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By Mike Hanson, Sanctuary Deal or No Deal

(Ed. Note: This summary was written as we went to print on 11/23/09. Negotiations are ongoing and the TOC is "cautiously optimistic".)

AFTER ALMOST six months of fruitless negotiations, pressure is mounting on both the Bonita Bay Group (BBG) and the Bonita Bay Club's Turnover Committee (TOC) to reach agreement to transfer ownership of the club to its members.

Unrest within the membership follows a summer of deep cutbacks in staffing, golf course closings, shortened restaurant hours and noticeable deterioration in physical facilities and equipment.

Club members, most of whom were away for the summer, endured these conditions more or less stoically and continued to fund the operation with monthly dues payments. This enabled BBG, now under the direction of its chief restructuring officer Tim Boates, to extract approximately \$6 million in cash flow from club operations in the first nine months of 2009 and use the funds elsewhere within the company.

Not surprisingly, an overwhelming number of members now say they have had enough. Answering a recent TOC survey, over 94% of the

members responding (928 out of 980) indicated they no longer wanted BBG to operate the club, while a total of 593 golf and sports members said they would be willing to downgrade their membership or resign from the club if a purchase/sale agreement is not reached by a certain date. December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 were the dates mentioned in the survey. (Members are now focusing on a January 31, 2010 deadline.)

While BBG monitors this development, it has told the TOC it can operate the club profitably at a 50% membership level. This assertion follows summertime threats to close the club by September 30 if dues payments dried up.

As they face the prospect of a sizable membership revolt, BBG and its legal team are busy dealing with several lawsuits related to the Bonita Bay Club that are now in court, including a class action lawsuit supported by the TOC and several individual plaintiff lawsuits, also backed by the TOC. A few members of other BBG-owned clubs have also sued the developer.

Of the suits involving the Bonita Bay Club, an action brought by Bonita

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See You Later Alligator

By Dick Connelly, Woodlake

SO YOU'VE GOT A 6-foot green reptile laying out back by the pond. Should you call "Gator Man" and have him removed?



"Probably not," says Tracy Hansen, Lee and Charlotte County's only alligator trapper. But he says there are three warning signs to look for before you call:

If you approach within 20 feet and he doesn't move away.

You see someone feeding him.

The gator wanders into your driveway or pool or near your house.

There are about 3.5 million alligators (up from 100,000 in 1978) in Florida and many here in Bonita Bay. Of the almost 600 he's trapped so far this year, 16 were captured in our community. A problem area in Bonita Bay is the pond between Montara and Enclave. Some resident is apparently feeding the gators because Hansen has had repeated calls to remove a gator from that pond. It's against state law to feed gators, plus it's dangerous.

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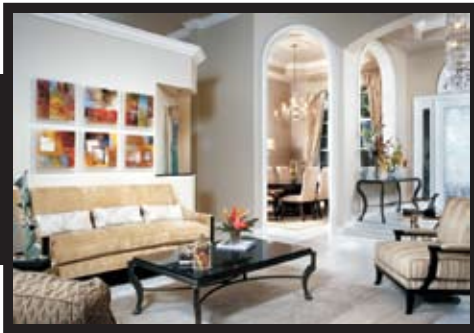
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Editor's Notes:

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE of the second year of Bay Watch News. A few features have been added this season including a "Bridge Lesson"; "Golf Tips"; a "Crossword Puzzle" and "Sudoku" puzzle (both edited by Will Shortz of The New York Times). Do you like the new look to the magazine? We value your opinion and encourage feedback.

This summer and fall have been very busy trying to convey timely updates and information about the happenings within Bonita Bay. It has been very upsetting to most of us that our paradise is in such turmoil. We can only hope that there will be a settlement shortly and that peace and harmony will return again to our community.

On that note, a debt of gratitude is owed to all the volunteers on the Bonita Bay Club Turnover Committee, the Homeowner Transition Committee and the BB Marina Club Turnover Committee...they have worked tirelessly on our behalf.

In closing we would like to wish you all...

*A Very Merry Christmas
& Happy Holidays!*

Don Gorman
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Letters to the Editor

A Teaching Moment

THE ONGOING SAGA of coping with the Bonita Bay Group has provided me with many teaching moments. I am an avid golfer and have been a resident of Bonita Bay for the past ten years. I continue to work as a Professor of Management at Babson College, a premier business school ranked Number One in the world in Entrepreneurship. My specialty is implementing strategy, having just published a book, *Delivering Results: Managing What Matters*. I use the case study method with my MBA and executive students. BBG is providing me with great examples of how NOT to do it.

Bonita Bay Group has gone from the gold standard to the coal standard in SW Florida. Unfortunately, this is an excellent example of brand destruction. Do you remember Howard Johnson who in 1968 had the most restaurant outlets and hotel rooms in America? Or, what happened to Pan Am who ruled the skies? Both professionally run companies did not understand the customer and their changing demands. The brand dissolved as did the companies.

The current problem starts with two underlying flaws at BBG: a culture of deceit and an indifference to the customer. We have learned over time, as the truth is uncovered, how BBG lied, misrepresented and manipulated their control to deceive us. I suspect this held true within the ranks of BBG so that senior management may not have had the full financial consequences of their expansion plans. Or, they totally misread the economic trends. The signals were certainly there and other developers moved more quickly to respond to the situation. The culture of deceit reminds me of one of the systemic factors of the fall of Enron. Yes, ethics is now a big part of any MBA program.

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Historically, the members have struggled with the owners over the management of our club. For example, think about all the self-serving policy decisions and the many surprise announcements without consultation with the membership that BBG imposed. Gradually, open meetings became more confrontational. We know customer-focused firms are the ones who prosper. Southwest Air and our own Best Buy are good examples. The people we deal with on a daily basis at the club are certainly concerned about our experience and do a great

job. They understand service but their management seems to view us as a source of revenue, a cash cow. It amazes me how BBG misreads the feelings and sentiment of the membership. It continues through the TOC negotiations.

Given these two glaring flaws, BBG still wants us to retain them as managers of our club after turnover. They just do not get it! Art Herman has suggested that when takeover is complete we need to consider changing our name because of the damaged brand. This is certainly worthy of consideration.

The negotiation process has been long but is following a typical rhythm of cooperation and resistance; some give and take; a lot of posturing; sharing and withholding data; using the press to signal positions.

Our volunteer TOC has done an excellent job. Their negotiating partners, however, continue to exhibit the two flaws listed above: not understanding the customer and a willingness to deceive. Other BBG properties have settled accepting many compromises; the deals appear very expensive. We are the original and the largest BBG community with a more diverse population than the others. I hope the teachable moments turn positive and the process is concluded successfully, and soon. I never expected to obtain so much classroom material while enjoying my Bonita Bay home!

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Who's Who in Bonita Bay

By *Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge*

A Visit with St. Nick

*His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!*

—'Twas the Night Before Christmas

I AM A SANTA COLLECTOR. I have, as of this writing, 76 Santas that I set out around our home to celebrate the big event.

Recently, I added a real gem to my collection. Bill Janes. The Man Himself.

“Bill Janes. The Man Himself” is how his calling cards read. You can tell from his cards, his photo and his jolly demeanor that this IS Santa Claus.

Bill has been making Santa appearances since 1968. That makes it 40+ years that he has under his big black belt with the shiny brass buckle.

Take a look at his picture. You have to admit, he looks like the real thing. But he hasn't always. When he began this gig, he was 28. His first wife made him a velvet suit with real fur that he still dons when he visits children's hospitals, nursing homes, Naples Recreation Department functions and more. But, in the early years, he had to wear a beard and some padding. As the years progressed, he acquired “the beard on his chin that is white as the snow” and the “little round belly, that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.”

Bill and his wife Cheryl are from Kentucky. They moved to Bonita Bay's Enclave in 2005. He returns north each December to make an appearance at a men's clothing store in Louisville, where his fans come annually to visit with Santa. He makes about 40-50 appearances a year, in either Kentucky or the Naples area.

“I'm not a mall Santa,” says Janes. “They brought me in on a fire truck when they opened a mall in my home town of Bardstown one year. Another year, I was the main man at the ‘Light Up Louisville’ event. And, yet another year, I appeared in front of 25,000 fans at a Wildcat game at Rupp Arena. But that's just not my thing. I like it so much better going one on one with believers.

“I like having children sit right on my knee and tell me what they want for Christmas. I tell them it's not important to get A's and B's in school, but it IS important to try their hardest and do their best. That will get them what they want.

“Why do I do it? It's all about the smiles on the kids' faces. Kids of all ages. Some of my best experiences have been in hospitals, chatting with children with cancer, AIDS and other ailments. I always get more out of it than I put into it.”

