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On the RISE

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TRADITIONAL GATEKEEPERS of modern celebrity include people like magazine and newspaper editors, and television, music and movie producers. The path to stardom was narrower and concentrated compared to the internet era, a Big Bang of starpower in which the more extreme, concentrated celebrity of the few — superstars like Taylor Swift, Brad Pitt and Kylie Jenner — keep expanding outward online in a seemingly infinite number of micro-star niches from viral videos to mom blogs, sometimes with hundreds of thousands or even millions of followers, yet to many still obscure. Here's a glimpse into the South Florida galaxy of our growing online multiverse, and some of the

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Health experts say music provides healing

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It's happened to everyone. Maybe you've had a bad day at work or a visit to a sick relative brings you down, but the right song at the right time replenishes your spirit and gives you the oomph you need to make it through the day.

The healing power of music is a well-known antidote to the blues, and while it might put a little boogie in your step or

help you release the tears sitting at the back of your throat, mental health experts are coming to realize that the emotional benefits of song long outlast the last chord.

Putting those theories to good use are Golden Gate Senior Center and Avow Hospice, which run a monthly music therapy session with therapist Natalie Spencer for the center's members. Using a variety of tunes from the past — many in Spanish

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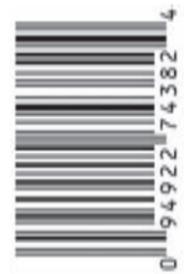
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Ed Miller started dating my glamorous neighbor, Kay DeBaker, on a brilliant Colorado afternoon when the sky was so blue you could see every pine tree 25 miles away, where the green carpet of down-mountain forest abruptly ended about 3,000 feet below the summits of the 14,000-footers west of town.

The bald peaks themselves, as clean and snow white as the crowns of bleached skulls, sliced into heaven like jagged sharks' teeth.

It was spring in the Rockies the first time I saw Ed, a time when earth and sky, when frozen and melting, when dry and wet or heat and cold confront each other in a world of unimpeachable promise, all of it anchored to the seemingly ageless order of mountains.

As I understood it then, for any of us who tried hard in such a world no attempt would fail. No love would surrender to despair and no right to wrong — certainly not if it had anything to do with me, my family or my neighbors.

The dazzling Kay lived with her parents. Mr. DeBaker often hailed me from their back garden, where he'd offer a hard candy or a tomato or 25 cents for a soda. He'd even buried my favorite cat

in that garden so I wouldn't have to see him first, the satin-black Spooky, after the little sucker got run over one night on the road.

Spooky's sudden death represented a failure in the fabric of my flawless Colorado living, offering me a first-ever lesson in the powerful sting of a broken heart. But I finally forgot about it.

It was a few years later when I saw Ed park his '50s-something Dodge at the curb and stride up the walk that first time — a muscular young man with short blond hair and blue eyes grinning like a keyboard with no flats or sharps, bouncing like a coiled spring.

Kay came outside to meet him. She was so radiant I could never look at her straight, or even talk to her, without stammering. But I'd always imagined she'd fall in love with me at some point, and ... well, I had no idea what. I wasn't sure what came after that.

I liked Ed more than I could express and before long, more than Kay. He soon became my friend, waving and laughing whenever he came to see Kay. It was like having a Greek god point to you and say, "Hey Roger, I'll be your best pal — oh, and don't worry about her."

He was unfailingly attentive, even when Kay sought to distract him. He'd always aim his finger pistol at me and pretend to fire. I'd display my long combat training as a front-yard soldier, running from one tree to the next and diving into the green grass before com-

ing up from a roll and firing back.

Ed would grasp his side and pretend to be shot, even falling once or twice for my benefit. And maybe Kay's. Then he'd escort Kay to his car, heading out to somewhere over the rainbow.

Before long, I learned Ed and Kay would be married. But first, Ed was going away for a few months. He'd joined the United States Army.

I could think of nothing I'd rather do than go join the United States Army with Ed — but only after Kay stood around admiring the two of us heroes for about an hour.

Unfortunately, the Army didn't take 11-year-olds. But there was no doubt in my mind if the Germans and Japanese came back — or the Sioux or the Apaches or even somebody called the Viet Cong — Ed and I could handle it.

On a bright autumn afternoon, Ed finally reappeared in the DeBakers' driveway as a newly minted graduate of officer candidate school. He'd returned on leave to stay in their basement until he and Kay married in the nearby Bonnie Brae Baptist Church a week later, a wedding my family would attend.

Calling me into his little bunk-bed quarters next door, Ed's grin was bigger than ever. He told me he was a second lieutenant in the infantry. He wore a white T-shirt over khaki trousers, his muscles showing prominently through the thin cotton, I remember. Then he took me through bayonet drill with a broom for half an hour.

After that, I knew the enemy was a goner whether they met Ed or me.

Following the wedding, Ed went away to Vietnam. Kay stayed in her parents' home for almost a year, working in a nearby dry-goods store.

Then one day Ed returned to Colorado.

When his car pulled up outside the DeBakers' house I ran out, eager to see my old friend's cocky grin. Eager for his affirmation and his ready finger pistol.

Three men got out of the car with Ed, wearing uniforms. Two supported him, one on each side. Kay came out of the house to meet him, white-faced and unsmiling.

Ed wore civilian clothes. He was bent and gray and hollow, shrunken to about 5½ feet tall. He carried a cane and couldn't walk by himself. Even with help, he could only stumble.

I know he saw me. I waved from about 50 feet away, tentatively. Ed glanced and then looked back at the ground, showing no sign of recognition and hardly acknowledging Kay, who rushed down to meet the cluster of men.

For reasons I've never learned, I never saw Ed again.

And now I wonder: Are we going to repeat these needless stories of heartbreak and loss — the stories of Korea, Vietnam and Iraq, to name only some — elsewhere? ■

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OPINION

It's complicated



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Every time I see my neighbor I ask him, “Have you heard from your family?” And his reply each time is “No.” The conversation is short but freighted with anxiety. Lives hang in the balance of its unknowns. This is because my neighbor’s family is in Puerto Rico; and, of this writing, it has been five days and counting since Hurricane Maria made a direct hit on the island.

Some million Puerto Ricans living in Florida share his worries. It is the largest, resident population of Puerto Ricans stateside, second only to that of New York’s. The population increase of Puerto Ricans in Florida is a long-term, demographic trend. It is not expected to change. They will outnumber Cubans in Florida by 2020. Maria only accelerated that trend.

That said, Puerto Rican families are your neighbors, too, and like my friend, they are deeply worried about the fate of their extended families back on the island. We all have reason to share their concern.

Hurricane Maria swept away and destroyed the infrastructure providing the island’s drinking water, food supply, electric power, fuel distribution, finance mechanisms, health services, educational resources, telecommunications, emergency assistance, transportation systems, highways, housing and public buildings. The storm was an H-bomb delivered by nature.

What Maria did not destroy with its 155 mph winds, it ruined with catastrophic flooding. Rivers rose as much as 20 feet from the onslaught of Maria’s torrential rains.

It was the strongest storm to hit the island in over 80 years, the fruition of the island’s worst nightmare. On the mainland, we watched fearfully. Catastrophic damage was expected, beyond anything the island had ever experienced — ditto

for many of its island neighbors.

Post-Irma, Floridians knew any scenario that plotted Hurricane Maria’s landfall in the state held for it similar threats of devastation. No one wished this hurricane on anyone, but we hoped fervently it would go somewhere else.

The storm moved westward, deeper into the Caribbean. Its path remained in doubt, Mixed emotions escalated. In Florida, people stopped taking down their storm shutters. Our optimism weakened. We waited.

Meanwhile, Maria advanced along its trajectory toward Puerto Rico. It made a direct hit, pummeling the island into bits, then turned north and eastward, away from Florida’s coastline.

Still suffering Irma’s sting, Floridians offered silent prayers of thanks. No one openly gloated at Florida’s good fortune. Its price was someone else’s misery and a haunting loss of life.

But we surely felt gratitude as Maria passed us by. The hurricane spared the state from the unthinkable — two category 4 storms making landfall within a span of time that allows little or no time for preparation or recovery.

Puerto Rico wasn’t so fortunate. It took hits from both Irma and Maria. The storms left the island in the grip of a humanitarian crisis affecting 3.5 million people. As the crisis unfolds, desperate islanders ask, whence will come their aid? The answer? It’s complicated.

Puerto Rico’s status as a U.S. territory puts it in a political no-man’s land. Its priority and the urgency of the island’s recovery — especially its long-term recovery — is subject to Congressional debate and presidential oversight.

Because Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, it has no voting representatives in Congress, and even though Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens, they aren’t allowed to participate in presidential elections. That may be why fewer than half of Americans even know Puerto Ricans are American citizens.

An article in U.S. World by Charles R.

Venator-Santiago explains: “It wasn’t until 1940 that Congress enacted legislation conferring birthright... citizenship on persons born in Puerto Rico.... persons born in Puerto Rico prior to 1940 could only acquire a naturalized citizenship if their parents were U.S. citizens, anyone born in Puerto Rico after 1940 acquired a U.S. citizenship as a direct result of being born on Puerto Rican soil...”

But herein lies a Catch-22: While Puerto Ricans are officially U.S. citizens, the federal government considers Puerto Rico as “... a separate and unequal territory that belongs to, but is not a part of, the United States,” writes Venator-Santiago. This circumstance creates ambiguity when certitude is demanded.

Following natural disasters, Americans expect aid and assistance from their government. But past food fights in Congress over disaster appropriations forewarn that politics and pecking order play an oversized role in determining how much, for what purposes, and for how long communities can expect federal help. Harvey, Irma and Maria will test the nation’s resolve to do right by communities devastated by these storms.

The *Miami Herald* notes, “Texas has 38 votes in Congress and Florida has 29, and if they stick together the majority-Republican states can be an important voting bloc in a contentious negotiation.”

Call it fiscal austerity or tough love, the temptation to deny Puerto Rico a full measure of assistance is not, as some might venture, a lesser priority or “foreign aid.” It is America helping Americans.

Floridians know there, but for the grace of God, go we. ■

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‘Sovereignty’ is not a dirty word



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Special to Florida Weekly

To listen to the commentary, Donald Trump used an inappropriate term at the U.N. — not just “Rocket Man,” but “sovereignty.”

It wasn’t surprising that liberal analysts freaked out over his nickname for Kim Jong Un and his warning that we’d “totally destroy” Kim’s country should it become necessary. These lines were calculated to get a reaction, and they did. More interesting was the allergy to Trump’s defense of sovereign nations.

Brian Williams of MSNBC wondered whether the repeated use of the word “sovereignty” was a “dog whistle.” CNN’s Jim Sciutto called it “a loaded term” and “a favorite expression of authoritarian leaders.”

In an otherwise illuminating piece in *The Atlantic*, Peter Beinart concluded that Trump’s address amounted to “imperialism.” If so, couched in the rhetoric of the mutual respect of nations, it’s the best-disguised imperialist manifesto in history.

