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## Bonita Bay

### An Interview with Bonita Bay Club General Manager – Dan Miles

One of the first and certainly most important actions taken by the Board of Directors shortly after the Bonita Bay Club became member-owned was the hiring of a new General Manager. The following is a question-and-answer session by *Bay Watch News* to get to know Dan better.

**BWN** - Where did you spend your childhood?

**DM** - I was reared principally in Southern Indiana in Lawrenceburg. Lawrenceburg was home to Seagram Distillery, the largest in the world back in the 60's and 70's ... or so I'm told. Lawrenceburg sits on the Ohio River at the Southeastern most point of Indiana. It is part of the tri-state area along with Ohio and Kentucky. Many Lawrenceburg residents, including my father, a CPA, worked in Cincinnati. My family moved to Summerville, South Carolina when I was around 13. While in South Carolina, I worked at Kings Grant Country Club from the age of 14. I had numerous jobs during the years there including managing the swimming pool, running the snack

bar, working in the cart barn. My brother and I made a good business of swimming for golf balls. We moved back to Lawrenceburg, my folk's home town, when I was a senior in high school.

**BWN** - Where did you meet your wife and how many years have you been married?

**DM** - My wife and I met at Indiana University in Bloomington. Susan is from Indianapolis. We were married there in January 1985 ... so 26 years next month. We have three terrific adult children all doing well and living in Colorado.

**BWN** - How has the transition to living in Southwest Florida been for the two of you?

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### Bonita Bay Residents Change the Lives of Children and Families in Immokalee

**THE RESIDENTS** of Bonita Bay have been providing support and service to the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee for the past 28 years. This support has enabled the Center not only to thrive



but to increase the level of programs and services that are provided to the children and families in Immokalee.

In 1982 a small group of individuals recognized that there was a need to provide food, clothing and shower facilities for the farmworkers and their families in Immokalee, one of the poorest communities in the southeast. From the initial formation of the organization, residents of Bonita Bay provided volunteer services at the soup kitchen, provided clothing for the clothing program and provided funding to

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# Editors' Notes

## WELCOME TO 2011!

How fortunate we are to live in a community of very generous and giving people as is evidenced by all of the charities that Bonita Bay residents are involved – Guadalupe House (see front page article), The Literacy Council, United Way, Hope Hospice, Susan G. Komen, Barbara's House among others. We have been asked by several people: "What volunteer opportunities exist?" And "How can I get involved." Please contact us with your charitable organization's needs and we will be happy to post them on our web site.

On another note ... according to court records, the Bonita Bay Group has quietly dropped the appeal of the Jerry Evans lawsuit and has settled the case. It has also been reported that BBG has settled all other lawsuits including Twin Eagles, the Marina Club and the other suit involving over 20 plaintiffs of the Bonita Bay Club (former golf members).

We are glad to put all this in our rear view mirror and look forward to a -

*Happy, Healthy and  
Prosperous New Year!*

Yours,

*Don and Valerie Gorman*  
Editors

P.S. We have added a tab on our web site [www.BayWatchNews.com](http://www.BayWatchNews.com) entitled "Community Activities". There you will find neighborhood news and activities such as the The Wisconsin Club's Wine and Cheese Party, The 11th annual Minnesotans Party and a request to resurrect the Bonita Bay Car Show. Be sure to check it out and if you would like to add your neighborhood information to the site, contact us at [BayWatchNews@aol.com](mailto:BayWatchNews@aol.com).

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# Letters to the Editor

## More on Backwater Jacks ...

**I AM** a boating member of the Marina Club, so I have been deceived, compromised, and screwed by BBG twice. One of the issues I would like to see from all our Bonita Bay Club members is the end of BBG and the Lucas family on our property. One way would be to silently and quietly stop eating and patronizing a competing restaurant in our community. That restaurant is Backwater Jacks. Yes, I like BWJ for its ambience and convenience, but I have not gone there since we bought the golf club back from BBG.

This “silent boycott” would obviously be voluntary but if the revenue at BWJ’s starts falling drastically, BBG would have extra incentive to get out of our Community. I would urge everyone to THINK about who they are supporting with their dollars. Our conscience and fortitude are our greatest weapons to end this fraud that has been brought on us as individuals. Would you prefer to support the Lucas organization or your member-owned club? The decision is yours!

*Rich Oelkers, Hamptons*

### WHAT TO DO with Backwater Jacks?

Let’s not forget that Backwater Jacks was an included, free to use, amenity for all residents who purchased in Bonita Bay. In fact, I signed my Real Estate Contract to purchase my home on the front porch of Backwater Jacks.

So when Bonita Bay Group decided to peel this promised free amenity away from the residents and then sell it back to us, a number of us cried foul and walked away and stayed away.

Because of my home location, I continue to drive by Backwater Jacks about 4 times a day. Yet, despite the convenience of the location for me, I have lost all respect for Bonita Bay Group and will not patronize anything from them. The fact the Backwater Jacks is a renegeed amenity just makes the situation worse.

I see in Brian Lucas’ letter that he states: “Our intention is to offer the club to the members on reasonable, market-driven terms.” I hope that he realizes that what something is worth is entirely based on what someone else is willing to pay for it, not necessarily on some arbitrary appraisal.

Mr. Lucas also appears to have concluded that the \$4.6 million in supposedly refundable Marina Club deposits are as refundable as the Golf Club Deposits were and that another \$3.4 million is further justified.

He continues to give new meaning to the word “chutzpah”.

It was one thing for us to bail out the club. It greatly affected our real estate values and quality of life.

While the legalities of what BBG pulled is quite questionable, I am pleased the Attorney General will help answer the legal questions there. Yet, despite the great people working at the Marina, I cannot stretch my thought process far enough to think that 80% of the residents (as required) would want to allow BBG to pull off another heist as they did in the club. I believe BBG is overplaying its hand and hope the residents and members hold them accountable.

My suggestion? What should be done?

The members already paid BBG \$4.6 million.

BBG should accept that and walk away.

The residents, through the HOA or the Club, should reimburse those who paid the \$4.6 million and take over all Marina and Backwater Jacks operation.

The Marina and Backwater Jacks should be open again to all residents and a new pricing structure should be applied for all residents for all services.

*Art Herman, Marina Isle Court*

*(Editor’s note: The letter from Brian Lucas to the Marina Club membership can be read at [www.BayWatchNews.com](http://www.BayWatchNews.com) “Bits and Pieces”.)*

## Police Patrols ...

**PERSONALLY I** see no need for the Sheriff to patrol in our neighborhoods. I challenged this some time ago and was told the time had been halved to 8 hours versus 16. Apparently this did not happen. If we have any need for the Sheriff, we all have phones for a 911 call. Further, the internal security personnel seem to be doing an adequate job of being seen. I believe that better use of our tax dollars can be had patrolling areas in the county that need the attention: not Bonita Bay. Thanks.

*Mike Hartley, Spring Ridge*

**I SEE** that somebody/group decided we need less police work per week. While 16 hours maybe too much, 4 hours is not enough to catch all the drivers who drive well beyond the speed limit or conveniently “roll” through the many stop signs on Bonita Bay Blvd. Lastly, why do we need a stop sign at Hidden River and Island Pond Ct. since there is no crossover or intersection? Can anyone answer that?

*Dale Chorba, Bayview*

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# Who's Who in Bonita Bay

By Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge

*Lou and Patsy Graham, of Oakwood and Nashville, spent most of their lives on tour. Lou was a professional golfer; Patsy was a self-described professional tour wife.*



**LOU PLAYED** on the PGA Tour from 1964 to 1987; and on the senior tour until he retired in 1995. He won numerous events, including the 1975 U.S. Open at Medinah in Chicago. Graham played on three Ryder Cup teams and was a member of the victorious 1975 World Cup Team.

When their daughters Phyllis and Louann were just 1 and 3,

Lou was approached by a sponsor who urged him to go on tour. The Grahams began to travel, staying with other players' families in mom-and-pop motels where all the children enjoyed "play days" together. When the girls started school, Patsy and Lou vowed never to be apart more than two weeks. When the school year ended, the four of them traveled all summer. And when the girls went to college, Patsy went back on tour every week. "It was a great life. I didn't make beds; I didn't cook; I just followed golf!"

Life on the road wasn't rough for Patsy. In fact, it was rewarding. She had noticed that the wives of NBA and NFL players had charity events; the golfers' wives didn't. So in 1987, Patsy founded the PGA Tour Wives organization. The first event involved the wives playing golf and the guys caddying. She called the White House 12 times before she finally convinced Nancy Reagan to attend the event. The charity that initial year was Mrs. Reagan's TPC Village for children with drug problems. The Tour Wives still have annual events and have raised millions for a variety of causes.

When Lou moved to the Senior Tour, Patsy founded the Senior Tour Wives organization. While on a tour players' tour of the Vice President's residence, Patsy noticed a needlepoint rug Barbara Bush had made and got the idea to create a rug to raise money for charity. She gathered up the autographs of the top 100 players and the four Presidents who had played golf while in the White House. Artist/author Diana Gessler, Patsy's close friend, transferred the signatures to canvas. Gutsy Patsy once again called the White House. Barbara Bush offered to stitch her own corner of the rug with the President's autograph on it. It raised a HUGE sum. In fact, it was so popular, they ended up producing "blanket" copies; the

Senior Tour Wives sold thousands.

Patsy gained a reputation of her own. One article published a few years back describes her as "a Southern charmer of such wit, intelligence and conversational energy that she once lost a job as a radio disc jockey because she could fit only two records an hour into her show."

While in college, she had her own show on Nashville television which she refers to as the poor man's version of "American Band Stand." Kids came and danced; celebrities came and performed. She met Andy Williams, among others; she later reintroduced herself to him when Lou played in his tournament at Torrey Pines.

