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We've published 2,509 newspapers, or 167,598 unique newspaper pages, as of last week.

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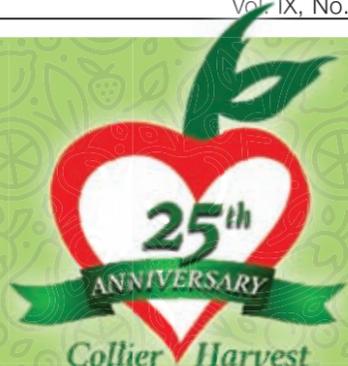
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Feeding the need:

Collier Harvest and its partner organizations work to Stamp Out Hunger



By KATHY GREY | FLORIDA WEEKLY CORRESPONDENT

Food insecurity." It's the modern-day buzzword for not having enough to feed yourself or your family.

In 2015, 42.2 million Americans lived in food-insecure households. That number includes 29.1 million adults and 13.1 million children, as reported by Feeding America. "In

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Collier Harvest volunteers sort the haul collected by letter carriers during last year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

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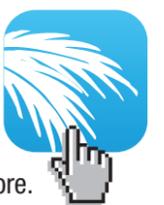


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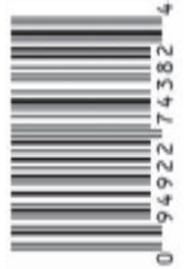
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COMMENTARY

The privateer legislators



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Let's glamorize.

Let's accessorize, maximize, utilize and even tenderize.

But let's not "privatize," especially public education.

When it comes to government, which of necessity bears burdens foreign to business, "to privatize" has become a euphemism — not "to be more efficient" but "to shirk."

It no longer means tightening up, if it ever did. Instead, it means giving the ball to contractors and letting them run with it because we can't or don't want to.

As a principle, "privatize" does not recognize the first and greatest obligation of the Red, White & Blue: not just to be measured by business standards (to make as much out of as little as possible) but by American standards.

Americans include all citizens from slow to quick and poor to rich; we give every citizen an equal opportunity. That's our legacy, or what should be our legacy. At our best, we are not a people bent first on profit.

Business owners typically do not work to make the world or the country better as a primary goal. Instead, they aim to profit first by running a government operation cheaply. Like a prison. Or trash collection. Or road-building.

Or, like public education.

But public education is nothing like jails or roads or trash.

This year, nowhere is official shirking more evident in Florida than in a new push by some legislators — not only to create more new charter schools (there are roughly 650 in the state), but to close down public schools at the same time.

Already, Florida has given \$760 million to charter operators since 2000, \$70 million of which went to capital costs for schools now closed, according to an Associated Press look at the numbers.

Now, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Rep. Manny Diaz Jr. — he's chair of the education budget committee — want to give \$200 million more of the state's already over-stretched education money to entrepreneurs who would build and run the new schools.

The plan calls for the state to close "failing" public schools in those communities of mostly poor black and Hispanic students — places castigated by Rep. Corcoran as "failure factories." No doubt he knows they're "failure factories" because he's spent so much time there observing, in order to make informed decisions.

The select charters, beneficiaries of this state largesse, would create "Schools of Hope."

It amounts to this: Reps. Corcoran and Diaz would give the po' folk "hope" rather than fixing the problem with good leadership, and the \$200 million they're siphoning off the public schools budget.

A tough-talking, skeet-shooting, cigar-chomping Republican celebrated and sup-

ported by Koch Brothers campaign contributions, Rep. Corcoran — an attorney himself — is married to a lawyer who founded a successful Pasco County charter school. Called Classical Preparatory School for students in kindergarten through the 10th grade, it will soon expand to include more students, as many as 1,000 in K through 12, according to its website.

Money for that expansion could come from another of three bills now under consideration in legislative committees in Tallahassee this session, all supported by Rep. Corcoran. Each bill is designed to open public school coffers even wider to the anomaly called "charter."

As it happens, not only could Rep. Corcoran's family charter benefit, but Rep. Diaz could benefit as well: He's the chief operating officer of an unaccredited college, Doral, run by a company that manages charter schools; his salary is \$111,000, his financial disclosure records show.

Rep. Diaz spent years in public education as a teacher and principal before becoming a politician, then declaring bankruptcy in 2012 and legally escaping a debt of \$1.3 million in 2013, the *Miami Herald* has reported. That was a month before being hired by Doral and the charter-schools company Academica (maybe they don't know how to spell the real word, academia).

Charters may be many things, some bad and some good, but they are not truly one thing: public schools. Whether "for-profit" or "not-for-profit," charters can sidestep standards that define public schools (the degree they sidestep depends on local governments, including school boards).

These standards, for example.

One for all and all for one: Public schools have to take everybody, and they have to find a way to make it work for individuals, including physically or mentally disabled kids.

Everybody contributes. All taxpayers help make public schools work.

Transparency: Public schools are run with public money by voters and taxpayers, who elect other voters and taxpayers to manage the school system and answer to them. Every record must be transparent, from state records to those of the smallest elementary school, as blogger Peter Greene, a longtime Pennsylvania teacher, points out (educurmudgeon.blogspot.com). "A public school system," he says, "is one of the last bastions of participatory democracy."

Businesses and contractors, by the way, are not participatory democracies.

Here's the point I hope every voter and every legislator remembers: Public education, free to students, is the greatest public glory of the United States.

Public education is the magnificent promise of America that says to every child ever born or raised within our borders: "You will have a decent chance because we are all, all of us Americans, your parents. We are all, all of us Americans, your advocates."

Public education is our most ambitious space venture, our most formidable army, our most powerful defense against anything, natural or manufactured.

Giving public money to any private schools, even when they're called charter and even if they're wonderful places, is a betrayal of that promise. ■

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OPINION

One ring to rule them all

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You may remember highlights of President Trump's inaugural speech. He said empty talk was over and the hour of action arrived. Under his administration, there would be no more failed schools, excessive regulation, rampant crime, and industries ravaged by globalism. "American carnage" would end. Economic nationalism would erase the excesses of liberalism. He would put American interests above all others, deport 11 million undocumented immigrants, enact a Muslim ban, extricate the nation from global alliances, declare trade wars, unleash the free market, dismantle climate-change initiatives and build our military to further exert American dominance in the world. And that was just for starters. The new president put friend and foe alike on notice: A new sheriff was in town.

It was a historical moment. In one fell swoop, a peaceful transfer of power occurred, simultaneously casting the dark shadow of the Trump presidency across the globe. The tumultuous election will be the subject of shock and awe for decades to come. It has been like no other and hindsight is not yet a bridge toward rebuilding consensus. But there is one issue on which we all agree: Trump's presidency changes everything.

His election might have been less nation-altering. But it delivered a devastating rebuke to the Democratic opposition. Angry, fearful voters delivered the White House to Republican control and sustained conservative majorities in both houses of Congress.

There is no higher hand in the game of national politics. One-party control wins the pot. The country music star Kenny Rogers sang a song about gam-

bling and lessons learned from winning and losing in a high-stakes game. In it, the gambler advises, "When you are out of aces, you gotta know what to throw away and what to keep." This is the plight of the Democratic Party in the aftermath of its losing hand.

The New York Times reported, in the past seven decades, Republicans previously controlled all three branches of government for a grand total of six years: two of those years during the presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower and the balance under George W. Bush. This rarity is now the status quo, elevating President Trump to his station as the most powerful man on Earth.

Imagine you inhabit the dystopian world

devised by President Trump. He says only he can fix it. By the inflation of his supremacy, he presumes supernumerary powers. He holds no concept of accountability. Out

of the hellish pits of Washington's Mount Doom, he forges the political equivalent of "One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness, bind them." With its power, he is lord of all.

The myth of the "One Ring" and its prophetic powers are a major theme of J.R.R. Tolkien's book, "The Lord of the Rings." The tale goes like this: The Dark Lord Sauron forges the One Ring to achieve unfettered rule over the free people of Middle-earth. Sauron's ring is more powerful than all other Rings of Power. It makes him omnipotent.

But there is a catch. Sauron invests so much of his own power to create the ring he exposes himself to a fatal vulnerability. He remains all-powerful only for so long as the One Ring exists. It can be destroyed and Sauron with it, but only at great risk to those who try.

It's ticklish. The One Ring is danger-

ous. It corrupts those possessing it, no matter their purity of heart.

Thus, begins the quest of Frodo, the Hobbit. He is chosen to be the ring bearer of the One Ring and to whom falls the task of the ring's destruction.

Read the book to learn its ending. Or you just ask your grandkids. But here's the takeaway: Power accrued by and invested in a Dark Lord is an endangerment of sobering proportions to all humankind, Hobbits and the creatures of Middle-earth.

If this kind of fantastical tale appeals, then events unfolding in Washington are spellbinding. It is the first chapter of the Trump administration.

His policies and legislative

agenda are being rolled out with the support of

the Republican majority. Republi-

cans have waited a long time for this

moment. They are excited to make conservative

dreams come true. "Repeal and Replace Obamacare" is at

the top of their list.

Nonetheless, the minions on this mission have, so far, failed miserably, despite having had plenty of practice. The Affordable Care Act survives. President Trump blames the Democrats. If you find this convincing, you still believe an unfit and unqualified candidate for president was the safest choice.

During all legislative chaos, the spirit of Frodo stirred to life. But it is won't be enough to secure us from the threats and dangers of One Ring to rule them all. Until citizens of this country reclaim the moral high ground and the democratic principles and values for which it stands, the malevolent forces set loose in the nation will go unchecked. ■

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On Obamacare, a partywide failure

richLOWRY
Special to Florida Weekly



There's stumbling out of the gate, and then there's what Republicans just did on health care.

They came up with a substantively indefensible bill, put it on an absurd fast track to passage, didn't seriously try to sell it to the public, fumbled their internal negotiations over changes — and suffered a stinging defeat months after establishing unified control of government.

There has been a lot of finger-pointing after the collapse of the bill, and almost all of it is right. This was a partywide failure.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has — faint praise — thought more about health care policy than almost any other elected Republican. He rose to prominence with thoughtful policy proposals buttressed by PowerPoint presentations. This was his moment to shine as a wonk. Instead, with an eye to procedural constraints the legislation would face in the Senate,

he wrote a mess of a bill that got failing grades from analysts across the political spectrum.

The operating theory wasn't that the merits of the bill would get it over the top, but speed and sheer partisan muscle. The House wanted to pass it in three weeks, which would be a rush for a bill naming a courthouse. Ryan gambled that he could get his fractious caucus to rally in record time because — unlike his frustrated predecessor as speaker, John Boehner — he had a president of his own party at his back. And none other than "the closer," a President Donald Trump whose calling card is his skill at dealmaking.

For their part, Ryan and Trump are united in blaming the House Freedom Caucus, the recalcitrant group of conservatives that destroyed Boehner's speakership and have made a good start at ruining Ryan's. The Freedom Caucus is certainly prone to self-defeating purity, but in this case when they said the bill wouldn't fully repeal Obamacare or do enough to reduce premiums, they were correct. The bill shed support on both the right and the left because of its underlying weakness (it's hard to get anyone to back a bill with a 17 percent approval rating, per a Quinnipiac poll).

Perhaps most unforgivably, the White House and congressional Republicans now have decided to move on. Tax reform beckons. Republicans tell themselves they will get better results on taxes because it is more natural terrain for the party, an implicit concession that the GOP — even after electing a populist president — still can't bring itself to engage on kitchen-table issues that don't involve tax cuts.

Perhaps the initial tax legislation will start in a better place, the process will be more deliberate, and President Trump will get immersed more readily in something (the tax code) central to his business dealings. But tax reform is more popular in theory than it is in practice. It requires painful trade-offs and is vulnerable to the political critique that it favors the wealthy and corporations over working people.

If tax reform is going to pass and get signed into law, Republicans will have to perform much better than in the foreshortened health care debate. On the bright side, they can't perform much worse. ■

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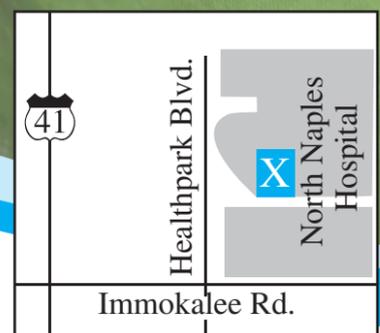
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If anyone can take credit for reshaping Southwest Florida's luxury new home market during the boom and after the bust, Mark Wilson is high on the list. He founded Naples' London Bay Homes in 1990 aimed at introducing the high design, innovation and personalized customer experience he felt the market was lacking at the time. And as others fled the industry during the housing collapse, Mr. Wilson and London Bay Homes made a concerted effort to take advantage of a very distressed market to buy assets at historical lows.

The two largest acquisitions were Mediterra in Naples and The Founders Club in Sarasota. Combined, this gave the company 200-plus lots positioned in two of the best communities in their respective markets.

It was a huge risk, but it paid off. Mr. Wilson and London Bay Homes were buying when virtually no one was buying.

The company now employs a staff of 120 — its most ever — and many of the Naples area model homes it has built since 2012 have sold before or shortly after completion. That's in addition to continued and considerable growth working with private clients. The company currently has more than 87 homes in the construction or design phase.

Mr. Wilson, a native of England and the

Talking points with Mark Wilson

Something that's been on your mind: The current state of American politics.

Something your mother was always right about: Being an individual. Don't follow the crowd.

First job: I was a construction laborer in Birmingham, England.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? Traveling six months of the year.

Guilty pleasures: Traveling and dining out.

One thing on your bucket list: Mount Everest Base Camp

Skill or talent you wish you had: The ability to draw and sketch really well.

Advice for someone just starting in your line of work: Work harder and smarter than 95 percent of the people around you. Stay committed to your goals and review them on a regular basis.

Pet peeve: Inconsiderate people.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I contemplated becoming an Outward Bound instructor for a year or two.

What are you most proud of? My happy marriage of 26 years.

Advice for the younger generation: Work hard and play hard. In addition, remember the importance of conversation. Not everything should be done through technology.

Trait you most admire in your best friend: Honesty and openness.

Favorite app on your smartphone or tablet: Pandora.

Something you'll never understand: Astrophysics.

Something that makes you laugh: People in general.

Last book you read: "Summit" by Harry Farthing.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: More and better live music.



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Something you wish you could go back to the way it once was: I always try to look forward, not backward. But I do prefer the price of real estate 20 years ago.

son of a commercial builder, has a background in engineering and reflected on the topic of real estate investment in the U.S. for his MBA thesis. Since being named America's Best Builder in 2008 by Builder magazine, his insistence on innovation and

always thinking ahead has earned London Bay Homes numerous national, regional and local awards for its building and design expertise.

Mr. Wilson also supports the community that has so welcomingly supported

him for 26 years, giving back to various charitable organizations, including Golisano Children's Hospital, Guadalupe Center and the Children's Museum of Naples. ■

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FEEDING

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a country that wastes billions of pounds of food each year, it's almost shocking that anyone in America goes hungry," the organization's website states.

It was precisely that — wasted food — that launched Collier Harvest 25 years ago. As Bert Paradis dined in a local Morrison's Cafeteria, he recalled his years back in Louisville, Ky., where he did charitable work for an organization dedicated to feeding the hungry. The memory was triggered when he noticed a Morrison's employee throwing out a tray of cooked green beans and replacing it with a fresher one. Although most diners would appreciate such a move, Mr. Paradis viewed it quite differently. It was a food abomination. Perfectly good food was on its way to the Dumpster — nourishment that someone in need, perhaps a "food-insecure" family, would welcome.

That one thing, a mundane chore performed dozens of times a day at that one cafeteria — one performed countless times a day in the innumerable food purveyors in Collier County — sparked the idea that marked the genesis of Collier Harvest.

In the quarter-century since then, Collier Harvest, dedicated to feeding the hungry in Collier County since 1992, has collected and redistributed 17.4 million pounds of food in the area alone. According to Feeding America, that amounts to 14.5 million meals. That's a lot of hash to sling for an organization run by its executive director, two part-time employees and their team of about 90 volunteers.

Coincidentally and fortuitously, at the same time Mr. Paradis ignited the flame that would become Collier Harvest, the National Association of Letter Carriers launched its annual food drive in Collier County, collecting foodstuffs from residents left at their mailboxes on a select spring day. This year's Stamp Out Hunger drive is Saturday, May 13, when hundreds of volunteers will be on hand to sort and pack food collected by the carriers. Anyone who would like to volunteer on that heavy-traffic day of incoming food is invited to participate. The food arrives by mail carriers (most followed along their route by a volunteer in a van or pickup to help collect and transport the donations) at Collier Harvest's warehouse in Naples. Volunteer hours for sorting food are 1-7 p.m., and the hours of greatest need are 3-7 p.m.

To be clear, Collier Harvest's three employees and 90-plus volunteers are not sweating over warming bins and serving meals of mashed potatoes, stewed veggies and beef with gravy. They are feeding the community's hungry — its food insecure — through a highly effective network of partners who reach Collier County residents at churches, schools, community center and more from North Naples to Immokalee to Everglades City.

The foods consist of nonperishable, preferably high-protein goods to nourish recipients who are, or are at risk of, going hungry.

Some of the food is donated by retail and restaurant partners. Some is the result of food drives in schools, businesses, churches and other civic organizations.

And Collier Harvest also regularly applies for grants and receives monetary donations from within the community to make it possible for them to purchase food at a significant discount to augment the supply of donated goods. Working with retailers such as Publix, Costco, Aldi, Sam's Club and Fresh Market, more food is secured to allow Collier Harvest to continue gleaning its crop of staples for those in need.

This time of year is particularly critical, as seasonal residents leave for the



In addition to grateful recipients of food for themselves and their families, the faces of Collier Harvest include volunteers, board members and staff members who give of their time and talent to get the job done. Here are a few of them.

1. Annette Kirk and Connie Preu, Collier Harvest database administrator and executive director, respectively, at last year's Stamp Out Hunger food-sorting event.
2. Elaine Lane of Glendale Bible Baptist Church in Immokalee with groceries from Collier Harvest ready for delivery to members of the community.
3. A Glendale Bible Baptist Church parishioner making a delivery.

4. Packing grocery bags for distribution to 50 East Naples Middle School families as part of Collier Harvest's Helping Kids Care program: ENMS Principal Darren Burkett; Julie Messenger, Collier Harvest board member; Dawn Silverman, Helping Kids Care program sponsor; Collier Harvest Executive Director Connie Preu; and volunteer Katie Preu.
5. Volunteer Tom Ryan, left, and Collier Harvest Board President Jim Paradis. Mr. Ryan has been a volunteer for 25 years, almost since Day 1 of the organization, which was founded by Mr. Paradis' father, Bert, in 1992.

summer. And that makes the impetus of the May 13 Stamp Out Hunger effort that much more important, because the focus is to continue supplying food for Collier County's hungry through the summer months, when the county population dwindles by about 25 percent, according to Collier County statistics.

Collier Harvest: a basic overview

Executive director Connie Preu, volunteer coordinator Carol Harris and database administrator Annette Kirk are the three employees of Collier Harvest. The women don't count the hours they dedicate to the cause. As Ms. Kirk says succinctly of her part-time schedule, she puts in "as many hours as it takes."

The three are the cog in the wheel of spokes that extend to the needs of groups and subgroups, all with the same focus and mission: to feed the food-insecure of Collier County.

Collier Harvest operates a number of programs, among them: Helping Hands, Food Fast, Spread the Love and Helping Kids Care.

The Helping Hands program operates with surplus food donated by Publix

and food acquired through food drives.

Food Fast provides specific foods requested by agencies the foodbank serves, funded by monetary donations to Collier Harvest.

The Spread the Love program had two distributions in 2016 and expects to have three in 2017, valued at about \$15,000 per distribution.

Helping Kids Care partners with mothers of students at East Naples Middle School every month, helping to feed 50 families. The school's population of students in need of free/reduced meals is 79.8 percent. "Some of these students are homeless, living in their family's car or functioning on only the meals they receive at school," says Mrs. Kirk, the database administrator. "Our goal is to increase this program to two Title One schools for the next academic year," she adds.

Word about Helping Kids Care is spreading quickly throughout the school district, and other schools with a high population of students facing hunger have reached out to Collier Harvest for support.

"With more than 65 percent of all Collier County students considered economically needy, and in a town known for its wealth," Mrs. Kirk says, there are "approximately 19,000 free lunches ... and almost 1,600 reduced lunches served a day." It was obvious, she adds, that "we needed to do whatever we could as an organization to help. Hungry children should not be commonplace in our paradise."

Other Collier Harvest programs serve the homeless and farm workers. No recipient is ever charged for food.

By partnering with Stamp Out Hunger, Collier Harvest is able to stretch its food supply throughout the summer months, when food drives and other sources drop considerably.

Charting the course

Executive director Mrs. Preu began working for Collier Harvest in 2009, but she and her family had been volunteering for the organization for years. She and her husband saw an opportunity to instill the value of giving back to the community in their two young girls, now adults.

"I saw the need for people who are actually hungry in Collier County," Mrs. Preu says. "Looking around," she says of the outwardly wealthy community, "it's hard to imagine."

When an administrative job became available in the grassroots organization, Mrs. Preu was tapped for the position. Shortly after, and at the height of the Great Recession, she became Collier Harvest's executive director. "Collier Harvest was all surplus food and food drives," she says. "And Stamp Out Hunger provided for the summer months." In time, the organization began raising funds in addition to distributing donated foods, "to see if we could help more people on a consistent basis," she says.

Eight years later, she still loves what she does. The agencies are the driving factor of that love, in addition to the strong relationships built among coworkers and volunteers.

"These are some of the nicest people on the planet," Mrs. Preu says. "When you go door-to-door with the agencies and see what you're working for, how can you not love it? Every day, I am blessed."

Spreading the word

Mrs. Kirk facilitates Collier Harvest's message to the public in numerous ways, including working with the press, managing the Collier Harvest website and serving as the organization's chief photographer. Having worked with Mrs. Preu

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for the Community Foundation of Collier County in the past, and as a volunteer for Stamp Out Hunger, she was asked to join the staff to get the word out about Collier Harvest, and is grateful to see the results of her work on behalf of the organization.

"It's a very tangible reward," she says. "We get to know the agencies ... the people. We understand what they're going through. And when we have money, the agencies are able to supply food on a regular basis. We've dug deep for people who don't have the means to do it themselves."

There's more than a degree of instant gratification inherent in what she does, Mrs. Kirk adds. "This is how we know we're making a difference: We can see it. We can feel it. We get letters of thanks from people we help."

Volunteerism

It's a tough job, but someone has to do it, and that job belongs to volunteer coordinator Carol Harris, the third of Collier Harvest's three employees. She's been the go-to person for the organization's 90 volunteers since 1999. When she was approached about the position 18 years ago by trustees Ann and John Riker — a power couple who helped Mr. Paradis get the organization started — she was also the coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

Many would consider Ms. Harris an organizational force of nature, but she demurs at the suggestion. "They know what to do," she says. "It runs like clockwork, to be honest. I give them a specific day or a store to go to. They have a schedule, and they pick up the food and drop it off at the designated agency or church.

The volunteers are all eager to help out."

Her greatest satisfaction, she says, is "hearing how people appreciate the food and how it helps them out with their daily lives." Some might be farm workers. Some might work in service to Collier County's wealthy. Some might have disabilities, be housebound or be affected by mental illness. "Everybody thinks Naples is the center of paradise and that only rich people live here," Ms. Harris says. "But we feed a lot of hungry people."

Tom Ryan was about to step out to celebrate his 66th wedding anniversary with his wife, Patricia, when we caught up with him. The soon-to-be 88-year-old has volunteered with Collier Harvest for 25 years — almost since day one of the organization.

"I'm just one of these guys who has to have a lot to do," he says, adding with a chuckle, "but I can't spend all my time on the golf course."

Indeed, Mr. Ryan has served on a number of boards over the years, including Collier Harvest. In his spare time, he collects antique cars and has an antique airplane at his home in Minnesota.

But back in 1992, he was looking for volunteer work when the program he'd been serving was defunded. He learned about Collier Harvest and has been with them ever since.

To this day, he makes the long drive from Publix at Freedom Square to the Six Ls workers' camp in eastern Collier County once a week, his SUV loaded with day-old baked goods. He hits the road at 6:30 a.m. and his shift is usually done by 9:30 a.m. — if the father of seven doesn't stop to read Golden Books to Six Ls children. Then he delivers any leftovers from the haul to St. Vincent de Paul.

Will Sass has been a Collier Harvest volunteer for four years. Like Mr. Ryan, he heads out once a week to the Publix

at Vineyards, seats down in his SUV to accommodate boxes and boxes of bakery donations. His first delivery is to the Goodlette Arms government-subsidized apartments. Then it's on to Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida.

At Goodlette Arms, residents know when to expect him and recognize his vehicle. "They're very friendly and appreciative," says the retired Collier County school psychologist. "My job is to deliver the food properly so (the agency) can distribute the food the way they see fit."

Mr. Sass first learned about Collier Harvest reading a call for volunteers in the St. William Catholic Church weekly bulletin. After serving the school district for 26 years and retiring in 2010, he felt a need. "I had the desire to make a contribution, which was always a major part of my life," he says. "Education is giving. It was something I could do, and I missed that. When I saw that ad for Collier Harvest, I thought, 'This is a good thing.' It was part of me I wanted to recapture."

At 64 and in retirement, Mr. Sass is grateful that he is in good health. "I don't take it for granted. Our time here is temporary. When I thought about it, I realized my (school district) job was done, but my work as a human being was not." ■



Agencies served by Collier Harvest:

- Alzheimer's Support Network
- Amigos Center
- Bonita Spring Assistance Office
- Care Club
- Catholic Charities
- Celebration Community Church
- Coalition of Immokalee Workers
- Collier County Public Schools
- Collier Senior Resources
- Corkscrew Baptist Church
- David Lawrence Center
- Everglades Community Church
- Glendale Baptist Church
- Goodlette Arms Apartments
- Grace Place for Children & Families
- Guadalupe Social Services
- Habitat for Humanity-Immokalee
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- Salvation Army
- Sunlight Home
- Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church
- Youth Haven

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Collier Harvest and Stamp Out Hunger

- >> **What:** Food sorting event
- >> **When:** 1-7 p.m. Saturday, May 13
- >> **Where:** Collier Harvest warehouse, 4451 Mercantile Ave., Naples
- >> **Why:** To sort foods collected for the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive
- >> **Info:** 455-FOOD or www.collierharvest.org

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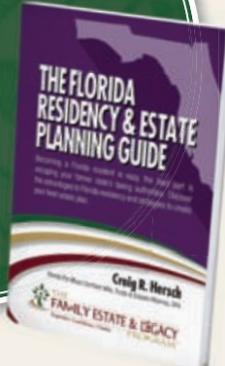
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Naples filmmaker hopes to bring lights, camera, action back to town

BY ROBIN F. DEMATTIA
Florida Weekly Correspondent



Curry Walls

Academy Award-winner "Moonlight," filmed across just 25 days in and around Miami, is an inspiration to independent filmmakers.

Curry Walls is one of them. Mr. Walls is the driving force behind 5th Avenue Films, established in Naples last year to create original content for filming in Collier County and around the state.

"I always wanted to write," he shares, "So I thought, why not try and do something?"

Mr. Walls spent his career in the industry, working at 20th Century Fox and later getting involved in the celebrity infomercial format with Robert Vaughn, George Hamilton and Robin Leach, among others.

He has now written seven screenplays and hopes to start production on the first this summer.

First, though, he needs to find investors, who would receive shares in the company. He estimates needing \$2.5 million to complete the first film.

The company is holding an awareness-building event at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road. In addition to Mr. Walls, speakers will include 5th Avenue Films producer and former talent agent TJ Snopkowski, Paradise Coast Film Commission Director Maggie McCarty and Jace Kentner, director of the Collier County Business and Economic Development Division. Wine and cheese will be served. Admission is free.

5th Avenue Films will premiere a one-hour stage adaptation (with lighting, projection screen and music) of Mr. Walls's

"It's Nothing Personal" screenplay the evening of Tuesday, May 16, at the Sugden Community Theatre. He describes it as "a cautionary tale about how people treat each other and the planet as told from a dreamer and four generations of his family who live in Naples." The film could feature up to a dozen actors. Tickets are \$150 and include a post-show reception and discussion. Tickets may be purchased at www.5thavenuefilms.com.

Part of Mr. Walls's efforts includes shedding light on the lapse of Florida's \$296 million tax incentive program for film production.

"We have lost so much business to Georgia," says Ms. McCarty. "They have a very aggressive program and market it well."

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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Latest religious messages

■ The church-state “wall” leaks badly in Spindale, N.C., according to former members of the Word of Faith Fellowship (reported in February by the Associated Press). Two state prosecutors (one a relative of the church’s founder), in nearby Burke and Rutherford counties, allegedly coached fellowship members and leaders how to neutralize government investigations into church “abuse” — coaching that would violate state law and attorney ethical standards. Fellowship officials have been accused of beating “misbehaving” congregants, including children, in order to repel their demons. (Among the fellowship’s edicts revealed in the AP report: All dating, marriages and procreation subject to approval; no wedding-night intimacy beyond a “godly” cheek kiss; subsequent marital sex limited to 30 minutes, no foreplay, lights off, missionary position.)

■ Babies born on the Indonesian island of Bali are still today treated regally under an obscure Hindu tradition, according to

a February *New York Times* report, and must not be allowed to touch the earth for 105 days (in some areas, 210). (Carrying the infant in a bucket and setting that on the ground is apparently acceptable.) Each birth is actually a re-birth, they say, with ancestors returning as their own descendants. (Accidentally touching the ground does not condemn the baby, but may leave questions about negative influences.)

■ Catholic priest Juan Carlos Martinez, 40, apologized shortly after realizing, as he said, he had gone “too far” in celebrating March’s Carnival in a town in the Galicia area of Spain — that he acted inappropriately in dressing as *Playboy* magazine founder Hugh Hefner, reclining on a red satin sheet on a parade float carrying men dressed as classic *Playboy* “Bunnies.” Despite apparent public support for Father Martinez, his Archbishop asked him to attend a “spiritual retreat” to reflect on his behavior.

TP goes high tech

China’s public-park restrooms have for years suffered toilet-paper theft by local residents who raid dispensers for their own homes (a cultural habit, wrote Hong Kong’s *South China Morning Post*, expressing taxpayer feelings of “owning” public facilities), but the government recently fought back with technology. At Beijing’s popular Temple of Heaven park,

dispensers now have facial-recognition scanners beside the six toilets, with pre-cut paper (about 24 inches long) issued only to users who pose for a picture. (Just one slug of paper can be dispensed to the same face in a nine-minute period, catastrophic for the diarrhea-stricken and requiring calling an attendant to override the machine.)

