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BBCA Board of Directors Discloses Deal

By *Charlie Cavaliere, Montara*

ALL RESIDENTS of Bonita Bay were invited to a Bonita Bay Community Association (BBCA) town hall meeting on November 17 to discuss the major changes resulting from the transition of the developer, Bonita Bay Properties Inc. (BBPI) developer-controlled board of directors to a resident elected board.

Board President Steve Aronson presented the eight members of the Homeowners Transition Committee with a plaque with their names inscribed as a token of appreciation for facilitating the transfer of control

from BBPI to an owner-elected Board of Directors.

Bruce Mohl and Larry Russell said the existing documents initially drafted in 1985 heavily favored BBPI and limited unit owners' rights. The documents had a stated 30 year life and BBPI was grandfathered out of the obligation to turn over control of the development to a homeowner elected board at 90% build out. The breakthrough came when the Club's Turnover Committee negotiated language in the agreement for sale of the club by which BBPI agreed it

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Local Politics

WHILE most of the country is focused on who will be the Republican Party Nominee to run against President Obama, Bonita Springs has its own important election on January 31, 2012. Tip O'Neill stated that "all politics is local" and the approximate 5,800 registered voters in District 4 will be choosing one of the four

candidates to replace City Council member John Spear who decided not to seek re-election. *Bay Watch News* submitted a list of questions to the candidates (their full response can be found at www.BayWatchNews.com - click on "Candidates". Please turn to page 34 & 35 to read their answers.

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Editors' Notes

WELCOME to our fourth year of publishing *Bay Watch News!*

BWN has incorporated two new features this season – first, “A Guide to Bonita Bay’s Favorite Restaurants” to assist you in making reservations at many of the local dining spots. Second, “Food and Wine Pairing” written by resident Certified Sommelier, Lana Novak – check out Lana’s suggestions for a wonderful Holiday dinner party on page 32.

We wish the Board of Directors of the Bonita Bay Community Association - Steve Aronson, Dave Eckrich, Jerry Fournier, Rod McKenzie and Larry Russell - luck for the continuing task ahead (see front page article). As Larry Russell said at the meeting, the Board is grateful for all the suggestions that they have received and welcome all additional thoughts as they move forward.

This time of year is very busy – buying gifts, visiting with loved ones, sending out Christmas cards, etc. However, please try to find time to send the affidavit to the Attorney General re: Bonita Bay Group’s Unfair Trade Practices. Affidavit can be found at: <http://www.baywatchnews.com/affidavit.pdf>. While the outcome is unknown, there may be a benefit to all Bonita Bay Club members.

We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season.

Yours,

Don and Valerie Gorman

Editors

P.S. Let us know of any suggestions to make your enjoyment of *Bay Watch News* better. Our goal is to serve our fellow residents of the wonderful community with interesting and informative articles and features.

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Letters to the Editor

Goodbye Old Friends ...

A LARGE GROUP OF MEMBERS is very disappointed and concerned about the three “resignations” of Bonita Bay’s finest employees. Since the summer, in the golf bag area, we have lost seven: Mike O’Donnell -11 years, Bryan Starcher - 10 years, Kenny Saksa – 8 years, Doug - 5 years, James, Greg - 2 years, and Adam. We cannot afford to lose our human assets as these three were the hardest working, most loyal and friendliest men. It was always a pleasure to see them and hear their cordial greetings for everyone. They prided themselves on knowing each member’s name and bent over backwards to help the members have a smooth and enjoyable golf experience.

Dale Chorba, Bayview II

I AND MANY OTHERS were saddened by the abrupt departure of Mike, Ken and Brian. These men have been here through all of Bonita Bay’s difficult times, stuck with us and worked hard to make things work. Even all summer, rerouting folks around the obstacles in the golf area. It was very strange how they left, never told us who have been here all summer. Just left. They will be missed as the season gets going.

Joyce Eikenberg, Bayview

Hello New Friends ...

I AM SENDING this message to many of my BB golfing buddies and friends - some who have been here with me over the summer and many who are just now returning. As you are aware (or will be upon your return), we have lost some of our key bag staff members - guys who we especially appreciated because they called us by name, knew the color and number of our bag, and each of our home towns. For whatever reasons they have moved on and we thank them for their positive contribution to our BB experience.

While we have some familiar carryovers (which we are quite thankful for), for the most part, our 2011-2012 bag crew appears new. Daily, it seems I see a new face at the bag drop. I have met most all of the new staff and I can tell you I’m impressed. The attitude appears quite upbeat and they are trying their hardest to remember names and bags. It is also obvious that management has made quality hiring and training a priority.

Having said all of this, the early-on bag guy experience may not be what everyone has been used to in the past. The staff may not immediately know your name and the color of your bag but if we can avoid dwelling on who was here in the past and give these guys an opportunity to perform, I think we are going to be very pleased.

Eric Defrain, Montara

We Are So Blessed ...

NEVER DO I DRIVE through the gates at Bonita Bay without glancing gratefully at the “Welcome Home” sign and saying a little thank you for the blessing of living here. So many people work hard to make our lives safe and pleasurable. It is not quite the same for many outside our gates, for some who live not far from here. Bonita Bay people are incredible witnesses for volunteerism as they give hands-on time to agencies such as Hope Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, The Literary Council, Café for Life, Bonita Springs Assistance, The Harry Chapin Food Bank, Boys and Girls Club, and many other worthy services.

Annually the residents of Bonita Bay have been loyal contributors to the United Way. Our thermometer at the gate indicates our progress each year and lets us know how we are doing. What better way to financially give back. The United Way staff and volunteers annually monitor and evaluate its agencies to prevent duplication of efforts and to assure quality and measurable services are delivered.

My husband, Speed, used to say that The United Way is part of the fabric of our nation. It is what we represent as caring, giving and successful Americans. Please be generous as needs grow right outside our gates. Let us continue our support and open our hearts to many who are less fortunate than ourselves. Whatever your gift, you can make a difference to a child, a family, or a lonely and elderly person who is hungry, homeless, jobless, or just in need of encouragement.

We can do it again Bonita Bay. Thanks for your help.

Dee McClay, Ibis Cove

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Who's Who in Bonita Bay

By Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge

John Warfield Named Bonita Springs' "Citizen of the Year"

Congratulations to Bonita Bay's own John C. Warfield who was named Bonita Springs' Citizen of the Year during the Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon in September. In Naples Daily News' front page write-up, they called him a "pillar of the community."



JOHN and his wife Maggie are residents of Woodlake; they moved to Bonita Bay in 1991 when he retired as owner and CEO of Frederick Motor Company in Maryland. His son continues to run that Ford/Subaru dealership.

Since his arrival in Florida, John has been active in what seems like, well, everything. He's just a boy "who can't say 'no'!" He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the President's

Club and the Rotary Club. He gives his time, his talents and his financial support to Hope Hospice, United Way, the YMCA, Art Center of Bonita Springs, Literacy Council, Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

He has a particular fondness for community causes ... organizations that are locally based, where you can see your efforts at work and know what you are accomplishing.

Public service and volunteer work aren't new to John. For over 20 years he was active in charitable and civic affairs in Maryland. He was a trustee of Hood College, served on a bank board and was president of the Maryland State Automobile Dealers Association. So the "Citizen of the Year" award is actually recognition of a lifetime of achievements and contributions.

How did John and Maggie end up in Bonita Bay? John's parents brought their family to Palm Beach each year. As John and Maggie neared retirement age, they decided to revisit Florida, where John had so many fond memories. They spent time on the West Coast, then time on the East Coast. The Palm Beach area was as crowded in summer as the Gulf Coast is in winter. That took the indecision out of their decision; they began shopping for a place and wound up in Waterford in 1991.

John wishes more Bonita Bay residents were involved in some of the local causes. He says there is plenty of room for folks who are here for just the winter season. That's when all the events are scheduled; and folks can help by attending

the events or raising funds. He loves that we have big-time services and events in a community with a small-time feel.

John also has a dream that everyone inside our lovely (but insulated) community would take the time to visit places like the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, another of his favorite charities. If folks could just experience first hand the problems of the poor and homeless, they would become part of the solution.

John also dabbles in politics. He served on the first Bonita Springs City Council, along with Ben Nelson, the city's current mayor. Right now John is anxious to get Nelson reelected. "Ben knows our community well, having been here most of his life. I remember a day when he brought in his own personal film of Hurricane Donna in 1960. He showed us the impact and devastation of a major storm, and he rallied us to put together the city's first storm management plan."

Being named Bonita Springs' Citizen of the Year isn't John's first brush with fame and notoriety. *Time Magazine* – and the National Automobile Dealer Association – names an annual "Dealer of the Year". John was a contender one year; and although he was not ultimately selected as the winner, his name and photo appeared in *Time Magazine*. Now THAT'S big time!

Despite John's many irons in the fire, he has always found time for his two other loves: Maggie and golf. But a rotator cuff that he ignored too long has ejected him from the golf course. But he still cycles, enjoys the wildlife and the company of his friends and family. And occasionally, when a friend asks him for help, he usually finds himself saying "yes".

A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty.

An optimist sees the same glass as half full.

A giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.

G. Donald Gale



“Merkozy” Delivers: What The Recent Euro Debt Solution Addresses And What It Doesn’t

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EUROPEAN LEADERS, led by Germany’s Angela Merkel and France’s Nicolas Sarkozy, appear to have outperformed market expectations with the recently announced rescue package. The package announced appears to affirm Northern Trust’s view that European leaders understood the dire implications of not addressing this problem and would grudgingly provide the necessary support to avoid a repeat of the Lehman Brothers-induced financial system meltdown of 2008 – 2009. While a step in the right direction, greater transparency will be needed.

Terms of the Deal

- 50% haircut of Greek debt in a voluntary restructuring
- Results in a reduction in forecasted Greek debt/gross domestic product to 120% by 2020, still leaving the country’s debt burden very high
- Agreement to leverage the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) to increase its impact. Early reports indicate leveraging by a factor of four or five times, but details are lacking so this can’t be considered a done deal yet
- Agreement to a recapitalization plan for Euro-area banks, identifying €106 billion in capital needs

What the Program Addresses

Our view has been that a successful program will firewall off the “too-large-to-rescue” markets of Italy and Spain from the troubled peripheral countries. This package is a positive step in that direction, and the haircuts on Greek debt help diffuse some criticism about further “kicking the can down the road.” While providing Italy and Spain some respite, the program (alongside the markets) is also pushing economic

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The Story of Terry Ann Tucker

By *Tommye Fleming, Mahogany Ridge*

IN THE 1980'S, Jamaica ran a "Come Back to Jamaica" campaign which drew thousands of tourists to the island. Larry and Connie Schuster, of Ibis Cove, were among them. But after their first trip in 1985, the "pull" of Jamaica came in the form of Sharon and Terry Ann Tucker.

