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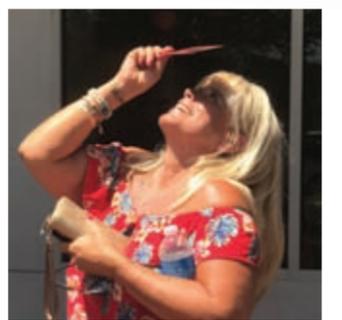
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SWFL—The place to be if you're looking for a SHELL of a GOOD TIME

BY NANJI THEORET

Florida Weekly Correspondent

For some people it's the thrill of the chase, a treasure hunt for a perfect junonia specimen or the more elusive and rarer wentletrap. Even naysayers are seduced, soon entranced by the rhythmic roll of the surf, the warmth of the Florida sun on their backs and the meditative calm of eyes scanning to and fro, to and fro, searching the high tideline or the froth left by an ebbing wave. For many, shelling is an obsession. And unlike collecting, say jewelry or watches, it's totally free, save for maybe a toll

or parking fee.

Southwest Florida is one of the best places for shelling on planet earth with Sanibel Island its epicenter. The island is repeatedly singled out by international media for its shell-strewn beaches and its annual shell festival in March. With its east-to-west orientation, the barrier island bucks the south-to-north norm, providing the perfect storm for

SEE SHELLS, A10 ▶



BY THE NUMBERS

356

■ Number of types of shells documented along area beaches.

75,000

■ Number of named mollusks



20,000

■ Number of shells embellishing the VW bug on display at SWFL International Airport

24

■ Length, in inches, of a horse conch at the Bailey-Matthews Museum

City set for new fire station, emergency ops center

BY ROBBIE SPENCER

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The Naples Fire-Rescue Department is getting a massive upgrade late next year with preparations underway for a new Fire Station No. 1. The first visible sign of what's to come involves demolition of the old Fire Station No. 1 at 835 Eighth Ave. The razing, which started Aug. 14 and will wrap up within 30 days, clears the way for a \$6.3 million, 22,000-square-foot fire station,



SEE FIRE, A18 ▶ A rendering of the fire station and emergency operations unit coming to Eighth Avenue.

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COMMENTARY

Southerners

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For a long time now I've bumped through life alongside Southerners, generations of people born and raised in the South. People served up its history and its fancies together with its pig and peas, its grits and tomatoes, its churches and schools. People watered from the same well, taught from the same books, poured the same sweet tea from the same big pitcher.

But none of them are the same. There is no one Southerner, I've learned, except in this: On a sunny day, their shadows stretch straight into their histories.

More than the rest of us, perhaps, Southerners carry that burden. To be shadowed by history is usually to be burned and branded by it. And at this unfortunate American juncture, Southerners en masse — educated or not, traveled or not, prepared for this moment or not — have yet again been handed the most difficult of human tasks: First, to confront their shadows. And for white Southerners in particular, to dissolve the myths and icons of their beloved parents and grandparents, their teachers and pastors, without surrendering their love of the same complicated people.

That's a torturous demand for any. It's also an opportunity of sorts — in my view the only great gift offered to the South, and to the American people, by

the current president and his allies.

However unwittingly, President Trump has resurrected a painful debate about American character, values and race that offers all of us, but Southerners in particular, a chance to embrace what is true by seeing clearly what is false (as many have long since done).

The truth of our history is evident to any who read, and even to those willing to listen to any who read — and who have the courage to acknowledge it.

It goes something like this: The Founding Fathers led the colonial revolt from King George III because Americans had been made tax slaves of the British empire, as they saw it. So they hammered out the frame of a dream that would take another two centuries to realize under law, a dream encapsulated in five words: "All men are created equal."

However flawed those first United States citizens were — some of them slave owners — their writings strongly suggest they viewed slavery, a practice dating from 1619 in America, as morally reprehensible.

The Civil War began in April 1861, after 11 Southern states seceded, insisting each state should have the right to enshrine a single institution in law: slavery, at that moment more than 250 years old in America.

Some insist the war was foremost a battle over economic freedom and states' rights. To the extent those conditions relied on Africans kidnapped and sold into slavery, they're right.

Lincoln and his Congress aimed to outlaw slavery in five border states (Mary-

land, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri), along with any new ones to come along, opening a door to the demise of slavery by vote, not blood.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," Mr. Lincoln said, predicting that either slavery would finally be abolished in whole, or it would become standard-issue in the 86-year-old nation.

At the time, the South included about 5.5 million free citizens and 3.5 million slaves, the property of a small cadre of wealthy Southerners selling cotton, tobacco and rice. Their agriculture, their opulence and their lifestyles depended entirely on slaves.

Slavery, therefore — with its inherent kidnappings, murders, rapes, beatings and the physical destruction of families whose members were sold away — was a big-engine money-maker for wealthy white Southerners. It was also undeniably the major cause of the Civil War.

"Our new government was founded on slavery," declared Alexander Stephens of Georgia, the vice president under Jefferson Davis. "Its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the Negro is not equal to the White Man; that slavery, submission to the superior race, is his natural and normal condition."

In the bloodshed that would immediately follow, 620,000 soldiers died, including almost 260,000 Southerners. Total casualties on both sides amounted to more than 1.2 million.

The profound consequence of that grotesque eruption for all Americans did not end in 1865 with Robert E. Lee's sur-

render at Appomattox. It did not end 99 years later in 1964, with the Civil Rights Act. Instead, it continues to rear its ugly head today, a terrible stain stepped back out of the shadows.

For that reason, those people are laughable who insist that "nobody alive today was a slave and nobody alive today owned slaves," so blacks (and whites) should just get over their whiny anger: anger at the proud apologists for Dixie battle flags; anger at statues idolizing Confederate leaders in public places rather than remembering them soberly at historic sites and museums; and especially anger at those who gather in public to sport Nazi symbols, Klan paraphernalia and guns.

In effect, such contemporary race-baiters — many who know nothing about the South and come from somewhere else — are shouting fire in a theater, to use the great metaphor employed by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. in defining the limits of free speech. Justice Holmes, wounded three times, saw some of the bloodiest fighting of the war as a young man.

So we come to this: To the urgent need now to see our history for what it is, and to champion the truth by fully acknowledging it.

Some of the bravest and most determined moralists I've ever known are Southerners, black and white. If they're any indication, and if they have anything to do with it, the country is going to get a lot healthier in the next few years.

I'm betting on them. It's the haters I don't understand. ■

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OPINION

There will be blood

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We forget how things can sometimes happen in plain sight yet escape moral detection. Compromises are made that spiral into a muck of unexpected consequences. Then one day, it all comes home to roost. Should we really be so surprised?

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation establishing the federal holiday honoring civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A white supremacist had assassinated Dr. King 15 years earlier.

He was a Nobel Peace Prize winner, revered for building a civil rights movement using Gandhian principles of nonviolence. The "King Encyclopedia" summarizes what the practice of nonviolence meant to Dr. King in the face of violence and hate. He wrote, "True pacifism," or "nonviolent resistance is a courageous confrontation of evil by the power of love." He died at the hands of a hater in defense of this belief.

But, not everyone was happy about honoring Dr. King, least of all the white supremacists and the Ku Klux Klan, who bombed, burned and murdered to prevent the movement's successes; nor were the racist politicians who smeared King as a communist sympathizer and an adulterer. But President Reagan signed the bill anyway. The states took several years to get on board.

Nor was the South eager to comply. Vestiges of white supremacy lingered. The region immersed itself in the failed cause that gave white supremacy its rise. A deep racial resentment festered over what Dr. King accomplished, believing that it was at the South's expense. White folk grieved over the "Lost Cause" and rejected that preserving slavery was the cause of the Civil War. The Confederacy eulogized by white Southerners is synonymous in the South with the lost

cause of white supremacy. But the myth and not the truth prevailed.

Karen Cox wrote for *The New York Times* that "Confederate monuments have always been symbols of white supremacy ... appearing in the period between 1890 and 1920 during a time of extreme racial violence." Murderous attacks and the lynching of blacks by white mobs were shockingly common. The KKK continued their reign of terror for decades, re-emerging periodically from the shadows to do their worst, including the era of Dr. King's leadership.

So, no surprise, Southern states lacked enthusiasm for giving Dr. King his due. They got creative. Florida, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi observe MLK Day either as a separate day in association with Confederate Memorial Day or as a celebration inclusive of state-sanctioned, Confederate remembrances of its champions, such as Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Mostly white, like-minded neighbors nostalgic for a mythic, Southern past get together to dwell for a moment relishing that vaulted memory. It has the taint of a rebel's reply to the offense of a holiday honoring a black man who brought ole Dixie down. They say they celebrate "heritage, not hate."

Virginia re-purposed MLK Day to include honoring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Then, deciding to cut the baby in half, it settled on two separate holidays.

In Virginia, you can celebrate the African-American who was the leading acolyte in the American Civil Rights Movement. Or, you can lift a glass in honor of Confederate generals revered for having defended disunion and slavery as an unambiguous goal of a treasonous South.

It was no accident that white nationalists chose Virginia to stage their coming out party to "Unite the Right." All they needed was an imagined grievance and a place that resonated with the rightness of whiteness the movement espouses.

Charlottesville provided the triggers.

Its town council decided to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee and rename the park where it stands. The white nationalists seized on the opportunity to resurrect the ghosts of white supremacy inhabiting the Confederate past.

A poisonous amalgam of right wing extremists, the KKK, white supremacists and neo-Nazis, cast themselves as Lee's modern defenders. The time was right. They have a desk in the White House and the president's ear. The "Unite the Right" rally unleashed two days of a racial violence that left three dead and many more injured.

Following the Charleston massacre of nine African-Americans by a white racist, a call to conscience stirred the nation. The conspiracy of silence surrounding racial hatred and white supremacy was broken. It was no longer possible for white Americans to believe the memorialization of the myth of "Lost Cause," could coexist with the demand for racial equality; nor that racial violence will subside even as white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK appropriate historical truth and seize upon its symbols for the furtherance of their own, racist ends.

These symbols are everywhere in our midst. The battle lines are being drawn — in Durham, Lexington, New Orleans, Charlottesville, Charleston, Tallahassee, Tampa, even unto the nation's capital.

What happened in Charlottesville is a wake-up call. The time of concessions and moral compromise is done. The white supremacists battling for the soul of the country are back. And make no mistake, there will be blood. The country can no longer afford a deeply flawed truce sustained by magical thinking regarding historical truth. White supremacy is the death of American values. ■

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It's time to mothball confederate monuments

richLOWRY
Special to Florida Weekly



Robert E. Lee wasn't a Nazi, and surely would have had no sympathy for the white supremacist goons who made his statue a rallying point in Charlottesville, Va.

That doesn't change the fact that his statue is now associated with a campaign of racist violence against the picturesque town where Thomas Jefferson founded the University of Virginia. The statue of Lee was already slated for removal by the city, but the Battle of Charlottesville should be an inflection point in the broader debate over Confederate statuary.

The monuments should go. Some of them simply should be trashed; others transmitted to museums, battlefields and cemeteries. The heroism and losses of Confederate soldiers should be commemorated, but not in everyday public spaces where the monuments are flash-points in poisonous racial contention, with white nationalists often mustering in their defense.

Some discrimination is in order. There's no reason to honor Jefferson Davis, the blessedly incompetent president of the Confederacy. New Orleans just sent a statue of him to storage — good riddance. Maryland had a statue of Chief Justice Roger Taney, the author of the monstrous Dred Scott decision that helped precipitate the war. The state decided to quietly and swiftly remove Taney's statue one night last week.

Robert E. Lee, on the other hand, is a more complicated case. He was no great friend of slavery. After the war, he accepted defeat and did his part to promote national healing. Yet, faced with a momentous choice at the start of the war, he decided he was a Virginia patriot rather than an American nationalist.

"I look upon secession as anarchy," Lee said. "If I owned the 4 million slaves in the South I would sacrifice them all to the Union; but how can I draw my sword upon Virginia, my native state?" He betrayed the U.S. government and fought on the side devoted to preserving chattel slavery.

That is a grievous political sin, although he obviously wasn't the only one guilty of it. The Civil War was an America conflict, with Americans on both sides. An honor-

able soldier, Lee is an apt symbol for the Confederate rank and file whose sacrifices in the war's charnel house shouldn't be flushed down the memory hole.

The Baltimore commission has called for moving a striking dual statue of Lee and Stonewall Jackson to the Chancellorsville, Va., battlefield. This would take a page from Gettysburg, where a statue of Lee overlooks the field where Gen. George Pickett undertook his doomed charge. If you can't honor Robert E. Lee there, you can't honor him anywhere.

For some of the left, that's the right answer, but this unsparing attitude rejects the generosity of spirit of the two great heroes of the war, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Notably, Grant vehemently opposed trying Lee for treason.

Lee himself opposed building Confederate monuments in the immediate aftermath of the war. "I think it wiser," he said, "not to keep open the sores of war, but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife and to commit to oblivion the feelings it engendered." After Charlottesville, it's time to revisit his advice. ■

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Obligated to vigilance against bigotry, hatred and violence

BY SUSAN SUAREZ

As I assume the responsibilities of my new position as executive director of The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, the events in Charlottesville provide strong evidence of the importance of our mission: to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to inspire action against bigotry, hatred and violence.

James Murdoch put it well when he wrote this past week, "vigilance against hate and bigotry is an eternal obligation — a necessary discipline for the preservation of our way of life and our ideals. The presence of hate in our society was appallingly laid bare as we watched swastikas brandished on the streets of Charlottesville and acts of brutal terrorism and violence perpetrated by a racist mob. I can't even believe I have to write this: Standing up to Nazis is essential; there are no good Nazis. Or Klansmen, or terrorists. Democrats, Republicans and others must all agree on this, and it compromises nothing for them to do so."

Education can make a difference. Each year, The Holocaust Museum &



SUAREZ



Education Center of Southwest Florida teaches thousands of local school children and inspires our community and visitors to stand up and confront hate and to understand the consequences of indifference.

Please join us in this important work by sharing this message, volunteering, or making a charitable gift.

About the museum

Founded as a nonprofit organization in late 2001 by community leaders, The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida was inspired by a local middle school project on the Holocaust called "Out of The Ashes." The 2017-18 school year marks the 20th anniversary of this student project created by Golden Gate Middle School teachers David Bell and Michelle Lee. Since the museum's founding, its age-appropriate education programs have impacted more than 175,000 students, grades K-12 and college and university,

in six Southwest Florida counties. A centerpiece of the education programs is the Holocaust-era Boxcar Exhibit, on loan to the Museum by Jack and F.E. Nortman and The Boxcar Foundation. Since its public debut in 2008, this traveling exhibit has been seen by more than 90,000 people in South Florida. During the academic year, the Boxcar Exhibit travels to school campuses throughout Southwest Florida. It has also been on dis-

play in public venues such as libraries, the Naples Depot Museum, churches and synagogues. Through Aug. 31, the Boxcar Exhibit is in place at the Naples Museum of Military History at Naples Municipal Airport.

The museum's newest program for students, the "5-8-10 Project," provides three opportunities — in elementary, middle and high school — to reach students during their education with information about the Holocaust and its lessons for us today.

An important part of the "5-8-10 Project" is the children's book titled "Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto" written by Susan Goldman Rubin and illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. Ms. Sendler worked as part of an underground resistance group and saved nearly 2,500 children from the infamous Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. The book about her story is one of several children's books about the Holocaust and World War II the author and illustrator created together.

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida proudly hosts "Painting the Irena Sendler Story,"



"Painting the Irena Sendler Story," an exhibit of Bill Farnsworth's original paintings for his illustrations in "Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto," opens at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida on Sept. 5 and remains through Dec. 18.

an exhibit of Mr. Farnsworth's original paintings for the Irena Sendler book, from Sept. 5-Dec. 18.

The museum's permanent collection contains more than 1,000 unique World War II and Holocaust artifacts and original photographs. Many of the artifacts have been donated or permanently loaned by local Holocaust survivors, liberators and other dedicated people.

The museum presents temporary exhibits, films and lecture series and other special events during the year. School and private group tours are available by appointment.

As a member of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education,

the museum also presents yearly teacher workshops that provide educators with current information and classroom-ready instructional materials on the Holocaust.

At 4760 Tamiami Trail N., the museum has been closed for its annual cleaning since Aug. 14 and reopens on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, with daily docent-led tours at 1:30 p.m. For more information about the museum, its programs and opportunities for sponsorships, underwriting, endowments and special bequests, call 263-9200 or visit www.HolocaustMuseumSWFL.org. ■



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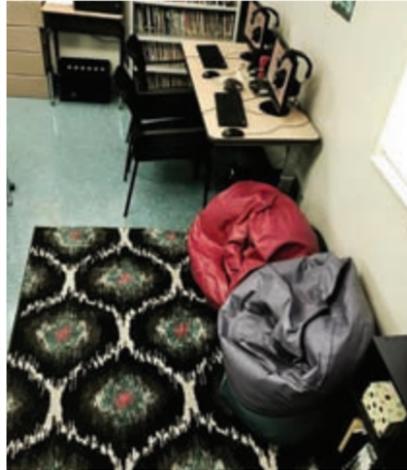
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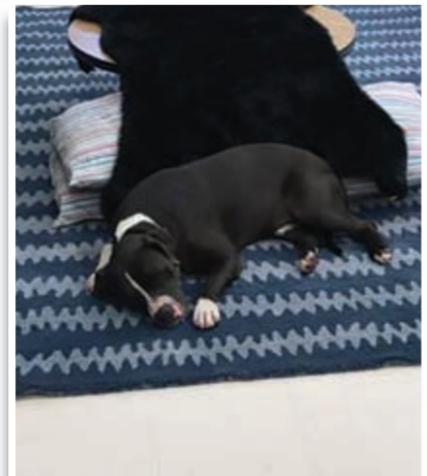
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The popular... and the rare

A brief description of six of the most commonly found shells on Florida beaches, and two of the hardest to find.

Pear Whelk

Fulguroopsis spiratus

Family: Busyconidae

Size: Up to 15 cm

Prominent large body whorl. Broad aperture gently narrowing to become siphonal canal. Specimens from Southwest Florida have smooth, rounded shoulder. Operculum horny. Color cream with axial reddish-brown streaks.



Underside

Florida Cone

Conus anabathrum

Family: Conidae

Size: Up to 54 mm

Smooth, conical shape. Spire elevate. Aperture long and narrow with posterior notch. Parietal region with weak spiral lines. Color cream with broad reddish-brown spiral bands and darker brown spots.



Underside

Tiny Dwarf Olive

Olivella pusilla

Family: Olivellidae

Size: Up to 8 mm

Bullet-shaped, with about five whorls, and a short spire. Parietal region with thin glossy callus. Outer lip relatively thick. Color variable, usually blackish, dark-mahogany, or bluish-gray with variable patterns of darker spiral bands and faint flame-like markings. Very common on sandy mud flats.



Underside

Florida Fighting Conch

Strombus alatus

Family: Strombidae

Size: Up to 110 mm

Solid with about seven whorls and relatively small, pointed spire. Early whorls have blunt spines or nodules with latter whorls with or without blunt spines. Color extremely variable: orange, reddish-brown to dark-mahogany with markings of darker or lighter color.



Underside

Rose Murex

Vokesimurex rubidus

Family: Muricidae

Size: Up to 45 mm

Similar to *Vokesimurex cabritii*, but spines very short or absent, except on long siphonal canal. Three varices per whorl, with two, rarely three, axial beaded ridges between varices. Color brown, gray or reddish.



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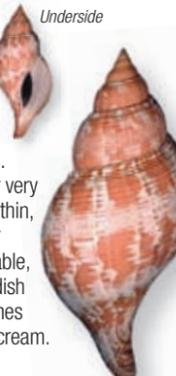
True Tulip

Fasciolaria tulipa

Family: Fasciolaridae

Size: Up to 20 cm

About nine rounded whorls. Surface smooth, except for very fine growth lines. Outer lip thin, with fine denticles on inner edge. Color extremely variable, cream, light-brown, to reddish orange with irregular blotches of darker brown, white, or cream. Brown spiral lines present.



Underside

Lucky finds

The elusive junonia and wentletrap are rare and treasured. Wentletraps, are small marine snails less than an inch – and junonias are a species of larger sea snails. Here are some examples:

Brown-band Wentletrap

Gyroscala rupicola

Family: Epitoniidae

Size: Up to 20 mm

Shell elongate, with very thin, small costae. Color cream or light brown, two spiral bands of darker brown color above and below periphery of whorl. Some may be completely brown.



Underside

Junonia

Scaphella junonia

Family: Volutidae

Size: Up to 150 mm

Shell solid, smooth with five or six whorls. Aperture measuring about 2/3 of shell length. Outer lip moderately thin. Color white to pinkish-white, with spiral rows of squarish spots of dark-mauve, reddish-brown or dark-brown.



Underside

A Guide to Shelling

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum offers this advice for getting the most out of shelling the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva:

Low tide

About an hour before to an hour after low tide is usually optimal.



Full moons and new moons

This is when the gravitational force of the moon creates higher high tides and lower low tides than normal.



After a good northwest wind or a storm

These events tend to stir up the ocean bottom and make more shells more available for the next tide.



A.M. low tides are often better than P.M. low tides

Many of the mollusks are nocturnal or feed at night; therefore the shells are more available in the morning.



There is really no "best" shelling beach. Winds, currents and tides determine the treasure. Collecting live shells, including sand dollars, sea urchins and sea stars, is prohibited on Southwest Florida beaches.



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SHELLS

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treasures churned up by the sea and a northwest wind.

Although each of our beaches boast different sought-after shells — ancient sharks' teeth (not technically a shell) on Englewood Beach and the junonia on Sanibel — the treasure trove changes daily depending on the fickleness of Mother Nature. Shells, which are the abandoned homes of long-dead mollusks, are particularly plentiful after a storm and around low tide. To get the best pickings, serious shellers also know they must beat other early birds even on remote islands.

About 356 types of shells have been documented along Southwest Florida's beaches, however, José H. Leal, science director and curator of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel, believes there are more.

"You have to keep in mind the number includes small shells you may not be able to see unless you sift through a handful of sand," he said. "I've turned a lot of people into doing that over the many years. They have no idea. Some are only a sixteenth of an inch."

Two pounds of sand can yield as many as 150 shell species as Dr. Leal discovered upon returning from a teaching assignment along Mexico's Caribbean Sea coast with a bag filled with sand.

Having earned a post-doctorate in marine biology and fisheries, Dr. Leal is the reigning shell expert in Southwest Florida, and by his affiliation with the museum, a global one, too. The Brazilian-born scientist was the museum's inaugural executive director when it opened in 1995. He served in that position until 2013.



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left to right: President of the board of trustees William Hallstead; actor and campaign chairman Raymond Burr; founding director Dr. R. Tucker Abbott; and Robert Benevides at the July 7, 1992 groundbreaking ceremony for the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel Island.

He's discovered a new genus of bivalves and had at least three named in his honor by his peers, including the Leal wentletrap. Naming one of his finds dilemma spectralis, found in the Florida Keys in 2006, is a playful reference to the rarity of finding a spectacular new shell.

"It's like finding a new asteroid," he said. "There are 75,000 named mollusks and many are known only from one specimen."

Mollusks include snails, clams and oysters. Squid and octopods are also considered mollusks because they have internal shells called pens.

For Dr. Leal, his love of shells began as a child on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro.

"Shells are cool objects to begin with even if you don't know they're made by

animals," he said. "Most people like me get involved as kids and being naturally curious look for more information. It's very eye opening."

The museum's website offers a photographic guide to help shellers identify their finds. Its marine biologist also conducts daily beach walks. A study of Sanibel's beaches (someone actually collected buckets of sand and counted) determined its most common shell as the transverse ark, a species of clam. Beachcombers can also expect to find what Sanibel blogger and "shellebrity" Pam Rambo dubs the "Sanibel Six" — the whelk, cone, conch, olive, murex and tulip.

"In a week's time, you're most likely to get one of each of those on a beach full of shells," she said. "The cone is the hardest to find but it keeps you going out to find a Florida cone, dusty cone or alphabet cone."

Notably absent from the list are the elusive junonia and wentletrap.

"The junonia is very difficult to find," said Ms. Rambo. "It's a trophy shell with big bragging rights. I talk to people all the time about the wentletrap which is



the coup de grâce of minis."

Wentletraps, marine snails, are small — less than an inch — often white and boast high spirals. Junonias are a species of larger sea snails, cream with spiraling brown squares. Because they live in deep water, junonias are often not intact if they happen to make landfall. "They're usually damaged by wave action and currents," Dr. Leal said.

Since launching her ilovechelling.com blog in 2009, Ms. Rambo has developed a large following in the cyber world, sharing her love and knowledge of shells. She also has a YouTube channel and her just-published book, "Pam Rambo's Guide to Speaking Shelllanguage," provides a humorous look at her shell-focused vocabulary (shelltastic, shellzam).

Ms. Rambo leads monthly shelling expeditions to Cayo Costa aboard Captiva Cruises and Big Hickory Island on Sight Sea-R Cruises out of Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach. She said she's able to separate her "shellives" — business and passion — by reserving shelling on Sanibel exclusively for herself and husband Clark.

"Shelling lets you get back to the basics and enjoy the beach," Ms. Rambo said. "I'm very fortunate my husband likes to shell just as much as I do. Some couples fish together or play tennis. We shell. When we take vacations, that's what we do. We explore different beaches around the world to find shells. Every place has different shells."

Her August Cayo Costa cruise attracted a "shellout" of 48, a mix of locals and visitors, first-timers and repeat customers, newbies and avid collectors. There was also a couple from England with their 13-year-old daughter.

