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“An artist is somebody who produces things that people don’t need to have but that he — for *some reason* — thinks it would be a good idea to give them.” — Andy Warhol



Naples newcomer Sandro de la Rosa had this painting and other works on display in Cambier Park earlier this month. ▶

THE STATE OF THE ARTS IN SWFL

Cutting edge, fresh works to be had in town

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Last week, I ventured out on an assignment to find out just what is the state of the arts in Southwest Florida, and what does it mean to be an artist these days? I sought artists whose work I personally like and a few I didn’t know at all — musicians and painters, photographers, theater and film directors — and put the questions to them. I roamed the region and talked with them in their studios and in coffee shops and bars. They had some very interesting things to say, although I’m not sure if I ever did find out

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Bagpipers are a parade staple.

All eyes are smiling as parade day nears

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The 41st annual Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade celebrates all things Irish when it steps out at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11. A full and colorful complement of marching bands, Celtic dancers, bagpipers, clowns, stilt-walkers and dozens of floats will wend their way through downtown Naples from St. Anne Catholic Church on Third

Street South to Fifth Avenue South and then down Eighth Street to finish at The Norris Center.

Participating marching bands are coming from Cape Coral, Estero, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast, Lely, Palmetto Ridge, Rhodora J. Donahue Academy, Riverdale, South Fort Myers and St. John Neumann high schools.

The St. John Neumann band will precede the parade float carrying members of the Notre Dame

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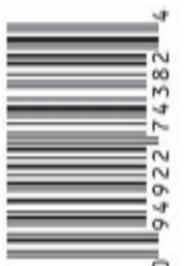
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COMMENTARY

The Tombstone Principle



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Greg Steube is a good ol' young boy just shy of 40. He was born in 1978, in sunny Bradenton, nicknamed "The Friendly City."

Lean-looking and square jawed in his official Florida photo, with lips set in a thin line of not-quite-friendly git 'er done, the 23rd District Republican senator is a model gun bunny, a man who would not have seen eye-to-eye with Wyatt Earp.

The senator is happy to put a gun in just about anybody's hands; in just about anyplace the anybody wants to go. Wyatt Earp would have hated that notion and found it exceedingly and dangerously foolish, but he was just a gunfighter (among other things). What did he know?

Sen. Steube is not.

The son of a retired Manatee County sheriff, he holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida, where he was a fraternity brother of Alpha Gamma Rho. After law school he joined the Army and served as an Army lawyer in Iraq. He spent six years in the Florida House before becoming a senator following the 2016 election.

Sen. Steube wants any permitted adults who choose — and Florida has 1.7 million holders of concealed carry permits who could choose — to go armed into college classrooms, down the halls of high schools, middle schools, elementary schools and

nursery schools, into airport terminals, into bars, into churches and libraries and city council or county commission meetings, and probably then to bed each night, armed from their toes to their teeth.

Not so, Wyatt Earp.

Born in 1848 in Illinois (nick-named "the Prairie State"), Mr. Earp spent much of his life in frontier towns "with snap," as he called it — Wichita and Dodge City and Tombstone, among others. There, gambling, drinking, prostitution and cow herding were common, along with guns. He favored gun control, as it turns out, especially if people he didn't like were carrying the guns, which is one reason he got into the famous gunfight at the O.K. Corral, on Oct. 26, 1881.

As official lawmen, he and his brothers along with Doc Holliday were trying to enforce a regulation requiring people who rode into Tombstone, in Arizona Territory, to turn over their weapons to the sheriff's office or the Grand Hotel before they wandered around town drinking, gambling and fornicating.

The shootout took some 30 seconds, about 60 seconds less than the shootings in the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport eight weeks ago, and it worked out badly for Tom and Frank McLaury and Billy Clanton, who had violated the local gun ordinance, among other laws. They got killed.

In Fort Lauderdale, an Army veteran who had flipped out in Alaska and then had his 9mm handgun confiscated and returned by police there under lax rules Sen. Steube would likely approve, killed

five and wounded eight people before surrendering.

Sen. Steube, meanwhile, has gotten into a political gunfight himself, although not much of one. It's more of a shoveling match, in which the senator has shoveled as much manure, in the form of 10 (Ten!) of 26 Republican-proposed gun laws, as he can heft and toss into Senate committees in Tallahassee.

Beginning this week as the 2017 legislative session gets underway, elected officials in various committees will either have to ignore that steaming pile or shovel it into the Senate chamber and vote on it, piece by piece.

So now the question becomes what you and I will do.

A couple of things should be made clear, first.

Wyatt Earp, Greg Steube and I each agree that all of us have an inalienable right to protect ourselves. That may be the only thing we agree on.

Second, a Republican-controlled House and Senate will decide these matters, in which the National Rifle Association has played a key lobbying role in the state (as it has in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Arkansas and other states).

At first glance, that would seem to lend itself to relaxed gun rules across the board — not only rules dictating where you can carry a gun, but which guns and magazines you can carry or how much training and experience you require to carry them. But similar notions have presented themselves as proposed legislation in Tallahassee's predominantly Republican chambers

before, and failed to become law.

So now we have to decide: Did Wyatt Earp know what he was talking about, or does Greg Steube have the right idea?

Although the eras are different, the question is not. Do we act to prevent wackos from getting their hands on guns in the first place? Do we try to preserve places where peace and unarmed co-existence is the virtue we insist on and defend? Churches, libraries, airports and all institutions of learning come to mind.

Or, conversely, do we give up on that longstanding American idea by handing everybody who wants one a gun, and calling it the Tombstone Principle?

In all likelihood we'll answer those questions viscerally, based on our own experiences and instincts.

My sense is that drunken frat boys, citizens who hold grievances against local politicians or troubled students are probably better off, just as we will be, when none of them are encouraged to carry their guns onto college campuses, into government buildings or airport terminals, or into schools or libraries.

We would do well now, therefore — those of us who feel that way — to telephone our congressional leaders and mention that to them as the 2017 legislative session begins.

Those who believe in arming up, however, should start practicing their shooting a lot more. In my experience, and I suspect in Wyatt Earp's, if you don't practice all the time and you aren't standing close to your target, you might well miss.

And hit somebody else. ■

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OPINION

Real-kill time



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If you are a student of state government, you know, starting this month, the Florida Legislature is geared up for its annual legislative session. By the dictum of the state constitution, the state Legislature has but one responsibility: to approve a balanced state budget.

Assuming the dominant party shares broad consensus on economic principles and social policies, it follows those who are cut from the same cloth go along to get along. One-party rule is predisposed toward reaching agreement on core issues.

Unanimity or the lack thereof produces weather within the state's legislative system. It can be sunny and clear or dark and stormy, depending on whether and to what extent conditions are favorable for agreement among like-minded party loyalists. The status quo is predicated on which way the wind blows and how calmly.

Gov. Rick Scott is a Republican and on his second term. Republicans hold a supermajority in both chambers of the Legislature. Democrats have a place at the table but control little of the legislative real estate characterizing Florida's gerrymandered districts. As members of the minority party, they provide friction in the legislative process. But they are mostly incapable of braking the substantial momentum of a conservative juggernaut emboldened by its near-absolute control.

These are optimum conditions for the super majority to get its way because it can, and with no push-back of consequence. This is fair weather for deal making. Horse trading among friends and getting closure on who rides home with what, the budget a fait accompli, all with-

in 60 days, seems a perfectly adequate amount of time to get things done. But don't count on it.

You probably remember the impasse in 2015, when the Florida Senate backed an \$80 billion state budget proposal inclusive of expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The House balked, rejecting the Senate proposal. Had it approved, the state would have gained more than \$54 billion in funding from the federal government in future decades and approximately 800,000 poor and low-income uninsured residents would have become newly eligible for health insurance under the program.

Instead, the House did its own math. It alternatively proposed to the Senate a \$76 billion state budget. The \$4 billion difference between the two budgets should not have been a deal breaker but it was. Things got nasty. Negotiations collapsed. Everyone went home mad. The Legislature failed to approve the state budget for the future year.

The war between Republican Titans left behind a battlefield littered with consequences. Hundreds of thousands of poor and low-income Floridians lost hope of having health insurance. Floridians pay taxes for healthcare services of no benefit to Floridians. The state lost billions in federal revenue. Residents were charged for a special legislative session, the cleanup after the party blow-out. Medicaid expansion died for good.

It is budget time again in Florida. Open warfare is percolating, this time between the governor and the Legislature over state economic policy and priorities.

The legislature is threatening to reduce state spending to promote tourism and downsize the millions in tax-funded subsidies to private businesses. These are Gov. Scott's sacred cows. He wants more, and bigger, not less or none. He milks the agencies' job creation tally to bolster his future office-seeking plans. He makes short work of those who dis-

agree. In his view, they are clueless in matters of business.

His legislative colleagues took umbrage at the insult and escalated. They now propose legislation to completely gut Enterprise Florida, the state's economic development agency; and Visit Florida, the state's tourism marketing arm.

Gov. Scott went ballistic. He castigated his rebellious colleagues in the press statewide, robo-called the legislators' constituents and besmirched them at every opportunity as "job-killers." Still, the legislators have a point.

Even those who defend the tax giveaways admit that it is a "necessary evil." The *Orlando Sentinel* quotes Alan Becker, Enterprise Florida's vice chairman, describing the competition between states as akin to an arms race in a Cold War. States pay to play the game of job creation and it's not cheap. It is like shooting wads of cash out of a cannon and hoping some of it sticks.

Those who are skeptical have earned the right. There is a boneyard filled with deals that cost Floridians far more than they got in return for millions in public investment. Just ask former Gov. Jeb Bush.

Those fighting to eliminate the two agencies say it is about more than the money. It is about ensuring the state's proper role in economic development. They argue the tax giveaway is nothing more "corporate welfare," allowing the state to pick winners and lose, subsidizing some and not others. The practice breeds crony capitalism and corruption.

House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes is vociferous on this point. Upon reviewing the books of the two agencies at risk, he compared the resulting financial revelations "to turning on the lights in a kitchen and seeing cockroaches everywhere."

It sounds like Real-Kill time in Tallahassee. ■

Yes, deconstruct the administrative state



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Special to Florida Weekly

Steve Bannon blew a dog whistle for constitutional conservatives when he spoke of "deconstructing the administrative state" at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Although not everyone got the reference. Trump haters interpreted the line as an incendiary call to decimate the federal government, when "the administrative state" was a more specific reference to a federal bureaucracy that operates free of the normal checks of democratic accountability.

The administrative state has been called "the fourth branch" of government. It involves an alphabet soup of executive agencies that wield legislative, executive and judicial powers and thus run outside of and counter to our constitutional system. The agencies write "rules" that are laws in all but name, then enforce them and adjudicate violations.

Boston University law professor Gary Lawson describes how this works in the case of, for instance, the Federal Trade Commission:

"The Commission promulgates substantive rules of conduct. The Commission

then considers whether to authorize investigations into whether the Commission's rules have been violated. If the Commission authorizes an investigation, the investigation is conducted by the Commission, which reports its findings to the Commission. If the Commission thinks that the Commission's findings warrant an enforcement action, the Commission issues a complaint. The Commission's complaint that a Commission rule has been violated is then prosecuted by the Commission and adjudicated by the Commission."

Welcome to government by commission. James Madison called such an undifferentiated accumulation of powers, which the Constitution is meant to avoid, "the very definition of tyranny."

The administrative state is the friend of anyone hoping to aggrandize government. President Barack Obama would have been hobbled without it. He used the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Communications Commission to institute sweeping new regulatory regimes on carbon emissions and the internet. He imposed his preferred social policies on schools and universities through "dear colleague" letters issued by middling bureaucrats. The administrative state was exactly what he needed — a way to govern without Congress.

A hostility to the administrative state isn't necessarily a natural for Trump, who

isn't a limited-government conservative or a constitutional purist. Yet he campaigned against regulation, he scorns the elite, and federal bureaucrats have already made clear their desire to frustrate his plans. Dethroning the administrative state fits into a populist program to restore power to the people through their elected representatives.

It is chiefly Congress that needs to reassert itself. It has delegated its legislative powers over the decades, and needs to pull them back. As Adam White writes in an essay for *City Journal*, it should pass the REINS Act to require congressional approval for major new regulations. It should revisit laws like the Clean Air Act and the Communications Act of 1934 that give regulators too much leeway. It should limit the deference that courts give to administrative agencies.

None of this is the stuff of fire and brimstone, rather the mundane work of slowly lurching the wheels of the federal government back onto a constitutional track. Something as entrenched as the administrative state won't be "deconstructed" in one presidential term, or two. If it can be dialed back, though, it will be a significant victory for old-fashioned representative government. ■

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City councilman strives for economic diversification



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Sam J. Saad III was elected to the Naples City Council in 2010. As the youngest elected official in Collier County history, he champions policies that protect the quality of life in Naples. He has previously served on the Naples Redevelopment Agency and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and he currently serves as vice chair of the Naples Redevelopment Agency.

He is the founder and principal of the Law Office of Sam J. Saad, III and Paradise Coast Title and Escrow. Since establishing his firm in 2007, he has dedicated himself to helping small business owners, property managers and real estate owners. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, and he graduated from Leadership Collier in 2013. He and his wife, Amy, have two children. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com, where hundreds of past shows are archived for listeners’ convenience.

Talking points with Sam Saad III

Mentors: I am inspired by a lot of people who came to America seeking a better life and succeeded, the principal people being my grandfather, who immigrated from Lebanon at 6 years old and rose through the ranks of the Maytag Corp. after putting himself through correspondence school, and my father, who built a business selling auto parts in Omaha, Neb.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Omaha and stayed there until I was 26 years old and moved to Naples.

Something your mother was always right about: A place for everything and everything in its place. She got that from her mom.

When and why did you first come to Naples/ Collier County, and what was your first impression? I first came to Naples when my parents decided to retire here. I recall going to see the vacant lot they were going to build on in Grey Oaks and staying at The Ritz-Carlton on the beach over Thanksgiving in 1999. I was not immediately sold on the place since I was a diehard Nebraska fan. Now, I can’t imagine living anywhere else.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An engineer. I loved playing with Legos. My mom’s dad used to show me the mega-projects he built in Milwaukee as an engineer. I always thought I would be good at building cities.

First job: A lifeguard in Omaha.

What would you be doing if you weren’t doing this? If I weren’t lawyer, I’d be selling real estate with my mom.

Guilty pleasure: Chocolate chip cookies

Next vacation: We are going lobstering off Marathon Key in August. I expect to catch the day’s limit every day.

One thing on your bucket list: After lobstering in the Keys, I want to dive the wall at Little Cayman. I hope to do that for my 40th birthday.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I were a better spear fisherman.

Advice for someone just starting in your line of work: Just don’t do it! There are too many lawyers in Florida these days. The better long-term work is in the STEM fields. If you are going to become a lawyer, know how to program, too.

Advice for your kids: They’re young. I tell them to learn to read and write well. From there, you can do anything.

Best thing about kids: They wake up every day full of wonder. I love seeing that in their eyes.

Trait you most admire in your best friend: His work ethic. Nobody works harder or is more focused than my buddy Ryan.

Favorite app on your smartphone or tablet: Dominos.

Something that’s been on your mind: Growth is out of control in Naples, but there’s not much we can do about it unless we plan a major policy shift on the County Commission.

Must-see place to take first-time visitors: Third Street South for shopping and dining.

What makes you laugh? My wife. She is about the funniest person in the whole world.

Last book read: “The Generals: Military Command from World War II to Today” by Winston Groom.

All-time favorite movie: “Dumb and Dumber.” I can watch it over and over.

Something you’ll never understand: Liberals!

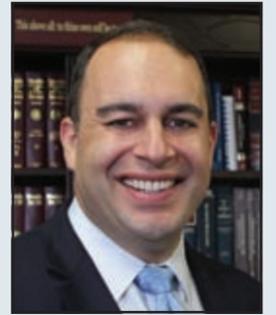
Something you wish could go back to the way it once was: I wish Fifth Avenue South were still the main street and not a tourist destination.

Pet peeve: People who complain about their station but don’t do anything about it. This is America. You can be whatever you want to be, you just have to work.

What are you most proud of? Building my law firm.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: Real economic diversification. That means we need to think hard about what businesses we want to come here and provide what they need.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: I love the water. I find great mystery in the back bays and the mangrove forests. I love to fantasize about what is must have been like to discover this place hundreds of years ago.



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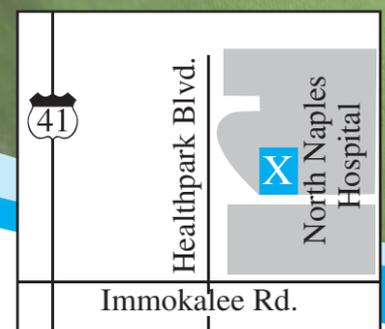
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ARTS

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what the state of the arts is here or what the local art scene is all about. If I had to guess, I would say the arts are strong and growing. Here are edited transcripts of what 10 artists told me and where you can see their work.



Michelle Tricca

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MICHELLE TRICCA, 47

Ms. Tricca is a photographer whose often playful images are imbued with soulful empathy, whether they are of young roommates in a house in San Diego or, more recently, our elders here in Southwest Florida.

I caught up with her at Second Cup coffee shop in Mercato, where she told me about how she once filled a wall with faces and how that segued in to one of her latest projects.

"My largest project, 'A Face in the Crowd,' was in 2011. I photographed a thousand portraits and plastered them to the side of an industrial building in Naples. My motivation was that I wanted to do a photographic tribute to human diversity. I was living in this conservative town of retirees ... I love going to Miami and seeing the bold art and different usage of space like walls for art.

"So, this wall is actually in my neighborhood in East Naples. I would drive by every day and would just see this blank wall as a canvas. I thought, 'Gosh, I would love to show large photographs on there. I want to show that Naples is not the rich white-guy golfer town that it's promoted to be.'

"I put this project out there and the whole town came together to help me produce it. I had so much support from the community. This ended up being up for nine months, 24 hours a day. A lot of cool stories came out of it. Neighbors were meeting each other. It was awesome. I had no plan for this, no estimation of the outcome, but it ended up being a really positive thing.

"It ended up getting defaced and vandalized ... on my Facebook page, there's a gallery of images of the vandalism. They drew a big penis on me. They put swastikas. They put X's through the black people's faces. They wrote 'F--- Naples Police.' So that got a whole new wave of press (that was) basically showing that I was trying to do a positive thing for the community to make a discussion about, you know, social change and community and diversity. So at the end of the day this project is memorable. People remember this and it was good.

"Because of this I thought, wow, that made me feel great. I used my skill and my desire to create this story. It was like a humanitarian art project told through

my medium of photography.

"Shortly after this I thought, well, what can I possibly do now? I was still working, getting hired to do the things I love ... One day at a Chinese restaurant I got my fortune cookie and opened it up and the fortune said, 'Listen to the wisdom of the old.' And that's when a light bulb went off.

"I want to make compelling portraits of people 75 and older and interview them.

"So my new project is 'Elder Wisdom.' It's going to be faces with stories ... compelling and bold and evocative."

— Find out more about Ms. Tricca and her work at www.michelletricca.com.



Hunter Dahlen

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HUNTER DAHLEN, 23

Mr. Dahlen studies music performance at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music and the Arts. The viola is his primary instrument. He's also a guitarist, songwriter and singer who performs with his jazz band, Apollo's Phonograph, every Thursday evening at Point Ybel Brewing Company in south Fort Myers. That's where I caught up with him on a Tuesday open-mic night, where he performed his new song, "Here's to You," for the first time on a Gretsch Chet Atkins Country Gentleman model guitar.

Q: Who is one of your favorite composers?

A: I think probably my favorite is Johann Sebastian Bach ... I really like his Brandenburg Concertos, the one that features the viola, No. 6.

Q: Who are a few of your other big influences?

A: I'm really influenced by a lot of the great jazz guitar players ... Joe Pass ... Barney Kessel, a more modern guy. Russell Malone, or even someone like Chet Atkins, who is not necessarily jazz but just a phenomenal guitar player.

Q: Tell me about the song you played tonight?

A: I wrote that song just over a week ago. It was about a girl I had met. She's a traveling musician, so she was only here for a certain amount of time. I kind of fell in love with her, and then she was back out on the road. That was kind of the sentiment behind that whole tune. Here's to the girl that got away and the love that cannot be and all that.

Q: What was your approach to actually writing the song? How do you do it?

A: I wrote it more of just a poem at first, just the lyrics. And once I had that, I figured out what rhythm I wanted to put to it, and then the chord harmonies that would go behind the singing. It was the lyrics first, then the music. I wrote it with the intention of doing it with Apollo's Phonograph.



Mike Imbasciani

Q: Was this the first time you've played it in front of people?

A: Yeah, other than the girl I wrote it for.

Q: Really? What did she think of it?

A: She liked it. She loves it.

Q: Do you think you'll stay in touch?

A: Yeah, probably. Yes.

— Learn more about Hunter Dahlen at www.hunter-dahlen.com.



Sandro de la Rosa

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SANDRO DE LA ROSA, 44

Mr. de la Rosa grew up in Havana, Cuba, and recently moved to Naples. He studied at San Alejandro, the National School of Fine Arts in Havana, and his works have been exhibited in New York, Texas, Chicago, California and elsewhere. His paintings have for years been found at Cernuda Arte, a gallery of Cuban and Latin American art in Miami's Coral Gables neighborhood. When we spoke it was nearing 4 p.m., the waning hours of a Saturday outdoor arts festival at Cambier Park.

Q: What brings you to Naples and the United States?

A: I have been working with a gallery for 10 years in Miami, living in Cuba. I recently just moved for Naples.

Q: Tell me a little bit about your work and the inspiration for some of your pieces.

A: This is more about my life in Cuba, you know, the poverty, the hope and the reality in Cuba. That's my inspiration, and my daughter. My daughter is the same character in all the pieces."

Q: What do you see as the state of

the arts scene here in Naples? Is it lacking in opportunities? Is it thriving?

A: I don't have a point of view yet because it's too soon ... I see here more beach-y art. But I find some people interested in my work because it is unique, different. And you never know.

Q: What does it mean to be an artist?

A: To be an artist is an act of faith.

Q: That makes sense. So, are you keeping the faith?

A: Yes, yes, all the time. Because I'm living for my art many years. I have sold many paintings. It's not like Van Gogh, no, he's only sold one painting. I've sold many paintings all my life.

Q: When did you know that you would be an artist, that this is what you were going to do with your life?

A: I realize I become an artist when I leave the School of Art, that I have all the instruments and know who I am as a person, you know, and that's in some way a start, when I finish the school. But I created something stronger when I had my body of work completed and when I was doing my first exhibition in Miami.

— For more information about Mr. de la Rosa, go to www.artnet.com/artists/sandro-de-la-rose/biography.

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MIKE IMBASCIANI, 20

Mr. Imbasciani is a blues and rock guitarist/vocalist whose musicianship has earned him comparisons to the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan. He was doing a sound check before a show at The Barrel Room in downtown Fort Myers and nursing a cold with Halls cough drops before we spoke. Later during his performance, the word "prodigy" was passed around the bar by a few stunned patrons.

Q: What are you listening to now that you really love?

A: I listen to a lot of folk music. I listen to a lot of big band jazz music like Benny Goodman or Louis Prima or Glenn Miller, those types.

Q: What are your plans?

A: Two years ago I hit more than 101 gigs. Last year I had 127. And so this year I'm trying to hit over 150. I've had a steady growth throughout the last



The Robert Indiana exhibit at The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples.

few years. What I'd like to do is break out more into the festival circuit maybe around Florida, or play a little bit more outside Florida again.

Q: Do you find Southwest Florida to be a good place (for being a musician)?

A: Having played now in Dallas, Austin, Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, Orlando, Miami, Tampa ... this Southwest Florida area, I mean, it's great because there are a lot of venues all over the place for all types of music that you want to play.

I mean, I'm very happy I'm in the area I'm in. My reputation is growing where it's better to be a big fish in a little pond than a little fish in a big pond. And I find the musicians around here are very friendly, a lot of good people, and I've been able to establish a good fan base.

Q: But obviously, Southwest Florida isn't Nashville.

A: Right, but the problem with Nashville is nobody's from Nashville, you know? Where you get a million musicians that are all fantastic ... it's hard to stick out at that point. I've met musicians that go on tour with those bands for six weeks and then go back to Nashville and hang out and just play for food in some cases. That's pretty much what I did when I was out there.

Q: It has to be exciting, though, to be around that much good music.

A: Oh, yeah, it was so exciting. It was great ... when I was 14 years old, 15 years old ... holding my own with these 30-year-old musicians and I could say, "OK, I'm doing pretty good for myself right now." I've just grown from that as well to be able to hone my guitar playing skills, my vocals and make my career go to the next step from there.

Q: What does it mean to be an artist now?

A: First thing that comes to my head is that people say, "Well, why do you play covers? Why don't you play originals?" And I do have a few originals, but I feel like being an artist is being able to take somebody else's music, too, and put your own flavor onto it.

You can see that with Stevie Ray Vaughan, where he took the craziness of Jimi Hendrix and the extreme blues nature of Albert King and kind of put them together and made his own unique sound that people say, "well, he took inspiration from this, this, and this." That's what I like to do: take inspiration and then create — create, I mean that's what an artist does, he creates — my own sound whether I'm playing covers or not.

— Learn more about Mike Imbasciani

at www.mikeimbasciani.com.

BRITTNEY BRADY, 28

Ms. Brady is a director, actor, musician and playwright. She founded Ghostbird Theatre Company in 2012. The company specializes in site-specific performances in Southwest Florida.

Last year, Ms. Brady directed Anne Carson's "Antigonick" at artist Marcus Jansen's studio in a warehouse on the edge of the downtown Fort Myers. In this modern telling of the ancient "Antigone," audience members were free to wander where the action was taking place in different rooms simultaneously.

Ghostbird's next production is "No. 27," an original play by company members Barry Cavin and Katelyn Gravel. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 27-29 and May 4-6, at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs.

Q: What is site-specific theater?

A: The space informs the production and the production informs the space. They're in conversation. With "Antigonick," it was just fascinating to be able to kind of wander into different rooms ... I like to encourage audience members when I can to soften around any impulses they might have to make sense of what they're seeing. I think often times we're trying to problem solve because that's what we're used to doing. (And) that's fine and good, but there are also more subjective, internalized kinds of discoveries we can make that don't involve that kind of thing ... I'm not about just producing stuff for the sake of something that's contentless or nonsense. Certainly "Antigone" has a plot that was very present in our production. We used space and also sort of riffed off of what Anne Carson was doing in her translation, which was anachronisms and all of these things in order to destabilize the reception of the piece. And that was so audience members wouldn't see what they'd always seen in "Antigone," which is an ancient play ... "Antigonick" did not reaffirm for them what they know about the world. That isn't what theater does when it's doing its best. It's supposed to, I think, have us question those preconceived notions and possibly make discoveries."

Q: What inspires you?

A: I'm intrigued by the notions of stillness and chaos and the kind of juxtaposition those two things have ... Virginia Woolf talks about the wave as one



Jay Darousse and Michelle Kennedy, visitors at The Baker Museum, standing under a Dale Chihuly installation.

of her favorite metaphors because it's sort of this building, this coming together of these forces, the kind of peak, and then it washes away. I like that metaphor for this life, and I return to it within my own work, this idea of temporality."

Q: You grew up in Cape Coral. What's the state of the arts in your hometown?

A: A fairly diverse group of artists are contributing to making it a great place for the arts, and we're happy to be part of that ... It's easy when it's your hometown. There's this narrative that's gone on for ages, that you better leave. You've got to depart and go out on a journey and a quest and make a discovery and all of that. And I think there's merit in that — and certainly you should go out and see the world and have as many influences as possible — but there's nothing keeping you from making wonderful discoveries and finding sources of inspiration here as well.

— Learn more about Ghostbird Theatre Company at www.ghostbirdtheatre-company.org.

MICHELLE KENNEDY, 37 AND JAY DAROUSSE, 26

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Darousse enjoyed a visit to The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples on their day off. He works as a sales executive and she is a pharmacy tech. It was a quiet Saturday afternoon, during which I had an entire exhibition of Robert Indiana's work all to myself for what seemed like

a long time. Mr. Indiana was famous for arranging the letters L-O-V-E in a square with the O tilted forward. A brochure said he was also known for his use of serigraph or silkscreen printmaking (like Andy Warhol).

I chatted with Mr. Darousse and Ms. Kennedy under a Dale Chihuly chandelier across the courtyard from the Indiana exhibit (through May 3). They had just come from visiting The Baker Museum's Olga Hirshhorn Collection (through July 23) that includes works by Picasso, de Kooning, O'Keefe and others. More information: artisnaples.org/baker-museum

Q: Who are some of the artists you've loved over the years?

MK: All the big ones ... Monet and Picasso.

JD: My personal favorites would be musicians. They were also artists ... Antonio Vivaldi, Bach.

Q: Do you have a favorite work?

JD: Honestly, I would probably say (Beethoven's) 9th Symphony is my favorite. It calms me down. I love it.

Q: How about you?

A: MK: I do enjoy the Impressionists works more than the others, I think.

Q: For people who aren't professional artists, what does it mean to be an artist in today's world?

MK: It's a form of expression, I think.

JD: I agree. It's a form of expression, having the ability to see what others can't see, whether it's finding the beauty, darkness or truth about something ... An artist is someone who creates something extremely different and unusual, to the point where it will stand out. For example, it could be as simple as leaving your glasses on the floor and people thinking it's art. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Chicago proves we are still in our car 'wonder years'



In the classic TV show "The Wonder Years," there was an episode that centered on the family buying a new car. The idea was that dad got to be "the king of the block" as the new rubber rolled through the neighborhood.

The Arnolds' new family car was nothing too special — just a late 1960s Ford Custom sedan (Ford sold hundreds of thousands just like it). But on "The Wonder Years," that car highlighted the pride that came from showing off something new and shiny. A neighbor might have had something comparable, but yours had just enough different features to make it individually yours.

This episode is worth mentioning because today there's a sense that this king-of-the-neighborhood feeling is fading, at least as far as how a new car can instill that pride.

Then came the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

The Windy City's expo is not one of the most important places for car premieres, but it occupies one of the largest spaces and is one of the best attended. That means it's a venue with a lot of potential customers. This year, the unspoken theme was individuality.

Nissan used the Chicago Auto Show to premiere a whole new lineup of vehicles that get special Midnight Edition trim. It's a factory package that takes traditionally bright areas and turns them black. Once exclusive to the executive-level Maxima, it has spread to the Sentra and Altima sedans, as well as the Rogue, Murano and Pathfinder crossovers. All of them get blacked-out wheels, front diffusers and side mirrors; the sedans get black spoilers, while the crossovers get dark roof rails.

The Midnight Edition costs less than \$1,200 on any of the five newly announced vehicles — but sometimes it requires higher trim levels to be purchased first. Buyers get an appearance that's distinctive but far from revolutionary — which makes it seem like a good package for people who covet their neighbor's Nissan but who still want to feel unique enough to wear the neighborhood crown for a day.

Also at the Nissan stand was an NV Cargo van customized to be a true 4x4



Volkswagen's Atlas outfitted with the Weekend Concept package.

with a lifted suspension and big mud-slinging tires. This isn't a factory kit, but they were showcasing what a company called Quigley does for their customers. And this wasn't just limited to Nissan. Ford also had a Quigley version of the four-row Transit van that looked like it was ready to go from an airport run directly to a swamp excursion.

Not to be outdone by Nissan's Midnight Edition, Chevrolet introduced Redline packaging on just about every vehicle except the Corvette. These cars feature darker details that are outlined in red. As a way to bring some sporty appearance appeal to the mid and lower trim levels, it should only cost about \$1,000 more per vehicle (except on the Silverado pick-up, which also gets functional items like a bed liner).

Volkswagen's Atlas crossover is still weeks away from being available at dealers, but at the Chicago Auto Show the carmaker was already showing off a new version of the three-row full-size crossover. The aptly named Weekend Concept was built with all the accessories a family might want to use in their free time, from an integrated LED light bar for a night out camping to a soccer

ball bearing the VW logo. The company will likely never build a Weekend Concept version of the Atlas, but instead, this was a showcase for all the different ways customers can separate their vehicle from the ones in their neighbors' driveways.

It seemed every major manufacturer had something individualized to show off. Toyota introduced the RAV4

Adventure, which like the Midnight Edition Nissans, offers a more aggressive blacked-out treatment. Dodge gave the Durango family hauler a muscle-car makeover with a new SRT package that makes the three-row, 475-hp SUV powerful enough to outrun the school bus every morning.

Perhaps we are still in our own automotive wonder years, after all. ■



A Ford Transit van with sporty extras from a company named Quigley.



Toyota's Rav4 Adventure gets the blacked-out treatment.



A Chevy Malibu with the Redline packaging.



The Midnight Edition trim is available on several Nissan models, including the new Maxima.

CCSO warns 'distraction burglars' are on the move in residential areas

The Collier County Sheriff's Office cautions residents to be aware distraction burglars are again at work.

These criminals generally target senior citizens at their homes by posing as tree trimmers, appliance repair workers or contractors pointing to a problem with a roof.

Here's how a recent incident in Pelican Bay unfolded: The 86-year-old victim told deputies he was in his back yard around 4 p.m. when he was approached by a man who said he needed to check the water pressure inside the residence due to some work going on in the street.

The victim led the suspect inside his house to a bathroom to check the water pressure. The suspect was left unattended for about five minutes while the victim was in another room. The suspect left the residence without telling the victim. The victim became suspicious and walked outside to check the street and did not see anyone working.

Although the victim initially didn't notice anything out of place, his further investigation revealed several pieces of jewelry had been stolen from inside the residence.

Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

An investigation continues. Anyone with information is asked to call the CCSO at 252-9300 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers at (800) 780-8477.

Safety tips from the CCSO

■ Be suspicious of workers who arrive unannounced.



■ Never allow a stranger to come into your house.

■ Be cautious about anyone who tries to lure you out of your house to another part of your property.

■ Insist on identification and call the company. Have the person wait outside. Use a number from the phone book, not one given to you by the worker.

■ Always notify CCSO when you see someone going from door to door trying to sell a service or product, even if they appear to be legitimate. Let deputies confirm their occupational license or the validity of their company.

■ Remember, if it's too good to be true, it probably is.

■ And finally, if you are worried about a suspicious stranger, call 911 immediately and give a description of the individual. ■

Watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here's where CCSO deputies will be on traffic detail the week of March 13-17:

Monday, March 13

Oil Well Road and Immokalee Road: Red-light running
Collier Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Red-light running
Radio Road and Devonshire Boulevard: Speeding

Tuesday, March 14

Golden Gate Parkway and I75 southbound exit: Speeding
Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-light running
Everglades and Randall boulevards: Red-Light running

Wednesday, March 15

County Barn Road and Davis Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Logan Boulevard and Lancewood Way: Aggressive driving
U.S. 41 East and Bayshore Road: Red-light running



Thursday, March 16

U.S 41 North and Pelican Bay Boulevard: Speeding
18th Avenue Northeast and Desoto Boulevard: Speeding
Pine Ridge and Livingston roads: Red-light running

Friday, March 17

Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Speeding
Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-light running ■

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AARP offers classes to help older drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend.

Monday, March 13: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 947-1727.

Thursday, March 16: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 404-8925.

Saturday, April 8: 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American House, 11400 Longfellow Lane, Bonita Springs; 913-9430.

Wednesday, April 12: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N. Naples; 597-1043.

Thursday, April 27: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 947-1727. ■

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PARADE

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Club of Naples. More than 20 other colleges and university will be represented in the parade, including the University of Massachusetts, Villanova, Ave Maria University, Ohio State, Michigan State, Boston College, Manhattan College and Florida Gulf Coast University.

The Rhodora J. Donahue Academy football team, the Shamrocks, will do the Bucket Brigade for the sixth year, collecting donations from spectators along the parade route. Proceeds help the Naples St. Patrick Foundation put on the parade year after year and also enable the foundation to award grants to high school bands that participate in the parade.

Two new pipe bands join the parade lineup for 2017: The FDNY Emerald Society Pipes & Drums and the Babylon Fire Department Drum Corps.

All nine members of the Happy Jazz Marching Band, will play Irish music “in a Dixieland way,” according to director and longtime member Jim Gover. “We won’t be as loud as the high school marching bands that have hundreds of members,” he laughs. “But you’ll hear some snappy music,” he promises. On the playlist: “Danny Boy,” “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,” “MacNamara’s Band,” “Harrigan” and, of course, “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Some of the jazz band’s members have been in many Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parades over the decades. “We’re happy and lively and just as Irish as ever,” Mr. Gover says.

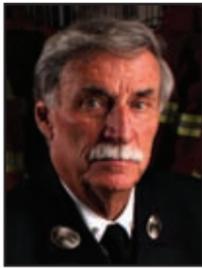
Grand Marshal Jerry Sanford is a New York City firefighter who retired to Naples

and became the public information officer for North Naples Fire & Rescue. He returned to New York City after 9/11 and spent a month in the FDNY press office working with major networks and news affiliates who were covering the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

This year’s Little Miss Smiling Eyes, Chloe Durik, is the daughter of Michael and Rachel Durik. A third grader at Vineyards Elementary School, Chloe has studied Irish dance since the age of 4 and is a student and competitor at the Flanagan-O’Hare School of Irish Dance (which has a unit in the parade, as does the Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance). She is also a rosebud for the Florida Center for the International Rose of Tralee Festival, an annual Irish celebration.

The Flanagan-O’Hare School of Irish Dance was established in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., in 1981, under the direction of Michael Flanagan and Elaine O’Hare and Geraldine French. The school now also operates studios in Savannah, Ga., Augusta, Ga., and in Naples on Trade Center Way. Dancers from the Naples school will perform jigs and reels in the parade.

Dancers from The Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance will perform atop the school’s 38-foot float. Owners Claire and Catherine Gorman have participated in



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Little Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Chloe Durik



the Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade for more than 15 years. It was the school’s performance three years ago that earned them an invitation from the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ireland, to participate in the town’s 2015 St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Before the start of the parade, the 22nd annual Naples St. Patrick’s Day flag-raising ceremony will take place at 9:30 a.m. at The Dock at Crayton Cove in honor of veterans, active duty military and public safety personnel. Mary Jo O’Regan will sing the Irish national anthem. With thanks to

underwriting by Vin DePasquale, complimentary coffee and Danish will be served.

The Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade is the largest privately funded parade in Florida. It draws more than 40,000 people to downtown Naples each year to celebrate Irish heritage and Irish culture in America. The foundation has donated more than \$200,000 to local high school bands and scholarships in the last five years.

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Dr. Massoud Eghrari, left, and Tayebah Eghrari, right, with student scholars Naidelyn Maldonado, Ana Martinez, Christopher Bances, Nyla Reyna and Miranda Herrera.

Immokalee students grateful for 'fun money' scholarships

Ten post-secondary students with The Immokalee Foundation recently received "fun money" scholarships through the Massoud and Isabella Eghrari Charitable Foundation.

Dr. Massoud Eghrari and his late wife, Isabella, knew from their personal experiences how difficult it is pursuing an education and career. So, in addition to funding scholarships for higher education through TIF, they established \$500 scholarships for first-year post-secondary students that each student can use for whatever they wish. Recognizing the hard work of the students — and the financial challenges they frequently face in their first year of studies — the Eghraris wanted to reward them in a unique manner, which they refer to as "fun money."

"I am extremely grateful for the extra money, because being a full-time student doesn't allow for a lot of extras," said Naidelyn Maldonado, who attends Florida SouthWestern State College as a Take Stock in Children scholarship recipient through TIF.

A retired surgeon who moved to Southwest Florida from New York eight

years ago, Dr. Eghrari and his wife, Tayebah, are strong supporters of education and the work of TIF. "This non-profit is involved in educating underprivileged children," Dr. Eghrari said. "It provides them a new life, makes them wise and useful members of society. Many of them return to Immokalee and share what they have learned. You don't have to wait a generation to see what a difference the scholarships make."

To receive the "fun money," students completed an application with general information and an essay stating what they would do with the money if they received it. To support the spirit of the award, the students are required to spend the funds on themselves rather than others.

TIF provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org. ■

Elections supervisors want applicants

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is accepting applications for scholarships provided by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections. The FSASE will award three \$1,200 scholarships to Florida residents enrolled or accepted as full-time students in a senior college or university in Florida.

Applicants must be political science, public or business administration or journalism/mass communication majors who have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students should also demonstrate a finan-

cial need.

Completed applications and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Collier County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards will select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE scholarship committee. The three winners will be announced at the FSASE conference this summer.

