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Farm City BBQ celebrates 60 years

Movers and shakers from Collier County’s urban and rural business communities come together for the 60th annual Farm City BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. This year’s venue, the “city” location, is the Collier County Junior Deputy League’s Camp Discovery on Rattlesnake Hammock Road.

The tradition started when, following a bad crop season, the people of Naples invited Immokalee’s farmers to a barbecue. The following year, the farmers of Immokalee reciprocated the hospitality. The event still rotates from Naples to Immokalee annually.

“It’s still about relationships,” says spokesperson Cyndee Woolley. "With it being 2,000 years, it’s not if, but when, you will be affected by a data breach or identity theft, experts say.

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It is often said of the United States that our greatest enemies have underestimated or misunderstood us, to their everlasting regret.

They’ve judged us to be too soft, too far away, too myopic, and too reluctant to surrender our comfort and wealth by engaging them in extended war, especially of a kind that might require us to sacrifice much of what we have.

A good case can be made that both the Germans and the Japanese made that mistake in 1941. And there’s little doubt now that the contemporary haters who destroyed lives in Paris and Beirut last week, in Kenya in April, in Mumbai (India) seven years ago this month, in New York in 2008 or anywhere else, have reached the same conclusions.

Whatever else these haters are, they are also savvy and determined strategists willing to kill us indiscriminately in ideological and theological Puritanism, a kind that might require us to surrender our comfort and wealth by engaging them in extended war, especially of a kind that might require us to sacrifice much of what we have.

But since history never repeats itself—it offers enduring lessons instead, but never the same set of circumstances—the angle of estimation or underestimation on the part of contemporary haters differs from that of the Germans or Japanese who hated us (and others) 75 years ago.

This is where things get tricky for Americans, in particular. The Germans and the Japanese both thought we would ultimately make concessions rather than mount armies to take them on far across the Atlantic and the Pacific. They were wrong.

The current haters, on the other hand, are banking (literally and figuratively) on us mounting armies. They’re banking on our furious response to small-unit killers who can slip under the radar of American muscle to murder the peaceful and the innocent. These are mostly young men trained in the use of small arms and explosives, haters able to ignore our carriers and subs, our cruise missiles and our drones, our F-16s and F-35s, our Army or Marine Corps infantry and artillery divisions.

They’re also banking on us being too comfortable and foolish to change the rules of the game they established by creating our own rules—by forcing them to react to us, rather than the other way around.

It comes down to this: If we intend to protect our children by altering the deadly game, then we have to change the rules of this deadly game.

Here’s how we do it. First, we must recognize that if we consider this a religious war—us against Muslims—we’ve played straight into the hands of the haters.

This is not a religious war, whether they say so or not, and whether or not the shooters are Muslims or we happen to like or dislike Islam.

Without understanding that concept first, we can’t employ the strategy that will win.

For us, this is a war just like our other wars in one crucial way—it’s a war between political states: ours and theirs. Haters always have underlying excuses for their hatred, whether theological, race-based or economic. This contemporary war is no different. These haters operate from states, from independent nations that tolerate and even condone them, but pretend not to (a great camouflage of sorts).

Second: We must recognize our own compliant role in remaining vulnerable to the haters. For years we’ve known that money, weapons and tech-support for terrorists comes from wealthy supporters who flourish in four nations: Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

“Saudi Arabia remains a critical financial support base for al-Qaeda, the Taliban, LeT and other terrorist groups... donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide,” wrote then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a 2009 secret memo ordering American foreign service personnel to find ways to curtail the flow of money. First revealed by WikiLeaks, the memo was quoted by Mr. Pierce.

Third, we must strip ourselves of pretension and be honest about our self-destructive addiction to oil—Arab oil in vast quantities. Many of us make huge sums from the oil industry, either directly or indirectly. We have the technology and the brains and the resources to change that and make our money from some other primary power source within a couple of decades. But it will require discomfort.

In the meantime, we’ve tied ourselves to people who hate us so we can pay $2 or $3 or $4 a gallon for gasoline (or about $5.50 per gallon now in France).

By supporting them, we let them take our money with one hand and plot our destruction with the other, while living safely and off the target maps of their fellow haters whom they fund.

We can stop them by understanding this: The most deadly of our enemies are not those with execution knives, automatic rifles or bombs strapped to their bodies. Our most deadly enemies are their suppliers and their wealthy financiers.

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It is hard to imagine a more bizarre period in national politics than the one we are currently experiencing. Those who would be disinclined to vote for the leading Republican "outsiders" say The American public's economic dis-

America has always been materially blessed, relative to other parts of the world. In the Colonial period, Ameri-
can men and women were already taller than their British counterparts, thanks to a better standard of living. "Americans and the modern heights by the middle of the 18th century," according to eco-

nomic historian Robert Fogel, and had already reached levels of equality not attained by the general population of Eng-

dland or even by the British peerage until the first quarter of the 20th century." Life was nonetheless still character-

ized by deprivations almost completely alien to us. Across the 20th century, the routine misery lifted and we witnessed the profusion of almost all of the things we take for granted.

Between 1900 and 2000, indoor toilets, telephones and automobiles in the U.S. were rare to practically universal, according to the study "Century of Dif-

ference." In 1920, a quarter of Americans owned an automobile. Now, 57 percent of households own two or more cars. Life today catalogues the other indica-

tors of progress. In 1875, people spent roughly three-quarters of their income on the basics of clothing, and shelter. By the mid-1990s, the figure had shrunk to 13 percent. Meanwhile, spend-

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Agent Orange doesn’t dampen Vietnam veteran’s patriotism

John Clapper

It wasn’t until he visited a traveling Vietnam War memorial at Hodges Funeral Home that he realized he might have a problem.

“It was rarely something I thought about or had knowledge about,” he says. “They had a display there and I (learned) that 400,000 men had died from Agent Orange. I was shocked.”

In 2006, however, his health soured — having grown up in Naples, it’s easy for Lindsey Nesmith to forget how cool living in Florida can be. She’s thankful for the reminders.

John Clapper came home in February 1972 and finished his law degree, not really thinking about his encounter with Agent Orange until decades later. He went on to have a family and a successful law career in Naples after he moved here in 1983.

What most people don’t know is that 400,000 men had died from Agent Orange. And then we ignored it,” Mr. Clapper says. “We didn’t really think about it … We dumped the drums on the roads in my compound for dust control, and now, when you look at a satellite view, there’s not a blade of grass.”

According to a New York Times article published in 2012, the U.S. government sprayed more than 20 million gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos during the decade-long war, resulting in grave damage to the region’s environment and public health. The spraying stopped when the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a report noting that the diioxin was linked to an increased risk of birth defects.

Mr. Clapper had chemotherapy … I had blood transfusions,” he says. Then his doctor told him the treatments were not working. He thought he had six to nine months to live. But then he had the bone marrow transplant. He and his wife, Bridget, spent six months in Houston during his recovery and he is now doing well and moving on to other endeavors.

Last year, after seeing a memorial one of his friends helped erect in Louisiana, Mr. Clapper was inspired to do the same thing in Naples. He founded Vietnam Veterans of Collier County to raise funds and had the Cambier Park site approved by the Naples City Council. The memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day last week. Help from a strong contingent of Vietnam veterans in the area, many of whom are personal friends of Mr. Clapper’s, and his colleagues in the Rotary Club of North Naples helped get the monument dedicated in no time. The organization will be short-lived, however, since it has fulfilled its purpose.

“We need to pay off our bills and then we’ll dissemble it,” he says. Despite his ordeal, Mr. Clapper’s patriotism is undiminished and he continues to be a stalwart supporter of fellow Vietnam vets. “I love my country, I love my Vietnam brothers and I’ve got a good group of buddies,” he says. “I’m very patriotic.”

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— Carrie Kerskie, director of Hodges University Identity Fraud Institute

### CYBER

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In computers and online networks to provide important services across most areas of life, along with many conveniences we enjoy, such as access to our bank account at home, crimes like theft and fraud have become more convenient for criminals as well.

“It’s easy to picture it as a giant octopus, the body hidden in darkness and the tips of its tentacles reaching out to touch us in the form of a blue hyperlink in an email that appears to be from a co-worker or friend. Such “phishing” or more personal, realistic looking “spear phishing” emails have been a key element of the attacks we regularly hear about in the news in which hackers gained access to private records of millions of personal information customers or retail customers of Target, said Gary S. Miliefsky, CEO of cybersecurity company SnoopWall. The way email gets around today is through Simplicity Mail Transfer Protocol, bouncing between servers as it travels from sender to receiver, making it relatively easy to track. By doing so, someone can send you an email that appears to be a genuine response from someone you know with a link or an attachment that once clicked or opened installs malware or other software that can allow thieves to take a foothold and back into a larger network.

Email is really the number one method of all the retailers and banks that are getting breached,” Mr. Miliefsky says.

In some cases, crimes such as identity theft are carried out with information stolen in past data breaches. That could be from a breach at a local hospital, said Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Detective Sgt. Diane Young, or from somewhere else, such as a massive server breach at Home Depot in September 2014 affecting 56 million debit cards in the U.S. and Canada. It could be from smaller data breaches at a bank, doctor’s office, anywhere you are asked for personal identifying information.

“Sometimes we can trace it,” she said.

“But a lot of times we can’t identify where it got out. In some cases, it looks like maybe they were one of those large breaches and no one is watching over them anymore. Several years have gone by and the criminals who got that information still have it and they go to use it.”

She points out that each of the three major credit bureaus allows you to check your credit for free once a year. She suggests you check it with one bureau every four months to monitor suspicious activity.

“That’s a great idea to project yourself,” she said.

“It’s also important to only reveal personal information on the Internet that you absolutely have to, said Eva Velasquez, CEO and president of The Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit that provides free support for identity theft victims, tracks data breaches and runs a 24-hour hotline that handles about 10,000 calls nationwide per year. Imagine if someone walked up to you in a grocery store and asked to see your credit card, drivers license and Social Security number. You’d tell him to get lost.

“But when it’s asked for online, there are varying degrees of cooperation and it doesn’t seem as offensive to people — and it should,” Ms. Velasquez said. “We don’t treat our personal information and identity with respect. We need to treat it like the valuables that it is.”

She adds, “Our man...
For cybercriminals, the increased use of social media as a goldmine of personal data and the emerging popularity of virtual currencies (such as Bitcoin) are trends the FBI notes in an annual report that tracks cybercrime for the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center.

15 percent. How many of the nation's identity theft fraud victims are estimated to report the crime to law enforcement.

269,422. Total complaints to the FBI IC3 in 2014.

$800.05 million. Total losses reported nationwide to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center in 2014.

No. 2, Florida's rank, behind California, in the states from which the FBI received the most complaints.

$52.5 million. Florida was also second in the nation with this amount, the total dollar losses people here reported in 2014.

18,637. The number of complaints filed by Florida residents with the FBI's IC3 in 2014.

$2,817. Average loss of those in Florida who reported crimes to the FBI's IC3 in 2014.

By the numbers: The cost of cybercrime in Florida

— Source: IC3

Data Breach Incidents in the U.S. in 2014 and 2015

November 2015. Comcast reset passwords for 200,000 accounts after the data, including emails and passwords, was stolen put for sale online for just $1,000. The Washington Post reported the company blamed the breach on customers who visited malware-laden sites or were victims of other schemes that allowed hackers to obtain the data.

August 2015. A group that stole identifying information for users of Ashley Madison, a website for people pursuing extramarital affairs, released the interrupted data of thousands of users after the site was not shut down as they demanded.

June 2015. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management was hacked twice last year. The first resulted in the loss of 4.1 million records and the second resulted in the loss of 21.5 million records.

May 2015. A hack of an online IRS system on organizations whose data was stolen, which the IRS blames on Russian hackers.

April 2015. U.S. official report that hackers gained access to White House networks and sensitive information such as “real-time non-public details of the president's schedule,” through the State Department's network.

February 2015. Anthem, a U.S. health insurance company, was hacked, resulting in the theft of 80 million customers’ personally identifiable information. The information was taken from an unsecured database.

December 2014. Media reports say a major Las Vegas casino is hacked in retaliation for its owner's support for Israel.

November 2014. Sony Pictures Entertainment is hacked with malware, deleting data. The hackers also posted employees’ personal information and information about unreleased films online. An FBI investigation revealed North Korea to be behind the attack.

October 2014. U.S. Postal Service servers are hacked, exposing employees' names, addresses and Social Security numbers.

October 2014. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce is hacked, skewing the accuracy of some National Weather Service forecasts, according to NOAA.

October 2014. The Department of State reports breaches of its unclassified networks and shophousing for its unclassified email system to repair possible damage.

October 2014. Ten percent of Dairy Queen outlets are hacked and customer credit card data compromised. Like the Target hack, hackers reportedly exploited a third-party system to obtain access.


April 2014. Press reports say the several major U.S. banks, including JP Morgan Chase, were hacked, compromising information for 7.4 million accounts and 7 million small businesses.

February 2014. The contractor responsible for security clearances at the Department of Homeland Security has its networks hacked and employee personal information is compromised.

Lazard. A group known as Lizard Squad claimed responsibility for a DDoS attack on the PlayStation Network, Sony Online Entertainment and Blizzard’s video game servers.

July 2014. Hackers in Eastern Europe breached energy sectors in the U.S., Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Turkey and Poland in a major cyberespionage campaign.

— Source: IC3

Tips the season for cybercrime

Identity theft and scams spike during the gift-giving season. Here are tips to outfox high-tech "porch pirates" who use technology to find out where packages are delivered and steal them.

Security expert Gary S. Miliefsky offers tips for outfoxing porch pirates and keeping those packages safe:

• Get permission to ship all your packages to a location but say you aren't home at your doorstep for hours when anyone walks by.

• Ask a friend or neighbor to receive your packages for you.

• Always use a tracking code carried aimed on your porch. That could allow you to spot a theft as it happens and alert law enforce ment or at least provide you with video later that might help identify the criminals.

For more information

¬ Identity Theft Resource Center
¬ idtheftcenter.org
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March 2014. Cybercriminals steal 40 million credit card numbers from Target, with an additional 70 million accounts compromised.

— Source: Center for Strategic and International Studies and media reports

made, but one often cited estimate based on a study sponsored by McAfee cyber security company puts the number at $456 billion.

"That's bigger than the illegal drug trade," said Orson Scasny, a partner in the Florida-based cybersecurity firm Raffa Security. "They've had a tendency to think about this as a new beast now," said Laurel Baker, executive director of the Florida High-Tech Council. "We want all these agencies to have an evacuation plan to deal with what we're seeing." The (Federal Trade Commission) has made it much more of a cultural and training effort to monitor and block employ ees' use of social media for instance. "Although by and large what we're seeing is much more of a cultural and training based education approach to make sure where there are advances on what the implications are of posting certain information out there," he said.

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Waste Management new trucks run on compressed natural gas

Waste Management Inc. of Florida has rolled out the first of its compressed natural gas-powered waste and recycling collection trucks in Collier County. The initiative represents a local investment of more than $35 million and includes the purchase of 105 new CNG waste and recycling trucks as well as the construction of the county’s first CNG fueling station.

Waste Management has been a pioneer in the use of natural gas in its fleet since the early 1990s. The company’s North American fleet includes more than 32,000 collection and support vehicles. The company is committed to reducing the environmental impacts of the vehicles by reducing emissions and improving fuel efficiency and transitioning its fleet to natural gas. It has 4,500 of its vehicles running on natural gas and 80 fueling stations.

Over the next four years, all of Collier County’s collection trucks will be transitioned to CNG. For each diesel truck that is replaced by a CNG-powered vehicle, Waste Management reduces its consumption of diesel fuel by 8,000 gallons per year, which in turn cuts greenhouse gas emissions by 22 metric tons. Vehicles powered by CNG emit nearly zero particulate emissions, cut smog-producing nitrogen oxide emissions by 50 percent compared to the cleanest diesel trucks, are far quieter in residential neighborhoods than diesel trucks and reduce overall fuel expenses.

Converting Collier County’s fleet of collection vehicles to CNG has involved extensive site preparation, training and coordination with local first responders. Construction of the community’s first fueling station, a $1.2 million project, included the installation of a complex series of compressors to prepare the natural gas for 50 timed fill posts and fast-fill dispensers. Additional security and safety protocols on the company’s newest Compressed Natural Gas Fueled trucks to roll out.

Sheriff’s office launches holiday toy drive

The Collier County Sheriff’s Office invites everyone to help CCSO make the holidays merry and bright for some deserving Collier kids who are dealing with traumatic, life-changing events.

This year’s “Celebrate With A Star” program will benefit children assigned to the 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program in partnership with the Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida. There are more than 350 children currently living in Collier County who have been abandoned or are alleged to have been abused or neglected. Guardian ad Litem volunteers advocate for these children in the courts, the child welfare system and the community. Children in the program range from infant to 19 years in age.

Participating in “Celebrate With A Star” is easy. If you’d like to provide a gift for a child, just send an email to media@colliersheriff.org. CCSO will reply with a child’s age and his or her holiday wish. Another option is to stop by the human resources lobby at CCSO headquarters in the Collier County Government Complex, 3319 U.S. 41 East, and pick a star ornament containing a child’s wish from the holiday tree. VPK prefers for gifts to be wrapped, but will also gladly accept unwrapped items. The wish star should be securely affixed to the gift.

“Celebrate With A Star” gifts must be dropped off by Friday, Dec. 4, in the human resources lobby or at any of the following locations:

- 776 Vanderbilt Beach Road
- 4707 Golden Gate Parkway
- 8075 Lely Cultural Parkway
- 1195 CR 858, Golden Gate Estates
- 32020 U.S. 41 East, Ochopee
- 112 S. First St., Immokalee

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“Waste Management’s substantial investment in this environmentally responsible technology will benefit our community and hopefully inspire more businesses to look for more sustainable alternatives,” Collier County Manager Leo Ochs says.
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Bill was a freshman at college when he experimented with drugs and experienced a terrifying psychotic break. He believed the whole world—even his family—was against him. His distraught parents turned to the David Lawrence Center Crisis Stabilization Unit where he was kept safe and medically supervised. Bill spent the next two years working with a psychiatrist and therapist to identify and cope with these damaging thoughts so he could return to his studies.

As he nears graduation, Bill’s relationship with his family has never been stronger and his future holds endless opportunities.

Naples Nissan and St. Matthew’s House have formed a partnership that ties together automotive sales with assisting the most vulnerable segments of society. Key components of the agreement include a multi-media co-branding campaign, revenue sharing based on vehicle sales and test-drives and utilizing SMH’s food-preparation capabilities to establish a café for Naples Nissan employees and customers (which will also provide employment for SMH residents).

The partners believe the agreement could generate as much as $400,000 through 2016 to assist SMH in its mission to transform the lives of individuals facing chronic challenges including poverty, homelessness, drug addiction and lack of education and opportunity.

Under the first phase of the partnership, $200 for every vehicle sale and $20 per test drive will be allotted to SMH. “If you want to buy a car, why not go to the place where you can feed a family of four for 10 days?” says Aaron Walker, general manager of the dealership.

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Mental health is a community issue. Fortunately, there’s a community solution.

Bill is among one in four in Collier County who suffer from a mental illness. One in nine of us will experience some form of substance abuse. When a family member, friend or coworker battles a mental health or substance abuse problem, we suffer with them. Thankfully, David Lawrence Center is here for our community.

A not-for-profit organization founded and still governed by community leaders, the David Lawrence Center is the behavioral health component of our community’s healthcare network. A true local resource, it relies on donations, fees and grants to invest in the health, safety and wellbeing of our community.

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Developmental education expert to address Collier Child Care Resources symposium

Early childhood educators, directors and parents are invited to “Sensory Processing and Children’s Learning,” this year’s Early Childhood Education Symposium hosted by Collier Child Care Resources from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Hodges University in Naples.

Keynote speaker Edith Peisach, Ph.D., is a world-renowned developmental education expert with 20 years of experience. After combining her knowledge as an educator with postgraduate research in neurobiological sensory integration and kinesiology, Ms. Peisach has designed an interactive, multi-sensory program for children through age 5 to exercise their minds and bodies and become aware of the world through their senses.

“My decision to focus on early childhood stemmed from a breakthrough discovery revealing that 90 percent of the human brain develops during the first five years of life,” she says. “I wanted to make a meaningful impact on early education.”

Registration is $50 (a limited number of $25 scholarships are available). A complimentary ticket for program directors will be provided when they register two or more members of their staff. CEUs can be purchased, and certificates will be provided upon completion. Translation devices will be offered at no extra cost. Register online at collierchildcare.org. For more information, call 643-3908.

The holiday Teddy Bear Toss to collect stuffed toys for donation of Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and other area children’s charities takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, on the ice at Germain Arena during the Florida Everblades’ game against the Reading Royals. The puck drops at 7 p.m., and fans will toss their teddy bears and other soft toys into the rink following the Everblades’ first goal.

For the sixth year, Iberiabank is the event’s title sponsor.

“We collected more than 7,000 toys last year at this heart-warming event through the generosity of the Everblades fans,” says David Gordley, market president for Iberiabank. “It was priceless to accompany the players as we delivered these teddy bears to patients at the hospital. We are looking forward to another successful event and hope to top the collection of previous years.”

Game tickets can be purchased at the box office or by calling Germain Arena at 948-7825 or going to ticketmaster.com.

It’s almost time for the Teddy Bear Toss

The American Institute of Architects-Florida Southwest Chapter wraps up its fall lecture series Thursday evening, Dec. 3, at Miromar Design Center. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $25 for AIA members, $30 for others and free for students with college or high-school IDs. Cash, check, debit or credit will be accepted at the door but reservations are encouraged and can be made through Eventbrite.

The final guest speaker is Steve Dumez, principal at the New Orleans-based firm of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, which received the AIA Architecture Firm of the Year award in 2014. The multidisciplinary design studio is widely known for creating timelessly architecture, interior and urban spaces.

Mr. Dumez’s presentation, “Building Community,” will highlight his firm’s commitment to civic life and sustainability regardless of scale, budget, scope or complexity, based on the belief that creating better communities requires more than simply designing good buildings.

The lecture coincides with AIA-Florida Southwest Chapter’s annual design awards and holiday party.
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He missed ‘judgment’ class in basic training

Fort Bragg, N.C., declared an emergency on Oct. 30 when one of its soldiers had the bright idea to arrive for a Halloween party on base dressed as a suicide bomber, with realistic-looking canisters in a wired vest. Gates to the post (headquarters of Army special forces and airborne troops) immediately went into extended lockdown, and a bomb-disposal team was called. The soldier’s name was not released.

The Blackhead Whisperer: Upland, Calif., dermatologist Sandra Lee is a social media cult figure with a massive audience on YouTube, where her cyst- and pimple-popping videos (charmingly, soothingly narrated) have garnered 170 million views. (The “Popping” community, on the Reddit.com site, has more than 60,000 members.) Dr. Lee admits longing for “the perfect black-head,” which to her apparently means one that is photogenic and slides out easily from its snug epidermal home. Several “Popping” fanatics told a Washington Post reporter that watching the videos is therapy for anxiety, but one fan (a “Mr. Wilson”) apparently gets “therapy” by submitting videos of his own — unsightly — oil-laden bursts.

Police report

“Police Squad!” Lives On: (1) Hugo Castro, 28, wanted for questioning in October in San Jose, Calif., after his girlfriend was stabbed to death, helpfully presented himself at county jail. The sheriff’s deputy listened — and then suggested Mr. Castro go find a San Jose police officer. (Mr. Castro did, and the deputy was subsequently reassigned.)

(2) New Hampshire state police laid down spiked “stop sticks” in November to slow down a fleeing Joshua Bussa, 37, near Greenland, NH. Mr. Bussa was apprehended, but not before he managed to avoid the sticks while goading the drivers of three squad cars over them (flattening several tires).

Great art

Recent Architectural Triumphs: (1) A 33-year-old Frenchman erected a stone table with benches over his mother’s grave marker, so that he and friends could enjoy munchies and wine as he “talked” to her. (2) For the annual German Ruhrtriennale Festival in September, Atelier Van Lieshout created a temporary hotel structure that appeared from the street (even to the non-aroused) to be a couple having “doggy style” sex (to make a statement, a reviewer said, about “the power of humanity over the natural world”). (3) A homeowners’ association in Winter Haven, Fla., petitioned Steven Chayt to remove the 24-by-12-foot chair he had built in his backyard as an art project — especially because of the hole in the seat — making it, said one neighbor, “essentially a toilet.”

Finer points of the law

Daniel Darrington was spared a murder conviction in October even after admitting intentionally shooting Rocky Matskassy at point-blank range to “relieve his suffering.” The Melbourne, Australia, jury decided that Mr. Matskassy, in pain from an earlier accident — especially because of the hole in the seat — making it, said one neighbor, “essentially a toilet.”