Trump’s critics misrepresent the speech and misunderstand the nationalist vision

that Trump was setting out.

He didn’t defend a valueless international relativism. Trump warned that “authoritarian powers seek to collapse the values, the systems, and alliances that prevented conflict and tilted the world toward freedom since World War II.”

He praised the U.S. Constitution as “the foundation of peace, prosperity and freedom for the Americans and for countless millions around the globe.”

“The Marshall Plan,” he said, “was built on the noble idea that the whole world is safer when nations are strong, independent and free.”

There’s no doubt that there’s a tension in Trump’s emerging marriage between traditional Republican thinking and his instinctive nationalism. Yet he outlined a few key expectations.

He said, repeatedly, that we want nations committed to promoting “security, prosperity and peace.” And we look for them “to respect the interests of their own people and the rights of every other sovereign nation.”

Every country that Trump criticized fails one or both of these tests. So, by the way, do Russia and China.

Trump’s core claim that “the nation-state remains the best vehicle for elevating the human condition” is indubitably correct; it is what makes self-government pos-

sible. If the alternative is being governed by an imperial center or transnational authorities, the people of almost every nation will want — and fight, if necessary — to govern themselves. (See the American Revolution.)

The U.N. is hardly an inappropriate forum for advancing these ideas. “The Organization,” the U.N. charter itself says, “is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.” To the extent that the U.N. is now a gathering place for people hoping the nation-state will be eclipsed, it’s useful to remind them that it’s not going away.

All that said, there were indeed weaknesses in the speech. First, as usual, Trump’s bellicose lines stepped on the finer points of his message. Second, sovereignty can’t alone bear the weight of being the organizing principle of American foreign policy. Finally, Trump’s foreign-policy vision is clearly a work in progress, as he accommodates himself to the American international role he so long considered a rip-off and waste of time.

Trump is adjusting to being the head of a sovereign nation — that happens to be the leader of the world. ■

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

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BREAST CANCER MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month returns to Southwest Florida

BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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There are constant reminders of how breast cancer doesn't discriminate.

Less than a week ago, prolific actress Julia Louise-Dreyfus announced on Twitter that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"1 in 8 women get breast cancer. Today, I'm the one," she wrote.

Any woman (or man — 2,500 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in America) who needs treatment or needs guidance with how to deal with it, has a ton of allies in Southwest Florida.

October always brings those allies to the forefront with Breast Cancer Awareness Month and all the corresponding events and celebrations of our local survivors and heroes, all of whom aid the fight for awareness and a cure.

The far-reaching ACS

The American Cancer Society does its part in Collier and Lee counties to honor survivors with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks. Thousands of walkers, among them hundreds of breast cancer survivors, typically show each year for their morning walks, according to ACS event coordinator Christleen Knaub.

"We want to honor all of our breast cancer survivors," Ms. Knaub said. "We throw them a VIP party and breakfast before the walk. Usually the event brings about three thousand people."

While many walkers become runners



MATTHEW KNAUB / ACS

Scenes from the 2016 Making Strides Against Cancer Walk in Naples.



during the event, Ms. Knaub insists it's not a race. "It's to honor those you've lost, those who have been diagnosed, and anyone who may be affected by this disease in the future."



The cause is dear to her heart, like so many others who get involved; while

she was in college, Ms. Knaub lost her grandmother to breast cancer.

"This is my passion," she said.

ACS will hold a number of events in October, including walks at Miromar Outlets on Oct. 14, and at Artis-Naples on Oct. 21. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walks begin at 9. They hope to raise around \$300,000. ■

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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Naples

>> **When:** Saturday, Oct. 21
>> **Where:** Artis—Naples, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.
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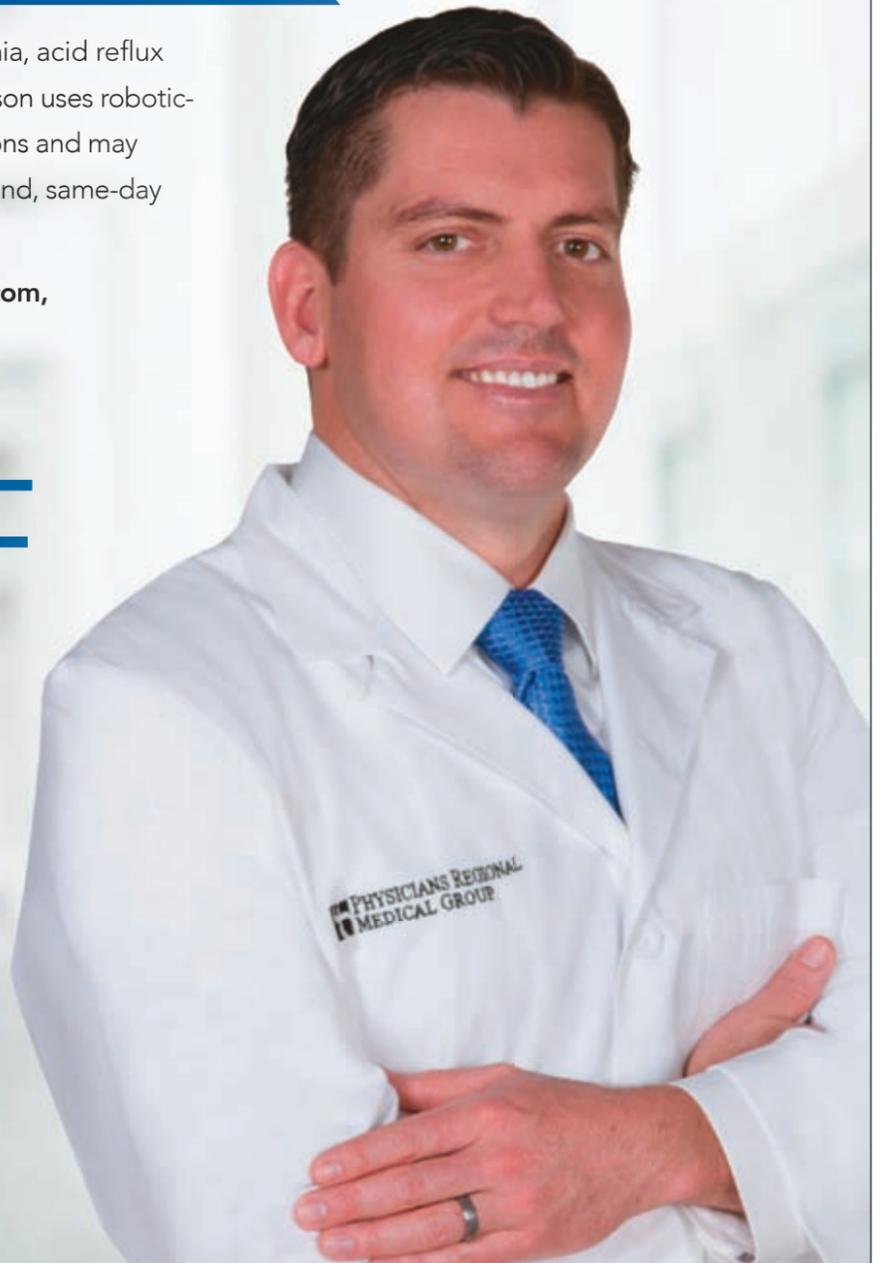
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bright stars out there, some of whom are just starting to light up their own solar systems of followers, each follower at the same time their own star, however faint, around which others revolve.

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LACEY WILDD INSTAGRAM PHOTO

Wildd at Heart

Before Fort Lauderdale resident Lacey Wildd was an internet-TV star and practicing clairvoyant, who became known as The Human Barbie for her enormous breast implants and numerous other plastic surgeries, she was born Paula Ann Simonds. Her childhood, as she describes it, bears a stark contrast with her public career, a spectacle that helped her earn the money she needed to raise her own six children. Ms. Wildd, 49, has no regrets.

"I've lived the life of a rock star," she said.

She grew up in impoverished Appalachia in the mountains of West Virginia. She recalled often being barefoot, her family canning food, the good smell of their coal-burning stove, and gazing out over a bridge at a river that looked "like a little tiny vein." Later in her mid-grade school years, her family moved to Peoria, Ill., where she didn't fit in. She had not yet learned to read and, due to her psychic abilities, she said, was nicknamed "The Witch."

"People would hold their fingers up like crosses because I could predict things, I knew things," she said. "I kind of moved away from there, got blonde hair and big boobs and called myself Lacey."

Married before she turned 18, she had two children before leaving her much older husband when she was 21, making ends meet working as a waitress, then as an exotic dancer in Las Vegas. A star at Olympic Gardens, she described making as much as \$5,000 a night doing theatrical performances to songs such as Billy Idol's "White Wedding" and literally raking the money off the stage. She got her first boob job shortly before moving there, she said: "I had a perfect body but



LACEY WILD INSTAGRAM PHOTO

Lacey Wildd has 237,000 Instagram followers.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jennifer Huber writes about travel activities such as paddle boarding in Charlotte Harbor.

I was flat chested as hell."

Under the stage lights, the crowds were blacked out, nearly as anonymous as the viewers who would later watch her on television.

"The crowds never had faces to me, just the roar," she said. "It was definitely where I found my peace and all my ghosts in my closet went away."

Later she moved to the southeast coast of Florida following a former Vegas flame, and began to gain popularity on MySpace, then on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. A video of her driving home from the hospital with newly enlarged breasts went viral, she said.

"I was like, if they like this and this makes me popular, what if I doubled them?"

She appeared on an episode of MTV's "True Life" in 2011 called "I Have a Hot Mom," the beginning of a string of TV appearances. She continued to get surgeries, she said, all over her body. As a result, people accused her of being one of the "fakes people on the planet."

"I gave the world what they wanted basically," she said. "When I got famous I realized that they created Lacey Wildd, not me... I cry. I bleed like everyone else. I'm not really a hollow doll like they think."

Ms. Wildd is planning to move back to where she grew up in West Virginia and open what she calls The Wildd at Heart Wilderness Wellness Center. This December, she plans to have another surgery to make her breasts even larger. And she doesn't need to be psychic to perceive the consequences of destroying our planet, one of her major concerns, but it helps.

"We are the fleas of the earth," she said. "We will be shaken off if we keep destroying her."



JENNIFER HUBER INSTAGRAM PHOTO

Solo Travel Girl

A globe-traversing traveler recently clad in pink Converse sneakers, Jennifer Huber's SoloTravelGirl.com blog and her related Twitter account @jenniferhuber have gained a loyal readership across the United States and the oceans beyond with more than 11,000 followers.

A Buffalo, N.Y., native, Ms. Huber, who describes herself on her blog as "just your average forty-something-year-old gal living life solo," now lives in North Port and has a day job with Charlotte County's tourism office.