"She watches my YouTube videos every night and reads my blog," Ms. Rambo said. "She was really excited to be there and meet the person behind the camera."

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— José H. Leal, science director and curator of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel



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Sanibel blogger and “shellebrity” Pam Rambo takes in plenty of days shelling and finds some of the most amazing varieties.



Another visitor, wearing a shell-decorated skirt, was in search of shells for crafts. “Everyone found a sand dollar,” she noted.

Ms. Rambo crafted her very own project for last year’s inaugural National Seashell Day, embellishing a VW bug with 20,000 shells. It’s currently on display at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Naples shelling

Captains Shane and Susan Chaplin offer daily shelling excursions aboard Sweet Liberty in Naples to remote Keywaydin Island, arming participants with shell sheets, books and bags for their one-hour island time.

“You never know what they’ll bring back,” said Mrs. Chaplin. “Occasionally they find some nice-sized shark teeth. We’ve seen quite a few foot-long sharks’ teeth.

The discoveries and shellers change from season to season. “We have some people who know exactly what shells they want to find on the beach,” she said. “Sometimes there will be a lot of shells on the beach, other times not too many.



The beach was loaded after Tropical Storm Emily.”

Dr. Leal also encourages shellers to search out Scotch bonnets, Florida fighting conchs, nutmegs and the wentletrap, the latter two more of a challenge. “There are a lot of cool shells that can be found on our beaches,” he said. “Even within the same species you’re hard-pressed to find two shells like each other.”

What you won’t find on Southwest Florida’s beaches are the large mostly broken shells lining the shores of Sanibel’s causeway islands. A lot of people ask, said Dr. Leal. They were trucked in from central Florida when the causeway was built. “These are fossil shells that have been dead for a million years.”

Some of the largest known modern-day living mollusks include the giant

clam, spanning 4 feet long and tipping the scales at 440 pounds on the Great Barrier Reef. Their shells have long been used as baptismal fonts and today they’re heavily poached. The largest marine snail, a gastropod commonly known as the Australian trumpet, is also found along the reef.

The world’s second largest gastropod, measuring 24 inches, is Bailey-Matthews’ very own horse conch, Florida’s state shell. The nonprofit displays only a portion of its collection of 700,000 or so shells, including naturally bright yellows and pinks, produced by genetic coding and often a poison alert to predators. Another fun fact: Most shells open to the right.

“I think a lot of people think the museum is a roadside attraction,” Dr.

Leal said. “There’s more than meets the eye. We have a lot of activities, specials events and our beach walks.”

Like Dr. Leal, Ms. Rambo grew up along the water in Virginia Beach, combing for shells.

“It’s always a treasure hunt,” she said. “Every single time we go out there’s something awesome. After a summer storm from the southwest we sometimes get Caribbean shells like milk conch and juvenile queen helmets. Different species like doghead tritons are also showing up. It’s never the same thing. It’s always changing. Shelling is an adventure.”

“There’s always the element of surprise,” Dr. Leal said. “You never know what you’re going to find next. I think the coolest thing of all is shelling is free and you’re in a beautiful setting.” ■

The Immokalee Foundation helped sow seeds for a career with Lipman

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“Every day I look at where my life is,” said Jesus Abarca, who, at nearly 27 years old, will tell you that even he is pleasantly surprised.

Mr. Abarca recently was looking for a loft apartment in Denver, Colo., close to his new position as operations manager for Lipman-Colorado, where he reports to the general manager.

This promotion is another in a series the former Immokalee Foundation student has earned working for Lipman. “I’ve moved six times in the past three years,” he said, adding with a laugh, “which makes me a very efficient packer, by the way.”

Lipman CEO Kent Shoemaker saw Mr. Abarca’s potential some years ago when the young man, who was accepted into the foundation’s

Take Stock in Children program while in middle school, spoke a few years later at the nonprofit’s gala event. Mr. Shoemaker told Mr. Abarca to come to his office, where he gave the young man a book to read. “Call me when you’ve finished it,” Mr. Shoemaker said. Mr. Abarca called the next day.

Soon after, Mr. Abarca began a summer internship with Lipman as a man-

agement trainee. He seized each opportunity as it came along and continued to impress the CEO and others within the company. He also earned a degree in business from Florida State University.

He moved for Lipman to Arizona and then San Diego, to positions with increasing responsibility.

“Each little piece has prepared me for the next step,” he said recently.

Just a few days into his new post in Denver, he was becoming familiar not only with greater traffic on the roads in his new “hip and happening city,” but also, and mostly, with employees and procedures in the repacking and processing facility.

The Colorado location deals mostly with tomatoes and is a smaller plant than the San Diego facility. The change is an opportunity Mr. Abarca relishes. “A smaller place makes it easier to see the changes you make,” he said. “You can really feel them. It’s exciting. I have a lot more responsibility.”

Based in Immokalee, Lipman is the largest open field tomato grower in North America. Leaders intimated that Mr. Abarca’s responsibility there is likely to grow as well.

“Denver is one of our smaller facilities with tremendous growth potential,” said Lipman executive Glenn Davis. “We believe Jesus will bring value in assisting General Manager Scott Iannacito in daily execution and



COURTESY PHOTO
Jesus Abarca on his graduation day at Florida State University. A former student of The Immokalee Foundation, Mr. Abarca earned a degree in business and since then has moved to three cities for positions of increasing responsibility with Lipman.

ager, man, leader and a member of the community.”

Mr. Shoemaker considers investing in talent like Mr. Abarca from communities in which Lipman operates as an aspect of sustainability. “Indeed, for any company to be truly sustainable — defined as ‘able to be maintained at a certain rate’ — it starts on the social (or human) level,” he wrote in an article about the subject, published June 27 at www.Growingproduce.com, an aggregate of several industry magazines in the Meister Media Horticulture Group.

He reinforced that sentiment, referring to Mr. Abarca: “We continually look to align skills/needs/aspirations into successful promotions and lateral movement in our company. Jesus has a passion to learn and an openness to explore new areas.”

Mr. Abarca’s parents labored in Immokalee tomato fields and wanted something better for their son — and their son wanted something better for himself.

The Immokalee Foundation 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 about volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation or including TIF in your estate plans, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org. ■

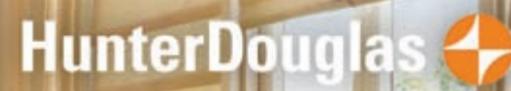


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Know where traffic deputies will hit the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 1:

Monday, Aug. 28

Oil Well and Immokalee roads: Red-light running

Radio Road and Industrial Boulevard: Speeding

Sunshine Boulevard: Speeding

Tuesday, Aug. 29

U.S. 41 North and Old 41 Road: Speeding
Collier Boulevard and Tuscany Cove Drive: Speeding

Texas Avenue at Parkside Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Airport-Pulling Road and Rustic Oak Circle: Red-light running

Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving

Orange Blossom Drive and Livingston Road: Aggressive driving

Thursday, Aug. 31

Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Speeding

Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running

Everglades and Randall boulevards: Red-light running

Friday, Sept. 1

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Oakes Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Naples Boulevard: Speeding

Davis Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road: Red-light running ■

Help CCSO keep Keewaydin Island clean

Spend a day at the beach with the Collier County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, Sept. 9.

That's when the CCSO Marine Bureau holds its ninth annual Keewaydin Clean-up. The public is invited to help pick up trash on Keewaydin Island. Transportation to the barrier island between Naples and Marco Island will be provided by the sailing vessels Sweet Liberty and Calusa Spirit.

Sweet Liberty will depart from Landings Park, 1101 Ninth St. S., and Calusa Spirit will leave from Pelican Bend Restaurant on Isles of Capri. Both vessels will depart at 8:30 a.m. and return to their departure point around 12:30 p.m.

Seats are limited to 35 people aboard each vessel. To reserve a spot, send an email to keewaydincleanup@gmail.com and include the name, telephone number and e-mail of each participant and which departure location you prefer.

Bottled water will be provided, but bring your own sunscreen. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

From the dealer to your wallet — the new car battery roulette



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It might seem absurd to write about hybrid and electric vehicles in an era of inexpensive gasoline, but technology and efficiency will keep moving forward no matter the price per gallon. Whether you're a fan of the environment, or just like saving money, efficient vehicles have an appeal in any economy. So, as we approach two decades of hybrids in the mainstream and EVs face their first major hurdle, it's good to see how these are changing the automotive landscape.

For decades, many manufactures have included planned obsolescence in their formulas. This is why a car might have a new fascia or added colors. But instead of just revising the styling every year, they're now offering consumers some genuine substance. It ranges from better safety to additional infotainment. But for this column, we'll just focus on the efficiency advances of hybrids and electric cars.

Car companies are doing a good job of alleviating the initial concerns over battery longevity. The current standard is to offer an eight-year/100,000-mile warranty on battery life. This means the first owners (and many cases second owners) have the assurance of protection.

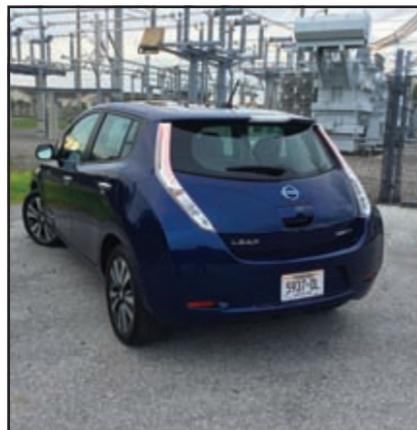
But the warranty isn't a full security blanket. As any car gets older there will be deterioration. So don't expect to qualify for a replacement if efficiency in year seven doesn't feel like it did on day seven.

Volvo recently committed to only selling hybrid gas/electric or full electric vehicles by 2019. Besides being a safety pioneer, its reputation is built on offering Nordic tanks that were hardy enough to circle the globe hundreds of times, literally. A 1966 Volvo P1800 currently holds the record for longevity with over three million miles traveled. But that kind of long-term relationship will be tougher to duplicate in 2019 when not every shade tree mechanic will be able to diagnose battery range issues.

This situation highlights the larger role dealerships will play as hybrid and EV technology expands. And many are happy to be essential to servicing.

Besides warranty and repair work, the local dealer has a ripe opportunity for repeat business. After all, it's a convincing argument when telling customers they can invest \$1,000 to fix their older vehicle or they can use the same car as a down payment on a new one. And if that sounds alluring, then just imagine how that would feel when facing a \$4,500 battery replacement on a hybrid past its warranty.

In some cases, taking a hybrid in for servicing can feel like visiting the cell phone store. That's because today's cars are often sold less on their overall price and more on their payments. The added capacity of the newer models will have people asking if the latest technology can fit in their current plan. This is not necessarily the smartest financial strategy (especially for those who want to break a lease.) Still, there are some of us out there willing to pay for the best technology on wheels, and the dealership wants every opportunity to scratch our itch.



But what about the old car? That same out-of-warranty hybrid is now pushed into the used car market. There are some new repair shops sprouting up that will replace hybrid car batteries at a lower rate. But this replacement market isn't guaranteed to expand, especially if the service isn't built into the car's value.

For instance, right now, a 10-year-old Toyota Prius and Camry in good condition will each cost about \$6,000. If knowing that the Prius hybrid batteries are out of warranty and even an aftermarket replacement will be a few thousand dollars, which used car really has the most long-term appeal?

Remember, we are using the hybrid car example. These have been around for nearly two decades. Mainstream fully electric vehicles, like the Nissan Leaf, have only been with us for about seven years. That car offered from the start the lengthy eight-year/100,000-mile battery warranty. So, there are many Leafs about to cross the threshold into a new frontier of zero assurance.

Nissan already offers replacement batteries for those who have experienced loss that's not great enough to trigger the warranty, and that seems to range between \$4,500-\$6,500. True to the modern fashion, it can be built into a payment plan.

The appeal is that since there are fewer moving parts to deteriorate in an

EV, replacing the battery often creates a nearly-new car feeling. But this is a substitution, not an upgrade, so it doesn't bring a 2011 car up to the long range 2017 standards.

One car that has seemed to skip any definition is the Chevrolet Volt. It's a plug-in electric vehicle with gasoline-powered range extender. It cannot be called a full EV and GM doesn't like calling it a hybrid. But this in-between vehicle is programmed not to charge its battery to full capacity. It creates less stress, and as a result, these first examples that are beginning to age out of all warranties often show less battery loss.

Fans of efficient vehicles might feel that most of this writing is unfairly taxing hybrids and electric vehicles without highlighting the upshot. Unfortunately, it would take the full page just to list the environmental and cost benefits, and it's assumed that a savvy consumer is already aware of them. In fact, this is just meant to remind people to do their full research.

Hybrids and EV are working outside of the traditional system. The car companies are learning, adapting, and improving — and the aftermarket isn't far behind. But now that they've finally been with us long enough to feel conventional, we need to know how to play battery roulette when kicking the tires. ■

Naples' Richard Mellon receives highest accolades from the FAA

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The Federal Aviation Administration honored M. Richard Mellon with its Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the most prestigious award the FAA issues to certified pilots. Mr. Mellon's name has been added to the online Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Roll of Honor, which recognizes pilots for their dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism and outstanding contributions to further the cause of aviation safety.

To be eligible for the award, which is named after the first U.S. pilots, a nominee must hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or FAA pilot certificate, document 50 or more years of civil or military flying experience, be a U.S. citizen and have three letters of recommendation from other pilots licensed by the FAA.

Mr. Mellon received the award at a Naples Airport Authority board meeting. It was presented by H. Matthew Simpson, lead representative of the FAA Safety Team.

"The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is given to pilots who exhibit professionalism, integrity, leadership and mentorship," Mr. Simpson said. "Rick Mellon is the epitome of all of these attributes."

Mr. Mellon was inspired by his father who was a flight instructor in World War II. He learned to fly at 14 years old and was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force during college, serving until he graduated from Auburn University. A Naples resident for more than 20 years, he served terms as chair and vice chair during his time on the NAA's Noise Compatibility Committee.



Matthew Simpson of the FAA Safety Team, left, presents the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to Naples resident Richard Mellon.

During Mellon's tenure in the Civil Air Patrol, he held the positions of inspector general and legal officer for Florida, and also instructed at the national level for both positions.

He is CEO and board chair of Mellon Philanthropic, as well as president and board chair of Mellon Heritage Foundation. He practiced law in Pittsburgh for 25 years and served as an arbitrator and judge in Pennsylvania. Locally, he is a board member of Quest for Success and a volunteer member of Angel Flight, Friends of Naples Airport, Friends of Rookery Bay, Humane Society Naples advisory board and Rotary Club Naples-Pelican Bay. He is also involved with the American Arbitration Association, Arc Allegheny, Civic Light Opera and Easter Seals.

Naples Municipal Airport began operation in 1943 as a military airfield. In 1969, the Florida Legislature created the Naples Airport Authority as an independent government agency charged with the operation, development and improvement of the airport. ■

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Locals totally love partial eclipse of the sun

Millions of Americans turned their eyes to the heavens Monday afternoon, Aug. 21 (behind the appropriate protective eyewear, hopefully) to view the first solar eclipse to pass over the United States in nearly 40 years. Southwest Floridians experienced the peak of the event around 2:55 p.m., when the sun was about 82 percent covered by the moon.

The Collier County Public Library system doled out about 1,450 pairs of eclipse glasses free of charge with help from the Space Science Institute, according to Tanya Williams, library system director. About 3,000 people stayed at various library locations around the county to watch the eclipse, making it easily the largest system-wide one-day event, Ms. Williams added.

Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive also live-streamed NASA's video feed of the eclipse as it made its way from Oregon to South Carolina. ■



Emma DeHoan came with her family on holiday from the Netherlands to watch the eclipse at Collier County Headquarters Library.

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A look at the solar eclipse through a pinhole viewer at Collier County Headquarters Library.



Nancy Niconovich views the solar eclipse from the Collier County Public Library Headquarters.



Some visitors at Collier County Headquarters Library watched the eclipse through cardboard box pinhole viewers.



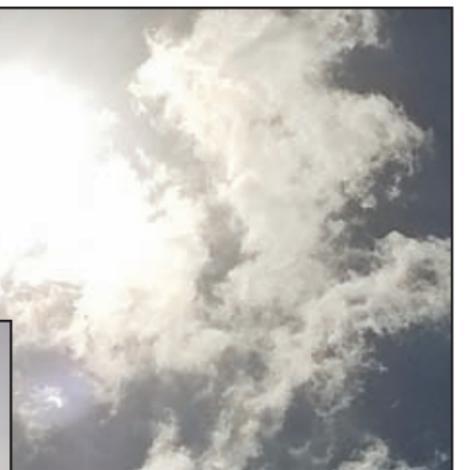
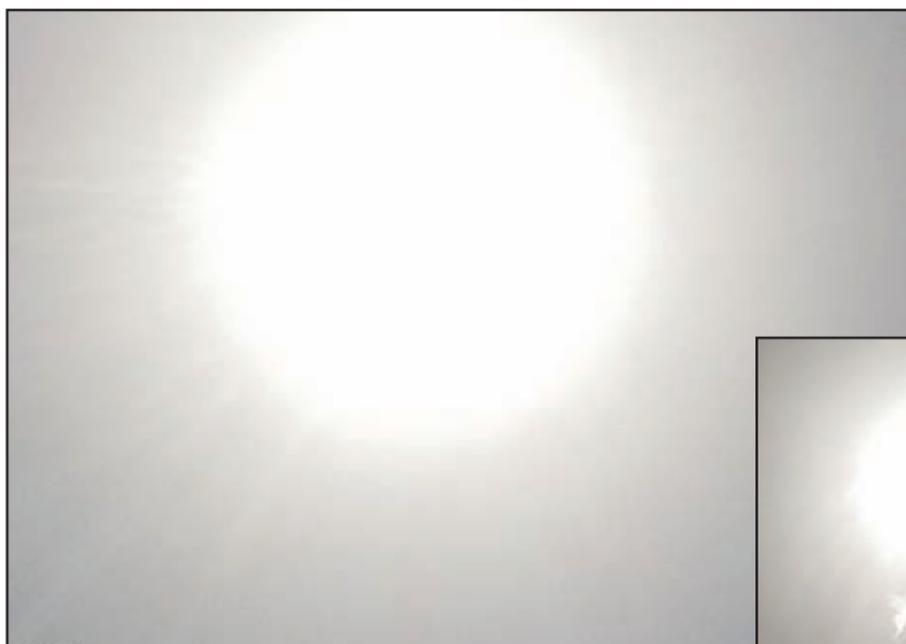
A pair of the solar viewer glasses provided by the Space Science Institute via the Collier County Public Library system.



Collier County library visitors who didn't score a pair of free eclipse viewing glasses could watch the phenomenon safely through a simple pinhole viewer.



Leane Stewart marvels at the view through a pair of free protective glasses she got at Collier County Headquarters Library.



Naples resident Christina Fischer shared these three images of the solar eclipse flaring through her camera lens.

Senior lifetime parks pass to jump from \$10 to \$80

Time is running out on one of the best travel deals around for seniors: On Aug. 28, the cost of a lifetime pass to U.S. national parks for those 62 and older jumps from \$10 to \$80.

For Collier County residents, the closest places to purchase the pass are: Big Cypress National Preserve in Ochopee; Everglades National Park, Homestead; J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island; and Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge, Big Pine Key.

Passes also can be purchased through the mail, though applications must be postmarked by Aug. 27 to secure the \$10 price. And for an additional service fee of \$10, passes can be purchased online at www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.

The pass — called the "America the Beautiful: The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass" — can be used for entry to more than 2,000 sites, monuments and parks across the country that are managed by the National Park Service. Those who purchase the passes by Aug. 27 will never have to pay an additional fee to visit any of the national parks, according to the NPS.

The park service has offered the lifetime senior pass for \$10 since 1994. It covers all entrance, day-use and vehicle fees, and provides discounts for things such as tours and campsites. At a site that charges per-person fees, pass holders can bring along three other adults for free.

The first senior pass price increase

will raise revenue to enhance the visitor experience in refuges and parks, where recent federal budget cuts have meant diminished staff and services. At "Ding" Darling alone, staff has been slashed in half during the past decade, according to a statement from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge.

Seniors can still opt to buy an annual pass for \$20. Those who purchase an annual pass for four straight years can convert that pass to a lifetime senior pass.

Even with the 700 percent price increase, the lifetime pass is still quite a bargain: Single park-admission fees to the most popular sites — which include the Grand Canyon, Great Smoky Mountains and Yosemite national parks — can run as much as \$30.

"If a senior visits three of the \$30 parks, she or he has already saved money," NPS spokesperson Kathy Kupper told AARP last month. "Plus, the pass allows those traveling with seniors to enter the park with them."

In late 2016, Congress approved the National Park Service Centennial Act, legislation that raised fees and set up an endowment to help pay for projects and visitor services.

Passes are non-refundable and non-transferable and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. If lost or stolen, a new pass will need to be purchased.

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Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's 2017 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County awards dinner. Edward Staros, vice president and managing director of The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples, and Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes, will be inducted as laureates on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort.

The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community. Mr. Staros and Mr. Wilson will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted

into the Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1988.

Business sponsorships range from \$250 to \$10,000. Diamond level for \$10,000, platinum for \$8,000 and gold for \$5,500 all include eight seats, with an additional two seats reserved for students, as well as many other benefits. The \$2,000 silver sponsor level includes eight seats with two additional seats for students, and the \$1,000 bronze sponsor level includes four seats at a reserved table. Individual seats are also available for \$250 each.

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port student admission, which is \$125 per ticket. Junior Achievement students

attending the event are able to practice their etiquette skills while interacting with local professionals.

Additionally, full-page and half-page advertisements are available in the event program book for \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

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Protected Harbor prepares to open its second group home in Naples

Protected Harbor, a faith-based non-profit dedicated to providing family-focused group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities, recently hosted a "floor-signing ceremony" at its new home under construction in Naples. The first Protected Harbor home opened in 2010 and houses women. The new home for men will be ready for occupancy this fall.

Fifty guests were invited to write their favorite Bible verse on the concrete slab of the new house before the flooring was installed. Those supporters "have helped build the foundation of faith our future residents will stand on for years to come," board president Bob Schubring told the gathering.

Mr. Schubring went on to say there are more than 300,000 individuals with developmental disabilities living in Florida. Of those people, 76 percent live with a family caregiver, many of whom are age 60 and over, he said, adding, "The parents of adults with developmental disabilities deserve the assurance that their children will be loved and cared for after they pass on."

Residents of Protected Harbor's two homes "will find a place to feel loved, respected and needed. They will be encouraged to grow and develop spiritually and emotionally," Mr. Schubring said. Protected Harbor also provides instruction in living skills, workshop and vocational opportunities for earned wages, classroom and physical education as well as social activities and companionship.

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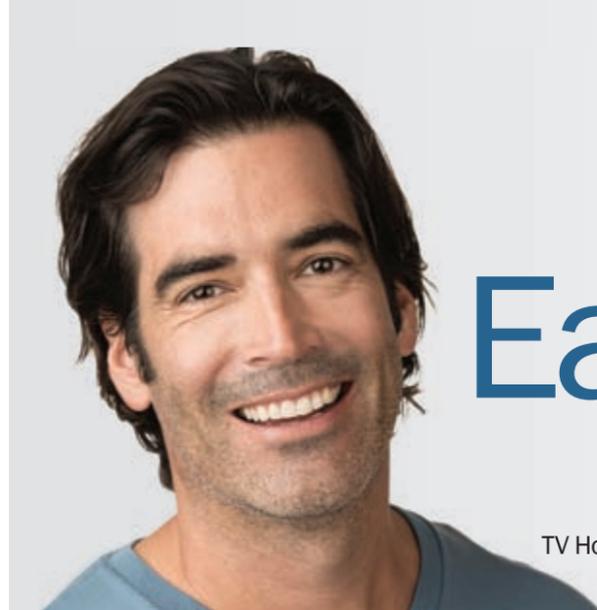


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administrative headquarters and state-of-the-art emergency operations center. According to the city council memorandum on the project, the upgraded design will exceed FEMA 100-year flood zone levels and have the ability to withstand Category 5 hurricane wind levels.

Fire Chief Pete DiMaria said the new building is the most cost-effective way to get operations and administrative staff all under one roof. The building, which the fire department has been trying to get approved since 2005, will provide critical infrastructure to the city of Naples, the chief said, adding it is projected to meet the city's public safety demands for at least 50 years. The previous building was last renovated 23 years ago.

In the event of a hurricane or other disaster, the Collier County Emergency Operations Center is the primary location in the area for coordination of all federal, state and local governments, as well as for partner agencies such as the American Red Cross and Florida Power & Light, according to county spokesperson Michael Sheffield. He believes the city's new EOC will be utilized for more targeted tasks and operations within Naples city limits.

The project was approved at a September 2016 city council meeting. Initially the building was approved to be a one-story, \$5 million project designed to house only operational personnel. That project was approved at a May 2016 meeting. Then in August, a fresh design was brought in for a two-story building capable of housing operations and administration.

"The city manager (Bill Moss) and the



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Scenes from the demolition of the city of Naples' Fire Station No. 1 in downtown Naples. The project paves the way for a new \$6.3 million, 22,000-square-foot emergency operations center and Naples Fire Department headquarters.

mayor (Bill Barnett) agreed that it was a great project to move forward with," according to Chief DiMaria, who has been with Naples Fire since 1989 and was promoted to chief in June 2016.

The new facility, along with some new technology, will allow Naples Fire's administrative staff to vacate their offices at the Naples Police Department, allowing for increased flexibility and consolidation of each of those public services, the chief said.