Leading economic indicators

Deal a Lemon, Make Lemonade: Puerto Rico’s murder/voluntary manslaughter rate is four times higher than that in the 50 states, creating a “pool of (organ) donors in the 18-to-30 age range unmatched in the mainland,” according to an October Reuters report. Government officials hope creating a thriving transplant industry will bring Puerto Rico out of its economic doldrums by encouraging economically-poor patients to spend money on hotels, transportation and food during their stay.

Least-competent criminal

Mr. Hussain said his brother wasn’t home, and they left, but a frightened Mr. Hussain ran upstairs and began tossing 500 pounds of drugs out the window in preparation for his getaway. However, police had not yet driven away, and the first bag of a nearly $5 million stash happened to land right beside their car.
A few more World War II veterans among us

Editor’s note: We were proud to honor more than 150 local World War II veterans in our Nov. 12 edition. We knew we had not been able to reach every WWII veteran who resides in Collier County — far from it — but we certainly didn’t mean to omit these five veterans whose names and photographs we had in hand. Our apologies. And our thanks.

— Cindy Pierce

Charles Cortright, 91
■ Hometown: Bronx, N.Y.
■ Branch of military: Navy
■ Rank/position: Ensign
■ Stationed: Pacific Theater, Battle of Okinawa

Albert Gonzalez, 90
■ Branch of military: Army
■ Rank: Staff Sergeant
■ Stationed: Fort Knox, Ky.

Michael Jordanek, 98
■ Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
■ Branch of military: 398th Military Police Battalion
■ Rank: Technician 4th Class
■ Stationed: England, France

Dr. Louis Moore, 92
■ Hometown: Thomasville, Ga.
■ Branch of military: Army
■ Rank/position: Captain
■ Stationed: Germany

William Zartman, 91
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of your friends, you don’t greet someone with a handshake at Farm City BBQ, you greet them with a big old hug. The pressures of having a management or leadership role are taken away for one day when you get this opportunity to network and have a great time.”

Jean’s, boots and cowboy hats are the most appropriate attire of the day.

Event chair Stephanie Kissinger has wrangled several elected officials to serve, including State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo, Naples City Councilman Sam Saad and Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk. “All of the titles and stuff are stripped down when you interact with the people there,” Ms. Kissinger says about the event she’s been attending for 14 years.

Guests will descend on Camp Discovery for a traditional lunch of grilled steak, corn on the cob, baked beans and “Immokalee salad,” a dish of roughly chopped veggies and sides. Produce and Russell’s Clambakes provide the meat; Lipman Produce and Russell’s Clambakes provide veggies and sides.

While its main objective is to foster relationships among Collier’s business and farming communities, the Farm City BBQ also benefits the coffers of local youth development organizations. This year’s beneficiaries are the Collier County 4-H Foundation, Youth Leadership Collier, the Collier County Junior Deputies League and Key Club International. Over the past few years, Farm City BBQ has donated more than $250,000 to community organizations. The Collier County Junior Deputies League has used funds from past barbecues to upgrade its site and enable it to host this year’s event.

“It’s an exciting thing when you complete that circle,” Ms. Woolley says about Camp Discovery being this year’s host site.

Naples native Casey Weston, who competed on the first season of “The Voice,” will entertain this year. Her father, Dave Weston, has a long history of participating in the barbecue and was one of the first to step up when organizers added sponsorship opportunities. Farm City BBQ tickets are $20 and can be purchased at farmcitybbq.com. For more information, call 571-3174 or visit the website.
GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ The Quarry hosts the second annual 5K Run/Walk for the Warriors at 7 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, to benefit Wounded Warriors of South Florida. Awards and continental breakfast follow the race at 9 a.m. $35 pre-registration required, military person- nel $15, 9795 Kayak Drive. Email Awest@ hamptongolfclubs.com for more information or sign up at runsignup.com.

■ The annual Gobble Gobble Four Miler to benefit St. Matthew’s House sets out at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at The Vil- lage on Venetian Bay and will feature four events: the 1-mile walk/run, the competitive chip-timed run, a 4-mile walk/run and a children’s dash. For more information or to register, visit gobblegobblefournimiler.com.

■ Gulf Coast Runners hosts its third annual Thanksgiving 5K starting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at Cambier Park. The route winds through downtown Naples and will feature four events: the 5K run/walk, the 2-mile walk/run, the 4-mile walk/run and a children’s dash. For more information or to register, visit gobblegobblefourmiler.com.

■ The Hardwig Family hosts the third annual Scramble for Sarah at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the district’s adminis- trative campus on Osceola Drive, where a health fair and family yoga class will also be held. Proceeds benefit the district’s health and wellness initiatives for students. Reg- istration is $10-$50. Call 377-0219 or email morsell@ccps.k12.fl.us.

■ Collier County Public Schools hosts the inaugural CCAPS 5K Walk-Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the district’s adminis- trative campus on Osceola Drive, where a health fair and family yoga class will also be held. Proceeds benefit the district’s health and wellness initiatives for students. Reg- istration is $10-$50. Call 377-0219 or email morsell@ccps.k12.fl.us.

■ Girls on the Run of Collier County hosts the second annual Reindeer Run 5K starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Com- munity School of Naples. Holiday attire encouraged. Participants will be greeted with hot cocoa, candy canes and Santa Claus at the finish line. Registration is $5-$80. Call 777-3720 or visit gotrcc.org.

■ The seventh annual Baby Basics Walking Challenge sets out Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at North Naples Regional Park. Participants can choose routes from 1.5 to 6 miles. Brunch will be served after the walk. Online registration starts at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information or to sign up, call 382-4380 or visit baby- basicscollier.org.

■ Harry Chapin Food Bank of South- west Florida hosts the 2016 WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk on Saturday morning, Jan. 6, at Miromar Outlets. The 2-mile, non-competitive family and pet- friendly walk is the organization’s biggest fundraiser to feed children, families, seniors and others through the food bank’s net- work of 150 partner agencies. Supporters are encouraged to form teams to raise money for the cause. Same-day registration is at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to regis- ter, call 382-4380 or visit harrychapinfund- bank.org.

■ TD Bank Naples hosts the 10th annual Bike, Brunch & Family Festival at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Lowdermilk Park. The event features several bike rides, a walk down Fifth Avenue South, a dog parade, kids activities and more. Several registration types are available, including a family pack- age that is $70-$85. Registration for rides is $40-$60 and the parade is $15-$20. Proceeds benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition. For more information or to register, call 777-7738 or visit naplespathwayscoalition.org.

■ Make-A-Wish Southern Florida hosts the sixth annual Walk for Wishes 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The certified, timed 5K will be followed by family activities at 9 a.m. with food, face painting, a rock wall, games, exhibits and more. Pre-registration is $25 for adults, $15 for children and $10 for children 13 years and younger. Event- day registration, which starts at 7:30 a.m., is $30, $20 and $15. For more information or to register, call 992-9474 or visit walkforwishes. com.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Educators are invited to bring orchids from their collections. The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets Thursday, Nov. 19, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 409-9931. For more information, visit gulfocestorchidalliance.com.

The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay and/or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Naples United Church of Christ, 2200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

The Big Cypress Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Country Club of Naples. In addition to a program about DAR schools, the chapter will honor Lavern Norris Gaynor with the DAR Community Service Award. DAR members and guests are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 455-7295. For more information about DAR, visit DAR.org.

The Naples Press Club Book Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. From 4-7:30 p.m., 20 club members will sign their works and discuss what inspired their works. A portion of the day’s sales will benefit the club’s Terrence J. Miller Scholarship Fund for aspiring journalism students.

The Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples Community in North Naples. The next meetings are Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dritchie@comcast.net.

The Democratic Women’s Club of Collier County welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is Nov. 21. Email dwpresident@gmail.com.

The Solo Women Travel Group, an organization for women, meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Nov. 24 and Dec. 8. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer’s disease and Down syndrome.

The Gulf Breeze Button Club meets at 10:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Dec. 1. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6437.
CLUB NOTES

Tech4Good SWFL holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Flickr, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools.

Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

The Naples chapter of Ikebana International meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the FGCU Research Center at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. Admission is free. There will be a full ginza or marketplace with Ikebana materials. Non-members are asked to email Ikebananaples@gmail.com to RSVP. For more information about the organization, visit ikebananaples.com.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Dec. 2.

EAA The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters world-wide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Dec. 13. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa10670.com.

The Naples Christian Women's Connection hosts a luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Quail Creek Country Club. Guest speaker and former B&B owner Penny Jordan will present “How to Show Hospitality to Friends and Strangers.” Pianist Lisa Valezquez, harpist Laurie Lou Roth and the Shirelles will entertain with Christmas music. Cost is $28. Call 514-2207 or email cwcnaples@gmail.com to make a reservation.

The Naples Music Club holds its annual holiday party starting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Bonita Bay Club in Bonita Springs. A performance by student musician scholarship winners will follow cocktails and dinner. Tickets are $50. For reservations or more information, call 384-9205 or visit naplesmusicclub.org.

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Districts and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 889-8268.

The Greater Naples Branch of AAUW holds its holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on December 12, at Hodges University. For more information, visit aauwnh.org.

The Naples Buckeyes invite alumni and friends of Ohio State University to the club’s annual Naples Bay Christmas Boat Parade the evening of Saturday, December 12, aboard the Double Sunshine. Cost is $40 and includes food and fun.

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The Florida Poetry Club invites writers and admirers of poetry to its open mic programs from 4-5 p.m. at The Norris Center on the following Mondays: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 14. Poets should bring three to five of their original poems. After the session, all are welcome to join the group for dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of the center. For more information, call (440) 554-4144 or email formulawriting@hotmail.com.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church for a presentation of “In the Shadows of Glory,” a one-woman play about Mary Todd Lincoln, written and presented by local actress Janina Birtolo. Through her extensive research, Ms. Birtolo has crafted a story that highlights the First Lady’s achievements, her stumbles and her challenge to society’s view of how a female ought to behave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For reservations or more information, call Madonna Crame at (248) 455-7295 or visit thegesc.org.

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Local alumni of the University of Massachusetts have reserved a block of seats for the UMass vs. Florida Gulf Coast University basketball game Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at FGCU’s Alico Arena. All UMass fans and alumni are welcome to attend a pre-game reception before the Minutemen meet the Eagles on the court. Tickets are $10. For reservations or more information, email Diana Scandifio Nevin at diananickle@comcast.net.

Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta in the Naples area meet for lunch and conversation on the second Monday of each month. More information is available by calling 239-642-0541. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynne@nordhoff@gmail.com.

The Southwest Florida Wisconsin Club holds its holiday luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Vanderbilt Country Club. Pianist Jodie DeSalvo, who performs at Arts—Naples in the winter season and at Birch Creek Music School in Door County, Wis., every summer, will entertain. All are welcome, especially current and former Wisconsin natives.

Admission is $28. Reservations are required by Dec. 7 and can be made by calling 254-8812. The club meets on the second Monday of the month at various locations. New members are always welcome.

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Coastal Chess clubs in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@kellerpublishing.com or visit chess7.net.

The Bridge Club of Naples has its home at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church at the northeast corner of Airport-Pulling and Orange Blossom Roads. Duplicate games begin at 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday throughout the year; novice games are played weekly through April. All games are ACBL sanctioned. For more information, call head teacher and club director Guy Germer at 940-4205 or email guygermer@gmail.com.

The Naples Model Yacht Club welcomes all who love to race radio-controlled model sailboats following the Racing Rules of Sailing that are used by full-scale boats. Membership in the American Model Yacht Association is required. Many club members are former owners of sailboats who still love to race, but don’t want the hassle of maintaining a full-sized boat. Club headquarters are at North Collier Regional Park, at the pond just south of Sun ‘n Fun Water Park. The club races five classes, each on its own day of the week. Monthly membership meetings also take place at the pond. Visit naplesmyc.org.

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Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic enforcement deputies will be the week of Nov. 23-27:

**Monday, Nov. 23**
Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-light running

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**
Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Speeding

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**
23rd Avenue SW. and 49th Terrace SW: Speeding
Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running
Collier Boulevard at I-75 southbound exit: Aggressive Driving

**Thursday, Nov. 26**
Immokalee Road and Randall Boulevard: Speeding
Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running
U.S. 41 East and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding
Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling road: Red-light running

**Friday, Nov. 27**
Goodlette-Frank Road: Aggressive driving
Bay Island Road and Randall Boulevard: Speeding
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Pond Apple Road: Red-light running
Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving

**Monday, Nov. 30**
Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
Goodlette-Frank Road: Speeding

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**
U.S. 41 North and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Speeding

**Wednesday, Dec. 1**
Goodlette-Frank Road and Sanibel Boulevard: Speeding
Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running

**Thursday, Dec. 2**
Airport-Pulling Road: Aggressive driving
S. W. 11th Avenue: Speeding

**Friday, Dec. 3**
Lakeside Road and 16th Street: Aggressive driving

**Saturday, Dec. 4**
Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running

**Sunday, Dec. 5**
Golden Gate Parkway and Golden Gate Boulevard: Speeding
Bay Island Road and Randall Boulevard: Speeding

**Monday, Dec. 6**
Making friends with the carpool lane during peak times can be a savvy and practical way to save time and money. It’s a win-win situation for those who are willing to share the road with others.

BEHIND THE WHEEL
Chevrolet Silverado Z71 Midnight Edition is dark seduction

The pickup truck at right doesn’t lack appeal, but it is looking for someone gutsy enough to use it for its intended purposes. This Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Midnight Edition Z71 is dripping with the kind of premium black sleekness that looks like they moved Midnight from the Everglades. The question is do you have the courage to take those expensive, glossy black wheels into deep, gritty mud?

The popularity explosion of trucks and large SUVs over the past couple of decades is no accident. As people began to discover they enjoyed riding high on the road, the automakers responded with more car-like features such as more interior room and car-like steering. All of this upgrading leads to exterior packages like this one that makes a Silverado look as aggressive as a Corvette.

But beneath all of this flash there’s still a vehicle that can be measured in “workloads.” The Midnight Edition option costs $1,800, but it comes in a larger package that includes chunky Goodyear Wrangler DuraTrac off-road tires, Z71 off-road suspension, and a spray-in bedliner. This might seem the right recipe for a great off-road work truck, but once all the minimum packaging requirements (cab, engine, chassis, etc) are met, any Midnight Edition pickup starts above $43K. In fact, most found at dealers will be loaded like our tester with a $4K drivetrain, touchscreen Bose stereo, and/or Chevrolet’s 420hp/460lb-ft V8 motor. Those options and many more pushed our test vehicle to $56,865.

That’s a polarizing line. After all, it will be tough to spend that much on something you plan to develop dents, dings, and gouges during the workday. But there are also many people who want the toughest looking pickup on the streets, and they love that this one comes straight from Chevy.

A four-wheel drive truck can be versatile in the right hands. In Florida we have soft sand, slippery boat ramps, off-road parks, and other great reasons to own a 4x4 pickup. But are you willing to do all of these activities in a $50K+ vehicle?

This is where Chevrolet actually seems to have put some well-placed thought behind its packaging. Our four-wheel drive Silverado also comes with the optional Autotrac transfer case. This engages the 4x4 capabilities through the simple turn of a knob on the dashboard. More importantly, there is also an “Auto” setting.

The true 4x4 comes with a part-time system that allows the driver to lock all four wheels into high and low depending on torque needs. This is indispensable for achieving industrial-sized tasks but not practical for highway driving. Conversely, all-wheel drive vehicles use computers and couplings to have the flexibility to keep a car moving with the best grip at any speed, but they lack the stump-pulling power of a true 4x4.

This is important to know because Chevrolet’s Autotrac is a valuable mid-point between 4x4 and AWD. Drivers can choose to have the vehicle in rear-wheel drive, 4WD Lo, 4WD Hi, and an Auto mode that detects slipping like an AWD vehicle. In practical terms, this means the person who falls in love with the look of this Midnight Edition pickup can get real versatility. This buyer might only occasionally visit a boat ramp, but when a random summer downpour hits, switching this Silverado into Auto mode can make it as adaptable as a Subaru.

This isn’t a perfect world. The infinitely powerful but thirsty 5.6-liter V8 drinks even more fuel anytime all four wheels are engaged. While Autotrac is a standout feature in any Silverado, this is not an industry exclusive. The system is available on the General Motors twin GMC Sierra, and Ram’s “On-Demand" is a comparable transfer case. Plus, many of the truck-based SUVs have similar options available.

So where does all that leave our beautiful but black and expensive special edition Silverado? Chevrolet is limiting the Midnight Edition to only 5,000 examples. So, its “future classic” potential can be the rational motivation behind customers seduced by the sleek-but-tough appearance. For these people, the Autotrac 4x4 is a worthwhile upgrade to maximize practicality. Now the only remaining drawback is owning a good-looking and versatile pickup means everybody else will want you to tow their toys in style.
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People who practiced yoga or took natural products (dietary supplements other than vitamins and minerals) were more likely to do so for wellness reasons than to treat a specific health condition, according to analysis of data from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. Yoga users reported the most positive health benefits, compared to users of natural products and spinal manipulation. The analysis by the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health was published in a National Health Statistics Report by the National Center for Health Statistics.

“Though yoga seems to play the biggest role, people who use a variety of complementary health approaches reported better well-being,” said Josephine P. Briggs, M.D., director of NCCIH. “This may suggest that people perceive more wellness benefit when they are actively involved in their health, for example by practicing yoga. More research is needed to better understand the ways yoga and other approaches impact overall health.”

The NHIS is an annual study in which thousands of Americans are interviewed about their health- and illness-related experiences. The 2012 NHIS asked participants about their use of complementary health approaches and whether they used them to treat a specific health condition or for any of five wellness-related reasons. Participants were also asked whether this use led to any of nine desirable health-related outcomes. The survey results are based on data from 34,525 adults aged 18 and older.

This analysis provides estimates of selected wellness-related reasons for and outcomes from the use of three complementary health approaches: natural product supplements; yoga; and spinal manipulation. Yoga users were much more likely than users of other approaches to report specific wellness-related outcomes, such as feeling better emotionally. They were also the most likely to report exercising more, eating better, and cutting back on alcohol and cigarettes. While the analysis did not show why yoga users reported greater wellness, more than 70 percent of yoga users reported a “focus on the whole person — mind, body and spirit” as a reason for practicing yoga. Specific findings of the analysis included:

- “General wellness or disease prevention” was the most common wellness-related reason for use of each of the three approaches.
- More than two-thirds of users of all three health approaches reported that their use improved their overall health and made them feel better.
- Nearly two-thirds of yoga users reported that as a result of practicing yoga they were motivated to exercise more regularly, and four in 10 reported they were motivated to eat healthily.
- More than 80 percent of yoga users reported reduced stress as a result of practicing yoga.
- Although dietary supplement users were twice as likely to report wellness rather than treatment as a reason for taking supplements, fewer than one in four reported reduced stress, better sleep, or feeling better emotionally as a result of using dietary supplements.
- More than 60 percent of those using spinal manipulation reported doing so to treat a specific health condition, and more than 50 percent did so for general wellness or disease prevention.

“The NHIS is the principle source of health information on U.S. adults. Our results suggest that complementary health approaches may play an important role in promoting positive health behaviors, including those we know impact chronic conditions,” said Barbara Stussman, statistician for NCCIH and author of the analysis.

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Physicians Regional offers free seminars

Here’s what’s coming up at Physicians Regional Medical Center:


■ Bariatric Support Group — 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 8300 Collier Blvd:

Pull up a chair for yoga

Chair yoga classes at the East Naples Library take place from 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Friday. Jean Erbbaum, a master registered yoga teacher and the author of “Sit With Less Pain,” leads the series of stretches that are done on a chair or with the support of a chair. The workout provides a good stretch and strengthening for muscles, moves for bone strength and balance, release for the joints, relaxation and yoga breathing.

Lunch ‘n’ learn for visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites visually impaired people and their caregivers to a brown bag lunch program from 12-1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse headquarters, 2065 Horseshoe Drive S. Guest speakers discuss various aspects of life with and treatments for visual impairment.

Struggling with a medical challenge?

The Mental Health Association of South-West Florida holds a free, bi-monthly support group for people who are struggling with medical challenges. Meetings are from 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at MHASWFL headquarters, 2335 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. The next sessions are Dec. 1 and 15.

Victoria Elkins, a licensed clinical social worker and a member of the NCH Bioethics Committee, facilitates the session. The goal of the support group is to help members understand and process their treatment options so they will become empowered to voice their decisions with their family and their care team. Those who take an active role in their treatment often express a higher level of satisfaction with their care and experience less emotional distress, Ms. Elkins explains.

For more information about this or other regular support groups offered by MHASWFL for veterans, those with depression, transgender men and women and more, call 450-9314. For more information about Lighthouse of College, visit lighthouseofcollier.org.

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blood pressure could be an early warning for diabetes or hypertension and would suggest a change in diet and exercise before starting medications.

Our goal in health care is early recognition, before illness strikes. We don’t simply analyze the vast amount of data that could be turned into valuable information and knowledge. Early recognition will lead to better outcomes with less cost.

So, too, consumerism in health care is being fueled by the Internet, where transparency and higher insurance deductibles motivate potential patients to shop for better value (defined as quality divided by cost). You can take a DIY strep test and share pictures of a rash or skin lesion online via a number of telehealth services. Instead of waiting days or weeks to see a physician in a traditional office, Internet visits for low-acuity care can be accomplished in minutes — and they cost less than an office visit.

Indeed, telehealth holds the prospect of the kind of power shift from health care providers to consumers that Amazon has presented to consumers in many ways. Its goal is to harness it for the better world. At NCH, we believe that thinking forward, being innovative and embracing change will help all of us live longer, happier and healthier lives.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.
Pets get a ticket to ride

The Siberian's coat sheds heavily in spring and fall and requires regular brushing year-round. His luxurious fur coat comes in all colors and combinations. Siberians have a reputation for being hypoallergenic, but that varies by individual. Some are more aller-genic than others. Try before you buy.

Love cats, tea and yoga? If you're in the city by the bay (San Francisco, natch), all your interests converge at K'etta, the city's first cat cafe, located at 96 Gough St. in Hayes Valley. The relaxing space is dedicated to enriching the interactions between humans and adoptable felines from Wonder Cat Rescue. Enjoy Friday “mewvies” featuring flicks such as “Bell, Book and Candle” with mind-reading cat Pyewacket, unlimited tea and a dessert; or practice yoga with cats on Monday and Thursday evenings, with a 90-minute flow and restorative class followed by 30 minutes of tea and cat time. Meowvelous!

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THE DIVA DIARIES

As if another reason to despise air travel were needed ...

Hurling through the air at 40,000 feet in an airless, claustrophobic metal tube is no picnic for your diva. It is well documented that I am not simply uncomfortable with flying and that I do not just dislike being in an airplane, but that I despise air travel. Not only is it terrifying — you can explain to me a million times about the science of how jets manage to get in the air and stay in the air (blah, blah, blah); it doesn’t matter; it’s still black magic to me — but it’s also miserable, especially if you find yourself seated next to a fellow who is manspreading.

Yes, “manspreading” is not only a word, it’s a thing.

A couple of weeks ago, when I was flying back from Dayton, Ohio, where I enjoyed a delightful weekend of beautiful autumn weather and my fabulous family, I had the misfortune of encountering a manspreader on my connection from Atlanta to Southwest Florida. I had a few minutes to myself, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable, I read a magazine, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable, I read a magazine, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable, I read a magazine, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable, I read a magazine, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable, I read a magazine, so to make the act of turning pages page more enjoyable.

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After 30 minutes of silent seething, I decided to sit exactly as he was sitting. When we bumped knees and elbows, surely he would see the error of his spreading. And yet, nope. The physical contact didn’t appear to ruffle him a bit. I Googled “manspreading” on my iPad (WiFi also helps to make the time go faster in the airless tube) and discovered that it’s a huge problem, especially in the New York subways, where there aren’t even in-flight restroom separations for the spreaders from their victims. Via plenty of online articles, it seems the consensus from men who feel entitled to spread is that keeping their knees closer together makes their boy places feel “cramped.”

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What we can learn from Valeant’s dubious rise

I would wager that the majority of people reading this column have never heard of the drug company Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. To be honest, I never heard of it either until a few months ago, despite it being the largest publicly traded company in Canada and the owner of popular brands like Bausch & Lomb. In addition, the company experienced an awe-inspiring run, trading at around $15 a share in 2010 to more than $250 a share this year. But in the past month, the company has almost completely collapsed and now trades at around $75 per share, losing more than $50 billion of market value. Why am I bringing this up? I believe the rise and fall of this company can give us value insight into the stock market and teach us several critical lessons about investing and corporate finance in general.