Are there downsides? Not many, according to The Man Himself. Sure, there's the bad weather, although that has improved dramatically since the move to Florida. “And I've been peed on and had kids get sick. But nothing I couldn't handle.

“I get a kick out of the challenge of winning over the non-believers. I believe I have a God-given talent for dealing with children of all ages. I have had pre-teens who came around because I convinced them I knew too much about their lives. And a tug on the real beard convinces some.”



Bill doesn't charge anything for his services; he doesn't want someone to think they can't afford to ask him for an appearance. Some times they give him a gift, some times they insist on paying him, some times they make a donation to his favorite charities.

In the off-season, Santa is a football line official. Who knew? He has a humongous ring from when Bardstown High School won the Kentucky state championship in 2001. He has worked the Orange Bowl, the national championship game and one day hopes to work the Super Bowl. He also works the Kentucky Derby. Needless to say, he likes being where the action is.

But, for the most part, the action for him is where his calling is ... with kids at Christmas. If you're interested in having him be a part of your Christmas, Santa actually has a phone number here in Bonita Bay where you can reach him. 239-273-6490. Or here's some inside scoop: Santa's personal email: Santa1478@comcast.net.

“I think I'm good at this because I am a believer myself,” says Janes. “I believe in the spirit of Christmas.”

I must admit, I, too, am a believer. It's not everyday you get to interview the REAL Santa. How lucky can you get?

*He was chubby and plump,
A right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him,
In spite of myself.*



Superior Interiors: “Accent Prone”

By Judy Underwood, Allied ASID



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS are more than just seasonal lights! Although a supporting player for years, accent furniture has recently taken spotlight status as the star in home décor. Holiday entertaining is the perfect excuse to make some simple changes to your home. Unique accent pieces always serve the purpose of providing interest in an otherwise perfectly functional room, and designers are now using accent furniture for many interesting purposes.

Long gone are the days of the matching suite's dominance. In fact, today's styles hold that the matching suite of furniture is a somewhat dull design option; anyone can order a 'room to go' at a variety of furniture stores or catalogs. Intriguing designs in a wide range of prices make accent furnishings the perfect choice for those homeowners seeking a custom, personalized look.

If you usually play it safe by having everything match, now is the time to step out of your comfort zone; dare to be eclectic! Foyers are an ideal area in which to display treasured collectibles and selected accent furniture pieces. In the living room, if you have matching tables, chairs and lamps – divide and conquer. Remove one or two of your wood tables ('case goods') and replace with a glass-topped, iron-based table. Add a single ottoman or a chair covered in a dramatic animal print or faux skin. Eliminate one of a pair of table lamps and substitute with a smart floor lamp. Re-arrange existing furniture to be off-center, asymmetric. If all your upholstered seating sports the same fabric, break the monotony by recovering one or two pieces, perhaps in a very durable and freshly exotic micro-fiber. Give it some personality and splash!

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What's Happening in Real Estate?

Half Empty or Half Full

I AM AN OPTIMIST, taught by my Dad to be so. Dad always believed “enthusiasm is contagious” and “positive attitudes will produce positive outcomes, in spite of the circumstances.” Yes, my Father was also in touch with reality, but he really truly believed a person’s positive attitude could overcome all kinds of obstacles. I’ve observed many times over the years that Dad was right.

That said, one cannot deny that we have a bit of a mess here in Bonita Bay at the moment. We need to get ownership of the golf and tennis club, the marina and the community association. Also, it may require help from the judicial system to get this accomplished. That is a slow and expensive process at best. Our TOC is doing a great job. They deserve our continued whole-hearted support. Let’s be thankful we have such talented and dedicated people as a resource during this challenging time.

What does this mean for our homes? As we approach a new real estate selling season, I plan to advise prospective buyers

that this is the greatest buying opportunity they will ever have in Bonita Bay. Prices are down, sellers are motivated and bargains are available.

If you buy in 2009/2010, you will be smiling happily (and rightfully so) for years to come. Bonita Bay will soon again be recognized as the finest gated golf community in Southwest Florida. The fundamentals have not changed: bright blue winter sky, golf, tennis and boating inside the gates, wonderful friends and neighbors, a beach club a few minutes away, dining and shopping galore, a first class airport a few minutes up the road. How can we miss?

So let’s hang in there everyone. Our glass is presently half full and once the members get control of this place, that glass will be overflowing.

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Superior Interiors *continued from page 7*

When stuck with a suite of bedroom furniture, you can make a striking difference by changing the bed. Introduce a sumptuous padded headboard or an impressive canopy bed of iron, wood, or fabric. Break the set of night tables and replace one with a rectangular metal table, a round-tiered table, or a painted chest.

In your dining room, replace the two end chairs with fully upholstered ones that are of a different style and color than the side chairs. Or eliminate the breakfront and replace it with a beautifully painted buffet and a grand mirror.

With the addition of today's array of unique accent pieces, you can work around many of your existing furnishings to spice up your home's décor. Call your personal decorator to find out more.

The contributor and her partner, Cliff Welles, ASID & GREEN Leader AP, own Decorating Den Interiors design studios in Bonita Spring and Sanibel Island. 239.948-9779. Portfolio at www.DecDens.com/SFL. Member: Sanibel and Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce/President's Club and Sustainable Furnishings Council/Accredited Professional

See You Later Alligator *continued from cover*

Gators are about eight inches long at birth and grow about eight inches a year. When he gets to be 6-7 feet long, he probably weighs more than 150 pounds.

How do you catch a gator? Don't try it yourself. Hansen says a noose is put around the gator's neck and he's dragged from the pond and tied to a tree. While another trapper holds the tail, he gets on the gator's back and ties his jaws shut.

Then the alligator is usually dispatched with a .22 bullet fired into a soft spot behind the gator's head. The shot hits its brain which is about the size of your thumb. It's then sold. The trapper gets the skin which sells for about \$30 a foot. The meat goes to a processor and is sold. The innards are used to make soap and detergents and, brace yourself, some of the bone tissue is used in making gelatin.

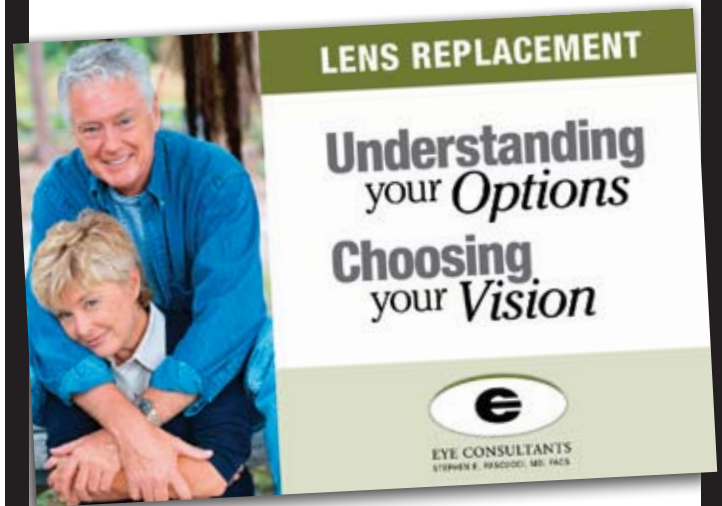
The gator's head and teeth sometimes become souvenirs and the feet might become back-scratchers. The trapper is not paid by the state and must depend on selling the skins and carcasses. With today's economy, skins for alligator shoes, handbags, etc., are little in demand. In fact, he has not sold any skins in the past 13 months since the demand is so low.

Hansen, who lives in Fort Myers and is Senior Minister at New Hope Christian Church, has been trapping gators for about 20 years and learned the trade from his father-in-law. He's never been bitten but had a close call recently when an 11-foot gator pulled him into a pond in North Fort Myers after he had lassoed its head. The biggest he's ever trapped was a 13-foot, 3-incher on Sanibel Island; it weighed over 1,000 pounds.

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WE START ANOTHER SEASON.

This one is full of uncertainty. In my golfing group of about 24 guys, give or take a couple, there will be a few who decide not to pay their dues and wait for the turnover. There are two who downgraded their memberships, and another pair who have serious health problems that may keep them off the course. When playing partners fall, unlike Marines, golfers leave their dead and wounded and go on without them. When a guy says he can't play, another hacker takes his place. We had a popular member drop dead a couple of years ago and filled his spot before some of his close relatives knew he was gone. Hey, we had an early tee time. The game goes on.

I've been playing golf at Bonita Bay for 20 years. During that time I've had the good luck to play with scores of golfers. I consider many of them, men and women, to be my closest friends, but I will admit I can't remember the names of many who have checked out for one reason or another. One guy that I'll never forget (and I know many of you who read this article may remember him) is Connie Callahan.