While on tour, she wrote for *Golf World* magazine. Her column, "Here's Patsy", included stories about what was happening on the tour each week.

Although Lou and Patsy are retired, they are still in touch with most of the friends they made on tour. They renew their acquaintances annually at the Legends tournament; and they make the annual pilgrimage to the Masters. You can somehow picture Patsy ensconced at a table near the clubhouse, chatting up a storm with all passers-by.

How does she spend her time in retirement? Patsy is a "patsy" for a good cause. She has served on the boards of the Guadalupe Center and the Speakers Assembly. She has chaired the gala for the Bonita Springs Art League. Groups like that need someone who will step up. "I had the energy, so I did it."

The Grahams were among the very first to buy in Bonita Bay. They came looking in 1985 when someone at a New York cocktail party told them to look here. They bought in '86 and moved in '87. They have never looked back. But now Patsy is finally ready to do what she came here for: go to the beach, relax and read.

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*"Hitting the ball is the fun part of it, but the fewer times you hit the ball, the more fun you have."*

– LOU GRAHAM



# How to Survive a Stroke: *Quick Action*

By Lee Memorial Health System

**WHAT SHE THOUGHT** was a minor illness turned into a life-changing event for patient Victoria Pingleton, 51. The Fort Myers resident was at work in June when she began to feel lightheaded. After falling twice, she was rushed to the hospital by ambulance, where she learned she was having a stroke.

"I wasn't coherent," Victoria says. "I didn't know that my carotid artery was completely blocked."

Following a stay in the hospital and a rehabilitation facility, Victoria is recovering at home.

Jennifer Blue, director of neurology/stroke unit at Gulf Coast Medical Center, says that she attributes Victoria's recovery, and that of patients like her, with following the protocols recommended by the entire medical team.

"Patients must have a positive attitude knowing that all their hard work will produce the necessary outcomes," Jennifer says. "Education for both family and patient is essential in the development in the patients' plan of care."

While in the hospital, Victoria's treatment began with the medical team who worked to halt the progress of her stroke, and begin the healing process. It ended with her regaining mobility and working with therapists to regain use of her motor skills.

"Our goal is to deliver quality holistic care to all neurologic patients and their families," Jennifer says.

Victoria is not ready to return to work, but that is her goal.

"When I can move my hand better, I can go back," she says. "I also want to go back and be a spokesperson for people who do not have the support that I did."

Victoria says she has made healthier lifestyle choices now that she is on her way back to a normal life.

"I used to be a smoker," she says. "I haven't picked up a cigarette since I went into the hospital."

### Symptoms of stroke include:

- Slurred speech/difficulty speaking
- Numbness/weakness on one side of the body
- Trouble seeing/loss of vision in one eye
- Severe headache

### If you think someone is having a stroke, act FAST and follow this simple test:

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| Face   | Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?   |
| Arms   | Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?   |
| Speech | Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred?  |
| Time   | If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 and quickly proceed to the hospital. |

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# Finders Keepers

By Bill Aiken, Bay Harbor

I've been looking for golf balls at Bonita Bay since 1996, riding on my bike one or two evenings a week, searching in five or six favorite "unnamed" locations – usually from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. after courses are basically empty of players. I do not search in the ponds due to fear of gators and water moccasins. (My ball hunting trousers are really tattered from briars and the well-named saw palmetto.) I normally find 50 to 80 balls per trip.



**THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLS** found is approximately 22,300. I keep all logoed balls, and certain brands for my wife Judy and my use and give the rest to friends and neighbors. Note: I have personally lost approximately 2,120 over this 15-year period.

Different logoed balls amount to about 3,100, with 1,240 on four racks in my garage and 1,800+ in boxes under my work bench. The racks were made by my son Scott in Pittsburgh and he would get the pieces to me in boxes and I would stain, assemble and mount them on garage walls.

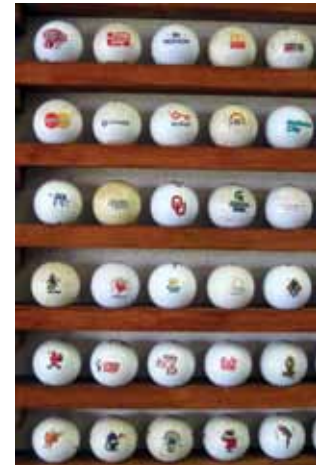
On the original rack, I categorized the logos in rows, such as:

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| 1. Kiddy characters  | Energizer Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Pluto                 |
| 2. Financials        | Mellon Bank, PNC, brokerage firms                    |
| 3. Automotive        | Buick, Chrysler, Ford, Texaco, Gulf                  |
| 4. Food and Beverage | Frito Lay, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Rolling Rock, Seagrams |
| 5. Colleges          | Miami, Pitt, Penn State, Michigan State, Notre Dame  |
| 6. Corporate         | US Steel, General Mills, Alcoa, Koppers              |
| 7. Local Clubs       | Audubon, Shadow Wood, Bay Colony, Lely               |

Some "significant" others are four different Ryder Cups, St. Andrews, Doral and a favorite is a ball lost in Kennebunkport, Maine by President George Bush, Sr. which was actually found there and given to me by Hal Miller, a Florida neighbor. Some 20-30 logo balls have been given to me. Also, I have found some 120 odd brands, e.g., Spalding, Dot, Nicklaus, Palmer, Daly, etc.

I soak the balls in a bleach/detergent mix overnight, then scrub and dry them and give them a "bounce test". Any balls that are badly stained, scuffed or poor bouncers are discarded.

The popularity of various balls sometimes varies each season here at Bonita Bay. Top Flite and Titleist (Pro VI® and NXT) remain constant, and in the last few seasons Callaway, Nike, Noodles and Lady Precept have surged. Slazenger, Molitor, Hogan and Ultra have all but disappeared. I haven't found any orange balls in five years and yellow balls are few and far between. The multi-colored Crystal balls have become quite popular – originally manufactured by Volvik, several other makers are producing this type ball. Also, I feel that about a year after the very popular Noodle "long and soft" appeared, Titleist came out with their "So-Lo".



There's always excitement followed by disappointment when I find our range balls in the grunge, but I've found perhaps 450 of those. (I wash them and return them to our ranges.)

*Searching for balls may come from a "screwball" personality but I still enjoy it – and it's a bit like collecting stamps, so to speak.*



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**IF YOU ARE LEAVING** an inheritance that exceeds \$500,000 to your child, you should seriously consider leaving such inheritance in a protected lifetime trust for them. When children are of sufficient age and have a good head on their shoulders, clients usually believe they should leave their inheritance outright to them. However, the outright inheritance may be exposed to current and future creditors of your child and a divorcing spouse. Yes, a divorcing spouse.

When your child receives an outright inheritance and opens a brokerage account or buys a house and titles such property jointly with his or her spouse, then upon a subsequent divorce, your child has opened the door to losing half the inheritance. When your child co-mingles the inheritance, the child has changed the nature of the inheritance from separate property to a marital asset subject to a divorcing spouse's rights. A child's inheritance held in a lifetime children's trust is not co-mingled with their spouse and therefore should not be subject to equitable distribution upon a divorce.

The lifetime children's trust should also be drafted with a "spendthrift" provision which generally diminishes creditors' rights to attachment of the trust assets. This protection includes personal injury claims and contract obligations. However, the more flexible the terms of the trust (i.e., child's control as trustee and broad distribution provisions), the less creditor protection it provides. If greater creditor protection is desired, the child should not be the sole trustee of their lifetime trust, but the use of an independent trustee is advisable.

In addition, a lifetime children's trust can have significant federal estate tax savings upon your child's passing. For example, David and Diana have two children, Anna and Emily. At the time of David and Diana's deaths, their revocable trusts break into two separate trusts, one called the Anna Lifetime Trust and the other the Emily Lifetime Trust. Each separate trust is funded with \$1,000,000. Assume Anna and Emily live for another 25 years and the balance of each lifetime trust grows to \$3,000,000. Because of the unique tax design of the lifetime trusts, the trusts will not be subject to federal estate tax when Anna or Emily dies. Thus, each child's trust could potentially save \$1,500,000 in estate tax ( $\$3,000,000 \times 50\%$ ).

The flexibility of a lifetime children's trust can be significant, depending upon the desired objectives. The trust may provide the following:

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## The Bonita Historical Society Public Speakers Series

Thursday, January 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Community Hall on Old 41 (across the street from Riverside Park and the band shell)

Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the Mother of the Everglades, portrayed by Janina Birtolo.

## Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida

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January 15-16, 2011 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Art League of Bonita Springs fine arts/crafts sponsored event to be held at The Promenade.

## Literary Lunch - Sponsored by the Friends of the Bonita Springs Library

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Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the Literacy Council Community Room.

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## The Bonita Historical Society Public Speakers Series

Friday, February 4, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Community Hall on Old 41 (across the street from Riverside Park and the band shell)

A Rogue's Paradise: Crime and Punishment in Antebellum Florida, a fascinating look at Florida's frontier days with Dr. James Denham.

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Wednesday, March 23 - Home Tour

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# Bridge Lesson

By Pat Harrington

## When Shortness Backfires

**LAST MONTH**, I suggested that you add points for short suits only when you are going to be the dummy in a suit contract. Take a look at the following deal to see why shortness isn't as valuable to declarer when playing in a 5-3 fit.

Dlr: South ♠ 6 5 2

Vul: N-S ♥ A K 7

♦ J 10 3

♣ 6 5 3 2

♠ 9 8 7 3

♥ 6 3

♦ A 4

♣ K Q 10 9 8

♠ 10

♥ 10 8 5 4 2

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ A 7 4

♠ A K Q J 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ J

South opens 1♠ with a maximum 19-21 points counting length. North raises to 2♠ with a fit and 6-10 points and South places the contract in 4S, which looks like an easy contract to make. It looks like declarer will lose only 1 club and 1 diamond. The plan is to draw trump and then promote diamonds, but the bad trump split is going to foil declarer. Let's see why. You might want to cross off the played cards trick by trick or use a deck of cards to lay out the entire hand.