Being in the pharmaceutical business is not easy. Research and development are off-the-charts expensive, with most compounds failing to achieve the goals set for them. And even when drugs are successful, you have to deal with insurance companies as well as the FDA and then, before you know it, your patent expires and you have to compete with a generic substitute. As a result, most pharmaceutical firms are slow-growth, value companies that are favored by retirees. So how did Valeant skyrocket from $15 to $250 in less than five years? Well, the CEO, an ex-consultant, came up with a new strategy for the struggling drug company. First, he decided that research and development did not provide a good return on investment, so he cut that department to the bone. So how would the company bring new products to market? Its strategy would be to buy other drug companies that owned the rights to various medicines. Valeant would then cut costs at those companies and raise the prices of those drugs. It would do so over and over again, using its quickly rising stock to fund these purchases.

Hedge funds fell in love with Valeant as the company blew away earnings quarter after quarter and its earnings skyrocketed. And as the price of the stock rose, its currency, which it used to buy other companies, became more valuable, which made its acquisitions even more accretive, which drove the stock even higher and a positive vicious circle fed upon itself. Until one day in late September a struggling Democratic politician, trying to court voters, tweeted that if she was elected president that she would crack down on drug companies that unfairly raised prices.

All of a sudden, Valeant’s main business model was being called into question and the stock sold off dramatically. Then, a few weeks later, a stock research company indicated that some parts of Valeant’s sales channels were booking artificial revenue to boost earnings and its share price. The research company even compared Valeant to Enron. The stock absolutely collapsed as hedge funds dumped the stock at any price.

So what can we learn from Valeant’s rise and fall that can help us in our everyday investing? First, corporate leadership does matter when investing in a company. It should have been very telling that Valeant chose an ex-McKinsey consultant and not a chemist or scientist to run the firm. It should therefore not have been a surprise that mergers and acquisition were much more important than research and development at Valeant. Second, a company cannot survive on financial engineering. It actually has to make a better widget to survive in the long run. Both large and small companies in history have thought they could be successful simply by utilizing complex financial structures to ‘game’ the markets and some of these have worked in the short run. But there always has been an unforeseen event that unraveled these plans and left financial ruin in their wake. Beware of companies that aren’t focused on their customers or rely totally on acquisition strategies to achieve their growth.

Finally, Valeant shows that “smart money” isn’t always so smart. Smart money usually refers to large hedge funds that are run by very intelligent investors using complex computer models. Many assume that these brains deserve the ridiculously high compensation they receive because their analytics enable them to “beat” the market. But all of these funds piled into Valeant as it was shooting higher and almost all lost their shirts on the way down. Only now are many doing the due diligence regarding Valeant’s structure and strategy that they should have been doing before they made their investments.

So what does the future hold for Valeant? Without its high-flying stock price, its currency to make accretive acquisitions is nonexistent. And its ability to raise prices on its products is limited because of threatened government action. The questions now are whether these pressures are short-term or long-term and can the company weather the next few months. Or will the hunter become the huntee and be acquired by another drug company? It will be an interesting story to watch.

— Eric Bretan, co-owner of Rick’s Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 25 years at several global banks.

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who catch the fish we eat from gulf waters remain an unlisted but significant endangered species themselves, they say.

As for the quality of fish in what some times seems to be increasingly polluted waters, it’s not always the case. They say.

“Things have been challenging (in recent years) for the fishers as well as fed fish such as crab and oysters,” he explains.

Their harvest cycles have been up and down over time. But over the last five years the decline has not been related to stress. Or to the (Deepwater Horizon) oil spill of 2010.”

East of Pensacola, he says, “the effects of the oil spill are somewhere between negligible and none.”

While this is not true in Louisiana where the fisheries were hammered by oil, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico oil has not been a factor, just wild-caught fish from other pollutions or excess fresh water with its resulting red tides, algae blooms or weakened natural hatcheries, along with the downturn of the economy in recent years, has put tremendous pressure on small family fishers. (Professor Kane uses the word “fishers” because some are women.)

“The stress levels for them are difficult — it’s a crazy way of life,” he notes. “But some of the fisheries are rebounding, and fishers are smart and resilient by nature. They can adapt.”

Mr. Barnhill agrees, although he and his father quit fishing in the mid-1990s for a while, a government net ban hugely supported by sports fishing lobbyists put many fishermen out of business.

To get by, the family began raising chickens. But after two or three years of that, they’d had enough and returned to fishing, concentrating on stone crabs.

By last year with the declining decline in crabs, he joined a stone crab advisory panel to state government, hoping to protect the industry from regulations that could strangle it, he says.

“What’s unbelievable is that now they’re talking about putting in a pole-and-shoal (regulation) down the whole coast, or along the west wall in Charlotte Harbor,” he says.

That would mean fisherfolk could either pole their boats, or troll — but no outboard motors would be allowed.

Meanwhile, one of the biggest problems in the fishing economy is misrepresentation of imported fish, Mr. Barnhill says.

For example, grouper caught in Mexico or brought up from the Bahamas is often sold in retail shops as fresh American or Southwest Florida-caught fish. “It’s 100 percent illegal but nothing gets done about it,” he insists.

And then retail sellers sometimes put the imported fish next to his crabs, advertising them as fresh Southwest Florida Colossal, and implying that other fish are fresh from the local gulf, as well.

None of which hurts the restaurateurs selling stone crabs, because the market supports seemingly stratospheric prices in their restaurants. At the famous Joe’s Stone Crabs in Miami Beach, for example, the current menu offers the house special under “Classics,” like this: “Individual order: $190.00 worth of seafood. 1/2 whole fish, 1/2 whole crab, 1/2 whole lobster, 12 oysters, 12 clams, 12 mussels (a $290.00 value).”

To get the crabs (again, three large) alone at the bar for $35.95, or you can waltz in and grab an order of any size you want, chilled with just mustard sauce for $290.05 (medium), $42.95 (select), $59.05 (large), or $89.05 (jumbo). Add $10.05 “for the plane.” (Don’t despair: if you find yourself short on cash you can still sit at Joe’s and order a half of fried chicken for $6.95.)

This may be part of the reason Joe’s ranked No. 2 among the top-grossing restaurants in the United States last year, reporting $8.5 million in annual sales.

Mr. Barnhill and his ilk will not see even a hint of that kind of money, except in their dreams.

He summarizes his economics this way: for his 45-foot boat or his father’s just to leave the dock, the cost is $1,100, he says — that’s with three crew members.

What they face when they come back from a trip is a price index for crabs that’s gotten out of hand in recent years, he says. “As wholesalers, when the price gets up so high, I’m not making money. In the past, if we could make $3 a pound we were happy. But now we’re making $1 to $2 a pound, and it costs a buck-and-a-quarter to process it, so realistically I’m doing it for about nothing. I pay the boats $8 a pound for medium stone crab, $14 a pound for large stone crab, and I sell them to the next guy for $36. He’s trying to get two or three bucks, so he gets $19 or $20 a pound, for product.

“So now the restaurant sells it for $40, $50 or $60. The market can beat us down so we can’t pay for the boat, and the restaurateurs never drop their prices.”

That cuts out many consumers, too.

“Right now, you gotta be rich to go to a restaurant and eat stone crabs,” Mr. Barnhill points out.

Joy Hazell, a faculty member at the University of Florida’s IFAS and the Sea Grant extension agent in Lee County, uses the term “perfect storm” to describe factors affecting the commercial fishing business, a storm that includes the choices consumers make.

“More than 90 percent of the fish we eat are imported,” she explains.

“We are importing less expensive shrimp, farm-raised shrimp, tilapia, catfish, and exporting our high dollar product: mullet roe, lobster, salmon from the Pacific, tuna, and so on. So you have competition from imports.”

Additionally, she says, Americans still don’t eat as much fish at home as they could and probably should. 75 percent is consumed in restaurants.

Meanwhile, “the U.S. is doing a really good job at managing their fisheries, and because of that and increased regulations, American seafood prices are higher.”

For 45 years a full-time shrimper who has to put turtle exclusion devices into your nets, which increase drag and reduce catch, and you have to do all these regulations, and then you get high gas prices, and low-cost imports, you could be in trouble.”

With consumers, she adds, the average buyer might just look at price, and choose a $5.05-per-pound tilapia over a $20 a pound fresh, wild-caught grouper.

Not only that, “But you have the conversion of waterfront, and in some places taxes are highest and best use, so working waterfront fishing businesses are competing with condos.”

And they can’t, which is all part of the reason there is now a worrisome decline in family fishing.

“My opinion?” she says: “I think the United States needs to think about this differently.”

That means consumers as well as regulators of both the fishery and imports.

Fishermen might do something for themselves, as well, she suggests.

“The local food movement, from farm to table, seems to be growing. But I don’t think fisherman have gotten on that bandwagon, yet.”

It might be simply a matter of marketing. The message is: “Simple: Buy and eat fresh local fish.”

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To avoid running out of money in retirement, it’s important not to withdraw too much of your nest egg too soon. Deciding on your optimal withdrawal rate is tricky, though.

A famous report by three Trinity University professors who studied stocks and bonds from 1926 through 1995 concluded that annual withdrawal rates of 3 percent and 4 percent could exhaust a wide range of stock and bond portfolios over periods from 15 years to 30 years. They also noted that owning bonds decreases the likelihood of going broke for lower to midlevel withdrawal rates, but having at least a 50 percent allocation to stocks is best for most retirees.

It’s tempting to stick with 3 percent, to be on the safe side, but if your nest egg is, say, $400,000, that will only generate $12,000 in annual income. So recommend heftier withdrawal rates, such as 6 percent — which would generate $24,000 in this example — to avoid depleting your account at market drop could end up depleting your coffers too soon.

To My Dumbest Investment

Name That Company

I trace my roots to an 1851 glass company. In 1879 I developed a glass bulb for Thomas Edison’s new electric lamp. I illuminated streets, sidewalks and homes in the late 1990s. I’m based in New York and my holdings combine vehicle parts, domestic and industrial glass, and household products. I’m a leader in the security and transportation sectors. If you can identify me, I’ll announce it in next week’s edition.

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First-time buyers fall again in NAR buyer/seller survey

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The share of first-time buyers declined for the third consecutive year and remained at its lowest point in nearly three decades as the overall strengthening pace of home sales over the past year was driven more by repeat buyers with dual incomes, according to an annual survey by the National Association of Realtors. The survey additionally found that nearly 90 percent of all respondents worked with a real estate agent to buy or sell a home, which pushed for-sale-by-owner transactions to their lowest share ever. The 2015 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers continues a long-running series of large national NAR surveys evaluating the demographics, preferences, motivations, plans and experiences of recent home buy ers and sellers. Results are representative of owner-occupants and do not include investors or vacation homes.

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2355 Butterfly Palm Drive, Naples

Ready to live in one of the best neighborhoods in North Naples! This Saturnia Lakes gem has a gracious, spacious floor plan that boasts large living and dining rooms, a kitchen with breakfast bar and breakfast nook and an expansive family room. The kitchen has natural wood cabinets, granite counters and large pantry. There is also a first-floor guest room with full bath. The gigantic master suite features a sitting area, his-and-her closets and a large bath with double vanities and soaking tub. This home has just been freshly painted, and has tile throughout the first floor and rich, upgraded carpeting in bedrooms. Saturnia Lakes features great amenities: in fact, this home is just a short walk to the community pool and sports center. The property is listed at $495,000 by Waterfront Realty Group, waterfrontherealtynaples-fl.com.

1688 McGregor Reserve Drive, Fort Myers

This stunning estate home was a former award-winning model in McGregor Reserve. It has a spacious, open floor plan with volume ceilings and lots of upgrades. The gourmet kitchen with an island and shaker-style cabinetry, granite counters, tumbled tile backsplash, wall oven/cooktop and double-door refrigerator. Beautiful wood flooring is complemented with block tile on the diagonal, custom window treatments and much more. A lushly landscaped yard on well irrigation comes with an avocado tree and great view of the canal. There is a separate garage that can be used as a workshop or studio. The community has lanias, sidewalks, a pool and barbeque area, and with an excellent location near everything, this residence is move-in ready. The property is listed at $495,000 by RE/MAX Realty Group, remax.com.

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Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, at $495,000 by John R. Wood Properties, johnrwood.com.
Downing-Frye opens new Naples office

Locally owned Downing-Frye Realty Inc. has opened an additional real estate sales office in Naples. The office in the former Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce building at 3620 Tamiami Trail N. becomes the firm’s third realty office with visibility along the U.S. 41 corridor, joining the firm’s existing realty offices at 180 Ninth Street S. in downtown Naples and at 25421 Walden Center Drive in Bonita Springs.

“We have multiple office locations throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs areas,” says Mike Hughes, vice president/general manager of the agency. “Our newest Naples area office is across the street from our former headquarters of many years and nicely fills in a gap that we had between the downtown Naples and Bonita offices.” Visitors to the new office will find a variety of information about new and existing properties for sale as well as rental properties, plus tourism-related visitor information.

Mr. Hughes also notes that the office will accommodate growth as more agents join the brokerage. “In 2015, more than 195 real estate agents have joined Downing-Frye Realty, making it one of the stronger years for recruiting in recent years,” he says.

The Downing-Frye name has been a fixture in the Southwest Florida real estate industry since 1961.

Lots released for building in Tuscany Pointe

The Southwest Florida division of D.R. Horton has released three new home plans and additional lots for building in its Tuscany Pointe community in North Naples. Two professionally decorated models are open for viewing.

Near the corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and Collier Boulevard, Tuscany Pointe offers one- and two-story homes from 1,983 to 3,609 square feet of living space. Prices start at $369,990.

The one-story Ashbury model home features a kitchen that opens to the great room and lanai, perfect for casual entertaining and family time, and a separate dining room for more formal gatherings. This 2,431-square-foot home has three bedrooms, three baths, an optional pool bath, a den, and a two-car garage. The two-story Silverton has five bedrooms, 3½ baths and an expansive loft. A spacious kitchen and great room form the heart of the 3,609 feet of living space.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the models in Tuscany Pointe, call 225-2679. Visit drhorton.com/swfla for more information.

Sales center underway for Pelican Bay high-rise

Gulf Bay Group of Companies has started construction on the sales center for Mystique, the new, 21-story ultra-luxury high-rise in Pelican Bay that will have 68 estate and four penthouse residences. Mystique is on one of only two remaining developable land parcels in Naples between The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort and Port Royal.

The sales center will showcase several features of Mystique’s design, including luxury kitchens and baths. High-end technological features will also be incorporated into the sales center to demonstrate the sophisticated level of integrated technology in each residence.

“Our sales center will reflect the essence of the building,” says Aubrey Ferraro, whose Gulf Bay company has completed 14 luxury beachfront properties along a 1.5-mile stretch in Pelican Bay. The Mystique sales center is underway by Coastal Construction and should open by the end of this year. Until then, the Mystique sales team is operating in a temporary sales center immediately adjacent to the site of the new center.

Reservations for Mystique are underway, with Naples-based Premier Sotheby’s International Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent for the first Pelican Bay high-rise in nearly a decade. For more information, call 598-9900.
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**NAPLES BAY & TENNIS $175,000 102A Spoonbill Ln #1652 - Rarely availabl**

**LES LEE GOLF ESTATES $174,900 541 Augusta Blvd #315 - Golf views. High ceilings, wood floor throughout, kitchen, storm shutters. Newer appli**

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Make Michelangelo’s Tuscany villa your home away from home

Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni is considered by many to be the greatest artist of all time. A sculptor, painter, poet and engineer, his genius was evident through the refinement of the High Renaissance and into the artistic age of Mannerism.

In 1549 at the age of 72, 30 years after completing the frescos in the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo bought a villa in Tuscany, halfway between Florence and Siena. He lived there periodically and the property stayed in the Buonarroti family for more than 300 years.

Preserved and restored by its current owner, the villa is now for sale at $8,162,821. The original deed held by Michelangelo, wherein he was described as a “dear sculptor and Florentine citizen,” will be passed on to the new owner.

On more than 6 acres above the rolling hills, the 12,915 square feet of living space (eight bedroom, seven full baths) is contained in three multi-story buildings, including an ancient tower believed to date back to the 11th century. The original architecture is accented throughout with large stone fireplaces, beamed and barrel ceilings. All rooms pay homage to the period; modern conveniences, though all available, blend into the background.

The park-like grounds include expansive lawns and mature plantings with a lemon orchard, olive grove and Chianti vineyards, as well as the original olive oil mill.

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that renting is becoming more unaffordable in many areas," he says in a prepared statement. "Unfortunately, there are just as many high hurdles slowing first-time buyers down. Increasing rents and home prices are impeding their ability to save for a down payment there’s scarce inventory for new and existing homes in their price range, and it’s still too difficult for some to get a mortgage."

Mr. Yun says this year’s survey perhaps offers additional clues to why fewer first-time buyers are reaching the market.

"First-time buyers reported that debt (all forms) delayed saving for a down payment for a median of three years, and among the 25 percent who said saving was the most difficult task, a majority (58 percent) said student loans delayed saving," he says. "With a median amount of student loan debt for all buyers at $25,000, it’s likely some younger households with even higher levels of debt can’t save for an adequate down payment or have decided to delay buying until their debt is at more comfortable levels."

With strong price growth in many markets and fewer first-time buyers, the results this year reveal a market with a higher share of married couples (67 percent, up from 65 percent last year) who have higher household income than previous years. Married repeat buyers have the highest income among all buyers ($108,600), while the average income of single female buyers decreased from $60,000 to 50 percent and male buyers remained flat at 9 percent.

"Similar to some of the obstacles facing first-time buyers, tighter credit conditions and having less purchasing power than households with dual incomes likely led to the share of single-female buyers declining to its lowest since 2001 (also 15 percent) said the timing was just right and

their own home as the primary reason compared to a year ago (53 percent). For repeat buyers, desire to own a home of their own and wanting to own a larger home were both the top reason given (each at 11 percent). Nearly half of all buyers (46 percent) said the timing was just right and they were ready to purchase a home. According to the survey, buyers continue to view buying a home as a good financial investment. Up from last year (79 percent), 80 percent of recent buyers said it was a good investment, and 43 percent believe it’s better than stocks. Looking ahead, first-time buyers plan to stay in their home for 10 years and repeat buyers plan to hold their property for 15 years."

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Visitors to this weekend’s Art Alive studio and gallery open house event in the Naples Art District will be treated to a sneak peek at handcrafted pottery bowls that have been juried into the Empty Bowls Naples silent auction coming up in January.

Art Alive takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in more than two dozen galleries and studios in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park in North Naples (north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road). The district’s resident potters have created many of the Empty Bowls pieces that will be on display.

Empty Bowls Naples benefits the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. The 10th annual event takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Jan. 23, in Cambier Park. Area students, artists, educators and other volunteers are making more than 2,000 pottery bowls that will sold for $15 to be filled with soups donated by chefs from almost 50 restaurants and country clubs.

The silent auction, pottery demonstrations and live music add to the Empty Bowls Naples festivities.

Art Alive galleries and studios this weekend will have information about and applications for joining Friends of Empty Bowls Naples. For a $50 donation, Friends enjoy immediate entrance to the park on event day, their choice of a juried bowl and a commemorative mini bowl. For more information visit emptybowlsnaples.org.

“‘Simpsons’ episode has become an allegory for the nuclear apocalypse ... The core of the story remains, and over time it’s exaggerated or mistranslated to fit the needs of the current times.”

— Rachel Endrizzi, director

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Death by a thousand cuts

When I joined eHarmony, my friend Rose said to me, “You need thick skin if you’re going to start online dating.”

I nodded my head to show I understood, but really I thought, Are you kidding? Online dating is the greatest thing to happen to romance since they got rid of the chastity belt. Thick skin? I didn’t need it.

This was in the first flush of things, when I had a new date every night. Messages poured in from prospective suitors, and it all seemed so easy.

Too easy.

Then I got my first rejection, a late-night text from a man with whom I’d been exchanging emails. True, we’d never met in person, but on the page he seemed cute and funny and smart. The text let me know that he had enjoyed talking to me, but he’d started seeing someone.

It was, he said, dishonest for us to keep communicating.

I told him I understood — of course I understood; I know that this is how online dating works — but it surprised me how much his message stung.

Yet I was still in the game, still going out every night. Online dating still seemed fabulous.

Then after three fun dates, another guy stopped calling. No notice this time, just a sudden cessation of communication.

That’s how it goes sometimes,” Rose told me. “When I was online dating, I got to be like a bloodhound. I could sniff out the break-ups before they came.”

Could I sniff them out, I wondered? If I paid attention to the signs, would I be less surprised when they happened?

Soon, I got another thanks-but-no-thanks message, this one from a lovely man I’d seen only twice. He let a lot of time pass between scheduling our dates, and after the second date he waited a while to contact me again. This one, I sensed, would not work out, so I wasn’t surprised to read his “I’ve met someone else” message.

Still, I was surprised at the way it wounded me. After all, we spent two very nice evenings together. We had exchanged a lot of personal information.

“Online dating is a numbers game,” wise Rose said. “There are plenty of fish out there. You just have to cast a wide net.”

This time when she spoke, I nodded with real understanding. She was right, I knew. I just hadn’t expected to get hurt in the process.

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.

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Joint production of ‘Brigadoon’ is almost like being in love

Gulfshore Opera and TheatreZone have collaborated for a production of the classic “Brigadoon” that travels from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers to Naples for three performances Friday through Sunday, Nov. 20-22. The Naples performance is at 4 p.m. Sunday at Gulf Coast High School.

A charming story about two American tourists who stumble upon a misty little Scottish village that reawakens for just one day every 100 years, the Tony Award-winning musical by Lerner and Loewe opened on Broadway in 1947. The 1954 film starring Gene Kelly, Van Johnson and Cyd Charisse. A 1966 film for television starring Robert Goulet, Peter Falk and Sally Ann Howes won five Primetime Emmy Awards.

The TheatreZone/Gulfshore Opera production is directed by TheatreZone’s Mark Danni. He and Gulfshore Opera’s Stefanie Pearce have assembled a cast of 25 that blends theater performers and opera singers. TheatreZone’s Karen Molnar choreographed the show; Trent Brown is the music director and Charles Fornara conducts the 19-piece orchestra.

Lyric baritone Gabriel Preissner and soprano Lauren Lustig star as Tommy Albright and Fiona MacLaren.

A versatile crossover performer, Mr. Preissner’s resume includes more than 40 operatic and musical theater roles. He graduated from Florida State University with a double major in vocal performance and commercial music and earned a master’s in voice at the University of Houston.

A recent graduate of The Juilliard School, Ms. Lustig made her New York City Opera debut in “L’Elisir d’Amore” and her musical theatre debut at New York’s Town Hall, where she was named one of 2009’s Broadway Rising Stars.

Tenor Zachary Devin, artist in residence with Dayton Opera, sings the role of Charlie Dalrymple. Dancer Jarret Ditch, most recently on a national tour of “Showboat” with the Kennedy Opera, performs the role of Harry Beaton, and dancer Megan Jimenez has the part of Maggie Anderson. Ms. Jimenez has appeared previously with TheatreZone in “Grand Hotel,” “The Boy Friend” and “Little Women.”

Soprano Alana Ferraro (“Xanadu” with TheatreZone) is Jean MacLaren, the shy and diffident younger sister to Fiona. Neapolitan John McKerrow plays the retiring and good-natured Jeff Douglas, and actress/soprano Kara Konken (TheatreZone’s “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”) is the flirtatious Meg Brockie.

‘Brigadoon’

>> Who: TheatreZone and Gulfshore Opera
>> When: The Charlotte Performing Arts Center in Punta Gorda, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21; and Gulf Coast High School in Naples, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22.
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pick out their character’s mask and pull it over their own heads.

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“You’re adorable!” one exclaims to another.

“Oh, my God!” Virginia Sisk marvels at herself in the mirror.

“I love it!” one exclaims to another.

“Everyone had Simpsons T-shirts, but my shorts’ and she felt that was disrespectful.”

Millions of people have watched Simpsons episodes over the years, and it’s not just the masks that make this play unique. It’s also the way the actors bring the characters to life, using their voices and movements to create a new story.

The masks fit perfectly over their own heads. “The basic idea is that it’s not the Simpsons, it’s people portraying the characters — wearing masks to be like them,” says Mr. Hays.

While the original Simpsons are a running gag in the show, the masks used in this production are made by a local artist, using a combination of leather and metal. They are designed to be both realistic and flattering, allowing the actors to move around freely.

The cast poses in their new masks.

The idea of taking a TV show and pushing it past the apocalypse and seeing what happened to it. “I think that’s the point of the play,” says Ms. Sisk. “It’s about how the story is retold, and how it’s supposed to reflect who we are and also helps to create who we are, both as individuals and as a community.”