Applications and guidelines are at www.CollierVotes.com. For more information, call 252-VOTE or go to the website. ■

Press club seeks media students

The Naples Press Club Scholarship Committee is interviewing students who are interested in obtaining a Terrence J. Miller \$1,000 NPC Scholarship. Candidates must have graduated from a Collier County high school or be on schedule to graduate this spring, and they must be majoring in or planning to major in the overall journalism/media field. The scholarship is renewable on an annual basis for those who are full-time students at an accredited college or university and who maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

For an application or more informa-



tion, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com. The application deadline is March 31. ■

Time to starting watching for nesting sea turtles

March is the beginning of Florida's sea turtle nesting season, when female sea turtles leave the ocean to dig nests and lay golf ball-size eggs in the sand.

People can help sea turtles that nest on Florida's beaches at night by leaving the beach as natural as possible. To do this, beachgoers should remove beach furniture and other obstacles before sunset each day.

"Anyone spending time on Florida's beaches can do something to help save Florida's threatened and endangered sea turtles. People's actions on the beach can have a positive impact on whether our loggerhead, leatherback and green sea turtles nest successfully," said Robin Trindell, who leads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission sea turtle management program.

"Whether you are a resident or a visitor, remember to take beach furniture, boats and canopies off Florida's sandy beaches at night so these items won't block sea turtles attempting to nest," Ms. Trindell said. "When departing at the end of the day, beach visitors should fill any holes dug in the sand so nesting and hatchling turtles don't become trapped. Please be careful not to disturb nesting sea turtles by getting too close, shining lights on them or taking flash photos."



Along the gulf coast, sea turtle nesting season starts in late April or May.

In the 2016 sea turtle nesting season, more than 120,000 loggerhead nests, more than 5,000 green turtle nests and more than 1,000 leatherback nests were documented by the FWC. With Florida hosting nearly 90 percent of loggerhead nests within this species' northern Atlantic Ocean population, the state plays an important role in its conservation.

You can help sea turtles by reporting those that are sick, injured, entangled or dead to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline, (888) 404-3922.

Go to www.MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle for information on Florida's sea turtles and how to get decals. Click on "Research" and then "Nesting" for more data on sea turtle nesting. ■

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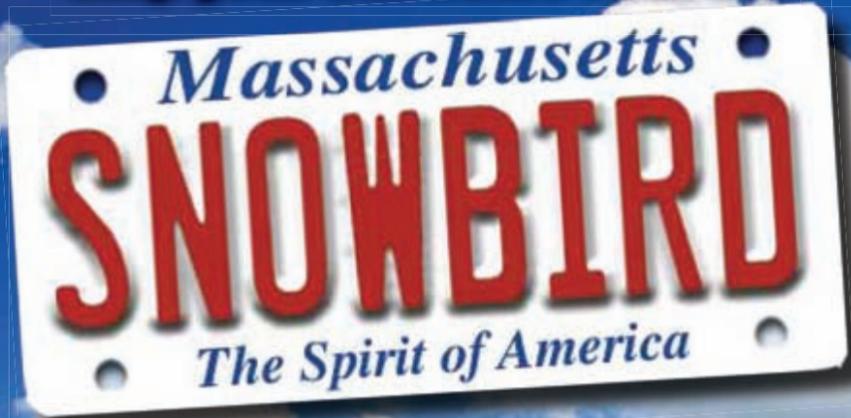
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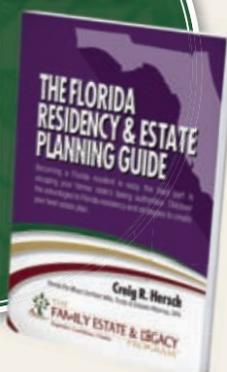
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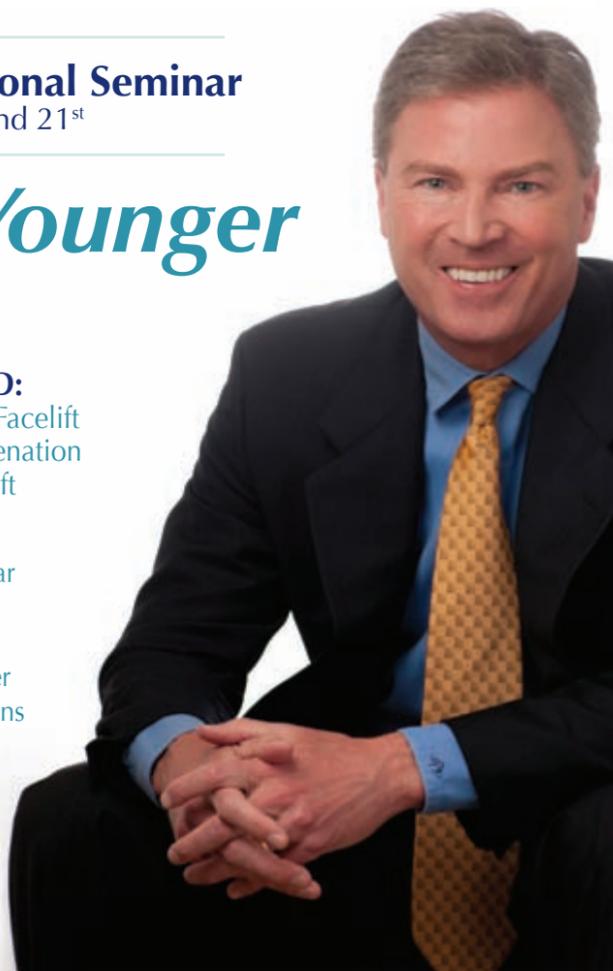
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BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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Suspicious confirmed

Despite California's 2015 law aimed at improving the fairness of its red-light cameras, the city of Fremont (pop. 214,000, just north of San Jose) reported earning an additional \$190,000 more each month last year by shortening the yellow light by two-thirds of a second

at just two intersections. Tickets went up 445 percent at one and 883 percent at the other. (In November 2016, for "undisclosed reasons," the city raised the speed limit on the street slightly, "allowing" it to reinstate the old 0.7-second-longer yellow light.)

Some recurring themes

■ Marissa Alexander of Jacksonville, convicted and given a 20-year sentence in 2012 for firing a warning shot into a wall to fend off her abusive estranged husband, finally had the charges dropped in February. The pernickety trial judge had earlier determined that Florida's notorious "Stand Your Ground" law did not apply, even though the husband admitted that he was threatening to rough up Alexander and that she never aimed the gun at him. (With that defense not allowed, Alexander was doomed under Florida's similarly notorious 20-year mandatory sentence for aggravated assault using a gun.)

■ In 2008, Vince Li, a passenger on

a Greyhound bus in Canada, stabbed another passenger, then beheaded him and started to eat him, and in 2009 was "convicted" — but "not criminally responsible" because of schizophrenia. He has been institutionalized and under treatment since then, and in February, doctors signed off on an "absolute" release back into society for Li (now known as Will Baker) — declining a "conditional" release, which would have required continued monitoring. Manitoba province law requires absolute discharge if doctors conclude, on the "weight of the evidence," that the patient is no longer a "significant" safety threat.

Least-competent criminals

■ Alvin Neal, 56, is merely the most recent bank robber to begin the robbery sequence (at a Wells Fargo branch in San Diego) after identifying himself to a teller (by swiping his ATM card through a machine at the counter). He was sentenced in January.

■ Failing to think through their crime was the group of men who decided to snatch about \$1,200 from the Eastside Grillz tooth-jewelry shop in St. Paul, Minn., in February. They fled despite two of them having already provided ID and one having left a mold of his teeth.

No longer weird

■ Matthew Mobley, 41, was arrested in Alexandria, La., in February (No. 77 on his rap sheet) after getting stuck in the chimney of a business he was breaking into.

■ Former postal worker Gary Collins,

53, of Forest City, N.C., pleaded guilty in February to having hoarded deliverable U.S. mail as far back as 2000. (He is far from the worst mail hoarder, by volume, that News of the Weird has mentioned.)

Luckiest (bewildered) animals

■ In December, a 400-pound black bear at the Palm Beach zoo ("Clark") got a root canal from dentist Jan Bellows, to fix a painful fractured tooth.

■ In January, a pet ferret ("Zelda") in Olathe, Kan., received a pacemaker from Kansas State University doctors, who said Zelda should thus be able to live the

ferret's normal life span.

■ In January, an overly prolific male African tortoise ("Bert"), of Norwich, England, who had developed arthritis from excessive "mounting," was fitted with wheels on the back of his shell to ease stress on his legs. ■

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■ The **Marco Island Shell Club** holds the 37th annual Marco Island Shell Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11, at United Church of Marco. The show features more than 150 juried scientific and artistic exhibits, a live shell tank, shell art and specimen shells, a raffle and people's choice awards. Kids' day on Saturday includes a make-your-own-shell-necklace workshop at 1 p.m. Admission is \$2, with proceeds benefitting the club's scholarship fund. For more information, visit www.marcoshell-club.com or email info@marcoshell-club.com.



■ The **Neapolitan Questers**, a group of antiques collectors and admirers, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month either at the home of a member or at a local historical site. The next meeting is March 9 at the Marco Island home of a member for a program about World War II letters and artifacts. Potential members can attend two meetings without joining. Annual membership for \$45 includes local, stage and national Questers membership. The 2017 national convention takes place in May in St. Petersburg. For more information, email local president Roberta Raass at raaraass@gmail.com.

■ The Naples Chapter, **Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolu-**

tion meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Club at Longshore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting starts at noon. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602, email naplesSAR@gmail.com or visit www.naplessar.org.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

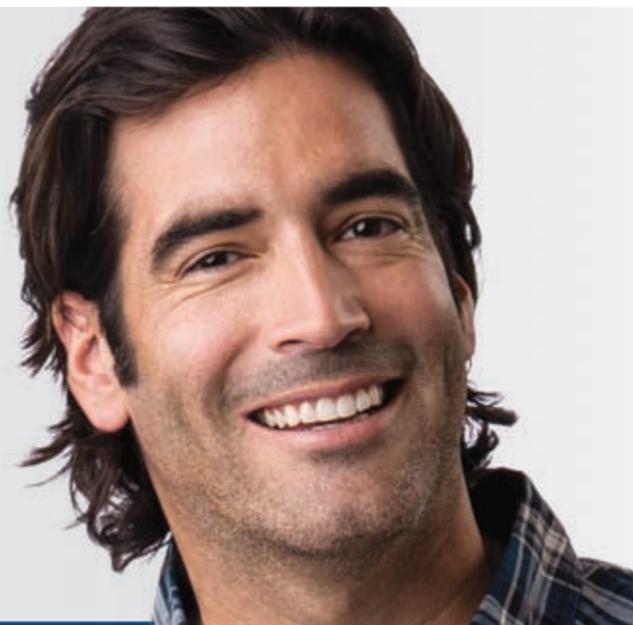
■ The **DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Florida South-Western State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive. Meetings are open to the public, and all levels of photographers are welcome. For more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org

■ **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club #6544**, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President's Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are March 10 and 24. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastOfTheCoast.org.

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■ **Alumni and fans of Ohio State University** are welcome to join the Naples Buckeyes on their float for the Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade set for Saturday, March 11. Visit www.Naples-Buckeyes.com for more information.

Naples Buckeyes and the Buckeyes in Naples Foundation host "A Buckeye Evening" at the home of Ed and Jenna Gonzalez from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Funds raised will help provide scholarships to Collier County students pursuing local educational opportunities, with priority on vocational and technical programs. Sign up at www.NaplesBuckeyes.com.

Brian McNamara is organizing the Naples Buckeyes' second annual BIG Golf Challenge set for Saturday, March 25. For more information, call Mr. McNamara at 204-4766 or email briancmcnamara@gmail.com.

■ The local chapter of **Delta Gamma alumnae** invites members to join its various events and meetings in Collier and Lee counties. The chapter's annual Founder's Day luncheon and social is set for Saturday, March 11, at The Club at Barefoot Beach. For more information, visit www.greaternaplesdeltagama.com or email greaternaplesdelta-gamma@gmail.com.

■ **Eastern Airlines SWFL Silverliners**, a philanthropic organization of former flight attendants, welcomes all former and present flight attendants from Eastern

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at noon on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is March 11. For reservations or more information, call Darlene (Hall) Follese at 495-9741 or email jdfollese@comcast.net.

■ **The Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Guest speaker and GSCC member Linda Ryan will present "Moving On! Transportation, Migration and Your Ancestors," an exploration of the routes and transportation used by our ancestors to travel across the U.S. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are March 18 and April 8. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. RSVP by emailing Joe Geithmann at joeearl42@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

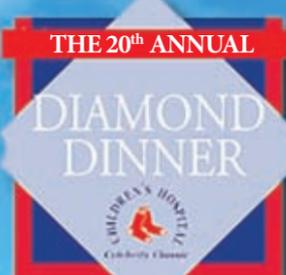
■ The **Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region** members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday

of the month at First United Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meeting is March 20. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida Ski & Travel Club** holds a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parrot Room at Gulf Coast Inn, 2555 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Social gatherings are the third Tuesday of every month at varying locations. The next social meeting is March 21, and the next business meeting is April 4. For more information, call 839-3711 or visit www.naplesskiclub.com.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to lunch and a program about "The Wonderful World of Pearls" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Vasari County Club. Tickets for \$30 include a pair of pearl earrings. Payment in advance is required. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com for reservations or more information.

■ The **Southwest Florida Kiwi Club**, a social and charitable organization of retired and active American Airlines flight attendants, holds its next luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Ridgway Bar and Grill on Third Street South. For reservations or more information email Barbara Traci at summerbid@comcast.net.



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■ The Naples chapter of **Ikebana International** meets Wednesday morning, April 5, in the FGCU Research Center at Naples Botanical Garden. Socializing begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 10 a.m. and the program at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome; membership in Ikebana International or Naples Botanical Garden is not required. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com or email ikebananaples@gmail.com.



■ The Naples branch of the **English Speaking Union** hold their annual meeting and luncheon Wednesday, April 5, at Pelican Marsh Country Club. For more information, call Karen Lannan at 330-2533, email klannan@comcast.net or visit www.esu.org/Naples.

■ **Coastal Chess clubs** in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tour-

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■ **The Naples Peggys** invite anyone who likes cribbage to play from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Drive. The annual membership fee is \$10. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 774-1113 or email cathykeeler8@gmail.com.

■ **The Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to its meeting Thursday, April 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

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Gulf Coast Sailing Club welcomes America's Cup host

A 40-year tradition of Neapolitan sailors racing to raise money for local charities continues with the 41st annual Gulf Coast Sailing Club Charity Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, in the Gulf of Mexico off the Naples Pier.

Tucker Thompson, the public host for the 35th America's Cup in Bermuda and celebrity host of the local regatta, will deliver a multi-media presentation at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club after



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the second day of racing ends. All are welcome to attend the dinner and Mr. Thompson's presentation. He will discuss the storied history of the America's Cup, what occurred in the recently completed Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series, what the teams are doing now and what to expect in Bermuda this May and June.

Mr. Thompson has covered the America's Cup on TV since the 2007 Cup in Valencia, Spain. A former champion, he sailed with America True during the 2000 America's Cup in New Zealand.



The 41st annual Gulf Coast Sailing Club Charity Regatta is open to all classes of sailboats and to those who wish to help children in our community who are affected by the loss of loved ones or who may find joy in learning how to sail. All net proceeds from the race will support the Avow Children's Bereavement Program, Freedom Waters and community sailing programs in both Marco Island and Naples.

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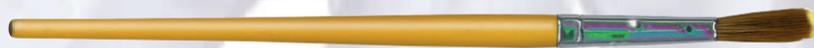
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■ **FGCU's Counseling and Psychological Services** hosts its third annual Out of the Darkness campus walk starting at noon Saturday, March 18, at the university's main campus to raise awareness about suicide prevention. Anyone can register as a walker, a virtual walker or a volunteer at the event's website. Participants will fundraise on behalf of the organizers to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For more information or to register, email jrego@fgcu.edu or visit www.afsp.org/fgcu.

■ The **2017 Gulf Coast Sailing Club Charity Regatta** takes place Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, off the Naples coastline. All classes of sailboats are welcome to participate and registration includes a regatta dinner on Sunday night at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, which includes a presentation by Tucker Thompson. Registration starts at \$125 and proceeds will benefit Avow Hospice's Children's Bereavement Program, Freedom Waters and local sailing programs. For more information, visit www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org.

■ Runners of every level are invited to participate in the **Marco Island Half-Marathon and 5K-Walk/Run** on Sunday, March 19, starting at the Shops of Marco. The route heads east on San Marco Road,



passes over the Goodland Bridge and winds through Key Marco before returning to the starting point. The ninth annual half-marathon starts at 7:30 a.m.; the fifth annual run/walk sets out at 7:45 a.m. More than 700 people participated in last year's events.

The Marco Island Half-Marathon Inc. is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to bettering the island community. Proceeds from event sponsorships and registration have benefitted the island's police and fire-rescue foundations, its charter school, the city's parks and recreation department and the Greater Marco Island YMCA.

To sign up or for information about sponsorships, visit www.marcoislandhalf-marathon.com. For more information, call Craig Kelley at 961-7314 or email jkelly93@centurylink.net.

■ **Gulfcoast Runners and Artists—Naples** present the annual Run for Music 10K at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 27, at the performing arts center. A 1-mile fun run is also available. Musicians from the Naples Philharmonic will perform along the race route. Registration is \$10-\$45. For more information or to sign up, visit www.gcrunner.org.

■ **Naples Botanical Garden** hosts The Garden Open golf tournament from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Windstar on Naples Bay. The scramble-style event includes cocktails, dinner and a live auction. Registration is \$300 for golf and dinner, \$80 for a dinner guest. For more information or to sign up, email azoller@naplesgarden.org.

■ The **Stroke Recovery Foundation** holds its inaugural Stroke Victor Golf Scramble on Saturday, April 22, at Quail Village Golf Club. Registration starts at noon and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Registration is limited to 100 golfers and includes dinner and an awards ceremony. Sign up for \$80 per golfer (dinner for non-golfers is \$30). To register or for more information, call 598-2815 or email membership@Quail-VillageGolfClub.org.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual golf tournament at 1 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Quail Creek Country Club. Participants will enjoy a pre-game lunch, a hole-in-one contest

with a \$10,000 cash prize and an awards dinner following the tournament. Registration is \$150 through March 15 and \$175 afterwards. For more information or to register, visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **Redlands Christian Migrant Association** holds the annual Lipman Golf Classic at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Naples Heritage Golf Club. Registration is \$225, with proceeds to benefit Immokalee migrant farm workers. For more information, call (800) 282-6540 or visit www.rcma.org.

■ **Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar** hosts the eighth annual Stand Up Paddle & Luau Races with competitive, family and Special Olympics races starting at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 7, at Vanderbilt Beach. Registration is \$25 and includes paddleboards. Proceeds benefit Collier County Special Olympics. For more information or to register, call 370-6577 or visit www.supspecialolympicsnaples.org.

■ **Youth Haven** hosts its 30th annual Fairways for the Future golf tournament at 1 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Grey Oaks Country Club. All golfers will receive one ticket to the organization's gala on May 7, a boxed lunch, two mulligans, entry into all on-course contests and admission to the post-tournament awards reception. Registration is \$500. Raffle tickets for a European river cruise are available. To sign up or for more information, call 687-5155 or visit www.youthhavenswfl.com. ■

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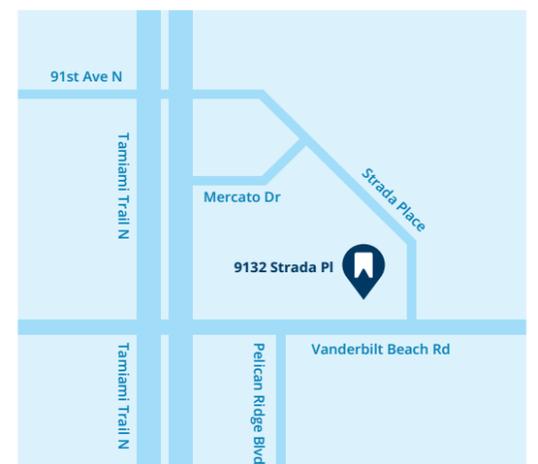
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HEALTHY LIVING

Brain fair, women's summit and support group coming up

Here are some health-related programs coming up in the area:

■ The third annual **Miracles Among Us Brain Fair** takes place from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. The free event includes a "Brain Minders" puppet show provided by the Pilot Club or Naples, presentations about brain injury, bike helmet giveaways, children's crafts and more. Miracles Among Us supports the more than 12,000 people living with brain injuries in Collier and Lee counties and their caregivers. For more information, call Suzan Berg at 529-5284, email info@miraclesamongus.org or visit www.MiraclesAmongUs.org.



■ David Lawrence Center and its education partner, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, present the third annual **Sound Minds Mental Health Symposium** from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. This year's event focuses on brain health. Renowned psychologist, educator and author Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D., is the keynote speaker.

Ms. Jamison has authored five books and is considered a leading authority on mood disorders, bipolar disorder and suicide. She became the public face of bipolar disorder after her bestselling 1995 memoir, "An Unquiet Mind," explored her own battles with the disease. "Touched with Fire," her book about the links between bipolar disorder and creativity, was made into a movie in 2015 starring Katie Holmes.

She has served as a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for the last 25 years and has acted as a professor of mood disorders and co-director of the Johns Hopkins University Mood Disorders Center since 2005.

There are a variety of ticket options available:

■ An all-access pass for \$400 includes

SEE COMING UP, A25 ►

Hand therapy helps pro get back in the game

BY KATE LYNCH, LEE HEALTH

Special to Florida Weekly

In May 2016, Florida Gulf Coast University student and professional kayak fisherman Conner Thompson injured his right wrist, leading to a painful problem that worsened.

Tarpon season was in full swing, so he spent most of his time not at school or work, but out on the water in his Hobie kayak. "I didn't meet my goal, but I landed more than 20 tarpon, more than 100 pounds each; as you can imagine, this aggravated my already painful wrist and forced me to wear a brace when not fishing," Mr. Thompson says. "I was stubborn and used it, dealing with the pain, until classes resumed in August. I had to take five courses, all writing intensive; that's when I could no longer ignore it."

He underwent a surgical procedure to repair a triangular fibrocartilage complex tear in his right wrist. After surgery, Mr. Thompson's surgeon, Dr. Sandra Collins, recommended occupational and certified hand therapist Paul Zavala.

As one of 6,284 certified hand therapists worldwide, Mr. Zavala specializes in advanced treatment of hands and upper extremity, and provides therapy to elite and professional athletes. "Conner had pain in his right dominant wrist, and weakness gripping his fishing pole, along with writing," he says.

Diagnosing the exact cause of a wrist injury can be difficult as many factors can lead to wrist pain. "I work a lot with power tools, wrenches and machetes on my lawn tractors, trucks, ATVs and swamp buggy," Mr. Thompson says. "Paul said too much torqueing force could have caused my injury."

His wrist was immobilized in a custom arm brace after surgery, and therapy reduced swelling and pain.

"Next, his brace was shortened to only support the wrist; therapy maximized his range of motion and strengthened the wrist, to prepare for a full release from his brace and return to regular daily activity," Mr. Zavala explains.

"He is now in his third phase of therapy to prepare him for the advanced demands on his wrist during kayak fishing. This also involves advanced strengthening and conditioning, activity simulation, along with education on injury prevention."



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Professional kayak fisherman Conner Thompson is eager to have full use of both hands for competitive angling.

Mr. Thompson has adjusted to primarily using his opposite hand, for now, and is gradually reintroducing his affected hand to activities.

"I haven't touched a wrench or power tool since surgery because I know I will find a way to use both hands and hurt it before it's healed," he says. "I've pretty much learned to be left handed, so I'm back to doing almost everything I was doing before."

Twice a week, he meets with Mr. Zavala for therapy. "My schedule is packed, so I'm grateful he works with me as much as possible," Mr. Thompson says.

The injured wrist has not slowed him down one bit; he is still dedicated to his passions. "Everyone looks at me weird when I tell them I still kayak and fish as often as possible," he says. "But that's why the Hobie and FGCU kayak fishing teams keep me around." ■

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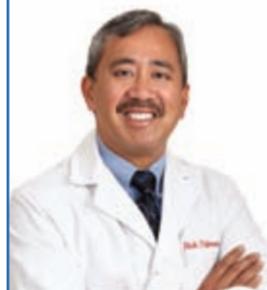
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a VIP wine dinner with the keynote speaker on Friday, March 24, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception with her after the symposium on Saturday evening, March 25, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

■ A ticket for the VIP wine dinner and symposium is \$300.

■ A ticket for the symposium and meet-the-speaker reception is \$125.

Ms. Jamison will be available for a book signing for ticket holders at both the VIP dinner and the post-symposium reception.

■ Admission to the symposium only is a \$10 suggested donation.

For tickets or more information, call Jennifer Denike at the David Lawrence Center at 304-3505 or visit www.davidlawrence-center.org.

■ **Lighthouse of Collier** Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites all who are blind or visually impaired to attend a support group from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the center, 2685 Horseshoe Drive in Naples.

Facilitator Rick Hart encourages attendees to share the challenges they face and the techniques they find helpful in managing those challenges. Attendees feel less isolated as they make connections with others who can relate to their situation. Friends and family members who care for a blind or visually impaired friend or loved one can also benefit from the group and are welcome to attend.

The mission of Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind,

visually impaired and their caregivers. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.LighthouseofCollier.org.

■ The 2017 **SpelLIFE Women's Wellness Summit** aims to educate and inspire women to enhance every aspect of their personal wellness: spiritual, physical, environmental, leisure, local, intellectual, financial and emotional. The summit brings two keynote speakers and five breakout sessions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

The keynote speakers are Glennon Doyle Melton and Crystal Andrus Morissette. Ms. Melton is the author of "Love Warrior" and founder of the www.Momastery.com online community. Ms. Morissette is the author of four best-selling books, including "The Emotional Edge." The two will share personal stories of the hardships they have overcome, with an emphasis on guiding women toward a more fulfilling and joyful life.

Breakout speakers are:

■ LaDonna Roye, who will emphasize women's hair health and non-surgical hair replacement.

■ Mindy DiPietro from Aesthetic Treatment Center, who will focus on enhancing skin health.

■ Deb Logan from the Blue Zones Project, who will share her insights on wellness and purposeful living.

■ Gaynell Anderson from Absolute Physical Therapy, who will highlight the importance of proper breathing.

■ Jill Ciccarella Rapps from Ciccarella Advisory Services, Inc., who will offer guidance on bridging your passion and purpose with your money.

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4 confessions of a first-time Botox user:

How it feels, what it costs and if it's truly worth it

Remember when just five years ago, Botox was considered to be the cosmetic procedure of only the stars? Hollywood actor after actor seemed to be getting it. But today, it isn't just Hollywood that is into Botox. Everyone and their neighbor is getting Botox! Over the last few years, we've received a massive flurry of inquiries here at Azul Medical Spa about Botox injections. It's always fascinating to talk to new patients about the procedure, what they expect and if they're nervous. It turns out that, when it comes to first-time Botox users, certain confessions are universal.

SO... YOU'RE INJECTING ME WITH WHAT?

It doesn't matter how prepared they are or how much research they've done, first-time Botox users are almost always nervous about what we are injecting into their faces. Botox is a neurotoxin derived from the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. In very large doses, it's responsible for the illness botulism. This information understandably makes some people a little worried. I always make a special effort to calm their fears, telling them that we're only going to be injecting a tiny amount of the toxin, not even close to enough for them to feel any major effects. All it will do is weaken the tiny muscles in the face that cause small wrinkles. I assure them that it's temporary, and that the muscles will come back to full strength in just a few months.

WILL IT HURT?

If there's one universal constant, it's that most people are terrified of needles, just like they were when they were kids. With Botox, the injections are so light and quick that you'll barely even feel them. I've had patients ask me when I'm going to start, when I'd actually already been injecting them. We apply a topical cream to numb the skin before we begin, and there's really very little pain. At their absolute worst, Botox injections might feel like a little pinch, like a pin prick!

BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.

There's sometimes an unspoken expectation that, right after getting their first Botox treatment, lines and wrinkles will instantly be gone! Or that their face will be completely paralyzed. Sitcoms love the old joke where someone gets Botox and then can't move any muscles in their face for a day. Like most sitcom jokes, this is a complete exaggeration. You might feel some minor numbness after a Botox treatment, but you won't feel or see the full effects for at least a few days or even a week after you leave the Spa. Those little wrinkles around your eyes are caused by tiny, repetitive movements of the muscles. Once those muscles are relaxed, the wrinkles will start to fade from the skin. It only takes a little while for the effects to really show up. Botox, unfortunately, just isn't an instant treatment (although if you do want an instant

wrinkle treatment, we also offer injectable fillers!)

IT COSTS HOW MUCH?

The cost of Botox depends on a number of factors, such as how many areas you want us to treat and how often you want to come back for more. Botox isn't a permanent wrinkle solution, just an incredibly effective temporary one. To keep your results, you'll have to come back every few months for more injections, as those tiny muscles will start to get strong and twitch again.

First-timers sometimes say that they may come back in a year or so, but certainly not in three months. Well, once they see the results, the vast majority become second-timers as soon the effects start to wear off and the old frowns appear again! It's always a delight to see someone come back for a second Botox treatment, because I get to hear all about the experience. The truth is, the more you use Botox, the longer you can go between treatments because your muscles get trained to stop squeezing—so that's a real benefit of continued use.

The bottom line is that there's nothing to fear about Botox. It's an incredibly simple procedure that gives you amazing results. Every morning after getting Botox, you'll wake up, look in the mirror, notice those wrinkles are getting lighter and lighter, and smile!

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PET TALES

Pot for pets? Not so fast. The science isn't there. Yet

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
Andrews McMeel Syndication

We bet you know at least one person who shares his or her stash with a pet. Not to get the animal high, but to relieve anxiety, nausea or pain from cancer or another ailment. But does it really work?

That's hard to say. Anecdotes aside, no research to date shows any benefit of marijuana for dogs or cats. Only minimal research is available on its effects in humans. That's because federal law classifies it as a Schedule I drug with no medical usefulness. Regulatory restrictions hamper researchers' ability to study marijuana's potential benefits for humans or animals.

In theory, cannabinoids — the chemical compounds found in marijuana — carry great promise, says Robin Downing, DVM, a pain management expert and hospital director at the Downing Center for Animal Pain Management in Windsor, Colo. Dogs and cats possess cannabinoid receptors. Think of them as the "lock" into which cannabinoid molecules fit like keys.

"These are exquisitely specific receptors that do not interact with other molecules," Dr. Downing says. Unlike THC, cannabinoids are not involved in altered mentation, but they are credited with other actions in the nervous system, such as pain relief and relief of seizure activity.

"This is what gives us hope that medical marijuana will at some point become an important tool in the pain management toolbox," she says.

That can't happen, though, until the drug is better understood. Right now, little

is known about dosing and delivery of medical marijuana to pets.

The idea of treating pet ailments with marijuana may give rise to the image of coming home to a dog or cat who's chowing down on Doritos and listening to Bob Marley. The truth is, we don't know a lot about how pets respond to marijuana because they can't tell us how they feel.

"For animals, we have no safety data, no efficacy data and no dosing data," Dr. Downing says.

For example, she says, humans can adjust their doses based on their response to a drug, but animals cannot.

"How do we know what they are feeling? How can we tell when they have received 'enough' to create whatever effect we seek for them?"

At veterinary emergency hospitals, marijuana is the number-one intoxicant for pets, especially in states such as California, Colorado and Washington, which have legalized medical and recreational marijuana. A retrospective study published in 2012 looked at cases in two Colorado veterinary hospitals from 2005 to 2010. Researchers found that the incidence of marijuana toxicosis in dogs increased fourfold over the period.

"Our numbers have been increasing for several years," says veterinary toxicologist



There's not enough evidence that it's safe to feed marijuana to your pet.

Tina Wismer, director of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. "Many vets are able to diagnose the typical patient — wobbly and dribbling urine — on sight."

Typical incidents include eating an owner's baked goods that contain marijuana or THC-laced butter or coconut oil, eating the actual plants or inhaling smoke.

"The edibles are much more dangerous due to the concentration of THC when compared to plant material," Dr. Wismer says.

Do pets who partake get the munchies? Usually not. Signs of toxicity include glassy eyes, incoordination, dilated pupils and vomiting, usually within an hour or less or ingestion or inhalation.

Because of marijuana's Schedule I status, veterinarians cannot legally prescribe the drug. That doesn't mean related products aren't available, though. Companies sell hemp tinctures, edibles and extracts formulated for pets. While hemp and marijuana are both derived from the Cannabis sativa plant, hemp is defined as containing a concentration of no more than 0.3 percent THC.

Dr. Downing worries about variability in levels of active ingredients and lack of regulation. "We are a long way from being at a place where we can in good conscience recommend marijuana for animals." ■

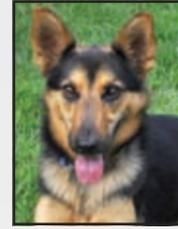
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>> **Tye** is an affectionate 9-month-old domestic short hair who loves to play and be petted.

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This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats and dogs include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets. ■





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THE DIVA DIARIES

Instead of a movie, try a bowling alley or a bar on a first date



“Going on a first/blind date this Saturday — he wants me to choose a movie. He doesn’t like chick flicks; I don’t like action films. Any suggestions?”

This Facebook query came from a single girlfriend last week and generated myriad comments — 60 to be exact. Several people thought that she and her date might “bond” over the latest “50 Shades of Grey” installment, but mercifully that idea was quickly struck down. A few of her friends actually suggested the animated “Lego Batman” as a safe bet. And while possibilities like “Hidden Figures” (historical), “La La Land” (musical), and “Manchester by the Sea” (depressing) were bandied about, the overwhelming consensus was to skip the movie and go to a bowling alley, a miniature golf course or a bar.

Agreeing on a movie is a tall order for most couples and probably isn’t the best idea for a first date. The idea is to get to know each other, not to sit in the dark, staring at a screen. After all, there’s plenty of time for that after you’re married.

Like my friend and her date, my husband likes action movies and I prefer chick flicks. But when Todd and I first started seeing each other, we were much



more amenable to each other’s tastes in film. We watched a lot of movies, but since we both worked crazy hours, it was usually in either his apartment or mine, and it was always DVDs. So, when he brought over a bottle of wine and his copy of “Gladiator,” I was all, “Oh, how neat! I love seeing dudes being impaled!” But, it went the other way,

too — when I happily trotted over to his place with “Bridget Jones’ Diary” and nachos with cheese dip, he was totally game. Falling in love means opening yourself up to what your partner likes — you may not end up loving it, but at least you gave it a chance. I’m not crazy about old James Bond flicks from the ‘60s, but when Todd wanted to share them with

me, I got into the retro vibe of “Goldfinger” and “Dr. No.” And to his credit, Todd was willing to sit through (and discuss at length) any obscure indie documentary I subjected him to — and, trust me, there were a LOT.

Now that we’re well into our 10th year of marriage, we’ve reached a happy medium when it comes to choosing movies. If my husband wants to watch Matt Damon’s latest “Jason Bourne” offering, he’ll usually do it when I’m at an evening event — he grills a manly steak (I don’t eat red meat), opens a bottle of Pinot Noir, and settles in for an evening of testosterone-fueled car chases. Meanwhile, if he’s golfing with the boys on a Sunday afternoon, that’s the perfect time for me to tear into a box of Thin Mints while watching “The Crown” on Netflix.

Together, we recently enjoyed this year’s Best Picture winner, “Moonlight,” as well as “Hell or High Water,” and “Sully” — compromise is key.

As for my friend on Facebook, she and her blind date went for cocktails and appetizers and spared themselves the conundrum of choosing a movie they’d both agree on. Hopefully, they can postpone major life decisions like that until at least the third or the fourth date. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*



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Have you met Kathy Bigham of Bigham Jewelers?

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

For proof of the profound impact teachers can have on their students, look no further than Kathy Bigham, president and CEO of Bigham Jewelers.

It was her seventh grade choir instructor and basketball coach in suburban Cleveland whose choice of fashion accessories sparked an interest in Ms. Bigham that led to her career choice.



BIGHAM

"I had a teacher who wore the most magnificent jewelry, which began my interest in jewelry," says Ms. Bigham, who founded her business in 1995 after moving to Naples from Ohio.

From its start in a 2,800-square-foot, strip mall storefront, Bigham Jewelers has grown to the point that it now occupies an 8,000-square-foot, diamond-shaped, stand-alone building dubbed the Bigham Galleria on U.S. 41. Shortly after its 2005 opening, InStore Magazine selected it as the "Coolest Jewelry Store in America" for being a "luxurious, but ultra-cool store where customer service has never felt — or looked — so good."

Combining her passion for jewelry and a burning desire to have her own independent family business became a goal during Ms. Bigham's youth. It's a decision she hasn't regretted.

"I love jewelry," she says. "I wanted to be able to wear and share it, and I wanted to be able to get into a business that I was passionate about. I wanted to be able to get up in the morning and say, 'Wow, I get to do this every day,' and to share in people's special occasions all year long."

Entrepreneurship appealed to her for several reasons.

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Children play in the water at the Bonita Springs YMCA outdoor swimming facility.

The Bonita Springs Chamber: Getting the word out

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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This is what they call "an apt metaphor."

You step into the Money Cube like a person entering an old-time phone booth, and close the door. Suddenly the wind starts blowing and bills — good old American greenbacks in various denominations — fill the air. You grab as many as you can before the wind stops. When you open the door and step back out, you're richer.

That's the nature of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

too, where about 950 members have stepped in, only to become more knowledgeable, more prosperous, and more attuned to the merchant life of one of Florida's most vibrant communities.

Best of all, the Money Cube is not just figurative — not just a metaphor — but literal and real, like the Bonita Area Chamber. And it's free to all for a few hours this week.

A presentation of the Achieva Credit Union, the Money Cube will be open from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the chamber's annual Community Business Expo, sponsored by the Promenade at Bonita Bay, the city of Bonita Springs,

and Royal Shell Real Estate, Rentals and Vacations.

The Expo will take place at the Promenade at Bonita Bay.

"We've worked on this Expo for six months," says Tiffany Esposito, president and CEO of the chamber — which includes members from as far south as Marco Island and as far north as North Fort Myers, she says.

"As vendors, our members can showcase products or services and reach crowds they normally wouldn't have access to. And as attendees, they can come out and see so much of what Bonita offers."

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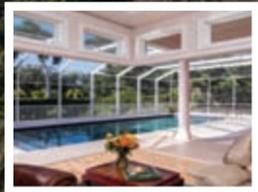
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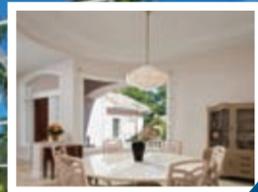


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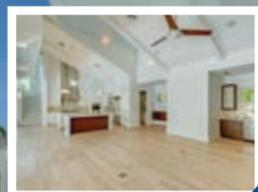
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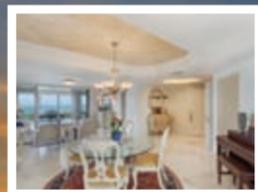
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Leadership Collier applications being accepted for Class of 2018

The Leadership Collier Foundation is accepting applications for the class of 2018 Leadership Collier program.

Formed by the Greater Naples Chamber of commerce in 1988, the program is designed to develop a network of informed citizens prepared to assume leadership roles in the community.

The 2018 program runs from September through March, starting with a full-day retreat and including 10 full-day sessions taking place on Thursdays and focuses on various aspects of the Collier County community, from health and human services to government, law enforcement, agriculture and the arts.

Applicants should be senior executives, presidents and vice presidents, executive directors, business owners and high-level directors and managers representing all industries and business types in the region.

Tuition is \$2,200. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31. The two-part application is available to download at www.napleschamber.org/chamber/leadership_programs.aspx.

For more information, contact Amanda Beights at the Leadership Collier Foundation by calling 403-2903 or emailing amanda@napleschamber.org. ■

SCORE workshop focuses on the fine points of micro-marketing

SCORE Naples invites owners/managers who would like to increase their business to learn how by targeting their customers through micro-marketing. Tim Philbrick, sales and marketing manager at The Print Shop & More, will lead a micro-marketing workshop from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.



Attendees will learn how to profile their target customer and create an Avatar. They will learn how to decide whether

marketing by mail is still a viable strategy. And they will learn how much time they should spend on marketing their company's products and services.