"The technology we're putting in the building is going to enhance our service by allowing us to respond quicker. The mapping software that notifies our personnel to go out to incidents will decrease the time to get to the patient."

The \$6.3 million cost includes the demolition of the old Fire Station No. 1. The money will be taken out of the

public service tax fund and comes at no additional increase to taxpayers.

That price tag does not include equipment, furniture, extractors for bunker gear, or air compressors to fill self-contained breathing apparatuses, Chief DiMaria said, but the additional cost was anticipated and a final set price will be determined during construction.

"It's an important project, not only for the members of the fire department, but I really feel the community is going to be better served," he said, adding the new facility will improve the department's ability to respond far to the south end in Port Royal and also to handle some of the needs of the community to the north as well.

While demolition/construction is underway, Fire Station No. 1 has been relocated to 50 Riverside Circle in a



building owned by the city. The fortuitous vacancy of the building saved city taxpayers more than a half million dollars, according to the fire chief.

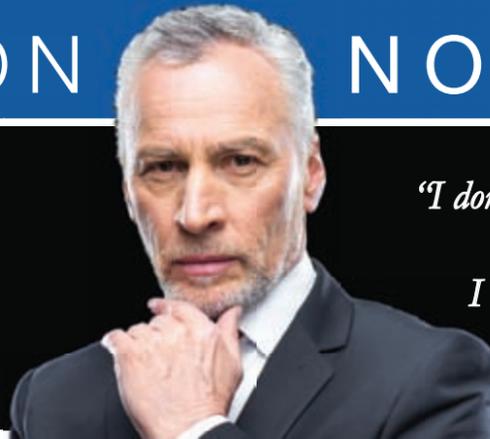
Passersby probably noticed the old fire station looking a bit dilapidated in the weeks leading up to the teardown. That's because the shell of the station was being put to good use.

"We did some search-and-rescue training, as well as some hurricane window ventilation training," the chief said. "That's why it looked abandoned." ■

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Unclear on the concept

In early August, Volusia County Beach Safety officers banished 73-year-old Richard G. Basaraba of Daytona Beach from all county beaches after it was discovered he was handing out business cards to young women, reading "Sugardaddy seeking his sugarbaby." The mother of a

16-year-old said he approached a group of girls with his cards and continued to speak with the minor girl even after she told him her age. He also produced a bra padding, telling the girls he was "looking for someone who would fill it." He told the 16-year-old she "would be perfect."

Great expectations

On Aug. 7, 16-year-old Jack Bergeson of Wichita, Kan., filed papers in Topeka to run for governor as a Democrat in the 2018 race. Bergeson, who won't be able to vote in that election, said: "I thought, you know, let's give the people of Kansas a chance. Let's try something new." The candidate says he would "radically change" health

care and would support legalizing medical marijuana, but he's conservative on gun rights. Bryan Caskey, director of elections at the Kansas secretary of state's office, said there is no law governing the qualifications for governor. Bergeson's running mate, 17-year-old Alexander Cline, will be 18 by the election and will get to vote.

Animal antics

■ A skunk got up close and personal with a 13-year-old boy on July 25 when it climbed into his bed in Hamden, Conn., apparently after hitchhiking into the house in a trash can. The family removed the skunk without the help of the Hamden Animal Control Division, but an officer said the "smell of skunk ... emanated throughout the house."

■ The Scardillo Cheese factory in

Burnaby, B. C., Canada, has a squirrel to blame for a fire that resulted in more than 20,000 gallons of milk being spoiled on Aug. 8. The squirrel chewed through a main power line on the outside of the building, which sparked the fire, and power could not be restored for 12 hours. Already-made cheese was kept cool with generators, but milk being readied to make cheese warmed and went bad.

Least-competent criminals

■ Criminal justice student Jordan Dinsmore, 20, of Columbia, S.C., had her car's manual transmission to thank for her safe escape on July 26. Three men approached her around 1 a.m. and pointed a gun at her. After robbing her of her phone and purse, the men forced her into her car, threatening to kidnap and rape her, but when they realized none of them knew how to drive her stick-shift car, one of the criminals ran away. The other two forced Dinsmore to drive to an ATM to withdraw cash. As she drove, Dinsmore removed her seatbelt, then put the car in neutral and jumped out, screaming, "Call

911! Call 911!" to passing motorists. The Richland County Sheriff's Department arrested a 15-year-old and a 17-year-old in the kidnapping and robbery.

■ Surveillance video from a July 27 break-in at the home of John C. Burbage, 59, of Naples, Fla., showed a surprisingly familiar picture of the perpetrators: Harold Russell Lanham, 22, and his dad, James Edward Lanham, 41, both of whom Burbage employed and both of whom were wearing their work uniforms. The Lanham duo stole a safe containing more than \$30,000 worth of cash and property from their boss's home.

The weirdo-American community

Residents of Hollis, Maine, were unnerved on the evening of July 25 as Corey Berry, 31, wearing a clown mask, walked around town with a machete duct-taped to the place where his arm had been amputated. When Berry, intoxicated, was

taken into custody in nearby Waterboro, he explained to officers that he was copying other clown sightings as a prank on a friend. Karmen LePage of Hollis warned: "He's not funny. We live in the woods; you think we don't have guns? He's ... lucky."

Paranormal activity

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division issued an alert on Aug. 9 in advance of the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 asking South Carolinians to be "vigilant" and look out for Lizardmen during the celestial event. "SCEMD does not know if Lizardmen become more active during a solar eclipse," the note reads.

"But we advise that residents of Lee and Sumter counties should remain vigilant." The folkloric reptilian beast is thought to live in swampland around Lee County and frequent sewers in nearby towns. While some people thought the warning might be a joke, SCEMD said it "will neither confirm nor deny" the existence of Lizardmen.

Anger management

Customers at a Flying J truck stop in West Hanover Township, Va., got quite the show on Aug. 14 when Craig Troccia, 54, of Roanoke smashed the windshield of his truck and poured a cup of urine onto the interior. Wait — did we mention Troccia was naked? He then yelled a racial epithet at a black man and flashed his genitals at everyone

within sight. Next, (still naked) Troccia pointed a gun at the same man and then at another man and threatened to kill them both. After state troopers loaded Troccia into their cruiser, he "slammed his body and head on the various panels of the vehicle," they reported. He was charged with 34 criminal counts, including public drunkenness.

The continuing crisis

There are 70 registered voters in McIntire, Iowa, but not one of them showed up to vote in a two-question special election on Aug. 1. Mitchell County deputy auditor

Barbara Baldwin told reporters that even poll workers didn't vote because none of them live in McIntire, which is about 130 miles northeast of Des Moines. ■



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■ The **Naples MacFriends User Group** has hundreds of members who share a passion for all things Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information, visit www.naples-mug.com.

■ **Civitan Clubs** are dedicated to serving the needs of the community with an emphasis on the disabled. The Civitan International Research Center is dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome, among others. The Marco Island Civitan Club meets the second Tuesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the fourth week of every month. The Naples Civitan Club meets the first Wednesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the third week of the month. For more information, call 774-2623 or email swflcivitan@gmail.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of the Wine Tasters of Naples recently helped paint pottery bowls bound for the 2018 Empty Bowls Naples event in January. The Empty Bowls nonprofit organization enlists the creative talents of local volunteers to decorate bowls for the annual soup lunch. The next public painting parties are from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18. Painting parties are at Empty Bowls Naples headquarters at 2221 Corporation Blvd. For more information about Empty Bowls Naples, visit www.emptybowlsnaples.com.



Wine Tasters of Naples who recently pitched in are:

1. Marianne Stef, Frank Falcone, Curtis Cooper, Scott Moore, Jackie Keay, Sherri Weidman, Lynn Lewis and Cindy Lewis
2. Jackie Keay
3. Lynn Lewis and Cindy Lewis

community in North Naples. The next meetings are Sept. 2 and 16. 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 **Naples Spartans Alumni Club of Michigan State University** invites Spartans fans to watch the season's football games together at Pelican Larry's at 8855 Immokalee Road,

just east of Collier Blvd., where they will enjoy special pricing on food and drink during the games. The first game of the season kicks off at noon Saturday, Sept. 2, in East Lansing against Bowling Green University. Check the Naples Spartans' Facebook page for weekly updates.



■ **Tech4Good SWFL**, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way in Naples. The club helps people learn about using technology to advance their organization's mission, community engagement and fundraising. The Sept. 5 program will be about how to tell your nonprofit story with Adobe Spark and other free online software tools. Admission is free and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org. For more information about the organization, visit www.tech4good-swfl.org.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Sept. 6. Members also serve a buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome. Admission for



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

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to lunch and a program at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Quail Creek Country Club. Guest speaker and internist Dr. Kathleen Wilson will discuss heart,

stroke and cancer treatments. Carol Foster will inspire by "Connecting the Dots in Life with Humor" and vocalist Beverly Schroeder will perform. \$28 (\$14 for first-time guests). RSVP by calling 514-2207 or emailing cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to mix and mingle with other Pi Phis at the final summer mixer on Thursday, Sept. 14. Meet at 6 p.m. at the southernmost Pelican Bay Beach Commons parking lot (near the tennis courts) at 6251 Pelican Bay Blvd. for a tram ride to the beach to enjoy the sunset. To make your necessary reservation or for more information, call 919-612-1217 or email donna@marketthisinc.com.

■ The **Southwest Florida Stage Writers Group** has its first meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Playwrights, librettists, composers and lyricists of all levels of experience are invited to meet other writers, get feedback on writing samples and keep up-to-date on

local theater activity. The first meeting will be in Naples, but future meetings will also be held in Lee County. For location details and to RSVP, email Shawn Ryan at shawnryan.fl@gmail.com.



■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Sept. 14. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission

is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG**, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is Sept. 21. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** resumes monthly meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. All are welcome. Guest speaker and society member David Nelson will present "The Mystery Suitcase: The Fate of Four Holocaust-era Families." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

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Reflections on five years in Mayo network



NCH recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of our membership in the Mayo Clinic Care Network. We were the first in Florida and seventh in the nation. Five years later, there are 44 carefully screened, competent, and market-dominant members of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. They extend over 37 states and to Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore and United Arab Emirates and encompass 122 hospitals, 12 million patients and 18,000 physicians.

When it was announced back in 2012, we outlined these three goals of our affiliation with Mayo:

- The primary goal of the Mayo Clinic Care Network is bringing the benefits of Mayo Clinic expertise close to home, decreasing the need for patients to travel outside Southwest Florida for treatment. One of eight NCH patients already hails from outside our five-county region. And with this affiliation, we anticipate becoming an even greater medical tourist destination.

- This alliance will not only improve the quality of our care here in Naples, but also serve as an economic boost for our community. As patients and their families travel to NCH for care, they will use our hospital services and other local services as well, potentially contributing to estate and economic development.

- For NCH physicians, this relationship gives access to a Mayo service called "AskMayoExpert," which delivers concise, Mayo-vetted medical

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NIH researchers identify cause of common type of hair loss

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Hair loss is often associated with men and aging, but it can happen to women and children, too. Many people have thinning hair or bald areas on their head.

You can lose hair slowly or quickly. Whether or not your hair will eventually grow back depends on the cause. A family history of baldness, medical conditions or their treatments and many other things cause hair loss.

The most common type of hair loss is called androgenetic alopecia, also known as male- or female-pattern baldness. It tends to run in families and causes your hair to fall out gradually. As men get older, they may start to lose hair in the front of their scalp. The pattern of hair loss for women is different. Their hair may thin out all over their scalp, but is often most obvious along the part.

Both men and women with androgenetic alopecia can apply medicines to their scalp to slow the progression of their hair loss. However, some medications are only FDA-approved for men. Some men (and occasionally women) opt for hair transplant surgery, in which tiny plugs of hair are moved from the back of the head to the front. This option depends on how much hair is available for a transplant.

Another common type of hair loss is known as alopecia areata. Scientists recently discovered what causes this type of hair loss. Alopecia areata is an autoimmune disease. The immune system, which normally helps protect your body from disease, starts attacking hair follicles, the part of the skin that hairs grow from. Usually, only small patches of hair on the scalp are lost. But in severe cases, hair all over the body may be lost. The hair loss might not be permanent, however, because hair follicles are not destroyed. They are just stuck in a resting state.

Currently, there are no approved drugs for alopecia areata. However, an NIH-funded study recently discovered that a class of drugs called Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors can stop, and even reverse, the disease.

Dr. Angela Christiano, a skin disease expert at Columbia University, showed that JAK inhibitors block the damaging effects of the immune system on hair follicles. Many people in her study who took the drug had their hair grow back. More



clinical trials are underway to determine how safe and effective JAK inhibitors are for treatment of alopecia areata.

"I think it's a hopeful time for patients with alopecia areata," says Dr. Christiano, who also has the disease. She hopes that the excitement around alopecia areata research will carry over to other types of hair loss, which tend to be understudied diseases.

If you start losing clumps of hair or notice your hair thinning, check in with your doctor to help identify the cause, suggest possible treatments and advise you on how to manage the condition.

Coping with the effects of hair loss on your head can be difficult, but there are many things you can do.

"Find somebody that you trust and just talk about what's going on," advises Kathleen Baxley, who is the chief of social work at the NIH Clinical Center. She oversees a team that counsels people in clinical studies, including those who lose their hair because of a treatment. "It really helps folks a lot of the time just to tell their story. You can speak with a family member or close friend. Or, you can reach out to a counselor.

"Sometimes finding support groups helps," Ms. Baxley adds. Support groups meet in person and/or have discussions online. ■



in the know

Take care of your hair

NIH offers these tips for taking care of your hair — and yourself — should you start to notice thinning or missing strands:

- >> **Be gentle.** Use your comb or brush carefully.
- >> **Cover up.** Wear a hat, scarf, wig or hairpiece. It can protect your scalp from the sun.
- >> **Use sunscreen.** Protect bald, uncovered areas from sun damage.
- >> **Try a new style.** Ask your barber or hairstylist to make the most of your remaining hair.
- >> **Get support.** Share your feelings and get tips for coping with hair loss from others with the same challenge. Or, ask for support from a counselor.

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knowledge to the point of care. This new knowledge base will be an educational resource to our physicians and assist them with the best patient-care advice.

Not only have we exceeded those goals, we are enjoying numerous unanticipated accomplishments because of our Mayo affiliation.

We have a collaboration with Mayo Clinic College of Medicine as a sponsor of NCH's new internal medicine residency program. We have had rotations of fourth-year Mayo Clinic-Florida

general surgical residents and we look forward to future rotations of senior Mayo anesthesia residents. We benefit from "Grand Rounds" once or twice per month by Mayo professors, and we have easy access to eConsults that allow patients in Southwest Florida to have a Mayo physician consultation without traveling.

Notably, Chief Medical Officer Dr.

Frank Astor's vision directed 72 NCH physicians and administrators in dyads to experience Mayo's leadership course. Subsequently, other Mayo affiliates joined with NCH to share in the same culture-changing experience. Long term, our desire is to have our medical staff and colleagues assimilate Mayo's patient-focused culture. As NCH's participants in the Mayo leadership course share their experience and insights with the rest of our medical staff, we grow our affiliation.

During the celebration of the five-year milestone, we asked ourselves the seminal question: Where will we be at our 10-year anniversary? The end game is transformation as NCH aspires to be like Mayo. I anticipate therapeutic

advancements, cultural changes, efficiency improvements, quality enhancements and payment modifications — all encouraging everyone to emulate our Mayo colleagues and affiliates focused on helping patients live longer, happier and healthier lives. ■

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



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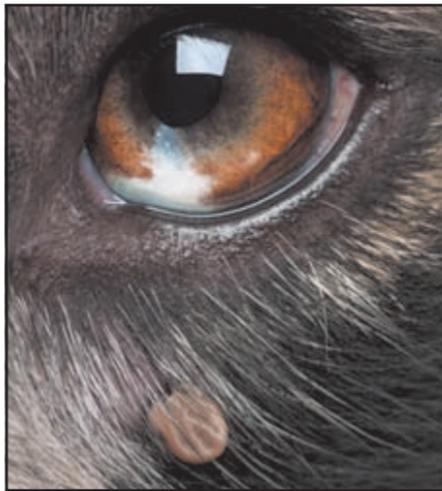
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In the span of less than a week, I found two ticks on my dog Harper, a cavalier King Charles spaniel. In 25 years of dog ownership, that was a first. We live in Southern California, so ticks are a fact of life, but Harper doesn't typically go into areas where ticks are found. We don't have a yard, and she's not allowed on local hiking trails. I can only surmise that the ticks hitched a ride on me — ick! — after a hike and made their way onto Harper.

Tick populations are increasing. And there aren't just more of them; they're being found in more places than in the past, says veterinary parasitologist Dr. Susan E. Little of Oklahoma State University. Milder winters; more white-tailed deer, which carry the tiny arachnids; and increasing development in formerly rural areas are among the factors in the ticks' spread.

Like me, you might never have had to worry about ticks before, but now is a good time to talk to your veterinarian about their prevalence in your area. Many tick species have moved out of their original habitats, carried away by migratory birds, coyotes and deer. One or more species of ticks can now be found in every state, including Alaska and Hawaii. Ticks used to be active from spring through fall, but warmer winters mean that some species are staying active as late as February, depending on where they are located.

That's bad news, since ticks are major carriers of diseases that affect humans as well as dogs and cats. Most of us are



Depending on where you live in the United States, there are six to eight major tick species and many minor ones.

familiar with Lyme disease, but ticks also transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis and Cytauxzoon felis, which infects cats. The ticks that primarily transmit these debilitating and sometimes deadly diseases are the black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), the Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) and the American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*).

Protect yourself and your pets from tick-borne diseases with the following measures:

- Provide all your pets with lifetime parasite control. "We always say to treat every pet every month all year long," Dr. Little says. Dogs and cats don't spread tick-borne diseases directly to their own-

ers, but they can acquire diseases from ticks as well as bring ticks into the home or yard. And just because your dog or cat stays mainly indoors or lives in a certain geographic region doesn't mean he's not at risk.

- Ask your veterinarian which ticks and tick-borne diseases are common in your area and which product is best for protecting your animals. The information may have changed since you last learned about ticks.

- Apply tick-prevention products on a regular schedule. It's no longer effective to try to time parasite control to start in spring and stop after the second killing frost.

- Check your dog or cat for ticks any time he has been outdoors. Keep a tick-removal device on hand and know how to use it.

- Make your yard less welcoming to ticks by removing leaf litter, mowing the lawn frequently, keeping landscaping free of tall grass and brush and fencing your yard to prevent incursions by deer and other animals that carry ticks. A 3-foot swathe of wood chips or gravel between your lawn and wooded areas won't keep ticks away, but it does serve as a visual reminder that you are entering the tick zone.

- Use insect repellent on yourself, and wear protective clothing.

- After a hike or other outdoor excursion to tick-friendly wooded areas with tall grass, give yourself a cursory examination for the little bloodsuckers, so you don't drive them home to your pets. ■

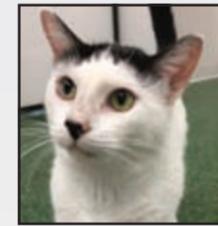
Pets of the Week



>> **Albert** is a 4-month-old neutered male mix who is poised to grow into the medium-large dog. He has started learning puppy manners and wants a family that will continue teaching him how to be a wonderful pet.



>> **Clover** is a young adult spayed female mix. She only has three legs, but that doesn't slow her down from spreading love and happiness.



>> **Serenading Sam** is a neutered adult male domestic shorthair who has the most adorable expressions.



>> **Wayne** is a young adult neutered male affectionately known as a "low rider." He is full grown but low to the ground with short legs and a sweet beagle face.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, email Admin@BrookesLegacyanimalrescue.org. ■



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THE DIVA DIARIES

Online dating? Make sure someone does some sleuthing



weeks later she agreed to meet him in person halfway, in Sarasota, for lunch. The more questions I asked her about the guy, however, the less she seemed to know about him. And she admitted that her intuition was telling her something — she just didn't know what.

You might be surprised to learn that I have a part-time (nonpaying) job as a private detective.

And it's really a shame that it's non-paying, because I'm pretty good at it.

It all started several years ago when my girlfriend Jennifer started dating online, because really, is there any other way to date anymore? Just ask another one of my girlfriends, who happily walked down the aisle two weeks ago to marry the love of her life — whom she met online at Plenty of Fish. I have plenty more newly married friends who've met on Match, Our Time, Bumble and others.

But, back in the early 2000s, online dating was still pretty new and Jennifer was wading around in an unfamiliar pool when she met a guy online from Tampa. She wasn't bothered by the 125-mile distance because he sounded so great. A successful attorney, he was divorced with a 7-year-old daughter and had just bought his dream home, a big house with five bedrooms. He started off messaging Jennifer and as the flirtation grew, they graduated to phone calls — long, late-night phone calls — the kind where no one wants to be the last to say goodbye.

Things heated up and a couple of

So, she gave me his first and last names and I went to work. When I visited the Hillsborough County property appraiser's website, I learned that the dude did not own a home, but he did own a small piece of land. When I Google-Earthed the address, it turned out to be a mobile home (not that there's anything wrong with living in a mobile home, but what happened to the big house he bragged about?).

Then I couldn't find any info to prove he was an attorney.

But the worst news came when I checked out the clerk of courts website — where I found his marriage license but no record of divorce.

When Jennifer called to confront him, he admitted that he and his wife were newly separated. He said he was living in his uncle's trailer, and he hoped to go back to school someday to be a lawyer and be able to buy his dream house. Needless to say, the lunch date was cancelled.

Jennifer dodged a bullet, and since then, I've had dozens of girlfriends, and even mere acquaintances, request



my investigation skills. One friend who dates online a LOT has been known to text me with several names of potential boyfriends and two simple words: "Please stalk."

It was before Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram back when Jennifer almost dated a married man who lived with his uncle, so it took me a whole afternoon to get the skinny on Mr. Tampa. These days, such sleuthing is a piece of cake. You just need a last name.

Yet you'd be surprised how many women are hesitant to ask. One friend actually asked me, "All I know is that his name is Dave and he lives in Naples. What can you find out about him?" She told me she was afraid that if she asked his last name, he would assume she was going to Google him.

The truth is, everybody Googles

everyone nowadays. And, by the way, Google isn't enough. When I put on my detective hat, the first thing I check is the sheriff's website to see if a potential soul mate has been arrested. We all make mistakes, but if he was arrested for violence or something equally as scary, you'll want to know. Then I click on over to the clerk of courts site for info on marriages, divorces, lawsuits, restraining orders and more. And the property appraiser's site can tell us if his home is registered in his name only — or if there's a wife on the deed. All of this takes less than 20 minutes.

Recently, a friend called me with the good news that she had found "the one" — and could I just make sure he wasn't married or a felon. I checked him out and gave her the all clear. She was thrilled — and because she's a liberal Democrat, she was excited that they shared the same political views. "Then why is he a registered Republican, and why is he wearing a Donald Trump shirt in one of his Instagram photos?" I wanted to know.

Unfortunately, detectives sometimes have to break a heart. ■

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

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FROM THE TOP

Council head champions a sporting life

BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Sports are an essential element of the tapestry that is Mary Shea's life.

"I've always been a 'jockette,'" said Ms. Shea, membership director for Quail Creek Country Club in Naples and part of a big, sports-loving family.

She played softball, basketball and field hockey and even flag football while growing up in Bethesda, Md. Her late father played football at the University of South Carolina and coached one of her sister's softball teams. Her brothers were high school football players and one sister played college basketball.

"I was a big old tomboy," Ms. Shea recalled fondly. "I'm the youngest of six. When you're the youngest of six, you just watch sports with your sisters and brothers. We were a big, competitive family."

Yoga, golf and pickleball now satisfy her desire to put the body in motion. As a spectator, she enjoys rooting for Washington D.C.'s pro franchises and locally, the sports programs of Florida Gulf Coast and Ave Maria universities.

Not surprisingly, Ms. Shea is also a big believer in the importance of sports in fostering a vibrant, healthy community and as an economic driver.

And if she is certain about anything, it's the benefits to Collier County of building a multi-use, multi-million dollar, amateur sports complex in East Naples.

"I've been of the philosophy that if you build it, they will come," said Ms. Shea, who is president of the Sports Council of Collier County, which is working with county officials on devising plans for the facility.

Lighted, artificial turf fields for football, lacrosse, rugby and soccer, a 3,000-seat covered stadium, eight baseball-softball diamonds, a field house for indoor events and a 5K jogging trail are



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BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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A LOT OF PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM from somewhere other than DeSoto County, think ranching and its proudest offspring sport — rodeoing — have gone the way of Cracker cowboy Bone Mizell (1863 to 1921, may he rest in peace at a full gallop). Or the great western artist Frederick Remington (1861 to 1909, may he rethink his opinion of Crackers). Remington once drew Mr. Mizell slouched in his saddle, probably half drunk, and declared he didn't much like Florida Crackers because they were no-account.

Those people would be wrong, just like Mr. Remington was wrong; Mr. Mizell was a skillful rustler and probably a nice guy, drunk or sober.

Not only that, but construction is long since underway on the spectacular new Mosaic Rodeo Arena in Arcadia, where the annual March "Granddaddy of them all," presented by the nonprofit Arcadia

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Mosaic Arena in Arcadia will be the new home for the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo in March.

Finance students invited to apply for CFA Society Naples scholarships

CFA Society Naples, a nonprofit organization that brings together professionals in finance including wealth managers, financial advisers and analysts who adhere to ethical and professional standards within the investment industry, offers \$1,000 academic scholarships to deserving university students who are studying finance.