On their first trip, the Schusters stayed in Falmouth on the north side of the island. One day they wandered down the beach to some small huts where vendors were selling everything from paintings, wood carvings, and handmade jewelry to the normal tourist items such as tee shirts and hats. In one hut, they noticed a young girl with a small baby.

Connie struck up a conversation and learned the 16-year-old mother was Sharon Tucker and her five-month-old baby was named Terry Ann.

After purchasing a few items, Connie asked to take a picture of the mother and child. The mother enthusiastically agreed, as she did not have a picture of her baby. When the Schusters returned home to Illinois, they mailed off photos to a general delivery address in Jamaica that Sharon had provided. Connie also made up a box of baby items which she surmised were not available to the young mother. A few weeks later, the Schusters received a very nice letter from Sharon thanking them for everything.

Thus began a steady communication between them. Every few months, Connie and Sharon exchanged correspondence. Sharon, for the most part, would convey stories about her and her daughter and life in Jamaica; Connie, for the most part, would send along gifts. Sharon was always very grateful.

The correspondence continued for 12 years; and an occasional photo from the island helped Connie and Larry realize what a beautiful girl the child had become.

In 1997, Schusters took a Caribbean cruise which made a stop in Montego Bay. They had written Sharon about their plans to visit. When they docked, they hired a local driver



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to take them to the Falmouth neighborhood where Sharon lived. Their driver enlisted the help of a group of people gathered in the street. They asked, excitedly, if these were Sharon's friends; apparently the entire neighborhood had heard of their impending arrival.

When Sharon joined them, the Schusters asked their driver to take them to Terry Ann's school where they met the girl for the first time since her infancy. She was now a pretty and very composed 12-year-old. Sharon invited them to the small cinder block home which she had built with the help of her friends. The house was one big room with a small kitchen

area; the bathroom facilities, including shower, were outside. The Schusters enjoyed their visit and were impressed with Terry Ann as a young lady.

Two years later, Sharon asked for assistance for the first time. Terry Ann had just completed the sixth grade ... the full extent of schooling provided by the Jamaican government. To continue her education, she would have to attend a boarding school; tuition, including room and board, was \$300 per semester. The Schusters agreed to support her education, with the proviso that the money would be paid directly to the school, and the school would send them grades and a progress report. The reports were glowing and her grades were excellent. The Schusters told Terry Ann if she continued her excellent work, they would consider helping her pursue a college degree.

In her final year, Terry Ann applied for colleges ... in Jamaica and, at the Schusters' suggestion, at Florida Gulf Coast University. She was accepted immediately at FGCU so they began the process of obtaining an education visa. She applied in Jamaica but her request was denied because officials felt she would not return to Jamaica when she completed her education. With the assistance of friends with connections to the embassy in Jamaica, the Schusters helped her appeal; and Terry Ann was soon granted a five-year visa to continue her education.

While the appeal was underway, Terry Ann had entered and won the Festival Queen

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My Refreshing Eye Exam

by Julia Walsh

9/19 Vision changing. Uh oh. Missed exit.
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World War II Vets - THE WILDCATS

By Mike Hanson, Sanctuary

GEORGE LIEBERMAN is one of a small group of World War II veterans living in Bonita Bay. A Navy fighter pilot during the war, he continued to fly in the reserves for ten years after the conflict ended. Returning to Pennsylvania, he owned and operated an advertising agency in Allentown. In the mid 1970's, George founded a company called Interspace Airport Advertising, which grew to the point that it controlled and sold display advertising in more than 300 airports before being acquired by Clear Channel Outdoor in 2006. George and his wife Cathy moved to Bonita Bay in 1990. They live in Montara and for many years were partners in the residential real estate business. Cathy remains active in real estate sales with Premier Sotheby's International Realty. George has two sons and two daughters from a previous marriage and 13 grandchildren. Looking back on it all, he says simply, "I've had a great life."

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From the moment he first got behind the controls of a Piper Cub as a teenager, George Lieberman knew he loved to fly. So, several weeks after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, it followed naturally that when Muhlenberg College freshman Lieberman and a number of his ATO fraternity brothers volunteered to serve in the military, George signed up to be a Navy pilot.

"It seemed exciting to me," Lieberman says. "And I was attracted to the challenge. I knew how difficult it would be."

In the earliest days of U.S. involvement in World War II, aviation training facilities were limited and overtaxed, and it took a long time to turn out a well trained pilot.

"I went back to college and cooled my heels for about eight months before they called me up," Lieberman explains. "Finally, in the fall of 1942, I reported for duty."

After a brief stint flying Piper Cubs at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, Lieberman reported to the University of Georgia for V-5 pre-flight training. From there it was on to Lambert Field in St. Louis to fly in the Navy's primary trainer, the N2S Stearman, a conventional biplane with an open cockpit and tandem seating for instructor and student.

"I was there in the winter months," Lieberman recalls. "We did a good bit of night flying in open cockpits. We wore heavy leather suits with sheepskin lining, big fur-lined hats and big, big gloves; and we still froze."

Each step of training brought new challenges and developed new skills in the student pilots. A three-month stop in Pensacola involved training in a more advanced aircraft and a concentration on aerobatics and instrument flying. "It was pretty basic," says Lieberman. "What they knew, they taught us."

Upon graduation from Pensacola, the Naval Cadets received both their commissions and their pilot designations. Lieberman secured a coveted assignment as a fighter pilot.

After gunnery training at a fighter base in Sanford, Florida, the final training stop for Ensign Lieberman was Naval Air Station Glenview, just outside Chicago. "At Glenview, we qualified on carriers on Lake Michigan. The "carriers" were actually converted ore carriers that had been outfitted with landing decks.

"It took five successful carrier landings to qualify, and this was the point where a lot of guys washed out and were reassigned."

Lieberman qualified and completed the training cycle. Following a brief leave, he shipped out to San Diego, where he joined Navy Squadron VC-76 which soon embarked on the Escort Carrier USS Petrof Bay (CVE-80) and headed across the Pacific to fight the war.

Casablanca class escort carriers were smaller and slower than the "fast" carriers in the Navy Fleet. The Petrof Bay's
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A Father's Legacy

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- H** – Holiness: Though not without fault, he strived to live his life as an example for his family.
- A** – Availability: He spent quality time with his family and was always there for us.
- R** – Responsible: He was a good financial provider.
- A** – Affectionate: Verbally and physically, he made known his love for his family.
- C** – Comedy: He interjected humor in his relationships.
- T** – Tithing: He shared with others the financial blessing that God provided.
- E** – Encouragement: Hearing a father repeatedly saying "You can do it" and "I have faith in you" allows you to push forward.
- R** – Reputation: It takes years to develop a good reputation, but only minutes to destroy it.

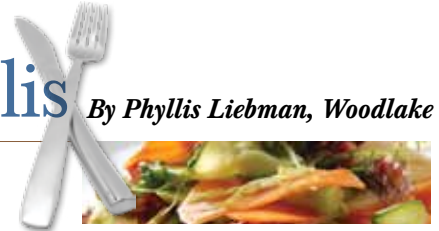
My father was faithful to my mother and ethical in his business affairs.

Estate planning is more than just leaving a legacy of one's financial inheritance for family and others. Let us again be reminded during this holiday season that one of the most important legacies you can leave your family does not involve monetary wealth, but the gift of **CHARACTER**.

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Restaurant Review from Phyllis By Phyllis Liebman, Woodlake



SEASONS 52 IS HERE AT LAST!

I was ecstatic to learn during the summer that Seasons 52, a restaurant that “celebrates living well”, was finally coming to Naples. Our “Boca” cousins had introduced us to a branch of this restaurant chain (now one of eight in Florida) a few years ago, and one that we had looked forward to visiting when we made a trip to the “other coast”. What a different concept! Each of the numerous fresh, nutritional food selections is less than 475 calories ... so hard to believe when you peruse the extensive menu, see the attractiveness of the dishes presented and taste the flavorful food! Bread-and-butter lovers probably won’t even miss the fact that none is brought to the table.

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The menu, being seasonally inspired, changes only four times a year. However, there are occasional slight changes and weekly special featured dishes. Flatbreads are a popular item ... favorites being the one with steak and cremini mushroom and another with artichoke and goat cheese ... (\$9-10 range). Other recommendations: an outstanding Farmer’s Market Vegetable Plate (\$13) and Caramelized Sea Scallops (\$20.95). “Mini Indulgences” of classic desserts are priced at \$2.50 each.

Seasons 52 has a full bar and an extensive wine list. There’s live entertainment in the piano bar after six o’clock ... perhaps appealing to others, but a bit too loud for my taste. I would suggest keeping this in mind and possibly making a table request when making a reservation. (They’ll probably laugh.) And speaking of reservations ... an absolute must, and made well in advance, if you enjoy having your meals at a normal hour. Call 594-8852. There are private dining rooms and a Chef’s Table. What the restaurant *doesn’t* have is an adequate parking area in front of the building. To compensate, complimentary valet service is provided.

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Bridge Lesson

By Pat Harrington

THINGS MY MOTHER NEVER TAUGHT ME

MY MOM taught me to play bridge sometime in the early 1970's. I should say she taught me how to play *a game resembling bridge*, but I didn't know any better then. When a friend asked if I played, I said sure and she got a foursome together. I soon found that my knowledge of bidding was sorely lacking. In my Mom's style of bridge, a 1NT opening bid asked partner to name his best suit and said nothing about opener's point count. The bidding after that was kind of fuzzy.

Today most bridge players are aware that a 1NT opening bid shows a balanced hand in a narrow point range – either 15 to 17 or 16 to 18 by partnership agreement. A 1NT opening bid *asks* nothing! It *describes* opener's hand so that responder is often able to place the contract immediately. In standard bidding without conventions, responses of 2D, 2H, 2S, 3NT, 4H, 4S and pass are all signoff bids that place the contract in the spot responder has chosen based on his hand and the description the opener painted. A 2NT response asks opener to further describe his strength. With the top of a 1NT bid, opener goes on to 3NT. With the bottom, opener passes. Suit bids on the three-level are *forcing to game*. So a 3H response shows five hearts and asks opener to bid 4H with a fit (three-card or better support) and to bid 3NT otherwise. Why doesn't responder simply bid 3NT? Because we prefer to play in a major suit when we have a fit of eight or more cards in the major. The power of the trump suit often lets us make game in a major when 3NT with the same hands would go down.

How would you respond to a 1NT opening bid holding this hand: ♠KQ5 ♥Q1095 ♦KJ52 ♣102? My Mom might have bid 2H, but we included two-level responses in the signoff bids listed above. Are you ready to give up on game with your 11 points opposite partner's 1NT opening bid? Together, you surely have the 26 points suggested for game. Bidding 3H is game-forcing but partner will support with only three hearts and you could end up in 4H without an eight-card fit when 3NT would be a better contract. On the other hand, bidding 3NT, while reasonable, risks

missing the preferred major-suit fit.