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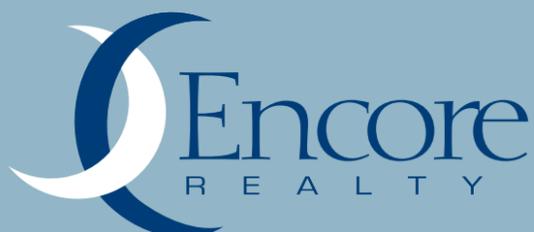
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"I really wanted to be able to have the flexibility to have a family and to be able to create jobs for my own family and for others," she said. "I think family businesses are something that is more and more difficult to pass on."

She is the product of a working-class background.

"I didn't grow up with much, although I certainly had what I needed," she says. "We lived paycheck to paycheck like most of the people we knew, but I wanted more. I take care of my family. My mom and dad (Dan and Linda Kelly) are both retired and I'm glad that they could do it."

Her family played and still plays a role in the business. Her mother, her brother Dan Kelly, ex-husband Gary Bigham, and her sister-in-law, Bonnie Bigham, all assisted with Bigham Jewelers at its inception and continue to play a role in day-to-day operations.

Bigham Galleria features creations by award-winning designers such as Elizabeth Locke, David Yurman, Penny Preville, Picchiotti and Bilgore. Many designers make personal appearances at the store, bringing extensive collections and interacting with customers. The store also offers a selection of watches from Rolex, Baume & Mercier, Carl F. Bucherer, Sablier and Shinola, as well as pre-owned timepieces.

"It's not like walking into a typical jewelry store," Ms. Bigham says. "We have something for everyone."

She received a bachelor's degree in business from Kent State in 1989, graduating in four years while attending night classes. On weekdays, she worked the early shift at a trucking company, and on weekends she sold gold jewelry from a briefcase.



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Members of Kathy Bigham's immediate family, who were early members of Bigham Jewelers, at its founding in 1995: Dan Kelly Jr., Ms. Bigham's brother and partner in Bigham Jewelers; Ms. Bigham; and Ms. Bigham's parents, Linda Kelly and Dan Kelly Sr.

After graduating, she joined the former Akron Diamond Trading Company, rising from a sales position to vice-president of store operations.

Upon opening her store, Ms. Bigham made community service, specifically causes that benefit women and children, a focal point. The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, the Christ Child Society, the Naples Alliance for Children, The Naples Players and Baker Park are among the more than 50 organizations the business Bigham Jewelers has supported over the years. Those efforts led to her being named one of Collier's Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureates for 2016. Ms. Bigham invited Kathy Leciejewski, the teacher who so profoundly influenced her, to the awards ceremony and she recognized her during her acceptance speech.

The tagline for the Bigham Jewelers' TV commercials — "Have We Met Yet?" — has not only served as a warm,

unique identifier for the business, but has also caught on with the public, Ms. Bigham says. "I can't go anywhere in town without someone coming over and saying, 'Have we met yet?'" ■

Interview with Kathy Bigham

Business mentors: A first and life-long mentor was my uncle, Bill Wortzman. An entrepreneur in my Cleveland hometown, he established a respected and highly successful financial services firm, starting from scratch.

Locally, my favorite mentor is the amazing Myra Janco Daniels, whose wisdom and grounded advice continue to inspire me.

First job: When I was 10 years old, I got a paper route.

Business words of wisdom: One of my favorite quotes is by Yoda, the jedi master in "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back." He says simply: "Do. Or do not.

There is no try." This quote inspired my business motto: "Make it happen."

Favorite business book: Malcolm Gladwell's "Outliers," for its insights on what it takes to reach high achievement levels in different fields.

Things you look for when hiring: I look for three qualities in a candidate: That s/he CAN do the job, WANTS to do the job and WILL do the job. I need all three; if one is doubtful, it's a no-go.

Any job openings now? Because we are fortunate to be growing steadily, we always look for that additional "right" candidate. When s/he appears, we will create the position.

Last time you had to fire someone — and reason: Truthfulness is a must-have in our company. Last summer, I had to separate a new employee who had misrepresented himself. ■

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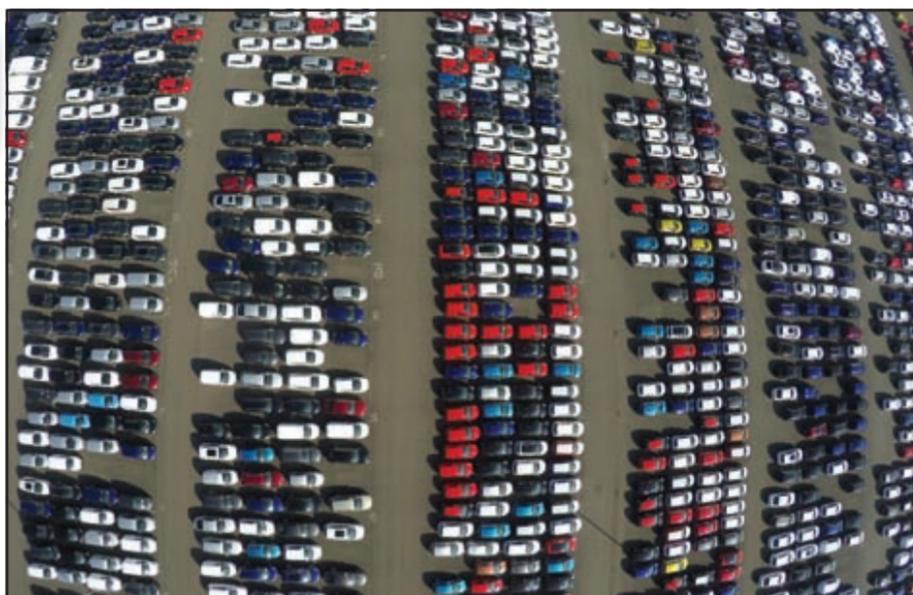
Auto stocks sluggish as volume begins to exceed sales



I am not a car person. I think it is because I grew up and lived in large cities my whole life that I don't have a passion for driving a ton of steel down the open road. In fact, when I met my future wife in Chicago, I didn't even own a car, which almost precluded her from accepting a date with me.

Fortunately for carmakers, most Americans love cars. And they have been buying them in record numbers in the past year. And February's numbers were no exception, with U.S. auto sales coming in at an annualized 17.58 million vehicles sold. Yet if you look at the major manufacturers, their stock prices have remained flat. So why are auto stocks stagnant and what do the February numbers tell us about the auto industry in general?

Looking at the February data, global automakers have a lot going for them. Dealers are selling cars left and right. And more importantly, what they are selling are mostly SUVs and trucks. These vehicles are significantly more profitable than lower cost sedans. Further, a higher than normal percentage of the sales are directly to consumers as opposed to fleet sales to businesses and government agencies which also are higher margin purchases.



The macro environment is also good for car manufacturers. Interest rates are low and banks are keen to lend money to customers across the credit spectrum. In addition, low gas prices enable consumers to buy more high-margin SUVs and trucks with lower gas mileage.

So, given all of this positive data, why aren't the stock prices of Ford, GM, Toyota and the others in the sector pushing higher? First, manufacturers are being forced to offer significant rebates and incentives to meet their sales goals. In February, these incentives were over 10 percent for trucks. These rebates eat directly into these companies' bottom lines.

In addition, most car manufacturers are producing vehicles at full throttle. This is positive when consumer demand is high but if it wanes, it could result in major problems for these firms. Analysts are already seeing this with sedan lines. For example, sedan volume decreased by 24 percent at Ford. And sales of the Toyota Camry, the best-selling car in the U.S., declined by 15 percent.

Many analysts question whether market conditions have topped out for the car sector as well. Both interest rates and gas prices have already started to rise, which could dampen demand for cars, especially high margin SUVs and trucks.

So, while investors are applauding high sales volumes, they have reason to be concerned about the future. Edmunds.com just released a sobering statistic — the "days to turn," or sell, a vehicle rose to 74 in February, the highest since 2009. At GM, that number is closer to 100.

The question is now what the car manufacturers will do about the challenges facing their industry after several robust years. If history is any guide to the future, this will not end well as they will continue to over produce vehicles even as demand slips, which will result in high inventory and the slashing of prices to move cars. This clearly will be great for customers wanting a new car, not so much for shareholders of the automakers.

But these firms may be learning from their past mistakes. Already some have cut shifts at production plants to trim inventory in anticipation of a volume slowdown. And with the U.S. economy and employment rising, consumers have money to spend. This coupled with low valuations (GM is trading at a P/E of 6 with a 4 percent dividend yield for example), makes me cautiously optimistic about this sector. This is especially true as most other areas of the market have had huge run-ups and may be considered overvalued. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.

Nominations open for Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida

The Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University is accepting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida awards. Three awards — Distinguished Entrepreneur, Distinguished Small Business Advocate and Distinguished Innovator of the Year — will be presented in a ceremony May 10 at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs.

Area business owners who have overcome obstacles, discovered new technologies to help grow their business or dedicated themselves to helping other small businesses through mentorship and civic leadership are encouraged to submit applications. Self-nominations are permitted and encouraged.

Judges for the 2017 awards are: Phil Borchmann, editor of Gulfshore Business Magazine; Timothy Cartwright, managing director of Compass Advisory Group; Tiffany Esposito, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and executive director

of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council; Karen Ramos, business specialist with the City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office; and Christopher Spiro, CEO and chief creative officer of Spiro & Associates.

Due to the confidentiality of information collected, all nominees, regardless of nomination source, are responsible for completing the application. March 31 is the deadline for applying at www.fsbdcswfl.org.

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For more information, call Amanda Stirn at 745-3706 or email astirn@fgcu.edu. ■

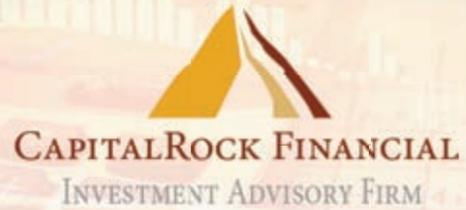
New eatery holds job fair

True Food Kitchen, set to open March 28 at Waterside Shops, is accepting applications from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday until March 13 at the site of the future restaurant. Plans are to hire approximately 130 people as servers, hosts/hostesses, prep cooks, pastry cooks, line cooks, wok cooks, back servers, dishwashers, pizza cooks and bartenders.

This will be the first Florida location for True Food Kitchen. The restaurant, owned by Fox Restaurant Concepts, has a menu inspired by the principles of Dr. Andrew Weil's anti-inflammatory diet.

Job candidates who cannot get to the hiring fair in person can call 431-4580 or visit www.truefoodkitchennaples.com for more information. ■

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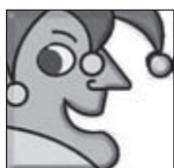
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According to the 2016 Retirement Confidence Survey, only 49 percent of workers have tried to estimate how much income they'll need in retirement. That doesn't bode well for the other 51 percent, as they may be leaving their financial futures to chance.

We all need a retirement plan — including an estimate of the income we'll need in retirement and where that money will come from. (The average annual Social Security benefit is only about \$16,000 — not enough for most people to live on comfortably.) You don't need to go it alone. An experienced financial adviser can help you get your fiscal house in order.

Financial advisers can be especially helpful when you're dealing with or preparing for major life events, such as getting married or divorced, buying a home, having a child, paying for college, retiring or (yikes) being laid off. They can help you deal with your retirement accounts when you change jobs, determine whether you have adequate disability insurance and decide if long-term-care insurance makes sense for you.

Financial advisers can help you determine whether you're better off leasing or buying your next car, whether you should refinance your mortgage, how to avoid estate taxes, how to maximize your ability to care for elderly parents, and so on.

You can learn a lot about these topics on your own, of course — in books, magazines, newspapers and online. Still, it can be smart to consult a pro about your specific situation. It might cost you a few hundred dollars, but you might end up saving a few thousand dollars.

Not all financial advisers are good, though. Watch out for those who will put their financial self-interest before yours, perhaps trying to sell you products you don't need, or skimming a percent off your assets without helping to increase your wealth.

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My Dumbest Investment

Busted Penny

By far the dumbest investment I made was in a so-called penny stock called TagLikeMe Corp. It has been worth less than a penny per share for a long time now. I wish I had researched it first. I went in blind just because of advertisements. Lesson learned: Research before you buy!

— G.M., online

The Fool Responds: That's an excellent lesson. You might add "Stay away from penny stocks" to your lessons learned, too. Penny stocks, typically trading for less than \$5 per share, are generally tied to small companies with more story and promise than performance and profits. They're often hyped online or in newsletters, so that naive investors buy shares, sending the price up so that the hypesters can sell and profit in a "pump-and-dump" scheme.

Google TagLikeMe, and you won't easily find its corporate website with links to press releases, financial reports and other useful information that could help you assess the company. You won't find a track record of increasing revenue and earnings, either.

It's often tempting to buy into penny stocks, as you can get thousands of shares for relatively few dollars. But they're more likely to sink than soar. It can be hard to imagine that a stock trading for, say, \$0.25 per share could fall even further, but it very well might. Your portfolio will thank you if you stick to proven, established companies — ideally ones with profits. ■

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Ask the Fool

Wait for a Drop?

Q I plan to use an auto-investment feature to regularly invest in an S&P 500 index fund. Should I wait for a big drop in the stock market before starting?

— I.W., Fayetteville, North Carolina

A No, because the market may not drop for a few years, leaving you on the sidelines. It's generally a bad idea to try to time the market, because no one can know how it will move in the short term. (Over long periods, it has risen.) If you wait out a market decline, you may miss much of the recovery.

If you're nervous about where the market is headed, making regular investments over time can be effective. (Do so with equal sums, and you're "dollar-cost averaging.") That way you'll get shares both when they're lower priced and when they're higher priced, and you won't have to keep guessing about the market's direction.

Don't fret too much about occasional losses — what matters is that you choose good investments and that you're focused on long-term performance. For most people, inexpensive broad-market index funds such as those that track the S&P 500 are smart choices.

Q What's a "full position" in a stock?

— S.F., Mansfield, Ohio

A It's the size of the investment you aim to have in it. Imagine that you want to invest \$4,000 in MacDonald Farms Inc. (ticker: EIEIO). If you don't have enough money right now, or if you think there's a reasonable chance the stock will fall soon, you might buy just \$2,000 worth now, planning to add \$2,000 later. The \$2,000 would represent a half position in the stock. Once you owned the \$4,000 worth you wanted, you'd have a full position. A full position varies by person. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1928, when two cousins named Ed made a folding wood-slat reclining chair for porch use. A year later they upholstered it for indoor use — and gave it a name that some might find insulting. Chair production temporarily gave way to airplane-part production during World War II. In the decades after the war, ottomans, rockers, built-in footrests and electric controls were introduced.



By the '90s, my chairs offered heating and massages. Today, based in Michigan, I employ more than 6,000 people and sport a market value near \$1.4 billion. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Ford Drives Ahead

Ford Motor Co. (NYSE: F) has made vast improvements in the quality and attractiveness of its vehicles since the recession subsided, and now it's churning out profits quarter after quarter. And no one seems to care.

What's impressive about Ford today is that it's profiting from the market's trends (SUVs and trucks) while also investing in future technologies such as electric vehicles and autonomous driving.

The company recently showed off its second-generation autonomous Ford Fusion, a surprisingly normal-looking vehicle, and it invested \$1 billion in Argo AI to develop commercial ride-sharing fleets by 2021. This year, 90 autonomous Ford Fusions — triple the current fleet — will

be tested across the U.S. and potentially Europe, refining autonomous technology.

Meanwhile, Ford is profiting from robust demand for trucks and SUVs, as it offers new or recently refreshed products in most of the key segments. Sales of its F-series trucks have been strong, with rising profits, and the refreshed Lincoln line of cars is selling well, too. Other Ford cars are struggling, though, with sales of the Focus, Fusion, Taurus and Mustang recently slowing.

Ford is a leading automaker of the future while still being a cash machine today. That's a big reason investors should love the stock, which recently sported a dividend yield near 5 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Ford.) ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a store that opened in a converted San Diego airplane hangar in 1976. The first store with my current name opened in Seattle in 1983. I targeted only small businesses at first, but expanded to serve select consumers. My revenue soared from zero to \$3 billion in less than six years. I offer employees higher pay than my rivals do and mark up my offerings by no more than 15 percent. My stock has grown by more than 10 percent annually over the past 30 years. I operate about 725 warehouses. Who am I? (Answer: Costco) ■



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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Linda Adamany, board president at Kensington Golf & Country Club, has been named one of Board-Room magazine's top private club presidents for 2016. Ms. Adamany has been on the board at Kensington Golf & Country Club since March 2011. She has served two terms as president and also has served as treasurer and chair of the executive and finance committees. For more than 27 years, she was a group vice president for BP plc, the U.K.-based international energy company. Currently, she is a board member of Leucadia National Corporation, Coeur Mining Inc., and Amec Foster Wheeler plc.



ADAMANY

Scot Cummin, the owner of My Salon Suite in North Naples, received the company's Rising Star award at the recent annual convention in Cancun, Mexico. Beauty professionals own and operate their individual styling suites at My Salon Suites locations in 16 states. Mr. Cummin was recognized for the occupancy rate at his location.

Board Appointments

Attorney **John P. Cardillo**, of the Naples law firm of Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist, P.A., has been selected by the Supreme Court of Florida to serve his second three-year term as a director of the Florida Bar Foundation.



CARDILLO

Carl Ehmann and **Nick Nicholson** have joined the board of directors for the Guadalupe Center.

Mr. Ehmann retired as head of research and development at Reckitt & Coleman, where he also sat on the board of directors. He previously was executive vice president for research and development at Johnson and Johnson Consumer Products Worldwide and Bristol-Myers Pharmaceuticals. He currently serves on the board for Water Missions International, the Medical University South Carolina Foundation for Research Development and Tri-county Ministries of Charleston.

Mr. Nicholson is the retired president/CEO of Keeneland. He also served as executive director/executive vice president of the Jockey Club and sat on the board of directors for Central Bank and Trust. His other nonprofit affiliations include the Commonwealth Fund of Kentucky-Kentucky Educational Television, the Central Kentucky Urban League, Markey Cancer Research Foundation and the University of Kentucky Healthcare Community Advisory Board.

Richard Rogan has joined the board of directors of Collier Senior Resources. A former vice president of sales and marketing with North American Van Lines, Mr. Rogan is currently serving as vice chair of the board of directors of Catholic Charities-Diocese of Venice. He joins these CSR board members: Jim Barton chair; Thomas Gleason, vice chair; Mike Isermann, treasurer; and Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick, secretary; and Bill Buchanan, Mark Hahn, Sheila Harris-Schutz, Rick Jennewine, Bethann Kassman, Jim Klub, Harriet Lancaster, Tom O'Reilly, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Joan Sehdev and Allan Stikeleather.

Aviation

Michael Zonsius has joined the Naples Airport Authority as director of finance and administration. Incumbent Sheila Etelamaki, who has held the position since 2011, retires this month. An airport



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professional with 27 years of financial management experience, Mr. Zonsius most recently served as general manager for AvPORTS, a private airport management firm, overseeing finance and operations at Gary Chicago International Airport in Gary, Ind. Prior to AvPORTS, he was CFO for the Chicago Department of Aviation, responsible for financial operations at O'Hare and Midway international airports. He also previously worked for the Kansas City Department of Aviation as director of finance, overseeing financial operations at the Kansas City International Airport, Charles B. Wheeler and the Richards-Gebaur Intermodal Transportation Facility. A licensed certified public accountant in Illinois and a licensed commercial pilot, he earned a bachelor's degree in aviation technology from Purdue University and an MBA from DePaul University.

Banking

Jay Baldwin has been named senior vice president-director of asset-based lending at First Florida Integrity Bank to lead the development of a new lending program. The new program will primarily be associated with accounts receivable, inventory and equipment that are used as collateral for loans, with a focus on growth companies primarily in Florida with working capital needs from \$100,000 to \$10,000,000. Mr. Baldwin previously worked as a large corporate lender for Florida with Synovus Financial Corporation. He also co-founded Aegis Business Credit, LLC, offering asset based lending, factoring and purchase order financing, and served as president of the firm from 2007-14.

Club Management

Laurie Mellor has been named director of membership and marketing at The Country Club of Naples. Ms. Mellor has more than 27 years of club experience, starting at the Vineyards Country Club in Naples, where she was the membership director for 15 years. She then served a dual role as the membership director at both The Club at Olde Cypress and The Club at Grandezza before moving to The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers for the past five years. She attended the University of Southern Maine.

Health Care

Dr. Ferdy Santiago has joined Florida Cancer Specialists Research Institute and is seeing patients in the practice's office on Fourth Avenue North and Sierra Meadows Boulevard in Naples.



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Dr. Santiago received his internal medicine training at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network in Allentown, Pa. Following his residency, he completed subspecialty fellowship training in hematology/oncology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. During his fellowship, he was selected to participate in the American Society of Hematology Advocacy Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. He relocated to Naples to begin his practice following the fellowship.

Nonprofit Organizations

Guy Blanchette has joined Drug Free Collier as president and CEO. He will oversee the organization's Drug Free Schools initiative and a related CORE (Character, Opposing Drugs, Responsible Choices, Expectations) program for teens as well as medication safety, parent education, vendor training and community awareness.

A former international CEO for a telecommunication software development company, Mr. Blanchette has participated in the turnaround and growth of companies in several different verticals. He served as chairman of the board for the Greater Naples YMCA during financial restructuring and rebuilding of the award-winning campus. He is a member of the Collier County Public Schools Entrepreneur Advisory Board and the Taste of Immokalee board of directors. He attended the University of New Hampshire and the executive program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Cindy Carson has joined Lake Michigan Credit Union as a mortgage loan originator at the LMCU branch in Bonita Springs. Ms. Carson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and has more than nine years of mortgage lending experience with Capital City Bank, Landmark Mortgage & Associates and Southwest Florida Mortgage Group at New Penn Financial in Bonita Springs.

Senior Living

Jordan Scardigno has been promoted to associate executive director and director of sales at Vi at Bentley Village in North Naples. As such, he directs all sales efforts of Vi at Bentley Village while also maintaining administrative roles within the community. He also manages all sales team members and represents Vi at Bentley Village to the larger Naples and Bonita Springs community. Mr. Scardigno has more 14 years of experience in the senior living industry. For the past five years, he served as the associate executive director of Vi at Bentley Village. Prior to joining Vi at Bentley Village in 2012, he managed various types of senior living communities, including rental, independent and assisted living communities, and memory care neighborhoods. He holds a bachelor's degree in health services administration from the University of Central Florida and is pursuing a master's in management from Hodges University.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** holds its next meeting and networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at The Arlington at Lely Resort. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. RSVP required. Email info@eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Hilton Naples for lunch and a program about how to protect your business from cybercrimes. Meeting sponsors are Denise Perchall and Tri-Town Construction. \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. Register at www.aboveboardchamber.com/events. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or email Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Mutual of Omaha Bank on Marco.

Call 394-3061 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org for more information.

■ A meet-and-greet for **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Spectra Apartments, 5500 Spectra Circle. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events or call 992-2943 for more information.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at The Pointe at the Naples Bay Resort marina. \$15 for members who register in advance, \$25 at the door for non-members and others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** holds its next Leadership Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S.

Amy Tardif, WGPU-FM station manager and news director; Jonathan Foerster, communications director at Artis—Naples; and digital media consultant Kristyn Wellesley will serve on a panel to discuss "Evaluating the Credibility of News Outlets." Sign up by March 21 at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Members and guests of the **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast** chapter meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Guest speaker Maria Jimenez-Lara, CEO of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, will discuss the making of The Naples Winter Wine Festival. \$27 for PRSA members, \$35 for non-members and \$20 for students. Reservations are required by March 24 and can be made at www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

■ Members of the **Collier Building Industry Association** and the **Lee Building Industry Association** mix

and mingle from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Kinetic Water Systems, 11170 Bonita Beach Road S.E. Sign up by calling 436-6100 or emailing nancy@cbia.net.

■ The **Collier County Medical Society** holds a general membership meeting Thursday, March 30, at Arthrex. The annual meeting and 60th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday evening, May 13, at Quail Creek Country Club. For more information, email info@ccmsonline.org or visit www.ccmsonline.org.

■ **Wake Up YP** for young professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 8-9:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, at DiRomo's Gourmet Market and Restaurant in the Promenade. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events or call 992-2943 for more information. ■

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CHAMBER

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So can everybody else.

At least 75 vendors (see list below) will sponsor tables and displays, many of them giving away gifts or opportunities. There's the raffle for four free passes to Universal Orlando from Univision's Media Vista Group, for example. Or the free locally grown produce from Farmer Mike's U-Pick. Or free hearing tests, tote bags, and bottled water. Or the Money Cube, of course, where visitors will receive a gift card to an area business for the amount of money they collect in the Cube.

Suitably, it seems, live steel drum entertainment will beat an energetic rhythm to the Expo near the Center Bar.

But the event is a lot more than just a big give-away party. It's a tapestry display of sorts that reveals a community tightly sewn into a single fabric of robust economic health.

The Bonita Chamber is a bright visible thread in that fabric. Many merchants will attest to that fact.

"They've been extremely supportive of the YMCA, an outstanding partner to us," says Pete Shattuck, branch director of the Bonita YMCA with a 24,000-square-foot building, a sophisticated outdoor swimming facility and eight new pickle-board courts soon to open, among its many other amenities for children and families.

"Participation is really the key to reaping the full benefits of chamber membership," explains Pam Fultz, community relations manager of Vi at Bentley Village for seniors in Naples seeking independent living, assisted living or skilled nursing. Bentley has more than 700 residents and 560 employees on 150 acres where an \$80 million improvement includes two new clubhouses and 72 new independent living units. So the chamber is perfect for them.

The Bentley notion is that getting old can be a lot of fun with an 18-hole par-three golf course (five of the 18 holes were just redesigned), bocce, tennis, croquet and fabulous chefs.



ESPOSITO



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The east clubhouse at Bentley Village.

But how's anybody going to know?

The chamber, of course — the starting place for getting the word out.

"You miss out if you don't attend many of the events the chamber offers," explains Ms. Fultz. "It's a matter of not just joining, but participating.

"And they share your news, too. They're active on social media. We can give them our news and they distribute it for us. They share ideas and best practices, as well."

Chamber members talk not only about the many events the chamber hosts — before work and after work events at various businesses, as well as the year-long Leadership School, for example — but the effective advertising and marketing the chamber does on behalf of members.

"They're strong with marketing and advertising — they do a weekly newsletter and it's not just members it's anybody who wants information, so they send this out to close to 3,000 emails," Mr. Shattuck says.

At costs so low they'd make a submariner blancher.

Membership in the Bonita Area Chamber is about \$7.50 a week or \$395 per year, which buys "access to all of our events and member rates, so participating in the community expos, or power networking lunches or before work and after 5 p.m. events becomes a benefit," explains Ms. Esposito.

"You also get visibility within our visitor bureau, in our Bonita Magazine, that we produce semi-annually, and on our website. The magazine goes out to 15,000 people, and it includes a visitor guide and all professional members. Both the magazine and the visitor guide are displayed as online resources as well."

The Bonita Springs Chamber and its members do a significant amount of charity work, too — which makes sense, since the chamber is a non-profit depending to a great deal on its remarkable volunteers, says Ms. Esposito.

"We're really fortunate with the community involvement we have — the Bonita and Estero community. We're a strong chamber because of them. We have 25 board members and over 100 volunteers

who help to put on all of these events, and to produce everything we do."

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Front: Receiving three-year awards: Natalie Rodriguez, Palak Munim, Patty Watford and Odeisa Moyatoyo. Back: Board member Mr. Harris and Executive Director Patrick Noonan.



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Cindy Babb, a 20-year employee, with Executive Director Patrick Noonan

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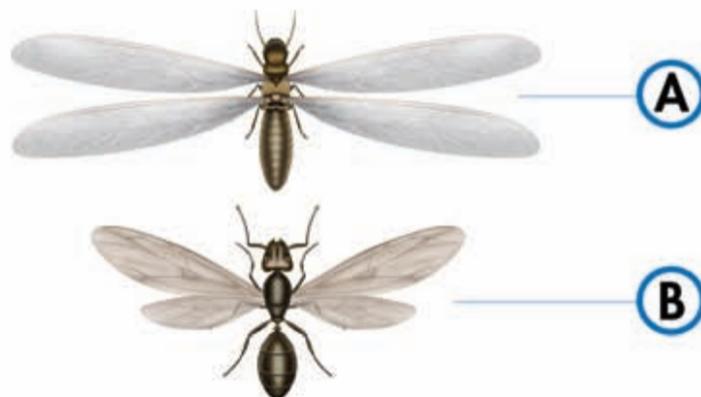
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 - Central Vacuum, Custom Entertainment
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OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

830 SAN CARLOS DR., FORT MYERS BEACH

- New Construction
 - 4 BR, 4 BA, 2,651 S.F. Living Area
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8420 EXCALIBUR CIR. #R8, NAPLES

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 - 1-Car Garage, Wood Flooring
- \$665,000 MLS 216079451**
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OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23198 FOXBERRY LN., BONITA

- Great Sunrise/Sunset Views Over Lake
 - 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, Pool & Spa
- \$644,000 MLS 216080780**
Gary Ryan 239.273.6796

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OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

5045 BLAUVELT WAY #201, NAPLES

- The Ultimate Sophisticated Coach Home
 - 3 BR + Den, 3 BA w/Over \$300K in Upgrades
- \$599,000 MLS 216021145**
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- Remodeled Canal Home w/Gulf Access
 - 3 BR, 2 BA, Tile Flooring Throughout
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 - 3 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, Salt Water Pool
- \$539,000 MLS 216015458**
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- 2 BR, 2 BA Condo w/Boat Dock
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- \$519,000 MLS 217002421**
Deborah Viglas 239.215.2035

MARBELLA AT SPANISH WELLS



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9286 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA

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 - Beautiful Golf Course & Preserve Views
- \$439,000 MLS 216033736**
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- 3rd Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA Condo
 - Turnkey Furnished, Extra Storage
- \$425,000 MLS 216025749**
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NEW LISTING

OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

11600 COURT OF PALMS #201, FORT MYERS

- Riverfront Condo
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms
- \$424,900 MLS 217014429**
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PELICAN LANDING



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25151 SANDPIPER GREENS CT. #101, BONITA

- Upgraded Former Model, SS Appliances
 - 3 BR, 3 Full BA in a Desirable Community
- \$399,900 MLS 216057669**
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NAPLES

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- \$335,000 MLS 216068134**
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NEW LISTING

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NAPLES
 • 3 Bedroom + Study, 4 Bathroom Home
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OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1408 HEMINGWAY PL., NAPLES
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 • Front Porch, Wraparound Balconies
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23145 FOXBERRY LN., BONITA
 • Quiet Wooded Lot w/Park Next Door
 • Private Pool/Spa Surrounded by Vegetation
\$775,000 MLS 216051235
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

22351 BANYAN HIDEAWAY DR., BONITA
 • Watch Eagles from Your Spectacular Lanai
 • Private, Lakefront, Cul-De-Sac Lot
\$1,195,000 MLS 216056952
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SATURNIA LAKES



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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NEW PRICE



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NAPLES
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NEW LISTING



NAPLES
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 • Heated Pool w/Water View
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NAPLES
 • Beautiful Lake View
 • 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo w/Carport
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OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

7573 CITRUS HILL LN., NAPLES
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\$439,000 MLS 217003013
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REFLECTION LAKES



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

14730 SONOMA BLVD., NAPLES
 • Beautiful Single Family Home
 • 3 BR + Den, 2 BA
\$375,000 MLS 217006594
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NEW PRICE



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\$369,900 MLS 216042493
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SATURNIA LAKES



OPEN 3/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1639 TRIANGLE PALM TER., NAPLES
 • Professionally Decorated, Turnkey
 • Amenity Rich Neighborhood
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REAL ESTATE

Include the parade (of homes) in your weekend plans

The Collier Building Industry Association's multi-site Parade of Homes takes place in 34 neighborhoods from Naples to Bonita Springs Friday through Sunday, March 10-12 and 17-19. Models will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Four London Bay Homes residences in Mediterra are open Saturday-Sunday only.)



"Whether you are looking for your next home, browsing for decorating ideas or simply interested in seeing the latest home designs and neighborhoods, there is no better way to do it than on the Parade of Homes," says Kathy Curatolo, CBIA executive vice president. The self-guided POH is open to the public. No tickets are required.

This year's POH showcases 80 fully decorated model homes constructed by 22 of Southwest Florida's premier homebuilders who are all members of CBIA. Homes have two, three and four bedrooms, large outdoor areas with pools and spas and range in size from 2,100 square feet to more than 5,800 square feet of living space.

Prices begin in the low \$200,000s (Lennar's two-bedroom Bromelia model in Bonita National Golf & County Club) to more than \$2.1 million (Florida Lifestyles Homes' Casa Kae five-bedroom estate in Quail West).

Models feature architecture and designer details such as tongue-and-groove, coffer and cove-lit ceilings, wood and stone flooring, granite and quartz counter tops, custom cabinetry and luxury finishes. Gift-wrapping rooms, pet bathing stations, home theaters, outdoor showers, super-organized closets, hand-painted murals and elaborate staircases are features that visitors will long remember.

"Often features that debut in the parade are modified and re-introduced to the general market," Ms. Curatolo says. "For example, the common mudroom has begun to integrate a 'drop zone' for purses, keys, mail and cell phones." The growing multi-generational market has spurred demand for dual master suites, she adds, and larger kitchens with

SEE POH, B17 ►



House Hunting

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This incomparable estate in Port Royal has wide water views of Buccaneers Bay, made even more expansive by walls of glass that disappear for 12,800 square feet of seamless indoor and outdoor living. The home comes fully furnished as designed by Godfrey Design Consultants. Details include bronzed sculptures of fire and water by the infinity pool, and murano glass pieces and other artwork commissioned specifically for the property. The spacious outdoor kitchen/bar and lanai has a keystone fireplace, and the master suite has his-and-her baths, a hand-carved marble tub and private dressing rooms. There are five additional guest suites and a total of 10 baths, along with a five-car garage and magnificent gardens and landscaping.

Frank Sajtar of William Raveis Real Estate has the listing for \$16,900,000. To arrange a private showing, call 776-8382 or email Frank.sajtar@raveis.com. ■



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Florida Lifestyle Homes introduces the Casa Kae at Quail West

Florida Lifestyle Homes has unveiled its newest furnished estate home, the Casa Kae, at Quail West Golf & Country Club. On a lake-view home site, the Casa Kae has four bedrooms plus a study and 5½ baths in 5,820 square feet of air-conditioned living space. With two lanais, a covered entry and a four-car garage, the Casa Kae encompasses 9,080 square feet under roof.

The Casa Kae is offered at \$4,495,000, designer furnishings included.

The great room design also has a formal dining room and a breakfast room with vanishing corner glass that opens to the lanai and pool. There is a separate wine storage room. The gourmet kitchen has a large island and a butler's pantry with an urban cultivator to provide the serious cook with the freshest of herbs. The study includes a unique secret room, accessed through a built-in cabinet with a passageway to a master bedroom closet.

The entertainment room complete with a backlit bar has a card table, sitting area with chess, a television and a shuffleboard table. This room also features a vanishing corner of glass that opens to the lanai and pool.

The master suite occupies one wing of the Casa Kae, providing a tranquil retreat for the owners. His-and-hers baths are connected by a walk-through shower. There is a free-standing soaking tub, a chromotherapy dry sauna and an outdoor shower in a private garden.

Each of the three guest bedrooms has a walk-in closet and its own bath. Two of the guest suites access a courtyard garden with another outdoor shower.

The expansive lanai looks over the lake with its large fountain that lights



Florida Lifestyle Homes' Casa Kae at Quail West Golf & Country Club is available for \$4,495,000, as furnished.

at night and shines a rainbow most of the day. The outdoor living space has a fully equipped kitchen, dining space, conversation area in front of a fireplace as well as a bar area with a television. A secluded fire pit at the back of the estate has a sidewalk that goes to the lanai and pool deck and a second sidewalk that lets guests enter their quarters to the house from the courtyard.

FLH is also constructing a Cambridge floor plan home and a new

Casa Kam design home at Quail West.

The Cambridge is a four-bedroom-plus-den, 4½-bath home with 3,576 square feet of air-conditioned living area. Including a three-car garage and

large covered outdoor living area, the home has 6,373 total square feet. It is priced at \$1,750,000.

FLH offers plans ranging from 3,342 to 5,820 square feet of air-conditioned living space in Quail West.

The Casa Kam has four-bedrooms and 4½ baths in 3,538 square feet of air-conditioned living area. With outdoor living area, three-car garage and covered entry, the home incorporates 5,984 total square feet. The Casa Kam is priced at \$1,390,000.

Completion of the Casa Kam and the Cambridge is expected within 60 days.

Already completed and ready for buyers to move in, the Cambridge II

employs the same open great room floor plan as the original Cambridge, with four bedrooms, 4½ baths in 3,472 air-conditioned square feet. It incorporates a three-car garage and outdoor living area for 6,217 total square feet. In this design, the expansive lanai with outdoor kitchen, fireplace and custom pool takes advantage of a private wooded homesite.

The Cambridge II is priced at \$1,695,000.

For a tour of FLH's homes in Quail West, call Denise Ogden or Randy Frederick at 561-8022. For more information about Florida Lifestyle Homes, visit www.FloridaLifestyleHomes.com. ■

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Lara Bargar has joined AJS Realty Group Inc. as property management/broker associate. Ms. Bargar has more than 15 years of experience in residential and commercial real estate, most recently as a leasing executive with Miromar Development Corp. Her duties at AJS include property management assignments as well as leasing.

John R. Wood Properties welcomes the following real estate agents to its team:

North Naples office - Gary Alfonso, Robert Ducharme, John LaGalante, Ellen Mattis, Leslie Pastel and Gary Utech

Central office - Mary Beth Puzio, Kathryn Simpson and Lenore Vitale

Bonita Springs office - Patrick Sweeney

Fifth Avenue office - Sarah Theiss

Royal Shell Real Estate recognizes the following top producers for the month of January:

Naples Park Shore office - Top listing producers team, The Roboci Team; top listings producer individual, Linda

Ramsey; top sales producers team, The Boeglin Team; and top sales producers individual, Liz Biswurm

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Bonita office - Top listing producers team, The Fischer Team; top listings producer individual, Robin Bennett; top sales producers team, The Lummis Team; and top sales producer individual, Sue Ellen Mathers

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Fort Myers office - Top listing producers team, is The Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team; top listings producer individual, Tina Tusack; top sales producers team, Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team; and top sales producers individual, Patti Testa ■

POH

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breakfast areas or islands for dining are making formal dining rooms disappear.

POH builders are: Ashton Woods, CalAtlantic Homes, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, GL Homes, KTS Homes, Lennar Homes, London Bay

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NAR survey finds Gen X on the mend, more adult children living with boomer parents

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

An improving economy, multiple years of strong job growth and the notable increase in home values in most markets fueled a greater share of purchases from Generation X households over the past year.

This is according to the National Association of Realtors' 2017 Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends study, which evaluates the generational differences of recent homebuyers and sellers.

The survey additionally found that:

- A growing number of millennials and younger boomer buyers have children living at home.
- Student debt is common among Gen X and boomer households.
- More millennials are buying outside the city.
- And younger generations are more likely to use a real estate agent.

Much of the spotlight in recent years has focused on the several challenges millennials face on their journey to homeownership. But lost in this discussion, according to NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, are the numerous Gen X households who bought their first home, started a family and entered the middle part of their careers only to be rattled by job losses, falling home values and overall economic uncertainty during and after the Great Recession.

This year's survey reveals that debt and little or no equity in their home slowed many Gen X households from buying sooner. Recent Gen X buyers delayed buying longer than millennials because of debt, were the most likely generation to have previously sold a distressed property and were the generation most likely to want to sell earlier but couldn't because their home was worth less than their mortgage. Furthermore, Gen X buyers indicated they had the most student loan debt (\$30,000).

"Gen X sellers' median tenure in their previous home was 10 years, which puts many of them selling a property they bought right around the time home values were on the precipice of declining," Mr. Yun said. "Fortunately, the much stronger job market and 41 percent cumulative rise in home prices since 2011 have helped a growing number build enough equity to finally sell and trade up to a larger home.

"More Gen X sellers are expected this year and are definitely needed to ease the inventory shortages in much of the country."

The uptick in purchases from Gen X buyers this year (28 percent) was the highest since 2014 and up from 26 percent in 2016. Millennials were the largest group of recent buyers for the fourth consecutive year (34 percent), but their overall share was down slightly from a year ago (35 percent). Baby boomers were 30 percent of buyers, and the Silent Generation made up 8 percent.