Recipients must be undergraduate finance majors or graduate students



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in an MBA program with a declared finance concentration. They must have an overall GPA or at least 3.0 and must have at least one more semester remaining prior to graduation.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 29, via email to Travis Jones, Ph.D., a professor of finance at Florida Gulf Coast University and a member of the board of CFA Society Naples, at tljones@fgcu.edu.

Applicants must submit a 500- to 1,000-word essay describing why they deserve the scholarship, how it fits into their major, their plans for the future and goals for obtaining a CFA charter.

"The CFA Society is proud to offer scholarships to promote ethical standards and professional excellence in the investment-management industry," says Mr. Jones, who will serve on a CFA Society Naples committee that will conduct applicant interviews in October and select the recipients.

Approximately 130 financial professionals in Southwest Florida belong to CFA Society Naples, a member of

the global CFA Institute. The executive committee for 2017-18 consists of Loren McDougall of Wasmer, Schroeder & Co., president; Jack Clark, CFA, CFP, The Colony Group, vice president; Richard Smith, CFA, treasurer; and Omar Bhangia, PNC Wealth Management, secretary.

CFA Society Naples sponsors monthly lunches with finance experts and hosts an annual forecast dinner. The society also encourages professional development through the Chartered Financial Analyst program. For more information about membership and to register for events, visit www.cfasyarakat.org/naples. ■

ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Gulfshore Life and **Gulfshore Business** magazines earned 18 awards at the Florida Magazine Association's annual conference held recently at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The inaugural Magazine of the Year Award was presented to Gulfshore Life, which also received honors for design, writing and in-depth reporting, among others. Gulfshore Business earned honors for writing, illustration, feature image and theme/show issue. Healthy Life and Naples REALTOR magazines, both published by the Gulfshore group, also received awards.

Accounting

Susan Brehm has joined the Naples office of Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., P.A., as office manager and analytical specialist with the Litigation, Forensic Accounting and Mediation Services Team. Ms. Brehm oversees the day-to-day operations for the Naples office and provides litigation support for the firm. She attended Clemson University before graduating magna cum laude from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University in New York with a business administration degree in marketing. Prior to joining MNMW, Ms. Brehm worked in contract management and project control.



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Air Conditioning

Ernesto Alicea has been promoted to service manager for the southern region of Collier and Lee counties for Conditioned Air Company of Naples, LLC. Mr. Alicea oversees technicians who repair

and maintain the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems for commercial and residential customers. A native of Detroit, he has been a certified HVACR contractor since taking over his father's business in Michigan in 2003. He relocated to Naples in 2005 and joined Conditioned Air in 2007, starting as a commercial service technician. He was promoted to tech advisor and then to a field supervisor before becoming assistant service manager.

Nonprofit Organizations

Jenna Buzzacco-Foerster has joined the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as public policy specialist to work with all levels of government on policy issues of importance to the chamber leadership and membership, helping extend the "voice of business" in Collier County and beyond. The chamber's top two public policy issues —workforce housing and workforce development — are key focus issues for this position. For the past two years, Ms. Buzzacco-Foerster has served as a politics and policy reporter at www.FloridaPolitics.com. She previously was a reporter for the *Naples Daily News*, covering local and state government as well as education, economic development, tourism and growth during her nearly 10-year tenure. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, she holds a degree in journalism from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.



BUZZACCO-FOERSTER

Davina Hartsfield has joined the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as part-time internship coordinator to connect high school and college students to internships, part-time jobs, job shadowing and work-based learning experi-

ences. She will work closely with schools and employers to help double the number of internships currently available in Collier County. Ms. Hartsfield previously taught third grade at Parkside Elementary in Collier County and was a Golden Apple nominee in 2014. She has served as the board president for Girls on the Run—Collier County. A native of Collier County, she earned a bachelor's degree in child development and psychology from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.



HARTSFIELD

Nancy Holcomb has joined the staff of the Naples Historical Society as historic preservation outreach coordinator. Before moving to Florida, Ms. Holcomb spent nearly 20 years working in museums in and around Boston. She also taught American history and American culture at Suffolk University and served on the board of directors for an historic house museum on Boston's Back Bay.



HOLCOMB

Susan Suarez has joined the staff at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida as executive director. The founder of Suarez & Associates, a consulting firm dedicated to helping nonprofit organizations improve their fundraising, marketing, strategy and governance, she has 30 years of nonprofit experience as both an executive and consultant. Her experience



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includes serving as executive director of Eden Autism Services Florida, CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, vice president of development and marketing for the Community Foundation Silicon Valley and assistant executive director of the American Red Cross in Palo Alto, Calif. As a consultant, she has worked with dozens of nonprofit organizations throughout Southwest Florida and community foundations throughout the United States.

John Telischak

has joined the staff of the Naples Historical Society as education manager. Mr. Telischak studied history and anthropology at St. Cloud University before moving to Southwest Florida. He previously worked at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. In this role, he will handle the day-to-day operations of Historic Palm Cottage and work to spread its message of historic preservation and share stories of Naples history.



TELISCHAK

Wealth Management

Jamie Tischner

has passed the Series 65 examination and has been named a registered client associate at of Moran Edwards Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. She was previously a registered client associate for Wells Fargo Advisors at Mercato and before that was a client services account analyst—large market for Wells Fargo Institutional Retirement & Trust. She holds an associate's degree from Rasmussen College. ■



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just a few of the options under consideration for a 60-acre parcel off Collier Boulevard, near I-75 and the City Gate development.

Collier County Commissioners have voted to raise the county's bed tax by 5 percent, effective Sept. 1, to construct the sports complex, which is projected to cost \$60 million to \$80 million.

The complex would dramatically expand recreation options for residents of eastern Collier County and boost the county's tourism economy by making it a year-round sports destination for tournaments and other athletic competitions and also by serving as the site of concerts and other community events, said Ms. Shea.

"Collier County is behind the eight-ball when it comes to sports," she said. "Amateur sports are a \$9 billion (a year) industry. Sports are 12 months out of the year and the tourism season here is really just the first four months of the year, maybe five."

Not only would the county's hotels, restaurants and many tourist attractions reap the economic benefits of increased sports tourism, but the proposed sports complex could lead to increased commercial and residential development nearby, Ms. Shea added.

The arrival of large employers in the area, such as Arthrex Inc. and the Hertz Corp., has helped fuel an influx of young families and children to Collier County, heightening the need for additional rec-



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Mary Shea on the pickleball court.

reational facilities, she said.

Ms. Shea moved to Collier County seven years ago from the Washington, D.C., area to be closer to her parents and to become area director of sales for Chartwell Hospitality's SpringHill Suites in Naples and the Hampton Inn and Suites in Estero, as well as the Sarasota Inn and Suites. She became director of sales for Quail Creek Country Club a little more than a year ago.

Aside from the Washington, D.C.

area, her 25-year-long career in the hospitality industry has included stops in Annapolis, Md.; Chicago; Stamford, Conn.; and New York City, and such titles as director of sales, general manager, account manager and director of worldwide accounts for several hotel companies.

"I always knew I'd end up here," she said about Southwest Florida. "I'd been coming here since I was 15 for spring breaks."

Formed in 2006, the Sports Council of Collier County's mission is to enhance the local quality of life and economy by promoting, acquiring and supporting youth and adult amateur sporting events. Ms. Shea joined the organization in 2012 and has been president for the last three years.

"It's just a lot of passionate volunteers who care a lot about sports and this community," she said of the group's membership. Her goal as president has been and remains, "To continue what we're doing. To stay focused and to help and be vocal about what we need to see at the complex. The county is very open to everyone's ideas. They want to learn and hear what we feel is important."

For more information about the Sports Council of Collier County, visit www.colliercountysportscouncil.com. ■

Interview with Mary Shea

Business mentors: My dad, Don Hunter, general manager and COO of Quail Creek Country Club. Jean Spaulding, my director of sales at the Sheraton Washington. And Bill Hirsh, who gave me my first sales job.

First job: I was a waitress at a Harvest House restaurant in a store called Woolworths.

Favorite business books: Anything by retired General Electric CEO Jack Welch. I had the pleasure of meeting him in New York City.

Things you look for when hiring: Character, honesty and a good handshake.

Any job openings now? Yes. We are looking for a director of catering at

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ **Goal Setters BNI (Business Networking Inc.)** meets at 8 a.m. every Wednesday at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road. For more information, call Carolyn Hoover at 263-2021.

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

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

■ **The Collier County Bar Association** kicks off its 70th season with the annual "Welcome Back" happy hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Seventh Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S. Visit www.colliercountybar.org/events for more information.

■ **The Business 100 group of Collier Child Care Resources Inc.** hosts "Getting Back to Business" networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. All are welcome to enjoy appetizers and one complementary beverage. In addition to Shula's, sponsors are MedExpress Urgent Care and Brooks Insurance Services. RSVP by Aug. 25 by calling CCCR at 643-3908 or emailing tiffany@collierchildcare.org.



■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next mixer for members and guests from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Design Studio by Raymond, 990 First Ave. N. CBIA members can sign up and pay \$15 at www.cbia.net; others pay \$20 and should email nancy@cbia.net for details.

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** hosts the next event in its Leadership Lunch Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Guest speakers Mike Oppedahl, managing partner, and Simon Henry, senior associate, of GiANT Worldwide will present "Become a Leader Worth Following." Cost is \$15 for dues-paying LCF alumni, \$20 for non-dues paying alumni and \$25 for non-LCF alumni. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The monthly general membership meeting of the **Collier County Bar Association** takes place from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive. Guest speaker John Stewart of Rossway Swan Tierney Barry Lacey & Oliver, PL and a member of the Florida Bar Technology Committee will present on a topic that will fulfill that new technology requirement. For reservations, call Julianne Gilmore at 252-8250 or email jgilmore@colliercountybar.org.

■ **Women's Network of Collier County** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Etudes de Ballet. For more information, visit www.wnocc.org.

■ **United Way of Collier County** hosts the monthly Wake Up Naples for members and guests of the Greater

Naples Chamber of Commerce from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Chamber members pay \$25 in advance; members and non-members pay \$35 at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** invites members and guests to Business After Business networking from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Sam Snead's Tavern at Lely Resort. To sign up or for more information, visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Chamber After Five networking event from Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Ciao Bella Italian Ristorante on the island. For more information, visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Naples, 12200 Tamiami Trail N. Chamber members pay \$15 in advance; members and non-members pay \$25 at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Members of the **Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** are encouraged to save the date for the annual members-only sunset cruise set for Wednesday, Oct. 25. For more information, go to www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

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ARENA

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All-Florida Championship Rodeo Inc., will carry out its 90th soiree in a four-day extravaganza of the old cowboy arts, and some new ones.

All of that comes courtesy of people who understand how important such arts remain in American culture, and how crucial they can be to the economy of a county that is not one of the state's wealthiest — and has been hard hit by citrus canker and other disasters only farmers and ranchers have to face, sometimes.

When the rodeo was just a three-day event, it brought \$24 million into the local economy, says Katie Marks, executive director. Last year, 18,000 people came to the Granddaddy, some 23 percent from Sarasota County, 18 percent from Lee County, and a slew from outside the region and even from overseas. Now, not only will the rodeo extend to four days beginning next March, but the \$9 million arena, bolstered by an initial \$3 million donation from the mining company Mosaic, will include almost 8,000 seats, 40 stalls in two barns, at first (more are planned later), and a wide range of state-of-the-art conveniences — kitchens, indoor and outdoor livestock pens, and much more.

And that's just to start with. "Our engineers looked at the property and realized we have room for 144 stalls, someday — we'll just have to raise the money," says Ms. Marks.



MARKS



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The new arena will include almost 8,000 seats, 40 initial stalls in two barns (more are planned later) and a wide range of state-of-the-art conveniences.

That's what the Arcadia Rodeo is doing now to finish the arena, she notes. "We've raised \$6.1 million. We're over half way done, but this isn't a rich community and we need more money."

A volunteer outfit

Arcadia Rodeo Inc. depends on volunteers. "Everyone who works the rodeos here is a volunteer," says Ms. Marks.



Founding member Leola Parker Hansel, 1947.

"And the main rodeo is just one of 15 events. We have youth rodeos, we have team roping and barrel racing competitions, we have the cattlemen's ranch rodeo.... keep in mind these events are supported (with volunteers) by 4H, the FFA, the Boy Scouts, our local high school bands, all of them."

The Mosaic Arena is also a monument to a community-wide effort that any region in American might envy.

For one thing, Arcadia Rodeo Inc. has only two paid employees: Ms. Marks and her assistant. Extra monies go to area charities, to scholarships for students, to opportunities for everybody in the community.

For another thing, the donor list represents many walks of life in the region.

Naming donors include Ben Hill Griffin Inc., Doyle and Debbie Carlton III, the William G. "Kayo" Wells family and Terry and Susie Welles.

Others include banks, ranches and farms, foundations, construction companies, developers, health-care companies and many individuals, some offering gifts in memory of a loved one who might have appreciated rodeo.

The dream of such an arena isn't new in Arcadia. It began, recalls Ms. Marks, when Hurricane Charley hit the

town and the traditional arena like a break-away bull 13 years ago this month. That required a big community effort to repair the old arena, which has hosted rodeos again for years.

Plans may be in the works to take down that old arena when the new one is ready — and that's not a happy thought for everybody.

"Call me sentimental, but the thought of that hurts my soul," says Cyndi Skates Widener, office manager at Sweet Cypress Ranch and a seventh generation Floridian.

"My granddaddy competed there, along with myself, my husband, and all three of our kids."

Her daughter, Rachel Widener, won the Florida High School Reined Cow Horse Championship in June. ■

in the know

Naming opportunities

>> Among other opportunities for donors who wish to attach their names to the project: a main kitchen for \$200,000, a cowboy kitchen for \$100,000, an infirmary for \$100,000, outdoor livestock pens for \$50,000, and roping pens or indoor livestock pens for \$25,000.

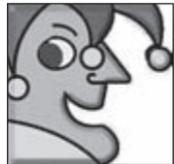
>> **To give:** Any gift of any size, no matter how small, will help, says Katie Marks, executive director of Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc.

Use the links below:

>> **Contact:** <http://arcadiarodeo.com/contact-us/> or 863-494-2014.

>> **General info:** <http://arcadiarodeo.com/new-mosaic-arena/>

>> **Floor plans and donor options:** <http://arcadiarodeo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Donor-Naming-Options-Complete.pdf>



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Bigger Isn't Better

It can seem that the bigger a mutual fund gets, the better, but that's not the case. The vast majority of managed stock funds fail to beat the overall market over long periods — and that's partly due to their size. (According to the folks at Standard & Poor's, for example, as of the end of 2016, fully 85 percent of all domestic large-cap stock mutual funds underperformed the S&P 500 over the past 10 years.)

Managers of huge funds face challenges. They may not be able to invest more than 5 percent of their fund's value in any one stock, for example, no matter how confident they are in it. They may also keep 5 percent or so of the fund's value in cash, to cover investors' withdrawals. That's good, but those dollars can be a drag on the fund's performance.

Consider Fidelity Investment's massive Contrafund, with its recent net asset value of \$116 billion. It recently had a whopping \$1.4 billion invested in Netflix shares, but that amounts to less than 1.3 percent of the fund's net assets. When

you're invested in hundreds of companies, the impact of standouts is diluted by the many less-stellar performances.

Even if a manager wanted to spend 10 percent of a \$116 billion fund's value, \$11.6 billion, on one company, he'd run into problems. Buying many shares would drive the stock price up before he was finished buying. Also, imagine that he was very bullish on, say, the jewelry company Tiffany. Oops. Its entire market value is around \$11.6 billion. He can't buy entire companies. If he's limited, as many managers are, to not buying more than 10 percent of any company, he can spend only about \$1.16 billion on it. It's hard not to spread yourself too thin when \$1.16 billion is a drop in your fund's bucket.

For most investors, index funds such as those based on the S&P 500 are the best solution. To see managed and index funds we have recommended, try our "Rule Your Retirement" newsletter for free at fool.com/shop/newsletters. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Patience, Grasshopper

My dumbest investment was in Berkshire Hathaway, which turned out to be a dog, despite many analysts at The Motley Fool and everywhere else fawning over it and its CEO, Warren Buffett.

Well, Buffett is human, and he made a dumb decision when he bought the Precision Castparts company. But its decline started even before then. It's my fault for buying at the peak

— L.D., online

The Fool Responds: You're right that we and many other stock market enthusiasts like Buffett and his company, Berkshire Hathaway. We admire his terrific investment skills, buying stocks and whole companies (such as Precision Castparts) for Berkshire and racking up average annual gains of more than 20 percent over the past 51 years. We also admire the mix of businesses that Berkshire now encompasses, such as GEICO, Fruit of the Loom, Dairy Queen, See's Candies, the BNSF railroad and Precision Castparts — maker of cast and forged parts for aircraft engines and gas turbines — which are likely to do well over the long run.

We hope you hung on to your shares, as they're up more than 35 percent since you wrote us two years ago.

Successful investing requires that you know your holdings well and believe in them and that you're very patient. Great wealth, like Buffett's, is often built over decades. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns shares of Berkshire Hathaway.) ■

Last week's trivia answer

Two guys, named Fair and Isaac, founded me in 1956 with \$800, aiming to improve business decisions with data. Today, I'm based in Silicon Valley, and my anti-fraud systems protect 2.6 billion credit cards. Fully 95 percent of America's largest financial institutions and all the 100 largest U.S. credit card issuers are my clients, and more than 100 billion of my flagship credit scores have been sold. Unsurprisingly, about three-quarters of all mortgages have been originated with insights from my credit scores. My technology even helps airplanes and rental cars be where they need to be. Who am I? (Answer: FICO) ■



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Future Values Today

Q Can you explain the "time value of money"?

— W.L., Phoenix

A The time value of money reflects the belief that money received in the future will be worth less than money received today. Most of us would rather get a dollar today than a dollar in 10 years. We could invest it and it would grow to more than a dollar in 10 years. Or we might buy something with it — like a slice of pizza. In 10 years, due to inflation, that slice of pizza will probably cost more.

Stock analysts consider the time value of money when they use fancy "discounted cash flow" (DCF) analysis to estimate the value of companies. (This is complicated, but useful to know.) They create DCF models for companies they study, estimating how much cash the companies will generate over time. Future earnings are then "discounted" at a rate that can be tricky to determine.

As a simplified example, imagine that Home Surgery Kits Inc. (Ticker: OUCHH) will earn \$3 per share next year, and you're discounting that at 10 percent. Take 1 and add 0.10 (for the 10 percent), getting 1.10. Now divide \$3 by 1.10, and you'll get \$2.73. So the "present value" of those future earnings is \$2.73.

Q What are "balanced" mutual funds?

— M.R., Butler, Pennsylvania

A Balanced funds hold both stocks and bonds, offering gains from stock appreciation and stock dividends, as well as income from bond interest. Many fund families offer balanced funds, with varying asset mixes.

You don't necessarily need a balanced fund, though, as you can always invest in separate stock and bond funds. Consider including some international holdings for diversification. (Many foreign economies are growing much faster than America's.) ■

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Name That Company

An early biotechnology company, I was founded in California in 1980 by some venture capitalists and am now one of the largest independent global biotech companies. I found early success in locating and cloning the erythropoietin gene. That led to my blockbuster drug Epo-gen, which treats anemia resulting from chronic kidney disease and has generated tens of billions of dollars in sales. I employ close to 20,000 people and rake



in about \$23 billion annually. I went public in 1983, and my shares have posted double-digit average annual gains over the past 10, 20 and 30 years. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Huge and Getting Huger

For most companies, reaching a market value that exceeds \$100 billion means a gradual shift into maturity and a slowing of growth. That's not the case at Amazon.com (Nasdaq: AMZN), though, despite its recent market value near \$465 billion.

How can that be? Well, the e-commerce revolution is just entering its adolescence. E-commerce accounted for only 8.7 percent of the \$22 trillion worldwide retail market in 2016. Clearly, there's plenty of room for Amazon to continue to expand its market share and sales over the long term.

Amazon has been excelling across a broad range of important segments, including e-commerce, cloud computing services, new product hardware (Alexa

devices) and original TV shows. Furthermore, it has demonstrated strong revenue growth across its business — revenue in Amazon's second quarter was up 25 percent year over year. Profits have been slow to appear, as Amazon has invested in growing its business and has competed on price to gain market share, but it's posting profits now and has been generating free cash flow since the early 2000s.

For patient long-term investors who can stomach some volatility, Amazon remains one of the best large-cap growth stocks around. Its shares can seem overvalued, but throughout the company's history, it has tended to seem overvalued while continuing to grow. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Amazon.com.) ■

Local entrepreneurial group launches scholarship fund

The Entrepreneur Society of America has seeded a scholarship fund for budding entrepreneurs with an initial \$10,000. In partnership with the Community Foundation of Collier County, the fund will provide mentoring and scholarships for elementary, middle and high school students.

Two events are in the works to add to the fund, according to Karl Gibbons, chairman of the Naples-based ESOA:

■ The association will host a screening of the film "Good Fortune" with guest Johnny Georges, star of the television show "Shark Tank" and founder of Tree-T-Pee. Mr. Georges and his business partner/mentor John Paul DeJoria appear in the movie.

The screening begins at 5 p.m. Tues-

day, Sept. 12, at Prado Stadium 12 in Bonita Springs. Cost is \$25. Sign up at <https://esoal5.wildapricot.org/>.

■ ESOA welcomes LinkedIn guru and Owlsh Communications CEO JD Gershbein for an "Epic Encounter" from 4:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Mr. Gershbein will share insights into the power of LinkedIn as a social media tool that connects business executives around the globe. Tickets are \$175 for ESOA members if purchased before Aug. 31 (\$195 after that date) and \$195 for others. Register online at <https://esoal5.wildapricot.org/>.

For more information, call Mr. Gibbons at 888-828-9740 or email karl@thirdeyemangement.com. ■

CCCR seeks nominations for Family Friendly awards

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Family Friendly Business Awards acknowledging employers who have workplace policies and programs that assist employees and their families.

Collier Child Care Resources has taken over administration of the award program this year, after its 18-year run under the direction of the Naples Alliance for Children. NACF was dissolved last year. Any individual can nominate a business by visiting www.collierchildcare.org or emailing tonit@collierchildcare.org. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 18.

Two businesses, one in the small category and one in the large category, will be named Employer of the Year and will be celebrated at an awards breakfast Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Hilton Naples.

Tickets to the awards breakfast are \$35 and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call CCCR at 643-3908.

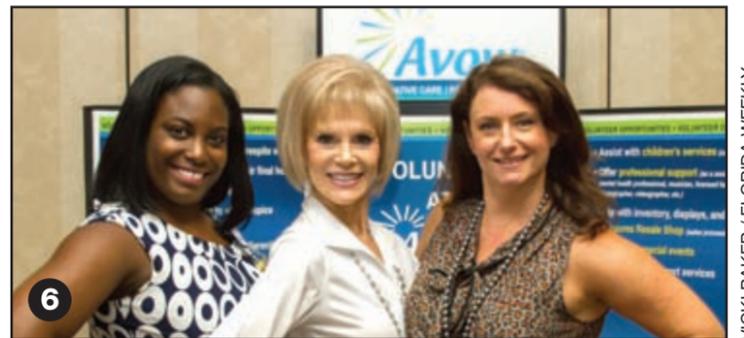
CCCR is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the education of children from birth to age 5 in Collier County. Its mission is to provide early childhood care, education and resources to children, families and early learning professionals. CCCR serves approximately 300 children in several programs annually, many of who are at-risk and come from lower-income working families. For more information about programs and services, call 643-3908 or visit www.collierchildcare.org. ■

NETWORKING

The Above Board Chamber at the Hilton Naples



1. Christian Gehring and Karole Davis
2. Front: Wotts Mercy, Brandie Dickerson and Gail Williams. Back: Susan Ryan, Arnold Klinsky and Barbara Melvin
3. Allecia Hamilton, Brandie Dickerson and JoAnn Lawrence
4. Trish Leonard and Antoinette Bostwick
5. Brian Hunter, Mary Lu Whalen, Darlene Thomas and Nancy Boggs
6. Brittini Brown-Cooper, Sandra Buxton and Sabrina Kelly



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4. Joe Garcia and Greg Burke
5. Renee Zapeda, Nati Soto, Alex Goldstein and Lourdes Solera
6. Megan Glasgow, Pat Hoy, Karen Hoy, Miyuki Tsujimura, Andy Ask and Andy MacPhee
7. Andrea Clark Brown and Stephen Hruby
8. Joyce Owens, Ignacio Reyes and Amie Calisti
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Peggy M.

"You folks have just finished a remodeling project for us at our condo. We would like to point out this is the third time we have used your services. During all three of these projects, Matt, the workers and staff were very helpful and responsive. And the workmanship has been outstanding. All of our neighbors have raved about how beautiful the remodeling has been. We can definitely attest to your claim about the WOW factor!"

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Adam Palmer of LandQwest Commercial has been named 2018 president of the Florida CCIM Chapter of the CCIM Institute. Mr. Palmer is a principal and a managing director with LandQwest's Southwest Florida team. He has previously served as president of the Southwest Florida CCIM District and as president of the Commercial Investment Professionals.



PALMER

Alliant Property Management, LLC, has opened an office at The Strand Executive Park in North Naples. The new office, which includes managers and administrators, is the company's second location. The announcement was made by Millie Strohm, president and CEO of the company that represents more than 150 community associations and more than 28,000 residential units and employs more than 90 people in Southwest Florida.

Lane Boy has joined Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida, LLC, as director of real estate. Mr. Boy recently returned to Southwest Florida after several decades in Australia, where he was the CEO of two real estate-related businesses for 20 years, a direct investor in Southwest Florida real estate and the founder of a company that published one of Australia's highest selling real estate magazines. He is a graduate of University of Queensland in Australia and Duke University.