Cornelius "Connie" Callahan and I were teamed up one Saturday men's day in '91. We had a few minutes to wait on the first tee of the old Marsh course so I asked him where he was from.

"Near Boston," he twanged with a not-too-friendly glare from his steel blue eyes. Eyes that were set in a ruddy Irish map that was topped with thinning white hair – sparse strands that I figured were red at one time. I pushed my luck and asked the big guy what he did before landing in Bonita Bay.



Taking his time to decide whether or not to answer this nosy stranger, he said, "I was in the service."

"What branch?"

"The Army."

The forceful way he said Army, like "What other branch is there, pal?", prompted me to take another chance. I guessed, "You were a Master Sergeant, weren't you?"

Wrinkling his nose and squinting at me like irritated Top Kicks do, he said, "And how'd you figure that?"

"Easy," I said. "I came out of the Korean War as a First Lieutenant. I know the type."

Callahan smiled for the first time and stuck out his hand. He said, "You're okay. Yes, you're okay. Now, I know you'll remember the procedure. If you do what I say from now on Lieutenant, we'll get along just fine. Now let's play golf."

"Yes, sir," I said. And we did.

Callahan was a tough guy, but an easy pleasure to be around. He had the attitude that comes with being shot at and missed so often that the thrill and fear of it is filed away and not talked about. I think his Sergeant stripes are tattooed to his heart. He served this country well for over 40 years, the last two as an undercover Criminal Investigator delving into "procurement irregularities". One day while on a clean-up detail on the Imperial River, and enjoying cans of cold Bud while hauling junk out of the muck, I asked him how he happened to join the Army.

He said, "Well, lad, one hot summer's night in Boston, an under-age drinking establishment was raided. While in an awful hurry to escape, I brushed past a person of authority and he fell through a glass door. The thinking was that I had something to do with his fall. A judge ruled that I either join the service or be educated in a juvenile facility. Being a very smart seventeen-year-old, I decided that serving our country would be the proper thing to do. I was too young for the Army, but the Navy greeted me with open arms."

"Did that straighten you out?" I asked.

"Not completely. A year later another person of authority happened to back through a bar window in San Diego. I had to spend a bit of correctional time for that. The experience moved me to

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Random Thoughts

AM I MISSING SOMETHING *by never having stopped in any of those mega-FIREWORKS stores like Sky King?*

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT *if John Wayne were still alive? I think we could all benefit by seeing him play a heroic soldier or cowboy now.*

IT'S A CRIME *that tax payers pay for the building of a new sports stadium, but only the team owners reap the benefits.*

WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT ... *how can a beer cost \$10 at the new stadium?*

WHY IS IT *that the television shows seemed better years ago when you only got three or four channels and now you get over 100?*

IT IS EASIER *to break into Ft. Knox than it is to break into one of those "clam shells" protecting my new CD.*

BONITA BAY RESIDENTS *should be required to wear name tags with two-inch lettering so we can replace "Hi pal" or "Nice to see you" with the person's actual name.*

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MICROSOFT HAS RECENTLY started selling its newest operating system called Windows 7. Early reports are good and even some Apple fans are approving, which is a big statement itself. Windows 7 has a much simpler look and feel to it, with less clicking required than either Vista or XP. Windows 7 is also more stable and has significantly fewer compatibility problems than Vista did when first released. Clearly Microsoft has done a better job with this new operating system.

When you purchase or upgrade your computer, you have three choices: Home Premium Edition, Professional Edition and Ultimate Edition. Most home users will be fine with Home Premium Edition and business users will need the Professional Edition. The Ultimate Edition is really not going to be used by many. This Microsoft link shows a comparison of the three options: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-7/compare/default.aspx>

Should you upgrade your existing machine? Well, if you purchased a computer recently and got a free upgrade option, you should at least get the software in hand. If

you are using any special software like Quicken or your company software and configurations, check with them prior to upgrading. Nothing is flawless, but if you want to upgrade and feel comfortable going through the process, by all means do it. I do believe in the “don’t fix it if it’s not broken” adage though; just be ready in case you really need to. I do suggest you download a free Upgrade Advisor program from Microsoft which will scan your computer prior to upgrading to tell you about any issues you may have with the upgrade. It can be downloaded from this link at Microsoft: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-7/get/upgrade-advisor.aspx>

All in all I have been testing the prerelease of Windows 7 for months and the final release is a big success.

Paul Hoecherl
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The Dentist Chair *By Jim Papandrea, DDS, Riviera*

Self-examination for Oral Cancer

THE BEST PLACE to begin your self-examination for oral cancer is to sit down in front of a mirror near good natural light (if possible).

Begin by looking at your face and neck. Take your time! With your left hand, feel the right side of the neck and the area under your jaw (include the Adam’s apple). Repeat for the left side of your neck, using your right hand. Do both sides appear and feel the same?

Next, inspect your lips by first looking at and feeling the outside. The lips are made up of round circular muscles. Like rubber bands. Pull the lower lip down using the thumb and forefinger. Now feel the inside and outside of your lip. Repeat the same for the upper lip, but pull upward. Don’t rush! Do you see any color changes? Do you feel any lumps?

Now examine the gums (Gingiva) by pulling away the lips. Remember to look at and feel the gums with the forefinger.

Does everything look the same (uniform color)? Feel smooth? Now examine your cheeks. With your thumb and forefinger at the corner of the mouth, draw the cheek away from the teeth, keeping the mouth slightly open. Look closely (color?) and feel the cheek for lumps. Now repeat for the other cheek. Do they look and feel the same?

Next is the tongue. Stick out your tongue and grasp the end of it with a sterile gauze square or clean towel. Look at and touch the surface. Pull the tongue to the right and then to the left. Observe and touch each side. Do you see any lumps or growths?

Next, touch the tip of your tongue to the back of the roof of your mouth and look at the floor of the mouth and underside of the tongue. Feel this area in the same manner as before, using the forefinger. Are there any problems? Watch for color changes.

Lastly, say “Ahhh” to see the very back of your mouth. You will need a good source of light to be able to view the tonsil area. Tilt your head slightly backward to see the roof of your mouth. Again, use your forefinger to feel the entire roof.

This may seem like a long procedure, but once you have it down you can do this in less than 5 minutes. If you can do this every couple of months, it would be great for prevention. It is well known in dentistry and medicine that oral cancer is one of the early sites that cancer of the body can be seen. Many patients ignore these early signs and regret it later.

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.

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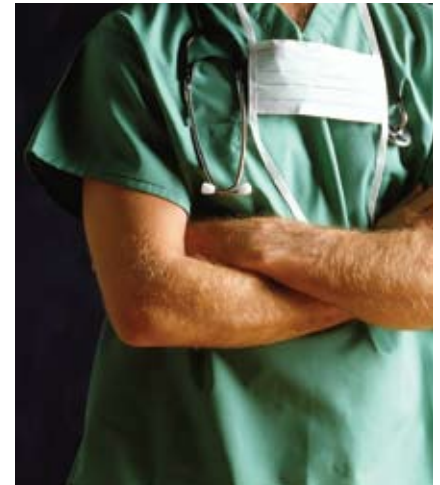
Six months ago, John was driving home from the golf course when he had a "mini" stroke.

John, 75, and his wife, Christine, went to the hospital. The diagnosis: John had a blockage in his carotid artery and one in a brain artery.

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The most common stroke symptoms include temporary blindness, speech difficulty and temporary weakness in the arms. If you think you may be having a stroke, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Department immediately.

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December 12

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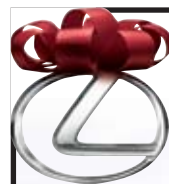
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Restaurant Talk from Phyllis

By Phyllis Liebman, Woodlake

FOR YEARS PEOPLE have told me that I should be a restaurant critic. Well, I have been, but not until now am I having verbal comments put into writing. My qualifications? Other than my loving to cook and bake (when not in Florida), I have edited a published cookbook, been a recipe tester and taster and a contributor to others, and am a member of the Culinary Guild of New England. Moreover, I simply enjoy good food – from the humblest dish to the multi-dollar, complex gourmet.

And what is good food? It's really the "nitty-gritty" – what's under the wrapping paper of appearance. It's the quality and preparation of the "underpinnings". While some foods lend themselves easily to attractive presentation, unfamiliar regional and/or ethnic dishes just can't be dressed up pretty. The flavor of the ugly duckling may be sensational!

My greatest fear of making recommendations rests on the reliability of consistency of a restaurant's kitchen. I learned way back when that even a favorite chef-owned restaurant can be seriously off when the chef has a day off.

And now to my first review...

Brio tuscan grille, a "proven"; and Bravo!, "new kid" on the block.