Look at the complete deal below. What will West lead against 3NT and how will N-S fare in that contract?

It's usually best to lead a long suit in notrump. Since East hasn't bid to help West know what to lead, West chooses the ♣6, fourth-best in the long club suit. East wins the ♣A, playing third hand high and, being an excellent partner, returns partner's lead to trap South's ♣Q. E-W cash the first five tricks in clubs and still have the ♥A coming. Despite their 27 total points, N-S go down two in 3NT.

N-S have a major suit fit. Would a 4H contract do better? Certainly, it gets off to a better start when E-W win only 2 clubs before North ruffs. What other tricks must be lost in 4H? Only the ♥A! As is often the case, a 4H contract is far superior to 3NT because of the control a trump suit provides. Was my Mom right? Should North have responded 2H instead of 3NT? No, but there is a bid North can make if your partnership uses Stayman, a bidding convention that was created to help find a 4-4 major suit fit after a 1NT opening bid.

Using Stayman over a 1NT opening bid, responder bids 2C to ask if opener has a four-card major. The partnership must have agreed in advance to use Stayman to make sure that opener doesn't think responder is bidding clubs naturally. In fact, 2C is an artificial bid. Responder could bid 2C with a singleton or even a void in clubs. Holding a four-card major, opener bids that major on the two level. With four cards in both majors, it's best to show hearts first. Here's how the auction would go on the hand:

Dlr: South	♠ K Q 5		
Vul: N-S	♥ Q 10 9 5		
	♦ K J 5 2		
	♣ 10 2		
		↑	
♠ J 9 3			♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ 4 3			♥ A 7 2
♦ 10 6 4			♦ 9 8 7
♣ K J 7 6 4			♣ A 9 3
	♠ A 4 2		
	♥ K J 8 6		
	♦ A Q 3		
	♣ Q 8 5		

South: 1NT

North: 2C – I know your strength and distribution, but could you have a four-card major, partner? I have at least one major.

South: 2H – I have four hearts.

North: 4H – Now I have answers to both questions of the auction and am able to place the contract thanks to your description. We have the strength for game and we have a heart fit.

What if opener does not have a

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major suit? Opener uses an artificial 2D answer to say, "Sorry, I don't have a major." Responder then chooses the best bid to continue the auction. Often responder's rebid will be either 2NT or 3NT, depending on whether responder's hand was an invitational 8 or 9 points or a game-going 10 or more points.

In order to use a Stayman 2C response to 1NT, responder should have a hand that is invitational or better – at least 8 points. Responder only uses Stayman with a reason. That means responder must have a major suit and be looking for a fit that cannot be found without Stayman.

An extended version of this article with a number of examples showing how Stayman is used appears on my new website, www.PATH2BRIDGE.com. Click on "for Students" and then on "mini-lessons." We'll be developing the website to include more information and links that might interest you so check it out from time to time. You can also find a schedule of my winter lessons at Bonita Bridge Club. If you know someone who is anxious to learn to play bridge, tell them about our free introductory lesson for absolute beginners, which will be held on Wednesday, January 11, from 9 to 11:30 to kick off our annual beginner course. No registration needed. Or consider buying them my CD, "Introduction to Bridge Play and Learn With Pat Harrington Part 1", as a holiday gift. Click on "Products for Students" on my website.

By the way, if you're wondering about my Mom, I shared what I'd learned about bidding with her and she updated her bidding and even added Stayman. Mom enjoyed many happy years of bridge and made a lot of new bridge-playing friends before she passed away. Maybe she's still playing....



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The Seasoned Traveler Exploring Italian Art, 101

by Pat Hazen, CTC

ON A RECENT TRIP to Florence, Mantua, Padua, Venice, Orvieto and Rome, art professor Mary Kirn said, "Looking isn't as easy as it looks," which is a quote from Ad Reinhart, a 20th century American painter. We clearly had a lot to learn!

Beginning in Florence with Santa Croce, the chapel where Michelangelo and Galileo are buried, we learned to "read" a wall of paintings as many "walls" are actually narratives that tell a story. Did you know an art historian can actually tell how many days it took an artist to paint that wall? We saw beautiful paintings and sculptures that are in remote and little known museums or galleries.

The Bargello Museum in Florence held countless sculptures that we compared to other artists in the days ahead. Did

you realize that Michelangelo's David in the Accademia of Florence is also repeated by Donatello in the Bargello Museum? There is another David by Bernini in Rome's Borghese Museum and we saw all 3 unique interpretations!

More surprises awaited us as we continued to Mantua to see the Ducal Palace. Professor Kirn had certainly researched and known about the illusionistic Mantegna ceiling but she had never actually seen it. It was a true pleasure to see the joy on her face and hear her interpretations as we were caught in her excitement!

Many museums limit the amount of time you can spend in each gallery, as a way of preserving the paintings for future generations. At the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, you are only allowed to view the paintings for 15 minutes

before you are ushered out! What a shame for visitors who did not have our detailed Art Guide, prepared by Professor Kirn, and didn't know what to look for.

Due to space, I can't begin to tell you how wonderful this trip was. Our dinners were scrumptious Italian delights; we walked for miles each day, and we even had time for shopping. Be sure to ask Bonita Bay residents Fred and Nancy Morgan, Egrets Landing, how much they enjoyed their Italian Art History tour and they might even show you the certificate they earned!

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Golf Lesson

BENEFIT FROM YOUR PUTTING PRACTICE TIME

By Jeff Heilman



MOST GOLFERS are willing to practice their putting but do not receive enough benefit for their effort. The timing of this lesson is apropos in that Bonita Bay Club has recently unveiled its beautiful, newly reconfigured practice area with two new putting greens. The point of this lesson is that while you are enjoying the looks and ambiance of the new practice area, you can improve your game as well.

Pre-round Practice Putting

In the pre-round steps that golfers follow on their way to the first tee, the putting green correctly becomes the meeting place or assembly area of groups before they start their round.

I see most players take a couple golf balls and toss them on the green. They stroke 5 or 6 putts of random distance, and then it's time to go to the first tee. They pick up their golf balls and off they scurry. On their cart, one golfer might say, "The greens are pretty fast today!" That's all they gathered from their putting practice time.

My suggestion is to allow yourself adequate time between practicing your long swing and going to the first tee so that you are not rushed at the putting green. We all hit a better first tee shot if we have allowed our body and mind to slow down.

Adaptability is the most important putting skill to take to the course. Adjusting how to hit an uphill putt on one green after having had a downhill putt on the previous green, or how hard to hit a 30' putt after having had a 20' putt on the last green is paramount.

I suggest "the 5 ball exercise". Take 5 balls to the practice putting green. Place one ball 2' from the hole, the second ball 4' from the hole and so on, out to 10'. Hit the 2' putt first, step back to the 4' putt and say to yourself, "Same putt, roll it farther." Repeat the same through to your 10' putt. The point is that you are having an experience and then readjusting or adding to it. After you complete this first exercise, spread the 5 balls in a straight line 5' apart out to 25' and practice from the shortest putt to the longest.

Another good practice exercise is to take 4 golf balls to a hole where the ground has a little slope and do what I call the "north, south, east, west exercise." Place a golf ball on

each of the 4 sides of the hole 5-6' away. You will have 4 different putts: one uphill, one downhill, one bending left to right and one bending right to left. Work your way around the 4 putts, but adapt to their differences.

My hope is that you have allowed adequate time. If you haven't, something that I was taught 50 years ago was to take one ball, place it 1' from the hole. Putt it into the hole and listen to the rattle that the ball makes in the cup. Believe it or not, the sound of success is helpful. One of golf's worst experiences is to hit a putt and hear nothing but silence, not even a comment from your fellow players!

Practice on a day that you are not playing a round of golf with a friend.

- Two or more friends putting around the "putting clock". Low total score wins.
- Two players have a putting contest roughly following scoring like horseshoes. Each player putts 2 golf balls. Closest to the hole gets 1 point, hole-in-one gets 3 points, and a "topped" hole-in-one gets 6 points. The person getting points on the last hole picks the next hole to putt. First to 21 points wins, but land on 13 points and you start over.
- Two players each putting one ball playing "pull back". Each player putts a long putt. Wherever your ball stops, you pull it back one putter length and try to hole that putt. Low score wins the hole following match play rules to determine the overall winner.

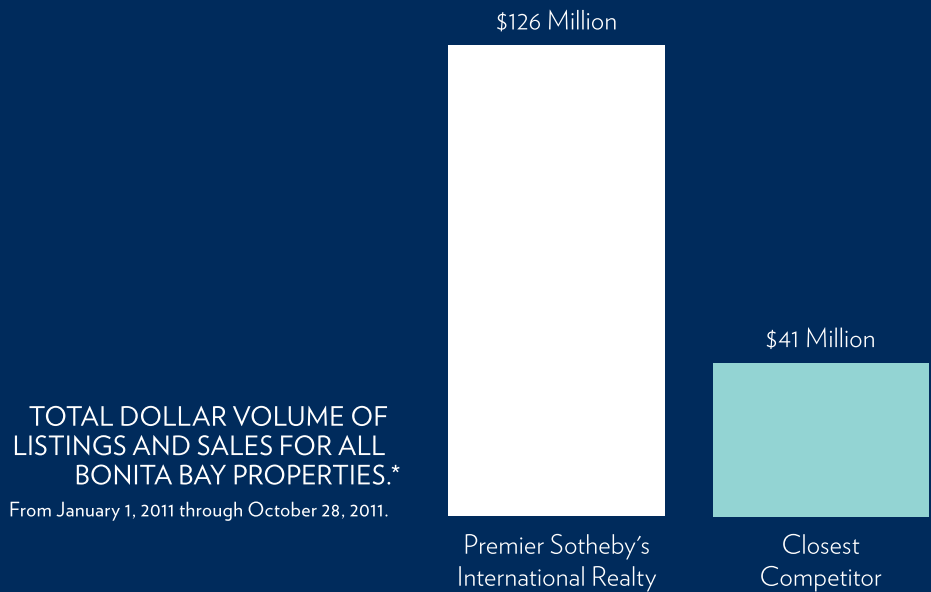
You should also remember that while practicing your long swing, taking a putting break is a great way to rest.

So, with our wonderful new practice putting greens, have some fun practicing but don't forget to gather some experiences that will benefit you on the golf course.

