ball appears to be average. Conditions are difficult, visibility is limited, and dangers abound, especially here in Florida – from alligators and snapping turtles to water moccasins, sharp rocks and fishing hooks. Experienced divers can retrieve over 1,000 balls per hour, but as one diver puts it, “If you don’t know what you’re doing, you’ll be lucky to get 500.”

After the divers and golf courses are paid, the golf balls are cleaned, brightened, repainted and, in some cases, re-manufactured. Then the journey begins through wholesalers and retail dealers back to the bags of millions of golfers worldwide.

Surprisingly, there is no contract currently in place for golf ball retrieval at Bonita Bay. Berger Industries, Inc. held the most recent contract, which expired in 2008. Glenn Berger heads the company, which has been in business for eight years. Currently, Berger has contracts to retrieve balls at 29 golf courses in Florida, most within two hours of his home base.

“When I came to Bonita Bay in 2007, its previous contract had expired, and the courses had not been worked for six months,” Berger explains. “I do all my own diving, and I work on a flat rate basis.”

“Bonita Bay gave me access to all its courses for test dives over several days,” Berger continues. “Based on what I found, I offered Bonita Bay a flat annual rate for its three west courses.”

When that contract expired, negotiations for a new deal proved unsuccessful as the both the economy and Bonita Bay’s fortunes deteriorated precipitously.

Every golf course is different, as is the value of the yield produces. The variables are rounds played,

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**Living on the Course** *continued from page 16*

him, but traced the call. Marilyn, in the meantime, couldn't find a parking space at church so she decided to return for Mass on Sunday. She arrived home in time to let the paramedics and fire department in the house before they broke the door down.

At the Naples hospital, Bill's family internist arrived at a grim diagnosis. Bill had not progressed after two days.

Little hope remained for a significant recovery. He felt Bill should be transferred to a nursing home. Bill's daughter, Lynne, disagreed. She asked the doctor, "Do you know my father?"

"Certainly I know him. I'm his doctor. Have been since he moved to Florida."

Lynne shook her head and said, "Apparently you don't know him very well or you'd never suggest he be stuck in a nursing home."

The doctor took offense at her remarks and said he was in charge of the situation and things would be done his way. Marilyn, hearing the confrontation, had enough. She fired the doctor and said things would be done Bill's way.

Four weeks later, Bill Hefferon, now under a neurologist's care, moved from the Naples hospital to the Kessler Rehabilitation Institute in West Orange, N.J. Eight weeks later he returned to his home in Pelican Marsh where he continued his up-hill, long-odds battle. Now, at age 72, his battle scars include three heart attacks before the stroke and one after, two by-pass operations, one blocked carotid artery operation, 21 angioplasty procedures, and the insertion of nine stents.

What's a guy to do upon returning from re-hab with one good arm, a dropped left foot, the inability to walk and a medical record that reads like a horror novel? He can sit and watch television. He can read a book, although he can't hold it with his left hand and turn the pages with his right. He can surf the web and go to the movies. He can feel sorry for himself and do nothing. Bill Hefferon decided to play golf.

He had read about a man in Denver who had an idea about building a golf cart for handicapped people. Bill called him. Roger Pretikin said he didn't have a finished product, just an idea. Bill told him that he'd work with him as a guinea pig. He said when Pretikin had something on wheels, he'd come out, at his own expense, and try it. A few months went by and Pretikin called, and said he had a cart ready for a test drive. Bill flew to Denver and strapped himself into the 360-degree swivel seat of the first Solo Rider golf cart. He didn't like it. When the power seat positioned him over a golf ball, it bent his 160-pound frame like a pretzel. He couldn't swing a golf club.

A month later, Roger Pretikin called again and said he'd corrected the problem. Bill flew back to Denver and tested the rebuilt cart. The seat raised him higher, at a more upright plane. It allowed him to swing a club from a natural position. The 550-pound cart had a suspension system on each wheel, enabling it to run smoothly with very little drag. It actually left less indentation on fairways and greens than

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that caused by a walking 180-pound man. Bill gave Pretikin a check and had the cart shipped to Florida.

With his new Solo Rider positioning him, he started hitting golf balls from the practice range and doing some chipping and putting. He found that his crippled left arm got in the way of his one-arm right-handed swing, so he devised a band that attached his left arm to his left side to keep it out of the way. Swing and hit. Swing and hit. Hit the driver. Hit the 3-wood. Pitch and putt. Hour after hour of slow, painful progress, three and four times a week for a year and a half, and finally he drove his cart to the first tee at Pelican Marsh and hit his first post-stroke drive.



Bill Hefferon is now driving his third Solo Rider and plays 18 holes of golf three times a week. This one doesn't have a power seat that lifts him into position. He does that himself. He plays with a regular group of golfers who allow him to play from the forward tees and roll his ball over on the fairway (winter rules). These are the only two breaks he gets. His handicap is now 35, but with lessons every Saturday morning and continuous practice, he's pushing to get it down to his group's average.