When Brio tuscan grille opened in Waterside Shops in April 2006, it amazed me to learn that this beautifully designed and well decorated upscale-casual restaurant wasn't one of a kind. Last week, when I entered Bravo, which opened in the Mercato on October 19, I had a feeling, now confirmed, that the two restaurants are related. These sisters are part of BBRG, a Midwestern chain of Italian restaurants, which, although in 18 states, has yet to reach New England. Like Brio, much attention is given to architectural detail and atmosphere. There is a similar, but lighter golden glow that plays off the faux-painted walls, aided by lighting from the color-blended, huge, glass chandeliers ... reminders of Tuscany in the autumn (Brio) and the spring (Bravo).



While the service at both restaurants is efficient and courteous, the servers at Bravo sparkle with friendliness and a desire to please. Perhaps it's because they haven't yet encountered the pressure of "the season".

Both restaurants have an outdoor bar and seating. Brio, which is right on the traffic path and overlooks the parking area, is almost always filled. Bravo is "cozier", with a curved, broad front patio and patches of grass and a phenomenal tree at the corner.

Brio, with consistently good food and a location in a flourishing shopping/business area near The PHIL, is thriving. Reservations are honored. (Be sure to call well in advance for a six o'clock seating on performance evenings.)

BRIO

I never miss a chance to have the *Carpaccio* as a meal at lunch, (\$11.95), or to share, as an appetizer, at dinner, (\$12.95). The paper-thin slices of beef, surrounding a generous mound of field-greens tossed in a light vinaigrette, is attractively presented. Thin lines of mustard aoli, broad flakes of "Parmegiano-Regianno", and capers are added for both eye and taste appeal.

If you like lemon and are very hungry or want to share, *Whole Roasted Chicken*, (\$17.95), is highly recommended. Mashed potatoes and wonderful fresh-roasted vegetables are accompaniments.

Lasagna Bolognese Al Forno, (\$16.95, dinner menu)...Two strips of lasagna, ground meat that is well seasoned with Italian spices, and the standard ricotta, mozzarella, and sauce are used in creating this dish. What is not typical locally is the addition of a white sauce that "floats" on top and the thick, "bolognese-style" sauce that dresses it. This very rich and tasty lasagna is oven-baked and served, bubbly-hot, in an oversized, deep, casserole dish.

Veal Marsala (\$23.95) is classically prepared (but not swimming in sauce) and beautifully presented with sliced mushrooms carefully topping the tender slices of meat and with crispy chunks of roasted potato and colorful vegetables sharing the plate.

I have yet to try a dessert there. Perhaps one of these days I'll forego the wonderful seed and herb-crust flat bread and the warm Tuscan bread (crispy on the outside, soft and chewy inside), but probably not.

BRAVO

I visited Bravo only ten days after it opened. While it really isn't fair to critique a restaurant before it "settles in", here goes:

An "A" for the *Crispy Shrimp Napoli* appetizer (\$10.95 at lunch, \$11.95 at dinner)! This generous portion of large shrimp is lightly-coated with a panko-crumbs/light-parmesan combination and deep-fried till golden. Green onion and a savory lemon butter, charred tomato Napoli sauce, (on the idea of an enhanced and thin Russian dressing), is served on the side.

Insalata Rustica, (\$4.99 at lunch, \$5.99 at dinner). Some of my favorites – Romaine, arugula, and radicchio (only shreds) – are cut and lightly tossed with

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balsamic vinaigrette. Add to that fresh pears, dried cherries, spicy pecans, and crispy Pancetta. It's too bad that the greens had been prepared much earlier as indicated by the brownish color of the ends.

Lobster And Bay Scallop Risotto, (\$18.99). While tasty, I found the creamy sauce to be a little too soupy and the pieces of Maine lobster and bay scallops a little too small. But then, at that price, I guess that I shouldn't have expected more.

An "A+" for **Bravo's Famous Cheesecake!** (\$6.99). The serving plate arrived with a wedge of creamy cheesecake topped with caramelized sugar and surrounded by an excellent creme anglaise ... and a single strawberry on top!

Brio: 239.593.5319

Bravo: 239.514.0042

Both restaurants have private dining rooms for small parties.

Remember that "Food is an important part of a balanced diet."

— Fran Lebowitz

Diamonds

An Interview with Jason Sherman & Todd Schusterman

BEING IN THE BUSINESS of selling diamonds is both challenging and rewarding. Recently we sat down with Jason Sherman and Todd Schusterman, co-owners of the Diamond District, to learn more about "a girl's best friend".

How long have you been in the diamond business?

We have been brokering diamonds in Southwest Florida for almost seven years now. But combined, we have over 45 years' experience in this specialized area of diamonds.

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Mix until well blended. If dough sticks to hands, add more flour.
Cut into 5 balls and refrigerate 6 hours or overnight.

Filling:

2 tablespoons fruit preserves
2 cups sugar
2 cups raisins
2 cups chopped walnuts
8 teaspoons ground cinnamon
Chocolate chips

On a floured area, roll each ball one at a time into a thin round shape like a pizza.

Thinly spread 2 tablespoons of fruit preserves. Sprinkle the whole round with about a cup of the filling. Around the outside edge, add chocolate chips.

Cut into 16 wedges. Roll up wedges from outside in (wide to narrow, you will end up with point on outside of cookie, similar to a crescent roll). Bake on parchment-covered cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Before serving, sprinkle with powdered sugar.



Your jewelry store is unique in that it only sells diamonds...can you tell us about that challenge?

The Diamond District is the only diamond broker in Southwest Florida and one of the only jewelry stores in the country that specializes in only diamonds. We understand that purchasing diamonds sometimes is stressful and we want to make our customers as comfortable as possible in their decision ... we offer many choices and guidance to help them along the process. The reward comes with the happy faces of our clients!

You can visit Todd and Jason at the Diamond District's new home at Coconut Point.



Graham Cracker Cookies

Carolyn Dalton, Bay Harbor

Ingredients:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
1 6 oz. package chocolate chips

Bake at 325 in a greased 8x8 pan for 25 minutes. Sprinkle granulated sugar on top after removing from the oven. After cookies have cooled, cut into small squares then roll in granulated sugar. Can be doubled in a 9x13 pan

Walnut Thumbprint Cookies

Holly Delle Angelo, Anchorage

Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts
1 cup butter, room temperature (do not substitute)
3/4 cup sugar
2-1/4 cups flour
1/4 cup seedless raspberry preserves
Confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Chop nuts in food processor until very fine. Beat butter, nuts and granulated sugar in mixing bowl until light. Beat in flour until blended.

Shape dough into 1" balls. Place 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets and flatten to 1-1/2" circle. Press into centers with fingertip. Fill each indentation with 1/4 teaspoon preserves. Bake 10-12 minutes until golden. Cool. Sift confectioners' sugar over cookies.

Makes 6 dozen.



Lucky or Smart?

By John Spear
Council Member, District 4, City of Bonita Springs

This first article for the Bay Watch News comes with full recognition that the issues surrounding Bonita Bay remain far more pressing than what is happening at the City level. My subject is the 2009-2010 City budget which goes from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

First, the challenges:

1. For this budget, total property values have dropped by 16.6%; property values are the first half of the property tax equation.
2. The City's sales and gas taxes, shared by the State, are expected to decline by almost 10%.
3. Impact fee collections have dropped from \$8-9 million several years ago to \$1.1 million last year and probably that amount or less this year.

THE SECOND HALF of the equation is "millage", or the percentage number applied to a property's value to arrive at the City's share of the property tax. The millage in 2001 was 1.022 (just over 1/10th of a percent); it dropped every year until last year, when it was increased from .7244 in 2007 to .8273 last year.

The City staff reported that, given the 16.6% drop in property values, an increase in millage from .08273 to 1.0378 would be necessary to produce the same amount of money this coming year as collected last year.

The City staff recommended keeping expenditures at 2008 levels, keeping the millage at .8273, and significantly increasing the only other taxing sources the City has: taxes on electric bills, telephone bills, and cable TV. That would have been a shift of some \$1.3 million from property taxes to the other taxes.

In short, the City Council was presented with a "pick your poison" choice of which taxes to increase.

So what happened? The millage adopted was a whisker LOWER than .8273 and none of the other taxes were increased.

So how drastic have the City's services and projects been cut? The simple answer is not too much. No pay increases were granted to City employees, including senior administration and City Council.

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A “soft” hiring freeze remains in effect and attrition has resulted in some decreases in the personal services line items in the budget. Most capital projects are on hold or are being moved along slowly since there are not funds to build much of anything. And hours at Park and Recreation facilities have been modestly reduced.

So what magic tricks has City Council employed to absorb a significant drop in tax revenues without draconian cuts in expenditures? The answer lies in the application of the old adage that “it is better to be lucky than smart.”

