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## Saving the imperiled SAWFISH

BY NANETTE CRIST  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD “FISH,” YOU expect a creature that looks like a snook or a grouper or any one of a gazillion species here in Southwest Florida. But sawfish ... well, they look like something else entirely. They resemble a shark (and are, actually, in the same family as sharks, skates and rays) — with one major difference. Sawfish have a rostrum, a nose extension up to one-quarter of the creature’s length, with a menacing set of tooth-like protrusions on each side. It’s more than menacing — it’s a real threat.

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“Sawfish have been plying their deadly trade for millions of years. They are the marine equivalent of living dinosaurs.”

**Inset: Juvenile sawfish — also known as “carpenter sharks” — live in shallow waters like those of Charlotte Harbor.**

**At right: The sawfish saw from underneath.**

INSET DAVID MORGAN / COURTESY PHOTO

## Area veterans take part in ‘Telling Project’

BY DON MANLEY  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

America’s military personnel have found themselves in harm’s way in Afghanistan and Iraq for the last 16 years, their battlefield experiences documented for the home front through video, pictures and the written word.

But what they face upon returning home, reintegrating into society and building a life outside the military may be a mystery to non-veterans and those without close friends and family who have served.

First-person accounts of life, the military and combat have been brought to audiences around the state since 2015 through the Florida

Humanities Council’s “Telling Project” in which veterans outline their experiences in their own words through dramatic stage presentations.

Audiences in Lee and Collier counties will be able to partake of those stories for the first time through “Telling: Southwest Florida.” The program will be presented Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center in Naples and Thursday, May 4, at in the WGPU Public Media studios on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University.

“Telling: Southwest Florida” features veterans from Lee and Collier counties who will recount their military experiences, including traumas and struggles with PTSD for

some, and their personal journeys after they returned to civilian life.

“The audience can expect to hear about real experiences from Iraq, Vietnam and the Cold War,” Steven Seibert, FHC executive director, says. “They will hear their pride, their heartbreak and their hopes.”

Audience members will be able to ask questions after the performance.

Prior “Telling Project” programs in other parts of the state have been deeply powerful and moving experiences, Mr. Seibert says. He adds the fact that fewer and fewer Americans have experienced battle since the advent of all-volunteer military service heightens the importance of the “Telling Project.”

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Tallahassee must face — and address — the fear of fracking

BY DAVE TRECKER

For the third straight year, the Florida legislature has punted on fracking. No decision was made — not to ban outright, not to regulate or even to study the possible damage, if any, it might cause.

This year it looked like the Senate was ready to ban. But the House wanted to study first. So nothing happened. And Florida remains one of the few states without any regulations on enhanced oil recovery.

Let's step back a bit and try to understand what's going on.

First, oil production is nothing new to Florida. The Sunshine State has been recovering oil for more than 70 years. Oil Well Road wasn't named for its citrus groves.

Some 300 wells have been drilled in Collier County — not a large number by Texas or Oklahoma standards, but enough to show that this is not some new phenomenon. And without mishap, oil production has prompted little attention over the years.

That all changed in 2013. Dan A. Hughes, a Texas oil company, filed for permits to drill exploratory wells in Golden Gate Estates — very close to some existing homes. Residents complained and local

environmentalists jumped in, gleeful to have a new cause, something sexier than copper in Naples Bay.

The huffing and puffing continued into 2014, when it was discovered Hughes had acid-treated an existing oil well — the so-called Collier-Hogan well near Lake Trafford — and did so without a permit. The environmentalists had Christmas in July. "Fracking without permission," they cried. "Polluting our streams. Putting drinking water at risk."

Fracking became a rallying cry for the uninformed left, a right of passage for liberal journalists. The genie was out of the bottle. Hughes was attacked mercilessly and driven out of town. Tasting blood, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and its acolytes wanted more. They wanted a statewide ban on fracking.

But where was the justification? No harm had been done. There was no evidence that acidizing the Collier-Hogan well (it was never fracked) polluted the nearby groundwater or the aquifer under it. While farmers and city folk were pouring fertilizer runoff into Florida's waterways, causing toxic algae blooms all over the state (think Lake Okeechobee), the oilmen were polluting nothing.

But zealots often ignore facts, and the rallying cry became, "But it *could* happen!" Fracking *could* damage the fragile Sunniland formation. Toxic fluids *could* leak into the aquifers (even though the oil-bearing rock is thousands of feet below it).

It's useful to consider what fracking is

and what it does.

Fracking is shorthand for hydraulic fracturing: busting open dense rock (often shale) with water injected under high pressure in order to free trapped oil or gas. The injection fluid contains suspended sand for holding open the fractured rock and a small amount of chemicals — mostly biocides, suspending agents, lubricating fluids.

Combined with horizontal drilling, fracking unleashed a revolution that will make the U.S. energy independent by 2020 — a remarkable feat, something not thought possible in our lifetime.

While fracking and horizontal drilling are relatively new (most accounts credit George Mitchell with economically fracking the first well in 1998), other methods were previously used to coax oil and gas out of the ground. Acid treatment has been used in the industry for more than 80 years. Hot water or carbon dioxide or even microbial injections are sometimes used to thin heavy oil, improving its recovery. More exotic is the use of surfactants backed by viscosifiers to scrub residual oil from rocks. Gelants have been pumped into formations to promote oil flow and restrict water incursion.

These techniques have evolved, often by trial and error, and sometimes with bad consequences.

And so it was with fracking. Early attempts led to leakage of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Improper sealing of casings resulted in some groundwater pollution. Reinjection of spent fluids

harmed a number of reservoirs. These were not unlike the growing pains for wind turbines, nuclear power plants and even hydroelectric dams when those technologies were in their infancy.

Most of the fracking problems have now been solved, driven by economic necessity. As the technology has matured, tens of thousands of wells have been fracked without incident. Emissions have been curtailed and spillage sharply reduced or contained. Chemicals now used are harmless at the very low concentrations employed, and they are diluted even further underground.

Nonetheless, caution is justified.

And that takes us back to Tallahassee.

What should our legislators do? What they should *not* do is ban fracking and shut off a possible revenue source. Instead, they should impose a moratorium on *all* enhanced-recovery methods, not just fracking, and task the Department of Environmental Protection with conducting a thorough study of possible effects on groundwater and aquifers. Then, armed with knowledge, they should legislate.

And while they're at it, they should take steps to control nutrient pollution. There it's not a matter of whether it *could* happen. It *is* happening — and with terrible consequences all over the state. ■

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# OPINION

## Stand your ground



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Lawmakers in Tallahassee are half-way through the 60-day legislative session. The state's annual business agenda is supposed to be completed by May 5, but don't count on it. The House and Senate have not yet reached agreement on major legislative proposals pending; and the deadline is fast approaching to get the state's future year budget approved. The final spending plan is jointly negotiated between the two chambers and must be blessed and signed by the governor before the beginning of the state's fiscal year on July 1.

The annual rite of passing a balanced state budget is the one compulsory responsibility our legislature is bound by law to perform. Last year, they didn't get it done during the regular session. The negotiations between the chambers to reach compromise blew up. A \$4 billion disagreement soured the deal. Lawmakers in the House bitterly opposed the idea of funding Medicaid expansion. They threw a hissy fit and adjourned without not so much as a fare-thee-well to the Senate.

The impasse forced the governor's intercession and a special session to resolve the incomplete. The annual budget got done, but not without the taint of bad behavior flavoring the result. The only thing worse than a disgruntled legislator is an ingrown toenail. They made everybody suffer.

Medicaid expansion died for good, its demise a casualty of the infighting. Hundreds of thousands of poor and low-income Floridians were left to seek last-resort medical care in the emergency rooms of charity hospitals. Billions in federal revenue to subsidize Medicaid were turned away. The beneficiary most

profiting from the lawmakers' debacle was the Grim Reaper. He now collects his due from among the state's most medically vulnerable citizens.

Optimism is in short supply things will go more smoothly this time. Although the amount of revenue on the table remains roughly the same, about \$80 billion, there is a \$2 billion chasm yawning between the House and Senate versions of the budgets proposed. Everyone, including the governor, wants it their way or the highway.

Bones of contention include reductions in state spending to promote tourism and downsizing the millions in tax-funded subsidies paid to private businesses, the construction of a reservoir to curb and clean the Lake Okeechobee discharges creating havoc on South Florida's gulf and the Atlantic coasts, reforms to Florida's higher education system and bills to proliferate guns in ever-more public spaces.

There also is talk of abolishing "home rule," so the state can preempt local governments from regulating issues in their own backyards and there is a bill drafted with the assistance of Florida Power & Light that allows it to charge ratepayers for speculative energy ventures in Oklahoma. If approved, it conveniently reverses a prior ruling by Florida's Public Service Commission that nixed the idea.

Among the bad ideas, first prize goes to a proposal to amend the infamous "stand your ground" law, so people accused of murderous intentions have "more leeway to claim self-defense and immunity." It shifts the burden of proof from shooters to the people shot and left either dead or alive.

It gets worse: When it comes to protecting and conserving the state's environment, never has a state been so ill-served as is Florida by its own state Legislature.

It's been two decades since Florida first got serious about the environment. It started by funding programs to enable the state to purchase, conserve and protect in perpetuity Florida's most environmentally sensitive lands and water

resources. Florida Forever, established in 2000, received \$300 million annually for its first nine years.

Along came the Great Recession. The program took a hit. Its funding plummeted to zero. Yet, despite Florida's economy rebounding, the Legislature continued to starve the program.

By 2014, Floridians voters had had enough. They approved by a 75 percent margin Amendment One to the state's Constitution. It confronts the state Legislature's hostility and challenges its parsimony toward the program's goals, establishing a state-funded war chest for land acquisition and water conservation. The resources come from an existing source of revenue generated by the documentary stamp tax. It will generate about \$10 billion in revenue over the next 20 years.

Lawmakers are brazenly ignoring the people's mandate, instead budgeting and allocating the revenue for purposes inconsistent with the law. The misappropriations produce "savings" in general revenue to otherwise spend on a porker's wish list. The cheat is nothing short of robbery of Amendment One money by legislative misappropriation. Once upon a time, lawmakers might have been tarred and feathered for such an egregious abuse of power. But alas, civil society has intervened.

At last word, the Legislature proposes to cut the budget of the Department of Environmental Protection by more than 25 percent and completely ax funding for Florida Forever. It's an affront that demands a voter's reply. No one is more entitled to defend Florida's environment from the duplicity and avarice of its own lawmakers than Amendment One supporters. It's time to stand your ground. ■

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## The Russian stooge



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Special to Florida Weekly

The circumstantial evidence is mounting that the Kremlin succeeded in infiltrating the U.S. government at the highest levels.

How else to explain a newly elected president looking the other way after an act of Russian aggression? Agreeing to a farcically one-sided nuclear deal? Mercilessly mocking the idea that Russia represents our foremost geopolitical foe? Accommodating the illicit nuclear ambitions of a Russian ally? Welcoming a Russian foothold in the Middle East? Refusing to provide arms to a sovereign country invaded by Russia? Diminishing our defenses and pursuing a Moscow-friendly policy of hostility to fossil fuels?

All of these items, of course, refer to things said or done by President Barack Obama. To take them in order: He reset with Russia shortly after its clash with Georgia in 2008. He concluded the New START agreement with Moscow that reduced our nuclear forces but not theirs. When candidate Mitt Romney

warned about Russia in the 2012 campaign, Obama rejected him as a Cold War relic. The president then went on to forge an agreement with Russia's ally Iran to allow it to preserve its nuclear program. During the red-line fiasco, he eagerly grasped a lifeline from Russia at the price of accepting its intervention in Syria. He never budged on giving Ukraine "lethal" weapons to defend itself from Russian attack. Finally, Obama cut U.S. defense spending and cracked down on fossil fuels, a policy that Russia welcomed since its economy is dependent on high oil prices.

Put all of this together, and it's impossible to conclude anything other than that Obama was a Russian stooge, and not out of any nefarious dealings, but out of his own naivete and weakness.

The cost of Obama's orientation toward Russia has now become clearer. When he pulled up short from enforcing his red line, an agreement with the Russians to remove Bashar Assad's chemical weapons became the fig leaf to cover his retreat. This deal was obviously deficient, but Obama officials used clever language to give the impression that it had removed all chemical weapons from Syria. Never mind that Assad still used chlorine gas to attack his population — exploiting a grievous loophole — and

that evidence piled up that Assad was cheating more broadly.

The Russians eagerly covered for Assad because he's their client. What was the Obama administration's excuse? It effectively made itself a liar for the Russians at the same time Moscow bolstered the Assad regime we said had to go, smashed the moderate opposition we were trying to create and sent a destabilizing refugee flow into Europe.

With his secretary of state and U.N. ambassador hitting Russia hard over the Assad gas attack and Trump's strike challenging Russia's position, the administration looks to be adopting a hard-headed attitude without bothering with a doomed reset first.

Even if Obama eventually got tougher on Russia — imposing sanctions after the Ukraine invasion and sending contingents of U.S. troops to countries near Russia — he never entirely shed his reflex toward accommodation. No matter what conspiracy theorists might say, there's nothing to suggest anything untoward about Obama's relationship with Russia. But based on the record alone, you might have suspicions. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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## Girls, girls, girls



another mad mom!” and they scattered like confetti from the concrete and I didn’t see them for the rest of the day.

Girls. We have girls in the pool, in the bathrooms, in the yard. They plunder makeup, raid the pantry, excite the dog and scream. My God, the screaming.

It’s pretty awesome, if not a little overwhelming. You see, our daughter Julia finally solidified her girl pack and they’ve overrun the house. I imagine their parents are thrilled their unbridled energy has been more thinly dispersed with the addition of another family, because on weekends they tend to bounce among houses depending on whose mom gets aggravated enough to kick them out to someone else. I know this because after I got on their case for emptying the peanut butter jar onto a dinner plate and having a tea party on the driveway on my Pottery Barn throw, one of them said, “Uh-oh,

Luckily, Julia’s friends are nice girls. The oldest plays Twilight Sparkle to two Pinky Pies, meaning that when one of them refuses to wear shoes while cycling, she’s there to say “I told you so” when the shoeless one scrapes her foot on the chain. The party girls — which includes Julia — are reasonably managed by a wiser, more experienced friend who can see the danger in snaking my expensive eye shadow when Julia has perfectly good play make-up herself. Twilight is happy watching the younger two paint their faces with hot pink eye shadow to transform themselves into characters from “Trolls.” She’s far too dignified for that — and she’s not going down over a stolen palette, anyway.

For the most part, though, it’s fun.

It’s been a long time since I was 7 and had the time and opportunity to spend an



afternoon skating with friends around my own neighborhood or concocting absurd culinary confections with some poor parent’s carefully budgeted groceries. Kids are weird and fun; it’s nice having a role in their bizarre pastimes without having to actually eat what they bring out of the kitchen. We will, however, get on our bikes for a jaunt down the road when they have something to show us at their hide-out, and we do comment on their silly conversations at the dinner table.

Friends are fun and we’re happy Julia

can indulge herself more frequently now.

Most importantly, Julia’s friends don’t require play dates to see her. Play dates, as most parents know, are a form of parental purgatory where you have to sit and make small talk with other adults you would normally never be friends with all for the sake of properly socializing your offspring. If it goes well, you feel obligated to keep doing it because now you’ve established a rapport with these people and they might think you don’t like them — or their child — if you don’t keep reaching out. I’m thrilled that Julia’s social life requires less micro-managing and I can show up in my yoga pants when I’m called into duty. And I can kick them out — still wearing my yoga pants — when I’m annoyed. It’s beautiful. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith occasionally goes privately crazy like Miss Hannigan with her bathtub gin. Little girls!





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# SAWFISH

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The bigger the saw, the easier it is to locate, stun and kill its prey.

It's no wonder native peoples attributed mystical and religious powers to sawfish — or that sawfish have also been used as symbols of warfare. The U.S. Navy's WWII submarine fleet included the USS Sawfish. And the Germans used the emblem of a laughing sawfish on 11 of its own U-boats.

Despite their terrifying appearance, they are on the verge of extinction, and desperately in need of protection.

According to National Geographic: "Sawfish are considered one of the most endangered fish species in the world. All seven species of sawfish are listed on the World Conservation Union's Red List of Threatened Species."

It's not often the power to save a species rests in our hands. But George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research, says Southwest Florida residents have the potential to do just that.

## The swordsmen of the ocean

In Florida, the species in question is the smalltooth sawfish. And while we're at it, we can aid the survival of the largetooth sawfish as well.

Dr. Nicole Phillips grew up with a love of rays and sharks and a fascination with genetics. Today she combines both with her genetic research of the endangered sawfish.

Her study recently brought Dr. Phillips and graduate student Annmarie Fearing to Charlotte Harbor. The pair shared their work in a talk sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center.

Mr. Burgess, Dr. Phillips and Ms. Fearing are sawfish advocates of the highest order. In addition to his role with the Florida Program for Shark Research, Mr. Burgess is a member of the Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team. Dr. Phillips and Ms. Fearing conduct sawfish research under the auspices of the University of Southern Mississippi. Ms. Fearing previously worked as Mr. Burgess' research assistant.

A look at their work reveals how we can help prevent the extinction of these marine animals, which are as charismatic as they are bizarre in appearance.

Mr. Burgess describes a sawfish as looking like a "flattened shark." Its rostrum is impressive enough, but its size makes its appearance even more dramatic. An adult can grow as long as 23 feet, with one-quarter of its length attributable to its "saw." The bigger the saw, the easier it is to locate, stun and kill its prey.

Despite its relation to the shark, sawfish pose no danger to humans — unless they're provoked. If that happens, watch out.

Bob Waugh, reporting for the (UK) *Daily Mail* on a 2012 Australian study of captive wild sawfish, said this: "Sawfish are vicious predators which use their saws to skewer and maim their prey — hitting victims hard enough to cut them in half. Previously it was thought 20-foot fish were placid creatures which used their 'saws' more like rakes, to sift through sand in search of food. But the creatures aren't sluggish bottom-dwellers: they're merciless hunters which 'slice' through the water with their saws, as quickly as human swordsmen. The new study ... shows the saws are lethal weapons."

Sawfish have been plying their deadly trade for millions of years. They are the marine equivalent of living dinosaurs.

Historically, two of the sawfish's five species swam the United States' waters — the largetooth sawfish and the small-



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It's easy to see why George Burgess describes the sawfish as looking like "a flattened shark."



Researchers obtain data from a smalltooth sawfish.

tooth sawfish.

The last reported sighting of a largetooth sawfish in the United States was in the 1960s. They now live exclusively in the waters of Australia.

The smalltooth sawfish, however, is alive — but in deep trouble.

At one time, the smalltooth roamed the waters of the East Coast of the United States, from New York to Brownsville, Texas. Mr. Burgess compares their historic migration patterns to those of all snowbirds. They would head south in the winter to warmer waters and seek the refuge of cooler northern climates in the summer.

With the fall in their numbers, the smalltooth can now be found only in a small number of "hot spots." They gravitate towards warm estuarine areas where salt and fresh waters meet. When you add mangroves to the equation, you have the perfect habitat for sawfish nurseries and playgrounds.

If you're thinking this sounds a lot like our waters, you're right.

"Without Charlotte Harbor and the Peace and Caloosahatchee rivers, you wouldn't have the start of the sawfish's reproductive continuum," Mr. Burgess said.

Other key areas along the Southwest Florida coast include the Ten Thousand Islands and the Everglades. Last year, an adult 18-foot sawfish was hooked and released on the Naples Pier, while an estimated 150-pound specimen was caught on video off the coast of Sanibel.

Smalltooth sawfish were granted federal protection under the Endangered Species Act in 2003; the largetooth followed in 2011. (The state of Florida was ahead of the curve, classifying sawfish as endangered in 1992.) Marine biologists estimate a 90 to 95 percent drop in the sawfish population in the last 100 years.

Humans bear responsibility for that decline.

## Protection before posterity

Fishermen have played — and continue to play — a role in the diminution. Bycatch is a significant issue because



Annmarie Fearing and George Burgess with a sawfish rostrum.

it's easy for saws to get caught in commercial fishermen's nets. Recreational anglers have caught their fair share of sawfish as well. Once a sawfish is out of the water, its chances of survival are slim.

Exploitation also contributed to sawfish's endangered status. In the past, people caught the fish to use their saws as décor for the walls of bars, restaurants and residences. This practice is now illegal.

And, as always, a tension exists between conservation and development. Our beautiful waterfront seems the perfect spot for condos with water access and office buildings with a view. But there is a price to be paid.

"Every time an exemption is granted to tear down mangroves, there's a deterioration of the sawfish habitat," Mr. Burgess said. "The responsibility is on (our) shoulders to do the right thing in terms of growth, development and conservation ethic. You have to think of your great grandchildren and on."

Once an animal gains protection under the Endangered Species Act, a plan to recover its population must be devised. The objectives of the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Plan are straightforward: to minimize human interactions (and resulting injury and mortality) and to protect and restore sawfish habitats. The ultimate goal is for the sawfish population to increase

and spread to more far-flung areas.

It is estimated that full recovery of the smalltooth will take 100 years. Mr. Burgess calls his personal efforts towards sawfish recovery "an act of faith."

"This homie's not going to see it," he noted.

Education is the key to the plan's success, with fishermen as the primary target of these efforts. They are, after all, the people most likely to get up close and personal with a sawfish. Given the predilection of sawfish for shallow waters, folks casting lines from piers and the shore are almost as likely to catch a sawfish as those out for a day on the water, as what happened off the Naples Pier.

"Congratulations," Mr. Burgess would say to those fishermen. "You got the catch of a lifetime."

But after snagging a sawfish, what a person does next is the important part.

It's crucial the sawfish remain in the water. The stress alone of being pulled onto a boat or ashore can kill the fish. Not surprisingly, a flailing sawfish can also prove dangerous to people.

In today's social media-oriented world, Mr. Burgess realizes anyone who's hooked a sawfish will want a picture before releasing it. And that's fine, he says—so long as the picture is of the fish in its natural habitat. Once the catch is memorialized, the fish should be released by cutting the line. The hook will take care of itself.

But ensuring sawfish stay water bound is only the first action we can take to promote sawfish survival. Any encounter with a sawfish — including just catching a glimpse of one — should be reported to the International Sawfish Encounter Database, which is the primary means by which the sawfish population is monitored. Reports made to other databases, such as the one maintained by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, are funneled into the ISED. Each report includes information about the size of the sawfish, where it was spotted and the nature of the encounter. Completion of the report takes only a few minutes.

Mr. Burgess reports the recovery plan is showing signs of working.

Adult sawfish have recently been seen off the East Coast of Florida, far from their home base. Mr. Burgess compares them to the explorers of days gone by. They are the colonizers, looking to establish a new population.

It's an exciting development.

Given that largetooth sawfish are no longer found in U.S. waters, it might seem counterintuitive that we can facilitate their recovery.

But we can — just by reporting the location of any sawfish seen on display. These artifacts contain valuable data for marine biologists such as Dr. Phillips and Ms. Fearing. It seems they can learn from the dead as well as the living.



Graduate student Annmarie Fearing and Dr. Nicole Phillips with CHEC's largetooth sawfish rostrum.

**Why do we care?**

Dr. Phillips' goal, with the assistance of Ms. Fearing, is to test the DNA of the rostra of ancient sawfish and compare it to that of more recent sawfish. For these purposes, "ancient" means sawfish that lived within the last 100 years. The last century was chosen because of the significant decline in the sawfish population during this period.

Dr. Phillips' study of largetooth sawfish began in northern Australia. Her DNA testing of tissue from live sawfish and recently acquired sawfish rostra revealed declining genetic diversity in the population. This finding is cause for concern.

"Low levels of genetic diversity make populations less resistant to disease and environmental change," he said. "It can also lead to inbreeding, which further weakens the species."

With her Australian data in hand, Dr. Phillips returned home to broaden her study. She and Ms. Fearing are now testing the DNA of sawfish that lived within the last 100 years. This time frame was chosen because of the significant decline in the sawfish population during that period.



Dr. Nicole Phillips extracts DNA from a sawfish.

But in order to test the saws, they first have to be located. Ms. Fearing likens the project to "a giant Easter egg hunt across the world."

She enjoys the detective work necessary to locate ancient rostra. She cold calls environmental centers to inquire whether they have a rostrum that might be tested. Sometimes she gets lucky and finds a saw on site. Other times she gets a lead about another center, bar or home that might have a rostrum.

It was a cold call to Myakka River

State Park that led Ms. Fearing and Dr. Phillips to CHEC. When Ms. Fearing spoke with Jon Rodgers, he told her about a saw on display at CHEC's Cedar Point Environmental Park in Englewood. Coincidentally, his wife Bobbi is the resource manager at this CHEC site and coordinates the lecture program.

It is yet to be determined whether the sample from CHEC's rostrum will contribute to the study, because with age also comes a deterioration in the saw's DNA.

**in the know**

**Where to report sawfish information**

>> **Sawfish encounters or rostra:** [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sawfish/report-encounter](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sawfish/report-encounter) or 255-7403

>> **Location of a sawfish rostrum:** [sawfishstudent@gmail.com](mailto:sawfishstudent@gmail.com)

Whatever the outcome, Ms. Rodgers said CHEC is excited to have its sawfish rostra included in the study.

Ms. Fearing appeals to *Florida Weekly* readers to contact her or file a report with the ISED if you know where a saw is on display.

"One report can make a world of difference to sawfish research," she said.

**Why do we care?**

For the sake of argument, Mr. Burgess was asked why we care if sawfish become extinct.

"What if there were no mosquitoes, rats or lice?" Mr. Burgess responded.

That didn't sound so bad.

"Or," he quickly continued, "What if there were no blue whales, sea turtles or fuzzy little seals with brown eyes?"

This prospect was definitely less appealing.

"We all make value judgments," Mr. Burgess noted. "But in the ecology of the natural world, all animals have an equal place."

Even if you do want to draw a line, Mr. Burgess thinks he has a persuasive argument that sawfish should make the cut.

"Sawfish are the most magnificent of all animals," he said. "And given how ancient they are, they could be considered the patron saint of retirees in Southwest Florida." ■






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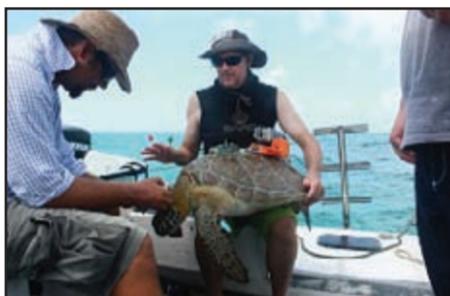
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Naples Botanical Garden invites visitors to bring donations for the Salvation Army food bank all day Saturday, April 29. Garden members who do so will receive one free adult admission for an accompanying friend; non-members will enjoy \$5 off the price of regular admission (\$14.95 for adults, \$9.95 for ages 4-14, free for ages 3 and younger).

Garden hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day (8 a.m. opening on Tuesdays).

The Salvation Army requests nutritious foods that are shelf-stable, not fresh or frozen. Appropriate food pantry donations include: canned or dried fruits and vegetables; juice boxes, fruit cups, pasta sauce, canned or dried beans, brown rice, peanut butter, nuts, whole grain crackers, evaporated milks, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned or boxed soups, condiments and canned meats, fish or chicken.

The food pantry cannot accept homemade goods or any product that is not in its original packaging. ■



## Learn about volunteering at Rookery Bay

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Friends of Rookery Bay are looking for volunteers to help with a number of projects and programs.

Docents are needed to help with educational and school programs.

College and high-school students are welcome to sign up for summer duties, many related to children's activities.

Those who can help with event planning are welcome, as are those who would like to greet visitors to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center or assist shoppers in the center's nature store.

Hands-on helpers are also needed for fish feeding, aquarium and touch-tank maintenance and resource management.

If you are interested in learning more, a volunteer orientation session is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, at the learning center, 300 Tower Road. For more information, email Donna Young, visitor services and volunteer coordinator, at [donna.young@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:donna.young@dep.state.fl.us). ■



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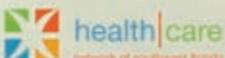
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GenShoah SWFL holds a Holocaust Remembrance Day service at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at Temple Shalom, at 4630 Pine Ridge Road. All are welcome.

GenShoah SWFL is a group open to children of Holocaust survivors and to all those who are interested in the preservation of the history and memories of the Holocaust, promotion of Holocaust education and human rights, friends of second-generation Holocaust survivors and supporters of the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida.

Attendance is free. For more information, call the Jewish Federation of Collier County at 263-4205 or email [rbialek@jewishnaples.org](mailto:rbialek@jewishnaples.org). ■

## Coming up at the clerk of courts office

The office of the Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Courts invites the public to learn about tax deed sales and foreclosure sales during a free seminar from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The presentation will include information about the property tax cycle, the difference between tax certificates and tax deeds, researching properties, cancelling a sale, deposit requirements, scheduling a foreclosure auction, upcoming sales and who to find a list of lands that are available.

Attendance is free. For more information, call staff attorney Marni Scuderi at 252-2725 or email [marni.scuderi@collierclerk.com](mailto:marni.scuderi@collierclerk.com).

### Leaving the country?

Passport application day takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the North Collier Government Services Center at 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. This gives those who

cannot take time off on a workday the chance to file an application for a U.S. passport. Here are some tips for saving time:

- Visit [www.collierclerk.com/recording/passports](http://www.collierclerk.com/recording/passports) to review the requirements and fees for filling a passport application.

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- Know that both parents must be present when the passport application is for a minor aged 16 or younger.

- Make sure you have a certified birth certificate or original naturalization papers to bring to the clerk's office.

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# Grant will help foundation help Immokalee's youngest readers

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True to its name, the Naples Children & Education Foundation recently awarded \$200,000 for children's education to The Immokalee Foundation. The grant was among the awards given to local charities and long-term initiatives for underprivileged children from proceeds of the 17th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival, which took place in January.

TIF will use its grant for Immokalee Readers, an after-school early intervention literacy tutoring program designed to target the lowest-performing student readers and complement the reading instruction they receive during their regular school day. By pairing high school-age tutors with elementary school-age students, the program provides intensive and enjoyable reading lessons that ensure these young students are not left behind.

At present, 542 children from all five Immokalee elementary schools participate in Immokalee Readers. Certified teachers train and supervise the 110 high school tutors.

One of the goals for the young readers is that by the end of the academic year, at least 60 percent of them will be reading at grade level. Another goal calls for 100 percent of the young students to have improved in at least one measurable metric: letter-name knowledge, letter-sound knowledge, phonological awareness, word reading, sentence reading or reading comprehension.

With Immokalee Readers, there are

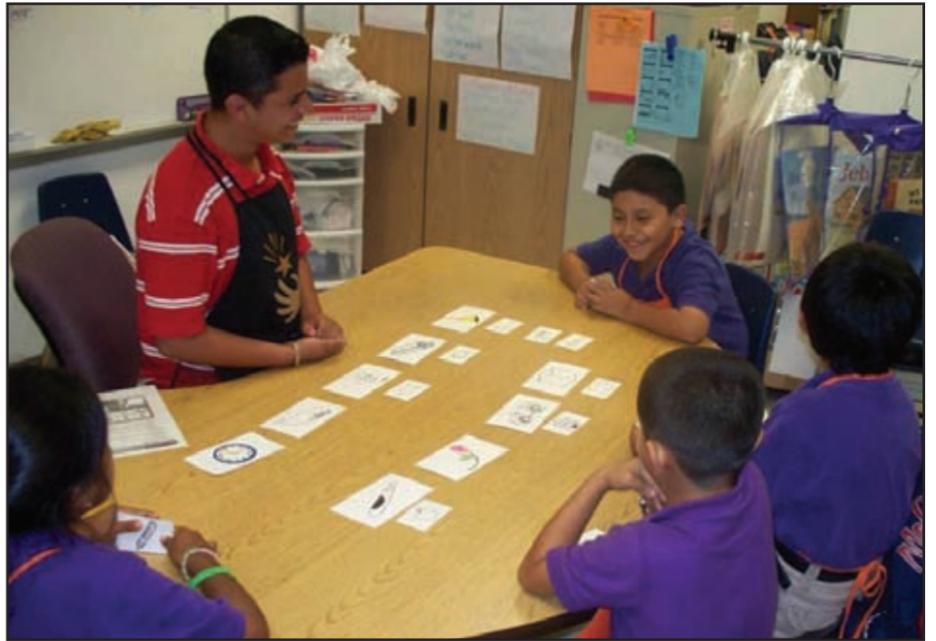


Miranda Herrera tutoring young Immokalee Reader Selest Martinez.

benefits to students on both sides of the desk. The high school-age tutors are expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher, be drug- and crime-free, complete a college/career portfolio and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for college entrance.

Because many Immokalee students use other languages at home, the additional training in English-language usage at a young age is especially important. As an added benefit, the high school tutors also have shown improvements in overall reading proficiency.

The program was deemed necessary when TIF discovered that Collier County Public Schools' first significant test of reading occurs in third grade, and by that time many Immokalee students were far behind the average reading level. Immokalee Readers was created to start supplementing language and



Juan Sandoval, in red, provides reading tutorial with Village Oaks Elementary students.

reading instruction well before students face that first standardized test of reading ability. Instead of early signals of failure, the students began receiving early signals of success.

TIF has heard from students and parents about how well the program works. "When I started tutoring, the kids didn't seem too interested in reading books at all," said one tutor. "Now, they look so happy to see me, and they love to read."

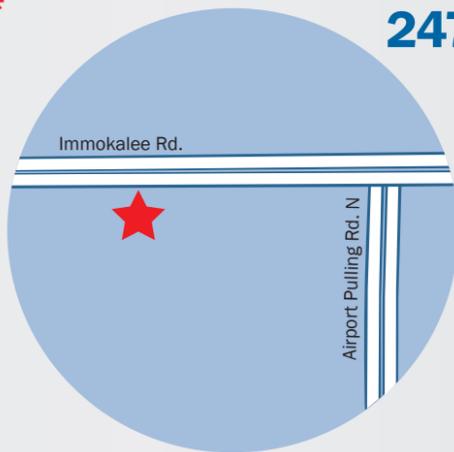
One mother said her son was slow to speak and had fallen behind in reading early in his elementary education. But all of that changed when he began participating in Immokalee Readers. "Now,

he comes home and tells me about how he works in a group and how they read together, and he loves to read," she said. He also came to regard his tutor as a role model and friend.

TIF provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more, including how to volunteer, become a mentor, make a donation or any other information, call 430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org). ■



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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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### Try, try again

Samuel West announced in April that his Museum of Failure will open in Helsingborg, Sweden, in June, to commemorate innovation missteps that might serve as inspiration for future successes. Among the initial exhibits: coffee-infused Coca-Cola; the Bic "For Her" pen (because women's handwriting needs are surely unique); the Twitter Peek (a 2009

device that does nothing except send and receive tweets — and with a screen only 25 characters wide); and Harley-Davidson's 1990s line of colognes (in retrospect as appealing, said West, as "oil and gas fumes"). (West's is only the latest attempt to immortalize failure with a "museum." Previous attempts, such as those in 2007 and 2014, apparently failed.)

### Government in action

1.) Toronto, Ontario, Superior Court Justice Alex Pazaratz finally ridded his docket of the maddening, freeloading couple that had quibbled incessantly about each other's "harassments." Neither Noora Abdulaali, 32, nor her now-ex-husband, Kadhim Salih, 43, had worked a day in the five years since they immigrated from Iraq, having almost immediately gone on disability benefits and begun exploiting Legal Aid Toronto in their many attempts to one-up each other with restraining orders. Approving the couple's settlement in March, Judge Pazaratz added, "The next time anyone at Legal Aid Ontario tells you

they're short of money, don't believe it. ... Not if they're funding cases like this."

2.) In May, a new restaurant-disclosure regulation mandated by the Affordable Care Act is scheduled to kick in, requiring eateries (except small chains and independents) to post calorie counts for all menu items including "variations" — which a Domino's Pizza executive said meant, for his company, "34 million" calorie listings. The executive called the regulation, for the pizza industry, "a 20th-century approach to a 21st-century question," since for many establishments, orders increasingly arrive online or by phone.

### Redneck chronicles

1.) Dennis Smith, 65, was arrested in Senoia, Ga., and charged with stealing dirt from the elderly widow of the man Smith said had given him permission to take it. Smith, a "dirt broker," had taken more than 180 dump-truck loads.

2.) New for Valentine's Day from the SayItWithBeef.com company: a bouquet of beef jerky slices, formed to resemble a dozen full-petaled roses (\$59). Also available: daisies. Chief selling point: Flowers die quickly, but jerky is forever.

### New world order

In March, Harvard Medical School technicians announced a smartphone app to give fertility-conscious men an accurate semen analysis, including sperm concentration, motility and total count — costing probably less than \$10.

Included is a magnification attachment and a "microfluidic" chip. The insertable app magnifies and photographs the "loaded" chip, instantly reporting the results. The device still needs Food and Drug Administration approval.