West makes the opening lead of the ♣K. East signals encouragement with the ♣7. After winning the ♣K, West continues with the ♣8 to East's ♣A. South trumps this and, still feeling secure, begins to draw trump. When South leads a second trump at trick 4, East discards the ♥2. Look at declarer's predicament with these cards remaining:

Dlr: South ♠ 6

Vul: N-S ♥ A K 7

♦ J 10 3

♣ 6 5

♠ 9 8

♥ 6 3

♦ A 4

♣ Q 10 9

♠

♥ 10 8 5 4

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ 4

♠ A K

♥ Q J 9

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ -

If declarer draws all of West's trumps, declarer will also be out of spades. Declarer cannot make 4♠ without playing diamonds, but when West gains the lead with the ♦A, he can cash 3 clubs.

Declarer might try to drive out the ♦A first, but that shouldn't work either. West wins and leads another club, forcing declarer to trump. That leaves West with more spades than declarer! Declarer can afford to lose a club trick and might decide to let West win that club trick instead, but West will lead another club for the same result. Declarer can't afford to lose another trick and trumps, but now declarer has *lost control of the hand* and there is no way for 4♠ to make. West's extra trump becomes the setting trick.

If you were West, would you have continued leading clubs once declarer trumped at trick 2? Too many players give up too soon. It is sometimes advantageous for the defenders to make declarer use the trumps in the long trump hand for ruffing in the hopes that declarer will run out of trump too soon. West had a clue that this was a good defense because he held 4 spades and knew that trumps were splitting badly. West's persistence in forcing declarer to trump clubs led to the defeat of 4♠. This forcing strategy works best in a 5-3 fit rather than in a 4-4 fit where dummy will still have enough trumps left after declarer ruffs. When you expect you have found a 5-3 fit, declarer should be cautious about adding value for short suits because he could find himself in the same predicament South did here.

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Home values have decreased about 35-40% in Bonita Bay since they peaked in late 2005/early 2006. Buyers understand this. Therefore, if you are a seller, you must understand and accept what has happened to your property's value if you expect it to sell. You don't have to enjoy the current market value of the property. It may be less than you paid for it if you bought sometime during this millennium. And you don't have to sell it if you choose not to do so.

You do, however, need to understand and be realistic about your home's current value in this marketplace because more than likely, that is what it will sell for. You also need to realize that selling your home for what it is worth does not constitute giving it away. It is simply acting as an informed and rational seller in a dramatically changed world.

As a Realtor, it's no fun informing sellers about the value of their homes during this market. We would all like the homes to sell at higher prices. But the savvy and informed buyers, aided by their equally well informed agents, aren't overpaying.

So if it makes sense for you to sell then do it. There is nothing we see on the economic horizon to suggest we will see 2005/2006 prices and values again for many years. And most of us here in Bonita Bay have reached that point in our lives where time is much more valuable than money.

*So go ahead and sell if it makes sense – you won't be "giving it away".*

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**An Interview with Bonita Bay Club General Manager – Dan Miles** *continued from cover*

**DM** - The transition to Southwest Florida has been easy and terrific. My wife and I have adapted well and are currently enjoying all that the lifestyle has to offer. After raising our family in Colorado, Southwest Florida was among the places we were hoping to settle.

**BWN** - Do your children enjoy visiting during their college breaks?

**DM** - All the kids have loved coming to visit. I am sure their visits will continue. All have come at different times this past summer while we were settling in, and were here again over the Thanksgiving break. They love coming to visit. It's a terrific mini vacation for them. They will all be back again to spend time with us over the Christmas and New Year holiday break.



**BWN** - What are your outside interests or hobbies?

**DM** - I have always loved cars, particularly older classic automobiles. I enjoy working on them and restoring them. I have restored many older classic cars on an amateur level, including several Mercedes and BMWs. I currently have a 1967 Jaguar 3.8S sedan, partially restored. I enjoy playing golf and motorcycling. I love boating and fishing, although I am a particularly unaccomplished fisherman. I'm hoping to learn more. My wife and I enjoy traveling when we can.

**BWN** - How did it come about that you chose Golf Club Management as your career?

**DM** - While in college, I worked a number of hospitality jobs. I eventually became one of the assistant managers at one of Bloomington's nicer restaurants. Shortly after graduation, I learned from my brother's father-in-law that the Lafayette (IN) Country Club was looking for a new GM. I applied for the job primarily thinking that the interview would be a positive experience for me. It was never my intention or vision to pursue Club Management as a career prior to that. As it would turn out, I had a great interview and was offered the position in 1984. It seems that at the time, the Board was looking for a manager with a strong hospitality background, but also one with business knowledge and the ability to read a financial statement. This then became a terrific opportunity for me. I embraced club management and set out to learn all that I could about the industry. I pursued every educational opportunity available and was certified by the Club Managers Association in 1989.

**BWN** - Members have commented that you are very visible at the Club. What is your typical work week like?

**DM** - The work weeks at Bonita Bay Club are actually very manageable due to the strong support staff that works hard to

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make things great. Beyond what would be a typical week, I try to be around the Club a couple evenings each week. This is largely driven by the level of activity on any given day. I also try to come in for a few hours on Saturdays and Sundays, but not always.

**BWN** - You came from a club that had approximately 600 members. Bonita Bay Club has more than three times that number. How do you even begin to learn over 3,000 names!?

**DM** - Recognizing and acknowledging members by name is very important to me. It is an integral part of what makes a private member-owned club great. Unfortunately, name recognition is not something that comes naturally to me. And 3,000 plus names represent a formidable challenge. But that doesn't mean we don't have to try. So although it may take a while, my staff and I are committed to the effort. The members of Bonita Bay Club have been terrific about helping.

**BWN** - Most of the remodeling changes that have been made have been striking and very well received since your arrival. What is on the drawing board for 2011?

**DM** - The improvements made over the course of this past summer were planned strategically with regard to certain priorities, with the help and support of the Board. It was important not only to begin addressing some of the deferred maintenance conditions that were allowed to develop, but also to provide a level of visible improvement for the purpose of reaffirming members' decision to stay through the turnover. The approach for 2011 and going forward is centered on developing a comprehensive long-range or strategic plan led by the Board. This activity, which is currently well underway, will likely take us into next fall before being completed. All club facilities will be evaluated with regard to condition and to the extent to which they are currently meeting member needs. As a result, new capital additions will likely be limited to necessary repairs and maintenance through 2011. Any major improvements or projects will likely not be considered until 2012, after the planning is complete and a well thought out program has been communicated to and has the support of the membership.

**BWN** - How would you classify your style of management?

**DM** - I would describe my management style as somewhere between paternalistic and democratic. I do invite managers to participate in making key decisions, so from that perspective, it is not autocratic. But it is not fully democratic either. The staff and key managers together drive a lot of decisions, but in the end, the decisions are mine. I believe in hiring the best managers I can find and then letting them manage. Most do what they were hired to do better than I could. My management style is not one that micro-manages department heads in everyday operations. I provide leadership with regard to oversight and guidance and towards setting forth the direction, philosophy and mission.

**BWN** - What are some of the biggest  
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# Restaurant Talk from Phyllis

By Phyllis Liebman, Woodlake



**SUSHI HERE ... SUSHI THERE ...** Sushi, Sushi Everywhere! But, in my opinion, the best around, without question, is at BLU SUSHI, Gulf Coast Town Center.

Yes, this traditional Japanese food has become so popular that it can be found in some local Thai and Italian restaurants. In fact, it even has brought one-time political adversaries, Japan and China, together

gastronomically. All to the good! Moreover, the word is getting out that, unlike sashimi, which is simply raw fish, sushi rolls are fish mixed with, laid over or wrapped in or around short-grain (sticky) rice. More and more cooked fish and also vegetarian selections have been added to menus. It's a great time to

discover and taste both authentic and American versions of a Japanese specialty.

Don't take *my* word for it. Judge for yourself by taking advantage of the opportunity to sample extensive, varied and often inventive selections that are available at the all-you-can eat BLU LUNCH, offered weekdays from 11:30-2:00. It's a delightful bargain at \$14.95. Evening prices for the same rolls are generally \$5.95-\$11.95 per order. Miso soup, both house and seaweed salads and three appetizers are offered in addition to three BLU specialty rolls, ten sushi and eleven Makisushi rolls (sushi that is rolled and wrapped with seaweed). All of the rolls are hand-made fresh to order. Cooked foods are indicated.

The modus operandi is to order two choices at a time. As in most things, sharing is fun. We usually start with Gyoza (an appetizer of five Japanese deep fried dumplings, filled with shrimp and cabbage and served with a side of home-made dumpling sauce), and the specialty rolls Volcano (crab chopped and mixed with spicy mayo and a touch of smelt roe, baked and served hot), and "Find What Baby" (salmon, scallions, asparagus and cream cheese, all tempura dipped and deep fried then brushed with

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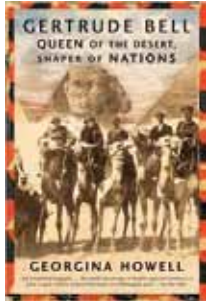
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## Gertrude Bell, Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations by Georgina Howell

Elaine Brotman, *Horizons*



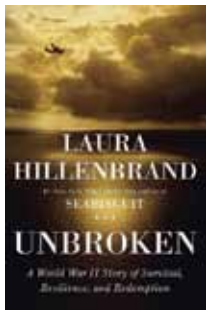
**GEORGINA HOWELL**, in her 2007 biography, *Gertrude Bell, Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*, brings to life an extraordinary Victorian woman, born in England in 1868. Her intellectual brilliance and athletic prowess, coupled with supreme self-confidence and courage, made her a legend of her times. Bell became a famed mountain-climber, traveler, author, photographer, archeologist, translator, political consultant and nation-builder. Of course, it helped coming from the sixth wealthiest family in England who supported all her endeavors financially and allowed her great independence.