Deeper meaning

Ms. Endrizzi became aware of the play only recently. “I had never heard of the play before, but as they explained it to me, it really appealed to me,” Mr. Hays says. “It’s out of the box — surreal, more abstract.”

Making the masks

Tim Hays, a Fort Lauderdale-based special effects make-up artist, created the masks for the play. He also created the “fat suit” Mr. Taylor wore in “The Whaler” a couple of seasons ago.

“It’s a lot like a Halloween mask, from the mouth up,” he says of his latex creations. “Only a little different.”

When Mr. Taylor contacted him about making the masks, he confessed he’d never heard of the play. So Mr. Taylor sent him photos of other productions, saying, “We want something along these lines. We’ll let it up to your creativity.”
Maura graduates. nal activity, can make sure their daughter wealthy Dallassio family, deep into crime of such parents must be tolerated. The wouldn't survive. Maverick daughters beneficiary of the school's dependence on discipline or conformity. For two years, she by her quick wit and aversion to discipline. The main story set primarily in New York, unfolds in 2015. It involves Maura's rebellious and somewhat estranged daughter, Alana, a 20-year-old Barnard student taking some of her classes at Columbia University. She is having an affair with an adjunct teacher, Luke Willet. Agreeing to take Alana to the airport, Willet drugs and abducts her. He has a very well thought out plan for a huge ransom, to be paid out in a mix of cut and uncut diamonds. The author describes the ingenious scheme in meticulous detail, hooking his readers for the rest of the novel.

Jake Scarne Thriller No. 6 is a steamroller of action and calculation. It begins with pieces of background, the first of which is set in 1990 at Catholic school for troublesome girls in mountainous Cham-onix, France.

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Jake Scarne enters the story when Maura is found flourishing on the Harvard Law Review and bedding down with Lucas Brandeford, one of the junior enforcers and family bodyguard in the Dallas-sio criminal empire. When Maura dumps Brandeford, he sounds threatening. Anastasia rigs his arrest for cocaine possession, and the enraged suitor is forced to resign.

The ransom demand has not yet been made. When it is, all hell breaks loose and the novel shifts into high gear. Much of the fun of the novel is following Jake's investigatory experience and what he deduces from each known fact. For him, the spring break timing of the kidnapping most likely means that the kidnapper knew Maura was expecting a holiday party on the Naples Princess. Our yacht, with its mixture of cut and uncut diamonds, is on that takes Jake's investigation to the Caribbean island of St. Martin. There are surprises all along the way.

“Facets,” like Mr. De Maria's other work, is notable for snappy dialogue, engaging descriptions of how to work an investigation, boldly drawn characters, and vivid settings. Throw in a bit of romance and plenty of physical action and you've got all the ingredients for great entertainment blended just right.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

TUESDAY 11.17

The Naples Philharmonic presents a screening of “The Barkleys of Broadway” at 2 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. A constantly feuding musical comedy couple almost breaks up when the wife has an opportunity to become a serious actress. $5 for members, $6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or fgceu.edu.

SUNSET 11.22

Yoga for All – Caryn Gallagher leads a fusion yoga class from 9-10 a.m. at the Seagate beach access. Bring a beach towel and water. Registration required, donations welcome. (321) 505-9642.

Concert in the Park – The Music Makers Show Band performs at 2 p.m. in the bands on the Beach at Cambier Park. Free. 263-1113 or fifthavenuesouth.com.

Classic Film – Renaissance Academy presents a screening of “The Barkleys of Broadway” at 3 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. A constantly feuding musical comedy couple almost breaks up when the wife has an opportunity to become a serious actress. $5 for members, $6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or fgceu.edu.

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Art Opening – Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County host a reception for the 10th annual juried exhibition of paintings by Southwest Florida artists from 5-7 p.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. $3. 300 Tower Road. 594-9480 or rookerybay.org.

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How to Begin – The Naples Philharmonic presents a concert in the Park – “Harmonies of Naples” at 2 p.m. at S. Bayway Park. $25 for members, $30 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or fgceu.edu.

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Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts an art class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. $15 for members, $20 for non-members. 643-7225 or nbgarden.org.

Art Alive – More than 20 art galleries in the Naples Art District welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. 380-7999. See story on page 4C.

Favorite Tunes – Members of the Naples Music Club perform at 4 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Free. 1220 Fifth Ave. S. 384-9205 or naplesmusicclub.com.

Sidewalk Jazz – Musician Mason Williams performs outside Vom Fass at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Laugh It Up – Comedian Eric DaSilva performs at 8:30 p.m. at Nana’s Diner. 513-2844 or room2laugh.com.
TUESDAY 11.24

Early Birds – Get a jump on the day with a guided walk through Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary from 9-11 a.m. $20 after admission ($12 for adults, $6 for college students, $4 for ages 6-18, free for ages 5 and younger). 548-9120 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Game Time – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts mah jongg, bridge and cards at 11:30 a.m. Free for members, $3 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 997-5210 or niafoundation.org.

More Bingo – Get your cards in order for bingo starting at 5:45 p.m. tonight and every Tuesday at the Naples Elks Lodge #2010. $15. 11250 Tamiami Trail E. 643-0075 or elks.org.

WEDNESDAY 11.25

Beach Yoga – Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. $5 plus regular park entrance fee ($2 for bicyclists and walkers, $4 per car with one person, $6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or visiting greenmonkey.com.

Local History – Naples Historical Society hosts a walking tour of Old Naples setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. $10 members, $16 non-members. 157 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

COMING UP

Laugh It Up – Steve Salbo takes the stage at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Old Naples Comedy Club. $20. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Holiday on the Bay – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts a snow show from 5-8 p.m. each Saturday until Christmas starting Nov. 27. Enjoy a visit with Santa, story time with Mrs. Claus, carolers and more. 261-6100 or venetianvillage.com.

Holiday Sax – Saxophonist Dave Koz performs with special guests at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “My Life Without Me” (Spain, 2003) at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30. A young woman conceals the fact of her terminal cancer to live her life with a passion she never had before. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Garden Talk – Collier County’s IFAS Extension hosts a chat from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, about plants that grow well in Southwest Florida yards. Garden tours and tropical fruit tree demonstration available as well. Free. 14700 Immokalee Road. 252-4800 or iway@ufl.edu.

Holiday Fun – Bonita Springs hosts its 16th annual Holiday in the Park fun from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Riverside Park. Activities include tree lighting, a “blizzard” and live entertainment. 10451 Riverside Park. 992-4556 or cityofbonitasprings.org.

Art Opening – Marco Island Historical Museum hosts an opening reception for Clyde Butcher’s “Nature’s Places of Spiritual Sanctuary” exhibit from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. The exhibit will hang through Feb. 10. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com.

#SWFLTOP PICKS

Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary stays open late for stargazers and others to stroll the boardwalk, learn about birds of prey, enjoy live entertainment and more from 5-9 p.m. Friday. Regular admission applies.

Like sands through the hourglass, the sculptures won’t last long after the 29th annual Sand Sculpting Championship on Fort Myers Beach Friday through Sunday, Nov. 20-29.

Miromar Design Center hosts the 16th bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22.

Bring your pooch to Pucci & Catana Luxury Pet Boutique on Fifth Avenue South from 6-8 p.m. Friday and enjoy light bites and drinks to benefit Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida.

KDIM Entertainment presents The Rock Pack at 8 p.m. Thursday at Germain Arena. The show includes John Payne of Asia (pictured), Mickey Thomas of Starship, Steve Walsh of Kansas, Robin Zander of Cheap Trick and more.

— theclassicrockseries.com
A Choral Christmas – The Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Chorus perform classical holiday works at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.


Tree Lighting – Mercato fires up the largest living tree in Southwest Florida at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

More Lights – Fifth Avenue South lights its tree on Sugden Plaza and kicks off the holiday season with musical and dance performances from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Adventure Day – Lovers Key State Park celebrates Great Outdoor Adventure Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, with food, touch tanks, children’s activities, ranger-led tours and more. Free. With park entry fee ($8 per person vehicle, $4 for a single passenger and $2 for pedestrians and cyclists). 465-5888 or floridastateparks.org.

Holiday Hot Rods – Mercato hosts a holiday car show featuring more than 125 collector and luxury cars from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Go East – Several East Naples organizations host the East Naples Food & Music Fest from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Florida Sports Park. 510-252-2384 or eastnapplesfest.org.

Sugarplum Dreams – Miami City Ballet presents George Balanchine’s “The Nutcracker” at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Dec. 6-7, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Just a Joke – Comedian John Carfi performs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Nana’s Diner. 555-5955 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Cruise-in – Miromar Outlets hosts a car show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Holiday Concert – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church hosts its 14th annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Free. 9801 Bonita Beach Road. 992-4343 or stmarysbonita.org.

Holiday Tango – La Milonguita hosts a Christmas tango dance from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Arthur Muller Dance Center, 3329 Tamiami Trail N. 248-1464.


Choral Concert – Voices of Naples performs a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Free. 777 Moorings LIne Drive. 249-4147 or voicesofnaples.org.

CAPA Concert – Harpist Dickie Fleischer and flautist Leelo Busham perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $10-40, 777-2800 or capcenter.org.

Songwriters Concert – Local musicians Bob Covington, Boyd Baker and Bob Williams play acoustic sets from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the gazebo at Lovers Key State Park. Free with park entry fee. 463-4858 or friendsloverskeys.org.

Live and Local – Rick Howard and the Speedbumps take the stage at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, for a Live & Local concert in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Dinner with Artists – Enjoy an interactive art experience with Juan Díaz while enjoying Chef Brian Roland’s culinary artistry starting at 6 p.m. Thurs-day, Dec. 10, at The von Liebig Center. $100. 262-6537 or naplesart.org.

Masterworks – The Naples Philharmonic performs with guest conductor Joshua Weilerstein at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10-11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Kids’ Art – Thomas Riley Studio on Fifth Avenue South hosts an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, for an exhibit of mixed media art by the children at Youth Haven. Proceeds benefit the shelter’s art program. 687-5155 or shellylong@youthhavenswfl.org.

WHERE TO GO

Opera Evening – Friends of Opera Naples host dinner and a performance by the ON children’s choir from 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Reservations required by Tuesday, Dec. 8. $75. 4201 Gulfshore Blvd. N. 961-9050 or operanaples.org.

Critic’s Choice – Book critic Elaine Newton leads a discussion about Lily King’s “Exohoria” at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. 597-1900 or artsinaples.org.

Holiday Market – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts its second annual holiday market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Hal! Hal! Hal! – Comedians Preacher Lawon and Mark Viola perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Nana’s Diner. $15. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Cars on Parade – Naples Big Wheels hosts a car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Florida Sports Park to benefit Bikes for Tykes. See hot rods, antique, muscle, race and sport cars and enjoy food, music, auctions and more. $7 or donation of a usable bicycle. Children 12 and under are free. (781) 718-1438 or bikesfortykes.org.

Klezmer Music & a Movie – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island presents klezmer music at 1:30 p.m. followed by a screening of “Theodore Morgen” (Italy, 2012). An imaginative look at what life would be like without immigrant workers. $15, $5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Holiday Stomp – Steampunk Stompers perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Nana’s Diner. $15. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.


More Laughs – Tom Rhodes performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 7-20. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 380-6900 or offthehookcomedy.com.

More Stand-Up – Comedians Ben Hague and Larry Venturino perform at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 19, at Nana’s Diner. $15. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a movie starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, with a pasta buffet and followed by a screening of “Cose Dell’Altro Mondo” (Italy, 2012). An imaginative look at what life would be like without immigrant workers. $15, $5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Christmas Party – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts its holiday party and concert at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, with dinner and a performance by The New Chorale of Southwest Florida. $30 for members, non-members and guests $35. Proper attire required. Reservations required by 6 p.m. the day prior. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Moonlight Ride – Take a guided, nighttime canoe trip though Collier-Florida State Park setting out at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25-26. $35. 20200 Tamiami Trail East. 394-3397 or floridastateparks.org.

Comic Opera – Opera Naples and the Naples Philharmonic join forces to present “Die Fledermaus” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

More Jokes – Comedian Steve Laslow performs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at Nana’s Diner. $15. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Vocal Concert – The Ten Tenors perform works ranging from the Beatles to Bocelli at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-9000 or artsinaples.org.

Starry Night – Country music star Lorrie Morgan performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $40-$50. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at inesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with pertinent details, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of flyers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.
To put it in a nutshell, Bernard is a cad.

An architect living in Paris, he’s juggling three women at the same time. Not only does each one believe she’s his one-and-only, but all three are engaged to Bernard, fully expecting to marry him.

Three, he declares, is the perfect number. Two would be “too monotonous,” while more than three would be too exhausting.

He has it down to a system, he explains to his old college friend visiting from Wisconsin.

All the women are flight attendants — or, in the language of the ‘60s, airhostesses. Each works for a different airline.

Gloria (Alexis Hyatt), works for TWA. Gabriella (Christina DeCicco) flies for Alitalia. And the strong, overly passionate Gretchen (Ashton Heyl) works for Lufthansa.

They all have different flight schedules, and Bernard keeps track of them with the eagle eye of an air-traffic controller. Ideally, one is just flying out while and another is just arriving, while the third is mid-flight, halfway around the globe.

Sometimes the margin of error is very, very thin.

It all works with the efficiency of the Swiss Railways — until, of course, it doesn’t.

And that’s the appeal of “Boeing-Boeing”: seeing the perfect scheme Bernard has concocted start to unravel, as these things inevitably do, and watching his dream of “international romantic bliss” quickly become a nightmare.

The French farce was written by Marc Camoletti and translated by Ber- ley Cross and Francis Evans. For the Gulfshore Playhouse production, scenic designer Randall Parsons has created a minimalist, abstract bachelor pad for Bernard. It’s sparsely decorated, with abstract paintings on the walls.

The show has some funny moments, and many amusing ones, but unfortunately, this production is uneven. I wanted to laugh so much more than I did. Director Julia Gibson gives us an confusing mixture of types of humor. The musical cues and style of acting in the beginning feel like a TV sit-com, which leads the audience to expect a rapid set-up, joke, set-up, joke rhythm.

But when Bernard’s friend Robert (Jeffrey Binder) arrives on the scene, the farce becomes much more focused on slapstick. When we first meet Robert, he possesses the golly-gee-whiz openness and naivete of a Wisconsin tourist who’s never been off the farm. Full of nervous tics, he fidgets, jumps and adjusts his bowtie. His eyes practically pop out of their sockets, like a cartoon character. He’s like Don Knotts on steroids.

It almost feels as if Mr. Binder is acting in a totally different play. None of the other characters match his intensity.

Then, in Act II, the production becomes especially sophomoric with a series of unfortunate flatulence jokes that seem to go on for way too long.

Joey Sorge plays Bernard, the playboy, with leading-man suavity.

Ms. Hyatt is bold and outspoken as a liberated American woman who knows her own mind. Ms. DeCicco is humoreous as a fiesty Italian, and Ms. Heyl is perfect as an Amazonian German who could probably pick up any man and toss him like a javelin.

But Jan Neuberger as Bertha, the perpetually discontented French maid, is the show’s saving grace. She seems to be deadpan. Even though her lines pop out of their sockets, like a cartoon character. It’s the show’s saving grace. She’s the perfect foil for Mr. Binder’s manic behavior.

“Boeing-Boeing” can be a fun romp that leaves you helpless with laughter, but this production doesn’t do that. Which is unfortunate because this is a group of talented actors.

Yes, there are times when it does take flight, but more often it feels as if we’re still stuck on the runway.

Give me a head with hair!

For some of us, the music from “Hair” is as familiar as our own names and addresses.

I wasn’t even a teen when the “Hair: American Tribal Love Rock Musical” hit Broadway in the late ’60s, but I had an older brother who saw the show and then played the cast album on his turntable many, many times.

Covers of some of the songs became Top 5 hits, on constant rotation on the radio: The Cowsills’ “Hair,” Three Dog Night’s “Easy to Be Hard,” The Four Tops’ “Good Morning Starshine” and The 5th Dimension’s “Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In” (which won Record of the Year in 1970).

So I was thrilled for the opportunity to finally see a staged production at The Venice Theatre. It’s the opening show on the main stage this season, celebrating the theater’s 65th anniversary.

Back in the ’60s, “Hair” hit Broadway like an atomic bomb. It was the furthest thing from Rodgers and Hammerstein or Lerner and Loewe. “Hair” had rock music. It had nudity. It sang of inter-racial love, of homosexuality, of the joy of self-expression and personal freedom. It was anti-establishment, anti-authority, anti-war. It worshipped drug use and free love. It poked fun at racial stereotypes.

This production, “re-imagined and directed” by Tony Award-winning singer/dancer/actor Ben Vereen, who performed in the original on Broadway, still packs a punch.

The book is slight, and not as powerful as the gorgeous music. But the music is a thrill to hear it performed live, with a small rock band under the direction of Michelle Kasanofsky. And they don’t overwhelm the singing.

Since I didn’t see the original, I’m not sure how much Mr. Vereen has changed this production. I do know he added large screens that show images of ’60s rock icons, the war and hippies, and that left me wondering if he was trying to show that the veterans in the 1960s, however, the current cast looks a little too cleaned up and neat.

The scenes are much more effective when showing images of war or current atrocities.

Mr. Vereen also cast a woman to sing “My Conviction.” (It was originally a man’s role, with the actor dressed as a woman, his gender in question until he exposes himself as a man at the end of the song.)

Charles Logan as Berger and Patrick Mounce as Claude, the two male leads, provide much of the show’s irreverance, especially Mr. Logan. But the musical’s numerous songs are spread among the large ensemble cast, and there’s not a bad performance in the group.

I especially liked Syreea S. Banks’ strong singing and wish she’d had more solos; she opens the show with “Aquarius.”

Mr. Vereen’s son, Aaron, also performs in the show, as well as former NFL player Henry Lawrence, who has two cameo roles.

Kudos, too, to Murray Chase, the theater’s executive/artistic director, who, in a pre-curtain speech, not only told the audience to turn off their cell phones, but also admonished them to not sing during the performance. (Too many people treat musicals as their own personal karaoke bars.)

If you’ve never seen “Hair,” this is a rare opportunity to do so.

Despite everything I’ve read and heard about audiences getting up and dancing with the cast, the ending to this production is sobering, not celebratory. It appears the world hasn’t improved much at all since the ’60s.

But the songs — the songs are pure gold, and have been replaying in my head for almost a week now. They’re still as powerful and moving as they were in the ’60s.
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Horoscopes

★ ★ ★ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

★ ★ ★ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you’d like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.

★ ★ ★ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

★ ★ ★ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

★ ★ ★ PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

★ ★ ★ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don’t feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it’s the right thing to do.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The bidding points the way

BY STEVE BECKER

The elimination play can save many a contract. Its purpose is to force a defender, most commonly near the end of play, to make a play disadvantageous to his side.

Here is a simple illustration. South is in four spades, and West starts out with three high hearts, declarer ruffing the third.

South now leads the queen of spades, on which West plays the five. It would be wrong to finesse the spade in view of West’s weak two-bid, a bid he would scarcely make if he had the guarded king of spades as well as the A-K-Q of hearts.

So South goes up with the ace of spades, hoping to catch the singleton king, and also planning to develop an endplay against East if the king does not fall.

When the king does not appear, South proceeds with his second plan. He cashes the A-K of diamonds, eliminating that suit from dummy’s hand and his own, and then throws East on lead with a spade.

East cannot afford to lead a diamond, which would allow South to ruff while discarding a club from dummy, so he returns a club. Declarer wins the club in dummy (with the nine or jack, depending on what West plays) and then takes another club finesse to make the contract.

Note that if South takes the spade finesse, he goes down. East would be West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

The bidding:

NORTH

A 9 7 4 3

Q 6

WEST

A K Q 10 8 3

Q 7

SOUTH

Q J 10 8 2

4 2

5 7

A 7 4 2

NORTH Pass Pass Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♠ weak two-bid Opening lead — king of hearts.

NORTH

East

South

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠

Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

able to exit with a spade or a diamond, and East-West would later win a club trick with proper defense.

Oddly enough, the contract can be defeated by an unusual play. If East foresees the impending endplay, he can forestall it. All he has to do is trump the third heart lead with the king of spades — even though he is trumping his partner’s high heart — and then return any- thing but a club. Against this defense, declarer is helpless.

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FILM CAPSULES

The 33 ★★ 1/2
(Anthony Banderas, Juliette Binoche, Rodrigo Santoro) Based on real events, 33 miners are trapped underground in Chile for more than two months after a mine collapses. The performances are strong, the comic relief is welcome and the solid film honors the 33 men who endured the unthinkable situation. Rated PG-13.

Spectre ★★ 1/2
(Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Monica Bellucci) James Bond (Mr. Craig) learns more about his past and pursues the man (Mr. Waltz) behind all the treachery Bond has faced thus far. It’s a downgrade from the last entry, “Skyfall,” but is salvaged by a solid ending loosely taken from “The Dark Knight.” Rated PG-13.

Our Brand Is Crisis ★★
(Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton, Anthony Mackie) Political strategist “Calamity” Jane (Ms. Bullock) travels to Bolivia to assist in a presidential campaign. The story wants to make strong social points, but flounders when it should thrive. Rated R.

Truth ★★★
(Robert Redford, Cate Blanchett, Topher Grace) CBS news legend Dan Rather (Mr. Redford) and his producer Mary Mapes (Ms. Blanchett) come under fire in 2004 after airing a story based on allegedly false documents that accused then-president George W. Bush of not fulfilling his Texas Air National Guard duties in the 1970s. It’s a smart, compelling drama featuring an excellent Ms. Blanchett that also calls into question the merit and needs for journalism today. Rated R.

Rock The Kasbah ★ 1/2
(Bill Murray, Kate Hudson, Leem Lubany) A down-on-his-luck music manager (Mr. Murray) discovers a female Muslim singer (Ms. Lubany) and tries to get her on “Afghan Star,” the Afghan version of “American Idol.” The story goes in a number of directions, none of them wise. Rated R.

Crimson Peak ★★
(Jessica Chastain, Tom Hiddleston, Mia Wasikowska) In the early 1920s, Edith (Ms. Wasikowska) is wooed by Thomas (Mr. Hiddleston), seemingly not noticing how close he is to his sister (Ms. Chastain). It’s an odd gothic love story with a few ghosts thrown in for good measure, and although it looks slick and stylish, it just doesn’t connect. Rated R.

Bridge of Spies ★★
(Tom Hanks, Alan Alda, Mark Rylance) A Brooklyn lawyer (Mr. Hanks) defends an accused Russian spy (Mr. Rylance) and later tries to negotiate the spy’s release in exchange for an American soldier (Austin Stowell) held by the Russians. It’s 20 minutes too long, and the two-act story structure is tedious and never invites emotional investment. This is a misfire for Mr. Hanks and for director Steven Spielberg. Rated PG-13.
LATEST FILMS

‘Spotlight’

Is it worth $10? Yes

“Spotlight” is one of the best movies of the year, a scorching drama about the devastating sexual abuse scandal that rocked the Catholic Church to its core in 2002 and still has reverberations to this day.

The film is excellent due to its narrative patience and superb performances. This is exactly how a great drama should be made,eschewing the histrionic crutches that many dramas rely upon and instead focusing solely on the quality of the storytelling, which is impeccable.

Inspired by a January 2002 report in The Boston Globe, the film follows the newspaper’s investigative Spotlight team as it researches sexual abuse in the Boston area by Catholic priests. It also chronicles the widespread knowledge and cover-up of the molestations by people in power, including Cardinal Bernard Law (Len Cariou). The Spotlight team, led by Editor Walter “Robby” Robinson (Michael Keaton) and consisting of reporters Mike Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams) and Matt Carroll (Brian d’Arcy James), is a highly competent and determined group that is undeterred by the static and distractions that come its way. It helps that the team has the support of Executive Editor Marty Baron (Liev Schreiber) and Projects Editor Ben Bradlee Jr. (John Slattery), and that it finds an unlikely (and at times, unwilling) ally in attorney Mitchell Garabedian (Stanley Tucci).

The plot develops slowly but authentically, never for a moment feeling rushed during its 128 minutes. It starts in July 2001. In spite of the fact that 53 percent of Globe readers identify as Catholic, and that politicians, lawyers and others have taken numerous steps to cover up the indiscretions, the Spotlight reporters know they’re on to something and become relentless in their pursuit of the truth over the next five months. As piece by piece of the abuses unfold, and the numbers of molesters and victims increase at an appalling rate, the importance of the story running as soon as possible is also elevated.

It would have been easy for writer/director Tom McCarthy (“The Visitor”) to over-emote the story by adding melodramatic tics like superfluous close-ups, a melancholic score, apoplectic emotional outbursts, etc. But he refrains, largely because he trusts the script he co-wrote with Josh Singer to have the gravitas needed to command rapt attention from the viewer. He was right to do so, especially with the cast in such complete control of the material.