### Pretentions

Hipsters on the rise:

1.) The Columbia Room bar in Washington, D.C., recently introduced the "In Search of Time Past" cocktail — splashed with a tincture of old, musty books. Management vacuum-sealed pages with grapeseed oil, then "fat-washed" them with a "neutral high-proof" spirit, and added a vintage sherry, mushroom cordial and eucalyptus.

2.) The California reggae rock band Slightly Stoopid recently produced a vinyl record that was "smokable," according to Billboard magazine — using a "super resinous variety of hashish" mastered at the Los Angeles studio Capsule Labs.

The first two versions' sound quality disappointed and were apparently quickly smoked, but a third is in production.

3.) The telephone "area" code in the tony English city of Bath (01225) is different than that of adjacent Radstock (01761) and probably better explained by landline telephone infrastructure than a legal boundary. However, a Bath councilwoman said in April that she is dealing with complaints by 10 new residents who paid high-end prices for their homes only to find that they came with the 01761 code. Admitted one Bath resident, "I do consider my phone number to be part of my identity."

### Weird science

1.) Human populations in Chile's Atacama desert have apparently developed a tolerance for arsenic 100 times as powerful as the World Health Organization's maximum safe level (according to recent research by University of Chile scientists).

2.) While 80 percent of Americans age

45 or older have calcium-cluttered blood veins (atherosclerosis), about 80 percent of Bolivian Tsimane hunter-gatherers in the Amazon have clean veins, according to an April report in *The Lancet*. (Keys for having "the healthiest hearts in the world": walk a lot and eat monkey, wild pig and piranha.)

### Awesome

1.) University of Basel biologists writing in the journal *Science of Nature* in March calculated that the global population of spiders consumes at least 400 million tons of prey yearly — about as much, by weight, as the total of meat and fish consumed by all humans.

2.) University of Utah researchers trained surveillance cameras on dead animals in a local desert to study scav-

enger behavior and were apparently astonished to witness the disappearances of two bait cows. Over the course of five days, according to the biologists' recent journal article, two different badgers, working around the clock for days, had dug adjacent holes and completely buried the cows (for storage and/or to keep the carcasses from competitors). ■



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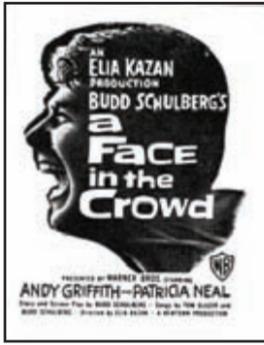
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The elder Mr. Schulberg teamed with director Elia Kazan on the 1957 film that focused on the transformative power of a new medium — television — to usher in an era where politics and entertainment would become seamlessly and irrevocably intertwined.

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# Top 5 things to do at the 2017 Earth Day Festival

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As the end of April approaches, the weather turns warmer and the summer season begins to trickle into Southwest Florida. Around this time each year, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts its annual Earth Day Festival. Featuring a variety of eco-friendly activities, food, presentations and games, the 2017 Earth Day Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22. It's a great way to grab the kids, get outside and celebrate the Earth.

Here are the Top 5 things to do at this year's Earth Day Festival:

## 1. Attend a live show

Throughout the day, the Conservancy will be putting on a variety of live shows that are fun, education and kid-friendly. Highlights include a sing-a-long with Captain Ecology (10:30 a.m.), the shark show with Barnacle Ben (11 a.m.), an interactive science show called "Everglades Interactive" (noon) and the "Caring for Critters"

puppet show (1:15 p.m.).

## 2. Visit the food and vendor booths

In addition to live shows and events, Earth Day features several exhibitors and vendors with delicious food, fun activities and even a little opportunity to shop. While refreshing and refueling yourself, be sure to check out the live music, the photo booth and the bounce house for the little ones.

## 3. Join a book reading

At 12:30 p.m., "E is for Everglades" author Lisa Trebilcock and "Henry the Manatee" author Claire Lawrence and illustrator Randi Zwicker will host book readings. This is a great opportunity to chat with these amazing authors and illustrator about their work and to educate your kids about the animals and ecosystems that populate Southwest Florida.

## 4. Spot the live animals

The Conservancy is always a great place to spot live animals. For Earth Day,



A Conservancy staff biologist lets a young Earth Day visitors get up close and personal with a baby alligator at the Conservancy's 2015 festival.

however, several special presentations are planned with the keepers, scientists and von Arx Wildlife Hospital staff that will bring you even closer to the critters. Highlights include a live reptile show (11:30 a.m.), a "Critter Encounter" with our animal ambassadors (12:15 p.m.), a "Through their Eyes" wildlife talk with veterinarian Joanna Fitzgerald, director of our wildlife hospital (12:30 p.m.), and a reptile encounter with Animal Care Coordinator Katie Ferron (3:15 p.m.).

In addition to these presentations, the

Dalton Discovery Center and von Arx Wildlife Hospital exhibits will be open all day.

## 5. Enjoy nature

Though the whole 2017 Earth Day Festival gives visitors a chance to spend some time in the sun, the Conservancy offers a few ways to get a bit closer to nature. There will be several guided nature walks as well as electric boat rides where you can learn more about the mangroves and local ecosystems. These activities will be a great way to celebrate and learn more about the beautiful environment of Southwest Florida. We hope to see you there! ■

— *The nonprofit Conservancy of Southwest Florida has a 50-year history focused on issues impacting the water, land, wildlife and future of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. It accomplishes this mission through the combined efforts of its experts in the areas of environmental science, policy, education and wildlife rehabilitation. Learn more about the Conservancy's work and how you can help support the quality of life in Southwest Florida at [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).*



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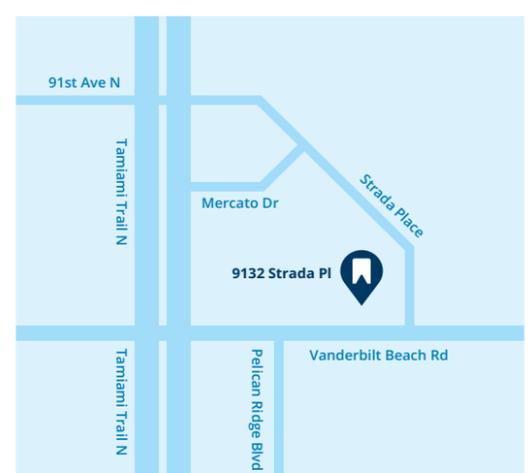
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# Conservancy of Southwest Florida removes 6,500 pounds of python in four breeding seasons

More than four years of research is yielding remarkable results in the study and management of the invasive Burmese python in Southwest Florida. Over the course of four breeding seasons, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's wildlife biologists have removed more than 6,500 pounds of python and more than 3,000 developing python eggs from the local ecosystem.

This collaborative and proactive effort is dedicated to managing the population of an invasive apex predator in Collier County.

During a necropsy of a 17-foot, 152-pound female on April 13, Conservancy wildlife biologists documented at least 95 developing eggs.

"Our research focus has evolved to target female pythons and disrupt the breeding season activity in a localized area of Southwest Florida," said Ian Bartoszek, wildlife biologist and science coordinator for the Conservancy. "Through hunting and tracking efforts we have a technique that seems to be working while we wait for an even more effective weapon to be developed. These efforts enable our team to learn more about the behavior and movement of pythons, deter the growth of this population, and to positively impact our surrounding ecosystem."

"We follow the science," said Conservancy President and CEO Rob Moher. "If we can remove python eggs from the equation, the results are two-fold. We are keeping the snakes from multiplying and reducing the overall impact on our native wildlife population."

Some research shows that the Burmese python is responsible for a 90 percent decline in small mammal populations within the Everglades.

"After four years of studying these cryptic animals, we feel the best way to locate a female python during the breeding season is by tracking a male python. We've turned the pythons against themselves," said Mr. Bartoszek.

Biologists are accumulating valuable life history information on the behavior of Burmese pythons in Southwest Florida. This information is leading to the development of an effective management technique that combines both hunting and radio-telemetry tracking tools to target and remove breeding female pythons and disrupt the egg-laying cycle.

A total of 20 adult pythons are currently under surveillance by radio tag, leading researchers to more pythons, and enabling the team to gain a better understanding of their movement patterns and control the growth of this



Jaimie Kittle, Ian Bartoszek and Ian Easterling with three Burmese pythons.



A necropsy of the female Burmese python enables Conservancy of Southwest Florida's wildlife biologists to examine the creature, log data and collect samples for further studies.



Conservancy biologist and science coordinator Ian Bartoszek handles a large male python.

invasive species.

This year alone, one captured python named Jaeger has led researchers to three breeding females. The removed adult female pythons are humanely euthanized and the Conservancy of

Southwest Florida's wildlife biologists then perform a necropsy to examine the creature, log data and collect samples for further studies.

The Conservancy has partnered with scientists and land managers

from Denison University, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, U.S. Geological Survey, Naples Zoo and Southwest Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area to study and address the ecological problem of pythons in Southwest Florida.

Since 2013, the Conservancy team has captured more than three tons of python from East Naples. Activities encompassed through the research team's project includes foot and road surveys to better understand the range of pythons in Southwest Florida; outreach efforts to educate land owners and land managers about pythons; mailings and billboard postings to raise awareness and gain information; removal of pythons across Southwest Florida; necropsies of collected pythons to obtain information about diet and reproductive activity; tracking pythons through radio telemetry to learn ecological habits; using radio-tagged pythons to find untagged pythons; and construction and testing of trapping methods.

To report an invasive species sighting, the public is asked to call (800) IveGot1 or IveGotOne.org. For more information, visit [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

The Conservancy is a not-for-profit environmental protection organization with a 50-year history focused on the issues impacting the water, land wildlife and future of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. ■



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The David S. Addison Sea Turtle Field Research Station on Keewaydin Island.

## New Keewaydin turtle station dedicated to Conservancy biologist

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Few people are better known in sea turtle circles than Dave Addison, a 43-year veteran of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and lead biologist in charge of the Conservancy's sea turtle monitoring and protection program.

Now entering its 35th year, the program has a new research station on Keewaydin Island. Otherwise known as the Turtle House, the station was recently dedicated as the David S. Addison Sea Turtle Field Research Station.

The \$300,000, 784-square foot facility houses research equipment such as ATVs, flipper tags and protective nest cages. It also serves as a temporary shelter for staff and interns during summer rain showers. It was designed by archi-

tect James Boughton and built by The Rock Custom Homes Inc. The research station is not open to the public.

"Watching a loggerhead turtle nest on a dark, otherwise deserted beach is a rare treat," Mr. Addison says. "Those brief encounters become all the more fascinating when I stop to think that these moments when a marine turtle ascends a beach to nest represent only a tiny fraction of her 80- to 100-year lifespan."

"Because sea turtles live such a long time, studying them over many years is the only real way for us to learn what they have to tell and understand how to protect them for future generations," he adds. "The sea turtle project takes time and persistence. Like the nesting loggerheads we encounter, we are in this for the long haul."

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The Conservancy has been monitoring sea turtle nesting and hatchlings on Keewaydin Island continuously since 1982, making it one of the longest-running sea turtle monitoring and research projects in the nation. Conservancy researchers have documented more than 284,000 hatchlings of primarily loggerhead sea turtles.

Loggerheads are a protected species and only nest in two main areas of the world: off the coast of Oman in the Middle East and on the beaches of Florida, specifically in the Southwest region. A female lays 100-120 eggs in each nest and can lay multiple nests in a season.

“Our first priority is to protect the turtles’ nests from predation by caging them. Otherwise, raccoons would

destroy 85-90 percent of the nests and few if any hatchlings would ever reach the Gulf of Mexico,” Mr. Addison says. Station workers also measure and identify each turtle with a numbered tag. “Since sea turtles typically return to the same beach to nest every two to four years, we now have reproductive life histories of some Keewaydin turtles that go back over 20 years.”

Funding for the Conservancy’s sea turtle program comes primarily from individual donors. Mr. Addison credits the program’s success to the generosity of those who support it.

To help support the Conservancy’s sea turtle program and to learn more about the organization’s work with sea turtles, visit [www.conservancy.org/seaturtles](http://www.conservancy.org/seaturtles). ■



Conservancy biologist David Addison cuts the ribbon on the new sea turtle research station that was dedicated in honor of his 43 years of service to the organization’s sea turtle monitoring and protection program. He is joined by Conservancy board member Phil Gresh, facilities Manager Scott Wanrow and President Rob Moher.

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**Monday, April 24**

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Bayshore Drive and Botanical Place Circle: Speeding  
Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Red-light running

**Tuesday, April 25**

Airport-Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running  
Pine Ridge Road and Naples Boulevard: Aggressive driving  
White and Weber boulevards: Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, April 26**

Radio Road and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Speeding  
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**Thursday, April 27**

Tollgate and Beck boulevards: Speeding  
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Road: Speeding  
Tamiami Trail East and Airport-Pulling Road: Red-light running  
Pine Ridge Road at I-75 northbound exit: Aggressive driving  
**Friday, April 28**  
U.S. 41 North and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Red-light running  
11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary School: Speeding  
Golden Gate Parkway and Livingston Road: Speeding ■

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# BEHIND THE WHEEL

## Palm Beach auction as much big dollar as bargain basement



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Auctions are intimidating by design. They are in a room filled with so many people it requires stadium seating (plus live network TV,) and everything is focused on one item at a time. So, if you're the person bidding on a car, it can feel like hundreds of eyes are following every twitch of your fingers.

Winners are heroes for a moment, and everyone else feels like a true loser ... at least until they wheel the next car up on stage.

All of this is part of a formula to extract the extra bid out of everyone. It might seem manipulative, but it's also why some owners only take their classic cars to auctions. However, there is some good news, and this year's Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach sale highlighted the optimistic side.

Even with an eye for trying to get the most money possible out of people, there were still plenty of affordable cars. There were multiple examples of iconic American classics — like the first-generation Ford Mustang and plenty of Palm Beach's favorite, the Mercedes 560 SLs. They all sold for well under \$20K. But those who watch the markets diligently also know that these were selling close to what it cost for a private sale.

What makes Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach exceptionally attractive are affordable examples of cars that are unique beyond comparison. After all, it's hard to find an equivalent machine to a 1957 Fiat 500 microcar stuffed with a Porsche transmission and Subaru WRX 2.5-liter turbo motor hanging off the back. It doesn't get more survivor-grade than a 1977 Ford F-350 pickup with only 3,130 miles on it and so original that its current tires were installed four decades ago at the factory. There was even a right-hand drive 1990 Chevrolet Corvette that General Motors built as a concept to study selling the car in countries like England and Australia. Production never followed, making this an exclusive find.

All of those vehicles sold for well under \$20,000. That's still real money, but anyone who frequents the local car shows has seen collectors spend more on custom vehicles that are not as unique as some that went through this auction.

Those just looking for rock-bottom prices could even find some interesting classics like a 1977 Ford Thunderbird,



**Maserati Biturbo Zagato Spyder**

a 1981 Jaguar XJ6, and a 1963 Chevrolet Corvair convertible. These and many other second-tier classics had shining paint and were healthy enough to be driven home from the auction block ... and none of them broke the \$5K ceiling.

Possibly the largest standout from the bargain basement was a 1989 Maserati Biturbo Zagato Spyder. These cars have the kind of reliability reputation that most people wouldn't wish on their worst enemy. Still, selling at \$1,700 gives someone who is mechanically inclined a beautiful Italian convertible for a Craigslist price.

The abundance of affordable cars doesn't mean that the event looked like a used car junkyard. Highlighting reasonably priced rides just illustrates that it's a large enough auction to include something for everyone.

Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach still included plenty of high-dollar exotics, including a specially-built 2006 Ford GT targa for \$401,500, a 1988 Lamborghini Countach for \$236,500, and a 2010 Ferrari 599 GTB for \$200,200. The prestige and provenance of a 1968 Shelby Mustang GT500KR convertible once owned by actor Lee Marvin pushed the price to \$220K. Also, the first retail sale of a new 2018 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 occurred during the auction. This was part of the extensive charity sales, and in this case,



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raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for the United Way.

Auctions can be intimidating, but that shouldn't stop the average classic car dreamer. Many of the sale prices this year were at or below expectations. Barrett-Jackson will say that's the benefit of buying from their no reserve auctions, and experts might see this as a sign of a softening market. But all you really need to know is that the deals are out there ... if you're willing to put up with all eyes on you. ■



**1957 Fiat 500 with Subaru turbo power**



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# TELLING

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“During the Second World War, virtually every family in the nation had someone involved in the war effort,” he says. “That percentage decreased during Vietnam and even more so in our recent efforts in the Middle East. What veterans now experience when they return home is a total lack of understanding from their community.”

The five servicemen participating in “Telling: Southwest Florida” include post-9/11 Iraq veterans of combat infantry and military police, as well as a Vietnam War medic and a veteran who served during the Cold War.

Jason Calabrese of Naples, an English professor at Florida SouthWestern State College, is among them. He served in the U.S. Army from 2002 to 2005 and was deployed with the 1st Infantry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Mr. Calabrese was completing his second master’s degree at Long Island University when 9/11 occurred



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“I lived a privileged life in academia and never truly appreciated the sacrifices others had made for my liberties,” he says. “September 11th was a wake-up call. I felt compelled to enlist afterward and served three years and three months, with 15 of those months in Iraq.”

After a four-year hiatus — to get married, find a civilian job and start a family — he returned to serve as a Florida National Guard Reservist.

Mr. Calabrese received two Army Commendation Medals and the Combat Infantry Badge for his service in Iraq.

“I liken the combat experience to getting my wisdom teeth removed,” he says. “It’s something I’ll never regret doing, but I would never care to do it again — although I will if I’m re-deployed.”

He struggled with the adjustment when he returned to civilian life, but he says a strong support network made all the difference as he re-acclimated. “Having loved ones and hopes and dreams waiting back home gives you something worth fighting to return to. It keeps you tethered to reality in a surreal environment like that.”

Mr. Calabrese intends to simply tell audiences what he has experienced.

“All I can do is offer my perspective on the events and relay the feelings and thoughts I had at the time and my reflections on it all these years later,” he says. “Some of it’s funny, some of it’s sad, but I’d like to think it’s an interesting story.”

Like Mr. Calabrese, Naples resident Joseph Cofield is a U.S. Army veteran, but his service took place during the Cold War, from 1976 to 1997. The retired educator, who taught history, economics and World Cultures at

Bonita Springs Middle School, spent 14 years stationed in Germany, near the border with the former East Germany.



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“As many times as we prepared for war at any second, you can’t get any closer than that, aside from combat. I was fortunate I didn’t have to go combat, but I came close many times,” he said.

Today, Mr. Cofield is the founder and operator of the Constitution Project, a non-profit that strives to get a copy of the U.S. Constitution into the hands of every fifth-grade student in Florida. He’s taking part in “Telling: Southwest Florida” to discuss how his military service made possible the dreams of a boy from a small town who wanted to attend college and becoming a teacher.

“I want people to know that you don’t have to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth to have dreams that come true,” Mr. Cofield says. “I was just a little kid from North Carolina, but it was my dream that hard work and pursuit of education could get you a lot of places.”

“In the military, you can work hard, move up in rank and make more money. And you get to meet new people, your mind can be expanded and wonderful things happen.” The military also allowed him to earn his associate’s and bachelor’s degrees while on duty.

Timothy Durham spent 1976 through 1983 as a reconnaissance scout with the U.S. Army’s 5th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne Division. After 9/11 he joined the Florida National Guard and was deployed to Iraq in 2005 with the 651st Military Police Company. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service as squad leader of a platoon that transported Iraqi detainees.



DURHAM

A resident of Bonita Springs and a graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, Mr. Durham is executive manager of corporate business operations for Collier County.

He learned about “Telling: Southwest Florida” from a Collier County commissioner.

“I think it’s a good thing,” he says about giving veterans the opportunity to share their stories. “I just thought this would be a great way to share the experience ... It’s a pleasant and cathartic experience, sharing. I don’t know why, but it is.”

For more information about “Telling: Southwest Florida,” visit <https://floridahumanities.org/programs/veterans/the-telling-project/telling-southwest-florida/>. ■



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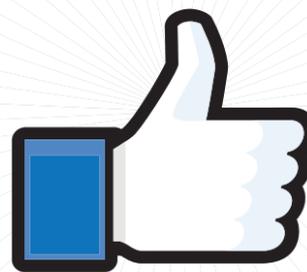
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# GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ **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 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](http://www.friendsoffosterchildren.net).



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A record crowd of more than 175 cyclists took part in the 10th annual Everglades Bike Ride to benefit Friends of the River of Grass Greenway. Seventy cyclists pedaled the 62-mile route, 50 took up the off-road challenge through the Fakahatchee Strand (pictured here), and 57 recreational cyclists toured Everglades City, Chokoloskee and Plantation Island. Everyone returned to McLeod Park for a seafood lunch catered by Triad Seafood Cafe and homemade calamondin cake. For information about the River of Grass Greenway, visit [www.evergladesrogg.org](http://www.evergladesrogg.org).

■ **Lipman Family Farms** hosts the **Run for Backpacks 5K & Junior Fun Run** at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Immokalee High School. Proceeds will provide backpacks filled with school supplies for local children. Participants will receive a bag full of Immokalee produce after the 8 a.m. 5K and 9 a.m. junior race. Registration is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children before the event, \$30 on race day. For more information, call 657-4421 or visit [www.lipmanfamilyfarms.com](http://www.lipmanfamilyfarms.com).

■ 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.

■ **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 courses for ages 10 and younger). Registration in advance is required. Call 992-2184 or visit [www.collegeoflifefoundation.org](http://www.collegeoflifefoundation.org).

■ **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@QuailVillageGolfClub.org](mailto:membership@QuailVillageGolfClub.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](http://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](mailto: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. The event includes a pre-game lunch, a hole-in-one contest with a \$10,000 cash prize and an awards dinner. Registration is \$175. To sign up or for more information, visit [www.naples-chamber.org](http://www.naples-chamber.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](http://www.fightcf.cff.org).

■ **The 12th annual Royal Palm Academy Golf Classic** takes place Saturday, April 29, at Vineyards Country Club. Golfers will enjoy breakfast, lunch and an award presentation. Registration is \$200. To sign up or for more information, call 594-9888 or email [lgirouard@royalpal-macademy.com](mailto:lgirouard@royalpal-macademy.com).

■ **The 14th annual EWGA Ladies Charity Pro-Am** tournament takes place Sunday, April 30, at Wyndemere Golf Club to benefit PACE Center for Girls. The event is preceded by a dinner at the club on Friday, April 29. Registration is \$185 for amateurs, \$85 for pros and \$640 for teams. To sign up or for more information, call 304-0579 or email [lordrumm@hotmail.com](mailto:lordrumm@hotmail.com).

■ **Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs** hosts a golf tournament starting with a continental breakfast Thursday, May 5, at Spring Run Golf Club. Tee-off is at 9 a.m. An awards luncheon wraps up the day. Registration is \$100 and benefits the organization's programs for at-risk youth. For more information or to register, call 495-8989 or visit [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

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# HEALTHY LIVING



## Hodges schedules information sessions about LPN program

Hodges University invites those who are interested in becoming licensed practical nurses to learn about the school's LPN certificate program from 5-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Holly Madison, Ph.D., director of nursing at the university's School of Allied Health, will discuss entry requirements and the course plan as well as career and salary opportunities for LPNs. Information about the Test of Essential Academic Skills exam will also be provided.

Hodges' 12-month LPN certificate program is completed on evenings and weekends at the Naples campus and includes lectures, laboratory procedures and clinical experience. The program is designed to interface with other degree programs, allowing graduates to seek professional growth opportunities.

May 5 is the last day to register for the next LPN certificate program. For more information, call Ms. Madison at 598-6163, email [hmadison@hodges.edu](mailto:hmadison@hodges.edu) or visit [www.hodges.edu/soah/](http://www.hodges.edu/soah/). ■

## Marco yoga fest welcomes all

Revival Yoga Fitness Studio hosts the Marco Yoga Fest from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Collier Blvd. In addition to yoga, sessions include meditation and lessons in the hula-hoop and belly dancing. Assorted vendors will be onsite as well.

A one-class pass is \$20, and an all-day pass is \$50. For reservations or more information, call 393-3400 or visit [www.revivalyogastudiomarco.com](http://www.revivalyogastudiomarco.com). ■

# Type 1, type 2 diabetes diagnoses on the rise among children and teens

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Rates of new diagnosed cases of type 1 and type 2 diabetes are increasing among youth in the United States, according to a study published April 13 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In the United States, 29.1 million people are living with diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes, and about 208,000 people younger than 20 years of age are living with diagnosed diabetes.

The SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth study is the first ever to estimate trends in new diagnosed cases of type 1 and type 2 diabetes in youth (those under the age of 20) from the five major racial/ethnic groups in the United States: non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans. (The Native American youth who participated in the study are not representative of all Native American youth in the United States. Thus, these rates cannot be generalized to all Native American youth nationwide.)

Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health, the SEARCH study found that from 2002 to 2012, incidence, or the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 1 diabetes in youth increased by about 1.8 percent each year. During the same period, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 2 diabetes increased even more quickly, at 4.8 percent. The study included 11,244 youth ages 0-19 with type 1 diabetes and 2,846 youth ages 10-19 with type 2.

"Because of the early age of onset and longer diabetes duration, youth are at risk for developing diabetes related complications at a younger age. This profoundly lessens their quality of life, shortens their life expectancy and increases health care costs," said Dr. Giuseppina Imperatore, an epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The study results reflect the nation's



first and only ongoing assessment of trends in type 1 and type 2 diabetes among youth and help identify how the epidemic is changing over time in Americans under the age of 20 years.

### Key findings

- Across all racial/ethnic groups, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 1 diabetes increased more annually from 2003-2012 in males (2.2 percent) than in females (1.4 percent) ages 0-19.
- Among youth ages 0-19, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 1 diabetes increased most sharply in Hispanic youth, a 4.2 percent annual increase. In non-Hispanic blacks, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 1 diabetes increased by 2.2 percent and in non-Hispanic

whites by 1.2 percent per year.

■ Among youth ages 10-19, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 2 diabetes rose most sharply in Native Americans (8.9 percent), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (8.5 percent) and non-Hispanic blacks (6.3 percent). The rates for Native Americans cannot be generalized to all Native American youth nationwide.

■ Among youth ages 10-19, the rate of new diagnosed cases of type 2 diabetes increased 3.1 percent among Hispanics. The smallest increase was seen in whites (0.6 percent).

■ The rate of new diagnosed cases of type 2 diabetes rose much more sharply in females (6.2 percent) than in males (3.7 percent) ages 10-19.

### Cause unclear

"These findings lead to many more questions," said Dr. Barbara Linder, senior advisor for childhood diabetes research at NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. "The differences among racial and ethnic groups and between genders raise many questions. We need to understand why the increase in rates of diabetes development varies so greatly and is so concentrated in specific racial and ethnic groups."

Type 1 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes in young people, is a condition in which the body fails to make insulin. Causes of type 1 diabetes are still unknown. However, disease development is suspected to follow exposure of genetically predisposed people to an "environmental trigger," stimulating an immune attack against the insulin-producing beta cells of the pancreas.

In type 2 diabetes, the body does not make or use insulin well. Type 2 diabetes once was extremely rare in youth, but it has become more common in recent years.

Several NIH-funded studies are directly examining how to delay, prevent, and treat diabetes. For more information, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov). ■

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## Recent scores put NCH on the right path, but always with room for improvement



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Metrics and measures help quantify value. And in health care, we have scores of numbers to help us self-evaluate and maintain transparency. Recently we received important rankings for Collier County's health as well as for our own NCH safety and finances.

We are in a good position on an excellent pathway, but still and always will have room to improve. These thoughts remind me of my formal medical career and its ongoing feedback and learning opportunities, which resulting in my being able to help others with my newly acquired education and skills.

Similarly, we now are using metrics to improve health on a larger scale.

The 2017 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation shows Collier County as the second healthiest county in Florida (following St. Johns County south of Jacksonville). The past four years saw us at first, first, fourth and third.

These rankings provide a snapshot of the health of counties across the country and emphasize that health is not a singular effort but a combined work in progress across all community partners. They use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care (see more at [www.CountyHealthRankings.org](http://www.CountyHealthRankings.org)).

In collaboration with local governments, nonprofit organizations, health-care facilities, business groups, schools, faith-based organizations and many other stakeholders, we are improving the health for all people in Collier County.

Life expectancy in Collier County continues to improve and is now the best in the America, whereas our nation's life expectancy is declining. We also are the healthiest and happiest metropolitan

statistical area according to the Gallop Healthways Well-Being Index. All of these facts reflect a community where everyone is encouraged to live a longer, happier and healthier life.

The Leapfrog Group measures patient safety and quality, assigning grades every six months to hospitals and health-care systems. The NCH Baker Hospital and our North Naples Hospital received a "B," which is the same grade as six months ago. We previously received "A" scores and obviously aspire and plan to get back to the top.

The objective metrics for our quality outcomes and processes are excellent and are at the "A" level, but our hospital-ity metric has opportunity for improvement. We are improving our patient satisfaction scores.

We pledge to honor the trust of our patients by being transparent about our progress and working toward the highest possible standard of patient satisfaction and safety.

Moody's Investor Service affirms our A2 rating with a stable outlook summarized as follows: "The A2 reflects NCH's leading and growing market position as a full-service tertiary provider in a demographically favorable primary service area ... and a long-standing history of successful fundraising. The rating also reflects favorable operating performance, translating into good debt service coverage, and growing liquidity metrics over the last three years. This is tempered by a high Medicare exposure (59 percent in FY 2016), seasonal volume trends and rising costs related to a nursing shortage."

These important metrics show strength with opportunity. We will always be on a pathway of improvement, measurement, feedback, process change and more improvement. We believe that haring our report card with those we serve will help everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life. ■

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

## 'Survive & Thrive' with sunset yoga at LaPlaya

LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resorts hosts a sunset yoga on the beach session in partnership with Survive & Thrive from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Survive & Thrive offers yoga instruction and mindfulness techniques based on cancer sensitivity programming. The organization's certified yoga instructors are also trained by Yoga4Cancer to provide the safest and most effective methodology for student experience.

The sunset yoga class is part of a wellness campaign promoted by LaPlaya. It will be led by local yoga instructor Wendy Campbell, the founder of Survive & Thrive. As a survivor of Hodgkins lymphoma, Ms. Campbell created the organization as a response to her journey living

with and healing from cancer. The organization is committed to sharing practices that reduce suffering and cultivate freedom, choice and balance.

After class, participants will enjoy light bites and refreshing drinks. Bring yoga mat or beach towel; the resort will provide a towel and water.

Cost is \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door (\$10 for children). All proceeds from registration will benefit Survive & Thrive. Attendees can also purchase raffle tickets to win an 80-minute traditional couples massage from the resort's SpaTerre.

RSVP by emailing [LaPlayaEvents@glodownead.com](mailto:LaPlayaEvents@glodownead.com). For more information about Survive & Thrive, visit [www.wendycampbell-yoga.com/survive-thrive](http://www.wendycampbell-yoga.com/survive-thrive). ■

## Visually impaired invited to meetings

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites all who are blind or visually impaired to attend a support group from 10-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the center, 2685 Horsehoe Drive in Naples. Facilitator Rick Hart encourages attendees to share the challenges they face and the techniques they find helpful in managing those challenges. Attendees feel less isolated as they make connections with others who can relate to their situation. Friends and family members who care for a blind or visually impaired friend or loved one can also benefit from the group and are welcome to

attend. Reservations are not required.

The nonprofit also hosts a brown bag lunch and program at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Attendance is free. Guests should bring their own lunch and will be able to ask questions of the speaker after his presentation. Social hour will follow. Visually impaired people and their caregivers are welcome. The next lunch program is May 16. Reservations are appreciated.

For brown bag lunch reservations or more information about programs and services, call Lighthouse of Collier at 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org). ■

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# PET TALES

## Achy brachy dogs

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If you live with a bulldog, French bulldog, pug or other brachycephalic breed, you're probably familiar with large veterinary bills related to breathing difficulties, eye injuries and nasty skin-fold infections. But you might be surprised to learn that those dogs are also more prone to common conditions that affect all dogs.

That was the finding of a research team at Nationwide after analyzing its database of 1.27 million dogs from 2007 to 2015. They looked at 184,748 dogs of 24 breeds identified as brachycephalic — meaning they had large heads, short snouts and protruding eyes — to determine whether those dogs were less healthy, as healthy or more healthy than dogs without those features.

When accidents, infectious diseases and conditions related to brachycephalic anatomy, such as elongated soft palate and a smaller-than-normal trachea, were removed from consideration, brachycephalic dogs were less healthy across the board. Ear infections, allergies, bladder infections and pneumonia were all found at higher rates in dogs with shortened faces.

"The relative disease rates for pneumonia are particularly noteworthy," the report states. The prevalence of pneumonia was twice as high in brachycephalic dogs — 1.6 percent compared to 0.77 percent in other dogs.

Brachycephalic dogs also had greater rates of digestive issues (including their infamous flatulence), tooth extractions,



**Bulldogs and other short-faced breeds can have shorter, less healthy lives than other dogs.**

hyperthermia (overheating), valvular heart disease, bacterial skin infections, anal gland problems, patellar luxation, intervertebral disc disease, corneal ulcers and conjunctivitis.

Which breeds fall into the brachycephalic category? The breeds mentioned above are no surprise, but the list also includes the affenpinscher, Boston terrier, boxer, Brussels griffon, cavalier King Charles spaniel, dogue de Bordeaux, Japanese chin, Lhasa apso, mastiff, bull mastiff, Neapolitan mastiff, Pyrenean mastiff, Tibetan mastiff, Spanish mastiff, Pekingese and Shih Tzu.

Even before this information was announced at the 2017 North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Florida, veterinarians have been concerned about the health of brachycephalic dogs.

In a presentation at NAVC in 2016, veterinarian Philip A. Moses addressed the

health-related welfare of flat-faced dogs. A study by Niels C. Pedersen published last July in the journal *Canine Genetics and Epidemiology* reported that loss of genetic diversity in the bulldog was pronounced in the region of the genome that contains many of the genes that regulate normal immune responses. And at an Aug. 6 session at the 2016 American Veterinary Medical Association conference in San Antonio, Dr. Gail Golab, AVMA's chief advocacy and public policy officer, noted that breeding dogs for extreme physical characteristics such as brachycephaly and wrinkled skin had led to a multitude of health issues.

What can be done?

Dr. Moses says that beyond treating individual dogs surgically to relieve their breathing difficulties, it's important for kennel clubs, breeders, owners and veterinarians to recognize and learn about the health problems in these dogs and how they can be improved through better breeding. He regularly speaks to breed clubs about the issues associated with their breeds, especially those with a genetic basis.

In the 2016 NAVC proceedings, he says: "For example, hemivertebrae is highly heritable and could be virtually removed from most of these breeds if radiographic screening was compulsory. I advise that all dogs should have good-quality spinal radiographs taken at 6 months of age, and any dog with any vertebral body abnormalities should be neutered."

He urges breeders to educate new puppy owners about the problems associated with their breeds. ■

### Pets of the Week



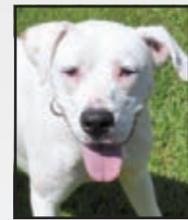
>> **Berlioz** is a mellow domestic shorthair who's about 2 years old. He is affectionate and friendly to everyone and will make a wonderful friend forever.



>> **Helena** is a 1-year-old domestic shorthair "purr baby" who loves to be brushed and petted. She's great with other cats and people and is sure to win your heart.



>> **Kane** is a handsome 8-month-old Catahoula mix who loves to play. He weighs about 36 pounds, is good on his leash, and likes to go for walks.



>> **Tensy** is a happy 3-year-old terrier-bully mix who weighs about 53 pounds. She loves to run and play, knows her basics and is eager to learn more from her forever family.

### To adopt or foster a pet

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Fun times with a first-timer in Florida for spring break



Over the years, my spring breaks have changed drastically. There were the spring breaks of adolescence, which being a Southwest Florida teen, were all about hanging out on the beach with girlfriends, pool hopping among resorts and flirting with northern boys on vacation with their families.

Then there were the spring breaks of my early 20s and getting invited to beach parties full of frat boys down here from Midwestern colleges.

Later, when my son was a boy, spring break meant trips to Disney World or Busch Gardens.

More recent years, my spring breaks have been spent staying at home as much as possible to avoid the insane traffic that plagues our little corner of paradise this time of year.

But, this year's spring break has been like no other: I'm a Nana on crutches (due to a broken ankle) spending it with a curious, energetic 3½-year-old on his first-ever trip to Florida.

Bentley: What are those trees, Nana (actually, since vowel sounds are still a bit of a challenge, aforementioned toddler pronounces it "Need-nah")?

Me: Palm trees.

Bentley: What is that water, Nana?