I asked him if he ever felt self-conscious on the course. He candidly admitted that he did. But he said his fellow members, and those of the several other courses that he plays during the reciprocal months, including Bonita Bay, are not only understanding but also very encouraging. He's only had one member of his club (a guy with a single-digit handicap) complain by way of a letter to the Board of Directors

about the "crippled guy" leaving tread marks in the sand traps. It was a "get him off the course" attempt. After discussing the matter, the Board advised the complainer that the handicapped guy stayed, but he could leave whenever he wished.

Hefferon has not been pro-active as far as gaining any special consideration for the handicapped. However, he has worked with a group that won a court order to have the Marriott Corporation have handicapped golf carts available on all of their courses. He has also been instrumental in having special carts available in all Military Post golf courses, and on all T.P.C. courses

(Tournament Players Clubs). He has not sought nor benefited one nickel from these efforts.

Bill Hefferon told me that if his story inspires one person to rise above his or her handicap and enjoy life a little more, his up-hill struggle would be worth it. In my case, I'm fortunate enough not to need much motivation to play golf. So next spring, when the reciprocal golf days are upon us, come join us. I'll be the short hitter; the one that's walking; the one that's hurrying to keep up with the guy in the funny looking cart.

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# Retroactive Estate Tax?

ON DECEMBER 3, the House passed the permanent extension of the \$3.5 million Federal estate tax exemption. However, the Senate failed to act due to a “little” debate on some “minor” health care legislation. Thus, the Federal estate tax has been repealed for 2010, but the gift tax for gifts over \$1 million is retained with a 35% tax rate. If Congress does nothing at all, the estate tax will return with a vengeance in 2011 with only a \$1 million exemption and a top tax rate of 55%.

Senate Finance Chair Max Baucus, along with Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, issued a press release just before Christmas promising to take up estate tax legislation as quickly as possible in 2010 and work to do this retroactively.

There are four realistic and potential options for Congressional action on the estate tax:

- 1) Pass a permanent extension of the \$3.5 million exemption retroactively to January 1
- 2) Pass a one- or two-year extension of the \$3.5 million exemption retroactively to January 1
- 3) Same as 1) or 2) above, but with a \$5.0 million exemption and a top tax rate of 35%
- 4) Fail to come to an agreement and permit the estate tax to return in 2011 at \$1 million, with a top tax rate of 55%

As a result of this estate tax uncertainty, there are great challenges and complexities for estate planning attorneys and individuals in drafting and modifying estate plans. Previously, retroactive tax bills have been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, but don't be surprised by a constitutional

challenge if someone on the *Forbes* Top 100 list dies before enactment. Now, more than ever, death and taxes could not be more intertwined.

The political calculus for both sides will be dicey. Republicans believe they will have the upper hand early in the year because Democrats must argue for an estate tax when the rate is currently zero. However, the Democrats believe later in the year they will have the upper hand as Republicans resisting a deal also risk allowing the estate tax to come back with a vengeance with a \$1 million exemption.

A problem may occur in many married couples' revocable trusts should one spouse pass away during the repeal period and if there is no estate tax retroactivity to January 1. Most married couples' revocable trusts provide for various formula funding provisions at the death of the first spouse based upon the maximum amount that can pass estate-tax free. If there is no estate tax, how will these formula funding provisions be interpreted? Further, revocable trust formula funding provisions which provide the maximum amount which can pass estate-tax free to someone other than the surviving spouse (i.e., children) could have severe economic consequences for a surviving spouse.

Though every estate plan should be reviewed in these uncertain times, those married couples who are generally older or not in good health should be the first in line.

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# The Dentist Chair

By Jim Papandrea, DDS, Riviera

## Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

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- Do you experience recurrent heartburn?
- Do you sweat a great deal while you sleep?
- Do you snore excessively? Does your partner worry about your "gasp" at night?

Don't panic if you have one or two of these and they are minor. But consider getting a physical. Bring your partner along too. There will be many questions for both of you.

The main cause is blockage of the airways (the nose, mouth and throat). When the throat and the tongue relax too much, they gain in size. This restricted airway causes less



oxygen intake to our lungs and therefore less oxygen in our blood stream. Every major organ suffers. Too much alcohol, obesity and even some medications can cause the closure to occur. That is why you must be guided in this journey by your physician.

There are Sleep Apnea tests that are very accurate. There is even a home test that is available, although many give false readings. Your physician will suggest a Sleep Apnea test at a

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## Cupid, Draw Back Your Bow

IN 2003, ANN AND DICK SARGENT purchased a home in Bonita Bay and decided they would take the Club-sponsored Kalos golf cruise on the Danube River, not only to enjoy the travel experience but also for the opportunity to meet other residents of their new community.

On the same cruise, Richard and Lynne Powell and Gayle and Mike Padworski – neighbors from Bonita Bay and Denver, their mutual hometown – looked forward to a week-long adventure aboard the River Cloud.