Please go to www.BayWatchNews.com for a video lesson by Jeff. **Video is sponsored by Carol Wood and Claire McMahon Team - Bonita Bay Residents - John R. Wood, Realtors 822-3709 or 405-2794.**

Jeff Heilman is a PGA member and has been a golf instructor at Bonita Bay Club for 24 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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A Commentary

By Dave Shellenbarger, Estancia

Club Membership Important to Bonita Bay Community

IT SEEMS A SHORT TIME SINCE MARCH 2010 when the purchase of Bonita Bay Club by its members was completed. It was an emotional and exciting time for all of us, and an overriding concern as turnover approached was the question of membership retention – how many members would stay, and how many would resign as a result of the various circumstances relating to the turnover. It’s gratifying to review Club membership history since that date (see chart below), which shows that due to member loyalty, hard work by the Board and all Club committees, and the underlying quality of our community that Club membership has not only been maintained, but has increased!

BONITA BAY CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

Category	March 2010	July 2010	July 2011	Nov. 20, 2011
Golf	1224	1233	1231	1230
Tennis	184	186	190	186
Fitness	179	189	207	210
Social	319	379	390	374
Total Members	1906	1987	2018	2000

The 5% increase in total membership is satisfying, an achievement that is probably envied by most other clubs when considering the economic challenges that are faced by the golf industry today. At the same time, however, golf membership has increased by less than 1% since turnover, and these golf members are key to Club financial stability because of the greater financial obligation golf members accept when they join the Club. Also, community

demographics are very important as the Club looks to the future, with 275 golf members at the age of 75 or older! This fact is really pretty remarkable and is testimony to the healthy and active lifestyle available in our community, but we must expect that some of these members will downgrade their golf memberships in coming years, adding to the need to acquire new golfing members. Also, realtors estimate that approximately 5% of Bonita Bay homes and condos change hands every year, creating possible golf membership terminations as a result and adding to our need for new members. But, those new neighbors are great candidates to become Club members as well, and Club management and the Board monitor this activity to assure that there is follow up with these potential membership candidates.

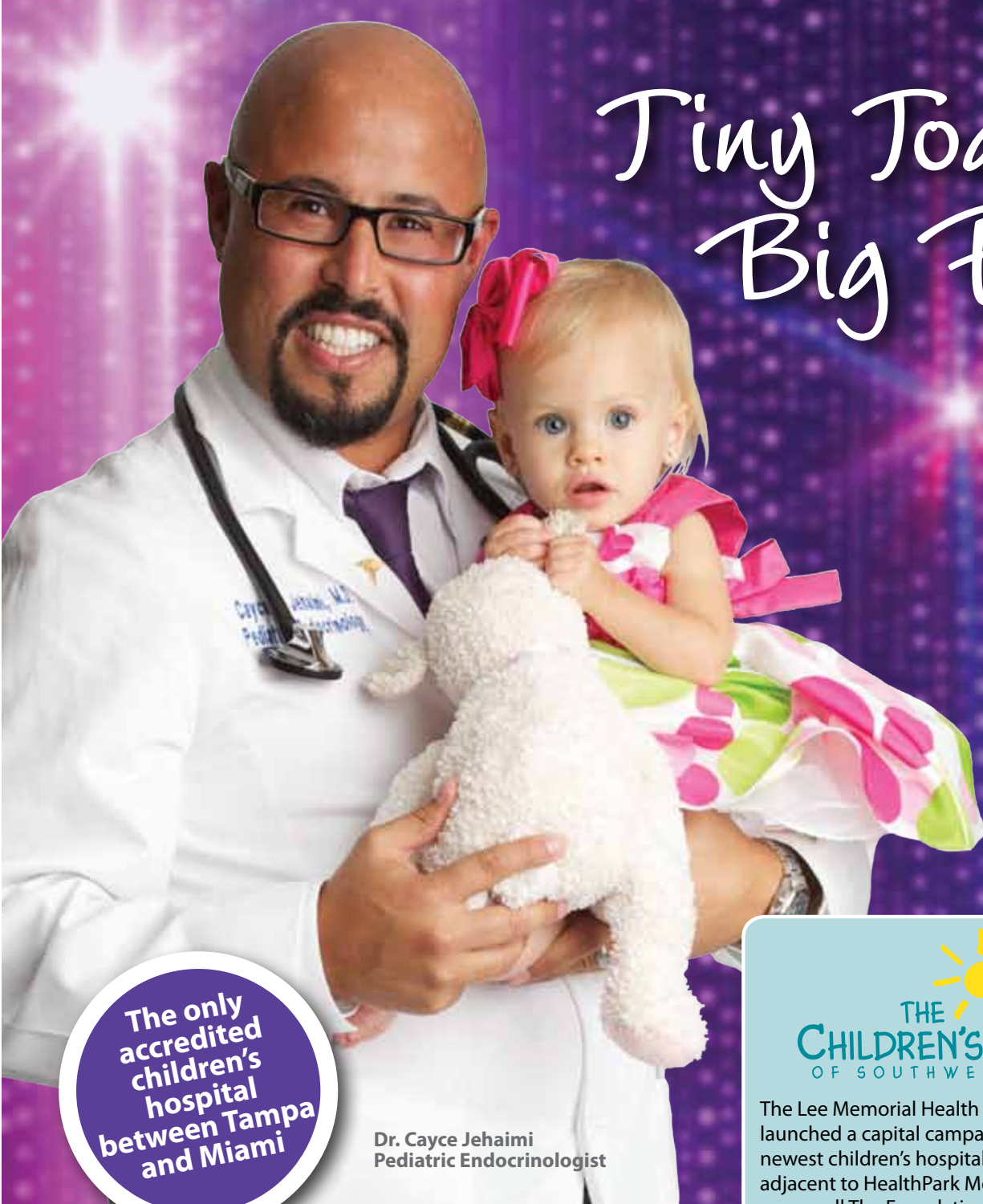
While the Preview membership is offered to give temporary residents a “first look” at our Club before joining, and the Associate member program encourages younger families to join at a reduced rate, we all know that our Club’s current members are the best advertisement of and source for new members. So the Club has structured financial incentives for current members to get the ball rolling and recommend new members. Further, evolutionary changes to Club services and activities are always under consideration, including the PGA/USGA program “Play it Forward”, and new health and fitness initiatives to appeal to trends in that area.

Diane Rambo, our new membership director, who joined Bonita Bay last month, brings a strong resume and many years of Club recruiting experience. With the excellent professional team built by our Board and by GM Dan Miles, members can rely on a strong, professional reception given to any prospective members that they introduce to the Club. Now is a great time to make a list of your friends and northern neighbors who might be interested in joining you as a Bonita Bay resident and as a member of Bonita Bay Club. You will be doing your friend, yourself and your Club a big favor!

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would use its best efforts through negotiations with the HTC to accomplish turnover of the BBPI board to an elected homeowner board within one year of closing of the club sale. BBPI gave up its right to appoint one of the five BBCA board members.

From the homeowner perspective, BBPI's further development in Bonita Bay is limited to six specific parcels including Esperia North, final high rise site #101, the marina including a small parcel south of Imperial River, the high rise real estate site, the activities building near the main gate and Baywoods II, which includes 15 lots. Final transfer of BBPI retained rights occurs when the six parcels have been sold to an end user. Governing documents now include approval of 75% of all voting interests to acquire any club or other commercial interest including the marina which is consistent with newly enacted Florida Law.

Several questions were raised by residents which focused on the marina, the lakes/irrigation rights, access authorization, reserve adequacy, governing documents /by-laws and voting rights.

A major concern with the marina is access authorization to the boat slips and to Backwater Jack's. When negotiations for the sale of the marina to the boating members failed, BBPI concluded that the only viable option for the marina is for it to operate as a commercial venture within Bonita Bay. It has the right to subdivide the complex and operate any part as a public facility. Accordingly, public access became a serious negotiating issue.

The marina shall be open to Bonita Bay residents, their families and guests and to non-residents who are "authorized patrons" which include anyone arriving by boat or anyone placed on the list by the marina for entry. A photo ID is required and recorded for those "authorized patrons" arriving at the gate. Anyone arriving at the gate who is not an "authorized patron" shall be treated the same as an unauthorized guest of any other property owner.

There are 80 lakes in Bonita Bay of which only one is a natural lake. Forty lakes are within the club property. Several questions were raised regarding lake maintenance, and the irrigation water supplier which is Resource Conservation Systems (RCS). Residents were informed that BBCA granted exclusive easements on five lakes to RCS for use as a backup supply of irrigation water exclusively for BBCA and the neighborhoods. Specific conditions negotiated include: lake water may only be used for irrigation of Association and neighborhood properties excluding the golf courses which separately negotiated with BBPI & RCS; lake water can only be withdrawn if the irrigation water demand exceeds two million gallons in a given day and then withdrawal is limited to a percentage increment over two million gallons. Lakes may not be used for storage of reclaimed water. Lake water may not be used to facilitate redirection of reclaimed water from Bonita Springs Utility.

BBCA's annual meeting is scheduled sometime in the first quarter of 2012.

(Editor's Note: In late September, the BBCA sent to all residents a 10-page document outlining significant changes and implications.)

Superior Interiors

By Judy Underwood, Allied ASID

Moving Back Outdoors!

NOW THAT THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY are gone, it's time to reassess our outdoor living spaces for maximum enjoyment and minimal hassle.

Our lanais have become an extension of our indoor leisure areas, a concept that has become more realistic as many manufacturers of home products develop attractive furniture, lighting, accessories and appliances for outdoor use.

Patio furniture has greatly evolved from the folding, vinyl strap versions of the past, to beautiful pieces made of teak, steel, rattan and stone, seamlessly making the transition from indoor spaces to outdoor. Many pieces look very similar to indoor furniture but are designed and constructed to stand up to our Florida elements, while providing a stylish level



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Earth-friendly outdoor area rugs, now made of recycled soda bottles, add color and pattern while being maintenance friendly. Simply hose them off occasionally and the sun will

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Bonita Bay Club Strategic Planning Meeting

AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS held on November 16, Bonita Bay's Board of Directors released details of a \$12.9 million plan to renovate and upgrade club facilities over a five-year period.

The board estimates that new member initiation fees will cover \$5 million of the plan's cost. It proposes to fund the \$7.9 million balance by assessing members a monthly fee beginning in January 2013 and continuing for five years.

The proposed monthly charge is \$60 for golf members, \$30 for associate golf, tennis and house members and \$18 for social members. A pre-payment option with a ten per cent discount is also under consideration.

The Board also announced its intention to retain the current capital improvement charges of \$100 per month for Golf members, \$50 for Tennis and House members and \$30 for social members for an additional five years.

Funds raised from this source will be used for ongoing capital maintenance needs of approximately \$2 million per year.

"We need to make sure that we are continually improving the member experience at the club," said club president Cindy White. "One of our primary goals is to attract new, younger

members with facilities that are competitive in the area."

As outlined, the 2012 improvements include renovation and redesign of the men's and women's locker rooms and lounges, replacement of cart paths and renovation of restrooms on the Marsh and Bay Island golf courses.