Perspective

The U.S. House of Representatives, demonstrating particular concern for military veterans, enhanced vets’ civil rights in March by removing a source of delay in gun purchases. A 2007 law had required all federal agencies to enter any mentally ill clients into the National Instant Crimi-

nal Background Check database for gun purchases, but the new bill exempts veterans (including, per VA estimates, 19,000 schizophrenics and 15,000 with “severe” post-traumatic stress syndrome). (An average of a dozen veterans a day in recent times have committed suicide with guns.)

Fine points of the law

Police and prosecutors in Williamsburg, Va., are absolutely certain that Oswaldo Martinez raped and killed a teenage girl in 2005, but, though he was quickly arrested, they have — 12 years later — not even put him on trial. Martinez, then 33, is still apparently, genuinely (i.e., not faking) deaf, illiterate and almost mute, and besides that, the undocumented

Salvadoran immigrant has such limited intelligence that test after test has shown him incapable of understanding his legal rights, and therefore “incompetent” to stand trial. (Police made multiple “slam dunk” findings of Martinez’s DNA on the victim’s body and also linked Martinez via a store camera to the very bottle of juice left at the crime scene.) ■

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post-production in Georgia, including feature films, television series, commercials, music videos, animation and game development.

Ms. McCarty says Florida was once third behind Los Angeles and New York but now isn’t even on the list as producers and filmmakers consider where to shoot their movies and TV shows. She says the Georgia town where “The Walking Dead” is filmed has been revitalized with new restaurants, tours and stores. She thinks the same could happen in Naples.

“He has a dream and wants to see if this can really happen,” Ms. McCarty says of Mr. Walls. “He’s investing emotionally and financially, and I’m encouraging and supporting him in any way I can.”

Mr. Walls is counting on others to see his vision as well.

“I am hoping patrons of the arts want to

get involved so we can make a movie, create jobs and put money back in the local economy,” he says. “Filming here could lead to tourism” — the same way people over in Miami still want to see were scenes in “Miami Vice” were shot. ■

in the know

5th Avenue Films information meeting

- >> **When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11
- >> **Where:** Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road
- >> **Cost:** Free

‘It’s Nothing Personal,’ a one-hour stage adaptation of the screenplay by Curry Walls

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The eaglets have landed at Marco Island preserve and sanctuary

BY LINDA TURNER

Special to Florida Weekly

Finally! There are two eaglets in the nest at the Marco Island Nature Preserve & Bird Sanctuary. Last week, through a high-powered lens, two small, fuzzy, eaglet heads were seen reaching up for food being delivered into the nest by the adult eagles. One eaglet appears considerably larger than the other, an indication that the eggs hatched a few days apart.

The adult male eagle, Paleo, stays busy all day fishing and flying his catch back to the nest. Calusa, the adult female, keeps the eaglets warm, protects them from crows and hawks and feeds them the fish from Paleo after she has shredded it for easy consumption.

Eaglets grow at a very rapid pace, reaching adult size by 12 weeks. Although they will fledge from the nest between 10-12 weeks, they will return to roost and to be fed by the adult eagles for a few more weeks.

Visitors come to the preserve all day long, bringing binoculars and long-lens cameras in hopes of getting a closer look at the eagle family activities. There has been considerable interest in providing easy and accessible close-up viewing of the eagles, which has resulted in numerous requests for the installation of eagle cams.

Eagle cams in Collier County

We have all heard the adage, "A picture says a thousand words." Imagine how many words an eagle cam would say. Broadcasting our eagles' activity through online eagle cams will make it easy for school-age children and eagle lovers everywhere to view these magnificent birds from any-

where in the world.

The Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation hopes to make this happen. The goal is to install an eagle cam system on the preserve by September 2017, before the start of the next eagle-nesting season in October.

The project requires two high-tech pan and zoom cameras that can withstand water, salt, wind and dust; a computer and software for transmission; waterproof computer housing; electrical, internet and broadband connections; and installation involving a crane.

The approximate cost for this project is \$45,000.

About the Marco eagles

Bald eagles have resided on the Marco Island Nature Preserve & Bird Sanctuary property since the 1970s. The preserve's current resident eagle adults, named Paleo and Calusa, were so named by the 2011 fifth-grade class at Tommie Barfield Elementary School. There is a high probability that Paleo or Calusa are relatives of the preserve's earlier resident eagles, as offspring eagles always come back to their birth nest to start their families if the nest is available.

The bald eagle, a state and federally protected species, holds a special status of prominence as America's symbol for freedom and strength.

The preserve and sanctuary

The Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation is the parent organization for the Marco Island Nature Preserve & Bird Sanctuary project at 665 Tigertail Court. The foundation's mission for the project is to preserve and protect the site for generations to come. The preservation will include



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The new eaglets in their nest on Marco Island.

additional native trees and plants to attract new bird species, butterflies and wildlife. Walking paths will be installed for guided tours and for bird watchers to enjoy when the eagles are not nesting.

A small learning center is planned on the preserve's southern corner, 330 feet from the nesting tree and compliant with state and federal restrictions for construction activity around an eagle's nest. The learning center will provide interactive video stations for visitors to learn more about the eagles as well as the ecosystem that makes up the preserve. The learning center will also have a controlled entrance and exit to and from the preserve walking paths.

Among those collaborating with the Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation on the project are: Florida Gulf Coast University, Naples Botanical Garden, Rookery Bay National Marine Reserve, Defenders of Wildlife-Southwest Florida, Florida Native Plant Society-Naples Chapter, Keep Collier Beautiful and the Collier County Public Schools Department of Science and Environment.



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One of the two adult eagles that makes its home at the Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary.

How to help

Donations for the eagle cam project are always welcome. To make a contribution by credit card, visit www.MarcoIsland-NaturePreserve.org or www.MarcoEagle-SanctuaryFoundation.org and click on Eagle Cam Fundraising.

Donations can also be made by check payable to the Marco Island Nature Preserve & Bird Sanctuary (indicate "eagle cams") and mailed to P.O. Box 983, Marco Island, FL 34146. The Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation is a 100 percent volunteer organization. For more information, call 269-1754. ■

— Linda Turner is the communications director for the Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary.



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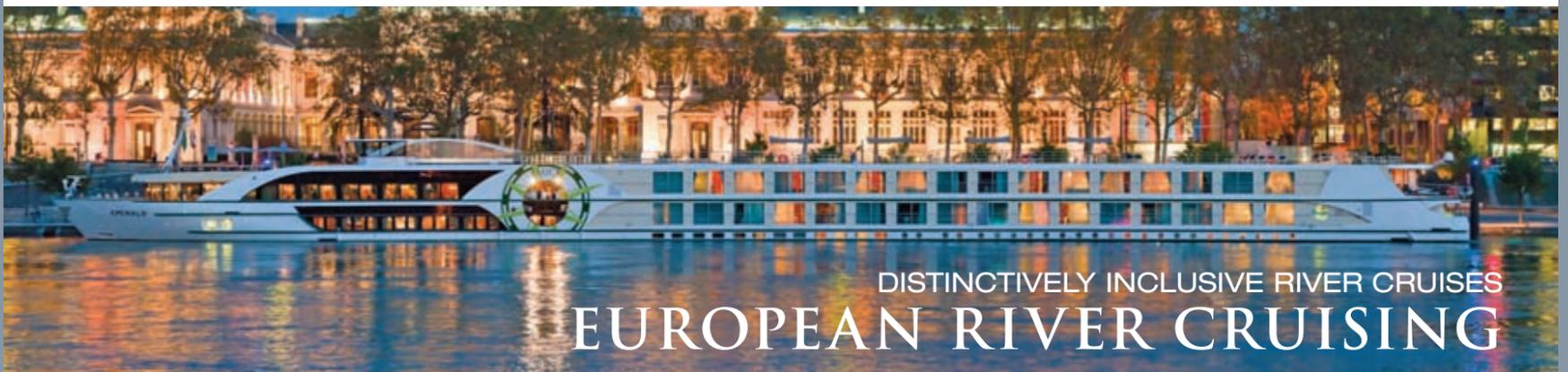


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The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Dunkin' Donuts invite the public to the next Coffee with a Cop from 7-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Dunkin' Donuts at 7775 Preserve Lane in Golden Gate. The gatherings provide deputies and area residents with the opportunity to discuss community issues, build relationships and share some coffee in a relaxed, one-on-one setting.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice-Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the

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country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing by building relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. ■

Win money for a home makeover

Lake Michigan Credit Union, with branch locations in Naples and Bonita Springs as well as throughout Michigan, has launched its fifth annual \$25,000 Home Makeover Giveaway. The sweepstakes runs through May 22 and can be entered online at www.lmcu.org or in person at any LMCU branch. Last year's giveaway generated a record 353,620 entries and was won by a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich.

LMCU spokesman Carter Oosterhouse, the public face of the sweepstakes, appears on popular television series including "Trading Spaces," "Million Dollar Rooms" and "Celebrity

Motor Homes." His career as a carpenter began at the age of 12 as an apprentice to his neighbor. He continued to work in carpentry and construction throughout school, following in the footsteps of his older brothers, Todd and Tyler. Today, his unique combination of skill, passion and charm has given him widespread appeal for families and individuals alike seeking to improve the quality of their lives by enhancing their surroundings. He is also the founder of Carter's Kids, an organization dedicated to building and developing community parks and playgrounds in low-income neighborhoods. ■

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Watch out on waterways: Manatees are on the move

In balmy spring weather, both manatees and boaters are cruising through Florida's waterways.

For manatees, it is a seasonal ritual when they abandon winter retreats and head north along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters. For boaters, it is a critical time to be on the lookout for manatees to avoid colliding with these large, slow-moving aquatic mammals.

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercraft.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conser-

vation Commission law enforcement officers will be on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take enforcement actions when necessary.

Because manatees are difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats, including personal watercraft, need to take basic steps to avoid causing injury to manatees.

- Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Look for large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.

• Follow posted manatee zones while boating.

FWC biologists, managers and law enforcement staff work closely with partners to evaluate current data and identify necessary actions to protect this iconic animal. Florida has invested over \$2 million annually for manatee conservation, and the FWC will work toward continued success for manatees in our state.

Manatee zones and maps are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee, where you can select "Protection Zones" for links to county maps.

The FWC also asks anyone who sees an injured, distressed, sick or dead man-



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Manatee mortality by county

A preliminary breakdown of manatee deaths by cause and county for Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016.

COUNTY	CAUSE OF DEATH									TOTAL
	WATERCRAFT	FLOOD GATE/ CANAL LOCK	OTHER HUMAN	COLD STRESS	PERINATAL	NATURAL	UNDETERMINED	UNRECOVERED		
Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
Brevard	10	0	1	44	4	3	42	6		110
Broward	5	0	0	1	0	4	8	0		18
Charlotte	2	0	0	2	0	11	5	0		20
Citrus	3	0	0	6	1	3	3	0		16
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Collier	6	0	0	2	1	11	8	3		31
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Flagler	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0		4
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Hernando	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		2
Hillsborough	7	0	0	3	1	3	8	2		24
Indian River	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2		7
Lake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
Lee	19	0	1	11	2	20	23	8		84
Levy	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1		4
Manatee	4	0	0	2	1	6	2	0		15
Marion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Martin	3	0	0	4	1	2	1	0		11
Miami-Dade	3	1	1	1	0	0	6	2		14
Monroe	10	0	0	0	0	4	5	5		24
Okeechobee	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0		3
Orange	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Palm Beach	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0		8
Pasco	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0		5
Pinellas	4	0	0	7	1	5	6	0		23
Putnam	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0		8
Sarasota	2	0	0	6	0	8	3	1		20
Seminole	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		2
St. Johns	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	0		7
St. Lucie	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0		4
Volusia	12	0	0	11	1	3	5	1		33
TOTAL	104	1	6	113	23	89	149	35		520

SOURCE: FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, MARINE MAMMAL PATHOBIOLOGY LABORATORY

disturbing them by following “Guidelines for protecting native wildlife – Florida Manatees,” a brochure available at MyFWC.com/Manatee. Also on MyFWC.com/Manatee is “Where are Florida’s Manatees?” with information about where to go to see manatees in

the wild or in captivity.

Support research, rescue and management efforts by purchasing a “Save the Manatee” Florida license plate at BuyPlate.com, or by donating \$5 to receive an FWC manatee decal at MyFWC.com/Manatee. ■



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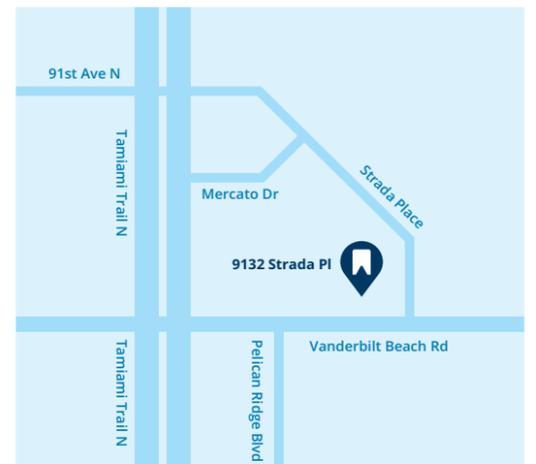
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CLUB NOTES

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreational, cultural, charitable and social activities for those who are single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. for happy hour followed by dinner on the first Friday of the month at different restaurants around town. The next get-together is April 7 at Under the Shady Palm Pub, 210 Tamiami Trail N. For location or more information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyh@aol.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. Guest speaker is Axel Cahiz. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.



■ Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend the **Corvettes of Naples** meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island

areas are invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Bonita Bay Club in Bonita Springs. The program includes a Golden Arrow induction ceremony in addition to guest speaker Dr. Jeffrey Craig from NCH discussing personalized health management by engaging a concierge doctor. Cost is \$32, with payment required in advance. For more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ **Gamma Phi Betas** who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome to join the local chapter for a lunch meeting Saturday, April 8, at the Bonita Bay Club. Author Bill Evans will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

■ **Eastern Airlines SWFL Silverliners**, a philanthropic organization of former flight attendants, welcomes all former and present flight attendants from Eastern Airlines as well as other airlines to join the chapter. The next meeting starts at noon Saturday, April 8. For more information, call Darlene (Hall) Follese at 495-9741 or email jdfollese@comcast.net.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae** in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs are invited to a Spring Fling from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Bravo! in Mercato. RSVP to Linda Shafer at lsworklife@msn.com.

■ **The Genealogical Society of Collier County** celebrates its 33rd anniversary at its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Faith Lutheran

Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Past president and webmaster Michele Bender will present "I Dig Relatives: A Lighthearted Look at Family History Research." This dinner meeting is for members and their guests only.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit www.thegscc.org.



■ **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 April 13. Potential members can attend two meetings without joining. Annual membership for \$45 includes local, stage and national Questers membership. For more information, email Roberta Raass at raraass@gmail.com.

■ The Greater Naples chapter of the **National Association of Retired Federal Employees** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Perkins restaurant, 3585 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. Like AARP for senior citizens, NARFE lobbies Congress to protect the earned benefits of those either currently or retired from a career of actively serving the federal

government/supporting the U.S. military, NATO countries and coalition partners. For more information, call Cynthia Place at 331-4623.

■ **The Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution** meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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.

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■ **The DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Florida SouthWestern 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 April 14 and 28. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastOfTheCoast.org. ■

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

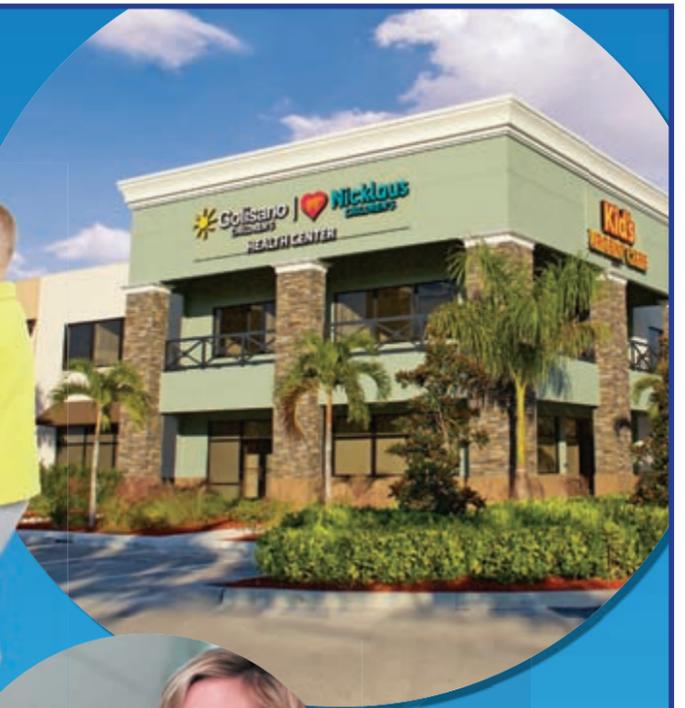
Northside Naples Kiwanis Club recently held its annual reverse raffle. A signature club event for almost 30 years, this year's Motown-themed evening sold out with more than 420 members and guests in attendance. The grand prize of \$10,000 was divided among the final five ticket holders. The club meets at 7:15 a.m. every Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.Northside-NaplesKiwanis.com.

1. Wilma Mejia, Jim Kennaugh and Terry Lowman
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Too many shoes? Donate them to help bring Special Olympics star to town

Naples-based nonprofit Character and Thought Foundation is raising funds to help bring Loretta Claiborne, the most decorated Special Olympics athlete in history, to Southwest Florida to visit to Collier and Lee county schools and communities April 27-29.

A world-renowned runner and inspirational speaker, Ms. Claiborne was born in York, Pa., in 1953 with physical and mental special needs. A social worker recognized her talent and introduced her to the Special Olympics in 1971. In addition to many Special Olympics events, Ms. Claiborne also qualified, trained for and ran in the Boston Marathon in 1981, the first Special Olympics athlete to do so. She placed among the top 100 women that year and again in 1982. Since then she has finished more than 25 marathons, including the Pittsburgh Marathon in 1988, where she finished among the top 25 women runners.

She was awarded the ESPN ESPY Arthur Ashe Award for Courage in 1996. Her life story has been shared in the Walt Disney Productions movie "The Loretta Claiborne Story" and in the WorldScapes biography "In Her Stride." During her visit to Southwest Florida, she will share her positive message with students, local Special Olympics athletes and the general public.

To help pay for her visit, the Character and Thought Foundation is collecting new and gently worn shoes that will in turn be purchased by Funds2Orgs, an Orlando-based organization that helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in coun-



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tries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Funds2Orgs will redistribute the shoes purchased from Character and Thought throughout its network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. The recipients in those countries sell the shoes and use the proceeds to feed, clothe and house their families. One entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

In addition to helping pay for Ms. Claiborne's visit to Southwest Florida, proceeds from the shoe drive will benefit Special Olympics Florida-Collier County.

Shoes can be dropped off at the Greater Naples YMCA at 5450 YMCA Road. For more information, call the Character and Thought Foundation at 250-6947 or email characterandthoughtinc@gmail.com. ■

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A gopher tortoise lumbers along at Naples Preserve.

Liven up your Tuesday mornings at Naples Preserve

The season's series of fun, free and educational nature talks on Tuesdays at Naples Preserve is winding down. Presentations often include photographs and artifacts, and the speakers will inform as well as dispel myths. Programs start at 10 a.m. and are suitable for ages 7 and older. Here's what's coming up:

■ **April 11:** Gopher tortoise habitat restoration at Barefoot Beach Preserve, presented by Nora Demers, associate professor at Florida Gulf Coast University.

■ **April 18:** Orchid research at Naples Botanical Garden, presented by Nick Ewy, associate director of horticulture at the Garden.

■ **April 25:** Dragonflies and damselflies, "Flying Jewels in the Sky," presented by Naples Preserve volunteer ambassador Rebecca Speer. Visitors can also stroll the preserve's boardwalk and see the many birds, gopher tortoises and other small animals that call the nature sanctuary in the city home.

Naples Preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail N. For more information, call 261-4290 or follow Friends of the Naples Preserve on Facebook. ■

Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida adds underwater treadmill for therapy

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Naples-based Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida has expanded its physical rehabilitation and fitness center with the addition of an Oasis underwater treadmill. The hydrotherapy system gives patients the best opportunity to recover from surgical, arthritic, geriatric and chronically debilitating diseases and conditions.

Much like humans, animals require physical rehabilitation to recover muscle strength and joint flexibility following an injury or long-term disuse.

Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida's physical rehabilitation team designs treatment programs focusing on sports medicine, performance optimization, fitness, weight management, surgery recovery and chronic illness alleviation. It offers outpatient consultations as well as tailored physical rehabilitation sessions to hospitalized, post-operative and incapacitated critical care patients. The physical rehabilitation team is led by owner and surgeon Dr. Marc Havig and Christine Bihler.

In addition to the state-of-the-art underwater treadmill, the physical rehabilitation and fitness center at Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida features a suite of industry-leading equipment and services including: therapeutic ultrasound, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, neuromuscular electrical stimulation, massage therapy, balance and coordination training, strengthening exercises and gait training.



Adriana Sanchez, lead surgery service technician and member of the physical rehabilitation department, guides Tyson after his surgery. She's assisting with his gait, allowing him to build strength.

The hospital is Collier County's only veterinary facility that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff includes board-certified specialists in cardiology, critical care and emergency medicine,

dermatology, surgery, internal medicine and ophthalmology. At 10130 Market St., the facility celebrates its sixth anniversary this month. For more information, visit www.ashfl.com. ■



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CCSO campaign discourages distracted driving

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The Collier County Sheriff's Office urges motorists to avoid distractions while driving, especially cell phone use, in order to pay full attention to the road.

Texting, talking, using a map — basically anything other than driving — is dangerous because it takes your attention away from the road.

In 2016, 10 percent of all accidents in Collier County were caused by some form of distracted driving. More than 100 people in the county were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving someone using a cell phone or other electronic communication device.

The agency is using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote the campaign and to provide safety information and tips for motorists. Follow the campaign using the hashtag #ccsojustdrive.

CCSO deputies are also distributing window clings with the message "Just drive. That's it" during traffic stops and at special events. The clings are also available at CCSO substations, and CCSO Youth Relations Bureau deputies are giving them to Teen Driver Challenge students during the portion of the session that addresses the dangers of aggressive driving.

Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time



to cover the length of a football field blindfolded, according to the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration.

Teenagers are among the drivers most impaired by distraction. The top distraction for teens is other passengers, accounting for 15 percent of teen driver accidents, compared to 12 percent caused

by texting or talking on a cell phone.

CCSO offers these tips to help remind motorists to make all activities secondary to driving:

- Before you leave the driveway, put on your sunglasses, adjust seats and seat belts and enter an address in the navigation system or review maps or written directions.

- Depart in plenty of time to make it to your destination.

- Once you are driving, if you must make a call, use a hands-free device. If something arises that needs your attention and you can't take care of it after your trip, pull over to a safe location and deal with it.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Lexus GS Turbo — even luxury loves value



The biggest news at Lexus right now might just be a smaller motor. The 2017 Lexus GS Turbo is a way for the company to reach down to those people who say they like sporty style, but really only spend their money to add luxury.

It all starts with a bright idea. Lexus used to position the GS as the higher horsepower alternative to cars like the BMW 5-Series and Mercedes E-Class. Both of the Germans come with a standard 2.0-liter turbo motor making 240-250 horsepower and a \$53K base price. The Lexus GS350 cost about the same and offers a 311 hp V6. But someone at the Japanese luxury company realized there was another way to add value.

Lexus already has a 2.0-liter turbo motor in models like the IS sedan and NX crossover. In fact, it fits right in with the first rung of the BMW and Mercedes chain with its 241 hp. By kicking the turbo upstairs, Lexus gets to break through the \$50K floor. Its \$47,305 base price is far from landing in the bargain basement (Cadillac's CTS is right there, too,) but it creates a distinct savings.

This new 2017 model carries the 200T badge, but everyone at the local dealer will likely refer to it as the GS Turbo since it sounds sportier. That's needed because the entire mission of the GS is to uphold the performance end of the midsize sedan lineup. Lexus sells the ES for those who want a comfortable front-wheel drive machine with plenty of passenger space for family and friends. The mission of the GS is to be able to carry everyone, but be a bit more driver-oriented with rear-wheel drive.

It's immediately noticeable in the styling that has one of the most aggressive faces grafted onto the company's hallmark hourglass grille. The sharp points integrated into the design of the headlights and air inlets add true distinction to the face. But the softened lines on the profile and rear keep this luxury coupe from looking like a complete bully.

Inside, luxury is job one for this Lexus. Every surface is meant to feel premium, and every button feels sturdy. Our test vehicle was optioned with the F Sport packaging, which gave it features



like better-contoured seats and a digital gauge panel, and the glossy wood is replaced by textured metal. But everyone gets premium features like dual zone climate control, power front seats, power tilt steering wheel and backup camera.

The GS doesn't use a touchscreen for its standard full infotainment system. Instead, it utilizes a fingertip controller for everything from the premium audio to the live traffic updates. While it might take a week or so for owners to get fully used to it, the benefits include the screen location further away for glare reduction and other controls can be moved closer to your fingertips.

Under the hood, the turbo motor doesn't look out of place, but we do know there's room for much more under there. After all, back in October we had a chance to get some track time in the screaming-hot GS F. It has a 467 horsepower V8, and Lexus even likes to brag that they aren't using a turbocharger for their hottest sports sedan — unlike the BMW M5 and Mercedes AMG E43. That was a lot of fun, but the 2.0-liter GS represents the opposite (and practical) end of the stick.

The turbo motor has a whisper-quiet operation at startup, which is a signature of Lexus luxury. Driving around town is

easy with light steering and plenty of suspension dampening. And the only time we ever really needed the turbo to spool up and add serious power was for hard acceleration, like when merging on the interstate. The 2.0 motor doesn't run out of breath, it just doesn't inhale as deep as the 460+hp GS F.

Premium car shopping is usually about adding on the features that coddle. So when the new GS Turbo is about less displacement and less cost — while still keeping the luxury — it's a nice acknowledgement that if we're willing to be practical, Lexus is, too. ■

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Food vendors prepared do battle

The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Living Word Family Church hosting the inaugural Naples Food Wars competition from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8. More than 10 food vendors will be on site at LWFC, 10910 Immokalee Road, to serve up some of their best dishes to spectators and judges.

In addition to the delicious grub, there will be bounce houses, bubble soccer and

a human-sized version of fooseball to play. Representatives from North Collier Fire & Rescue and the CCSO SWAT, Aviation and Bomb units will conduct demonstrations throughout the event.

Live music will be by performers Ben Allen, Shelly Watson and Kim Marroquin. Admission is free, but there is a suggested \$5 donation for parking. All are welcome. ■

Watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Pop into Culver's at 5102 Tamiami Trail E. from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, to cool off and chat with a CCSO deputy over "Custard with a Cop." Just like "Coffee with a Cop" at area Dunkin' Donuts locations, it's a chance to talk about community issues and get to know the law enforcement officers who keep us safe. McGruff the Crime Dog will be there, too.



On another note, here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of April 10-14:

Monday, April 10

Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving

U.S. 41 North and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running

Tuesday, April 11

Livingston and Pine Ridge roads: Red-light running

Immokalee and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running

Sunshine Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Speeding

Wednesday, April 12

Collier Boulevard and I-75 southbound

exit: Aggressive driving

Davis and Santa Barbara boulevards: Red-light running

Rattlesnake Hammock and County Barn roads: Speeding

Thursday, April 13

Airport-Pulling Road and Poinciana Drive: Aggressive driving

Collier and Cedar Hammock boulevards: Speeding

Pine Ridge Road and Whippoorwill Lane: Speeding

Friday, April 14

Immokalee Road and Palm River Boulevard: Red-light running

U.S. 41 East and Triangle Boulevard: Speeding

Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running ■

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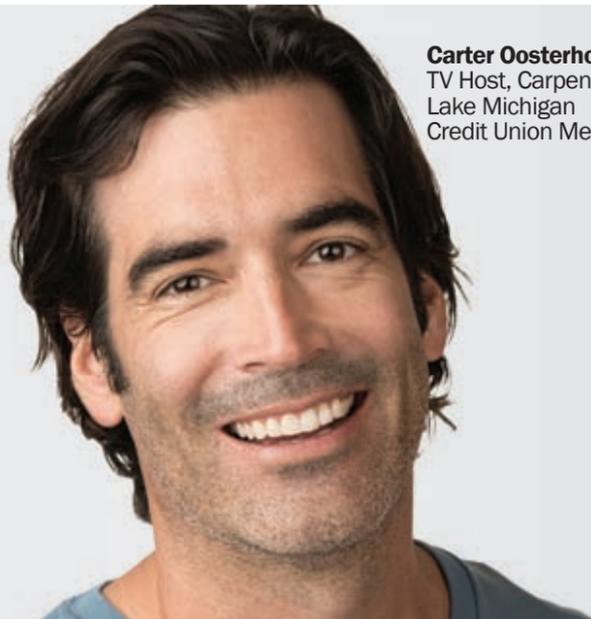
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HEALTHY LIVING

NCH and AHA: Sharing a vision of a healthy future



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In existence since 1898, the American Hospital Association is the primary voice for the majority of the 5,564 hospitals and health systems in America today. Its vision is of a society of healthy communities where all individuals reach their highest potential for health.

I have been given the honor and privilege of serving as one of 27 AHA board members. Among other opportunities, I get to visit with and listen to some of the nine regional policy board members a few times each year and recently was with very welcoming and thoughtful leaders in a region encompassing Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The discussion centered on the following, all gleaned from AHA background and discussion materials:

■ **Affordability:** The rising cost of health care for individuals, providers and business/government payers is considered by many as the most serious health-care problem facing America. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services estimates we spent almost \$10,000 per person in 2015.

Since 2007 health-care spending has increased 25 percent, crowding out other basic family needs. The average price of brand-name drugs rose 16 percent in 2015, up 98 percent since 2011.

■ **Next generation of physician leadership:** Developing physician leadership and understanding their viewpoints in this important moment — the evolution of health-care delivery as payment relationships are being driven by insurers from volume to value — are both a major stress and important goal. Mutual success for physicians and health-care systems, as we together care for patients, requires change in the manner in which we work collaboratively. An advisory task force of 18 leaders including physicians, CEOs,

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Adults with movement issues Move, Laugh, Connect at the Y

BY PAUL THEIN
Special to Florida Weekly

In the crowded main gym at the Greater Naples YMCA, dozens of people with various forms and degrees of movement disability laugh and smile as they take part in an hour-long “Move, Laugh, Connect” wellness class. New to the Y as of the first of the year, it’s especially designed for those suffering the effects of arthritis, joint replacements, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease, stroke and diabetes, just to name a few.



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Move, Laugh, Connect is truly a new grassroots program, still being developed by a group of personal trainers at the renowned Cooper Institute of Dallas, Texas, which was founded in 1970 by Dr. Kenneth Cooper, the “Father of Aerobics.”