Mercedes Sifontes has been named leasing agent for Milano Lakes, an FL Star Development apartment community under construction off Collier Boulevard at The Lords Way in south Naples. The community will have 296 apartment homes in eight buildings. Ms. Sifontes previously worked as a leasing consultant for Pinnacle Property Management, as a sales associate with TruStar Salon Services and

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House Hunting

777 Kings Town Drive

Enjoy breathtaking views of Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by Kasimir Korybut and built by A. Vernon Allen Builder Inc. to ensure that no detail was overlooked. Recent kitchen updates include an expansive island, a breakfast bar and gas stove. The glass-enclosed bonus room overlooks the pool and the dock with boatlift. The elegant second-floor master retreat has water views and all the extras, from an oversized walk-in closet to a soaking tub and shower with multiple showerheads. Other recent improvements include roof, dock, impact doors and impact windows. The buyer of this estate will also be eligible for membership in the Port Royal Club.

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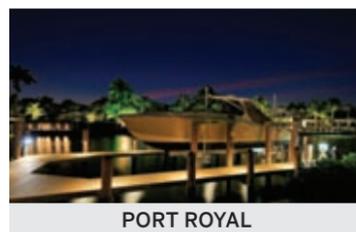
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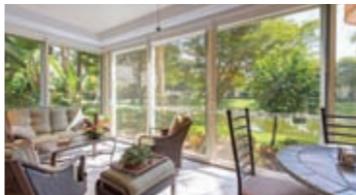
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Seaglass models scheduled to open 4th quarter this year

Sales contracts worth nearly \$135 million have been processed at The Ronto Group's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay and the building is now more than 60% sold. Ronto expects the building to top-off in October. Construction remains on schedule for completion next summer. Seaglass is situated just 600 feet from Estero Bay, making it one of the closest to the water's edge of the high-rises currently under construction on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast. Seaglass offers brand new, fully-completed, and ready-for-occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence comes with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages are available. Three furnished models are expected to open for viewing in fourth quarter of this year.

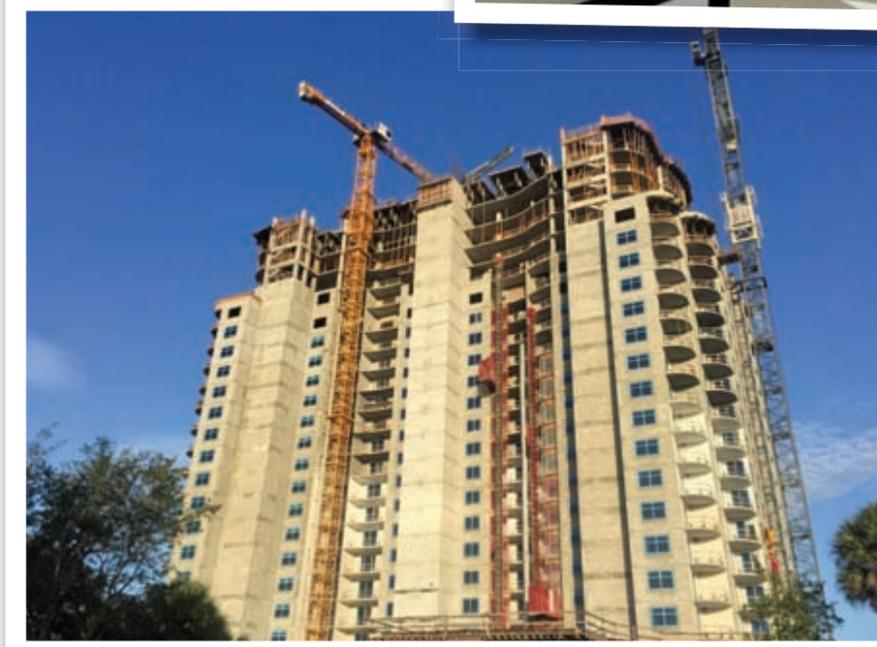
Ronto selected Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors to create the interior for the tower residence 306 model; Robb & Stucky's Susan J. Bleda ASID and Rachelle Porco for the 804 residence; and Cinnabar Design's Diana Hall, ASID and Laurie Walter, ASID for the residence 605 model. The interiors will include finishes from the Seaglass Design Studio. Ronto's Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to visit the Design Studio and select finishes for their new homes. Opportunities to select finishes will become progressively limited as construction progresses.

Tower residence 306 is one of the coveted Seaglass end units and offers 3,421 square feet under air plus an incredible 1,460 square feet of outdoor terrace space. The extended terrace will be wrapped by planters and include curved walls, paved decking material, a trellis that will provide a shaded seating area, and a gas grill. The open great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, an island kitchen and dining area, and a private elevator lobby. The design includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar with wine storage. Gaddis has incorporated ceiling and millwork architectural details in the design. Her design will showcase classic, timeless style with a contemporary edge. She will incorporate a variety of light and dark wood tones and her color palette will be based on cool matte blue grays. The flooring will be executed in a warm wood tone with handsome coffered ceiling details throughout. The great room will feature a ceiling detail in a checkerboard style and multiple seating areas. A fireplace clad with marble will provide the focus for the television viewing area. From the great room, pocketing sliders will open to the terrace where the owners will enjoy amazing views and a fabulous outdoor lifestyle. This generous space will accommodate a grill zone with a large dining table and chairs for six people as well as a conversation lounge area with an L-shaped sectional sofa.

The 3,088 square feet under air 804 tower residence floor plan includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a den, an open great room, dining area, and island kitchen, terrace space totaling 485 square feet, and a private elevator foyer. Bleda and Porco's design will exude chic sophistication while providing an exceptional level of livability. Set against a background wall tone of soft sandy bisque that blends effortlessly with neutral fabrics and furnishings, their fresh, breezy color palette will include light creams and whites. Frosted glass accents will be layered with matte gold and silver metallics to evoke a sense of the shimmering sea and wave-smoothed seaglass. Furnishings will be clean lined with fabrics that



Above: Seaglass offers brand new, fully-completed, and ready-for-occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Owners will enjoy amazing views and a fabulous outdoor lifestyle. **Right:** The great room, dining area, and the owner's suite in the tower residences at Seaglass will open to a terrace with views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. **Below:** With construction of the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay progressing as planned, The Ronto Group announced three furnished Seaglass models are expected to be open for viewing in fourth quarter of this year.



include leather against cotton and linen. In the living area, a 10-foot wide fireplace will be installed within a built-out section of wall adorned with glistening wallpaper. The fireplace surround will be clean and contemporary. On either side of the fireplace, thick glass shelving with the look of seaglass will be lighted from above to create display space that can be muted for softer mood lighting.

To highlight the adjacent dining area and create an intimate setting within the larger space, Bleda and Porco have designed a rectangular ceiling structure with recessed lighting and tiered layers.

The 605 residence offers 2,889 square feet plus 464 square feet of covered outdoor terrace space. The plan features a private elevator lobby. A gallery hallway leads from the foyer to a living area

with a great room, island kitchen, dining area, and a sitting area. The great room, dining area, and the owner's suite open to a terrace with views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The plan includes two guest bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. The designers have chosen to transform one of the guest room spaces into a study. The remaining guest suite opens to a terrace with a southeasterly view. With a color palette of tonal neutrals and sea glass aqua and warm beige accents, Hall and Walter's design will provide a framework for the incredible views. The design includes a contemporary approach to create a sense of anticipation from the elevator lobby, through the hallway, and into the great room. The flooring will be done in light Italian porcelain. A semi-circular sectional in the great room will feature textured soft beige fabric and sea glass-toned pillows. Two rounded back swivel chairs will be set with a small table by the west window to allow sunset viewing. The feature wall will include a custom wood built-in and will incorporate a low media console.

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. ■

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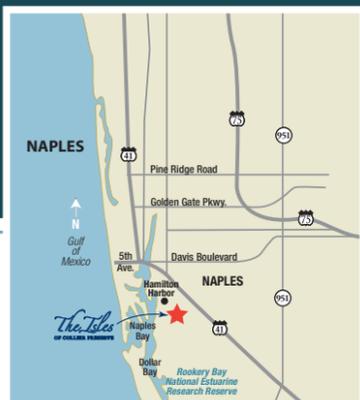
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Stock Signature Homes hosts Tour of Homes this weekend: Nearly 50 move-in ready homes available!

This weekend, Stock Signature Homes is hosting a Tour of Homes across Southwest Florida. It includes an unparalleled selection of exquisitely furnished models and move-in ready inventory homes.

From 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th, homebuyers can tour dozens of homes that are ready for immediate occupancy across 10 Southwest Florida communities. No other builder has such a diverse array of residences in highly amenitized communities.

The company maintains a broad portfolio of homes available for immediate occupancy. Stock has move-in ready and soon to be complete homes available in Quail West, Lely Resort, Naples Reserve, The Isles at Collier Preserve, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, Fiddler's Creek, Twin Eagles, Renaissance and Hidden Harbor.

"Stock has the best locations to choose from offering more than 40 finished models and nearly 50 move-in ready homes!" said Claudine Léger-Wetzell, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development. "The Polynesia model on Marco Island has been built by our Custom Home division and will be having its Grand Opening this weekend."

The furnished Polynesia model is a 3,903-square-foot, two-story home featuring an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore. The open concept plan includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, an upstairs loft, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa. The Polynesia model is priced at \$2.895 million.

At Twin Eagles, Stock is selling single-family homes in the Hedgestone and Lake Estates neighborhoods of this stunning North Naples country club community. A Golf Membership is included in the cost of every new home.

Offering 3,375 square feet under air, the Muirfield V features a massive living room, a formal dining room, an island kitchen, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, pool and spa, and a three-car garage. It is priced at \$1,363,850. This home is scheduled for completion this fall.

Naples Reserve is a 688-acre gated community midway between Naples and Marco Island along the U.S. 41 Tamiami Trail/Collier Boulevard. Naples Reserve presents a relaxed, water themed lifestyle. Stock is building in the Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay neighborhoods, offering homes from 2,300 to over 3,500 square feet.

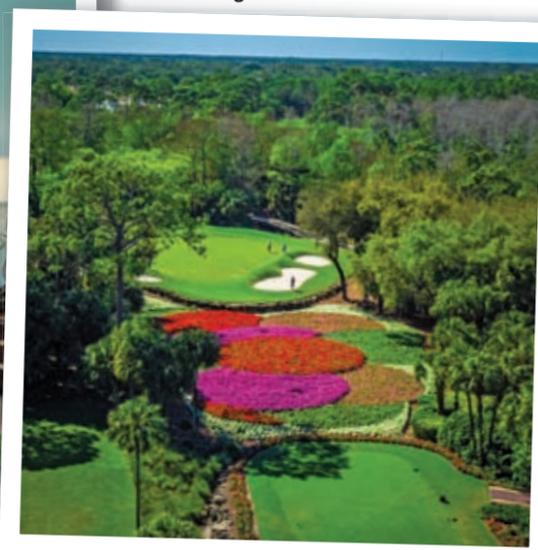
The Belfield is available for immediate occupancy and has 2,812 square feet of living area, featuring a great room, optional wet bar, island kitchen and breakfast nook that open to a large outdoor living area that can include a fireplace and outdoor kitchen. It also includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, and a three-car garage. It is priced at just \$927,460.

Nestled within a pristine natural setting just minutes from Downtown Naples, The Isles of Collier Preserve features a colorful update of classic coastal living. Inspired by the timeless architecture and traditions of Old Naples, homes overlook miles of scenic kayak and hiking trails.

Stock is offering four floor plans from its Magnolia Collection with two furnished



Above: The Muirfield V, the Belfield, the Polynesia. Left: Lakoya Twin Villas. Below: Quail West golf.



models open for viewing. Base pricing for floorplans begin at just \$889,990.

The Marigold model features an interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS. The great room plan includes 3,578 square feet plus a covered lanai measuring 1,062 square feet. The Cocoplum model showcases an interior by Soco's Daniel Kilgore, the 3,641 square feet residence includes 1,004 square feet of covered lanai space.

Within Quail West, the Sophia II is open for viewing and purchase. Priced at \$3,974,990 with furnishings, the 4,855 square foot model's formal living room includes a fireplace and sliders that open to a covered lanai. A rectangular wet bar and formal dining room present a setting ideal for entertaining. The model includes a study, a game room, a master bath with an outdoor shower, two guest ensuites, a powder bath, and two two-car garages. The Sophia II presents an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Killgore.

Lely Resort has been one of Stock Development's renowned communities in Naples and its Lakoya neighborhood is a coveted luxury home address. Now, only 8 new homes remain available for sale in Lakoya.

Twin Villas are available in The Opal Series, a collection of four, single-story twin villa designs. They are priced from \$430,445.

Open, spacious and comfortable, the Capri provides its residents with an easy Florida lifestyle. It is a three-bedroom/two-bath twin villa home with 2,107 square feet under air and a total of 2,921 square feet, including an attached two-car garage and a screened and covered lanai overlooking a beautiful pool and spa.

The Tivoli III is from the Topaz Series. This exquisitely designed home provides spaciousness and livability in a three-bedroom, three-bath great room-style home. The Tivoli III features a formal study, a gourmet island-style kitchen with a dining room, a screened covered lanai and an attached two-car garage.

The home offers 2,062 square feet under air and is a total of 3,057 square feet including the lanai, the entry and the garage. This move-in ready home is available for an amazing \$604,990.

Stock also offers stunning coach homes in two neighborhoods. An on-site sales center in Signature Club showcases the coach home residences of two neighborhoods. Furnished models are

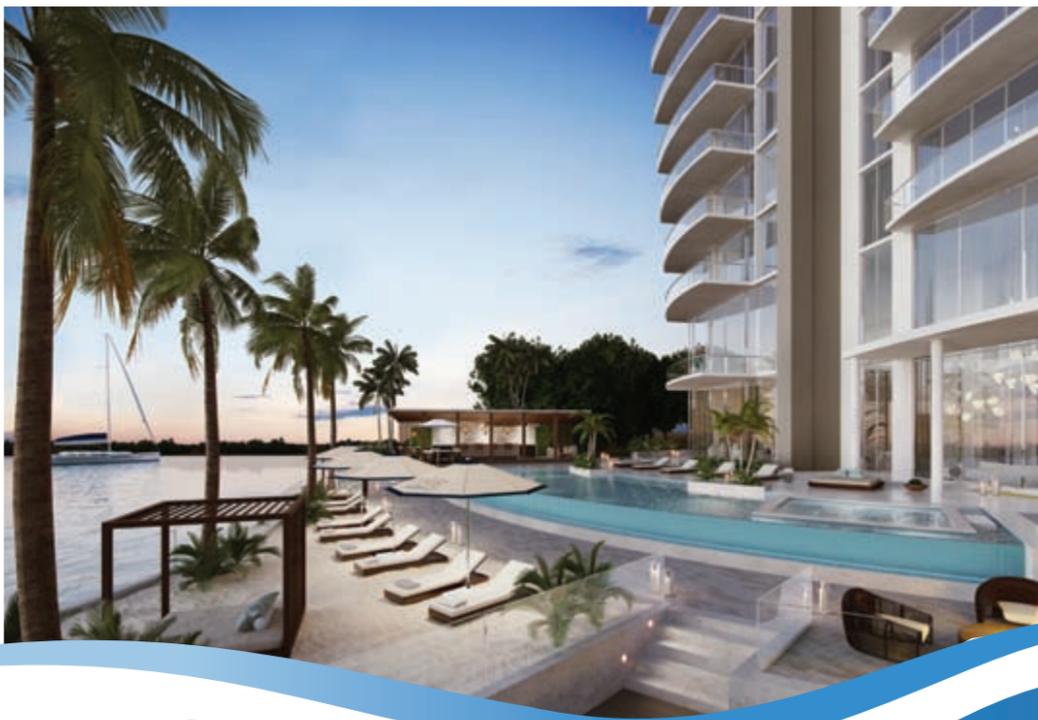
open with inventory pricing beginning in just the mid-\$300s.

The Wentworth is a ground floor home and offers two-bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, a great room and a dining room. With 2,096 square feet under air, it features a den, a gourmet kitchen with a breakfast nook and a two-car garage.

The Venice is a ground floor residence with 2,287 square feet under air and 3,004 total square feet, including the attached two-car garage, the screened and covered lanai, the private courtyard and the loggia of the foyer. It is a three-bedroom, three-bath great room style coach home offering an island-style kitchen.

Please visit our sales centers. We are confident that Stock has the home of your dreams waiting for you this weekend!

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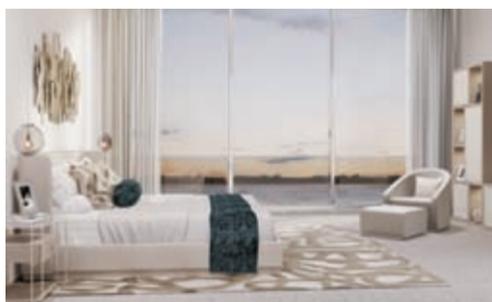
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ADVERTORIAL

Kalea Bay's first tower nears sellout

Tower 2 contracts remain strong

The first residential tower at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, is 90 percent sold. Of the 120 residences in the 22-story tower, only 12 remain.

"The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2 earlier this year," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "Currently, the number of residences already under contract in the second tower exceeds the \$60 million mark."

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 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 SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

"Our floor plans have an open design we call 'lifestyle designs' that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today," said 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 resi-

dents 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 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



Above: The first tower at Kalea Bay is slated to be completed in November. Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools. Right: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Below: Kalea Bay's Tower 1 and Tower 2 were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

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.

The Club at Kalea Bay will be in excellent hands when it opens. That's because Stephen G. Jones, CCM, has been hired as the Club's General Manager.

Jones is a Certified General Manager, one of only 1,200 in the country. The Manchester, England native has worked in the cities of London and Atlanta, as well as on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. More than 20 years ago he moved to Naples and has been associated with some of the finest Beach and Golf Clubs in the area.

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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Ave Maria Offers the Latest in Home Design Trends

Ave Maria offers more than 40 floor plans ranging from 2 to 6-bedroom homes including the latest trends such as outdoor kitchens, casitas, upstairs bonus rooms, planning centers, and hidden pantries. Enjoy having it all— outdoor recreation, town center shopping and dining, water park, A-rated education, and friendly neighborhood designs all in one location.

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In Ave Maria, homeowners realize the importance of quality of life. Top notch education is available to all children whether it's from our highly-rated Collier County Public Schools, the private K-12 Donahue Academy or Ave Maria University. The preferred method of transportation in town? A golf cart! Nothing beats zipping to Publix or to the pub on your golf cart.

CC Homes

CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet and priced from the low \$200s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. Customize your dream home with several options including outdoor oasis with pool, kitchen, and cabana bathroom or an extra bedroom or flex room above the garage.

Visit the on-site sales center and tour 14 model homes open daily. Ask about several move-in ready homes.

Del Webb Naples

Del Webb Naples offers 14 floor plans from 1,133 to over 2,500 square feet, with 2-5 bedrooms and prices from the high \$100s including 4 new condominiums. Choose from golf course, lake or preserve view when selecting your home site.

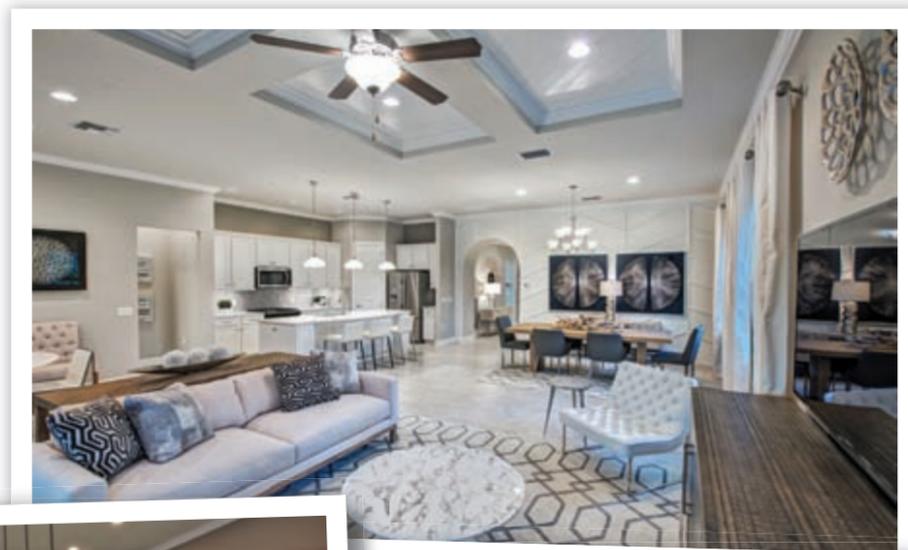
Oasis Club at Del Webb Naples features over 12,000 square feet of resort and lap pools, tennis courts, bocce and pickleball, fitness center, café, fire pit, and craft studio. Visit an on-site sales representative to learn more about the Del Webb lifestyle. 5 model homes open daily.

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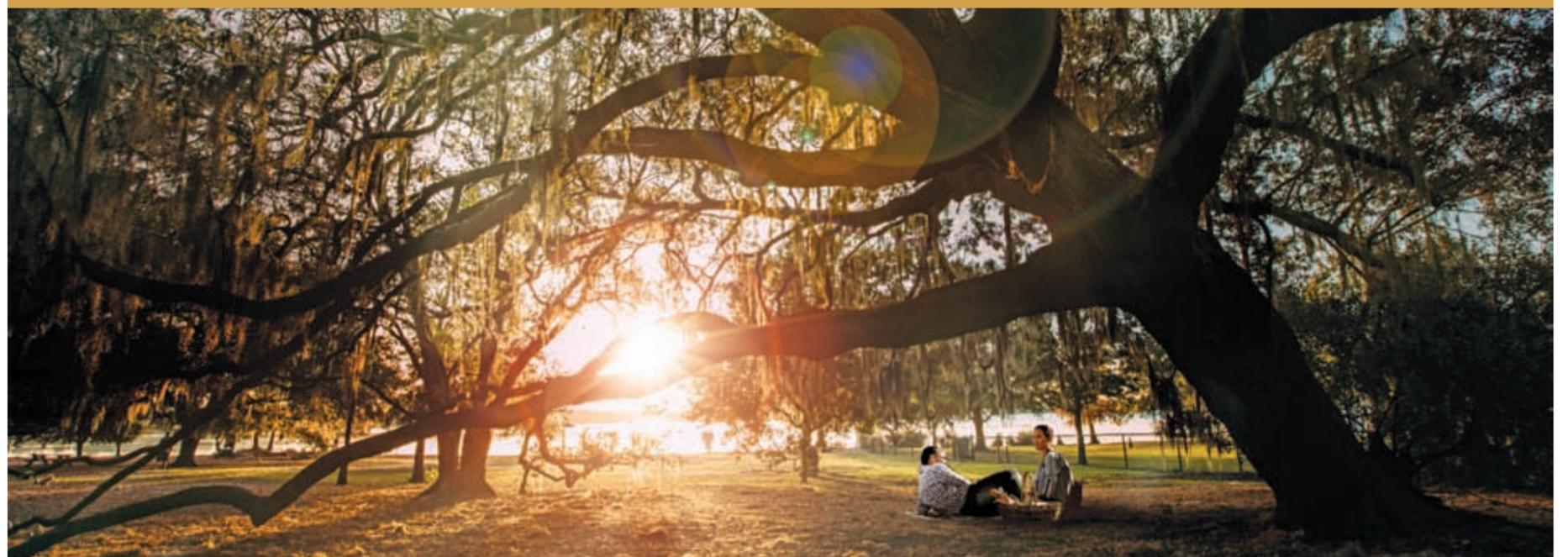
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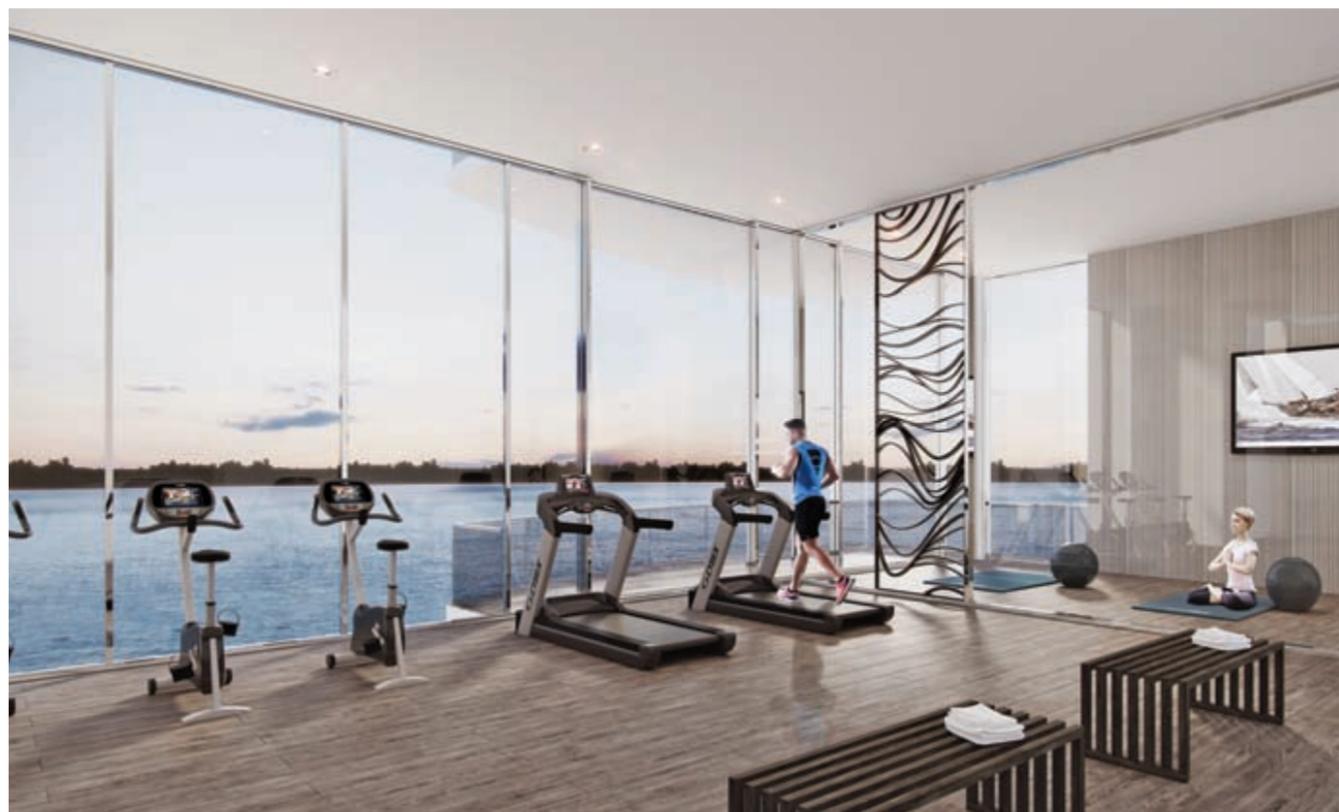
ONE, the new luxury condominium to offer 28 exclusive waterfront residences, will provide a unique array of impressive building amenities. The 18-story boutique tower to rise on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in the Historic Fort Myers River District, will offer residents resort-style amenities that make living at ONE, a one-of-a-kind experience.