Make room for the kids

This year's survey also brought to light how the soaring cost of rent in many areas is likely influencing the decision of middle-aged parents to buy a home with their young adult children in mind. Younger boomers were the most likely to purchase a multi-generational home (20 percent; 16 percent in 2016), and the top reason for doing so was that children over 18 years old either moved back home or never left (30 percent; 27 percent in 2016).

"The job market is very healthy for young adults with a college education, but repaying student debt and dealing with ever-increasing rents on an entry-level salary are forcing many to either shack-up with several roommates or move back home," Mr. Yun said. The trend of delayed household formation is one of the main contributors to the nation's low homeownership rate, he added.

Student debt update

Debt, particularly from student loans, appears to be a portion of the household budget of buyers in every generation. While millennials were the most likely to have student debt (46 percent), their typical balance (\$25,000) was lower than Gen X buyers (\$30,000). A combined 16 percent of younger and older boomer buyers also had student debt, with a median balance of more than \$10,000 for each group.

Among the share of buyers who said saving for a down payment was the most difficult task, millennials were most likely to cite student loans as the debt that delayed saving (55 percent), followed by Gen X (29 percent) and younger boomers (9 percent).

"Repaying student debt also appears to be slowing some current homeowners who went to graduate school and now



Millennial buyers and sellers overwhelmingly go online and use a real estate agent

Regardless of age, buyers and sellers continue to see real estate agents as an integral part of a real estate transaction. In this year's survey, nearly 90 percent of respondents said they worked with a real estate agent to buy or sell a home. This kept for-sale-by-owner transactions down at their lowest share ever (8 percent).

Not surprisingly, online and digital technology usage during the home search has increased in recent years. Although millennials and Gen X buyers were the most likely to go online during their search, they were also the most likely to buy their home using a real estate agent (92 percent and 88 percent, respectively). On the seller side, millennials were the most likely to use

an agent (90 percent), followed closely by Gen X and younger boomer sellers (each at 89 percent).

"Online and mobile technology is increasingly giving consumers a glut of real estate data at their disposal," said NAR President William Brown. "However, at the end of the day, buyers and sellers of all ages — but especially younger and often DIY-minded consumers — seek and value a Realtor's ability to coach them through the complexities of a real estate transaction."

NAR mailed a 132-question survey in July 2016 using a random sample weighted to be representative of sales on a geographic basis to 93,171 recent homebuyers. Respondents had the option to fill out the survey via hard copy or online; the online survey was available in English and Spanish. A total of 5,465 responses were received from primary residence buyers. After accounting for undeliverable questionnaires, the survey had an adjusted response rate of 5.9 percent.

Here's how the survey defined generations: younger millennials, ages 26 and under; older millennials, ages 27-36; Generation X, ages 37-51; younger boomers, ages 52-61; older boomers, ages 62-70; and the Silent Generation, ages 71-91.

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can no longer afford to sell and trade up because of their loans," Mr. Yun said. Nearly a third of homeowners in a NAR survey released last year said student debt is preventing them from selling a home to buy a new one, he added.

Heading to the suburbs

Similar to previous years, roughly two-thirds of millennial buyers are married. One aspect of their household that has changed is the number of children in them. In this year's survey, 49 percent of millennial buyers had at least one child, which is up from 45 percent last year and 43 percent two years ago.

With more kids in tow, the need for more space at an affordable price is increasingly pushing millennial buyers outside the city. Only 15 percent of millennial buyers bought in an urban area, which is down from 17 percent last year and 21 percent two years ago.

"Millennial buyers, at 85 percent, were the most likely generation to view their home purchase as a good financial investment," Mr. Yun said. "These strong feelings bode well for even greater demand in the future as more millennials settle down and begin raising families. A significant boost in new and existing inventory will go a long way to ensuring the opportunity is there for more of them to reach the market."



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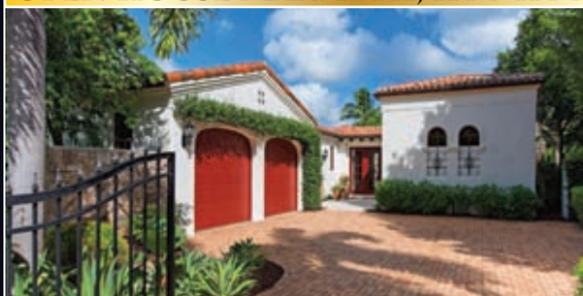


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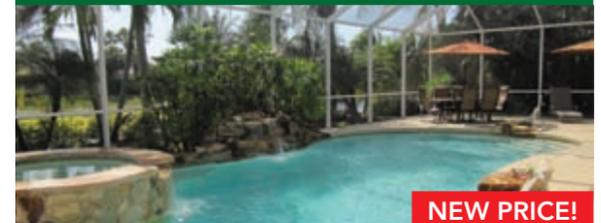
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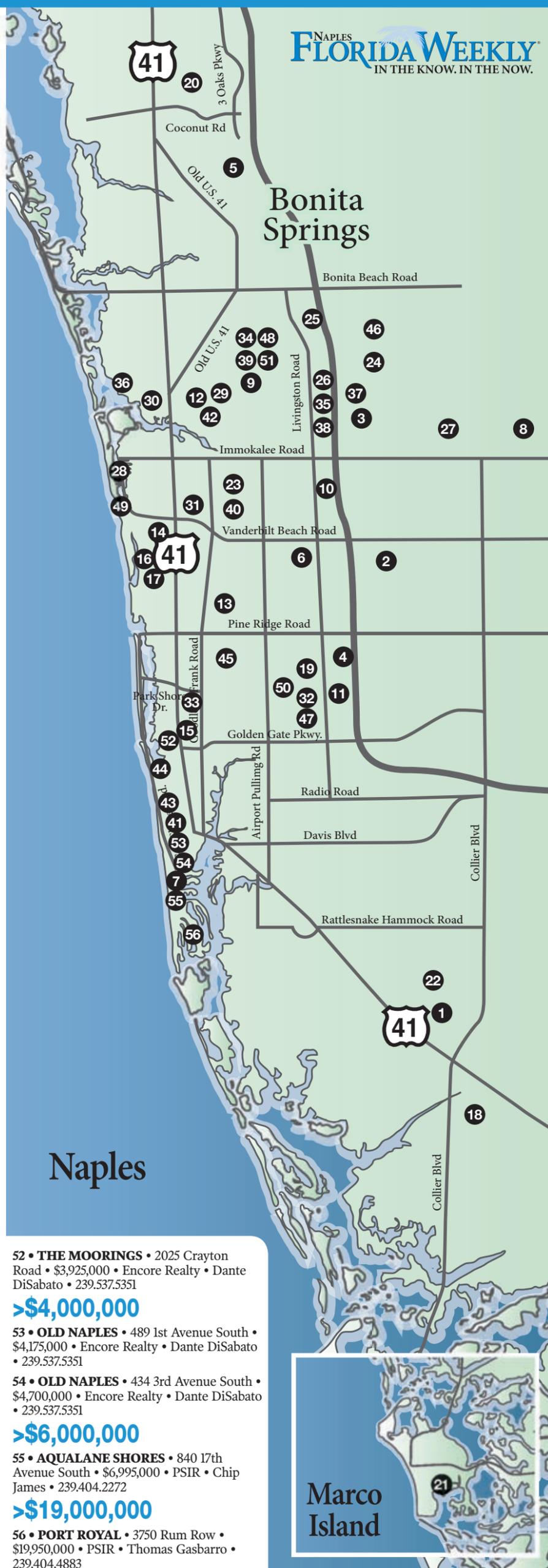
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Festival brings the blues back to Bonita

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The 11th annual Bonita Blues Festival brings nonstop blues to Riverside Park on Friday and Saturday, March 10-11. It's presented by Suncoast Credit Union and the Bonita Blues Charitable Foundation, which was founded by Bonita residents and blues aficionados Kevin and Jennifer Barry and



Mike and Terry Pfeffer. The four put on the first Bonita Blues Festival in 2007; before the second annual festival happened, they had established the charitable foundation to ensure festival proceeds would always benefit community nonprofits.

To date, the festival has generated \$178,000 for local causes.

This year's beneficiaries are the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, the music therapy program at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and the Music for Minors Foundation.

The music happens, rain or shine, from 1:30-9 p.m. Friday and from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$30 for Friday, \$35 for Saturday and \$50 for both days.

Bands set up under the bandshell, and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs, sunscreen/umbrellas (although the forecast is clear), money for food/beverage vendors and "happy feet" so they can dance whenever the music inspires them.

No pets or coolers will be allowed inside the gate. An ATM will be on site.



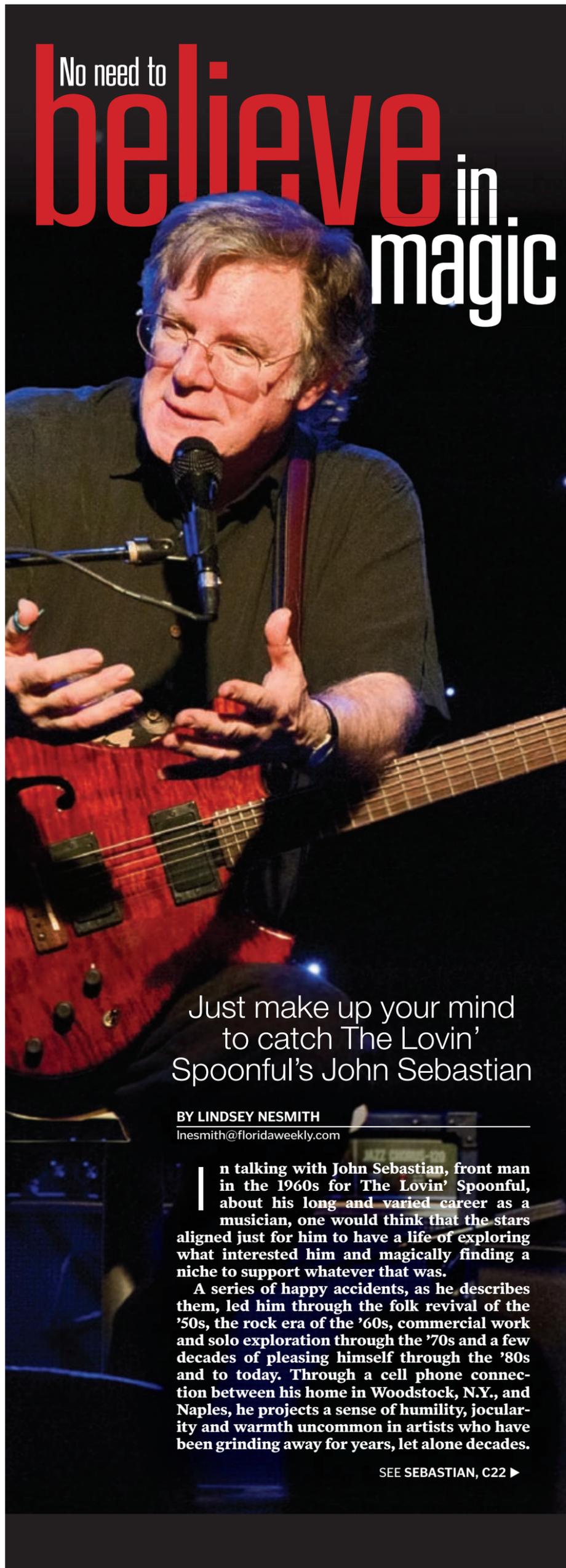
Brian James and the Revival open the festival at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Here's the lineup of musical acts:

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Brian James and the Revivals
 - 3-4 p.m. - Vanessa Collier
 - 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Idlewild South
 - 6-7:15 p.m. - The Dennis Jones Band
 - 7:45-9 p.m. - Studebaker John and The Hawks
- with special guest Rick Kreher

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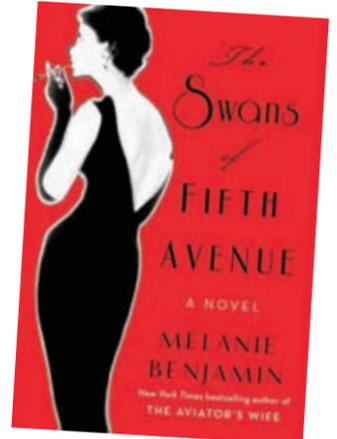
BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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In talking with John Sebastian, front man in the 1960s for The Lovin' Spoonful, about his long and varied career as a musician, one would think that the stars aligned just for him to have a life of exploring what interested him and magically finding a niche to support whatever that was.

A series of happy accidents, as he describes them, led him through the folk revival of the '50s, the rock era of the '60s, commercial work and solo exploration through the '70s and a few decades of pleasing himself through the '80s and to today. Through a cell phone connection between his home in Woodstock, N.Y., and Naples, he projects a sense of humility, jocular-ity and warmth uncommon in artists who have been grinding away for years, let alone decades.

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INSIDE



Love, betrayal and a bestseller

"The Swans of Fifth Avenue" author Melanie Benjamin makes local appearances. **C10** ►



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Film critic Dan Hudak says "Kong: Skull Island" is big enough for the bucks. **C15** ►



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FLORIDA WRITERS

A rooming house and an inn: Two visions of 1950s Boston



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■ **“Kenmore Square: A Novel” by Carol June Stover. Champlain Avenue Books. 264 pages. Trade paperback, \$13.99.**

Set in Boston during the 1950s and early 1960s, this curious coming-of-age tale involves unusual characters and several life-altering secrets.

Iris Apple’s world is rocked at the age of 10, when her mother is murdered. Iris suspects her crude and cruel father might very well be the murderer, but she has no way of acting on her suspicions.

Nick Apple, son of a well-known Boston bookie, runs the Kenmore Square rooming house where the family lives among the down and out boarders. One boarder is very special: Madame Charlemagne, a once-popular performer who has become a recluse. The aging cabaret singer and young Iris assist and console one another in various ways.

As the years go by, Iris more and more feels an obligation to herself. At 18, soon



STOVER

after graduation from high school, this lovely but lonely girl with no suitors determines to find out what or who caused her mother’s death. The search requires that she first find out more about her mother’s life.

To accomplish her ends, Iris needs to make several trips from the bare bones rooming house to the elegant Wellesley Inn where her mother had worked before marrying Nick. The owner-operator is Buffy, who had been her mother’s best friend.

Iris learns a lot from Buffy and in this way comes closer to understanding her mother — who, as it turns out, was not murdered by Nick. Iris also learns that the Wellesley Inn has fallen on hard times, though it is still well maintained. Buffy’s health begins to fail, and while there is a chance for Iris to follow the dream of working there, she feels she owes Nick something to atone for her suspicions.

Still, it isn’t long before she — and Madame Charlemagne — are working and residing at the inn. The catalyst for these changes is Buffy’s son, a lawyer without a practice who had been estranged from Buffy but now feels a need to set the inn back on its feet and repair the relationship with his fragile mother as well.

I will not deny that romance is on the way — and none too soon.

Perhaps the author’s finest accomplishment in this novel is how well she has captured the spirit of the times and the place. Mid-20th century Boston is hardly ancient history, but it is still a long jour-

ney back from the present. The echoes of gangster life, working-class life and lives of dignity and refinement are conjured via the ongoing contacts between rooming house and inn, between Madame Charlemagne’s past and present and between the brutish Nick and the caring and ethical Michael.

There are a few other well-drawn characters, the most notable of which is Iris’s Aunt Bea, who does her best to improve the management of the rooming house, soften Nick’s manner and educate Iris in a way that prepares her for adult life.

Iris, who is the story’s narrator, is best characterized by the actions she takes to help Madame Charlemagne get over her fears of leaving her quarters at the rooming house. This change requires a series of delicate steps for which Iris seeks and acts upon good advice. Madame and Bea have been different kinds of mother figures for Iris, shaping the capable woman she becomes.

About the author

Carol June Stover (Carol June Gibbs) grew up in northern New Jersey and

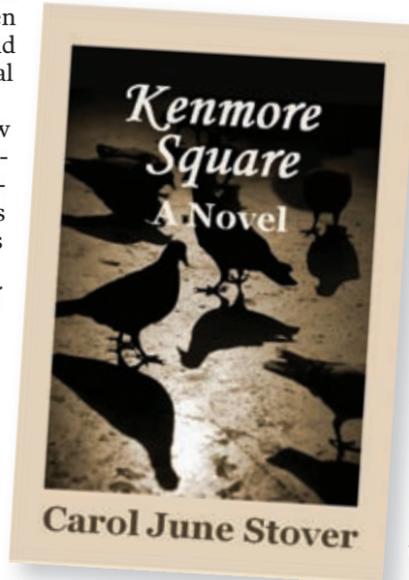
graduated with highest honors from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. She launched her marketing career in Boston, where she held executive positions with hotel groups including Sonesta Hotels,

Inn America Corporation, Hotels of Distinction and The Saunders Hotel Group.

Her early books three nonfiction titles about dolls and two novels. “Current River Redemption” won an IPPY Award for Southern Fiction, and “Surviving 26th Street” received Reader Views’ 2014 first place award for literary fiction and the 2015 Beverly Hills Book Award for literary fiction.

Ms. Stover and her husband reside in Fort Myers and in Sandwich, Mass. Find out more about her and her books at www.amazon.com/Carol-June-Stover. ■

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The second annual Collier County Jewish Book Festival concludes with two Jewish humor writers presenting at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples.

Eric Golub's "Jewish Lunacy" is a spiritual journey that weaves love of Judaism with love of family in a story or trying to obey religious laws amid the secular temptations of the world around us.

William Novak, co-creator of the "Big Book of Jewish Humor," will discuss "Die Laughing: Killer Jokes for Newly Old Folks," his laugh-out-loud look at growing older. Mr. Novak is also a ghostwriter who has served as co-author of the best-selling memoirs of Lee Iacocca, Tip O'Neill, Nancy Reagan, Oliver North, Magic Johnson and Tim Russert.

Each author will discuss his book and

then take questions from the audience. The afternoon is sponsored by Naples Jewish Congregation. Other sponsors of the 2017 Collier County Jewish Book Festival, which began in early January and brought 20 authors to town for 12 events, were: Barnes & Noble, *Florida Weekly*, Hadassah, the Hilton Naples, the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, the Jewish Book Council, the Jewish Federation of Collier County, Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida, Naples Jewish Congregation, PFLAG, U.S. Bank/The Private Client Reserve and Women's Cultural Alliance.

For tickets to the March 13 program or more information, call the Jewish Federation of Collier County at 263-4205 or email fedstar18@gmail.com. ■

Nonfiction author series wraps up with marine scientist Ellen Prager

The fourth annual Nonfiction Author Lecture Series presented by Friends of the Library of Collier County wraps up Monday, March 20, with marine scientist Ellen Prager, Ph.D. In "Sex, Drugs and Sea Slime: The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter," Ms. Prager reveals that hidden beneath the sea's waves are a staggering abundance and variety of active creatures engaged in the never-ending



struggles of life: to reproduce, eat and avoid being eaten.

Doors open at 9 a.m. for continental breakfast at the Country Club of Naples. The program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$45 for Friends of the Library of Collier County members, \$55 for others. To buy tickets or for more information, call Marlene Kern at 262-8135,

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'South Pacific' as it was meant to be

Gulf Coast Symphony, Broadway Palm join forces for two enchanting evenings

BY NANCY STETSON
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Gulf Coast Symphony and Broadway Palm join forces to present the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning "South Pacific" at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall the way it was originally meant to be experienced: with a full orchestra performing the score.

While the symphony makes the music (with lead singers from Broadway and national touring shows), the theater supplies everything from rehearsal space to costumes to ensemble members and child performers.

"It's a complete production, a fully staged show," says Andrew Kurtz, Gulf Coast Symphony music director and conductor. "You'll hear these amazing orchestrations ... the way it was (originally) imagined by Rodgers and Hammerstein, the way they wrote it."

The 44-piece orchestra will be right onstage with the actors/singers/dancers. The musicians are not in the pit, Mr. Kurtz explains, because it's not big enough to accommodate the full orchestra.

"Fully staged" means there will be costumes, props and visual elements. Though there are no walls, there is a stage designer. To present a locale, images will be projected onto a screen.

The show is part of Gulf Coast Symphony's Great American Musical series, which last year included "Carousel" in a similar production. Next year: "Oklahoma!"

"We want people to experience (these shows) the way our parents and grandparents did," Mr. Kurtz says, adding, "Right now I'm on a Rodgers and Hammerstein kick."

"South Pacific" is one of the maestro's favorite Richard Rodgers musicals. "It has some lush melodies and really creative lyrics," he says. It also has one of his favorite songs: "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught."

"What makes a work a masterpiece and a great work — whether it's literature or a painting in a museum or a book — is not only was it a great piece of art at the time it was created, but whether

it has withstood the test of time and still speaks to a contemporary audience," he says.

"South Pacific," with its message about overcoming one's inherent biases and hatreds and bigoted attitudes, was considered radical for its time. But it's still as relevant today as it was in 1949, he says.

Dealing with prejudice

Two characters in the musical have to deal with their own prejudices: Ensign Nellie Forbush from Arkansas, who falls in love with Emile de Becque, only to discover that he had had a Polynesian wife and his children are part Polynesian; and Lieutenant Cable, who falls in love with Bloody Mary's daughter, Liat, a Tonkinese woman, but realizes she wouldn't be accepted back in his hometown of Philadelphia.

The lieutenant sings "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught."

"Basically: you have to be taught to hate," Mr. Kurtz says about the message in the song. "These are not things we are born with, these biases. The way we look at the world is not built into our DNA. You're trained to have these attitudes."

When "South Pacific" was touring in the 1950s, several cities in the South insisted the song be pulled from the show.

But Mr. Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein refused to censor their work.

When Mr. Kurtz chose the show — probably back in December 2015, he says, "way before the election" — he knew the message still rang true, but he didn't know it would be front and center across the country come March 2017.

"More than any other time in our history, (the message) is important, with what's going on," he says. "This country has become so divided that we can't have civil discourse with people who have different views. That's the irony for me, as a producer. When I chose it, how was I to know?"

Beloved classics

"South Pacific" contains many beloved classics, among them: "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm In Love With



(Bloody Mary) Claudia Chapa, (Lt. Joseph Cable) Marc Koeck and (Liat) Marissa Buchheit.

a Wonderful Guy," "Bali Hai'i," "Happy Talk," "Younger Than Springtime," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" and "There is Nothing Like a Dame."

The orchestra loves performing the numbers, he says. "It's way more than doing a concert. We turn ourselves into a musical theater company for two weeks."

Will Prather, executive producer of Broadway Palm and collaborator on the project, gives all the credit to the maestro. "This is Andrew's brainchild," he says. "Over the years, I've worked with Andrew on a wide variety of projects. He's always looking to produce new and different approaches to genres associated with either orchestra or musical theater. He's always thinking outside the box."

Last year, Mr. Prather says, Mr. Kurtz called him for some assistance with "Carousel."

"I was able to come in at the last minute and help out," he says. "What I provide is resources to assist him with producing." As Broadway Palm had pre-

viously performed "South Pacific," the theater had the costumes and many of the props.

And while Mr. Kurtz "hires top-notch talent for all the leads," he says, the Broadway Palm team helped with some local casting for the ensemble and child actors.

Mr. Kurtz has cast Jeremy Webb and Matt Chandler as Luther Billis and Emile de Becque, respectively. Mr. Webb created the role of Francesco Andreini in "The Glorious Ones" at Lincoln Center Theatre and received a Drama Desk Award for his performance in Off-Broadway's "Tabletop." Mr. Chandler was last seen on Broadway in the Stephen Sondheim tribute "Children and Art" and appeared in the City Center Encores! production of "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1936."

Siri Howard, who plays Ensign Nellie Forbush, appeared on Broadway in "Les Miserables" (covering the roles of Fantine and Cosette) and "The Sound of Music."

A theatrical feast

As the symphony and the dinner theater cross-promote "South Pacific" between their patrons, Mr. Prather admits some have been a bit confused, mistakenly thinking the show will be held at the Broadway Palm, or calling the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and asking if the evening includes a buffet dinner.

The show is at the Mann Hall, and ticketholders cannot order a meal.

But regardless, seeing "South Pacific" with a full orchestra promises to be a feast in itself. ■

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'South Pacific'

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- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11
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The Naples Depot Museum presents "Life Along the Line," a traveling exhibition courtesy of the O. Winston Link Museum in Roanoke, Va., on display March 14-April 22.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Something Rotten! – The Broadway production is at Artis—Naples March 15-19. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Driving Miss Daisy – By The Marco Players March 15-April 2 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Men Are Dogs – By Island Theater Company March 16-20 and April 19-23 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

9 to 5: The Musical – By TheatreZone through March 19 at the G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

My Fair Lady – By The Naples Players through April 2 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naples-players.org.

The Hound of the Baskervilles – By Gulfshore Playhouse through March 12 at The Norris Center. (844) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Play On! – By the Laboratory Theater of Florida March 10-April 1 at the Kiwanis Hall. 1634 Woodford Ave. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom – By Theatre Conspiracy through March 11 at the Alliance for the Arts. 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Shear Madness – By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 12 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

THURSDAY 3.9

Shell of a Time – Marco Island Shell Club hosts its 37th annual Shell Show & Shell Art Sale with juried exhibits, contests, a live tank presentation and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Saturday, March 11, at United Church of Marco. \$2. 320 North Barfield Drive. information@marcoshellclub.com or www.marcoshellclub.com.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture on growing plumeria from 10-11:30 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Pearl of Tuscany – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about Siena, Italy from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$29 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

FRIDAY 3.10

Author Lunch – Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts a luncheon with author Jonathan Hayes ("A Hard Death") at noon at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. \$140-\$180. 262-8135 or www.collier-friends.org.

Blues Fest – Bonita Springs Blues Festival kicks off at 1:30 p.m. today and continues from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Riverside Park with performances by Samantha Fish Band, Cedric Burnside Project, Idlewild South, Vanessa Collier and more. \$30-\$50. www.bonitablues.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs Mahler's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, March 11. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicclub.com.



The national tour of the Broadway hit "Something Rotten!" plays Thursday through Sunday, March 16-19, at Artis—Naples. Brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to create a theater smash — but they have to compete with hit-maker William Shakespeare. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Classic Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "The Maltese Falcon" (1941) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. A private detective takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar, and their quest for a priceless statuette. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Moonlight in the Swamp – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts extended hours where guests can enjoy boardwalk tours, educational presentations, art and live music under the stars from 5:30-9 p.m. Regular admission applies. 349-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Wonder-ful Night – A cappella group m-pact performs the music of Stevie Wonder at 6 and 8:30 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Piano Concert – Naples Music Club hosts a performance of dance music from "West Side Story" and "Souvenirs" featuring two pianos at 7 p.m. at Euro Pianos Naples. \$50. 12980 Tamiami Trail N. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicclub.com.

Vocal Concert – Classical ensemble O Solo Trio performs selections from Pavarotti to pop at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Opera Night – Opera Naples presents Catan's "Rappaccini's Daughter" at 8 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Moonlight Ride – Collier-Seminole State Park hosts night time canoe trips from 8:30-10:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday, March 10-11. \$35, reservations required. 20200 Tamiami Trail E. 394-3397 or www.floridastateparks.org.

SATURDAY 3.11

Muddin' – Big Cypress National Preserve hosts swamp walks at 10 a.m. each Saturday where guests can tramp through cypress trees and swamp grass prairies. Free, but reservations required. 33100 Tamiami Trail E. 695-2000 or www.nps.gov.

Art in the Park – Naples Artcrafters members display and sell their works from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fleischmann Park. Free. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Fiddler on the Stage – Fiddler J. Robert performs at noon at The Marco Players Theater. \$20, lunch included. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Art Show – Goodland Arts Alliance hosts the fifth annual Harbor Arts & Music Festival with vendors, handcrafted foods and live music from JRobert Houghtaling, Merrill and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Margood Harbor Park in Goodland. 642-0528 or taragallery@gmail.com.

Irish Eyes – The 41st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off in downtown Naples at 11 a.m. www.naplesparade.com.

Artist Meet-and-Greet – Artist Christine Reichow holds court in the gift shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art Chat – Betty Newman Art at The Olde Shoppes of Marco hosts a talk with a local artists at 1 p.m. each Saturday. 784-4486 or www.bettynewmanart.com.

Art After Dark – The seven art galleries at Crayton Cove invite the public to enjoy work by local artists and enjoy live music from 6-9 p.m. www.galleriesof-craytoncove.com.

Guy from Ipanema – Grammy winning and Oscar-nominated producer and composer Sergio Mendes performs his Brazilian flavored works at 7:30 p.m. at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$59-\$99. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

A Better Man – Clint Black performs at 8 p.m. at Seminole Casino Immokalee. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Funny Guy – Comedian Brandon T. Jackson ("Big Momma's House," "Tropic Thunder") performs tonight and Sunday, March 12, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.



Grammy winner Sergio Mendes brings his Brazilian bossa nova beat to the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

SUNDAY 3.12

Om in the Garden – Greenmonkey yoga hosts an outdoor session at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art Fest – Head to Left Bank Art Fest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Esplanade on Marco Island to see a juried art show featuring works in glass, sculpture, painting, photography and more. 769 N. Collier Blvd. 537-5921 or tylerswildphotos@yahoo.com.

Om in the Garden – Bend, stretch and breathe with an instructor from greenmonkey yoga starting at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Free Concert – Dixieland Jazz Band performs at 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. 263-1113 or www.naplesdixielandjazzband.com.

Jazz in the Garden – The Dan Miller-Lew Del Gatto Quartet performs from 2-4 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Free with admission. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "I Wish" (Japan, 2011) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. Twelve-year-old Koichi, who has been separated from his brother Ryunosuke due to his parents' divorce, hears a rumor that the new bullet trains will precipitate a wish-granting miracle when they pass each other at top speed. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Choral Concert – Voices of Naples presents "Homeward Bound" at 3 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Free, but freewill offering appreciated. 28290 Beaumont Road. 455-2582 or www.voicesofnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Soprano Sun-hae Im and pianist Vladimir Feltsman perform works by Mahler, Zemlinsky and more at 3 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Irish Eyes – The Knights of Columbus at St. Finbarr Catholic Church hosts its annual Irish Gala for Charity with performances by Cliff Erickson and Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance at 7 p.m. at the parish center. \$15. 3520 Tamiami Trail E. 775-2876 or www.stfinbarr.org.

American Music – Michael Feinstein performs classics from the Great American Songbook at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jewish Film – Beth Tikvah's Naples Jewish Film Festival screens "The Women's Balcony" (2016) at 7:30 p.m. at Sugden Community Theater. A bar mitzvah mishap causes a gendered rift in an Orthodox community in Jerusalem. Subscriptions start at \$100. 434-1818 or www.naplesjewishfilmfestival.org.

MONDAY 3.13

Holocaust Lecture – Hodges University hosts a lecture about the Red Cross' adopted policy of ignoring the genocide implemented by the Nazi's from 10 a.m. to noon, \$10. 2647 Professional Way. 598-6153 or www.hodges.edu.

Free Kids' Films – Pavilion Paragon Theater provides a free screening of kids' movies 10 a.m. today through Friday, 17. The line-up includes "The Bee Movie," "Ice Age: Collision Course," "How to Train Your Dragon," "Home Alone" and "Horton Hears A Who." 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheatres.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Doc Screening – The Carlisle screens “Town Teams: Bigger than Baseball,” featuring baseball historian and faculty resident Dorothy Mills, at 11:30 a.m. Free, but reservations required. 6945 Carlisle Court. 591-2200.

Book Talk – Collier County Jewish Book Festival hosts a talk with humorists Eric Golub (“Jewish Lunacy”) and William Novak (“Die Laughing”) at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 263-4205 or www.jewish-bookfestival.org.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on growing tropical fruit from 1-2:30 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

With the Fishes – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy host a lecture about how whales and fish communicate from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Foreign Film – Italian Cultural Society screen “Night of the Shooting Stars” (Italy, 1982) at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center. Italians flee their town on the Night of San Lorenzo — a night when dreams come true — when they hear Nazis plan to destroy it. \$5. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 434-3323 or www.italianculturalsociety.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Finding Vivian Maier” (2013) at 7 p.m. A documentary on the late Vivian Maier, a nanny whose previously unknown cache of 100,000 photographs earned her a posthumous reputation as one of the most accomplished street photographers. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Do You Believe in Magic? – The Lovin’ Spoonful’s John Sebastian performs at 8 p.m. today and Tuesday, March 14, at G&L Theatre. \$55-\$175. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Master Class – Opera Naples invites the public to witness Opera legend Renata Scotto coaches Opera Naples students at 8 p.m. \$19-\$69. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Big Band Concert – The Stardust Memories Big Band performs Sinatra standards from 7-9 p.m. at Cambier Park. Free. 823-7240.

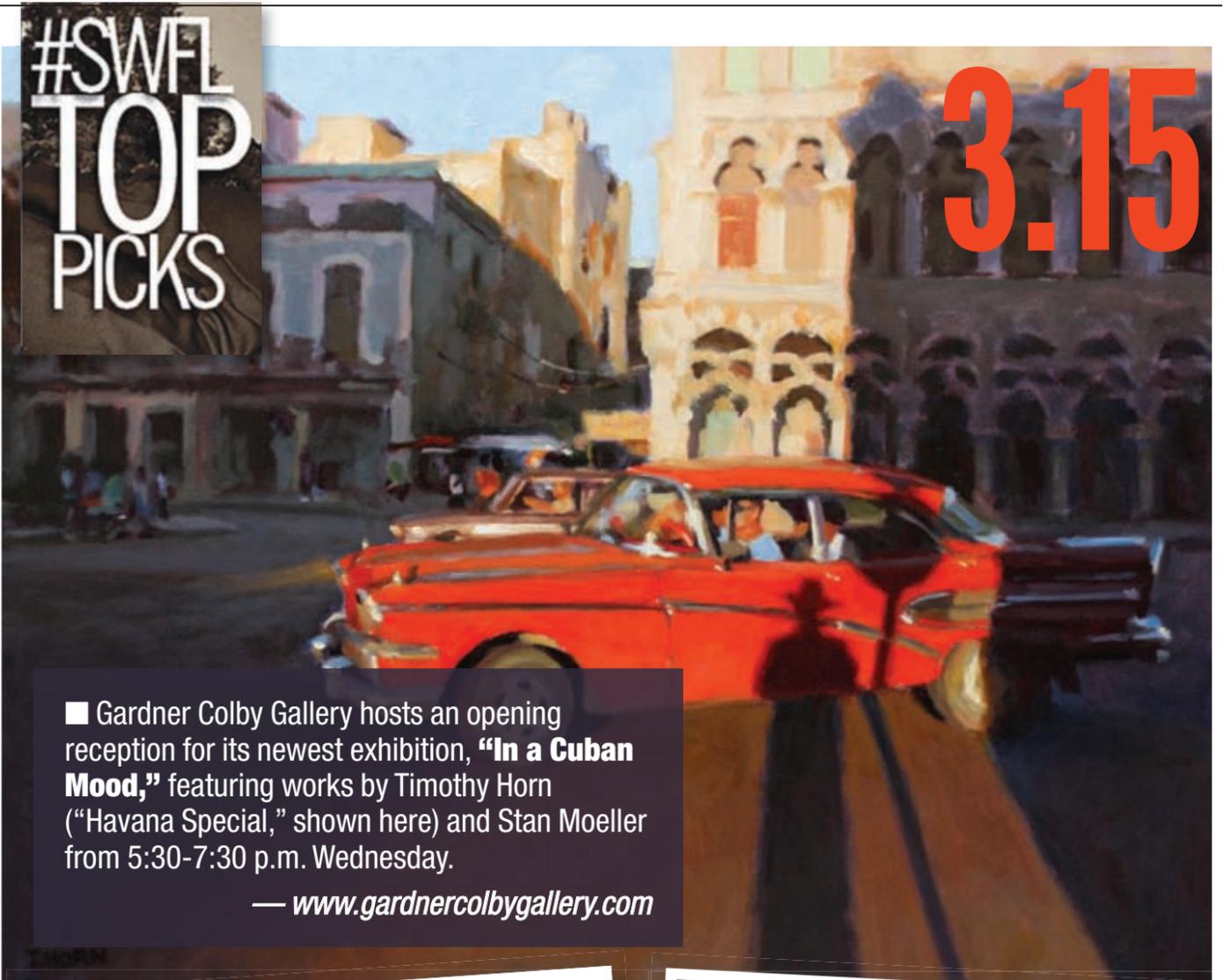
TUESDAY 3.14

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about leaf form diversity from 10-11 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Pup Patrol – Naples Botanical Gardens welcomes dogs from 8-11 a.m. each Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. each Thursday and 9-11:30 a.m. each Sunday. Free for members dogs, \$9.95 for other pooches. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Chamber Concert – The Apollo Trio featuring violinist Ming Gao, cellist Si-Cheng Liu and pianist Richard Bosworth present a concert entitled “Serious Musicianship and a Sense of Fun!” at 7:30 p.m. at Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$40. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Classical Concert – St. John’s Episcopal Church hosts a chamber concert featuring works by Mendelssohn and Schumann at 4 p.m. \$30, reservations recommended. 500 Park Shore Drive. 596-5404.



■ Gardner Colby Gallery hosts an opening reception for its newest exhibition, “**In a Cuban Mood,**” featuring works by Timothy Horn (“Havana Special,” shown here) and Stan Moeller from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

— www.gardnercolbygallery.com



■ Whether your ancestors came from the Emerald Isle or not, celebrate Irish pride at the 41st annual **Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade** starting at 11 a.m. Saturday on Third Street South. See story on page A1.

— www.naplesparade.com



■ Country crooner **Clint Black** performs at 8 p.m. Saturday at Seminole Casino Immokalee.

— www.moreinparadise.com



■ Goodland Arts Alliance hosts the fifth annual **Harbor Arts & Music Festival** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Margood Park. Pictured here is “It’s All about The Water” by photographer Colleen Provost. See story on page C19.

— www.goodlandartsalliance.com



■ CAPA presents **The Apollo Trio**, featuring pianist Richard Bosworth, violinist Ming Gao and cellist Si-Cheng Liu in a program of music from Mendelssohn to Robert Plant at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center.

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WHAT TO DO

Hello, Fresh – The NCH Farmers Market posts up at the hospital's North Naples campus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.nchmd.org.

Nature Talk – Author Nick Penniman leads a talk about the history of the western Everglades at 6:30 p.m. at Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members, \$10 for others. 403-4207 or www.conservancy.org.

WEDNESDAY 3.15

Cruisin' – Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts an eco-cruise to Rookery Bay to explore its ecological history from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$20-\$47. 213-2500 or www.conservancy.org.

Funny Guys – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about the comic duo Laurel and Hardy from 10 a.m. to noon at the university's Naples campus. \$24 for members, \$29 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Art Reception – Naples Depot Museum hosts an opening reception for its newest exhibition of photographer O. Winston Link's black-and-white shots of old locomotives from 5-7 p.m. Free. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Art Reception – Gardner Colby Gallery hosts a reception for its latest exhibition, "In A Cuban Mood," from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free, but reservations required.

Book Party – Author Bill Schnorbach launches his latest book, "Shining Path," from 6-8 p.m. at Fifth Avenue Coffee Shop. 572-1053 or bsbach@aol.com.

Guitar Concert – Patchouli & Terra Guitarra perform at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

COMING UP

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lei-making workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 16. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Jazz Affair – Jazz couple Rebecca Richardson and Dan Heck perform at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.naplesjazz.com.

Artist Talk – Ave Maria's Canizaro Library hosts a chat with the artists like Muffy Clark Gill, Joan Sonnenberg and other artists featured in its exhibition of works by Florida artists at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Free. 280-2557 or www.floridaartistsgroup.com.

Python Party – Burmese python expert Ian Bartoszek hosts a talk about how the invasive predator is making itself at home in Southwest Florida at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at The Naples Zoo. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.com.

Moonlight on the Marsh – Florida Gulf Coast University hosts a lecture by aquatic biologist Joan B. Rose titled "Monitoring for Water Quality and Health" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Naples Botanical Garden. Free, but registration encouraged. 325-1365 or www.fgcu.edu.

Sharp Dressed Men – ZZ Top and Edgar Winter Band perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Germain Arena. \$50-\$100. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Fair Play – Collier County Agricultural Fair and Exposition returns with livestock competitions, carnival rides, musical guests and much more from March 16-26 at Collier County Fairgrounds. Check website for full schedule. 455-1444 or www.collierfairgrounds.com.