In addition to its stalwart depiction of the investigation into the scandal, “Spotlight” is also a reminder of what journalism can and should be when done the right way. If you’ve never felt the rush of a newsroom as deadline looms, and/or the camaraderie shared by fellow journalists after a job well done, that might not mean anything to you. But for those who’ve crafted their careers and livelihood from their work in journalism, it’s a beautiful sight to see.

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on the move for 2016 series

After two sold-out seasons at The Norris Center, the Naples Jewish Film Festival moves to larger quarters at the Sugden Community Theatre for its third season. The theater has seating for 300 as well as easier parking and opportunities for combining a screening with dining at one of the nearby restaurants along Fifth Avenue South. Seating comfort and projection technology are also improved.

Subscriptions for the 2016 festival, a project of Beth Tikvah of Naples, are available for $100 per person covering the four films. Single tickets, if available, will go on sale Jan. 15.

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The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island presents the 15th annual JCMI Film Festival with screenings on Sunday afternoons once a month December-March. Here’s the lineup:

■ Dec. 13: “Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem” - A story examining the problems between religious and secular Jews in Israel. Screening at 2 p.m. followed by a reception.
■ Feb. 21: “Applies from the Desert” - A story examining the problems between religious and secular Jews in Israel. Screening at 2 p.m. followed by a reception.
■ March 13: “Deliman” - An exploration of the American Jewish experience viewed through the evolution of Jewish delicatessens in America. Single tickets are $25, or buy all four for $72 or a patron subscription for $85. For reservations or more information, call JCMI at 642-0800.

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thought-provoking film.

■ April 18: “The Last Mentsch” - Marcus Schwarz has always denied his Jewish heritage. After surviving Auschwitz, he created a new identity in Germany, without Jewish ties. But now he wants to be buried in a Jewish cemetery, and he needs proof. When he enlists a young Turkish woman to drive him, the unlikely duo set out on a road trip that will irrevocably change them both.

For tickets to the series or for more information, call 434-1818, visit naplesjewishfilmfestival.org or email info@naplesjewishfilmfestival.org.
The Old West comes to life with the Island Theater Compa-
ny’s presentation of Jack Canon’s musical melodra-
ma “The Saga of Roaring Gulch.”

Sponsored by APM Customhomes, the holi-
day production runs Thursday
through Saturday, Nov. 19-21, at Marco Lutheran Church, 528
N. Collier Blvd.

Joining the theater group to pres-
tent this musical production are part-
ners Christmas Island Style and Marco
Lutheran Church.

The town of Roaring Gulch is where
men live and die by the “Code of the
West.” Audience members are encour-
ged to boo, cheer and hiss at the vari-
ous heroes and villains who sing and
dance throughout the wild ‘n’ wooly
show that culminates in a pistol-packin’
confrontation that the whole family will
enjoy.

The musical spoof of life in the Wild,
Wild West stars Garrett Chamberlain as
the evil Bart Black and Madison
Richardson as the fair young school-
teacher, Hilda Heartfelt. Bart has his
eye on Hilda but finds himself compet-
ing for her affections with the shy town
marshal, Wyatt Winchester (played by
Jacob Hibbard).

Rounding out the rousing production
are: Celina Aber, Alexandria Anderson,
Kreton Ashby, McKenna Bronzox, Ever
Davis, Abigail Dreiser, Serena DeSer-
ranno, Connor Flaherty, Clare Has-
sell, Keri Hassell, AJ Hobbs, Eliza-
theth Hobbs, Andrew Lypen, Olivia Neff,
Nicole Paul, Alexis Popick, Elisa Smith,
Josie Stanley, Carrie Nation, Ryan Sul-
ivan, Kacie Swanson, Kira Swanson,
Devon Wheeler and Sloan Wheeler.

Admission to “The Saga of Roaring
Gulch” is free, but donations are wel-
come to benefit local charities.
Marco museum prepares to open newest Clyde Butcher photo exhibit

The Marco Island Historical Museum presents “Nature’s Places of Spiritual Sanctuary,” an exhibit of works by celebrated photographer Clyde Butcher, Dec. 1-Feb. 10. The public is invited to an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Mr. Butcher will discuss the exhibit and his life’s work following the reception. Admission is free for members of the Marco Island Historical Society and $5 for others.

Mr. Butcher is best known for his stunning photography and contributions to public awareness of the Florida Everglades, showing his deep and personal commitment to preserving endangered landscapes around the world. The images in “Nature’s Places of Spiritual Sanctuary” capture scenes from lands in California, Colorado, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Washington, as well as Florida.

Through this new exhibition, Mr. Butcher hopes to reorient the way we view nature — not as detached bystanders but an intricate tapestry into which we are equally woven.

Bill Meadows, president of The Wilderness Society, states in the exhibit’s companion book, “He magnifies reality in ways that encourage us to view nature with awe and respect. By demonstrating the unity of all beautiful, natural places, his artwork provides a compelling illustration of why wilderness should be preserved and sustained by linking natural lands together in a unified whole.”

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Turkey probably wasn’t part of original Thanksgiving menu

By Terry and Kim Kovel

No, it’s not a turkey. This tureen is in the form of a guinea fowl. It sometimes is eaten in the United States, but it usually weighs less than 4 pounds and is much too small to feed the crowd at Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey for Thanksgiving is an American idea, promoted in the 1860s when Thanksgiving was declared a holiday by President Lincoln. There are many legends that say wild turkey was part of the menu for the feast at Plymouth Colony in 1621. But written reports say the Wampanoag Indians brought five deer (variation) and the colonists brought wild birds (probably tasty ducks or other water fowl, not tough turkeys) or passenger pigeons, shellfish and vegetables including dried corn and squash. Turkey wasn’t a popular part of the colonists’ diet until about 1800. The feast was probably a political meeting between neighbors with about 90 male Indians and 50 male Pilgrims, and no women. They probably did all the cooking.

Enjoy your modern Thanksgiving dinner, and admire the beautiful African guinea hen tureen made in France. It sold for $45,412 at a New Orleans auction. There are places in the U.S. where guinea hens are raised and restaurants that serve the small, expensive birds.

Q: I recently inherited a single-door oak china cabinet in the Mission style. It has side shelves supported by corbels on each side, arched top, and three interior oak shelves. Is this normal? It’s down to about $5,000. Depending on condition, it would have been appraised at about $8,000 five years ago but today it’s down to about $5,000.

A: William Coffin Coleman started out selling typewriters and later sold lamps. By 1902 he had established a business in Wichita, Kansas, where he manufactured lamps. By the 1920s, Coleman was making irons, coffee percolators, toasters and waffle irons. The company made more than 30 different models of irons. Before electric irons were made, irons were powered by alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas and other fuels. The Coleman iron found most often today is the blue Model 4A, a gasoline-powered iron at an estate auction many years ago. It has steam holes along the bottom and a water ball sits in the back with knobs for turning it off and on. “Coleman, made in U.S.” is written on the ball. Is it worth anything?

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A: It’s marked “Limbert” on the back and “452.” Can you tell me the age and value?

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This 11-inch-long 19th-century French tureen by Jacob Petit is a good likeness of a guinea fowl. The rare piece sold for $5,412 earlier this year. It will be admired and probably never used to hold soup at a dinner table.

Iron made from 1929 to 1948. The fuel was lit by a match and the flames heated the iron. Coleman is known today primarily for its camping and outdoor recreational equipment and is owned by Jarden Corporation. Steam irons are not wanted by many collectors. They sell for less than $50.

Q: I’d like to know the value of a 1915 album of sepia tones from the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. It says “Official Publication” on the cover.
A: The 1915 Exposition was a world’s fair that ran from Feb. 20 to Dec. 4, 1915. It celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 and the renewal of the city after the devastating 1906 earthquake. Dirt was brought in to fill in part of the San Francisco Bay to create the 65-acre site for the Exposition in an area now known as the Marina district. Souvenir booklets of photographs from the Exposition sell for $20 to $30 online.

Q: We’d like information about an antique washbasin impressed “Furnival” on the bottom. Who is the maker and how old is it?
A: Thomas Furnival & Sons was in business in Cobridge, Staffordshire, England, from 1871 to 1890. The company made earthenware. The impressed name was changed to Furnivals in 1890. Your washbasin was made between 1871 and 1890.

Tip: Never put a cast-iron cooking pan in the dishwasher. Do not soak it for long. Excess water will remove the “seasoning” and food will stick to the pan.

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**Last of Summer Wine**
Three old men from Yorkshire who have never grown up face the trials of their fellow town citizens and stay young by reminiscing about the days of their youth.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 9 P.M.**
**Masterpiece: Indian Summers**
In Part 9 of the series, Madeleine gets a shock. Ramu’s fate is in Ralph’s hands. Aafrin makes two fateful decisions, the club changes course and Ian becomes a local hero.

**MONDAY, NOV. 23, 9 P.M.**
**EDdie Murphy: The Mark Twain Prize**
From the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., some of the biggest names in comedy salute comedian/actor Eddie Murphy, the 18th and most recent recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 24, 8 P.M.**
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

‘Heroes’ characters could keep crossing paths

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I am so happy that “Heroes” is back! Will there be another season?
   —DexDee T., via email

A: ‘Heroes Reborn,’ which started airing in September on Thursday nights on NBC, has been billed as an “event
miniseries,” although that’s not to say there can’t be another season of this event. I recently spoke with series co-
star Gatlin Green, who plays Emily on the show, and she told me she’d be down for continuing her role on the show.
Gatlin said: “I think with a show like ‘Heroes,’ or any of these shows that have such big followings, there’s always going
to be talk about more seasons, spin-offs and stuff like that. Obviously, anything can happen, and I’d be super happy if
something did happen.”

Gatlin gave me some minor spoilers to get you through the rest of the run of this miniseries, which wraps in Decem-
ber: “There will be some romance between Emily and Tommy. And, like ‘Heroes’ always does, I think it’s really
cool to see how we’ve started seeing the characters cross paths with each other.

Q: A local boy was nominated for a Nickleodeon HALO Award for his ser-
vice to the community, and I wondered where I can watch the ceremony?
   —Fred R., Miami

A: Hosted, created and executive-produced by Nick Cannon, the “2015 Nick-
leodeon HALO Awards” is a one-
of-a-kind concert event that honors young lead-
ers from across the country. The ceremony
will be simulcast at 7 p.m. Sunday,
Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. across Nickel-
odeon, TeenNick, Nicktoons, TV
Land, CMT, Nick.

Q: Can you give me any “Nashville” news?

A: Tony and Grammy Award-winning
actor, singer and guitarist Steve Kazee
will join the show as Riff in early 2016.
His character is described as a country-
music star at the top of his game 10
years ago; however, everything changed
when he met Heidi, a Southern beauty
with a budding musical career of her
own. He fell in love and chose to leave
fame and fortune behind for life with
Heidi.

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Chaîne des Rotisseurs toast a new season at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club

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tion Floridian and twice-time James Beard Award recipient, Mr. Smith is a U.S. State Department American Diplomatic Culi-
nary Corp Chef. He also a former personal chef for Oprah Winfrey and has cooked for former Florida governors Bob Graham and Jeb Bush.

“Our guests will enjoy getting to know him,” resort General Manager Douglas Rucker promises. Mr. Smith has authored several books, including “Back to the Table: The Reunion of Food and Family,” “Back to the Kitchen: Real Food for Real Families,” and “Back to the Family.” His culinary specialty is South-
ern cuisine, and he plans to incorporate a garden-to-kitchen concept into the Naples restaurant.

“I will be pairing Southern American food with what I just saw in Milan at the World’s Fair,” he says, “For Naples’ sophis-
ticated diners, this will definitely be a one-
of-a-kind menu with a lot of surprises.” Mr. Smith is currently the executive chef and co-owner of restaurants includ-
ing Table Fifty-Two in Chicago, Southern Art and Bourbon Bar in Atlanta and Art and Soul in Washington, D.C.

Zen Asian Bistro coming soon

Zen Asian Bistro is finally scheduled to open in the beginning of December, about eight months after its originally hoped for debut at 10833 Tamiami Trail N.

It will bring the humble fare of East Asia to a ramen-starved Southwest Florida public.

Guests will enjoy dishes such as Korean barbecue, bibimbap, sushi, hot pots and more, all prepared by Chef Koko Herkhun-
thod, who trained with Iron Chef Masu-
haru Morimoto after five years of culinary education in Japan. Eager diners should keep an eye on the restaurant’s Facebook page for opening details. For more infor-
mation, call 280-3985 or visit eatatzen.

Cuisines

Celebrity chef headed this way

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BY LINDSEY NEWSMITH

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Celebrity chef Art Smith, restaurateur and
former private chef to Oprah, will open a new
spot at Naples Bay Resort in early 2016.

Bibimbap will be among the East Asian fare
diners will find at Zen Asian Bistro when it
opens early next month.

20. Guests will sample three wines paired
with appetizers. $10. For more informa-
tion, call 596-5276 or visit thelocalnaples.
com.

■ Paradise Wine holds its inaugu-
rinal wine and food festival from noon to
6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Shoppers will
have their pick from more than 100 wine,
beer, liquor and cheese samples. From 6-8
p.m., guests can enjoy live music, Veuve
Clicquot champagne and 50 percent off
selected cocktails at the bar. Chef Brian
Roland of Crane Culinaire will conduct
cooking demonstrations throughout the
day. All cases of wine will be discounted
10 percent. For more information, call 687-
3155 or visit paradisewinellc.com.

■ If you’re looking for some education
to go with your tipple, Voss Fuss in Mer-
cato has two classes coming up that focus
on cool-weather concoctions:
- Holiday Cocktail Tasting Party: Sam-
ple and learn how to make seasonal and
unique craft cocktails for the holidays
from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. $40.
- Black Friday Scotch Tasting Party: Sip
a single-malt while learning about the his-
tory and production of the fabled drink
from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27. $40. For
more information, visit naplesvomfasussa.com.

■ Avenue5 hosts a whiskey tasting
from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2,
featuring distinguished distillers includ-
ing Macallan, Glenmorangie, and Ardbeg.
Guests will enjoy a special plate of bites
to accompany their drinks while distillery
speakers share their expertise. Reserva-
tions required. $50. Email Cathy Christo-
pher at cathyc@innonfifth.com to snap a
spot. ■

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sey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.
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THE DISH

The Dish: Garlicky Shrimp

The Price: $7 during happy hour, $13 after 7 p.m.

The Place: Cavo Lounge in Mercato

The Hours: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily

The Full Menu: cavolounge.com

The Details: I arrived at happy hour feeling pretty low. I blame my new diet and exercise regimen for resurrecting a virus I thought was finished, so I wasn’t terribly enthusiastic about eating or drinking. My wine glass, thick with condensation, sat mostly untouched until these tasty little shrimp came out of the kitchen. They were bold, kicky little buggers, and the carby, cheesy grits beneath them revitalized me and gave me the strength I lacked. I didn’t share this shareable very well and sucked it down like I was Winnie from “Hocus Pocus,” inhaling the shrimp’s life force the way she imbibed the essence of children. Once the plate was finished, I was finally able to give that glass of wine the attention it deserved and moved on far more graciously to our other small plates.

One More Thing: My partner ordered an octopus special and we were astounded at the size of the dense and meaty tentacle that arrived. I would recommend to any seafood lover that you not pass this up when your server offers it.

— Lindsey Nesmith
lnesmith@floridaweekly.com
Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

**Benja Thai, 4388 Naples Blvd., Naples; 239-512-1122**
From the creators of Thai Udon Cafe comes a second little charmer, this one tucked between CenturyLink and Chick-Fil-A near the Hollywood 20 movie theaters. Like its older sibling, Benja offers well-executed Japanese and Thai dishes but also has a spacious sushi bar, a holdover from its days as Sumo Sushi Sake. From the sushi menu, a standout was the gant and perfect, as was the crisp lavender duck with Florida orange glaze, kohlrabi and pommes almand. A cheese plate and aphrodisiaque crepe provided a wondrous ending to a flawless meal. Beer and wine served.

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**Ridgway Bar & Grill, Third Street South and 15th Avenue South, Naples; 262-5500**
Chef/owner Tony Ridgway has been offering great food and service in stylish settings for 37 years at a variety of top-notch restaurants. Ridgway Bar & Grill combines some of the best features of all that came before (Truffles, Chef’s Garden and Villa Pescatore, among them). The garden from Chef’s Garden is still spen-did. The wine list is exemplary. All the baked goods are made in-house, including the breads served as a preamble to the meal. A goat-cheese tart with ratatouille was superb and big enough to share. Mussels arrived in a hot cast-iron skillet and were perfectly done in a flavorful broth. Whether you want chicken potpie or pan-roasted Florida shrimp with a sweet corn grit cake, Scottish salmon filet with braised lentil and leeks, a simple steak or a vegetable plate selected from 13 options, it is all available. And don’t skip dessert. The Truffles carrot cake is always a good bet. Full bar.

**La Bazzenne, 474 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 682-8623**
Whether it’s breakfast, lunch or dinner you fancy, La Bazzenne is prepared to serve it to you with proper French style and flair. A cory little spot on Fifth Avenue South next to Osteria Tulla, it’s operated by Martine and Bernard Giacometti. His parents have operated the original La Bazzenne in France for 40 years. From crepes, salads or burgers early in the day to the more complex and interesting dinner lineup, Chef Andy Hyde’s fare is tres magnifique. The octopus salad is outstanding (rendered tender via sous vide preparation) and served with broccoli rabe, cherry tomatoes and lemon verbena pesto. A golden brown starter with cherry tomatoes, dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds and mixed greens was also excellent. Entrees of diverse scallops with English peas, scallops and pommes frits were elegant and perfect, as was the...
There must have been a time when there wasn’t a Fernandez the Bull restaurant in Naples serving first-rate Cuban food, but I can’t remember it. The Fernandez family has been in business for 25 years, changing locations but never the great food they serve.

I’ve dined at its U.S. 41 location (where Pelagio now sits), at its east Naples location (now Rumba Cuban Café, owned and operated by former Fernandez employees) and the stylish spot on Piper Boulevard just off Immokalee Road.

Apparently, I am not the only devotee of the place. It’s not unusual for the Piper Boulevard location to have a 45-minute wait for tables. So it isn’t so far-fetched we had no trouble landing a comfy booth.

The restaurant, open about two months now, has indoor and outdoor seating and a full bar, from which I enjoyed two-for-one guava mojitos during happy hour (5-6 p.m.). Arriving early also meant we had no trouble landing a cozy booth.

Each incarnation of this restaurant has grown increasingly more sophisticated without losing that comfortable, casual ambience. The front of a gleaming aqua ’56 or ’57 Chevrolet juts from one wall. Scenes of Cuba hang on other walls. A few televisions above the bar provide viewing for sports fans. The staff is friendly and efficient, and children are welcome.

Our drinks — the aforementioned guava sauce — was also nicely prepared. Both the and mussels in white wine and tomato sauce were served well by the light but flavorful sauce.

There are those who dismiss fried yuca — thick planks that are golden and crisp and the interior was moist and flavorful. There is no need to dismiss it. I had fried yuca before that was gluey and tasteless. I’ve had fried yuca before that was gluely and tasteless. This was another dish altogether. I could have a plate of these for dinner and been perfectly satisfied.

Dessert? Our friendly server asked. Having had the flan and tres leches cake at the other location, we decided to try a piece of guava mango mouse cheesecake ($6.49), which isn’t made on the premises like the other two, but clearly was produced by someone who knew his or her way around the kitchen.

The round multi-layered treat started with a dollop of whipped cream and a light cheesecake and even lighter mouse, the flavors of mango and guava subtle so as not to remain in balance. A dollop of whipped cream might seem like overkill, but it worked well with the cheesecake.

Not only were the hostess and server charming, the young man who identified himself as the owner’s nephew stopped by after we ate to make sure our dinner was satisfactory. He made the rounds of the tables and, from what I could hear, received enthusiastic approval wherever he went.

It’s no wonder the Fernandez family has flourished and its restaurants remain popular. They understand the value of good service and consistently excellent and moderately priced food. I have seen a few grumblings online about the prices, but I think they are fair, especially considering you are likely to have plenty to take home for another meal.

Hooray for the second Fernandez the Bull. I foresee a wait for tables at both spots and think it won’t be long until there’s likely to be a need for a third location. A more northerly spot — Bonita Springs or Estero, perhaps? — would be welcomed by Lee County lovers of Cuban cuisine.
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Open House, Open Hearts showcases furnished models with luxurious interiors. The 4,732 square feet Mariposa estate model at Quail West offers a level of livability suited to Quail West’s lifestyle. The floor plan includes a grand parlour with a see through view, a grand room that flows into the home’s gourmet kitchen and casual dining area, a formal dining room and wine room, a study, four bedrooms, five-and-a-half baths, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, island bar, a fireplace, and a pool and spa. The Mariposa features an interior by Jinx McDonald Interior Designs. The plan offers a splendorous entry sequence and gallery hallway, a massive living room, a formal dining room, an island kitchen and breakfast area, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, walk up bar, pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

Perfectly suited to TwinEagles’ lifestyle and priced at $1,599,990 with furnishings, Stock’s 3,375 square feet Regency Manor offers a four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath great room plan with a formal dining room, study, an island kitchen, an outdoor living area that includes covered lanai spaces, an optional summer kitchen and a pool and spa, and a three-car garage. The sophisticated interior by KVS Interior Design incorporates a neutral palette that transcends the interior space while establishing an affinity with the outdoors. Stock Development encourages you to join its support of non-profit agencies in Southwest Florida committed to improving the quality of life for children and families.

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One penthouse residence remains available at Seaglass at Bonita Bay

With nearly $70 million in sales, contracts processed at its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group within the Bonita Bay community, The Ronto Group announced just one penthouse residence remains available for purchase. The spectacular penthouse residences at Seaglass are priced from $2.5 million and offer approximately 4,600 square feet of air conditioned space. Just one penthouse residence remains available for purchase. The Bonita Bay Club’s new 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center is now open. The Lifestyle Center includes a world-class fitness center, spa, and salon and contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. The 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay luxury high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group within the Bonita Bay community will feature fully completed, ready for occupancy residences with designer-selected premium quality finishes.

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As homebuyer traffic and sales activity continue to flourish, Ronto has added two new Sales Associates to its Seaglass luxury home specialist team. A native of England, Vivienne Sinkow has been a resident of Naples since 1989 and is focused on all aspects of real estate. Her experience and selection finishes from other sources.

With the Bonita Bay Club’s new 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center now open, the Bonita Bay community offers one of the healthiest lifestyles in Southwest Florida. The Lifestyle Center includes a world-class fitness center, spa, and salon and contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions, the club industry’s premier wellness experts.

The first-floor lobby of the Lifestyle Center features a two-story atrium. The luxurious 9,000 square feet spa and salon showcases seven treatment rooms, including a couple’s treatment room, men’s and ladies’ locker rooms and wet areas with dedicated steam, sauna, and whirlpool rooms, relaxation rooms, a coed hair styling area, and a dedicated barber shop are all featured.

Residents at Seaglass will also enjoy Bonita Bay’s casual and fine dining, hiking and biking trails, kayaking and canoeing, a residents only private beach park on Little Hickory Island, boating, and five of Southwest Florida’s premier golf courses. Bonita Bay’s onsite marina offers a relaxing dining and lounge experience. Wet slips and dry boat storage are available, as well as on-site fueling and light mechanical services.

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Construction begins on Kalea Bay high-rise

Construction has begun on the first of five residential high-rises planned for Kalea Bay, a gated, resort-style community being developed by Soave Real Estate on Vanderbilt Drive, north of Wiggins Pass Road, in North Naples.

It’s been a long time since construction began on a major residential high-rise building in Southwest Florida. Eight years to be exact.

But with Kalea Bay that’s all changed as construction cranes, cement trucks and other pieces of heavy-duty equipment are on site and – along with the construction crews – working hard to make history.

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, has 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

According to Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay’s Vice President of Sales & Marketing, sales have been phenomenal. “Not only have we had tremendous initial interest on the project, but we have exceeded our sales projections for the summer,” she said.

Due to our sales velocity, we recently started vertical construction on the first tower,” Wilson added. “It’s mid-November and already our future residents and passers-by are able to see evidence of our first floor. Because we’re gearing up for the start of construction on our clubhouse and related amenities, our residents will be able to enjoy the complete Kalea Bay lifestyle upon move in.”

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices starting at $1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,928 total square feet.

Residences 2 and 5 are three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,835 total square feet.

Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,921 total square feet.