After traveling to the Middle East at the end of the 20th century, Bell fell in love with the region. She organized and led caravans all through the Ottoman Empire, writing several books about her archeological findings. She developed personal relationships with many feuding tribal leaders, obtaining their trust and respect which was an unbelievable feat for a woman. Bell was greeted as “Katum” or desert queen. After WWI, she played an important role in helping the British government establish the modern countries of Jordan and Iraq.

Even though the writing style is a bit formal, anyone who enjoys reading historical biographies will find this one absolutely fascinating.

## Unbroken: World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand *Norm Roberts, Creekside*



**THE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR** of *Seabiscuit* returns with the true story of Olympic athlete Louis Zamperini, who became an Army Air Force bombardier. He flew missions in the Pacific until a fateful ditching left three survivors stranded on a poorly equipped life raft for 47 days. The miracle is that any survived. The problem is they drifted into Japanese held islands.

Life as a POW was absolutely barbaric. This section has rich detail of the daily struggle to survive inhumane treatment. It is disturbing to say the least. Zamperini survived - barely.

Unfortunately, returning to civilian life was no picnic until an epiphany which helped Zamperini turn his life around. He is still embracing life at age 93.

Hillenbrand has written a well paced, superbly researched narrative.

## The Red Thread by Ann Hood

Shirley Gorman, *Oakwood*



**IF YOU ENJOY** a satisfying and informative read, you will not be disappointed with *The Red Thread* by Ann Hood. It tells the story of Maja Lange, a divorcee, who has relocated from Honolulu to Providence, Rhode Island. The author resides in Providence and makes references to actual places and locales in the city. Some of the story’s events mirror the author’s life.

Maja’s parents are concerned about their daughter’s well being. They repeatedly try to convince her to join them on one of their frequent trips. Reluctantly, she agrees to accompany them to China. Maja, who seems to avoid anything to do with children, unwillingly agrees to visit an orphanage in Guanzhou. The visit changes her life.

Upon returning to Providence, Maja establishes The Red Thread Adoption Agency. The goal of the agency is to place abandoned Chinese baby girls with loving families. The name Red Thread refers to a belief that people who are destined to be together are connected by a red thread.

The novel follows one group of potential parents through the adoption process. As Maja guides the six couples, we not only learn their stories but also Maja’s story. The author also weaves in stories about the Chinese families who are forced to abandon their children. Thus, the red thread connects parents and children.



## An Interview with Bonita Bay Club General Manager – Dan Miles *continued from page 17*

challenges facing you going forward?

**DM** - The future of Bonita Bay Club looks very bright. The membership and resources today are stable. Initially, the primary challenge is to promote golf membership growth over the next couple of years as the second East Course comes back on line. The longer term challenge and mission is to work towards reestablishing Bonita Bay Club's position as the premier private club in Southwest Florida. This will be accomplished by re-creating what was once a culture of quality, service and amenities second to none.

**BWN** - The feedback among the members has been extremely positive since you came on the scene. How would your grade your performance?

**DM** - I am very pleased with what has been accomplished since my arrival in June. My effort initially was to identify and prioritize what needed to be done in advance of the current

season. To that end, my focus was first to study the strength and depth of the organization and work towards rebuilding and shoring up any staffing and training needs that were discovered. Secondly, I identified key capital improvement needs and prioritized them based upon apparent urgency, as in the cases of infrastructure and mechanical, and then upon aesthetics to the extent that it would impact everyday member experience. This all had to be done with fiscal responsibility, effectively utilizing the resources available, and in a short period of time. So although there are number of decisions made that I wish I could do over, I would rate the majority of operational and facilities related decisions made to have been on target. Moreover, I feel strongly that the Board's approach going forward with regard to strategic planning and membership growth is correct and thoughtful. So with all due humility to one side, I would have to say that we are currently exceeding expectations.

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11/30/10	\$595,000	Esperia South	4951 Bonita Bay Blvd, #302	2730	3 Bed	3
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11/12/10	\$687,000	Esperia South	4951 Bonita Bay Blvd, #2205	2200	3 Bed	3
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## Bonita Bay Residents Change the Lives of Children and Families in Immokalee *continued from cover*

operate these critical services. Those volunteer efforts continue today with a group of dedicated volunteers working in the soup kitchen which serves over 50,000 free meals annually.

Additionally, the community of Bonita Bay recognized that in order to change the lives of the Immokalee children and families



permanently, long-term services were required. In 1993, a small group of residents including Joe Wolf, Joe Johnson, Dick Johnson and Lloyd Sharp founded the Maynard Cup golf event in honor of their friend and golf partner, Bud Maynard. No entry fee was charged. Each player made a contribution and \$4,500 in proceeds was donated to the Guadalupe Center. This

was the beginning of the Center's thrust towards education as the tool to change lives.

In 1996, several friends of Jim Near, a Bonita Bay resident, purchased an old building in Immokalee in his memory. This became the "Jim Near Early Childhood Education Building." The facility housed classrooms for children ranging from six weeks of age to five years old. In 2009 the opening of the "Jim Near Wing - Friends of Bonita Bay" enabled the early childhood education program to grow from serving less than 100 at-risk children from Immokalee to serving over 250 children today. The capital campaign which funded the 32,000-square-foot facility was chaired by a Bonita Bay resident, Ed Marchetti. The state of the art "Preschool Academy" would not have come to fruition without the support of the residents of Bonita Bay. The children from this program enter kindergarten scoring in the top quartile in the state of Florida. This is the first step in the mission to "break the cycle of poverty through education."

The Guadalupe Center also provides after school tutoring to approximately 500 children in kindergarten through second grade in two elementary schools in Immokalee. These are children who have not had the advantage of attending an early childhood education program. The goal of this program is for the children to perform at or above grade level when they enter third grade. The unique aspect of the program involves the Tutor Corps program. Currently 58 high school students are employed by the Guadalupe Center to work with the younger children. These "tutors" are paid a wage for the hours that they work. They participate in an intensive college preparatory program, are assigned a mentor from the community and receive \$4,000 per year in scholarship funds for each year that they work with the program. For the last three years, 100% of the students in the program have graduated from high school and been accepted into college. There are 81 students from the Tutor Corps program currently enrolled in college and one student attending medical school. It is all designed to break the cycle of poverty for these children and their families.

Over the years, the annual Guadalupe Center/Bonita Bay golf event, gala/auction, and the 50's sock hop have been coordinated and led by many residents within the Bonita Bay community, including Nancy Near, Jacke McCurdy, Arden McCurdy, John Warfield, Jimmy Oetter and Lou and Patsy Graham. Contributions from the Bonita Bay community to the Guadalupe Center have exceeded \$3 million. The residents of Bonita Bay have been instrumental in the growth of all of the programs and services that the Center provides. Ultimately, the community's contributions and efforts will permanently change the lives of Immokalee's residents.

**The Guadalupe Center would like to invite the residents of Bonita Bay to come see the programs and facilities which they have helped to develop.** The Center is offering bus tours to Immokalee on February 17 and March 24. The organization is also looking for volunteers to serve on the Bonita Bay - Guadalupe Center Steering Committee. This committee works to enhance the relationship between the community and the Center. The Guadalupe Center Board of Trustees currently has two Board members from Bonita Bay, John Backe and Ray Cairns. If you would like to attend the bus tour or participate in the steering committee, please contact Jennifer Weimer at 239-657-7711 or via email at [jweimer@guadalupecenter.org](mailto:jweimer@guadalupecenter.org).

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# City Views

by John D. Spear, P.A., City Council Member

**LAST MONTH** I started by saying the City Council had a fairly uneventful summer but by the end of the column, I made it sound like the Council was very busy and cutting-edge.

But by any measure, our agenda for 2011 is daunting. The highlights, in no particular order:

**Hiring the City's second City Manager.** On December 1, City Manager Gary Price announced his retirement effective June 3, 2011. The City Charter places the responsibility for hiring and directing the City Manager with the Council; and the first half of 2011 will undoubtedly be consumed by hiring the City's second City Manager. I am confident that our Council, which has over the past several months found a level of consensus-driven decision-making of which I am proud, will find a great replacement to lead Bonita Springs out of its infancy and adolescence and into a bright future.

**Economic Development.** This may be "history" by the time this article is published, but the Council is faced with a dramatic, outside-the-box proposal by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce to join in a partnership aimed at diversifying our local economy in the direction of more high-paying and less seasonal jobs. The immediate challenge is 1.7 million square feet of vacant commercial, office and industrial space, which is about three times the historical average over the past 30 years. That translates into lower commercial property values and the balance of the property tax burden shifting away from the commercial base to the residential base. The proposal is to create an independent Economic Development Council funded by the private sector (Chamber and its members) as well as by the City, Bonita Springs Utilities and the Bonita Springs Fire and Rescue District. Although not the first priority, a hope is to enlist the amazing retired talent residing in places like Bonita Bay to provide volunteer support and advocacy for our community.

**City Redistricting.** The results of the 2010 Federal census will be released in 60-90 days, and following that release, every level of government has a Constitutional duty to adjust voting district boundaries to re-balance population counts and ensure numerical compliance with the "one-person/one-vote" concept. The last City redistricting was done in 2002, and resulted in the Bonita Bay community being "moved" from District 3, which included the beach and Spanish Wells, to District 4. That district includes Highland Woods, Cedar Creek, Limetree Park, San Carlos Estates North of Strike Lane, the Western part of Bonita Springs Golf and Country Club and a gerrymandered set of streets south of Terry Street just behind Carrabas/Outback, both North and South of the Imperial River. Although the responsibility does not have any dramatic deadlines, the location of any changed boundaries could have a significant impact on where the potential candidates come from for the 2012 election for Council Members from Districts 2, 4 and 6. Given that the

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AN INTERVIEW WITH REBEKAH BERNARD, M.D.