Chamber Jazz – A classical jazz quartet featuring flute, violin, viola and cello performs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Lonely Boy – Paul Anka performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$125. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Dinner Cruise – Gulfshore Opera hosts a St. Patrick's Day dinner cruise aboard the Naples Princess where guests will enjoy Irish food, music and traditions at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 17. \$125. 550 Port O Call Way. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Bluegrass Concert – Swinging Bridge performs at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Norris Center. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. 213-3029 or www.david-parmley.com.

Frankly Funny – Comedian and actor Frank Blocker performs monologues, improv, songs and more in an interactive performance at 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 395-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Get Your Engine Running – Korean State Historic Site hosts an antique engine and quilt show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19. Free with entry fee. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Art Fair – Naples Art Association presents the 30th annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 18. Free. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Art ALIVE – The Naples Art District, located behind Airport-Pulling and Pine Ridge Roads, opens its 40 galleries and studios to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18. 596-5059 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Calusa Days – Historian Marya Repko hosts a talk about how Native Americans and European settlers considered the Everglades at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station at Everglades National Park. Free. 815 Oyster Bar Lane, Everglades City. 695-3311 or nps.gov.

Telltale Heart – Folk singer Chuck Brodsky performs with Elizabeth Lockhart from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at House of Gaia. \$20. 1660 Trade Center Way. 272-6152 or www.houseofgaia.org.

R&B Night – Sounds of Soul perform hits from The Temptations, Aretha Franklin, Lionel Richie, Tina Turner at more at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at The Norris Center. \$25. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

Spring Concert – Violinists Wanchi Huang and Max Rabinovitsj perform with the Naples Orchestra and Chorus at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Golden Gate High School. 2925 Titan Way. 298-7911 or www.naplesorchestraandchorus.com.

Opera Concert – Opera Naples students who participating in sessions with legendary vocalist Renata Scotto perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Wang Opera Center. \$19-\$69. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

WHERE TO GO



Edgar Winter and his band join ZZ Top in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Germain Arena. www.germainarena.com.

Tribute Concert – The McCartney Years performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$45-\$55. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Stargazing – Look up with the Everglades Astronomical Society and enjoy constellation tours, telescopes and an interpretative presentation starting at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Collier-Seminole State Park. Free with park entry fee. 20200 Tamiami Trail E. 394-3397 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Free Concert – Gulf Coast Big Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Cambier Park. 877-6090 or www.gulfcoastbigband.com.

Choral Concert – Carthage College Women's Ensemble performs works by Bach, Bartok, Parker, Shaw and more at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church. Free, donations appreciated. 6020 Rattlesnake-Hammock Road. rbrucekobs@gmail.com.

Jewish Film – Beth Tikvah's Naples Jewish Film Festival screens "Time to Say Goodbye" (2015) at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Sugden Community Theater. A 12-year-old boy enlists the help of his friends to win the heart of his new female rabbi as he deals with the fallout of his parents' divorce. Subscriptions start at \$100. 434-1818 or www.naplesjewishfilmfestival.org.

Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a lecture titled "The Epigenetics Revolution Reaches the Ocean" at noon on Tuesday, March 21. \$10 for members, \$15 for others. Includes lunch. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Edible Art – Naples Art Association pairs sculptor Joel Shapses with chef Pyro Rodriguez of Crave Culinaire for Dinner with the Artist from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at NAA headquarters. \$125. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

A Poem Is – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts A Celebration of Poetry with nationally recognized poets Dr. Catalina Monterrosa and Abbott Ikeler reading their own works from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Lady – Carol Burnett performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbman-npah.com.

Free Film – Mercato screens "School of Rock" on the lawn at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. 254-1080 or www.mercato-shops.com.

Pioneering Women – Local historian Marya Repko leads a lecture about women who settled and protected The Everglades at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Collier County Museum. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8242 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Cruisin' – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a mangrove cruise with expert Kathy Worley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23. \$20-\$47. 213-2500 or www.conservancy.org.

Meet the Author – Barnes & Noble hosts author Kelly Parsons ("Under the Knife") at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

String Concert – The Henschell String Quartet performs with guest pianists Catherine Lan and Cesar Franck at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$19-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

One-Man Show – Playwright and actor Chaz Palmintieri presents "A Bronx Tale" at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$50. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Nature Chat – Humorist and natural history author Charles Sobczak will discuss the changing face of nature and sign some books while guests enjoy beer and ceviche from Coastal Peruvian at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Everglades Wonder Gardens. \$15 for members, \$25 for others. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or www.evergladeswondergardens.org.

Concert – Jonathan Edwards performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Book Sale – Friends of the Bonita Springs Library host a book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, in the library's meeting room. 26876 Pine Ave. 533-4860 or agap@comcast.net.

See Food, Eat Food – The Marco Island Seafood and Music Festival returns lots of shellfish, music, beer and more at 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, and continuing through the weekend at Veterans Community Park. \$10-\$16. 393-1350 or www.marcoislandseafoodandmusicfestival.com.

Full of Grace – Late Nite Catechism returns with Sister's riotous and righteous take on sins and sensibilities at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Bonita Party – Celebrate Bonita! takes place with family activities, food vendors and musical performances by four-time Grammy nominee Joe Nichols, The Ben Allen Band, Sarah Hadekah and more from 2-9 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Riverside Park. Free. 949-6262 or www.cityofbonitasprings.org.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Love, betrayal and a bestseller: 'The Swans of Fifth Avenue'

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If gossiping were an Olympic sport, the writer Truman Capote would have had a trove of golds.

He thrived on gossip, using it as a kind of currency to buy his way into exclusive circles.

He told stories about Hollywood stars to high society women and vice versa.

He'd gossip individually about others in the same circle, making his confidante feel as if she were his most valued and intimate friend. The more outrageous or salacious the story, the better — as long as it made him the center of attention.

Melanie Benjamin's latest *New York Times* Best-seller, "The Swans of Fifth Avenue," looks at Mr. Capote's relationships with high society women of New York City, including Babe Paley (whose husband William Paley was the founder and chairman of the board of CBS), Slim Keith, CZ Guest, Gloria Guinness and Pamela Churchill. The author charmed his way into their lives; they were amused by this short, flamboyant, gay man who wrote "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "In Cold Blood." They trusted him enough to share confidences.



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He called them "the swans."

But then, after struggling for years with writer's block, he betrayed them all by putting their stories in one revealing short story, "La Cote Basque 1965." It ran in *Esquire* magazine in November 1975 and created an enormous stir, causing Mr. Capote to be ostracized. Their dirty laundry on display so publically, the women immediately shut him out of their lives.

"To me, that's a central theme of the book: who betrayed whom," says Ms. Benjamin.

"I think in a way the swans betray Truman when they turn their backs on him. If you do unconditionally love someone, don't you forgive them? Though they had good reason not to."

Mr. Capote's writing, up to that point, was always very autobiographical, she says.

"I think he ran out of stories to tell of his own, then he had to borrow them from the people he knew."

"In Cold Blood" was the pinnacle of the writer's success, she says. "Everything is downhill from there." With "The Swans of Fifth Avenue," Ms. Benjamin says, she explores what Mr. Capote did next.

She says she found it puzzling that, on one hand, Mr. Capote was quoted as saying his swans were "too dumb to recognize themselves," in his short story, while on the other hand, he said, "What do they expect? I'm a writer."

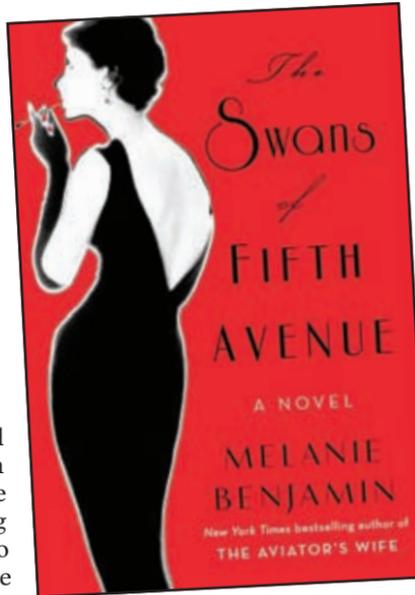
"Truman was quite capable of telling many versions of the truth, depending on his mood at the time," Ms. Benjamin says. "He was a child who never fully had a mother's love ... (he) tested everyone in his life. He pushed them all away."

Ms. Benjamin will sign books and speak at three events coming up in Southwest Florida. She'll be interviewed onstage at Artis—Naples at 10 a.m. Thursday and Saturday, March 9 and 11, as part of the Critic's Choice lecture series with Elaine Newton (the March 9 event is sold out). And she is the keynote speaker for Lunch with the Author, a benefit for the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, taking place Monday, March 13, at the Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel.

Ms. Benjamin's previous historic novels have looked at Alice Liddell Hargreaves, who was the inspiration for "Alice In Wonderland" ("Alice I Have Been"), Lavinia Warren Bump ("The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb") and Anne Morrow Lindbergh ("The Aviator's Wife").

"The more books you write, the harder it is to find the right subject, especially if you're successful," she says, because "a lot of people are invested in your career and have opinions," including editors, publishers and even readers, who are all looking for something fresh.

She believes says the historical novel genre "really kicked off" in 2007 with Nancy Horan's "Loving Frank," about Frank Lloyd Wright and his illicit love affair with Mamah Borthwick Cheney. Now, she adds, the genre "is getting very crowded," making it difficult for



a writer to find a story that hasn't been covered. She admits she's "gone down a few wrong roads" and had to abandon books she was writing because they just weren't working.

"You have to find a story you identify with and people you can have empathy for, and you have to slip inside (their) skins," she says. "And you have to find a fresh approach to explore it."

Though writers are often known to use others' lives in their work, most generally do a better job of fictionalizing the stories, weaving them into something new.

Ms. Benjamin says her friends aren't concerned about her stealing their stories for her fiction, as her characters are historical.

"Every author's different," she says. "A lot of us don't borrow our friends' stories. I look at the past, at people who aren't here anymore. As a writer of historical fiction, she says, "people don't see me as a threat. I'm not really writing about my life, and I don't want to. I'm interested in other people's."

Now available in paperback, "The Swans of Fifth Avenue" has been wildly successful. In addition to being a *New York Times* Bestseller, it was a *Los Angeles Times* Bestseller, a National Indie Bestseller, a People Book of the Week and was on Entertainment Weekly's Must List, to name just a few. *The Washington Post* called it "highly entertaining," and *USA Today* said it was "shamelessly gossipy ... a catty, juicy read that's like a three-martini lunch."

In addition to telling a well-known story about Mr. Capote, the novel examines the role of storytelling, the way our lives revolve around stories, from "once upon a time" to anecdotes told while first getting to know someone, to stories we embellish to make ourselves look good, to recollections told at our funerals. It looks at the power of stories in our lives: the way we use them to reinvent ourselves, the way they can be used as currency to create intimacy or acceptance and how, when misused and misappropriated, they can cause much harm.

No matter how successful someone might look on the outside, almost everyone in this novel is an outsider in one way or another, longing to be part of the crowd they're locked out of.

Ms. Benjamin also examines the theme of deception and betrayal.

"With the exception of two, every one of those swans and Truman come to New York society as outsiders, with things to forget, pasts to overcome, things they wanted to hide ... Truman always was the outsider. They allowed him into their world."

Her next book, "The Girls in the Picture," set to be published in January 2017, looks at the life of actress Mary Pickford and her closest friend, screenwriter Frances Marion, during the early days of Hollywood.

"Mary was the first female to head her own movie studio," says Ms. Benjamin. "Frances was the highest paid screenwriter in Hollywood and the first female to win an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay. It's about Hollywood in 1914, when it starts. There's something very appealing to Hollywood then, the newness of it. It was an untamed paradise. It was fun for me to explore it."

"Women were just as powerful as men back then. We see the corroding influence of fame on a friendship; Mary's fame became so overwhelming, it eclipses the friendship. It's a great story, the early Hollywood rawness of it. They were making it up as they were going along." ■

in the know

Two events with author Melanie Benjamin

Critic's Choice with Elaine Newton

- >> **What:** Book discussion
- >> **When:** 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11
- >> **Where:** Artis—Naples
- >> **Cost:** \$45
- >> **Info:** 597-1900 or artisnaples.org
- >> **Note:** The Thursday, March 9, event is sold out.

Lunch with the Author

- >> **What:** Benefit for the Sanibel Public Library Foundation
- >> **When:** 11:30 a.m. noon Monday, March 13
- >> **Where:** The Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel
- >> **Cost:** \$85; no tickets will be sold at the door
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 - 19 Name on a mower
 - 20 Greek letters
 - 21 Raised RRs
 - 22 Storybook elephant
 - 23 Cheer up the singer of "Galveston"?
 - 26 Cowboy rope
 - 27 "Aw, quit — bellyachin'!"
 - 28 Frozen cubes
 - 29 Puck, for one
 - 30 Lack of law
 - 32 Rice fields whose workers love a frothy pastry filling?
 - 38 With a very sharp image, for short
 - 40 Ipanema site, briefly
 - 41 Drink in many a 58-Across
 - 42 Corp. VIP
 - 43 Scottish boys testifying in court?
 - 49 Fr. woman with a halo
 - 52 "As I see it," to a texter
 - 53 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 54 Turkey Day tuber
 - 55 Artistic users of acid
 - 58 Pub barrel
 - 59 Farm fowls
 - 61 Food grinder
 - 65 "Zapped!" actor Willie
 - 66 GQ staffers
 - 67 Threw one's ordinary existence into confusion?
 - 71 Sky's color, in Salerno
 - 72 Luau guitar, for short
 - 73 Ocean filler
 - 74 Driver's 180
 - 75 Horse riders' activity in an Asian island country?
 - 81 Insult, hip-hop-style
 - 84 "— a Grecian Urn"
 - 85 Actor Davis
 - 86 Rebuke to Brutus
 - 87 Rhea's kin
 - 88 Bill or Hillary
 - 90 Suffix with joy or humor
 - 93 Slim fish
 - 94 Big primate
 - 95 Slugger Griffey
 - 96 Officer in charge of soft packing material?
 - 102 Tycoon Onassis
 - 104 Two, to José
 - 105 Take it on the — (escape)
 - 106 Woes
 - 107 NFL announcer John acting up?
 - 115 Typical confusion?
 - 116 Crude stuff
 - 117 Stud's place
 - 118 Pay a visit to
 - 121 Municipal
 - 122 Deliver a craze follower into custody?
 - 128 Up in the air
 - 129 Nero's "I love"
 - 130 Spirits in bottles
 - 131 —-car (Avis service)
 - 132 Hopes to get
 - 133 "Fresh Air" airer
 - 134 Artery-opening tube
 - 135 Letters of plurals
- DOWN**
- 1 All nerves
 - 2 Brazilian soccer hero
 - 3 Sniffers in rescue operations
 - 4 O'Hare airport code
 - 5 Army doc
 - 6 Tablecloths, e.g.
 - 7 Ad — committee
 - 8 "I'm — loss"
 - 9 Froot Loops toucan
 - 10 In line with
 - 11 Hybrid meat
 - 12 Completely
 - 13 Like — in the face
 - 14 Wear away
 - 15 Beehive, e.g.
 - 16 Ancient calculators
 - 17 Machine shop tool
 - 18 Gets ragged
 - 24 Prefix with car or chic
 - 25 Make dim, as by tears
 - 31 Opposite of day, in Bonn
 - 33 Kooky
 - 34 Nation south of Braz.
 - 35 Super-small
 - 36 Opus finale
 - 37 Drop-line link
 - 38 "Looks great to me!"
 - 39 Called
 - 44 Aid for an asthmatic
 - 45 Looked at amorously
 - 46 Wire, e.g.
 - 47 Stone of film
 - 48 Word
 - 49 Interstate rig
 - 50 Not kosher
 - 51 Nero's "to be"
 - 56 Cruel Roman emperor
 - 57 Physically fit
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 - 62 Linear, for short
 - 63 Weigh down
 - 64 As — (usually)
 - 68 Squeezes (out)
 - 69 Arnaz of TV
 - 70 Her niece is Dorothy
 - 71 Weed — (lawn care brand)
 - 75 Foot coverer
 - 76 Be inactive
 - 77 "No, Hans"
 - 78 Charlie Chaplin's last wife
 - 79 Era after era
 - 80 Agenda part
 - 81 Envy and lust
 - 82 Urge to act
 - 83 Plaintiffs
 - 89 In arrears
 - 91 Wrinkly citrus fruit
 - 92 Flip through
 - 97 34th prez
 - 98 Show respect (to)
 - 99 "Because — so!"
 - 100 "Wow!," in an IM
 - 101 Not a one
 - 102 Going with the flow
 - 103 Strikes back, say
 - 107 Kind of parrot
 - 108 Teresa's city
 - 109 English county
 - 110 "Borstal Boy" author
 - 111 Many YouTube uploads
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HOROSCOPES

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A

personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intu-

ition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Power of positive thinking

BY STEVE BECKER

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For a good example of how easy it is to miss the mark, take this case where a normal sequence of bids led North-South to a contract that seemed certain to fail. Three notrump was lay-down, but was not easy to reach.

However, good play allowed declarer to get home safely. Faced with four probable losers — two hearts and two diamonds — he managed to make one of them disappear by converting his seemingly useless jack of clubs into a trick.

After winning West's queen of hearts with dummy's ace, declarer immediately led the club three toward his jack! East put up the queen and played the king and another heart to West's ten. West shifted to the queen of diamonds, but South was now firmly in the driver's seat.

He took the diamond with the ace, cashed the A-Q of spades and club jack, and crossed to dummy's ten of spades. He then discarded his two losing diamonds on the A-K of clubs to finish with 10 tricks.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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♣	A K 6 3		
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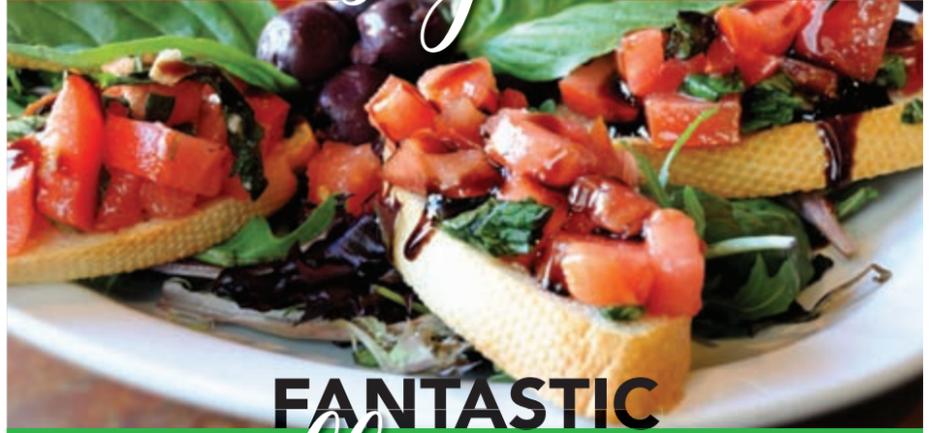
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1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

It is true that South lost a club trick he did not have to lose, but in so doing, he avoided losing two diamond tricks. He realized from the start that his only real chance for the contract was to score three club tricks instead of two, and all his moves were made with that goal in mind. ■



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FILM CAPSULES

Before I Fall ★★

(Zoey Deutch, Halston Sage, Jennifer Beals) After dying in a car accident, a teenager wakes to relive the same day until ... well, that's what she needs to figure out. It's "Groundhog Day" as a teen girl drama, and though it has some intriguing ideas, it plays out in pretty standard ways. Rated PG-13.

Fist Fight ★

(Ice Cube, Charlie Day, Tracy Morgan) A public high school teacher (Mr. Day) gets his colleague (Mr. Cube) fired after tattling on him after he destroyed a student-occupied desk with an axe. It's crass and unrealistic, but worst of all, it's an unfunny mish mash of a high school that is truly out of this world. Rated R.

The LEGO Batman Movie ★★★

(Voices of Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis, Jenny Slate) Bruce Wayne/Batman (Mr. Arnett) adopts an orphan (voice of Michael Cera) and fights The Joker (Mr. Galifianakis) and other Gotham City villains in this spinoff of "The LEGO Movie" (2014). It's more than DC Comics characters who come into play (Sauron, Voldemort, etc.), which is part of the fun — and it is a heckuva lot of fun. Rated PG.

The Comedian ★★

(Robert De Niro, Leslie Mann, Edie Falco) Struggling stand-up comic Jackie Burke (Mr. De Niro) bickers with his agent (Ms. Falco) and finds a kindred spirit in a woman he meets in a soup kitchen (Ms. Mann). The jokes are hit and miss, the story labors and ultimately, Jackie is too pigheaded to root for. Rated R.

A Dog's Purpose ★½

(Britt Robertson, Dennis Quaid, voice of Josh Gad) The soul of a dog (Mr. Gad) is reincarnated over four lifetimes, touching different humans in the process. It might appeal to kids, but anyone else — even dog lovers — will find the manipulative, forced drama tough to stomach. Rated PG.

20th Century Women ★★★½

(Annette Bening, Lucas Jade Zumann, Elle Fanning) In 1979, a singer mother (Ms. Bening) asks two female friends (Ms. Fanning and Greta Gerwig) to help her 15-year-old son (Mr. Zumann) become a man. Ms. Bening leads the stellar ensemble in this wonderful coming of age story that sublimely captures the travails of adolescence and the spirit of the '70s. Don't miss it! Rated R.

Silence ★★

(Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson) Director Martin Scorsese's latest follows two priests (Mr. Garfield and Mr. Driver) as they travel to Japan to find their mentor (Mr. Neeson). It notably lacks Mr. Scorsese's dynamic style, and as a result is a dull bore of 161 minutes. Rated R.

Hidden Figures ★★★

(Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae) African-American women and brilliant mathematicians Katherine (Ms. Henson), Dorothy (Ms. Spencer) and Mary (Ms. Monae) play integral roles in launching astronaut John Glenn into outer space in the early '60s. It hits the racial plights you expect and have seen before, but the performances are solid and it tells a great (true) story about three tremendous women. Rated PG. ■

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Is it worth \$15? (3D) Yes

At moments, "Kong: Skull Island" showcases spectacular action filmmaking, ripe with energy, style and splendor — it's a blast. At other times, it's spectacularly dumb, infuriating even.

It makes you wonder why so many millions would be spent on visual effects when the storytelling needs so much work.

This is not your father's (or grandfather's) "King Kong." It's a new spin on the giant ape, made to capitalize on our thirst for wham-bang explosive entertainment (not knockin' it — I have the thirst, too). After this, Warner Bros. has "Godzilla: King of Monsters" planned for 2019, which will lead into a King Kong vs. Godzilla showdown in 2020. Given the studio's recent struggles with the DC Comics Extended Universe ("Batman v. Superman"), it needs fans to catch on to "Skull Island" in a big way. But after the so-so "Godzilla" (2014) and now this mediocrity, why would they?

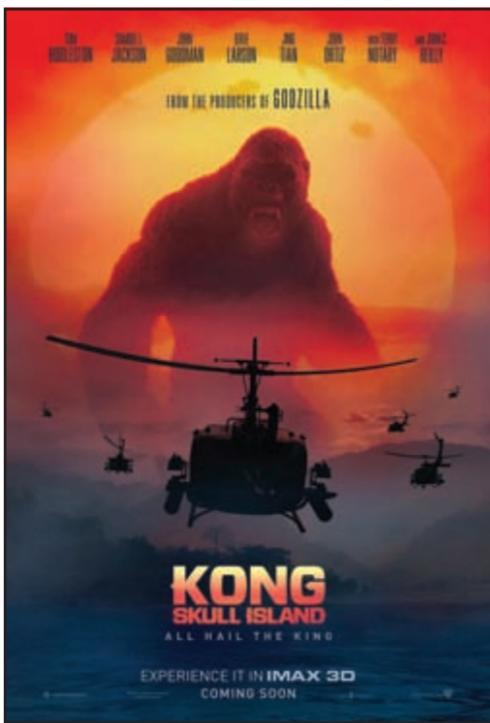
The story comes together easily enough: Explorers Bill (John Goodman) and his assistant Houston (Corey Hawkins) get money from a belabored senator (Richard Jenkins, sadly wasted here) for an expedition to a newly discovered island in the South Pacific. It's 1973, so bad haircuts and suits are plentiful. They assemble a team: Mason (Brie Larson) is the photographer, James (Tom Hiddleston) is the tracker, and a military contingent led by Colonel Packard (Samuel L. Jackson) provides the transportation. Main figures to know from the platoon: Cole (Shea Whigham), Mills (Jason Mitchell) and Chapman (Toby Kebbell, who also provides the motion capture performance for Kong).

Upon their arrival, they find Hank (John C. Reilly), who's been there a while and yet is completely ignored at key moments.

Bill knows the island is dangerous — "It's a place where myth and science meet," he says — and doesn't tell anyone, so yes, he's *that* guy. But this is forgivable because we paid money to see a giant ape wreak havoc, and we

know humans must get to the island for that to happen. This leads to some great action sequences, especially the helicopter arrival that's set to the tune of Black Sabbath's "Paranoid."

When the second half of director Jordan Vogt-Roberts' movie hits, however, the tune changes. A plot contrivance sends humans in the wrong direction, and it's infuriating. Also, Packard not being able to get away from his bitter war mentality unnecessarily adds another antagonist, as if a giant ape and creatures lovingly called "Skullcrawlers" aren't enough. It's a woeful narrative flaw in a movie that needs to keep its focus man



vs. nature, not man vs. nature vs. man. "Kong: Skull Island" is a big movie for many reasons, and for the reason audiences care about most, it's just good enough to be satisfying. It has style, and it even attempts at times to feel like a Vietnam War movie (which is more than many movies of this ilk can claim). If you go, see it in IMAX 3D — the sound is better, it looks fantastic, and you might just say "wow" enough to forgive its flaws. ■

in the know

>> **First, Corey Hawkins** (Dr. Dre) and **Jason Mitchell** (Eazy-E) were both in "Straight Outta Compton" (2015). And second, be sure to stay for the after-credits scene. It teases more than just Godzilla and King Kong.

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Island Theater Company's latest promises to fetch lots of laughs

The Island Theater Company on Marco presents the contemporary adult comedy "Men Are Dogs" March 16-20 and April 19-23 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Playwright Joseph Simonella will attend the 7:30 p.m. shows on April 20 and 22 and conduct a talkback with the audience after each performance.

The play stars Diana Back as Cecelia, a successful psychologist who, among many sessions, runs a support group for single and divorced women. She's got troubles of her own, but it's her ensemble of neurotic patients who provide the action when a "volunteer" role-player becomes the hapless victim of their not-inconsiderable ire.

Judy Daye has the role of Rose, Cecelia's fun-loving "live-in" mom who offers her daughter unsolicited dating advice. Ray Kane plays the substitute postal deliveryman who strikes up a relationship with Cecelia.

John Moulton is Tony, a divorced, pompous, part-time actor hired by Cecelia to role-play with her patients.

Abby Yetter plays Allison, a hairdresser and the latest addition to Cecelia's group. Another member of the group is Madeline, is played by Carol Clark. Madeline is a comically dark, angry woman who has been burned way too many times.



The cast of "Men Are Dogs"

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Maria Tobin plays Jane, a member of the group who is a bit of a "dim light bulb" and often misses the meaning of things going on around her. And Monico Sooy plays Loretta, the "wild child" who adds plenty of spark to every group meeting.

Ann Megna directs "Men Are Dogs" for the Island Theater Company. The show is sponsored by Clausen Properties. ■

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'Men Are Dogs'

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'These Shining Lives' sheds light on the Radium Girls of the 1920s

BY PATRICE SHIELDS

Special to Florida Weekly

In recognition of Women's History Month, The Naples Players present Melanie Marnich's historical drama, "These Shining Lives," March 22-April 15 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. Jessica Walck directs.

Set in the 1920s at the factory Radium Dial on the outskirts of Chicago, the play is inspired by the true story of the young women, now remembered as The Radium Girls, who were poisoned by the luminous paint they applied to numbers on the faces of clocks and watches. The uplifting but ominous story chronicles the strength and determination of women considered expendable in their day.

The story follows Catherine (Jamielynn Bucci), a young mother who is happily married to her ironworker husband Tom (Jesse Hughes). Catherine opens the play with the lines that are both hopeful and foreboding: "This isn't a fairy tale, though it starts like one. It's not a tragedy, though it ends like one."

Catherine takes a job in a local watch factory to help make ends meet at home and meets Pearl (Amy Hughes), the incessant jokester; Frances (Katherine Oni), the moral backbone; and sharp-tongued Charlotte (Jasmine Vizena), the brutally honest one of the group. As the women happily paint watch dials with radium, sharpening the point of their brushes between their lips to accurately apply the radium to the dials, they become the best of friends.

When they start to notice the unusual effects of working with radium, the women



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Amy Hughes, Katherine Oni, Jamielynn Bucci and Jasmine Vizena star in "These Shining Lives."

are quickly reassured by the factory foreman Mr. Reed (Mark Vanagas) that radium is in no way harmful and might in fact have health benefits. And when they begin to succumb to the devastating effects of radium, the company refuses to acknowledge the issue and begins to systematically fire them when their illnesses interfere with their work. Though critically ill, the women choose to stand up and fight for justice. These women and their strength still shine brightly today and their resilient efforts for justice set in motion workplace safety standards and worker's compensation, introduced to protect future generations. ■

in the know

'These Shining Lives'

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Contemporary painter and designer Ignacio Alperin.

Naples Art Association hosts free workshop about creativity and innovation in the workplace

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An Argentine-born contemporary painter and designer, Mr. Alperin is the first artist to become an MBA professor of creativity and innovation at the Pontifical Catholic University in Buenos Aires. For more information about him, visit www.ignacioalperin.com.

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For more information about the GAA, call artist Tara O'Neill at 642-0528, email taraogallery@gmail.com or visit www.goodlandartsalliance.org.



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When Samantha Fish and her band take the stage at Bonita Blues Fest from 6-7:15 p.m. Saturday, March 11, the crowd is in for a treat.

Although she's been lauded by blues legends Buddy Guy and Luther Dickinson, Ms. Fish grew up on "raw, scrappy rock 'n' roll" and infuses all of her music with that basic, unfettered sound that means so much to her.

"Working with Luther on my last album (*Wild Heart*, 2015) further instilled that spirit in me," she says on her website. "It made me realize just how well rock 'n' roll ties into soul music, R&B, country and so many other forms of music."

Ms. Fish's newest album, *Chills & Fever*, is set for release next week, on Friday, March 17. For this one, she traveled to Detroit and joined forces with members of the Detroit Cobras, a band whose insurgent ethic has made them darlings of the Midwest punk/blues scene.

The Detroit Cobras consists of Joe Mazola on guitar, Steve Nawara on bass, Kenny Tudrick and Bob Mervak on keys, Mark Levron on trumpet and Travis Blotsky on the sax. With Ms. Fish they share "a common love of classic soul and rollicking rhythms." The resulting *Chills & Fever* album is described on the website as "a pure slab of rocking rhythm 'n' blues."

"I don't think I ever enjoyed making a record quite as much as I enjoyed making this one," Ms. Fish says. "I love the sound of the brass and the edgier intensity. One thing's for sure: Nothing ever felt so authentic."

For their appearance at Bonita Blues Festival, The Samantha Fish Band will welcome special guest Albert Castiglia, a Miami-based blues guitarist who performed last year at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. ■

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SEBASTIAN

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“I guess I’m just your normal 73-year-old guy enjoying music because it’s a continuum,” he said. “Music is a wonderful thing because you can pretty much do it until you drop ... I think you continue to be affected by all parts of what you take in as a player.”

Mr. Sebastian’s fans in Southwest Florida have two opportunities to see him in concert next week. He performs at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, at G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. The shows are part of the season’s concert series presented by TheatreZone.

But what does luck have to do with it? Mr. Sebastian was born in 1944 to John and Jane Sebastian, a classical harmonica player and a radio scriptwriter, respec-

tively. Artists and musicians littered his childhood, most especially his godmother, Vivian Vance, who most people would recognize as Ethel Mertz on “I Love Lucy.” It was his Aunt Vivian who introduced young John to the heady affirmation of a roaring crowd when he was about 5 years old.

“She killed in this theatrical production and she gestured to me from the side of the stage, “Come here,” he recalled. His aunt quickly told him that when the curtain rose, the audience would scream in happiness — not anger — and that he should get ready for it. Once they digested the fact that a child had been brought on stage, the people in the theater went nuts. “I came in trailing on somebody else’s goodwill, and it was the perfect way to get on the stage,” Mr. Sebastian reflects.

Also consider the fact that having “the Paganini of the harmonica” as a father facilitated Mr. Sebastian’s entry into rock crowd in the 1960s. While he was still mastering guitar, all those dudes who had

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started years before when rock rose in popularity were getting really good.

"Certainly as an instrument to actually support me, the harmonica was it," he says. "That's because there were so many guitarists and they were starting to get good by 1964," he said. "While I was breaking my balls trying to learn to play guitar ... here comes Doc Watson or Mississippi John Hurt. That's what it was when I was in The Village."

His versatility on guitar, harmonica and autoharp led to an immersion in jug band music and his work with The Lovin' Spoonful, which answered the British rock style with an American sound Mr. Sebastian wrote and sang.

"We were grateful to The Beatles for reminding us of our rock 'n' roll roots," he said about his Lovin' Spoonful bandmates. "But we wanted to cut out the middle man, so to speak, and get down to making this new music as an American band."

By blending elements of what is known as "roots music" — blues, country, folk and jug band — the group was able to land its first seven singles at the top of the charts. Before dissolving in 1968, The Lovin' Spoonful turned out enduring songs including "Do You Believe in Magic?" "Summer in the City," "Daydream" and "Do You Ever Make Up Your Mind?"

For Mr. Sebastian, the 1970s and '80s were filled with solo releases and session work for artists such as Crosby, Stills and Nash. His continued fascination with jug band music led to the formation of the J-Band, which performed and recorded throughout the 1990s and included lauded musicians Yank Rachell, Fritz Richmond, Jimmy Vivino and Geoff Muldaur.

"What kept me busy most of the nineties was making two jug band albums (that were) quite expensive to make. I wanted these guys because they're all the best," he said. "We had a lovely couple of albums."

"Every now and then that jug band continues to reform itself."

These days, Mr. Sebastian contents himself with playing mostly on weekends and taking on a string of dates here and there. For his upcoming concerts in Naples, he'll perform a cross-section of his work that includes hits from The Lovin' Spoonful, a few television theme songs he wrote ("Welcome Back" from "Welcome Back, Kotter," for one), selections from the J-Band and popular songs from his solo days.

"I'm so lucky that I'm not stuck playing one particular tune," he said. "It's fun being able to circulate them a little bit and be able to spontaneously do some of those things."

He'll be all by his lonesome onstage at the G&L Theatre, with no 20- or 30-some-things standing in for the old guys.

"It's a one-guy, one-guitar show to see what kind of trouble I can get into," he said. "I am kind of a repository on some of these odd styles and I think that's what interests the audience. It's fun to watch somebody listen to a one-guy, one-guitar arrangement where they'll see the bare-bones and remember when there was a bass player and an autoharp doing the same thing." ■

in the know

John Sebastian in concert

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ANTIQUES

Floral designs dating back to 18th century still popular with collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Spring brings flowers, and this year designers are using more floral prints than usual for fabrics and designs. But a picture of a plant as a decoration on dinnerware is an old idea going back to at least the 1600s. In 1761, an Encyclopedia of Danish Flowers (Flora Danica) was commissioned by King Frederik V of Denmark. Thousands of hand-colored illustrations from engraved copper plates were made that accurately showed the wild flowers and plants. It was not completed until 1874, but some of the drawings were used to decorate a banquet service in 1790. The first Flora Danica dinner set of 1,802 pieces was made for King Christian VII to give as a gift to Russian Empress Catherine II of Russia. It is said it was to make up for not helping the Russians in the country's war with Sweden. She died before the set was finished, so it stayed in Denmark. The remaining 1,530 pieces belong to Queen Margrethe II and pieces have been used for special occasions. You can still buy new dishes from the Royal Copenhagen factory or old ones at antiques shops and auctions. It is said to be the only 18th-century set that is still being made. Each piece has a single plant pictured as the decoration. Dishes can be ordered with the preferred plant. A Flora Danica platter recently sold for almost \$1,000. It was decorated with "Verbascum Thapsiforme Beuspidatum Shad." We call it a mullein or velvet plant. The tall yellow flowers are used in herbal medicine. Today there are more than 300 varieties of mullein, and more are being propagated to

get more flowers, shorter flower stalks and other changes. If you own a Flora Danica piece, be very careful. Even a tiny chip in the notched edge can lower the price by half or more.

Q: I have a Cracker Jack AM radio my dad gave me when I was 8 years old. It runs on a 9-volt battery. It's in perfect condition and tunes in clearly. Is it worth anything?

A: Cracker Jack was first made in 1896 by Rueckheim & Brother. The company became Rueckheim Bros. & Eckstein in 1902. Prizes were included in the packages beginning in 1912. Cracker Jack radios like this were made in the 1970s in Hong Kong for Just Products, a New York company. They sell for about \$25.

COURTESY PHOTO
This 20th-century Flora Danica porcelain platter is 18½ inches by 14¼ inches. The dish is fully marked on the bottom with factory marks and the impressed number 3520. Auction price, \$984 in a Skinner Inc. auction in Massachusetts.



Q: My mother saved "soakies," the plastic bottle that held shampoo or bubble bath about 25 years ago. They were shaped like bottles with people or animal heads. She bought them to use the soap and thought they would later become popular collectibles, like milk bottles. Where are they being sold?

A: Soakies were popular as collectibles for a very short period of time in the late 1990s, and a few rare ones did sell for about \$100. But the bottles were free and there still are a few used as packaging.

Price is determined by supply and demand. There is a big supply and almost no demand.

It is a suggested hobby that often doesn't attract collectors.

Glass milk bottles were not popular with bottle collectors until the rarer earlier bottles became very expensive. Today a colored milk bottle or one with a war slogan or famous dairy name are the only ones selling for more than a few dollars. Collectors also search for the old round cardboard bottle caps, which sell for 25 cents to a few

dollars each to go with the bottles.

Q: When my husband and I were digging for old bottles, we found an interesting old clay pipe bowl, but no stem. The bowl has "Wolfe 98 Tone" on one side and 6-point star above a harp, clover and "Erin" on the other side. I don't think it's worth anything, but I'd like to know something about it.

A: The harp is the national symbol of Ireland. The 6-point star represents the six counties of Northern Ireland. Wolfe Tone, whose full name was Theobald Wolfe Tone, was one of the leaders of the Irish rebellion of 1798. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1763 and was one of the founders of the Society of United Irishmen, which sought separation from Britain. Tone went to France to get French troops to support the revolt. The first attempt, made in 1796, failed because of bad weather. The Society planned another rebellion in 1798, but the British found out about it and the leaders were captured. Wolfe Tone and the French forces were defeated before they made land. He was captured and sentenced to death but took his own life in September 1798. You must have dug in an old dump field with broken pipes from the 1800s. A local historical society might be interested in knowing about your experience and the pipe bowls.

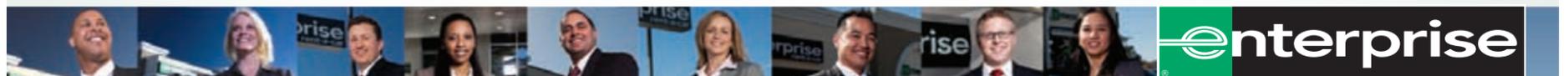
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Following the siren song of – yep – buzzards

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When I was a boy, we'd start out in the morning on State Road 80 from Fort Myers to the Glades and beyond to West Palm Beach.

The road was a straight shot, at least until you got to U.S. 27 — two lanes of bumpy blacktop that gave way to the hamlets and towns along the way.

Ten miles or so east of Fort Myers was Alva, where the citrus groves lined the way to LaBelle.

In LaBelle, you might stop for breakfast or Cokes (yes, they called it Co-Cola) at White's Restaurant before picking up U.S. 27 about 10 miles west of Clewiston.

Back then, there was even less between LaBelle and Clewiston than there is now — pastures gave way to more pastures before giving way to fields of sugarcane.

The development of Hendry Isles boasted a sign and a building, but little else.

And on hot summer days, that bumpy blacktop shone with mirror-like mirages of the sun punctuated by buzzards feasting on carrion — raccoons, possums, the occasional wild pig — that had wandered into the paths of trucks and cars the night before.



Goodness, but that road kill must have been tasty, because it took several blasts of the horn of my mom's Oldsmobile Dynamic 88 to startle the birds into abandoning their meal and allowing her to pass. The buzzards generally flew off in a flurry only to return to their quarry as soon as the traffic had eased.