Several months ago, a State of Florida audit of the cable TV tax uncovered that \$970,000 had been properly collected but had not been remitted to the City. Some \$600,000 has already been paid back while the remainder is to be received monthly over the next couple of years.

So the truth is that even though we faced a revenue reduction of \$1.3 million, or about 10% of the City’s operating budget, we have “found” two-thirds of that shortfall through the State audit, and have only had to cut approximately \$400,000, or 3%, from the City’s operating budget.

We could have done better, in my opinion, but several specific proposals for deeper cuts failed by a single vote. I made and voted for some of those proposals, and voted against a few as well.

The budget’s future? Although the local economy is showing faint signs of recovery, I suspect we may have to find that \$970,000 either by increasing one or more of the taxes or making the draconian cuts that we avoided this year.

The good news is that the City has historically been operated in a fiscally sound manner, and we continue to be blessed with a location that is the envy of people all over.

Hopefully we will have a little of the luck we experienced this past summer and will be smart enough to find the right balance between taxes and services as we enter the second decade of the 21st century. As I did last year, I challenge each of you to get involved to help us find that balance.

Bound for Beautiful Bonita Springs

(Editor’s note: This is the second in a series of articles from Jody Guy of A to Z Travel highlighting points of interest along the route when traveling to Bonita Bay from your northern residence.)

AS YOU EMBARK on your southbound journey to your winter home in beautiful Bonita Springs, here are a couple of ideas for a scenic journey. Traveling south down I-75, you might stop off in Lexington, Kentucky, better known as the “Horse Capital of the World”. Located in the heart of the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, it is the home of the International Museum of the Horse, the Hall of Champions, where famous horses enjoy their retirement.

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Travel down to Juliette, Georgia and enjoy dinner at the Whistle Stop Café, which is the movie set of the famous movie, “Fried Green Tomatoes”.

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Passing through Tampa, you can spend a day at Busch Gardens, the Dark Continent. The Dark Continent is one of America’s largest zoological institutions, with over 2700 animals.

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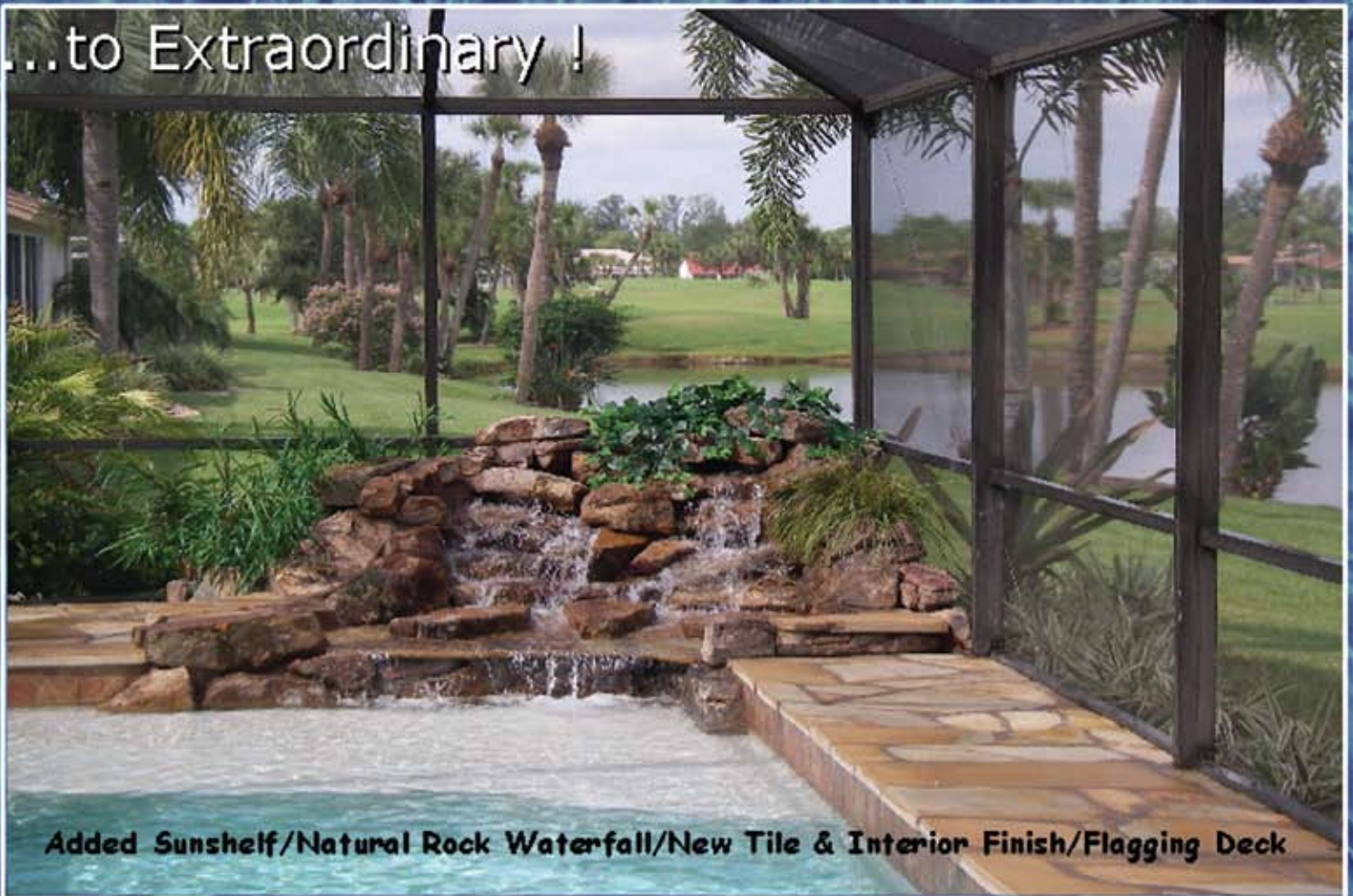


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Bay resident and club member Jerry Evans in early 2009 is furthest along in the court system. Evans is seeking judgment that his membership deposit is an acknowledged debt, now due and payable. A motion for summary judgment is scheduled to be heard on December 21. If declined, a trial date is set for February 2, 2010. TOC attorney Ed Cheffy is co-counsel on that case.

On November 17, a Collier County Circuit Court Judge granted a summary judgment in favor of a non-resident Mediterra member seeking an immediate refund of his \$180,000 membership deposit. BBG called the case “different from other pending matters” and said it will “vigorously appeal” the ruling.

It is clear to individuals close to the turnover negotiations, that the lawsuits have BBG “deeply concerned”. BBG has stated repeatedly that it seeks to avoid bankruptcy through its restructuring efforts, but decisions against the company in the courts could force that very result.

In their negotiations to this point, BBG and the TOC remain far apart on the pricing of a deal. The TOC submitted its most recent offer to purchase the club on September 3. It involved a cash payment of \$11.5 million. Members continuing with the new club would cancel their notes with Bonita Bay, but the new club would not assume any resigned member liability. The offer was subject to approval of 85% of the club’s golf members and a lesser percentage of other membership categories.

BBG turned down that offer on its expiration date of September 21, countering with a proposal that would keep club operations under its control for up to seven years. BBG proposed to form a new entity (NewCo) to operate the Bonita Bay Club. NewCo would assume \$20 million of bank debt, secured by club assets. Debt would be in the form of a seven-year bank loan calling for \$2-3 million of amortization per year. All existing club liabilities would remain in the club. Membership deposits would be refunded on a 3:1 basis (One refund paid for every three new members who join.). Members would have a purchase option throughout the seven-year term for the existing balance of the note.

Each side rejected the other’s offer summarily, and charges and counter-charges began to fly. On September 23, the same day he was deposed in the Jerry Evans lawsuit, BBG Chairman David Lucas sent a letter to club members stating his belief that “there is a significant disagreement within the turnover committee itself as to what actions should now be taken.”

Lucas went on to say that members had a choice: either “commit...to years of litigation, continue or worsen the negative effect on the value of your home and completely halt all real estate activity within Bonita Bay” or “challenge your elected leadership to make a good faith effort to reach a successful conclusion to the negotiations.” He ended by writing that he had “concluded discussions with the turnover committee.”



The TOC said it considered BBG’s offer to be less attractive than one advanced in early July, and affirmed in a letter to Mr. Lucas “that the TOC speaks with one voice... (and is) perfectly willing to have substantive, binding discussions on the turnover process at any time.” Through numerous emails and website postings, the Club’s members weighed in with strong, continuing support of the TOC.

Shortly thereafter, Tim Boates sent a letter to club members reporting that October dues payments were “substantially reduced,” resulting in

a delayed reopening of the East golf courses. In return for “timely payment of back dues and future dues,” Boates promised to reopen club facilities, restore services and undertake a number of capital projects. He also committed to “dedicate the net cash flow generated by the club for exclusive use on club needs” through January 31, 2010.