## DR Q&A

**Q:** Is it true that you come from a medical family?

**DR. BERNARD:** Both of my parents were nurses. I got into family medicine because it has such broad training, including pediatrics. I like that variety as well as the focus on preventive care and health maintenance. A family physician can treat about 95 percent of all medical issues.

**Q:** How do you get your patients to follow “doctor’s orders”?

**DR. BERNARD:** People make reasonable choices and decisions if you give them the right tools. I use a different approach every time – sometimes encouragement, sometimes a little nagging, but I’m firm about the consequences of their behaviors.

**Q:** What brings you to this part of the state?

**DR. BERNARD:** I’m a Florida girl. I grew up in rural Clewiston. I’ve had roots in this area since 2002 – living here while working in Immokalee. I’m glad to be working closer to home, and my husband just started a personal chef business, so we’re here to stay.

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*What New Year's Resolutions Do You Think Your Spouse Should Make?*



**Lionel Smith**  
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After her charity work with Hope Hospice is completed, Etta needs to make a resolution to take more time for herself.



**Geri Razinger**  
**AZURE**

Ralph should probably make a New Year's Resolution to relax more.



**Jim Brennan**  
**CROSSINGS**

There isn't any resolution I would recommend to Leona – it is hard to improve on perfection.



**Sandee Frank**  
**SANCTUARY**

Most of the things that bother us about our spouses today are the very things that attracted us to them in the first place. After 45 years, I've decided I wouldn't make any resolutions for Forrest. Do you think I'll get points for that?

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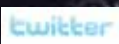
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**I BELIEVE** that the land, the marina and Backwater Jacks are priceless treasures for our future, and that the Bonita Bay Club should own it. Water access, environmental appreciation with a restaurant on the water, are gifts we should care for and support.

*Kathleen Romano, Riverwalk*

## Review of the Fireside Room...

**ON SATURDAY**, December 11, our tennis group had its Christmas party in the Fireside Room. There were 46 of us. It was a perfectly wonderful evening. The food was delicious and the service excellent. All of us had a great time.

We cannot say enough good things about our club. The atmosphere, infrastructure and ambience are first class. And the staff is professional and courteous. They truly make going to our club an enjoyable experience.

*Eileen & Charlie Cavaliere, Montara*

## Other Matters ...

*(Editor's note: The following letter refers to a press release that was posted on [www.BayWatchNews.com](http://www.BayWatchNews.com) - "Bits and Pieces" concerning the turnover of Grey Oaks to its members.)*

**IN THE PRINTED RELEASE** you put in the last *Bay Watch News*, someone chose to highlight "Members did not incur a reduction in equity, were not required to pay an assessment or make purchase payments in connection with the turnover and the Club is free of debt."

I took this as a comparison with the agreement reached in the turnover of Bonita Bay Club, and feel some clarification is necessary. The "equity", as I understand it, for a member of Grey Oaks (other than some early members) is 75% of the going market value at the time of reimbursement, not what you paid for the membership. The refund is also on a 4-in/1-out program. If you recall, when BBG proposed going to 2-in/1-out for our club, there was a massive protest. Finally, the release states there are no assessments, but the dues for Grey Oaks' three courses are at least 30% more per year than the dues at BBC for our five courses. Grey Oaks is a wonderful club and I am very happy that they were able to reach the deal for turnover (which doesn't happen for several years). I personally don't think their deal (or club) is nearly as good as Bonita Bay Club.

*Phill Ashkettle, Spring Ridge*

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## Living on the Course

*by Jack Sullivan, Riviera*



Jack's humorous observations will return soon - in his words he is "on vacation" this month.

*(Editor's Note: We wish Jack a speedy recovery!)*



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# WE NEED A LOCAL HOSPITAL!!!

*By Dave Shellenbarger, Estancia*

**SO YOU OR A LOVED ONE** needs medical care, and it's an emergency. It's over 16 miles to the closest Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) emergency room, and about 14 miles to the closest Naples Community Healthcare (NCH) full-service emergency facility. There are approximately 75,000 residents in south Lee County (Bonita Springs, Estero and south San Carlos), and many believe it's time that improved medical care facilities be built to meet current and future resident needs.

In early 2009, about 50 south county residents joined together to form the South Lee County Hospital Committee, to seek improved facilities to meet resident needs. Comprised of residents primarily from Bonita Springs and Estero, the group included individuals with a wide range of skills and experience. Retired hospital CEO's, insurance executives, local business people and political leaders shared their concerns and visions for improved health care facilities.

A subcommittee of the larger committee was formed to gather data to measure and evaluate community need, and

authorized a "South Lee County Medical Needs Assessment Report" published in early 2009. Three conclusions emerged from the report. First, a Free Standing Emergency Department (FSED) to provide local emergency and trauma care was needed to prevent long ambulance transit to crowded emergency facilities to the north and south. Second, the need for improved resources for the under- and uninsured in south county needed to be addressed, due to a large number of children and families who receive little or no health care. Finally, the committee urged both LMHS and NCH to educate and communicate better to local residents concerning current health care facilities and services to assure that current resources were used most effectively. The report was sent to the management of both NCH and LMHS, and was supported by the management and boards of both health care systems.

The logical location to consider for improved medical facilities is the Bonita Community Health Center, located on US-41 south of Coconut Point Mall. The 12-year-old building is jointly owned by NCH and LMHS in a 50-50 partnership, with LMHS owning adjacent acreage to



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board, including individuals in management for LMHS and NCH, local fire department representatives, county EMS management, emergency room physicians and local political representatives. This committee visited other FSED sites to learn about their construction and operation, gathered substantial financial background concerning the reality of operating an FSED, and consulted building experts to determine whether the Bonita Community Health Center could be modified to be used as an FSED. The conclusions of the committee's report was issued in August 2010, and presented to the health center board and the boards of both hospitals.

support future facilities to meet local needs. The LMHS board, after reviewing the committee report in spring of 2009, voted to begin development of an FSED on acreage adjacent to Bonita Community Health Center. NCH asked to join in a Memorandum of Understanding with LMHS to review the construction of such a facility, and LMHS agreed to explore the idea in partnership with NCH.

In the first months of 2010, the committee issued an updated needs assessment report, including EMS transfer statistics, procedure analysis and updated demographic information. A joint committee of Bonita Community Health Center owner representatives along with local citizens was appointed by the Bonita Community Health Center

So you or a loved one needs medical care, and it's an emergency. It's over 16 miles to the closest Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) emergency room, and about 14 miles to the closest Naples Community Healthcare (NCH) full-service emergency facility.

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# Local Authors

*Among the many talented residents who live in Bonita Bay, the following four have realized a personal goal and dream – they have successfully authored a published book. The men are as diverse as the stories they tell but a common thread runs through them – their love of writing.*

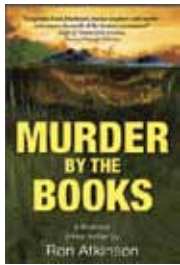


### The Author:

**RON ATKINSON** was born in St. Louis and graduated from the University of Missouri's acclaimed School of Journalism with a major in advertising. After leaving his career in advertising and marketing, Ron recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a published author of fiction.

Before writing *Murder by the Books*, Ron spent several years researching the demanding industry of financial fraud investigation and prevention. That research introduced him to an extraordinary array of specialists in their fields, including representatives of several distinct federal law enforcement agencies and top-tier independent specialists in the field of forensic accounting, among others.

Ron lives with his wife Lynn in Augusta Creek Bonita Bay.



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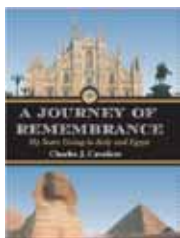
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### The Author:

**CHARLES CAVALIERE** is a retired international banker who resides in Montara with his wife, Eileen. He has three married sons and seven grandchildren. Charlie recently published a book entitled *A Journey of Remembrance - My Years Living in Italy and Egypt*. The book is based on Charlie's experiences living, working and raising a family abroad.



### The Book:

*A Journey of Remembrance* conveys the excitement, the challenges and, above all, the wonders of living overseas. It is a story that offers the reader a chance to explore Italy and Egypt, two very different countries, to understand what it is like to be a stranger in a foreign country, to raise a family abroad,

to learn a new language and to work under a different set of rules. The book has many color photos of Italy and Egypt.

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### The Author:

**HAL ROSS** has spent over 35 years in the toy industry. His quest for distributing the best toys has allowed him to travel extensively across North America, Europe and the Far East. Although the book *The Doll Brokers* is fictional, the author's real life adventures from sales positions in Toronto with Irwin Toy, to

opening his own thriving businesses, Good Fun Limited as well as RP Toys, showed him the path to success in Toyland can be brutal. Stories of stinginess, broken verbal promises and deception are the hallmarks of this, his second novel.

Hal lives in Tuckaweye with his wife Francine.



### The Book:

The premise of the book is a simple one: how does one doll become a success in the high-risk, multi-billion-dollar toy industry? *The Doll Brokers* follows fictional Hart Toy company, a family-owned business, struggling to survive in the 21st Century.

*The Doll Brokers* is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

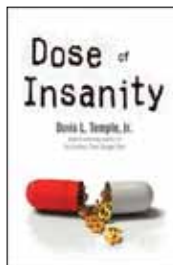


### The Author:

**DR. DAVIS TEMPLE JR.** received his PhD from the University of Mississippi and is a retired Senior Vice President for Bristol Myers Squibb Company. Davis is an established scientist and the author of three previous novels, *Two Letters Then Booger Den* (for which he received the Mississippi Author of the Year Award in

2004), *Preacherman*, and *Voodoo Storm*. His latest book is *Dose of Insanity*.