Whether strolling along the beautifully-landscaped, riverfront promenade, floating in the cascading, infinity edge pool, taking in some sun from a lounge on the riverside beach area, or sipping a glass of wine on the deck next to the outdoor fire pits, residents of ONE will be privy to the scenic, waterfront views and the breathtaking Southwest Florida sunrises and sunsets.

ONE's amenities make staying healthy fun and convenient. From an interactive, waterfront fitness studio with on-demand classes to indoor and outdoor yoga studios, and biking and kayaking conveniences, the possibilities are endless for those looking to enjoy the views and the active outdoor lifestyle afforded residents year-round in this tropical, urban paradise.

A pet-friendly condominium, ONE also caters to its residents' furry friends with a landscaped dog walk and even a pet grooming salon that makes primping your pet a breeze.

Designed by world-renowned architects Behar Font & Partners with interiors inspired by Adriana Hoyos Design



Studio, ONE offers two-and three-bedroom residences ranging from 1,511 to 2,286 square feet, as well as two penthouses spanning from 3,900 square feet to over 5,000 square feet.

ONE's prime location in the Historic Fort Myers River District, puts residents

in a vibrant neighborhood with over 65 cafes, bars and restaurants, as well as eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater.

Prices at ONE are from the high \$500,000's to over \$2 million. Reservations

are now underway and estimated delivery is scheduled for the last quarter of 2018.

To learn more call (239) 500-JAXI (5294), ext. 1, visit the sales gallery in the Fort Myers City Pier building at 1300 Hendry Street, or online at www.OneFortMyers.com. ■

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The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

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

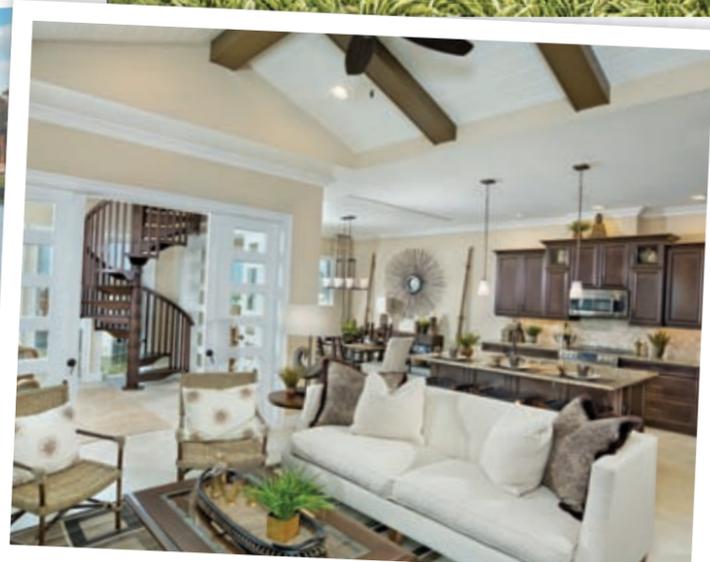
The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community's center. Like the original Naples Beach Hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Residents and friends gather at The Isles Club for dining and social functions, swimming in the resort-style pool and lap pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

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 only, Minto is offering up to \$60,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready coach homes and up to \$50,000 in savings on select single-family and villa homes.

The available Orchid Grande two-story coach home is 2,011 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, two baths, den, sunroom, two-car garage, private elevator, and water view. It is priced at \$663,610. The Alamanda single-family home includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,225 square feet under air, with two bedrooms, den, two and-a half baths



Above: 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 is an award-winning master-planned community. Available coach homes offering up to \$60,000 incentive. Left: Available single-family and villa homes offering up to \$50,000 incentive.

and two-car garage and is priced at \$763,215. The Dahlia villa home is 1,565 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, two-car garage, covered lanai with tranquil preserve view. It is priced at \$488,520.

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

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 MintoUSA.com. ■

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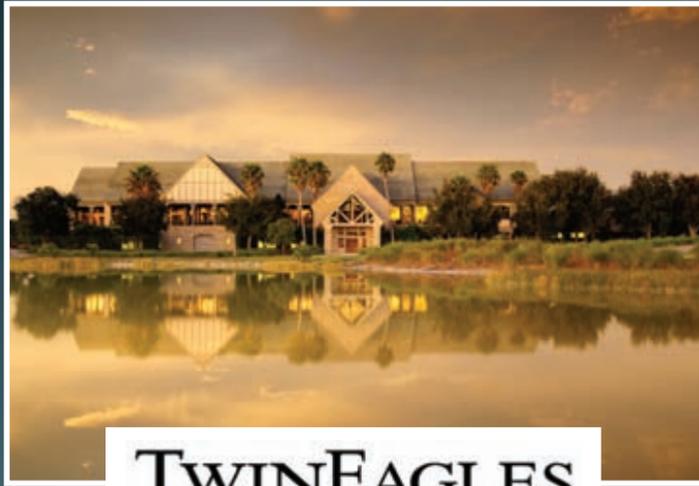
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Solar-powered town seeks to attract families with high-quality education

Months before the first residents of Babcock Ranch start settling, the nation's first solar-powered town is delivering on the promise of putting education first. Babcock Neighborhood School (BNS) opened August 10th at full capacity in Kindergarten through grade six. For developer Syd Kitson, it is the realization of a dream, and the fulfillment of a promise made when plans for the innovative, environmentally-friendly new town were first unveiled more than a decade ago.

"I think the school is very important for several reasons. Number one - we want to be multi-generational - and to get young families, you have to have a school. When people come to Babcock Ranch they don't have to hope that great schools are something that will happen sometime in the future - the school is here right now, today," Kitson said. "Even more important than that, is to give these young students an opportunity to thrive, have a great education, and hopefully prepare them for high school and ultimately for what they want to do later on in life."

Enrollment at BNS is open to all students who qualify to attend Charlotte County public schools - including out-of-county students who can be admitted on a space-available basis. As a public charter, BNS must comply with all testing and accountability measures of any other public school - but with greater flexibility to implement innovative teaching approaches and curriculum.

"Our school is very engaged in project based learning - not the old 'you do a project, and then it ends up in the dumpster' -

these are very real projects with real world applications," principal Shannon Treece explained. "What works for first grade does not work for 5th grade - but at every age the experience of working together, hearing all voices, then working together to take a project from concept to completion - this is the type of education everyone wants for their children. It's not driven by textbooks but what's happening in the community and what's happening around them."

Just a week into the school year, students and faculty were enthusiastically settling into the hands-on, project-based learning approach that sets BNS apart. Kindergartners gathered to read in circle time and dance to Go Noodle videos during their "brain break." Multiple grade levels mixed together for nature walks. Third graders were building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows - thinking critically and collaborating to improve structures, celebrating what worked, and circling back to redesign when it didn't. In 4th grade, students discussed the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and wrote their reflections on the topic. And in 5th and 6th grade, students held a rap sing-off on the theme of geography.

"This is the best adventure I have ever had, and it is an amazing privilege to witness the energy and passion of these students and teachers," Treece said.

Learn more at www.babcockranch.com. ■



Above: With its prairie style-meets-modern architecture, the two-story BNS building features large 800-square-foot classrooms designed for students to move around. Left: BNS students arrive excited for a new adventure in learning. Below: Teachers at Babcock Neighborhood School are providing hands-on learning for students from Kindergarten through grade 6.



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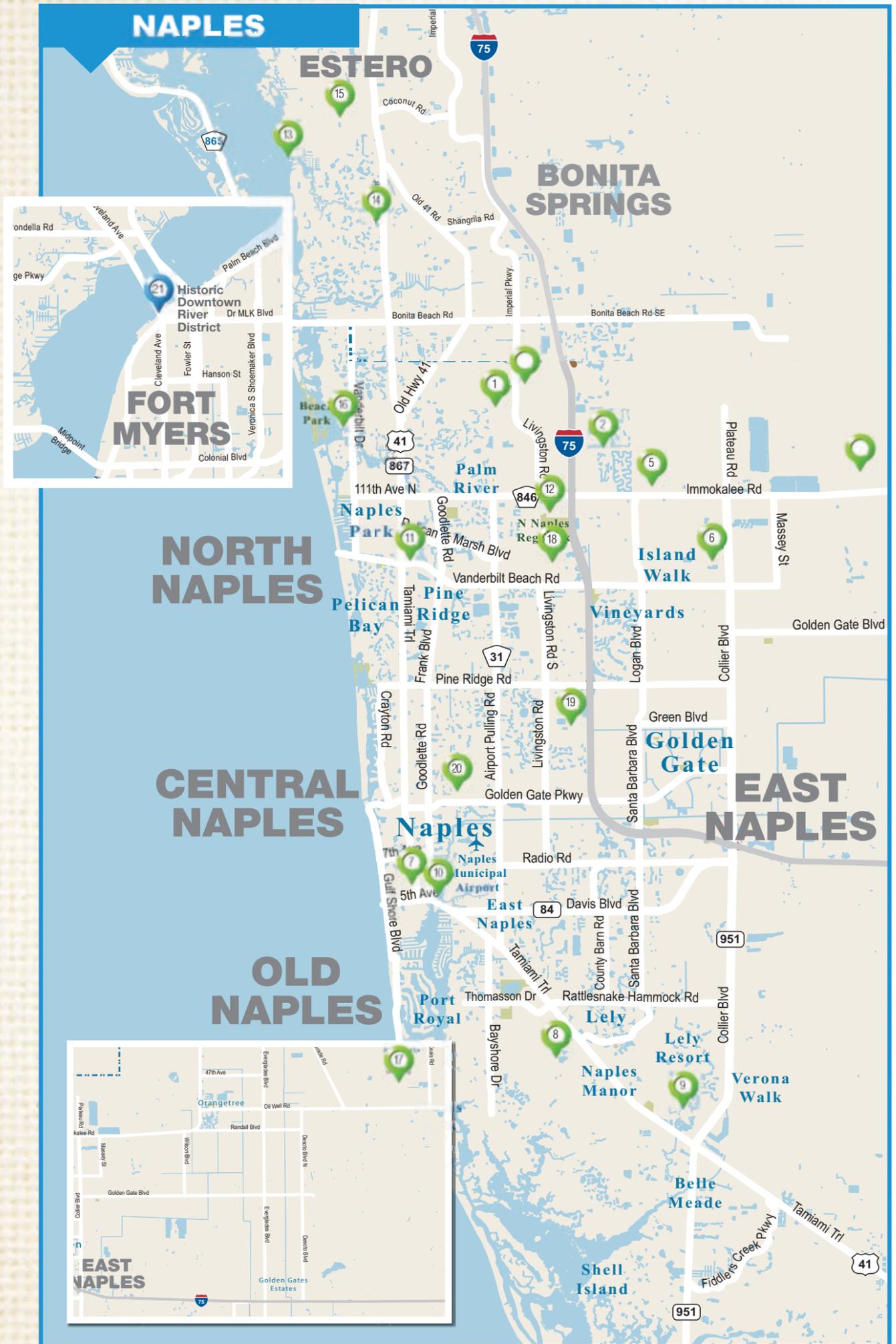
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as a concierge with the Lee County Port Authority. She studied nursing at Southern Technical College and emergency medical services at Florida Southwest University.

Michael Agins

has joined Neal Communities as vice president of sales and marketing in the company's south region, which encompasses Lee and Collier counties. He is responsible for all regional sales and marketing efforts and will oversee the design team for the south region. He will have additional responsibilities in the development of condominium communities. Mr. Agins brings more than 12 years of experience in the new home industry to Neal Communities. He grew up in southeast Florida and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in sales management from the University of Florida.



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Royal Shell Real Estate announces the following top producers for July:

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Wozny; and top sales producer individual, **Jennifer Morrow**.

FL Star Construction reports sales progressing at a steady pace with 26 new homes sold at **Arrowhead Reserve**, a community of single-family homes off Lake Trafford Road in Immokalee.

New three- and four-bedroom designs in Arrowhead Reserve range from 1,297 air-conditioned square feet and a total of 1,711 square feet to 1,765 air-conditioned square feet and a total of 2,505 square feet. Pricing starts at \$168,900.

For more information, contact Elvira Nodal at David C. Brown Realty in Immokalee by calling 878-8001 or emailing elviranodal@yahoo.com.



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Arrowhead Reserve

A four-bedroom, 8,525-square-foot home under construction in Grey Oaks Golf & Country Club is the newest estate in the **Diamond Custom Homes** portfolio. The residence showcases a transitional architectural design by Richard Guzman of R.G. Designs and interiors by Lou Shafran and Mark Vanagas of Pacifica Interior Design. There are four full and two half baths as well as two garages and a golf cart bay.

The grand parlor has floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking 1,093 square feet of outdoor living space, pool and spa. Each guest bedroom has a full bath. Other features include a gourmet kitchen



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A rendering of Milano Lakes apartments.

with custom cabinets, two Sub-Zero refrigerators and two islands and a full bar with wine coolers. The design also has a private study off the owner's suite, formal dining room, pantry, breakfast bar, laundry, mudroom, storage areas and two covered patios. The master suite also has a sitting room with floor-to-ceiling windows and private direct access to the outdoor living areas, where Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design plans a tropical oasis for entertaining, cooking/dining and relaxing by the pool.

For more information, call Diamond Custom Homes at 325-4600 or visit www.diamondcustomhomesFL.com.

Harwick Homes will build a 12,750-square-foot estate home on the last remaining lot in the Il Cosini neighborhood in the North Naples community of Mediterra.

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Completion is anticipated for the fall of 2018. For more information, call 498-0801, email info@HarwickHomes.com or visit www.HarwickHomes.com.

Milano Lakes, a new apartment

community off Collier Boulevard, offers four floor plans designed to meet the needs of a range of renters. Choices range from a one-bedroom design with 808 air-conditioned square feet and 889 total square feet to a three-bedroom apartment home with 1,439 air-conditioned square feet and a total of 1,545 square feet.

Each unit at Milano Lakes includes laundry facilities, a master suite with a generous walk-in closet and dual sinks in the master bath, an island kitchen with a spacious dining area and a lanai.

The community clubhouse at Milano Lakes has a resort-style swimming pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. With interior designed by Design Group West, the building reflects the influence of Mediterranean architecture and will be the centerpiece of social gatherings in the community when occupancy begins in the fourth quarter of 2017. A children's playground is planned to round out the amenities.

On 23 acres at The Lords Way, Milano Lakes will have a total of 296 apartment homes in eight buildings. The community is being developed by an affiliate of FL Star, a conglomerate of real estate entities led by Gary Hains and David E. Torres. For leasing information, call Mercedes Sifontes at 628-5164 or email mercedes@fl-star.com. ■



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A rendering of the Diamond Custom Homes estate under constructoin in Grey Oaks.



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BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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ON THE MOST SOMBER, RAINIEST OF DAYS, Matt Iseman would boast about that tiny ray of sunshine peeking through the storm clouds. Such is life for the standup comedian and charismatic co-host of “American Ninja Warrior,” who performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club in Naples Aug. 24-26.

Known for his super-upbeat personality on television, Mr. Iseman draws from a number of medical-related experiences to explain his sunny attitude as well as his brand of humor.

“I’ve always been a fairly optimistic guy,”

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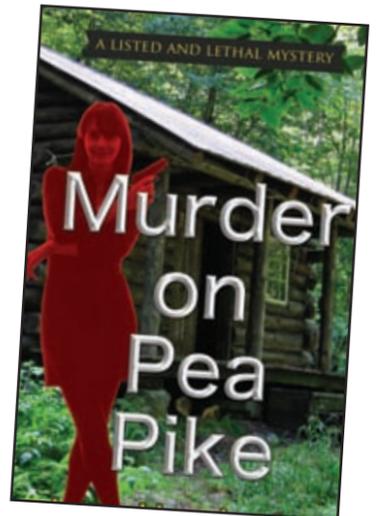
‘American Ninja Warrior’ host Matt Iseman brings upbeat humor to Off the Hook

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Love those dresses

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Book critic Phil Jason enjoys the first “Listed and Lethal” installment by Neapolitan Jean Harrington. **C2** ►



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“Berrylicious,” acrylic on canvas by Kaylee Rouse, age 14. Instructor: Leigh Greco.

Exhibition showcases cool kids’ art

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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For colorful evidence of a summer well spent for hundreds of Neapolitan youngsters, check out an exhibition of artwork created the Naples Art Association’s 2017 ARTScool program. The display of select works hangs at Naples City Hall through Sept. 25 and moves to NAA headquarters Oct. 4-28.

Working in mediums ranging from clay to acrylics and Photoshop, the kids

blew their instructors’, their parents’ and their own minds when they proved that their artistic abilities are only limited by opportunities to create.

“The kids were wonderful throughout the entire summer. All of them wanted to make artwork,” said NAA head intern and ARTScool overseer Matt Sabin, a sophomore at University of Florida majoring in engineering and fine arts. “You step up to the front of the class

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■ **“Murder on Pea Pike” by Jean Harrington. Camel Press. 264 pages. Trade paperback, \$15.95.**



HARRINGTON

Jean Harrington’s new “Listed and Lethal” mystery series shares some features with her five-part “Murders by Design” series (recently reprinted by Harlequin). The main similarity is that the protagonist

in each series is a professional woman who teams up romantically with a law enforcement officer and then cannot avoid becoming involved in his investigations.

In the earlier series, Deva Dunne, lives and works in the interior design trade in upscale Naples. In the “Listed and Lethal” stories, Honey Ingersoll is a real estate agent in rural Arkansas. Differences in education and social class also distinguish the two characters.

As Honey pursues a real estate deal on the outskirts of Eureka Falls, she chances upon the corpse of an attractive, flashy young woman she had seen at Ridley’s Real Estate just recently. Though Tallulah Bixby is dressed to

kill, someone got to her first.

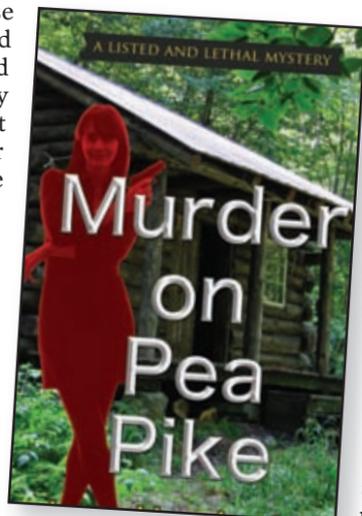
Soon after, the owner of property in the same neighborhood as Honey’s corpse discovery is also found murdered. You guessed it — discovered by Honey. Hmm. She might be a suspect, except for the fact that she is the narrator.

And speaking of discoveries, Honey finds a couple of uncut diamonds near the crime scene.

The novel’s two main centers of interest are the murders and Honey’s love life. With respect to the murders, there seems to be an orchestrated buying-up of properties in the area surrounding the murders, suggesting the need to keep the purchases secret. Or maybe it’s the rumors concerning the diamonds lying about. Murder is one way of shutting someone up. When readers find out that a major casino project is being planned, they might surmise that some in the town are against it.

Honey’s love life? Up until now, a series of poor choices. But what’s an attention-needy, somewhat insecure girl to do? These days, Honey is idealizing her attractive boss, Sam Ridley, who is among those showing an interest in those rundown properties. She has

imagined getting a dazzling kiss from him for a long time, but now can Sam possibly be on Honey’s suspect list?



She’s been an invaluable employee, but he has plenty of cause to worry about her recent strange behavior.

At the same time, Sheriff Matt Rameros has been giving Honey a lot of attention, even while trying to take a professional stance toward her.

One of the most enjoyable elements in “Murder on Pea Pike” is the growth of the Honey/Matt relationship, especially as dramatized through their conversations. His frustrations at her lack of caution and her strong-mindedness are amplified by how much he cares for her and wants to protect her from real dangers as well as from her own impulsiveness.

Enjoyable secondary characters include Mrs. Otis, an older woman who works in Sam’s real estate office and becomes more and more a mother figure for Honey. She is wise, caring and less stodgy than she seems at first. Others include banker Cletus Dwyer, with whom Honey has a mild flirtation; Lila Lott, scheming femme fatale daughter of Senator Lott; and Saxby Winthrop, Honey’s marriage-shy former beau.

Ms. Harrington does just enough to

give us a cultural snapshot of Eureka Falls without becoming heavy-handed. She makes good use of Josie’s, a popular diner: “The sausage and hot cakes aroma spilling out onto Main Street lured in anybody who had the price of a greasy good breakfast.” Snatches of conversations inside the eatery interact with the ongoing portrait of the physical place.

The author Harrington has an eye for the ridiculous in human nature, and she takes advantage of her characters’ foibles to concoct a spirited, suspenseful tale with equal measures of comedy and compassion.

About the author

A former English and writing teacher, Naples resident Jean Harrington burst out of retirement once her passion for writing possessed her. Before the two mystery series mentioned above, she published two historical novels set in Ireland: “The Barefoot Queen” and “In the Lion’s Mouth.” She has won several fiction awards and served two terms as president of the Romance Writers of America Southwest Florida chapter. Read more about this fine author at www.jeanharrington.com. ■

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Part 2: The Florida Weekly Writing Challenge

Round two of the 2017 Florida Weekly Writing Challenge continues with the photo prompt you see here. Since it was first published a week ago, more than a dozen writers have submitted their original short stories inspired by the image.

Here's how the challenge works:

We want your original narrative fiction using this picture as the starting point. Keep it to 750 words, please, and no poetry, thank you.

Run your masterpiece through Spellcheck, give it a title and send it, either attached as a Word document or simply pasted into the body of the email, to writing@floridaweekly.com. Snail mail offerings will not be considered, nor will any entry that does not contain your full name, the city/state you live in and a phone number where we can reach you.

You have until 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, to submit your story. It's OK if you sent us something for round one of the challenge; you can enter another story — but just one — based on the beach picture. We hope you do, in fact.



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Florida Weekly editors will review all of the entries and vote for our favorite, whose author will receive a ticket to the 12th annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference (value: \$500). With keynote speaker Alice Hoffman, the conference is set for Nov. 2-5 on Sanibel Island.

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he said of his larger-than-life persona onscreen. "Having been a doctor, seeing what real life and death situations truly are ... I realize at the end of the day this is all silliness, but it really is a good time."

That's right. Mr. Iseman left a career in medicine to pursue his passion in standup comedy — after completing medical school at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and a residency in internal medicine in his hometown of Denver, Colo.

"Standup is my first love," he said in a telephone interview last week. "The immediacy of standing on stage, the crowd letting you know when it's funny. When it's going well, riding the wave, feeling such a rush, there's nothing like it."

He concedes his timing could've been better as far as his career decision-making was concerned, but he thinks it's never too late to take a shot at something you love.

"Deep down, a lot of us can feel that itch. My advice: Take a shot, especially when you're young. Even if you fall flat on your face, get back up. You just learned a lesson."

No laughing matter

On paper, medicine seemed like the perfect career path for Mr. Iseman.

"I always loved math and science, and I actually really enjoyed studying," he said. But as Dr. Iseman, he never felt like he was helping people as much as he could. And he suffered immense guilt not being fully invested in the profession.

"Honestly, it came down to the fact that my heart wasn't in it," he said. "There are a lot of jobs you can do half-way, punch a time clock, go home. But medicine is a calling; people give you this sacred trust of placing their lives in your hands."

When he decided to give up medicine and pursue standup, some people called him crazy. "My friends who knew me said, 'You're not that funny. What are you doing? You're walking away from a career!'" he recalled.

He's grateful that his parents — even his M.D. father — supported his life-changing decision. But still, "It would have been a lot easier to quit med school before I graduated."

Within three weeks of moving to L.A., he knew he'd never go back to a life of scrubs and medical charts.

Now he spends his time on the road doing standup and hosting "American Ninja Warrior."