A major project is planned for 2013, involving relocating and constructing a new golf shop, relocating bag storage and constructing a new cart barn. Clubhouse improvements will include expanding and re-equipping the club's kitchen, creating a members' lounge and expanding the dining area and dance floor.

A new employee break area is also part of the plan.

In years 2014-2016, new irrigation systems will be installed on the three west courses (one course per year).

Club treasurer Dave Barry told the club's members that a number of guiding principles underlie the facilities plan. Foremost among those is an aversion to using debt to finance the facilities improvements.

As Barry explained, other principles include the use of realistic revenue and cost projections and the development of a plan with a reasonable cost and flexible payment options for a very diverse membership. "We are also mindful that we need to keep our costs of membership very much in line with other clubs in the area," said Barry.

"And we need to maintain flexibility as conditions change. The economy may get better, the economy might get worse. We might get more members or fewer members. We have to create a program that gives us the flexibility to adjust during this five-year period."

Barry emphasized that over this same period, revenues must cover expenses and "a significant portion of our depreciation."

"It is important that we continue our maintenance program. We absolutely, without a doubt, must spend at least \$2 million a year on normal everyday capital requirements, exclusive of the strategic plan."

The club's board, management, consultants and member subcommittees intend to finalize the strategic plan and funding options and present the results to the membership in March.

Club CEO and General Manager Dan Miles presented a comprehensive operations report on the club's first 18 months under member ownership. Much of his presentation focused on the club's ongoing efforts to attract new members.

"Membership is obviously the top priority," Miles said, "and is probably the single most important item that will determine the club's success in the future."

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Bonita Bay Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Celebration

December 2 – 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. – Sales Center Parking Lot.

Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida

December 2 - 11 a.m. with networking followed by the presentation, lunch and Q&A. Dr. R. Warren McFarlan, expert on China, professor of Business Administration, Emeritus Harvard University

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Literacy Council Presents – Deck the Walls

December 2-4 – 26820 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs

Friday 5-8 p.m. will feature wine, appetizers and music by quartets from Naples Orchestra and Chorus. Saturday and Sunday from 2-7 p.m. More than 50 artists, including Bonita Bay residents Ruth Dwyer, Cynthia Slack, Jim Plesh, Lee O'Daniel, Jan Gilmer, Pat Cotton, Nancy Morgan, Mimi Webb and Kathy O'Flinn have been selected by jurors to show their works. For questions contact Jim Brennan, 239-947-9688.



26th Annual Bonita Springs Holiday Boat Parade

December 10 - Sponsored by the Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club. The 26th annual lighted boat parade begins at 6 p.m. Boats travel up the Imperial River to east of US 41 Tamiami Trail. For more information call 239-495-0455

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December 20 – Happy Hanukah

Christmas

December 25 – Merry Christmas

New Year's Day

January 1 – Happy New Year

Bonita Historical Society Public Speakers Series

Friday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club, 10346 Pennsylvania Ave (off Old 41)

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reform in these countries, which are still believed to be solvent so long as they implement appropriate economic policies.

What Still Needs to Be Addressed

While the outlines of the package so far are constructive, there is still much detail to be determined and communicated. The adequacy of the bank recapitalizations will be scrutinized, and investor sentiment toward Italy and Spain is most critical. Furthermore, governance and growth challenges for the European Union remain after this deal. There is nothing like a crisis to concentrate one's mind, but the potential easing of pressures from the market may cause some leaders to lose some of their commitment in coming months. Longer-term, economic growth must be reinvigorated to help service the high debt loads.

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Miles cited the development of new collateral marketing materials from brochures to video presentations, upcoming advertising in targeted national publications and the hiring of a new membership director as important parts of an overall plan to build membership.

Golf membership currently stands at 1,229, compared to 1,224 when members took control of the club in March 2010. Miles explained that the numbers are a bit deceiving since the club lost 40 golf members during that same time for various reasons.

The club's preview program is beginning to produce results, as is its membership referral program. Twelve new golf members have joined the club so far in 2011, and the club expects to add eight more new golf members before the end of the year.



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Food & Wine Pairing

By Lana Novak - Sommelier, Estancia
Guest Contributor - Chef Andrew Hunter, Bay House

HOLIDAY MENU

Momma's Seven Layer Salad
Roasted Chicken with
Cornbread Gnocchi,
Wilted Greens and Cranberry Gastrique
Goosey Butter Cake



IT'S OBVIOUS that Chef Hunter's culinary inspiration comes from his wonderful talented mother. Oh, to be invited to his family dinners! This beautiful autumn menu deserves some very special wines.

Just as Momma's salad needs a dressing, it also needs a wine with zip and zest. Unoaked, fruity whites work best. Try an American Pinot Gris like the lovely 2010 J Pinot Gris, a blend of 100% Pinot Gris from two very famous vineyards, the Preston and Saralee Vineyards and well priced at \$16.99. Another choice that would work well with the dressing in this salad is Arneis. This established

Italian white grape is gaining great popularity in the US. It is a dry white, softer and fruitier than most Pinot Grigios. Try the Vietti Roero Arneis, DOCG which reminds me of citrus and melon and is soooo elegant. (Roero is a very famous region in Piedmont.)

The roasted chicken with its creamy, rich companions would be great with a dry Rose like the 2009 Adelsheim Rose, made from Pinto Noir grapes and a steal at \$19.99. This Willamette Valley rose is crisp and flavorful, not at all sweet, and will still stand up to the cranberry gastrique. If your taste leans to red, a safe bet is the 2008 Robert Hall Merlot, from Paso Robles, California, and a personal favorite. For some adventurous alternatives, try a Grenache, one of the world's most planted grapes. Grenache makes me think of plums and cranberries, a perfect partner for the gastrique on the chicken, also a great pairing for your Holiday meal. Wine Merchant has a beautiful 2009 Torbreck Cuvée Juveniles, (named after a cult wine bar in Paris) from the prestigious Barossa Valley. Most Grenache or Rhone blends, called GSMs (Grenache,

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Introducing District 4 Candidates for City Council

Question # 1: Do you have a vision for Bonita Springs?

Question # 2: What are the most important issues facing Bonita Springs in the next four years?

Barbara Barnes-Buchanan



QUESTION #1 ANSWER: My vision reflects the collective community vision developed through the public workshops and community visioning sessions during the creation of the City's Comprehensive Plan which generally includes the following Community Vision statements: 1) A community of human scale, where we can afford to live and with which we can identify as individuals; 2) A community that actively appreciates the great natural environment; 3) A walkable community that is pedestrian friendly, with flowering indigenous landscaping; 4) Outstanding parks and recreational facilities and the natural estuary, creeks and rivers connected by walkways and bicycle paths; and 5) A community with a "heart", a social center and hopefully a vibrant "Old Town" in a redeveloped Old U.S. 41.

QUESTION #2 ANSWER: Maintaining and enhancing community integrity, safety, security, including measures

needed during times of emergency; maintaining, sustaining and enhancing environmental resources; stabilizing and developing the economic base of the community including tourism, commercial/retail, residential and agricultural; maintaining and enhancing infrastructure with 'natural process friendly' ground, water and air accommodations.

QUESTION #3 ANSWER: My depth of experience includes 8½ years of direct involvement with City of Bonita Springs current and long-term issues and projects as Assistant City Manager, substantially leveling the learning curve. My work with writing, applying and administering grants for acquisition and management of parks and recreation, transportation, housing and urban development, tourist development council provides an in-depth knowledge of Bonita resources. My direct one-on-one involvement with relocation programs provides insight on community challenges.

QUESTION #4 ANSWER: Residents who purchased in gated communities were aware of fees such as Community Development Districts which benefit those communities exclusively. Decisions regarding public payment of fees should be reviewed closely so that it is determined if they are uniformly applied in the community.

Wesley Norris



QUESTION #1 ANSWER: My vision is to bring sensible diversified economic growth to Bonita Springs

QUESTION #2 ANSWER:

- Sensible diversified economic growth.
- Continue to focus on Old US 41 (downtown) development.
- Continue to improve the quality of water coming into the city and storm water running off into our river and streams.
- Keep efficient and limited government.
- Bring forward the plan to pave 5+ miles of unpaved roads within the city.
- Maintain and continue to improve the recreation areas.
- Develop a plan for better communications between the city and the residents.
- Prepare an overlay plan for Hickory Blvd.

- Develop a plan to improve the "look of the city"
- Have a permanent plan to determine the way people are appointed to the various committees in the city.
- Encourage the start up of a vocation type school in this area.

QUESTION #3 ANSWER: I have an ability to listen and to understand the exact question at hand. I quote from the letter I received from the City when I left the Zoning Board: "First and foremost, you will be missed on the Zoning Board with your ability to sum up certain positions when the meeting was heated and your entertaining sense of humor".

QUESTION #4 ANSWER: Gated communities at some time in the early stages of development may be paying fees as a Community Development District (CDD). Once that obligation is met, these fees are no longer in place. As far as sewer lines, roads, police protection, etc., I do not believe there is a higher tax millage rate for gated communities than other parts of the city. In regard to Homeowners Associations, or Master Associations, the rates and fees are determined by the residents themselves through their Board, depending on the level of service they wish to have in their respective communities, i.e., manned gates, security patrols, beach parks.

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Question # 3: What makes you different than the other candidates?

Question # 4: Gated community residents pay additional fees/taxes for sewer lines, roads, police protection, etc. Is that fair? If not, how do you propose paying for it?

Roger Brunswick

QUESTION #1 ANSWER: I want to create a community in SW Florida that other cities will point to as the model city where they “do it right”.



QUESTION #2 ANSWER:

1. Finding new sources of revenue to supplement our Ad Valorem Tax base that has declined as a result of devaluation of properties within the city. This will enable the City to maintain current services levels and remain on track for other budgeted and planned projects. One possibility may be expansion of the local Dog Track to include Casino games. There could be considerable benefits to the City from such a movement.

2. Working with the Chamber, County and other entities to locate new businesses to fill much of the vacant office, retail and flex

space properties, which will create more employment. Once that is accomplished, we will need to address the issue of creating more affordable housing within the City of Bonita Springs.

QUESTION #3 ANSWER: I am a long-time involved resident and to serve as your Councilman, my varied past and present involvement in the community plus business and managerial experience give me an understanding of the needs of all of the Bonita residents. I have no further government aspirations than to serve my District and City in this capacity.

QUESTION #4 ANSWER: Those residents make the choice to live in a gated community and as such understand that there are services that the City provides that are duplicated by their communities and are willing to pay a premium for the comfort of residing in a gated environment. One example is that within Bonita Bay, we have Sheriff patrols, funded by the Community Association.