After receiving assurances that it and the club’s Advisory Committee would have complete access to the club’s monthly financial information, the TOC recommended that members continue to pay dues through the end of January.

With this agreement in place, club manager Bob Staehle reported that funds were being released “to quickly change from the off-season, scaled-back operational mode to one of quick response, expansion and readiness in all areas.” The Cypress golf course reopened November 20, and club operations appear to be improving daily.

In recent weeks, the TOC and BBG have returned to the table for what have been characterized as “professional and constructive” talks. BBG Chairman David Lucas is now active in the negotiations, as is his long-time legal counselor, Ed Beimfohr. Meanwhile, BBG has a deal in place to sell Mediterra to its members and residents and has announced an agreement on terms to sell Shadow Wood Country Club and The Commons Club at the Brooks, subject to the approval of 90% of their members.

In the months since BBG announced its desire to sell its clubs to their memberships, declared that it was operating “in the zone of insolvency” and hired a restructuring specialist, its financial condition appears to have improved significantly.

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"We've changed the format a little this year," says Pat Valva, co-chair of the event. Friday evening will feature a Marquis Pro Tennis Challenge open to the public. The pros competing in the Marquis Challenge have won or were major contenders in signature tennis tournaments such as Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the French Open and the Australian Open. Then on Saturday, fans will enjoy up close and personal interaction with the Pros at a Meet & Greet session. Participants will be able to take photos and secure autographs with their favorite tennis pro before the morning Pro-Am Competition. Over lunch, a combination of single and mixed doubles play featuring the Tennis Pros will provide great entertainment. The afternoon will feature a Team Tennis event involving players of all levels from beginner to advanced, with the pros

serving as coaches. After a shower and perhaps a quick nap, members will gather again for the annual "Taste of the Town" Cocktail Party and Auction where participants can bid on some fabulous prizes to benefit Barbara's Friends - the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Cancer Fund, which helps local children and their families battling cancer.

Spectators and tennis players of all levels are invited to join in the fun. Costs range from \$50 for a single Marquis Tennis Match Ticket, and \$100 for the "Taste of the Town" Cocktail Party & Auction, to full-day participation which costs \$700.

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The Fundamentals

1 Standing opposite the ball, the first thing is to set the clubhead behind the ball with the leading edge square to the target line. The shaft must be tilted slightly toward the left side of the body for the purpose of starting with the hands in front of the ball. For the purpose of creating a visual, an observer would see the two arms and the clubshaft have created a lower case "y". The left arm is somewhat aligned with the shaft. This position gives you the ability to hit the ball on the descending motion of the forward swing.

2 Still standing opposite the ball, the left heel or ankle must be brought under the center of the body. Leaving the toes of the left foot flared to the left, move the right foot for comfort, then turn at the belt line, toward the left, 45°. This establishes the ability to pivot on the left hip socket. (After doing this, some would observe that there is "weight on the left leg". "Weight on the left leg" is not a fundamental; it is merely an observation. A pivot point in the left hip socket is a fundamental.)

3 Set the club in motion by drawing the clubhead back away from the ball. Because you begin with the hands in front, the clubhead comes up more steeply than normal and over the line of play. At the end of the back motion, the left arm is across the chest.

4 The forward movement to hit the ball is mainly a pivot to the left around the left hip socket. The left arm remains diagonally across the chest. This pivot carries the club past the strike of the ball. The entire club remains aligned with the left arm.

5 As the shots get longer, the clubhead needs to swing farther. In the backswing, press down with the heel of the left hand to hinge the clubhead deeper into the backswing. This provides the speed to go farther.

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Movie Talk



Coming Soon on DVD

☆☆☆☆ **Inglorious Basterds**

Quentin Tarantino once again pushes beyond the limit of acceptable violence in this fantasy tale of revenge during World War II. While Brad Pitt is the star, he is overshadowed by a great performance by an Austrian actor Christoph Waltz, a sure bet to get a supporting actor nomination and most likely an Academy Award. This unique, creative narrative is a pure delight.

☆☆☆☆ **The Hurt Locker**

Gripping story of three soldiers in Iraq whose duty is to dismantle IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Plays almost like a documentary. Australian director Kathryn Bigelow gets wonderful performances from the cast, particularly Jeremy Renner as Sgt. James. The movie is slightly marred by a backdrop story when Sgt. James visits a house at night looking for the parents of a young Iraqi boy he befriended.

☆☆☆☆ 1/2 **Julie and Julia**

Once again, a tour de force by Meryl Streep. Not just a "chick flick". Story is about a young New York newlywed who wants to make 365 different recipes in a year from Julia Child's cookbook "Mastering the Art of French Cooking". Interwoven in the movie is an interesting story about the life of Julia Child.

☆☆☆☆ **The Informant**

Matt Damon stars in this true story of a whistleblower at Archer Daniels Midland in the 1990's. Based on a 600-page book, it is a dark comedy thriller about Mark Whitacre whose strange behavior is initially overlooked in the government's zeal to bring down the agri-industry giant. Interesting and wacky.

☆☆☆☆ **The Invention of Lying**

Ricky Gervais stars as a dumpy loser who lives in a town where everyone is completely honest all of the time, even to the point of insult. The movie has religious overtones that may offend some people, while others will be happy with its discussion of life hereafter.

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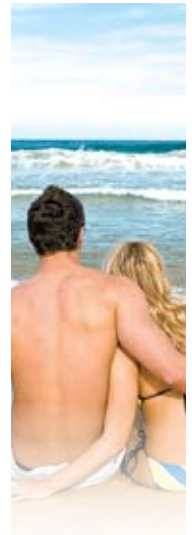
☆☆☆☆ **Pirate Radio**

If you like Rock and Roll music from the 60's, you should enjoy this feel-good movie about a group of strange disc jockeys who broadcast from the North Sea to thousands of listeners in England. At the time, the BBC would only play about two hours per week of "Rock and Roll".

☆☆ **Men who Stare at Goats**

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Assuming that both the Mediterra and Shadow Wood deals close on their announced terms, the TOC projects that BBG will have reduced its senior debt, owed to a bank consortium headed by Key Bank, from \$90 million to approximately \$63 million. Additional assets have been sold, expenses have been reduced substantially, and cash flow is said to be positive.

For many members of the Bonita Bay Club, these facts lead to several core questions regarding ongoing turnover negotiations. First, does BBG really want to sell this profit-making enterprise at a

reasonable price? Second, is the TOC's leverage at the bargaining table improving or deteriorating? Finally, what if anything will resolve the current impasse?

Apart from a number of important subsidiary issues, a huge gap remains between the TOC's last offer of \$11.5 million cash and no assumption of resigned member liability and BBG's demand for \$20 million and total assumption of resigned member liability. Resigned member liability within the club already approximates \$11 million, and could grow to as much as double that amount in the likely event that

some members decide not to move forward and invest in a new, member-owned club.

TOC members have said repeatedly they believe BBG is sincere in its stated intent to sell the Bonita Bay Club, but is in no hurry to do so. TOC member Peter Jones says the TOC's September purchase offer represents "the very most we can expect our members to pay," adding, "There's not much room to move upward and get a high level of support from our members."

The core objective continues to be, in the TOC's words, "...to acquire the club for the members on terms which are fair and that will provide us with a club that is financially healthy, competitive in the market... an asset to the Bonita Bay Community, and a reason for prospective home purchasers to want to buy and live in Bonita Bay."

Jones sees the TOC's leverage residing in a combination of its litigation strategy and future actions to "reduce or eliminate BBG's ability to extract dollars from the club to meet other needs."

Jones cautions members that the turnover process promises to be "lengthy and arduous," adding, "If we are patient, I am confident we will acquire the club at a reasonable price." He further predicts that a sale of the club will trigger both the turnover of the Bonita Bay Community Association and the acquisition of the Marina Club shortly thereafter.

In looking for an end to the current stalemate, TOC member Tony Heyworth says, "The three parties involved have to give something - we (TOC), they (BBG) and the banks (Key Bank consortium). If we all put our hearts, minds and wallets to this, we will get a deal done."



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Living on the Course *continued from page 10*

become a model citizen. I spent most of my time during the war on an LST in the Pacific dodging Kamikaze planes. We failed to dodge one. It hit our landing craft broadside. The impact was so loud that I lost the hearing in both ears for a time and to this day can't hear out of my right ear worth a damn. Exciting stuff for a young man, but when the war ended I was discharged from the Navy after five tours. I hung around home for a couple of months then joined the Army. Something I wanted to do in the first place. It was 1945."