It's not about winning

Mr. Iseman co-hosts a unique show in "ANW." The program began on the little-known G4 network. Although the network failed, the show survived to start a run on NBC that continues four years later. It has achieved a cult-like following across the country, with competitors of all ages trying their best to get through an obstacle course that can feel daunting even for viewers sitting at home on the couch.

The salmon ladder is one of the more iconic challenges in the regional qualifying rounds: The Ninja hangs from a horizontal bar 20-30 feet over an icy pool and must leap (along with the bar) up a series of four to six pegs to advance to the next obstacle.

Each obstacle pushes the limits of strength, balance and coordination. Ninjas who successfully complete the finals course in their region move on to the national finals in Las Vegas, where they face the vaunted four-stage



in the know

Matt Iseman

- >> **Who:** Co-host of "American Ninja Warrior"
- >> **When:** Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 24-26
- >> **Where:** Off the Hook Comedy Club, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples
- >> **Also coming up:** Philadelphia Plowden, Aug. 31 (one night only); Ralpie May, Sept. 7-9; and Marlon Wayans, Sept. 13-15
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course, Mount Midoriyama, which was designed in Japan.

The winner takes home \$1 million.

Only one Ninja has done it in eight years, and yet, the number of competitors continues to skyrocket in the United States.

"The most amazing thing is unlike any other competitive show, it's not about having one winner," Mr. Iseman said, adding Ninjas "have victorious runs in so many different ways," even when they don't complete a challenge.

"Sometimes they don't hit the buzzer, but they're better for pushing themselves, taking a shot," he said. "Their lives changed just by seeing what they can do. I love seeing people come out and say they were on the couch a year ago, and here they are competing in front of millions of viewers."



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Matt Iseman with Boy George.

Helping hand

In addition to becoming host of a hit TV show and carving out a niche as a standup comic in the years since he stopped making doctor's rounds, Mr. Iseman has raised a lot of money for a cause very dear to his heart. And hands.

The former physician also happens to be reigning champion of "The Celebrity Apprentice," having used that platform to raise nearly \$1 million for the Arthritis Foundation, which he got involved in after being diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 31. Now 46, his experiences with the ailment and as a doctor inform his comedic leanings and allow him to help those who were diagnosed before revolutionary drugs came out to treat RA.

"I was lucky to respond to this new

NBC / COURTESY PHOTOS
Matt Iseman, who appeared on "Celebrity Apprentice" and hosts "American Ninja Warrior," comes to Naples Aug. 24-26.

class of drugs that came out in 1998, right before I was diagnosed," he said, adding treatment for RA "was the Wild West" before those drugs. "I know that my life right now is in large part due to groups like the Arthritis Foundation that put the money out there to fund the research to discover these drugs.

"I would love someday to hear this illness is something of the past, something we found the cure for."

Taping of "The Celebrity Apprentice" wrapped up in early 2016, just as show host Donald Trump was starting to gain attention in the race for president. Mr. Iseman was disheartened by the political cloud that hung over the reality show by the time it aired almost a year later.

"Nobody even gave (Trump) a thought," he recalled of the filming. "Arnold Schwarzenegger was the boss. It was in Los Angeles instead of New York ... The show got politicized, which is unfortunate. In the end, it raised a few million dollars on behalf of some awesome charities. It was disappointing because we worked so hard on the show and then (politics) overshadowed it a little bit."

Despite the distractions, he's grateful for the experience of being part of "The Celebrity Apprentice." He got to meet one of his biggest idols in Mr. Schwarzenegger, along with stepping into the pressure cooker that every athlete on "American Ninja Warrior" endures.

"With 'Ninja,' I risk nothing ... I'm the host. 'Apprentice' was the total opposite. Every second I was on camera being scrutinized. It's a reminder of what 'Ninja' athletes go through," he said. "Most of them didn't play sports at a high level ... They're leading normal lives, and here they are competing in front of thousands and millions at home."

The twists and turns of his career don't get lost on Mr. Iseman. He recalled a birthday party he went to recently for his new friend, Mr. Schwarzenegger. He sat at a table with the guest of honor, actor Tom Arnold and legendary film director James Cameron, among other iconic film actors and celebrities.

"I get to go on stage for 45 minutes and tell jokes," he said. "I talk about Ninjas. It's ridiculous!" ■

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and watch the kids make their artwork and there's so much focus and determination in their faces. They're so pleased. That was one of my favorite things to see, their pride in the artwork."

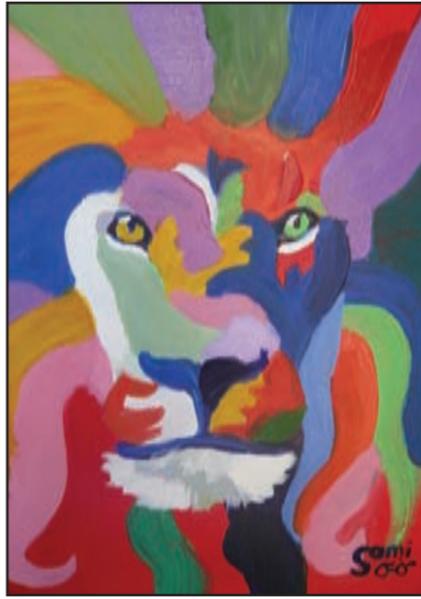


SABIN

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"It's essentially just a hands-on, messy sculpting class," Mr. Sabin said. "It's always been one of the most popular because there are so many stages to making the sculptures. The first few days they just mess around with the clay and they all create something unique, and later they get to glaze it and add color it's always the most popular."

Other courses in the summer curriculum included painting, drawing, paper sculpting, basket building and pattern making. For information about upcoming NAA exhibits, classes and programs for all ages, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■



"Charles Fluffypants III," acrylic on canvas by Samantha Vila, age 14. Instructor: Linda Cummings.



"Leafy Sea Dragon" by Eva Benson.



"Mane," acrylic on canvas by Melanie Ariztizabal, age 14. Instructor: Linda Cummings.



Right: "Mr. Happy," mixed media on paper by Tiana Richter, age 9. Instructor: Kathy Dunn.

in the know

ARTScool 2017 exhibition

- >> **What:** Works created by local children in the ARTScool summer camp at the Naples Art Association
- >> **Where:** Naples City Hall, 735 Eighth St. S., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Sept. 25; Naples Art Association, 585 Park St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 4-28
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THURSDAY 8.24

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Art Reception – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for "The Art of Bean, Camargo and Pascovici," from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit includes puppets, sculpture and paintings that celebrate the value of arts education and self-expression. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

FRIDAY 8.25

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Classic Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film "Roberta" (1935) at 2 p.m. In Paris, a man clueless about fashion inherits a dress shop while his bandleader reunites with his old flames. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Positively Funny – Matt Iseman ("American Ninja Warrior," "Celebrity Apprentice") performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club tonight and Saturday, Aug. 26. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com. See story on page C1.

SATURDAY 8.26

To Market, To Market – Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Jazz Concert – Naples Jazz Society performs from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 263-1113 or www.naplesjazzsociety.com.

SUNDAY 8.27

Flashback Cinema – Silverspot Cinema in Mercato screens the Leslie Nielsen classic "Airplane!" at 2 and 7 p.m. A man afraid to fly must land the plane safely when the pilots fall ill. \$9.50-\$16.50. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "The Salesman" (Iran, 2016) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. While both are participating in a production of "Death of a Salesman," a teacher's wife is assaulted in her new home, which leaves him determined to find the perpetrator over her objections. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 8.28

Songwriter Showcase – The Marco Players presents singer/songwriter Joerey Ortiz in concert at 7 p.m. followed by a reception, Q&A and jam session until 10 p.m. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Sarah's Key" (2010) at 7 p.m. In modern day Paris, a journalist finds herself entwined with a young girl whose family was torn apart during the notorious Vel d'Hiv Roundup of 1942. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 8.29

Piano Man – Pianist Bryan Wallick performs works by Liszt, Bach, Brahms and Albeniz from 6-9 p.m. at Shangri-La Springs. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 646-734-8179 or www.grandpianoseries.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.30

Wild Wednesdays – Naples Botanical Garden's conservation team leads a walk through the garden's natural areas in the Smith Upland Preserve from 9-10 a.m. Free with regular admission. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

White Lightning – Explore the history of moonshine production in Naples when Friend of the Collier County Museum hosts "Moonshine Over Naples" complete with beer from Bone Hook Brewing Co., barbecue from Naples Smoked BBQ & Catering, a performance by Lakeland-based Sour Mash Swingtet and a screening of the short film, "Naples on the Gulp" from 6-8:30 p.m. at the main museum at the Collier County Government Complex. Free for museum members, \$15 for others. Reservations recommended. Must be 21 or older. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Jig Is Up – Traditional Irish musicians take the stage and kick up their heels at 7 p.m. at Riptide Brewing Company. 987 Third Ave. N. 228-6533 or www.riptidebrewingcompany.com.

Crystal Clear – The Gypsy Sea Witch hosts a crystal bowl meditation at 7 p.m. at Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero. \$15-\$20, must pre-register at website. 754-444-9779 or www.thegypsyseawitch.com.

COMING UP

Turtle Time – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park presents a talk about sea turtles at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Art Celebration – Florida Gulf Coast University hosts an art walk with multiple exhibitions to celebrate the school's 20th anniversary from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. Events include a curator's talk, reception for the exhibition "20 Years: The Creation of FGCU" and a final reception and performance at the ArtLab Library. 590-7199 or www.artgallery.fgcu.edu.



Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for an exhibit of sculptures, paintings and puppets by artists Kathleen Bean, Hilarion Camargo and Alexander Pascovici from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. "The Art of Bean, Camargo and Pascovici" will be on display through Oct. 14. www.artcenterbonita.org

Art, Drink and Be Merry – Naples Art Association invites guests to sip wine while instructors help them complete an acrylic painting from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. \$50. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Om in the Swamp – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a meditation session with spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, in the preserve's natural amphitheater. \$10-\$20. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Free Concert – Rockin' Horse performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Classic Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film "Follow the Fleet" (1936) at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8. While on leave in San Francisco, a Navy sailor tries to rekindle a romance with the woman he loves. \$5 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Free Film – Bring the family and a blanket and chairs and settle in on the lawn at Mercato for a screening of "The Angry Birds Movie" (2016) at sunset Tuesday, Sept. 13. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Trains & Tapas – Friends of the Collier County Museum host an evening of wine, tapas, a sneak peek of the restoration of a 1947 Budd Tavern train car and a screening of the short film "Guardian of the Everglades" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Naples Depot Museum. Free for members, \$15 for others. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Classic Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film "Carefree" (1938) at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. A psychiatrist agrees to hypnotize his friend's girlfriend so she'll accept his marriage proposal, but she ends up falling for the doctor instead. \$5 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

SummerJazz on the Gulf – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Late Night Brass when the 32nd season of SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts concludes from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Free. 261-2222 or www.naples-beachhotel.com.

Third Thursday – Love Hunter performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Third Street South's Fleischmann Courtyard. Free. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Classic Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers classic "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle" (1939) at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. It's the story of sensational ballroom dancers Vernon and Irene Castle prior to World War I. \$5 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Nosh & Shop – Waterside Shops hosts the fifth annual Craving Fashion culinary and fashion event where guests can see the latest fashions available at Waterside retailers and enjoy bites from dozens of area restaurants from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Proceeds benefit United Way of Collier County. 598-1605 or www.watersideshops.com.

Day at the Museum – Naples Depot Museum hosts tours, mini-train rides and family activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Free. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Art ALIVE – The museums and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads open their doors to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstration their medium. Free. 596-5099 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Wicked Game – Rock 'n' roll crooner Chris Isaak performs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. \$43-\$63. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.com.

Fashion Show – GirlTalkTV hosts Fall into Fashion 2017 from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Hyatt House Naples. 1345 Fifth Ave. S. \$30. info@girltalktv.com or www.girltalktv.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Bellini's "Norma" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragon-theaters.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragon-theaters.com.

American Pie – Don McLean performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Southwest Florida Events Center. \$52-\$77. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Youth Day – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts Youth Empowerment Day with a fishing clinic, self-defense demonstrations, guided hikes and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Free with park entry fee. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Free Film – Mercato screens "Legally Blonde" (2001) on the lawn at sunset on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Elle Woods follows her ex-boyfriend to law school and figures out there's more to her than good looks. Free. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Improv for Everyone – The Naples Players hosts an adult class on the fundamentals of improvisational comedy from 7-9 p.m. each Thursday from Oct. 19-Nov. 23, at Sugden Community Theater. \$75 for members, \$100 for others. 434-7340 or www.naplesplayers.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Shostakovich, Adams and Dvorak at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19-20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Tribute Concert – Southwest Florida Event Center hosts a dinner show featuring Van Halen tribute band Completely Unchained from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20. \$25-\$75. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflpac.com

How Does Your Garden Grow? – Naples Yard & Garden Show hosts vendors, horticultural experts, lectures and more from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Collier Extension Services. \$5. 14700 Immokalee Road. 352-4800.

The Full Score – Naples Philharmonic performs the score live to a screening of “La La Land” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Author Signing – Stuart Woods presents his newest book, “Quick & Dirty: A Stone Barrington Novel,” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Barnes & Noble. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Vocal Concert – Gulfshore Tenors perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Naples Botanical Gardens. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Boo Bash – Little ones can enjoy trick-or-treating, characters, jugglers and more from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Waterside Shops. \$10, reservations required. Proceeds benefit Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples. 598-1605 or www.watersideshops.com.

Monster Mash – The Villages at Venetian Bay hosts trick-or-treating, costume contests, arts & crafts and more for little ones from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Free. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

Indian Dance – Indian arts and culture organization Raaga Inc. presents Odissi Dance Company performing “Das Avatar – Rise of Humanity Vs. Evil, through The Ages” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 643-6668 or www.raagafl.org.

Spooktacular – Fifth Avenue South hosts its seventh annual Halloween Spooktacular with costume contests, live music, trick-or-treating, movies, dancing and more from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Free, registration for costume contests starts in September. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

Free Concert – The Appleseed Collective performs on the lawn at Mercato at from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

To Be Seen – Naples Art Association hosts “Scene to Be Scene,” a runway art show, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Volvo Cars of Naples. \$25-\$150. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Opera Night – Opera Naples presents “Madama Butterfly” featuring a cast of international artists and the Naples Philharmonic at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Artis—Naples. \$25-\$115. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Suspicious Minds – Country crooner Dwight Yoakam performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with time, date, location, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday. No phone calls, please.



8.26-27

■ Get into the weekend frame of mind by bellying up to the **Bloody Mary bar at the Naples Grande Beach Resort's Aura restaurant** from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday. With more than 50 options to add to the base cocktail, you'll surely need to concoct more than one (and you'll probably want to order breakfast, too).
— www.naplesgrande.com

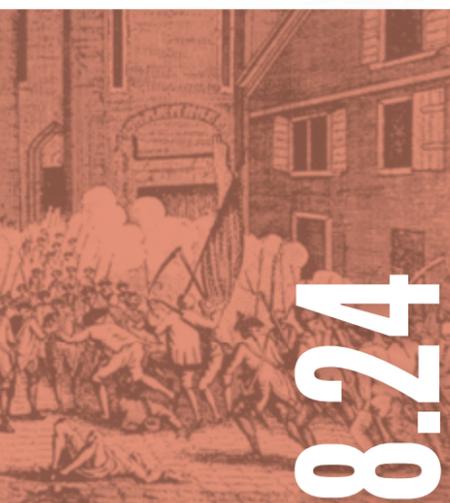


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■ **Bryan Wallick**, gold medalist of the 1997 Vladimir Horowitz International Piano Competition in Kiev, performs works by Bach, Liszt, Brahms and Albeniz from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs.
— www.grandpianoseries.com

■ Learn about the history of moonshine production in Naples when Friends of the Collier County Museum hosts **“Moonshine over Naples”** from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$15. Must be 21 or older. Reservations recommended.
— www.colliermuseums.com



■ FGCU's **Renaissance Academy** explores the origins of the French Revolution (hint: it wasn't cake) from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Brooks Commons Club in Bonita Springs.
— www.fgcu.edu

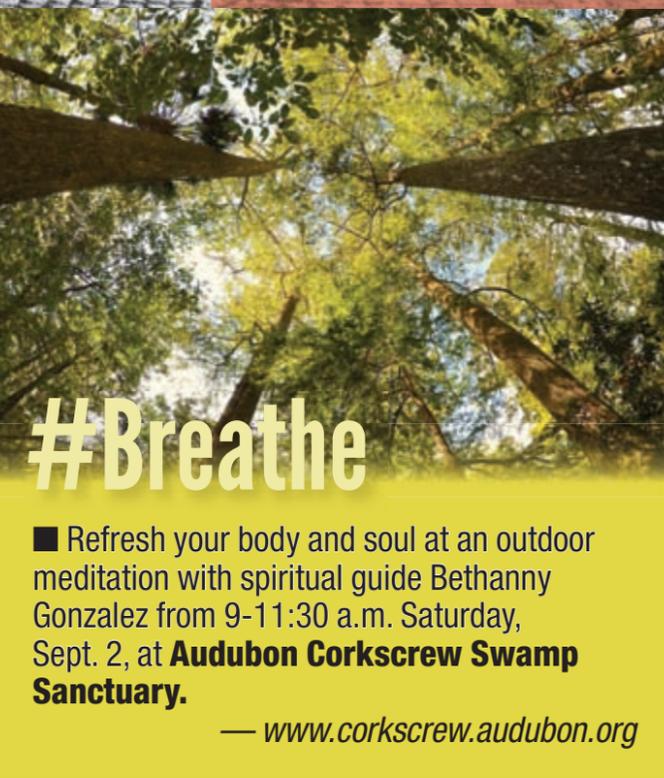


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■ Take a flight back to 1980 when Silverspot Cinema in Mercato screens the comedy classic **“Airplane!”** starring Robert Hays and Leslie Nielsen at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday.
— www.silverspot.com



8.27



#Breathe

■ Refresh your body and soul at an outdoor meditation with spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at **Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary**.
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Art Fest Naples seeks entries

Art Fest Naples at Fleischmann Park is seeking artists working in all media to exhibit at the 2018 show and sale. The 21st annual juried show is set for Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21. Sunshine Artist magazine consistently rates Art Fest Naples in the top 100 shows in the country.

At the 2018 show, some of the nation's finest artists will display and sell their work ranging from oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings to blown glass and turned wood pieces, sculptures, and jewelry.

A jury of arts professionals will select the artists to participate in the show and will award prizes in numerous categories. All artists must apply online at www.artfestnaples.com by Oct. 15.

All proceeds from Art Fest Naples benefit a 501(c)(3) organization, Addi-

tional Needs Inc., whose mission is to provide a user-friendly and time-saving website with comprehensive information about available resources

to assist children and adults with additional needs and their families in finding appropriate services. By employing individuals with additional needs to research and maintain the website, the nonprofit provides a

platform for them to share their abilities and unique insights and ideas.

The website is also a vehicle for educating employers about the benefits of hiring individuals with additional needs as well as connecting them to employees.

For information about Art Fest Naples sponsorships, call Taire Malloy at 634-2337, email artfestnaples@gmail.com or visit www.artfestnaples.com. ■



Artists, vendors sought for Goodland bazaar

The Goodland Civic Association is seeking artists and craft persons for its eighth annual Holiday Bazaar set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Margood Harbor Park in Goodland.

The bazaar will host artists, crafters and food vendors, alongside local musicians performing on the park's outdoor

stage. Advertising for the event will be via street signs, banners, local news publications and chambers of commerce.

Vendor spaces are \$45. To request an application, call co-chairs Chris and Chip Willets at 401-741-0781 or email ccwillets@gmail.com. ■

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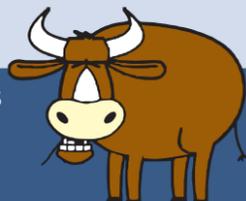


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FGCU at 20: The Beginning

What were the challenges of creating a new university on the cusp of a new millennium in one of the fastest growing states in the country? FGCU's backstory goes well beyond the signing of its authorizing legislation in 1991. (A WGCU production.)

FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 9 P.M.
Great Performances
The Vienna Philharmonic
Summer Night Concert 2017

Enjoy the Vienna Philharmonic's concert led by Christoph Eschenbach with Renee Fleming as soloist.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26, 10 P.M.
Keeping Up Appearances

Hyacinth Bucket is in a perpetual quest for perfection, to the chagrin of her downtrodden husband.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27, 9 P.M.
Endeavour: Season 4, Part 2

When morality advocate Joy Pettybon receives a death threat, Endeavour must protect her at all costs. But the arrival of a rebellious band, The Wildwood, quickly drags Endeavour into a bloody war of social attitudes that just had its first fatality.

MONDAY, AUG. 28, 10 P.M.
Secrets of the Dead
The Real Trojan Horse

Did the Greeks really trick the Trojans into defeat with a giant wooden horse that concealed enough soldiers to reduce the powerful city to rubble? Follow a team of historians, military



"Earth's Natural Wonders," Aug. 30

engineers and archaeologists as they examine the physical evidence to discover the truth behind the myth.

TUESDAY, AUG. 29, 8 P.M.
American Experience
Walt Disney, Part 1

An unprecedented look at the life and legacy of one of America's most enduring and influential storytellers, this film features rare footage from the Disney archives and scenes from some of Disney's greatest films as well as interviews with biographers and historians.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30, 8 P.M.
Earth's Natural Wonders
Extreme Wonders, Part 1

Visit extreme locales, including



"Endeavour," Aug. 27



"Great Performances," Aug. 25

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Warm up for Opera Naples auditions

Opera Naples holds auditions for its chorus and its student apprentice program on Saturday and Monday, Aug. 26 and 28, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Ave.

Chorus auditions are for adults. No opera experience is necessary. Those auditioning should prepare one vocal song and bring sheet music. Paid positions are available for qualified individuals. The chorus will be involved in the following productions this coming season:

- "Madama Butterfly," Friday, Nov. 3, at Artis—Naples.
 - "L'elisir d'amore," Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at the Wang Opera Center.
 - "Le nozze di Figaro," Thursday, May 10, at Artis—Naples.
- All three productions will be sung in Italian. Rehearsals begin in mid-September and take place Monday evenings and

select Saturday afternoons at the Wang Opera Center.



Children and youth between the ages of 7-20 are invited to audition for ON student apprentice program that gives one-on-one training encounters and performance opportunities.

Participants prepare and perform solos and small ensembles but also sing as a youth chorus for various events including the annual ON gala and CAPA's Rising Stars concerts. Many of the students participate in ON's "Sing for Smiles" group that performs at assisted living facilities throughout the area.

Admission to the student apprentice program is determined by audition and interview. Participation is free.

To schedule an audition or for more information, email ON chorus master Robin Frank at rfrank@operanaples.org or visit www.operanaples.org/auditions. Auditions at later dates can be made by appointment. ■

Entries sought for Bonita film fest

Southwest Florida filmmakers are encouraged to heed the call for entries for the fourth annual Bonita Springs Short Film Festival. In keeping with the 2017 theme of "Historic Bonita Springs," all submissions must include significant footage shot in Bonita Springs.

The competition is open to all ages and all levels of filmmaking experience, from novice to professional. There is no entry fee. Films must be rated PG and no more than 10 minutes in length.

Cash prizes will be awarded at the opening night gala Thursday, Nov. 2, at Prado Stadium 12 in Bonita Springs.

Festival organizers provide technical support with cameras, audio, editing and free workshops. The next workshops are set for Aug. 26 and Sept. 16. For more information, visit www.bonitaspringsfilm-festival.com or send an email to festival director Antonio Correia at antonio@bonitavideo.com. ■

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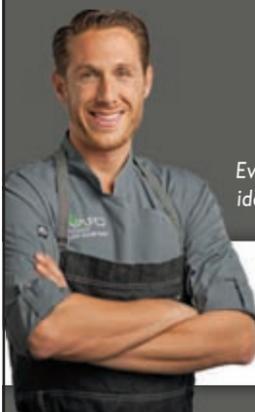
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

A mix of pastel-hued memories of Florida in the '50s



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I love the 1950s — at least when it comes to the California ranch-style houses that Michigan Homes built in our Rainbow Groves neighborhood in Fort Myers.

Most have been altered, but when I was a boy, they were painted in pastels and jewel tones — pale greens, shell pinks, turquoise and yellow. It was positively pretty.

Anyone who has driven along McGregor Boulevard or driven through the neighborhoods of Tanglewood or Morse Shores, also in Fort Myers, has seen homes by Michigan.

Ross was the big builder of similar homes in the Palm Beaches — think of all those 1,200- to 1,800-square-foot houses you see around Forest Hill Boulevard and Olive Avenue in West Palm Beach or along Park Avenue in Lake Park. Those are Ross homes.

They were modest, but well built. Sixty years later, they stand the test of time.

I remember being parked in a high chair in my grandparents' yellow kitchen. Grandma stood at the yellow GE cooktop heating up Campbell's tomato soup and grilling a Velveeta sandwich (they called it "toasted cheese").

The kitchen had a matching GE wall oven. When Grandma baked a cake, she blended the ingredients with a yellow Hamilton Beach hand mixer my sister now owns. The refrigerator they brought from Indiana was professionally painted yellow to match.

That post-World War II era was a time of great economic expansion, and my grandparents fit right in, moving to Fort Myers in their mid-40s.

Their home remains a beauty. My mom remembers that the quality shone through when the place was new, from the sparkling terrazzo floors to the shiny enamel kitchens and glistening white gravel roofs.

Forget the Hoosier cupboards of the past and bulky iron sinks with drainboards and a curtain to hide the pipes. Built-in was better, designers decided.