The local Y, where the program is under the management of exercise science and physiology professional Heidi Roderick, is proud to be part of the ongoing research and development of MLC.

A balance of physical, emotional and social dimensions recognized as critical to the total well-being of the individual, the program can benefit almost anyone, but especially older adults. Participation is free for members of the Greater Naples YMCA; others pay a small fee per class. Financial assistance is also available. A doctor’s referral is recommended but not required. Personal caretakers are welcome to accompany participants.

Ms. Roderick has more than 25 years of experience, including 20 years at the NCH Wellness Center and three in her current position at the Y. She also served as head athletic trainer at Lely High School for 10 years. In the fall of 2016, she underwent extensive MLC training and earned certification from the Cooper Institute.

Thanks to a generous gift of almost \$5,000 from a local donor, the Y was able to fund the program’s procedures and



COURTESY PHOTOS
Above: FGCU intern Jaclynn Meisel, MLC program manager Heidi Roderick and assistant program manager Andrew Reid lead a class at the Greater Naples YMCA. Right: Adults who have some form of movement disability fill the main gym at the Y for Move, Laugh, Connect classes for one hour three times a week.

purchase the equipment needed to begin MLC.

Y instructor Andrew Reid and four Florida Gulf Coast University interns assist Ms. Roderick in leading the classes. Mr. Reid, assistant MLC program manager, brings more than 22 years of experience as a personal trainer/exercise professional to the job. He is also a certified black belt in Goju (Japanese martial arts). The student interns all are studying exercise science or another aspect of health care at FGCU.

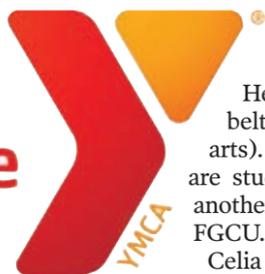
Celia B., a 70-year-old recent transplant to Naples from Seattle, has been in the program since the first session back in January. She’s diabetic, suffered a stroke in 2010 and had back surgery in 2015. Thanks to the class, she says,

she has seen significant improvements in her muscle tone and balance. “And I can walk without my cane,” she proudly adds.

Longtime Neapolitan Bob B. joined the class just a few weeks ago. Approaching 80 years old, he has a bad leg, a bad hip and spinal fusion. “I was doing too much sitting, not moving enough,” he says about his reason for signing up. After a few sessions, he’s already feeling — and moving around — better, he says.

For more information about the Move, Laugh, Connect program, call the Greater Naples YMCA at 597-3148 or visit www.greaternaplesymca.org.

— Paul Thein is president and CEO of the Greater Naples YMCA, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Move, Laugh, Connect is just one of the many classes offered for children, teens, adults and seniors.



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Who cares about caregivers? NAMI

The National Alliance for Mental Illness-Collier County invites caregivers and anyone who sometimes feels overwhelmed by their compassion for others to “Coping with Compassion Fatigue,” a workshop with George Drobinski, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at NAMI headquarters, 6216 Trail Blvd. in Naples.

Mr. Drobinski is a licensed mental health counselor in private practice specializing in relationships, substance abuse, anxiety, depression, teen issues and trauma. He has extensive experience in successfully providing cognitive behavioral therapy to individuals, families and groups. He is a board-certified practitioner in rapid trauma resolution



and hypnosis. He is also a partner in Quantum Team Builders, a company assisting organizations and groups with raising their level of energy and collaboration to maximize satisfaction and productivity.

He is a past chairman of the Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition and has also served on the boards for NAMI-Collier County and the Children’s Advocacy Center. He is also past president and a co-founder of the Gulf Coast Mental Health Counselors Association.

Attendance at the workshop is free, but registration is required. Call NAMI at 260-7300 or email alex@namicollier.org. ■

Safe disposal for medications

Drug Free Collier invites residents to safely dispose of expired and/or no-longer-needed prescription and over-the-counter medications, including controlled substances, during Operation Medicine Cabinet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Naples Town Centre, 3579 East Tamiami Trail.

Numerous other items will be accepted for free proper disposal, including tires (up to four per person), oil and oil filters, antifreeze, propane tanks, latex and oil-based paint, batteries (recharge-

able and lead acid), ink cartridges, fluorescent bulbs (compact and HID), ballasts, mercury-containing devices, electronics (computers, monitors, televisions, etc.) cell phones and medical sharps.

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HOSPITALS

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chief medical officers and I will convene to synthesize the input from all nine regional AHA policy boards, share best practices, survey others and report back to all.

Also being discussed nationally is the issue of physician resilience and well-being, which parallels an initiative that has been in place at NCH for the past year under the guidance of Dr. Paul Jones, president of the NCH medical staff.

■ Political and legislative update: This subject changes by the day and sometimes even more frequently in

keeping with the new Washington acronym, VUCA (volatile, uncertain, confusing and ambiguous). Trying to take a picture of today’s situation is unproductive. From a historical perspective, Medicare was enacted in 1965, has undergone 11 adjustments since then and today has an 80 percent approval rating by the public.

Without getting political or dogmatic, my opinion is that more efficiency and transparency combined with less waste and rhetoric will serve everyone better.

NCH’s mission to help everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life parallels AHA’s vision, making our collaboration even more significant and beneficial for those we serve. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

Learn about Hodges’ physical therapist assistant program

Hodges University hosts an information session for those who are interested in a career as a physical therapist assistant from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, June 22, at 2647 Professional Way, Naples. Each session will provide an overview of what a career as a physical therapist assistant entails and the requirements for applying to the program in the Hodges U. School of Allied Health. Only 20 students are accepted into the program every year. Information about scholarships will also be available.

Hodges’ PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in



Physical Therapy Education. The application process for the 2018-19 academic year opens June 1. For more information, call program director Cynthia Vaccarino at 938-7718 or visit www.hodgesedu/soah/. ■

More than sad? support is here

Have you been feeling really sad, tired and worried for more than a few days? If yes, you could have depression. This is not a character flaw or a sign of personal weakness. You can’t make yourself well by trying to “snap out of it” or “lighten up.”

The depression support group offered by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida welcomes anyone who is suffering from this very real mental illness. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday at 2335 Tamiami Trail.

Support groups provide mutual acceptance and understanding and help facilitate self-discovery. They also give people the opportunity to

benefit from the experiences of those who have been or are in the same shoes.

Common symptoms of depression include: loss of enjoyment, restlessness and poor nighttime sleep, overeating or loss of appetite, forgetfulness, wanting to stay in bed all the time, unexplained feelings of anger or fear, general aches and pains that don’t go away, no sexual energy, lack of focus and no interest in socializing.

Talk to your doctor if you are experiencing any of the above symptoms. Depression is treatable and you can feel better. For more information about the support group, call 261-5405 or email info@mhaswfl.org. ■

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PET TALES

Spring safety

The season of renewal can be perilous for pets. Household poisons come in the form of pretty plants, tasty (human) treats and more

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
Andrews McMeel Syndication

Is your home ready for spring? If you live with dogs, cats or other pets, you may need to do some extra preparation to ensure their safety as your garden comes to life, your home fills with flowers for spring holidays, and you or your neighbors fight off unwelcome spring guests such as rodents and external parasites. Here's what you should know about preventing pet poisoning from common plants and products.

Lilies are lovely, but they can be fatal to cats. A cat who eats any part of a lily — flowers, leaves, stems, pollen — or drinks water in a vase of lilies can develop fatal kidney failure. Don't plant lilies in your yard if you have outdoor cats, and don't accept them into your home if you receive a bouquet for Easter or your birthday. Give them to a friend or family member whose home is cat-free.

Other common spring plants that can be toxic to pets include bulbs such as daffodils and tulips. Pets who eat the tops or flowers of bulbs usually suffer only mild stomach upset, but if they eat the bulb itself, the result can be bloody vomiting and diarrhea and low blood pressure.

Cats are also sensitive to certain flea-and tick-control products, especially those made for dogs. Never give your dog's parasite-prevention products to your cat, thinking that she'll be safe if you just use a little less. Feline physiology is not the same as



Small dogs are at greater risk than large ones if they eat too much chocolate.

that of a dog or human. Cats respond in different ways to certain chemicals, so it's important to purchase parasite preventives made specifically for them.

What about dogs? We all know that they are indiscriminate eaters, willing to chow down on whatever they come across in the hope that it's edible. Check labels to make sure food items such as baked goods, candy, chewing gum and even peanut butter aren't sweetened with xylitol. Pets, including cats, who ingest xylitol-sweetened items show signs such as vomiting, sudden and life-threatening low blood sugar, and liver failure. If your dog considers himself a professional taste-tester, read labels carefully, and keep these items well out his reach.

Chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs, especially those made with dark chocolate, can be toxic to pets. Chocolate contains

a compound called theobromine that is harmful to dogs, cats and parrots. Baker's and dark chocolate have the highest concentrations of theobromine and can cause vomiting, diarrhea and seizures, depending on the size of the animal and how much he eats. Take your pet to the vet if you find evidence that he has broken into your chocolate stash.

If you are a savvy pet owner, you probably avoid putting out mouse or rat poison for fear that your pet will ingest it, but neighbors or family members you visit might not be so careful. Ask if they have put out any bait traps, where they are and if they'd be willing to take them up while your pet is there. Rodenticides containing anticoagulants are treatable with blood transfusions and vitamin K if the poisoning is caught in time, but alternative poisons that contain a neurotoxin called bromethalin are more harmful to pets and have no antidote.

Finally, for many people, spring means allergy season. Human medications are the number-one reason for calls to animal poison control hotlines. Decongestants can be deadly to pets who accidentally ingest them. They can cause vomiting, high blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythms, tremors and seizures. Seek veterinary help immediately if you discover your pet has ingested these types of drugs. Remember, it takes dogs only about 15 seconds to break into a childproof bottle. ■

Pets of the Week



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>> **Paul** is an 8-year-old beagle mix who would love a big, comfy bed for afternoon naps in his forever home. His adoption fee is \$45.



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Day 16: Cabin fever is setting in and life in a non-weight bearing cast is beginning to, well — weigh on me.

Since breaking my ankle, there's not much to do from my temporary perch on the sofa other than channel surf, where the other day I run across the actor who used to play hot, sexy Robert Scorpio on "General Hospital" back in the '80s, now playing someone's grandfather on a different soap opera on a different network. Being unable to walk makes me feel feeble enough — I don't need elderly Robert Scorpio making me feel even older, thank you very much.

Of course, I can always scroll Facebook and take in everyone's busy lives as one friend posts boating photos, another "checks in" at a festive happy hour, and an acquaintance posts her weight-loss stats since she started doing CrossFit. I want to boat, I want to have happy hours, I want to impress Facebook with my fitness. I find myself becoming needlessly envious — even when a Facebook friend complains about seasonal traffic — I want to drive. Even if it means being stuck behind a car with Ohio plates going 14 mph in the left lane.

Therefore, since 798 DirectTV chan-



nels, or my 2,091 Facebook friends, aren't making me feel any better about my predicament, I must send high praises to the interwebs for the joys of online shopping.

Seriously — what did people who were stuck at home recovering from injuries DO before Amazon Prime? I can't imagine trying to navigate the aisles at Target or Ross Dress for Less with my crutches, but getting around Amazon Prime is pure bliss as I wile

away the hours, happily clicking my mouse. And, best of all, with two-day free delivery, gratification is nearly instantaneous.

My 2½-week shopping spree started out innocently enough, with an eyelash curler. An eyelash curler is the type of thing you always tell yourself you'll pick up the next time you're at CVS — much like a pack of Post-It Notes or a travel sewing kit — you don't need it NOW, but you wish you had it

on hand; and yet you always forget to buy one. So, while contemplating my eyelashes in my recovery boredom, I ordered the eyelash curler — and only the eyelash curler — for \$7.99. When it arrived at our door just 48 hours later and my eyelashes sported a flirty curl, I went on a mouse-clicking rampage. iPhone case with a built-in battery pack? Yes, please. Chewable calcium supplements? I need those. Vanilla-flavored Splenda for my coffee? Bring it.

The random shopping list became even more random — the toilet seat in the guest bathroom had a small crack, but we just kept putting off a trip to Home Depot. Then again, why contend with long lines of snowbirds buying potting soil when you can order your potty seat online?

I've found several cute tops, a pair of sunglasses, and a crafty wooden salt-and-pepper shaker set. There's a delivery almost every day, which makes sofa life almost like Christmas.

That reminds me, I need to order a back scratcher this afternoon and for just an extra \$4.99, I can have it gift-wrapped. Sure, it's extravagant, but considering all the money I'm saving on happy hour these days, I can justify it. Click, click, click instead of sip, sip, sip. ■

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



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Matching skills with her beliefs for the NCEF

BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Maria Jimenez-Lara's life's work has corresponded perfectly with her personal beliefs.

The CEO of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, Mrs. Jimenez-Lara has spent almost her entire 25-year professional career working for non-profit organizations.

"I think the opportunity that has been afforded to me to work with nonprofits was a good match with my skill set and with my belief in education and my awareness that it's our responsibility to give back to the community," she says. "Those two things have been at the center of my whole career. When your beliefs match your career, then that's a win-win for you."



JIMENEZ-LARA

The nonprofit NCEF is the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, which raises money to benefit the organization. The NCEF supports charitable programs that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children.

Since its start in 2001, the wine festival has raised more than \$161 million for the foundation, including more than \$15 million at this year's event in January.

Those funds have enabled the organization to support initiatives that address early learning, health care, hunger, vision, mental and oral health, and out-of-school issues for the county's youth.

"My job is to advance our cause, which is to continue funding programs that provide services that impact the educational, emotional and physical lives of children," Mrs. Jimenez-Lara

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Above: Elephants performing at a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus show. At left, a Ringling Brothers circus poster from 1898.

What caused the 146-year-old business to fail?

BY BRAD DEUTSER

Special to Florida Weekly

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Socially conscious investors fund pioneering company

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Investors are raising \$250,000 in capital for Taste of Immokalee, a Florida corporation that is breaking new ground in socially responsible investing.

In a unique partnership between Naples-based Tamiami Angel Funds and the Community Foundation of Collier County, investors in Taste of Immokalee know their investment will benefit underprivileged children in eastern Collier County who are learning to become entrepreneurs.

Launched three years ago by Immokalee High School students, Taste of Immokalee sells hot sauces, spices, salsa

and barbecue sauces in stores such as Publix and Winn Dixie. Under the mentorship of Naples business leaders, the students from the socio-economically underserved area learn valuable hands-on business lessons in developing social-media campaigns and merchandising activities at local festivals, schools and retail outlets.

Taste of Immokalee is a benefit corporation, a newly permitted Florida corporate structure that lets companies pursue both profits and community benefits. Traditionally, companies either had to register as for-profit or not-for-

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Some of the hot sauces, spices, salsa and barbecue sauces made by students involved in Taste of Immokalee. Products are distributed in stores including Publix and Winn Dixie.



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Until recently.
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Most people are unaware of the extent you cared for animals. Most are unaware of the brilliant business model to get people in the door to experience the circus and buy memorabilia and merchandise. Most are unaware that Ringling Bros. was the entry point for so many to begin their careers in show business. It was a gateway for many around the world to explore, to share culture, and to provide smiles. It was so much to so many.

In many ways, it was part of the American way. I remember the excitement when the train stopped in a city. I remember the authentic joy the clowns brought as the elephants paraded down the streets to the arena. I remember the genuine love of the circus by its performers behind the scenes and in the rings. I remember the sweat on the brow before each show and the smiles that filled the stands.

So it begs the question: Why did Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey fail? Or did we fail it?

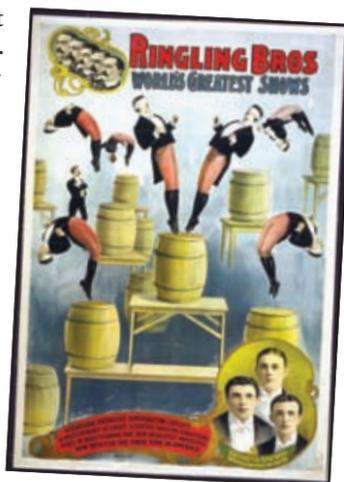
I have struggled to explain how we allow our American icons to disappear. For what? Better, more wholesome family entertainment? Why did the business environment change so rapidly? Or did it? Was it lack of strategic foresight? Was it changing societal norms? Were there simply better options? Or did we take it for granted that what was once here will always be here?



ABOVE: Elephants walk east along 4th Avenue South in Lethbridge, part of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus parade in the 1930s. BELOW: A circus poster promoting the Raschetta Brothers. Circa 1930s

This was an icon that navigated the generations. It circumvented challenges over nearly 15 decades. Somehow it remained relevant year after year, until now. But why?

To some, Ringling gave up its core values and became something different when it removed elephants from its show. To others, no matter the advances or new innovations, it was still the circus that you only needed to see once. To others, it was a lumbering icon that couldn't change quickly enough to keep up with the pace of technology and today's entertainment. And, to others, it was simply taken for granted that



it would always be there for us, like it had been for the previous 146 years.

Perhaps this is less Ringling Bros. giving up or giving in and more a statement of the America we live in today. We gravitate to sexy headlines. We are intrigued more by the glitz and less by the substance. We place stereotypes on things that we are reluctant to ever modify. We expose our youth more to what is ahead and much less to what is now. Reality works best when there is controversy or big names. But that has never been the circus' way. Theirs was a way

of basic, good old-fashioned American values.

This ending of an era sends a message to all of us. It reminds us that relevance is fleeting. It reminds us, as parents and grandparents, that we must find new forms of entertainment to bring our families together.

It reminds us to hold on to what is important to each of us — whether it is the circus or something else. At its core, this is about family values — and working fiercely to protect them — in whatever way is most appropriate to today's family.

The circus that convened families, generations and communities is soon to be no longer here. For many it has been replaced by the bright lights of the computer screen and video games as well as the solitude they bring. We may not be able to recreate the greatest show on earth, but we can recreate the environment and the magic that it was to families who came together to celebrate the goodness and wholesomeness it represented.

There will be many questions. What really happened to end this era? What will become of the animals for whom Ringling provided such genuine and remarkable care?

What will happen to the children who no longer have the greatest show on earth?

There will be answers. But, unfortunately, not the same answers our parents had for us.

Ringling Bros., RIP. ■

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Community fair aims to improve workforce retention

The Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council and the area's largest employers announce the inaugural Great Big Community Involvement Fair set for 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center on Bonita Beach Road. With the goal of increasing workforce retention, the fair will showcase organizations involved with sports, volunteering, cultural and religious activities to help area employees get involved and make Southwest Florida a home, not just a workplace.

According to a 2016 study completed by Miami University for Lee Health, employees who are involved in community activities outside of work are more likely to be engaged at work and stay in the area.

The fair is supported by Southwest Florida's largest employers including Arthrex Inc., Chico's FAS Inc., Collier County Public Schools, Gartner, Hertz, Lee County School District, Lee Health, NCH Healthcare System and Physicians Regional Healthcare System.

Admission is free to attend, and individuals can register online at www.bonitaspringsedc.com/events for immediate entry to the event and the chance to win door prizes.

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I think if you asked someone to define “the time value of money” most would reply back something about how a dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow. And when we examine this concept in a vacuum, I think the average investor understands how this works.

After all, I don’t know many shareholders who are happy when their \$1 of capital returns just the original \$1 after a given period of time. Yet there are many businesses that use TVM to take advantage of unsuspecting consumers. So what is the time value of money and how does it apply to investing and the world at large?

A dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow in a normal economic environment for two main reasons. First, money has the potential to gain a return or interest. By having money today, it can earn that return over time. But money in the future cannot be harnessed immediately to earn interest, so must be worth less.

Second, there is an opportunity cost for taking money today and waiting to get it back in the future. Maybe a few days from now there is a better investment opportunity that arises or you want to buy a new car. Having a dollar today, ready for consumption or invest-



ment, is almost always preferable for having to wait to get that dollar in the future. Patience is not a virtue in investing.

Two businesses that take advantage of the time value of money sometimes to the detriment of consumers are time-

shares and annuities. I was in a timeshare presentation where the sales person asked the audience how much they spend on vacations per year. Someone threw out \$5,000. She then went on and said that over 20 years you would have spent \$100,000 on vacations so isn’t

it better to spend \$75,000 on buying a timeshare so your vacations are paid for the rest of your life?

Of course, the sales person is not taking into account the time value of money. Spending \$75,000 is better than spending \$100,000, but you are not comparing apples to apples. The \$75,000 you are spending today is worth a lot more than money spent 15 years in the future. And this doesn’t even take credit risk into account. What guarantee do you have that the timeshare property will be in existence 20 years in the future?

Annuities also sometimes prey on people’s fuzziness when it comes to TVM. Put down some money today and get guaranteed smaller amounts for the rest of your life to maintain your lifestyle. Sounds great, right?

But again, the money today is worth a lot more than money gained in the future. How much more?

Well, the answer to that depends on variables like interest rates and inflation. So before you invest one cent in an annuity, first research the company and the details of the investment. Then do a Google search on TVM calculations and spend a few days learning about how the formulas work and start plugging in some real numbers. The results may surprise you. ■

— 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.

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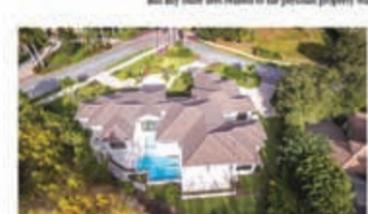


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JIMENEZ-LARA

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says.

She joined NCEF in 2012 as its director of foundation services and grants and assumed her current post in 2015. Prior to NCEF, she served as the director of charter schools for the Redlands Christian Migrant Association in Immokalee for 13 years.

“Coming to the foundation was an opportunity to continue serving at-risk and underprivileged children in a broader sense because I would be working with more of the community,” she says.

Her professional career began just south of her hometown of Miami, where she worked with migrant farm worker families in the Homestead area.

It’s a professional journey that has provided her with extensive experience in program development, creating edu-

cational programs for at-risk youth, as well as in collaborating with community-based organizations.

The abilities to successfully build relationships and work with diverse groups of people are qualities that have proven vital in her career, she says. She credited the lessons of her parents, Sam and Tere Jimenez, with providing the blueprint that produced those qualities.

“My dad was a very diplomatic person, and my mother taught me that you have to leave the world a better world than you found it,” she says. “So the combination of the two has helped me to not only advance the cause of the organization, but to also to work with the different groups of people that we rely on to move that forward.”

Her long-term goals involve continuing to develop strategies for sustainability to ensure the NCEF is able to continue its mission in years to come. Short-term, she is focused on pinpointing ways for the NCEF to be more efficient and effective and to continue learning as an organization.

Where new initiatives are concerned, Mrs. Jimenez-Lara cites the expansion of NCEF programs into communities such as East Naples, Golden Gate, Naples Park and the Bayshore area.

“We’re looking at those pockets where there’s a high need and not enough services,” she said.

Mrs. Jimenez-Lara holds bachelor’s degrees in management from Florida International University and in psychology from the University of the Americas in Mexico City. She also has a master’s in public administration from Hodges University.

She and her husband, Jorge, have two children, Melanie, 25, and Cesar, 9. The family resides North Naples. ■

Interview with Maria Jimenez-Lara

Business mentor: I am fortunate to be part of an organization that draws from a pool of incredibly talented and successful business people. Within this group, I rely most strongly on members

of our board of directors for guidance, mentorship, feedback and support.

First job: I worked with teens caught up in gangs and the juvenile justice system, which inspired me to dedicate my entire career to expanding services for underserved youth.

Business words of wisdom: It’s imperative to communicate clearly and take care of all those who help your organization, no matter their role.

Favorite business book: “Good to Great” by Jim Collins.

Two things you look for when hiring: The foremost characteristics I look for in a candidate are prior expertise and a desire to learn.

Any job openings? We have no current job openings.

TASTE

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profit, but the state approved this new hybrid structure in 2014. It gives the company’s directors the ability to pursue both the community benefits and the profits as their mission.

“Taste of Immokalee students pitched their company to our investors, and we were won over by their entrepreneurial drive to succeed,” says Timothy Cartwright, chairman of Tamiami Angel Funds, member-managed funds that invest in promising young companies. “They are at the vanguard of the trend of social investing, which considers both financial success and community benefits to create social change.”

Mr. Cartwright believes this new initiative with the Community Foundation of Collier County, called the Tamiami Angels Impact Investing Initiative, will create similar socially responsible investment opportunities in the future.

Tamiami Angel Funds raised an initial \$12,000 from their members, which will be deposited in a special account set up by the community foundation for the benefit of Taste of Immokalee. This allows investors to claim a tax deduction because they donated the shares in the company to the nonprofit foundation.

“This is the kind of groundbreaking endeavor the community foundation was designed to facilitate, and we hope this is the first of many such corporate efforts to benefit other causes, such as restoring the environment and



Immokalee High School students Eric Garcia, Christopher Bances and Alfredo Villalobos Perez at a sampling table in one of the retail locations that sells Taste of Immokalee products. COURTESY PHOTO

improving human health,” says Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County.

If Taste of Immokalee is as successful as investors believe it can be, the benefit to the community could be significant. For example, food and beverage company Newman’s Own has distributed \$475 million to charity thanks to the actor Paul Newman, who founded the

company in 1982.

The capital that Taste of Immokalee raises will be used to bring the manufacturing and distribution to Collier County and to boost sales to achieve profitability, says Steve Stolz, board member of Taste of Immokalee. Currently, the company has contracted with a Sarasota-based firm to produce and package the sauces and salsa, but long-range plans include production in Immokalee.

The nonprofit 1 By 1 Leadership Foundation of SWFL helped the students launch Taste of Immokalee in 2014 with the help of grants from insurance giant State Farm. “This is all about the kids,” says John Lawson, executive director of the foundation. “They can build it to sustainability.”

For more information, visit www.tasteofimmokalee.com, www.tamiamiangels.com and www.fccollier.org. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ **The American Business Women’s Association-Naples** chapter holds an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Skin Perfect Oasis, 6403 Trail Blvd. N. Those who bring

some kind of art supply for donation to The Glitter Foundation will receive a free dermaplane service. Attendance is free. RSVP by emailing sam@samblack.com or for more information, visit www.abwaneapolitan.org.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Hilton Naples for lunch and a program about “What’s In Your Marketing Toolbox?” Meeting sponsors are State Insurance and Glenview at Pelican Bay. \$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.

■ **Orientation** for new members of the **Collier Building Industry Association**

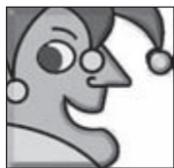
takes place from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Shula’s at the Hilton Naples. RSVP required. Call 436-6100 or email nancy@cbia.net.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Hilton Naples. FGCU President Wilson Bradshaw will discuss “The FGCU Effect.” Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ A welcome reception for new members of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events or call 992-2943 for more information.



■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** holds its next meeting and networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at LIFEstrength Health Center, 4280 Tamiami Trail E. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. RSVP required. Email info@eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.



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When Debt Is Good

It's easy to assume that savvy investors should avoid companies with debt. Too much debt can be a red flag, but debt isn't necessarily all bad.

If a company is carrying a lot of debt, it's locked into interest payments that it must make. If at any point it doesn't have the cash to meet its obligations, it's in trouble. (Many of us can relate to this if we've racked up debt on credit cards.) Even if the company can make the payments, it's spending money on debt that it might have been able to use in other, more productive, ways.

But debt can help businesses survive and grow, too. It's certainly necessary for many of us individuals, as without mortgages, we would never be able to buy our homes. Car loans and student loans are sometimes prudent choices, too — especially when interest rates are low.

Many major companies, such as Subway, Amazon.com, Whole Foods Market, United Parcel Service and Starbucks, exist because of early loans to their founders. Established companies can make good use of debt, too, borrowing to expand

operations and grow their businesses. And interest payments, which are deductible, can decrease a company's taxable income.

Investors considering companies with debt need to evaluate whether the debt taken on is manageable and whether the money raised and invested is earning more than it costs.

Perhaps you're worried about the debt load of Acme Explosives (ticker: KBOOM). Glance at the notes in its annual report, and you may find that the effective interest rate for its debt is 5 percent. If Acme is putting the borrowed funds to work earning, say, 8 percent, then things aren't so bad. But if Acme is generating \$100 million in cash annually while owing \$200 million in annual interest payments, that's not so good.

When companies need money, they can typically issue more stock or take on debt. Issuing stock may dilute the value of existing shares, so debt might be better. Overall, though, on a balance sheet, little to no debt is best. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Wild Dreams

I can't pinpoint one exceptionally poor investment, as I've made so many, but I do have one major regret. I've been actively investing for 40 years. Had I never sold any of the stocks I purchased 30 or more years ago, I'd have wealth now — beyond my wildest dreams. Sure, I would have had some big losers, but the winner would have more than made up for them.

I've learned that if a company is fundamentally sound, which more often than not has nothing to do with its earnings reports over a one-year period or even a five-year period, I need to be patient and occasionally use sharp stock-price declines as opportunities to buy more shares.

Of course, now I don't have 30 or 40 more years to look forward to, but I still love the stock market. I'm fortunate to be very comfortable. I subscribe to Warren Buffett's philosophy on when one should want to sell a stock: never.

— R.G., Anacortes, Washington

The Fool Responds: Being impatient and having a short-term mentality are two surefire ways to hurt your investing performance. But never hold on to a stock blindly, without keeping up with its progress — if its prospects dim, you need to notice. Nevertheless, long-term investments are often the best wealth builders. Five thousand dollars invested in PepsiCo 40 years ago would top \$400,000 today. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I was born in 1932, not 1738, and began as a modest housewares company that soon bought a bankrupt Vermont furniture factory. In 1939, I launched Early American-style furniture named for a Revolutionary War hero — and I later took his name as my own. I pioneered the sales tactic of displaying furniture in roomlike settings. I don't just sell — I design and build most of my products, too. Today I sport 300 sales locations, plus nine manufacturing plants, mostly in the U.S. (About 75 percent of my offerings are made in North America.) Who am I? (Answer: Ethan Allen Interiors) ■



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Insider Selling

Q When company insiders sell millions of shares of company stock, who are the buyers?

— E.B., Riverside, California

A Shares sold by insiders such as officers, directors or owners of a company are sold in the open market, where anyone with a brokerage account can buy them. Of course, if there are many more shares for sale than there are interested buyers, the price will drop — until it reaches a point at which buyers will buy.

Several million shares certainly seems like a massive amount, but remember that many companies have billions of shares, and in the course of a typical trading day, many have a high volume of trading. In recent months, Microsoft's average daily volume was about 23 million shares, while Bank of America's was around 90 million.

It can be smart to examine insider purchases and sales for companies that interest you. Some occasional selling is routine, as many insiders get much of their compensation in the form of stock and must sell shares occasionally to generate cash. When insiders buy shares, it's generally a bullish sign — but one or more insiders unloading a large portion of their shares can be worrisome. You can look up insider transactions at websites such as finviz.com/insider-trading.ashx.