She first got a Twitter account in 2007, the year the iPhone came out, hearing about it from a guy she dated at the time who worked in IT and counterintelligence. She also worked writing articles for online sites such as Yahoo, and the now defunct Suite 101.

"I was able to go in there and establish myself as an expert in travel," she said.

At the same time, she used MySpace and then Twitter to share her personal travel experiences. In 2008, she got a break when Christopher Elliot, a major star in the travel writing universe, named her one of the top 50 Twitter travelers to follow.

"One day all of a sudden I noticed I was getting all these followers," Ms. Huber said. "Someone said, 'Oh, Christopher Elliot said to follow you.'"

The next year she went to a conference called BlogHer, and experienced that small measure of fame that more and more people with social media accounts have: people who you don't know but who feel like they know you.

"It was kind of like a little creepy," she said, but at the same time complimentary.

Another time she recalled flying to Ontario, Canada, where she was greeted in the lobby of her hotel by an unknown woman who happened to be one of her Twitter followers. From this she learned not to post where she's going to show up.

"It turns out she's a fantastic person," Ms. Huber said, a school teacher with whom she became friends. "That ended up being a good story but I've heard other bloggers have bad stories, people trying to harass them or something."

She has often been recognized and awarded as a "boomer" generation blogger, though by age she is Generation X. Many of her readers are boomers, she points out, including women who perhaps lost their husband, chose not to marry, or for whatever reason are single, women for whom she offers her own travels as inspiration. As she says on her blog she travels "alone, not lonely."

"Even going out to dinner can be a scary and lonely experience for many people so I like it that I kind of act as an inspiration to them," she said.

She prefers Twitter for its brevity.

"You've got to use that space wisely," she said. "That's what I like about Twitter. It teaches you to be a better writer or use more visuals because the space is so limited."

She's earned some extra income here and there working for brands such as hotels to get paid by the Tweet or host Twitter parties, and her travel writing has led to a radio show and other writing gigs as well. Mostly, she posts what she wants.

"I'm thankful for the opportunities it's afforded me and the people I've met," she said. "I had no idea when I started this where it would lead me. I've been around the world and had all sorts

of experiences. I don't think it could have happened any other way."



MEREDITH MASONY TWITTER PHOTO

That's Inappropriate

A fan of stand-up and sketch comedy such as SNL, Meredith Masony has been posting funny and honest blogs and videos about her life as a mom and wife on her site, That's Inappropriate, since 2014. On her related Facebook page she had about 3,000 followers until last May, when her video rant "What Moms Really Want on Mother's Day" went viral.

Since then, her Facebook followers shot up to more than 950,000, along with tens of thousands of Instagram and YouTube followers.

What she wanted for Mother's Day was, for instance, "To be left the hell alone," said Ms. Masony, 37. "Don't ask me for anything. Don't ask me to wipe anybody's butt."

On top of that, her husband was on a golf trip and texted her that he might not make it home that day.

"I was like super peeved," she said.

She made the video and posted it. An hour later it had 10,000 views and by the next morning 1,000,000. About a week later, it had been seen more than 10,000,000 times. By the end of the month she had about 80,000 Facebook followers.

During 2016, her videos continued to go viral, the most popular one being "The Man Cold" last September, which got picked up and shared on different platforms, she said, ultimately being watched hundreds of millions of times.

"It's just insane," she said. "That one is basically me berating my husband when he's sick because he acts like a big baby man child."

Formerly a middle and high school teacher in Southwest Florida, she says That's Inappropriate and her social media life have become a full-time job. Her income comes from sponsoring blog posts for products that she uses or tries out and likes such as Hero Clean laundry detergent or Bulletproof coffee.

She lives with her husband, Dave, and three children ages 7, 8, and 11, in Charlotte County. He has never appeared in person in her videos thus far, but helps behind the scenes. It's become a running joke that people don't see his face and know him just as "the BM," for business manager.

"Because there's a huge behind the scenes portion to this," she said. "That 2½ minute video took hours between shooting and editing."

Her success as a comedian, blogger and vlogger has come with trolls as well.

"For the most part men are the ones who have something negative to say," she said, offended when she jokes about her husband. "Because I'm outspoken and a comedian."

Usually she's unfazed by this unless the commentary is violent. One follower told her he would "smash me in the face with a frying pan." Another called her a "bloated pig."

"I've had people call out my personal safety," she said. "At that point, you block and report. But if you just want to come to my page and say I'm the most useless insignificant piece of poo and nobody would want to marry you, I don't care."

Often, too, her loyal followers will



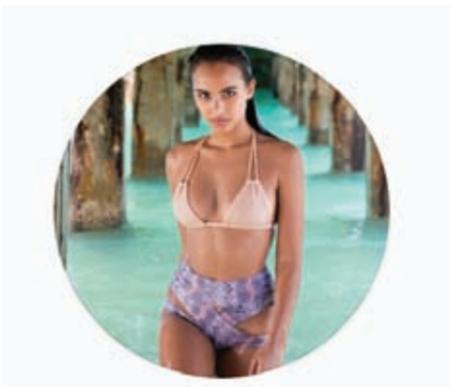
Mercedes Gutierrez lives in Estero and has nearly 53,000 Instagram followers.

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attack the trolls. And she says, “None of that matters. For every nasty comment, there are 100 nice ones of support.”

Occasionally, she has had fun herself with the trolls, including one who told her she “looked like a transvestite parrot.” She thanked him for commenting on her video. He responded with a comment about her face: “I just want to give you some shaving tips.” To which she responded, “I always use a sharp blade.”

Mostly, though, she lets it go. “People are bullies, they’re awful,” she said. “They’re mean and they’re nasty, but I’m not going to let them dictate what I post and what I say. Because you can only control your own response.”



MERCEDES GUTIERREZ INSTAGRAM PHOTO

Growing up in public

Mercedes Gutierrez lives in Estero where she grew up, and followed the career path of a model and actor since age 6. Now 19, she has appeared in hundreds of TV and print ads from catalogs such as Kohl’s and Target to Vogue magazine.

But she didn’t get her first iPhone until she was 13. During high school, as her image became popular on Instagram @Mercedesg_benz, her mom or “momager,” Sandra, who has also worked as a model, helped her navigate a newfound portion of fame as well as the business opportunities it presented. Being unusually good looking helped on Instagram, but also inspired resentment. “I guess how I feel is, why can’t

people treat me like it’s just normal?” Ms. Gutierrez said. She adds, “I’m not ‘famous’... It’s not like I’m Kylie Jenner or something.”

Ms. Jenner is someone she admires. “I try to even make some of my selfies look like her,” she said.

But her experiences have given her a window into what someone like Ms. Jenner could experience, common experiences of fame on a smaller scale.

Girls at school were catty. Online, guys would get angry if she didn’t reply to messages. Some engaged in internet stalking including one who kept insisting they belonged together.

“He told me our genetics will be perfect together, just really creepy stuff,” she said.

At a high school football game when she was a cheerleader, a group of guys showed up in the stands to cheer her, saying they knew her from Instagram. She found that if she posted pictures of herself with a boy it could immediately cost her hundreds of followers.

A photographer in California refused to send her the images he had taken of her if she didn’t provide nude photos in return. She got in fights with boyfriends about comments other guys made about her pictures online. And last year, she surpassed 50,000 followers on Instagram, an exciting landmark.

Companies began asking her to promote their products online, and sending her samples. She got a contract with Bang Energy drinks (blue razz is her favorite flavor) which in part requires her to make YouTube videos featuring their products. For some videos, she has made up to \$3,000. She did a short stint as a Univision host, in which she interviewed Miami Dolphins players.

Lately, she’s been working on becoming an actor, with plans to pursue that career in Atlanta — “the new L.A.,” her mom said — then later make the leap to Los Angeles. She was recently cast in a film called “White Slavery,” about drugs and prostitution in Sarasota. She is set to play the daughter of a woman who lives next door to drug pushers.

To continue gaining followers, she

needs to post pictures and videos every day, she said, some of which can take eight hours to shoot. She worries about her diet, goes to the gym, and tries to find time to hang out with friends.

“Even though you have a big social media following, it’s hard to have a social life,” she said.



CYNDEE WOOLLEY PHOTO

A strong connection

Like many of us, Cyndee Woolley’s experience in social media spans both her personal and professional worlds, from a post near Pikes Peak at the Barr Trail in Colorado with her daughter to her behind-the-scenes work organizing a Tweet Town Hall in Naples during a national health care debate.

A marketing and branding expert with C2 Communications, Ms. Woolley has found that when it comes to being a social media “influencer” or leader, especially within your own community, the numbers game of who has the most followers or friends counts less than the strength and quality of your connection to that audience.

“I don’t think it’s a count of how many followers you have, I think it’s a count of the credibility you have in whatever your position is or whatever your market is,” she said.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are tools she uses as a communications professional to help clients connect with their audience, such as spreading the word about the annual Farm City BBQ, or about a politician’s election campaign.

She also uses it to share her own adventures, and to engage people in social activism. For instance, she helped her daughter, Bridget, now 11, create an anti-bullying YouTube video when she was in the third grade. After three years, people are still watching and commenting on it.

One of the most powerful personal and professional connections she has made on social media likely saved a man’s life. Ms. Woolley is an administrator for the Facebook homepage of the David Lawrence Center in Naples. She has worked with the not-for-profit health care treatment provider for about three years, helping gather support through fundraisers as well as “friendraisers.”

One Monday morning earlier this fall, not long after she had arrived at work, a client of the center made a comment on the homepage, and began to talk about being depressed.

“I responded to him immediately because I had just gotten to my desk,” she said. “He continued to interact, talking about being depressed and ultimately saying he was suicidal. And as soon as he said the word ‘suicidal,’ we engaged a protocol to respond and react, and contact law enforcement, so that we would be able to reach and find him. It took all day to find him but the local law enforcement professionals were able to respond and get him the help he needed. Fortunately, he got the treatment and is still alive.”



STEPHANIE SPELL PHOTO

Social media reality check

Ms. Woolley pointed to the Collier County Sheriff’s Office Facebook posts during Hurricane Irma as another example of social media’s power to make strong connections when it counts.

Chief Stephanie Spell, a 30-year-veteran of CCSO who heads up the agency’s community engagement department, was behind the posts. Social media allowed her to respond in real time to concerned citizens, she said, without going through the usual bureaucratic hassles of a formal press release.

On CCSO’s Facebook page, Ms. Spell’s nightly “reality checks” provided important no-nonsense information and common sense safety messages for residents, with her own brand of deadpan humor. Her posts were viewed more than two million times during the week after the storm, gaining the department a flood of new followers online as well.

One comment from Shirley R. on September 16 read, “Thank you... to whoever is writing these updates,” adding, “I have yet to find any grammar errors of the kind that are so common on Facebook posts. Kudos!”

Just four minutes later, at 4:40 p.m., came the reply from Ms. Spell for CCSO: “Chief Spell thinks she was an English teacher in another life. She wasn’t.”