Me: The river.

Bentley: What's it do?

Me: Um, it flows.

Bentley: Where is your basement, Nana?

Me: We don't have one. There aren't many basements in Florida like there are in Ohio.

Bentley: Then where does everybody keep their washer and dryer?

Me: Um, in their laundry room.

Bentley: "Then your monsters are in your laundry room because you got no basement for them to live?"

Bentley's other grandparents live on a farm in rural Ohio where he gets to learn about chopping wood and shucking corn, which is pretty identical to my life when I was 3½ years old. I was around 8 when we took our first trip to the land of Disney World, palm trees and swimming pools, so I didn't have a lot of questions. I just wanted a suntan that I could take back to Ohio and show off to my pale friends.

Bentley, however, is a different story. On his first night here, he looked over the balcony of our condo, pointed toward the community Jacuzzi and asked, "Is that the pool, Nana?"

"No, Bentley," I answered. "That's the hot tub."

He then pointed toward the actual pool. "And that's the cold tub?"

His fascination with visiting his Florida



STEPHANIE DAVIS / FLORIDA WEEKLY  
On his first trip to Florida, Bentley attempts to listen to the ocean through a decorative ceramic starfish.

Nana and my husband ("GrandTodd") hasn't all been Florida-centric. Our refrigerator has been a source of great wonder because water and ice come out of the door. When Bentley asked how such magic could occur, I was at a loss and said a machine inside the fridge makes the water and ice (that's pretty much right, right?). When we were visiting friends the next day, our hostess offered Bentley something to drink and he requested "machine water." And at every restaurant we've been to, he politely orders, "Machine water, please."

Bentley's been pretty patient with my limited abilities due to the aforementioned crutches. When I had to sit on

the sidelines while he and my son played in the pool, he asked, "Why you can't get in the cold tub, Nana?"

"Because of my dumb broken ankle, Bentley."

Every morning when he wakes up and sees me in my boot/cast he asks, "Your ankle not better yet, Nana?" When he offered to kiss it and make it better, my heart melted.

This spring break has brought so many heart-melting moments: The pictures my son texted me of Bentley during his first-ever airplane ride. Bentley's reaction to the Florida sun ("So bright!"). Watching him play on the beach with his dad

— the same where beach I grew up after we moved here when I was 9, and same beach where my Florida-native son played as a baby. But, mostly, simply watching the two of them together. There's nothing like seeing your only child parent his only child in such a loving, caring, patient way.

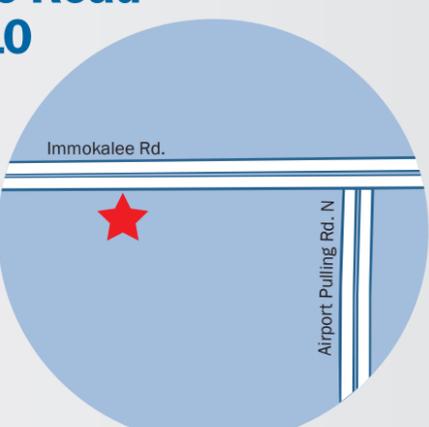
There's been no spring break more special than Bentley's first spring break in Florida. Next spring break, when he's 4½, I'll be sure to have lots of machine water ready for his arrival. ■

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



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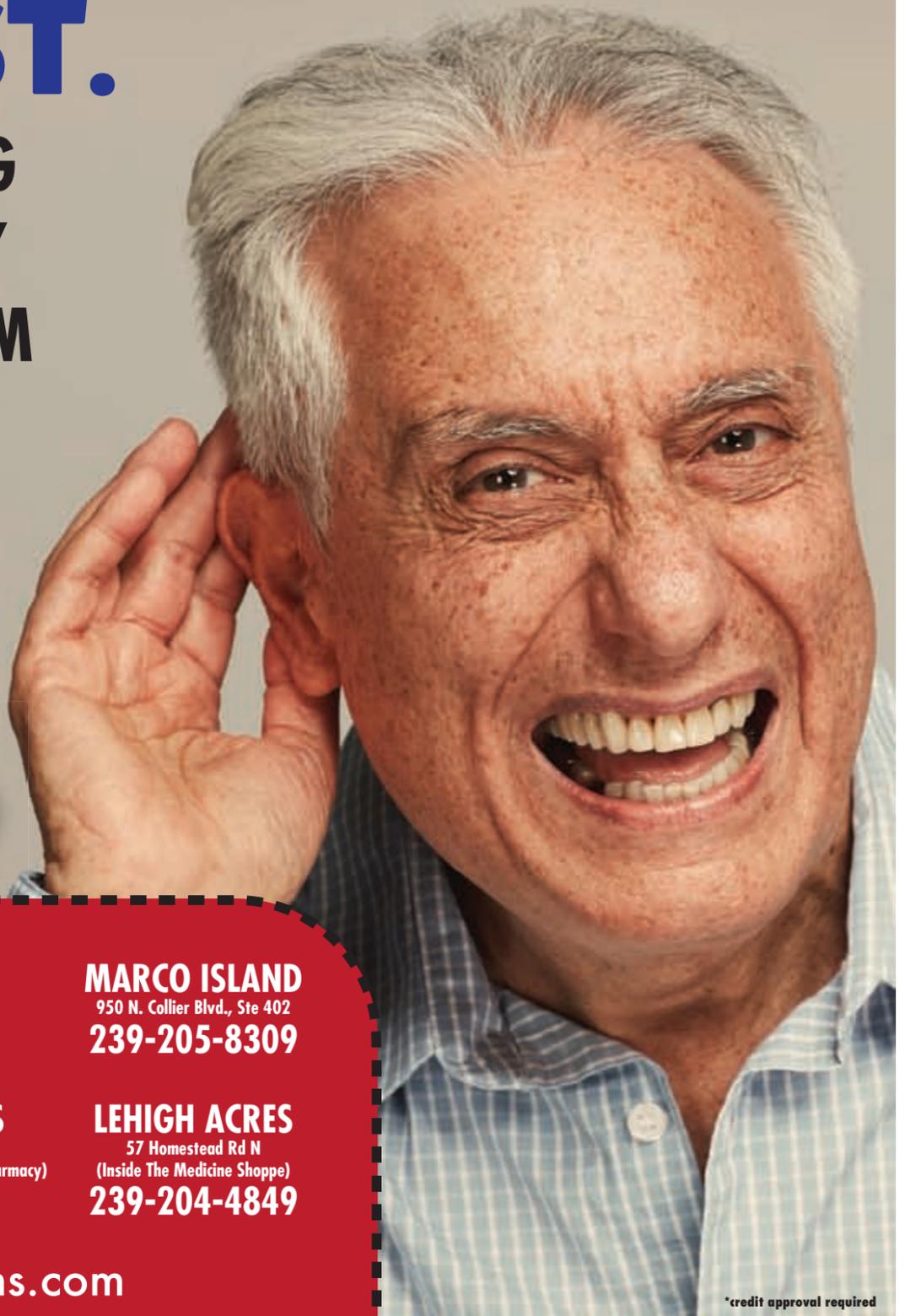
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### Investment advisor puts clients first

BY DON MANLEY  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Andrew D.W. Hill takes satisfaction in a personality trait he shares with the TV character "Columbo" in his service to clients.

Mr. Hill is president of the Naples-based company that bears his name. He co-founded Andrew Hill Investment Advisors in 2010 with Jennifer Figurelli, the firm's managing director. The boutique investment advisory firm provides portfolio management, financial planning and personalized financial concierge services for individuals, trusts, small-business pension plans and self-insurance companies with net worths of \$400,000 to \$4 million.



HILL

"It's constant detective work," says the Chartered Financial Analyst and former CPA. "You're always challenged to figure out what's going to happen next and how to position yourself for opportunity and, because you know you're going to be wrong sometimes, to figure out how to not be severely impacted."

A hockey player in his youth, Mr. Hill turns to a sports analogy to describe his work.

"I think what I do is like being a quarterback and having to decide between making a high-risk pass or a low-risk handoff," he says. "You just have to be astute enough to know which one is best at that point in the game."

Mr. Hill and Ms. Figurelli have worked together for 18 years, 11 of them spent with several trust banks before they launched their own firm. A shared mindset regarding customer service motivated them to go their own way.

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"The more integrated employees are in their communities, the happier they are ... We also had a case study of an employee whose quality of life improved by engaging in the community. He found purpose outside of work."

— Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates, Lee Health



# ENGAGE

BY Nanci Theoret  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

AN INVOLVED EMPLOYEE IS A HAPPY EMPLOYEE. Research by Lee Health and Miami University of Ohio shows employees who volunteer for nonprofit organizations, join a sports league or church or find some other community or social interaction beyond the office are more likely to stay in Southwest Florida. They're also happier with their jobs. Being engaged in the community is especially important for those who moved here for a job as well as for their spouses and children.

During the 18-month study led by Lee Health's Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates, stu-

dents enrolled in the university's human capital analytics class surveyed and scrutinized the community involvement and happiness levels of Lee Health employees who relocated to Southwest Florida in the past five years. It found both work engagement and retention increased 32 percent for every 1 percent increase in social integration.

"The more integrated employees are in their communities, the happier they are," said Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates, sys-



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At Great Big Community Involvement Fair, 40 top employers will introduce newcomers to opportunities for involvement in the community.

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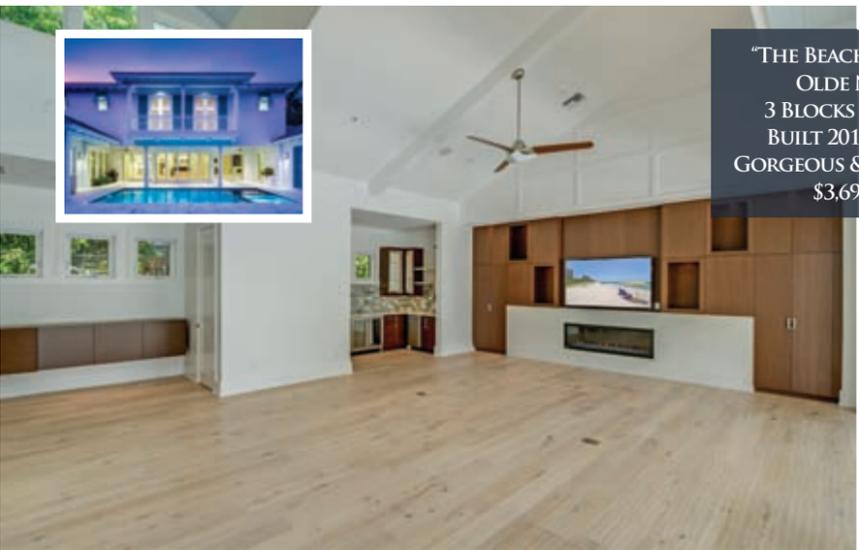
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# Greater Naples Leadership announces Masters Class XXII

Greater Naples Leadership announces the nonprofit organization's Masters Class XXII. From October-March, members will participate in nine sessions that focus on local history, culture, health care, education, the environment, economic development, human services, government, Immokalee and law enforcement. They also will learn about various volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations throughout the Collier County community.

These sessions include presentations, panel discussions, on-site visits and field trips that are planned by members of the previous Masters Class and overseen by this year's class leaders.

GNL is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about Collier County's challenges and to encourage the use of their skills individually and collectively in addressing these needs and bettering the community. Now in its third decade, Greater Naples Leadership continues to provide exceptional opportunities for its members to improve the community and enrich their lives through first-hand learning experiences, rewarding relationships with accomplished, like-minded individuals and unparalleled access to meaningful board and volunteer roles.

A full 75 percent of active GNL Alum-

ni Association members report contributing a minimum of 24 hours a month to their volunteer commitments after graduating from the GNL Masters Program. Members of the Master Class XXII are:

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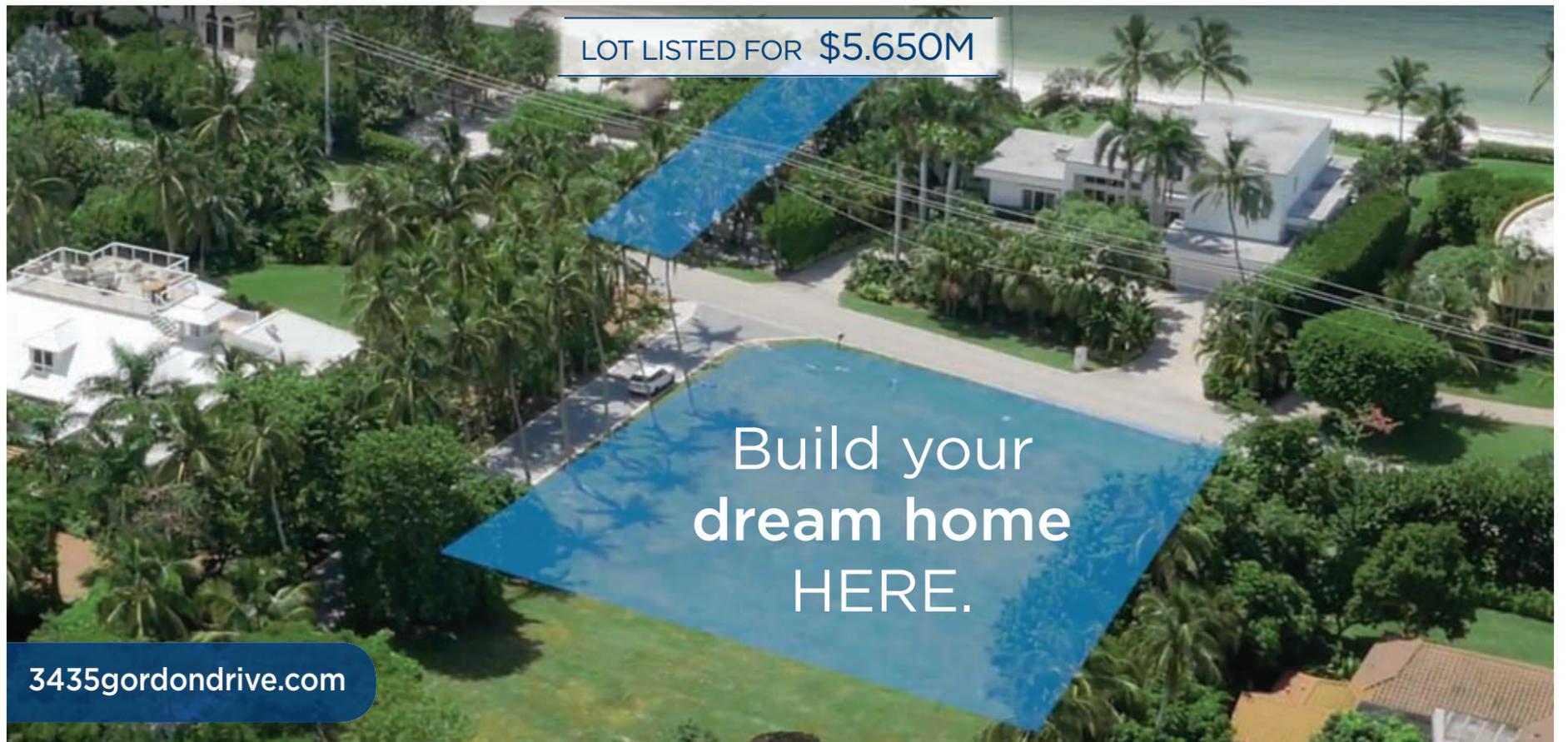
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Barbara Tyrrell, Julie Wade, Emily Walker and Gunther Winkler.

"These outstanding men and women are committed to enhancing the lives of others through community volunteer service by furthering the mission statement of Greater Naples Leadership," GNL President Jacquelyn Pierce says. For more information about the GNL program, call 300-7055 or visit [www.gnl-website.org](http://www.gnl-website.org). ■

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tem director of diversity and patient care civil rights. “We also had a case study of an employee whose quality of life improved by engaging in the community. He found purpose outside of work.”

As Southwest Florida’s largest employer, Lee Health often fills openings by recruiting outside the area. During the last five years, it’s hired 6,000 employees who relocated, many from larger cities. Like the hospital system, many of the region’s largest employers have trouble filling certain positions. Arthrex, a Naples-based company which designs and manufactures medical devices for orthopedic surgeons, struggles with finding skilled machinists and often taps engineering and management talent from outside the area, said Alyssa Norus, associate recruitment specialist.

“People who have relocated here see the area much like a tourist does,” she said. “They need to find a purpose, a niche and it can be really hard. I was born and raised in Florida and I can only imagine what’s it’s like for someone coming here from out of state. It seems touristy, which makes it really hard to meet people.”

Lee Health’s findings created a great big ripple effect among the area’s eight largest employers and the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council. Together they’re sponsoring the Great Big Community Involvement Fair, an event designed to introduce newcomers to volunteer and involvement opportunities in Southwest Florida. So far, nearly 40 groups — as varied as colleges and technical schools health and wellness organizations, nonprofit agencies, churches, community theaters, arts and culture groups, attractions and youth sports — have purchased booths for the April 26 fair at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs.

It’s not a job fair although Arthrex and other businesses plan to provide information about available positions. Sponsoring companies include Arthrex, Chi-



co’s FAS, Collier County Public Schools, Gartner, Hertz, Lee County School District, Lee Health, NCH Healthcare System and Physicians Regional Healthcare System. They’re all encouraging employees and their families to attend, sending out emails, newsletters and brochures.

“We’ve talked about employee retention for years,” said Tiffany Esposito, executive director of the economic development council. “The target audience for the fair is people who have recently relocated to the area. We have a vested interest in getting people to stay.”

The BSEEDC took on coordinating the event following a presentation by Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates and Michelle Zech, Lee Health’s human resources business partner who’s actively involved in workforce development initiatives in Southwest Florida. Major employers jumped on board as did young professional groups actively trying to increase enrollment.

“People thought the fair was a good idea because their employees didn’t know how to get involved in the community,” Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates said. “For us, it brings the community to our employees who can pick and choose where they can become involved.”



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“We had been thinking of adding an event because of our business partnerships role with workforce development,” said Ms. Zech. “We’ve been talking about engaging employees but it was difficult for Lee Health to do because of the manpower needed. The idea was born from us getting together with Yemisi and all getting on the same page. This is the first time we know about that the major employers in Lee and Collier County have gotten together for one project.”

Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates’ curiosity was piqued after hearing repeated concerns and complaints from transplanted employees and hiring managers. “They talked about the challenges with finding unique ways to engage employees in their new environment,” she said. “I wondered if this was pervasive among new hires who moved here from out of town.”

It was. But even the happiest employees may end up leaving the area if their spouse and children feel isolated.

Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates knows from personal experience how a newcomer can experience community disconnect. She was what her own research calls a “trailing spouse,” moving here from New York City in 2004 for her spouse’s job. She wasn’t happy in her new community until she landed a job with the health system. Her position also engaged her in the community.

“It has enhanced my time here because I learned so much and met so many different people in the community,” Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates said. “That was an added value and it made a difference for me. It made me want to stay.”

By focusing on the entire family, the fair will show stay-at-home mothers available volunteering opportunities as



well as programs for their children. It will also serve as a mixer, providing interaction between employees of the region’s largest businesses, noted Ms. Zech.

“Getting employees involved in the community is really important for us because Arthrex is very involved and committed to the community,” Ms. Norus said. “We encourage employees to get involved. The fair lets them see what else is here, meet people and feel fully integrated with Collier County.”

Arthrex, which employs 2,862 in its Southwest Florida and two California locations, often tries to place trailing spouses in the company. “If a spouse doesn’t feel like he or she has a purpose, the family may move back,” Ms. Norus said. “We want to keep our employees and their families happy.”

Nurturing happy employees and families will become even more important during the next decade with the anticipated workplace shift demanding more college graduates and certificate holders. So too will creating a home-grown workforce with the skills needed by local businesses. Southwest Florida Works, regional workforce development initiatives and other organizations are working collaboratively on programs to help traditional and nontraditional students succeed in post-secondary education and return to or remain in the area.

In her role, Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates responds to a variety of managers’ requests to improve engagement for newly arrived employees, sometimes even matchmaking.

“I’ve had managers ask me to find companions for employees because they were struggling a little and might leave,” she said.

Ms. Esposito expects the Great Big Community Involvement Fair to attract 50 agencies. The fair is from 4 to 7 p.m. to accommodate nine-to-fivers and employees who work the nightshift.

“We’re expecting success and hope for this to become an annual event geared to helping engage others in the community,” she said. “Being involved gives people a sense of home and place so they can build their lives here.”

“We are excited about this event,” said Mrs. Oloruntola-Coates. “We want employees to really embrace Southwest Florida and make this their home.” ■

## in the know

### Great Big Community Involvement Fair

>> **When:** 4-7 p.m. April 26

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### Lowly JCPenney stock is risky, but it's a risk that may pay off

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Mention the department store JCPenney to anyone, and I think the reaction will be dependant on the person's age. Someone older than 50 may remember ordering items from its once-popular mail order catalogs. A person born in the 1970s or '80s may recall his parents forcing him to a store to try on "Back to School" clothing that he didn't want to wear. Bring up JCPenney to a Millennial and she may not know what you are talking about, never having stepped foot into a store.

Needless to say, the JCPenney brand is facing hard times and its stock price is reflective of this struggle. Just 10 years ago, the stock price was over \$85 per share. It is now below \$6. Of course, the entire retail industry is currently under strain, but JCPenney seems to be the poster child of a retail giant that has been brought to its knees. So what has caused this store to falter and can it ever regain its luster?

At its peak in the 1970s, JCPenney had over 2,000 stores across the U.S. and sold everything from clothing to appliances to car parts to shotguns and even groceries and pharmaceutical drugs. But in the 1980s, the department store decided to shed most of these businesses and focus mainly on apparel. This decision did not pan out for the company, as internet retailers Walmart, Target, Amazon and fast fashion retailers stole customers and market share.

In 2011, JCPenney hired retailer superstar Ron Johnson to lead the company to greatness. Mr. Johnson formerly led Target and Apple stores to success and shareholders couldn't wait to see what he could do at struggling JCPenney. The new CEO dramatically changed how the retailer sold its products. He reasoned that consumers were tired of clipping coupons and waiting for big "sales" to buy items. He believed that people just wanted quality items at a fair price and that is how JCPenney started to sell its clothing.

Unfortunately, people did not respond well to Mr. Johnson's new sales strategy. First, it appears that people like the "game" of clipping coupons and shopping at sales. They like to feel like they are getting a "bargain" despite the fact that the same coupons and sales are available to everyone.

And without the aggressive promotions, people couldn't find a reason to shop at JCPenney. There were better pricing of name branded items online or at larger stores like Walmart. And JCPenney private label brands were deemed not as fashionable as similar brands at places like Target or fast fashion retailers.

As a result, sales at JCPenney plummeted. Mr. Johnson was fired in 2013. In the past few years, the company has returned to its practice of marking up items and then heavily discounting them



via coupons and sales. It has also committed to closing over 100 underperforming stores and cutting its workforce.

So is JCPenney dead in the water with no hope of rescue? I wouldn't write it off quite yet. First, the company has been focusing on improving its balance sheet by paying off debt and cutting expenses. More importantly, the company has a plan in place to improve sales by pivoting away from its almost sole focus on apparel. For example, it has a Sephora cosmetics "store within a store" in 590 locations and plans to open 70 more in the upcoming year. Cosmetics are a high margin business that drive consumers into a store.

JCPenney also recently announced that it will compete directly with Home Depot and Sears by selling appliances in its stores once again. These are products that consumers typically do not buy online and also can drive foot traffic.

Finally, the company has started a Home Service division within its stores where it is offering bathroom remodeling, blind installation, home water solutions, smart home technology, and home heating/cooling. Again, these are services that you cannot buy on Amazon and are something that can distinguish JCPenney from competitors like Walmart.

And it looks like these strategies are beginning to pay off. Earlier this month, the company announced that it was delaying the

closing of 138 of its stores because sales and foot traffic at these locations has been considerably higher than management anticipated after the store closings were announced.

But despite these positive changes, JCPenney stock remains at historical low prices. And from a valuation basis, the stock looks as discounted as a ski parka in July with its price to sales ratio at half that of many of its competitors. So much bad news is already priced into the stock that if one of its growth initiatives pays off, you could see a significant bounce in the stock. Clearly, JCP is a very risky stock right now but the risks just may be worth the potential reward. ■

— 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.

## HILL

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"Jennifer and I came to the conclusion, having worked for three large institutions, that they were no longer putting their clients' interests before their own," he says. "We saw the conflicts of interest and that quarterly profit was more important than taking care of clients. That was sort of the genesis, putting our clients' interests first."

Rather than operating on a commission basis, the company's compensation is based on a fee structure, with fees increasing as the value of a client's portfolio increases.

"It basically puts the client and our firm on the same team, as opposed to a commission-based situation," he says.

Duties are divided at AHIA, with Mr. Hill focused on researching financial markets and creating and managing client portfolios, while Ms. Figurelli handles personal financial concierge services, such as analyzing a client's circumstances to address such things as funding college tuition, retiree finances and, for professionals, suggesting pension plan options to decrease taxes and increase savings.

AHIA also includes investment advisor Robert D. Lovett and investment associate Noelle Matthews.

The company had just three clients when it opened for business; today AHIA manages about \$66 million in assets for 90 clients, according to Mr. Hill.

He describes his goal for each workday as making sure clients are prepared for whatever may happen.

"That can be good things or sometimes it can be bad things, like if somebody passes away and do they have



Andrew Hill, center, with President John Hurley and the Rev. Benjamin Fiore at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Hill was recently inducted into this alma mater's DiGamma Honor Society.

enough life insurance," he says. "In terms of my investment objectives, we try to outperform our overall benchmarks, such as stocks. We try to outperform the indices by some margin. We don't take enough risks to have dramatically different results than the benchmarks, but we try to do a little bit better."

Born in Toronto and raised in New Jersey and the Buffalo, N.Y., area, Mr. Hill earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Canisius College in Buffalo, which recently inducted him into its DiGamma Honor Society. After working as an accountant for two years, post-graduation, he moved on to Syracuse University, where he earned an MBA.

He attributes his business philosophy of "service to others" to the lessons learned while attending Canisius, which is a Jesuit institution.

That belief in serving others extends to his private life and his involvement in environmental conservation organizations and causes that promote education.

An avid fisherman, he has been a member of the Regional Advisory Committee for the National Parks Conversation Association, the Hodges University President's Council, the Collier County Medical Society Foundation board and The Conservancy of Southwest Florida. He also helped the Miami-based Florida Panthers major league hockey club organize its first Florida Panther Conservation Night two years ago. The event raises money for public education and the monitoring of the endangered animal.

He also is a board member of the Naples Financial Analysts Society and a past president of the group, and an adjunct professor at Ave Maria University, where he teaches security analysis,

a finance-related class that provides instruction in how to analyze a company.

Where future initiatives are concerned, Mr. Hill points to the need to keep pace with advances in the use of technology in the financial services industry.

"Our biggest challenge is getting awareness of our services to the mass of affluent prospects who might be underserved or overcharged by our competitors," he adds. "That is by far our biggest challenge, to make people aware that there's another option to their existing investment advisor."

Mr. Hill and his wife, gastroenterologist Dr. Susan Liberski, reside in Naples with their German shepherds, Skipper and Apollo. They also have a home in Chokoloskee, where he indulges his love of fishing. ■

### Interview with Andrew Hill

**Business mentor:** George Kermis, accounting professor at Canisius College.

**First job:** I started Rainbow Lawn Service as my senior project in high school. I had four employees at age 19.

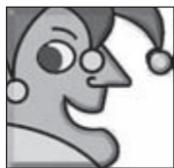
**Business words of wisdom:** Be prepared and be organized.

**Most recent business book:** "Security Analysis" by Benjamin Graham.

**Two things you look for when hiring:** Honesty and a talent in an area that I don't know.

**Any job openings?** Not today.

**Last time you had to fire someone, and why:** Luckily, it's been a few years, but the last firing was due to excessive absences. ■



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## Fool's School

### Styles of Investing

There are many ways to invest in stocks. It's good to be aware of different kinds of investing and to know what your own style and preference is. Here are some key possibilities:

- **Growth investing:** Growth investors favor fast-growing companies and are willing to pay a lot for stock in them. They'll often ignore steep P/E ratios and forgo a margin of safety, expecting stock values to keep rising as the companies grow. This approach is risky, as the stocks or the overall market might pull back sharply.

- **Value investing:** Value investing demands a margin of safety, as investors seek bargains, aiming to buy stocks for significantly less than their estimated worth. These investors focus on fundamentals of companies, such as cash flow, profit margins and dividends.

- **Large-cap and blue-chip investing:** These investors prefer large, established companies with proven track records of profitability. (Examples: Microsoft, ExxonMobil, Johnson & Johnson, FedEx, Pfizer, Visa, PepsiCo and Disney.) Such companies often feature dividends, too.

- **Small-cap investing:** Small-cap investors

favor smaller, younger companies. These can be risky, as they may not be profitable yet, but they offer the chance of greater reward, as they can grow quickly. While small-cap companies can be more obscure and harder to research, they may also be easier to understand than many large caps, since they tend to be rather focused. (General Electric, for example, is involved in many industries, while the Craft Brew Alliance is mainly focused on beer.)

- **High-yield investing:** High-yield investors want income. They tend to focus on bonds and stocks with high dividend yields, including real estate investment trusts (REITs) and preferred stocks.

- **Mutual fund investing:** These investors like to park their money in index funds that track particular stock or bond indexes or in actively managed funds, where professionals choose what to invest in. Many managed mutual funds charge hefty fees and underperform simple, inexpensive index funds.

The styles above are not mutually exclusive. You may focus on undervalued small-cap companies, for example, or growth-oriented mutual funds. ■



## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1911, when my founder, a hunter frustrated with cold, damp feet, designed a boot with a rubber bottom and a leather top. I soon became known for great service and high-quality goods. Most of my early sales came from my mail-order catalog, but online sales eclipsed that in 2009. I'm an outdoor gear and apparel retailing giant. My flagship store in the Northeast U.S. has no locks on

its doors, as it's open nonstop year-round. With 220,000 square feet, it's visited by more than 3 million people yearly. I rake in more than \$1 billion annually. Who am I? Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

## The Motley Fool Take

### Brands You Know

Just about every consumer has purchased something from Hanesbrands (NYSE: HBI), with its well-established brands that include Hanes, Champion, Maidenform, DIM, Bali, Playtex, Bonds, JMS/Just My Size, Nur Die/Nur Der, Leggs, Lovable, Wonderbra, Berlei and Gear for Sports. The stock has sunk more than 20 percent over the past year, presenting a buying opportunity.

Hanesbrands is feeling the effects of the weak retail environment that persists despite an otherwise improving economy. A lot of business has moved online, and Hanesbrands' own e-commerce business now accounts for 11 percent of total sales, up from 8 percent a year ago. The company has also recently exited from its catalog business as it focuses on its most

promising operations.

Hanesbrands' competitive advantages include strong brands, great presence in retail outlets, economies of scale, and a large-scale supply chain that's hard for competitors to duplicate. With 52 facilities across the globe, it can produce its goods at a lower cost.

Another plus for Hanesbrands investors is its dividend, which recently yielded 3 percent. The payout has been growing briskly, rising by 36 percent early this year, and tripling since Hanesbrands established the dividend in 2013.

Spun off from Sara Lee in 2006, Hanesbrands has been growing in part by acquisitions. It has been working on growing its already significant market share, and its future looks promising. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Not So Rare Minerals

It sounded good at the time, as it had "rare" in its name — so I invested in companies specializing in rare earth minerals. Well, the bottom fell out when the Chinese flooded the market, and the companies I'd invested in became penny stocks or went bankrupt. On the bright side, I only lost about \$250. But I retain the shares, as it costs \$10 to sell.

— B.M., online

**The Fool Responds:** Rare earth minerals received a lot of media attention some years ago, in part due to their critical role in many high-tech products, such as cell-phones and electric cars. Prices surged as investors got interested and bought shares.

The Chinese companies that produced most of the world's rare earth minerals boosted production to take advantage of high prices for the minerals, and other companies around the world tried to enter the business. Then the economic laws of supply and demand took over, with an oversupply in the market driving prices down.

Companies such as the ones you invested in still had very high production costs, but were getting very little for their product.

Thus, many went out of business. Some surviving companies have changed their names, in part to avoid negative associations. For example, Avalon Rare Metals became Avalon Advanced Materials.

Commodity stocks can be extra risky, depending heavily on supply, while high production costs can leave less room for price flexibility. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots to 1916, when my founder, who shares my name, established the Aero Products Company. A year later, during World War I, I was building "flying boats" for the U.S. Navy. That led to more offerings for the military. In the 1920s, I expanded into airmail services and also bought companies such as Sikorsky and Pratt & Whitney. Soon after, antitrust laws made me break up. I'm a commercial and military aerospace giant and have built spacecraft for NASA, too. My order backlog features thousands of airplanes, and my market value tops \$100 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Boeing) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Business Models

Q What is a "business model"?

— R.P., Portland, Oregon

A A business model is the way a company makes its money. Razor and ink-jet printer companies, for example, sell their razors and printers relatively inexpensively and then make money on higher-profit-margin blades and ink cartridges.

Ethan Allen and Ikea both sell furniture, but while Ethan Allen sells ready-made pieces, Ikea sells pieces you need to assemble yourself. It's able to charge less for them in part because they're unassembled and packed in flat boxes.

Mary Kay and Avon employ sales reps selling directly to customers (and recruiting some to sell), instead of sticking with more traditional retail outlets. While Amazon.com's online business requires warehouses and deliveries, eBay's model is different and less costly, facilitating transactions between buyers and sellers.

When evaluating a company, assess how attractive and profitable its business model is and what its risks and advantages are.

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Q If I had invested \$1 in the stock market after the crash of 1929, how much would it be worth today?

— A.V., Venice, Florida

A The Dow Jones Industrial Average ("the Dow") peaked in early September 1929 at 381. The crash of 1929 took place over many months and continued beyond 1929, with the Dow initially plunging in October, falling by 12.8 percent on Oct. 28 and then another 12 percent on Oct. 29, when it closed at 230. It rallied to 294 in 1930 and later began a long descent, falling to 41 in July 1932.

With the Dow recently around 20,600, it's up some 500-fold since the low of 41. That's enough to turn your \$1 into \$500. Not too shabby, eh? That's an annual average growth rate of roughly 7.6 percent. ■

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## BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida** meets from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Estero County Club. All professionals in the financial services industry are welcome. Guest speaker Annalee Kruger of Care-Right Inc. will discuss how to talk to clients about aging loved ones and the need to plan for caregiving expenses. \$35 for members, \$55 for others. The meeting qualifies for one continuing education credit. For reservations or more information, visit [www.fpa-swfl.org](http://www.fpa-swfl.org).

■ The **Gulf Coast chapter of the Public Relations Society of America** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Vi Bentley Village, 701 Retreat Drive. Guest speaker Sarah Owen, president of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, will discuss crisis communications and share how

the nonprofit organization worked with local partners, municipalities and victims' families to assist in the aftermath of the Club Blu shooting in Fort Myers. Cost is \$27 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$20 for students. Reservations are required by April 21 and can be made at [www.gulfcoastprsa.org](http://www.gulfcoastprsa.org).

■ 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](mailto:nancy@cbia.net).

■ Members of the **Domestic Estate Management Association** meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at William C. Huff Companies, 4227 Progress Ave. in Naples. The program will be a panel

discussion about how solar has become a viable option for energy production, and how the future of solar will reshape the environmental footprint for Southwest Florida. To sign up or for more information, call (407) 217-7582, email [events@domesticmanagers.com](mailto:events@domesticmanagers.com) or visit [www.domesticmanagers.com/Naples](http://www.domesticmanagers.com/Naples).