With 20 stories of living available at Kalea Bay and the area’s first rooftop pool and amenity center, residents will revel in spectacular gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into the condominium, nine-foot high ceilings and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens feature Wolf and Subzero appliances, a natural gas range, Downsview luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler’s pantry and counter-height oversized island.

The master bedroom has an oversized walk-in closet and the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, Downview luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

Additional features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors, high-tech wiring, fully-equipped laundry rooms and wide lanais with transparent glass rails.

Residents, no matter which floor they choose, will be able to enjoy views of the Gulf of Mexico and nature preserve,” stated Wilson.

That’s because the building’s amenities are located on the roof. They include a fitness center, sky lounge and incredible rooftop pool.

The residents and their guests will have quite a view from the tower’s roof. Not only will they see the Gulf of Mexico, but two of the best beaches in the country. They include, Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which is ranked #9.

The first residential tower is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2017.

Although every future resident is looking forward to moving into their new home, one in particular just might be more excited then the rest. That future resident is John Lodge, a legendary member of The Moody Blues.

“I have two very good reasons for buying a home in the Naples area,” explained Lodge. “My son and grandson live here.”

Lodge went on to say he found himself spending more and more time in Southwest Florida and it just made sense to find a place to hang his hat – and his bass guitar.

“The best aspects of Naples, besides golf, are the sunsets and weather,” said Lodge. “My wife Kirsten and I really wanted a place where we could sit and enjoy the setting sun on a nightly basis. The views of the Gulf from Kalea Bay are incredible and we love the fact the tower has a rooftop pool.”

Lodge has another connection to the Naples area – one he is very proud of. Although recorded at various locations, Lodge’s new solo album, “10,000 Light Years Ago”, only his second solo album of his career, was completed at The Mix Factory in Naples. It was the first time Lodge worked from a studio in the Sunshine State.

Lodge concluded, “Kirsten and I are excited to start spending more time in the Naples area in the future. But for the meantime, I’m excited to share my album with my fans and continue touring with The Moody Blues.”

In addition to the first tower’s rooftop amenities, Kalea Bay will also have a first-class clubhouse area which surely will be the recreational and social center of the community.

“The main amenity area is located on the north side of the lake at the community’s entrance,” said Wilson. “It will include a clubhouse with three individual pools, a pool deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar and an Internet cafe.”

But that’s not all. Nearby will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted tennis courts and 24 guest suites. There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse area, to a designated Gulf beach.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the award-winning, onsite sales center. It is located at 13950 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at kaleabay.com.

Above: Kalea Bay’s first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a pool and fitness center. The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, has 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. Left: Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings.
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Mangrove Bay Amelia III waterfront model now open

The second of three fabulous Mangrove Bay model homes is now open! The Amelia III Waterfront Residence – also the new Mangrove Bay Sales Center – will entice you to imagine the one-of-a-kind lifestyle you could be living along the Gordon River in Old Naples.

The Amelia III is a four-bedroom plus den, four-and-½ bath residence that includes a private-entry guesthouse. At approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model evokes a classic seaside cottage, with intricate trim details, a grand two-story beamed, tongue-and-groove ceiling in the great room, and built-in upholstered bench seats flanking its whitewashed stacked stone fireplace. The décor is “upscale cottage,” with a casual coastal feel in shades of navy, teal, and sand.

Other key design elements include authentic hard pine floors, traditional bead board accents, bench seat reading nooks, and stacked stone for the second fireplace in the outdoor living area.

Its kitchen is well-appointed with Wolf/Sub Zero stainless steel appliances and an exposed stainless steel hood. A show-stopping 10-foot-long Bianco Raffaello marble island countertop is the focal point of the kitchen. Ruffino Cabinetry used flat panel-applied molding doors with clean details, custom stains, and painted finishes for a sophisticated coastal feel to the cabinetry that picks up the grayish blue graining of the marble.

The spacious ground-floor master bedroom suite, with its cream and pale blue color palette, features a vaulted ceiling of painted tongue-and-groove wood and beams, and a welcoming built-in window seat. Its corner-pocketing sliders face the lanai, outdoor living space, pool, and spa. The master bath has his-and-her vanities, a free-standing tub, and oversized shower. Two additional guest suites and a private den are also found on the ground floor.

The Amelia waterfront plan offers all primary living and sleeping areas on the ground floor, with the option to add a private-entry guest cottage above the garage (in both the Amelia II and Amelia III plans). The model residence guest cottage (the Amelia III) will feature a generous sitting room, scaled-to-fit kitchenette, private bedroom and bath area, and private balcony. An attractive leaseback program is available.

Life at Mangrove Bay in Old Naples is designed to be relaxing and luxurious. In addition to the lavish appointments found inside and outside of these spacious single-family, Old Florida cottage-style homes, residents have the benefit of resort-style living with an on-site Concierge Center, an owners-only boat ramp, and – of course – their own private boat slip.

Mangrove Bay’s residents will enjoy the benefits of single-family living with very little maintenance. Complete pool care, landscaping, and dock maintenance are just a few of the services offered.

This enclave of just 53 homes set along the Gordon River is moments from the vibrant social setting along famed Fifth Avenue South, and mere blocks from the Gulf of Mexico.

The Keewaydin II Waterfront Residence model opened its doors last week. With a total of four bedrooms and four- and-½ baths, a second-floor loft area, and a private-entry guest house, this residence offers over 3,700 SF under air, and its interior style is Coastal Sanctuary washed in soft water hues. Its soaring two-story living room with a unique nickel gap wood ceiling has a fireplace at one end, and a built-in bar at the opposite end. The master suite offers an oversized sitting area with corner-pocket sliding doors that open to the pool and spa area with stunning views toward the river.

Opening soon, the Sanibel III Courtyard Model Residence will offer a four-bedroom, four-and-½ bath design with approximately 3,333 SF under air, including spacious private-entry guest cottage above the garage, ground floor master suite, and tropical pool and spa area with water feature.

This model features a unique beach aesthetic that mixes dark, light, and weathered wood appointments with a cool color palette, perfectly complementing its limed oak wood floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, and custom moldings and cabinetry throughout the residence. An attractive leaseback program is available.

Touring the model residences is the best way to experience Mangrove Bay, and the extensive thought that went into the residence conceptions. Decorated by Freestyle Interiors, they are designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, built by Lotus Construction, LLC, and exclusively marketed by Paradise Realty of Naples, LLC.

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Six additional models are currently under construc-
tion, with two expected to open by year’s end.

“Most of our furnished model homes in Mediterra sold shortly before or after completion for the past two years,” said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes, Naples’ leading lux-
ury homebuilding company for 25 years. “Last season we had very few model homes open to visitors because buyers wanted to move right in and enjoy Medi-
terra’s amenities and lifestyle. We made a concerted effort this summer to open new models before the winter season.”

The completed models include the Delfina estate home in Mediterra’s sold-
out Serata neighborhood and five luxury maintenance-free villa homes.

The Delfina, a four-bedroom estate home replaces the original model, which sold within weeks of comple-
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denza, and a large wrap-around outdoor living area catering to the sought-after alfresco lifestyle. The 4,329-square-foot floor plan features formal dining and living rooms and integrates leisure and game rooms into a large space for casual gatherings and entertainment. Interior finishes include wood flooring, custom ceiling and wall treatments, and tur-
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The Delfina’s large outdoor living areas include, a covered verandah, lanai, and seating around a fire pit. Mature palm trees flank the cobble-
stone driveaway and the entry walkway inside a low-walled courtyard at the Giro-
na, London Bay’s most popular floor plan in Mediterra. Featuring three bedrooms, a formal dining room, study and open great room, the model is located in the Cortile neighborhood. The current model, one of six built since 2012, sold on lease-
back a week before completion and will remain open until December 2018. The home offers 3,526 square feet of living area, a palette of gray and ivory accented with weathered wood blended with metal, mirrored and silver finishes.
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licious model featuring interiors by Romanza Design, is shown as a two-story home.

The 2,800-square-foot Angélica includes designer finishes and stainless steel kitch-
en appliances selected by Romanza. The home features pops of burnt orange and crimson, oak and animal print in a cheetah-themed rug in the main living area. The Angélica is offered at $1,230,000.

London Bay Homes’ Delfina is located in the Serata neighborhood. Below: The two-story Capriano featured in the model is shown.

The 4,402-square-foot villa’s open floor plan unravels from the foyer, sweeping from great room, dining area and kitchen out sliding glass doors to an alfresco living room, where a trio of arches frame views of the pool, fireplace and lake. The model sold on leaseback and is open for viewing through June 2016. Two additional Capriano mod-
els are currently under construction, scheduled to be completed Spring 2016.

Nearby in Cabreo, a 23-home neigh-
bhood surrounded by lakes, nature preserves and Mediterra’s illustrious gardens, are the three-bedroom, fully furnished Bettina and Angelica mainte-
nance-free models.

Vivid shades of turquoise, glass green and gray pop against soft tans of tile flooring, painted walls and light wood furniture, creating a sophisticated costal theme throughout the 3,104-square-foot Bettina. The model also offers a formal dining room and den and is shown with a summer kitchen, a pool and raised spa.

The Capriano features rustic wood floors and beamned ceilings balanced by a vibrant palette of bright blues, greens and yellows. Right: London Bay Homes’ Delfina is located in the Serata neighborhood at Mediterra. Below: The two-story Capriano is shown.

The European-inspired village of 71 lakeside villas accented with tile, stone, entry walls and authentic Old World architectural features.
The Eloro is London Bay Homes’ newest floor plan, designed to complement the lifestyle of Collier County’s nine-
time Community of the Year. From its bougainvillea-laced pergola entry leading to a landscaped round-
about with a grand fountain and inti-
mate neighborhoods of tree-shaded streets and even a European-inspired village of lakeside villas, Mediterra is also a place where knowing your neigh-
bor is an important part of the lifestyle.
London Bay Homes has translated six of its floor plans at Mediterra into luxu-
rious model homes that give visitors a true taste of the company’s capabilities and commit-
turing professional interiors by Roman-
za Interior Design, the homes capture luxury living at Mediterra. Naples’ pre-
mier golf and beach club community.
Six additional models are currently under construc-
tion, with two expected to open by year’s end.

“Most of our furnished model homes in Mediterra sold shortly before or after completion for the past two years,” said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes, Naples’ leading lux-
ury homebuilding company for 25 years. “Last season we had very few model homes open to visitors because buyers wanted to move right in and enjoy Medi-
terra’s amenities and lifestyle. We made a concerted effort this summer to open new models before the winter season.”

The completed models include the Delfina estate home in Mediterra’s sold-
out Serata neighborhood and five luxury maintenance-free villa homes.

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London Bay Homes was one of only two companies named America’s Best Builder by Builder Magazine in 2008. Since December 2009, London Bay and affiliates have managed all new home sales and marketing for Mediterra.

Additional home designs in Medi-
terra – a 2013 Aurora Award winner for Best Residential Development in the Southeast U.S. – include single-family estate homes and single-family mainte-
nance-free villas priced from $1 million to more than $7 million. The community is more than 95 percent sold out.

Amenities at Mediterra include 36 holes of Tom Fazio golf, the private Beach Club on the Gulf of Mexico, formal and casual dining at the clubhouse and Tan-
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With the completion of Talis Park’s Vyne House club-house Phase II, developer Kitson & Partners’ innovative Residences at Vyne House are generating strong appeal. An enclave of fourteen luxury condominium residences situated immediately adjacent to Vyne House, the Residences at Vyne House’s distinctive ambience is based on the premise that location, service, choice, and style matter. Homeowners will enjoy the convenience of life literally within steps of every amenity at Vyne House. A 24-hour concierge will be available to owners at The Residences at Vyne House and provide an exceptional level of personal service. Kitson anticipates breaking ground on the Residences at Vyne House in late spring, 2016.

The Residences at Vyne House offer a choice of eleven floor plans from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet priced from $1.350 million to $3.957 million. The plan choices include two-bedroom plus den, three bedroom, three bedroom plus den, and four-bedroom residences with a family room and great room. Several of the residences include expansive outdoor terraces overlooking Talis Park’s Great Lawn. A number of the residences also offer views of the lake that envelopes II Corso, the Watercourse at Talis Park. Four penthouse residences range from 2,753 to 5,648 square feet with 12-foot ceilings, one of which is on the ground level and includes its own casita and overlooks 2,000 square feet of outdoor living space.

Standard finishes in The Residences at Vyne House include hardwood flooring in the living areas, carpeted bedrooms, drywall ceilings, mud-set marble flooring and showers in the master bath, porcelain tile flooring and showers in the guest room baths, and an appliance package in the island kitchens featuring a Wolf Induction cook-top and microwave, SubZero refrigerator, and an ASCO dishwasher. Early purchasers may customize features and finishes that do not involve structural changes.

Kitson has simplified the finish selection process by providing three interior design suites created by Lori Fountain, IDS of F.T. Design, Inc. in Sarasota. The three styles provide purchasers an element of convenience rarely included in luxury condominium offerings. Fountain’s Villa Paradiso style is inspired by Vyne House and offers a timeless look that contrasts warm-colored sand-toned planked porcelain tile with light grey stippled Pompeii quartz countertops and Crema Marfil marble flooring and shower walls. The bedrooms will be featured in the guest baths in combination with cool grey planked porcelain tile flooring. Cold Water colored Misteriosa carpeting will be featured in the bedrooms.

Fountain’s Coastal Tranquility style showcases an inspired take on coastal living. The design presents a crisp, clean look with light-toned Santorini wood flooring in the living areas, Potter’s Mill White Icing Shaker style kitchen cabinetry, and Pompeii quartz Pure White kitchen island and perimeter counters with an eased edge. White Icing vanity cabinetry is featured in the master and guest baths with eased edge Crema Marfil marble countertops. The flooring and shower walls in the master bath will also be Crema Marfil marble countertops with a flat polished edge. The master bath features straightedge white Carrara marble vanity countertops, flooring, and shower walls against dark-toned vanity cabinetry. The Carrara marble countertops and dark-toned vanity cabinetry will also be used in the guest baths in combination with cool grey planked porcelain tile flooring.

The centerpiece of Vyne House is Vyne Court, an open-air courtyard that serves as a point of entry as well as a social space suited to hosting a variety of events. The upper level also features formal indoor dining, casual indoor and outdoor dining, a multi-purpose room, aerobics and cardio workout rooms, and a Wine Room/Board Room. A resort style pool with a large deck, a rotunda with a two-sided fireplace overlooking the 18th green, Poison’s Market Café, the Core Fitness Center, and the Esprit Spa are also included. The lower level hosts the golf pro shop and men’s and ladies’ locker rooms. Vyne House includes 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space.

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Sienna Reserve already 50 percent sold prices begin at $609,000

This is an exciting time at Sienna Reserve, a gated, single-family community being developed by Zuckerman Homes on Livingston-ton Road in North Naples.

Currently at Sienna Reserve three models are in various stages of construction with the first due to open in December. Ten residential homes are also under construction. The entire road system is in. The freshwater lake has its fountain centerpiece. The perimeter landscaping has been installed. And one of the fountains in the center of a brick paved roundabout is operational.

“There’s activity taking place from one end of the community to the other,” stated Andy Zuckerman, President of Zuckerman Homes, a fourth-generation, family-owned custom homebuilding company which started in 1924.

Sienna Reserve will only have 45 homes upon build-out. The first model hasn’t even opened yet and already the community has hit the 50 percent sold mark.

“Our North Naples location, combined with the community’s offering of only 45 luxury custom homes, has really caught the imagination of families in all age groups,” said Zuckerman. “Our purchasers also like the fact that only 14 of Sienna Reserve’s 30 acres will actually be developed. The remaining 16 acres will be comprised of a freshwater lake and a pristine, untouched nature preserve.”

Of the eight floor plans offered at Sienna Reserve three will be available to tour as models.

The first model to be completed will be the Hibiscus. It’s a single-story, three-bedroom plus study/three-bath home with 2,566 square feet under air and 3,378 total square feet including a side-entry, two-car garage. The study can be converted into a fourth bedroom.

The two other models are the Magnolia Flex and the Rosewood.

The Magnolia Flex is a two-story, four-bedroom plus game room and media room/three full-bath/two half-bath home with 4,004 square feet under air and 4,855 total square feet including a two-car garage. This plan is extremely popular because the master suite is the only bedroom on the first floor and has its own laundry room off the luxurious master bath.

The Rosewood is a two-story, five-bedroom plus study and club room/five-and-a-half-bath home with 4,971 square feet under air and 5,997 total square feet including a side-entry, three-car garage.

In this floor plan the first-floor study can be converted into a parlor.

The five remaining floor plans include the Hibiscus II, the Jasmine I and II, the Magnolia and the Poinaciana. The one- and two-story homes range in size from 2,344 to 4,135 square feet under air and have either three, four or five bedrooms with the majority also having a study. Some larger homes also offer a game room, a media room or a clubroom — with one offering a game room and a media room. All homes can be customized to fit an owner’s lifestyle.

Prices at Sienna Reserve begin at $609,000.

All purchasers at Sienna Reserve will be eligible to receive complimentary access to Tiburon Golf Club amenities on the same basis as a Medallion Member while their home is being built. Those future residents, upon moving into their new home, then have the option to purchase a Tiburon Golf Club Membership.

The fact Sienna Reserve is a small community has been a major selling point according to Zuckerman.

“In many cases bigger is not always better. Our research indicates buyers are looking for a more intimate community to call home. A place close to the city yet in harmony with nature. A place where neighbor knows neighbor. That’s exactly what we deliver,” he said.

He continued, “Our buyers are a diverse group, but they have at least one thing in common — they like the fact Sienna Reserve offers eight floor plans with sixteen different elevations, all of which can be fully-customized.”

Zuckerman Homes welcomes their future residents to customize their home — something usually only offered in communities priced much higher. A fact that makes Zuckerman Homes very unique.

“Everyone’s lifestyle is different. They have different needs. They have different tastes,” said Zuckerman. “As a family-run building company no one knows that better than we do. So, we’ll do everything we can to customize a home to our buyer’s specifications.”

Sienna Reserve’s locations has been another major selling point. It is close to downtown Naples and its world-renowned shopping districts of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South. It’s also within minutes of Mercato, one of the most popular upscale shopping centers in Southwest Florida.

In addition, Sienna Reserve is close to the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, the Naples Pier, fine restaurants, Germain Arena, the site for many sporting and entertainment events, and the South-west Florida International Airport.

Sienna Reserve is also an enjoyable walk from one of the premier parks in the county, the North Collier Regional Park.

Sienna Reserve is located on Livingston-ton Road, between Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road in North Naples.

The Sienna Reserve sales center is open Monday – Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Additional information is available by calling (239) 643-4333, visiting SiennaReserve.com, or sending an email to info@zuckermanhomes.com.
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The available inventory homes at Andalucia have everything today’s home buyers desire, including an affordable price. FrontDoor Communities’ beautiful homes are priced from the low $400,000s through the $500,000s. However, that affordable price doesn’t mean that buyers will have to sacrifice luxury finishes or sought-after features.

“We’ve worked very hard to offer new home buyers a quality-built but affordable home here at Andalucia,” said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. “We’ve been able to incorporate all of the great features our buyers are looking for, as well as fantastic resort-style amenities, into this community. Plus, it’s in the perfect location near everything that makes Naples such a desirable place to live. With all of that combined, plus homes that start at $419,000, we can offer something no other builder in Naples offers.”

Showcasing three different floor plans, including the award-winning Seville and Cordoba plans, the inventory homes range from 1,850 to more than 3,900 square feet, and feature one- or two-story layouts complete with two-car garages. In addition, the inventory homes offer the choice of a lake or preserve view home site.

The exterior architecture is absolutely breathtaking at Andalucia. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the homes include tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interior features are also impressive and include tile floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, beautiful master suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

Andalucia is in the center of it all, just minutes from boutiques and shopping, top beaches, and several of the top golf courses in Florida. Plus, the community is included in the excellent Collier County School District. However, homeowners aren’t required to leave home to enjoy fantastic amenities and recreation opportunities. Amenities found within Andalucia include a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment, a heated lap pool and a whirlpool spa. In addition, the community has a resident’s clubhouse with an open gathering room, game room and kitchen, as well as a children’s playground with basketball court.

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**What are some recent trends you’ve seen in your industry?**  
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**What lessons did you learn from the Great Recession?**  
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**What’s your vision for the future of your business?**  
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**How do you expect the Southwest Florida economy to grow?**  
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**What do you look for when recruiting new talent?**  
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**What’s the most important business lesson you’ve learned?**  
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The sun, sand and surf are Southwest Florida’s collective calling card, but dare to find and follow the roads less traveled and you’ll discover some hidden gems known mostly to locals. A small gallery representing a major artist who calls Fort Myers home, a little city with a big arts scene, an intimate shopping and restaurant district and even healing waters await. Visit these special places for an insider’s perspective and unique experiences.

Unit A as in Art

Fort Myers artist Marcus Jansen’s exhibition gallery is smaller than just a year ago. The artist, whose urban expressionist portfolio is collected by art lovers around the world and commissioned by big-time clients such as Absolut Vodka, Ford Motor Co. and Warner Bros., has expanded his adjoining studio to accommodate the growing demand for his work.

Should you visit the gallery by appointment or during Fort Myers’ monthly Art Walk between 6 and 10 p.m. the first Friday each month, don’t be surprised to see camera crews. The artist, known for his gritty observations and commentary on social issues and world events, is the focus of “Marcus Jansen: Examine & Report,” a John Scoular-directed documentary set to release in 2016. “Marcus Jansen DECADE,” a book highlighting more than 100 works by the artist, will be available internationally next spring.

Expect book-signing events and screenings throughout Southwest Florida in 2016.

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This season promises to be bigger and better as the centers host the Bonita Springs International Film Festival and the Bonita Springs National Art Festival, both in February, and bring the movements and sounds of Motown and flamenco to center stage as well as performances of “Arsenic and Old Lace” and “Assisted Living the Musical.”

Explore the original Old Naples

Often referred to as the “original Old Naples,” Crayton Cove packs history, the waterfront, shopping, art galleries and restaurants into just a few blocks. The site of the city’s first boat landing and former fish processing center, Naples City Dock along Naples Bay today offers fishing charters and sightseeing adventures in search of dolphins, manatees and sunsets. The tours also provide a glimpse into the backyards of Naples’ most exclusive homes in Port Royal en route to the gulf.

From its main intersection of 12th Avenue South and Eighth Street East, venture in any direction. Discover nautical and maritime merchandise at Naples Ships Store and original works by local artists at Arsenault Gallery, ArtGallery OldNaples2, Guess-Fisher Gallery, Phil Fisher Gallery and Nora Butler Gallery — all of which stay open late the second Saturday of the month for “Art after Dark.”

Francophiles will find authentic French cuisine, wine classes and private tastings at Bleu Provence, and French home-style cooking and a breezy terrace at Chez Boet. Since 1976, The Dock at Crayton Cove has served up the quintessential Southwest Florida alfresco waterfront dining experience accompanied by its beloved seafood dishes and raw bar. Each restaurant in Crayton Cove also offers the delish Crayton Cove classic daiquiri, a sweet-and-sour combo of lime juice, simple syrup and rum.

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ONCE UPON A TIME, PEOPLE ATE FOOD THAT traveled from the fields directly to their tables. They didn’t need a name for this practice because that was the only option. But as large commercial farms and third-party distributors flourished, food from distant portions of the globe became available and the age-old concept of farm-to-table fare disappeared.

It’s a wonderful thing that the old ways are returning, with chefs seeking out locally grown meats and produce from farmers who believe passionately in fresh food full of flavor and nutrition. Add locally harvested seafood and there’s even more to celebrate as producers, consumers and the environment all benefit. In some cases, chefs are even growing some of their own food.

Here are a few spots where you can savor the flavor of Southwest Florida:

From the mouths of babes

At Veranda E at The Escalante in Naples, much of the fresh produce comes directly from the restaurant’s 3,000-square-foot garden to Executive Chef Bryan Sutton’s kitchen.

This year, he’s growing herbs, beets, carrots, radishes, tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, cucumbers and even planting bananas and trees that will bear papayas and Meyer lemons.

“I learned a lot last year,” Mr. Sutton says. “This year, I’m doing most of the planting myself, and it’s going well. The radishes came up in just three days and everything looks great.”

The produce is grown organically, using natural substances such as peppermint oil, marigolds, coffee grinds and eggshells (“Slugs don’t like eggs,” Mr. Sutton says) to control pests.

He decided to start the garden after getting a disturbing reply from his children to the question, “Where does
“Where did the corn come from?”

“It comes from Publix,’ they said. I knew we had a lot of work to do,” he says.

Find your way to the charming, lushly landscaped, covered courtyard, settle into a table overlooking the pool and prepare for a stellar meal that will include just-picked veggies (what they don’t grow they procure from other local farms) as well as pink shrimp from the gulf and grouper and snapper caught in Florida waters.