Although Chief Spell’s Irma posts were a high-water mark in engagement by the numbers, CCSO has developed a robust, award-winning social media platform over the past decade.

“We’ve really embraced social media as a great way to communicate with our residents,” Chief Spell said. “(Sheriff Kevin Rambosk) has really empowered us to communicate as transparently and as quickly as we can. So, there’s very little bureaucracy that has to happen for something to be posted.” ■

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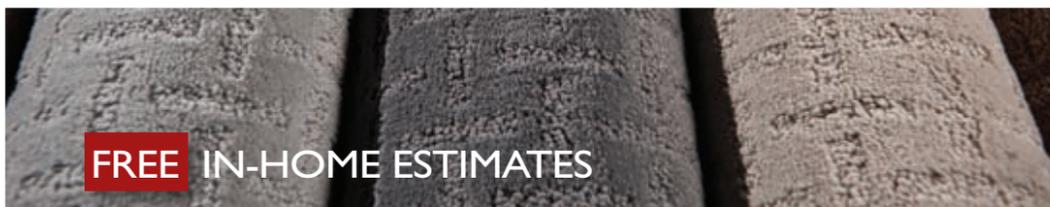
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During August, 481,185 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW), an increase of 11.5 percent compared to August 2016. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 3.3 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in August was Delta Air Lines with 117,288 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Southwest (92,054), American (89,926), JetBlue (56,157) and United (41,788).

RSW had 4,640 aircraft operations, an increase of 12 percent compared to August 2016. Page Field in Fort Myers saw 6,915 operations, a 12.2 percent decrease from August 2016. In addition, slightly more than 2.8 million pounds of air freight moved through RSW this past August, an increase of 9.9 percent compared to August 2016.



New Frontier flights

Low-fare carrier Frontier Airlines has announced new nonstop service from Fort Myers to Grand Rapids, Mich. (GRR), Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) and Omaha, Neb. (OMA). These additions mean the airline now offers low-fare flights to 20 cities from RSW.

The new routes come just weeks after the carrier announced six new destinations from Fort Myers to Buffalo, N.Y. (BUF); Colorado Springs, Colo. (COS); Islip, N.Y. (ISP); Kansas City,

Mo. (MCI); Nashville, Tenn. (BNA) and Providence, R.I. (PVD).

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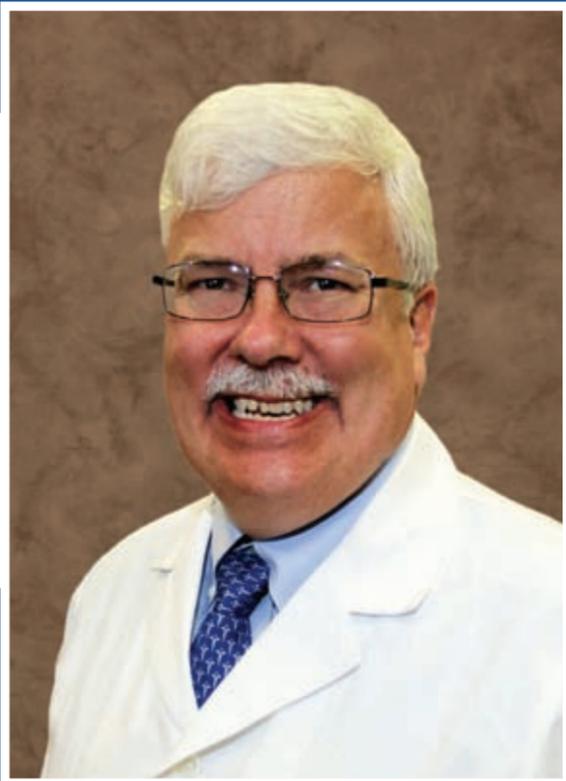
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The color connection

BY REBECCA GUBITTI

Knowing your color can help you understand yourself, and those around you, much better.

When it comes to personalities, let's make things easier. Can we really remember labels like "sanguine, choleric, phlegmatic and melancholic?" How about being able to connect to just a color: gold, orange, green or blue? I like that much better — it's simple.

Previous researchers, such as Hippocrates, Carl Jung, Myers and Briggs and David Keirsey, came up with an "analysis" of how to characterize individuals' personalities. Wonderful work, but complicated to remember. Then Don Lowry decides to relate everyone to four colors — that's easy to remember — and True Colors was born. This system uses four primary colors to designate behavioral and personality types.

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would organizations be interested in something that seems on the one hand trivial and common sense, yet opens the doors to many aspects of leadership, team building and simple self-analysis? Personality assessment is not for the weak at heart and does not discriminate on the basis of education or status level. That's the very beauty of it — it's applicable to everyone and all can learn something from it — if they have an open mind and a desire to understand themselves and others.

If we understand ourselves a little better, then engaging with those who are similar or different can lead to deeper communication and improved understanding. This means downplaying the barriers of our differences, but understanding why we see and feel things the way we do. It's not rocket-science; it's the plain truth. We all have personali-

ties that are unique to ourselves, so the more we can recognize the quirks that make us function and those that make us go off the deep end, the more we can improve our ability to be strong leaders, communicators, role-models and genuine people.

Which color do you fall under most frequently? Or is it a combination of them?

Gold: Needs to be prepared, detail-oriented, sense of security, punctual, predictable, precise, loyal and true. Needs policies, procedures and rules and thrives in a formal environment.

Orange: Energetic, playful, risk-taker, tests the limits, need for mobility, thrives on competition, impulsive, spontaneous and thrives in an informal environment.

Green: Constantly asking "why?," intellectual, complex, abstract, needs independence, explores all facets before making a decision and approaches inter-

personal relationships in a logical manner.

Blue: Mediator, caretakers, strong sense of spirituality and romance, sensitive to the needs of others by motivating and encouraging them, cooperative rather than competitive, has emotions/feelings and are the true romantics.

Are you cringing at the thought of one, and declaring "That's me" in another? Or are you reading between the lines and thinking that it depends on the situation, the person, the time in my

life and all the other factors that come into play?

For me, there is one color that just stands out and embraces me with a bear hug and another color that makes the hair on the back of my neck go up. I'm pretty set in my personality and have been since I was young, just as many of you, I suspect. But others may have gone through a metamorphosis of being one color, then another, or a combination of several. The beauty of all of this is: THERE IS NO WRONG ANSWER. You cannot get your personality "wrong" — it just is what it is. If only my kindergarten and ninth grade math instructors knew that, I might have approached school differently. ■

— Rebecca Gubitti is a math professor at Florida South Western State College and fits mostly as a gold.



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Animals on the lam

■ Auburn, Mass., police received a number of calls over the weekend of Sept. 15-17 about a wayward goat, but it wasn't until the wee hours of Monday, Sept. 18, that No. 448 was finally corralled at the La Quinta Inn in Auburn, reported CBS Boston. The "mischievous runaway farm animal" was seen on surveillance video entering the lobby of the hotel and wandering the halls, "presumably to rest a bit," said police. Peter Blash, No. 448's owner, said the goat jumped a 5-foot-high fence and "took off like a criminal." However, Blash said, "I had one that made it all the way to Sturbridge."

■ Just north of Benton, Kan., a rancher posted signs promising a reward to anyone who could help him find his missing longhorn cow, Mercedes. *The Wichita Eagle* reported the 3-year-old black-and-white bovine went missing on Sept. 11 during Cross Trails, a weekly cowboy church service at Greg Johnson's Prairie Rose Ranch. Friends, neighbors and family have searched high and low for Mercedes, recognizable by her 5-foot-wide horns, but the only sighting of her has been near the El Dorado, Kan., Walmart, about 10 miles away. Johnson says this isn't the first time she's run off: "She is more of a loner."

Questionable judgment

Coolidge, Ariz., resident Victor Pratt boasts that he's played with snakes his whole life. So when a rattlesnake slithered by during a family party at a nearby lake on Sept. 7, Pratt grabbed the viper and showed the kids "how to catch it and I was playing with it like little kids do. I wasn't thinking. I was showing off," he admitted to FOX 10 News. The rattler apparently didn't want to play along and bit Pratt on his face and neck. Pratt's

sons quickly drove him to a nearby emergency room, and he was later airlifted to Banner-University Medical Center Phoenix, where Dr. Steven Curry treated him. "There is a 100 percent chance he would have died if he'd not made it to the hospital within minutes," Curry noted. Pratt remained unconscious for several days. He told reporters he had learned his lesson and would not play with rattlesnakes again.

Oops

■ A family in Coventry, England, are "quite mortified" after calling the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in September to rescue a lizard peeking from underneath a bed in their home. But when officer Vic Hurr arrived at the home, she discovered the "lizard" was not a "lizard at all, it was a pink stripy sock." The dirty imposter sock, about 7 inches long and 2 inches wide, wasn't moving, Hurr noted. "I think the family eventually saw the funny side," an RSPCA spokeswoman told the *Independent*. "The sock had obviously been there quite a while. It was a typical teenager's bedroom, I suppose."

■ The Caving Club at Indiana Univer-

sity explored Sullivan Cave in southern Indiana on Sept. 17, but when they headed back to campus, they forgot one thing: a 19-year-old freshman physics major who had become separated from the group and was trapped behind a locked gate. When the club president realized two days later that a caver had been left behind, members rushed back to save him. "You could tell they were pretty shaken up," the caver told the *Indiana Daily Student*. "They did near kill me." The student reported he licked moisture off the cave walls during the ordeal and wrote goodbye letters to his family on his iPhone until the battery died.

The weird apocalypse

Cable television viewers in Orange County, California, were stunned on the morning of Sept. 21 when an ominous message accompanied by an "Emergency Alert" banner flashed on the screen. At increased volume, a man's voice boomed: "Realize this, extremely violent times will come," said viewer Stacy Laflamme of Lake Forest, who was watching HGTV on the Cox Communications cable system. Spectrum customers also received the alert. The warning seemed especially

timely given that doomsday writer David Meade had predicted the end of the world "as we know it" to occur two days later. Laflamme told the *Orange County Register* the message "sounded like a radio broadcast coming through the television." Dennis Johnson, a spokesman for Spectrum, said: "We have confirmed that we were fed an incorrect audio file," but neither company could determine where the audio had come from.

Bright ideas

■ Kevin Michael Cook, 24, of New Castle, Pa., was too drunk to drive on Sept. 3, so he enlisted the help of an 8-year-old girl. WPXI News reports the girl told Darlington Township police that Cook, a family friend, ordered her into a car at her grandmother's house and forced her to drive him toward East Palestine, Ohio. The car stopped after nearly wrecking twice, as bystanders called 911. Police tried to give Cook a sobriety test, but he was too impaired to finish it. He was charged with endangering the welfare of a child, driving under the influence and driving without a license.