■ **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](mailto: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](http://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. CenturyLink Business is this year's main sponsor. Sign up at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events). ■

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The 2017 Golden Apple Teacher celebration at the Naples Grande



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 5. Roshaka Davis, Nicholas Fredette, Henry Norona, Brooke Sykes and Bridget Kennedy  
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7. Lori Green, Kristie Viscomi, Mariana Murphy and Brenda Currie  
 8. Kristin Downs and Nicholas Makara  
 9. Angie Nourse, Jamiee Sidisky, Tami Fessenden and Dawn Jones  
 10. Melissa Matos, Mike Matos, Addison Matos, Janell Matos, Lila Griffith and Joanna Campanile  
 11. Todd Hill and Maria LaRocco

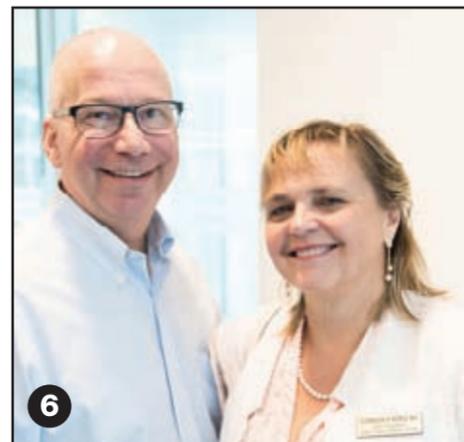


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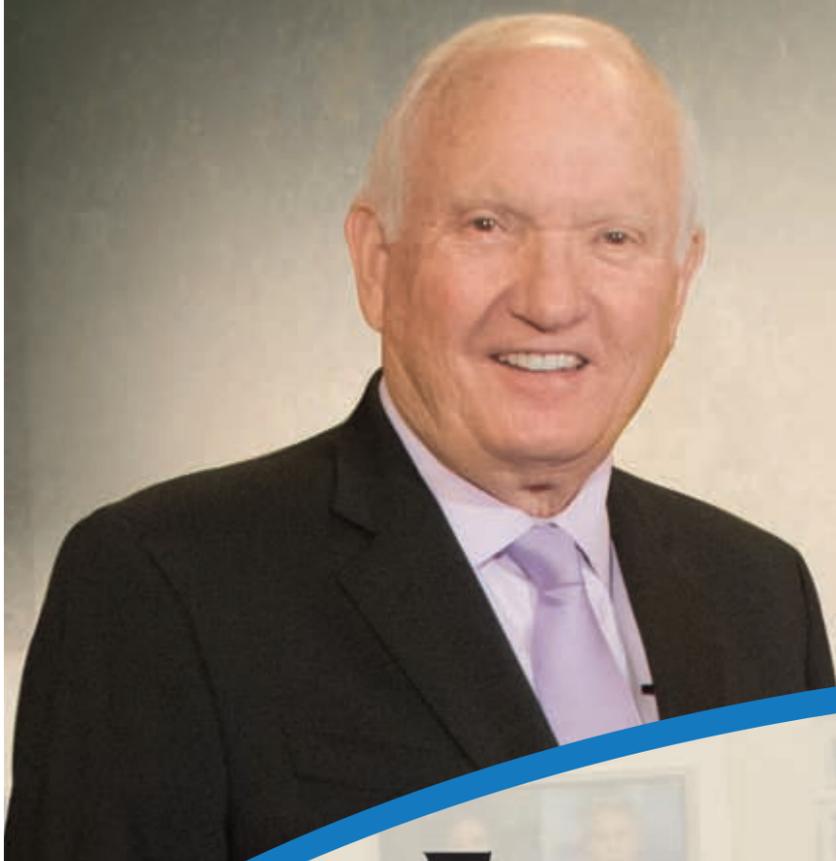


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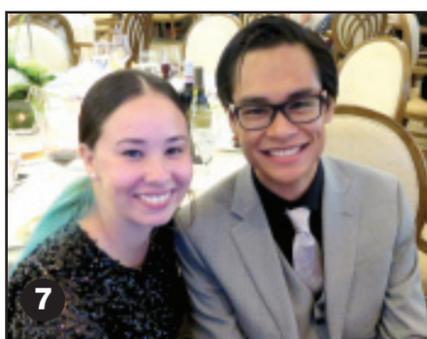
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- 6. Tiffany Cawley and Ashley Bates Porraro
- 7. Russell Burland, Karole Davis and Greg Kasceska

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- 1. Helenda Davis and Joseph Cofield
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# REAL ESTATE

## First quarter real estate sales strong

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It was a busy season for real estate professionals working in Naples as evidenced in the first quarter 2017 market report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).



As predicted by broker analysts at the beginning of the year, once list prices reset to a reasonable level, buyers would react in stride with more solid offers. The statistics reflected this prognosis precisely, showing an increase in overall pending and closed sales, making the first quarter of 2017 as solid as expected.

Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager for Downing-Frye Realty Inc. and the NABOR 2016 Realtor of the Year, notes the first quarter “was a bit of a bumpy ride, but the trend line for sales moved upward throughout the quarter, and March coming in as a pretty strong month for sales activity.

“Overall, we ended the first quarter better than last year,” Mr. Hughes adds. “I think the local brokers are cautiously optimistic that we might have a decent summer for sales.”

Quite a few broker analysts who reviewed the report agree and say the word on the street is that many buyers who didn’t make a purchase during the first quarter have plans to return to the area during the summer, anticipating a decrease in home prices.

Quarter over quarter, the report shows overall median closed prices increased only 2 percent, driven by a narrow 3 percent increase in the \$300,000 and below category. All other price categories tracked by NABOR show decreases or no change at all. One exception is single-family homes in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 category, which jumped 14 percent in median closed price to \$387,000 in the first quarter of

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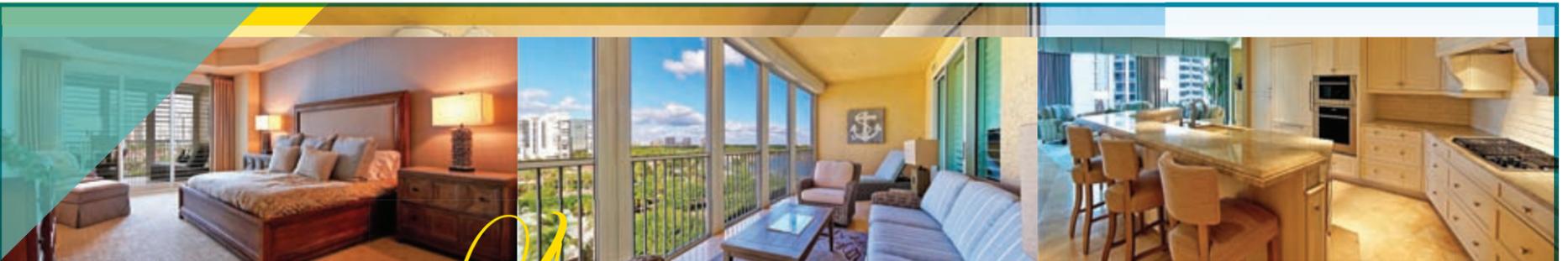
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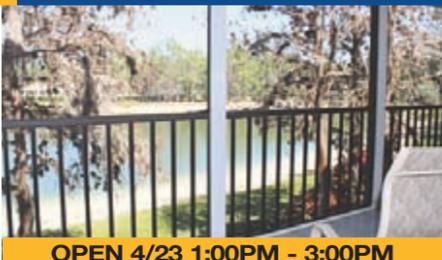
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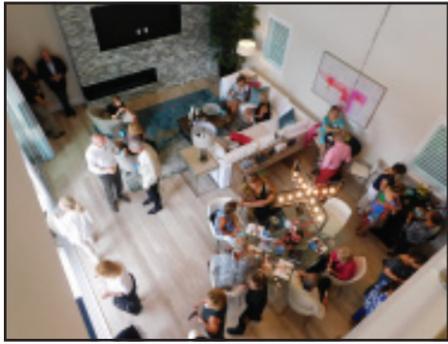
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The view from the loft in Le Ceil as guests enjoy the open house at Residences at Mercato.

■ **Le Ceil**, the newest model by The Lutgert Companies in **Residences at Mercato** opened recently with a VIP reception for more than 100 guests. In North Naples just north of Vanderbilt Beach Road, Residences at Mercato is an enclave of 47 coastal contemporary-style residences accentuated by serene outdoor living spaces.

The 3,037-square-foot, three-bedroom, 4½ bath Le Ciel is positioned on an expanded homesite (one of 12 that offer a poolside cabana option) and features enhanced landscaping and luxurious appointments.

Priced from \$2,200,000 with furnishings, Le Ciel epitomizes urban living amid elegant surroundings. Interior design by Jean Losier of Clive Daniel Home uses natural wood and stone elements to complement the home's sophisticated design.

The floor plan showcases a two-story great room accentuated by a beautiful linear wood ceiling, natural gas fireplace and two-story wall of stacked stone. The master suite has access to the pool and outdoor shower. The generous

outdoor living space is complete with kitchen, pool with waterfall feature, spa and cabana with private bath.

Residences at Mercato is exclusively marketed and sold by Premier Sotheby's International Realty. Twenty-seven of the 47 residences have been sold.

■ The first quarter of 2017 marked a period of notable sales for **Neal Communities**, which recorded 81 home sales — an increase of 35 percent — throughout its south region encompassing Collier and Lee counties.

“Buyers have a lot to choose from in this area,” Michael Greenberg, Southwest Florida regional president. “The robust market paired with Neal Communities’ commitment to creating communities of distinction makes us a standout builder to potential homebuyers.”

Several Neal Communities neighborhoods sold at an exceptional rate this past quarter, including Watermark, Estero Place and Coastal Key. Three of its communities are nearing closeout: Canopy in Naples has only 10 homes remaining; the gated Estero Place in Estero has 12 opportunities available; and Reflection Lakes in Naples has just seven homes remaining.

Avalon, the builder's newest community in Naples, opened in late January 2017 and has already sold 17 homes. The 23-acre neighborhood has 19 buildings with four floor plans and 152 carriage homes with lake and preserve views. Homes range in size from 1,355 to 1,725 square feet.

In addition to an increase in home sales, Neal Communities’ south region has also seen growth in the team during 2017, with a new homes sales assistant and the addition of an online sales concierge.

■ Construction of **Aqua Tower II**, an 11-story luxury marina-front condominium in North Naples, is almost complete, according to principal Stefan Johansson.

“We anticipate completing construction of Tower II at the end of April and our new owners will begin to move into their residences in May,” says Mr. Johansson, co-founder of PACT Real Estate Group with Chris Hanlon. Only one penthouse, three furnished models and three other units remain available.

Adjacent to Pelican Isle Yacht Club at Wiggins Pass, Aqua Tower II features three levels of penthouse residences. The tower's non-penthouse residences, priced from \$1.995 million to over \$2.545 million, range between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three bedrooms, 3½ baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den.

The available penthouse, with more

than 6,500 square feet of living area, is priced at \$4.95 million. It has four bedrooms and 4½ baths, a grand salon, family room (or den or fifth bedroom), dining room, master study with wet bar and more than 3,000 square feet outdoor living area.

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PACT Real Estate Group is the exclusive listing agent for Aqua Tower II. For more information, call 591-2727, visit [www.aqua-naples.com](http://www.aqua-naples.com) or stop by the information center at 13675 Vanderbilt Drive. ■



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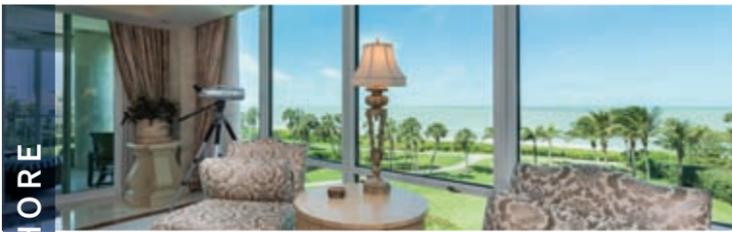




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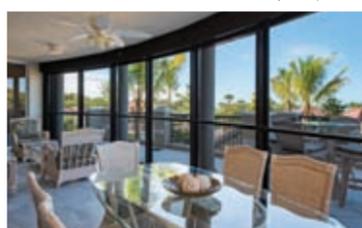
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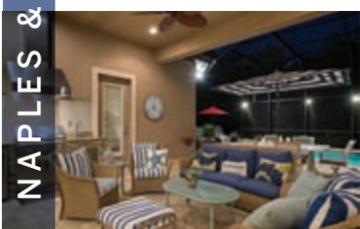
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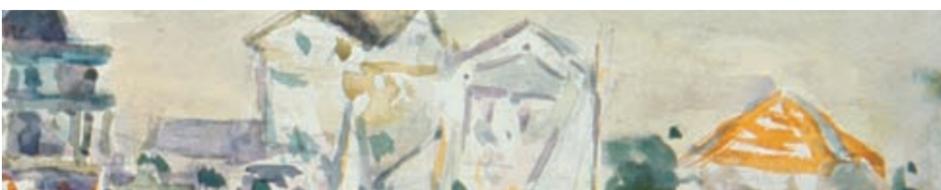
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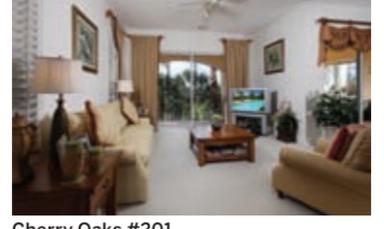
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2017 from \$339,000 in the first quarter of 2016.

Collectively, broker analysts agree activity in the condominium market during the first quarter of 2017 was impressive. In fact, condominium inventory increased 19 percent, while the single-family home inventory saw an 8 percent increase. The report also shows five times the number of condominiums under \$300,000 were available in the first quarter of 2017 than single-family homes in the same price category.

"Inventory is up and prices have come down," says Budge Huskey, president of

Collier real estate markets

The NABOR market report for the first quarter of 2017 provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales. Below is a quick comparison of select categories for the first quarter of 2017 and 2016 within Collier County.\*

\* Excluding Marco Island

CATEGORY	1Q 2016	1Q 2017	CHANGE
Total homes under contract (pending sales)	2,786	3,097	11%
Total closed sales	1,929	2,205	14%
Median closed price (quarter/quarter)	\$325,000	\$330,000	2%
Median closed price > \$300K (quarter/quarter)	\$545,000	\$510,000	-6%
Total active listings (inventory)	5,651	6,389	13%
Average days on market	77	95	23%
Single-family closed sales	982	1,059	8%
Single-family median closed price (quarter/quarter)	\$415,000	\$410,000	-1%
Single-family inventory	2,996	3,236	8%
Condominium closed sales	967	1,146	19%
Condominium median closed price (quarter/quarter)	\$262,000	\$270,000	3%
Condominium inventory	2,655	3,154	19%

SOURCE: SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MLS

Premier Sotheby's International Realty. "This is an indication that some fundamental economic principles are taking effect in the Naples housing market."

Cindy Carroll of the real estate appraisal and consultancy firm Carroll and Carroll Inc. points out that monthly inventory levels have increased through March, but at a progressively lower rate each month of the quarter. "In a year-to-year comparison," she says, "single-family inventory was up 24 percent in December, 19 percent in January 2017, 9 percent in February and 8 percent in March."

The same trend is mirrored in the condominium market, Ms. Carroll adds. "In the long view, overall inventory increased 35 percent between March 2015 and March 2016, and 23 percent between March 2016 and March 2017."

However, Bill Coffey, broker manager of Amerivest Realty Naples, is quick to point out that a tempering of inventory levels does not mean fewer options for buyers in the coming months. "The condominium market was hot in the first quarter," he says. "Both inventory and closed sales increased 19 percent. And overall sales only lagged last quarter because properties were not priced properly; now that we are seeing price adjustments, the statistics are reflecting the correction."

The NABOR market report for the first quarter of 2017 provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary.

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## Development of Mystique high-rise continues

Building development and construction activities continue at Mystique, the new ultra-luxury high-rise in Pelican Bay. Developer Pelican 1 Owner LLC is an equal partnership between an affiliate of the global investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and an affiliate of the Gulf Bay Group of Companies.

Subsurface preparation for the structural foundation and installation of underground infrastructure has been substantially completed in preparation for the driving of the piles. A Notice of Commencement has been recorded with Collier County, and Miami-based Coastal Construction Group has been announced as the general contractor.

Located steps from the beach on one of only two remaining zoned developable land parcels in Naples between The Ritz-Carlton on the beach and Port Royal, the 20-story Mystique will have 68 estate and four penthouse residences as well as

nine Jardin residences. Owners will enjoy Pelican Bay amenities including private, beachfront dining, extensive walking and biking trails, chauffeured tram service and private access to nearly three miles of unspoiled Gulf of Mexico beaches.

Estate residences at Mystique range from 4,003 to 5,280 square feet of air-conditioned living space and are priced from over \$3 million to over \$7 million. Penthouses span from 4,431 to 5,703 air-conditioned square feet, and ranged in price from \$8 million to \$9.5 million. All penthouse residences at Mystique have been sold. Mystique's Jardin residences ranging from 1,370 to 2,396 air-conditioned square feet and are priced from \$1.2 million to \$2.2 million.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty is the exclusive listing agent for Mystique. For more information, call 598-9900 or visit [www.MystiquePelicanBay.com](http://www.MystiquePelicanBay.com). ■

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The latest market report also indicates a trend in how buyers are purchasing homes in Southwest Florida.

"In March 2014, cash sales encompassed 74 percent of all sales for the month. In March 2015 it was 73 percent, then 67 percent for March 2016 and finally, in March 2017, cash sales accounted for 64 percent of all sales made in the month," Mr. Hughes says. "More buyers

are financing home purchases."

Geographically, the market had some hot areas of action during the first quarter of 2017. Of note is central Naples (34104, 34105, 34116), which saw a 74 percent increase in single-family home inventory, up to 634 properties in the this March from 364 homes in the first quarter of 2016. And the median closed prices for single-family homes in south Naples (34112, 34113) increased 22 percent, up to \$386,000 in the first quarter of this year from \$317,000 in the first quarter of last year.

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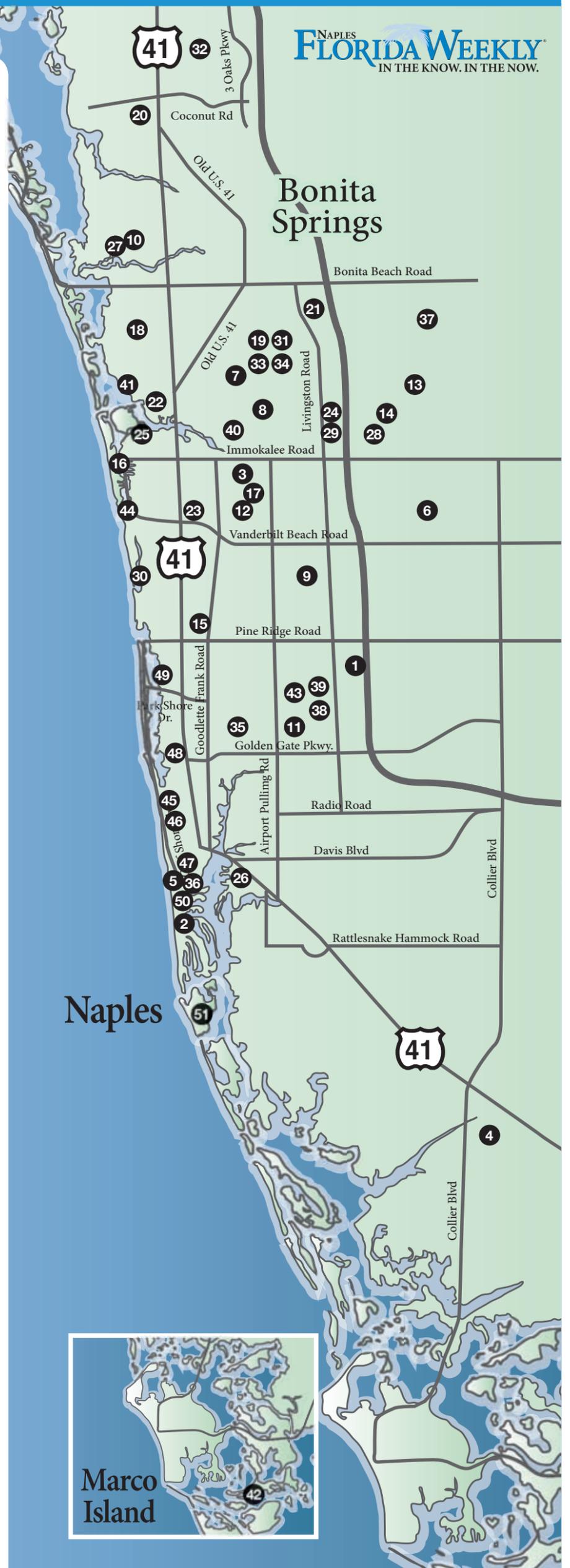
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**BY NANCI THEORET**  
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Realtor Frank Sajtar and A. Vernon Allen, a luxury Naples homebuilder, will show visitors exactly the luxury lifestyle they could experience living on the one-acre property at 801 Galleon Drive. They're hosting an open house (or should that be an open lot party?) this Sunday right on the site. It's an event Mr. Sajtar is affectionately calling a miniature "Taste of Port Royal," one that will provide guests with first- and second-floor aerial views, a preview of the homesite's boating lifestyle, plus refreshments and food courtesy of Shea's at Lansdowne Street.

"It's so difficult to imagine the potential of a lot when you're just walking on grass," said Mr. Sajtar, a Realtor with William Raveis Real Estate in Naples. "That's why we will have a lift to elevate people 28 feet to see the views. A home built on this property will overlook all of Naples Bay to the south and the city going north."

Captain Dylan Steinberg of Barton & Gray Mariner Club and the 36-foot Hinckley picnic boat, the Flying Swan, will cruise Naples Bay, offering yet another taste of Port Royal's famed boating lifestyle.

The boat, Mr. Sajtar said, "will take guests out from the dock to the bay and see the approach to the property. This is a special and rare property that deserves a unique open house to show potential buyers its many possibilities. A home built on it would have a huge front yard and a big back yard."

ery would easily accommodate a 60-foot yacht in the boathouse and a 100-footer on the dock."



This one-acre home site offers stunning views of Naples Bay and includes an air-conditioned boathouse. It's offered by William Raveis Real Estate in Naples.

back yard." Ideal for boaters and the luxury buyer who wants a custom home tailored to their dreams, the property offers the 60-foot boathouse equipped with a 76,000-pound lift and 100-feet of docks with a second lift.

"The boathouse is a gem," Mr. Sajtar said. "It's nice because it's tucked to the side and rare because it has its own electric and air-conditioning systems. You just don't find anything like this. The prop-

erty would easily accommodate a 60-foot yacht in the boathouse and a 100-footer on the dock."

Representatives from A. Vernon Allen, one of Port Royal's leading luxury homebuilders, will be available to discuss the nearly endless opportunities for the site. "It provides a blank slate," said Mr. Sajtar.

The open house is Sunday, April 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 801 Galleon Drive in Port Royal. ■

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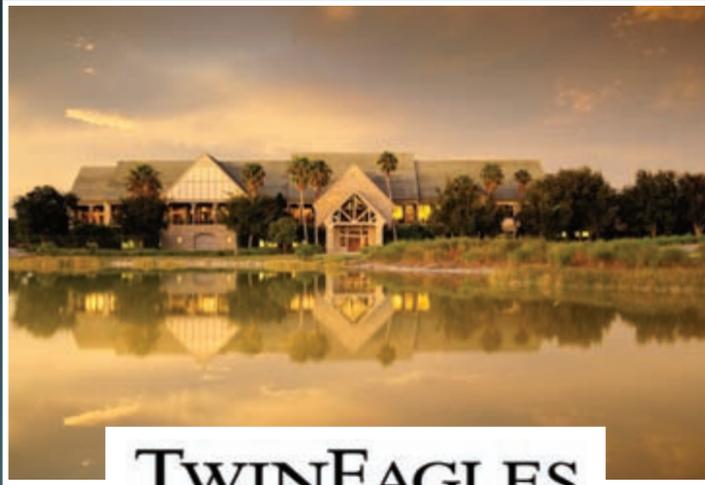
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Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen

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## Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Chris Hillman headed to Bonita

BY NANCY STETSON  
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**O**VER THE COURSE OF HIS musical career, Chris Hillman has enjoyed enough success to satisfy several lifetimes. At 19, he became an original member of The Byrds, whose lineup included David Crosby and Roger McGuinn. They savored international fame, hitting the charts with songs such as “Eight Miles High,” “Turn! Turn! Turn,” “Mr. Tambourine Man” and “So You Want to Be a Rock and Roll Star,” which Mr. Hillman co-wrote with Mr. McGuinn. The Byrds were pioneers in folk rock and country rock.

Four year later, Mr. Hillman joined what became The Flying Burrito Brothers, writing songs including “Sin City” with Gram Parsons.

Then he became part of Stephen Stills’ band, Manassas, co-writing “It Doesn’t Matter” with Mr. Stills, among other songs.

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Chris Hillman in 1972

## Goodland gets ready for an Art Extravaganza

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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Leave it to someone on Goodland to combine fine art and funky fun. Local oil painter Tara O’Neill hosts her 14th annual Art Extravaganza from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, at Little Bar Restaurant.

Set among the antiques and groovy vibes the waterside restaurant is known for, Ms. O’Neill and this year’s featured artist, Karen Swanker, will show and sell

their works amongst Little Bar’s live music regulars and artistically arranged light bites. Many of the elements — like mango mimosas — have been mainstays of the extravaganza since Ms. O’Neill’s inaugural event; others, like adding a featured artist to the lineup, are more recent innovations.

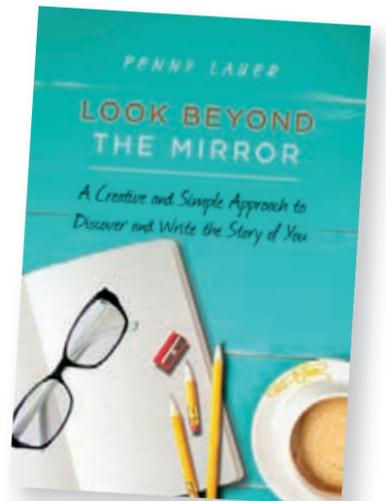
“On my 10th anniversary — you should always bump it up on your 10th — I decided to introduce other artists,” Ms. O’Neill says. “Some are well-known and some aren’t.”

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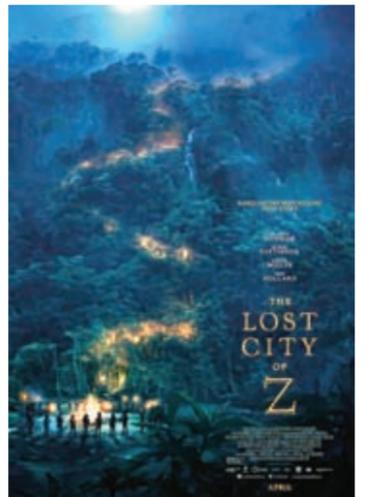
“Miss Pink,” by Karen Swanker

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Putting one's life on the lines . . . of ruled notebook paper



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■ **“Look Beyond the Mirror: A Creative and Simple Approach to Discover and Write the Story of Your Life” by Penny Lauer. Privately published via the CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. 156 pages. Trade paperback, \$15.**

The seed for this highly effective guide to memoir writing, at once practical and motivational, is a course the author gave at the Renaissance Academy (continuing education division) of Florida Gulf Coast University.



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The author approaches the project as first of all an exercise in self-discovery, a process without which the finished product would be of little use to readers — even if those readers are primarily family and friends.

Penny Lauer breaks the seemingly overwhelming task into a series of manageable steps, explaining the necessity of each step and offering, with exam-

ples, a preferred way of managing that step. Anticipating the inexperience and insecurity of her reader-students, she reaches out in a sympathetic, supportive voice with detailed advice on how to develop a flow of memories unblocked by self-censorship.

Memoir writers have to seek the emotional truths in the experiences they recall, then explore and fashion those experiences for their readers.

Ms. Lauer insists on the necessity of pushing ahead, generating as much material as possible before grouping the material and editing.

The steps in the book organize the novice writer's working life. The author insists on handwritten manuscripts (pardon the redundancy) on ruled paper in notebooks from which the pages can be removed and rearranged.

And says how and why this method works, and she also explains the need for a protected place for the writing to get done.

I agree that her system can work and produce exceptional results. I also feel that as people mature as writers, they need to explore a variety of processes. Changing your habits is a good way of waking up your perceptions and your writing.

But I worry a bit about the space Ms. Lauer gives over to distinguishing memoir from autobiography.

I don't see these categories as being at odds with one another. It might be well to consider memoir as a form of

autobiography and leave it at that.

After discussing how to bring forth the raw material and give it a workable shape, she gets into the nitty-gritty of enhancing the product.

She explains with economy and clarity the fiction techniques that can lend vitality to a work that is essentially nonfiction.

She gives examples of how sensory images work. She considers voice in narration and dialogue.

These areas of concern are often the topics of book-length explorations, but this dedicated teacher gets her students started and, hopefully, makes them willing to look further into these and other writerly concerns.

She also discusses the importance of book and page design and what to consider in choosing a printer-publisher.

Memoir writing asks authors to think through a host of ethical questions. Does every assertion need to be factual? Should one make every effort to avoid bringing embarrassment or pain to people treated in the memoir?

Ms. Lauer handles these issues with aplomb.

Throughout their journey through

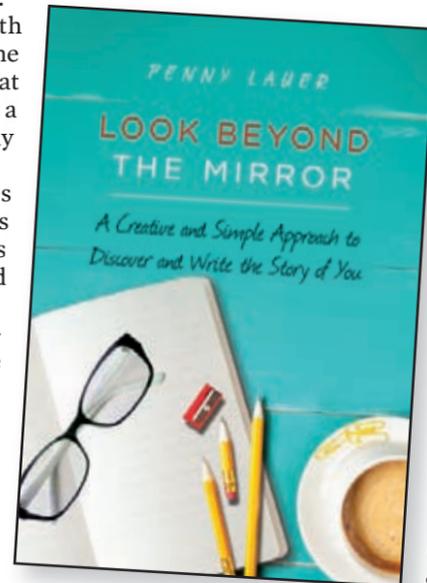
this book, readers will learn how and why to value what they are sharing with others.

The teacher asks her would-be memoirists to trust in her and to value their own uniqueness, the perception of which will emerge more fully once they leap into the process she has designed for them. She provides them with confidence, tools and her special brand of irresistible cheerleading.

A part-time resident of Naples, Ms. Lauer is the author of two novels: “Skipping Stones” and “Bottled Butterfly.” She has been a high school English teacher,

a sales and marketing trainer, a Pan Am flight attendant and a fundraiser for various arts and community organizations. ■

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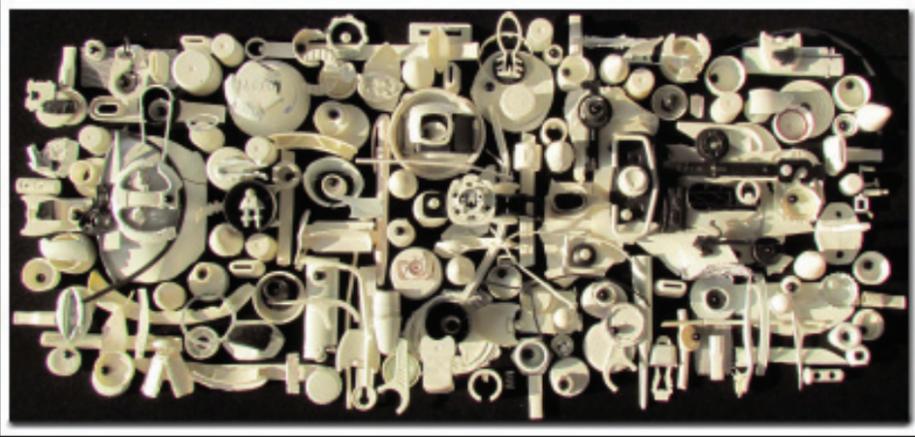
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"Isaac's Gifts," assemblage by Karen Swanker.

# ART

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This year, guests will get an eyeful — and maybe empty their pockets for — Ms. Swanker's paintings and "found objects" works.

A native Pennsylvanian, Ms. Swanker spent her professional life as a commercial graphic designer. Upon retiring, she decided to dust off her fine art training and dabbled in watercolors until settling into acrylic and oil painting. She now splits her time between Marco Island and Wyoming and enjoys painting a wide variety of subjects, from the island's burrowing owls to Rocky Mountain aspens. She especially enjoys capturing the serenity of water lilies at Naples Botanical Garden and in hidden spots around Marco.

"I just always seem to drift back from what I'm doing to these water lilies. They're very restful and peaceful," she says. "I really love painting water lily ponds and lotus in the style of Monet."

After citing the king of impressionism



"Evening Tide," oil by Tara O'Neill

himself, it's odd that her second medium would be one as contemporary as found objects — or garbage she finds on her daily walks. To items such as crushed metal and pieces of wire and plastic, she applies a layer of metallic paint and then artfully arranges them in assemblage boxes.

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# BYRDS

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With John David Souther and Richie Furay he formed Souther Hillman Furay, releasing two albums in 1974 and '75. Then he joined forces with two fellow bandmates from The Byrds, Roger McGuinn and Gene Clark, to form the trio McGuinn, Clark and Hillman. They released three albums and had two Top 10 singles.

From 1987-1993, he performed as lead guitarist, singer and mandolin player for The Desert Rose Band. They had 16 Top 10 country chart hits.

"I've been very blessed, lucky, any way you want to term it," Mr. Hillman says. "I really enjoyed music, loved music. It was a passion as a young man, but it was a different world in the '60s."

He kept thinking he'd do music for a year, and then go to college to major in English literature and history. "But something would always happen," he says. "Every year, a door would open and I'd go through it and something would happen musically."

In hindsight, he adds, he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

"I was in these great groups. I was not seeking to be a rock star. I liked to play. I was more of a team player."

He views the years from 1963-1985 as his apprentice years. By 1985, however, "I was running the band, writing the songs and playing lead. I have no regrets. If it stopped tomorrow, I had a great life."

Now 72 years old, Mr. Hillman is still making music. Mr. Pedersen and Mr. Jorgenson join him in concert Friday evening, April 28, at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs.

"We have a very close bond," Mr. Hillman says about the three musicians, noting that they've been making music together for more than 25 years.

Mr. Hillman and Mr. Pedersen put out an album titled "At Edwards Barn," which includes "Eight Miles High" and "Have You Seen Her Face." On it, Mr. Hillman, playing mandolin, celebrates his bluegrass roots.

As a teen before joining The Byrds, he played coffeehouses with The Scottsville Squirrel Barkers.

"I had to bluff my way into that job (with The Byrds)," he recalls. "Can you play the bass? 'Sure, sure.' I had never touched one."

The chemistry with the band was "really, really good for a few years" — but not like the bond he has with Mr. Pedersen and Mr. Jorgenson.

"That's part of a successful musical band," he says, "the respect for each other. It's not always perfect, but you have to strive for that, and the music will come right alongside it."

He and Mr. McGuinn co-wrote "So You Want to be a Rock and Roll Star," inspired by The Monkees, a group created by TV producers for a sit-com. The song, he



The Byrds in 1965: David Crosby, Gene Clark, Michael Clarke, Chris Hillman and Jim McGuinn.

says, was a comment about how contrived the whole process was of bringing together four strangers and trying to pretend they were a band like The Beatles. "They trivialized the whole thing with music."

"Here we are, jaded old men in our 20s, 'And with your hair swung right/and your pants too tight,'" he quotes from "So You Want to be a Rock and Roll Star."

The Byrds, inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 by Don Henley, made music that still holds up today. Part of that is due to the good advice they received.

"Our first manager gave us such wisdom," Mr. Hillman says. "He said, 'You guys go for substance and depth, make records you're going to be proud of in 40 years. Don't go for the easy hit record, the easy dollar. Do something you'll be proud of.'"

Mr. Crosby and Mr. McGuinn were about three years older, and "pretty world-wise in a sense. Roger had been all over as an accompanist — he worked with The Limelites, the Chad Mitchell Trio, Judy Collins. He had written in the Brill Building, he'd written for Bobby Darin," he says. "And David, too, had been all over the country as a folk singer."

"Their intellects were quite advanced for their age. We were listening to John Coltrane and Miles Davis and Ravi Shankar before anybody knew about Ravi."

What unlocked his own songwriting was working with South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela. When he came home from that session, he recalls, he just started writing songs.

"It somehow unlocked the door," he says. "I wrote a song a few days later, 'Have You Seen Her Face.'"

The Byrds came along just as the bohemian age was closing down, he says. "It was a different time creatively, musically, with books, film, all of the above."

"We would get these interesting people coming to see us. Lenny Bruce came to see us in the studio, and his gang of people. We looked up and saw him behind

telescope, finding the extraordinary within the ordinary," she says.

Although she tends to work in series of subjects —anthropomorphized beach umbrellas or Goodland cottages,, for example — she is currently fascinated with the sky and the horizon, as evidenced in her painting "Evening Tide."

"Now I seem to have my head in the clouds," she says. "My whole life, more than anything else, I've been captivated by the sky. It's funny to come late in life to that motif now. Sometimes I don't even bother with the horizon; sometimes I just shoot for the sky."

Her Art Extravaganza isn't a stuffy kind of viewing. Guests of all sorts are bound to drop in and enjoy the fun, which includes "silly silver tray service," "creative refreshments creatively served" and the sounds of Little Bar Restaurant's favorite musicians,



Chris Hillman will play with Herb Pedersen and John Jorgenson April 28 in Bonita Springs.

the mixing board. It was '64. We had one foot in that time period of the beatnik, bohemians."

Beat poet Allen Ginsberg loved The Byrds, he says, recalling meeting him at a Greenwich Village party.

He remembers playing a private party for Jane Fonda when she was married to French film director Roger Vadim.