Q What do "trade date" and "settlement date" mean on my brokerage statements?

— T.H., Victoria, Texas

A When you place an order to buy or sell a security with your broker, there will be a trade date and a settlement date. The trade date is the date the order was executed, and it's the one that counts for tax purposes. The settlement date is when the cash or securities from the transaction arrive in your account. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1997, when my founder launched a "Name Your Own Price" service. Two years later I went public, ending my first trading day valued at nearly \$13 billion. My market value was recently \$87 billion. Over the years, I've tried selling groceries, gas, long-distance phone service, mortgages, cars and used goods. My focus today is on flights, hotels, car rentals, vacation packages and cruises.



I bought Booking.com in 2005, KAYAK in 2013 and OpenTable in 2014. I rake in more than \$10 billion annually and sport a net profit margin near 20 percent. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Dividends and Growth From Pfizer

There's a lot to like about Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) these days. For starters, there's diversification, which expands Pfizer's growth opportunities while reducing its risk.

Back in 2000, one drug, Lipitor, accounted for 17 percent of Pfizer's total revenue. Six drugs generated almost half of the company's total revenue. Today, Pfizer's top-selling product, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine Prevnar/Prevnar 13, makes up less than 12 percent of Pfizer's total revenue. The company's top six products produce less than a third of total revenue.

Pfizer is tackling many areas, such as cardiovascular diseases, infectious diseases, central nervous system disorders, diabetes, autoimmune diseases, rare diseases and cancer.

Drug companies' futures are tied to

their pipelines, and Pfizer's is strong, with more than 90 clinical programs — close to half of which are either in late-stage development or in the regulatory approval process.

The company is aggressively developing partnerships and making strategic acquisitions, too. The two big buyouts last year of Medivation and Anacor allowed Pfizer to pick up prostate cancer drug Xtandi and eczema drug Eucrisa. Each of these acquired drugs could bring in annual revenue of \$2 billion or more.

Pfizer has also been returning a lot of money to shareholders in the form of stock buybacks and dividends. Its payout recently yielded 3.8 percent. With its broad portfolio and pipeline of potential, Pfizer appears to be a value hiding in plain sight. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at GameTime Mega Arcade, 10037 Gulf Center Drive. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events or call 992-2943 for more information.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Call 394-3061 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org for more information.

■ **Italian Interiors** hosts a members-only mixer for members of the **Collier Building Industry Association** from

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at 2670 Horseshoe Drive. \$15. No walk-ins. RSVP by calling 436-6100 or emailing nancy@cbia.net.

■ **Collier County Public Schools** holds a Building and Trades Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Collier County Fair and Exposition Inc., 751 39th Ave. N.E. Construction and carpentry students from Lely, Immokalee and Palmetto Ridge high schools will learn about job opportunities by visiting booths set up by local builders and construction trades businesses. For information about reserving a booth, call 436-6100 or email nancy@cbia.net.

■ The **Leadership Collier Class of 2017** and the **GAIN Class of 2017**

celebrate their respective graduations Thursday evening, April 27, at Artis—Naples. For more information, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual golf tournament (shot-gun start, scramble, three flights) Friday afternoon, April 28, at Quail Creek Country Club. Registration for \$175 includes green and cart fee, bag handling, professional scoring, contests and lunch and dinner. Century-Link Business is this year's main sponsor. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual dinner Thursday, May 11, at The Ritz-Carlton

Golf Resort. For more information, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

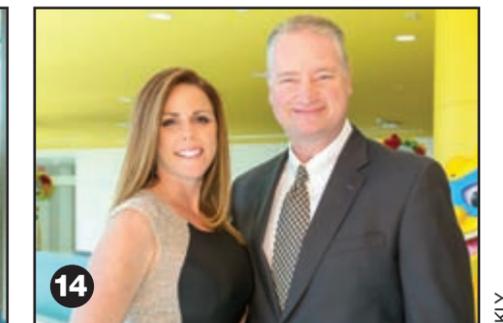
■ The **Collier County Medical Society** holds its annual meeting and 60th anniversary celebration Saturday evening, May 13, at Quail Creek Country Club. For more information, email info@ccmsonline.org or visit www.ccmsonline.org.

■ **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

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12. Sabrina Bierman and Beth Futral
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Millennials say they plan to buy their first home in next five years

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More than 80 percent of Millennials in the United States who don't own a home intend to buy in the next five years, according to recent HSBC Group research.

HSBC Group's Beyond the Bricks — an independent consumer research survey of 9,000 people in nine countries worldwide, including 1,009 respondents in the U.S. — found that homeownership is a dream deferred but not dead for many Millennials around the world who name slow wage growth and housing price inflation as the greatest barriers to purchasing a home.

The report also reveals the need for better financial planning as another significant hurdle for Millennials.

According to David Gates, U.S. head of mortgage origination and sales for HSBC, the study highlights that young people strongly value homeownership, "yet there are significant challenges to making the dream a reality ... The perfect storm of stagnating salaries and rising house prices, paired with the need for improved financial planning can make buying a home a deferred reality."

Nearly three-quarters (71 percent) of Millennials are saving more money for a deposit and waiting to earn a higher salary before buying a property, the report finds. With a 1.9 percent increase in salary growth expected in 2017 and average property prices climbing by 4.8 percent last year, the dream of owning a home remains a challenge for many.

Of the 71 percent of Millennials who seek to both save and earn more money, 49 percent feel they are being held back because they cannot afford to buy the type of property that they would like.

The report also finds that many Millennials do not have their house in order when it comes to financial planning for a home purchase. Among non-owners intending to buy a home in the next two years, nearly one in three (32 per-

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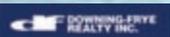


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Lely, Immokalee, and Palmetto Ridge high school students studying construction, carpentry and engineering, along with other students seeking trades and skills job opportunities in Collier County will attend to learn about job opportunities. Businesses in those industries

are invited to set up booths and send representatives.

The students from grades 10-12 will also participate in hands-on demonstrations with a variety of different professionally skilled personnel within these businesses. Some juniors and seniors might be immediately available for on-the-job training, employment (if they are graduation in May) or summer internships.

For more information, email info@collierschools.com. ■

MILLENNIALS

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cent) have no overall budget in mind and a further 54 percent have only set an approximate budget. As a result, 57 percent of Millennials who bought a home in the last two years ended up overspending their budget.

On the other hand, the millennial generation is willing to consider making big sacrifices to afford a home. Among non-owners intending to buy, 55 percent would consider spending less on leisure and going out, 41 percent would consider buying a smaller than ideal place, and 27 percent would even be prepared to delay having children.

Financial support from parents can make a big difference when saving for a home, and 28 percent of Millennials

who bought their own home turned to the "bank of Mom and Dad" as a source of funding.

HSBC research identifies four actions that Millennials can take to help make their homeownership dream a reality:

- Plan early and don't underestimate the deposit.

- Budget beyond the purchase price to account for extra costs other than the home purchase.

- Consider what sacrifices you can make to save more and faster.

- Get a full view of your finances and find a home loan that suits your needs.

Millennials are defined as those born between 1981 and 1998. The findings are based on a survey of homeowners and non-owners aged 18 or older from a nationally representative online sample in eight countries and a nationally representative face-to-face sample in the UAE. The research was conducted by Kantar TNS in October and November 2016. ■

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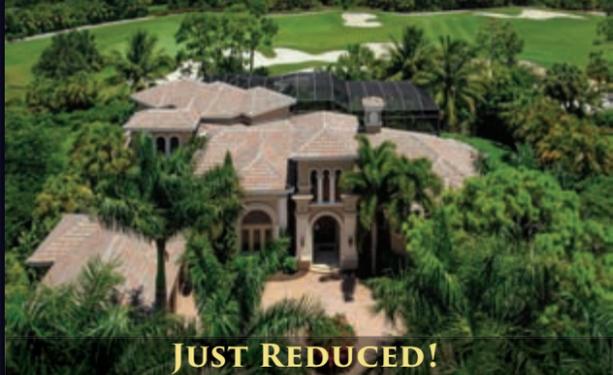
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

■ **Borelli Construction** has initiated work on a new luxury model home in the Park Shore neighborhood of Naples. Completion is anticipated by the end of this year.



Under construction at 509 Neapolitan Way, this residence by Borelli Construction starts at \$3.2 million.

The southern coastal style residence designed by Weber Design Group Inc. has four bedrooms, four full baths, two ½-baths and a study. Square footage under air is 3,820 square feet, total square footage is 5,542 square feet. The one-story home has a great room floor plan.

The great room/kitchen area includes a walk-in pantry with wet bar with two full-size refrigerators for wine and other storage.

The master suite occupies one side of the home, opposite the other three bedroom suites. All main living areas will have custom wood tiles and deep crown moldings.

The covered lanai will be easily accessible from the great room via floor-to-ceiling glass sliders and will feature retractable screens and shutters. The outdoor area will feature a full kitchen with dining area and a gas-heated pool/spa with two fire bowls and a sun shelf.

The home is under construction at 509 Neapolitan Way, convenient to shopping, dining and beaches. Pricing begins at \$3.2 million.

Homeowners within the platted Park Shore subdivision are also eligible for annual membership in the Park Shore Association, which grants exclusive access to the Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore, a beach park just off Gulf Shore Boulevard North with parking, showers and restroom facilities for beach goers.

For more information, call Parker Borelli at 263-7900 or visit www.borelliconstructionofnaples.com.

■ **Florida Lifestyle Homes** has opened its newest model, the Siesta Key, at **Naples Reserve**. The Old Florida style is evident throughout the home, beginning with an exterior that evokes the traditional design of homes of the early 20th century. Interior styling includes wide plank floors, crown molding and deep baseboards, elegant finishes once found in the most gracious coastal homes. Shiplap details, plantation shutters and an accent wall using the same wood as the flooring add to the coastal theme. Materials such as rush and natural woods carry out the coastal theme in the furnishings.

The Siesta Key has three bedrooms plus a study, 3½ baths and a three-car garage. The home encompasses 2,811 square feet of air-conditioned living area. With a spacious vaulted-ceiling lanai expanding the outdoor living space, a front porch and the garage, the home has 4,438 total square feet.

The Siesta Key is priced at \$1,295,000, with professionally designed furnis-



The Siesta Key model at Naples Reserve by Florida Lifestyle Homes includes traditional French doors with transom windows opening onto the lanai and flooding the interior with natural light.

ings included. To arrange a tour or for more information, call Terri Peterson at 287-1505 or email Terri@flhfl.com.

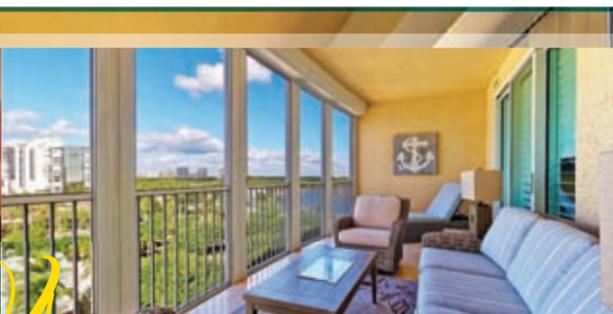
■ **Fiddler's Creek** has been recognized as a Firewise Community, a designation it has attained yearly since 2010.

Co-sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, the Department of the Interior and the National Association of State Foresters, the designation recognizes communities that have taken action to reduce risks from brush, grass and forest fires. The Firewise Community USA program provides comprehensive resources to help residents and communities work together to prepare and protect their

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"As we unfortunately have witnessed recently, wildfires happen all too often in Florida, especially during the dry spring months," said Ron Albeit, general manager of The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek. "Our Firewise Community USA certification assures residents we are taking every step possible to keep them, their property and the entire community safe."

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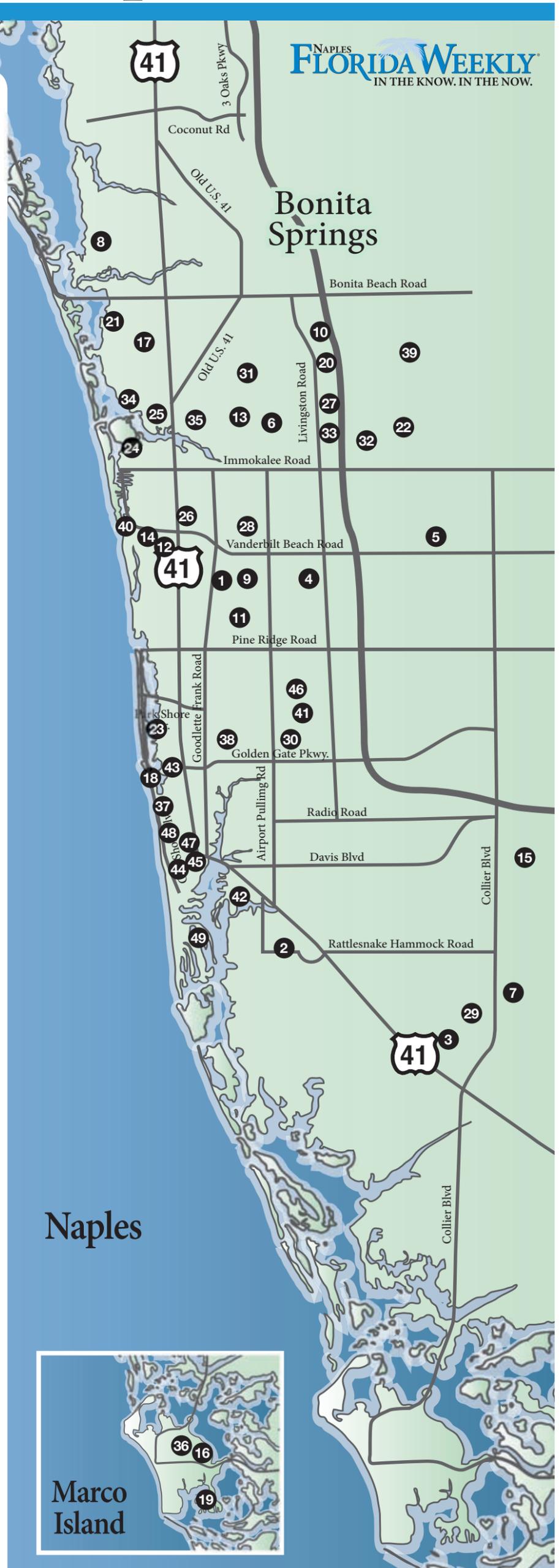
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MORE THAN A LITTLE BIT **country**

Lee Ann Womack brings traditional sound to town

BY LAURA HACKWORTH

Florida Weekly Correspondent

SINCE HER DEBUT BACK IN 1999, LEE Ann Womack has had a long and satisfying journey to the top of the country game. Only now, however, is she finally performing and recording music that is 100 percent reflective of what she loves and values most.

Ms. Womack's 2014 album "The Way I'm Livin'" — the singer's first on an independent label — is a stripped-down return to the traditional sound she has always loved to play. Fans will hear that sound when she plays at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs on Tuesday, April 11.

"I spent about 18 years doing the

SEE WOMACK, C4 ►

▲ Lee Ann Womack plays the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center April 11.

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Casey Weston sings the songs of Stevie Nicks

BY NANCY STETSON

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Six years ago, when Neapolitan Casey Weston appeared on the inaugural season of the NBC singing competition "The Voice," her coach, Adam Levine, told her, "You remind me of a young Stevie Nicks."

The Maroon5 front man had no idea how prophetic his comment would be.

Ms. Weston wound up being one of the show's eight finalists (and one of Mr. Levine's last two contestants). As soon as she graduated from Gulf Coast High School she moved to Nashville to pursue her singer/songwriter career full-time.

Since then, she's produced a couple of



COURTESY PHOTO

Casey Weston was on "The Voice" in Season 1.

albums and performed at festivals and colleges, doing more than 70 gigs a year.

But recently, Ray Nesbit, who recorded Ms. Weston's first album in Naples and played guitar on it, had a brainstorm: Fleetwood Mac is playing its farewell tour in 2018. Why not have Ms.

Weston put on a Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks tribute show?

She loved the idea.

Stevie Nicks is one of her favorite artists.

And even though Fleetwood Mac's "Rumors" album celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, Ms. Weston, 24, is very familiar with the music. She's listened to it since she was a child. When her parents played it at home and in the car, "It just made you feel good," she says, adding she never tired of it.

And when Ms. Weston started playing music herself, "I would love, love, love to cover 'Landslide.' (Stevie Nicks') voice was so different and cool and inspiring. It's different and raw, it

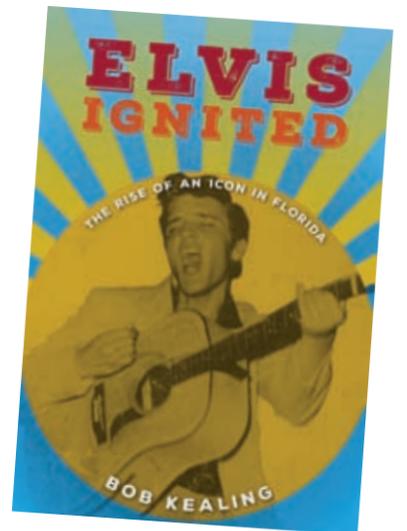
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INSIDE



The best revenge

Theater writer Nancy Stetson says "The Merchant of Venice" is everything it should be. **C10** ►



Early Elvis

Book reviewer Phil Jason says details of The King's early days make for a good read. **C2** ►



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Film critic Dan Hudak says youngsters will find the message in this cutesy Smurfs reboot. **C15** ►

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Touring with young Elvis: The making of a phenom

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■ **“Elvis Ignited: The Rise of an Icon in Florida” by Bob Kealing. University Press of Florida. 280 pages. Hardcover, \$28.**

Bob Kealing makes the case that the best Elvis is the earliest Elvis and that the managerial strategies of Tom Parker kept a great American original from reaching his full potential.



KEALING

By focusing on the emergence of Elvis Presley during his Florida tours in 1955 and 1956, Mr. Kealing can handle in lavish detail the months of a young, unschooled performer’s leap from total unknown in May of 1955 to — by August of 1956 — a celebrated icon of a burgeoning culture without a name. A hillbilly rocker with a sexy performance style, Elvis had the girls swooning, their parents fuming and the music industry paying close attention.

Mr. Parker helped shape the Elvis who caught fire, but his dominating and generally conservative decisions about

girlfriends, songs and — only too soon — insipid movie roles, repressed rather than released Elvis’s unique talents. He shielded Elvis from other influences and demanded total loyalty.

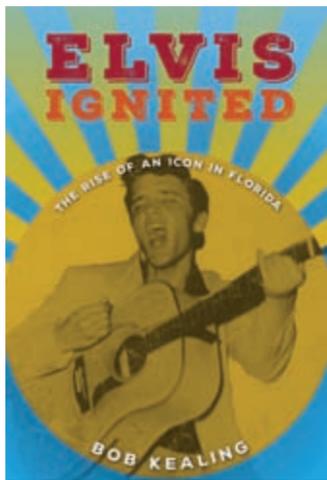
Packaged in road tours to Daytona Beach, Tampa, Fort Myers, Ocala, Orlando, Jacksonville and elsewhere, Elvis and the two musicians who accompanied him nurtured a distinctive sound blending various musical and cultural traditions. They learned by doing. They didn’t begin as headliners, but in a remarkably short time ascended to top billing.

As they moved from smaller venues to more prestigious ones, they attracted both critical and supportive journalists who helped shape expectations.

And Mr. Kealing has the details.

By ransacking print coverage of the young troubadour, interviewing scores of people who met him along the way and following the one-lane paths of those early tours, the author captures the spirit of time and place as a new kind of music made its way up the charts. He must have tracked down almost every young woman still alive with whom Elvis flirted in about a year and a half of performances. No longer young, they have great memories to share.

As have other biographers and music historians, Mr. Kealing pays attention to the nurturing of Elvis by the genial owner of Sun Records in Memphis. When Mr. Parker pushed for the big time by switching Elvis over to the giant but less edgy RCA, something was already lost.



It was West Palm Beach, Sarasota, Pensacola, Miami, Lakeland, Waycross (Ga.), St. Petersburg — and then on to the greater stages of bigger cities, television and movies. It’s as if once out of the Florida orbit, Elvis lost his essential self, smothered under packaging that distorted his true nature and gift.

A section about the early 1960s provides an elaborate treatment of Elvis’s Florida time filming “Follow That Dream.” One of his better movies, this opportunity gained him the embraces of his co-star, Anne Helm. Through his characterizations of Ms. Helm and other young women who were temporary or would-be paramours, the author pins down the qualities that made Elvis so appealing. In the same section, he provides a telling analysis of the TV special that brought Frank Sinatra and Elvis together.

The great number of people — publi-

cists, musicians, fans, hangers-on — who Elvis met and impressed during his early career reminds us of how dizzying life on the road can be. You never know who will show up. Mr. Kealing points out the influence that Elvis had on two future stars — Gram Parsons and Tom Petty — who were essentially still children when they first saw The King in concert.

This book has the energy of Elvis’s hip-shaking and leg-shaking performances. At once mythic and credible, it’s a kind of creation story. It’s a time and place not to be forgotten, and Bob Kealing makes it exquisitely memorable.

About the author

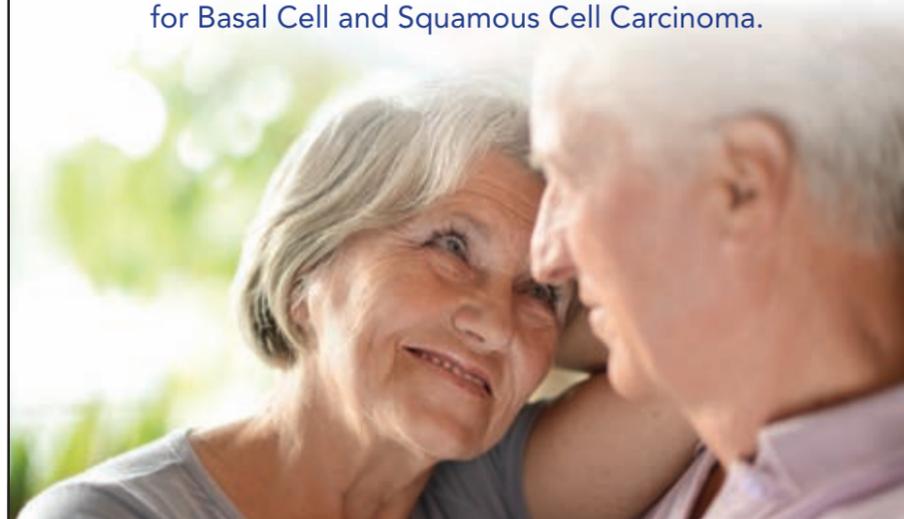
Bob Kealing is an Edward R. Murrow and five-time Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist who has appeared on Dateline NBC, C-Span the “Today” show, CNN, MSNBC and “CBS This Morning.” He is the author of four books, including “Life of the Party,” now in development as a major motion picture.

Mr. Kealing’s research has led to the establishment of the Jack Kerouac House in Orlando and Gram Parsons Derry Down in Winter Haven, both historic landmarks. He lives north of Orlando with his wife and two children. ■

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

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Master naturalist to share insights on Marco Island's avian occupants

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Master Naturalist Robert McConville is the man with the answers. He'll share them in a program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Marco Island Historical Museum.

On display to augment Mr. McConville's insights will be several paintings by award-winning Goodland artist Tara O'Neill.

After the lecture, Mr. McConville will sign copies of his newest book, "Beyond the Mangrove Trees," which documents



"Great Blue" by Tara O'Neill

the wild side of South Florida in photographs. (Earlier that same day, at 4 p.m., he will hold a book signing at Sunshine Booksellers on Marco.)

The owner of Stepping Stone Ecotours, Mr. McConville conducts boardwalk tours at the Big Cypress National Preserve and is one of the scientists working on the 10,000 Island Dolphin Project, which tracks the distribution, movement and behavior of dolphins in Marco waters.

Admission to the lecture is free for members of the Marco Island Historical Society and \$10 for others. The museum is at 180 S. Heathwood Drive across from the library. For more information, call 389-6447 or visit www.theMIHS.com. ■

Literacy group hosts novelist Robin Cook

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County welcome Naples resident and acclaimed novelist Robin Cook, author of 34 international bestsellers — among them "Fever," "Cure," "Terminal," "Outbreak" and "Coma" — as guest speaker at the LVCC Literary Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 21, at Stonebridge Country Club, 2100 Winding Oaks Way in Naples.

Since 1984, LVCC has provided confidential one-to-one tutoring to adults

and children who want to improve their reading, writing and English speaking skills so they can participate more fully in the daily tasks of life such as family, employment, school and community.

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doesn't sound super-duper pretty. It sounds real and connected."

She got to meet Ms. Nicks backstage at an Adam Levine concert after Ms. Nicks did an encore number with Mr. Levine. The Fleetwood Mac singer told Ms. Weston she wouldn't be there if not for Ms. Weston singing "Leather and Lace" on "The Voice."

Ms. Weston and her Gypsy Tribute band will perform the songs of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs.

In addition to Ms. Weston and Mr. Nesbit, the Gypsy Tribute band consists of Dawn Sellai on vocals and acoustic guitar, Alan James on guitar and vocals, David Brawley on bass and Phil Jeltis on keyboards. While they're paying homage to Fleetwood Mac and Ms. Nicks, they're not a tribute band. No wigs, no costumes.

"We don't want to look like them," Mr. Nesbit says. "We want to pay homage to these great songs and singers." The set list includes "Gold Dust Woman," "Gypsy," "Landslide," "Dreams," "Edge of 17" and "Tell Me Lies."

"All their biggest hits," Mr. Nesbit says.

Their first Gypsy Tribute performance, which was just a few months ago, opened with a slow version of "Rhiannon." Mr. Nesbit recalls, "All we could see (from the stage) was jaws dropping, and big wide eyes. People were crying by the time we finished our first tune. We received a standing ovation after the first song."

Ms. Weston "is obviously so perfect for this stuff," he adds. "You will go, 'Oh, wow!' Casey is the real deal ... With this, she's not trying to sound like Stevie Nicks, but her vibe is just there. She's singing the way she sings. I thought it would be special, but I had no idea just how special it was going to be."

He adds the band members have worked hard to get the instrumentation



Casey Weston and the Gypsy Tribute band.

COURTESY PHOTO



Casey Weston writes and sings in Nashville.

COURTESY PHOTO

just right. "It's taken a lot of time to make sure we pay homage to the band with the instrumentation. That's part of it, a specific vibe they have as individuals when they play together."

Ms. Weston is still writing songs in Nashville and playing various venues.

She's planning a trip to Los Angeles in May to write and record with a producer there, and says fans can look for new music from her later in 2017 or in 2018.

Does she keep in touch with her coach on "The Voice," Mr. Levine?

"When I was first off the show we kept in touch a bit, but his life is so crazy," she says. "But anytime I reach out about posting something about a record, he is always supportive of that."

As every artist needs to, she's finding her own way in the business.

"A lot of my mentors are my peers and people I surround myself with who are also artists and songwriters," she says. "They're the ones who teach me a lot. We learn it together. We're on this adventure together, as opposed to people who have been there and done that."

Established artists made their music in a very different time, she says, noting

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Gypsy Tribute to Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks

- >> **Who:** Casey Weston
- >> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12
- >> **Where:** The Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center, 11515 Bonita Beach Road S.E., Bonita Springs
- >> **Tickets:** \$40-\$55
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that there's more music out nowadays, and accessible technology allows people to create a record in their living room.

But she wouldn't want to be doing any other than making music.

"I know God gave me a voice and something to say and a way to say it," she says. "I'm just doing my best to share the music that I need to." ■

WOMACK

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commercial major label thing in Nashville," she reflects. "It was what I had always wanted. When I was a little girl, I dreamed of moving to Nashville and getting on a record label. But at the end of the day, it didn't make me happy.

"I tried to make the best of it because I knew I had a lot of years ahead of me at that label," she continues. "And I had a really good run at it. I had a lot of success and was able to ride that fine line between what I loved, what the label needed and what I had contracted myself to do, which was write and perform commercially successful music."

The increasing radio tendency toward pop-country was a huge impetus for Ms. Womack to record "The Way I'm Livin'," which she says is "the first record that I did exactly what I wanted to do." It's the type of country music she feels like she was born to make.

It's been called "the best (album) of (Ms. Womack's) career" (SPIN), a "late-night honky-tonk full of broken bottles and shattered dreams" (Esquire) and "a terrific album rooted in traditional country's willingness to confront the realities of addiction, adultery, bad romantic choices and small-town blues" (Nashville Scene). The album was nominated for Best Country Album at the 2015 Grammy Awards; the song



Lee Ann Womack plays the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center April 11.

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"Chances Are" was nominated for both Best Country Solo Performance and Best Country Song at the 2016 Grammy Awards.

The title track features Ms. Womack at her most plaintive yet powerful best and the entire album is imbued with her distinctive heart and passion. Ms. Womack wrote about half of the material and called on songwriter friends for the rest.

"When I was doing the commercial game, I had a whole staff of people at

the record label looking for songs that would work on the radio. With this record, I personally went to songwriting friends like Mindy Smith, Hayes Carll and Neil Young ... they had songs they knew I would love to record."

Ms. Womack and her husband, producer Frank Liddell, call Nashville home base, but both were raised in Texas. They went back to the Longhorn State to record the album to make sure the record felt like home, she says.

in the know

Lee Ann Womack in concert

- >> **Who:** Lee Ann Womack
- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11
- >> **Where:** The Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center, 11515 Bonita Beach Road S.E., Bonita Springs
- >> **Tickets:** \$28-\$44
- >> **Info:** 389-6901 or www.swflpac.org

The couple has two daughters, Aubrey and Anna. Following in her mother's enormous footsteps, Aubrey recently signed with Warner Bros. Records and is currently on the road promoting her own album. Like any mother would be, Womack is incredibly proud.

"It's amazing," she says, "except I don't get to see her enough. She's my little pal. Her music is different from mine, but she signed with a big label and is playing the commercial Nashville game, so in that sense she is taking after me."

Given Ms. Womack's shift out of the commercial record-making landscape, she naturally has mixed feelings about Aubrey's success.