Peter Simmons

QUESTION #1 ANSWER: My vision is to make Bonita Springs THE best school district in the area. If elected, I propose that I would serve as a liaison between the City of the Bonita Springs and the Lee County School Board and the Florida State Board of Education (similar to how the Mayor is the liaison between Bonita Springs and Lee County Government). Florida currently ranks 48th out of 50 states in school funding. People want to send their children to the very best schools possible; and as a result, existing home sales and new home sales will increase; and new and expanded businesses will follow the home sales. I feel strongly that these issues go hand in hand. If we give our children the tools to thrive, Bonita Springs will thrive as well.



QUESTION #2 ANSWER: Over the next four years we should focus on:

- Improving education;
- Expanding and updating the Bonita Springs Library;
- Balancing our budget every year;
- Not raising taxes;

- Attracting new businesses and improving “Consumer Confidence”;
- Working with and monitoring the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council;
- Extending Shangri-La Road to Three Oaks Parkway;
- Paving all remaining unpaved roads in town for citizen and fire and police safety;
- Improving our drainage systems to avoid flooding;

QUESTION #3 ANSWER: To the best of my knowledge, I am the only candidate with school-age children. As such, I have a vested interest in improving our educational system and attracting new families and businesses to Bonita Springs. I have a vested interest in furthering the feasibility of Bonita Springs having its own high school. We need to build and improve upon “Bonita’s Bench/Bonita’s Farm Team” for generations to come with young talent so Bonita’s children and grandchildren will stay and not move away in search of education and high paying jobs. All of us running for the Bonita Springs City Council District 4 want to do great things for Bonita Springs and its residents.

QUESTION #4 ANSWER: Gated communities pay their fair share for services. By design, gated and planned communities are developed and maintained to be self sufficient. Residents are aware of these fees, and have grown accustomed to these services. As long as the fees are managed properly, I believe they are fair.

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When Alcoa got serious about “developing” real estate in 1974, they transferred Dick to Jupiter where he developed Jonathan’s Landing in Jupiter and Dataw Island in Beaufort, SC.

In the late 80’s, when tax reform altered the advantages of real estate development, Alcoa sold off its holdings. A headhunter approached Dick about coming to Bonita Bay Properties as CEO. There was one golf course (the “original” Marsh), about 200 property owners and a lot of work still to be done.

The Bonita Bay concept had been incubated eight years earlier when David Shakarian, founder of General Nutrition, came to South Florida to recover from a heart attack. He assembled the land package (mostly ranches where folks came to hunt wild hogs) while he was recuperating. He died of cancer in 1984, one year before his vision became a reality.

Dick’s challenge was to determine how many homes there would be and what kind; how many golf courses there would be, and where; what community amenities would be built and what residents would get for their fees.

Dick’s vision for Bonita Bay was to make it a premier upscale development – a paradise for people coming through the gates.

The folks who had developed the original master plan were

engineers, not marketers. A ladder of housing prices was needed to attract a broad range of people who were looking for a second home.

Dick’s vision for Bonita Bay was to make it a premier upscale development – a paradise for people coming through the gates.

At the time Dick arrived, you couldn’t even tell Bonita Bay was a community when you drove by. So Bonita Bay invited the public in to use the parks, boat launches, the golf courses. If they wanted to tour the community, they were sent in their own car and told to listen to a radio station that would direct them to the various amenities. No one accompanied them; no one tried to sell them anything.

A marketing plan was needed. And so was a list of significant features and benefits.

One big marketing advantage Bonita Bay had was that it was gated. In developing Pelican Bay, Westinghouse had used public funds to build the roads, which meant they couldn’t deprive the public from using the roads. Bonita

Bay was developed with private funds, so the roads could be private too.

Another benefit was golf; there was room for a lot of it. But the single course that was open was suffering from overplay ... despite the fact that the course was hard, with a lot of forced carries. They needed a second, not quite as challenging, course. And they needed it quickly. Dick called personal friend Tom Fazio to see if he would help.

At that time, Fazio developed about seven courses a year, and was committed two years out. He wasn't available. But Arthur Hills was, so he got the job of designing Creekside and soon after, Bay Island. They got them up and running in record time. Years later, Tom came back to Bonita Bay and developed the East Courses.

The original clubhouse was just a grill room with no vistas ... the natural preserve ran right up to the windows. When Dick asked "why?", he was told because Arthur Hills wanted it that way. Arthur could build a mighty fine course, but until he started paying the bills, Dick didn't figure Arthur was going to get to make the decisions. Dick began creating views from the windows almost immediately.

The Marina Club was originally envisioned as a snack bar for fishermen ... "you catch 'em; we clean 'em and cook 'em". Dick had another idea ... a full-service restaurant called "Backwater Jack's" that opened in time for a New Year's Eve party that December (1989).

What was he most proud of? Bonita Bay being named the "finest master planned community in the US" by the Urban Land Institute. The organization was made up of pros in the master planning field; it was quite an honor.

Most people leave their work environment when they retire. Dick and his wife Judy settled into it. The work continued on around him. He was simply a beneficiary, like the rest of us.

He found plenty to keep himself busy in his retirement – he loved to golf and fish. Dick was one of the founders of the Speaker's Assembly and was active in his Church as an elder, plus a member of other organizations.

Not too long ago, he came up with the idea of a MBA in real estate development ... formal education to help people learn the business that he himself had learned on the job.. Both Florida Gulf Coast University and Edison University are considering it.

In October 2010, Dick was diagnosed with cancer. He fought a hard battle for nine months and passed away in July 2011.

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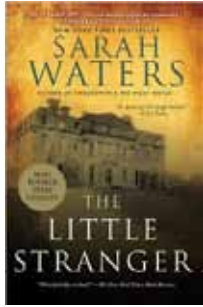
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ON THE BOOKSHELF

The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters

Shirley Gorman, Oakwood



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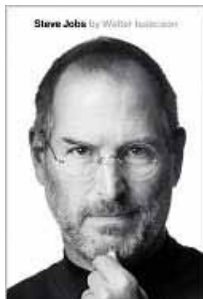
Upon arriving at Hundreds Hall, Dr. Faraday remembers his childhood visit to the two-centuries-old Georgian house still owned by the Ayers family. The once impressive and elegant house is in its last stages of decline. The Ayers are struggling to maintain their estate and their family's dwindling fortune.

As Dr. Faraday and the family become friends, the young doctor finds himself falling in love with the daughter, Caroline. Although Caroline is somewhat reluctant, she ultimately agrees to marry the young doctor. She is concerned with the well being of her mother and her brother and in discovering why strange and eerie incidents happen in the Hall.

Sara Waters has crafted a gothic novel that reminds the reader of Henry James and Edgar Allan Poe. She makes you wonder what will happen to Caroline, Dr. Faraday and Hundreds Hall.

Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson

Norm Roberts, Creekside



THAT STEVE JOBS pursued Isaacson to write his biography, *Steve Jobs*, should not surprise - he was a control freak! That he gave Isaacson virtually unlimited access to himself, his friends, family and employees was a bit of shock given Jobs' notoriously guarded nature.

Most of the key events of Jobs' business life are pretty well known -- the creation of Apple Computer, being fired from the company, creating Next computer, owning Pixar and leading it to great success, reentering Apple and achieving extraordinary results with a series of breakthrough products that have redefined a number of categories. However, Isaacson has delivered a fresh story with great insights from the various participants.

Jobs was a genius, an artist, a visionary and a perfectionist. He was also (to put it kindly) an extraordinarily difficult person to work for, and to live with. This is a remarkably well rounded and balanced account of Jobs' life.

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

Elaine Brotman, Horizons



A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The book's central characters are Bennie Salazar, a record producer, and Sasha, his personal assistant. They really don't know each other well even though they worked closely together for years. However, the reader comes to know them intimately through 13 linked stories featuring a number of interrelated characters, all somewhat connected to them.

These stories skip back and forth in time from past to present and future (from 1980 to 2020). In fact, the passage of time and its effect on the characters is the underlying theme. One of them states, "Time is a goon. Everyone is pushed around by time." In addition to time, Egan quickly switches places and characters. The readers have some difficulty knowing where they are, who they are reading about, and in what time sequence. However, *A Visit from the Goon Squad* is recommended because Egan develops a series of interesting plots in a clear, easygoing writing style. It is also important to be aware of what journalists think constitutes the best fiction in 2010.

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What is the most memorable Christmas gift you have received?



Cynthia Slack,
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Last year, my 6'3" 42-year-old nephew drew my name in our family's Christmas gift exchange. He asked what I wanted, and I said beads for the necklaces I make. Soon a large box full of acrylic beads arrived. I love the picture in my mind of him at the bead store with a puzzled look on his face!



Terry Phillips,
SANCTUARY

It was my 12th Christmas and I had lobbied my parents for months for a 22-calibre rifle. I kept being told, "You're too young, maybe next year." A friend called, "I got mine, did you get yours?" My answer was, "No, maybe next year." I was one sad boy until I looked behind the couch where my parents told me there was ONE more present - a red box with a Winchester logo. I was the happiest kid on earth! Minutes later, Bob and I were on the edge of our small Missouri town plinking tin cans and planning the next day's rabbit hunt.



Jane Herwig,
AZURE

Terry (my then boyfriend) and his parents came to our house for Christmas Eve. Terry put an ornament on our "revolving" Christmas tree. On Christmas day, Terry came back, removed the ornament and gave it to me. Much to my surprise it contained an engagement ring. I happily accepted his proposal and here we are in Bonita Bay 48 Christmases later!



Andy Frech,
SANCTUARY

After I suffered a brain aneurysm in 2009, the greatest gifts I ever received was the gift of continued life and the gift of support from my wife, Kathy, my family and friends. I was unconscious for 6 or 7 weeks and woke up in late November - needless to say, it was a WONDERFUL Christmas that year. I thank the Lord for a second chance.

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The Story of Terry Ann *continued from page 8*

of Jamaica national competition, due primarily to her outstanding interview where she cited the need for reform in the Jamaican government. The Festival Queen title brought with it a number of prizes and the opportunity to travel around the island attending special events. When her education visa came through, she resigned her title, returned her prizes and made plans for more important travel.



Terry Ann arrived at the Schusters' doorstep in August 2003 as an 18-year-old college student. She lived with them for 30 days, then moved to the dormitory and started her college education.

She obtained her degree in accounting in 2007. She spent many weekends, all of the holidays and some of the summers with Schusters. She got a job with the university and was an outstanding student and employee. Schusters brought Sharon to the graduation ceremony and shared in her very

proud moment.

After graduation, Terry Ann married a fellow student and they moved to Arizona where he pursued a master's degree at the University of Arizona. He continued his education at Penn State, and Terry Ann secured an internship in their accounting department. After two years, she was hired as a full-time staff accountant and is presently coordinating

the accounting divisions for all of the university's programs. Her marriage ended but she remains at Penn State, working and at the same time pursuing a master's degree.