“My theory is if you’re using good product, you don’t have to do a lot to it,” Mr. Sutton says. “You don’t have to cover it with lots of sauces. It’s beautiful on its own.”

That applies to everything on the menu, including the restaurant’s signature kung pao calamari, served perfectly fried with a lightly spicy sauce, peanuts and little hot peppers. It also applies to short ribs that are marinated then slow-cooked for hours until the fat melts away, leaving them fork-tender and luscious.

Finish off the meal with house-made lemon-ginger ice cream and fresh berries — and then take a tour of the garden.

Veranda E
The Escalante
290 Fifth Ave. South
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Enjoy it both ways

Whether you are looking to gather the goods for a meal at home or want someone else to handle the cooking, it’s a good bet that you can find it at DeRomo’s. The sprawling market offers a cornucopia of gourmet items, including homemade sausage, mozzarella and pastas, imported cheeses, wines, produce, meats, seafood, baked
goods and gift baskets.

At the adjoining restaurant, you can dine on dishes made with many of the same products, including gulf-caught shrimp, local herbs, tomatoes and other produce.

“We buy anything local and organic we can find,” says owner Francis Cuomo, whose dream was to “bring a great fresh product, homemade recipes and a unique concept coupling a market with a restaurant” to the area.

The result is the 18,000-square-foot establishment he opened in October 2014 at Promenade at Bonita Bay.

Mr. Cuomo has had decades of restaurant and catering experience in New York and on Florida’s east coast, and he has brought the best of those efforts to DeRomo’s.

So in addition to the standard Italian fare, diners will also find his signature dishes, such as Linguini Villagio (grilled chicken with roasted pine nuts, spinach, sautéed onions, pomodoro and Parmesan cheese over pasta), Chicken Cuomo (sautéed chicken cutlet with seasoned ricotta, prosciutto, breaded eggplant and mozzarella in pink sauce) and a dish Mr. Cuomo says was acclaimed by The New York Times called Veal Schantinella (veal medallions, jumbo shrimp and sea scallops in a golden sherry basil cream sauce over risotto).

DeRomo’s operates The Center Bar at The Promenade, offering live entertainment some nights, and a giftware center as well.

DeRomo’s Gourmet Market and Restaurant
The Promenade
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The menu never gets stale
Chef Harold Balink has long been known in the Fort Myers area for his use of prime ingredients combined in imaginative ways.

For the past few years, he has headed up the stylish Cru at Bell Tower Shops. But he recently decided to part ways with the restaurant, where he oversaw 45 employees, in favor of a smaller space he could call his own.

Harold’s opened in early October in the south Fort Myers spot previously occupied by Blue Windows French Bistro, which moved to Sanibel. Mr. Balink has made farm-to-table dining the central theme of his new place, working with Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm to supply chicken, pork and a majority of the vegetables he serves.

And, of course, he’s also harvesting bounty from the sea. Even the invasive and delicious lionfish has found its way onto his menu.

“I’m cooking every night,” Mr. Balink says.

He’s also working to bring in the sort of romance of his previous downtown restaurants, Harold’s on Bay and H2.

The menu will change regularly, reflecting the availability of products. His opening menu included such delicacies as carrot banana curry, crispy lotus, ginger and seared scallop; roasted beets, apples, hazelnut goat cheese and poached farm egg; house-made almond ricotta angolotti, seared scallops and brown butter; braised fennel, saffron and tomato with seared lionfish; and house-made linguini with roasted Chanterelle and Rosy Tomorrows’ Red Ranger chicken.

The cozy little restaurant is open for dinner only starting at 5 p.m. Don’t even think about going without a reservation.

Harold’s
15250 S. Tamiami Trail
Fort Myers
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Haroldscuisine.com or on Facebook

Southern food gets a stylish twist in downtown Punta Gorda
A soulful gumbo of experienced food folks is responsible for Punta Gorda’s newest cool spot, Leroy’s Southern Kitchen-Bar. Owners Bob Mulroy (Fathoms/The Joint, Blue Coyote) and Lee Richardson (Food Zoo) along with Chef Rich Howze (Rumrunners, Mereday’s) have created this wood-filled watering hole and restaurant.

Offering “a pinch of soul, a dash of hip and a whole lot of lovin’,” according to its website, Leroy’s is attracting a crowd hungry for crawfish beignets, house-made sausages, po’boys, etouffee and other Southern delights.

“We’re just a few miles from several farms and there’s a rural feel to parts of the area,” Mr. Mulroy says. “We get our pork from a pig farmer right outside of the city who raises heritage hogs.”
They buy local tomatoes and produce whenever possible and serve up Pine Island clams with andouille, white wine, tomatoes and Tabasco.

Having opened in early September, they find “the fried chicken is our top seller, along with fried green tomatoes and pork and pancakes” (sweet corn pancakes with pulled pork, hot sauce and seasoned vinegar).

And, he says proudly, “We boast the largest selection of fine bourbons in Southwest Florida.”

Mr. Howze is making his own sausage (a recent offering was pork with mushrooms and truffles) and crafting specials such as black grouper with crawfish and cornbread stuffing.

Leroy’s is open for lunch and dinner every day and offers Sunday brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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The north side of the park, with its own entrance off SR 78, includes miles of trails for mountain biking and horseback riding. Trails and well-marked directional signs ensure that bicyclists and equestrians do not compete for space on the winding, hilly course, and all trails are moving the same direction.

The mountain-bike trail in particular is considered the best in the region, with less-rugged and more-rugged terrain challenges for every skill and age level. Helmets are absolutely required for those 16 and younger.

The park hosts a variety of wildlife, including deer, otters, foxes, bobcats, the occasional black bear and numerous other species — all inhabiting the natural mix of pine flatwoods, scrub oak, cypress swamps and oak hammocks.

Parking is $1 per hour or $5 per day, year-round. Biking trails are closed during or after rainy weather to help preserve the trails and protect bicyclists.

Caloosahatchee Regional Park
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Babcock Ranch Preserve

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The preserve includes wet and dry pine flatwoods, prairie and cypress domes and swamps and a breathtaking array of wildlife: white-tailed deer, black bears, native Osceola turkeys, northern bobwhite quails, and protected species such as crested caracaras, gopher tortoises, red-cockaded woodpeckers, Eastern indigo snakes, burrowing owls and Florida panthers.

Unlike many other parks or preserves, dogs can accompany hikers as long as they’re kept under physical control.

Babcock, under an arrangement with the state, remains a working cattle ranch and farming operation, so visitors are asked to leave cows alone and to respect ranchers and workers.

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Visitors can take small-motor boat tours (boats carry six passengers) of various environments in the reserve for $89, or $79 for non-members; or two-hour guided kayak tours for $59 (or $49 for non-members) that include the guide, kayak, paddle and life jackets.

For those who wish to explore on their own, a marked paddling trail begins at the mouth of Henderson Creek near the Environmental Learning Center.

There also is a small-boat launch (primitive) at the end of Shell Island Road, which begins two miles south of the Learning Center. But boats or kayaks are not the only way to see the reserve; several hiking trails are also marked.

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Rookery Bay Environmental Estuarine Research Reserve
300 Tower Road, Naples
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The Bonita Nature Place

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They seem almost as one, these idyllic, sunsplashed barrier islands just off the Lee County coast.

They’re both dotted with palm trees and beaches, lovely homes, fine restaurants and resorts.

Now, their connection is a bridge and a chamber of commerce and the feeling of subtropical tranquility.

Actually, until a 1926 hurricane blasted them apart, they were one island. Now, they’re two, but they share a lifestyle and more.

Until 1963, the islands could be reached only by boat.

But a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland in 1963 and many things changed. More people moved there and more tourists visited.

Many of those residents and visitors are often spotted doing the “Sanibel Stoop,” walking along an island beach collecting shells. Sanibel is one of the world’s top shelling destinations and home of the Bailey-Mathews National Shell Museum, the only such museum in the country.

Sanibel is also home to J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a pristine retreat where more than 220 species of birds can be found.

It’s all just a convenient drive over a bridge from the mainland.
Fort Myers

Fort Myers was incorporated in 1885 with a population of 349, and two years later, became the county seat when Lee County was carved out of what was then Monroe County. Then, it was little more than a cow town of a few ramshackle buildings hugging the river.

The downtown area along the Caloosahatchee is now known as the River District and borders the governmental hub of the county with city, county, state and federal offices.

The city offers a vibrant, diverse arts scene. Florida Rep, one of the nation’s top repertory companies, is based in the downtown Arcade Building, which opened in 1908. Theater-rich Fort Myers also offers the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Theatre Conspiracy and Laboratory Theatre.

The River District is speckled with architectural gems such as the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, the Burroughs Home (built in 1901) and the Lee County Courthouse, which was constructed in 1915.

Two Major League Baseball teams, the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins, have spring training in Fort Myers.

Estero

Estero used to be little more than a wide spot on U.S. 41 between Fort Myers and Naples, an unincorporated place to grow oranges and fish the Estero River.

But since Dec. 31, 2014, it is now the Village of Estero, Lee County’s newest incorporated community.

Estero is bustling beyond what anybody might have imagined even very late in the 20th century. It’s virtually the economic centerpiece of Southwest Florida now that Hertz has moved its global headquarters to the heart of the village. The company has a $70 million, 300,000-square foot complex within walking distance of Coconut Point Mall. A short jaunt north of Hertz is a new 180,000-square foot Walmart Supercenter.

Throughout, Estero brims with shopping, movies, fine dining and hotels.

But bits of the past remain at the Koreshan State Historic Site, which preserves 11 old buildings that provide a glimpse into history. The Koreshan Unity was a religious cult founded by Cyrus Teed that moved to Estero in 1894. The Koreshans are gone now, but a growing, vibrant community where business mixes with pleasure remains.
Bonita Springs

This golf mecca in southern Lee County is much more than tee boxes and greens. Indeed, there are numerous golf courses throughout the 39 or so square miles of Bonita Springs; they are beautiful courses, too many to name here without omitting some. Heck, there’s even a disc golf course at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center.

But Bonita Springs is much more than golf or fishing or boating, and it’s getting better all the time.

The Centers for the Arts by its name tells you it is about arts in the plural.

Film festivals. Art shows. Adult education. Pottery classes.

Bonita Springs, which became an incorporated city in 2000, is sprucing up the downtown area straddling Old 41 Road with a redevelopment program. Longtime residents know their city has come a long way in a short period of time. In 1970, the population was just a bit shy of 2,000. Today, it’s more than 49,000.

Any mention of Bonita Springs must include the Everglades Wonder Gardens, a throwback to old Florida roadside attractions. It opened in 1936 and is still right there today along Old 41.
Cape Coral

Only a little more than half a century ago, there was no place called Cape Coral.

Two visionary Baltimore businessmen and brothers, Leonard and Jack Rosen, essentially created a city by buying a huge swath of land, bulldozing trees and digging one of the world’s most extensive canal systems.

Then, the people started coming. And they haven’t stopped.

Now, the 1957 creation by those Baltimore boys is the largest city in Southwest Florida in size and population, a community of more than 160,000 people spread over 120 square miles.

It is now home to four public high schools, theaters, shopping, highways and businesses of all sorts.

Where once locals hunted and fished in a vast expanse of pine trees and palmettos, it is now a place where people of all ages shop, dine, work, raise families and enjoy retirement.

The Rosen brothers might not recognize what they created along the shores of the Caloosahatchee and Pine Island Sound all those years ago, but they surely must have envisioned it.

Alva

This rural, unincorporated swath of Lee County east of Fort Myers is a retreat reminiscent of a bygone Florida, a place of citrus groves, cattle, oak trees and trails where residents can ride horses through woodlands.

An assumption many newcomers make is this town must be named for Thomas Alva Edison, the legendary inventor who owned a winter home in Fort Myers. Not so.

Peter Nelson, a sea captain, Danish immigrant and rugged Florida pioneer, chose the name, and it has nothing to do with Mr. Edison. Mr. Nelson chose the name because of small white flowers, called alvas, that he found. So Alva it became in the late-19th century, and Alva it remains today.

Residents want to preserve Alva’s unique charms and have created a website (alvafl.org). On top of the homepage is this mission statement: “Dedicated to preserving the tranquility and beauty of Alva.”

The website also notes Alva has a “unique historical, rural, agricultural and equestrian ambience.”

No big condos, overpasses or shopping malls here. Alva was beautiful when Peter Nelson first ventured up the river in the 1880s, and remains much the same today.
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In some ways, Lehigh Acres resembles Cape Coral. Both were created by visionary northern businessmen in the 1950s and have grown beyond what anybody could have predicted 60 years ago.

But while residents of Cape Coral long ago became an incorporated city, Lehigh Acres remains an unincorporated, 86-square-mile tract of eastern Lee County that about 96,000 people call home.

Lehigh Acres’ origins can be traced back to the days when Dwight Eisenhower was president and television was in black and white. That’s when Chicago businessman Lee Ratner bought 18,000 acres of scrubland and pine trees east of Fort Myers. Few people lived there at the time.

Even before that, what is now Lehigh Acres became known to thousands of young Americans who were stationed at Buckingham Army Airfield, an Army Air Forces training base during World War II.

Now, Lehigh Acres is known as a community where housing is affordable, and its location just east of I-75 puts it within easy driving distance of downtown Fort Myers, Southwest Florida International Airport, Florida Gulf Coast University, the beaches and golf courses.

Pine Island

This 18-mile-long stretch is Florida’s largest island. But it’s more than the answer to a state geography trivia question.

Pine Island is a glimpse into Florida’s past, to a time before high-rise condos and five-star resorts. It has five communities, each with its own charms, from Bokeelia to the north to St. James City to the south.

In between is Pine Island Center, where motorists drive into the island’s heart and reach the fork. Head north, and a left turn takes one to Pineland; its setting overlooking Pine Island Sound is arguably the most beautiful view in Lee County.

Before driving onto the island, motorists go through Matlacha, a fishing village-turned-art colony on a separate small island that, for the record, is pronounced, “mat-la-SHAY.” Check out Matlacha’s art galleries, bars and restaurants before or after visiting the four other communities.

Visitors can walk from any of the galleries to a bridge connecting Matlacha and the island, a span nicknamed “The Fishingest Bridge in the World.” Yes, the fishing is great on Pine Island ... as are many things.

Florida-inspired artist Leoma Lovegrove, top left, is one of the artistic attractions of Matlacha.
John Giglio
President/CEO, Freedom Boat Club

‘The boat club model is a major leader in providing a proven, affordable alternative’

How did you first get into business?
My first foray into business after college was working in an HR capacity for a temporary staffing firm. I then joined a company that owned a chain of successful auto body shops and worked in operations. After three years, I became a partner and my role expanded to include all aspects including operations, HR, accounting and marketing. I enjoyed a hands-on opportunity to learn how to successfully operate a small business.

What are some recent trends you’ve seen in your industry?
While the boating industry overall was dealt a severe blow in 2009 by the economic recession, we have seen an uptick and slow but steady growth the past few years. With this growth has come a greater demand for marina slip space.

What lessons did you learn from the Great Recession?
Unlike most marine industry businesses, our niche enjoyed significant positive growth as a result of the recession. When the economy tanked, our affordable alternative to traditional boat ownership became a very attractive solution for active boaters who didn’t want to give up their favorite recreational pastime and lifestyle. We learned the importance of investing in our fleet, along with consistently marketing our brand messages to educate the public about our offerings. Lessons learned: we’ve enjoyed a 20 percent year-on-year revenue growth over the past five years.

What’s your vision for the future of your business?
We have two divisions: the corporate entity includes 14 clubs we own and operate from Bradenton to Marco Island; the franchise business is nationwide. Our corporate vision includes targeted expansion, plus the purchasing of marinas on the west coast of Florida. Slip space is a prerequisite for our growth.

On the franchise front, we will reach the 100 club milestone by year’s end. Within five years, we will double our footprint nationally and abroad.

What trends do you see impacting your industry in the next two to four years?
There is a focus on making boating more affordable in order to grow the market. The boat club model is a major leader in providing a proven, affordable alternative to traditional boat ownership. Other non-traditional options include fractional ownership and peer-to-peer sharing. The sharing economy or collaborative consumption mindset is particularly appealing to Millennials, so we expect this trend to help stimulate growth within this important demographic.

Another major trend addresses the shift in overall U.S. demographics and the powerful growth projections in multicultural markets.
Freedom Boat Club is an early adopter in multicultural initiatives. We have hired a full-time multicultural sales and marketing manager to lead our efforts and we are presently developing our strategy, with the goal to introduce and welcome new markets to the boat club lifestyle.

How do you expect the Southwest Florida economy to grow?
We’re projecting solid growth. New housing starts are on the rise. More importantly, we have documented notable growth in our corporate membership base with newcomers who have recently relocated to the area. With the steady influx of new residents and positive population growth comes the stimulation of small business, which will directly impact the service industry.

What do you look for in recruiting new talent?
We are so blessed in this regard! Our corporate division has grown considerably over the past few years and we are fortunate that the area has so many active, younger retired professionals who are seeking enjoyable second careers. We never have a problem finding great talent!

What’s the most important business lesson you’ve learned?
Stick to what you know! Continue to innovate and improve your core business, but stay focused and do what you do better than anyone else.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
Many people assume that I’ve been a boater all my life. Truth is, my wife taught me to drive a boat at the age of 23. Who would have dreamed I would own the world’s largest and oldest boat club one day? Thanks to my wife and her family, boating has become an integral part of my both my life and my career. I love bringing the fun of boating to others!

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Fort Myers Beach

Don’t get confused. Fort Myers Beach is located on Estero Island. The bridge connecting it to the mainland is called the Matanzas Pass Bridge.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach was incorporated in 1995. The island is a seven-mile-long playground of beaches, hotels, restaurants and shops.

The island also has a rich history. Long before the first Europeans reached what is now known as Fort Myers Beach in the 1500s, the native Calusa resided on the island. Remnants of their time and culture are visible at the Mound House, an early 20th-century house built atop one of the mounds the Calusa tucked away from the main road.

The primary road along the island is Estero Boulevard, where most of the Beach’s hotels, shops and restaurants are located.

Near the island’s north end is a pedestrian-friendly shopping and dining district known as Times Square. It’s all here on Estero Island, aka the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

North Fort Myers

From North Fort Myers’ shores on the Caloosahatchee, the skyline of downtown Fort Myers is clearly visible. That’s “the city” over there. Business and life are different on the north side of the river with fine waterfront homes, restaurants, shops and treasures of all sorts in this unincorporated part of Lee County mixing with the farms of rural Florida.

The Shell Factory & Nature Park has been an iconic attraction in North Fort Myers for 78 years.
Over to the east of Interstate 75 is the venerable Lee Civic Center, home to a wide array of activities. The center is used for events such as the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair, concerts, gun shows, craft fairs, RV shows and more.

Another classic venue in North Fort Myers is the Shell Factory & Nature Park, a tourist stop for decades and a place for locals to eat and listen to music.

Yes, North Fort Myers has its attractions, but venture off U.S. 41 and I-75 and you’ll find charming rural settings with names such as Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm and the Echo Global Farm. When one ventures into these farms and private ranches, “the city” seems farther than just a river crossing away.

Boca Grande

This tony resort on Gasparilla Island is an outpost of charm, grace and wealth. The Wall Street Journal once called it the preppiest place on Earth.

Boca Grande’s downtown district is a haven of small shops and cafes, far removed from the malls and chain restaurants dotting many other Florida communities. No high-rise condos touch the sky above Boca Grande.

The centerpiece of town is the rustic Gasparilla Inn, which opened in 1911. The resort has three croquet lawns and is home to the Gasparilla Inn Mallet Club. Interested? The inn offers a fall spa package for $430 a night, but in January, that increases to $505.

Boca Grande has long been a retreat for the elite, from business leaders to politicians and even movie stars; actress Katharine Hepburn was a regular in town in the 1980s.

It’s not all about kicking back on the beach here. The village offers a bicycle path and is home to the World’s Richest Tarpon Tournament, where entry fee per boat is $5,000.
Punta Gorda

In Punta Gorda, time is divided between now and B.C., or Before Charley, the powerful hurricane that barreled through the city in 2004.

In the wake of the storm, Punta Gorda essentially reinvented itself. An organization called TEAM Punta Gorda was formed to help the city’s recovery.

The city still retains that old-time Florida feel with an historic district near a charming downtown. With a population of about 17,000, it remains the only incorporated community in Charlotte County.

Although small, Punta Gorda offers much in the way of beauty, art and culture. The city is nestled along the water where the Peace River meets Charlotte Harbor.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra provides a dose of class and classical music.

One of the big changes since Hurricane Charley was the addition of the Charlotte Harbor & Event Center on the waterfront, a venue for all sorts of activities. The center is a short walk from downtown restaurants, shops and galleries.

Yes, Hurricane Charley was a destructive intruder, but it left behind a determined community that has used the 11-plus years since to reinvent and improve itself.

Port Charlotte

When Forbes magazine recently named the best 25 places to retire in America, Port Charlotte was on the list.

Forbes noted that the cost of living is 8 percent lower in Port Charlotte than the rest of the country, and the unincorporated community has above-average air quality and a low serious-crime rate. It also has great recreation, shopping and culture.

The Port Charlotte Town Center is a major mall, and baseball fans will want to spend time at Charlotte Sports Park, spring-training home of the Tampa Bay Rays and regular-season home of the Charlotte Stone Crabs of the Class A Florida State League.

Then there’s the Charlotte Players, a community theater troupe that traces its roots back to 1961 and calls the Cultural Center of Charlotte County home.

So with many activities at hand and just a short drive to airports in Punta Gorda, Sarasota and Fort Myers, Port Charlotte isn’t just a great place to retire, as Forbes noted. It’s a great place to live, period.

Englewood

Englewood is a community straddling two counties, Charlotte and Sarasota, but it’s a singular place.

So much can be found around its bustling, art-district heart on West Dearborn Street. Just east of town, visitors can hike, camp and ride bikes in the Myakka State Forest. On the other side of Englewood is Manasota Key, a beautiful barrier island with restaurants and cottages overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Also on Manasota Key is the Hermitage Artist Retreat, where some of the nation’s top creative talent can get away from it all and focus on their art. A short ferry ride away is Palm Island Resort, a distinctive resort with private villas tucked away in subtropical paradise.

In town, there are plenty of things to do, even simple delights such as strolling West Dearborn Street and checking out the shops and bistros.

This is a community that offers a barbershop quartet, the Lemon Bay Chord Company; and a theater, the Lemon Bay Playhouse. The prestigious Ringling College of Art & Design has a center in Englewood.

Yes, Englewood may be part of two counties, but it is, indeed, a singular place.

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Naples is rich in more ways than where it ranks on lists of wealthiest places to live.
Yes, according to Wikipedia, Naples has the second-highest percentage of millionaires of any city in the country. And, yes, Naples also has the sixth-highest per-capita income in the U.S.
But Naples is rich in other ways — culture, beauty, restaurants, nature and sheer elegance.

This sun-splashed little city on the gulf is a cultural mecca, packed with theater from Artis—Naples to the Naples Players, Theatre Zone and Gulfshore Playhouse.
The city's shopping districts are among the classiest anywhere, from Fifth Avenue South to Third Street South to Mercato.
The city's wealth is most strikingly evident along Gordon Drive, a street that goes south from the downtown district.
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stroll out on the Naples Pier, which juts into the gulf. The pier is popular with fishermen, but also provides a vantage point from which to soak in the beauty of Naples, which stretches in both directions. It’s a view that doesn’t take a millionaire to appreciate.

Golden Gate

Look at Golden Gate on a map and it’s easy to notice that the roughly four square miles of this community are essentially a square shape.

It’s also easy to note that it’s conveniently located east of Interstate 75 in Collier County just north of where the highway turns east toward Fort Lauderdale on the other side of Florida.

On Florida’s west coast, though, Golden Gate and its affordable neighborhoods are close to so much to do and see.

Cultural, recreational and environmental activities are all within a short drive at Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Preserve and Collier-Seminole State Park. Fishing in the Ten Thousand Islands, golf or walking on a gulf beach are activities that are all a short drive away. So are the theaters, shops and restaurants of Naples.

Affordable living near everything one could want. That really does make Golden Gate a square deal.

Everglades City

Finding what Florida looked like long ago doesn't require a time machine.

All it takes is a trip to Everglades City, a tiny dot on the Florida map about 35 miles south of Naples on the edge of the Ten Thousand Islands.

You won’t find skyscraping condos or shopping malls in this town next to Chokoloskee Bay.

You’ll find the Everglades City Rod & Gun Club, a Victorian-era reminder of the past. The club's roots date back to the 19th century, and sitting on the porch under a fan, one can almost see the hardy pioneers who worked the area more than 100 years ago.