"We're in Malibu and I'm playing, and I feel someone pulling on my pants leg," he says. "It's Henry Fonda, and he says, 'Can you turn that thing down?' 'Yes sir, yes sir.' 'Of course we didn't.'"

Mr. Hillman's mother bought him his first guitar for \$10.

"But when I was 14 or 15, I heard the mandolin, bluegrass, old-timey music," he says. "I loved it. I don't know what it was, but I got into it, and been struggling with it for 55 years ... In the old days, you didn't have DVDs that taught you to play, or YouTube. All the guys my age would slow down records (to learn songs note-by-note.) But I didn't have the patience."

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## Chris Hillman with Herb Pedersen and John Jorgenson

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He'd learn 80-90 percent of the notes and then make up the rest.

When he teaches the mandolin, he tells students, "Play it your own way."

He doesn't remember the first bluegrass song he ever heard, but guesses it was likely something by the New Lost City Ramblers with Mike Seeger on mandolin.

"He was a solo god," Mr. Hillman says about Mr. Seeger. "I love the mandolin. It's so adaptable to any kind of music. You can play jazz on it."

He owns "at least five or six" of them, one, "a beautiful old Gibson" so valuable he won't take it on the road.

As a teen, he played "hillbilly bars," playing bluegrass with three guys who were 10 years older than him. He had a fake ID. "I was 18 and had an ID that said I was 21. No one believed that."

But yet, they let him play in their clubs.

"I remember playing the night John Kennedy was killed," he says. "There were four people in the bar that night."

As an older musician with decades of experience behind him, he finds himself playing differently these days.

"Every young guy, any guitar player, instrumentalist, soloist, when you're young you're playing everything in the world, thousands of notes per measure."

"And when you get older — I guess this applies to life too — you underestimate things and deal with more subtleties ... I approach my playing differently: I play it simply and put more into each note, rather than 40 notes in the same time frame. It applies to any creative part of life; you change your approach. You approach life differently."

He's writing a memoir, with pencil and legal pad, though he modestly wonders, "Does the world really want another aging ex-rock star memoir?"

But, he says, he "wrote down the whole journey through the music, the passion I had for it, the people I worked for."

He's calling it "Time Between," after one of the first songs he wrote with the Byrds.

He recently recorded another album, "Bidin' My Time," set for release Sept. 22 and co-produced by Tom Petty and Mr. Pedersen, who play on some of the songs.

"It just fell into my lap," he says. "I'm not chasing a career. I wanted to make a really good record. I wanted one last hurrah."

"It's still a lot of fun to get up and play. If people buy your ticket and if you can still sing and play at a certain level of musicianship, then why the heck not?" ■

# ART

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"It's a statement on how much is dropped and left on the ground and won't biodegrade," she says. "Also, it shows people a different way of creating art instead of with a paint and a brush that goes back and forth."

The Goodland Art Extravaganza is Ms. O'Neill's end-of-season celebration for the community and an opportunity for the public to purchase some of her work before they head back to cooler climes.

Describing herself as an "expressive impressionist," she tries to illuminate the ordinary in her oil paintings. "I like to think of myself as both a magnifying glass and a



"Fire & Rain," oil by Tara O'Neill

including Raiford Starke and Merrill Allen.

"The parking lot is likely to be filled with as many dented up pick-up trucks as Lexuses," Ms. O'Neill says. ■



"Waterlily Flower II," by Karen Swanker

## Find fine art at Mercato this weekend

The Art Festival at Mercato takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23. Fifty fine artists from around the country will display and sell their original works in photography, jewelry, sculpture, glass, clay and painting on the main lawn across from Silverspot Cinema.

Featured artist Kelly Tracht trained as an architect at the University of Florida, graduating with honors and winning a merit-based scholarship to earn her master's of architecture at Miami University in Ohio.

She decided to pursue her art full-time in 2005. She describes her style as "painterly modernism." Painterly, she says, describes the brush strokes in her pieces that allow one to experience the paint in a spontaneous way.



Modernism describes the innocence in her work, an homage to her influences: Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and Georgia O'Keeffe.

For more information about the Art Festival at Mercato, visit [www.boulderbrook.net](http://www.boulderbrook.net). ■



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Kelly Tracht describes her style as "painterly modernism."

## Hit the road for Florida Grand Opera

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.



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The group enjoys an early dinner at a restaurant in Coral Gables before making its way to the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts for a 7 p.m. 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. He was shot while attending a masked ballroom dance and died 13 days later of his wounds. The opera is performed in Italian with English and Spanish projections.

Order tickets at [www.naplesoperasociety.org](http://www.naplesoperasociety.org), or for more information call Eugene Buffo at 431-7509. Or, send a check made out to Naples Opera Society to NOS, 2485 Crayton Road, Naples, FL 34103. ■

## You'll love being part of PACE signature fundraiser

In anticipation of PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee annual signature fundraiser, Love That Dress!, organizers are calling on the community to give time and gently used dresses to top the \$126,000 the event raised for the program last year.

The first event is a volunteer recruitment and kick-off party where organizers will sign up helpers to garner sponsorships, manage inventory, gather silent auction items and assist with myriad other tasks leading up to Live That Dress! The party starts at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at United Way of Collier County. Attendees will enjoy wine and cheese while event chairs

Melissa Speche and Libby Fekette describe volunteer opportunities and explain the PACE mission and its plans for the future.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the event and the organization is welcome.

Several dress collection parties have been scheduled through the summer, starting with Derby & Dresses! Dress Collection & Spa Party from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Naples Laser & MedSpa. Also on deck is Cruise for a Cause aboard the Naples Princess from 5:45-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 22. Guests will enjoy dancing, appetizers from Shula's and a fashion show featur-

ing selections from signature sponsor White House | Black Market.

The Love That Dress! main event takes place from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Naples Grande. Hundreds of new and gently used dresses for all occasions, from simple shifts to fancy ball gowns, will fill the racks for savvy shoppers.

For more information about upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, visit the Love That Dress! Facebook page or call 842-5406. To purchase tickets to the August fundraiser or to learn about PACE Center for Girls, visit [www.pacecenter.org](http://www.pacecenter.org). ■

## SPRING OFFERS, PROMOTIONS & NEW PROCEDURES

2017

April 1-30, 2017 [ Offer expires April 30th ]

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May 1- 31, 2017 [ Month Long Charitable Drive ]

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## THEATER

**Clever Little Lies** – By The Studio Players April 21-May 7 at the Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9192 or [www.thestudioplayers.com](http://www.thestudioplayers.com).

**Heaven Help Me** – By The Marco Players through May 7 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com).

**I Hate Hamlet** – By The Naples Players through May 14 at Sugden Community Theater. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Men Are Dogs** – By the Island Theater Company through April 23 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 394-0080 or [www.theateronmarco.com](http://www.theateronmarco.com).

**The Last Night of Ballyhoo** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through April 30. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. [LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com](http://LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com) or 218-0481.

**Doublewide** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through May 14 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

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

**The Christians** – By Gulfshore Playhouse April 27-May 21 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org).

## THURSDAY 4.20

**Thanks!** – Mercato thanks first responders with motorcycle demonstrations, family activities, bomb and SWAT team units and more from 5-8 p.m. Free. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

**String Recital** – The Royal String Quartet of Poland performs contemporary compositions at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$27-\$37. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Funny Lady** – Helen Keaney performs tonight and Friday, April 21, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).

## FRIDAY 4.21

**Perfect Harmony** – Flashback Four performs hits by The Beach Boys, Bee-Gees and The Four Seasons at 7:30 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$25. 755 Eighth Ave S. 213-3058 or [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com).

**Masterworks** – Naples Philharmonic Chorus celebrates 25 years with a program of works by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Vaughn Williams at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, April 22. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

## SATURDAY 4.22

**The Bard's Kids** – The Naples Players' KidzAct Shakespeare Company performs "As You Like It" at 11 a.m. on the outdoor stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$10. 262-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Art Fest** – Mercato hosts 40 artists displaying works in a variety of mediums from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Sunday, April 23, on the lawn. 254-1090 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).



Get in on the act when Stage II Improv takes the stage at 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Earth Day Party** – Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites the public to enjoy guided walks, animal encounters, educational exhibitions, raffles and more in honor of Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free with regular admission. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

**Earth Day Walk** – Pepper Ranch Preserve celebrates Earth Day with guided walks from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. 252-2961 or [www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net).

**More Earth Day Fun** – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts crafts, artist demonstrations and water-themed educational activities from noon to 4 p.m. Exit 49 off I-75. Free with regular admission. (877) 902-1113 or [www.ahtahthiki.com](http://www.ahtahthiki.com).

**Student Concert** – This year's winners of Naples Music Club scholarships perform in recital at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Naples. Free. 388 First Ave. S. 384-9205 or [www.naplesmusicclub.org](http://www.naplesmusicclub.org).

**Peel & Eat** – Boys & Girls Club of Collier County holds its seventh annual crawfish boil with all-you-can-eat crustaceans, Cajun food, live music, cocktails and more from 4-8 p.m. at a private residence. \$50, must be purchased in advance. 325-1765 or [adinanno@bgccc.com](mailto:adinanno@bgccc.com).

**Bluegrass Concert** – Southern Express Band performs at 7 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3058 or [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com).

**Piano Concert** – Celebrated Polish pianist Beata Bilinska performs at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$27-\$37. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Thriller** – Olivia Newton-John performs at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$39-\$125. (800) 218-0007 or [www.moreinparadise.com](http://www.moreinparadise.com).

## SUNDAY 4.23

**Om in the Garden** – Bend and stretch with an instructor from Green-monkey yoga at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Foreign Film** – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Le Passe" (France, 2013) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. An Iranian man reunites with his estranged wife in Paris to finalize their divorce, which is soon complicated by a shocking revelation by her daughter from a previous marriage. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Over the Rainbow** – Ukelele virtuoso Jake Shimabakuro performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$34-\$8. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com).

## MONDAY 4.24

**Art Lecture** – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about the art and architecture of Sicily from 1-2:30 p.m. the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Wild Child** – Wellfit Girls hosts author Cheryl Strayed ("Wild") as she talks about her life and work from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Venue Naples. \$50-\$150. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 989-5716 or [www.wellfitgirls.org](http://www.wellfitgirls.org).

**Film for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Run Boy Run" (Germany, 2013) at 7 p.m. An 8-year-old boy flees a German ghetto and poses as a Christian orphan on a Polish farm to survive. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Broadway Voice** – Lea Salonga, the original Kim in "Miss Saigon" and voice of two Disney princesses, performs at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

## TUESDAY 4.25

**Pups on Parade** – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes friendly, leashed dogs from 8-11 a.m. Free for member dogs, regular admission plus \$9.95 for non-members and their pooches. 643-4737 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Hello, Fresh** – NCH Farmers Market posts up at the hospital's downtown campus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. [www.nchmd.org](http://www.nchmd.org).

**Take Me Away** – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts a travel talk with representative from Abercrombie & Kent in a program about adventures to Europe and Australia at 5 p.m. Free, but reservations required by April 21. 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd. 261-1177 or [www.preferrednaples.com](http://www.preferrednaples.com).

**Political Theater** – Collier County Dems screen "A Face in the Crowd" (1957) at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Sugden Community Theatre. An Arkansas drifter becomes an overnight media sensation. As he becomes drunk with fame and power, will he ever be exposed as the fraud he has become? \$25-\$40, includes cocktails and appetizers before screening. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org). See story on page A15.

**Piano Concert** – Timur Mustikimov, winner of Heida Hermann's International Piano Competition, performs at 5:30 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$90 for members, \$100 for others. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Art Reception** – Naples Art Association celebrates the opening of the Stay in May celebration and its three current exhibits with wine, cheese and live music from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for others. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Nature Talk** – Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture about Kemp-Ridley sea turtles at 6:30 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for others. 403-4207 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

**Improv Night** – Stage II Improv performs at 7 and 9 p.m. at Sugden Community Theatre. \$10-\$20. 262-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Classical Concert** – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform works from the Baroque era at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Chamber Concert** – Violinist Paul Huang performs with pianist Tao Lin at 8 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$19-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org).



Naples Botanical Garden concludes its inaugural season of "Classical Pianists in the Garden" concerts with a performance by Timur Mustikimov, winner of Heida Hermann's International Piano Competition, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

## WEDNESDAY 4.26

**Jazz Night** – Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs a tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim at 6 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

## COMING UP

**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](http://www.floridastateparks.org).

**Cruisin'** – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a mangrove cruise with naturalist Kathy Worley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 27. \$20-\$47. 213-2500 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

**Nature Talk** – Everglades Wonder Gardens provides smoked mullet and mojitos at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27, before a talk about Cuba's pristine ecosystems at 7 p.m. \$15 for members, \$25 for others. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or [www.evergladeswondergardens.com](http://www.evergladeswondergardens.com).

**Latin Jazz** – FONOPSIS performs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Music at the Moe** – Classical Jazz Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

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**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](http://www.themihs.com).

**Country Rock** – Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen 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](http://www.artcenterbonita.org). See story on page C1.

**Piano Man** – Musical comedian Jimmy Keys performs at Barbatella at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 28. \$35, includes a glass of wine. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or [www.barbatellanaples.com](http://www.barbatellanaples.com).

**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](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Anniversary Party** – The 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](http://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](http://www.naplesorchestraandchorus.com).

**Free Concert** – Naples Jazz Society performs from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Cambier Park. 263-1113 or [www.naplesjazzsociety.com](http://www.naplesjazzsociety.com).

**Play Reading** – The Naples Players’ Etc. . . Readers Theatre performs a reading of Samuel French’s “The New York Idea” at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30. \$10. 262-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Foreign Film** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “Phoenix” (Germany, 2015) at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30. A disfigured Holocaust survivor is determined to find out whether the man she loved betrayed her trust. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Student Concert** – Faith Lutheran Church hosts a youth concert featuring trumpeter Arthur Zanin at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Free, but donations appreciated. 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. 434-5811 or [www.flcnaples.com](http://www.flcnaples.com).

**Youth Concert** – Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Film for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Forgotten Kingdom” (2013) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 1. A young man travels to the mountainous African region of Lesotho to bury his father and falls in love. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Local Star** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation on resident and marine film consultant Capt. Lance Julian’s film career (“Waterworld,” “Titanic”) from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at The Arlington. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 7900 Arlington Cir. 307-3000 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Suicide Girls** – Burlesque troupe Suicide Girls perform high-energy striptease performances that reference “Star



■ Hurry over to Naples Botanical Garden to catch “**Origami in the Garden**” before the exhibit ends Sunday. The exhibition features works by sculptor Kevin Box and large-scale pieces by world-renowned origami artists Robert J. Lang, Te Jui Fu and Michael G. LaFosse, among others.

— [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)



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■ **Mercato** invites everyone to show their appreciation for local first responders from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. Collier County Sheriff’s Office SWAT team and bomb squad units will give

demonstrations, and fire trucks, motorcycles and rescue vehicles of all shapes and sizes will be on display.

— [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com)

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■ Writer **Cheryl Strayed** talks about her life and work from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday at Venue Naples to benefit Wellfit Girls of SWFL. Ms. Strayed is best known for “Wild: From Lost to Found on The Pacific Crest Trail,” the memoir of her 1,100-mile hike from Mexico to Washington in the wake of her mother’s death.

— [www.wellfitgirls.org](http://www.wellfitgirls.org)

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■ Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents **Poland’s Royal String Quartet** at 8 p.m. Thursday and a solo performance by quartet pianist Beata Bilinski 8 p.m. Saturday.

— [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org)

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■ Cancer Alliance of Naples hosts its fourth annual **YogaCAN**, a beachside community yoga session at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Bring the kids for their own session.

— [www.cancerallianceofnaples.org](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.org)

## WHAT TO DO



### Family Food Drive for the Salvation Army's Food Bank

Bring a non-perishable food item to save on Garden admission! (offer valid April 29 only)

### World Tai Chi and Qigong Day

Join the Garden's resident Tai Chi instructor from 10am-12pm for informal sessions of Tai Chi on the Performance Lawn.

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- Members - earn one FREE adult admission (beyond what your usual membership allows)
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Go deep and learn all about Kemp-Ridley sea turtles when Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents a lecture by Research Manager Jeff Schmid at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Free for Conservancy members, \$10 for others. 262-0304 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

Wars," "A Clockwork Orange," "Donnie Darko" and more at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$25-\$85. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com).

**Art ALIVE** - The Naples Art District west of Airport-Pulling and north of Pine Ridge roads, opens its 40 galleries and studios to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3. 596-5059 or [www.naplesartdistrict.com](http://www.naplesartdistrict.com).

**Jazz Concert** - Bob Zotolla Jazz Cabaret performs from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or [www.marcoislandart.org](http://www.marcoislandart.org).

**Author Talk** - Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts a book signing and discussion with author Jennifer Lin ("Shanghai Faithful: Betrayal and Forgiveness in a Chinese Christian Family") at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4. 598-5200 or [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com).

**Masterworks** - Naples Philharmonic performs works by Wagner, Grieg and Beethoven at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, May 4 and May 6. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Cinco Party** - Miromar Outlets hosts a Cinco de Mayo celebration with live entertainment, a margarita crawl, prizes and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 5. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Choral Concert** - Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus performs at 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or [www.operanaples.com](http://www.operanaples.com).

**With A Paddle** - The 41st annual Great Dock Canoe Races miraculously returns with the traditional races and new paddleboard races starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Crayton Cove. 825-1228 or [www.greatdockcanoeraces.com](http://www.greatdockcanoeraces.com).

**Community Day** - Artis—Naples opens invites to public to enjoy free activities and performances from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7. 597-19000 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Foreign Film** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Amores Perros" (Mexico, 2000) at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7. A horrific car accident connects three stories, each involving characters dealing with loss, regret and life's harsh realities, all in the name of love. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Film for Film Lovers** - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Snatch" (2000) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7. An unscrupulous group of underground thugs fight to track down a priceless diamond. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Women's Work** - Lunafest, a traveling film festival featuring short films by women, stops by Paragon Pavilion at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11. \$25-\$35, with proceeds benefitting the Breast Cancer Fund and Girls on the Run of Collier County. [www.lunafest.org](http://www.lunafest.org).

**Beautiful Italy** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about Umbria's hill towns from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 12 and 19, at The Arlington. 7900 Arlington Cir. 307-3000 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Beer Me** - Blues, Brews & BBQ returns to Tin City with craft beer, barbecue, stone crabs, family activities and more Friday and Saturday, May 12-13. [www.naplesbluesbbq.com](http://www.naplesbluesbbq.com).

**Doo Wop** - Rocky and the Rollers and Tokens perform at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at The Naples Zoo. \$37. 390-2788 or [www.stayinmay.com](http://www.stayinmay.com).

**Free Concert** - Rockin' Horse performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Opera Night** - Opera Naples presents Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org). 825-1228 or [www.greatdockcanoeraces.com](http://www.greatdockcanoeraces.com).

**Book Signing** - Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts author and Naples resident Nathan Hill ("The Nix") at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13. 598-5200 or [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com).

**Brunch for Mom** - Young Life in Collier County hosts an al fresco, strawberry-themed Mothers Day brunch provided by Here's Howe catering from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14, in the outdoor plaza at Sugden Community Theatre. \$15-\$25. [www.mothersdaybrunch.org](http://www.mothersdaybrunch.org).

**Sultan of Swat** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about Babe Ruth from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, May 15, at Moorings Park. 132 Moorings Park Drive. 261-1616 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**French History** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about Louis XIII and Richelieu from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at The Arlington. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 7900 Arlington Cir. 307-3000 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Art Talk** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about life and art in the Middle Ages from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Moorings Park. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 132 Moorings Park Drive. 261-1616 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Classical Concert** - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a concert featuring the flute and piano with works by Poulenc at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May

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# WHERE TO GO



The Suicide Girls perform high-energy striptease performances that reference "Star Wars," "A Clockwork Orange," "Donnie Darko" and more at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$25-\$85. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com).

18. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Ice Dancers** – Disney on Ice's "World of Enchantment" visits Germain Arena at 10:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday, May 19-21. \$22-\$87. 948-7825 or [www.germainarena.com](http://www.germainarena.com).

**Free Concert** – Neon Summer performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Frankly Funny** – Actor and comedian Frank Blocker presents a one-man show with zany characters, improv, special guests and more at 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Frothy Fun** – Southwest Florida Soapfest Weekend returns to Marco Island with daytime television stars attending a variety of parties and events with the public Friday through Monday, May 26-29. Events are priced separately. Proceeds benefit Camp Able and ITC Kids. 394-0080 or [www.theateronmarco.com](http://www.theateronmarco.com)

**Magic Carpet** – The Naples Philharmonic performs an up-close concert for kids that focuses on woodwinds at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 20. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Smooth Moves** – The Tenors perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$45. (800) 218-0007 or [www.moreinparadise.com](http://www.moreinparadise.com).

**Country Crooners** – Two Way Crossing brings four-part harmony to country music at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).



The Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Free Concert** – Hester Prynne performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 26, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Still the King** – Western swing giants Asleep at the Wheel perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$25. (888) 219-0007 or [www.moreinparadise.com](http://www.moreinparadise.com).

**Vocal Concert** – Terry Barber Trio performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Summer Spectacular** – The Naples Philharmonic performs classical favorites alongside the organization's youth orchestra students at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Chamber Concert** – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform free concerts at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Headquarters Library and at 7 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. Additional dates and locations through June 2 available on the website. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Pro-Am** – Talented amateur musicians perform great orchestral works alongside the Naples Philharmonic at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Got Some Pipes** – Artis—Naples shows off its 3,604-pipe Casavant organ with a performance of a wide range of music by the areas best organists at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Art Lecture** – Naples Art Association hosts a pre-talk wine and cheese reception and a lecture about modern photographers with special guest speaker Gary Monroe at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Sail Away** – David Lawrence Center Young Executives hosts its sixth annual sunset cruise about the Naples Princess from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15. \$45-\$50. 550 Port o Call Way. 354-1434 or [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org).

**Independence Party** – Everglades City celebrates Independence Day with a parade, arts and crafts, family activities, fireworks and more starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at McLeod Park. 695-3781 or [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org). ■

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## And you might ask yourself, how did I get here?



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Jim Starkey feels as if he's trapped and he's "never getting loose."

As he puts it, life feels like "One compromise after another, just a constant slipping."

Things have not turned out as he'd hoped and dreamed.

For Jim and his wife Sharon in "Doublewide," each day's a struggle, a constant disappointment. No matter what they do, a better life eludes their grasp. They're underpaid and overworked, and their bosses don't keep their promises. With each new financial crisis — car repairs, dental work — they get deeper in debt.

With only high school diplomas, he's working in a factory and she's an assistant manager at Walmart.

And then they receive The Letter. With a nearby casino doing so well, the county writes to inform them that they're going to take their front yard in order to make another lane for the highway. That means moving their doublewide trailer further back on what little land they'll have left.

The county promises to compensate them, but Jim's sure it won't be a fair price. It also means that with only a quarter acre of land to live on, he'll never be able to fulfill his dream of building a permanent home for his family.

"Doublewide," by Stephen Spotswood, is enjoying its world premiere at the ArtStage Studio Theatre at the Florida Repertory Theatre. This production is the first of a Rolling World Premiere with Washington D.C.'s National New Play Network. (It will open at the Vermont Stage in Burlington in January, and then at the Williamston Theatre in Williamston, Mich., next March.)

The play was first presented as a reading at Florida Rep's PlayLab Festival last year (and at Gulfshore Playhouse's New Works Festival the year previous.)

With so many families struggling, it's a timely and insightful script. Mr. Spotswood possesses a sharp ear for how people speak and how families interact. His dialogue rings true, whether it's Jim having breakfast with mother, Jim and Sharon's flirty bantering, or their teen daughter giving Jim a tutorial in how to communicate on the internet.

From its opening scene, with Jim (Gregg Weiner) talking to co-workers at the factory, we know we're seeing something special.



Rachel Burtram, Gregg Weiner and Carrie Lund in "Doublewide" by Stephen Spotswood.

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Though that first scene's a monologue, you'd swear others are onstage with Jim as he jokes with the invisible characters.

Mr. Weiner plays Jim as an affable Everyman trying to make his way in the world. He makes it all so natural, we feel as if we're eavesdropping on his life.

He and Rachel Burtram, who plays his wife, Sharon, have real chemistry onstage, whether they're talking about household chores or out on a date night. There's Ms. Burtram's nervous energy as she's being interviewed for a job, eager to please, trying to win them over. And she's watchable even in scenes where she has no dialogue, such as the one where, as the main action goes on elsewhere, she's teaching herself how to deal cards by watching a tutorial online.

Set designer Ray Recht has created an environment so real, it looks move-in ready. It's a living room, dining room and bedroom in the doublewide, with front steps and tire planters in the front. There's also the green of the front yard, and stone pavers. The locale and action extend past the audience, visually and aurally. The studio space is so intimate, we feel as if we're living with the Starkeys.

Cypress Lake High School junior Isabella Cintron plays Jim and Sharon's teen daughter, Lorelai. This is her first Florida Rep show (outside of shows she's done with the education department,) but she acquits herself like a professional. Her Lorelai is moody, pensive, bored, distracted. She gets frustrated with her parents. She works, saving up to buy a car. She

loves music and dreams of a job in the recording industry. (Wish the venue had provided a list of what she listens to throughout the show.)

She's not doing well in school, though, so Chuck (Dillion Everett) is hired to tutor her. His motives are decidedly mixed, and Mr. Everett is great at showing his uncertainty in the situation. He's the lone "outsider" in the play, from vastly different circumstances.

Jim's mother, Coral (Carrie Lund), rounds out the cast: a cigarette-smoking, foul-mouthed, opinionated woman who practically lives at the casino. Her financial plan is to hit it big at a slot machine, and she's created a complicated system she feels will guarantee her success. Coral curses like a sailor and flicks her cigarette ashes with emphasis, but she also has a great love for her family.

It does seem strange Jim isn't more resentful or conflicted about his mother spending so much money at the casino when it's the casino's success that's crushing his dream. It's explained away with a line or two that it's her money to spend as she likes, but you'd think he'd be more upset about it, or that it would cause more problems within the family.

But even Jim himself at one point succumbs to playing the slots, demonstrating how alluring the promise of a cash jackpot can be.

The script has changed and evolved since the reading I saw two years ago; Jim is less angry and alienated, though this may be partially due to new casting and a

different director. Director Maureen Hefernan mines this material for its love and humanity. It's a more subtle, more nuanced presentation. It's not prickly and edgy, but it doesn't go to the other extreme either. It's neither sentimental nor saccharine.

It's an honest and loving look at so many in this country who are living lives of quiet desperation, who, despite all their hard work, are unable to get out of debt and unable to build a decent life for themselves.

"Doublewide" focuses on what this family does have, as well as what they don't.

It's an honest look at the working poor, at a family that's struggling.

But Mr. Spotswood has not written a depressing play. There are moments of levity, wonderful scenes of humor and connection, little gems you want to treasure for their simple perfection. He does not leave us without hope.

At the heart of it all, that's what "Doublewide" is about: the strength and support of a family's love. And sometimes, when life tears everything away, that's all you have to hold on to. ■

in the know

### 'Doublewide'

>> **When:** through May 14

>> **Where:** ArtStage Studio Theatre at Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers

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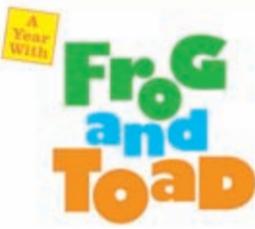
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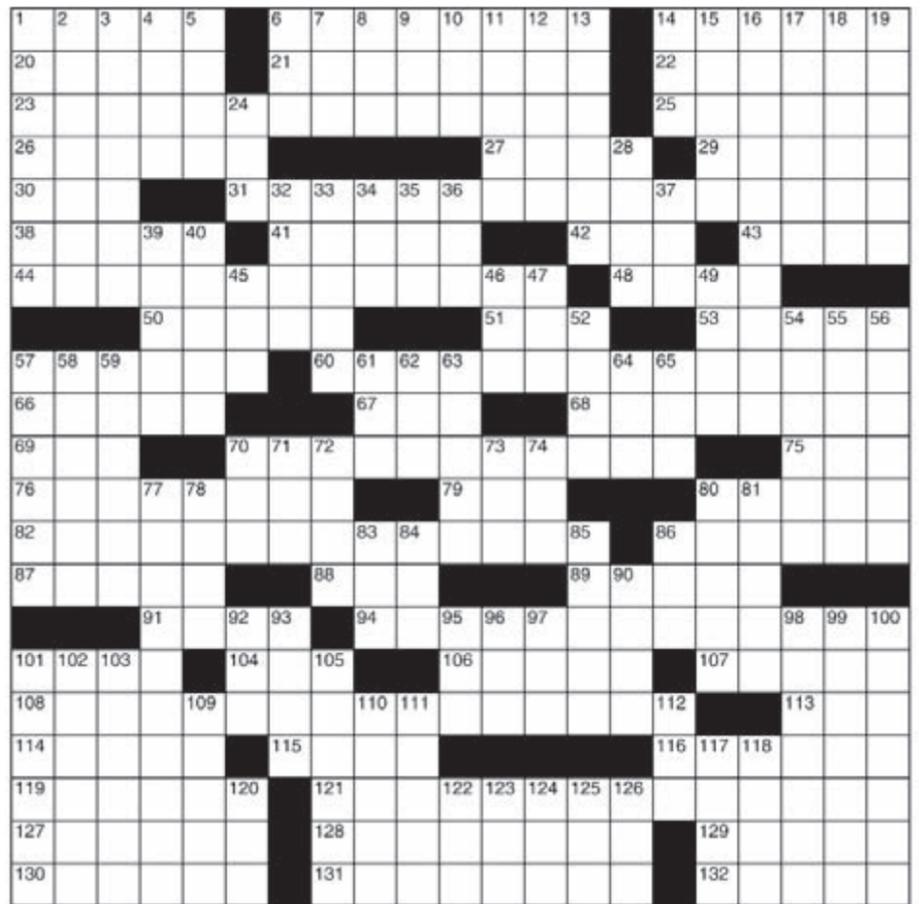
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  - 6 Baloney
  - 14 Place to exit
  - 20 As a whole
  - 21 Information collection
  - 22 Jumbo size at Starbucks
  - 23 College for chumps?
  - 25 Keep in custody
  - 26 "The plan was OK'd"
  - 27 Race pace
  - 29 Clark of film
  - 30 Classic Olds
  - 31 Like a bathing fish?
  - 38 "... unless I'm wrong"
  - 41 "It's — bet" ("You can't lose")
  - 42 Musical knock
  - 43 "... — ye be judged"
  - 44 Pudgy bodies?
  - 48 Steeped drinks
  - 50 Pitcher Warren
  - 51 Mauna —
  - 53 City in Southern Iraq
  - 57 — faire (tact)
- 60** House with a leaky roof?
- 66** Make revisions to
- 67** Sea, to Jules
- 68** Obscure
- 69** Wine cask
- 70** Fighter giving people the willies?
- 75** Santa — Mountains
- 76** Some raincoats
- 79** Nickel source, e.g.
- 80** Frequently
- 82** Drink mishap in a Silicon Valley office?
- 86** Gleaming
- 87** New Mexico or Colorado county
- 88** Pompom user's cry
- 89** Steve of country rock
- 91** Stork's kin
- 94** Like a piano score full of black notes?
- 101** Relaxing facilities
- 104** "— Na Na" (TV oldie)
- 106** Stoop (to)
- 107** Pop singer Cassidy
- 108** Record one's finest film scene?
- 113** Org. backing arms
- 114** Rival of Advil
- 115** "How sweet —!"
- 116** Start of a famous JFK quote
- 119** Grieve for
- 121** Result of a superhero's careless dressing?
- 127** Card game akin to whist
- 128** Peruse
- 129** Hall's partner in pop
- 130** Realty listing
- 131** Lengthy journeys
- 132** Extort (from)
- 10** "Conan" channel
- 11** Bonnie of song
- 12** Houston baseball pro
- 13** Mexican cactus
- 14** LAX takeoff guess
- 15** Kind of shorthand
- 16** Marketing of goods in stores, usually
- 17** Authorize
- 18** Makes silent
- 19** Most sound
- 24** Tel. book listings
- 28** "How's —?"
- 32** Curse word (1938 hit)
- 33** Organized bodies; Abbr.
- 34** "— leezel!" ("Spare me!")
- 35** Time span
- 36** Funds added to a bank acct.
- 37** Afore
- 39** Director Welles
- 40** Slightly warm
- 45** Alpine river
- 46** Giant Manning
- 47** Junior, often
- 49** Help in crime
- 52** James with a 1958 Pulitzer
- 54** Tiers
- 55** "Oh, God!" director Carl
- 56** Obscure
- 57** Starts, as a task
- 58** Charm
- 59** Grand Canal city
- 61** Trauma-trained pro
- 62** Long, thin fish
- 63** Hosp. area
- 64** Wichita-to-Houston dir.
- 65** Bounce
- 70** "— Mir Bist Du Schön" (1938 hit)
- 71** Brow's curve
- 72** Romanov title
- 73** Shout, in Lille
- 74** Family mem.
- 77** Six-time U.S. Open winner
- 78** Radio tuner
- 80** Eyes
- 81** Bone cover
- 83** — Vegas
- 84** "Quiet!"
- 85** Janet of "Psycho"
- 86** Pound noise
- 90** Year, to Livy
- 92** Equal; Prefix
- 93** Feng —
- 95** Radio spots
- 96** On Soc. Sec., say
- 97** Greek letters
- 98** Bitter-tasting chemical salt
- 99** "Madagascar 3: — Most Wanted" (2012 sequel)
- 100** "CSI" procedure
- 101** More banal
- 102** Kingly home
- 103** Tarzan, e.g.
- 105** Conductor Toscanini
- 109** Gossipy type
- 110** Two-legged creature
- 111** Op-ed piece
- 112** Large playing marble
- 117** Skiing base 1980s
- 118** Chrysler
- 120** — Aviv
- 122** Carders ask to see them
- 123** Two, to Juan
- 124** Eden exile
- 125** Actress Susan
- 126** Choice words?



◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures soon will ease.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You

now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal — just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The sage Sagittarian

should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are. ■

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By Linda Thistle

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

## A play fit for a king

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts. Partner leads the queen of clubs, which wins, and continues with the jack, which South ruffs. Declarer crosses to dummy with a trump and returns a spade.

If you follow low, South makes the contract. His jack forces West's ace, and there is nothing your partner can do to harm declarer. For example, a spade return to your king would be futile, since it would make South's queen a trick and allow him to discard a diamond from dummy on it. A diamond return would be equally fruitless, while a passive club return would also do nothing constructive, since declarer could develop a spade trick himself by later leading a spade from dummy.

But if you rise with the king when the spade is led from dummy at trick four, and then shift to a diamond, declarer bites the dust. He loses two spades, a diamond and a club and goes down one.

The question that arises, of course, is how are you supposed to know that you should go up with the king of spades at trick four? It seems too unusual a play to make without seeing all four hands; furthermore, it violates the rule of second hand low.

Yet the play of the king is entirely logical. Once declarer ruffs the second club, it becomes clear that the only real

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 6 4  
♥ K Q 8 5 4  
♦ Q J  
♣ K 8 7 3

**WEST**

♠ A 8 5  
♥ 2  
♦ K 8 7 4 3  
♣ Q J 10 5

**EAST**

♠ K 10 7 3  
♥ 6  
♦ 9 6 5 2  
♣ A 9 6 2

**SOUTH**

♠ Q J 9 2  
♥ A J 10 9 7 3  
♦ A 10  
♣ 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

hope of scoring four defensive tricks is to assume that your partner has the ace of spades and a diamond trick.

If declarer has the A-Q of spades, your king is dead whatever you do, so you might as well play the monarch and hope for the best. When the king holds the trick, returning a diamond just adds the icing to the cake. ■



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# FILM CAPSULES

## Frantz ★★★

(Pierre Niney, Paula Beer, Anton von Lucke) In Germany shortly after The Great War, a stranger (Mr. Niney) appears at the gravesite of a grieving woman's (Ms. Beer) fiancée (Mr. Lucke, seen in flashbacks), and he intends to get to know the fiancée's family. Tense drama whose supposed resolution comes in the middle, leading to an intriguing and unexpected second half. Rated PG-13.

## Gifted ★★★

(Chris Evans, Jenny Slate, McKenna Grace) After her mother dies, a 7-year-old math prodigy (Ms. Grace) is the subject of a custody battle between her uncle (Mr. Evans) and grandmother (Lindsay Duncan). It's predictable and has the expected touching moments, but the best parts are the unexpected dashes of humor that make it endearing. Rated PG-13.