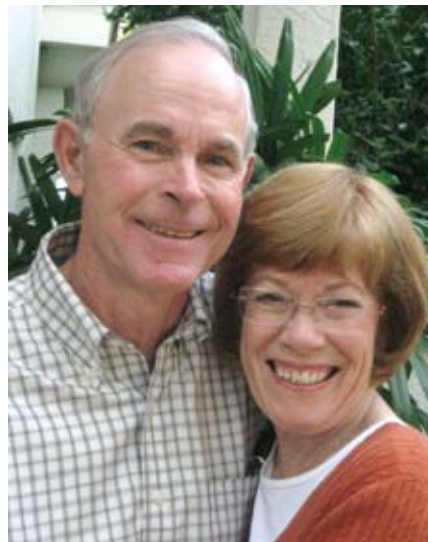
Mid-way through the cruise, Lynne and Ann struck up a conversation which led to the three couples sharing many fun times together on the cruise. Back in Bonita Bay, the Powells and the Sargents found that their friendship lasted beyond their days at sea. They went to dinner, golfed and simply enjoyed each other's company on a number of occasions.

Fast forward a few years. Tragedy struck both couples. Ann's beloved husband of 42 years passed away in 2005 and Richard's dear wife of 23 years succumbed to a long illness in 2007.

Shortly thereafter, Ann and Richard, still grieving, needed to talk to someone about the pain of losing a loved one. Over the next few months of quiet dinners together, they discovered that they enjoyed many of the same pastimes and hobbies such as golf, biking (they both belong to the Bonita Bay Bike Club), concerts and theater.

The rest is history. After two years of dating, Richard and Ann are going to be married! Their blended families – (his – three daughters plus spouses and six grandchildren; hers – a son and daughter) – plus several others will join the happy couple on the Bonita Bay Club terrace for the wedding ceremony with dinner to follow in the Fireside Room.

*When? On February 14 – Valentine's Day – of course!*



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# Movie Talk



## Recent Theatrical Releases

### ☆☆☆ **Avatar**

Sure to be the world's top grossing movie by the time you are reading this. For the best viewing experience, see it in 3D and IMAX. Beautiful science fiction movie with two shallow story lines. The first, how a corrupt "military-industrial complex" and its evil ways try to ruin the beautiful planet of Pandora and destroy the native humanoids who live there. The second, a love story between members of each group. Has a basic "Cowboys vs. Indian" feel with unending battle scenes. Some critics say that it is anti-military, anti-U.S. message. I say, ignore that aspect. Enjoy the movie as a visual delight.

### ☆☆☆ **It's Complicated**

Meryl Streep, once again, is wonderful in this adult comedy about a couple getting back together again after they divorced. Many funny scenes. As good as the trio of Streep, Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin is, some of the best moments are when John Krasinski (The Office) is on the screen.

### ☆☆☆ ½ **Me and Orson Welles**

Unfortunately, only played about a week in our area. This coming-of-age story of a young wannabe actor is mostly focused on the idiosyncrasies of Orson Welles (superbly played by Christian McKay). It tells the story in a funny and warm way about the genius of the egotistical Welles. Set four years before "Citizen Kane", the 22-year-old Wells is producing and starring in the first Shakespearian play on Broadway (Julius Caesar). For all lovers of radio, theater, "Citizen Kane", "The Third Man", etc., this movie will delight you.

### ☆☆ **Sherlock Holmes**

More like a James Bond movie than the Sherlock Homes that we remember with Basil Rathbone. Too much action – aimed at a younger audience.

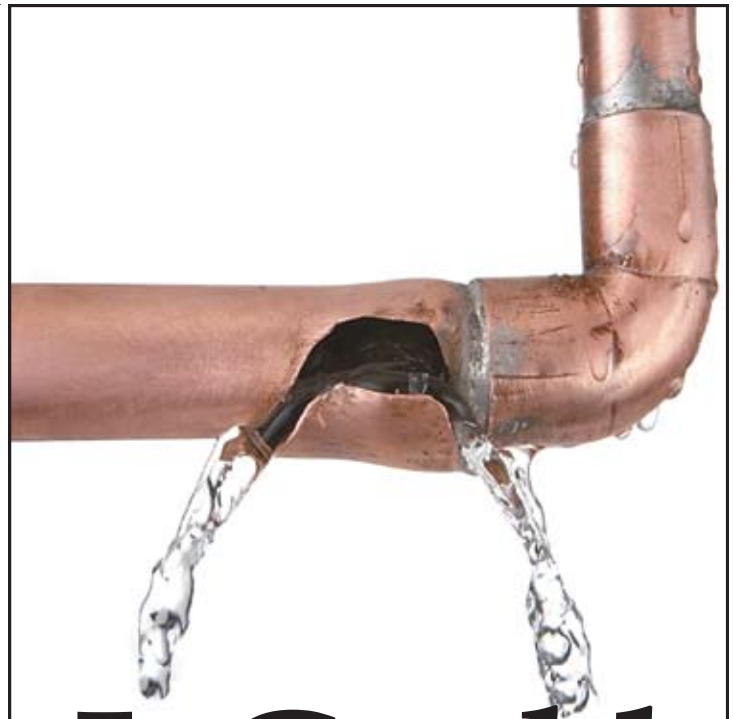
### ☆☆☆ **Up in the Air**

George Clooney, in this sure Best Picture Oscar nominee, is a hired gun in charge of down-sizing corporate executives. He is obsessed not only by his travel schedule but by accumulating Frequent Flyer awards. He claims that he spends 322 days on the road and 43 miserable days at home. In spite of its cynicism and often depressing subject of people losing their jobs, the movie has many comic relief moments but is, also, too repetitive.