I never thought much about where the buzzards lived when they weren't dining a la carte on critters until I saw this painting, which probably dates from the 1960s.

It reminded me of the bald eagles' nests I saw at the tops of poles in pastures east of LaBelle during the 1970s.

I smiled at the memory of those long ago trips, when State Road 80 seemed to stretch into infinity, just like my future. ■

THE FIND:

An oil painting by Ida R. Fletcher

Found: James & Jeffrey's estate sale, 5704 Georgia Ave., West Palm Beach. Next sale is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 18-19. Info: www.jamesandjeffrey.com or (800) 991-3499.

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The Skinny: I love Florida landscapes and have a collection that includes a healthy mix of classic and contemporary works.

Ida R. Fletcher lived in Lake Park, just north of West Palm Beach, and was a member of art leagues, according to articles published in *The Palm Beach Post* in 1967. She lived a long life, too, dying in 1993 at age 99.

I was attracted to the blue of the sky and the notion that an artist thought to document the domestic life of buzzards. It is not every day that one finds a painting of buzzards and depicts them in a domestic tranquility. ■



Scott Simmons stands ready for a trip from Fort Myers to Belle Glade in his mother's 1960 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88 convertible around 1965 or '66. He still has his grandmother's gray Amelia Earhart train case, and wishes he still had the car.

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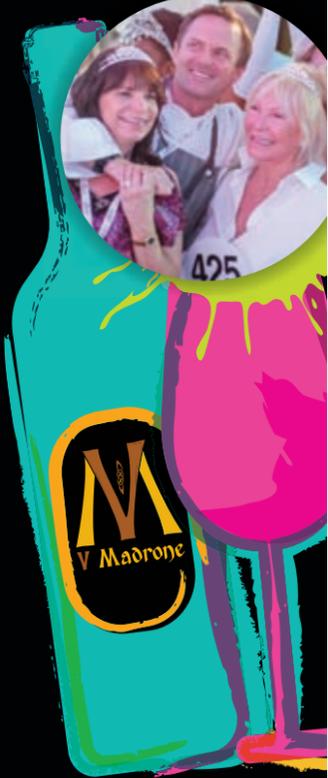
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Catch the lovely Bree Williamson in a new Lifetime movie March 18

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I loved actress Bree Williamson on "Haven" and "Deception," and I wondered what she's up to now.

— *Emmy W., Land-o-Lakes, Florida*

A: The gorgeous and talented actress is starring in a Lifetime Original movie, a thriller called "Mommy's Little Boy." And get ready for a departure from the Bree you're used to seeing. She plays an alcoholic, neglectful mother who, when one of her sons accidentally drowns in a pool, takes her other son on a harrowing journey of abuse with explosive secrets. I recently spoke with Bree about her latest role, and she told me: "It was really a great character to play because you can really do a lot with her, and it was fun and not something I've ever done before."

"As a mother, she's like: 'They have a roof over their head; they have a nice house; they have a pool. What else do they need?' She's a selfish person; she's always 'me first and them later.' They are an annoyance to her. The kids need mothering, they need guidance, but they are somehow annoying to her, and she feels they are doing it on purpose. She's twisted. She's like: 'You need me to actually buy you food? You're so annoying! Why can't you just do it yourself?'"

Catch Bree in this engaging performance on Lifetime on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m. ET/PT.



Bree Williamson

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Q: When will "Orange Is the New Black" return?

— *Kelli N., via email*

A: The exciting fifth season of the women's prison drama drops June 9 on Netflix. That's when we'll see if Daya (played by Dascha Polanco) leads a prison riot — since when we last saw her she had control of the gun and was pointing it at the guards. We'll also see the ladies dealing with the aftermath of Poussey's death, as well as new dramas that are sure to unfold. Also returning for the fifth season are series regulars Taylor Schilling, Laura Prepon, Kate Mulgrew, Natasha Lyonne, Jackie Cruz, Danielle Brooks, Yael Stone, Adrienne C. Moore, Jessica Pimentel, Laverne Cox and Selenis Leyva, among others. ■

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■ **The Naples Players** holds its inaugural fundraising luncheon and matinee, "A Royal Ascot Afternoon," on Saturday, March 11, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Cocktails, high tea and a silent auction start at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by a performance of "My Fair Lady." A limited number of tickets are available for \$200. Tickets for the performance and champagne at intermission are \$50. Call the box office at 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **The Italian American Society** of Southwest Florida hosts its 11th annual charity reverse raffle from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. John's Parish Life Center in North Naples. The "Hollywood Nights" evening includes dinner, dancing and a chance to win the grand prize of \$3,600 and other prizes, with all proceeds going to Avow Hospice. Tickets are \$100 for two. For tickets or more information, call Phyllis Jensen at 285-1050 or email Naplesphyl@aol.com.

■ **Hodges University** hosts "Stepping Out for Scholarships" from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Grey Oaks Country Club to benefit the Friends of the University Scholarship Fund. Guests will enjoy dinner and a "Treats for Tuition Dessert Dash" as well as a \$20 wine pull and more. CenturyLink is the presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors include Stock Development and Stilwell Enterprises. Tickets are \$250. For more information, call April May at 598-6153 or email amay@hodges.edu.



Freedom Waters Foundation

■ **The Kind Mariners Ball: "An Evening on the Emerald Isle"** to benefit the **Freedom Waters Foundation** takes place Saturday, March 11, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Proceeds will support the foundation's efforts to help children with special needs and veterans experience the therapeutic effects of being out on the water. Tickets for \$300 are at www.kindmarinersball.com.

■ **"A Little Bit o' Blarney"** to benefit **Collier Child Care Resources** takes place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at

Clive Daniel Home. Doug Keating and The Keating Group of Downing-Frye Realty host the night of live entertainment, dancing, a 50/50 cash raffle and heavy appetizers (cash bar). Tickets for \$60 (two for \$100) are available through www.eventbrite.com. For more information, call CCCR at 643-3908 or visit www.collierchildcare.org.



■ **The San Marco Knights of Columbus Assembly 2514** host a Senior Prom Dinner Dance from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the San Marco Parish Center on Marco Island. Dinner by Frisco's will include Caesar salad, chateaubriand with port wine glaze, potatoes, asparagus and Godiva chocolate cake. DJ Scott Dean will spin the best tunes from the '50s and '60s, and the prom king and queen will be crowned. Tickets for \$55 (cash bar) are available at the church office or by calling 642-9840, 450-4065 or (201) 681-8988.

■ The eighth annual **Batfish Bash for the Bay** to benefit **Friends of Rookery Bay** takes place from 6-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Sen. Garrett Richter is honorary chair of the evening that includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, "wild" silent and live auctions, buffet dinner catered by Artichoke & Co. and dancing under the stars to the band Girl Meets Boy. Sponsors include Arthrex, Minto, First Florida Integrity Bank, Collier Enterprises, the Dellora A. & Lester J. Norris Foundation, Naples Daily News, Florida Weekly and StoreSmart Self-Storage. For tickets or more information, visit www.rookerybay.org.

■ **The Southwest Florida Heart Ball: "Dive into the Blue"** to benefit the American Heart Association is set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Jeff and Liz Allbritten chair the gala, and Kelly Burns of NBC2 emcees. Signature sponsors are Florida SouthWestern State College and Skanska; additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Tickets are \$500. For more information, call Kaleigh Rodden at the AHA at 495-4912 or email kaleigh.rodde@heart.org.

■ **The Marco Players** invite friends to figure out whodunit on a two-hour mystery cruise aboard the Marco Prin-

cess on Monday evening, March 20. J. Robert "The Florida Fiddler" will entertain while guests solve the murder. Tickets are \$100 (cash bar). To sign up, call Sunshine Tours at 642-5415.



■ **The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida** hosts **Triumph 2017: "The Freedom Writers Story"** on Wednesday evening, March 22, at Quail West Golf and Country Club. Guest speaker Erin Gruwell, the teacher/author profiled in the 2007 movie "Freedom Writers" starring Hilary Swank, will share her insights on the life-changing power of education. Tickets are \$275. Numerous sponsorships packages are available. For more information, call Tim Morrison at 263-9200 or email tim@holocaustmuseumSWFL.org.



■ **"Couture, Cuisine and Charity"** to benefit **Friends of Foster Children Forever** takes place from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Village on Venetian Bay.

Guests will enjoy a runway fashion show hosted by Walker Henry featuring designs from Village boutiques. Village restaurants and retailers will offer wine and culinary samplings. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 on the night of the event. Reservations are suggested.

The 10th annual Boots & Boogie Bash to benefit FFCF takes place Saturday, March 25, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Proceeds will help fund educational mentoring for local foster children. Event co-chairs are Rob Wilson and Rio DeArmond. The "Boots & Blind" evening includes cocktails and dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment by Pzazz Productions and dancing to the Blue Stone Circle Band. Celebrity emcees are Krista Fogelsong of ABC-7 and Brian Roland to Crave Culinaire. Tickets are \$250 per person, \$350 per patron and \$3,500 for a patron table.

For tickets to or information about either of the above events, call 262-1808 or visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.



■ The **2017 NCH Magnolia Ball** is set for Saturday, March 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort to benefit the hospital system's oncology programs, specifically to launch a comprehensive cancer navigation program. Navigators work with cancer patients and their families to help guide them along the often difficult and intimidating path through cancer care. Courtney and Kevin Beebe are this year's Magnolia Ball chairs. For more information, call Monica Biondo at the NCH Healthcare System Foundation at 624-2000 or email foundation@nchmd.org.

■ The **Alpha-1 Foundation** hosts **"Anchors Away for Alpha-1"** on Thursday evening, March 30, at the Naples Yacht Club. Keynote speaker Dr. Robert Sandhaus of National Jewish Health will discuss "Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: What You Need to Know about Genetic COPD and Liver Disease."

Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency is a genetic disorder that can cause liver disease in children and lung or liver disease in adults. It is one of the leading causes of liver transplantation in children, and it is more prevalent than cystic fibrosis in the U.S. population. Since its inception in 1995, the Alpha-1 Foundation has funded more than \$65 million in research and programs for Alpha-1.

Tickets are \$200. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Jeanne Kushner, senior director of development for the Alpha-1 Foundation, at (877) 228-7321, ext. 204, or email jkushner@alpha1.org.

■ The second annual **Foolin' Around in the Garden: "Fantasy + Fortune | Frolic + Fun"** to benefit **Naples Botanical Garden** takes place Saturday, April 1, at the Garden. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and entertainment in the Chabraja Visitor Center followed by dinner, dancing and "diversions" at 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs are Mary Ann and Bill Bindley. Tickets start at \$550. Sponsorships including a table for 10 range from \$5,500 to \$10,000. For more information, visit www.naplesgarden.org.

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■ Catering company **Crave Culinaire** introduces its new event space, Venue Naples, with a five-course tasting menu and wine pairings at 6 p.m. Friday, March 10. Guests can tour the art gallery while sipping champagne before sitting down to dinner. \$125, reservations required. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or info@venue naples.com.

■ Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at **Hook Brewing Co.** starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, with live music by Roots Almighty and Them Hamilton Boys. Enjoy \$5 pints of Isle Be Black Irish Stout and Liquid Lass Red Ale and a special cask tapping of surprise craft beers at 3 p.m. 1514 Immokalee Road. 631-8522 or www.bonehookbrewing.com.

■ **Whole Foods Market** at Mercato hosts Wine Down Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. March 15. Purchase a wristband for \$10 and help yourself to wine and cheese stations throughout the store. Proceeds benefit Whole Planet Foundation's efforts to create economic opportunities for women in the developing world. 552-5100 or www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

■ Cru night at **Osteria Tulia** on Wednesday, March 15, features pours of Orma Toscana Rosso 2012 and a two-course meal prepared by Chef Vincenzo Betulia. The "super-Tuscan" wine described as a full-bodied, "chewy" Bordeaux blend will be available that evening until the limited supply runs out. On the menu: caramelized cauliflower with whipped ricotta with toasted hazelnuts and wood-grilled beef tenderloin with porcini mushrooms, rosemary and garlic.



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\$60. Reservations required. Call 213-2073 or visit www.tulianaples.com.

■ **Naples Wine Collection** hosts a tasting of California wines from vintners including Truchard, Saddleback and Titus from 5-6:30 Friday, March 17. \$25, with discounts offered on bottles of the featured wines to take home. 367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 513-0095 or www.napleswinecollection.com.

■ **Ridgeway Bar & Grill** hosts a book signing, cooking demonstration and tasting with Brian Talley, president of Talley Vineyards and Talley Farms, from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 20. Guests will enjoy

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■ **Brio Tuscan Grill** at Waterside Shops serves up a special lunch menu, "A Variety of Flavors," through April 15. Dishes include lobster and black pepper shrimp ravioli, spicy shrimp and eggplant and butterscotch budino. 593-5319 or www.brioitalian.com.

■ **21 Spices** now offers a three-course early bird menu from 5-6 p.m. for \$35, including a glass of wine. Dishes include chicken tikka skewers, lamb rogan josh and gulab jamun. Chef Asif Syed also holds cooking classes featuring Indian cuisine from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through March. \$65. Reservations required for classes. 919-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com.

■ In observance of the Lenten season, **The Local** offers \$15 dinner specials featuring fresh Florida fish every day through April 15 (Holy Saturday). Depending on availability, sustainably harvested triggerfish, amberjack, margate, grouper, snapper and golden tilefish are on the menu. Diners can select the chef's recommended preparation or choose to have the catch of the day sautéed or grilled. The entrée can be served atop greens as a salad or with two sides. 596-3276 or www.thelocalnaples.com.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com - Sweet & Savory Tastes of the Season: Friday, March 10 (\$75); Captivating Cassis: Thursday, March 16 (\$75); Treasures of the Mediterranean: Wednesday, March 22 (\$75).

Purple Spoon, 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs; 908-3842 or www.chefkristina.com - French Country Cooking: Thursday, March 9 (\$67); Bulletproof Your Health: Friday, March 10 (\$58); Indulgent Snacks with a Healthy Twist: Saturday, March 11 (\$50); A Bounty of Seafood: Thursday, April 13 (\$74).

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The Dish: Signature Chicken Breast Wrap

The Price: \$8

The Place: Whole Foods Market Mercato, 552-5100; www.wholefoodsmarket.com

The Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday (juice bar, wine bar and salad bar close an hour earlier)

The Details: Got a hankering for a hearty, healthy lunch in a hurry? Go see Gustavo at the sandwich station at Whole Foods, where my go-to order is the Signature Chicken Breast Wrap. It's packed with roasted chicken, lettuce, tomato, roasted red peppers and fresh buffalo mozzarella, all topped with pesto and a yummy chipotle aioli and neatly swaddled in a fresh tortilla (I recommend the spinach one).

One more thing: When you're really in a rush, grab a pre-made sandwich and hit the road. ■

— Nicole Ryan, nryan@floridaweekly.com

PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Coastal Peruvian Seafood & Grill, 5477 Airport-Pulling Road N., Naples; 631-6943

Owners Chris and Fabiola Santos are hospitable and helpful as they introduce guests to the menu at their lovely establishment. We enjoyed the Ceviche 200 Miles, a sprightly blend of shrimp, squid, mussels, fish, red onions, sweet potato and corn that had a bite but wasn't fiery hot. Marina sliders held fried red snapper fillets topped with aji amarillo-pineapple chimichurri on firm, yeasty mini-buns. The Poseidon Fest was a montage of seafood cooked in the restaurant's Jospur oven, which renders proteins crisp outside, juicy within. And the Savage Tacu Tacu was a great rendition of rice and lentil pancakes with a tender skirt steak and sweet plantains. For dessert, you'll want to try the chocolucuma, a pie with an Oreo crumb crust, caramel-flavored lucuma and a drizzle of chocolate sauce. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed January 2016

Coconut Jack's Waterfront Grille, 5370 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 676-7777

The screened deck overlooking the bay is expansive and incomparable — one of Coconut Jack's main attractions. With appetizers in the relatively pricey \$11.95-\$15.95 range, you might want to share them or make a lighter meal by sampling a few instead



with littleneck clams, green mussels, shrimp and lobster. From the regular menu, you can't go wrong with one of the half-dozen veal dishes, the risottos or the handmade gnocchi. For dessert, the cannoli and cheesecake both are filled with an ethereal blend of ricotta and triple-cream mascarpone. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed January 2016

Jimmy P's Charred, 1833 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 643-6238

Jimmy P's Butcher Shop & Deli has long been the place where discerning chefs acquire their meats. Now those meats star at an adjoining steakhouse with a decidedly down-to-earth atmosphere. Chef Chris Degenova not only knows his way around meat, he makes his own burrata, focaccia, pasta, sauces and desserts. He also knows how to handle seafood. An exquisite tuna tartare was topped with truffle cream, quail egg, shoestring potatoes, shaved black truffles and edible flowers. A salad with burrata, heirloom tomatoes, golden beets, shaved black truffles and basil citrique was also excellent. The surf and turf consisted of a 6-ounce Wagyu petite filet mignon and 6-ounce lobster tail, accompanied by grilled asparagus and mashed potatoes). A lemon goat-cheese meringue with graham crust and wild berry coulis made a perfect finish. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed December 2015 ■

of ordering entrees. The tequila oysters Rockefeller offered a clever and delectable twist on a traditional dish. Our main course also presented some surprises: a dry grouper fillet under a panko crust and surprisingly good baby back ribs (for a seafood restaurant, no less). For dessert, the coconut cream pie from Dolly's Produce Patch & Eatery is not to be missed. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed June 2016

Ristorante Farfalla, 21301 Tamiami Trail, Estero; 495-9912

Chef-owner Michael Fattah has maintained his commitment to top-shelf ingredients, freshly made pasta, lighter sauces and handmade desserts since opening Farfalla in 1998. No garlic knots or meatball subs here; calamari and penne alla vodka are the closest things to culinary clichés. Mr. Fattah's fresh pasta is a must-have, and it might be as dazzling as a special of squid ink and saffron fettuccine

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CUISINE REVIEW

New chef and concept add up to a great catch at Ramada Inn



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Choose from three types of bao bun taco — crisp pork belly, shrimp or mushroom — or have one of each.

There are properties that pass from hand to hand and fail to thrive. I was beginning to suspect that the Ramada Inn's restaurant on Tamiami Trail might be one of those. While Pate's lasted about eight years, Pompano Grill and Jimmy's Bait and Tackle had much shorter runs.

The sprawling 200-seat restaurant and bar needed something more than just OK to keep it filled and profitable.

I read in the fall that a New Jersey family had taken ownership and planned to make it into a gastropub. And so they have, with the ever-so-creative Executive Chef David Lani, who provided much of the culinary inspiration behind the start of trendy 7th Avenue Social.

He's moved uptown a bit and his new place, Catch 41, is even more casual, but the food remains fun and fanciful, as you'd expect from a Culinary Institute of America alum who has also succeeded in Las Vegas, a very competitive restaurant town.

Catch 41 doesn't look vastly different from its predecessor, Jimmy's. Loads of black and white fishing and vacation photos still line the walls as you walk in, and the turquoise walls of the bar and dining room are still draped with nets, shells and other marine kitsch.

But it seems as if a wall has been removed between the bar and dining room and some booths have been eliminated to make a small area for a band. On the Saturday night of our visit, the group Rock Solid was in the house and doing a fine job of delivering just-loud-enough renditions of songs by John Mellencamp, the Doobie Brothers, Eric Clapton and others.

Meanwhile, a good-sized service staff was deployed around the room, attending to an equally good-sized crowd intent on enjoying themselves.

Everything that came out of the kitchen and passed by our table looked terrific. I didn't order the Angus sliders, but quite a few other customers did and they looked fabulous: thick mini burgers tucked into Hawaiian rolls with grilled onion, lettuce, tomato, bacon, American

cheese, Thousand Island dressing and pickles.

Pretty much everything on the menu is scaled down so you don't feel guilty ordering a number of items — well, we didn't anyway. The menu also features lots of locally caught fish and other local items, which you might not expect in a place like this. Ditto for the house-made infused cocktails.

First up: cucumber mojitos (\$9.50) — mmmmm! These melded cucumber vodka, simple syrup, seltzer, lime, mint and fresh cucumber into a refreshing beverage that was delicious on its own and went just fine with our starters.

The first consisted of three perfect Maryland style mini crab cakes, each dabbled with a bit of remoulade, topped with a little edible flower and served atop a bed of grilled Mexican street corn and chunks of cotija, a firm white cheese.

Catch 41 offers three types of bao bun tacos (\$9.50), which resemble the buns you get with Peking duck. There's a choice of three varieties, and I chose one of each. I tried the crispy pork belly with charred jalapenos, mango, bourbon glaze and garlicky mayo first. It was a little messy, but the flavors and textures worked well together. The blackened shrimp with kim chee slaw and teriyaki glaze was equally messy and tasty. I think my favorite was the wild mushrooms with hoisin, onion and cucumber. The mushrooms were the stars of this



Roasted cauliflower is one of the side dishes at Catch 41.

little bun/taco and they were exceptionally rich, the condiments served to enhance their flavor.

My companion opted for the nightly special — red grouper — served as sliders (\$16.50). The other option is to have it cooked and served on a plate. The pieces of fish were flavorful but on the small side and got a bit lost amidst the lettuce, tomato, red onion and tartar sauce on them.

The pair of mini hot butter poached cold water lobster rolls (\$19.50) started with classic hot dog rolls stuffed with lobster that was topped with garlic burre blanc and a sprinkling of smoked paprika. I'd have preferred larger chunks of lobster and a bit less sauce so the combination wasn't so rich, but one was plenty to satisfy me after the appetizer.

We each ordered a side as well. My companion was happy with his crisp

hand-cut fries (\$4.50) and I loved my personal skillet of roasted cauliflower with garlic and Parmesan (\$5.50).

For dessert, we tried the stout beer milk chocolate pudding with beer cream (\$6.50). A distinct beer flavor dominated the pudding, which is fine if you like beer. It's not my favorite thing, so I probably should have tried something else. Nonetheless, it had vanilla wafers throughout and lots of whipped cream along with fresh strawberries and blueberries, making for a dessert substantial enough to share.

Service was excellent throughout the meal. Our server, Molly, was busy but managed to keep an eye on us throughout our meal. So did a manager who checked to see how we liked each course. An expeditor delivered dishes so they didn't get cold sitting in the kitchen waiting to be served.

If this place doesn't make it here, nothing will. It's a great catch — and that's not a fish story. ■

in the know

Catch 41 Bar 'n' Grill, Ramada Inn,

1100 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 263-6046

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

- >> **Hours:** 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** No
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Snacks and salads, \$7.50-\$17.50; small entrees and sammies, \$10.50-\$19.50
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Seating:** Banquettes, conventional tables, at the bar, tables outside near the pool
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Handcrafted food and cocktails
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Minto offering builder incentive In Dundee at TwinEagles

Minto Florida is offering a \$25,000 builder incentive to be applied to options, upgrades or closing costs for newly constructed homes in TwinEagles' Dundee neighborhood. Seven new construction contracts have been processed in Dundee since January 1. Secluded 62 x 135-foot single-family home sites feature water, preserve, and golf course views. Minto is presenting seven floor plans in Dundee. The neighborhood offers a final opportunity to purchase a 2,600 to 3,800 square feet under air residence in the \$600,000 to \$800,000 price range at TwinEagles. Twenty-five buildable sites, some of which have not been released for sale, remain available. A golf membership is included with the purchase of every new home at TwinEagles.

The Dundee neighborhood is on a cul-de-sac in the northernmost section of TwinEagles. Lakes at all four corners of the neighborhood contribute to Dundee's tranquil setting that is further enhanced by walking and biking trails that weave their way through TwinEagles' heralded natural tableau. The privacy afforded by Dundee's setting is rarely found within gated communities in Southwest Florida.

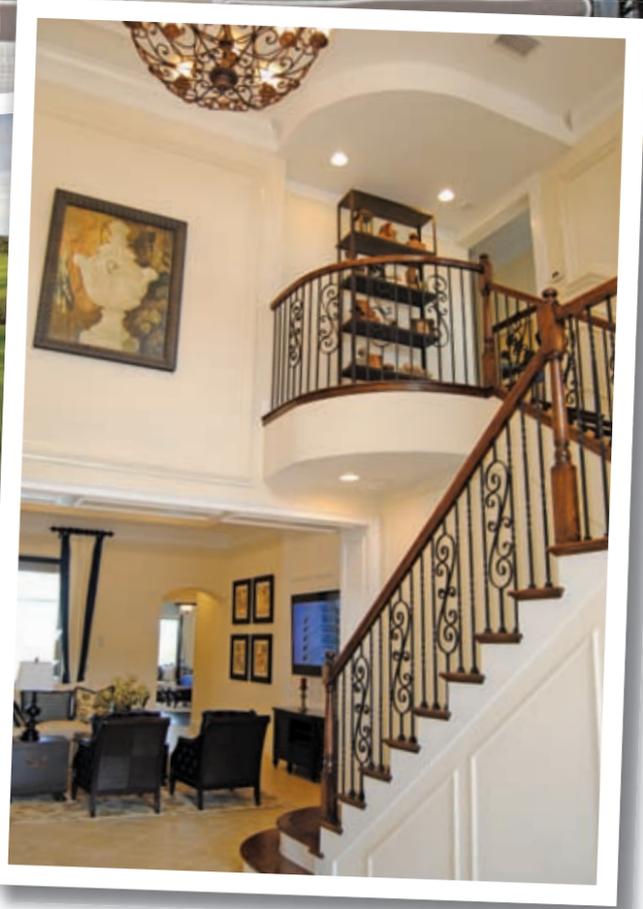
Four of Minto's seven Dundee floor plans achieved sales success in TwinEagles' Lockford, Wisteria, and Hollybrook neighborhoods. The popular 3,811 square-foot under air, two-story Turnberry Grand great room floor plan includes three bedrooms, three full-baths and two half-baths, a study, formal dining room, a spacious lanai with an outdoor kitchen, an upstairs bonus room with a covered outdoor terrace, and a three-car garage with a tandem space that offers the possibility of including an additional air conditioned room. The 2,899 square feet under air Inverness plan also offers three bedrooms plus a study, two baths, a great room and island kitchen, a formal dining room, a covered and screened lanai, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. A fourth bedroom, media room, and a cabana bath are also available.

The spacious 2,905 square-feet under air, Prestwick Grand great room floor plan includes two bedrooms, two full-baths and one half-bath, a study, a large sitting room,

a formal dining room, an island kitchen that includes a pass-through to a spacious lanai that features an outdoor kitchen, and a two-car garage. The home's perfectly sized 20'2" x 22'6" great room showcases a 12' to 14' double coffered ceiling and fully opens to the lanai. The 2,842 square feet under air Turnberry great room plan also offers two bedrooms, two full-baths and one half-bath, and a study. A large island kitchen and dining area combine with the great room to create a flowing living space that opens to a covered and screened lanai. A three-car garage includes a tandem space that offers the possibility of including an additional air conditioned room.

Minto's floor plan choices in Dundee also include the St. Andrews, Birkdale, and Prestwick plans. The 3,180 square feet under air St. Andrews plan features a formal living room, dining room, family room, island kitchen, a covered and screened lanai, three bedrooms, a study, three baths, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. The 2,840 square feet under air Birkdale plan offers formal living and dining rooms, three bedrooms, three baths, a study, an island kitchen and family room, a screened and covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The comfortable Prestwick great room plan includes 2,642 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, an island kitchen, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. The great room opens to a screened and covered lanai.

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The Dundee residences are ideally suited to TwinEagles' traditional country club lifestyle. The community has been recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club, a designation accorded to the top five-percent of private clubs throughout the world. The magazine developed the award program to help vitalize and preserve the institution of private clubs by fostering a ceaseless drive to improve the member experience provided by private clubs worldwide. To be a Distinguished Emerald Club, the club must provide a member experience at a level attained by only the finest clubs in the world. Boardroom's criteria for member experience include intangible quality, service quality, governance quality, facility quality, and product quality.

The TwinEagles' golf experience is at the heart of the community. Set against a splendid backdrop of the community's towering oaks, palm trees, and lush landscaping, TwinEagles' Talon Golf Course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son. The Talon course hosted the 2017 Chubb Classic PGA TOUR's Champions Tour event in February. Designed by Steve Smyers, the Eagle Course was named "Best New U.S. Private Course of the Year" by Golf Magazine.

TwinEagles' amenity center includes a 2,500 square foot pool with a spa, zero-entry feature, and a sunning deck. A Tiki lounge and dining venue and lighted Har-Tru tennis courts are located adjacent to

Above: Minto's 2,905 square-feet under air Prestwick Grand floor plan in Dundee at TwinEagles features a perfectly sized 20'2" x 22'6" great room that showcases a 12' to 14' double coffered ceiling and fully opens to the lanai. TwinEagles Talon and Eagle golf courses are set against a splendid backdrop of towering oaks, palm trees, and lush landscaping. Minto Florida's 3,811 square feet, two-story Turnberry Grand floor plan is one of seven plans offered in TwinEagles' Dundee neighborhood. Minto is offering a \$25,000 builder incentive to be applied to options, upgrades or closing costs for newly constructed homes in Dundee.

the pool. A 6,430 square foot fitness center includes locker rooms, areas for aerobics and yoga, as well as a fitness hall with state-of-the-art exercise equipment. The amenity center complements TwinEagles' 47,000 square-foot Clubhouse. The Clubhouse's wrap-around verandahs overlook preserve views and the finishing holes of both courses. The Clubhouse also offers an unparalleled dining experience.

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Completed estate residences and grand estate home sites available at Talis Park

The Talis Park community in North Naples announced that a choice selection of grand estate home sites and Showcase Estate residences is available for purchase. Luxury homebuyers continue to be captivated by Talis Park's amenity rich lifestyle that includes a Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf course, the dining, fitness, spa, and resort-style pool at the award-winning Vyne House clubhouse, lighted tennis courts, bocce ball, and a lap pool at the community's Sports Complex, and the Casa Cortese Grille, a lounge adjacent to the Talis Park Golf Club's pristine driving range that has been transformed into a sports center complete with a pool table, shuffle board, darts, and a high-tech golf simulator.

Five developer owned and two builder owned grand estate home sites are available for purchase in Talis Park's Park's Firenze neighborhood. Firenze is an exclusive, gated neighborhood with thirteen grand estate home sites measuring more than one acre that offer long range views of multiple fairways and lakes on Talis Park's golf course. The Firenze home sites are priced from \$1.695 million and are situated within minutes of the community's Great Lawn and the Vyne House clubhouse. With its exquisite views and proximity to Talis Park's amenity core, Firenze is the only neighborhood that offers both a park-like setting and immediate access to Vyne House.

Four furnished Showcase Estate residences are available in Talis Park's Prato neighborhood. With 125' x 175' estate home sites overlooking the fairways of Talis Park's golf course, glittering lakes, preserves, and citrus orchards, Prato offers an In the Park lifestyle. The Showcase Estate models range from 5,900 to 6,820 square feet under air and are priced from \$4.495 million. No developer owned home sites remain available in Prato. Model residences by Gulfshore Home, McGarvey Custom Homes, M Development and Sunwest Homes offer a final opportunity to enjoy the neighborhood's renowned estate living experience. Three pre-owned Prato estates are also available.

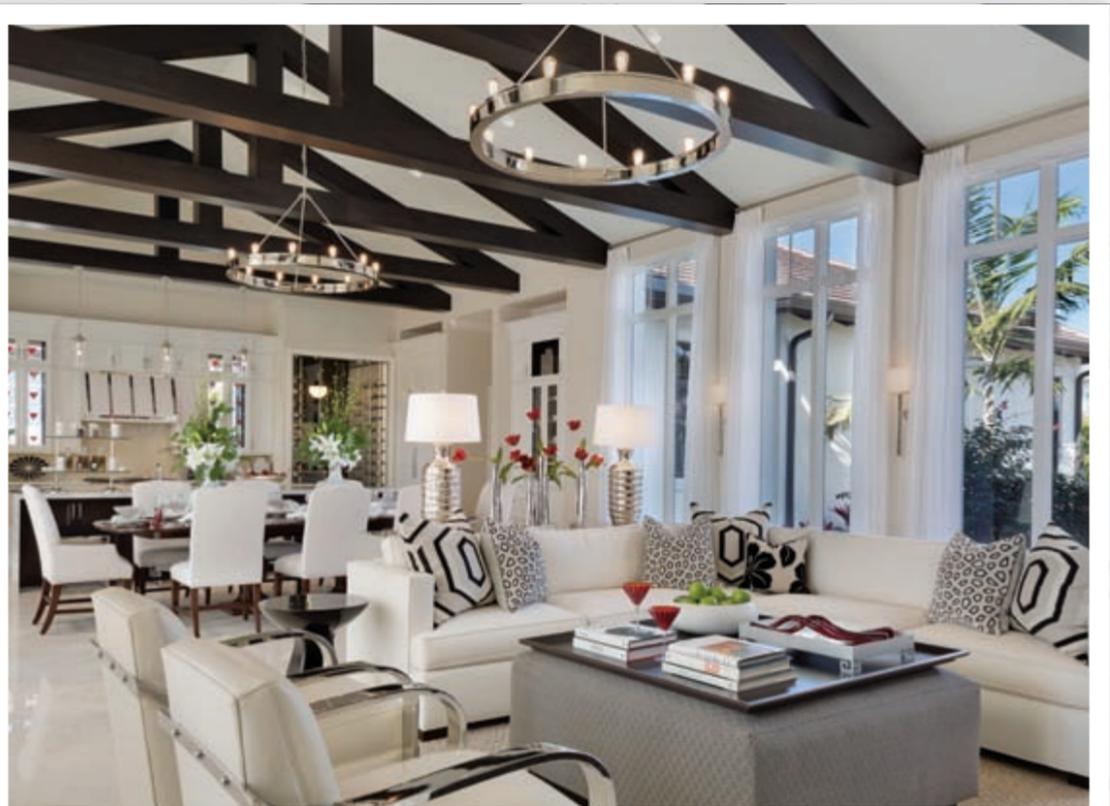
Gulfshore's Dorado model features an interior by Lusía "Lou" Shafran, Principal Designer and CEO at Pacifica Interior Design in Naples. The residence offers a total of 8,862 square feet with 6,336 square feet under air. The floor plan includes an expansive entry foyer and parlour, and a massive great room that opens to a covered terrace and a spacious outdoor living area that will include a large conversation and dining area, a summer kitchen with an island bar, and a custom designed pool and spa. The great room flows into a large dining area and a double-island gourmet kitchen. The open concept floor plan includes a study, four bedrooms, and a four-car garage. The Dorado is offered at \$4,849,000 with furnishings.

McGarvey's completed two-story furnished Astaire estate model encompasses 11,110 square feet with 6,820 square feet under air. The Astaire floor plan includes a foyer and living room with a see-through view, a formal dining room, a massive grand room that includes a wet bar and flows into a spacious island kitchen and breakfast area, a study, four bedrooms, including a first floor master suite that features a bath with his and her vanities and water closets and a private garden with an outdoor shower, a second floor VIP suite, flex room, wet bar, and covered terrace, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, island bar, fireplace, pool and spa, and a pair of two-car garages. The Astaire is priced at \$4,695,900 and showcases an interior designed and executed by Arlynn McDaniel of Freestyle Interiors.



Sunwest's sprawling Grand Santa Barbara estate home in Prato features an interior by Design West. The home's two-story design includes a total of 9,200 square feet with 5,900 square feet under air. The floor plan includes a great room, wet bar, island kitchen, and dining area that open to an immense outdoor living area with a large sitting area, summer kitchen and dining space, a pool bath, and a custom pool and spa. A master suite and two guest suites are located on the first floor. The second floor is devoted to a second master suite, a covered terrace, and a sun deck. Construction of the Grand Santa Barbara is expected to be completed in May. The furnished model is priced at \$4,495,000.

Scheduled for completion in June, M Development's two-story, 6,272 square feet under air Villa Cipriani estate model is priced at \$4,700,000 fully-furnished. A grand foyer and formal living room offer a see-through view of a sprawling paved deck that includes a custom pool and spa overlooking golf course views. A formal dining room is served by a butler's pantry. The open living room and dining room flow easily into a gourmet kitchen, dinette, and a family room that opens to a covered lanai with an outdoor kitchen and fireplace. A study overlooks a lushly landscaped area at the front of the residence. The owner's suite has a sitting area overlooking the pool and spa as well as a master bath with a walk-in shower. A guest suite is also located on the first floor. A second guest suite, a junior master suite, a spacious loft, gaming area, and covered terrace are located on the second floor. The Villa Cipriani features an interior by licensed interior designers Luanza



Top: McGarvey Custom Homes' furnished Astaire Showcase Estate model in Prato at Talis Park is priced at \$4,695,900 and showcases an interior designed and executed by Arlynn McDaniel of Freestyle Interiors. **Middle:** Gulfshore Homes' furnished Dorado estate model is one of four Showcase Estate residences available in Talis Park's prestigious Prato neighborhood. The Dorado is the second of the final four Showcase Estate models to be completed in Prato. **Bottom:** The more than one-acre grand estate home sites in Talis Park's Firenze neighborhood are literally minutes from the dining, fitness, spa, and resort-style pool venues at the community's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse.

Maitland and Sydney Leigh Warren of Norris Furniture & Interiors.

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Outside, the club offers a tropical waterfall pool with Junior Olympic lap lanes, a children's splash pool, an event lawn and a fire pit. There are also beach volleyball and bocce ball courts and a beckoning view of Kontiki Island.

The neighboring Outrigger Center provides paddleboards, kayaks and canoes to explore Eagle Lake, the island and the mile-long lakefront along Picayune Strand State Forest. The center's two Duffy boats, Tranquility and Little Skipper, also offer lake and island cruises. Inside, a flex space is available for game days, special events and other activities.

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Above: Naples Reserve Island Club. Middle: Naples Reserve Island Club grand hall. Bottom: Naples Reserve fitness center.

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Phase II residents closing and moving into Naples Square

Phase II residents at Naples Square are closing on their purchase contracts and moving into their new residences. Property manager Vesta Property Services is scheduling move-in dates. Naples Square is being developed by The Ronto Group at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Naples Square's walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Naples Square's walkable lifestyle and the availability of one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces continue to transform how people live in Naples' downtown district.

The Phase II building is approaching sell-out. Six purchase opportunities remain available, including four residences ranging from 1,529 to 2,857 square feet under air priced from the mid-\$700's. The plans feature open-concept living areas, open-air terraces, controlled access under-building parking, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage.

Two Phase II models are expected to open early this month and a third model is expected to open later in March. Previously sold Phase I Denison and Essex models are open for tours with a sales associate. Sales associates are available at the Sales Gallery at 100 South Goodlette-Frank Road or at Phase I unit 101 at Third Avenue South and 10th Street.

Two Phase II Franklin residences are available. The two-story Phase II Franklin offers 2,857 square feet with three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a living room with a two-story ceiling and double-stacked windows, a dining room, island kitchen, and a second floor with a large flex room, the owner's suite, a guest suite, laundry room, and a glass tube elevator. A glass-enclosed shower, soaking tub, and separate vanities are included in the owner's bath. The Phase II Franklin features an oversized one-car garage accessed from the residence and is base-priced at \$1,400,000. The remaining Phase II Franklin residences feature upgraded finishes, including Sheer Glow porcelain tile flooring in the first floor living areas, on the grand staircase, and in the upstairs loft; Frosty White Shaker-style cabinetry, Cloud Nine Pompei Quartz countertops, a drawer microwave incorporated in the island, and a KitchenAid vent hood over the cooktop in the kitchen; a Pneumatic Vacuum elevator with an anodized silver finish; and a powder coated aluminum staircase railing with 3/16-inch stainless steel cables. The railing matches the elevator's metal frame.

Two Phase II Denison residences remain. The Phase II Denison offers 2,264 square feet plus a 290 square feet balcony. Based-priced at \$1,075,000, the plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen, and a wrap-around balcony accessed from the family room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony, walk-in closets, and a bath with separate vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet.



Above: Base-priced at \$695,000, the Phase III Astoria great room plan at Naples Square offers 1,460 square feet of living space plus a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The Phase III Astoria residences are east and west facing. Modeled after the 2,934 square feet under air Phase I Franklin floor plan, the two-story Phase III Fenwick plan at Naples Square offers 3,238 square feet under air, a 10% increase in air conditioned space. Phase III reservations are now being converted to contracts. Right: Base-priced at \$845,000, the 1,698 square feet under air Phase III Biltmore plan at Naples Square includes a 242 square feet open-air balcony. The two-bedroom plus den, great room plan includes a spacious counter-height island kitchen with a stainless steel sink, dishwasher and a food preparation area.