## Smurfs: The Lost Village ★★½

(Voices of Demi Lovato, Joe Manganiello, Rainn Wilson) With evil wizard Gargamel (Mr. Wilson) in hot pursuit, Smurfette (Ms. Lovato), Hefty (Mr. Manganiello) and other Smurfs seek out an ominous lost village in their forest. The animation, action and humor are all average. But the target audience is little kids, and it effectively conveys the message that girls can grow up to be whatever they want to be. Rated PG.

## 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. ■

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## 'The Lost City of Z'

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**Is it worth \$10? Yes**

When I was 10 years old, my father sat me down to watch "The Godfather" (1972). I didn't understand most of it, but I was old enough to grasp Dad's intention in showing it to me, which was the emphasis on family. What I've discovered since then is that the importance of family is uniquely subjective, and therefore debatable.

Take Percy Fawcett (Charlie Hunnam) in "The Lost City of Z." He's "unfortunate in his choice of ancestors," a British aristocrat tells us, yet Percy is steadfast in trying to resurrect his family's besmirched name.

It's the early 1900s in Great Britain, and Percy's goal of advancement through military ranks has been rebuffed. He soon finds another path to redemption with the Royal Geographic Society, but there's a catch: He must be away for years as he creates maps in South America.

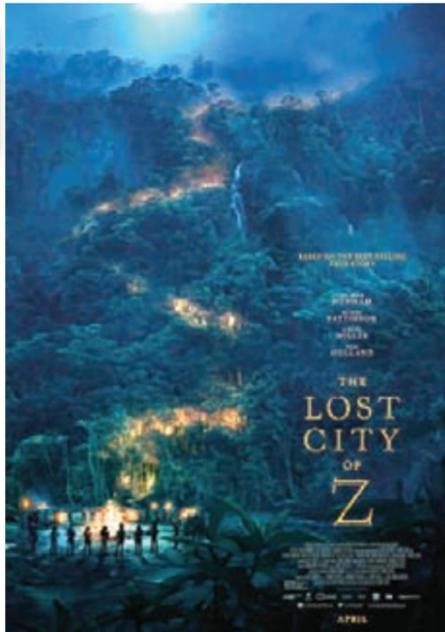
By this time Percy already has a wife, Nina (Sienna Miller), and son, Jack. He leaves them behind, but has pregnant Nina's blessing. This first voyage, accompanied by aide-de-camp Henry Costin (Robert Pattinson), is a complete success. He gets the respect he craves. He charts the map along the Rio Verde River with aplomb. He returns a hero.

But it's not enough for Percy. While in the Amazon, he saw signs of an ancient civilization and is determined to return to explore further. The hell with his family. Be damned with the dangers of the jungle, disease and savage locals. This is about legacy.

This is also where the central debate of the film comes into play.

On multiple occasions, Percy is gone for years at a time, all the while insisting that he's doing it for his family. But how does it help his sons and daughter to grow up with an absentee father? Or his wife to raise the children on her own, essentially? He's a role model for ambition and determination, but he's missing out on his children growing up.

It's a credit to writer/director James Gray ("We Own The Night") that son Jack (Tom Holland) calls Percy out for being a void in his life. Perhaps surprisingly, Percy has the temerity to be



offended by the teenage boy's bluntness. In his mind, Percy is doing right by his family. It's all subjective, remember, and don't forget: The story takes place in a different time with different cultural values.

Mr. Hunnam is strong as Percy, a man with integrity who is brutally honest — except perhaps with himself. Ms. Miller tries to give Nina an inherent strength and understanding, and she succeeds as much as the script allows Nina to have it. And Mr. Pattinson — much like Kristen Stewart — is nicely putting the "Twilight" films behind him in yet another challenging role.

Mr. Gray's dialog (based on the book by David Grann) isn't always strong, at times sinking to feebly foreboding statements such as Percy being told, "Ain't nobody comes back from there — ever," as he's about to travel the river for the first time. The line would have merit if the dangers of the journey weren't already well established; by the time it comes, we don't need a reminder.

But that's a small gripe in an otherwise intriguing, epic-scale story (it covers about 20 years in total) with strong performances and quality costume and production designs. "The Lost City of Z" is a film you will admire, question and debate long after it's over. And any movie that lingers with you like this has to have done something right. ■

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### For the love of Bug-eyes, and other old toys



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You could say Bug-eyes and I met cute.



BUG-EYES

It was 1982 or '83 at a luncheon in Venice. Whoever was supposed to go with my mom had bailed, so I joined her for the luncheon and the doll show that followed.

And there she was — staring at me through blue glass paperweight eyes that clearly had borne witness to more than a century of history.

Bug-eyes was the largest papier-mâché doll head I ever had seen.

But she was a mess. She was bald, part of the paint was missing from the left side of her face and the head and shoulder plate had long been separated from her body.

That didn't matter. She was beautiful, from the delicate brush strokes that formed her eyebrows to the palest of pink that covered her lips.

Then, there was the surprised look of those buggy eyes that shone in hypnotic blues.

I had planned to display the head as a bust, but Bug-eyes had other ideas.

Later that year, we attended an antiques show in Sarasota and a doll dealer had a large body that was headless. It was made of cloth and had papier-mâché limbs. It looked like it could be a good fit.

We bought it, got it home and it was as though Bug-eyes' head and body had been reunited. She now stands an impressive 33 inches tall.

My mom's friend Mary Jo Brockington of Cape Coral did some restoration and another friend, Diana Dodd of Pine Island, created a dress.

It's hard to believe that Bug-eyes has been a part of my collection for over 30 years — we used her picture to promote a scary dolls package years ago when I worked at *The Palm Beach Post* — my mom picked up the paper and said, "Yep, there's Bug-eyes."

Bug-eyes now has siblings, and that's apropos of everything.

Old toys tell a story about coming of age in a world that no longer exists.

Papier-mâché tells the story of time in a way other materials can't, simply because it is organic and peels away to reveal layers of history.

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The 28-inch doll's head is mounted on a cloth body and she has papier-mâché lower arms and legs, and was probably made in Germany. Her clothing, though old, probably is not original. Her wig also is a replacement.

Thank goodness she has not been repainted.

Her face and hands show the marks of time — one can imagine she was dropped and kissed and played with all those years ago.

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BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Pocket sundials were very popular in the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe and America. A surprising number are sold to collectors each year as ornaments or historic relics, or as interesting and attractive conversation pieces. Auctions of scientific instruments sell sundials. A recent Skinner sale in Boston had brass or silver examples, many from the 17th and 18th centuries. They were made by hand with engraved lines and letters, and an inset compass. The gnomon, the upright piece that casts the shadow, was made so it could fit into the case that held the rest of the sundial. A silver octagonal plate with lines, numerals and a hinged gnomon was kept in a felt-lined leather case. The 2¼-inch French late 17th century antique sold for \$3,198, including the buyer's premium.



A small sundial by Michael Butterfield of Paris sold for \$3,198 at a Massachusetts auction recently.

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 mode set that is in good shape except  
 it's missing several of the drawer han-  
 dles. I believe they are silver, and they  
 are very ornate. Is there a good place  
 I could look for matching pieces, or  
 is there a place I can get some made?

**A:** There are many places that sell  
 replacement hardware. You can find  
 them online, or you can look for ads  
 for replacement hardware in antiques  
 publications. You also may be able

**Q:** I have a milk glass dish that  
 looks like those with a hen top, but  
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**A:** The patent date tells the maker

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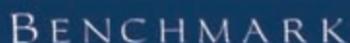
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**Q:** I have a purple cow figurine with a small sticker on the bottom. Some of the words are worn off, but I can read "Freeman McFarlin, El Monte, California." The cow is 4 inches long and about 4 inches high. What is it worth?

**A:** Freeman McFarlin Potteries was in business in California from 1951 to 1980. Gerald McFarlin had a pottery in El Monte for several years before Maynard Anthony Freeman joined him in 1951. Freeman designed some of the whimsical animal figurines that also were made into salt-and-pepper shakers, sugars and creamers, and other items. The animals he designed are incised with his signature, "Anthony." Later, the company opened a factory in San Marcos, California. In 1980, International Foods bought Freeman McFarlin and the El Monte factory was closed. The San Marcos factory was sold to Hagen Renaker, which continued to operate it until 1986. The purple cow figurine sells for about \$15.

**Q:** I have some old 10-inch Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman

records from the 1940s that I would like to sell. I know there are collector books for old stamps and coins, but are there any resources to help value old records?

**A:** People collect all kinds of old records because of their interest in a particular type of music, a particular artist or a particular music label. Most old best-selling records were pressed by the millions and are worth very little unless they are notable for some reason — an autographed jacket, a short run pressing, or an obscure title or artist. Buyers of old records usually look for records made before 1950 and after 1970 in new or nearly new condition, with the original paper sleeves or jackets. Your old 10-inch records probably are "78s," with one song that lasts about three minutes on each side. They are shellac, made before the era of long-playing vinyl records, and are not very desirable to collectors. There are websites that buy records and have very specific lists for what they want and what they don't want. Big band music is popular, but those records still only sell for about \$2. Your local library also might have price guides for old records, such as Standard Catalog of American Records 1950-1990, 9th edition, or Goldmine Record Album Price Guide, 8th edition, both by Dave Thompson. ■

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**Miss Fisher's Murder  
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**Death at Victoria Dock**  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 11 P.M.**  
**Charlie Rose: The Week**  
Join the host for defining moments in — and conversations about — the news, the sciences, the arts and entertainment.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 10 P.M.**  
**Keeping Up Appearances**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
**8 P.M. - Call the Midwife**  
**Season 6, Part 4**  
An expectant mother buckles under the strains of pregnancy. As Tom provides pastoral care, he reveals why this case has touched him more than most.

**9 P.M. - Home Fires**  
**Season 2, Part 4**  
Teresa is asked on a date. Alison worries that her involvement with the Lyons could be dangerous.

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 10 P.M.**  
**Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust**  
A documentary features Israeli violinmaker Amnon Weinstein and his efforts to restore violins recovered from the Holocaust.



"Charlie Rose: The Week," April 21



"Home Fires," April 23

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 10 P.M.**  
**Frontline: The Fish on My Plate**  
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■ **Naples Garden Club** members thought they had packed away all things Cinderella following their successful Naples Flower Show. But then “Miss Ella” herself made a surprise appearance at the April membership meeting. Complete in her blue ball gown and signature bouffant, it was Donna McGinnis, president and CEO of Naples Botanical Garden, channeling the Disney princess.



Tatiana Fortune and Harriet Lancaster, Collier Senior Resources; Francine Stevens, Friends of Fakahatchee; Jaclynn Faffer, JFCS Senior Center; Sandy Lasch, Naples Garden Club president; Patrick Higgins, Friends of Fakahatchee; Donna McGinnis (aka Cinderella), Naples Botanical Garden; Dave Tobias, Grace Place for Children and Families; Danielle Green, The Naples Zoo; Karen Aldana, Habitat for Humanity; and Jean Takacs, Providence House.

Ms. McGinnis was at the meeting to accept a check on behalf of NBG, as were representatives of seven other community organizations that received Naples Garden Club grants ranging from \$1,300-\$30,000. In addition to NBG, this year's grant recipients are: Collier Senior Resources, Friends of Fakahatchee, Grace Place for Children and Families, Habitat for Humanity, JFCS Senior Center, The Naples Zoo and Providence House. The club also funds annual scholarships through its Endowed Scholarship Fund at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Projects funded include summer internships, establishing a serenity garden, building an outdoor classroom, conserving irreplaceable plant collections, growing and eating healthy vegetables, landscaping new low-income communities and a range of field trips.

versation” from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Café Luna at Naples Walk. Guest speaker Frank Gaffney is the founder and president of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C. Cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.colliergop.org](http://www.colliergop.org).

■ **Young Democrats of Collier County** meet from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Collier County Dems headquarters, 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information, visit [www.collierdems.org](http://www.collierdems.org).

■ Members and invited guests of **Women's Republican Club of Naples** Federated meet for “Cocktails & Con-

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■ The **PCBUG computer** and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email pad-dyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Big Cypress Chapter-Daughters** of the American Revolution meets at 11 a.m. Friday, April 21. After time for socializing, the meeting will be called to order at 11:20 a.m. Guest speaker Donald Green will present "A Re-enactment of Ben Franklin." Special guest will be Honorary State Regent Donna Cullen. DAR members and guests are welcome. For reservations, location or more information, call Annie MacLean at 777-4586. For more information about DAR, visit www.dar.org.

■ **Collier Progressives** meet from

3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the home of a member. For more information, visit www.collierdems.org.

■ The **Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region** members meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at First United Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meetings are April 24 and May 8. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is April 27. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to an "Angels on the Town" mixer from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Pelican Bay North Beach. For more information and for required reservations, call (240) 498-6630 or email kfkbf@comcast.net.

■ **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club #6544**, 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 28 and May 12. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastOfTheCoast.org.



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■ **Tech4Good SWFL** invites staff and volunteers of area nonprofit organizations to a discussion of "Collaboration Tools for Nonprofit Boards and Remote Workers" from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Guest speakers are consultants Robin Larkin, Mina Merkel and Susan Suarez.

The free club is for staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission, community engagement and fundraising. Admission is free and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org Learn more at www.tech4good-swfl.org.

■ Members of the **Naples Ski Club** meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Parrot Room at the Gulf Coast Inn, 2555 Tamiami Trail N. Skiers and snowboarders are welcome to learn about ski trips and local social activities.

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■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is May 3. Members also

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■ Members and guests of the **Naples Press Club** will hear a discussion about the future of media in Southwest Florida at the club's lunch meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at Tiburon Golf & Country Club. Panelists are Georgie Beasley, director of digital sales for Beasley Media Group SWFL; Bill Barker, president and publisher of the *Naples Daily News* and Gannett regional vice president; and Joe Schwartzel, general manager of WINK-TV. \$30 for members, \$40 for others (\$10 for students). RSVP by emailing RSVP@naplespressclub.org.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** invites members and guests to its monthly meeting Thursday evening, May 4, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Doors open and flower registration begins at 6:30 p.m., flower judging is at 7:10 p.m. and the program is at 7:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are May 6 and 20. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. RSVP by emailing Joe Geithmann at joeearl42@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets Tuesday evening, May 9, in the fellowship hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Speaker Virginia Bailey will present a program about the Congressional Cemetery, the final resting place of many of the country's most notable men and women. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is May 20. For more information, visit www.collierdems.org or email dwcpresident@gmail.com. ■

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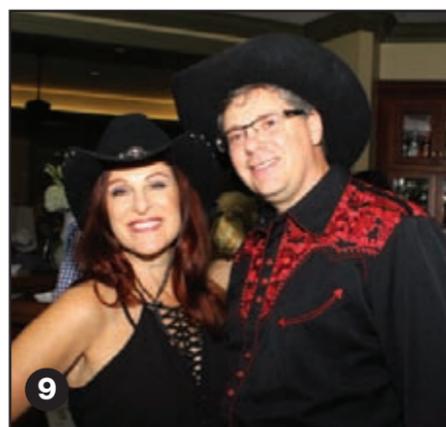
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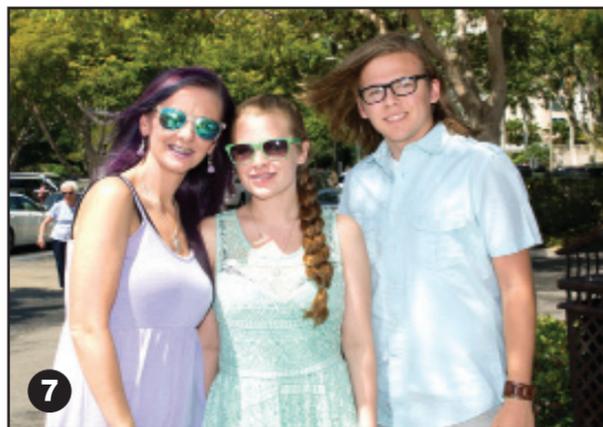
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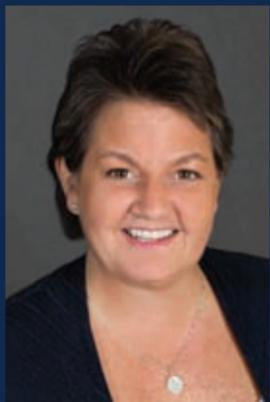
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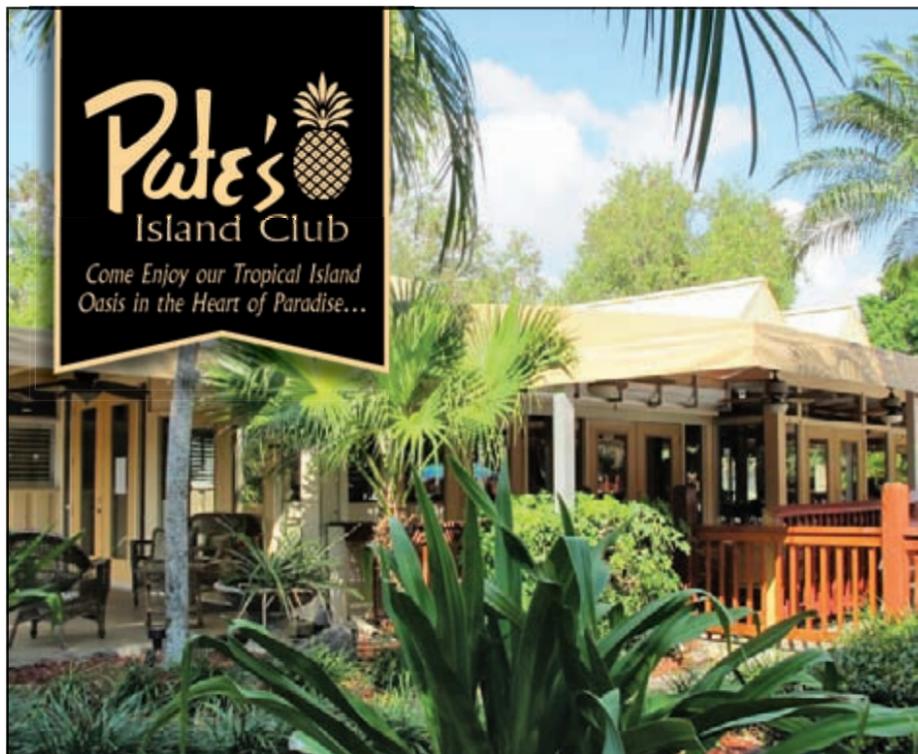
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**Brian Roland and Nicole Roland**

■ Chef Brian Roland (Crave Culinaire) and his wife, Nicole, have launched **Venue Naples**, a multi-use luxury event space and art gallery in North Naples. The fully customizable space features event-planning services, gourmet food selections, top-shelf beverages and The Gallery of Amazing Things, a Dania Beach-based gallery that will provide monthly exhibitions of décor, antiques and art for purchase.

“There’s such an immediate need for this type of event space in our area, and with our passion, drive and talented team, we’re delighted to open our doors to the fine community in Southwest Florida,” Mr. Roland says. “We hope to provide our guests with an unforgettable experience marked by exquisite dining and remarkable style. We invite our guests to join us in thinking outside the ballroom.”

Venue Naples is at 13240 Tamiami Trail N. For more information, call 292-1529 or visit [www.venue-naples.com](http://www.venue-naples.com).

of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs. 908-3842 or [www.chefkristina.com](http://www.chefkristina.com).

■ K2 Kitchens & K2 Design Group hosts Culinary Battle for the Arts, featuring competitions among local chefs Kristin San Filippo (Purple Spoon Culinary), Jeremy Hatfield (C Level Wine Bar & Bistro), Lisa Fidler (Fine Mark National Bank & Trust) and Sebastien Mancera (Juicelation) from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 20. While chefs compete to make culinary magic from a box of mystery ingredients, guests will enjoy kids’ artwork, a silent auction, and an opportunity to choose the winner alongside judges. \$50, with proceeds benefitting youth programming at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 25081 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ Ridgway Bar & Grill hosts a wine dinner featuring Orin Swift Cellars from 6:30-10 p.m. Monday, May 1, with winemaker Dave Phinney in attendance. Guests will enjoy house-smoked Niman Ranch ribs with corn pudding, ricotta and spinach gnocchi with braised lamb shoulder and New York strip steak with celery root gratin. \$125. 1300 Third St. S. 262-5500 or [www.ridgwaybarandgrill.com](http://www.ridgwaybarandgrill.com).

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some **cooking classes** on the front burner:

**The Good Life of Naples**, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or [www.goodlifenasles.com](http://www.goodlifenasles.com) - Sunday Italian Family Dinner: Thursday, April 20 (\$69); Modern Asian Flavors: Wednesday, April 26 (\$75); Celebration of Spring from the Hills of Italy: Friday, May 12 (\$75).

**Purple Spoon**, 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs; 908-3842 or [www.chefkristina.com](http://www.chefkristina.com) - Grazed to Perfection: Saturday, April 22 (\$74); Pizza: Friday, April 28 (\$60).

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■ Boys & Girls Club of Collier County hosts its seventh annual **crawfish boil** with all-you-can-eat crustaceans, Cajun food, live music, signature cocktails and more from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at a private home. Tickets are \$50 and will benefit the organization’s efforts to improve the lives of local youth. 325-1765 or [adinanno@bgccc.com](mailto:adinanno@bgccc.com).

■ **Purple Spoon** hosts a three-course dinner featuring eggs and meats from Fort Myers-based Asbury Farms from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Dishes include frittata with heirloom tomatoes, braised duck leg and seared duck breast served with cracklings and dark chocolate-dipped bacon. \$64. 25151 Chamber

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**The Dish:** Charred Cauliflower Starter

**The Price:** \$8

**The Place:** True Food Kitchen  
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**The Menu:** [www.truefoodkitchen/locations/naples/](http://www.truefoodkitchen/locations/naples/)

**The Details:** “Delicious” and “healthy” are the duo of appreciative adjectives that servers often hear first-time customers delightfully pair at Naples’ True Food Kitchen upon first bite. The words become a tasty descriptive trio when combined with heartfelt “wows” as guests taste a second, then a third of True Food’s organic and often vegan cuisines.

True Food might become your new lunch BFF with its selection of beautifully plated Dr. Andrew Weil-styled offerings that include the luscious wild mush-

room pizza, savory turkey burger and the appealingly, sweetly tart sea buckthorn and wild cherry sorbet.

I flipped for the \$8 starter medley of crisp, charred cauliflower florets, candy-like Medjool dates, fresh-plucked dill, saucy mint and crunchy pistachios, lightly tossed with the welcome heat of a Moroccan-style harissa-tahini dressing. You couldn’t craft this at home for \$15, let alone for \$8.

Nor could you craft True Food’s airy ambiance with the wide-open kitchen, or have selected a more attentive and friendly cadre of servers who exemplify the spirit of teamwork. Pair it with the \$5 refillable cherry chia limeade with tart, sweet Italian amarena cherries, and you’ll come up with more than a trio of adjectives as you dive into True Food Kitchen delights. ■

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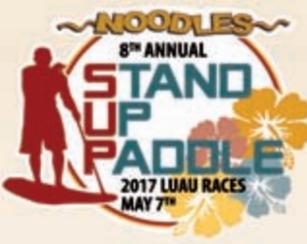
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Here are some capsule summaries of past restaurant reviews:

**Coastal Peruvian Seafood & Grill, 5477 Airport-Pulling Road N., Naples; 631-6943**

This lovely restaurant provides a refreshing space in which to dine on exceptionally good food. Owners Chris and Fabiola Santos are hospitable and helpful as they introduce guests to their menu. Of the various ceviche variations, we enjoyed the Ceviche 200 Miles, a sprightly blend of shrimp, squid, mussels, fish, red onions, sweet potato and corn that had a bite but wasn't fiery hot. Marina sliders held fried red snapper fillets topped with aji amarillo-pineapple chimichurri on firm, yeasty mini-buns. The Poseidon Fest was a montage of seafood cooked in the restaurant's Jospier oven, which renders proteins crisp outside, juicy within. And the Savage Tacu Tacu was a great rendition of rice and lentil pancakes with a tender skirt steak and sweet plantains. For dessert: the chocolucuma, a pie with an Oreo crumb crust, middle of caramel-flavored lucuma and a drizzle of chocolate sauce. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Reviewed January 2016

**MidTown Kitchen + Bar, 2110 Ninth St. N., Naples; 908-6558**

Veteran restaurateur Michael Hernandez has created yet another invit-

ing establishment. The hip MidTown Kitchen + Bar is much like his HobNob Kitchen, but with a parking lot and outside the confines of Old Naples. Whether you want to sit in the bar, at big booths in the dining room, outside or at a communal table, it's all there along with a staff of well-trained servers to deliver beverages and a goodly assortment of small and large plates that run the gamut from virtuously vegetarian to confirmed carnivore. Coldwater black mussels with spicy curry, lemongrass and coconut milk could have been warmer but were tasty nonetheless, served with pita triangles for sopping up the delicious sauce. Crispy chicken thighs with cashews and kung pao sauce were also good. The vegetarian plate featured faro, roasted Brussels sprouts, baby bok choy, carrots and sweet potatoes. Even meat lovers would enjoy this hearty platter. The \$28 lobster roll was pricey but large and delicious, served with sweet potato fried sprinkled with cinnamon sugar. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Reviewed June 2016

**Moura Bistro, Meridian Marketplace, 3369 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 738-8883**

This cozy little bistro offers the flavors of Lebanon and the Mediterranean: hummus, kibbeh, shawarma, kebabs, falafel and such. Vegetarians and meat lovers alike will find plenty on which to

feast. Both the smoky baba ghanoush dip and the spinach pie were great starters. Platters of shawarma chicken and falafel came piled high. The chicken had a great smoky flavor and spicy mayo for dipping while the crisp falafel came with creamy tahini and garlic potatoes. The baklava had just enough honey but not so much that it drowned out the nuts and pastry. On Friday and Saturday night, there's a belly dancer providing entertainment. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Reviewed July 2016

**Rodizio Grill, Coconut Point, 8017 Plaza Del Lago Drive, Estero; 498-0018**

The latest dining addition at Coconut Point re-creates the Brazilian churrasceria tradition of all-you-can-eat grilled meats carved tableside by gauchos wielding 3-foot skewers and scary looking knives. It's entirely possible to eat a week's worth of protein at one sitting. That's not advisable for a number of reasons, one of which is that you should dedicate a portion of your appetite to the remarkably expansive salad bar and Brazilian side dishes. We sampled four cuts of beef, three pork presentations, ham and three chicken items including some exquisitely tender hearts. The tri-tip and a garlicky beef called bife com alho were favorites in the beef department. Bacon-wrapped chicken and pork chunks were table pleasers, too, as were sweet pork linguica sausages and pork

loin dusted with Parmesan. Aside from the occasional streak of gristle, the only real disappointment was the leg of lamb, which was overcooked and devoid of even the slightest hint of pink. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Reviewed May 2016

**7th Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 231-4553**

There are a lot of Naples restaurants that offer great food, but few do it with the fun and funky vibe that 7th Avenue Social has achieved under owner Colin Estrem. The menu features innovative cocktails, house-made pickles, conch sliders, smoked fish mac and cheese, fish or barbacoa tacos, pineapple upside down cake and a host of other goodies. Stop in for drinks and relax in the eclectic collection of chairs clustered near the entrance or dine at a table where a couch (with pillows) provides two of the seats. I loved the pickles, a chile verde pork taco, the mac and cheese and the somewhat sloppy but satisfying Southern fried chicken wings. We shared a nightly special of yellowtail snapper encased in salt that was served tableside with white asparagus, crisp yucca fries and a side of Bernaise sauce. Sunday brunch and late-night menus available, too. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
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# CUISINE REVIEW

## Cote D'Azur serves the sun-drenched flavors of the French Riviera



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Roasted baby calamari showcase the Provençal style of cooking.

Naples is exceptionally blessed when it comes to French restaurants. There are establishments specializing in classic French, rustic French, bistro French and Provençal-style French.

It is this latter category with which we are concerned today. Cote D'Azur celebrates the foods of the French Riviera. These aren't the rich, cream-drenched concoctions one normally associates with this cuisine. Instead, Provençal-style French cuisine bears more of a resemblance to Italian, with its reliance on olive and balsamic oils rather than cream-based sauces.

Cote D'Azur, is a charming and long-lived restaurant tucked into the side of a Publix shopping center a stone's throw from Watermark Grille, set back from U.S. 41 just north of Immokalee Road. You aren't likely to see it from the road. Just trust me that it's in the plaza and pull in.

We arrived early — with reservations — and so were fortunate to land a booth along the wall. It was still a small table for two, but at least it wasn't one of those in the middle of the narrow dining room where people would be running back and forth behind us throughout the meal.

I would argue that despite the width, our booth could have been a foot wider, which would have reduced the amount of plate juggling that ensued throughout our meal. When you have water and wine glasses, plus bread plates and appetizers or entrees, there just isn't enough room on an average two-top for everything.

The Tuscan ciabatta bread served with a big bowl of fruity olive oil laced with aged balsamic, red pepper flakes and herbs was delicious, a promising start as we perused the wine list.

We ordered a Patz & Hall pinot noir, but the server returned to tell us they were out of it. Instead, we tried the Domaine Serene Yamhill Cuvee 2012, a similarly priced bottle (\$110) that critics describe as "full-bodied" with "black cherries, intense fruit and playful tannins." Had I read that before tasting it I would have sent the bottle back as it had no distinctive nose or flavors of either fruit or tannins. My companion — this newspaper's former wine columnist — and I both deemed it insipid, but it didn't taste spoiled so we made do.

We found it interesting that the server handling the table behind us made a great



Wild fresh halibut, left, is accompanied by red cabbage confit, pumpkin puree and roasted eggplant. Flan cake, right, is a light way to finish a meal.



show of bringing out special pinot noir glasses for his guests while our server simply provided standard red wine glasses.

The roast baby calamari (\$12) looked to be an appetizing starter. The small tubes of squid were tender, bathed in a rust-red sauce containing nicoise olives, capers, espelette (French peppers), sun-dried tomatoes, parsley and piquillo peppers. With all of those ingredients you'd expect a fairly zesty dish, but this one was on the mild side, with the capers and olives adding most of the life.

Better was the jumbo lump crabmeat (\$18), an appetizer large enough to be an entrée. The crabmeat sat atop the salmon carpaccio with wasabi lime and ginger emulsion, smoky caviar on top and a drizzle of raspberry coulis. It was a beautiful dish with an interesting mix of flavors and

textures, and there was plenty for two to share.

From the entrees, I tried the crispy roast duck (\$39) while my companion opted for wild fresh halibut (\$36).

The duck was crisp, as our server had promised, bathed in a delicious black currant and cherries port wine sauce with orange zest and green peppercorns. It was on the sweet side but not cloyingly so. But the rest of the dish turned out to be sweet, too: glazed Bosc pear segment, butternut squash puree and a tart-sweet cranberry and apple chutney. The rich duck and its sauce would have benefitted from a more savory counterpoint, such as the haricot verts served with the veal chop.

The halibut was the better dish, the fillet moist and properly cooked, topped with a truffle chardonnay sauce and set on

a bed of roasted eggplant, with side of red cabbage confit and pumpkin puree.

While the vegetables on both plates tasted good, they were room temperature when they arrived at the table, apparently plated well before the warmer main courses.

We shared a piece of flan cake (\$10) for dessert, made with two layers of light, airy cake, crème patisserie, an apricot glaze and berry coulis. With that, we ordered a glass of Sauternes Chateau Doisy-Vedrines (\$18). The server returned with a bottle of something else that was not chateau bottled, clearly a lesser caliber sauternes. My companion questioned him about it and he said they had changed brands a couple weeks earlier.

The brand he delivered retails for \$20 a half bottle, half the price of the Doisy-Vedrines. After we questioned him about it, he apologized and took the item off the bill. I'm not going to accuse him of bait and switch, but it's the sort of mistake a good restaurant should not make and one that consumers should be ever vigilant about.

Atmospherically, Cote D'Azur is charming, despite being long and narrow. It has the feel of a French country inn, with white and yellow-striped awnings hanging over the tables along the wall. I'd recommend going with a second couple to avoid being seated in the dreaded two-tops. ■

### in the know

#### Cote D'Azur

Riverchase Shopping Center,  
11224 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 597-8867

**Ratings:**  
Food: ★★½  
Service: ★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★½

- >> **Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
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# The Isles of Collier Preserve...

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The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities is an award-winning master-planned community inspired by nature, informed by historic references to the classic southern coastal architecture of Old Naples, and designed to accommodate an active lifestyle that is connected to nature.

Just four miles east of downtown Naples, The Isles of Collier Preserve provides residents with a stunningly beautiful private world bordered by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden and Dollar Bay. More than 1,300 acres of the community's 2,400 acres are dedicated to natural habitat and nature preserves connected by a network of recreational trails, nature observation stations, bike paths and waterways for kayaking.

Residents and visitors enter The Isles of Collier Preserve through a gatehouse archway distinguished by a reflecting pool. Next stop for visitors...the Discovery Sales Center, described as more nature center than sales center. A "Neighbors Room" presents displays on neighbors Rookery Bay Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden, and Conservancy of Southwest Florida, among others. A rustic boardwalk encircles a recreated cypress wetland and 14' cypress tree replica. Visitors can take a virtual tour at interactive stations, take an eco-friendly electric boat ride or explore via Minto-provided bicycle or kayak.

#### World-class amenities inspired by Collier history

The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community's center. The Club includes a stunning resort-style pool, lap pool, pickleball and tennis courts, and impressively appointed fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard and yoga lawn, kayak launch and beach with cabanas surround the club.

Isles of Collier Preserve residents have formed a variety of clubs related to the community's many outdoor activities. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US, and The Isles Pickleball Club members look forward to the 2017 Minto US Open Pickleball Championships hosted at the nearby East Naples Community Park from April 23-29. Minto, along with their new Latitude Margaritaville communities, are the Title Sponsor of this annual championship tournament.



#### Home choices to meet every lifestyle

Minto offers a selection of 43 innovative, energy-efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve that complement their spectacular natural surroundings and present a contemporary interpretation of classic Florida coastal home styles. Selections include coach homes, villas and single-family homes ranging from the mid-\$300s to more than \$1 million.

For a limited time, Minto is offering up to \$50,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready homes — the Pimento single-family home, Oleander Grande coach home and Mimosa villa home. The Pimento includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,333 square feet under air with two bedrooms, den, 2.5 baths and three-car garage, and priced at \$823,237. The Oleander Grande three-story coach home is 2,160 square feet under air with two bedrooms, three baths, den, third floor observatory, two-car garage and private elevator. It is priced at \$664,890. The Mimosa villa is 1,780 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, two-car garage and water view, and priced at \$529,780.

#### Visit 16 furnished models

Sixteen furnished models include nine

single-family homes, four one-story villas, and three award-winning coach homes. Single-family homes range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air, and are priced from the high-\$400s to over \$1 million. Designed for entertaining, homes feature gourmet kitchens with large seating and serving islands, open floor plans, private guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with nature and water views.

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-\$400s to \$600s. All include two-car garages. Two-and-three-story coach homes also include private elevators. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto's distinctive luxury touches.

Villas range from 1,565 square feet under air to 1,862 square feet under air, and are priced from the mid-\$300s. Villa homes include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garage.

#### An award-winning master planned community

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national

Above: An eco-friendly electric boat is available at the Isles of Collier Preserve Discovery Sales Center dock for tours of the Cypress Waterway. The Isles Club resort-style pool, lap pool, shaded cabanas and sandy beach area provide the ultimate environment for relaxation and socializing. The Isles of Collier Preserve residents take to the Isles Club courts for Pickleball — the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Left: The Pimento single-family home includes 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. Model home shown in photo.

and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including the 2016 Best in American Living Award for "Best Mixed Community", the 2017 Nationals Award for "Best Clubhouse", and the 2017 Best in American Living Award for "Best Community Facility".

The Isles of Collier Preserve also received the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year from the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC), the largest building industry trade show in the southeast, and the Community of the Year award at the Collier Building Industry Association 2016 Sand Dollar Awards.

Minto developed The Isles of Collier Preserve using its own funding sources, electing not to utilize Community Development District (CDD) funds, and saving homeowners at The Isles of Collier Preserve thousands of dollars in annual assessments.

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](http://minto.com).

# Seaglass residents to enjoy the parks at Bonita Bay

Acknowledged as a place where residents and nature connect, Bonita Bay's stewardship of the land is legendary. More than half of the community's acreage was set aside for natural areas and open space, and residential neighborhoods were sited to take advantage of views of nature without impacting it. Specimen trees, wildlife habitats, and natural wetlands were preserved and invasive exotics were replaced with native species. The result is a decidedly different community that embraces the unspoiled natural beauty of Southwest Florida. In addition to reptiles, amphibians, fish, and small mammals, Bonita Bay is home to a pair of nesting bald eagles. The eagles have thrived, producing more than 30 fledglings since 1977.