Davis lives with his wife, Patty, in Cranbrook.



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# Golf Lesson COCKING YOUR WRISTS

By Jeff Heilman



**THE FOLLOWING** lesson discusses how to cock your wrists and how it benefits your golf swing. It is such a delicate and complicated fundamental that 40 years ago many golf instructors believed that the swing might evolve to where we would start mid- backswing. As you know, that did not happen.

Sadly, many golfers feel it is too complicated and just close their minds to it. A recent golf publication suggested that

successful tour player Steve Stricker doesn't even cock his wrists at all. I will explain the cocking of the wrists so that you can employ it in your swing and so that you will get the full benefit of the fundamentals that it creates. I firmly believe that the training necessary to perform it correctly must be conscious. It will not happen by itself, particularly if your grip is less than perfect.

*NOTE: This description is for right-handed golfers. Left handers will have to reverse the rights & lefts.*

## To cock your wrists:

Prerequisites: A couple of correct hand grip positions must be in place.

- #1 The heel of the left hand must be on the top of the shaft.
- #2 The grip of the club needs to be placed enough in the fingers of the right hand to allow the bulk of the right hand to be on top of the shaft.

The cocking of the wrist should not begin until after some weight has been shifted to the right side in the backswing. Once the prerequisites are satisfied, the clubhead has probably moved 3 or 4 feet into the backswing. We are now ready to cock the wrists.

The cocking of the wrist is initiated by pushing down with the heel of the left hand. Some better players accomplish this by pushing down with the heel of the right hand. The main point is that there needs to be a push down on the grip end of the club.

An example I give my students is to relate the cocking of the wrists to a car jack. When lifting a car to replace a flat tire, we push down on the jack handle and the car lifts. Mechanically speaking, cocking the wrist is often referred to as "setting the lever". The act of hinging the club relative to the left arm ultimately creates leverage that provides greater acceleration on the forward swing.

## Other benefits:

- #1 The lifting of the weight of the club above the hands mid-backswing makes the club feel lighter and easier to handle. Therefore, you'll have control of it and be able to swing it faster.
- #2 Due to the fact that at the top of your backswing, the club is going to arrive at a place close to your right shoulder, the right arm and right wrist need to be folded. The left arm needs to be extended. Pushing down or cocking the wrist is how this is achieved.
- #3 The result of the act of pushing down with the left hand makes the left arm the dominant arm, while the folding right arm and hand are subordinate. This dominant versus subordinate relationship is what creates the proper tilt on the shaft to insure a proper plane in the backswing.
- #4 The subordinate or bent right arm sets up an all-important position so that the right elbow can lead the rest of the arm on the downswing. This provides a late uncocking of the lever that we have created.

Anyone who believes a golf swing can be executed without cocking his or her wrists is wrong. The golfer who does not cock his wrists after turning his shoulder 90 degrees has the entire club below his neck with the shaft parallel to the ground and the club pointed away from the target. I don't know of any golfer of any ability that has a backswing like that. Whether we know it or not, we all cock our wrists.

To view an exercise creating a feel of cocking your wrists, please go to: [www.BayWatchNews.com](http://www.BayWatchNews.com) and click on "Golf Instruction".

*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.*



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sweet eel sauce). The fourth is up for grabs. Then we're on our own to over-enjoy.

BLU SUSHI is a small restaurant that has received numerous local awards and regional recognition for its innovative sushi, specialty martinis and creative concoctions. Both indoor and outdoor seating are available. There's unusual background music, known as "chill", which is said to be "world sound" and is supposed to capture the essence of music at the most fundamental level. I find it a bit haunting, or is it daunting? Anyway, I truly enjoy the food.

If you're not "stuck" on sushi, the very reasonably priced family restaurant with a full bar, BLUE FISH, at the NW corner of Airport Pulling and Pine Ridge Roads, Naples, has an excellent buffet where sashimi and 24 roll items are presented ... all well marked and fresh. In addition, there's a large selection of constantly refilled Chinese dishes. Add to that a Mongolian grille (referred to as a hibachi) that offers a selection of raw vegetables, chicken, meat and fish that are cooked right in front of you. You'll also find oysters, peel-your-own shrimp, crayfish, Oriental salads and lots of goodies for dessert. Individual orders are available. Open for lunch (\$8.99 less a 10% senior discount), and dinner (\$14.99 Mon.-Thurs. and \$16.99 otherwise, less a 20% senior discount). Try it. I think that you'll like it.

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- Upon the death of your child, they can generally decide who receives any remaining balance of the trust. If your child fails to decide who gets the balance of the trust, then the trust typically passes to your child's descendants.

You should review your own family circumstances to determine whether the lifetime children's trust approach is appropriate for your children's inheritance. This flexible approach is often substantially superior to receiving an inheritance outright.

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Since that time, legislation has been enacted entitled: the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act which is designed to prevent a future tragedy. Virginia was a 9-year-old accomplished swimmer who perished as several adults attempted to pry her loose from the suction in a hot tub in McLean, VA but ultimately failed. This law requires public pools and spas to be equipped with "Anti-Vortex Drain Covers" which are dome-shaped covers that prevent a body part from covering the drain causing entrapment.

The VGB law only addresses public swimming pools and does not address the many private pools that exist in Florida and, more importantly, here in Bonita Bay. Several years ago in Greenwich, CT, a 6-year-old boy died while swimming in his family's pool with his brother and sister when his arm got trapped in an intake valve on the wall in the pool's deep end. The boy was no match for the powerful suction.

Pool owners should check to be sure the drains on their pools are properly covered before allowing children or grandchildren to swim. Long hair should be tied up and jewelry that may become ensnared in pool equipment should be removed. As further protection, a device called a Safety Vacuum Release System, which is a safeguard that automatically shuts off the pool pump or interrupts the water circulation to prevent entrapment, can be installed by your pool company. At the very least, know how to shut off the pool pump in your home. And consider NOT running the pump during the day when the grandchildren are visiting – erring on the side of safety.



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# What Am I Doing Up Here?

By Erica Simon



Erica Simon - Bonita Bay Club Fitness Center trainer.

“WHAT AM I DOING UP HERE?” ran through my head as I was waiting to go on stage at the Lauderdale Cup. This was the first time I had entered a fitness competition and I was plenty nervous and insecure.

The Lauderdale Cup is an Olympia qualifying competition sponsored by the National Physique Committee (NPC) and

the International Federation of Body Builders (IFBB).

As a first time competitor, I entered the novice bikini division and crossover in the bikini open class D division. This competition was to be a test of my discipline and a way to rid myself of the guilt of my “eat, pray, love” journey to Europe over the summer. I *loved* eating and was now *praying* for a miracle to change my new found love of gelato!

When I returned from my vacation, I paid for an annual membership and a weekend at boot camp with Bombshell Fitness, which I hoped would keep me out of the restaurants and in the gym. The journey began.

I hit the ground running. The initial plan was challenging but doable: half-hour cardio sessions, 45-minute lifts, 5 days a week. I was told to eat six meals.

The nutrition guidelines were: high protein, low-fat and sugar, no processed food, no food flavorings other than lemon or pepper and lots of water. I was allowed one “cheat” meal each week, limited to designated foods and portions.

Just when I started to get into a groove, I got my second plan: 2 hours of cardio a day and 1-hour lifts, *6 days a week*. The number of meals was cut from 6 to 5. I started every day at 4:30 am and went till 10 pm. My life was working out, working, eating, working out, working, eating and meal prep. It was a long two weeks.

The hard work and discipline started to pay-off. I was tired, but proud. Eating the same foods at every meal was boring but it became a routine.

The big weekend finally arrived! I was nervous and excited, but almost too drained to feel it. The glamour prep included spray tans, hair styling and make up, starting at 5 am! Was this worth it???

As it turned out, the pre-judging was the crucial event. The judges picked the winners in the morning and then announced them at night at a sold-out event. Fitness magazines were all shooting then interviewing winners at the red carpet event that followed. But once the prejudging was done, we could have fun and relax a bit. And after the night show was - The Party!

I was the first girl to walk in my division so I was on stage the longest. The competition involved individual posing. It was then I learned that getting a call out from a judge or being moved to center stage was a good thing. I guess both happened to me, but I was too numb to remember anything that went on..

Of the 200+ competitors. I ended up placing 5th in novice bikini but not placing at all in the open. I reviewed my stats online and discovered that in the open, I was ranked 6th in

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# The Dentist Chair

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## “Second Opinions”



**RECENTLY I WAS ASKED** my feelings on whether someone should get a second opinion regarding their dental treatment. Let's look at where a patient starts. The patient went to his regular dentist, the one he has been seeing for many years. The dentist told him it was time to replace some of his older fillings and a four-unit bridge that was decayed under the bridge. A four-unit bridge usually has two teeth missing and is

supported by two sound teeth (one on each side) as you would support a bridge over water.

After the examination the dentist gave the patient an estimate of the treatment costs and said to let him (or her) know what they would like to do. I would always recommend taking the treatment plan home to evaluate it. Don't decide while you are in the dental office. When the plan is evaluated at home, there are often many questions. Why so costly? Couldn't the bridge be repaired? And of course ... what about a second opinion?

First, never be afraid or uncomfortable to ask these questions of the dentist you are seeing. Call him on the phone and set up another appointment or set up a phone conference with him. Any good dentist will not be threatened by these questions. You are only being a good consumer. Any health professional should accept this as you being involved in your care.

My answer about a second opinion would be “Yes” when there is any doubt in your mind concerning treatment or cost. Ask your friends who they respect and like as their dentist. Use one of these referrals as your second opinion. Get a copy of your x-rays (there may be a charge because of the time it takes and equipment used to copy them) and take them to the second dentist. Remember though: if you trust your own dentist and the fees only seem expensive (but are usual and customary for the area), then a second

opinion really is not necessary. It is when you have doubt that I am saying “check it out.”