■ Prosecutors in Geneva, Switzerland, are looking for the culprits who flushed about \$100,000 in 500-euro notes down four toilets in the city in May — one in the vault area of the UBS Bank, and the other three in nearby bistros. While neither throwing money away nor blocking a toilet is a crime, Vincent Derouand of the Geneva Prosecutor's Office told the *Tribune de Geneve*, "we want to be sure of the origin of the money." The cash was confiscated during the investigation, but Derouand said there was no immediate reason to think it was dirty money. ■



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The Cancer Alliance of Naples Pink Party returns to Physicians Regional

BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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A number of local organizations canceled breast cancer awareness events this October thanks to the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. The Cancer Alliance of Naples felt the pressure to make sure their annual Pink Party stayed alive.

"The show must go on," said Physicians Regional Healthcare System spokeswoman Lynn Ciecierski. The sixth annual Pink Party will continue as scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

With the goal of raising awareness for breast cancer and women's health, CAN puts on a party featuring fantastic food, drinks, giveaways and entertainment, along with a dizzying display of Southwest Florida's many health care providers and physicians dedicated to helping men and women become more educated about breast cancer. Physicians Regional is hosting the event for the second year in a row.

Last year the event raised over \$4,000 for CAN through the silent auction. Auction items included items from the area's best restaurants, retail stores, and women-focused services. A few of the 2016 items included gifts from the Naples Zoo, the Everblades, Fleming's, Giovanni's, Coopers Hawk, Charlie McDonald Photography, Island Nails, Laser Lounge, Raw Hair Organic Salon, Shady & Katie, Tru Glo med spa, Paragon Movies, Trader Joes, Lilly Pulitzer, Groupie Booth, Williams Sonoma, Swan River, Seasons 52, among others.



"CAN is devoted to helping children and adults with cancer by providing financial aid, support, education, and resources," Ms. Ciecierski said. "The organization uses funds raised from the Pink Party silent auction to assist with rent, mortgage, utility and car payments, and other non-medical bills, as well as purchase food and gas gift cards, so those who are in treatment or recovery for cancer can concentrate on getting well."

Breast cancer awareness is just one of the many initiatives CAN takes on each year. The Alliance is devoted to helping local children and families touched by cancer by providing financial aid, support, education and information resources. The nonprofit has helped more than 1,200 families with \$2.6 million in non-medical financial aid and other support since 2002.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meeting is Oct. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

North Naples. The next meeting is Oct. 5. 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, Oct. 6, at Quail Creek Country Club. Cost is \$28 (\$14 for first-time guests). RSVP by calling 514-2207 or emailing cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ 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

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enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a \$7 door fee; guests pay \$9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The Oct. 6 place to be is Lamoraga, followed by Naples Flatbread on Oct. 13. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Oct. 7 and 21. 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.

■ **Gamma Phi Betas** who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome to join members for lunch on the second Monday of every month at Brio Ristorante in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is Oct. 9. Members will also meet for the annual Founders Day luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Bonita Bay Club. For reservations or more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs enjoy lunch together on the second Monday of each month May-October at different local restaurants. The next Lunch Bunch is Oct. 9. For

more information, call 434-5610 or visit www.naples.kappaalphatheta.org.

■ The **Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region** members meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at First United Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meetings are Oct. 9 and 23. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.

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■ 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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Fall is a time for activity at your local auto dealerships. Plenty of new 2018 cars and trucks are beginning to arrive. But what about the ones being replaced?

As new models begin to be promoted, dealers want to close the books on the 2017 ones — even if we're months away from the new year. So now also is the time to get the largest discounts on cars that are being redesigned or won't be around in 2018.

Here are five cars that will be significantly restyled, as well as five that will be completely discontinued. These have the potential for the best deals because dealers want them gone ASAP.

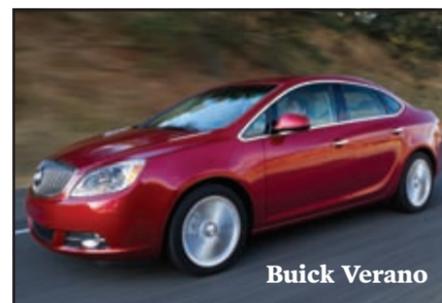
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any toys. Ford is already offering nice discounts on the 2017 car, and the dealer is probably happy to negotiate even more off the price for someone interested in the last few on the lot.

■ **Toyota Camry** — These sedans have earned a reputation for being tough as nails, but not always the most exciting. The incoming 2018 car is consuming the limelight with its new emphasis on personality. But for those who see their vehicles as appliances, the Toyota dealer would be very happy to knock some cash off the sticker price of the still-new 2017 sedans.

■ **Lexus LS** — Much like the Camry, the outgoing Lexus LS is not the most exciting machine. Of course, who needs to be captivating when providing one of the most solid luxury experience around? Still, that's not stopping Lexus from currently knocking off thousands of dollars just for walking in the door.

■ **Chevrolet Equinox** — The new 2018 Equinox is a sleeker machine with a richer interior. Still, the 2017 model is solid and well equipped, and will be surprisingly inexpensive for the amount features being offered.

■ **Honda Accord** — Honda is not known for offering the deepest discounts, and by the time it announced the 2018 Accord, it was getting its distribution network ready for the car. That leaves only a few 2017 cars out there, but now's the best time for a value price on those. As a special note, there will be no Accord coupe in 2018, so two-door fans might be especially motivated.

■ **Hyundai Azera** — With the stand-alone Genesis brand trying to sell the larger cars in the Hyundai family, the Azera has been canceled for the 2018 model year. But a quiet, comfortable, spacious and loaded sedan at a fair price

always has appeal. And canceling the Azera means there's an opportunity to get even more value.

■ **Jeep Patriot** — The Patriot is being absorbed into the new 2018 Compass line. So, while there will be discounts on the 2017 Jeep Compass, the dead-end Patriot is getting hefty rebates. It's a little bit small; it feels a little bit cheap; but it has the charisma of unmistakably being a Jeep.

■ **Mitsubishi Lancer** — The soon-departed car is sporty but a bit dated. However, for rock-bottom prices on a decent sedan, the Lancer should be a good bet.

■ **Buick Verano** — It's tough to sell small upper-market sedans in an SUV/crossover culture, and so the Verano is going away in 2018. But for those who were going to buy a basic small sedan, the last of the Veranos might also now be within budget.

■ **Volkswagen Touareg** — This was developed when Volkswagen wanted to be a direct competitor to Mercedes. Thus, it's a solid and luxurious crossover. And for those who liked it but thought it was too expensive, now is probably the time to get deals as the Touareg yields to the larger and cheaper Volkswagen Atlas.

There are some redesigned and canceled cars that didn't make our list. After all, we'll certainly miss the Dodge SRT Viper in 2018, but it's a specialty vehicle that will never be in the bargain basement. And BMW likely won't discount the outgoing X3 as deeply as some of the less luxurious automakers. But any time there is a change with a vehicle lineup, there's also an opportunity for saving money. So before you go shopping this fall, know all the cars that are ripe for the best deals. ■



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BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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It's football season, and everywhere you turn there are bulldogs and huskies representing college sports teams. Bulldogs seem to be the clear favorite, serving as mascots for Butler, Georgetown, University of Georgia, Gonzaga, Yale and many more schools, at least 42 altogether.

Yale, credited with being the first university to have a mascot, has been repped by a bulldog since 1889. Because of concerns about breed health, though, the college switched this year from the AKC-registered bulldog to a variety known as the Olde English Bulldogge, thought to have less extreme physical characteristics. Following a long line of dogs named Handsome Dan, the current mascot is named Walter after Yale's Walter Camp, known as the father of American football.

The husky is another popular canine mascot. Colleges claiming the husky as a symbol include University of Connecticut, University of Southern Maine, Michigan Tech, Northeastern, Northern Illinois University, St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and University of Washington.

Northeastern adopted the husky as its mascot in 1927 in honor of the sled dogs — Togo and Balto being among the best known — and their drivers who delivered life-saving diphtheria vaccine to Nome, Alaska, through near-blizzard conditions. While UConn's Jonathan, named after Jona-



Pint, a Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever, isn't the official UC Davis mascot, but he retrieves kicking tees off the field at Aggie home games.

than Trumbull, Connecticut's last colonial and first state governor, is a Siberian husky, the term “husky” doesn't always refer to that breed. Dubs, the University of Washington mascot, is actually an Alaskan malamute.

But what about other dog breeds? Do they get a shot at being big dog on campus? Here's a look at some of the lesser known or more unusual canine college mascots.

The saluki, a sleek and speedy sight-hound, has been the mascot at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale since 1951. Salukis are believed to be one of the most ancient types of dogs, and that's how they became SIU's mascot, says Saluki breeder and all-around dog expert Caroline Coile.

“That area of Southern Illinois is known as Little Egypt,” she says, “so they wanted an Egyptian mascot, hence the saluki, an Egyptian dog. They seem like a great mascot for a track team — not so much for a football team.”

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North Carolina State University teams are known as the Wolfpack, but a live wolf as a mascot wasn't a good option. Instead, they found a dog that resembled a wolf. Tuffy, who goes by the name Wave at home, is a tamaskan, a type of dog first bred in Finland by blending German shepherds, Alaskan malamutes and Siberian huskies.

Goldie the golden retriever does more than promote school spirit for University of Tulsa's Hurricanes. This "Golden Furricane" is a therapy dog who makes the rounds among stressed students during finals, visits alums at retirement homes and supports local pet adoption events. She's an athlete herself, competing in dock diving and, of course, being a natural at tail-gating.

A Scottish terrier named — what else? — Scotty is the mascot for Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, founded by Scottish robber baron turned philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. When Scotty's off duty, she goes by Maggie, after Carnegie's mother, Margaret Morrison Carnegie.

Pint is a Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever who retrieves the kickoff tees at University of California, Davis, football games. In his off-hours, he's a spokesdog for the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

At Texas A&M, Reveille, or Miss Rev, is the ninth rough collie to serve as the school's mascot and was recently named No. 1 dog mascot in college football by the NCAA.

Go, team! ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Samantha** is an approximately 1-year-old female black domestic short hair. She is beautiful, loves to be petted, and likes other cats. She is friendly, sweet and affectionate.



>> **Brandy** is an approximately 6-year-old female black brindle Staffordshire terrier mix. She weighs about 51 pounds and is quiet and gentle. She knows her basics, loves

to play and has lots of energy. She is lovely, affectionate and friendly.



>> **Spark** is an approximately 2-year-old male blue and white terrier bully mix. He is friendly, sweet and loving. He is happy, smart and is medium energy. He loves to play with

water and will drink from a hose. He weighs about 56 pounds, is good on his leash and likes to go for walks.



>> **Reid** is an approximately 10-month-old male gray tabby and white domestic short hair. He is as sweet as he is handsome. He is a little shy at first but warms right up in response

to affectionate petting. He is calm, gentle and likes to cuddle.