Big Cal and I were golfing buddies who became good friends. We spent hours together: fishing, playing golf, drinking beer and condemning the politicians in Washington that didn't know their asses from left field about running the country. We never tired of arguing politics and never tired of exploiting my liberal leanings. He would tell me that in his experience as an investigator, he found that Democrats were much more adept at stealing than Republicans.

His wife Joan itched to have a home of her own instead of their Wedgwood condo. They couldn't build a place in Bonita Bay that suited their budget so they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. In two years, Joan died. Morose, Connie moved back to his summer home in Maine to be close to his three girls and two sons. I haven't seen him since. We filled his place in our golf group with another guy, then another, and another. I don't remember the last time anyone mentioned his name. I haven't spoken to him in years. The game goes on.

After writing this story, I felt guilty. I didn't know whether Connie, one of my closest old friends, was alive or dead. I had neglected keeping track of him. If he were alive, I didn't know where he was. So I called Mike Lyons (Tuckaweye), the only other guy in Bonita Bay who could give me a lead as to the whereabouts of Big Cal. Mike said

he had talked to him two or three years ago. He gave me a number. I called it. Callahan answered. We talked for damned near an hour. Connie doesn't play golf anymore and he walks with a cane. He has a few physical problems that come with age, wear-and-tear and mileage. We promised to talk again. I feel like I went back to get one of our wounded.

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Mrs. Long, who taught fifth grade in Jeffersonville, IN, was my favorite teacher. She was a role model for me. When I started teaching second grade, I never forgot Mrs. Long's gentle, but strict approach in the schoolroom ...a perfect way to conduct a well run class!



Bob Fabi IBIS COVE

Father Bergeron, my philosophy teacher at St. Charles College in Quebec, and I had a wonderful rapport. On the first day of class, Father Bergeron outlined the course and started with the five proofs of the existence of God as preached by St. Thomas – I raised my hand and asked why do we need five? He knew right then and there it was going to be a long year!



Walter Slack ANCHORAGE

My favorite teacher was Mr. Sword who taught high school English. He taught several rules that I never forgot. "Be Specific" was written on a sign over his desk. Whenever we wrote or spoke about a subject, we had to give a specific example about the subject. Additionally, he taught us how to organize our thoughts ... this included an introduction, the body of the text and finally a summary. Lastly, we were taught to speak and write formal English. A person never has a second chance to make a first impression!



Linda Corvelli RIVERWALK

My favorite teacher was my first French teacher, Mrs Berman, in the 6th grade at Junior High School 139, in the Bronx. She was a lovely lady, gentle and soft spoken and she loved the language and the culture; we were mesmerized by her. It is a fond memory.



Ice House Pizza *By Bob Brotman, Horizons*

THE ICE HOUSE was only a few miles from home but getting there was quite an ordeal in 1948. Grandpa's 1935 Buick could not climb "Dugway" hill in a forward gear. At the bottom of the hill, we would all have to get out of the car while Grandpa turned the car around and started up the hill in reverse gear. Then, when the car started to climb, we would all jump on the running boards and creep up the hill. Once at the top, we would get back in the car and travel the rest of the way in forward gear.

The ice house, of course, sold ice, which was greatly needed in rural New Jersey (yes, New Jersey) where many of us still had ice boxes in our homes and had ice delivered. Refrigerators changed all that, and the ice house might have gone out of business if the owner's cousin Tony hadn't arrived from Italy. Tony started to make pizza, which he called "ahbeets" and the business thrived. The sign which said "ICE HOUSE" never changed, but the word got around and the place was always packed. Many years passed, but

until Tony died in 1965, we still ate Ice House pizza whenever we could. They tried to stay in business, but no one could make pizza like Tony, and they closed up after his death. There was something truly special about the pizza at the Ice House.

The unique thing about Tony's pizza was that the bottom crust stayed crisp for the duration of the meal. One might pile on all manner of toppings, but nothing turned the crust limp. I have had excellent pizza since, both here and in Italy, but none to compare with the Ice House. No crusts stayed as crisp as did the Ice House crust. I have been searching for Ice House pizza since 1965, but never found it, until now.

I was getting a massage at the Bonita Bay Fitness Center when the masseuse told me that her boyfriend managed a pizza parlor. This led me to tell her about my 40+ year search for pizza that stays crisp. She replied that her boyfriend made such pizza. I was skeptical, but had to see if she was correct. She was. I discovered Ice House pizza close to home at Gatsby's in Naples.

Gatsby's has much more on its menu than pizza. However, I have only tried the pizza. The red pizzas are not my favorites because the tomato sauce is too strong (too tomatowee, my mother used to say) for my taste, so I always order a white pizza. In any event, white or red, the crust stays crisp until the last bite.

If you go to Gatsby's of Naples and order something other than pizza, let me know how it is. I often intend to order from the rest of the menu, but once I sit down I have to have the Ice House pizza. They have a lunch-time special of a salad and a tiny pizza for only \$5.95. This is a good way to find out if you like Ice House pizza.

By the way, Gatsby's is a dumb name for a pizza joint; they should re-name it "Ice House".

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Golf Instruction *continued from page 28*

This technique is successful because it is simply an abbreviation of a long swing. It is something you are already doing. It is not a different shot you have to practice separately. Also, because it is dominated by the turn of the body and the arms, the club moves slower. This quality gives you a better feel for distance and is able to be repeated when you most need a good shot.

In Summary

If you want to improve your score, the easiest place to reduce your score is with the abbreviated swing shot. A chip up for a “gimme” putt can easily cut your score by a stroke. When your playing companions say that you “have the touch of a pick pocket”, in golf, on shots around the green, that is actually a compliment.

Go to www.BayWatchNews.com and click on “Golf” to see a demonstration of the Abbreviated Swing Method.

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Sudoku Puzzle

Edited by Will Shortz

		1			6			
						8	5	9
7	6			3	5			
						9		
				2	1		3	
		3		7	4	2		
		5				4		
1	8		6					

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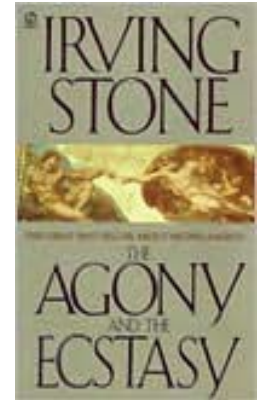
The Agony and the Ecstasy by Irving Stone

Elaine Brotman, Horizons

LAST SPRING WHEN I was leaving Florence for Bolzano, I suddenly realized that I did not have a book to read on the train. So I entered the bookstore in the Piazza della Signoria and found a quite small English section. Most books I never heard of except for “The Agony and the Ecstasy” by Irving Stone, written in 1961, which I had never read. Here I am in Italy; it should be perfect. Well, this biographical novel of Michelangelo turned out to be one of the best reading experiences I ever had. The book is long, 760 pages, but moves along quickly. It’s filled with incredible realistic descriptions of Michelangelo’s life and times. I had to keep reminding myself that it was fiction.

The book creates the turbulent history of the Italian Renaissance, detailing vivid characters of the warring popes, of the fanatic monk Savonarola and of his fellow artists Raphael and Da Vinci. The best part of the book is the portrayal of Michelangelo’s intensity, passion and great love for his art. He felt the agony of his aching body in twisted positions as he painted or marble dust clogging his nose and throat as he carved. He felt the agony of his complete subjugation to the whims of competing noblemen and popes. However, he also experienced the ecstasy of sculpting in marble, making the figures come to life in his hands and knowing his peers recognized the greatness of his David, Moses and Pieta.

I know you will enjoy reading “The Agony and the Ecstasy”; it has become a classic. Hollywood did; they made a movie starring Charlton Heston and Rex Harrison.



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Norm Roberts, Creekside

If you enjoy fast-paced thrillers, I recommend “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” written by the late Stieg Larsson. A disgraced business journalist is recruited by a wealthy retired businessman to attempt to unravel the mystery of his great niece’s disappearance decades earlier. He is assisted by the girl in the title, a strange, but very bright and resourceful young woman. As the story progresses, we learn more of her unusual background.

There are two sequels: “The Girl Who Played with Fire”, and “The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet’s Nest” (not yet released in this country). While each book can stand alone, the story and main characters continue throughout the series known as the Millennium Trilogy.

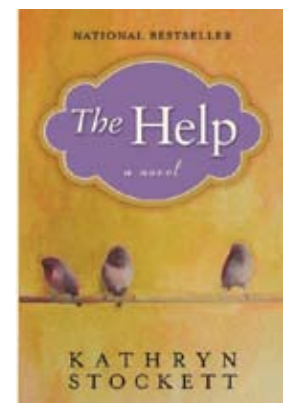
The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Shirley Gorman, Oakwood

“The Help” centers around three women in Jackson, Mississippi in 1962. Skeeter (Eugenia Phelan), a recent graduate of Ole Miss, has just returned home to learn her beloved maid since childhood has disappeared. The other women, Aibileen and Minnie, are black maids. Aibileen and Minnie are opposites in appearance and temperament. Aibileen is regal and thoughtful and subdued; Minnie is short and sassy.

