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## Seasonals alerted to cameras

County warning visitors of red-light cameras that may be new since they were last here

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If the tens of thousands of seasonal residents and tourists who roll into town in the coming months have the sneaking suspicion that they're being watched, that's because they are.

By red-light running cameras, at least. So far, most of the activity involving Collier County's new red-light running cameras has occurred when most seasonal residents were at home up North. The cameras were approved by the Collier County Commission in April 2008 and the installation began this past April. It's safe to say many part-time residents and tourists who don't follow the news in Naples during the summer may not know about the cameras.

So as not to catch anybody by surprise, county officials are taking steps to make sure they do.

"I think the outreach is aimed at letting people know that cameras are in use at certain intersections and not so much that running a red light is against the law, which I think everyone understands," county spokesman John Torre wrote in an e-mail.

To inform the seasonal residents, Torre said the county is distributing informational flyers at all beach sticker distribution locations, libraries, parks and at the North Collier Government Center, and included an article about the cameras in the latest Homeowners Association newsletter. The county is also using electronic roadside message boards on U.S. 41, Livingston Road, Immokalee Road, Golden Gate Parkway and Collier Boulevard.

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For an interactive map of red-light cameras in Collier County

## IN THE NAVY

Golden Gate High School student Rebecca Dolce awarded \$350,000 to attend U.S. Naval Academy, becoming school's first to be accepted into program



Rebecca Dolce, 17, second from right, salutes during the playing of the National Anthem at a Veterans Day event at Cambier Park last week in Naples. Dolce is senior class president at Golden Gate High School, battalion commander of JROTC, co-captain of the volleyball team and a varsity athlete in three sports. She recently learned she is receiving a \$350,000 scholarship to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. **Lexey Swall/Staff (2)**



Dolce, second from right, marches with others in Golden Gate High School's JROTC at Cambier Park. For a photo gallery, go to [naplesnews.com](http://naplesnews.com).

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Rebecca Dolce wants to do something bigger than herself. "There is a purpose for me. I can't give up because someone said I am not good enough. You have to have a goal and reach your goal. There is nothing to stop me," she said.

The 17-year-old Golden Gate High School student has certainly proved that in school. She is senior class president, battalion commander of the school's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), co-captain of the volleyball team and a varsity athlete in three sports.

She added another feather in her cap, too. Rebecca is the first student in Golden Gate High's six-year history to be accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy.

"It's my dream school," Rebecca said, tearing up. "If it

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## Inside today»

### Florida Geeky 'tweeters' to report on today's shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL — Fingers will be flying if space shuttle Atlantis blasts off on schedule this afternoon: About 100 of NASA's geekiest fans will be on hand, pecking away at iPhones, BlackBerrys, laptops and other Twittering gadgets. They plan to let loose with electronic messages — provided they aren't so swept away by the liftoff that they fall uncharacteristically silent for a moment or two. **PAGE 11A**

### World In first visit to China, Obama walks tightrope

SHANGHAI — President Barack Obama is walking a tightrope on his first trip to China, seeking to enlist help in tackling urgent global problems while weighing when and how — or if — he should

raise traditional human rights concerns. Today, the president is holding talks with local politicians and conducting an American-style town hall discussion with Chinese university students. **PAGE 20A**

### World | Afghanistan Clinton: Specific demands will accompany U.S. help

WASHINGTON — The United States is limiting its goals in Afghanistan and demanding better accountability, Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton** said Sunday, and she tied additional U.S. civilian help to results from Kabul. Clinton said Afghan President Hamid Karzai can do more to reduce corruption and go after those who may have looted U.S. aid in the past. **PAGE 15A**



## Hard times also impacting SW Fla. pets

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Human beings aren't the only ones suffering from the economic downturn. Hard times can fall even harder on pets.

"It's heart-wrenching," said Tink Bechtol, founder of Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue Inc., a Naples pet adoption agency. "We get calls every day, saying 'Can you help me? I don't want my pets to die.' People are losing their jobs, losing their homes. And when they lose their pets, they're losing a part of their family. Some are even leaving their animals at the homes they're moving out of."

Animal rescues and shelters have suffered during the recession, particularly in states like California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona where the real estate boom busted the loudest, said Stephen L. Zawistowski, executive vice president for national programs and science adviser for the American Society for the Prevention

of Cruelty to Animals. Based on real estate industry numbers and pet ownership figures, ASPCA estimates 1 million to 2 million pets have been abandoned since the recession began in December 2007.

Donations to animal rescue groups are down just as the need for their services has spiked.

"We're basically in dire straits. Giving is definitely off by more than half," said Joanne Farrell, president of Homeward Bound Greyhounds, a Naples rescue organization that specializes in placing former racing greyhounds. "Like all rescues, we depend on donations. Most of us are running tabs at the vets and our food suppliers."

Homeward Bound Greyhounds has taken back many previously adopted pets from people who lost homes or were forced to move away from the area, impacting the group's ability to rescue dogs from the racetracks, she said.

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