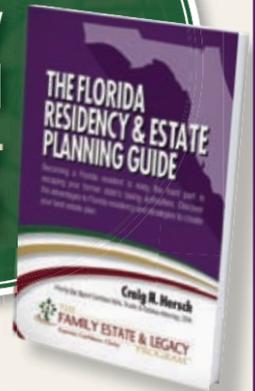
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Three interventions designed for follow up of patients who are identified with suicide risk in hospital emergency departments save lives and are cost effective relative to usual care. A study led by researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health modeled the use of the approaches in emergency departments and found that all three interventions compare favorably with a standard benchmark of cost-effectiveness used in evaluating healthcare costs. NIMH is part of the National Institutes of Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States; 44,193 people died by suicide in the United States in 2015, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

One approach to reducing the suicide rate is to direct prevention strategies at high-risk groups or settings, such as emergency departments, where more than 500,000 people receive treatment each year for self-harm injuries.

Research has found several emergency department-based interventions to be effective in preventing post-emergency suicide attempts, but none has been widely disseminated or adopted yet. They are:

■ **Postcards:** Hospital staff mail follow-up postcards each month for four months to all patients identified as at-risk, and then every other month for a total of eight cards.

■ **Telephone outreach:** One to three months after discharge, hospital staff call patients to offer support and encourage



engagement in follow-up treatment.

■ **Cognitive behavioral therapy:** Hospital staff connect patients to a suicide-focused cognitive behavioral therapy program.

Each of these interventions has been tested via randomized controlled trials and found to reduce patients' suicide risk on the order of 30 to 50 percent. The current study extends this prior research by estimating the cost-effectiveness of these interventions, relative to usual care. The investigators carried out Monte Carlo simulations, a method of evaluating the possible consequences of an action when many unpredictable factors could affect the outcome.

The investigators modeled a roughly yearlong period following the arrival of

patients at an emergency department. The chain of events they considered encompassed entry of the patient to an emergency department, screening for suicide risk, emergency department-based treatment or hospitalization and outcomes. It could also include additional visits to the emergency department, if the person considered or attempted suicide again during the follow-up period.

The investigators estimated the cost of each intervention by combining information on health services reported in previous clinical trials and national rates for medical procedures, emergency department visits and hospitalizations.

Relative to usual care, the use of postcards both reduced suicide attempts and deaths and slightly reduced health-care

costs, making it a "dominant" intervention in terms of cost-effectiveness. Telephone outreach and cognitive behavioral therapy reduced suicide attempts and deaths while increasing health-care costs slightly, the former by \$5,900 and the latter by \$18,800 per additional life-year saved. A commonly used benchmark for cost-effectiveness — the amount a society is willing to pay for the benefit accrued by a health care procedure — is \$50,000 per additional life-year. And recent research suggests that that amount is conservative — that is, our society is willing to pay considerably more per life-year.

A recent study reported that screening all those (18 and older) entering an emergency department for risk of suicide, regardless of the reason for the visit, nearly doubled the rate of identification of those at risk. The model suggests that universal screening of patients could substantially increase the public health benefits of implementing the prevention strategies modeled in this study.

"Suicide risk is relatively common among people who seek care from a hospital emergency department," said lead investigator Michael Schoenbaum, Ph.D., senior advisor for Mental Health Services, Epidemiology and Economics in NIMH's Division of Services and Intervention Research. "It's really important for us to identify better ways to reduce suicide risk in this group and to implement those widely."

The NIMH report was published in the Sept. 15 issue of the journal *Psychiatric Services*. ■

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Ninth annual SWFL Pride Festival set for Alliance of the Arts

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And this year's SWFL Pride Festival also will be a celebration of longevity — its ninth annual installment of the event, set for Oct. 7 at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers.

According to organizers, SWFL Pride is a family-friendly event, with a vendor market that will include service organizations, local and national community organizations, social organizations, area nonprofits, supportive religious organizations, games and activities, shopping, as well as food and drinks.

It wouldn't be a pride festival without entertainment.

The amphitheater stage will be filled with performances by touring artist Kelly Neff, BI03.9's DJ Mad Mel, DJ Kooshie, DJ Ajar and local drag queens and kings.

The festivities don't end Saturday.

From 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 8, Pride-SWFL will sponsor a tea dance at Celsius, 2213 Main St., in downtown Fort Myers. The theme for this year's tea dance coincides with the theme for SWFL Pride in a celebration of sunny Florida and recognition of the pride that fills each year's annual commemoration, through a coming together in an expression of resilience. There will be a cash bar, drag show and featured DJs such as DJ Mad Mel, DJ Kooshie and DJ Ajar. Suggested donation of \$5 is requested.

Pride-SWFL was created in August 2009 from a grassroots effort to put on a community festival to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City. Pride-SWFL started



with about 20 people meeting in living rooms and representing local businesses, clubs, organizations and colleges. Within six weeks, with no money, little experience and only a few posters to get the word out, they put together and hosted a four-hour festival that included a stage packed with entertainment and more than 30 participating vendors.

Last year, SWFL Pride introduced the Goldberg Award as a celebration of the strength of the individuals who stand against adversity and fight for the basic human and civil rights that should be afforded to all. Pride-SWFL will continue this tradition by recognizing the new recipient of this award at this year's SWFL Pride.

This year's SWFL Pride Festival and vendor marketplace will be held from noon to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 on the grounds of the Alliance of the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Blvd., off Colonial Boulevard, in Fort Myers. There is a suggested donation of \$5. For information, visit www.prideswfl.com. ■

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— Ms. Spencer helps local seniors process the peaks and valleys of their lives by engaging them with the people who now surround them when many of their loved ones have passed or are far away.

“Vamos a empezar con una cancion muy famoso,” Ms. Spencer said as the session began. “We’re going to begin with a very famous song, se llama ‘Cielito Lindo.’”

A ring of about 20 seniors, most Spanish speaking, breaks into applause as Ms. Spencer dressed her face in a warm and enthusiastic smile. “It doesn’t matter if we don’t know the words, it’s more important to be together and breathe together.”

Ms. Spencer continued encouraging the crowd with a mixture of English and Spanish, occasionally poking fun at her own imperfect Castilian and gaining praise for her facility in turn.

Characters who only a few minutes prior trudged in perked up as she strummed the opening chords. As their voices rise to the popular refrain, “ay, ay, ay, ay, canta no llore,” everyone seems boosted by the song’s message: don’t cry, because we’re singing together and it will cheer you up. In time to the swaying phrases of the popular Mexican song, everyone shakes their maracas and tambourines, or maybe just their shoulders.

The session comes at an opportune time for the center’s members, said activities and volunteer coordinator Tery Pupo-Delgado. Many live by themselves and suffer from varying degrees of isolation and with the center closed

on Fridays and Saturdays, they have lots of time to sink into depression. An uplifting activity, however, helps them start the weekend on a high note.

“Sometimes they feel so down, especially on Fridays, it’s scary,” she said. “This lifts their spirits.”

The center focuses on Golden Gate City seniors who live at or below the poverty line or on fixed incomes, providing them with a variety of resources like job training through AARP, a food pantry, hot lunches each weekday, health screenings and assessments and most importantly, social support.

By the time a person reaches their sunset years, Ms. Pupo said, they have accumulated many experiences — particularly losses — that still feel as fresh as the day their loved one died. With the center and particularly through the music program, members have a new opportunity to share memories with friends all over again and perhaps gain a different perspective on their experience.

Now with warmed voices, Ms. Spencer announced that day’s theme: love. To kick off a series of love songs, she starts with Juan Gabriel’s “Amor Eterno.” Written after his mother’s death, Gabriel’s song conveys the pain of continuing to love someone who is gone. The mood in the group became solemn and the voices low while two women embraced and comforted each other. One had tears in her eyes while she sang.

“I was reminded of my oldest son. He died of cancer when he was eleven,” Enriqueta Marquez said in Spanish. “It was 49 years ago but it feels like it just happened. An eternal love says a lot when I hear those words.”

The psychological community has amassed a veritable canon in recent



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Therapist Natalie Spencer leads musical sessions with the center’s members.

years of studies about the emotional, physical and mental benefits of music, particularly among seniors. Its most tangible applications are for people who suffer from a variety of gerontological conditions like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, but it also boosts mood, recalls memories and helps the elderly positively process experiences from the years behind them. It’s a very important service to offer these seniors, many of whom are low-income immigrants for whom English is at best a second language. They are often isolated from not only their communities and loved ones, but also their home cultures.

Luz Costa, a compact firecracker dressed in purple, frequently danced and cheered as the program progressed

“We are so proud to have you here,” she told Ms. Spencer at the end of a gently energetic rendition of “Shake, Rattle & Roll.” “A high battery is healthy.”

Ms. Costa is a Colombian widow who moved to Naples after her husband died in 2000. When she was married, Ms. Costa lived in 11 countries with Claudio, who was a competitive bicycle coach.

“I was living with him a very different life,” she said, an active life where she was a performer in a troupe specializing in the traditional Spanish entertainment, zarzuela. Eventually, that life wound down and the couple settled in Miami until Claudio’s death. The idea for a move to Naples from Miami came to her in a dream and when she told him about it as he was dying, Claudio encouraged her to do it.

“He was a very important person in my life and he was a very mystical person,” she said. “And this experience with Natalie is mental, physical and spiritual and it makes me remember when I was young.”

She had a good feeling about Natalie’s work after their first session earlier this year.

“I already had an idea that we’re going to have good times with her,” she said at the session’s conclusion. “She brings our mood up and it’s important, especially at this age. We’re not working anymore and we have more time to think about ourselves. In this place, it is wonderful medicine.”

For a more practical application, Cypress Cove in Fort Myers has incorporated a holistic music program throughout its center for residents with the help of Florida Gulf Coast University’s music therapy department. Music permeates practically every activity where seniors can sing, listen and even see music through a variety of mediums. The most

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Seniors enjoy music and dance at Golden Gate Senior Center.

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important component, however, is a program called iN2L, or It's Never 2 Late.

As a suite of technologically driven therapy programs to address memory care, the musical component is incorporated into each resident's day but has particular applications for patients with Alzheimer's disease or age-related dementia. From sing-alongs to musical accompaniment during art classes or meals — even water features that move

to musical beats — patients are more engaged with each other and their surroundings when the community uses music throughout the day. By boosting cognitive and social functioning, music has transformed the residents' experiences of their declining years.

"iN2L has been a lifesaver," said Carleigh Racinski, the program manager at The Cottages. "I would say if you want to make a resident with dementia happy,

give them music or ice cream. I feel a lot more concentration among them, so if I play it during an art program or exercise, I see more engagement and concentration."

The residence's hospice patients also benefit from the music therapy program. Studies show there is a notable increase in length of life among hospice residents in nursing homes who used music therapy and that music therapists

visit more frequently than social workers or nurses.