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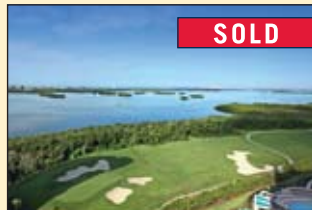
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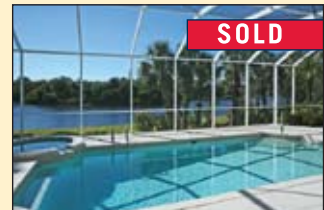
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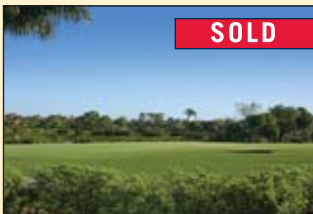
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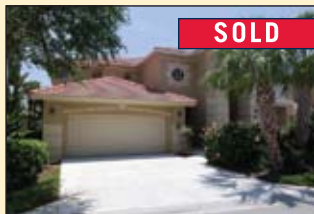
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Down One Is Good Bridge... Sometimes

By Pat Harrington

SCORING IN BRIDGE, as in any game, determines the winners. At any form of scoring, the ideal is to go plus – the bigger the better, but you can't always go plus. In that case, you want to give your opponents the fewest possible points. Sometimes it's better to overbid and go down rather than let your opponents win the auction.

Many hands are such that neither side can make a game or slam. These hands often end up as competitive fights for a part score. Players often believe that competitive bidding decisions are based on points. Actually, these decisions are based on some simple guidelines. One guideline suggests this: **don't let your opponents play in a 2-level contract in a suit they have bid and raised.** Here's an example:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	?

Dlr: West Vul: None	♠ A 2 ♥ Q J 10 6 5 ♦ K Q J ♣ 8 4 3	♠ K J 9 8 6 ♥ A 8 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ J 10 6	↑ + ↓ +
♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ 9 8 4 2 ♣ K Q 7	♠ 7 5 3 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ A 9 5 2		

North's major suit opening and East's overcall both promise 5-card suits. Both South and West raise to the 2 level holding 7 points and 3-card support for their partner's suit. **When you have a fit, raise partner's suit to the 2 level with about 6 to 10 points.** Neither North nor East wants to be in game opposite that little strength and both would be happy to play in 2 of their suit. E-W have the advantage because they have spades and can outbid N-S without going to a higher level. When 2♠ comes around to South, it is tempting



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to pass with such a weak hand, but that would allow E-W to play in two of a suit they bid and raised. A 3♥ bid by South follows our guideline. Unfortunately 3♥ goes down 1, but the bid steals the score E-W would have gotten in 2♠ (+110 at duplicate or Chicago; +60 at rubber bridge) and turns it into +50 for E-W, still a plus score but not as good, which means more matchpoints for N-S at duplicate and nothing going toward an E-W game at rubber bridge. Sometimes, E-W won't give up and they will compete to 3♠, which works even better for N-S. 3♠ goes down 1 to give N-S +50 and still more matchpoints. After the 3♥ bid, E-W get their best score by defending.

You may have heard bridge players say, "Down one is good bridge." That can be true when you steal a plus score from your opponents, but it's not good bridge to go down when you've overbid and could have won the bidding at a lower level.

Pat Harrington has been teaching bridge since 1986. Pat works for the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and is a regular columnist for their monthly Bridge Bulletin magazine. Pat and her husband, Paul, teach at the Bonita Bridge Club. Beginner bridge class starts on January 7 - lesson schedule can be found at www.bonitabridge.com.

Pat has a CD entitled: Introduction to Bridge Play & Learn With Pat Harrington, winner of the bridge teachers' software of the year for 2009. A sample can be downloaded from the publisher at www.greatgameproducts.com. Pat also won the bridge teachers' intermediate book of the year award for Major Suit Raises I and II Play Courses.

If you have questions or subjects you would like Pat to address in her columns, email the paper at BayWatchNews@aol.com.



Passings

HELEN STATLER FISCHER WATTLES, age 77, died on September 19, 2009 after a brief illness. Helen was a lifelong resident of Kalamazoo and lived at the Anchorage in Bonita Bay with her husband John C. Wattles. She was a graduate of Western Michigan University. Helen enjoyed tennis, was an avid golfer, loved traveling and spending time with her family, dear friends and her beloved cat, Sam. She is predeceased by her daughter, Sara W. Perry.

Bay Watch News *would like to acknowledge the passing of your loved one, friend or neighbor. Please contact us at:* BayWatchNews@aol.com.

See You Later Alligator *continued from page 9*

Gators breed once a year when the mating season starts in late March. How do gator's mate? "Carefully," Hansen says. Without going into the seamy details, the females give birth two months later and lay 35 to 50 eggs. She carves out an earthen area near a lake for the eggs to incubate.

While most eggs hatch, the real danger to the newborns is surviving in the nearby pond where they are targeted by other gators, raccoons and birds of prey. They grow until they get to about six feet when they start adding weight but not necessarily length. Some gators live to be 90 years old.

In answer to the sometimes debated question: if a gator chases me, do I run straight or zig zag? Hansen says, "Since you can run faster by running straight, run straight." He said gators don't usually pursue for more than 20 feet but he did say they can out-run a horse for very short distances. Hansen often lectures at local schools and various other locations so residents are better informed about the creatures.



If you have a nuisance gator nearby, call 1-866-FWC-GATOR (or 866-392-4286) or call the Security Gate and they'll get help.

Has he ever had a funny experience trapping a gator? Well, some time ago a woman in Pelican Landing left open the slider at her home and went inside to take a shower. An 8-foot gator wandered by and heard the water splashing. He came into her house and into her bathroom, moving toward the sound of the water.

When she opened the shower curtain, she screamed, as the gator was there, staring at her just a few feet away. She happened to have a phone mounted by her toilet so she could call for help. All ended well, but watch those open sliders when you shower. Hey, you never know!

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ACROSS

- 1 Headline?
- 5 Hay storage site
- 9 Move like Jell-O
- 14 One who regrets
- 15 Kazan who directed "Gentlemen's Agreement"
- 16 Caught wrigglers
- 17 It cuts both ways
- 20 Like the king in "The King and I"
- 21 Place to get gas?
- 22 Star turns
- 23 What buffalo of song do
- 24 Washer cycle
- 27 Cash in, as a coupon
- 32 '50s prez
- 35 Stir up
- 37 Ticklish Muppet
- 38 London transport
- 42 Frozen waffle brand
- 43 Fine gown material
- 44 Kind of blonde
- 45 Give, as homework
- 48 Collette, Morrison and Braxton
- 50 Fireworks sounds?
- 52 The Gees of the Bee Gees
- 56 Gorged oneself
- 60 Warm and having a light breeze, maybe
- 62 Large mobile home
- 64 "Li'l" cartoon character
- 65 Author Koontz
- 66 Jai ____
- 67 Prepared
- 68 Pharaoh ____ (pests)
- 69 Scratch

DOWN

- 1 Iron
- 2 Radio feed
- 3 Fit for a queen
- 4 Aftershock
- 5 Bottom of the barrel
- 6 Ye ____ Curiosity Shoppe
- 7 Adam and Eve's tree?
- 8 Karatlike exercise
- 9 Bagel choice
- 10 Chopped down
- 11 Medicinal plant
- 12 "The King and I" co-star
- 13 It tends to go counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere
- 18 Yen
- 19 ____ Abby
- 23 Ushers to a better row, perhaps
- 25 Neither's partner
- 26 Cheap beer
- 28 "____ Rosenkavalier"
- 29 "Able was I ere I saw ____"
- 30 Stock on an Australian ranch
- 31 Get into the hits at a rock concert?
- 32 "The very ____!"
- 33 26-Down dispensers
- 34 E.R. tests
- 36 Prefix with plasm
- 39 Fish in an ornamental pond

- 40 Relatives
- 41 Big question mark
- 46 Err
- 47 Response to the Little Red Hen
- 49 Apelike
- 51 Gossipy Hopper
- 53 Beautiful, in Verona
- 54 Moolah
- 55 Mount Hermon is its highest peak
- 56 Man ____
- 57 Groovy feeling
- 58 Dame ____ (Barry Humphries role)
- 59 Bamboo, e.g.
- 60 R.B.I. or H.R.
- 61 Coffee holders
- 63 Dark time, in poetry

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Pat received a \$25 gift card to Angelina's Ristorante.



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