For the residents of the luxurious residences in The Ronto Group's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower now just 14 months from completion, Bonita Bay's setting offers an active, healthy lifestyle. A 12-mile network of pathways is available for walking, jogging, and bicycling. The trails lead to every corner of Bonita Bay, including to a butterfly garden, picnic facilities, playgrounds, canoeing, the Bonita Bay Marina, and three parks that provide an opportunity to experience myriad attractions.

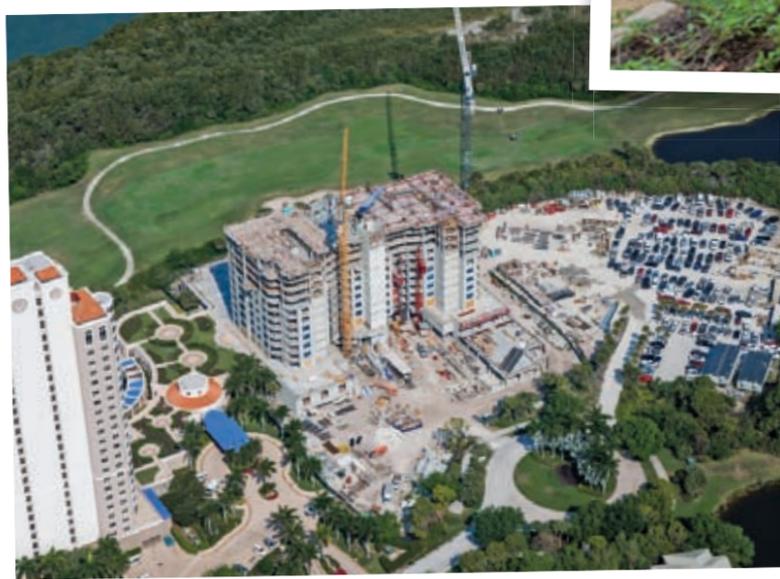
Riverwalk Park runs alongside the Imperial River on the southern edge of Bonita Bay. The park is a sanctioned National Audubon community. A day marina includes a boat ramp, 40 boat slips, and canoe storage. A bocce ball facility was added in 2013, joining the tennis, pickle-ball, and basketball courts already in place. The bocce facility was recipient of a 2013 Green Star Honor Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society in the Park and Recreation category. The facility's pavilion provides a setting for social gatherings. Covered courtside seating shades the players from the sun while they rest between rotations. Riverwalk Park also offers a playground, picnic areas, restrooms, two pet stations with water fountains, and a 12-station Parcourse fitness trail.

Spring Creek is one of Southwest Florida's most pristine waterways and runs along the northernmost border of Bonita Bay. The community's Spring Creek Park encourages exploration of the area's natural treasures. A canoe and kayak storage and launch facility is available for resident owned boats and for the complimentary canoes provided for use by residents. The park's nature trails meander through a subtropical forest and an observation deck directly on Spring Creek provides a spot for appreciating the spectacular setting. Other attractions at Spring Creek Park include a bocce ball court and basketball hoop, a picnic area with grills and tables, a children's playground, a pet station equipped with a water fountain, gazebos, and restroom facilities.

Bonita Bay's 13-acre Estero Bay Park is being preserved to share its historical and archeological significance, including 5,000-year old Native American shell mounds. An 800-foot boardwalk winds its way through coastal mangroves to reach a pier on Estero Bay. One of Estero Bay Park's attractions is the But-



**Above: Bonita Bay Park: For residents of the luxurious tower and penthouse residences in The Ronto Group's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay, the community's splendid setting offers the possibility of enjoying an active, healthy lifestyle. Bonita Bay's 12-mile network of on-property pathways is available to Seaglass residents for walking, jogging, and bicycling. The pathways lead to three beautifully designed parks. Left: The award-winning Ronto Group's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay is on schedule for completion just 14 months.**



terfly Garden that was established by Bonita Bay's residents and planted with native and tropical flowers. The park's nature trails include interpretive signs. The park includes a screened pavilion with restroom facilities, a playground, and a picnic area with grills and tables.

With the combination of the building's tower floor plan choices and amenities that also include the five championship golf courses, a planned expansion of the Club's 18-court tennis complex, and a residents only private beach park, Seaglass is redefining the luxury high-rise living experience. The Seaglass tower's second floor will connect to an award-winning amenity

under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available. Seaglass will showcase the open living environments that luxury homebuyers prefer. The elegant residences will be accessed by private elevator foyers and feature spacious great rooms, large kitchens, and two or three expansive outdoor terraces per residence, one of which will include a gas grill. The terraces and extensive use of glass throughout the residences will provide stunning views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

A selection of tower residences remains available at Seaglass. Three luxurious great room floor plans rang-

ing 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.

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

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Three furnished tower residence models featuring the finishes on display at the Seaglass Design Studio located within the Seaglass Sales Center will be available for viewing upon completion of construction. Ronto's Finishing Touches Program is designed to allow future residents to visit the Design Studio and select finishes for their new home's flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. Future residents may also specify finishes from other sources. Opportunities to customize residences will become progressively limited as construction continues.

For additional information, visit the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at [www.seaglassatbonitabay.com](http://www.seaglassatbonitabay.com). ■

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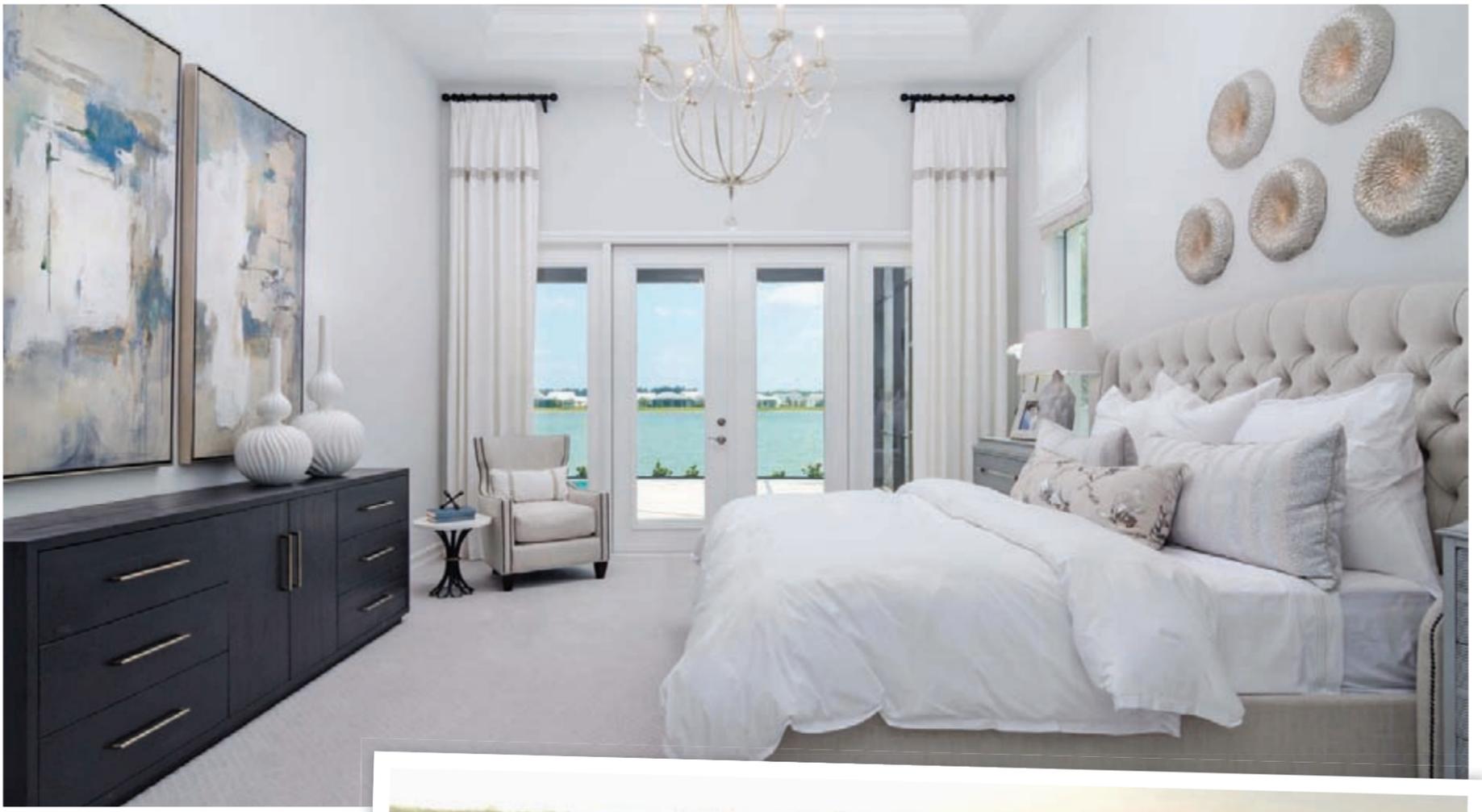


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# Check it out now: limited lakefront lots at Naples Reserve



**N**aples Reserve has it all. Casual Key West vibe? Check. Awesome resort-style amenities? Check. Lakefront lot... with a floating dock? Better act fast!

With limited lakefront lots remaining in two Naples Reserve neighborhoods, it's time to discover your next home and new lifestyle in the 668-acre community of Southern Coastal-inspired attached villas and single-family and custom estate homes.

In the Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay neighborhoods, lots along the centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake—where homebuyers have the opportunity to add a private floating dock—are extremely popular.

Just six Eagle Lake lots remain in Parrot Cay for your choice of a custom estate home, while 15 other lakefront lots are available without the option for a private floating dock. In Sparrow Cay, 11 lots along Eagle Lake are still available and one-third of the remaining neighborhood lots feature a lakefront view without the dock option.

Parrot Cay's custom estate homes offer multiple bedroom and bathroom options from 2,800 to more than 4,000 square feet of living space. Expansive lanais emphasize a connection to the outdoors and create opportunities for breezy alfresco entertaining.

Parrot Cay's eight models showcase workmanship from Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes. Parrot Cay pricing starts from the mid-\$900's.

Conveniently located near Naples Reserve's Island Club, Sparrow Cay offers casually elegant one- and two-story homes with open floor plans, flexible study space for personalization, optional summer kitchens and 2,384 to 3,516 square feet of living space. Four fully furnished models illustrate designs from builders Ashton Woods and Stock Signature Homes. Sparrow Cay homes offer three or four bedrooms and up to four baths starting from the high-\$400s.

Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay homebuyers who act soon can also take advantage of limited-time builder incentives.



**Above: Stock Signature Homes Muirfield III model master bedroom in Parrot Cay at Naples Reserve. Naples Reserve Island Club. Right: Naples Reserve Outrigger Center, Duffy boats.**

Award-winning developer iStar created Naples Reserve with island-inspired amenities. Even a workout in the state-of-the-art fitness center serves up lake views throughout most of its 3,500 square feet.

The Island Club channels the best of Key West's famous laid-back vibe, with residents gathering for casual dining in Latitudes Cafe or relaxing near the tropical waterfall pool or lakefront fire pit. Beach volleyball and bocce ball courts offer a beckoning view of Eagle Lake's Kontiki Island.

The neighboring Outrigger Center provides paddleboards, kayaks and canoes to explore Eagle Lake, the island and the mile-long lakefront along Picayune Strand State Forest. The center's two Duffy boats, Tranquility and Little Skipper, also offer lake and island cruises. Inside, a flex space is available for game days, special events and other activities.

The lakefront Match Point complex,



offering tennis and pickleball courts is nearing completion, along with Kid's Cove, a playground and picnic area, a meandering biking, hiking and jogging linear park and two dog parks, Walk & Wag and Paws Awhile, the first of which opens this May.

Naples Reserve now offers 17 fully decorated models available for viewing by Southwest Florida's premier home-

builders. Attached villas and single-family and custom estate homes are priced from the high-\$200s to more than \$1 million.

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](http://www.naplesreserve.com). ■



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# Stock's best 35 models in 12 communities showcased

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For more than 15 years, Stock Development has been the pre-eminent builder of luxury homes throughout Southwest Florida. Saturday and Sunday, Stock's Best will be on display from noon to 4:00 p.m., offering homebuyers an unprecedented number of completed luxury home choices. Thirty-five furnished models and a selection of unfurnished, move-in ready homes are being showcased in Babcock Ranch, Hidden Harbor, Renaissance, Bonita Bay, Quail West, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, TwinEagles, Lely Resort, Pine Ridge Estates, the Moorings, Park Shore, the Isles of Collier Preserve, and Naples Reserve.

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. Each plan includes a covered front porch that allows the home to live from front to back. Stock's residences at Babcock Ranch are built to Florida Green Building Coalition Certification standards and base-priced from the low-\$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.

The 4,238 square foot Stella model 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, IDS. The previously sold Glenmore model in Arrezzo at Esplanade presents an interior by Soco Interiors. Base-priced at \$844,990, the Glenmore offers a 3,591 square feet 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 lakefront home sites 110-feet wide and 150-foot deep. Base-priced at \$869,990, the Windsor II's great room plan presents an interior by Beasley & Henley



**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.**

Interior Design's Senior Designer Kim Grimes. A Windsor III model priced at \$2,081,045 with furnishings scheduled for completion in June has sold. 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 feet two-story residence showcases an interior by Clive Daniel Home's Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen. Stock's 4,189 square feet 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 feet 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 feet Madison in Parrot Cay is priced at \$1,197,100 and features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS while Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore, ASID and Sirena

Gilmore created the interior for the previously sold 3,255 square feet Muirfield III also in Parrot Cay that is open for viewing. The Sparrow Cay models include the 2,913 square feet Anastasia priced at \$1,041,710 that also features an interior by Soco's Daniel Kilgore; the 2,643 square feet Venice priced at \$956,750; and the 2,384 square feet Biscayne priced at \$906,330.

For additional information about the luxury residences by Stock Development on display this weekend, visit [stockdevelopment.com](http://stockdevelopment.com). ■

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## Everyone invited to enjoy weekly music nights at Babcock Ranch

**B**abcock Ranch, the solar powered town being built by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County off Florida State Road 31 just north of the Lee County Civic Center, is inviting the public to enjoy twice a week free live music performances at the band shell at Founder's Square, the 13-acre lakefront green in the heart of the new town's downtown district. Everyone is welcome! Tuesday Night Live every Tuesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the Saturday Concert Series every Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. offer a pleasing mix of performers and musical styles in a setting that is ideal for family members and friends of all ages to enjoy time together. In addition to the band shell, Founder's Square features a boardwalk on the banks of Lake Babcock, a children's splash pad, picnic tables, and shady areas for relaxing. Menu and beverage specials will be available at the lakefront Table & Tap restaurant located on the western edge of Founder's Square. With its indoor and outdoor dining, beer garden, relaxed outdoor conversation areas set around fire pits, a selection of craft beers, a farm to table menu by Chef David Rashty, and friendly service, Table & Tap has quickly become a preferred destination since opening at the end of February. A towering 80-year old oak tree transplanted from the Babcock property provides a backdrop for the restaurant's beer garden.

This coming Tuesday, April 25, soloist Harry Havery will enliven the evening with acoustic renditions of classic hits, rock, and country selections. Paul Allodi will showcase his extensive repertoire of multi-genre tunes on May 2. Singer/songwriter Mac Martin will perform his extensive list of folk and Americana tunes on May 9 and will be followed by a performance by the Mystic River band that dazzled visitors to Babcock's Founder's Festival with their unique brand of Texas red dirt country on May 16. With no performance scheduled for May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday, Harry Havery will return with his captivating acoustic sound to close out the month on May 23.

On Saturday, April 29, the seven member J3 Vocal Band will energize Founder's Square with a familiar selection of classic hits. Mark your calendars for the classic sound of David C. Johnson's solo renditions of Motown, blues, and funk hits that will be featured on both May 6 and May 27. Harry Havery will perform his acoustic classic hits, rock, and country selections on May 11. The performer for Saturday, May 20 will be announced soon. Visit [babcockranch.com](http://babcockranch.com) for performance updates.

Kitson & Partners also invites visitors to experience Babcock Ranch's extensive network of hiking trails and numerous lakes. The new town has been designed to provide an immediate connection to nature on a day to day basis. As visitors turn east off 31 and approach the Babcock's signature entry bridge, they are treated to views of a stunning waterscape and the iconic Lake House recreation center scheduled for completion by the end of May. Once across the bridge, the connection continues as visitors make their way down



**Above:** Live music is featured at the Founder's Square band shell in downtown Babcock Ranch every Tuesday and Saturday evening. The public is invited. **Left:** With its indoor and outdoor dining, beer garden, relaxed outdoor conversation areas set around fire pits, a selection of craft beers, a farm to table menu, and friendly service, Table & Tap has become a preferred destination at Babcock Ranch. **Below:** Founder's Square is a 13-acre lakefront green space at the heart of downtown Babcock Ranch and serves as the site for community festivals and events.



a winding, tree-lined streetscape leading to the downtown district. The first several miles of what will ultimately be a 50-mile network of nature trails have been completed and are open to all who enjoy an invigorating hiking experience. Hiking gear is available at Curry Creek Outfitters located in Woodlea Hall on the western edge of Founder's Square. Curry Creek Outfitters also provides fishing equipment and kayak, paddle board, and bike sales and rentals for those intent on enjoying a sun-kissed day at Babcock Ranch.

Woodlea Hall also hosts the Discovery Center, the focal point for obtaining information about all aspects of Babcock Ranch, including how the new town came into being, Kitson & Partners' commitment to preserving and maintaining the environment, how advanced technologies such as solar power, a full gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity, autonomous vehicles, and tele-medicine

have been incorporated in the community, and Babcock's diverse residential product offering. Axel Kallenborn, the Discovery Center Manager, oversees a staff of sales concierges and town ambassadors, each of whom is uniquely qualified to present all aspects of the Babcock Ranch story and answer visitors' questions.

New model home residences by Homes by Town, Stock Development, and Florida Lifestyle Homes are open in Babcock's Lake Timber neighborhood that offers engaging streetscapes, numerous pocket parks, and lake vistas. Babcock's residential product choices include twin villas by Lennar Corporation base-priced from \$180,000; single-family homes by Lennar base-priced from \$220,000; single-family residences by Homes by Towne and Fox Premier Builders base-priced from the \$300's; single-family homes by Stock Development base-priced from the low-\$400's;

and single-family residences by Florida Lifestyle and Castle Harbour Homes base-priced from the \$500's. The town's Craftsman, Farmhouse, Coastal Gulf Vernacular, Spanish, and Colonial/West Indies architectural styles are derived from the styles found in pre-World War II neighborhoods in Fort Myers, Naples, and throughout Southwest Florida. The homes and their inviting front porches are positioned close to the street to encourage the social interaction and personal connections that are part of life at Babcock.

The Discovery Center, the Table & Tap Restaurant, and Curry Creek Outfitters are open seven days a week. To learn more about the solar powered town being created by Kitson & Partners at Babcock Ranch, visit [babcockranch.com](http://babcockranch.com). To learn more about the events that are held every week at Babcock Ranch and open to all, visit [babcockranch.com/events](http://babcockranch.com/events). ■

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# Minto approaching sell-out of two neighborhoods at TwinEagles

With 21 buildable sites, some of which have not been released for sale, and one unfurnished residence scheduled for completion late this year remaining in its Dundee neighborhood, and one unfurnished residence under construction and two furnished models not yet available for purchase in Lockford, Minto Florida is approaching the sell-out of its available product in a total of four neighborhoods at TwinEagles. A leader in environmental sustainability, Minto has earned the #1 ranking by Eliant Homebuyers Choice Awards for percent of sales from referrals, as well as national recognition from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

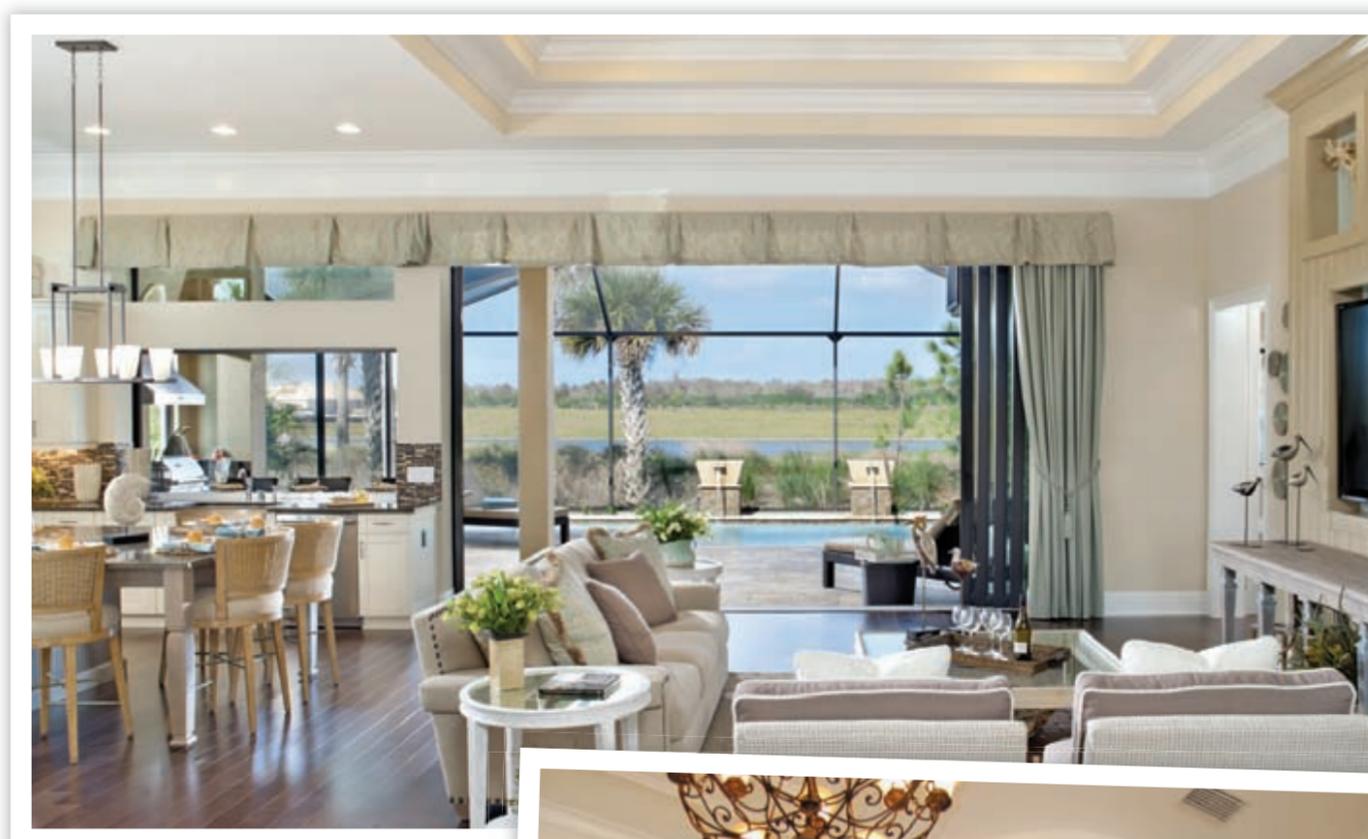
Minto sold the last of its residences in TwinEagles' Wisteria neighborhood early last year. Acknowledged for the beauty of its water, preserve, and golf course views, Wisteria includes 28 one and two-story residences by Minto ranging from 2,500 to 3,800 square feet on 65-foot home sites. In 2015, Minto sold the last of its 12 residences in Hollywood, a neighborhood that showcases six Minto floor plans ranging from 2,600 to 3,000 square feet on 67-foot sites.

Minto introduced its Dundee single-family neighborhood in mid-2015. Dundee offers a final opportunity to purchase a 2,600 to 3,800 square feet residence in the \$600,000 to \$800,000 price range within TwinEagles. Dundee will include 61 single-family residences on 62 x 135-foot home sites at build out. The secluded neighborhood features captivating water, preserve, and golf course views. Extremely private, the Dundee neighborhood is on a cul-de-sac in the northernmost section of the TwinEagles community. Lakes situated at all four corners of the neighborhood, including a lake measuring 34-acres, contribute to Dundee's tranquil setting that is further enhanced by walking and biking trails that weave their way through TwinEagles' heralded natural tableau. The privacy afforded by Dundee's exquisite setting is rarely found within gated golf course communities in Southwest Florida.

A \$25,000 builder incentive is now available for new-build residences in Dundee. Seven floor plan choices are available. Construction of an unfurnished residence featuring Minto's Inverness II floor plan has been permitted and construction is expected to be completed by late this year. The 2,899 square feet under air plan also offers three bedrooms plus a study, two baths, a great room and island kitchen, a formal dining room, a covered and screened lanai, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. A fourth bedroom, media room, and a cabana bath are also available.

Minto's popular 3,811 square-foot under air, two-story Turnberry Grand great room floor plan includes three bedrooms, three full-baths and two half-baths, a study, formal dining room, a spacious lanai with an outdoor kitchen, an upstairs bonus room with a covered outdoor terrace, and a three-car garage with a tandem space that offers the possibility of including an additional air conditioned room.

The spacious 2,905 square-foot under air, Prestwick Grand great room floor plan includes two bedrooms, two full-baths and one half-bath, a study, a large sitting room, a formal dining room,

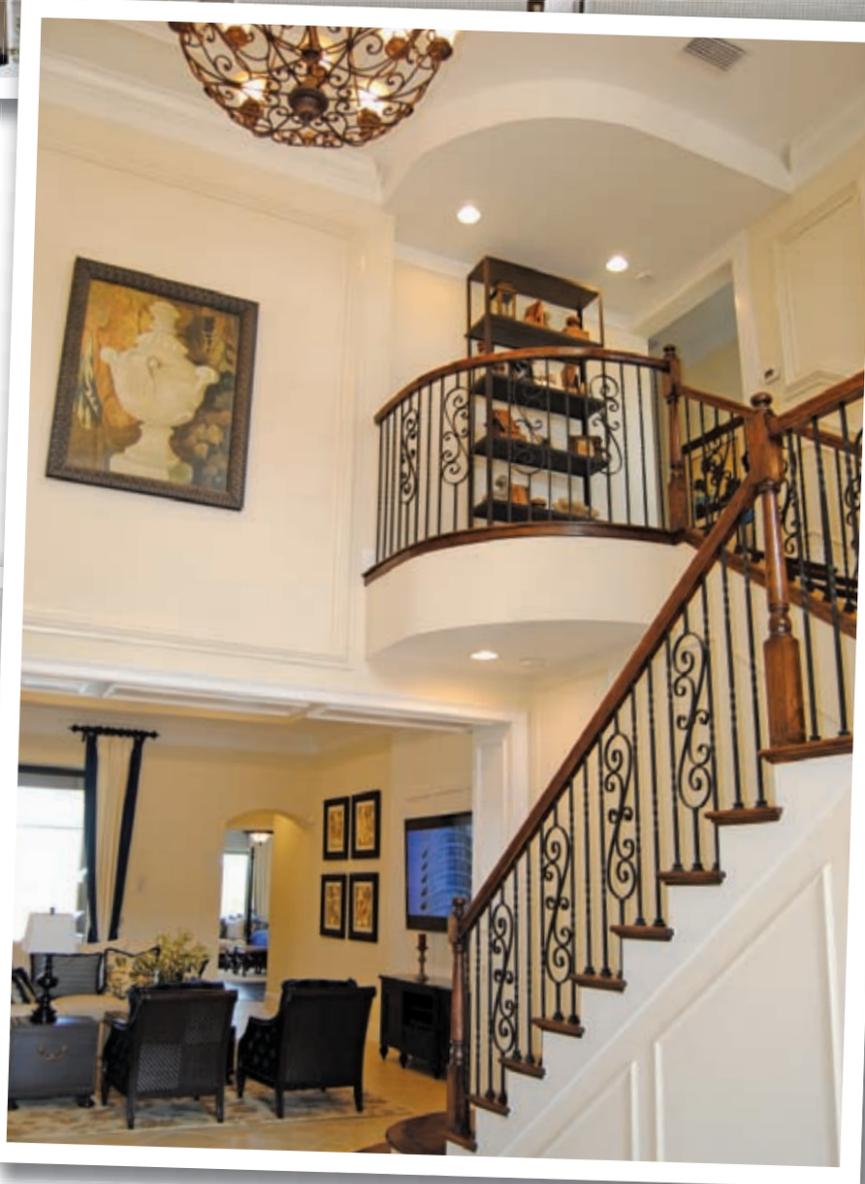


**Above: An unfurnished Prestwick Grand residence currently under construction is available in Minto Florida's Lockford neighborhood. Two completed models are open for viewing. Right: Minto Florida's 3,811 square feet, two-story Turnberry Grand model is open for viewing in TwinEagles' Lockford neighborhood. The Turnberry Grand is also available in Minto's Dundee neighborhood. Below: A tranquil natural setting, diverse product offering, and amenities that include two championship golf courses continue to attract homebuyers to TwinEagles. A golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed residence.**



an island kitchen that includes a pass-through to a spacious lanai that features an outdoor kitchen, and a two-car garage. The home's perfectly sized 20'2" x 22'6" great room showcases a 12' to 14' double coffered ceiling and fully opens to the lanai. The 2,842 square feet under air Turnberry great room plan also offers two bedrooms, two full-baths and one half-bath, and a study. A large island kitchen and dining area combine with the great room to create a flowing living space that opens to a covered and screened lanai. A three-car garage includes a tandem space that offers the possibility of including an additional air conditioned room.

Minto's floor plan choices in Dundee also include the St. Andrews, Birkdale, and Prestwick plans. The 3,180 square feet under air St. Andrews plan features a formal living room, dining room, family room, island kitchen, a covered and screened lanai, three bedrooms, a study, three baths, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. The 2,840 square feet under air Birkdale plan offers formal living and dining rooms, three bedrooms, three baths, a study, an island kitchen and family room, a screened



and covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The comfortable Prestwick great room plan includes 2,642 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, an island kitchen, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. The great room opens to a screened and covered lanai.

One unfurnished residence under construction is available in Minto's Lockford neighborhood and features the 2,905 square feet Prestwick Grand great room floor plan. Lockford features 41 one and two-story residences ranging from 2,600 to 3,800 square-feet under air. Homes are on 60-foot home sites and priced from the low-\$500s to \$1 million. Distinctive Minto design elements include dramatic, soaring ceilings in the foyers, luxurious master suites, airy and spacious gourmet kitchens. Features

such as 12-foot ceilings, granite countertops, and 18-inch ceramic tile are included. Minto's Prestwick Grand and Turnberry Grand models are open for viewing in Lockford.

A tranquil natural setting, diverse product offering, and amenities that include two championship golf courses continue to attract homebuyers to TwinEagles. A golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed residence. The community was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club, a designation accorded to the top five-percent of private clubs throughout the world.

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## Active adult homebuyers are drawn to Valencia Bonita by GL Homes



It's easy to see why active adult homebuyers are drawn to Valencia Bonita by GL Homes. The new 55+ lifestyle community offers luxury single-family homes and villas priced from the \$309,000s and a magnificent 45,000 square-foot decorator-appointed Clubhouse and Lifestyle Complex that will provide residents with year-round activities.

"We offer so much at Valencia Bonita that new homebuyers who visit tell us they could never have imagined a more perfect community," said Diana Betancourt, Vice President and Project Manager of Valencia Bonita. "With gorgeous homes, relaxing lifestyle and unbeatable amenities, residents can truly have it all at Valencia Bonita."

The impressive Clubhouse and Lifestyle Complex will feature an on-site restaurant with indoor and outdoor bars; a spa with peaceful rooms available for a variety of treatments and services; a grand ballroom with raised stage and dance floor; a fully equipped fitness center with a fitness studio for personal training, Pilates or yoga; a lavish sports lounge with TVs, billiards and card rooms; a cooking studio for hands-on cooking classes and demonstrations; an arts and crafts room complete with a kiln; and more. A full-time lifestyle director will be coordinating various community events, Broadway style shows, cocktail parties and more to keep residents as active and social as they want to be.

Residents can enjoy the sunny weather by taking advantage of the outdoor amenities which include a resort-style swimming pool, swimmer's pool with lap lanes, wading pool for the grandchildren, eight pickleball courts and a state-of-the-art Racquet Club with eight

lighted clay tennis courts and a Pro Shop. Valencia Bonita residents can also socialize with friends, family and neighbors at the cozy fire pit area.

Complementing the vacation-lifestyle residents desire are stunning single-family homes and villas that are perfect for active adults and empty-nesters. Ranging from two to four bedrooms and two to three and one half baths, residents can choose from 21 distinctive floor plans that include such designer-appointed standard features as master suites with walk-in closets, fine cabinetry, high interior finishes and screened-in and covered patios.

Valencia Bonita is conveniently situated on Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast and is just minutes away from immaculate beaches, numerous upscale and casual dining options, as well as fabulous shopping. For added convenience, the community is also within

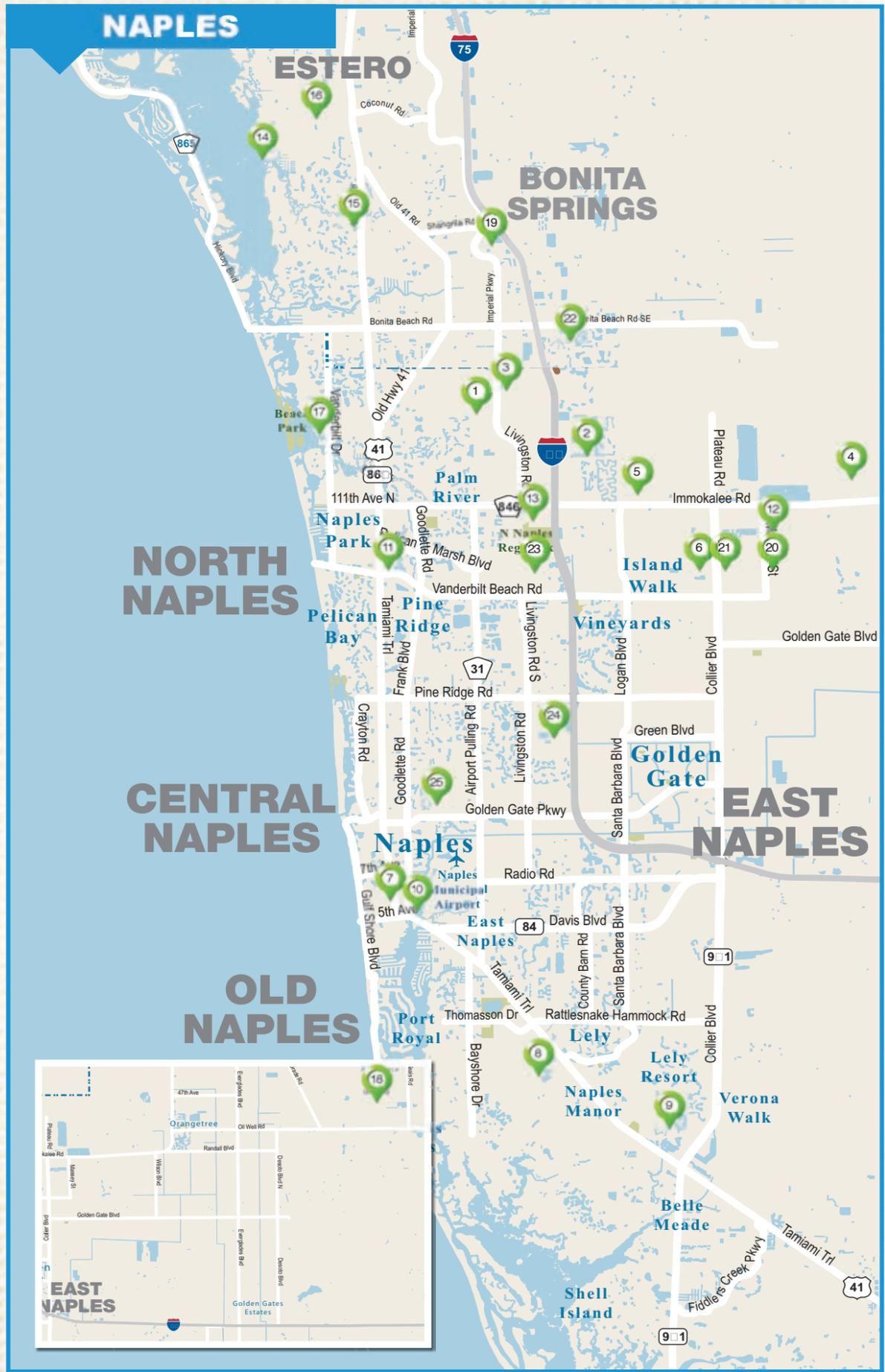
close proximity to major airports, hospitals, medical facilities, banks, salons, grocery stores and more.