The cooking spaces were efficient and pretty. One neighbor, Joy Bell, had a pink kitchen, complete with a rose-hued fridge.

As I remember, my grandparents' next-door neighbors had a turquoise kitchen, replete with a built-in refrigerator — it seemed the whole neighborhood

availed itself of the gas stove in 1960, after Hurricane Donna left the area without power.

Hurricanes aside, it was swank.

These were the days before shabby was chic.

No self-respecting decorator or housewife, for that matter, would have settled for anything less than matching appliances and accessories.

My own 1955 kitchen still boasts the original yellow Formica Cracked Ice pattern laminate on its counters and

backsplash. When I sanded the cupboard doors, I found traces of the original matching yellow paint underneath the coats of white. I'm sure the appliances of the day also matched.

What was modern then now is vintage.

When I see a 1950s kitchen or its accessories, it takes me back to my youth. After all, there no finer meal than a toasted Velveeta sandwich served with canned soup that was stirred by the hand of a loving grandmother. ■

THE FIND:

An early 1950s pink Sunbeam Mixmaster stand mixer



Bought: Noah's Ark Helping Pets Inc., 824 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach; 561-833-8131.

Paid: \$45

The Skinny: I have found the Holy Grail of kitchen appliances.

Or so you would think, based on the text I received from my friend and colleague Jan Norris, the noted food writer: "OMG! Where and how much?" she responded to a photo I sent her. "I will be glad to double your money."

She didn't know how much I had paid at the time, either.

Of course, I had a similar reaction when I spotted the mixer on the shelf of the thrift store.

Truth is, you don't see these pastel mixers of the 1950s very often. Turquoise also is hard to find, and I regret that I left my grandmother Dorothy's yellow Mixmaster in her Georgia kitchen — hey, the truck was FULL.

These pink mixers are special. On eBay, they start at around \$60 for one with no bowls.

This one is missing its small bowl and its juice attachment. But at nearly 70 years old, it still revs up to full speed with no problem.

In fact, the only problem I have is finding a proper place to display it.

If I can't find one, something tells me a certain food journalist will be acquiring it. ■

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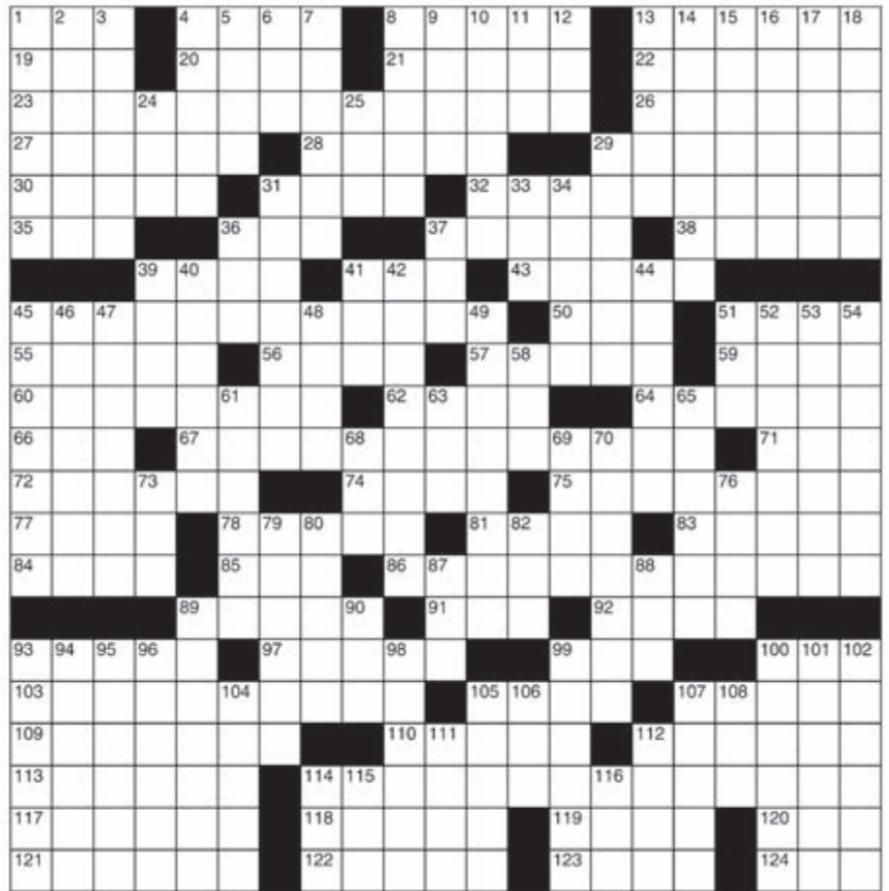
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LEO (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealotry create resentment with coworkers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a

tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll find that people are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well being of your ailing relationship.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions

until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.

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The walk will begin in the Wasmer Art Gallery with the "20/20: Art Alumni Exhibition." The 20 artists chosen for the exhibition represent the range of ideas and techniques the FGCU faculty and staff have helped shape. A curator talk will take place at 5:40 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sept. 21.



At 6 p.m., attendees will be invited to the FGCU library for the opening reception of "20 Years: The Creation of FGCU," in the Archives & Special Collections Gallery. Several guest speakers, including founding President Roy McTarnaghan, will share their FGCU experiences. The exhibition runs through Dec. 15.

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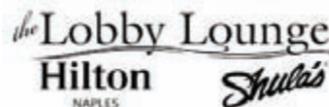
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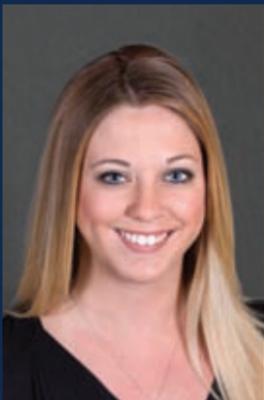
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FILM CAPSULES

Wind River ★★1/2

(Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen, Kelsey Asbille) In a frigid and remote Wyoming territory, a hunter/tracker (Mr. Renner) and inexperienced F.B.I. agent (Ms. Olsen) search for the murderer of a teenage girl (Ms. Asbille). The frostiness of the snow-covered terrain provides a nice texture to the compelling story; too bad the last act is a bit weak. Rated R.

Logan Lucky ★★★

(Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Daniel Craig) The Logan siblings (Mr. Tatum, Mr. Driver, Riley Keough) and career criminal Joe Bang (Mr. Craig) plan to rob the Charlotte Motor Speedway during the biggest race of the year. It's a fine return to form for director Steven Soderbergh ("Oceans II") and is full of cameos to keep you smiling. Rated PG-13.

The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature ★

(Voices of Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl, Jackie Chan) When a greedy mayor (Bobby Moynihan) wants to build an amusement park, squirrels Surly (Mr. Arnett) and Andie (Ms. Heigl) and the rest of the animals try to stop the destruction of their home. It's not funny, and it's actually insulting to the human race. Rated PG.

Kidnap ★★

(Halle Berry, Sage Correa, Chris McGinn) A desperate mother (Ms. Berry) will stop at nothing to rescue her kidnapped son (Mr. Correa). The story is thin and the action is decent; too bad for Halle Berry that mediocrity is not good enough. Rated R.

Lady Macbeth ★★★1/2

(Florence Pugh, Cosmo Jarvis, Naomi Ackie) An unhappily married woman (Ms. Pugh) in mid-1800s England has an affair with a groundskeeper (Mr. Jarvis) and will stop at nothing to keep it going. The story is dark and twisted, but the real revelation is the emergence of Ms. Pugh, who is superb. Rated R.

Atomic Blonde ★★★

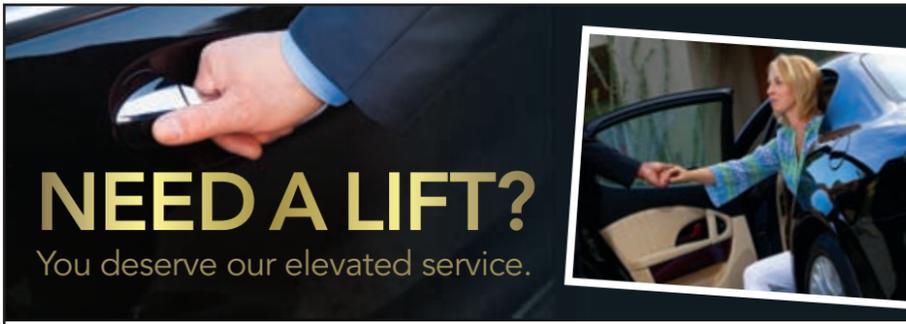
(Charlize Theron, James McAvoy, Sofia Boutella) British Secret Agent Lorraine (Ms. Theron) is sent to Berlin in 1989 to retrieve a list of secret agents that's fallen into the wrong hands. The story is too complex for its own good, but the action — especially one on a stairwell toward the end — are excellent. Rated R.

Dunkirk ★★★1/2

(Mark Rylance, Tom Hardy, Kenneth Branagh) The brave actions of individuals on land, at sea and in the air during the WWII Battle of Dunkirk are chronicled in director Christopher Nolan's ("Inception") latest. It's superb filmmaking per usual for Mr. Nolan: Briskly edited, great of use of sound and bold images that immerse you in the action. Rated PG-13.

Lost in Paris ★★★

(Fiona Gordon, Dominique Abel, Emmanuelle Riva) Canadian librarian Fiona (Ms. Gordon) has never left home, but ventures off to Paris after receiving a letter from her aunt (Ms. Riva) asking her to come. Hijinks and hilarity ensue. A silly French comedy in the style of Jacques Tati and the great silent comedians, it's quirky and playful in all the best ways. Not Rated (but nothing objectionable). ■



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'The Trip To Spain'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

The problem with a bad ending is that it becomes the only thing people remember. No matter how good a movie is leading up to the conclusion, it can all be undone/undermined by what happens in those precious final minutes. This is relevant in terms of "The Trip To Spain" because, for the most part, it's a witty travelogue following two British comedians as they try to make one another laugh while waxing philosophical about life and love. They're smart and although their humor is sometimes dry, we like them.

And then the ending happens and you're thinking "what the?" as the credits roll.

The comedians are Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon, and this is the third time they've travelled together on screen: The first was "The Trip" through England in 2011, then "The Trip To Italy" in 2014. Now they're hitting Spain, once again playing versions of themselves and this time channeling "Don Quixote," the Spanish Civil War, the Inquisition, etc. They even find a dinosaur monument to visit, which leads to some barbed one-liners and the best John Hurt impression you'll ever hear.

Speaking of impressions, there are plenty of them. You'll have to decide for yourself whether Mr. Coogan or Mr. Brydon does the better Mick Jagger, Marlon Brando, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, David Bowie, Woody Allen and/or Michael Caine (among others), but this much is for sure: It'll make you smile to watch them easily morph into these celebrities, not to mention wish you could do impressions

nearly as well.

Impressions aside, the real appeal of the film is the chemistry and conversation between the two stars. Now three movies in, director Michael Winterbottom once again uses the same formula of driving through the country, stopping at off-the-beaten-path fine dining establishments and staying at posh hotels while visiting notable landmarks. Each stop is part of a roughly 60-page outline that provides the "shell" of the movie, which is as close to a shooting script as this project gets. Mr. Coogan and Mr. Brydon are given a loose plot to follow and suggestions for conversation during each meal they share, but they're largely on their own to improvise the dialog — which usually meets with success.

It's when the conversation isn't as successful, however, that "The Trip To Spain" struggles.

At times it's a bit too chatty for its own good, with some segments slightly overstaying their welcome and making the movie about 15 minutes too long (it's 108 minutes). The real offense in this regard, however, is the 10-minute epilogue that shifts drastically in tone and clearly should've been left on the cutting room floor. It doesn't work at all, and leaves the film on a sour note rather than a witty one. Not sure what the filmmakers were thinking, but it's a mistake.

Still, it's the journey, not the destination, that matters, and in this case the journey is fun, funny and clever enough to make "The Trip To Spain" a trip worth taking. ■



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>> Director Michael Winterbottom and producer Melissa Parmenter explored Spain on their own, eating at all the restaurants, etc., in order to determine the route co-stars Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon would take in the film.



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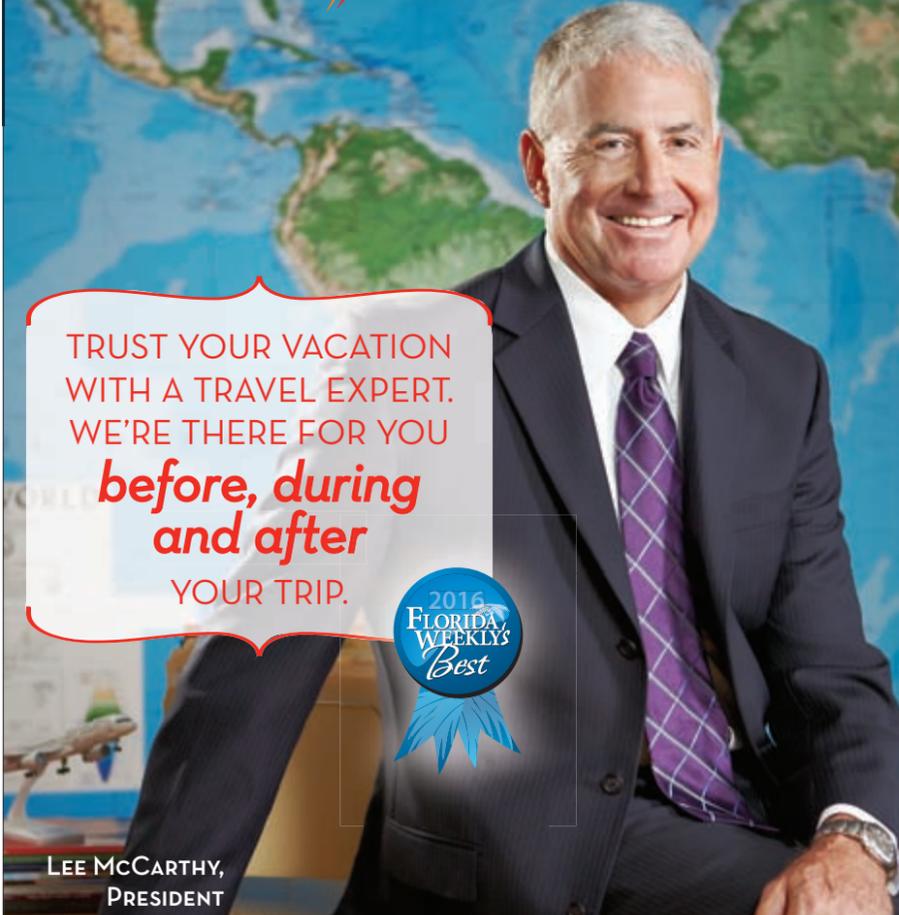
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The final shindig in the series trots out staff mixologists' 2017 creations with new bar food at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3.

"We created the series to not only wet the whistle and treat the taste buds, but also to educate and entertain," said beverage director Ross Kupitz. "Our mixologists thoroughly enjoy these show-and-tell opportunities where they can educate attendees on different spirits and ingredients, techniques, trends and subtle nuances that can make the difference between a good cocktail and a great one."

Cost of each craft cocktail event is \$65. The Continental is at 1205 Third St. S. For reservations or more information, call 659-0007 or visit www.damicoscontinental.com.

■ **21 Spices** hosts a four-course beer dinner featuring brews from Coppertail Brewing Co. at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. Dishes include aloo chana chat, 21 Spices lamb chop and rose rice pudding.



The Nada Colada, one of the featured shrubs at The Continental's Sept. 12 cocktail event, is a spirit-forward pina colada made with house-infused coconut rum with a pineapple-vanilla bean shrub.

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■ **Roy's Restaurant** in Bonita Springs hosts a four-course wine dinner with founder Roy Yamaguchi and local chef partner Ignacio Ortiz from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. Dishes include striped sea bass with grapefruit, Fresno chiles, ikura and nam plah; Hawaiian-style bouillabaisse with swarnadwipa broth, jumbo tiger prawns, mussels, clams and Georges Bank sea scallops; shoyu charred rib-eye with ginger carrots, spring onion, chanterelle mushrooms and red wine demi-glace; and chocolate banana torte. It's \$79, with reservations required. 26831 S. Bay Drive, Bonita Springs. 498-7697 or www.roysrestaurant.com. ■

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my tried and true favorites, pork and beef, sizzling away in large, shallow kettles that guests can salivate over while mulling their options. The only dressing they get or need is a squeeze of lime, a sprinkle of cilantro and maybe the side of spicy tomatillo salsa they slide in the carton. There is no dining space, so grab and go.

One More Thing: 7 Food Mart is a veritable emporium of Latin foodstuffs, cosmetics, medicines and more. It's a really cool place — a privately owned grocery, if you can believe it — and worthy of an extra few minutes to peruse the merchandise, butcher counter, hot food offerings and massive wall of bottled soft drinks. The photo here shows an elusive Mexican Pepsi, which uses real sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup. I promise, you can tell the difference. ■

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Food: ★★★★★½
 Service: ★★★★★½
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
 Reviewed November 2015

Figs Grille, 25987 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700

Figs consistently upholds a high level of quality in food and service — undoubtedly thanks to the impeccable standards of chef-owner Sam Tadros. Time has taken no toll on the plush dining room, with its beautiful wall tapestries, Moroccan-style lamps and rich palette of garnet and gold. Those who've only experienced calamari battered and

fried may find Figs' grilled version a happy revelation: Long, tender tubes of squid are charred just enough to appeal to the eye and the taste buds then marinated in olive oil, garlic and fresh herbs. Fried shrimp are lightly breaded and garnished with delicious figs, mandarin orange-red onion relish and soy ginger glaze. Fig chutney and port wine sauce give roasted duck a fruity flourish. A lightly sweet anisette-tinged beurre blanc proved a heavenly pairing for miso-marinated black cod, served with sides of spinach sautéed with tomatoes and white beans and a crusty Parmesan-angel hair pasta cake. Desserts are made in house and worth the calories. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed October 2015

Mediterrano, 336 13th Ave. S., Naples; 261-7498

There aren't many places in which the owner himself greets and seats you, but that's the level of hospitality found at this lovely little restaurant filled with soothing aquamarine hues that bring to mind the beauty of the Mediterranean waters. I enjoyed a refreshing mojito sangria, but there's an extensive wine list from which to choose. Warm pita triangles come with balsamic reduction, sundried tomato butter and olive oil as a starter. Try not to gorge. An appetizer of grilled octopus with baby spinach, preserved lemon, roasted garlic cloves, heirloom tomatoes and smoked paprika was perfect. Lamb keftedes and falafel was a classic and hearty pairing that I

recommend for sharing. The cioppino was full of sea bass, mussels, shrimp and clams in a roasted Roma tomato sauce. Mediterranean sea bass arrived in a bamboo steamer filled with Moroccan spices, lavender, golden raisins and pomegranate seeds. It was the star of the meal. A limoncello parfait, a potent mix of icy lemon and soothing vanilla, provided a refreshing end to the meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
 Reviewed May 2016

The Crust, 8004 Trail Blvd., Naples; 244-8488

This popular pizza spot at the Pavilion Shopping Center has added a second, much-needed larger location just a few miles away on U.S. 41. About four times the size of the original (which remains open), it serves the same Midwest-style pizza in the former Big Al's space. Try an old-fashioned soda — we loved the Dr. Pepper and Orange Crush made with real sugar rather than high-fructose corn syrup. A Caesar was fresh with a mild dressing. A house salad had good ingredients but needed a more assertive dressing than the house-made Champagne vinaigrette. A 10-inch barbecue pizza had a thin, crisp crust topped with smoky barbecue sauce, roasted chicken, red onions, smoked gouda, provolone and cilantro. My companion chose one with mushrooms, Kalamata olives and basil. Both were excellent. Service is efficient and pleasant. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★

Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed May 2016

21 Spices by Chef Asif, Sugden Park Plaza, 4270 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 919-8830

Head east — on Tamiami Trail, that is — for a taste of modern Indian cuisine as imagined and prepared by Chef Asif Rasheed. Born in Northern India, he brings his well-developed talents for art and cooking to this elegant and innovative newcomer where you'll find some of the standards as well as intriguing offerings such as lobster mulligatawny soup, dumpukhy goat biryani and jhinga prawns. The ghehra paani diver scallops were plump and delicious atop a mound of black lentils with orange tomato jus and yellow pepper coulis. Palawaka chaat consisted of crisp fried baby spinach leaves intermingled with dates, tamarind and yogurt. A trio of baby lamb chops was moist and seasoned with a touch of mint and mustard. From the entrees, great choices were the seafood medley, the saffron chicken korma and the Nizam's kofte, vegetable and cheese dumplings. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
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That doesn't surprise me, as it is the brainchild of acclaimed chef/restaurateur Fabrizio Aielli and his wife, Ingrid, two of the most gracious and generous people you will find in the restaurant business. Although food and beverage is their business, it is also their passion. I have seen Mr. Aielli's eyes light up as he watches people enjoy his food. Mrs. Aielli frequently can be seen greeting guests and joining them for a course or two.

While they aren't seen as much at Barbatella as at Sea Salt, their philosophy of warm hospitality and culinary excellence are expertly executed by their carefully chosen staff. From those who greet you at the door and inquire as to your seating preference — outside in the lovely courtyard along Third Street South, indoors in the bar or the quieter dining room with adjoining alcove — to the well-informed servers, customers are properly tended to every step of the way.

The cuisine is Italian but might not be the Italian to which you are accustomed. At Barbatella, meals mirror those enjoyed over long, lazy evenings in a trattoria in Venice, the town from which Mr. Aielli hales.

It might start with a selection of cheese from the mozzarella bar, which offers buffalo mozzarella, burrata, burattina and a selection of other mozzarellas as well as marinated olives, grilled eggplant and zucchini, cipollini onions, prosciutto Parma, speck, other meats and cheeses, making it possible to craft your own platter of cheese, charcuterie and antipasti.

Don't fill up because there's so much more to explore. For starters, consider crispy calamari served with fried artichokes and lemon aioli. Or charred octopus with fingerling potatoes, celery, tomato and cipollini.

As is traditional, there's a pasta section, filled with homemade pastas including saffron cavatelli with langostino, peas and mascarpone prosciutto sauce, for example, and fettuccine with shrimp and linguini



Charred octopus is delicious served with fingerling potatoes, cipollini onions and celery leaves.

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Black mussels oreganata in tomato sauce make a light and flavorful starter.



The kitchen knows how to sear sea scallops perfectly, pairing them with Tuscan beans and spinach.

with Pine Island clams.

For the meat course, choose from veal Parmigiana, slow-roasted pork, a mixed grill, a hearty steak or perhaps seafood prepared grilled or in a variety of styles.

Should you feel like something more casual, consider one of the wood-fired pizzas.

There is much to choose from but it isn't the usual suspects and virtually nothing comes buried beneath a blanket of red sauce and cheese. The flavor resides in the ingredients and the deft use of lighter sauces.

The charred octopus with fingerling potatoes, celery, tomatoes and sweet little cipollini (\$16) began with tender, smoky chunks of octopus surrounded by the perfectly cooked vegetables topped with celery leaves.

A fragrant bowl of black mussels oreganata (\$14) held plump mussels in their shells swimming in a well-seasoned tomato sauce. It came with a crisp wedge of garlic bread ideal for soaking up the

remaining broth.

We shared a pasta dish and the kitchen obligingly divided it for us. The orecchiette (\$22) was studded with broccoli rabe, savory bits of pork sausage and dry pieces of ricotta. The little pastas, which resemble small ears, were just right for this satisfying but not overly filling dish. And, by the way, half a portion is just right if you plan on trying the meats and seafood.

A 12-ounce black Angus steak (\$39) was beautifully charred on the outside, blushing and juicy within served atop olive oil whipped potatoes. They were perhaps the only part of the meal I didn't love, however, as the olive oil didn't lend the same lush mouthfeel and flavor that butter does.

A dish of seared sea scallops (\$38) with Tuscan beans, wilted spinach and lemon caper sauce was the star of the meal, the four large scallops perfectly cooked and enhanced by the lightly applied sauce. The beans and spinach could have been a meal unto themselves.

From the dessert menu, the torta della

nonna (\$8) called to me. It's a simple lemon cake with patisserie cream with a delicate flavor and texture that's light and refreshing after a large meal.

My companion's choice of Death by Chocolate (\$8) was a good-sized wedge of fudgy indulgence. The menu had described it as coming with berry coulis, which is a thick sauce made from pureed, strained fruit. Instead, there was an array of fresh blackberries, blueberries and raspberries. They were flavorful, but we were a little disappointed at the absence of the sauce.

I failed to mention it earlier, but there is a good selection of wines, although not nearly as extensive as that at Sea Salt. Nonetheless, our server was helpful in guiding us to an Antinori Bruciato, a blend of cabernet, merlot and syrah that worked surprisingly well with our wide-ranging meal. (Wines priced at less than \$100 are 50 percent off on Sundays during summer months.)

It was difficult to take leave of our lovely table tucked in an alcove off the main dining room overlooking the bustling courtyard. Barbatella is indeed spirited, but it's also welcoming and charming. As often happens in Italy at trattorias, you'll leave feeling as though you have made a whole new set of friends. ■

in the know

Barbatella

1290 Third St. S., Naples;
263-1965

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$10-\$14; pizzas, \$18-\$21; pastas, \$22-\$26; entrees, \$29-\$39
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Seating:** At the bar, conventional tables inside and on the patio
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Italian fare, wood-fired pizzas, gelato
- >> **Volume:** Moderate to high
- >> **Parking:** On the street
- >> **Website:** www.barbatellanaples.com

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