The Schusters maintain a very close relationship with Terry Ann. She visits frequently, both here in Bonita Bay and at their home in Colorado. They are looking forward to her arrival here in Florida this Christmas.

According to both Schusters, "This whole experience has been so wonderful for us and we feel that Terry Ann is part of our family."



What's Happening in Real Estate?

WITH LESS THAN 200 current active listings in Bonita Bay (there are normally 250-300) and with 62 of those properties being high rises, there is a shortage of inventory here like we haven't experienced since the "go-go" days of 2004-2006.



We're not necessarily promising that the price of your Bonita Bay home or condo is about to experience an instant jump-up in price, but we do sense that the bottom in this market may be somewhere behind us. It just feels different here than it has the past few years. There appear to be more buyers looking around this fall than in recent years, and they are not finding as much to choose from.

We all read the same news articles and we know there have been pundits recently predicting a further decline in prices in Southwest Florida residential property. These analysts may know something more than we do on a macro level, but we see some reasons to the contrary here in Bonita Bay.

There are great things happening in Bonita Bay right now, especially at our member-owned country club. Have you

been on the new Marsh driving range yet? Have you compared the condition of the five Bonita Bay courses to other clubs around town? The activity around the tennis courts is exciting. Or in terms of hospitality, I should tell you about the recent dinner party we were privileged to attend in the Fireside Room for our friends' 50th wedding anniversary. It was truly outstanding, the food and service were terrific!

As a result, it seems this fall that a number of potential buyers are making moves when they see homes they like. And some sellers are experiencing greater opportunities to move their properties than they have had in the last five years. It will be interesting to see how things progress as we get into another beautiful season in 2012.

Let us close by saying it is good to have everyone back home in Bonita Bay. It can get lonely by the end of September. We once again need dinner reservations when we go out in the evenings, but having our friends back in town is worth it.

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ON OCTOBER 31, an email arrived from the BBBCA and BBC alerting all residents of the recent burglaries in Bonita Bay. The first break-in occurred in September in the Rookery. Then on October 21, according to the Lee County Sheriff's office, two other home invasions occurred on Rookery Lake Drive while the homeowners were dining together at the Bonita Bay Club. It was reported that a safe was broken into and jewelry taken.

The memo went on to remind residents that prevention is paramount in protecting yourselves and your homes against burglars. Always lock doors and windows – including rear entry points. Set your house alarm and leave lights on with timers.

If you notice any suspicious activity, call 911 immediately and then call the gatehouse – 947-2476.

Superior Interiors *continued from page 25*

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Food & Wine Pairing *continued from page 32*

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The rule of thumb for pairing desserts and wine is "the food should never be sweeter than the wine". Sweet foods will sour the taste of a drier wine. For fun, try this test at home. Take a sip of dry wine and then a bite of something sweet. Retaste the wine and see how it now tastes more bitter and sour. So with this glorious dessert consider a Riesling like the 2010 Charles Smith "Kung Fu Girl" from Columbia Valley, Washington. Wine Spectator rated it 90 points. It's fun and affordable at \$15.99! Another fine choice is a late Harvest Zin like the Renwood 2007 Amador Ice.

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Happy Holidays to you and your family.

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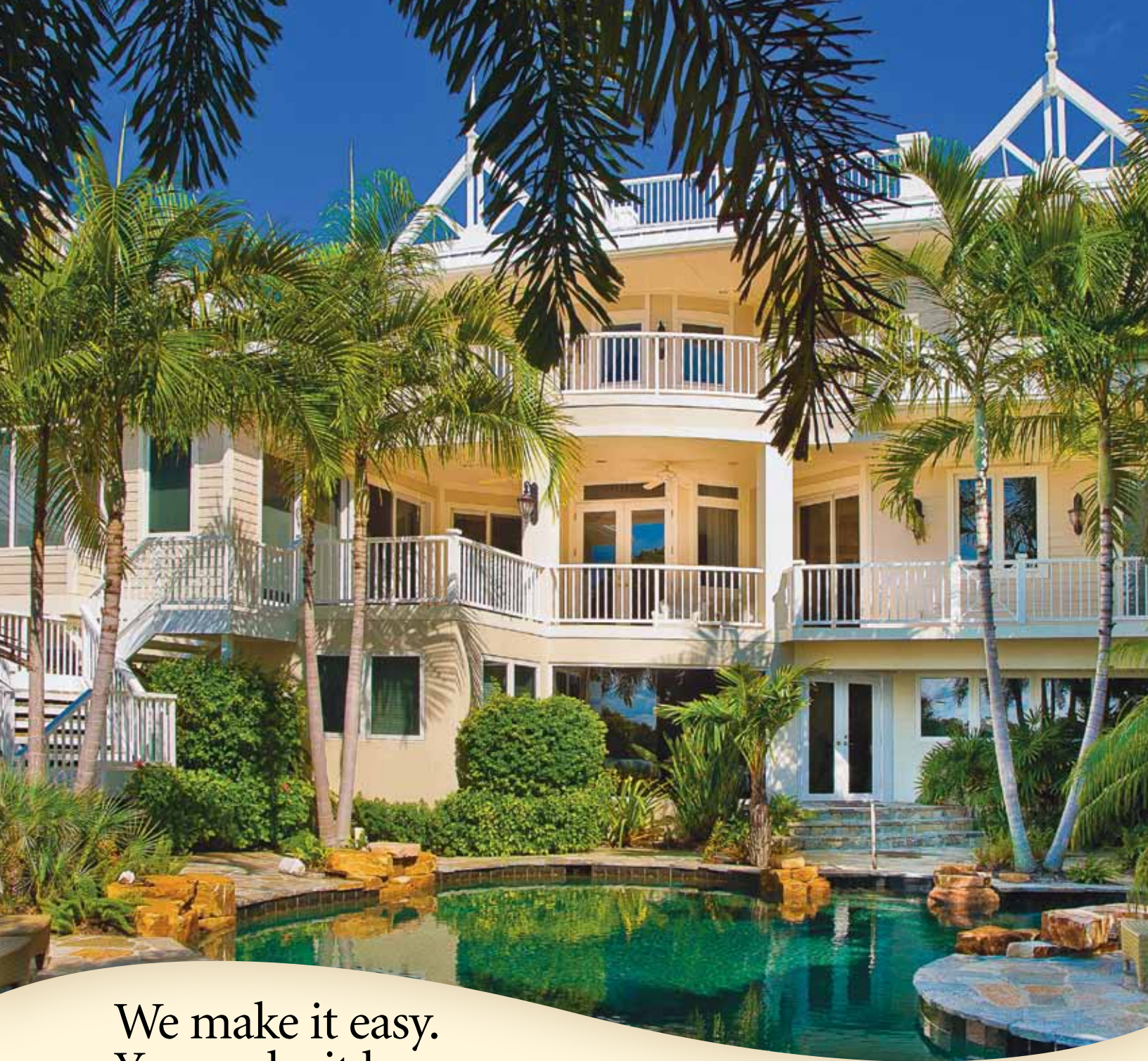
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Most internet service providers like Comcast, Centurylink or even AOL (if you have a paid account) offer free security from their websites. You can even call them and they will take you through the process of installing their security package. You will need to know your user name and password for them and to log in to their home page to find the link to download the program and install it onto the computer. Unfortunately they can change the home page at any time so I cannot tell you the exact location of the download link but usually it's at the top or bottom of the page. Once again you can always call



their support and have them get you started. You can also go to <http://www.download.com> and get a free Antivirus program like AVG or Avast.

Before you decide to install a new internet security or antivirus program, it is VERY important that you uninstall the current or expired version of security you have on the computer before you install the new one. You do not want more than one antivirus or security package on the computer at a time. This is done from the Control Panel and make sure to restart the computer when done uninstalling the old security. Also, after you have installed the new security package, do an update and make sure the program has all of the latest fixes for the current virus threats.

Be familiar with the security package you have so when a pop up does happen you know what you have and whether or not it is legitimate. You can find many of my previous articles including a few related to security at <http://www.BayWatchNews.com/Viewnewsletter.html>.

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World War II Vet *continued from page 11*

flight deck measured just 512 feet and her top speed was only 19 knots (compared to an Essex-Class Carrier like the USS Intrepid with an 862-foot flight deck and a top speed of almost 33 knots).

“They were called Jeep carriers because they were so small,” says Lieberman. “They were built on merchantmen hulls and were lightly armored. They used to say that if one of these carriers was hit by a torpedo, it would sink so fast the second torpedo would pass overhead.” Some wags in the Navy quipped that the CVE designation stood for Combustible, Vulnerable, Expendable.

In 1943 and 1944, the Kaiser Shipyard in Vancouver, Washington built 50 escort carriers, which were valuable additions to the Navy’s fleet, sailing in support of invasion forces across the Pacific Theatre. Their finest and proudest hours came on October 25, 1944 in the Battle off Samar



(one of four battles together referred to as the Battle of Leyte Gulf).

The encounter should have been a mismatch -- Imperial Japanese Navy battleships and heavy cruisers against U.S. Navy escort carriers, destroyers and destroyer escorts.

“The battle lasted just a few hours,” Lieberman explains. “There were hundreds of our planes strafing the Japanese fleet and making torpedo runs against them. Some of our planes broke off to refuel and by the time we got back, it was over.”

Sailing against a vastly superior naval force, supported by aircraft from Taffy 1 and 2 on station to its south, Escort Carrier Group Taffy 3 fought brilliantly. The fighting was so intense and ferocious that the commander of the Japanese Central Fleet believed he had encountered the U.S. Navy’s main fleet.

On board the battleship Yamato, Vice Admiral Takeo Kurita abandoned plans to attack the invasion forces at Leyte. At 0911 he decided to retreat and issued this order: “Rendezvous, my course north, speed 20.”

But the Japanese were not quite done. In retreat, they launched the first Kamikaze attacks of the war, hitting five of six escort carriers and sinking the USS St. Lo (CVE- 63).

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Overall, the battle losses were severe. Five U.S. Navy ships were sunk , 23 aircraft were shot down, 1,583 officers and men were killed or missing, and 913 wounded. The Japanese Navy lost three heavy cruisers. Three other cruisers and a destroyer were damaged. Historians wrote that the battle marked the “death knell” of the Japanese Navy in World War II.

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In the months that followed, the Petrof Bay and VC-76 supported landings at Luzon and Iwo Jima.

The Iwo Jima invasion fleet assembled at Ulithi, an atoll in the Caroline Islands. “I’ll never forget the sight,” Lieberman says. “As far as you could see there were carriers, cruisers, battleships, and troop ships. I felt there was nothing on earth that could stop an onslaught like this.”