One Phase II penthouse Chelsea residence is available. Priced at \$914,000, the Phase II Chelsea two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath plan includes 1,843 square feet under air and a 238 square feet balcony. The great room, master bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. The plan features a kitchen with a peninsula bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The owner's suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub.

One Phase II Ballard residence also remains available. The two-bedroom plus den, two-bath plan offers 1,529 square feet under air plus a 203 square feet balcony and is base-priced at \$740,000. The great room, master bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. An optional pocketing door can provide ensuite guest quarters. A counter-height island in the kitchen offers seating, a stainless steel sink, dishwasher and a food preparation area.

Ronto is now converting Phase III reservations to contracts. Construction



is expected to start upon permit approval. Eight Phase III floor plans from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air are priced from \$695,000. The one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den plans include open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. The plans feature 10' ceilings, designer kitchens, chic owners' bedrooms, and designer flooring.

Two of the Phase III Emerson residences remain available. The plan offers 2,830 square feet under air. The plan's great room, dining room, owner's bedroom, and one of the two guest bedrooms open to a south-facing 366 square feet balcony. Base-priced at \$1,495,000, the plan includes a den, island kitchen, a foyer with a ceiling detail, three-and-a-half baths, and a laundry room. The owner's suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass enclosed

shower, and a separate water closet.

Phase III residents will enjoy a courtyard amenity deck with an enlarged pool deck and a pool 29% larger than the Phase I and Phase II pools. The redesign provides larger poolside seating and outdoor dining tables. The new design also includes two tables under the pavilion adjacent to the pool. Gas grills with sinks and seating areas with firepits will enhance the outdoor experience. A club room and a terrace will open to the pool area and include a bar, television, billiards room, and furnished fire pit areas on the courtyard level. Other amenities include a fitness center, secure under-building parking, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage.

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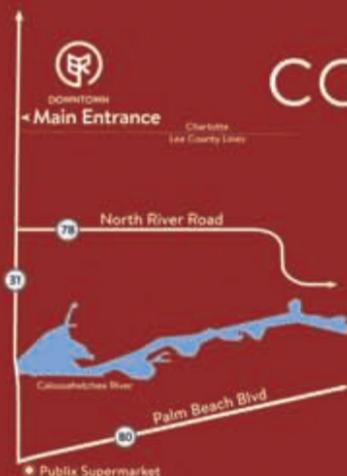
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Strong sales continue at Ronto's Seaglass Tower

With construction of 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay progressing at a rapid pace and on schedule for completion in just 15 months, The Ronto Group announced 64 sales contracts worth over \$125 million have been processed. An additional three contracts worth nearly \$5 million are pending. The building is more than 50% sold. Seaglass is situated just 600 feet from Estero Bay, making it one of the closest to the water's edge of the high-rises under construction on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast. Open-concept floor plans with tall ceilings take advantage of mangrove, water, and sunset views. Ronto has eschewed the traditional high-rise builder practice of providing decorator ready residences that require additional time and investment. Seaglass offers brand new, fully-completed, and ready-for-occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available.

The Seaglass penthouse residences have been sold. A choice selection of tower residences ranging from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and priced from just over \$1.1 million remains available. The tower residences will include dual private elevator grand foyers, large island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan. One residence remains available on both the 8th and 10th floors, and two are available on the 7th, 11th, and 15th floors. Units in the 01 stack on the 3rd and 4th floors are priced from \$1,510,000 to \$1,535,000. Residences in the 06 stack on floors 3 through 7 and on the 15th floor are offered from \$1,510,000 to \$2,135,000.

Ronto is making a special opportunity available to purchasers of residences 2003 and 2004 on the 20th floor. In addition to selecting finishes for their new home through the Seaglass Finishing Touches Program, homebuyers may join the two units together to create a 6,200 square foot residence with scintillating views of the Gulf of Mexico. The expanded residence will come with four protected access under-building parking spaces. The 2003 and 2004 residences are individually priced at \$1,855,000 and at \$3,710,000 in the combined configuration.

The outdoor spaces in the Seaglass tower residences merge the indoor and outdoor living experience. The 301-306 tower residences enhance the indoor/outdoor experience even further. While the tower residences on floors four through nineteen include three terraces with a total of 525 square feet, the 301-306 residences offer extended terraces wrapped by planters and curved walls, paved decking material, a trellis that will provide a shaded seating area, and a gas grill. Units one and six on level three will offer a total of 1,460 square feet of terrace space; units two and five a total of 1,705 square feet; and units three and four a total of 1,610 square feet. Pricing for the 301-306 residences starts at \$1,180,000. A 306 model with an interior designed by Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors, is priced at \$1,825,000 with furnishings.

With concrete on the 11th floor already poured and a new floor being



Above: Seaglass Living Room Rendering: The expansive open-concept living spaces in the Seaglass tower residences include tall windows that maximize the view corridors in each residence. **Left: The kitchens in the Seaglass tower residences present a fresh clean aura and large islands that offer an ideal setting for entertaining.** **Below: The outdoor spaces included with the Seaglass tower residences offer an opportunity to merge the indoor and outdoor living experience while providing spectacular views of Southwest Florida's fabled sunsets.**

design and produce specialty pieces that can enhance both the look and the functionality of the home. These could include entertainment centers, integrated bookcases, built-ins, elegant buffets for the dining room, and unique furniture pieces. Future residents are invited to meet with the Finishing Touches Coordinator at the Design Studio and to include their own interior designer in the selection process. Future residents may also specify finishes from other sources. The Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions, Bonita Bay's amenities range from a 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center, to five championship golf courses, expanded tennis facilities, a full-service marina, numerous dining venues, a residents only private beach park, and a network of on-property hiking and biking trails. The three-story Lifestyle Center includes a nearly 20,000 square

feet world-class Fitness Center, a 9,000 square foot spa and salon, and the WAVE Café that serves healthy fast food, freshly made organic juices, and smoothies that can be enjoyed on-site or prepared to go.

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poured every two weeks, homebuyers interested in a residence on one of the building's lower to mid-level floors are urged to make their buying decisions now. Doing so will allow them to take advantage of The Ronto Group's innovative Finishing Touches Program. The Program is designed to assist future residents with finish selections and to ensure each residence meets individual buyer preferences. Opportunities to specify finish selections are becoming progressively limited as construction progresses.

The Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to select finishes for their new home's flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. A fully outfitted kitchen featuring the finishes and Thermadore appliances available at Seaglass is included at the Seaglass Design Studio, as well as stone, porcelain, and wood flooring and carpet

selections; granite, marble, and quartz countertops; decorative backsplash choices; trim, doors, faucets, and plumbing fixtures; and a gas grill. The Gulf Atlantic Design Group, the provider of cabinetry products at Seaglass, also works directly with future residents to

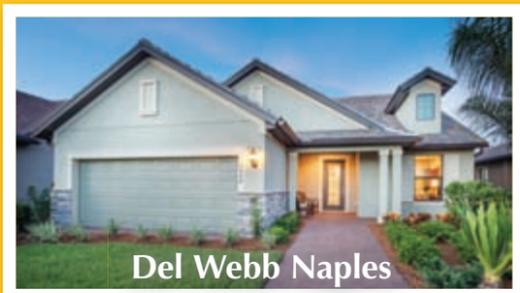


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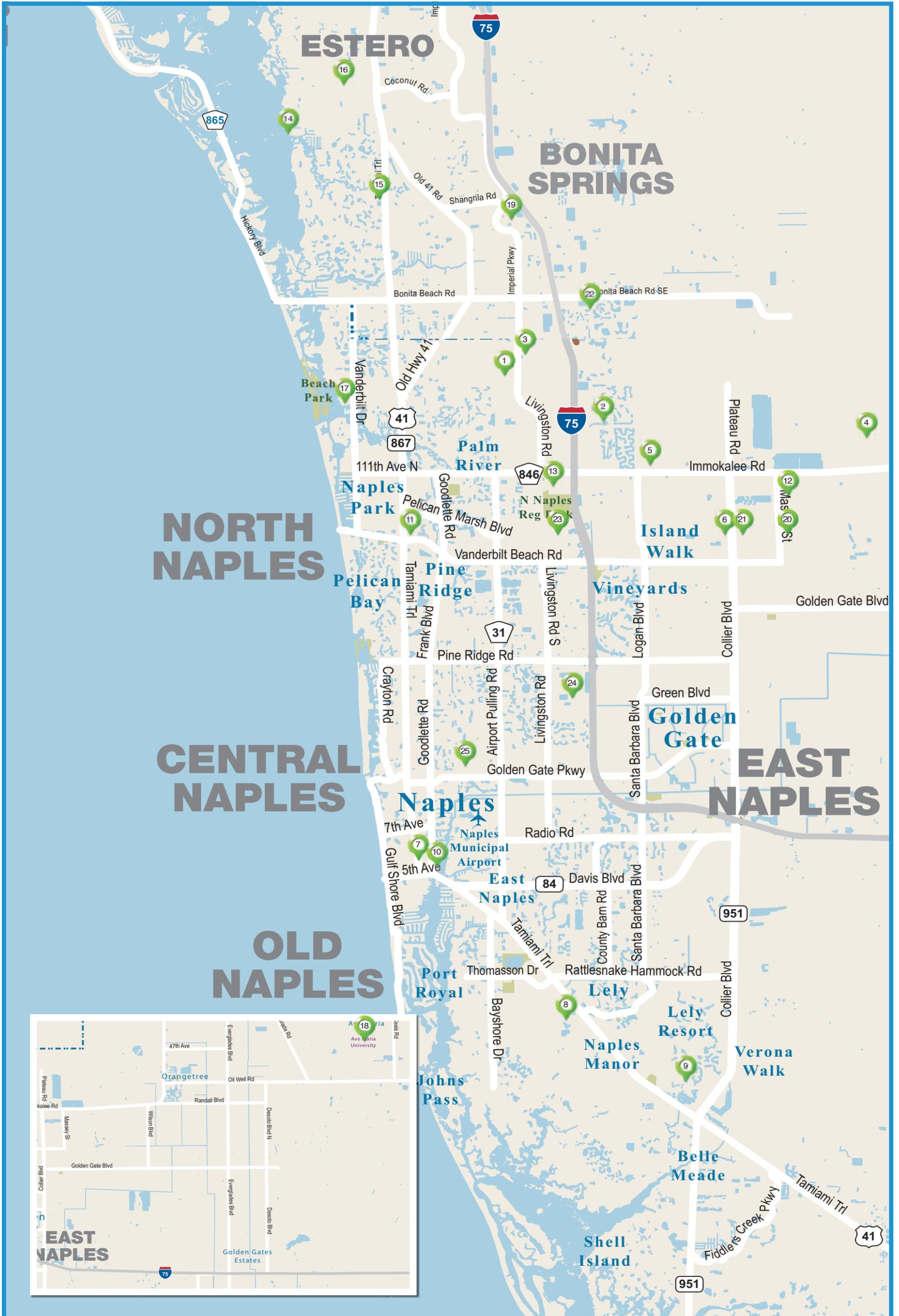
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Everyone welcomed to enjoy progress at Babcock Ranch during Founder's Festival Saturday and Sunday!



Kitson & Partners is inviting the public to enjoy the progress being made at Babcock Ranch during a two-day Founder's Festival event Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. The opening of the Festival will be preceded by the 2017 Sun Run at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Babcock Ranch is a new eco-centric town being developed by Kitson in Charlotte County 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31 just north of the Lee County Civic Center. Babcock Ranch is the first solar powered town in the world and will ultimately include 19,500 homes and nearly 50,000 residents.

Actively under construction, the new town is literally coming out of the ground. The Founder's Festival will celebrate the progress made thus far, including the completion of Founder's Square's event lawn, band shell, and boardwalk, the first buildings in Babcock's Downtown District, including Woodlea Hall, Curry Creek Outfitters, and the Table & Tap restaurant, as well as a fishing pier, dog park, the first four miles of the new town's trail network, and a number of new model homes. A formal grand opening will be held in first quarter, 2018 when additional buildings at Founder's Square have been completed.

Founder's Fest will feature two days of music, food trucks, a farmer's market, model home tours, kids' games, family activities, and more. Prior to the dedication of Founder's Square at 10:30 on Saturday, Babcock Ranch will host the 2017 Sun Run that will include a 10-K race starting at 7:30, a 5-K race starting at 8:00, and a one-mile Fun Run at 9:00. Registration for the 10-K and 5-K will continue Saturday morning and will require a \$20.00 day of event registration fee. The free one-mile Fun Run is open to runners and walkers of all ages and strollers are allowed. Johnson Engineering, Inc. is sponsoring a race breakfast and hand sanitizers for the runners' cinch bags. Dana Miller of Cypress Lake High School's Performing Arts group will perform the national anthem prior to the start of the 10-K.

Kitson & Partners' Chairman & CEO Syd Kitson will welcome Festival visitors

from the lakefront band shell at Founder's Square at 10:30 Saturday morning. Kitson will be joined on the stage by Babcock Ranch President Rick Severance, representatives from numerous partner organizations, and Charlotte and Lee County Commissioners as he formally dedicates Founder's Square with a ribbon cutting. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the festivities while sitting on the Square's open green.

Upon completion of the ribbon cutting, Festival visitors will be treated to a performance by the "Pride" of Port Charlotte High School Marching Band and the games and other activities will begin on the lawn at Founder's Square and in the parks in the Lake Timber residential neighborhood where visitors will have an opportunity to tour the first model homes completed at Babcock Ranch. Furnished models by Stock Development and Homes by Towne from Lake Timber's Longleaf and Heritage Collections respectively will be open for viewing on both Saturday and Sunday. Games and activities sponsored by Trifecta Construction Solutions and Fawcett Memorial Hospital on both days will include an egg toss, sack races, a water balloon toss, hula hoop, a tug of war, and a basketball free throw shooting contest. Kimley-Horn & Associates is sponsoring red maple and bald cypress trees for children to plant. The DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council and Peace River Arts & Humanities Council will feature active painting by artists on the Square's boardwalk overlooking Lake Babcock. Food and beverages will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on



Above: Babcock Ranch is a new eco-centric town under construction by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County just 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31. Babcock Ranch is the first solar powered town in the world. Left: Visitors to the Founder's Festival at Babcock Ranch will be welcomed at the lakefront Table & Tap restaurant that includes indoor and outdoor dining and a beer garden immediately adjacent to the green at Founder's Square. Below: Kitson & Partners is inviting the public to come enjoy the progress being made at Babcock Ranch during a two-day Founder's Festival event Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. The new town is literally coming out of the ground. The above rendering depicts how downtown Babcock Ranch and the surrounding area will appear at build-out.



Saturday and noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Downtown District. Those attending the Festival will also have an opportunity to experience Sunset Trail, the first stage of the 50-mile network of nature trails that will be enjoyed by Babcock's residents and visitors.

Musical performances sponsored by CenturyLink at Founders Square's band shell will be held throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, The Mystic River Band will play from noon to 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by headliner JP Soars & the Red Hots Band 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday's performances start at noon and include the Kollections Band from DeSoto County, The American Made Band from Charlotte County, and the headliner Ben Allen Band that will close the Festival with a performance from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Drawings for giveaways by five Babcock Ranch homebuilders will be held at 3:20 at the band shell.

Founder's Square is the heart of the

Downtown District at Babcock Ranch. Visitors to the Festival will have an opportunity to visit the information center at Woodlea Hall, Babcock's first civic building situated on the western edge of Founder's Square. Hikers, bikers, kayakers, boaters, and fishing enthusiasts will enjoy Curry Creek Outfitters located next door to Woodlea Hall. The lakefront Table & Tap restaurant includes indoor and outdoor dining and a beer garden immediately adjacent to the green at Founder's Square. Children will enjoy the Square's splash pad. Benches offer an inviting place to relax and the lakefront boardwalk at the northern edge of the green offers a place to take a stroll along the lake.

To learn more about the Founder's Festival at Babcock Ranch Saturday and Sunday, visit www.foundersfest.net. To learn more about living at the eco-centric, solar powered town being created by Kitson & Partners at Babcock Ranch, visit www.babcockranch.com. ■

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Kalea Bay releases second tower as first tower approaches sellout

Prices start at \$1.3 million in Tower 1

Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, announced the community's second tower has been released for sale.

"Our first tower, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed this fall, has already surpassed the 80 percent sold mark," stated Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2."

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. The incredibly designed residences offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

"All residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Wilson.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

"Our floor plans have an open design we call 'lifestyle designs' that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today," said Wilson.

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

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Wilson said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails.

"We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence," said Wilson. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

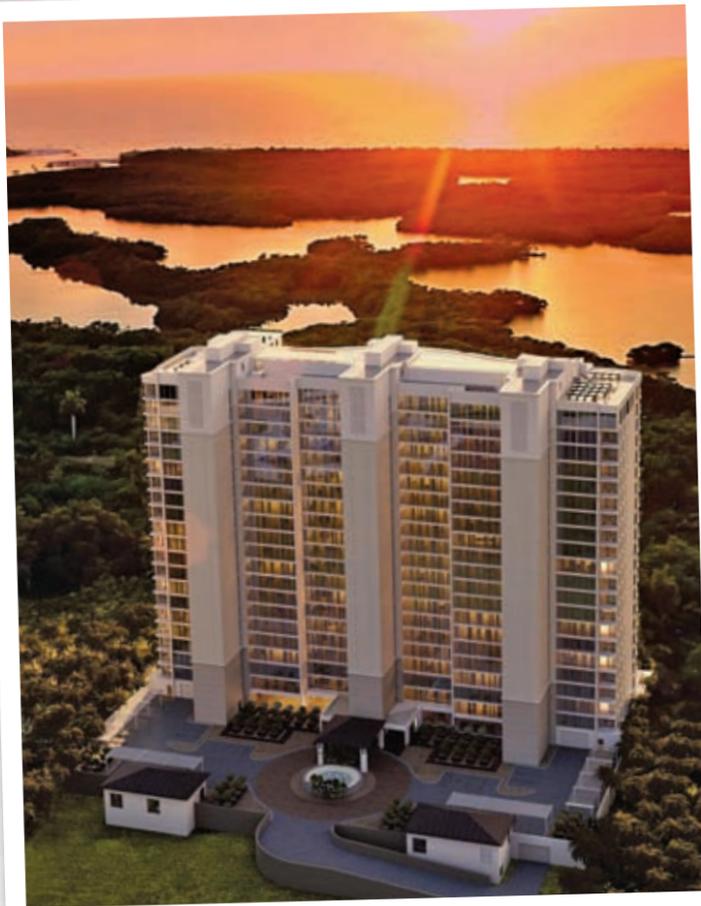
Dramatic views are available to every homeowner, no matter which floor they live on as the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop including the sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million.

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community's clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed this fall.

"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Wilson.



Above: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Kalea Bay's new tower is 22 stories tall. Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. Right: The custom kitchens feature Wolf and SubZero appliances and an oversized island. Below: Kalea Bay's first and second towers were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.



Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"All three pools will overlook the lake

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"The amenities at Kalea Bay rival some of the finest in the world," said Wilson. "Our indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and

and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Wilson. "Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy."

friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Wilson.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples' area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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Stock Signature Homes presenting 23 furnished models during CBIA Parade of Homes

From north to south, Stock Signature Homes is presenting an array of 23 designer decorated furnished models throughout the area during the CBIA Multi-Site Parade of Homes today through Sunday and March 17th through 19th. Each of the models showcases Stock's penchant for creating a diverse collection of luxurious residences with exceptional livability.

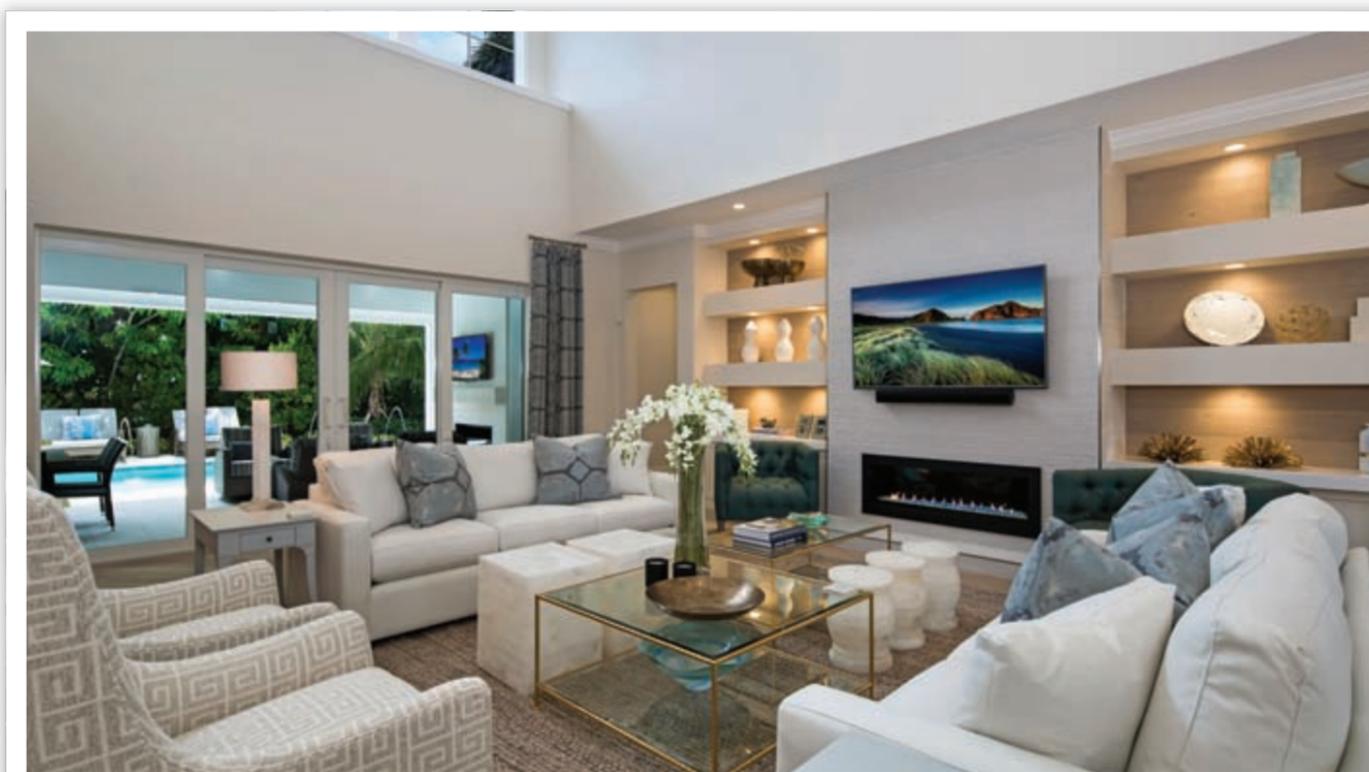
Stock's 4,238 square foot Stella model in Bay Woods at Bonita Bay is being featured during the Parade of Homes and priced at \$2,809,000. Four models are featured at Quail West, including the 4,937 square foot Aqualina estate priced at \$3,799,990. Three additional models are in the Cortland neighborhood, including the 4,297 square foot Cameron residence priced at \$2,358,583; the open-concept Normandy II model priced at \$2,317,125; and the 4,238 square foot Stella model priced at \$2,339,460. Stock Signature Homes is the exclusive builder in Cortland.

Stock is presenting models in the Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples and in TwinEagles. The previously sold Glenmore in Arrezo at Esplanade offers a 3,591 square foot great room plan with four bedrooms, a study, four-and-a-half baths, a formal dining room and gourmet island kitchen, and an outdoor living area with a fireplace, summer kitchen, pool and spa. The Windsor III in Esplanade's Salara neighborhood offers 4,155 square feet with three bedrooms, a fourth bedroom or rec room, four-and-a-half baths, a great room, study, formal dining room, island kitchen, and an outdoor living area with a fireplace, outdoor kitchen, pool, and spa. The Windsor III is offered at \$2,038,715. Stock's previously sold Windsor model is featured in Lake Estates at TwinEagles. A great room plan includes a formal dining room, a island kitchen, his and her studies, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a covered lanai with an outdoor fireplace, summer kitchen, pool and spa.

Stock is presenting two estate models in Pine Ridge Estates in North Naples. A model at 186 North Street is priced at \$3,495,000. This serene coastal retreat is finished in soft taupes with accents of powdery sky blues and tonal creams. Weathered oak wood flooring is found throughout the home. A residence at 392 West Street features 4,369 square feet plus 1,084 square feet of covered lanai space. The great room plan features a formal dining room, island kitchen, study, exercise room, three bedrooms plus a VIP suite, and three-and-a-half baths plus a pool bath. An outdoor fireplace, outdoor kitchen, pool and spa are included.

Stock's completed model at 3750 Fountainhead Lane in Park Shore was named recipient of Park Shore's 2017 Beautification Award. Priced at \$3,395,000, the 4,189 square foot two-story residence offers a living room that features a fireplace, a two-story ceiling, and opens to an outdoor living area with a fireplace, outdoor kitchen, and a pool and spa.

Stock's 4,189 square foot model at 3050 Crayton Road is perfectly suited to an indoor/outdoor lifestyle and priced at \$3,495,000. The residence features an interior by Meredith Summersgill, Senior Designer at Soco Interiors. The primary living areas include a great room with a fireplace, an island kitchen, a walk-in wine room, formal dining room, study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths plus a pool bath, a one-car garage, and a two-car garage. The



Above: Stock Signature Homes' furnished model at 3750 Fountainhead Lane was named recipient of Park Shore's 2017 Beautification Award. Priced at \$3,395,000 with furnishings, the two-story residence showcases an interior by Clive Daniel Home's Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen. Right: Priced at \$3,799,990 fully-furnished, Stock's 4,937 square foot Aqualina model at Quail West showcases an interior by Christina Villalonga, Senior Designer at Marc Michaels Interior Design. Below: The 2,913 square foot Anastasia residence is one of five furnished models Stock Signature Homes is presenting at Naples Reserve during the Parade of Homes. The furnished Anastasia model is offered for \$1,041,710 and features an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore.

great room, study, master bedroom, and breakfast area open to an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa.

Stock's Cocoplum and Marigold models are showcased at the Isles of Collier Preserve. The 3,641 square foot Cocoplum plan includes 1,004 square feet of covered lanai space. The plan features a great room that opens to the lanai and can include an optional built-in entertainment center, an island kitchen, dining room, study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths and a three-car garage. The Marigold includes 3,578 square feet under air plus a 1,062 square feet covered lanai. The model features a great room, an island kitchen, a formal dining room, four bedrooms or three bedrooms plus a bonus room, a study, four-and-a-half baths, and an outdoor living area with a fireplace, summer kitchen, a pool and spa. The Marigold model is priced at \$1,584,730.

Four models are being presented at Lely Resort, two of which are in Lakoya. The 1,809 square foot San Remo III model is priced at \$774,990 and offers a great room plan with two bedrooms, two baths, a study, and a two-car garage. The 1,916 square foot, three-bedroom, two-bath Arvanita is priced at \$534,990 and includes formal living and dining rooms and a two-car garage. Second floor coach homes are featured in Cipriani and Signature Club. The 2,919 square foot San Marco in Cipriani is priced at \$639,990 and offers a great room plan with three bedrooms, three baths, an island kitchen, a club room, and a two-car garage. The previously sold 2,096 square foot Wentworth coach home in the Signature Club is also featured.



Stock is presenting five models in Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay at Naples Reserve. The 2,947 square foot Madison in Parrot Cay is priced at \$1,195,500 while the 3,255 square foot Muirfield III also in Parrot Cay is offered at \$1,412,060. The Sparrow Cay models include the 2,913 square foot Anastasia

priced at \$1,041,710; the 2,643 square foot Venice priced at \$956,750; and the 2,384 square foot Biscayne priced at \$906,330.

To learn more about the models featured by Stock Signature Homes in the CBIA Multi-Site Parade of Homes, visit stockdevelopment.com. ■



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Homebuyers love the lifestyle in Ave Maria



Life in Ave Maria is filled with simple pleasures— big blue skies, friendly neighbors, walking and biking, and a sense of belonging. Make plans to visit Ave Maria this season and tour 21 decorated model homes of all size and designs from builders CC Homes, Del Webb and Pulte Homes. Home buyers recognize the incredible value and high quality of life while still enjoying the close proximity to Naples' beaches and culture. Ave Maria has something for everyone including young couples, growing families, and active retirees. And with prices from the high \$100s, you can't afford to miss this opportunity to live in beautiful Collier County's Community of the Year for 2016 and 2015.

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■ Quality of Life

In Ave Maria, homeowners realize the importance of quality of life. Top notch education is available to all children whether it's from our highly-rated Collier County Public Schools, the private K-12 Donahue Academy or Ave Maria University. The preferred method of transportation in town? A golf cart! Nothing beats zipping to Publix or to the pub on your golf cart. Best of all, new friends are easily made in Ave Maria with so many opportunities through the calendar of events hosted by the Master Association as well as the natural gathering spots of the coffee shop, pub, and outdoor patios of our town center restaurants. Life- made simple.

■ CC Homes

CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet and priced from the high \$100s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. Customize your



Above: Outdoor living in Ave Maria is enjoyed by all ages. Ave Maria showcases over 40 floor plans designed for entertaining and everyday living. Maple Ridge by CCHomes presents contemporary designs from the high \$100s. Panther Run Golf Club at Del Webb Naples hosts 18 holes designed by Gordon G Lewis. Avalon Park by Pulte Homes offers 14 floor plans from mid \$200s.

dream home with several options including outdoor oasis with pool, kitchen, and cabana bathroom or an extra bedroom or flex room above the garage.

Visit the on-site sales center and tour 14

model homes open daily. Ask about several move-in ready homes.

■ Del Webb Naples

Del Webb Naples is the smart choice for active adults desiring a well-rounded

southwest Florida lifestyle. Del Webb Naples offers ten floor plans from 1,133 to over 2,500 square feet, with 2-5 bedrooms and prices from the low \$200s. Choose from golf course, lake or preserve view when selecting your home site from the nation's highly awarded home builder.

The on-site Oasis Club at Del Webb Naples features over 12,000 square feet of resort and lap pools, tennis courts, bocce and pickleball, fitness center, library, café, fire pit, arts & crafts studio, and library. Dine at the brand new Rusty Putter for breakfast, lunch or afternoon bites. Visit an on-site sales representative to learn more about the Del Webb lifestyle. 5 model homes open daily.

■ Pulte Homes

With 17 popular single-family home designs in Hampton Village, Emerson Park, and Avalon Park priced from the low \$200s, Pulte Homes offers quality construction home buyers can trust. These neighborhoods are located near the Town Center, private schools, and outdoor recreation. A well-known and respected name in home building, Pulte Homes features Life Tested® features in their home designs built for life and how you live it. Two models open daily in Avalon Park.

■ Landshark Luau March 25

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Prices at Allure touted as best in town for waterfront luxury



ALLURE, the new 32-story condominium to be built on the Caloosahatchee River in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, has been attracting a great deal of attention lately as the best-priced luxury condominium in the local market.

A recent News-Press article titled "Allure's price is right for downtown Fort Myers," compares the high-rise with other new developments on the market noting that "prices at Allure are much lower than other high-rise condos that are now under construction." Buyers at ALLURE commented in the article that "With prices at Allure starting at \$267,000 for a one-bedroom in a deluxe condo complex with amenities, there's nothing that compares for the price." Two-bedrooms, two-and-a-half bath residences with water views are available at about \$400,000.

Buyer Erik Elsea also commented on the competitive pre-construction prices at ALLURE stating, "This building offers all the same amenities that these developments down in Bonita Bay are offering, but at a fraction of the price. It is a good opportunity to lock in your price now and in a few years you will probably be very happy that you did." Andy Heygate who purchased at ALLURE as an investment said, "Allure's good location in an exciting area offers a great price per square foot and is nicely finished."

In addition to the great value and luxurious features and amenities, ALLURE's enviable urban location puts residents in the middle of all that is delightful about this newly-revitalized, historic, area of Fort Myers. Quickly becoming a treasure of the Gulf Coast the Historic Fort Myers River District combines tropical urbanism charm with a small town feel and provides an endless array of dining and entertainment options, and best of all, it's just steps or

a trolley ride away from ALLURE.

With over 65 cafes, bars and restaurants, the pedestrian and pet-friendly historic downtown offers unlimited options for dining and nightlife to suit any taste. Arts and culture abound in the River District where the cobblestone-streets are lined with eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater. As if that weren't enough, the city also organizes regular concerts and special events including Art Walk and Music Walk that have become extremely popular among downtown residents and visitors.

"In addition to all of our on-site amenities, Allure's prime location provides our residents with five square miles of amenities right outside of their doors," says ALLURE Sales and Marketing Director Barbara Bengochea-Perez.

ALLURE boasts an array of resort-style building amenities: a private screening room with theater-style seating; state-of-the-art gym; pool deck with heated cascading infinity-edge pool overlooking the water; social gathering rooms with fireplace, billiards, game tables; Bocce Ball and barbecue grills on the rooftop, Pickleball by the pool, and many other luxury features.

Luxurious residence features at ALLURE include porcelain flooring, natural gas ranges, double ovens, and quartz countertops in chef-inspired kitchens. All residences feature private entrance elevators and include covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access. A variety of thoughtfully-designed, open floor plans priced from the \$200s to over \$1 million offer one, two and three bedrooms.

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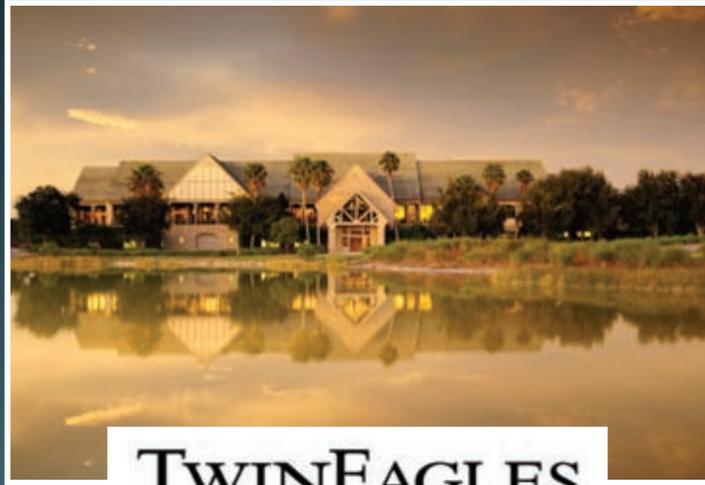
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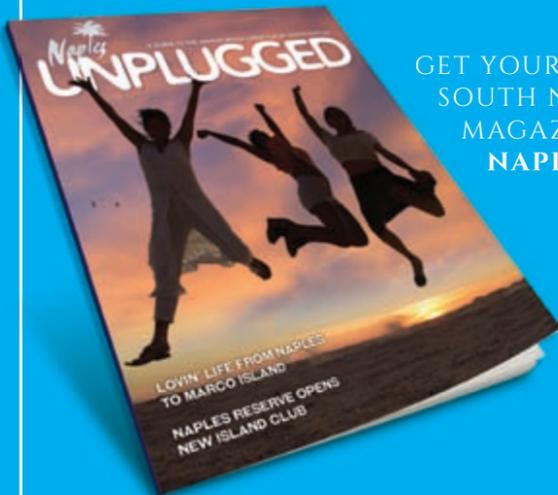


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LISA FICARRA

... brings a global background to her Naples projects

There's an elegant simplicity to the work of interior designer Lisa Ficarra of Ficarra Design Associates in Naples. She's noted for timeless style and effortless attention to detail. *Luxe Living's* Michael Korb caught up with her to ask about her muses, her process and how she got started.

Q: Is there one moment you can look back on that was pivotal to you wanting to be in this field?

A: My dad was a builder and took me to job sites with him when I was a child. I loved watching a building grow into someone's home. When I was freshman in college in the art program, I decided I wanted to pursue architecture. But my school didn't have an architecture program, so I joined the interior design program and took as many building and construction courses as I could. I pursued a position with an architect in New York doing interior design and realized that I could be more creative in interior design than architecture.

Q: Where did you get your training, and how has that shaped the work you do now?



This contemporary space combines living and dining areas under a unifying ceiling of floating beams. Rich dark mahogany woods create a sharp contrast to the muted grays and taupes of the fabrics.



Lisa Ficarra

A: I received my bachelor's of science in interior design from Western Michigan University. I also studied in Italy my sophomore year and went

back to work with an architect in Rome after I graduated. I took postgraduate courses at Parsons School of Design while working with an architect in New

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Q&A

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York designing airline facilities. Then, while in Boston designing interiors for software companies, I attended continuing education classes at the Boston Architectural College and Harvard.

My university education gave me my basic background in interior design, while my European travel and work experience with architects in Rome and New York gave me a perspective from the architect's point of view. Now I incorporate my knowledge of architectural detailing into all of my interiors, whether contemporary or traditional.

Q: How do you find inspiration for a project?

A: My inspiration basically comes from my clients. We have our initial interview and I discover what type of feeling they're considering for their new home and focus on their lifestyle. From there my inspiration might come from a few distinctive fabrics, patterns or colors we choose. I love using textures and different natural materials and mixing styles to create a unique look for each client.

Q: How has the Naples market taste changed since you moved here?

A: When I moved from Europe to Naples in 1995, the style here at the time was very traditional and very Tuscan. There were a lot of arches, columns and faux finishes in many houses. Today my Naples clients want simple, clean classic lines. We have more clients who are willing to cross into contemporary style. Naples has a wonderful group of talented designers who really strive to create tasteful and unique interiors.

Q: Is there a trend you are excited to see go away?

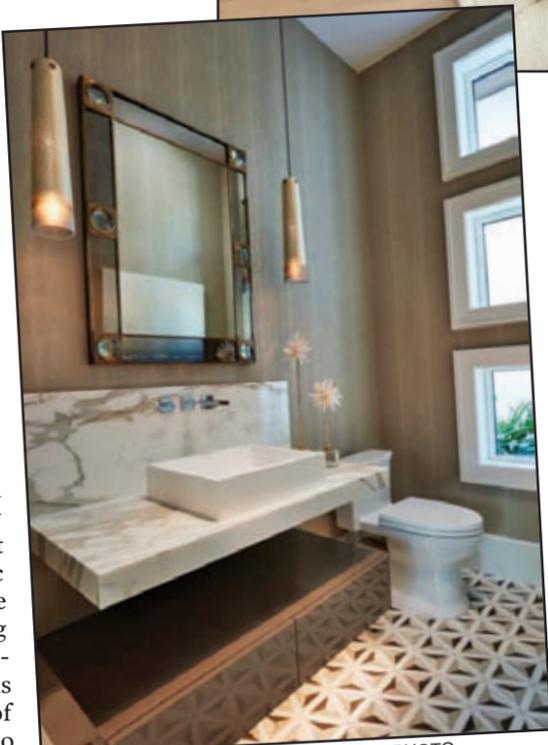
A: I am so glad the "Tuscan Era" is gone, and I know a lot of my colleagues feel the same way. ■

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Above: Fabrics in subtle ocean blues and greens, sand-colored walls and natural textures create a relaxing, spa-like atmosphere in this coastal living area.



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Above: Faux snakeskin walls are just one of the imaginative elements incorporated into this sleek powder room. The countertop of Calcutta marble floats above a high-gloss taupe lacquer cabinet. LED underlighting accents the striking geometric design of the marble floor.



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Above: A floating light shelf on the ceiling of this casual yet functional study adds architectural interest. The wall cabinet encompasses one side of the room and has cross grain wood panels that conceal the television and office equipment.



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Left: A custom, silver/gray metallic finish and plastered texture give the walls of this powder room a dramatic, three-dimensional feel. The quartz countertop was designed to give the illusion that it's floating, and LED lighting accents the backdrop.

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Time for a change

A waterfront condo sheds its skin to become its better self

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Sometimes you just need a change. Yes, you could live with your kitchen. And technically, a lot of people might be totally fine with your powder room. But you after a few years — OK, 12 years to be precise — you probably are ready for something different.

The owners of this now-lovely three bedroom, 3½-bath condo in The Dunes certainly thought so and reached out to Wendy Berry of W Design Interiors to give their space new life. They bought the unit when the building was new and hired a designer to make it nice. And it was — back then.

“It was well decorated at the time,” says Ms. Berry. “But now they were living in an out-of-date condo. They were either going to renovate or buy a new one.”

So they asked Ms. Berry and her team to come up with some 3-D renderings. After going through them room by room, the owners decided they would stay put and hired W Design Interiors to effect the changes that would make their home one they wanted to stay in.

“The only direction they gave us was that they wanted it to look fresh and more beach-y and to be a bit more transitional,” says Ms. Berry.