### ☆☆ ½ **Nine**

Based on the Broadway play of the same name and the Fellini movie "8½" and directed by Rob Marshall (Director of "Chicago"), this movie did not live up to expectations. Not much of a score but some good dance scenes by a number of attractive ladies – Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman, Fergie and Marion Cottillard. Judi Dench is good as usual and Daniel Day Lewis shows his versatility.

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educational trip yourself? There are many tour companies and cruise lines that specialize in educational travel and multi-generational travel.

One tour company in particular has a whole division of tours that are specifically for multi-generations with trips in the US or around the world. They plan the details of each day's activities and include special moments that appeal to everyone. From interactive learning experiences in the Galapagos, to zip lines in the jungles and rainforests of Costa Rica or cowboy life experiences in Wyoming, you can participate with the children in your life in a most meaningful way. Grandparents traveling with their grandchildren is one of the newest groups of consumers. Children appreciate vacation experiences and bring you into the picture to enjoy that special moment with them. Like the expressions on their faces, the memories are priceless.

It's never too late to continue to learn. Why not an educational trip for yourself – with or without the children? Perhaps you want to experience the D-Day activities with a cruise tour in northern France or view Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Does a cultural discussion with top world leaders strike you as a vacation dream? If so, you can cruise with Mikhail Gorbachev, Condoleezza Rice and William Perry. Culinary courses, photography trips, dancing, bridge play and mahjonnig are just some of the activities that can be the focus of your vacation and continued learning experiences. A good travel agent will help you plan the educational trip that will appeal to all your family members.

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# Golf Instruction Lesson Series

By Jeff Heilman



## Lesson #2: Consistency In Golf

**ONE OF THE MOST** common questions asked by a golf student in a lesson is: "How can I become more consistent?"

The answer, in a long swing, is to deliver the club and body to the same position at impact every time. If we take a lesson from other athletic physical and mental skills, the impact position and consistency are easily attainable.

### Physical:

When a right-handed batter is to hit a baseball, from his ready position, he lowers the bat and his left arm falls across the front of his chest. He then pivots to his left, turning his chest against his left arm. This allows the batter to

deliver the bat in a coordinated effort of the arms and body with the hands leading the bat.

I hope some of these expressions are similar to what you are trying to do in your golf swing. These are sound fundamentals of a golf swing.

For a right-handed golfer, the most important move is to allow the left arm to fall across the chest in the downswing, then turn the belt line, and subsequently, the chest, against the left arm to impact. This sequence will ensure that you have pivoted on your left hip socket, adding to the stability and repetition of impact.

The most common golf teacher's exercise to get this point across to his student is to have the student practice with a handkerchief or glove under the left arm pit.

- **Attention:** The message to be delivered with the handkerchief under the arm pit is **NOT** to hold the arm close to the body **BUT** to hold the body close to the arm. Once you make this realization, consistent impact becomes easy.
- **Word of Warning:** If you practice this exercise with the handkerchief, only do it on the range with 2/3 length swings.

### Mental:

Once you begin to experience success striking the golf ball in practice and the ball's flight is as you wish, begin visualizing that flight before upcoming shots on the golf course.

Much like a basketball player picturing a shot bouncing off the backboard into the hoop, this mental picture allows your body to put the motions together without exaggeration so that you can reproduce the shot desired as previously practiced. This is one of the reasons experienced golfers often use the expression that "golf is mostly mental."

### Overview:

Consistency CAN be attained. It first must be physically the same. Then you have to be able, through practice, to make your technique transition into planning your shot by picturing it. This is one of the reasons the sport of golf is so great.

*Jeff Heilman is a PGA member and has been a golf instructor at Bonita Bay Club for 23 years. He began teaching in 1972. During this time, he has given more than 50,000 lessons, helping players representing a wide range of abilities, from PGA Tour players to beginners.*

### In The Dentist Chair *continued from page 26*

Sleep clinic, where you and your partner will be asked many questions about your lifestyle, snoring, sleep behavior, drowsiness and alcohol consumption. They will then give you a Polysomnograph which measures the electrical activity of your body while you sleep and the airflow and blood oxygen level in your system. This test is the best way to be sure you are safe. Remember, people die everyday from this silent disease. The sad part is they don't have to.