For three days before the Iwo Jima invasion, Lieberman’s squadron flew missions over the island. “This was the first time we were equipped with rockets , and we also had napalm. We pounded the island. At night it actually glowed red. We thought there couldn’t be a living soul left on the island and that the invasion would be a cakewalk.”

During the invasion, Lieberman and his fellow pilots provided air support for the Marine units on the ground and also flew missions targeting the air strip and harbor at Chichi Jima, a strategic Japanese-held island 150 miles north of Iwo Jima.

“The Japanese would fly planes down to Chichi Jima at night,” Lieberman recalls. “They would refuel and rearm them and send them out at dusk to attack our fleet. They were all Kamikaze planes.”

The horseshoe-shaped island was mountainous and well defended by anti-aircraft guns. Lieberman looks back on these missions as his most harrowing of the war.

These were the final combat assignments for VC-76 in World War II. In March 1945 the squadron disembarked from the USS Petrof Bay in Guam, and was replaced by Squadron VC-93. The Petrof Bay and its new squadron went on to support the invasion of Okinawa, earning its fifth and final battle star in the war. The ship also received a Presidential

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Movie Talk



Recent Releases

☆☆☆ **Drive** – Entertaining movie with Ryan Gosling about a robbery gone bad. Albert Brooks who usually plays comic roles is great as a “mob guy”.

☆☆☆ 1/2 **Moneyball** – Another book-based movie with great performances by Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill (both will probably get Academy Award nominations). Tells the story of Oakland A’s GM Billy Beane who achieved success with a limited budget. As Mike Lupica wrote – “It is a very good movie but a half hour too long like most baseball games.”

☆☆☆ **Ides of March** – Ryan Gosling and George Clooney star in this political morality tale. Well done but also a bit shallow. The supporting cast is great with Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Paul Giamatti.

☆☆ **Tower Heist** – Second-rate knockoff of “Ocean’s 11”. Provides a few laughs but not enough. Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy star with Alan Alda as a Bernie Madoff character.

☆☆ 1/2 **J. Edgar** – Will be one of the most discussed movies of the year. But, disappointing. While DiCaprio is great as the complex Hoover, the movie just shows snippets of the FBI Director’s life with most of the focus on his relationship with Clyde Tolson. While some felt that the movie was too long, others believe that Hoover’s life – both good and bad - would require greater length.

On DVD Now or Soon-To-Be-Released

SOME NOTABLE 2011 TITLES:

☆☆☆ 1/2 **The Help** – Based on the best selling novel that almost every woman in Bonita Bay read. Movie was very good with a sure Academy Award nomination for Viola Davis and maybe a few others. Movie somewhat marred by caricature portrayal of some of the Southerners.

☆☆☆ 1/2 **Incendies** – French film with English subtitles. This Best Foreign Language film nominee is about twins fulfilling their mother’s request to explore their roots. Very Good.

☆☆☆ 1/2 **Midnight in Paris** – If you like Paris (who doesn’t?), you will thoroughly enjoy this Woody Allen homage to the “City of Lights” as Owen Wilson travels back in time to when Hemingway, Dali, Picasso and others partied in the 1920’s.

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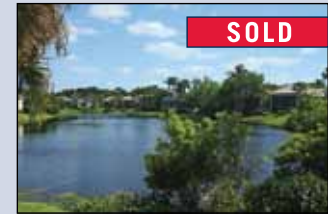
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The Dentist's Chair **TUMORS OF THE MOUTH AND NECK**

By Jim Papandrea, Woodlake

LAST YEAR I asked my readers an important question: "Does your dentist do a complete head and neck examination for tumors?" Routine oral cancer/tumor screenings should be done by all dentists. That's why I spent time writing about how to do that examination on your own if your dentist does not.

Most dentists examine the oral cavity including the tongue, cheeks, gingiva and, of course, the teeth. What most do not examine is the base of the tongue near your tonsils and the lymph nodes. These are the most common cancer hot spots in the head and neck. If the dentist does this visually and digitally, your chances for early detection of tumors are greatly increased.

Dentists should begin their examination at the base of the tongue which can best be seen by moving your tongue forward while the dentist uses a mirror to check its color, texture and size. The lymph nodes are located on the sides and back of the neck. Running their fingers from the ear lobe below and behind the jaw angle allows them to feel for swollen nodes or painful areas. Lastly, the back of the neck should be palpated. Moving the fingers from the hair line down allows the dentist to feel for swollen nodes. You have to be comfortable with your dentist doing this procedure. If you are not, then you lose the early detection benefit.

While I am discussing swellings of the head and neck, I should also mention the salivary ducts and glands. These small glands and ducts bring the saliva to your mouth and help maintain healthy tissues and teeth. They are located in the cheeks and under the tongue. They carry protective enzymes and bacteria to ward off infection as well as begin the digestive breakdown of the food you eat. At times one of the glands or ducts may become swollen and even cause pain. If the duct is swollen, you might see a small white (pimple like) head at the end of the duct. This blockage is a hard calcium-like structure and can be released with pressure. If it does not release (or pop out) then you must see your dentist to release it for you. If the blockage is left alone, it acts like a cork blocking the duct and the swelling increases along with pain. These areas can be mistaken for tumors by patients, because of the swelling, so don't delay in getting these looked at if they occur.

Remember the lymph nodes can be one of the earliest signs of tumors; so if your dentist is not doing these things, merely ask him or her to check the areas described above. You won't regret it.



Sudoku Puzzle

Edited by Will Shortz

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Movie Talk *continued from page 51*

☆☆ **Contagion** – Scary movie about world-wide spread of disease with an all star cast. You will feel compelled to wash your hands when leaving the theater!

☆☆☆ ½ **Bridesmaids** – Raunchy; but very funny movie with Melissa McCarthy from "Mike and Molly".

☆☆ ½ **Tree of Life** – Many people walked out of the movie; it is very confusing. To appreciate it, it is imperative to read a lot about it before seeing it.


☆☆☆ **Horrible Bosses** – Another very raunchy but also funny movie – not for the easily offended.

☆☆ **Larry Crowne** – Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts in a major DUD.

☆☆☆ **Water for Elephants** – Interesting film about a young veterinary student recently orphaned who joins a traveling circus. Based on the book and stars Reese Witherspoon and the "evil" Christoph Waltz.

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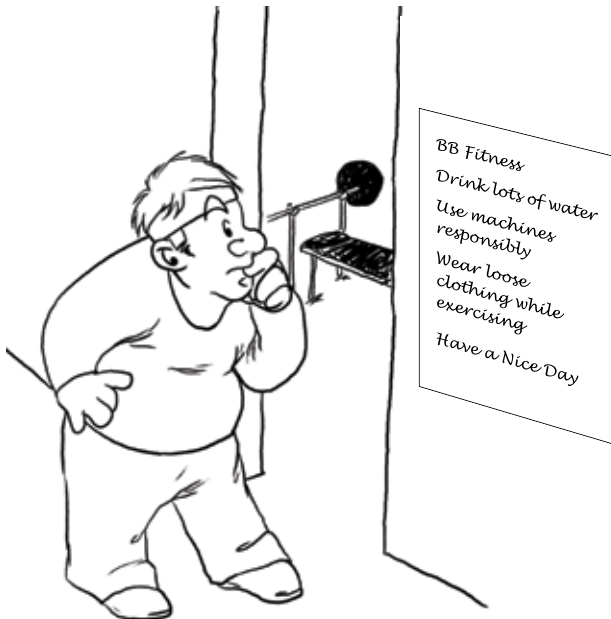
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- 15 Future atty.'s hurdle
- 16 Federal org. with a flower logo
- 17 Lionel Richie Oscar-winning song
- 19 Five-digit number, in brief
- 20 Frequent February forecast
- 21 Suffix with exist
- 22 Tappan ___ Bridge (Hudson River crossing)
- 23 With 52-Across, part of a wedding day rhyme
- 27 Accompaniment to an Indian dance
- 30 "... ___ iron bars a cage"
- 31 Org. in the health care debate
- 32 Place to learn CPR
- 36 Bangalore "bwana"
- 40 Not necessarily
- 44 Certain golf tourney
- 45 Org. fighting street gangs
- 46 Football linemen: Abbr.
- 47 Medic's bag
- 49 Collectable 1950s cars
- 52 See 23-Across
- 58 Quid pro ___
- 59 Jacob's twin
- 60 Sides of a doorway
- 64 Half of dos
- 65 Reliably and consistently
- 67 Hotshot aviator
- 68 Swashbuckler's challenge
- 69 Disinclined
- 70 Turner who founded CNN
- 71 B'way buys
- 72 Least genteel

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- 1 "Ornery" guy
- 2 Australia's national gemstone
- 3 "___ sow, so shall ..."
- 4 Most timid
- 5 Artificially elegant
- 6 Fellow in an RV?
- 7 Point of view
- 8 Defeat through mind games, with "out"
- 9 Arrived
- 10 Supped
- 11 Operatic voice, for short
- 12 Sales pitch
- 13 Opened wide
- 18 Get the point of
- 24 Credit card exp. date format
- 25 Likely to pry
- 26 Seize
- 27 Push (down)
- 28 Actor Sharif
- 29 Bread spread
- 33 Oscar/Emmy/Tony/Grammy winner Brooks
- 34 Letters on some Civil War belt buckles
- 35 Increase, with "up"
- 37 Roll-call response
- 38 Part of IHOP: Abbr.
- 39 One in charge
- 41 Swelter
- 42 Give off
- 43 Port of Yemen

- 48 Aptly named journal of the American Ornithologists' Union
- 50 Feeling of familiarity
- 51 Convinced
- 52 Lower body exercise
- 53 About 28 grams
- 54 Spoke with a Jersey accent?
- 55 "The best ___ to come"
- 56 Gets exactly right
- 57 Race starter's aid
- 61 Additional amount
- 62 Smooch
- 63 Proofreader's mark
- 65 Banned insecticide
- 66 Patriotic women's org.

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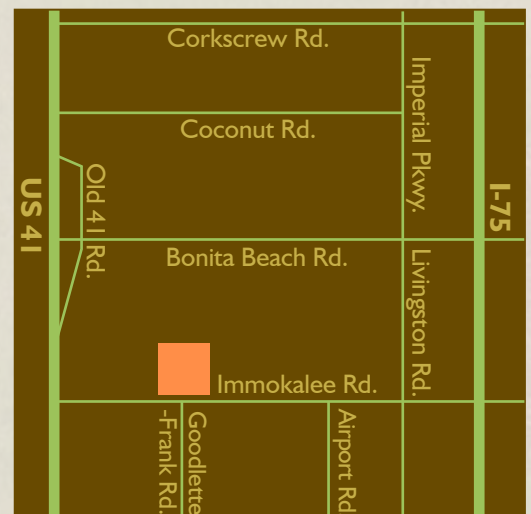
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