They were also the only professionals to consistently address the social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs of their dying patients. Using CD players at Cypress Cove, patients at the end of life are able to decrease their agitation levels, which also allows staff to more efficiently attend to their nursing.

"With end-of-life (patients), they're usually in their bed or room so we provide CD players with therapeutic music to provide comfort and peace," said Scott Lendh, activities coordinator for The Lodge at Cypress Cove. "We do it for residents with dementia and it really helps to curb behaviors, like trying to get in and out of their wheelchair, but the (music) takes them into a different sphere."

Whatever their circumstances, a regular dose of music exponentially improves seniors' quality of life at a time when studies show a tendency for it to worsen thanks to a decline in health, resources and social ties. It brings the elderly together, improves memory and movement and generally just makes their life better. As Ms. Costa said, it's wonderful medicine. ■

— For more information about music therapy's benefits to a variety of conditions, including aging and dementia, visit www.musictherapy.org. Seniors and their caregivers who are interested in Golden Gate Senior Center's services can call Collier Senior Resources at 252-4541 or visit www.collierseniorresources.org. Patients in need of individual music therapy sessions can contact Avow Hospice at 261-4404 or visit www.avowcares.org. Information about Cypress Cove in Fort Myers can be found by calling 481-6605 or visiting www.cypresscoveliving.org.

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A slice of Europe on South Beach

No need to fly overseas for a vacation when Española Way is only a short car drive away

BY MARY THURWACHTER

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On a sultry summer evening in Miami Beach the waiters at Hosteria Romana go above and beyond to keep customers coming in and satisfied once they do. Their enthusiasm for each dish on the menu (from handmade pastas and pizzas to grilled meats and fish and hard-to-resist homemade desserts like tiramisu) can't be overlooked.

But it's not just the all-Italian wait staff's fervor for Italian cuisine and knack for reeling in diners that makes them such a hit. They put on a show — singing, dancing and occasionally waving napkins in the air until customers find themselves joining in.

Not all of the music is Italian. Contemporary hits like "Despacito" and "Shape of You" get good play, too. It's hard not to get caught up in the beat, the fun.

Welcome to Española Way.

Española Way, between 14th and 16 streets from Washington to Drexel Avenues, was the first commercial street in all of Miami Beach. The city just spent \$2.5 million to restore the street and its vibe to the artist village it was in the 1920s.

Hosteria Romana is just one of 16 locally owned restaurants and specialty boutiques lining the pedestrian-only street. Another not-to-be missed attraction on the street is the flamenco show



A balcony view of Española Way between 14th and 16th Street from Washington to Drexel avenues in Miami Beach.

at Tapas y Tintos (www.tapasytintos.com) Thursday through Sunday nights. We loved it.

Other culinary hits for us on Española Way included breakfast at Havana 1957 (www.havana1957.com), a traditional Cuban restaurant that transports diners to old Cuba; dinner at Mercato della Pescheria (www.mercatodellapescheria.com), a market-style restaurant that features several culinary stations,

including a fish market, meat market, and pasta-making station; and enjoying gelato and Melani Gelateria (www.milanigelateria.com).

On our next trip, we look forward to checking out Time Out Market, a few blocks away on Drexel Avenue. It's due to open early next year. Food from the Miami's best restaurants, top chefs and stunning local works of art will be the draw.

Unlike much of Miami Beach's architecture in the city, which is Art Deco, Española Way was designed in a Mediterranean Revival style.

The place to stay is El Paseo Hotel, a boutique property reopened this year after a \$7 million renovation.

A few blocks away from trendy Ocean Drive and Lincoln Road, the budget-friendly hotel has 71 rooms that stretch across seven villas. Elements of Spanish, Moroccan, Italian and French architecture are prominent throughout, and includes tile roofs, rounded archways and European inspired balconies. Rooms sport gauzy white curtains, ocean hues and bold pops of color intertwined with pottery, books, blankets and framed vintage photos.

An attentive staff checks in with guests daily to make certain all needs are met (need another blanket? Honor bar need re-stocking?). The hotel's beach club is just three blocks away. Complimentary wine is served during happy hour in the hotel's second floor library Mondays through Thursdays.

"We take pride in our authentic and unpretentious service that allows us to foster relationships with our guests while creating unique and tailored memories," says general manager Luis Soto.

A unique way to save some of those memories is offered, too, since guests have complimentary use of Spectacles, sunglasses with an integrated video camera that connect directly to Snapchat via Bluetooth or WiFi and transfer images onto the user's app.

The El Paseo never lost power during Hurricane Irma. And there's always something new in the neighborhood. Yoga a la Española started on Saturday mornings last month and is already a hit. The destination had its first Noche de Coche, a monthly event geared towards families with small children who parade down the street in strollers, wagons and tri-cycles. And Papo Café opened in September. (Cafe mocha, anyone?).



Dinner at Hosteria Romana, one of the most popular restaurants on Española Way.



Flamenco shows are offered at Tapas y Tintos on Española Way Thursday through Sunday nights.



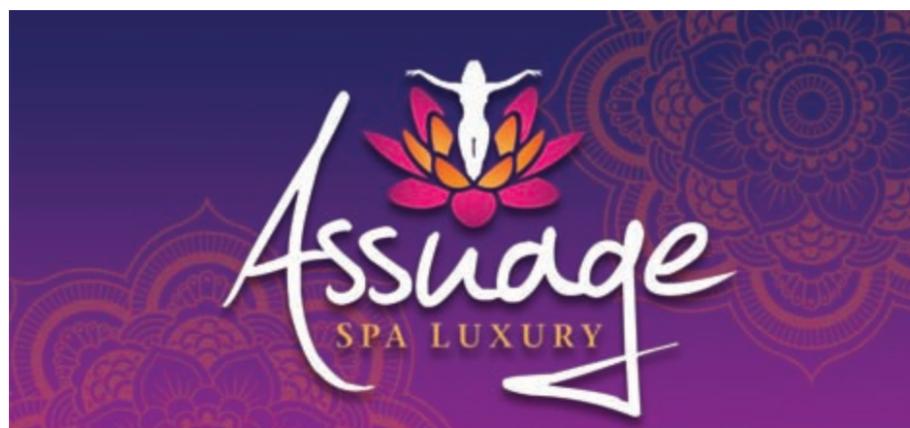
Guests at the El Paseo Hotel have complimentary use of Spectacles, new sunglasses with an integrated video camera that connect directly to Snapchat.

Can't wait to get back. It was like going to Spain or Italy without boarding a plane. ■

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Española Way, between 14th and 15th streets from Washington to Drexel avenues, was built as an artists' colony in the 1920s with a creative vibe that mirrored Greenwich Village in New York and Montmartre (artists' quarter) in Paris. The street was later discovered by Hollywood and appeared in numerous films, including "Chains of Gold" with John Travolta and "The Birdcage" with Robin Williams, as well as music videos with Elton John, Pitbull and appearances on Miami Vice. www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/south-beach-art-deco-district/espasola-way.

El Paseo Hotel, 405 Española Way, Miami Beach. The seven, two- and three-story villas that comprise the hotel have always been a bohemian's dream. Originally built in 1925 as apartment buildings in the Mediterranean Revival style, the hotel appealed to Cuban artists who came to live in Miami Beach in the 1950s and '60s. For 25 years, the building was known as the Española Way Art Center, housing such notable artists as Kenny Scharf, Miralda and Craig Coleman. Desi Arnaz and Al Capone spent many days on Española Way. Some of the rooms have full-service kitchens. 305-400-0767, www.elpaseohotel.com.



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— **Cathy Curatolo**, executive vice president of the Collier County Building Industry Association

Don't get burned

When seeking contractors, get information first

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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IF NOTHING ELSE, A GOOD HURRICANE SHOULD make you a good researcher.

A chorus of voices from longtime licensed and established tradesmen and women all offer roughly the same advice in both DOs and DON'Ts for hurricane recovery:

Don't hire people coming to the door. Don't hire people working for cash or asking for a lot of money up front. Don't hire out-of-region-or-state crews or businesses, and don't fail to research a business by checking for licenses, insurance and referrals.

Those are the DON'Ts. So what are the Dos — the right steps to take if you need a new roof, a new floor or walls, kitchens,

decks, pools or docks, or for that matter new office or commercial space?

Do ask the right questions, right up front.

“If you're working with a contractor, ask for referrals, ask how long they've been in business, do they have workmen's comp, how much of the project is done by subcontractors, does the company require a big deposit, what's the warranty on the projects or products being purchased, and is the business locally owned?” advises Tony Leopardi, owner of the widely respected Cornerstone Builders of Southwest Florida, a family business based in Lee County.

“Another thing you should do is check anybody you hire with the Better Business Bureau and the state website — you can go to www.sunbiz.org, and that will take you



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Cornerstone Builders of Southwest Florida is a respected family business based in Lee County.

right to the state website for the Division of Corporations. You punch in the guy's name and check his records,” Mr. Leopardi added.

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GAIN applications open for 2018 program

The Leadership Collier Foundation, in coordination with The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is accepting applications for the Class of 2018 Growing Associates in Naples program for emerging leaders and professionals in Collier County ages 21 to 40.

GAIN participants learn about local government, charitable organizations,



arts, commerce, law enforcement, tourism, education and other resources so that graduates can become involved and be effective contributors in the community.

This 2018 program runs Feb. 20 through April 17 and consists of nine sessions (typically from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons) focused on community education and peer networking.

Tuition is \$750, with the possibility of a limited amount of partial tuition assistance. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants.

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Bankruptcy highlights changes in diamond industry

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Exelco NV recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Was this some massive conglomerate going down in flames?

In the filing, the company listed its assets as a meager \$10 to \$50 million. So what is so special about this bankruptcy filing? Exelco was one of the most storied and prominent wholesaler and distributor of diamonds in the world. Its financial implosion puts a spotlight on the side of the diamond business that few consumers understand or are even aware of.

Exelco is owned by two heavyweights in the diamond industry, Lior Kunstler and Jean Paul Tolkowsky. The Tolkowsky family rose to fame in the 1800s selling diamonds to royalty and a century later developed the “ideal cut” diamond that is still marketed and sold in mall retail jewelry stores today. Exelco was founded in 1993 and has facilities in Asia and Africa. Its business was to buy rough diamonds from mining companies and sell either the rough to various diamond cutters or cut the diamonds and sell the finished goods to jewelry manufacturers or diamond wholesalers.

Exelco grew over the next decade into becoming a DeBeers sightholder. A sightholder is one of a handful of



diamond buyers that is authorized to purchase rough diamonds directly from DeBeers in bulk at set prices. Ninety percent of DeBeers diamonds are sold through sightholders, so these few companies dominate the wholesale diamond market.

For decades, being a DeBeers sightholder was an extremely lucrative business, second only to being a Budweiser distributor. But recently, the dynamics of the diamond business has changed.