*Treatment options may require a change in your lifestyle.*

1. Less food and alcohol, if necessary.
2. Change in medications you are taking.
3. C-PAP appliance or device which helps you breathe by slowly pushing air into your nose or throat. The C-PAP may take a week or so to get used to, but will save your life. Once you start using the unit, you will be amazed at your change in energy level. The increase in oxygen will make your whole body feel better. The unit does make some noise while in use but you and your partner can get used to it. Your partner will no longer have the fear of losing you in the middle of the night.
4. Lastly, in extreme cases, there are some surgical procedures that can be tried; but I never been comfortable with these.

Remember, this disease can kill by tricking your brain into believing you do not need oxygen. Once it does, you will stop breathing. So if you think you have a problem, do not wait.

*Editor's note: Jim Papandrea is a retired dentist from Brookfield, WI. He is willing to answer questions about dentistry in his BWN column. Please send your questions and concerns to Dr. Jim at [www.baywatchletters.com](http://www.baywatchletters.com).*



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# Random Thoughts

**HAVE YOU EVER** noticed how polite and courteous the landscape workers are here in Bonita Bay? And always working hard ... never leaning on their shovels, sipping coffee like road crews on the highway?

**WHAT IS EVERYONE** going to talk about at dinner parties and on the golf course once the TOC settles the issues concerning BBG?

**DO THOSE BUMPER STICKERS** showing that you support the Sheriff's Fund help you avoid getting a traffic ticket?

**WATCH OUT** for the red light cameras in Collier county ... right now I am holding my breath about receiving a ticket in the mail concerning an infraction I may have committed ... I should have had one of those bumper stickers just in case!

**WHY ARE COLLEGE** coaches allowed to break contracts but student-athletes have to sit out a year if they transfer?

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## What's Happening in Real Estate?

### Let's look at the numbers.

**WE ARE ASKED DAILY** to provide both buyers and sellers with a variety of data regarding the Bonita Bay real estate market. Since many of you are interested, we thought this month we would share some numbers and trends.

#### Bonita Bay Five-Year Sales Data

Year	Total # Homes Sold	Avg List Price	Avg Sales Price	Individual Transaction Sales \$ / List \$ Ratio	Single Fam. Home Sales	Villa Sales	Small Villa/ Low-Rise Sales	High-Rise Sales
2009	86	\$814,928	\$714,160	89.4 %	14	7	48	17
2008	138	\$922,179	\$833,058	90.5 %	28	9	83	18
2007	105	\$1,137,887	\$1,044,123	92.6 %	25	14	45	21
2006	127	\$1,087,794	\$1,018,894	94.7 %	26	14	66	21
2005	218	\$902,186	\$857,127	96.7 %	39	22	121	36

The changes in both the number of homes sold and the prices have been downward trends we have all seen and felt personally. As important as data can be, it is critical to remember that buying and selling a home is an art as much as it is a science. With that in mind, the fact remains that for buyers this may be an optimum time to make the next move. As for sellers, a property will sell if priced properly and exposed to the market properly.

*Gary & Jeff Jaarda*

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# In the Doctor's Office

## Skin Cancer – The Facts, The Fear and The Fix



The statistics seem daunting. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime.

**SKIN CANCER.** You've heard about it, and likely know someone who's had it. The statistics seem daunting. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime. More than one million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the U.S. each year. The incidence of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, has been steadily rising for the past 30 years.

So how can you live in the Sunshine State, enjoy an active lifestyle and protect your skin, too? Awareness and action – not fear – are the best responses. The good news is that most skin cancer is treatable. Your dermatologist is the best resource for more information on prevention, detection and treatment.

A few simple “fixes” can make a big difference in preventing more sun damage. A new year is a great time to develop some healthy habits.

### Consider these ways to be sun smart this year:

1. Always wear sunblock when going outside, even when it's not sunny. There are many good sunblocks on the market for different skin types. Find one or two that you like with an SPF of at least 15 that protects from UVA and UVB rays. Apply it liberally, and reapply every two hours. Tend to forget? Put it next to your toothpaste, so it becomes part of your morning routine.
2. Wear protective clothing, such as a hat, long sleeves and sunglasses. Avoid being in the sun from 10 am to 4 pm when the sun's rays are strongest. Another good reason for that early tee time.
3. Get to know your own skin: Note any changes in moles and if you notice anything changing, growing or bleeding, see your dermatologist. Need a way to remember? Check your birthday suit on your birthday.
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John Elliff of Cracker Cove in Bonita Bay manages the Market for the Lions Club which has been the sponsor for 21 years. John indicated that the variety of merchandise for sale now not only includes locally grown produce, but also bakery selections, fresh flowers, pasta, candles, antiques and much more. He reports that "the fastest growing segment is fresh fish and live lobsters sold by Capt. Anderson."