"It's tough when you have a certain kind of music you want to make and the label has a formula they want you to go by," she says. "It doesn't allow for much creative freedom. But Aubrey is trying to figure out her place and what she loves to do, and I'm confident that she'll do what I did and find a little niche and still be able to stay in that commercial game and stay happy." ■

Bonita troupe presents A.R. Gurney comedy about 'Later Life' choices

BY TOM HALL
Special to Florida Weekly

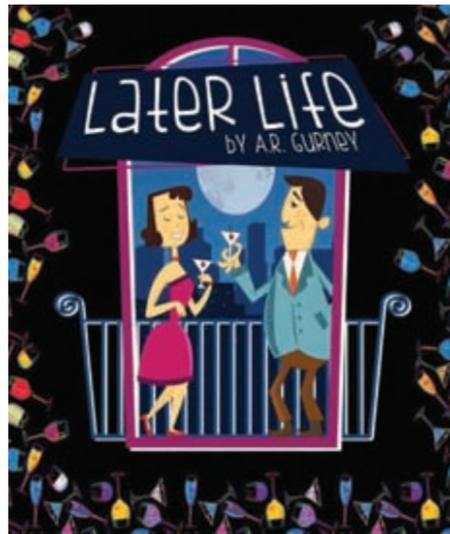
A.R. Gurney's "Later Life" runs Thursday through Sunday, April 6-9, at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. Catalina Monterrosa directs members of the CFABS Community Players in the comedy about Austin and Ruth, who meet at a cocktail party overlooking Boston Harbor 30 years after they were once an item.

Austin has spent his entire life convinced that something terrible is bound to happen to him. Now a multiple divorcee, Ruth's personal life is in such turmoil that mutual friends look to Austin as Ruth's last shot at normalcy. At the same time, they hope the wildly unpredictable Ruth will help pry Austin from his mundane life of quiet depression.

Comically, and sometimes painfully, these two people rediscover each other and themselves while a bevy of free-spirited guests rally to remind them of the infinite possibilities that life holds — if only they choose to pursue them.

Mr. Gurney's plays often explore the theme of a declining upper-class, white Anglo-Saxon Protestant life in contemporary America. *The Wall Street Journal* has called his works "penetratingly witty studies of the WASP ascendancy in retreat." Several of his works are loosely based on his patrician upbringing.

While opinions vary, *The New Yorker* posits that "Later Life" may very well be the best of the 46 plays the Yale gradu-



ate has penned since the early '60s. "Later Life" reminds us all that the choices we make can lead to either turmoil or opportunity. The choice is ours. So are the consequences. ■

in the know

'Later Life'

- >> **Who:** The CFABS Community Players
- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 6-9; 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9
- >> **Where:** The Moe Auditorium & Film Center of the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, 10150 Bonita Beach Road
- >> **Tickets:** \$25 general admission
- >> **Running time:** 60 minutes
- >> **Info:** 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org

'These Shining Lives' sheds light on the Radium Girls of the 1920s

BY PATRICE SHIELDS
Special to Florida Weekly

The Naples Players present Melanie Marnich's historical drama, "These Shining Lives," through Saturday, April 15, in the Tobbye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

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 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 are quickly reassured by the factory foreman (Mark Vanagas) that radium is in no way harmful and might



COURTESY PHOTO
Amy Hughes, Katherine Oni, Jamielynn Bucci and Jasmine Vizena star in "These Shining Lives."

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 resilient efforts for justice set in motion workplace safety standards and worker's compensation measures to protect future generations. ■

— Patrice Shields is the marketing director for *The Naples Players*.

in the know

'These Shining Lives'

- >> **Who:** The Naples Players
- >> **When:** Through April 15
- >> **Where:** The Tobbye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Tickets:** \$30 (\$10 for students)
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

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Later Life – By CAFBS Community Players April 6-9 at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' Moe Auditorium. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Cabaret – April 12-16 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Battlefield of Brotherhood – By Marco Island Historical Society through April 7 at Rose History Auditorium. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 389-6447 or www.colliermuseums.com.

These Shining Lives – By The Naples Players through April 15 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

The Merchant of Venice – By Gulfshore Playhouse through April 15 at The Norris Center. 755 Fifth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – By Florida Repertory Theatre through April 12. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

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

Heaven Help Me – By The Marco Players April 19-May 7 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

I Hate Hamlet – By The Naples Players April 19-May 14 at Sugden Community Theater. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Legs Diamond – By TheatreZone April 27-May 7 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

THURSDAY 4.6

Lei-Up – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a braided haku lei-making workshop from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about native orchid research from 10-11 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesbotanicalgarden.org.

History Talk – South Regional Library hosts a lecture titled "Canterbury Tales: City and Cathedral" at 2 p.m. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Sunset Concert – Friends of Lovers Key presents local singer/songwriters Alan Bradford, Dave Clayton and Bill Veach from 3:45 p.m. to sunset. Free with regular park entry. 463-4588 or www.friendsofroverskey.org.

Free Concert – Slide guitarist Kraig Kenning performs from 6-9 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Violin Concert – Contemporary violinist Ann-Sophie Mutter performs at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

FRIDAY 4.7

Funny Guy – Comedian Mitch Fatel ("Public Display of Perversion") performs tonight and Saturday, April 8, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.



Indulge your inner Anglophile by sitting in on a lecture titled "Canterbury Tales: City and Cathedral" at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at South Regional Library. www.collierlibrary.org.

Foreign Film – South Regional Library screens "Offside" (Iran, 2006) at 2 p.m. Six Iranian girls disguise themselves as boys in order to enter Tehran's Azadi Stadium to watch the 2006 World Cup Asian zone qualifier between Iran and Bahrain. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Free Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "The Big Sleep" (1946) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. Private detective Philip Marlowe is hired by a rich family. Before the complex case is over, he's seen murder, blackmail, and what might be love. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

SATURDAY 4.8

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about water lilies from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art Fest – Naples Artcrafters hosts a festival featuring arts and crafts in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about water lilies from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

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

Lime in the Coconut – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture and workshop on growing tropical fruits and coconuts from 1-3 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art After Dark – The Galleries of Crayton Cove upon their doors to the public and provide live music from 6-9 p.m. 659-2787 or www.galleriesofcraytoncove.com.

Bluegrass Show – Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver perform at 6:30 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$35. www.bluewaterbluegrass.com.

One of the Greats – Sinbad, ranked by Comedy Central as one of the best stand-up comedians of all time, performs several shows tonight at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. Check website for show times. \$25-\$35. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Tonight Show – Stand-up legend and former talk show host Jay Leno performs at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

SUNDAY 4.9

Sand Treasures – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a volunteer-led beach combing session at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday through April. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Art Show – The Esplanade hosts a juried art show with a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 537-5921 or tylerswildphotos@yahoo.com.

You Shall Not Pass – Silverspot Cinema in Mercato screens Cecile B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" at 2 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. \$9.50-\$16. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Free Concert – Gulf Coast Big Band performs at 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. 877-0690 or www.gulfcoastbigband.com.

Jazz in the Garden – Elements of Jazz performs from 2-4 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Free with admission. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Another Year" (UK, 2010) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. A look at four seasons in the lives of a happily married couple and their relationships with others. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Louie, Louie, Louie – Big Bad Voodoo Daddy performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Stupid Cupid – Neil Sedaka performs at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$70. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

MONDAY 4.10

Wildlife Party – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts Gopher Tortoise Day with educational opportunities, activities, viewings and more starting at 10 a.m. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Snakes in the Swamp – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a presentation and viewing of the preserves' snakes at 1 p.m. today and Monday, April 17. Free with admission. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Om in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a walking meditation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film – Italian Cultural Society screens "Verso Nord" (Italy, 2004) at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center. A burly, nearly mute criminal embarks on a road trip to Switzerland to help a ten-year-old Moroccan boy reach his adoptive parents. \$5. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 434-3323 or www.italianculturalsociety.com.

Om on the Beach – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a sunset yoga session on the beach at 6:45 p.m. each Monday through April. \$5 plus park entry fee. 596-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Piano Recital – Euro Pianos Naples hosts a performance by Henry Kramer, winner of the 2015 William Petschek Recital Debut Award at The Juilliard School, from 7-9 p.m. Call for pricing. 12980 Tamiami Trail N. 591-0304 or www.europeanaples.com.

Free Concert – Naples Big Band performs at 7 p.m. at Cambier Park's band shell. 594-5141 or www.naplesbigband.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Intimate Stories" (2002, Argentina) at 7 p.m. Three people and a baby set off on separate journeys on a breathtaking Patagonian route. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Latin Music – Pianist Nachito Herrera and soprano Eglisse Gutierrez meld opera, jazz and Latin American music at 8 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$19-\$85. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Blues Concert – Influential blues guitarist Buddy Guy performs at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



Euro Pianos Naples wraps up its Grand Piano Series with a performance by Henry Kramer, winner of the 2015 William Petschek Recital Debut Award from The Juilliard School, at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10. The piano salon is at 12980 Tamiami Trail N. 91-0304 or www.grandpianoseries.com.

TUESDAY 4.11

Pup Patrol – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes well-behaved, leashed 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.

Early Risers – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts an earlybird walk through the preserve from 8-11 a.m. \$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Flow in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a tai-chi session at 9 a.m. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Dinner with the Artists – Naples Art Association pairs local sculptor Joel Shapses with Shula's Steakhouse chef Cesar Fernandez for a creative collaboration and multi-course dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$125. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

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

Art Lecture – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture on Peter Paul Rubens from 10-11:30 a.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

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.

Nature Talk – Artists Connie Bransilver and Nicholas Petrucci lead a multimedia presentation about Guardians of the Everglades at 6:30 p.m. at Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members, \$10 for others. 403-4207 or www.conservancy.org.

The Way I'm Livin' – Country star Lee Ann Womack performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$28-\$44. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

WEDNESDAY 4.12

Om on the Beach – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a yoga session on the beach at 9 a.m. each Wednesday through April. \$5 plus park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Jazz Concert – Mudbone performs at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$40. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2900 or www.capacenter.org.

Old Timers – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a walk through its stand of ancient bald cypress from 9 a.m. to noon. \$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

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

Free Film – Headquarters Library screens "Girl on the Train" (2016) at 2 p.m. A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life. Registration required. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

COMING UP

Stingray Shuffle – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts an informational session on native stingrays and how to avoid them at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Take Me Away – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts an open house to present excursions with Tauck Small Ship Cruising from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, April 13. 801 Laurel Oak Drive. 261-1177 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Free Film – Naples Regional Library screens "Florence Foster Jenkins" (2016). The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice. Reservations required. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or www.collierlibrary.org.



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PICKS

■ Artis—Naples says welcome and bienvenue to the national touring production of Broadway's "Cabaret" Wednesday through Sunday, April 12-16.

— www.artisnaples.org



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JUMP & JIVE IT

■ Jump, jive and wail when **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** takes the stage at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Southwest Performing Arts Center.

— www.swflpac.com



■ **Doyle Lawson** performs with his six-piece band Quicksilver at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Naples Botanical Garden.

— bluewaterbluegrass.com

4.8



4.11

■ Country singer **Lee Ann Womack's** latest album, "The Way I'm Livin'," earned Grammy nominations two years in a row. She takes the stage at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center.

— www.swflpac.com



■ Stand-up legend and former talk-show host **Jay Leno** performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Artis—Naples.

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WHAT TO DO



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Tango Concert – Tango S.V.P. performs from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.

Gimme That – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a handbag event where guests can purchase a wide array of purses while sampling hors d'oeuvres and enjoying cocktails from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 13. \$45, includes bites, a drink and five raffle tickets. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Ice Dancers – Stars on Ice performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Germain Arena. \$27-\$147. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Frankly Funny – Actor and comedian Frank Blocker performs monologues, improv, songs and more at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

A Tisket, A Tasket – Venetian Village hosts an Easter Jamboree with the Easter bunny, egg hunt, arts and crafts and more from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

Ooh La La – Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour hosts an in-store Easter egg hunt that includes hidden jewelry, candy and gift certificates. Guests limited to five eggs and no purchase is necessary to participate. 900 Neapolitan Way. 434-9700 or www.oohlalanasnaples.com.

Best Breakfast – Miromar Outlets hosts breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, with photos following from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the restaurant piazza. 984-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Fists of Fury – The Naples Players hosts an introductory stage combat class from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 15. \$30 for members, \$50 for others. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Colombiano – South American band Herencia de Timbiquí performs regional Colombian music at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$40-\$50. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Don't Look Back – Boston performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Germain Arena. \$40-\$100. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Chamber Concert – Members of Naples Philharmonic perform works by Beethoven and Schuman at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Cruisin' – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts an eco-cruise to view birds of prey from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 17. \$20-\$47. 213-2500 or www.conservancy.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Mysterries of Lisbon” (France, 2010) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17. A jealous countess, a wealthy businessman and a young boy are scattered across Europe and connect with a variety of mysterious individuals. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Thanks! – Mercato thanks first responders with motorcycle demonstrations, family activities, bomb and SWAT team units and more from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Free. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshop.com.



The Naples Players presents “I Hate Hamlet,” a Shakespeare-lite comedy about an actor who must overcome his loathing of The Bard’s tragic hero with the aid of the ghost of John Barrymore, April 19-May 14, at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

String Recital – The Royal String Quartet of Poland performs contemporary compositions at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$27-\$37. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic Chorus celebrates 25 years with a performance featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Vaughn Williams at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21-22. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Master Lecture – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts Marek Dyzewski, rector of The Academy of Music in Wroclaw, as he leads a multimedia presentation entitled “Voice of Music in Masterpiece Paintings,” at 8 p.m. Friday, April 21. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

'Bout to Harmonize – Vocal group Flashback Four perform hits by The Beach Boys, BeeGees and The Four Seasons at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at The Norris Center. \$25. 55 Eighth Ave S. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

Bard's Kids – The Naples Players' KidzAct Shakespeare Company performs Shakespeare's “As You Like It” at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Sugden Community Theater's outdoor stage. \$10. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Student Concert – Winners of Naples Music Clubs' scholarships will perform at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at First United Methodist Church of Naples. Free. 388 First Ave. S. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicclub.org.

Piano Concert – Leading Polish pianist Beata Bilinska performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$27-\$37. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Bluegrass Concert – Southern Express Band performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at The Norris Center. \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

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WHERE TO GO



The Royal String Quartet of Poland presents "Musica Vincit Omnia," a series of three events that includes a chamber performance, a lecture about the voice of music in masterpiece paintings and a piano concert by member Beata Bilinska, April 20-22 at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Thriller – Olivia Newton-John performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$39-\$125. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Broadway Voice – Lea Salonga, the original Kim in Miss Saigon and voice of two Disney princesses, performs at 8 p.m. Monday, April 24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Take Me Away – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts a travel talk with representative from Abercrombie & Kent to introduce trip packages to Europe and Australia at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Free, but reservations required by April 21. 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd. 261-1177 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Piano Concert – Timur Mustikimov, winner of Heida Hermann's International Piano Competition, performs at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Naples Botanical Garden. \$90 for members, \$100 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Turtle Time – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a presentation about sea turtles at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Music at the Moe – Classical Jazz Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs' Moe Auditorium. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Bluegrass Concert – Musicians Chris Hillman, Herb Pederson and John Jorgensen perform at 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Stay in May – Naples Art Association kicks off this year's Stay in May arts festival with an opening reception for its exhibit, "From Shanghai to Naples," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Stay in May continues with over 40 cultural events covering music, cuisine, art, film, dance and more through May 14. Reception tickets are \$17. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Nature Talk – Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture about Kemp-Ridley sea turtles at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Free for members, \$10 for others. 403-4207 or www.conservancy.org.

Classical Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform works from the Baroque era at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Violinist Paul Huang performs with pianist Tao Lin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$19-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Jazz Night – Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs a tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Environmental History – Author Steve Noll examines the relationship of people to the land of Florida, starting with Native American settlements, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free for members, \$5 for others. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440 or www.themihs.com.

Country Rock – Chris Hellman & Herb Pederson, known for their work with the Byrds, the Flying Burrito Brothers, Manassas and the Desert Rose Band, perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Strings Sing – The Naples Philharmonic performs an up-close string concert for kids with instrument demonstrations at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Anniversary Party – Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage celebrates 10 years with free admission from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and a performance by Dixieland Band from 7-9 p.m. Concert is \$17. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Broadway in Naples – The Naples Orchestra & Chorus performs hits from "Camelot," "Brigadoon," "Oklahoma!" and more at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Golden Gate High School. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. 2925 Titan Way. 298-7911 or www.naplesorchestraandchorus.com.

Broadway Concert – Naples Orchestra and Chorus perform Broadway hits at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Golden Gate High School. 2925 Titan Way. \$18-\$20. 298-7911 or www.naplesorchestraandchorus.com. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

A sterling production of Shakespeare's ultimate story about revenge

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Forget those action movies where a man grabs an entire arsenal of weapons and goes out seeking revenge against all those who've wronged him.

Those films have nothing on Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," the ultimate show about vengeance.

No, it doesn't have machine guns or grenades or things getting blown up.

What it does have is a dagger in the hands of a man who's socially scorned, spit upon and demeaned, who suddenly gets the upper hand.

Now he has an opportunity to get his revenge.

Suddenly, everyone who's never shown him any mercy in his life is screaming for him to show the very mercy they've refused him.

Yet when circumstances shift, they again show him no mercy, taking away everything that means anything to him, including his means of livelihood, his identity, his self-esteem, even his religion.

It reminded me of the Gospel verses that question what good is it if we just show love and forgiveness to those that we know and love.

With Kristen Coury directing and input from Shakespeare scholar Gail Kern Paster, Gulfshore Playhouse puts on a sterling production of this classic that's jaw-droppingly stunning in presentation and staging and costume.

"The Merchant of Venice," is, of course, more than a play about revenge. It's an examination of love, sacrifice, consequences and mercy, both given and denied.

Bassanio (Sam Ashdown) asks his friend Antonio (Timothy Carter) for yet another loan, because he wants to woo Portia, a rich heiress he has an eye on. He feels he needs to have money in order to stand out from all the other suitors. Antonio agrees, but as his finances are tied up, he borrows money from Shylock (Larry Paulsen), a man he has literally spit on. He foolishly agrees to give a literal pound of his flesh from wherever Shylock wants if he does not repay him within the agreed upon three-month period.



Angela Janis and Larry Paulsen play Jessica and Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice" by Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center. His only daughter, she breaks his heart by running off to marry a Christian.

As in other of Shakespeare's plays, there are multiple love plots, mistaken identity/characters in disguise and twists of fate.

Things suddenly fall apart when Antonio realizes he can't pay back Shylock by the deadline. And Shylock is demanding his pound of flesh; he wants to cut out Antonio's heart as payment.

Don't worry about following the story; you're pulled into this play as if by an undercurrent, and will understand the plot — and the Elizabethan language — clearly.

It contains many humorous moments, despite the fates that befall some its characters.

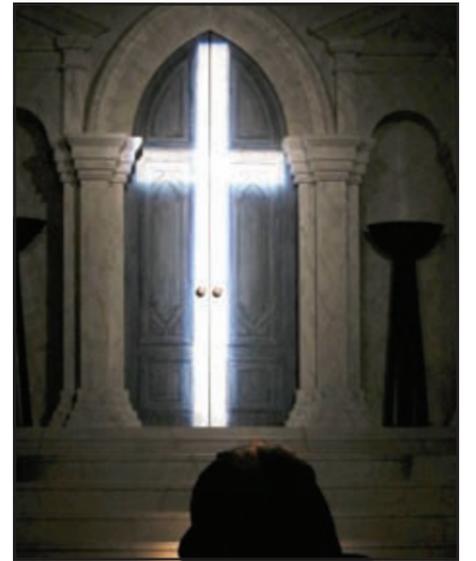
Jeffrey Binder is particularly funny as a doofus servant with barely two brain cells to keep each other company, and also as the Prince of Arragon, a dirty old man who wants to marry the young Portia. He's so decrepit and doddering that he falls asleep on his feet; Mr. Binder's portrayal provoked peals of laughter from the audience.

And William Oliver Watkins as the Prince of Morocco, another suitor, also provides laughs as he struts and swaggers and fills the room with his big voice and even bigger ego.

Sofia Jean Gomez positively glows onstage as the winsome Portia, with a quick wit and a charismatic personality. She reminded me, at times, of a younger Meryl Streep, with her instinctual choices in how she plays her character. We, as an audience, take to her from her very first moment on stage, laughing with her lady-in-waiting and confidante, Nerissa (Ally Carey).

Angela Janas as Jessica and Zachary Martens as Lorenzo round out the cast in a subplot. The two are yet another couple who fall in love and find happiness together.

Charles Murdock Lucas provides a set of stone and marble that works for various locales in Venice, while Lauren Gas-



ton's costumes are lavishly lush in color and texture.

Mr. Paulsen is masterful in his role as Shylock, making us feel his every loss. His "If you prick us, do we not bleed" speech comes from the heart, reminding us that we are all the same under the skin. He argues that whatever "villainy" he has, he's been taught by the Christians. And these un-Christ-like Christians have unfortunately taught him well.

Though Ms. Coury hasn't added any dialogue at the end of the play, she does have one brief unspoken scene that is jarring, making me rethink the entire play and my feelings about the other characters. It's also somewhat ambiguous and probably leads to many discussions after the show about what exactly she is trying to say.

Many days after seeing this outstanding production of "The Merchant of Venice," I was still thinking about it, turning it over and over in my mind.

This is Shakespeare by professionals, who make it very entertaining and accessible ... and definitely thought-provoking. ■

in the know

'The Merchant of Venice'

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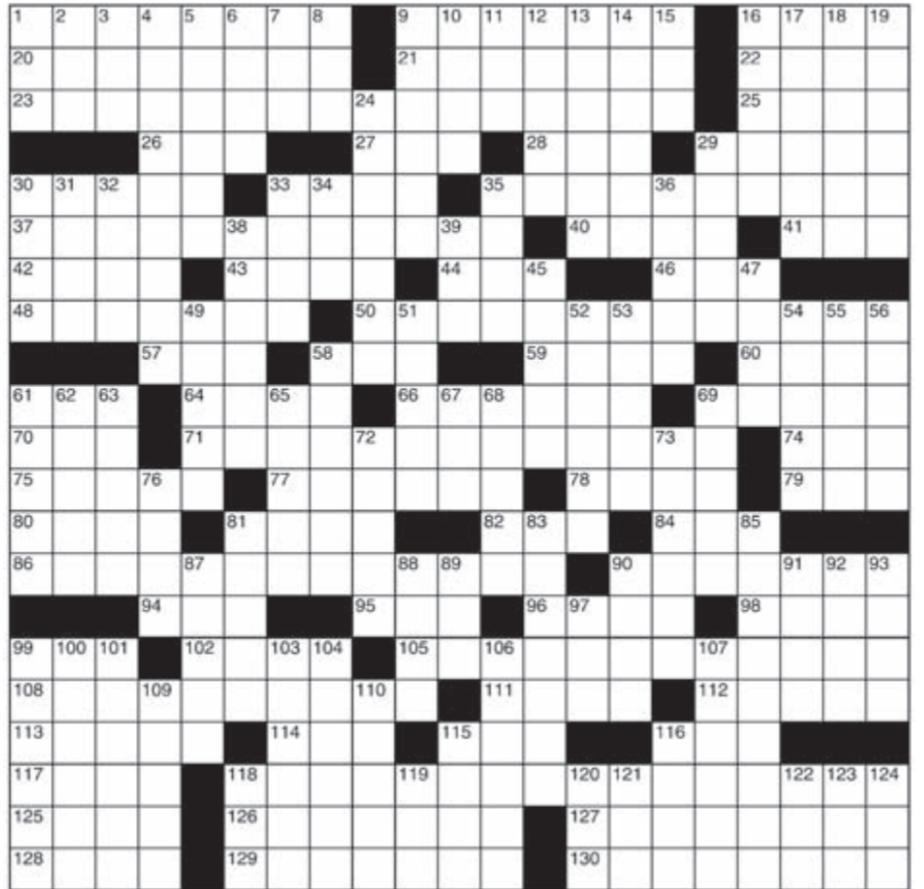
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SPLITTING THE LAND

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bullfights
 - 9 Taft or Tell
 - 16 Artistic work
 - 20 Natural balm
 - 21 Pundit
 - 22 One of four on a diamond
 - 23 Lightning rod inventor
 - 25 Partly open
 - 26 Yoko who married John
 - 27 Chant syllables
 - 28 One paying dues: Abbr.
 - 29 Photo, e.g.
 - 30 Pop or jazz, in Germany
 - 33 Throw with force
 - 35 Biblical "verily"
 - 37 Like much deep-dish pizza
 - 40 Arctic slab
 - 41 Pretty — picture
 - 42 Roadwork marker
 - 43 Morales of "Rapa Nui"
 - 44 Name a price of
 - 46 Shaming cluck
 - 48 Gleeful laugh
 - 50 Remotely
 - 57 Old TV's "— Na Na"
 - 58 Zee preceder
 - 59 City just west of Sparks
 - 60 Former coin of Italy
 - 61 The norm
 - 64 Orem's place
 - 66 — Marcus (high-end retailer)
 - 69 Male and female
 - 70 Org. for cavity fixers
 - 71 Korea, e.g. (or any of eight lands split literally in this puzzle)
 - 74 Horace work
 - 75 Numbers on clothing tags
 - 77 Apprehend
 - 78 Sub in a deli
 - 79 Motion "yes"
 - 80 First-time driver, often
 - 81 SI mass unit
 - 82 Apt., e.g.
 - 84 Manet works
 - 86 Old Brooke Shields sitcom
 - 90 "Good goin', kid!"
 - 94 Egg opener?
 - 95 R-V link
 - 96 With 8-Down and 113-Across, big Baja resort
 - 98 City east of Wichita
 - 99 Peculiar
 - 102 AFB truant
 - 105 Earthworm
 - 108 Verdant spot in an urban area
 - 111 Hits hard
 - 112 An inert gas
 - 113 See 96-Across
 - 114 Archaic verb suffix
 - 115 Stifle legally
 - 116 Back-to-sch. day
 - 117 Kuwaiti VIP
 - 118 Social networks or video games
 - 125 Uncourteous mother:
 - 126 Virgin Mary's mother:
 - 127 Groups of spreadsheet figures
 - 128 Went hastily
 - 129 Kitchen scourers
 - 130 Kind of
 - 1 Jitney cousin
 - 2 Cry at 1-Across
 - 3 Actor Palillo
 - 4 Ones crying "Hallelujah!"
 - 5 Daughter of Donald Trump
 - 6 Test version
 - 7 Onassis' nickname
 - 8 See 96-Across
 - 9 In a kind way
 - 10 Investments for later yrs.
 - 11 Hoopster Jeremy
 - 12 Léo Delibes opera
 - 13 Covered with foliage
 - 14 Creature
 - 15 Dude
 - 16 First lady Michelle
 - 17 — party (sleepover)
 - 18 Applications
 - 19 Tennis great Williams
 - 24 Beef up
 - 29 That is, to Livy
 - 30 Livy's 1,300
 - 31 "This looks very bad"
 - 32 Relating to China: Prefix
 - 33 Wash (down)
 - 34 Uncle Sam's land
 - 35 Rural assent to a lady
 - 36 "That's a lie"
 - 38 Italian ice creams
 - 39 China's — -tzu
 - 45 Merited fate
 - 47 Frilly veggie
 - 49 Sounds upon impact
 - 51 Zellweger of the screen
 - 52 Video game losses
 - 53 Navel variety
 - 54 Watergate president
 - 55 Belief system
 - 56 Simplified
 - 58 Having rapid rotation
 - 61 Histories
 - 62 "Goodbye"
 - 63 Tore down
 - 65 Be of help to
 - 67 Pub. staffers
 - 68 IV part
 - 69 Sty noise
 - 72 Smeltery residue
 - 73 One elocuting
 - 76 Within: Prefix
 - 81 Is sure about
 - 83 Spellbind
 - 85 Like Keelung residents
 - 87 Dale riding Buttermilk
 - 88 — Reader (quarterly digest)
 - 89 Anna of fashion
 - 90 Basics
 - 91 Audacious
 - 92 Roll topping
 - 93 Knitter's ball
 - 97 It spits out moola
 - 99 Leering sorts
 - 100 Solicit, as business
 - 101 Opt
 - 103 Receptive regarding
 - 104 Café drinks
 - 106 Adorns
 - 107 Café lures
 - 109 Dog- —
 - 110 Cut-rate
 - 115 Wedding ring
 - 116 Prefix with carpal
 - 118 Mag. edition
 - 119 Virusoid material
 - 120 Cruel Amin
 - 121 Atlas vehicle
 - 122 Wildcat's lair
 - 123 "FWIW" part
 - 124 Enzyme ending



SEE ANSWERS, C11 ▶

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships — personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That restless feel-

ing encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals. ■

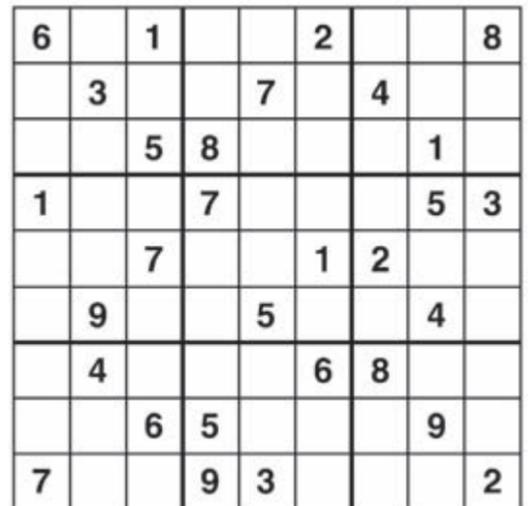
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

By Linda Thistle



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CONTRACT BRIDGE

A matter of timing

BY STEVE BECKER

The right time to win a trick is crucial in many deals, and this applies just as much to the defenders as it does to the declarer. Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. At both tables the final contract was three notrump, but the contract was made at one table while it was defeated at the other.

Both Wests led a diamond. At the first table, East won the queen with the ace and returned the nine to the king. South had eight sure tricks at this point, and in an effort to gain a ninth he led a low spade to the ten.

West took his queen but had no satisfactory return. When he led a heart, declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king. West took his ace and cashed the jack of diamonds, which he would otherwise have lost, and South made exactly three notrump.

At the second table, the defense was more effective. On the opening diamond lead, East signaled with the nine instead of winning with the ace. Declarer could not prevail against this thoughtful play. After the queen held, he also led a spade and finessed the ten, but West won with the queen and returned a diamond.

East took dummy's king with the ace and returned the five, allowing West's J-8 to score two tricks over South's 10-7. Thus, the defenders at this table scored

North dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ K J 6
♦ K Q
♣ K J 6 5

WEST

♠ A Q
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ 10 7 4 3

EAST

♠ 7 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 8 2

SOUTH

♠ K 10 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

three diamonds and two spades to put South down one.

At the second table, East recognized that it would be better to take the ace of diamonds later in the play, when he could more effectively lead through whatever holding South might have in diamonds. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

T2: Trainspotting ★★★

(Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner, Jonny Lee Miller) Twenty years after ripping off his mates, Mark (Mr. McGregor) returns to Edinburgh and gets mixed up with the boys once again. Danny Boyle's sequel to his 1996 hit isn't the adrenaline rush the original is, but it nonetheless tells a compelling story that's worth a look. Rated R.