More of that history can be found at the Museum of the Everglades, a Collier County collection housed in a building that opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry.

From Everglades City, one can go on eco tours, kayaking adventures or a fishing day trip.

The town is only 1.2 square miles of houses with tin roofs, royal palms and lots of Florida the way it used to be.

The Everglades Community Church, nestled in the heart of the Florida Everglades, is a heritage landmark in Everglades City.
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Part of the college’s mission is to “inspire learning; prepare a diverse population for creative and responsible participation in a global society; and serve as a leader for intellectual, economic, and cultural awareness in the community.”

FSW’s Center for International Education fulfills that mission. These new programs are designed to enhance the global competencies of students, faculty and staff. Opportunities include study abroad, service learning, and professional experiences and gaining multi-lingual and cultural proficiency.

Partnerships include the International College of Seville, Albertay University, Kibi University-Japan, and University of the Arctic. Areas of study range from entrepreneurship, foreign language and culture to computer animation and international business.

Research

FSW’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research supports faculty, staff and administrators with grant submissions and management. The college has set aside $100,000 for faculty who are interested in pursuing research opportunities and projects. Many FSW faculty have an interest in research and are applying to receive a portion of the fund. In addition to benefitting the faculty, this also opens opportunities for students to participate in research with their professors.

Go Bucs!

FSW already offers students an exceptional academic experience and a vibrant student life with nearly 30 clubs. To give students the complete college experience, one piece had been missing for the past 18 years: athletics. From 1962 through 1997, the college was the first to have intercollegiate athletic teams. However, the average age of the students rose to nearly 30 by 1997 and interest had waned. Fast forward to today and that average age is closer to 22. The interest to once again cheer for the Buccaneers is loud and clear.

The first FSW Buccaneers’ baseball and softball teams will begin competition at 6 p.m. on January 29, 2016 in City of Palms Park in downtown Fort Myers. The excitement will continue to grow as construction of the Suncoast Credit Union Arena is completed in the Fall 2016. It will be home for the FSW men’s and women’s basketball teams. It will also be the new place for the Culligan City of Palms Basketball Classic, a high school boy’s tournament that attracts the top teams in the county to compete in December 2016. Then in 2017, the arena will also be home for the FSW women’s volleyball team.

Let’s Go Bucs!

Striking Gold

This year was the first for performance funding for all of Florida’s 28 state colleges. Established by the State Board of Education, performance funding places more emphasis on student outcomes instead of enrollment. FSW earned a Gold Tier ranking, and scored perfectly in the areas of job placement and completer entry level wages.

“We support the goals of the legislature in this effort to place a greater emphasis on excellence in our education system rather than growth alone,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, FSW President. “FSW’s score on performance funding validates what people in southwest Florida already know; that FSW in a leader in public higher education. The results highlight our incredible faculty and staff that every day are working with our students to encourage, inspire and lead them to achieve greatness in the classroom today and in our community tomorrow.”
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Ave Maria

Many Florida communities are focused on a golf, tennis or boating lifestyle.

In Ave Maria, located about a half-hour drive east of Naples between Immokalee Road and State Road 29, the focus is on the Catholic faith.

Ave Maria is a planned community that opened in 2007. Domino’s Pizza founder and philanthropist Tom Monaghan is the driving force behind it and Ave Maria University, located adjacent to the town square.

On its website, the university proclaims that it is “devoted to Mary the Mother of God, inspired by St. John Paul II and blessed Teresa of Calcutta and dedicated to the formation of joyful, intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, scholarship and service.”

The community, developed independently of the university, boasts a golf course, waterpark and recreational areas, along with a town center that features a variety of small shops and restaurants along with a Publix.

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Immokalee

Immokalee was once known as Gopher Ridge and also Allen’s Place before acquiring its current name, which means “my home” in the Seminole language.

Immokalee has a connection to millions of Americans who have likely never heard of this agricultural town: about 90 percent of the nation’s winter tomatoes come from farms in and around this rural community. Cucumbers, bell peppers and citrus also are major crops.

But Immokalee is about more than farming. Seminole Casino Immokalee and its hotel stay abuzz with gaming, food and drink, special shows and concerts year-round, thanks to 38 live gaming tables and more than 1,300 slot machines.

Where nearby Naples is considered blue blood, Immokalee represents blue-collar Collier County. Neighborhoodscout.com reports 54.3 percent of its workers are employed in blue-collar work, well more than twice the national average of 24.75 percent. The website also notes that Spanish is the most common language in the town and that 38.47 percent of residents were born in other countries.

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Marco Island

This place was once known as Caxambas, a tough name to spell and pronounce that’s a Native American word for “fresh water.”

This island is blessed for a number of reasons besides its now easier-to-pronounce name. For starters, it's the biggest of the Ten Thousand Islands.

It’s also an ideal place for all sorts of water sports, from kayaking to fishing and sailing.

It's possible to catch a boat on Marco Island and make a journey south to Key West, the southernmost city in the continental United States, in less than four hours.

The 22.8-square-mile island is connected to the mainland by the SS Jolley Bridge. Once visitors or newcomers cross that bridge, they’ll find just about everything they need for a good time.

Marco Island has hotels, restaurants, shops, beaches, golf courses and plenty of ways to get out and enjoy the water, including six miles of beaches.

Off the sand, a theater troupe has been a staple of the island since the 1970s, bringing live shows to residents and visitors under the banner of the Marco Players. That’s an easier name to deal with than the Caxambas Players.
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  Tickets - raysbaseball.com

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  Tickets - miamihotspur.com

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COLLIER COUNTY

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South Bay Drive
Bonita Springs
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promenadeshops.com

Gulf Coast Town Center

This outdoor mall opened in phases between 2005 and 2007, and is still expanding in its location just off Interstate 75. The center features Bass Pro Shops, Belk, Best Buy, Costco, Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney and Target as its anchor stores, and offers a variety of dining options to suit every budget and taste.

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Periwinkle Place

This island gem was selected by the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau as Sanibel’s top shopping destination — 25 shops, including the original Chico’s, the award-winning Blue Giraffe Restaurant and Sanibel Day Spa among covered boardwalks, lush landscaping, tropical fountains and a butterfly garden.

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Gasparilla Island State Park
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Don Pedro Island State Park
9450 Placida Road
Placida (941) 964-0375
Don Pedro, part of an extensive chain of barrier islands extending along Florida’s Gulf Coast, is accessible only by private boat or ferry. Boaters can tie up at the dock on the mangrove-lined bay side of the island. Boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Cayo Costa State Park
880 Belcher Road
Boca Grande (941) 964-0375
With nine miles of beautiful beaches and acres of pine forests, oak-palm hammocks and mangrove swamps, this barrier island park is a Gulf Coast paradise. Beaches, bicycling, boating, cabins, camping, canoeing and kayaking, concession and restaurant, fishing, hiking/ nature trail, picnicking, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Mound Key Archaeological State Park
Managed by Koreshan State Historic Site
3800 Corkscrew Road
Estero (239) 992-0311
Prehistoric Native Americans are credited with creating this island’s complex of mounds with an accumulation of seashells, fish bones and pottery. Mound Key is believed to have been the ceremonial center of the Calusa Indians when the Spaniards first attempted to colonize Southwest Florida. Boating, fishing, hiking/nature trail, interpretive exhibit, restrooms, wildlife viewing.

Lovers Key State Park
8700 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach (239) 463-4588
A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits and bald eagles. The two-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shelling, swimming, picnicking and sunbathing. Beaches, bicycling, boat ramp, canoeing and kayaking, concession and restaurant, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, playground, restrooms, showers, swimming, tours, visitor center, wildlife viewing.

Koreshan State Historic Site
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Everglades City (239) 695-3311
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calusanature.org

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Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve
Located just north of Veterans Parkway, East end of SE 23rd Terrace
Cape Coral (239) 549-4606
capecoral.net

Four Mile Cove / Eco Park is a brackish-water wetland area that features a walking trail, visitor center, Veterans Memorial Area and seasonal kayak rentals. Possible wildlife sightings include eagles, ibis, herons, other wading and migratory birds, raccoons and snakes.

Lakes Regional Park
7330 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers (239) 533-7575
leeparks.org

The 279-acre facility features 158 acres of freshwater quarry lake. The lake, with depths ranging from a few inches to 20 feet, boasts good fishing for bass, bream and other freshwater species. The lake also supports an array of wildlife, including the American alligator. A variety of birds including ibis, egrets, herons, cormorants and anhingas will offer good bird watching and photographic opportunities. A miniature train runs through the north end of park. Boat and bike rentals are available.

Manatee Park
10801 Palm Beach Blvd.
Fort Myers (239) 690-5030
leeparks.org

Manatee Park is a non-captive refuge for the Florida manatee. View manatees in the wild between the months of November and March. The park has an extensive butterfly garden along with picnic areas and shelters, a fishing pier on the Orange River, canoe/kayak launch to the Orange River, a program amphitheater and playground.

Osprey Bay Marine Science Center
718 Fisherman’s Wharf
Fort Myers Beach (239) 765-8101
ospreybay.org

The center provides a marine science experience through interactive exhibits, aquariums, hands-on tank, collections and displays.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel (239) 472-2329
sccf.org

The foundation is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed. It manages more than 1,300 acres on the island. Its Nature Center features four miles of trails (with an observation tower), exhibits, a touch tank, butterfly house and nature shop.

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
7791 Penzance Crossing
Fort Myers (239) 533-7550
leeparks.org

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is more than 2,500 acres of a wetland ecosystem. Myriad animals such as otters, alligators, turtles, wading birds, and more live at the Slough (pronounced “slew”) year round. Others, such as migrating birds and butterflies, use the Slough as a feeding area or a winter home.

COLLIER PARKS

North Collier Regional Park
15000 Livingston Road
Naples (239) 252-4000
colliergov.net

The park has eight soccer fields, five softball fields, the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park, a fitness complex, Calusa fossil dig play area for children, an interactive playground, tours and education.

Freedom Park
1515 Golden Gate Parkway
Naples (239) 252-4000
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The park is approximately 50 acres and sits at the northeast corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and Golden Gate Parkway. Amenities include a 5-acre lake with approximately 3,500 feet of boardwalk constructed throughout the park. Other amenities include a 2,500-square-foot education facility with restrooms, six lookout pavilions, water fountains and walking trails. Educational and information signage is available throughout the park.

Sugden Regional Park
4284 Avalon Drive
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This waterfront park boasts the beautiful view of Lake Avalon with one of Collier County’s only freshwater beaches. Amenities include a 60-acre lake, lakeside beach, paddle boat rentals, walking path around the lake, a gazebo, playground, picnic areas, and sailing and water ski lessons.

Lowdermilk Beach Park
1301 Gulf Shore Blvd. North
Naples (239) 213-3029
naplesgov.com

Lowdermilk Beach Park is one of those Naples beaches that is a hot spot for tourists and locals alike. The beach park offers 1,000 feet of pristine beachfront, plenty of picnic tables for a lunch with your family and friends, a playground for the kids, volleyball court and a wonderful duck pond. Located near Fifth Avenue South, Third Street South and Tin City, Lowdermilk Beach Park is a great spot to take a break from shopping and go relax in the Florida Sunshine.

Vanderbilt Beach Park
End of Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples (239) 252-4000
colliergov.net

Vanderbilt Beach offers wide space for all visitors, gorgeous white sand surroundings, sea oats and restroom access. During season, it can be a task finding a spot on the beach, but there is plenty of sand for everyone. If you arrive before 10 a.m. January to March, there will be plenty of spreading room on beautiful Vanderbilt Beach.

CHARLOTTE PARKS

Gilchrist Park
400 W. Retta Esplanade
Punta Gorda (941) 575-3324
ci.punta-gorda.fl.us

Eleven acres along Charlotte Harbor, sidewalk for walking, jogging and biking, basketball court, playground, two tennis courts, fishing pier, gardens, gazebo, restrooms, shelters, picnic tables, small beach and four parking lots.

Laishley Park
100 Nokomis St.
Punta Gorda

Gazebo with pond and fountain, veterans garden, shelter with picnic tables, restrooms, fishing pier, boat ramp, sidewalk for walking, jogging and biking, parking throughout park.

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  fortmyersartwalk.com

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tients. This past June Dr. Galliano performed the first of these procedures in Florida, which was actually the second such procedure performed here in the US. Dr. Galliano then reported “The patient who the procedure had waited seven years to have it per-
formed, as the FDA did not approve it for that spec-
cific diagnosis until April 2011. We had been seeing her as a patient since 2005. Now that she has had the procedure, she is one hundred percent better.” Very similar to spiral cord stimulators used for severe chronic nerve pain, InterStim Therapy em-

ployed an implant consisting of a neurostimulator and a thin lead wire. The pacemaker-like device is implanted under the skin in the lower back near the sacral nerves, and the patient can control his or her level of stimulation with an external remote. Dr. Gal-

liano adds “Clinical studies have shown that sacral nerve stimulation reduces episodes of fecal incontin-
tence and increases quality of life in patients with this condition.” Dr. Galliano goes on to say “Fecal incontinence, constipation and pelvic floor dysfunc-
tion typically respond well to non-invasive treat-
ment. The key is finding a specialist who is board certified in colon and rectal surgery able to diagnose the problem and find a treatment that will restore bowel control or, at the very least, substantially re-

duce the severity of symptoms. How-
ever, we may recommend InterStim for patients with chronic fecal incontinence who have failed, or who are not candidates for conservative treatments such as dietary modifications and medications.”

Finally Dr. Galliano states “The best approach is to develop an individualized treatment plan, which is the basis for our practice.”

Dr. Galliano welcomes your inquiries regarding his article. He can be seen at 18308 Murdock Circle, Suite 108-109 in Port Charlotte. For more information or to schedule a consultation appointment, please call (941) 625-3411. Coming soon: future office opening in Englewood! Call for more details.
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Forbes 25 Best Places to Retire in 2015

CAPE CORAL

- **PROS:** Rosy economy in this Gulf of Mexico coast city developed with a master plan. The cost of living is 4 percent below national average, with home prices also slightly below the national average, at $190,000. Good weather, above-average air quality, low serious-crime rate.
- **CONS:** Low Milken aging rank, low walkability.
- **NOTED:** Average tax climate, average physicians per capita. Population 166,000.
- **TRIVIA:** The city’s 400 miles of canals may be tops in the world.

PORT CHARLOTTE

- **PROS:** Recovering economy in town on Gulf of Mexico inlet. The cost of living is 8 percent below the national average, as is the median home price of $147,000. Good weather, above-average air quality, low serious-crime rate.
- **CONS:** Low walkability rank, but downtown Punta Gorda, next door, is great for walking.
- **NOTED:** Average tax climate and doctor availability. Population 54,000, but part of Punta Gorda metro area.
- **TRIVIA:** Spring-training town of Tampa Bay Rays.
Forbes 25 Top Places To Retire Rich in 2015

NAPLES
■ Co-founded by a Confederate general, this Gulf of Mexico city on Florida’s west coast holds considerable appeal for the affluent elderly. Some 42 percent of its residents are age 65 or older. Naples sports 10 miles of beachfront and the area claims to have more golf holes per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. The city’s $65,000 median household income masks the wealth at its high end. The average home price is $520,000.

CNN Money’s Best Places to Retire 2015

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*QUICKFACTS DATA FROM U.S. CENSUS BUREAU*
The start of something big: how Palm Auto Mall was born

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Sincerely,

JoAnn Helphenstine, President

A mere eight months after getting married, Bob and JoAnn Helphenstine moved to Punta Gorda and decided they wanted to start their own business.

The automotive industry, Chevrolets in particular, were already in their blood; Bob was working at a Chevrolet dealership in Jacksomville; JoAnn’s father owned the Chevrolet dealership in her south Georgia hometown. When Bob and JoAnn learned of a Chevrolet/Oldsmobile store for sale on U.S. 41, their interest was naturally piqued.

“It was financially feasible and the price was right,” said JoAnn, who was widowed in 2002 after Bob’s eight-year battle with lymphoma. Because she was a woman, Palm’s future president and visionary wasn’t permitted to attend the negotiation sessions or be listed as an owner.

Making the dream work

JoAnn said she would never counsel newlyweds to embark on the sometimes tempestuous journey of starting a business, with all the strains it can put on even a seasoned marriage. But the Helphenstines were fortunate.

“There was no master plan,” she said. “It has taken 59 years to get where we are. It has grown gradually over the years when property and franchises became available. You come with a dream and you make it work.”

Palm Chevrolet opened on a Monday in late September 1955, just five days after the initial negotiations and three days after the deal was finalized. Bob and JoAnn became the first two – and only – employees. “We were approved in just one day, which is unheard of today,” JoAnn said. “We opened that first day with no inventory. We had no financing to buy any cars and no connections to finance any vehicles sold.”

Back then, there was no Punta Gorda Isles … Port Charlotte was a concept still in development … and U.S. 41 was just two lanes swallowed by a tangle of surrounding woods. The city had one traffic light and a single two-lane bridge spanning the Peace River. And worked it has.

From birth to boom

From the start, the dealership was Bob’s baby. He was a natural salesman, an honest and friendly man who employees and customers adored and called “Big Bob.”

“Bob was truly amazing,” said past general sales manager Tonya Blair, who joined the team 25 years ago as the first female salesperson hired by Palm. “He never met a stranger. He was the kind of guy who walked into a room and lit it up. He was positive, genuine and a good person.”

And JoAnn “knows this business inside and out,” Blair added. “She can walk the walk and talk the talk. She’s very involved, active and caring. She understands it’s an emotional business, and she never let it bother her the one month in our history when we didn’t sell a car.”

JoAnn took care of the books and Bob handled the sales. Two other employees, a technician and a porter, were added. As one would imagine for such a small town, sales were often slow and customer cash not always readily available.

“We did anything to make a sale, and even accepted cows and baby chicks as payment,” JoAnn recalled.

With little to do after hours, JoAnn and Bob quickly became involved in the community, something she continues today.

The Helphenstines rented the original Campbell Chevrolet building until 1970, when they purchased it. They constructed a new building adjacent to the original property two years later, and bought adjoining properties on both sides of Tamiami Trail as they became available. They also purchased existing franchises: Chrysler and Dodge from Bob King Chrysler in 1982, Jeep soon after and Trail Toyota in 1990. Their auto empire continued to grow with the opening of Palm Mazda-Hyundai in 1991 and the acquisition of Mitsubishi in 2002 and Buick-GMC in 2009. And late in 2014 added Palm Lincoln. Today, the company boasts more than 300 employees, many with a decade or more of tenure, and several more than 25 years.

“We have more inventory to offer,” she said. “Our sales team can cross sell even though 90 percent of buyers have done their research on the Internet and are already brand conscious when they come to our showrooms.”

Palm now boasts a 13 brands (Toyota, Scion, Hyundai, Chrysler/Jeep, Mazda/Mitsubishi, Chevrolet/Buick/GMC, and its latest edition, Lincoln … not to mention used cars – that set on about 60 acres of property, and employ more than 300 staff members. Between 1,000 and 1,200 vehicles are on hand at any given time.

JoAnn admits that heading Palm has had its challenges. “But it has been fun and rewarding, too. I would definitely do it all again.”
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Lee County

The Lee County School District serves more than 76,000 students at 44 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, 13 high schools, 18 special education centers and other community schools. There are also 24 charter schools in Lee County. The district’s budget is more than $1.2 billion. It’s the 36th-largest school district in the country by some estimates.

When to register

Students new to Lee County: Parents must visit one of the Student Assignment Offices most convenient to them for registration and assignment to school.

Children who will be age 5 on or before Sept. 1 of the upcoming school year should apply for kindergarten. Parents need to register their child even if they have an older child already in school — there are no automatic assignments.

Students entering sixth or ninth grade: Parents need to register their child when their child is moving from elementary to middle school or middle to high school. If you did not receive a paper with your PIN number, you will have to go to a student assignment office.

Student Assignment Offices

Lehigh Acres Office
1262 Wings Way, Suite No. 207, Lehigh Acres 33936
Phone: 337-8247 • Fax: 335-1428

Fort Myers Office
2855 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33966
Phone: 337-8347 • Fax: 337-8347

Cape Coral Office
360 Santa Barbara Blvd. N.
Cape Coral 33993
Phone: 242-2059 • Fax: 458-1079

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1262 Wings Way, Suite No. 207,
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Required documents

REQUIRED documents for registration are listed below and on the pre-registration application. You MUST have all of these documents in order to complete the registration process.

You MUST have ALL required documents with you when you visit the registration location in order to successfully complete the enrollment process.

- Parent/legal guardian photo identification
- Parent/legal guardian who registers a student must present valid photo ID at time of registration
- Official birth certificate or passport
- Student must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1

Birth certificate must have official seal from state/country where it was issued at the time of enrollment, an affidavit sworn to by the parent, that one is a parent as that term is defined under F.S. 1000.21(5). In the event that such documentation is not available, the person enrolling the child must present, at the time of enrollment, an affidavit sworn to by the parent, that he/she is the parent, legal guardian, or otherwise as defined by the statute above.

Physical examination
The date of the physical exam must have been completed in the U.S. within 12 months of the child’s first day of school in Collier County

- Florida immunization form
- Completed by a Florida physician (DH 680 Form). For information, contact the Collier County Health Department: Naples – 3339 E. Tamiami Trail, Government Complex (Building H), 252-8595; Immokalee, 419 N. 1st St., 252-7300.
- Social Security card (If available)
- Proof of address

Provide one of the following:

- Current Collier County Homestead Exemption Card (considered family’s primary residence)
- Current Collier County Property Tax Notice (may require additional verification)
- Home Purchase Contract in Collier County, specified closing date - A copy of the deed to be provided within 30 days of closing date
- Copy of a Collier County Manifestation of Domicile filed by the parent
- A current rental or lease agreement

AND TWO of the following:

- Current Florida driver’s license or Florida Identification Card
- Automobile insurance (last two statements)
- Current electric billing statement, water bill, cable bill or landline phone bill

Collier County

The School District of Collier County serves almost 45,000 students in 29 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, eight high schools, and a pre-k-through-12 school (Everglades City School). There are also 12 alternative school programs.

The district’s two career/technical centers (Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and Immokalee Technical Center) and adult education programs offer students both short- and long-term programs.

Pre-register for registration online

Go to http://portal.collier-schools.com/ to access the Online Centralized Registration system.

Visit registration location

Bring all required documents to one of the registrations locations listed below. Documents cannot be dropped off. You must meet with a Student Relations Representative at one of the locations in order to complete the registration process.

Naples
(all Collier County residents)
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center
577 Osceola Trail
Phone: 377-0547

Immokalee
(Immokalee residents only)
Immokalee High School
701 Immokalee Drive
Phone: 658-7047

Everglades City
(Everglades City residents only)
Everglades City School
415 School Drive
Phone: 377-0539

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(last two statements). NOTE: New residents must provide confirmation of set up of services for two utilities with name and address. Two months of bills must be submitted to the school within 30 days.

- Proof of custody (If applicable)
  Proof of custody is required if child is not living with both natural parents
- Official transcript from previous school (If applicable)

This is mandatory for high school students only
- Withdraw form or last report card from previous school (If applicable)

This requirement is for elementary and middle school students transferring from another school
- Copy of IEP/504 plan (If applicable)
- Copy of Individual Education Plan (IEP) if your child is in an Exceptional Student Education Program (ESE) or has a Section 504 Plan
- Proof of date of birth - need one of the following: certified copy of birth certificate; baptismal certificate showing date of birth and place of baptism, with parent’s sworn affidavit; insurance policy on child, which has been in force at least two years; Bible record of child’s birth with parent’s sworn affidavit; passport or certificate of arrival in U.S.; school record, at least four years prior, showing date of birth; or parent’s sworn affidavit accompanied by a certificate of examination from a health officer verifying child’s age.

Charlotte County
Charlotte County Public Schools serves nearly 16,000 total students in 10 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools and three special schools.

Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Call the school for a registration appointment. A parent or guardian must accompany a student under 18 years of age to register at a school. Florida law requires the following:
- Written proof of current residence address.
- Parents of students lacking a permanent or regular home are asked to complete an affidavit of residency form.
- Proof of immunization - All students shall be required to present a certificate of immunization for those communicable diseases for which immunization is required by the Florida Department of Health.
- Physical exam within the previous 12 months signed and dated by a physician.

You should also bring:
- Name and address of previous school(s) attended.
- Any available information from previous school(s) such as report cards, transcripts or student participation in special programs.
- Student Social Security Number (optional). Bring card with you, it will become student identification number.
- Proof of Custody. If a single parent is separated, divorced, or if other custodial situation exists, a copy of legal residential custody document will be requested.

If student is residing with a caregiver who does not have legal custody or student is abandoned by custodial parent, the Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit will be requested.
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