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## Sudoku Puzzle

Edited by Will Shortz

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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*Contest open to residents of Bonita Bay. One entry per person – online entries only. Decision of the Editor is final.*



## Congratulations!

We had many entries for the January Mystery Object, with guesses of "a locker at the bocce courts" to "Bernie Madoff's jail cell". But the first to correctly identify the Mystery Object was **CINDY KRUESI OF THE CROSSINGS** as "One of the lockers in the canoe racks at Spring Creek Park". \*

**Cindy wins a \$25 gift card to La Fontanella Ristorante.**

*\* There are lockers also located at Riverwalk Park.*



## Here Today, Gone Tomorrow *continued from page 20*

the difficulty of the golf course, the severity of its hazards and the greens fees or membership dues golfers pay to play. On a so-called "ball farm", with heavy play and lots of water, a diver might retrieve close to 100,000 balls per year. That number could drop to 20,000 on a course with lighter play and less water.

The quality of lost balls also varies from course to course, and the percentage of Titleist ProV1's in the mix is an important indicator of the value of the yield. Berger explains that a typical "pond run" at Bonita Bay consists of 15% Pro V1's, with 15-20% being "low-brand" balls. Across US41 at Bonita Fairways, the number of Pro V1's in a pond run drops to just 2-3%, while the percentage of low-brand balls jumps to 60%.

Empirical evidence gathered over many years tells Berger that golfers do, indeed, put less valuable balls into play on challenging holes. He cites as a prime example a hole with an island green on a West Palm Beach course where he dives. The entire course is a 15% Pro V1 course; however, this hole yields just 5% Pro V1's. Also in the mix are 3-5% range balls, and a high number of ladies' balls.

Berger's business is primarily wholesale. He has a busy website ([www.bustinballs.com](http://www.bustinballs.com)), and he ships more than 90% of his golf balls overseas to dealers in countries where prices are higher than in the U.S.

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Brand and condition drive the pricing of used golf balls at both wholesale and retail. Since 1988, Golf Balls Galore has been selling used golf balls to local golfers from its retail store at 2181 J & C Boulevard in Naples. Here golfers see the retail end-product of the used ball business – thousands of golf balls neatly bagged, packaged and arranged by brand and quality in dozens of well-priced assortments.

Larry and Sherri Marcelli own and operate the business, which is also heavily involved in ball retrieval and in wholesale and internet sales ([www.golfballsgalore.com](http://www.golfballsgalore.com)).

Inside the store, the choices are many and the savings considerable. Balls are divided into three basic categories – Tournament, Players and Economy. The gradings are based on standards for color and paint, shine and brightness, ball marks, scuffs and scratches. Pricing is based on the brand and grade of the balls.

Both Larry Marcelli and Glenn Berger concede that the used golf ball business is tougher than ever, due to increased competition and a greater availability of low-price new golf balls. "These days," Berger says, "I'm working twice as hard and making 40% less than I used to."

Both entrepreneurs understand clearly that their business is one of turning pennies into dollars, and that as long as golfers lose balls, the economics driving the market are unlikely to change. "Whatever your handicap and skill level," says Marcelli, "buying used golf balls is a great way to save money."

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**Superior Interiors** *continued from page 11*

Attention to detail is most important in a dining room since guests are seated for longer than usual and have a longer period of time to observe their surroundings. This is the room where your design efforts really pay off – a place for stunning accessories, dramatic colors and detailed window treatments.

A well planned lighting scheme should be part of your overall design. For example, assuming that the dining room is most often used in the evening, the lights should be soft, warm, diffuse (on a rheostat) and emanating from several sources. Candles are romantic, but seldom provide adequate lighting for a 'task' such as eating from plate ware, so your switched lighting should enhance the candlelight without overwhelming it.

Examples of other elements of a really special dining area are luxurious fabrics, crown moldings and chair rails, objects of art, splendid mirrors, custom draperies and a fabulous rug.

Whether for a holiday feast, a dinner party or casual family get-together, your dining room should be a special but well used place where family and guests love to gather to laugh, relax, exchange ideas, enjoy a good meal and cherish special moments together.

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*What was your first job?*



**Jody Horein** RIVERWALK

My first full-time job was a summer job as a lifeguard and swimming teacher at an outdoor pool in Frankfort, Indiana. I started when I was 16 and worked for four summers. I made \$1.50 an hour and worked from 9 AM until 9 PM but also gave private swimming lessons which paid a lot more. It was better than my part-time jobs of baby-sitting and detasseling corn.



**John Joyce** MIRA LAGO

My first job was right after high school in 1957. I started in the General Motors mail room in New York City earning \$2,945 per year. I attended college at night and things worked out so well that I spent 40 years working for General Motors.



**Gary Ingersoll** AZURE

Not counting my job at the A&P where I got paid \$.75 an hour, my first job was as a bank auditor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. I was paid a little more than \$100 per week. I enjoyed the job so much, I stayed for a full three months!



**Joyce Eikenberg** BAYVIEW

When I was 16, I worked at the Victory Chain in Rome, New York. My duties included cutting, weighing and wrapping the meat. But I never put my thumb on the scale! I enjoyed the job but hated going into the freezer because of the cold and I'm claustrophobic.



## Computer Tips

# Laptop or Desktop

**WHEN YOU CONSIDER** getting a new computer, the laptop has many advantages. One of the most frustrating issues I run into for customers is transferring data from their computer up north to their computer down here; a laptop can solve that issue. With our mobile society, a laptop is a good choice. They do cost more than a desktop computer but, if you can afford it, I would suggest checking out laptop computers.