Beauty and the Beast ★★½

(Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Ian McKellen) In Disney's live-action remake of its animated classic, Belle (Ms. Watson) is trapped in the Beast's (Ms. Stevens) enchanted castle, but is helped by a clock (Mr. McKellen) and candelabra (Ewan McGregor), among other living furniture. It remains a sweet love story at its core, and the visuals are breathtaking. Still, the filmmakers took an animated 84-minute work of perfection and bloated it to a live-action 129 minutes that feels unnecessary. Rated PG.

The Sense of an Ending ★★

(Jim Broadbent, Emily Mortimer, Charlotte Rampling) An elderly British man (Mr. Broadbent) has trouble retrieving a diary that is in the possession of the woman (Ms. Rampling) who was his girlfriend 40 years earlier. There are some nice themes and performances, but the ending, ironically, leaves a bit to be desired. Rated PG-13.

Kong: Skull Island ★★½

(Brie Larson, Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson) In 1973, a group of explorers encounter a giant ape and other creatures on a remote island in the South Pacific. The action and effects are impressive, but the story takes a turn for the worse in its

second half. If you go, see it in IMAX 3D, as the visuals are tremendous. Rated PG-13.

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, Volde-mort, 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. ■

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'Smurfs: The Lost Village'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

In another submission to the gorge of Hollywood unoriginality, now even the Smurfs have a reboot. No, it's not particularly good. But it does have a strong message of individuality for little girls, which is certainly a worthwhile virtue to showcase. If only it had more virtues.

"Smurfs: The Lost Village" is not a follow up to the live action-based "Smurfs" movies from 2011 and 2013. Neil Patrick Harris isn't here, and Hank Azaria has retired his Gargamel. Instead, this is a fully animated effort that's purely for kids. There's nothing here for anyone over the age of 13, let alone adults.

It starts by introducing us to the world of the Smurfs, and reminding us that each Smurf is named after his defining characteristic. There's Jokey (Gabriel Iglesias), Vanity (Tituss Burgess), Grouchy (Jake Johnson), Nosey (Kelly Asbury, who also directed the film) and, of course, Papa Smurf (Mandy Patinkin). Fully formed characters these are not.

The lone exception is Smurfette (Demi Lovato), who was made of clay and is not a "real Smurf," which means she doesn't have a defining characteristic. One would think that in an all-male community of Smurfs, being female would be a defining characteristic — but that's thinking too deep about a world of little blue people.

Smurfette's quest to find herself includes running off with Clumsy (Jack McBrayer), Brainy (Danny Pudi) and

Hefty (Joe Manganiello) to find a secret lost village. Evil wizard Gargamel (Rainn Wilson), still trying to capture Smurfs to harness their magic for his own gain, also seeks the lost village. A race ensues. Take a wild guess who wins. Julia Roberts, Ellie Kemper and Michelle Rodriguez also provide voices, and their characters make the movie better.

The humor here is cutesy and for kids. It's rated PG for "mild action and rude humor." I don't recall any humor being rude, but the action was certainly mild. A bit forced and lacking in tension as well. The only inspired action sequence finds Gargamel and four Smurfs racing down river rapids that don't flow the way we expect water to flow — but then even this plays out in typical ways.



The dull action could be compensated for by the animation, but that too — from Sony Pictures Animation — leaves a bit to be desired. The Smurfs inhabit a bright and colorful world, and though what's on screen is certainly bright and colorful, it's not dynamic. For a better version of something similar, watch "Trolls" from last year. At least that has catchy pop songs.

All that said, the bottom line is that "Smurfs: The Lost Village" is aimed squarely at youngsters, and because it's mildly amusing and has a great message for girls, it warrants a moderate recommendation. A movie can only be as good as it's trying to be, and when you're trying to empower little girls with a strong message and succeed, it's my responsibility to give credit where it's due. Credit granted. ■

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The Theatre Program in the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University presents a student-devised performance under the supervision of performance artist Tim Miller Friday through Sunday, April 7-9, at FGCU's TheatreLab.

A pioneer in the field of autobiographical performance art, Mr. Miller has particularly focused on LGBTQ-related issues in his work. His pieces tell of family trees and the LGBTQ histories often hidden in their branches. Since the beginning of this year he has performed and worked with students at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts-Winston-Salem, Vanderbilt University and the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. After FGCU he heads to Bowling Green State University in Kentucky and Ohio Wesleyan University before going to Paisley Arts Centre in Scotland.

He is the recipient of numerous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts but became a household name in 1990 when he was awarded an NEA Solo Performer Fellowship that was overturned due to the gay themes in his work. He and three other artists, who have become known as the "NEA 4," sued the government in a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

"Angels in America" author Tony Kushner has been quoted as saying, "Tim Miller has been at the heart of things, giving voice to what matters most, for the entirety of his career. His work is an extraordinary fusion of history, observation, politics and a kind of



Tim Miller is a pioneer in the field of autobiographical performance art.

shamanism."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Shows contain adult language and situations and are not recommended for children under 18 years of age.

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A world premiere at Theatre Conspiracy

Theatre Conspiracy presents the world premiere of Southwest Florida writer Jeff Lindsay's "The Cave" through April 8 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Set during the Civil War, the play involves themes of race, belief and mortality.

The action is set in a hidden cavern where a blind Confederate soldier, a Union deserter and a runaway slave have taken refuge in their efforts to survive the war and attain freedom. Marie Baptiste, Michael Pineda and Jordan Wilson star under the direction of Theater Conspiracy founder and Artistic Director Bill Taylor.

Mr. Lindsay is best known for his *New York Times* bestselling "Dexter" novels. The first in the eight-book series, "Darkly Dreaming Dexter," gave rise to the Emmy-nominated television series "Dexter," which ran on Showtime for seven years.

Mr. Lindsay has written 22 other plays



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Michael Pineda, Marie Baptiste and Jordan Wilson star in "The Cave."

and has been produced in New York, New Haven, Key West, Pittsburgh, London and California. He hosted several local PBS TV shows and a documentary, "Hemingway In Cuba," on PBS.

Tickets to "The Cave" are \$24 (\$11 for students with ID). For tickets or more information, call 936-3239 or visit www.theatreconspiracy.org. ■

An opera road trip to Coral Gables

Naples Opera Society invites opera aficionados to make the trip across the state to see Florida Grand Opera's production of Giuseppe Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" (A Masked Ball) on Saturday, May 6.

Naples passengers can climb aboard the coach bus at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Shopping Center (the bus also stops at 11:45 a.m. at the Ace Hardware center in Cape Coral and at 12:30 p.m. at Cypress Trace in south Fort Myers).

The group has an early dinner in Coral Gables before heading to the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts for a 7 p.m. pre-show lecture followed by the opera at 8 p.m. All-inclusive cost is \$140 for mezzanine and \$165 for rear orchestra.

"Un Ballo in Maschera" is about the

assassination in 1792 of King Gustav III of Sweden, who was killed as the result of a political conspiracy against him. He was shot while attending a masked ballroom dance and died 13 days later.

For Florida Grand Opera, tenor Rafael Davila sings the role of Gustavo and soprano Tamara Wilson sings the role of Amelia, the woman he loves who is also the wife of the king's best friend. The opera is performed in Italian with English and Spanish projections.

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"Life Along the Line" offers an expansive view of Mr. Link's multidimensional portfolio and a moving account of the people and communities surrounding America's last steam railroad.

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geous, larger-than-life Deloris, the cast of characters includes the haughty, well-spoken Mother Superior who's a stickler for rules, the timid Sister Mary Robert who finds her voice, the excitable Sister Mary Patrick and the confident, chilled-out gangster Curtis.

The TNP production calls for seven women (one age 16-25, four age 20-40 and two age 50-plus), and seven men (one age 16-30, five age 25-40 and one age 45-plus). There are numerous additional ensemble parts with featured roles.

Those lucky enough to be cast will be under the direction of Dawn Lebrecht Fornara with musical direction by Charles Fornara.

Rehearsals are May 8-June 27. Per-

formances are Thursday-Sunday, June 29-July 30.

Those auditioning should prepare 32 bars (about one minute) of a song to perform with TNP's piano accompanist. Although a professional dance background is not required to audition, a short dance combination will be taught for those trying out to follow. Sides are available at www.naplesplayers.org.

Callback readings will be Sunday, April 9.

KidzAct auditions

Tryouts for the KidzAct summer productions of "James and the Giant Peach Jr." and "Beauty and the Beast Jr." will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday,

May 6 and 13, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Young thespians can audition for one or both shows.

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to recreate the recipe and they'd had fun. Of course, had they been to Chalet Suzanne, they easily could have had a souvenir of the place by which to remember it, either in the form of soup and grapefruit bowls or canned versions of the soups themselves.

Is there anything that brings us together more closely than food?

Probably not.

My maternal grandmother and I could spend hours looking through my great-grandmother's recipe box.

We didn't cook any of those recipes, mind you, but we talked about them.

The butterscotch pie? It was marked "George William's Favorite." It was underlined, too.

George was my grandfather and his mother and her helpers spoiled him.

The Indiana chili sauce? "Oooh, that was good. There was a movie of your grandmother bottling that on her outdoor stove," Grandma would say.

We all remember a favorite dish. My paternal grandmother would rhapsodize over the peanut soup she'd been served 20 years before at the Clewiston Inn or at Vero Beach's Driftwood Inn, where she'd gone for a honeymoon after her second marriage, in 1958 — she couldn't remember which.

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to recreate the recipe and they'd had fun. Of course, had they been to Chalet Suzanne, they easily could have had a souvenir of the place by which to remember it, either in the form of soup and grapefruit bowls or canned versions of the soups themselves.

It makes me chuckle when I see a postcard or other souvenir of the place today.

I remember the reverence with which folks treated Chalet Suzanne.

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The food won kudos from around the world back in the day, though it seems rather quaint to the more sophisticated palates of today — broiled grapefruit topped with chicken liver was a favorite. So was the Romaine soup, which apparently contained no Romaine, but later came to be known as "Moon Soup" because astronauts had carried cans of the stuff into space.

Chalet Suzanne drew legions of fans to Lake Wales for 83 years, from the 1930s until it closed in 2014.

But I'm sure that anyone who has spent any time at all in Florida has a memory of the resort — even if they've never stayed there.

I hesitate to use the word "iconic" to describe a place, but it fits.

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Chalet Suzanne made these bowls to serve its "Moon Soup." The 6¾-inch bowls also were sold as souvenirs of the Lake Wales restaurant and inn.

THE FIND: Ceramic soup bowl from Chalet Suzanne

The place: Where: Goodwill, 443 W Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle; (863) 675-8585

Cost: 99 cents

The skinny: Chalet Suzanne had a ceramist onsite to make these bowls, used to serve the so-called "Moon Soup."

They apparently were inspired by a Scandinavian ashtray Chalet Suzanne founder Bertha Hinshaw found while

traveling.

They do have a certain spaceship quality to them.

I have seen mixed sets of the bowls that have rainbows of pastel centers — pinks, yellows, greens and pale blues.

And I'm surprised I've not seen more of the bowls, given how popular Chalet Suzanne was as a destination, especially in the decades before Disney World opened. ■

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ANTIQUES

Which came first? The bunny or the egg?

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

When did the Easter bunny become part of the tradition of the religious Easter holiday? Easter began to be observed hundreds of years ago to commemorate the rising of Christ from the dead, and it has gradually become associated with the themes of the renewal of life in nature and flowers. It was not until about the 18th century that the Easter egg became part of the celebration.

The egg has long been a symbol of eternal life, and decorating and hunting for eggs became part of the symbolism of the holiday. As years passed, cardboard and papier-mache eggs were used, then real eggshells with the liquid egg blown out through a small hole. Other countries used sugar eggs, wooden eggs and eventually plastic. All eggs were decorated. Soon there were Easter egg hunts and Easter egg rolls, but still no Easter bunny.

During the early 18th century, the Pennsylvania Germans suggested that, in spring, the Easter Bunny would hide eggs or perhaps put them in an upside-down hat that was left out overnight. That custom soon grew to using not just a hat, but a basket to be filled with eggs, candy and fake green grass. By the 20th century, there were stuffed-toy Easter bunnies, porcelain figurines of bunnies and a German business making papier-mache and cardboard Easter bunny candy containers, which were sold in the U.S. and filled with candy.

By the 1920s, there were tin or glass candy containers shaped like bunnies and other Easter symbols and, of course, toys. Holiday collecting is becoming more popular. Easter items include religious pictures and memorabilia, baskets, bunnies, chicks, ducks, nut cups, place cards, postcards and store advertising featuring Easter themes. Prices have gone down and up since 1980.

Q: I have dishes with bowls that look like heads of lettuce and plates that are a single lettuce leaf. They are marked with the sig-

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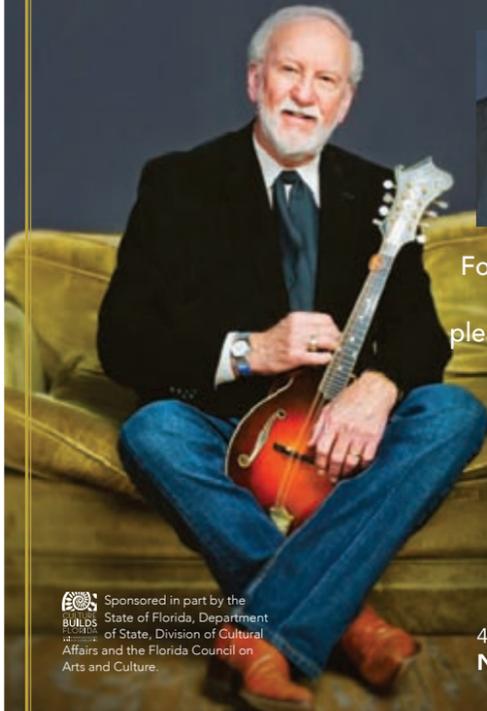
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nature “Dodie Thayer.” Can you tell me anything about them?

A: Large leaves probably were one of the first “plates” used at a feast. So it was not surprising that plates were shaped like cabbage or lettuce leaves by the 1600s. Leaf-shaped European majolica, plates were made by Delft, and by the 18th-century, they also were crafted by English potteries Wedgwood, Longton Hall, Chelsea and Minton, and French potteries Jacob Petit and Palissy. There was Etruscan Majolica from Pennsylvania, and modern giftware items like California Dodie Thayer ceramics. This Palm Beach dishware was made during the 1960s and '70s, by Ms. Thayer, a Jupiter artist who descended from the pioneer DuBois family. Dishes were made from molds of actual cabbage or lettuce leaves or full heads of the vegetable. Pink, red, yellow and green sets were made. They are signed with the artist’s name. Recently, the Lettuce Ware dishes were reproduced for the Tory Burch shops in green or white. Full sets are made with cups, plates, tureens and more. A new salad plate costs \$40. Leaf-shaped dishes of all ages are popular with collectors, but only those made of porcelain or after 1900 should be used to serve food.

Q: I’d like to know something about F. Winkle & Co. pottery. Is it old?

A: F. Winkle & Co. made earthenware at the Colonial Pottery in Stoke, Staffordshire, England, from 1890 to 1931. Ridgways took over F. Winkle & Co. in 1931. The Colonial Pottery became Whieldon Sanitary Potteries Ltd., later a subsidiary of Doulton Co. The factory was torn down around

2000. Pottery by F. Winkle & Co. is selling for low prices. Dinner plates sell for \$10-\$25, bread and butter plates for \$9, a fruit dish for \$15. Serving dishes sell for higher prices.

Q: I have a chair that looks like it is made of long, curved horns. When and where were these used?

A: You have a very American chair. Chairs made of buffalo, elk or Texas longhorn steer horns were made from horns left behind at the slaughter houses or discarded by hunters. The horns had a graceful curved shape and when positioned carefully, they created a chair frame with a curved back, legs and arms. An upholstered seat was added and, in some cases, some trim from other pieces of horn. Matching footstools also were made. The chairs were not made for comfort, but were popular with hunters and those who wanted memories of the old West. There are pictures that show President Teddy Roosevelt and President Lincoln both had horn chairs that were gifts. Your chair could bring \$1,000 or more at auction. ■

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Actress Cassidy Gifford is daughter of Kathie Lee, Frank

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: The other night I streamed a movie called "Caged No More," which starred Kevin Sorbo. The actress who played one of the kidnapped sisters is Cassidy Gifford, and I wondered if she was any relation to Kathie Lee and Frank. What else has she been in? — Vivian F, via email



STEPHANIE DIANI PHOTO
Cassidy Gifford

A: Cassidy is indeed the daughter of Kathie Lee and the late Frank Gifford. The gorgeous and talented 23-year-old is just starting to come up in the business, having been featured in "The Suite Life on Deck," "Blue Bloods," "God's Not Dead" and "Caged No More," along with a handful of others.

Next up for Cassidy is a starring role in the Hallmark Channel original movie "Like Cats and Dogs," which premieres April 15 at 9 p.m. Cassidy plays Lara Hale, a dog lover, who through some mix-up is stuck sharing a vacation rental for the summer with Spencer, who is a cat lover.

Cassidy was excited to get to star in this rom-com, telling me: "It's the story of two young people seemingly stuck in their ways and not realizing that is what is getting in their way. It's the tale of two people who are at different but similar points in their lives, and they don't realize that what they need

is the opposite of what they are getting. I think we get so easily stuck in ruts of complacency and feeling comfortable that even small changes to our daily life can be great as long as we're open to them. There is a healthy, happy medium."

Q: What does one of my favorite actors, Peter Sarsgaard, have coming up?

— Dani T. in Georgia

A: Hulu recently announced that Peter has been cast in its original new series "The Looming Tower," a drama that traces the rising threat of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida, taking a controversial look at how the rivalry between the CIA and FBI inadvertently might have set the stage for the tragedy of 9/11 and the war in Iraq. Peter plays Martin Schmidt, a CIA analyst who invariably believes he's by far the smartest person in the room.

Q: I just saw that Bryan Adams is touring to promote his new album. Will he come back around to the States?

— Danni E, via email

A: Right now Bryan is in South America on his Get Up tour. He'll be back in the U.S. at the end of May, starting in California and working his way around America. I'll be at the Sept. 10 show in Orlando for my early birthday present to myself. Go to bryanadams.com/tour to see when he'll be near you. ■

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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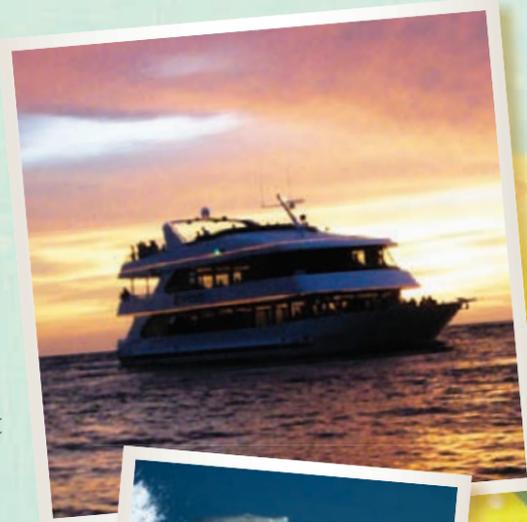
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Arbor Blvd. W. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the walk steps out at 7:30 a.m. Family fun and entertainment will go on from 9-11 a.m. Registration for the 5K, which is organized by Gulf Coast Runners, is \$35 by April 21, \$45 on the day of the event; registration to run/walk a 1-mile route is \$10. To sign up or for more information, visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.



■ **Naples Botanical Garden** hosts The Garden Open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Windstar on Naples Bay. The scramble-style tournament 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.

For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Gisela Estrada at 262-1808 or email gisela@friendsoffosterchildren.net.

■ The third annual **Guadalupe Center Golf Classic** tees off at 1 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Vineyards Country Club. The event starts with a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. and wraps up with awards, cocktails and dinner. Sponsors to date include Arthrex and Gulfshore Life. To registration or for more information, email mbecker@guadalupecenter.org or visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

■ **South Florida Canoe Kayak Club and College of Life Foundation** host the second annual Calusa Palooza with kayak, canoe and stand-up paddleboard races starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Koreshan State Historic Site. Participants can compete 4- and 8-mile races (1-mile races for ages 10 and younger). Registration in advance is required. Call 992-2184 or visit www.collegeoflifefoundation.org.

■ **Friends of Foster Children Forever** invites people of all ages and abilities to take part in the first-ever Sunshine 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 22, at Vineyards Community Park, 6231

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■ The seventh annual **Shark Frenzy** golf tournament to benefit Gulf Coast High School starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Vineyards Golf Club. Registration for \$110 includes a barbecue lunch, goodie bag and coupons to play area courses. For more information or to register, call 353-0505.

■ The **Stroke Recovery Foundation** holds its inaugural Stroke Victor golf scramble 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.



■ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** hosts its Breaking Par charity golf tournament starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at The Club at Grandezza. The day includes a full game, lunch and awards ceremony. Registration is \$175. To sign up or for more information, call 225-2565 or visit www.jaswfl.org.

■ The **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.** holds its Augusta on the Gulf golf tournament Monday, April 24, at Vineyards Country Club. Registration is \$250. To sign up or for more information, call 417-3465 or email office@pasfi.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 \$175. To sign up or for more information, visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **Great Strides Naples/Fort Myers** chapter hosts a 5K walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation stepping out at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Estero Community Park. Participants can register as individuals or teams to fundraise prior to the event. To sign up or for more information, call (813) 374-9041 or visit www.fightcf.cff.org.

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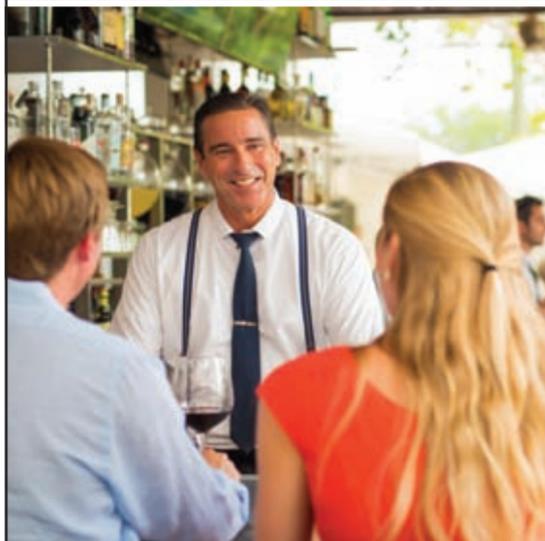
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■ She Will Fight holds the second annual **“Girlfriends Party: Unite for the Fight”** from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in a private home in the Vineyards. Models who all are cancer survivors will show off fashions provided by True Fashionistas Designer Retail Shop. Live music, pop-up boutiques and a silent auction will add to the fun. She Will Fight supports women fighting cancer, especially those in the late stages of the battle. Tickets are \$35. For more information, visit www.shewillfight.com or email marylynn@shewillfight.com.



■ Legal Aid Service of Collier County holds its annual **Barristers Bash** from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are limited to the first 300 sold. For more information, call Logan Meester at 775-4555 or email lmeester@legalaid.org.



■ Collier Child Care Resources holds its fifth annual **“Big Impressions by Little Artists”** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Hilton Naples. This year’s artwork will be inspired by the natural environment in harmony with CCCCR’s arts-based program and follows the Reggio Emilia educational

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philosophy. Creations by the children of CCCCR’s early childhood development programs, the works of local artists plus other items will be featured in live and silent auctions. Rick Gallo will serve as live auctioneer. The event will also include CCCCR’s annual Family Friendly Business Awards. Co-chairs are Lisa Gruenloh of Purpose Journey and Kathy Bamberg of Lutgert Insurance. Tickets for \$75 are available by calling 643-3908 or by visiting www.collierchildcare.org. For information about sponsorship opportunities, email Dianne Reed at dianner@collierchildcare.org.

“Big Impressions by Little Artists” is hosted by the CCCCR Business 100, a group of local businesses that support CCCCR’s mission and programs by making an annual donation to benefit its four child development programs. CCCCR operates two centers in Naples — Child’s Path (ages 2-5) and Little Wonders (ages 1-5) — as well as A Step Up Child Development Centers at Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools for preschoolers of teen parents who are completing their high school education.



■ **Young Executives of the David Lawrence Center** invite everyone with a passion for supporting mental health awareness and helping others to climb aboard the Naples Princess for an evening of networking, fundraising and philanthropy Thursday, June 15. Boarding begins at 6 p.m. and the ship sets departs at 7 p.m. for a two-hour cruise. Passengers will enjoy music, hors d’oeuvres, drinks and a beautiful Naples sunset. Red, white and “nautical” blue attire is encouraged. Tickets for the sixth annual DLC Young Executives Sunset Cruise are \$45 until June 2, \$50 thereafter. One drink ticket is included, a cash bar will be open. For reservations or more information, visit www.david-lawrencecenter.org.

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4. Kathy Wheeler and Amanda Jaron
5. Julie Chirichella and Jean Ann Lynch
6. Ann Westerfield, Shelly Church, Jacquelyn Pierce, Ann Berlam and Bette Aymar
7. Mary Cooper, Rex Miller and Vicki Tracy
8. Dottie Gerrity, Mary Cooper, Joyce Coughlan and Jinny Johnson
9. Allyson Richards, Deborah Russell and Lisa Lefkow
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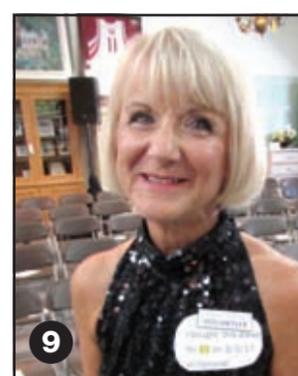
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4. Before the fashion show, Debbie Divita and Diane Steslicki scour the racks for designer-name bargains.
5. Shelter guild members Diane Abbasy, Linda Meak and Judi Levin
6. Lynn Fairfield-Sonn with an armful of items for the dressing room.
7. Beth Watson
8. It's all about the shoes for model Connie Munz.



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■ **Sunburst Café** celebrates its 19th anniversary on National Muffin Day, Thursday, April 6, by giving away muffins from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. No purchase is necessary, though owner Jerome Tocio is accepting donations to benefit the John Doe Lunch Account, which provides school lunches to elementary school students. 2340 Pine Ridge Road. 263-3123 or www.sunburstnaples.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.

■ Devotees of Shula's Steakhouse might enjoy an artful change of scenery for enjoying their steakhouse favorites at the Naples Art Association's **Dinner with Artists** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. Dinner is served at NAA headquarters on Park Street downtown, where Executive Chef Cesar Fernandez will prepare a custom menu to complement sculptor Joel Shapses' demonstrations in front of diners.

We have a few details about the menu and know that guests will enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres of mini crab cakes with remoulade and red endive leaves with boursin cream. The entrée is a 10-ounce bone-in filet mignon topped with béarnaise sauce and served with steamed asparagus and potato gratin.

If your mouth is already watering, the only option to is book a reservation for \$125 per person. Call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.

■ **Bleu Provence** hosts a wine dinner with Madaiah Revana, owner of Revana Family Vineyard, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13. The prix-fixe menu includes tuna tartare with guacamole ginger and lime syrup served on toast; duck confit with orange and Grand Marnier demi-glace; and prime filet with Perigourdine



Sal e Pepe at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort

sauce, cream of foie gras, truffle ricotta polenta and mushrooms. \$199, with seating limited to 17 people. 1234 Eighth St. S. 261-8239 or www.bleuprovincenaples.com.

■ Among the many establishments serving Easter brunch Sunday, April 15, are the two on Fifth Avenue owned by chef Vincenzo Betulia: The French and Osteria Tulia.

Diners at **The French** will tuck into dishes such as shrimp tartine with avocado, red onion, carrots and orange on toast, and The French Puffie, a puff pastry waffle served with Nutella, bananas, toasted pecans and powdered sugar.

Those at nearby **Osteria Tulia** will enjoy cast iron French toast with honey, seasonal berries, sage sausage and mascarpone, and roasted Faroe salmon with toasted Sardinian fregola, sun-dried tomatoes, Marcona almonds and cumin-scented yogurt.

Prices are a la carte. For reservations, call The French at 315-4019 or Osteria Tulia at 213-2073.

■ Now that the seasonal pressure valve has been released, local restaurants are starting to announce their summer specials to keep residents coming back after the tourists have left. The **Naples Grande Beach Resort** has a number of off-season promotions that tempt the palate and the wallet. Here are a few:

Bloody Mary Bar - \$12 per glass, three for \$22, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the hotel's Aura restaurant. The over-the-top, build-your-own Bloody Mary bar has more than 50 toppings, rimmers and sauces.

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■ 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.goodlifenas.com - Savor the Tastes of Spring: Thursday, April 6 (\$75); Delights of the Middle East: Wednesday, April 12 (\$69); Sunday Italian Family Dinner: Thursday, April 20 (\$69).

Purple Spoon, 25151 Chamber of Com-

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The French offers a Croque Madame — a sandwich made with jamon de Paris, gruyere cheese, toasted brioche, sauce mornay and a fried egg — on its Easter brunch menu.

merce Drive, Bonita Springs; 908-3842 or www.chefkristina.com – A Bounty of Seafood: Friday, April 14 (\$74).