They decided to keep the large-scale 18-by-18-inch limestone tile throughout much of the main living area, but they removed as many walls as possible. The approximately 3,000-square-foot condo originally was very segmented, with a little living room, a little family room, a little dining room, etc.

That is certainly not the case any longer, as it is now the very definition of an open concept design.

When you remove walls from a condo, however, you create some challenges for things such as duct work and electrical. Ms. Berry added a drop ceiling above the new kitchen that not only creates a visual outline for the space, but that also allows for recessed can lighting and accommodates the range ventilation.

“They hang out in the kitchen all the time, and so we also gave them a huge peninsula,” the



Above: The kitchen is the central focus of the residence. A floating drywall ceiling with pendant lights anchors the space. Crisp white cabinetry and a bleached walnut island bring cool and warm tones together in perfect combination.

Left: In the powder room, a chiseled seashell tile backsplash is anchored by a custom cantilevered vanity. Braided hemp wallcovering and smooth pendant light fixtures add visual depth to the organic, modern design.

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designer says.

Ms. Berry also added soffits to define other areas, such as the main salon, while hiding the air-conditioning ducts. In turn, those spaces worked perfectly for faux beams that add both texture and warmth.

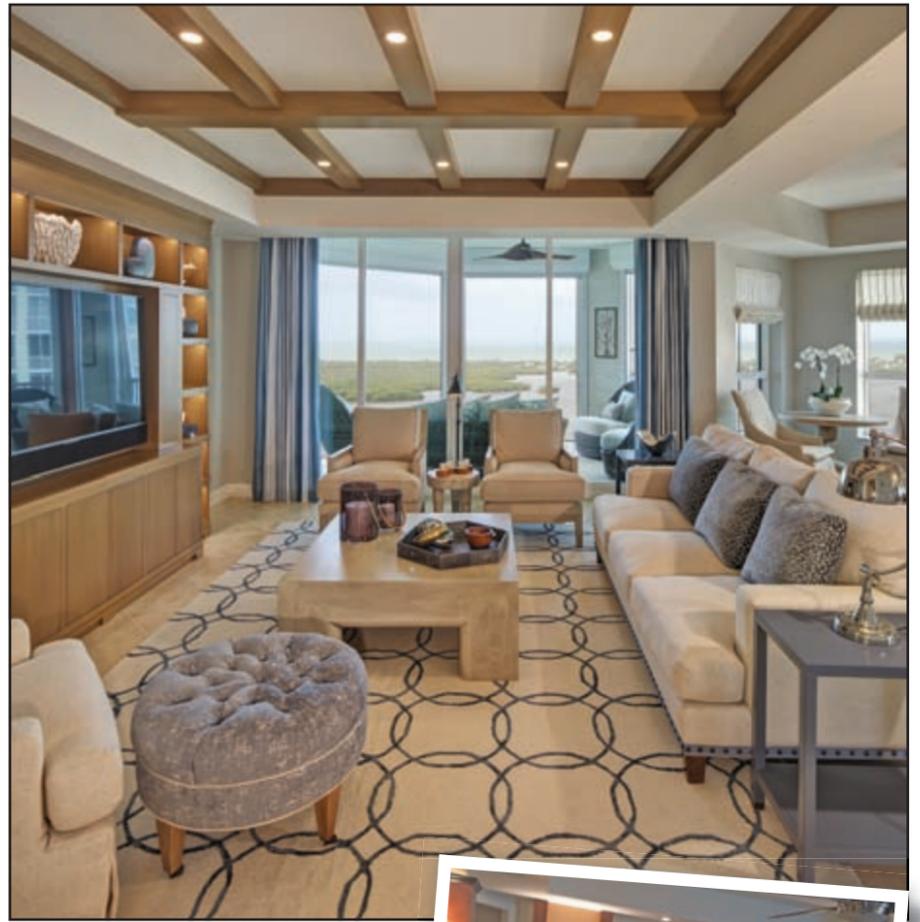
The entire unit is now beautifully sophisticated, clean and transitional.

"It's warm and comfortable, monochromatic with punches of color and just a bit beach-y," says Ms. Berry.

And best of all, it is perfectly present for many years to come. ■

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Below: The focal point of this bedroom is the custom headboard upholstered in a Greek key print with black pearl nailhead trim. The harmonious blend of cream and beige undertones elicits a serene getaway.



Above: The penthouse condo with ocean views had all of the potential but needed a major facelift. A new open floor plan makes the grand salon feel light and airy. Designer Wendy Berry chose sand-colored linen for most of the furnishings and accessorized with pops of dusty blues. A sleek walnut built-in creates ample storage.



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water views

BY MICHAEL KORB

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Taste. It's harder to quantify than you might expect. But when the owner of this lovely home was boating past this spot a few years ago while on vacation, he was struck by the area's beauty. It turned out the double lot he admired as he cruised by held a duplex that was a short sale — and serendipity lent a helping hand.

The Scandinavian gentleman, along with his wife, bought the property, razed the duplex and then sold off the second lot to help fund what you see on these pages: a simply stunning single-family getaway that blends perfectly into its surroundings.

Not too big, not too small, the 2,400-square-foot (under air), three bedroom, 3½-bath home has a modern shotgun sense to it as soon as you pass through the lipstick red front doors.

"They really understood the potential of the site," says architect Joyce Owens, who designed the structure. "He saw that bay and didn't want anything in the house to miss that opportunity."

So Ms. Owens designed it so you can look straight through from the main living area right out the back and onto a beautiful exterior space that seems to spill directly into the turquoise waters off the Isles of Capri near Marco Island.

"Before Joyce we had another architect designing a larger, two-story home," says the homeowner. "But we thought maybe that wasn't the right thing to do."

He and his wife wanted to maintain the peaceful and unpretentious style of the surrounding community. To that end, Ms. Owens delivered a beautifully modern and

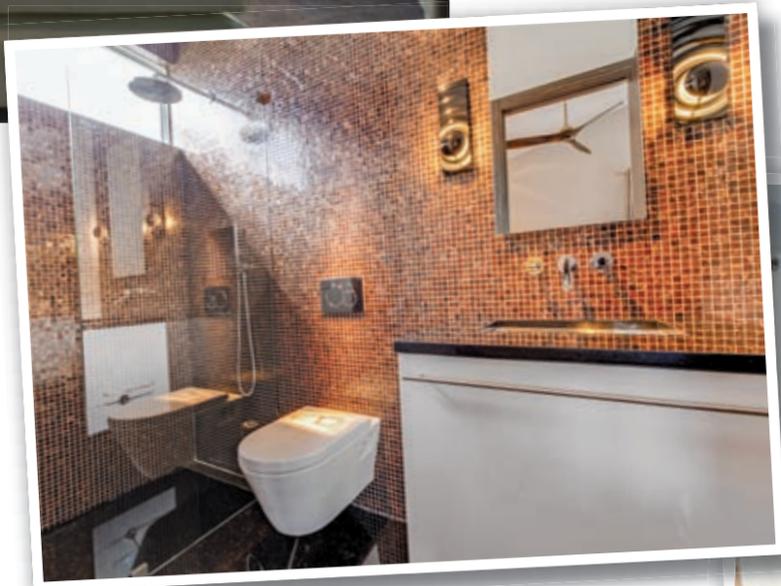
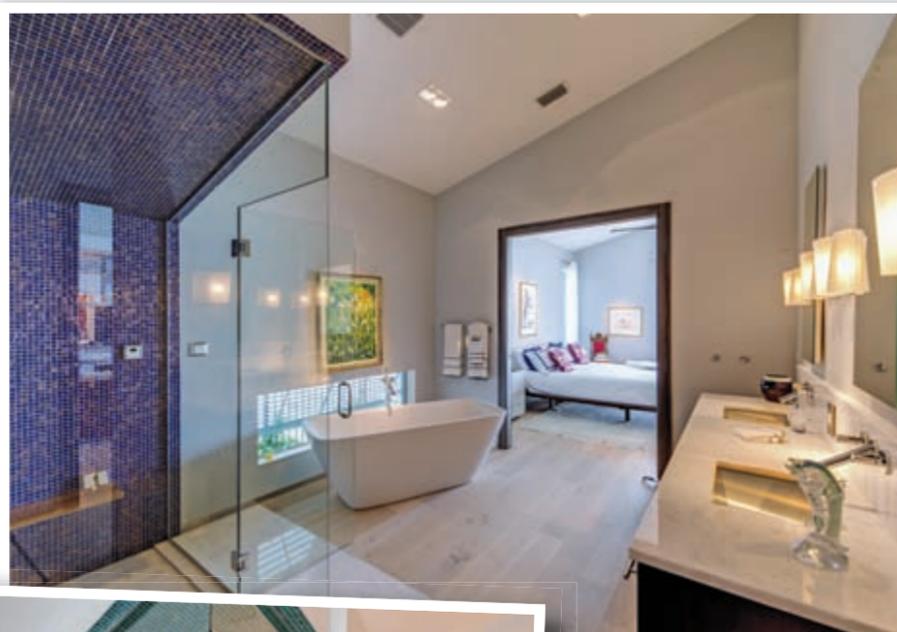
Modern styles, European flair and a fisherman's sensibilities combine perfectly for a retreat on the Isles of Capri

The Norwegian owners of this idyllic getaway on the Isles of Capri discovered the property while they were boating on vacation. They razed an existing duplex and hired architect Joyce Owens to create a single-family home that beautifully incorporates their Scandinavian sensibilities with the natural surroundings.





Above: A lack of large-scale granite slabs resulted in a stunning stainless steel countertop on the massive kitchen island. It sets the tone for the kitchen, which is defined by a suspended ceiling, giving the space some separation from the main living area.



Above, left and far left: Slabs of granite as flooring in the showers not only look great, they eliminate seams and grout, which makes maintenance a breeze.

luxurious expression of a Florida fishing shack.

“They were very interested in having a contemporary design on that lot, but they had to be careful because there was nothing like that on the street,” the architect says. “But they wanted something to suit their taste. So you had to get the scale right and not make it overwhelming.”

Frankly, once the accompanying second lot was sold, it left a pretty tight space with which to work. But the homeowners, who have an exceptional amount of renovation experience with much larger homes in Europe, took the responsibilities of interior design upon themselves — with great success.

Perhaps nowhere is that more impressive than in the bathrooms. Because of the home’s fairly small footprint, they decided to make the walls of the showers glass and incorporate them into the bedrooms.

“It makes the rooms feel much larger,” the homeowner says.

They also used some unique features that make the space very clean and modern.

“For example, all of the showers, rather than having tiles floors, have (granite) slabs like you would use on a kitchen counter,” says the homeowner. “So there are no seams or grout lines on the floors.” The use of

granite slabs was a first for the builder; they are also used at the entrance to the home.

“And all of the toilets are hung on the wall,” he adds, “so it’s a very clean look and very easy to maintain.”

And the tile work and lower ceilings in the showers work perfectly — after all, they’re steam showers.

Another slick decision: The homeowner had the builder lift the drywall just enough to all for the wide-plank, white oak flooring to slide underneath. This allowed for stainless steel kick plates to be used instead of traditional baseboards.

Which brings us to the galley kitchen, which is defined by a lowered ceiling that hangs via wire cables. “We didn’t want any pillars, so we just hung it with steel wire,” says the homeowner. “It’s sort of like a nautical thing. Those wires are used on sailboats.”

Stainless steel shows up in another unusual place in the kitchen as well: the large island. “We love stainless, but to be honest, I couldn’t find a granite slab big enough and I didn’t want a seam in the middle of it,” the homeowner says about the striking expanse of countertop. So as not to distract from it, none of the kitchen appliances are in stainless steel.

And speaking of seamless, a generous expanse of ipe wood decking surrounds an infinity edge pool that appears to spill seamlessly into the bay. Its accompanying spa flows over on all sides, giving users a spectacular tiered visual of water upon water.

The property has a mid-century vibe that skews modern and yet pays homage to surrounding nature.

“Obviously we liked the modern design,” says the homeowner. “But at the same time, being Norwegian — and with my grandfather a commercial fisherman (back in the day) — I like that vaulted style. Almost like a boathouse, but bigger obviously.”

Let’s just call it beautifully appropriate. ■

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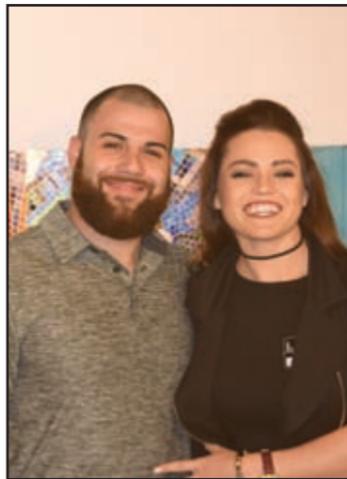
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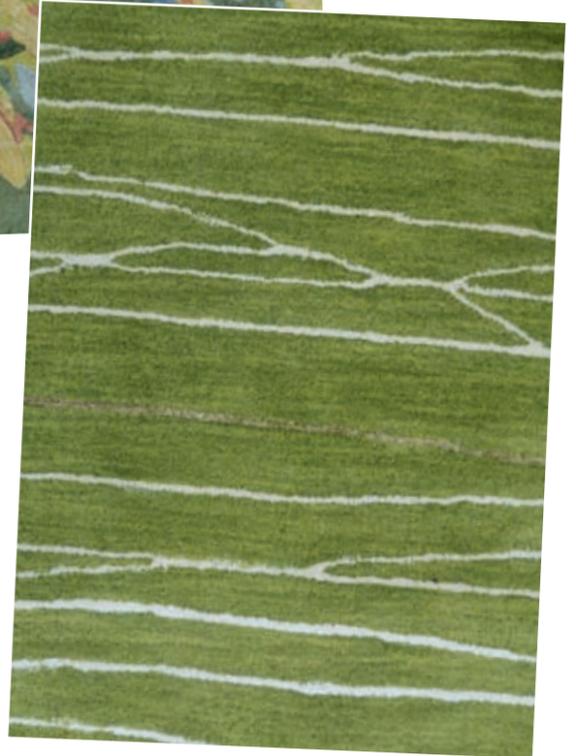
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When I moved to the area several years ago and began interviewing interior designers, I'd regularly hear about this mystical spot known as Treasure Island. Mostly the designers mentioned it as an aside — someplace where they'd say they made an incredible find and leave it at that.

Not being a local, I assumed they were talking about someplace on the Treasure Coast, across the state around Palm Beach. A year or two later I happened to be driving down Central Avenue and was astonished to see Treasure Island Antiques. I immediately made a U-turn (probably illegally) and found myself in a place of wonder. Forty-plus antique dealers under one roof, with hidden gems around every corner. You could — and probably should — spend an entire day exploring.

Within its 12,000-square-foot space you'll find everything from mid-century furnishings to Asian art to high-end estate jewelry. It truly is a treasure hunt each and every time you walk in.

That's how it felt to owner Wilton Wood when he purchased the store four years ago. Mr. Wood was a veteran who had gotten into private security contracting for the government overseas. But he was looking for a business, and when he saw the for-sale ad for Treasure Island, he thought it was worth checking out.

"Antiques are history, and I love history," he says. "Everything has a story, and I love that you can never know everything there is to know about antiques and vintage items. There's always something to learn."

He wasn't even looking for a retail shop or an antiques store when Treasure Island caught his attention.

"It's an eclectic mix of stuff from hun-

dreds of years ago to modern and everything in between," he says. "And it's nothing that you would find in the big box stores. If you want something unusual or different or funky, this is the place to find it."

Treasure Island almost defies description. From vintage lithographs to Florida kitsch to historic furnishings, it's here. I once almost bought a 9-foot wrought iron chandelier there before I realized I had no way to get it home or anyplace to put it if I could get it there. Even so, I still have non-buyer's remorse.

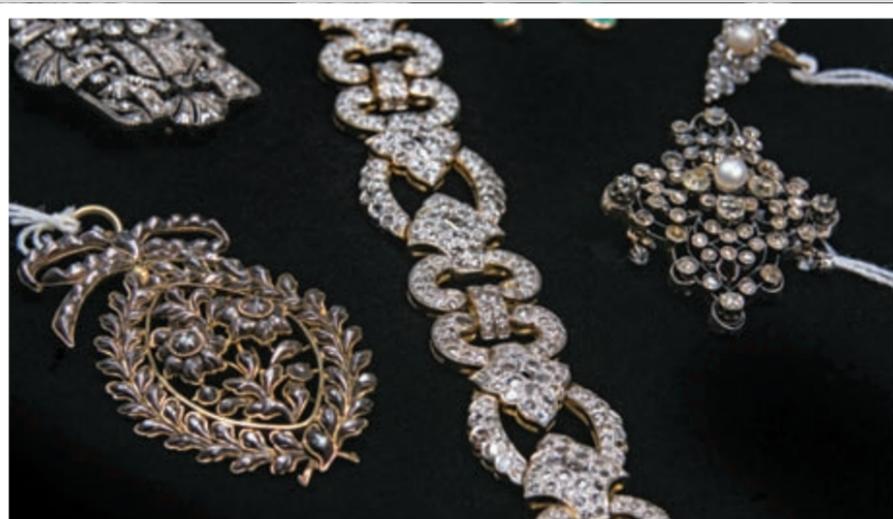
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Seventeen-time all-star Ted Williams spent his entire MLB career with the Boston Red Sox, taking time out to serve as a Navy pilot in World War II and the Korean War. A six-time batting champion, Mr. Williams was twice the American League's Most Valuable Player and Triple Crown Award winner. A roster of nicknames described his playing style: Teddy Ballgame, The Thumper, The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived and Splendid Splinter, among them.

By the end of his career that ran from 1939-1960, he had a lifetime .344 batting average, 521 home runs, last player to hit over .400 and a career 0.482 on-base percentage — the highest in MLB history. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966.

Baseball wasn't Mr. Williams' only interest. He was an avid sports fisherman, hosted a television fishing show, did Sears fishing commercials and was inducted into the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. Fishing was always a great hobby and diversion from his baseball career, and during his downtime he enjoyed casting practice off his dock at his place in the Florida Keys.

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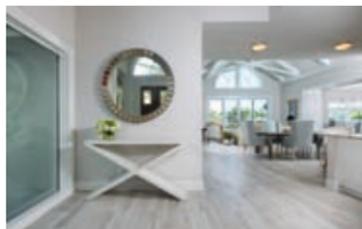
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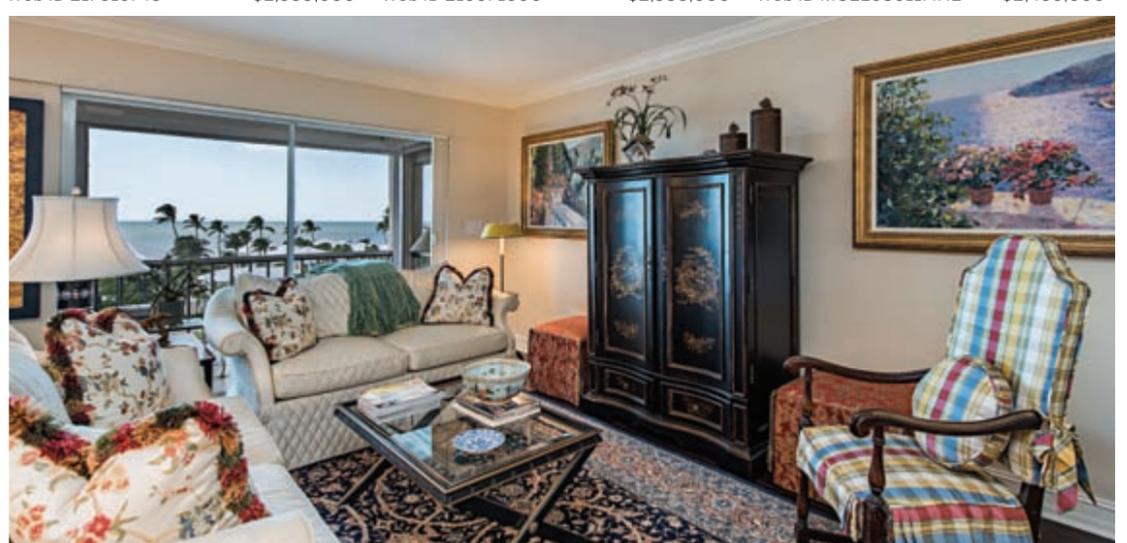
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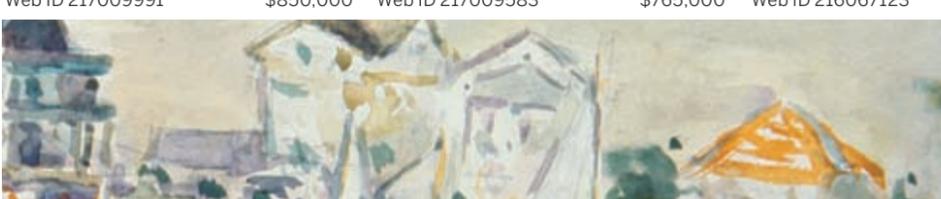


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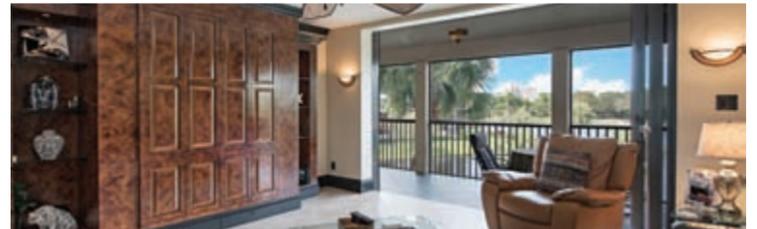
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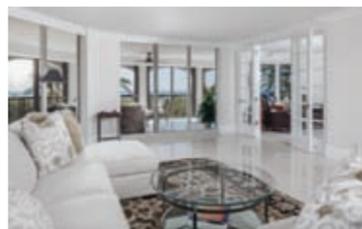
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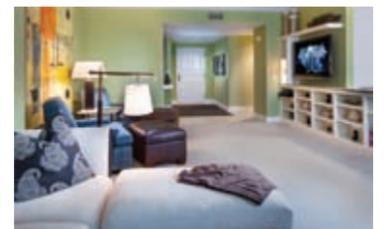
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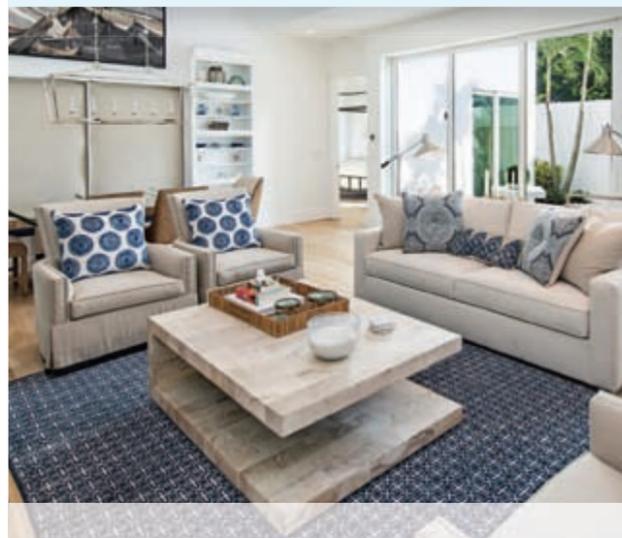
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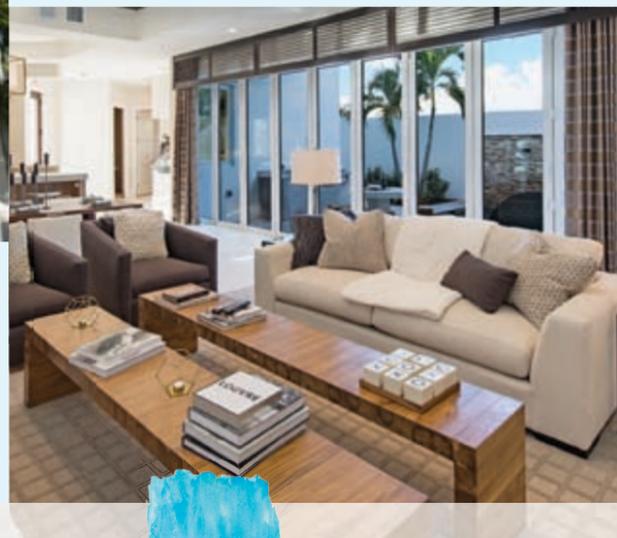
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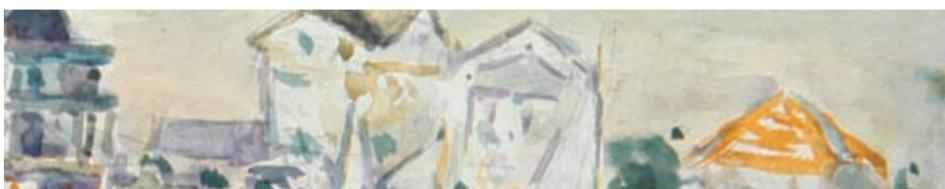
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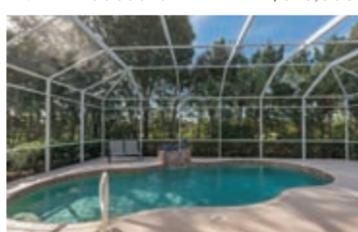
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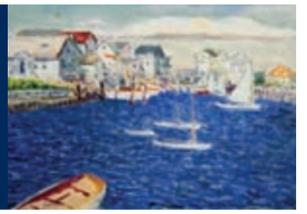
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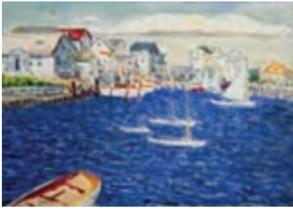


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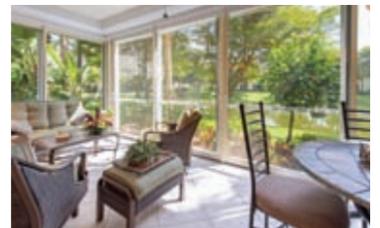
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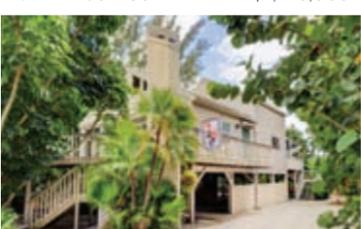
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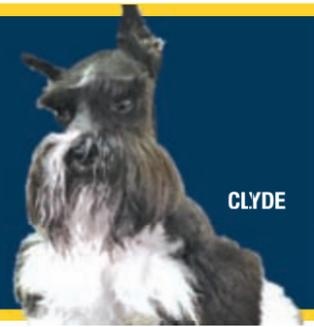
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Well Maintained 2/2 Furnished
Lake Arrowhead - 55+ Community you own the land heated. Community pool & hot tub overlooks lake. Low monthly maintenance fee.
\$80,000
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NORTH FORT MYERS



2/2 Move-in Ready Turnkey
Serene Lake Arrowhead where you own the land update and taste fully decorated heated pool and hot tub.
\$94,900
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NAPLES



Gulf Access North Naples
Clean 2 bed 1.5 bath home in 55 + community with low fees.
\$99,999
1-866-657-2300 800FM013396.

FORT MYERS



River Gardens Condo
First-floor condo 2 bed/2 bath end unit great Florida living. Interior completely updated, new kitchen cabinets, granite.
\$105,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC062463.

BONITA SPRINGS



Condo in Bonita Springs
1/1 clean condo in a great gated community complete with resort style pool, hot tub, fitness center, clubhouse.
\$114,900
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ESTERO



End Unit with Water View
2 bed 2 bath rear unit, fabulous Tides at Pelican Landing, superb amenities, close to FGCU, airport, Coconut Point & more!
\$124,900
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Nice 2/2 Single Family Home in Port Charlotte
Very nice and cozy 2/2/1 home. Tile floors. Nice size lanai area. Come see it!
\$125,900
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Condo with an Awesome View
Harbourtowne condo well maintained with gulf access and is only minutes from the river!
\$129,900
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PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2 Home in Port Charlotte
This charming 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage is the perfect house for a first time home buyer! Close to local fishing and boating.
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FORT MYERS



Up-to-date Condo
2 bedroom 2 bath + den. Gold view!
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Gulf Access Condo with Garage
2 bedroom 2 bath condo with attached garage.
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Must Have!
3 bed 2 bath/major renovations. A must see!!
\$150,000
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Club at Crystal Lake Condominium
2 bed/2 bath-2nd floor condo with vaulted ceilings. 1036 sqft of luxurious upgrades.
\$155,000
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NAPLES



2 Bed 2 Bath Condo At The Enclave of Naples
2 bed 2 bath first floor all tile handicapped accessible condo. Split floor plan with both bathrooms completely remodeled.
\$158,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



What a Deal
3 bed 2 bath home sits on a fully fenced 1/2 acre lot w/plenty of room for the boat & camper. The den has built in shelves.
\$159,000
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2/2 Direct Access Condo in a 55+ Community
2nd floor unit with great sunset views. You must see to believe. Call today for your immediate showing!
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PORT CHARLOTTE



3/1 Single Family Home in Port Charlotte
Nice spacious home. With vinyl plank flooring, kitchen nook and nice walk in closet. Close to schools and shopping.
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FORT MYERS



Championship Gold Lake View
Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club.
\$159,900
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FORT MYERS



2 Bed 2 Bath Turnkey Condo
2 bed 2 bath turnkey condo beautifully decorated in very nice gated community clubhouse with resort style pool.
\$162,500
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FORT MYERS



Affordable Whiskey Creek Villa
2 bed/2 bath/1 car garage villa with 1567 sqft living area! Large ceramic tile flooring.
\$165,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM013166.



BONITA SPRINGS



2/2 in San Mirage - Bonita Springs
Spacious 2 bed/2 bath ground floor corner unit with screened lanai and storage space.
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FORT MYERS



Brookshire Town Home
3 bed, 2.5 bath completely up dated - it will be love at first sight.
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Charming 3/2/2
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Beautiful 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home
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ESTERO



Bella Terra 2+1/2 with Carport and Storage
Bella Terra 2+1/2 with carport and storage.
\$169,900
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CAPE CORAL



Sandoval - Cape Coral
Sought-after "Sandoval" 1st floor lakeview condo! 2 bed + den, 2 bath, garage & lanai, fabulous resort-style amenities.
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Gated Community, 2 Car Garage
Beautifully maintained condo with 2 car garage, 2 bedrooms, in quiet gated community. Back faces east so you can enjoy.
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Immaculate Fort Myers Townhouse
2 bed/2.5 bath townhome w/2 car garage! New carpet, new A/C and more! Located in the heart of Fort Myers.
\$184,900
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FORT MYERS



Gorgeous Remodeled Whiskey Creek Villa
3 bed/2 bath configured as 2 bed + den. Two car garage with 1831 sqft of light & bright living area!
\$188,900
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NAPLES



Villagio - 2/2 with Garage
Gorgeous, well maintained 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with garage in the resort style community of Villagio.
\$189,900
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CAPE CORAL



Concordia Condo Living at it's Best
Beautiful Concordia 3/2 condo w/many upgrades and well maintained located in well sought after complex. Low maintenance fees.
\$192,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC046187.

CAPE CORAL



Lovely Home in a Quiet SE location
3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage home tucked in a quiet neighborhood in SE Cape. Cathedral ceilings updated kitchen, fenced yard.
\$194,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC002241.

LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features include 2 master bedrooms, 1 w/sitting room.
\$199,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



Half Acre 3+ Den Home in Lehigh Acres
Half acre 3+ den home in Lehigh Acres. Over 2000 sqft.
\$199,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3 Bed+ Den with Tons of Space
This beautiful home was built in 2006 with over 1900 sqft in living area, this is huge!!!! Home offers 3 bedrooms 2 bath.
\$209,000
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FORT MYERS



Close to Everything! Best Location in South Ft Myers
This 3/2 original owner home is near Lakes Park, Health Park, the Beaches, and Lakes Regional Library.
\$212,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM064676.

FORT MYERS



Wow 3 Bed 2 Bath Condo at The Landings
Recently updated 3 bed/2 bath at The Landings! Resort living at it's best!
\$212,900
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FORT MYERS



Mirror Lakes 3 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car Garage
Home is now available! New 18" tilesù flow thru this remodeled in 2015 home. Light bright family room.
\$214,900
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LEHIGH ACRES



Large Pool Home Seeking New Owners
If you are tired of seeing the same house for sale come see this large pool home ready for you.
\$219,000
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CAPE CORAL



Resort Style Pool Home Nestled in Tropical Palmed Lot
3 bed/3 bath resort style pool home in the well established Cornwallis neighborhood. Enclosed Florida room. Fenced slightly.
\$220,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC013243.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral
Lakefront! 3 bed 2 bath pool home w/2car garage, screened lanai under truss, bonus room w/access to lanai, pool bath & more!
\$227,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC066808.

ESTERO



Grand Palm Carriage Home
Lovely 2/2 carriage home with den. Great view of water and golf course.
\$239,500
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NORTH PORT



North Port Dream Home
Beautiful 3 bedrooms+den, 2 car garage in North Port! Tiled through, granite countertops, custom woodwork.
\$240,000
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CAPE CORAL



Watch the Sun Set from Your Terrace
Upscale Tuscan Village condo located on 200' Rubicon Canal is a pleasure - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, turnkey.
\$244,900
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CAPE CORAL



Charming Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
3 bed/3 bath pool home in SW Cape Coral - Quiet neighborhood, close to parks and Tarpon Point Marina.
\$245,000
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ESTERO



Lost Creek 2 Bed 2 Bath Estero C.C
Lovely villa with all upgrades, oversized garage water view.
\$247,900
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CAPE CORAL



Well Maintained Pool Home Open Floor Plan
Beautiful well maintained Florida pool home with open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, split bedrooms. Corner fenced lot.
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FORT MYERS



3 Bedroom 2 Bath Gateway Home
Well maintain 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Gateway!
Low home fees!!!
\$260,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM063178.

CAPE CORAL



Custom Features
Not a cookie cutter home! Custom features abound! 3 bed 2 bath pool home across from Park! Real wood floors in bedrooms!
\$264,900
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FORT MYERS



The Fantastic Opportunity Won't Last
This amazing, large, 2 master suite bedroom home, has a very private large lanai that looks out onto a huge lake.
\$274,900
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CAPE CORAL



Like New Construction Renovated 2015
3/2 remodel with brand new everything including a brand new \$50,000 pool.
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CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Home
This home has sailboat access to the Gulf with a dock and 10,000lb boat lift. A 2 bedroom/3 bath home with an open floor plan.
\$285,000
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PUNTA GORDA



Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home in Punta Gorda Isles
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\$299,888
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SW Cape Coral Two Story Home
2 story 4 bed/2.5 bath pool home completely renovated top to bottom pool and spa are pebble tech bottom, waterfall feature.
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC042840.

OPEN 11-1PM

1211 SW 18th Ave

FORT MYERS



Totally Remodeled - off McGregor
Total remodel w/new roof, new tile, new electric, new plumbing, granite counter tops & more. Seller financing offered.
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC068438.

NAPLES



Price to Sell Ready to Move
Spectacular 4 bed 2 bath on 2.75 acres. Pool and super deck. Quiet country living!
\$309,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA069394.

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Pool Home in Whiskey Creek County Club
4 bedroom + den/2 bath pool home with fantastic golf course views.
\$319,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC009963.

BONITA SPRINGS



Well Maintained Home w/New Roof
Open floor plan, volume ceilings, bay windows, hurricane shutters, 2 car garage. On an oversize lot!
\$329,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS063730.

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Olde Hickory Golf & Country Club
Stunning 3 bed/3 bath/w oversized 3 car garage. Pool home on golf course! New tile roof 2014.
\$339,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM077705.

ESTERO



The Reserve at Estero
Large 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home built by Toll Brothers.
\$344,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM076548.

BONITA SPRINGS



Custom Home in Bell Villa with In-law Apartment
Price reduced on this beautiful corner lot, 3 bedroom/3 bath custom home in private Bell Villa with in-law apartment.
\$350,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS066177.

NAPLES



3 Bedroom Pool Home Golden Gate Estates
Approx 2100 sqft, 3 bed/2bath pool home on 2.27 acres. Fenced yard 2 story w/porch & deck.
\$359,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA014232.

CAPE CORAL



4 Bed, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage NW Cape Coral
Home has it all, tile and wood flooring, quartz counter tops, LED lights, crown molding, inground pool and lots more.
\$365,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC075567.

ESTERO



2 Bed 2 Bath Single Family Pool Home in The Vines
Lovely single family pool home in The Vines.
\$365,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM007796.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Never Before Offered
Beautiful sprawling 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 11th fairway of golf course. Loaded with luxurious upgrades.
\$369,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS080608.

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SW Cape 4 Bedroom Pool Home
This custom built 4 bedroom pool home is waiting for a new owner.
\$374,900
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Open Concept in Marbella At Spanish Wells G/C/C
Beautiful custom built home has an open concept. The kitchen/den is spacious with room for casual dining.
\$395,000
800BS066415.
1-866-657-2300

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Large Gulf Access Pool Home
Looking for an affordable, large gulf access home? You found it. Living area is just under 4,000 sqft.
\$429,000
800CC035867.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Southern Exposure, 4 Bed/3 Bath, Solar Heated Pool
Formal living, dining and family areas with 2 sided fireplace, breakfast nook, large entertaining patio. Assessments paid.
\$439,900
800CC014011.
1-866-657-2300

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Riverfront Equestrian Estate
Located on the Orange River with 2 homes, barn, dressage facilities with the equestrian in mind. You will fall in love!
\$450,000
800FM031273.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Coral Pool Home
4 bed/3 bath, 3 car garage pool home in SW Cape Coral with all assessments in and paid. Corner sliders, 3 zoned A/C.
\$455,000
800CC006176.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Pool Home on an Over-Size Triple Lot
Beautiful home for You !!!
\$459,900
800CC068279.
1-866-657-2300

SANIBEL



Stunning Sanibel Retreat
Sanibel Beaches! Bring your whole family to this oversized home on Sanibel Island. Deeded beach access in the community!
\$475,000
800CC041272.
1-866-657-2300

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OPEN 1-4PM
10915 Stonington Ave
The Perfect Home to Live
A beautiful professional designer 4 bed +den 3 bath with a lot upgrades and nice pool.
\$559,900
800BS074637.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Stunning Waterfront Home
Located on spreader/preserve with gulf access. No bridges! Ideal vacation rental w/3785 sqft room for the entire family!
\$610,000
800CC062414.
1-866-657-2300

ESTERO



House to the Awesome Water View
Outside you will find a beautiful pool, brick paved deck.
\$495,000
800FM011219.
1-866-657-2300

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful Canal Front Pool Home in Port Charlotte
Beautiful well kept 4/2 canal front pool home. Beautiful living space and outdoor landscaping! Don't miss it!
\$499,000
800CH235381.
1-866-657-2300

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Belle Lago Tiena Model 4 Bed/3 Full Baths
Belle Lago Tiena model 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, tandem garage, formal living and dining rooms.
\$500,000
800FM064695.
1-866-657-2300

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Kelly Greens Golf-Large Upgraded Pool Home
Ready to Move In
\$535,000
800FM049261.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Triple Lot Home in SW Cape Coral
4 bedroom/3.5 bath pool home with open spacious floor plan. Western exposed home for beautiful sunsets.
\$575,000
800CC014065.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



3/3 Pool Home
3 bedroom/3 bath gulf access pool home with boat lift in SW Cape Coral. Over 2500 sqft with open great room floor plan.
\$669,900
800CC012821.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous 4+ Den 3 Bath 3 Car Garage
Spacious custom pool home 4 bed+ den, 3.5 baths 3 car garage canal gulf access
\$777,000
800FM063531.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Large Sailboat Access Pool Home
2 story 4 bed/4 bath wide intersecting canals. 3 car garage, lush landscape. 3 living areas & 2 upper decks. Alarm system.
\$848,000
800CC001916.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Magnificent Mediterranean Bellagio Masterpiece
Mediterranean house situated on an oversized lot at the end of the cul-de-sac !!!!!
\$1,100,000
800CC071053.
1-866-657-2300

NAPLES



Lakefront Park Shore Home
Walking distance to private beach for Park Shore residents only! 4 bed/3 bath pool home with impeccable landscaping!
\$1,400,000
800NA011082.
1-866-657-2300

FORT MYERS BEACH



Ft. Myers Beach Bayfront Home
Over 5,000 sqft with a private boat dock! One of a Kind Home on the Bay.
\$1,799,000
800FM033960.
1-866-657-2300

