

BUSINESS NEWS



CLOSINGS

- Dow Jones: 4,584.85, -35.57
- S&P 500: 557.14, -2.38
- NYSE: 299.01, -1.15
- NASDAQ Composite: 1028.19, +2.90
- AMSE: 528.81, +0.42
- NYSE consolidated volume: 358,121,220

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Agape Tile



Colorful parrots are part of the detail of the mural by Agape Tile.

Store front a work of art

Daily News staff

A handpainted menagerie is gracing the tile front of a Naples interior design firm.

The project is the handiwork of Stephanie Dittrick, owner of Agape Tile of Fort Myers.

Handpainted panthers, egrets, parrots, alligators, turtles and fish are spread over the 142-square-foot front of

Taddinger's Interior Design & Home Furnishing at 11905 U.S. 41 N.

Dittrick said her firm produces freehand, custom hand-painted tile murals for commercial and residential use. The murals are produced using a method that allows installation on all surfaces suitable for tiles, she said, including interiors, exteriors, floors,

walls, pools and spas. The artwork is baked onto the tile at 1,950 degrees F. The reglazed tile is impervious to weather, acid and water, she said.

Originally from Laguna Beach, Calif., Dittrick studied under artists Robert Wood and James Hubbell and once received a commission from the Emir of Kuwait. She can be reached at 694-5189.