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or www.surlatable.com – Global Street Foods: Thursday, April 6 (\$69); Seafood Grilling Secrets: Thursday, April 6 (\$79); French Croissants 101: Friday, April 7 (\$69); Date Night Springtime in Paris: Friday, April 7 (\$79); New Breakfast-for-Dinner Ideas: Saturday, April 8 (\$69); Tasty Thai from Scratch: Saturday, April 8 (\$69); Date Night Taste of Italy: Saturday, April 8 (\$79); Restaurant-Style

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— Lindsey Nesmith
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

C Level Bistro & Wine Bar, 4450 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 221-7046

The menu mixes modern twists with some Old World classics. Think steak au poivre and crepes Suzette, but factor in microgreens and nasturtium garnishes. Start with the C Level sampler trio of zesty ceviche, lush and airy paté and spinach-artichoke spread that's less heavy than most versions. C Level offers a fair amount of lighter seafood options, but it's hard to pass up perfectly cooked herb-crusted rack of lamb and classic tournedos Rossini, twin filets of tender beef topped with thin slices of paté de foie gras and draped in Périgourdine sauce, a silky demi-glace sauce enriched with truffles. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed July 2016

Fernandez the Bull-Midtown, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 653-9097

For 25-plus years, the first Fernandez the Bull has existed in various locations. Now a chic-looking sibling on Pine Ridge Road offers with indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar and a terrific staff. Start with a well-chilled and minty guava mojito. Savor some beef empanadas or crisp fried calamari, then move on to an entrée like the chicken with mojo and garlic sauce or shrimp and mussels in white wine and tomato sauce. Sides of moros (rice and black beans), fried yucca or fried plantains are all great choices. For dessert, we loved the guava mango mousse cheesecake. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed November 2015

Figs Grille, 25987 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700

Those who've only experienced calamari battered and fried might find Figs' grilled version a happy revelation: long tender tubes of squid are charred just enough to appeal to the eye and the taste buds, then marinated in olive oil, garlic and fresh herbs. Fried shrimp are lightly breaded and garnished with delicious figs, mandarin orange-red onion relish and soy ginger glaze. Fig chutney and port wine sauce give roasted duck a fruity flourish. A lightly sweet anisette-tinged beurre blanc proved a heavenly pairing for miso-marinated black cod, served with unexpected sides of spinach sautéed with tomatoes and white beans and a crusty Parmesan-angel hair pasta cake. House-made desserts are worth the calories. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed October 2015

Mediterrano, 336 13th Ave. S., Naples; 261-7498

The friendly owner greets and seats you at this lovely little restaurant filled with soothing aquamarine hues that bring to mind the beauty of the Mediterranean waters. Warm pita triangles come with balsamic reduction, sundried tomato butter and olive oil as a starter. An appetizer of grilled octopus with baby spinach, preserved lemon, roasted garlic cloves, heirloom tomatoes and smoked paprika was

smoky and delicious. Lamb keftedes and falafel was a classic pairing that I'd recommend two share. The cioppino was bountiful, full of sea bass, mussels, shrimp and clams in a roasted Roma tomato sauce. The star of the meal, Mediterranean sea bass arrived in a bamboo steamer filled with Moroccan spices, lavender, golden raisins and pomegranate seeds. A limoncello parfait proved a refreshing finish. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed May 2016

The Local, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276

The name of this restaurant run by chef/owner Jeff Mitchell aptly describes its mission: to serve as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured locally and to present it creatively, in a unfussy setting by a friendly and accommodating staff. Start with the Pine Island clams in red curry (if available). The sauce is good enough to drink on its own. Pan-seared triggerfish was expertly cooked, enhanced by a mango and avocado salsa. Mustard-roasted all-natural Joyce Farms free-range chicken breast with mustard breadcrumbs, soft-boiled egg and pecorino sauce was an imaginative way to dress up poultry. We also enjoyed sides of blackened potatoes, sweet potato cake and roasted beets with shallots and sherry vinegar. Don't skip dessert — everything is homemade. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
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CUISINE REVIEW

Public House takes noise equals energy to new levels

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I've long been a fan of Michael Hernandez's restaurants, enjoying meals at Bistro 821, Zoe's, HobNob Kitchen & Bar and MidTown Kitchen & Bar, to name just a few.

So I was looking forward to trying out his newest venture, Public House, which opened in January at Immokalee and Goodlette-Frank roads.

The food has a fanciful flair similar to that of HobNob and MidTown — no doubt the work of Executive Chef Tony Biagetti — and there are inventive cocktails as well as craft beer.

But the atmosphere is a departure from Mr. Hernandez's other establishments. Although MidTown has an industrial feel and a higher-than-average noise level, it also has a stylishness about it, whereas Public House feels more like a New York City warehouse. The floors and some walls sport distressed wood. The ceilings are industrial, as are most of the lights except the ones on which the shades are made of recycled burlap coffee bags. It's divided into three sections, with dining areas on either side of a very large bar.

We sat in a booth in the dining area nearest the entrance on the half wall that separates it from the bar. It didn't feel like there a division, however, as the happy hour crowd was feeling no pain and was so loud we had to lean over the table to talk.

It took our server about 10 minutes to get to us but once he did, he was fairly consistent in attending to us.

There is a decent wine list as well as creative cocktails. The Cool Cucumber (\$8) was precisely that: a refreshing blend of Pearl cucumber vodka, lime juice, simple syrup and fresh cucumber.

We munched small corn muffins and fresh butter while perusing the menu that's divided into Bites and Snacks, Little Plates, Soups and Salads, Large Plates and Sides.

Mushroom flatbread (\$14) from the Little Plates was a great starter. The crust was thin and crisp, topped with roasted garlic ricotta and fontina cheeses and plenty of mushrooms. It arrived hot and fragrant. A bowl of black bean and sweet potato soup (\$10) was hot, bountiful and, owing to the potatoes, possessed a brighter flavor than standard black bean soup.

A trio of blackened mahi tostados (\$12), also from the Little Plates section of the menu, was ample for an entrée. In addition to the fish, which was lightly seasoned, they



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All natural roasted chicken is an ultimate comfort food and one that Public House does well.



Need something sweet? Try the warm chocolate chip (cookie) skillet with ice cream and two sauces.



Black bean and sweet potato soup comes in a cup or the larger bowl portion.

held roasted tomato and avocado salsa, cowboy caviar and jalapeno lime crema along with crisp strips of onion. While the mix of ingredients was satisfying, the accompaniments were all cold, which rendered the fish cool as well. Warm fish and shells would have improved this one.

From the large Plates, a comfort classic: beer and fennel roasted all-natural chicken (\$24) with goat cheese polenta, green salad, Dijon mustard and natural jus. It was indeed a large serving: leg, thigh and breast, tender and juicy, the skin lightly crisped. The mix of salad greens was pretty but unremarkable. I found the polenta tucked under the chicken toward the end of the meal when I was too full to eat it. It was packed up with what remained of the chicken.

Also packed to take home was most of a side dish of vegetable and potato sofrito (\$6), a mix of veggies and potatoes in a zesty sauce dominated by tomatoes.

We finished with the warm chocolate chip skillet (\$9), a mini-skillet-sized cookie (small pan but large cookie) topped with vanilla ice cream and chocolate and caramel sauce. This one was way too sweet for me, but those who like this sort of thing are apt to be very happy with it.

While the food was generally good, this seems more like a place to drink and party than one where you go for a meal and substantive conversation.

I understand that a certain noise level adds to a place's buzz, its energy — a tactic that research has shown causes people to

eat and drink more and do it more quickly while also giving them the sensation of being at a happening kind of establishment. But when it's so loud that people have to shout at one another to converse and that conversation carries from the bar to the dining room so those attempting to eat and talk have to raise their voices as well, we have passed from lively to excessive.

The noise did succeed in making my companion and I eat more quickly — but only because it began to feel like an endurance test and we wanted to escape. Add to that the fact that we'd been seated in the one booth that faces the glass entrance doors through which the sun glared so brightly as it set it all but blinded us. About midway through the meal, we had to shade our eyes to talk to our server. He didn't comment on our discomfort or offer to relocate us, despite the fact there was plenty of room in the dining area.

Public House has been open long enough for the staff to know that this happens and to avoid seating anyone there during sunset — or they should install some sort of shade on the doors to block the sun.

I'm all for casual dining, for places that allow us to shake off the pressures of work and life. But perhaps there's a line to be drawn so that one does not feel assaulted while simply trying to eat, drink and be merry without having to shout to be heard. ■

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Public House, Creekside Corners

1514 Immokalee Road, Naples; 232-2551

Ratings:
Food: ★★½
Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★

- >> **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Large parties only
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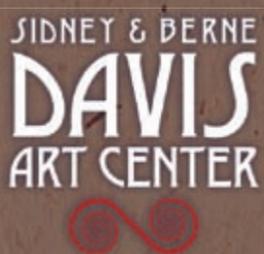
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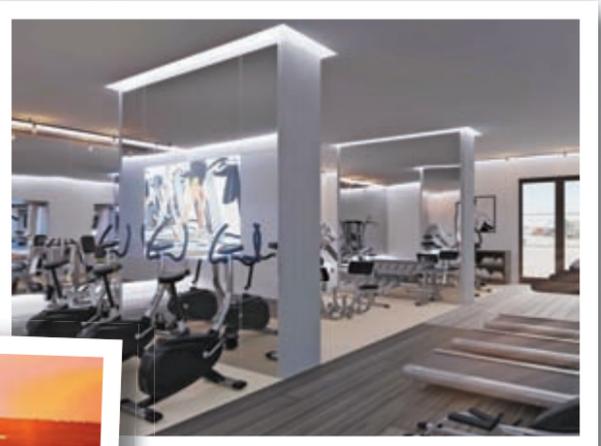
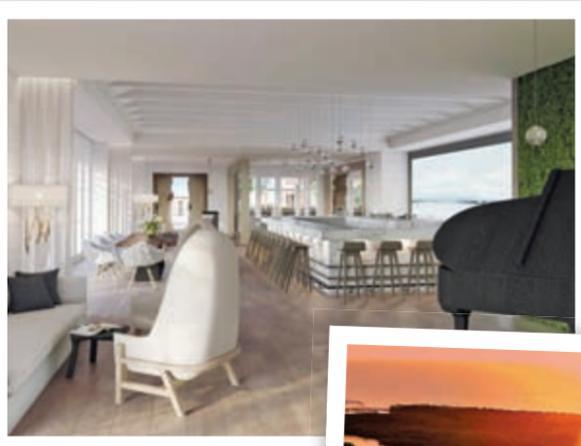
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Kalea Bay's amenities popular Tower 2 released for sale



If the clubhouse is the social and recreational centerpiece of a community then Kalea Bay's will surely be one of the busiest places in the gated, luxury residential high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

"There are several reasons buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay," said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular community clubhouse. Not only will it be a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it will also be the envy of every community in the Naples' area."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance.

The clubhouse, which is currently under construction, will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet café, a gifts and sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Lodge.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

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.

"What better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico," stated Lodge. "This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 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 many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Lodge. "Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It's a real convenience."

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the fall and will coincide with the anticipated November completion of the first residential tower, which is nearly 90 percent sold.

"The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to recently release Tower 2 earlier this year," said Lodge. "As of early April, the number of residences already reserved in our second tower exceeds the \$40 million mark."

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.



Above: Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse (in foreground) will be completed around November, the same time as the community's first tower (in background). The Bistro is the ideal place for Kalea Bay residents to enjoy a snack. Kalea Bay's clubhouse has a lounge that opens out to the adults-only pool. The fitness center features state-of-the-art equipment. Left: Due to the approaching sellout of Tower 1, Kalea Bay released its second tower earlier this year.

tops, 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," Lodge 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 Lodge. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

Dramatic Gulf 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.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million in Tower 1 and \$1.4 million in Tower 2.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site 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. ■

Luxury estate homes in Mediterra's Caminetto neighborhood inspired by nature

Nature provides the inspired background for life at Caminetto, a boutique neighborhood of only 15 homes in Mediterra, Naples' premier golf and beach club and 10-time Community of the Year. Designed by London Bay Homes, Caminetto's luxury single-family estate homes enhance the natural connection with views of nature preserves and fountained lakes, spacious outdoor areas, and secret retreats that feed the mind, body and soul.

Offering three initial floor plans, London Bay Homes' one- and two-story homes in Caminetto offer generously sized designs—from 3,500 to 5,000 square feet of living space—flowing to outdoor destinations, including covered alfresco living and dining areas, fire pits and intimate garden spots. London Bay Homes' brand promise of Private Label Living ensure each home reflects a commitment to ensuring the highest quality, attention to detail, and a refined process honed by decades of expertise, comprehensive knowledge of building sciences and new technologies, and industry-setting standards.

The home designs are enhanced by three choices of architectural styles, including transitional interpretations of Mediterranean and coastal regions.

Two model homes are now under construction with a third slated to begin this spring.

Master suites in the Carmela and Sonoma models are elevated to sanctuaries, enjoying the unfolding beauty of nature and lakes, and featuring the option of an outdoor shower or yoga garden—ideal for morning sun salutations or unwinding before bedtime. Outdoor areas include beckoning custom pools and spas, water and fire features and fully equipped outdoor kitchens.

Butler's bars, wet bars, formal or in-kitchen dining areas, gourmet kitchens and open great room floor plans complement any entertaining style. Restful master suites and spa-like baths enhance everyday life. The homes also offer a two-car garage, along with a detached one-car garage.

The Carmela features three bedrooms, a formal dining room, study and a secluded yoga garden accessible from the bathroom. It has three full baths, a powder room and 3,835 square feet of living space. The home is priced at \$2,850,000 and will be completed in May.

The four-bedroom, four- and one-half bath Sonoma offers 4,421 square feet of living space within two floors. It also features a bonus room set within zero-corner sliding doors opening to the wraparound outdoor living area, a second-floor lounge, and an alfresco garden shower accessible from the master bath. The Sonoma also offers the option of an elevator. The home will be completed this fall and is priced at \$4,295,000.

Caminetto is just a leisurely stroll to the Parterre Garden—a peaceful sanctuary in Mediterra's Garden Neighborhood where fountained lake views, water features and meandering paths are waiting to be explored.

The community's Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses are also nestled along nature preserves, conservation areas and lakes. With Mediterra's membership waiting list



Above and left: London Bay Homes' Sonoma model in Caminetto at Mediterra will offer four bedrooms, a bonus room, a garden shower accessible from the master bath, and a second-floor lounge with a wet bar and wine refrigerator. Below: A second model in Caminetto—the 3,835-square-foot Carmela—will offer exquisite alfresco features, including a fire table, infinity-edge pool and spa and covered living and dining areas.





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Naples Reserve's lifestyle attracts homebuyers of all ages



Naples Reserve's sought-after location, casually awesome lifestyle and variety of home designs appeal to all – from snowbirds and the newly retired, to families and young professionals.

Hailing from New Jersey, and most recently from Connecticut, Adam and Allison Recla – both in their early 40s – had vacationed in Marco Island for years. Last year, the irresistible appeal of Southwest Florida's climate beckoned them to a more permanent arrangement. They moved into their Naples Reserve home just two days before Christmas.

"We didn't like winter!" said Allison. The couple's 14-year-old son and two daughters, ages 11 and 8, were up for the move south as well. They looked forward to enjoying family time in their pool year-round.

"Living near the beach was also priority for us," said Adam. "At Naples Reserve, the homes and Island Club have the coastal architecture we love. Combine that with a landscape filled with lakes and palm trees and it feels like living on a tropical resort!"

After they discovered Naples Reserve, it didn't take long to find their home in the Egret Landing neighborhood. "We saw a beautiful, coastal-look, move-in-ready home that fit our family," said Allison. "We chose the Ischia by Ashton Woods because we liked its elevation and metal roof, plus its modern finishes and quality."

They also liked the home's four bedrooms, and the office was attractive as well since Adam is able to work from home. "It's a great respite to enjoy the community," he said. "And refreshing to step out into paradise."

Sailing and kayaking in Eagle Lake has become a favorite pastime for their kids, and Allison and Adam use the fitness center regularly – they've even taken Tango and Zumba classes. "Our family enjoys biking around the community on the wide and beautifully landscaped sidewalk," said Adam.

"Everyone has been great here – it's a happy and friendly community," said Allison.



Above: Naples Reserve Island Club. Left: Ryan, Elizabeth, Annabell, Allison and Adam Recla.

room for the couple to relax with their dogs. They are also looking forward to the dog parks, Paws Awhile and Walk & Wag, with the first one opening later this spring.

The Durans find themselves regularly taking advantage of the Island Club's fitness center and pool. "We also enjoy our weekly Fire Pit Fridays!" said Cristina.

Naples Reserve now offers 17 fully decorated model homes open for viewing, including attached villas, single-family and custom estate homes. Homes are priced from the high-\$200s to more than \$1 million. The community offers 11 neighborhoods and the opportunity for a private boat dock for homebuyers along Eagle Lake.

Naples Reserve is located off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 10 minutes from I-75, Exit 101. Visit the community at 14885 Naples Reserve Circle or online at www.naplesreserve.com. ■

Felipe and Cristina Duran, both 37, moved to Naples Reserve last spring after the company Felipe currently works for was expanding its presence.

When they started their new home search, Naples Reserve stood out among the other communities in several categories. Naturally, they were attracted to the community's resort-style amenities.

"The look and feel of the community really appealed to us," said Cristina. She added the lot sizes and affordable and comprehensive HOA fees were icing on the cake.

The Durans found their Naples Reserve home in the neighborhood of Savannah Lakes: the three-bedroom, three- and a half-bath Patmos by Ashton Woods.

"We really liked the quality of construction, as well as the size of the bedrooms and other living areas compared to the other communities we visited," said Felipe. "We chose the Patmos because of its open design and its great lake views."

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Seaglass on schedule for completion in 14 months

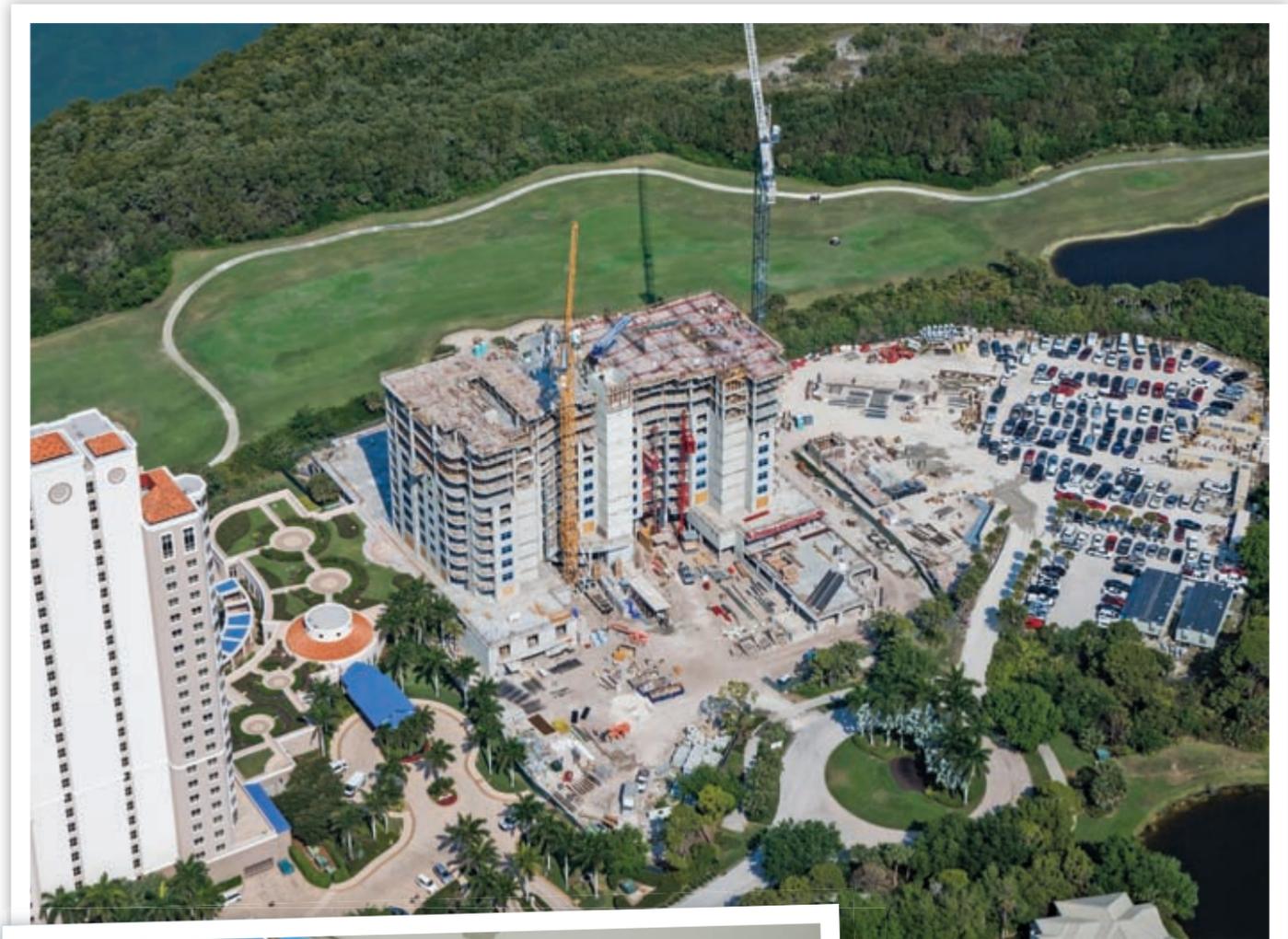
With concrete now being poured for the building's 16th floor, The Ronto Group announced its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay is on schedule for completion in 14 months. Constructed at pricing relatively the same as older resale residences, Seaglass offers new open-concept floor plans with tall ceilings that take advantage of spectacular mangrove, water, and sunset views. Now more than 50% sold, Seaglass offers fully-completed, ready-for-occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available.

Opportunities for future Seaglass residents to customize their residences are becoming progressively limited. Ronto is making a special opportunity available to purchasers of tower 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 luxurious 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 unit configuration.

Ronto's Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to select designer-specified finishes for their new home's flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. A fully outfitted kitchen featuring the finishes and Thermador appliances available at the luxurious high-rise tower is included at the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center within Bonita Bay, 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. To take full advantage of the Finishing Touches Program, prospective homebuyers are encouraged to make their buying decisions and finish selections promptly. Future residents may also specify finishes from other sources.

A choice selection of tower residences remains available at Seaglass. Three luxurious great room floor plans ranging from 3,353 to 3,946 total square feet are priced from just over \$1 million. The spacious 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. Three furnished tower residence models featuring the finishes on display at the Seaglass Design Studio will be available for viewing upon completion of construction. One tower 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 \$2,185,000.

The 301-306 tower residences enhance the Seaglass indoor/outdoor living 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 that



Above: The award-winning Ronto Group announced that construction of its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within the Bonita Bay community is on schedule for completion just 14 months from now. **Left:** Every Seaglass residence offers multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Seaglass is situated just 600 feet from Estero Bay, making it one of the closest to the water's edge of the high-rises currently under construction on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast. **Below:** Seaglass offers a level of finish and customization rarely found in high-rise offerings in Southwest Florida. Light-filled floor plans with tall windows offer spectacular views.

are wrapped by planters and include 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.

Seaglass is situated just 600 feet from Estero Bay, making it one of the closest to the water's edge of the high-rises currently under construction on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast. The Seaglass tower's second floor will include a news café and connect to a spectacular, award-winning amenity complex. An expansive array of amenities already in place includes a theater, guest suites, card and club rooms, a fully-equipped fitness facility that features men's and women's spas with steam and massage rooms, a large resort-style walk-in pool and spa, and a deck with a covered and screened cabana that includes a bar and grill.

A variety of membership opportunities in the Bonita Bay Club are avail-



able to Seaglass residents. Recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions, Bonita Bay's amenities range from a completed 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 foot Fitness Center, a 9,000 square foot spa and salon, and the WAVE Café that serves healthy fast food.

The Bonita Bay Club's golf operation is legendary. Three on-property Bonita Bay West courses were designed by Arthur Hills to preserve and enhance the natural features of the land. Two Tom Fazio designed courses at the nearby Bonita Bay Club Naples provide a pure golf experience on over 1,000 acres that includes preserved wetlands but no residential development.

Visit the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com. ■



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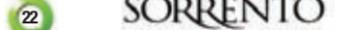
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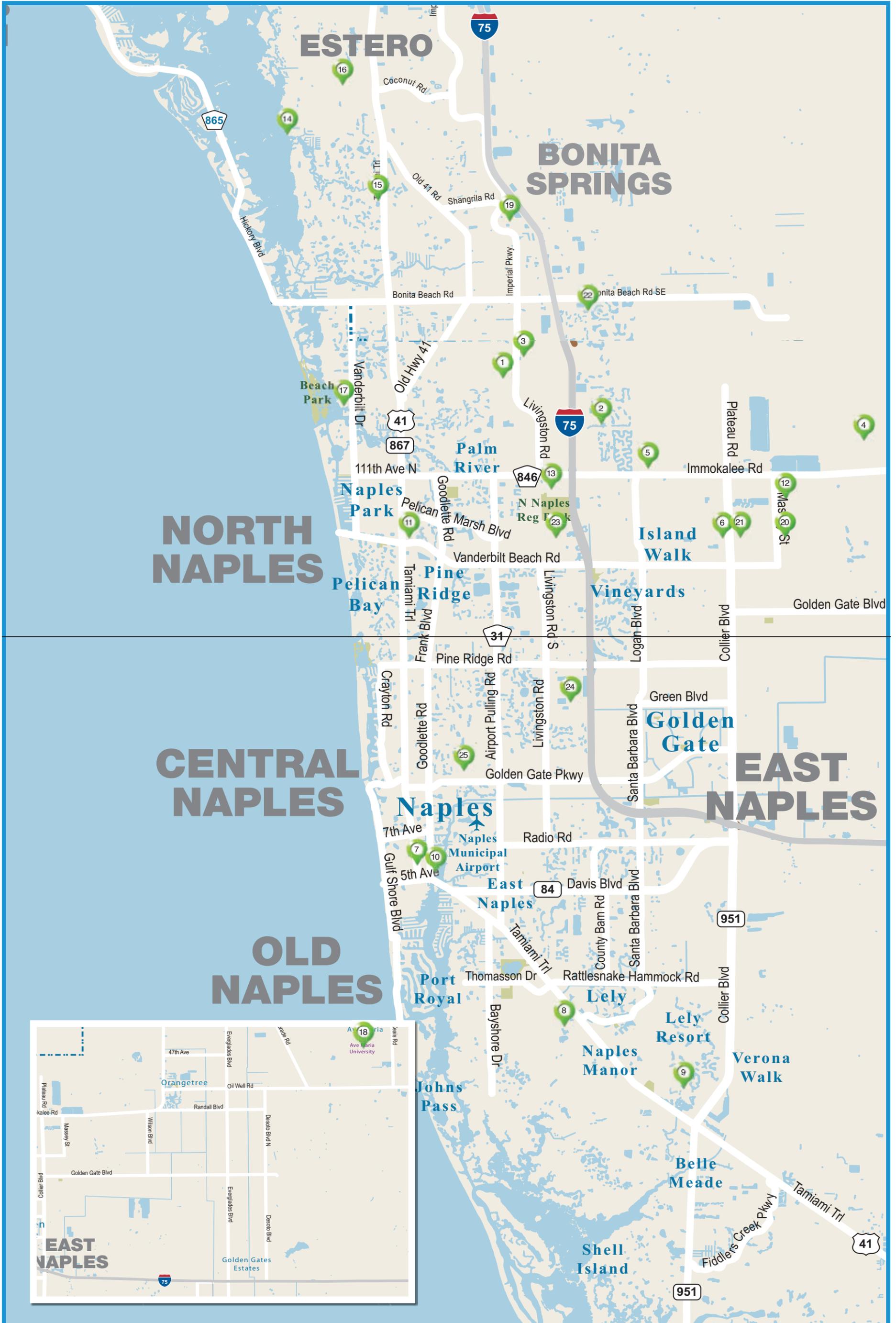
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Talis Park's April Luxury Home Tour this weekend

Kitson & Partners' Talis Park community is holding its April Luxury Home Tour tomorrow and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m. Ten luxurious residences are being presented, including furnished Showcase Estates by Gulfshore Homes, Sunwest Homes, and McGarvey Custom Homes, single-family homes by Frizone, Sunwest Homes, and Harbourside Custom Homes, a single-family villa by Distinctive Communities, a resort-style coach home by FrontDoor Communities, and penthouse-style condominium and Terrace Homes by WCI Communities.

Priced at \$4,849,000, Gulfshore's Dorado estate in Talis Park's Prato neighborhood 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 great room that opens to a covered terrace and outdoor living area with a conversation and dining area, summer kitchen, and a pool and spa. The great room flows into a dining area and a double-island gourmet kitchen. The open-concept floor plan includes a study, four bedrooms, and a four-car garage.

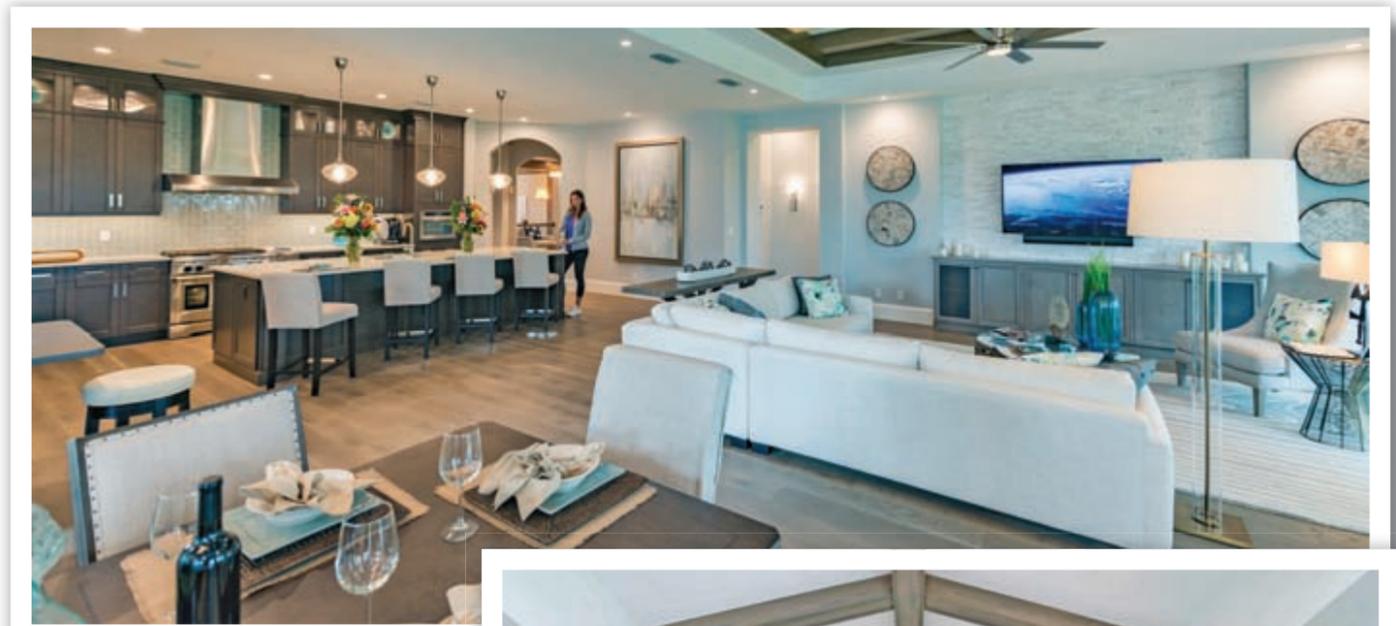
Sunwest's two-story Grand Santa Barbara estate in Prato includes 9,200 square feet with 5,900 square feet under air. The floor plan includes a great room, wet bar, island kitchen, and dining area that open to an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen and dining space, a pool bath, and a pool and spa. 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. The furnished model is priced at \$4,495,000.

McGarvey's two-story Astaire estate in Prato encompasses 11,110 square feet with 6,820 square feet under air. The floor plan includes an elegant foyer and living room, a formal dining room, a grand room with a wet bar, an island kitchen, four bedrooms, including a first floor master suite that features a bath with a private garden and outdoor shower, a second floor VIP suite, flex room, wet bar, and covered terrace, an outdoor living area with a kitchen, island bar, fireplace, pool and spa, and two two-car garages. The Astaire is priced at \$4,695,900.