Many patients look only at cost when making their decisions; although cost is important, it is the longevity of the treatment that is really important. If the bridge can be repaired for less money, then great, but for how long? If the repair only lasts one or two years, then you have wasted time and money. Expensive scares you, but divide that expensive cost by 10 or 15 years of good dental health and it may seem more bearable.

My guess is if you get a second opinion, you will find that good dentists have fairly similar fees and treatment plans. It is when there is a large difference in the two that you need to beware. If you have doubts, go ahead and get that second opinion.



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# Forever Young



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She is Anne Weeks, soon to be 93 years young, who works out every day - you can generally find her walking on the treadmill or peddling the stationary bicycle. To those of us who are struggling with

our 2011 New Year resolutions ... just emulate Anne!

Anne grew up in Easton, PA and at the age of 25 joined the Army in 1943. It was there that she met a fellow who was in the Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA. His name was Shelton Weeks and to those who consider the Army and the



Navy great rivalries, Shelton and Anne's marriage lasted 58 years until he passed away in 2001. Shelton was the former chairman of the advertising firm Kelly Nason in New York City.

After they married, they moved from Long Island to Greenwich, CT so they could be closer to the local ski areas. Anne and Shelton raised five children ... all avid skiers, sailors and mountain climbers. Anne showed her talent on the tennis courts and played the game well into her 80s. Anne and Shelton moved to Sandpiper in Bonita Bay in 1990 where Anne still resides with her 13-year-old Bichon dog named Boodle. She is the proud grandmother to five grandchildren.

Anne credits her longevity and conditioning to her active lifestyle; and she says that an occasional vodka or red wine has also helped.

*So if you see a woman in a Jaguar heading to the Fitness Center, be sure to tip your hat to a grand lady!*



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## Customize Your Master Suite *continued from page 14*

functional. If there is a nice view, draperies should be designed to clear most of the window when opened. Styles, fabrics, trim, hardware and fabrication techniques can vary tremendously to satisfy both function and beauty. Privacy and light control are often provided through hard-window treatments such as shades or wooden shutters with adjustable vanes and woven inserts.

Side tables for the bed are growing even larger to provide storage and table top space for the accessories of this user-friendly 'nest'. The two bedside tables needn't be identical, but should reflect the personal needs of the individual sleeper. In fact, current styles have moved from the traditional 'bedroom set', inviting creativity and better functionality with individual pieces that work well together and function independently.

Rich wall colors create a sense of tranquility as well as a hint of drama in a bedroom. A large, custom framed floor-length mirror can add interest as well as serve for dressing purposes. Lighting should also be carefully selected. Lamps with opaque shades and three-way switches allow for reading and task lighting while offering a low setting to soften the mood.

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2008 filing deadline I had to face was mid-October 2007, the sooner the redistricting effort is complete, the sooner potential 2010 candidates will know which district they reside in and what their election prospects might be.

**2011-2012 Budget.** As I have previously outlined, the budget process starts internally in May or June, and the formal process stretches from July into September. Although the 2010-2011 budget was not a difficult experience, it was made easier by underspending in 2009-2010, some unexpected windfalls on the revenue side and no surprises on the expense side (like a major hurricane). But the challenges of the empty commercial space, the continued decline of property values and the expectation (hopefully) that the economy is improving all create pressures to keep the millage rates level, keeping core local municipal services intact and responding to the increased demands for "things" from our local government.

As I approach the three-quarter mark of my four-year term, I look forward to the challenges of the New Year and hope that with the support of my six colleagues on Council and the kind words of the residents of District 4 that I had do my best to serve the entire community to the best of my ability.

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# Movie Talk



## Recent Theatrical Releases

### ☆☆☆ The Next Three Days

Russell Crowe stars as the husband of a woman who is found guilty of murder and sentenced to prison. Crowe initially is a college English teacher but by the end of the movie, he turns into an action hero. Good thriller but marred by lack of explanation of the crime, trial and sentencing of his wife. Serves as a tutorial for breaking someone out of prison.

### ☆☆☆ Unstoppable

At the beginning of the movie, it states that it is based on true events. Because of that, the movie is much more enjoyable. Seemingly unbelievable – a lot of suspense is created. A little long even at 105 minutes, but fun to watch. Denzel Washington, as usual, is very good.

### ☆☆☆ 127 Hours

Amazing tale of survival by outdoorsman and mountain climber Aron Ralston (superbly played by James Franco). Definitely not for the squeamish. While trapped, he reflects on his life and loves but his life is just not that interesting. Beautiful scenery of Utah.

### ☆☆ 1/2 The Tourist

Starring two of the biggest stars – Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie. This romantic comedy thriller has gotten some of the worst reviews of the year, yet I found it very enjoyable and interesting. Nice scenes of Paris and Venice and Jolie is drop dead gorgeous. Hard to believe that director Von Donnersmarck also directed the great German movie – *The Lives of Others*.

### ☆☆ Fair Game

Relates the story of Joe Wilson and his wife Valerie Plame who was outed as a CIA operative after Wilson challenged the Bush administration reasons for the Iraq war. Starring Sean Penn, the movie has a liberal slant and fails to delve into the entire affair. It doesn't illuminate the roles of Robert Novak, Scooter Libby, Cheney and Bush. Most likely an inherent problem with making a movie so soon after the events.

### ☆ Love and Other Drugs

Unfocused story about a super salesman (Jake Gyllenhaal) who gets a job with the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and becomes a star selling Viagra. He falls in love with Anne Hathaway – a woman in the early stages of Parkinson's. Not enough of a common thread – is it about their relationship, her disease, a commentary on the drug industry or just an excuse to show a lot of sex scenes?

*(Editor's Note: 127 Hours, The Tourist and Love and Other Drugs have all received Golden Globe nominations. The award show can be seen on Sunday, January 16 from 8 – 11 p.m.)*

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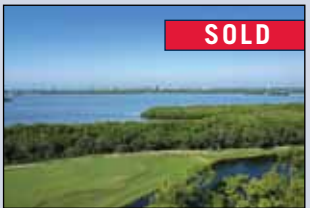
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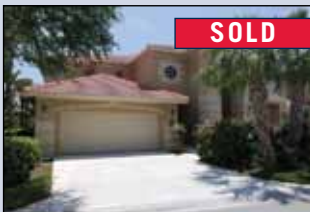
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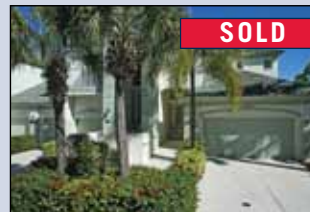
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**We Need a Local Hospital!!** *continued from page 31*

As expected, the operating costs of an FSED in south Lee County would not be balanced with revenues, and the owner hospitals of Bonita Community Health Center have not approved the construction of a free-standing emergency room at this time. The citizens' committee believes that it is inevitable that population growth will return to our area, and the lead time to build either an FSED or a community hospital requires that planning begin today to meet the needs of our current residents and our future neighbors. The committee continues to focus attention on the need for improved health care in our area, and looks forward to continued resident support to make the vision a reality.

*Dave Shellenbarger is a member of the South Lee County Hospital Committee and the joint committee to explore construction of a free-standing emergency department adjacent to the Bonita Community Health Center. He is a retired computer company executive and has been active in several community initiatives in the last several years. You can contact him for comment or more information at [dave.shellenbarger@gmail.com](mailto:dave.shellenbarger@gmail.com).*

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Are you able to travel at any time? Why not plan a vacation based on a popular event of interest?

- If you are going to be on the island of Oahu in Hawaii in early December, you'd not want to miss the world championship surfing competitions held on the north shore. If you aren't participating, the photography would be wonderful as you spend the days on the beach in search of the perfect "pipeline" photo.
- All eyes will be on Ireland in September 2011 as the best female golfers on the planet descend upon Killeen Castle. Do you want to be a part of that? Packages are available.
- In the US, Albuquerque and Telluride feature hot-air balloon events.
- Musical and theater festivals abound in Europe during the summer months; opera fans know the season is in the fall and ordering tickets ahead is a must.
- Snowball fights?? Yes, in Finland, about 25 miles north of Helsinki, every February you can participate in the festival with your own team! Unlike the snowball fights of your youth, this time, there are rules and referees!
- Try the equestrian events planned weekly at the stables in Versailles, France.
- Kite-flying events in northern Italy include hot air ballooning (if you've already been to Albuquerque, try northern Italy for a fun vacation and incorporate this event!).
- Major sporting events such as Wimbledon and the various Golf championships require purchasing tickets months, even years in advance.
- The Summer Olympics will be in London for 2012. A fabulous event for any age and one that is very "doable" with easy access and no language barriers.

A word to the wise though, be sure to **AVOID ...** Magnum, Oklahoma the end of April and beginning of May. I can't even think about this ... a rattlesnake competition?????

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# Computer Tips Setting up a new computer

**HOPEFULLY YOU ARE** one of the lucky people who recently got a new Windows 7 computer. Now is the time to get the new desktop or laptop up and running properly. If you got a laptop, I do suggest reading the quick setup information and hopefully the picture that explains the buttons and slots on it because they are so unique. You should also get a new surge protection strip since we live in the lightning capital of the world.

Be patient when you first start the computer; and if the manufacturer has a setup wizard, I suggest following along with it until finished. Many times they will ask you for registration information, offer internet connection services (you probably already have it), maybe a security package (most often a trial or you can purchase one), etc. Once you are at the desktop screen, you will soon see multiple popup windows for updates. Only install or update one thing at a time and restart if needed.