The sales center is now open at 16701 Bonita Beach Road in Bonita Springs. To visit, take I-75, exit at 116 Bonita Beach

**Above:** From the Classic Collection, the expansive Charleston Grand features two bedrooms, including a sweeping master retreat with his and hers closets and bay-window sitting area, formal living and dining rooms, a club room, a library/optional third bedroom, three bathrooms and a three-car garage, with a total of 3,350 square feet of air conditioned living space. **Left:** Featured in the Classic Collection, the Carlyle is a bright and open floor plan with three bedrooms, three and one half bathrooms, club room, great room and three-car garage. **Below:** The impressive Bimini from the spacious Signature Collection features three bedrooms, including a sweeping master retreat with his and hers closets and a Roman tub, three bathrooms, a den/optional fourth bedroom and a two-car garage, with a total of 2,318 square feet of air conditioned living space.



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# London Bay's custom homes bring inspired designs to life

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Private Label Living differentiates London Bay Homes from other homebuilders in Southwest Florida with blueprint-to-completion services, including in-house architects, interior designers, and experts in custom pools and landscaping. Clients experience a personalized approach the moment they connect with the award-winning builder and its team, which offers the area's only true design-build process.

"Our clients have boundless imagination, their own sense of style and define life on their own terms," said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes. "The most important element of Private Label Living is that every home is our clients' vision—not ours. We strive to make it an effortless and enjoyable experience. We provide every tool a client needs to express themselves, including a talented, multi-faceted team, all under one roof."

For clients Tony and Trish Zook, building a home with London Bay Homes was the right choice. "We originally went into the homebuying process desiring a move-in ready home, but after visiting Mediterra, we immediately fell in love with the community's lifestyle and knew London Bay Homes could create something truly special in the exact area where we wanted to live," said Trish Zook. "We gave the team an idea for a floor plan we loved and they were able to customize it to meet our exact needs."

The Zooks worked in collaboration with London Bay's design team to create a



Located a few blocks from the white-sand Gulf of Mexico beaches, the custom Chelston model spans 4,227 square feet and features its own translation of coastal contemporary, drawing architecture and interior design inspiration from the West Indies, Old Florida and other tropical ports of call.

4,500-square foot home in the maintenance-free neighborhood of Cortile in Mediterra, Naples' 10-time Community of the Year.

"The process was amazing. They walked us through each phase—floor plan, design, construction—and were always mindful of our budget, our preferences and allowed us to take our time as we worked through the plans from out-of-state," said Mrs. Zook. "By far, their approach offers the highest level of quality in construction, attention to detail and level of customization. Even when you walk through their models, you can see the level of detail that's been put into every selection, down to the placement of the plugs, cords and artwork."

Every step of the Private Label Living process is executed with precision and quality assurance, with continual input from customers and their dedicated team of designers, architects and client relationship managers at London Bay Homes.

"We challenge ourselves to raise the bar on quality, and that translates into everything we do—from having the most talented employees and trade partners, to using the most innovative building techniques and materials, to our white-glove inspec-



Offering four bedrooms and four full baths, the Capriano model in Mediterra features a soft contemporary look with wood and metal tones and bright accents of green, orange, melon and yellow throughout the model's 4,402 square feet of interior living space.

tion process," said Wilson. "This ensures each home's performance, durability and sustainability meets the client's complete satisfaction."

Known for its one-of-a-kind custom homes on individual homesites, London Bay Homes recently collaborated with MHK Architecture & Planning to create the luxury single-family Claremont model home in Old Naples.

"MHK has focused much of their business over the last five years in Old Naples, and have developed a signature style that is heavily desired in the area," said Wilson. "We recognized that MHK understood the market and current design trends as well as the city's zoning codes, and knew that coupled with our award-winning team of designers, we could create a spectacular home."

Designed as the ultimate entertainment home, the custom Claremont floor plan offers 5,727 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, a study, an indoor and outdoor kitchen, second-floor recreational area, and seven wine refrigerators/beverage centers.

"Working with the London Bay Homes team was truly a well-balanced collaboration. They are much more educated in design than our typical clientele and they bring that level of expertise to everything they do," said Matthew Kragh, president of MHK.

To complement the Claremont's coastal contemporary architectural design, Romanza Interior Design's Michael Scott incorporated midcentury and modern classic furnishings and created a palette of ivory, ocean blue, charcoal and mocha throughout the home.

"Romanza brought to the table a design that was in keeping with the house, and because of their intimate relationship with London Bay's builder team, they were able to provide a level of scrutiny to the

drawings that we normally don't see with other designers," said Kragh. "The interior designers understood how each element of the home needed to function for the homeowner and were a key part of the architectural process."

MHK's director of residential design Steven Jallad also worked with the London Bay Homes team to create the Claremont's open floor plan concept that flows seamlessly from the indoors to the outdoors, integrating two walls of accordion doors that open to the covered alfresco living area and sundeck.

Sold shortly after completion, the home's indoor-outdoor connection, private guest cabana and functionality were major selling points for the home. "London Bay Homes and MHK created one of the most stunning floor plans in Naples that really resonated with homebuyers," said Toby Cloutier, who represents London Bay's Naples Collection portfolio. "The model uniquely captured the luxury lifestyle the homebuyers were looking for in Old Naples. We had more than one buyer that wanted the home within the first three weeks of its unveiling."

London Bay Homes is also offering an array of furnished single-family homes from Park Shore to Port Royal, as well as in sought-after communities throughout Southwest Florida, including Mediterra, Estuary at Grey Oaks, Quail West, and Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

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London Bay Homes collaborated with MHK Architecture & Planning to create the Claremont floor plan—the stunning design features multiple outdoor living destinations and a blending of indoor and outdoor spaces.



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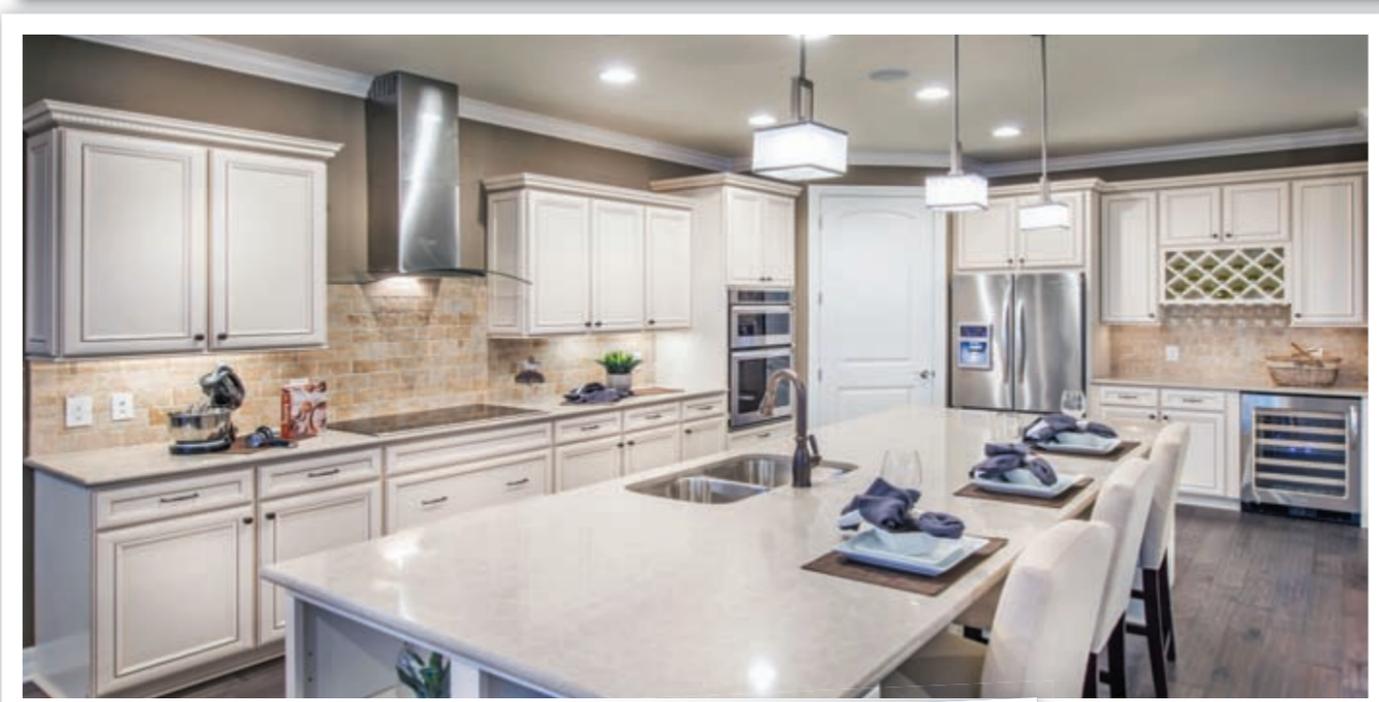
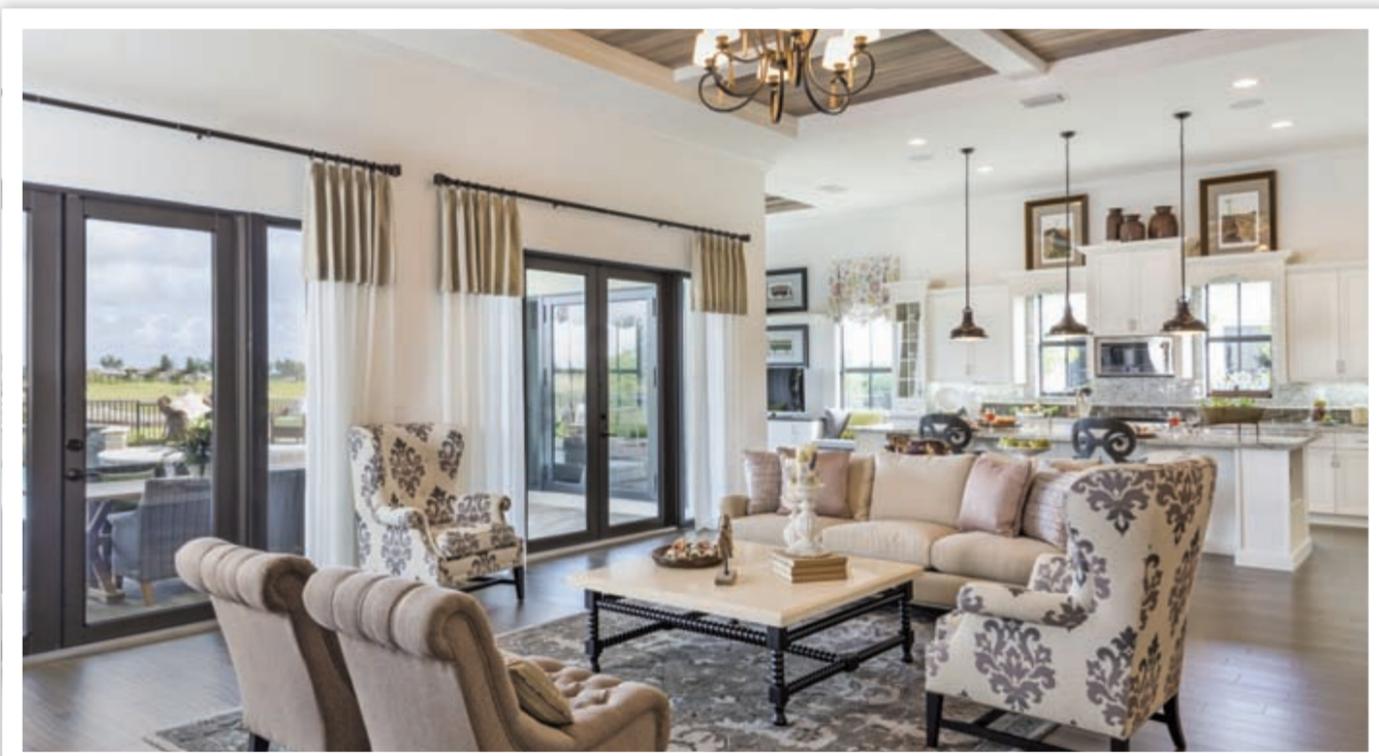
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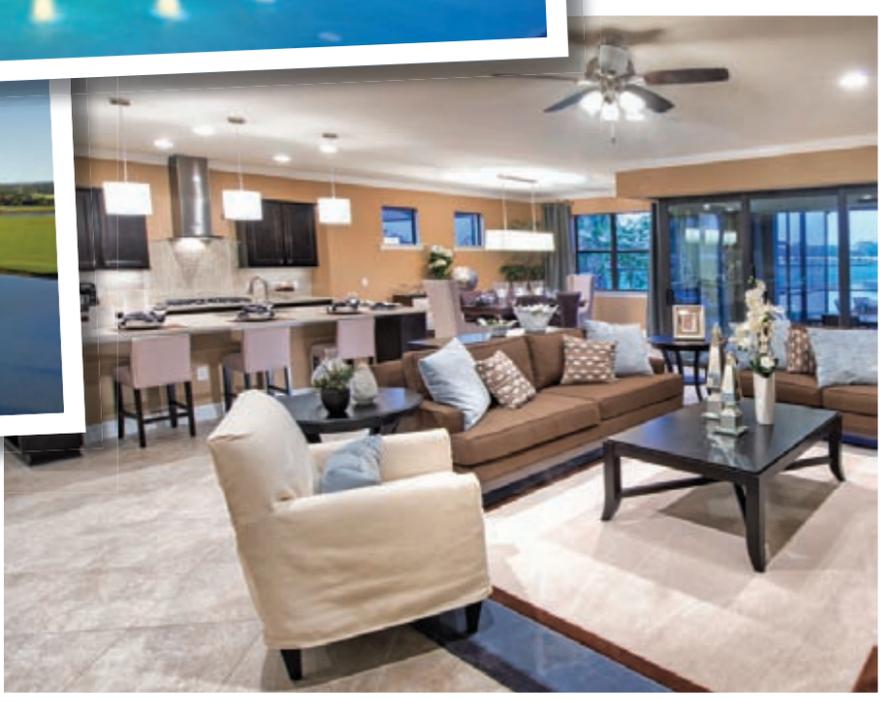
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## Three ways to purchase a new villa in Watercourse at Talis Park

With just six single family villa purchase opportunities remaining in its popular Watercourse neighborhood, Talis Park announced that Distinctive Communities is offering luxury homebuyers a uniquely flexible opportunity to enjoy the North Naples community's In the Village lifestyle. Watercourse is an enclave of 29 detached, maintenance-free, luxurious single-family villas that range from 2,530 to 3,638 square feet situated on Lake Il Corso, directly across the water from the Toscana neighborhood that presents the most authentic Amalfi Coast inspired architecture found in Southwest Florida. The combination of the lake and Toscana views in Watercourse provides a captivating tableau that is unlike any other in Naples.

The Spanish Eclectic great room villas in Watercourse open to private indoor/outdoor spaces with spectacular water vistas. Three and four bedroom plans include a study, island kitchens, and outdoor living areas with custom designed heated swimming pools and custom designed landscaping. Standard features include 14-foot ceilings in the living areas, Viking kitchen appliances, and porcelain tile flooring. Optional natural gas outdoor grills and firepits are also available and can be incorporated in an outdoor living area design that offers a highly personalized experience. The Watercourse residences are being built by Artisan Associates, the exclusive builder of homes by Distinctive Communities.

Watercourse embodies Talis Park's In the Village lifestyle that is designed to put residents literally within minutes of the community's amenity core. Watercourse is situated just a short walk, bike ride, or golf cart ride from Talis Park's heralded Great Lawn and the dining, exercise, resort-style pool, and spa venues at the award-winning Vyne House clubhouse. Vyne House received First Place and Best of Show honors in the New Construction/Private Club category in Golf Inc.'s 2016 Clubhouse of the Year competition. Vyne House was also named recipient of the Collier Building Industry Association's 2016 Sand Dollar Awards for Best Clubhouse Exterior and Best Clubhouse Interior Design. Situated directly in front of Vyne House, the Great Lawn serves as the backdrop for community events or impromptu gatherings by residents. In addition, Watercourse is literally across the street from the community's new sports bar located at Casa Cortese overlooking the pristine driving range of the Talis park golf course. Talis Park's Sports Complex is also within minutes of Watercourse and includes six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with directionally focused lighting and pavilions, a tennis pro shop and clubhouse with restrooms and a beverage center, four bocce ball courts, a fifty-foot two-lane lap pool, and an attractive green space.

Distinctive Communities' highly flexible ownership possibilities in Watercourse offer homebuyers the opportunity to take advantage of three purchase scenarios designed to meet their desired move-in timeframes. For homebuyers seeking a completed residence that can be enjoyed for the remainder of Naples' 2017 winter season and beyond, the 2,979-square foot, three bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Berolina villa is available for immediate purchase and move-in. This tastefully finished residence features \$100,000 in upgrades. Gray-toned oak wood floors throughout the first level blend nicely with



the soft, two-toned, off-white kitchen cabinets. An equally attractive glass tile backsplash provides a perfect complement to the kitchen's "leathered" calcite countertops. Outside, a natural gas outdoor kitchen with a vented hood and an electric screen provide a comfortable and flexible lanai space overlooking a pool and an over-sized spa that includes three water features. The "Occupancy Now" Berolina residence is available for purchase and move-in now and priced at \$1,485,000.

Two residences that are scheduled to be completed in four months provide an opportunity for homebuyers who prefer

to move-in late this summer or next fall. The residences have been completed to a roofed-in shell stage and allow buyers to make their own finish selections. In some cases, the interior walls can still be customized to create a floor plan that is ideally suited to the buyers' unique needs. One of the two residences is priced at \$1,380,000 and presents a floor plan similar to the Berolina that can be tailored to the buyer's preferences. The second "Occupancy Soon" Watercourse villa features the spacious 3,638 square foot two-story Enna floor plan that includes four bedrooms plus a loft and four baths. The Enna residence is

**Above: The Spanish Eclectic great room villas in Watercourse at Talis Park open to private indoor/outdoor spaces with spectacular water views. Left: Villas ranging from 2,530 to 3,638 square feet are situated on Lake Il Corso, across the water from the Toscana neighborhood that presents the most authentic Amalfi Coast inspired architecture found in Southwest Florida. Watercourse is situated just a short walk, bike ride, or golf cart ride from Talis Park's heralded Great Lawn and the dining, exercise, and spa venues at Talis Park's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse. The Talis Park Golf Course is one of just two Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed courses in the world and offers one of the most highly acclaimed golf experiences in the U.S.**

priced at \$1,560,000.

Three of the remaining home sites in Watercourse are the neighborhood's most highly anticipated sites. Recently released, the sites will accommodate custom residences that are some of the largest to ever be designed for construction in the neighborhood. One of the residences, the Catania III, is an expanded version of Distinctive Communities' best-selling floor plan and will be situated on the largest home site in Watercourse. The redesigned 3,522 square foot floor plan features four bedrooms, one of which is an expanded master suite, four-and-a-half baths, an additional courtyard space off the master bedroom, and a single driveway. This light-filled residence is priced at \$1,575,000. The remaining two residences each total 3,777 square feet under air and showcase the Enna II floor plan. The plan includes four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a 12 x 4-foot island in the kitchen, and a generous 45 x 13-foot master suite overlooking Talis Park's signature Tuscan style bridge that leads to the Great Lawn and Vyne House. The two Enna residences include in the "Occupancy Later" purchase opportunity are priced at \$1,750,000.

Talis Park is a Kitson & Partners community located just north of Immokalee Road on Livingston Road. To learn more about Talis Park, visit the community's Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit [talisspark.com](http://talisspark.com). ■

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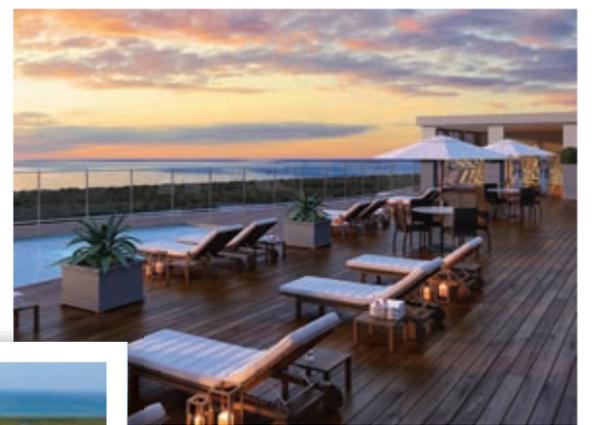
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# Kalea Bay's first tower nears sellout

## Tower 2 released for sale



**K**alea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, announced the community's second tower has been released for sale.

"Our first tower, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed in November, is approaching the 90 percent sold mark," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The approaching sell-out of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2. Currently, 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.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

"Residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a

Butler's pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

"Our floor plans have an open design we call 'lifestyle designs' that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today," said Lodge.

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

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," 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 views are available to every homeowner, no matter which floor they live on as the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop including the sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million in Tower 1 and \$1.4 million in Tower

2.

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community's clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed when the first residents move into their new homes.

"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Lodge.

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"All three pools will overlook the lake 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 will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy."

If basking in the sun or taking a

**Above: Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse (in foreground) will be completed in November, approximately the same time as the community's first tower (in background). Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Kalea Bay's Tower 1 and Tower 2 were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. Left: Kalea Bay's first tower is scheduled to be completed in November.**

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," said Lodge. "This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Lodge.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples' area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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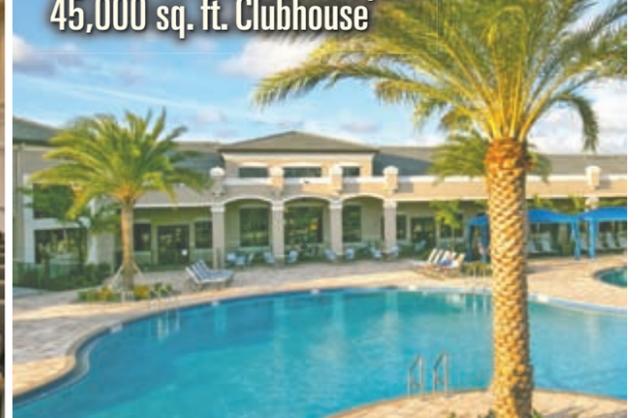
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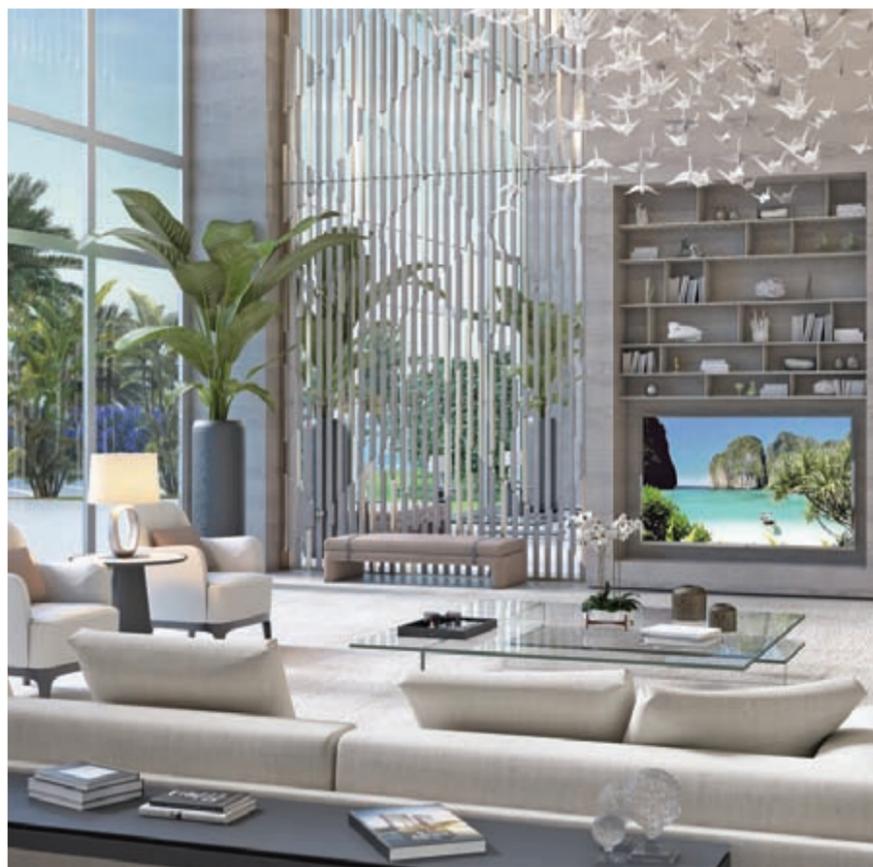


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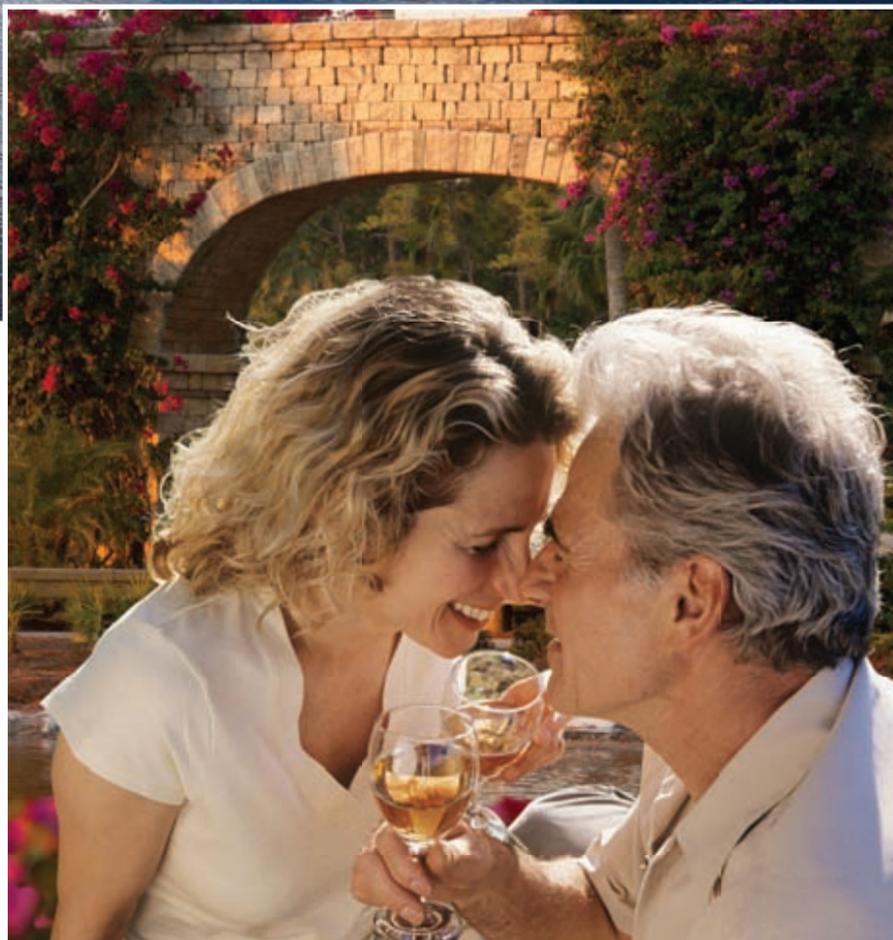
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## LEHIGH ACRES



**Lehigh Great Room Home**  
This family home features a great room w/vaulted ceiling, 3 nice sized bedrooms w/laminate wood floors.  
**\$159,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM016061.

## FORT MYERS



**Affordable Whiskey Creek Villa**  
2 bed/2 bath/1 car garage villa with 1567 sqft living area! Large ceramic tile flooring.  
**\$164,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM013166.

## BONITA SPRINGS



**2/2 in San Mirage - Bonita Springs**  
Spacious 2 bed/2 bath ground floor corner unit with screened lanai and storage space.  
**\$165,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS013419.

## CAPE CORAL



**55+ Community Condo with Sailboat Access**  
3/2 condo in a 55+ community with sailboat access in Cape Coral.  
**\$179,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023780.

## ESTERO



**Villagio - 2/2 with Garage**  
Gorgeous, well maintained 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with garage in the resort style community of Villagio.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM014746.



### LEHIGH ACRES



**Privacy Galore**  
Freshly painted exterior with new gutters, new landscaping & wood fence backyard compliment the interior upgrades. **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE019192.

### FORT MYERS



**Updated Whiskey Creek Villa**  
Spacious (1845 sqft) 2 bed/2bath villa with extra large lanai and bonus workshop room. **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM005447.

### FORT MYERS



**Gated Community, 2 Car Garage**  
Beautifully maintained condo with 2 car garage, 2 bedrooms, in quiet gated community. Back faces East so you can enjoy. **\$184,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM034591.

### FORT MYERS



**Immaculate Fort Myers Townhouse**  
2 bed/2.5 bath townhome w/2 car garage! New carpet, new A/C and more! Located in the heart of Fort Myers. **\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC013541.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home in Port Charlotte**  
3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage pool home is well kept! Beautiful pool, new carpet and plenty of space. Don't miss it! **\$187,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH234453.

### CAPE CORAL



**Concordia Condo Living at it's Best**  
Beautiful Concordia 3/2 condo w/many upgrades and well maintained located in well sought after complex. Low maintenance fees. **\$187,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC046187.

### CAPE CORAL



**Pool Home in the Heart of Cape Coral**  
3/2 Pool home in SE Cape. Upgraded kitchen and remodeled bathrooms. Large enclosed Florida Room. **\$187,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023470.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Large Pool Home Seeking New Owners**  
If you are tired of seeing the same house for sale come see this large pool home ready for you. **\$199,999**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE008137.

### CAPE CORAL



**3 Bed, 2 Bath Pool Home in Gator Circle Area**  
Very well maintained pool home with southern exposure in the Gator circle area. **\$210,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024609.

### FORT MYERS



**Half Duplex with 4 Bed 3 Bath**  
Half duplex with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in great Location! Very close to Gulf Coast Town Center, Florida Gulf Coast. **\$210,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM009157.

### FORT MYERS



**Top Floor 2/2/1 Lake View Condo in Kelly Greens**  
Great condo turnkey furnished with many extras and upgrades ready to live in! **\$215,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM032122.

### FORT MYERS



**Immaculate Carriage Home 2/2 in Majestic Palms**  
Must see 1st floor carriage home with garage and partial lake view. **\$215,990**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM051196.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Look No Further for your Large Home**  
This fantastic move in read home offers 3 bed & a great den space. Enjoy the picture beautiful view from any back window. **\$220,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE079985.

### FORT MYERS



**Gorgeous Golf Course Views**  
Live at the Forest Country Club in a gorgeous 3 bed/3bath condo. Golf and social memberships are available. **\$225,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM070430.

### ESTERO



**Heatherstone at Rookery Pointe in Estero**  
Charming 3/2.5 townhome in gated community w/1 car garage ,lake and sunset views w/extended lanai. **\$239,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM064654.

### ESTERO



**First Floor Southwind**  
Not often available- But here it is! Beautiful coach home 2 bed + 2 bath. **\$239,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM009855.

### CAPE CORAL



**Watch the Sunset from your Terrace**  
Upscale Tuscan Village condo located on 200' Rubicon Canal is a pleasure. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, turnkey. **\$244,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC011263.

### CAPE CORAL



**Charming Pool Home in SW Cape Coral**  
3 Bed/3 bath pool home in SW Cape Coral - Quiet neighborhood, close to parks and Tarpon Point Marina. **\$245,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC013724.

### ESTERO



**Lost Creek 2 Bed 2 Bath Estero C.C.**  
Lovely villa with all upgrades oversized garage water view. **\$247,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM075682.

### CAPE CORAL



**Western Exposure Pool Home - Desirable Neighborhood**  
Pool home in SW Cape Coral. Large size 3 bedrooms+den or office. Walking distance to shopping and restaurants. **\$249,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC004813.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fabulous Accommodations**  
4 bed 3 full bath single w/2 car garage, 2 master suites each w/luxury bath & access to screened lanai, kitchen w/granite. **\$253,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC054181.

### CAPE CORAL



**SW Cape Tropical Retreat**  
Wow, fantastic 3/2 in prestigious SW Cape Coral with a heated pool spa. This home shows pride of ownership. **\$254,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM024788.

### FORT MYERS



**Heritage Cove - Great Price**  
Gorgeous single family home with lakefront view! 2 bed + den/2 bath/2 car garage with 1728 sqft. **\$259,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM003120.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fabulous 2 Bed/2 Bath Rivers 1 Condo**  
End unit with private courtyard, large master suite, river views. Beach Parkway area, Jaycee Park! **\$259,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM078657.



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### FORT MYERS



**3 Bedroom 2 Bath Gateway Home**  
Well maintain 3 bed 2 bath home in Gateway! Low home fees!!!!  
**\$260,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM063178.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Family Pool Home 4/2/2 - NFM Hidden Gem**  
Fantastic 4/2/2 pool home! Huge lot, with basketball court, 2 cabanas and stepping stone walkways! Large master suite.  
**\$269,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM012410.

### CAPE CORAL



**SW Cape Coral Two Story Home**  
2 Story 4 bed/2.5 bath pool home completely renovated top to bottom pool and spa are pebble tech bottom, waterfall feature.  
**\$299,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC007808.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fully Furnished Pool Home Close to Cape Harbour**  
Located in one of the most popular neighborhoods in the SW Cape. 3 bed/2 bath pool home.  
**\$319,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC021663.

### 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.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fantastic 4 Bedroom in Beach-Chiquita Area**  
Seller put in many upgrades and improvements since 2015. Solar water heater, new a/c, New pool heater. 4/2 pool home.  
**\$325,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC022513.

### 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.

### FORT MYERS



**Remodeled Mid-century Home**  
3/2 in the prestigious river-side of the McGregor District. Remodeled throughout with a clean contemporary touch.  
**\$329,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC078427.

### 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.

### 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.

### FORT MYERS



**Ranch in the City**  
Unusual 4 acre +/- ranch in East Fort Myers-Perfect for the person looking for acreage with animals.  
**\$350,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM063729.

### CAPE CORAL



**4 Bed, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Pool Home**  
Home has it all, tile and wood flooring, quartz counter tops, LED lights, crown molding, inground pool and lots more.  
**\$365,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC075567.

### 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.

### CAPE CORAL



**Waterfront Living - Sandoval Style**  
Lakefront home in award winning community with resort style amenities, 4 bed/3bath study, granite kitchen, 3 car garage!  
**\$379,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC046441.

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Affordable Gulf Access Island Living**  
3 bed/2 bath St. James City home. 10,000 lb. covered boat lift with remote. Move in ready home.  
**\$384,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC009672.

### FORT MYERS



**Eagle Ridge Beauty**  
Must see!!!! Heated pool and spa home with phenomenal golf course views on large lot with lots of upgrades.  
**\$394,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM015579.

### LABELLE



**Beautiful Riverfront 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.

### ESTERO



**Colonial Oaks Lakeview, Pool Home**  
This spacious 2 story home offers a lake view, southern exposure and features 3 bedrooms plus a den  
**\$419,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS021472.

### 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**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC014011.

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### BOKEELIA



**Pine Island Home**  
3 Bedroom/2 bath pool home. 30 minutes to Boca Grande Pass.  
**\$440,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC021545.

### 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.  
**\$449,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC019532.

### CAPE CORAL



**Like New 4/3 Pool Home Close To Everything**  
Great family home on quiet cul-de-sac. Fresh water, canal, pool, spa, 3 car garage.  
**\$469,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023123.

### 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.

### ESTERO



**Upon Entering See the Awesome Water View**  
Outside you will find a beautiful pool, brick paved deck.  
**\$495,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM011219.

### CAPE CORAL



**4 Bed, 2.5 Bath Direct Sailboat Access Pool Home**  
Located in the very popular SW Cape Coral area of unit 64 & the friendliest block around! Exceptional features.  
**\$499,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC045269.

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Gulf Access Pool Home**  
Custom Built in 2005. 2 bed/3 bath and 3 car garage with a den. Overlooking spreader canal waterway and natural preserve.  
**\$499,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC013330.

### CAPE CORAL



**New Construction**  
New home build in 2016. 3/2 Pool home located off Beach Parkway with gulf access.  
**\$499,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023648.

### FORT MYERS



**Park & Fly**  
Fly home to Buckingham.  
**\$550,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM016936.

### 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 800FM074637.

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Access Pool Home**  
Direct sailboat access pool home in unit 64. 3/2 with formal living & dining/den/office. Atrium off master bedroom.  
**\$575,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024494.

### 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.  
**\$625,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM079890.

### CAPE CORAL



**Well Maintained Gulf Access Home**  
The 3/2 home features a very spacious screened in lanai with an electric heated pool, beautiful landscaping.  
**\$629,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024930.

### CAPE CORAL



**Waterviews !!! Over 200' of Seawall**  
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



**Riverfront Beauty on 195' Deep Lot**  
This stunning home has been completely rebuilt in 1997 with upgrades such as a 2nd story tile roof. Stunning views!!  
**\$1,050,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023765.

### FORT MYERS



**3/2 Riverfront Property in Fort Myers**  
Commanding views of the river. Quiet location. House is ready for remodel or tear down to build your dream home!  
**\$1,099,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC070239.

### 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.