Frizone's 5,847 square feet, two-story Villa Ferrari residence priced at \$3,990,000 is on display in Talis Park's Fairgrove neighborhood. The four-bedroom, five-and-a-half bath Villa Ferrari great room plan includes a double-island kitchen, formal dining room, wet bar, and an upstairs game room and lounge that opens to a covered terrace overlooking a massive outdoor living area.

Distinctive Communities' Berolina residence is situated in Talis Park's Watercourse neighborhood. Watercourse is an enclave of 29 detached luxury villas built by Artisan Associates ranging from 2,530 to 3,638 square feet. Priced at \$1,485,000, the 3,000 square feet three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Berolina is finished with over \$100,000 in upgrades. Gray oak wood floors throughout the first level blend with two-toned, off-white kitchen cabinetry. A natural gas outdoor kitchen, an electronic screen for the lanai, and an over-sized spa offer a luxurious place to relax.

Furnished single-family and resort-style coach homes are being presented in the Corsica neighborhood. Priced at \$2,495,000, Sunwest's 3,950 square foot two-story Grand Santa Barbara model combines traditional elements with contemporary lines. The great room plan includes three first floor bedrooms and an island kitchen and dining area. The great room and dining area open to a covered outdoor area with a bar, summer kitchen, pool and spa. Upstairs, the plan offers a bonus room with a full bath, a covered ter-



Above: McGarvey Custom Homes' two-story Astaire estate encompasses 11,110 square feet with 6,820 square feet under air. A must-see for Luxury Home Tour visitors, the Astaire model is priced at \$4,695,900. FrontDoor Communities' previously sold Sienna second floor coach home model is being featured on the Talis Park Luxury Home Tour. Completed Corsica Coach Home residences are available for purchase and immediate occupancy. Right: Priced at \$2,495,000 with furnishings, Sunwest Homes' 3,950 square foot two-story Grand Santa Barbara in Corsica at Talis Park combines traditional elements with contemporary lines.

race, and a sundeck.

Harbourside's two-story, 3,672 square feet Villa Adriana II model showcases a great room, island kitchen, and dining area that open to the outdoors, a master suite, two guest bedrooms, and a study with wood flooring. The kitchen features a wine bar, KitchenAid appliances, granite countertops, and a walk-in pantry. Upstairs offers a fourth bedroom or second study, and a bonus room that opens to a covered balcony. The outdoor living area features a kitchen, fireplace, and a pool and spa with a screened colonnade. The plan includes a three-car garage.

FrontDoor Communities' previously sold 3,382 square feet Sienna second floor coach home model in Corsica includes a foyer with a 20-foot ceiling, an elegant staircase, and a private elevator, a study or loft, a great room, dining area and wet bar, an island kitchen, three bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths. The great room, dining area, and owner's suite open to a



527 square feet covered lanai. Unfurnished coach homes priced from the \$700's are available for immediate move-in.

A furnished penthouse-style condominium model is being featured in WCI Communities' Carrara neighborhood. Priced from the \$700s, each Carrara residence includes a private elevator lobby, a great room, island kitchen, an "on the view" owner's suite, two guest ensuites, a library/media room, a powder bath, and secured ground level parking. The penthouse-style residences offer more than 2,900 square feet and feature wrap-around loggias.

WCI is debuting its Viansa Terrace Home model during the Home Tour and

is accepting contracts for Terrace Homes within the first two of eight three-story mid-rises in the Viansa neighborhood. Offering 2,350 square feet of living area, 48 three-bedroom plus den, three-and-a-half bath Viansa Terrace Homes will feature nature preserve views and a refined home design that balances everyday living with easy al fresco entertaining. Homes in Viansa are priced from the \$600's.

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Stock is featuring four models on lakefront sites in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch, a new solar powered town 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31 just north of the Lee Civic Center in Charlotte County. Stock's Lake Timber plans showcase Babcock's Craftsman, Farmhouse, Coastal Gulf Vernacular, Spanish, and Colonial/West Indies styles. Featured in Babcock's Longleaf Collection, each plan includes a covered front porch that allows the home to live from front to back. Stock's Longleaf Collection residences are built to Florida Green Building Coalition Certification standards and base-priced from the \$400's.

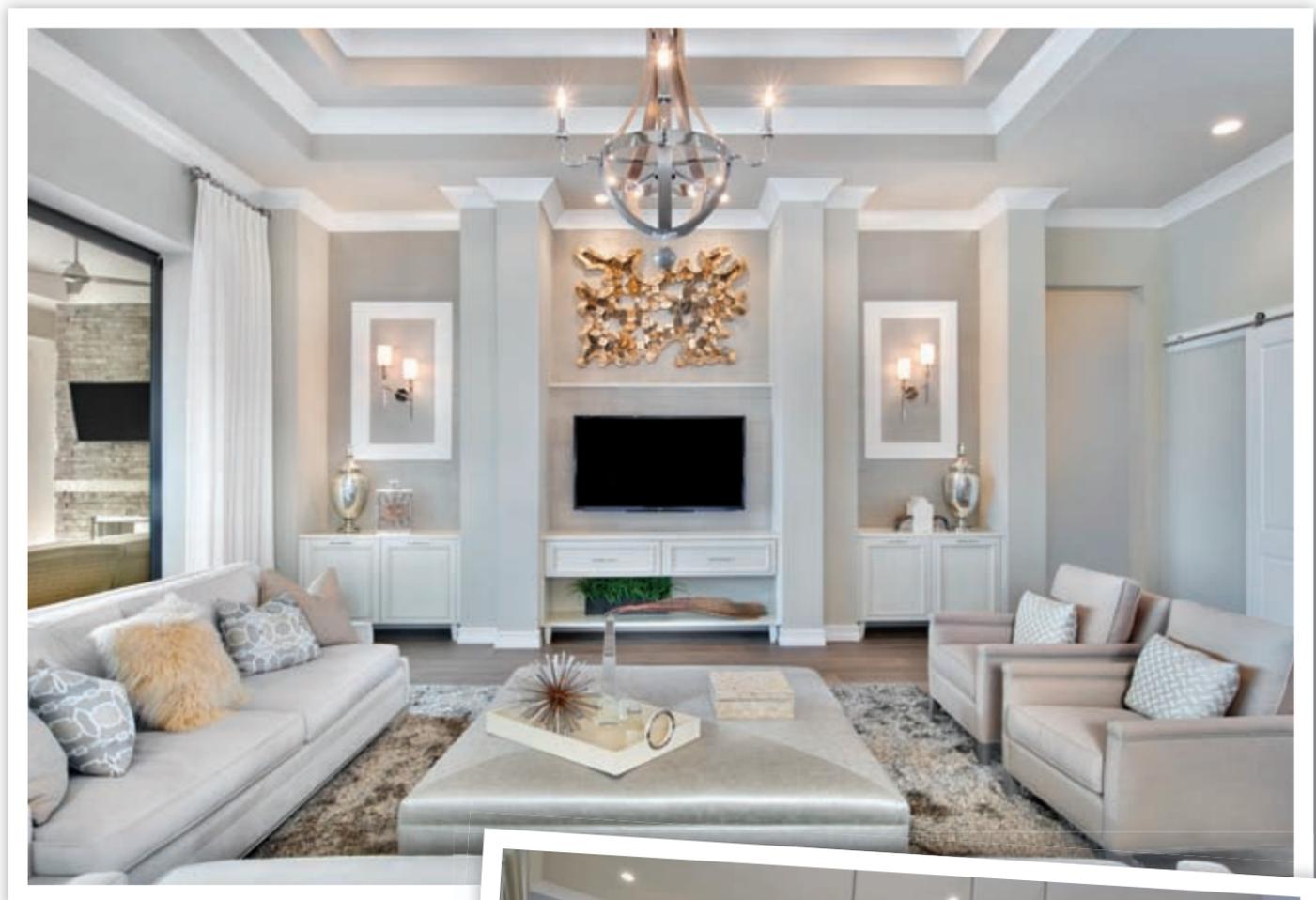
In Fort Myers, four models and six move-in ready homes base-priced from the \$400's are being featured at Hidden Harbor. Two move-in ready residences base-priced from the \$700's are open in the Renaissance community.

Stock's 4,238 square foot Stella model built by Stock Signature Homes, the luxury homebuilding division of Stock Development, is being showcased in the Bonita Bay's Bay Woods neighborhood. The Stella is priced at \$2,810,000 and features an interior by Soco Interiors. The plan includes a formal living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, wet bar, a double-island kitchen and family room, a study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a three-car garage. A screened outdoor living space features a fireplace, a kitchen, and a pool and spa.

Three models are being featured at Quail West. Priced at \$3,799,990 fully-furnished, the 4,937 square foot Aqualina estate showcases an interior by Christina Villalonga, Senior Designer at Marc Michaels Interior Design. Stock's 4,238 square foot furnished Stella model in Quail West's Cortland neighborhood is priced at \$2,339,460 and features a classic interior by Soco Interiors' Kassie Parisoe. Priced at \$2,317,125 with furnishings, Stock's open-concept Normandy II model in Cortland showcases an interior by Clive Daniel Home.

Stock's previously sold Windsor III model is open in Salara at the Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples on Immokalee Road. Base-priced at \$989,990, the 4,155 square foot Windsor III showcases an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti. The previously sold Glenmore model in Arrezo at Esplanade presents an interior by Soco Interiors. Base-priced at \$844,990, the Glenmore offers a 3,591 square foot great room plan with four bedrooms, a study, four-and-a-half baths, a formal dining room and island kitchen, and an outdoor living area with a fireplace, kitchen, pool and spa.

Stock's previously sold Windsor II model is open in Lake Estates at TwinEagles. Lake Estates features south or west-facing lakefront home sites 110-foot wide and 150-foot deep. Base-priced at



Above: Stock Signature Homes' furnished Windsor III model is open for viewing in Salara at the Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples on Immokalee Road. The 4,155 square foot Windsor III model showcases an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti. Right: Stock's furnished model at 186 North Street Pine Ridge Estates in North Naples is priced at \$3,495,000 and features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS. Below: The furnished Sebring model in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch is one of 35 models by Stock Development being showcased Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

\$869,990, the Windsor II's great room plan presents an interior by Beasley & Henley Interior Design's Senior Designer Kim Grimes. A Windsor III model priced at \$2,081,045 with furnishings is scheduled for completion in June. Two unfurnished, move-in ready residences, the Muirfield V priced at \$1,334,185 and the Regency Manor priced at \$1,498,060, are available in TwinEagles' Hedgestone estate neighborhood.

A model at 186 North Street Pine Ridge Estates in North Naples is priced at \$3,495,000 and features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS. Corasaniti has created a coastal retreat finished in relaxed and soothing colors. The Caribbean architectural style of Stock's model at 3750 Fountainhead Lane in Park Shore includes rich exterior details. The residence was recipient of Park Shore's 2017 Beautification Award. Priced at \$3,395,000, the 4,189 square foot two-story residence showcases an interior by Clive Daniel Home's Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen. Stock's 4,189 square foot residence at 3050 Crayton Road is perfectly suited to a luxurious indoor/outdoor lifestyle. The residence presents an interior by Soco Interiors' Senior Designer Meredith Summersgill and is priced at \$3,495,000.

Stock Signature Homes' Magnolia Collection at The Isles of Collier Preserve includes twenty-eight 90-foot home sites with spectacular views. Four floor plans range from 3,578 to 3,972 square feet and are base-priced



from \$889,990 to \$949,990. Stock's Cocoplum model is open for viewing. Base-priced at \$899,990, the 3,641 square foot Cocoplum plan includes 1,004 square feet of covered lanai space. The Cocoplum showcases an interior by Soco Interiors' Charlotte Horvath. Stock's previously sold Marigold model is also open for viewing. Base-priced at \$889,990, the Marigold plan includes 3,578 square feet plus a covered lanai measuring 1,062 square feet. The Marigold features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS.

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 \$1,195,100 and features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS while Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore, ASID and Sirena Gilmore created the interior for the 3,255 square foot Muirfield III also in Parrot Cay and offered at \$1,412,060. The Sparrow Cay models include the 2,913 square foot Anastasia priced at \$1,041,710 that also features an interior by Soco's Daniel Kilgore; the 2,643 square foot Venice priced at \$956,750; and the 2,384 square foot Biscayne priced at \$906,330.

For additional information about the luxury residences by Stock Development on display this weekend, visit stockdevelopment.com. ■



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Babcock Ranch is all about the great outdoors

Just a few weeks after officially opening to the public, Founder's Square at Babcock Ranch is springing to life. From morning exercise classes to brisk business at the lakefront "Table & Tap", the daily buzz of activity in this new town being built by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County gives the world's first solar powered town a familiar hometown vibe.

The surprising melding of modern technology and timeless hometown charm nestled in expansive natural spaces is a defining characteristic of this innovative new town that will ultimately include 19,500 homes, nearly 50,000 residents and 6 million square feet of commercial space.

Babcock residents reap all the benefits and efficiencies of the most advanced, modern technologies. High-speed fiber-optic keeps them as connected with the outside world as they want to be. But when it's time to unplug, nature is just outside the door. Babcock Ranch's expansive amenities celebrate and embrace getting out and engaging the land, nature, wildlife, waterways and great public places within it. This includes both active public community spaces, and places for quiet solitude. Residents, businesses and visitors are outfitted with all they need to actively engage the out-

doors and nature.

"I believe people want ways to connect with nature, to leave everything else behind and recharge," said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners. "Babcock Ranch is all about the great outdoors. Living in a town with half of its total area dedicated to green space, residents can walk out their door and truly immerse themselves in nature without leaving their neighborhood."

Kitson traces his passion for nature to his childhood.

"When I was very young, my parents didn't allow us to stay inside," Kitson said. "We went camping, deep into the woods for weeks at a time and I developed a deep love of the land. I appreciate what it means. I think people intuitively understand that you feel better when you are in the woods or on top of a mountain. I really believe you will live longer and have a better life."

Kitson has focused on making Babcock Ranch the kind of town people both want to live in—and can afford to live in. The design embraces residential neighborhoods, civic, retail and educational structures, and opportunities to enjoy both the grandeur and subtleties of nature on a daily basis as a

cohesive, unified experience rather than as separate, disparate parts.

With sustainability woven right into the infrastructure, Babcock Ranch leverages economies of scale to deliver green living at competitive prices.

Responsible development started with the land. The Babcock Ranch site plan puts 90% of the new town on previously impacted pasture, farm and rock-mined land. If you peel away the master plan at Babcock—what you see is all the areas cleared for pastures and farmlands underneath the planned development, nestled among the areas that will remain forested.

Use of resources available right on the property is another part of the sustainability story. On-site mining operations provide all of the fill and road aggregate. On-site farming will deliver produce—and provide space for community farming plots where residents can grow their own. And sod comes from the community sod farm. To conserve water, Babcock Ranch's landscaping guidelines limit turf coverage to 30% of residential lots and require homeowners to use native, low impact

trees and shrubs for 75% of their landscaping. All irrigation throughout the community will use reclaimed or "grey water" from the onsite water and wastewater utility.

Expansive green spaces throughout the community beckon neighbors to connect with nature and with each other. In addition to neighborhood trailheads that will serve as gateways to the network of nature trails, every neighborhood at Babcock Ranch incorporates parks with space for children to play, neighbors to gather, and for gardeners to test their skills. Public lakefronts make the sparkling freshwater lakes accessible for kayaking, paddle boarding and fishing.

The opportunities for outdoor adventure at Babcock Ranch extend far beyond the town boundaries. The 50 miles of trails within the town's footprint will eventually connect into the neighboring Babcock Ranch Preserve. Created in 2006 as part of a complex transaction facilitated by Kitson, the 73,000 acre preserve is home to a number of listed species including gopher tortoises, red-cockaded woodpeckers and large mammals such as Florida panthers and black bears. Comprised of cypress domes, mesic flatwoods and wet prairies that straddle Telegraph Swamp, the state's purchase of the historic ranch secured the final link of an environmental corridor that now links Lake Okeechobee to the Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

The economic engine that made the preservation possible—an environmentally friendly new town on the portion of the historic ranch that Kitson retained—took more than a decade to incubate. Now, as the new town prepares to welcome its first residents, Babcock Ranch is raising the bar for responsible, forward-thinking and sustainable development and creating a new model for the future.

"I believe the approach we are taking to protect the land while sustaining growth can serve as a model for the rest of the state and the nation in the years to come," Kitson said. "If demand is there—others will follow our lead and Babcock Ranch will prove to be a real game-changer."

To learn more about living at the eco-centric, solar powered town being created by Kitson & Partners at Babcock Ranch, visit www.babcock-ranch.com. ■



Top: A network of trails, bike paths and old ranch roads call residents back to nature. **Left:** Gear up for outdoor adventure at Curry Creek Outfitters. **Above:** Neighborhood trailheads invite exploration.

The Isles of Collier Preserve by Minto named Community of the Year

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities recently received Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA) 2016 Sand Dollar Awards for Community of the Year, Best Special Event for Residents for the Isles Club Grand Opening, and Best TV commercial. Minto's ultra-luxurious Tamarind Grande model at The Isles of Collier Preserve also won for Best Specialty Feature for its unique guest casitas.

The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 as a 16-room inn. Like the historic hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway, The Isles Club includes an array of active lifestyle and wellness amenities. Residents and friends gather here for social functions, swimming in the stunning resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid \$300s to \$1 million plus. The community currently presents 16 fully furnished model homes for touring.

For a limited time only, buyers will have the opportunity to take advantage of \$50,000 in incentives on several move-

in ready homes including a Pimento single-family home, Dahlia villa home and Oleander Grande coach home.

The Pimento single-family home includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,333 square feet under air, with two bedrooms, den, two-and-a-half baths and three-car garage and is priced at \$823,237. The Dahlia villa home is 1,565 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, pool and spa, and two-car garage. It is priced at \$516,550. The Oleander Grande three-story coach home is 2,160 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, three baths, den, third floor observatory, two-car garage and private elevator. It is priced at \$664,890.

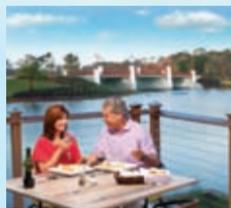
The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit minto.com. ■



Above: The Isles Club, The Isles of Collier Preserve and Pimento interior.

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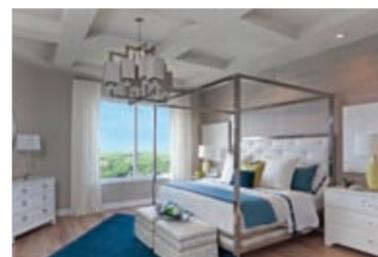
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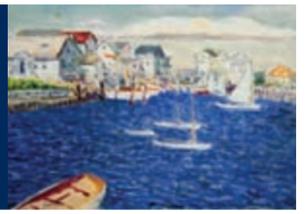
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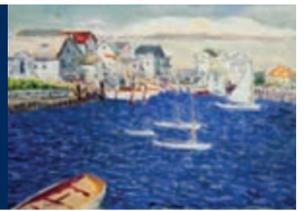
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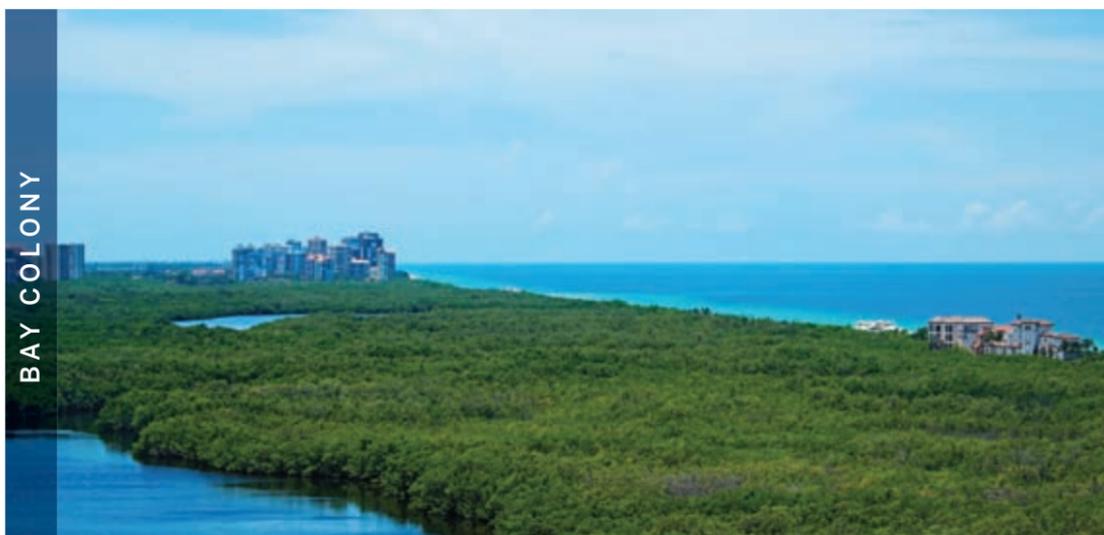
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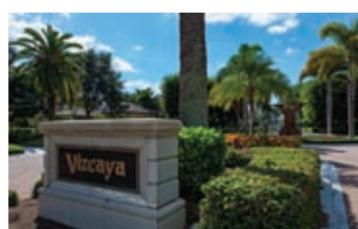
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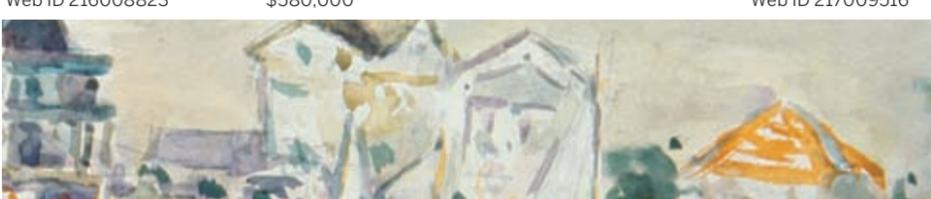


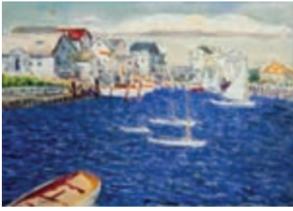
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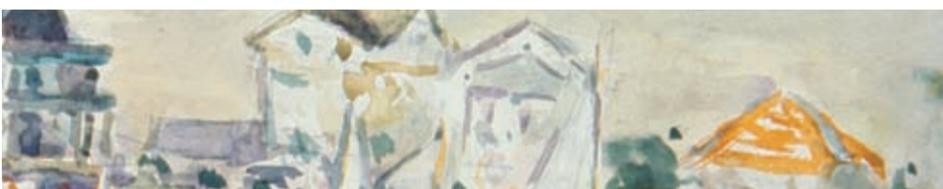


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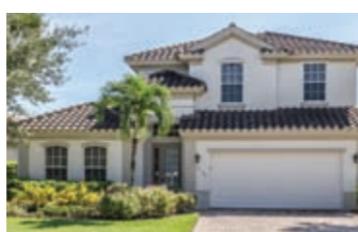
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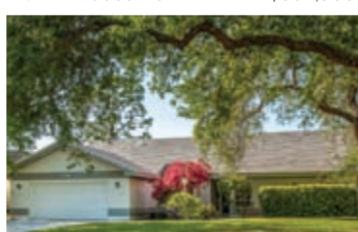
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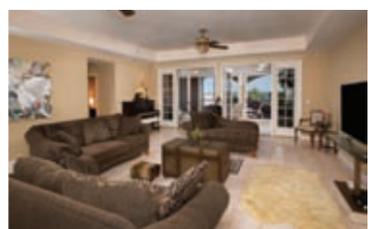
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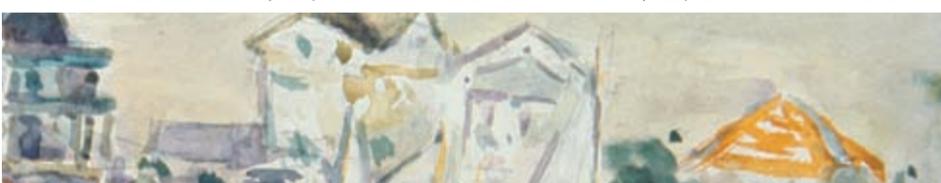
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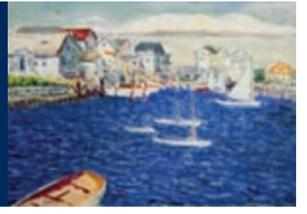
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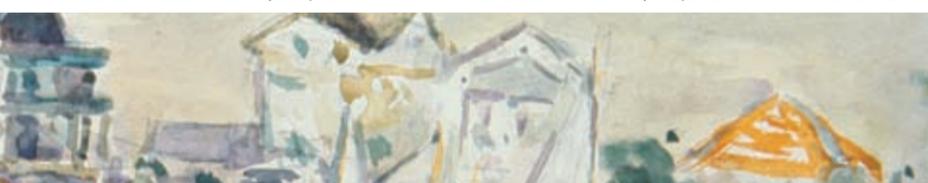
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Southwest Cape Coral Two Story Home
2 Story 4 bed/2.5 bath pool home completely renovated top to bottom. Pool and spa are pebble tech bottom, waterfall feature.
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC007808.

NAPLES



The Shores at Berkshire Lakes
Delightful bright villa set within a lush landscaped large corner lot.
\$319,500
1-866-657-2300 800BS002450.

PUNTA GORDA



Nice 3/2 in Port Charlotte
Nice well kept serene home in Port Charlotte. Beautiful interior and nice screened in lanai and pool area. Come see it!
\$324,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH227953.

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.

CAPE CORAL



Magnificent 2 Story 3 Lot Site
2 master suites 2 1/2 bath den formal living & dining. Family room 2 1/2 car garage. Many upgrades alarm system salt water pool.
\$329,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC055707.

BONITA SPRINGS



Great Opportunity in Bonita Springs
Three bedroom, 2 bath home in a great location in Bonita Springs.
\$335,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS001436.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gulf Access with Salt Water Pool Home
Walk through the beautiful front door into a wide open floor plan to the living room dining and kitchen. Enter the lanai.
\$339,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC059086.

ESTERO



The Reserve at Estero
Large 4/2/2 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 bed/3 bath custom home in private Bell Villa with in-law apartment.
\$350,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS066177.

CAPE CORAL



Waterfront Pool Home w/Dock
3/2/2 In-ground heated pool & spa, gulf access canal w/boat dock & lift! Screened lanai, 10' ceilings, master bed jetted tub.
\$359,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC045697.

NAPLES



Accessible Dream Home Furnished
2/2 upscale condo in Windstar Country Club. Completely furnished and ready to move into.
\$362,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS075194.

CAPE CORAL



4 Bed, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Pool Home, NW Cape
Home has it all, tile and wood flooring, quartz counter tops, LED lights, crown molding, in ground pool and lots more.
\$365,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC075567.

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.

FORT MYERS



3/2 on Caloosahatchee River
Home features open floor plan. Stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and breakfast bar.
\$369,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC019435.

CAPE CORAL



Move in Ready Home on the Water
4 bed 3 bath 2 car garage home on canal. Deep water, sailboat access and there's already a dock and boat lift ready!
\$374,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC079649.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape 4 Bedroom Pool Home
This custom built 4 bedroom pool home is waiting for a new owner.
\$374,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM040265.

FORT MYERS



Eagle Ridge Beauty
Must see!!! Heated pool and spa home with phenomenal golf course views on large lot with lots of upgrades.
\$399,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM015579.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home
3 Bed/2.5 bath gulf access pool home in SW Cape Coral. Remodeled and move-in-ready!
\$409,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC010998.

LABELLE



Beautiful River Front Property
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath with an oversized garage plus den home is on the Caloosahatchee River.
\$419,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE015662.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Beauty
Beautiful 2237 sqft custom Mercedes 4/2 pool home on direct access canal with lift and extended wooded dock.
\$437,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC067650.

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
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BOKEELIA



Pine Island Home
3 Bedroom/2 bath pool home. 30 minutes to Boca Grande Pass.
\$440,000
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ESTERO



Gated Community
4/3 Pool home located in Bella Vista gated community crown molding throughout, granite countertops in kitchen & bathroom.
\$449,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC068715.

CAPE CORAL



One of a Kind Boater's Dream
Spacious and sleek 2500+ sqft gulf access pool home. featuring 4 bedrooms and 3 (2/1) baths, dining room, family room.
\$464,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC019532.

FORT MYERS



Stunning 3/2/2 Pool - Paseo Community
You will not believe the features of this home and the amenities the community has to offer! Schedule your showing today.
\$467,990
1-866-657-2300 800CC079350.

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
1-866-657-2300 800CC041272.

BONITA SPRINGS



Corner Unit with Views of Hickory Bay
2/2 Condo is Bay Harbor Club. Beach access, heated pool w/2 spas, 2 tennis courts and a fully equipped club house.
\$479,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC012600.

FORT MYERS



Carillon Woods
Sprawling home w/4 bed/4 bath/2 car oversized garage & caged pool. 2861 sqft under air! Many new updates included.
\$494,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM067288.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Pool-RoseGarden Area
Top located in the popular Rosegarden Area (UNIT 64) overlooking intersecting canals
\$505,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC001969.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Southern Exposure Gulf Access Home
Beautiful 3/2 + den, pool home located in unit 69. Cape Harbour, dining & shopping, and turnkey.
\$549,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC038865.

FORT MYERS



The Perfect Home to Live
A beautiful professional designer 4 bed +den 3 bath with a lot upgrades and nice pool.
\$559,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS074637.

ESTERO



West Bay Club
Enjoy all that life has to offer at the West Bay Club in this Courtyard Design Home. Three bedroom.
\$649,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM076814.

ST. JAMES CITY



Waterfront Living in Pine Island
Enjoy this spacious 2 story home with direct access(1200 feet) to the open water. A cook's kitchen; heated pool/spa.
\$649,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM079890.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Luxurious Waterfront Home
Enjoy the Florida lifestyle in this 4179 sqft 5 bed/3 bath + 2 car oversized garage home.
\$750,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM069031.

CAPE CORAL



Water Views Over 200' of Seawall, Direct Sailboat Access
3/3 Pool home, 10,000 pound boatlift, newer kitchen. Water views from almost every room in the house.
\$750,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC007480.

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
1-866-657-2300 800CC001916.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access Pool Home
4 bed/3 bath gulf access pool home in prestigious Peninsula Point.
\$949,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC076523.

CAPE CORAL



Magnificent Mediterranean Bellagio Masterpiece
Mediterranean house situated on an oversized lot at the end of the cul-de-sac !!!!!
\$999,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC071053.

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
1-866-657-2300 800NA011082.

FORT MYERS



Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location! Open floor plan.
\$1,695,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM073496.

FORT MYERS



Ft. Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled.
\$1,699,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM022494.