If the computer does not come with a full license for the pre-installed Security package, I suggest uninstalling it from the Programs icon in the Control Panel. After it is uninstalled and you have restarted the computer, you need to install a full version. You can download security from either Comcast or Centurylink for free. Sure, you can activate the trial editions and enter credit card information to purchase it, but frankly,

I do find these versions are not much better than the free and are often ineffective as well, so why pay? The point is to have one Security package that is updated and running properly.

You are also likely to get prompted to update Adobe Reader and Flash Player which is ok and free along with Java. Sometimes the manufacturer has an update program for the drivers or software they installed and I would suggest doing those as well. Microsoft Windows Updates will also need to install some Windows 7 updates and will likely take a few reboots to get them all. Once these initial updates are done, you may want to go into the Control Panel and Programs icon to uninstall some other software you are absolutely certain not to use. If you are not 100% sure, do not uninstall. Once you have the computer updated and cleaned up, then you can transfer data, setup email, install printers or special programs.



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\* **2009 Acura MDX.** One owner 18,000 miles with warranty to 50,000. Silver with black leather interior. Navigation system. Honda retiree, always serviced at the Honda Service Center. Please call 239.947.2342.

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**What am I doing up here?** *continued from page 38*

my division. Placing at all and ranking high drove me to consider competing again. If I'd trained for only 7 weeks when most girls train all year, there was potential to do better with more training.

Had I not placed, I probably would have crossed this off my bucket list. Now there is something in me that wants to see if I'm capable of more. The reward is a title as pro and in some cases, fitness modeling and supplement deals, none of which is very lucrative.

I don't exactly know what my goal is. Give competition another try? Maybe keep it around as a really crazy and intense hobby? If nothing else, I'm staying in shape, right?

I had a new plan for December: it's the holidays and I need a dieting break. I will start again in January and hopefully compete in March or April. SO, if anyone notices me at the local hot spots in January, make sure there is water in my glass and that I'm holding a dessert-free fork. But until then, cheers and Happy New Year!



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## ACROSS

- 1 Wait, as one's time
- 5 Boutique
- 9 Temporarily do the job of
- 14 Nasdaq alternative
- 15 Cedar Rapids's home
- 16 Maker of the first move
- 17 ✓ Go to natural history museum to check out ...
- 19 It arches over the heart
- 20 Built up over time
- 21 Treacherous sort
- 23 Set the price at
- 24 Choreographer de Mille
- 25 ✓ Rewrite business plan so viability isn't ...
- 30 Considerably
- 31 Robert Burns, for one
- 32 Wild
- 34 Numbered work
- 36 Blue Light Special offerer
- 39 Its motto is "Lux et Veritas"
- 40  -  + 
- 42 Lab warning
- 44 \_\_\_ populi
- 45 ✓ Learn history of Hispaniola from friend who is ...
- 49 Personal record
- 50 "Luck \_\_\_ Lady Tonight"
- 51 Cow chow
- 54 1968 film with a famous car chase
- 58 Had in mind
- 59 ✓ Clean fridge to get rid of ...
- 61 In reserve
- 62 Scheherazade offering
- 63 Fair feature
- 64 Like shoes
- 65 Bats one's gums
- 66 Tycoons often have big ones

## DOWN

- 1 Bear Bryant's team, familiarly
- 2 Computer originally offered in Bondi Blue
- 3 Genealogy abbr.
- 4 Much of an epic movie's cast
- 5 Robin, to Batman
- 6 Rain poncho part
- 7 To each his \_\_\_
- 8 Earn \$200, in a way
- 9 Familiar with
- 10 Faux Chinese dish
- 11 Potential swing
- 12 Bus. letter heading
- 13 Airplane assignment
- 18 Gives the boot
- 22 Coda
- 24 Encouraging utterance
- 25 Attire for the Headless Horseman and others
- 26 Island whose capital is Oranjestad
- 27 Montreal moniker
- 28 Cheer for the diva
- 29 Hawk's grasper
- 30 Gift tag word
- 33 \_\_\_ Luthor of "Superman"
- 35 Annual film festival site
- 37 Fleecy father
- 38 Protectors of people's rights
- 41 Overly formal
- 43 Prepared to be knighted
- 46 Big palooka
- 47 Admitting air currents
- 48 In abundance
- 51 Shepherd with an Old Testament book named for him
- 52 Big name in late-night
- 53 Go bankrupt
- 54 Take in
- 55 Hepcat's words of understanding
- 56 Agenda hidden in 17-, 25-, 45-, and 59-Across
- 57 Spain : muy :: France : \_\_\_
- 60 Highest bond rating

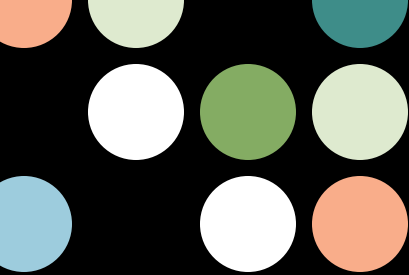
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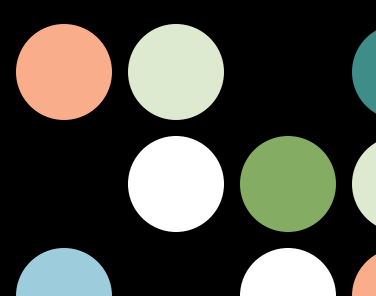
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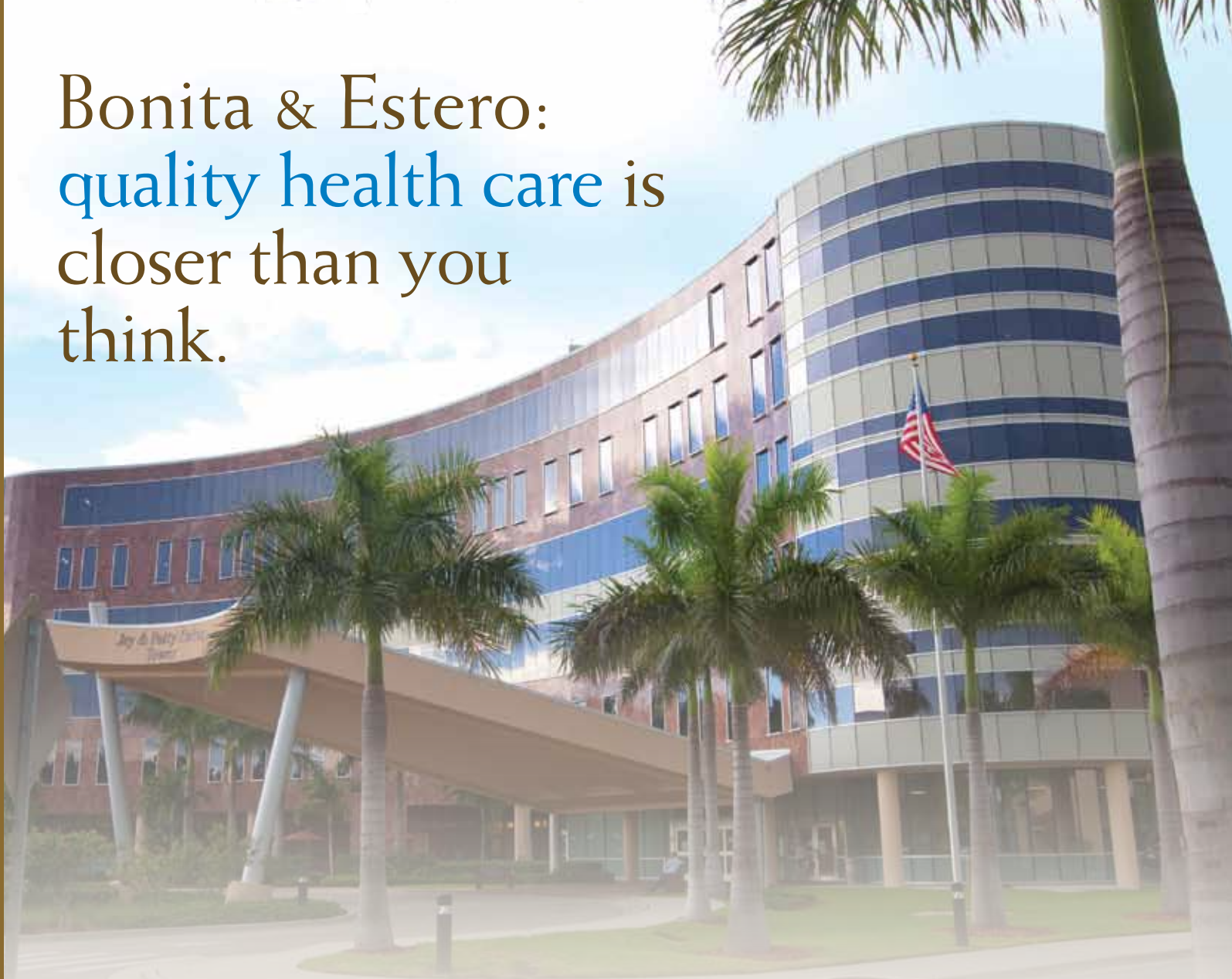


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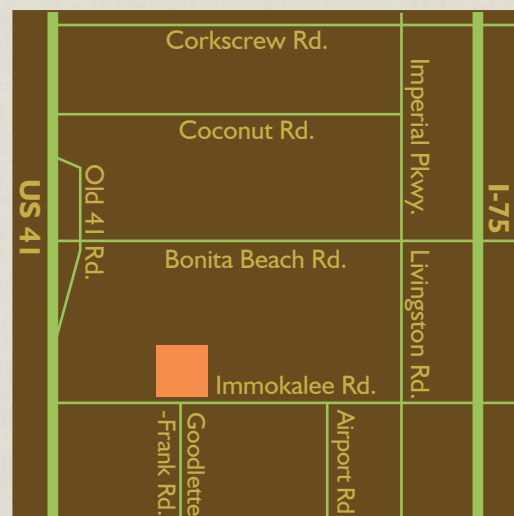
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