A regular-sized keyboard and mouse can be connected to all laptops ... even wirelessly. You can connect a regular-sized flat panel monitor to most laptops easily and avoid having to deal with the smaller screens. You can get plenty of memory and CPU processing power to handle the programs most home users encounter. Most have a DVD drive, wireless capability and a webcam built-in. They are quiet; and battery life has improved so you can go without being plugged into anything for 3-4 hours or longer. They come in a variety of sizes and weights to make it easy to travel ... whether it be the annual migration or worldwide vacationing.

The really nice thing is your computing environment and data do not change. External backup drives are small as well, so you can still do backups regularly as you should. The icons stay in the same place. The email is exactly as it was before you left. You have all of your documents with you and thus you AVOID transferring data to another computer. Hooking up some cables is much easier then dealing with software-related problems and so often someone has a disk or USB flash drive with their data on it ... only to find out



they didn't get all of the data they need and it's sitting on a computer hours or days away. You can even get a docking station to avoid plugging in all of your devices individually and even add ports such as the often used USB.

Other than being more expensive, laptops do have smaller hard drives to hold data but rarely do I run into any computer with a full hard drive anymore. They also tend to have fewer USB ports but that can be resolved with a docking station or a USB hub. I do suggest getting a carrying case for laptops sooner rather than later. Laptops do take a little more physical abuse so an extended warranty is a serious consideration because some repairs, like replacing a broken screen, are expensive. Go to the store and get a feel for the style and size that you prefer before purchasing. And last but not least, always make sure the laptop is on a flat hard surface to allow for cooling air flow or you can overheat and damage a laptop or yourself.

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**Restaurant Talk** *continued from page 19*

The boys' orders – Shanghai wonton soup, Malaysian panang curry chicken, and pad Thai – arrived hot, and attractively presented. The girls ordered the seven-flavor basil beef ... a dish that I've enjoyed at AZN in the past. However, this time it was cold. Nelson explained, after he returned the dish to the kitchen, that the thinly sliced jicama sticks that topped the beef had chilled the meat. In any event, we were smart to have kept the accompanying rice at the table. It kept us busy until our meal came some time later. Fortunately, when it did, the meat was miraculously hot, and the fresh bean sprouts beneath, and the jicama above, cool. Quite good, as I remembered it to be!

We were engaged in giddy conversation when Greg, the manager, stopped by and asked how we were enjoying our meal. Our friend, Ira, responded quickly, saying that there were problems that he'd like to discuss, in private, after dinner. Realizing that something had gone awry, he offered us dessert, which, while appreciated, was declined. This

didn't hinder one of the service staff (not Nelson) from bringing a tray of sweet stuff for our perusal. We thanked him but, to his amazement, refused.

When the bill arrived, we noticed that ten dollars had been taken off the total amount. Upon closer examination, we saw that we were charged for two

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teas and one hot water (\$3 each!), and for the desserts that we didn't order, didn't want and didn't eat! It was almost funny.

We asked to speak with the manager again. He was apologetic and seemingly embarrassed about still another faux pas. Right before we left the table, Greg

handed us a \$75 gift certificate for the four of us. He expressed his hope that we'll visit AZN again and give them another chance. What a nice – and smart – gesture! We probably wouldn't have returned for at least a very long time. Now we'll be inclined to give it another try.

*"The restaurant is like a theatre: we do two shows a day and when you are doing Shakespeare, you don't want to throw in something out of Walt Disney."*

Benjamin Britton  
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### ACROSS

- 1 Other than this
- 5 Passion
- 9 Clobber
- 14 Spreadsheet box
- 15 Parade entrance, maybe
- 16 It's between Quebec and Sierra in a phonetic alphabet
- 17 Track shape
- 18 North-flowing river of Africa
- 19 Public persona
- 20 *Digs*
- 23 Western treaty grp.
- 24 Tabloid bit
- 25 *Digs*
- 32 Clerical vestment
- 33 \_\_\_'acte
- 34 Arizona Red Rock Country locale
- 35 Period of prosperity
- 37 Scenery chewer
- 39 "Yikes!"
- 40 Except if
- 43 Somme silk
- 46 First family member
- 47 *Digs*
- 50 Appear to be
- 51 Where It. is
- 52 *Digs*
- 59 Nitpick
- 60 Sniffer
- 61 You can buy things online with this
- 62 Valuable violin
- 63 Major addition?
- 64 Peeling potatoes, say, in the military
- 65 Thick as a brick
- 66 Israeli prime minister during the Yom Kippur War
- 67 Capone nemesis

### DOWN

- 1 Tree hugger's interest: Abbr.
- 2 \_\_\_ Strauss jeans
- 3 Belarussian, e.g.
- 4 Singing partner of Doherty, Phillips and Phillips
- 5 Doesn't give up the fight
- 6 La Salle of "ER"
- 7 Org. that defends equal protection
- 8 Something good to clear
- 9 Request from a pen pal
- 10 Not store-bought
- 11 Poet \_\_\_ Khayyám
- 12 RAM units
- 13 "Once upon a midnight dreary ..." writer
- 21 \_\_\_ the Great (boy detective)
- 22 Itinerary nos.
- 25 Exact copy
- 26 Letter-shaped fastener
- 27 Utmost
- 28 Understand
- 29 "Understood"
- 30 Scoundrel
- 31 Marquis name
- 32 "Snug as \_\_\_ ..."
- 36 Portable sets of utensils
- 38 Coy reply from Miss Piggy
- 41 Metal marble

- 42 "\_\_\_ Gone" (Hall & Oates hit)
- 44 Brew produced at subfreezing temperatures
- 45 Decorative needle case
- 48 "The Marshall Mathers LP" rapper
- 49 Encourage
- 52 Ineffectual, as an attempt
- 53 "Ghostbusters" director Reitman
- 54 E, G, B, D or F
- 55 Piedmont wine center
- 56 Lose power
- 57 Inquires
- 58 Informal affirmatives
- 59 No-goodnik

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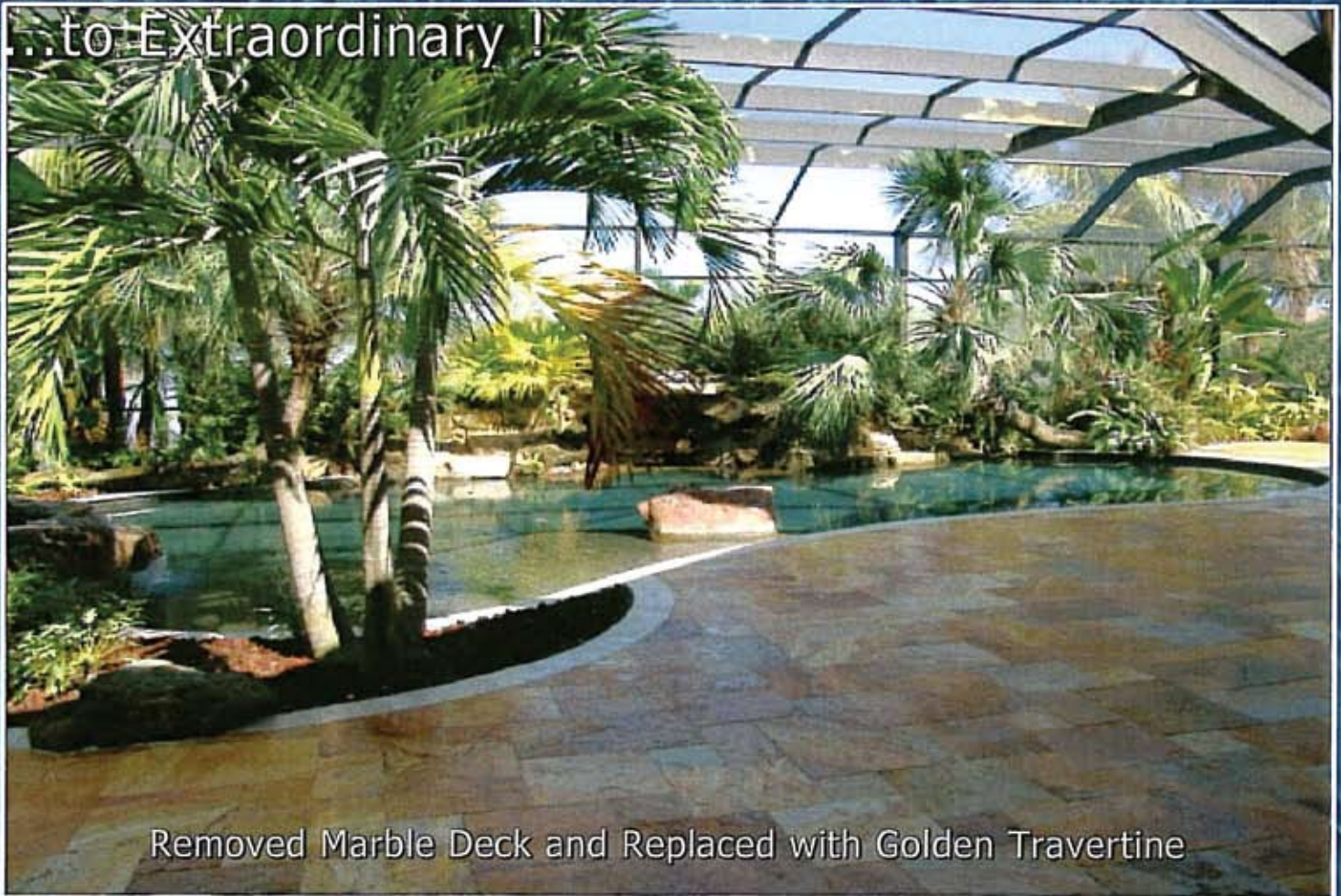


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