First, the cost to mine diamonds has risen dramatically. No easily accessible deposits have been discovered in two

decades, so miners have been forced to spend vast amounts of money to further exploit current diminishing mines. A typical mine now costs over \$1 billion. As a result, diamond rough prices have continued to rise as mining companies pass these costs on to sightholders and other wholesalers.

At the same time of rising input costs, companies like Exelco are being pressured by jewelry manufacturers and retailers. These companies once were dominated by small family businesses or regional chains. Today, huge chains like Jared, Kay and Zales control much

of the jewelry market. These companies are able to put pricing pressure on wholesalers, squeezing profits.

But the final straw for wholesalers has been the pull-back by several leading financing companies in this industry. Most sightholders and wholesalers do not pay for diamonds in cash, but instead finance the purchase until they can sell the stones. Recently, many of the top banks for this industry pulled out of this type of financing for various reasons. This has put further pressure on companies.

Given these factors, it should be no surprise that a leading diamond wholesaling company has declared bankruptcy and many more are in serious financial troubles. And the short-term prognosis is not favorable as U.S. demand for diamonds is expected to be lackluster because of declining marriage rates and more discretionary spending going to things like iPhones and tablets.

However, in the long run, things should improve for the diamond industry. Rough diamond prices should continue to rise as a shortage of high-quality new stones hitting the market will continue to fall. In addition, new wealth in Asia should increase global demand for diamonds. Unfortunately, these catalysts come too late for Exelco. ■

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

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Cornerstone itself took a big hit from Irma — not from wind or water directly but from the cancellation or postponement of more than 25 jobs, or about \$600,000 worth of work, he estimates.

“We’re doing all right, though,” he says, patiently — and patience, in this case, is a virtue that can save property owners both time and money, in the long run.

“You’re not going to get a new roof this week,” explains Cathy Curatolo, executive vice president of the Collier County Building Industry Association.

“Roofers are dealing with the most difficult situation, where people are in desperation right now. But if you have a few tiles off the roof, wait a month.”

Roofers aren’t the only ones taking a huge volume of calls for help. So are swimming pool professionals who do pools themselves, along with the sometimes elaborate pump and pool cage repairs so many owners require after hurricanes.

“Patience is the word — if people will be patient, they’ll do better,” says Joe Mitchell, founder and owner of Pool Pros, a company with 26 years and a number of hurricanes under its belt.

“I know everybody wants to be first in line, but we have thousands of clients calling us for work. For customers, they should find a quality company they know will come out and represent them well, remembering that not only will it take time to get to the job, but pool products are tight.

“We have a lot of screen enclosures down or screens ripped out, so it will take a little extra time to get (all the inventory required).”

Like other reputable and established local businesses in the various trades, there is no price gouging because of a hurricane,

and the work is ultimately done by licensed, insured trades people who know what they’re doing.

“The worst thing I’ve seen is people out there underbidding jobs, asking for half their money or more up front, and then not showing up to do the work,” Mr. Mitchell says.

“So I would say, do your homework. With ‘cheap’ often comes trouble. Check your county and state websites for licensing, ask for referrals, and don’t pay in cash or up front. I take a small percentage down — 10 percent seems a fair number to secure the job, but not too much.”

The work will ultimately get done and done better, for those with patience.

The legitimate businesses are working full-out right now.

At Crowther Roofing, for example, “We are overwhelmed by calls, both for domestic and commercial work,” said Jan Jones, vice president of marketing.

“So we’ve created a waiting list.”

The list depends on the good will and candor of people — and some patience.

“If you don’t have water damage in your house, wait a bit and we’ll get to you. If you do, we will try to come sooner.”

Everything about the company suggests they do business the right way, and not some other way, and Ms. Jones echoes the advice to consumers of others who do business the right way, too: “If they ask for money up front, ‘Run, Forrest, Run!’” she explains, referring to the 1994 movie with Tom Hanks in which the hero is well advised to leave a situation without further ado.

Whether for pools, floors, rooms or roofs, “Wait a month, if you can,” says Ms. Curatolo, and then follow the same rules: “DO NOT pay cash for any job. Look to local contractors and make sure they’re licensed. You can find the Collier County licensing department at www.colliergov.com.



A Pool Pros employee does Hurricane Irma cleanup in Coconut Creek.

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net, 252-2431, or the state’s Department of Business and Professional Regulations, at www.myfloridagov.com.” The telephone: 850-897-1395.

Both Lee and Charlotte County provide licensing information on their county websites, as well. Lee County’s site for contractor licensing, for example (<http://www.leegov.com/dcd/ContLic>), opens with following paragraph: “To perform work in unincorporated Lee County, contractors must have a state-issued license OR a Certificate of Competency (local license), which is subject to an application and issuance through Lee County. A contractor must also have a current Certificate of Insurance for liability and workers’ compensation and/or a current workers’ compensation exemption status from the state of Florida.”

The state’s website, meanwhile, requires visitors to select “Departments & Agencies,” and then the particular trade — electricians, for example — and then to scroll down an alphabetical list to a given name, where licenses, dates and other information is recorded.

But many people are still impatient, even desperate to get a fix, and that can

create long-term headaches whose results are evident for years.

Not just state enforcement agencies but the federal government, therefore, prosecuted more than 1,000 cases of fraud following the 2005 disaster, Katrina, that swept the south and ruined New Orleans.

Avoiding such an outcome only takes patience and a bit of research — and the ability to follow some good advice.

This advice from the Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors Association probably fits the bill:

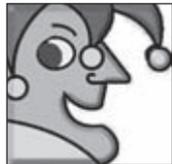
“First and foremost, homeowners should check the Florida Construction Industry Licensing

Board’s website, www.myfloridalicenses.com, to verify that a contractor’s license is real and up-to-date before hiring any company to do work on your home. When looking for a Florida licensed contractor, visit the Disaster Contractors Network, www.dconline.org, for a contractor in your area.

For those not quite ready to make repairs, FEMA offers disaster assistance, at www.disasterassistance.gov and can help people find emergency housing at www.femaevachotels.com.

Homeowners can also take advantage of a public-private partnership known as HERO Property Assessed Clean Energy to finance hurricane resilient improvements and repairs with no upfront cost, allowing them to rebuild the right way and protect against future storms. HERO vets contractors and tracks their customer satisfaction records.

Finally, homeowners should not hesitate to report bad actors to the consumer price gouging hotline, at 1-866-966-7226. Honest players in the construction industry are here to help, and will be happy to settle any concerns or disputes through appropriate channels. ■



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Refinancing Basics

Interest rates have been extremely low, historically speaking, for many years now, and lots of people have taken advantage of that, refinancing their mortgages. Rates have crept up a bit over the last year or so, but with the benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rate recently near 4 percent, many can still save thousands of dollars by refinancing.

When you refinance, you get a new mortgage on your home, with your lender paying off your previous loan. (You may actually refinance with the same lender, though you don't have to.) Refinancings typically involve a lower interest rate and smaller mortgage payments, but some opt for a shorter-term mortgage, resulting in somewhat higher payments on a home that will be paid off sooner.

When you shop around for a better deal than the one you've got, assess the many mortgage costs involved, such as the origination fee, discount points, the appraisal, the credit report, processing, title insurance, and the escrow fee. You can research available loans and

interest rates at bankrate.com and other sites. Consider what "points," if any, you might pay. A point is equal to 1 percent of the value of your loan. Points are paid upfront when you close the loan and permit you to buy a lower rate. They can make the most sense if you plan to keep the home and loan for many years.

If you can get a new mortgage at a rate that's at least 1 percentage point lower than your current rate, you may reap enormous interest savings over 15 to 30 years, depending on how much you borrow.

In some refinancings, you can actually increase the amount of your loan by taking out extra funds — perhaps to pay down credit card debt or make home improvements. Be careful with this "cash-out" tactic, though — your valuable home equity will shrink, and cash-out interest rates can be higher.

In order to be offered the best interest rates, you'll want to have or build a solid credit rating. Pay your bills on time, and avoid excessive debt. ■

Name That Company

I began in Japan in 1933 as a division of an automatic loom company. The Model AA sedan was my first production car, debuting in 1936. Soon after, I was spun off as a stand-alone company. My production was halted temporarily following World War II, but I was back in business after that. A 4x4 utility vehicle was an early success, but even bigger was a model some might mistake for a Mexican beer. I've made more than



33 million vehicles in North America. Few know I'm also involved in housing, financial services, biotechnology and forestry. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Electric Dividends

Don't let its name confuse you: Emerson Electric (NYSE: EMR) isn't a utility. Founded in 1890, it is primarily an automation solutions provider that serves nearly every industry you can think of. The company operates another big segment — commercial and residential solutions — which provides appliances and services related primarily to heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration. Its market value was recently north of \$40 billion.

Emerson has had to deal with sluggish industry conditions for quite a while, which has resulted in a contraction in sales for the company. Yet in its most recent quarter, it turned things around, enjoying 10 percent sales growth and remaining largely consistent with what

executives had hoped to see.

Automation solutions are gaining in popularity, and Emerson believes that growth there and in the commercial and residential solutions market should accelerate into 2018. (A strong foothold in automation means Emerson already has a presence in hot markets such as the Internet of Things.) If that proves to be the case, then Emerson could be in line to rebound from weakness, and that could add share-price gains to the dividend income that investors already receive from the stock.

The company's dividend recently yielded 3 percent, and it has been increasing its payout annually for more than 60 years. (The Motley Fool has recommended Emerson Electric.) ■

My Dumbest Investment

Dangerous Investments

In the early 1980s, when I was in my early 20s, I knew very little about stocks. A guy called me, saying he was a vice president at a well-known investment company and he had an opportunity for me — a great stock that would make me a lot of money. That was the first stock I ever bought. Two months later, I called the investment company and found out that the company I'd invested in had declared bankruptcy; I had lost all my money, and the guy who had called me no longer worked for them. I did not know anything close to what I know now.

Now I can do some fundamental and technical analysis of stocks. These days I read charts and pay little attention to fundamental data, as I am working on day-trading for a living

— R.R., Richmond, New Hampshire

The Fool Responds: Beware of any cold calls from brokers pushing stocks and other investments. Great opportunities are not peddled that way. And think twice before day-trading, too, as it's very risky. One study found that 80 percent of active traders lost money and only 1 percent of them could be described as predictably profitable.

We favor long-term investing and fundamental stock analysis, studying companies' revenue, earnings, profit margins, debt and cash levels, competitive advantages and so on, instead of trying to draw meaning from charts of stock-price movements. ■

Last week's trivia answer

Based in Phoenix, I'm the second-largest recycler and waste disposer in the U.S., with a market value recently near \$22 billion. I serve 14 million customers in more than 2,700 communities via more than 30,000 employees, 340 collection operations, 201 transfer stations, 193 active landfills, 67 recycling centers, eight treatment, recovery and disposal facilities, 12 saltwater disposal wells and 69 landfill gas and renewable energy projects across 41 states and Puerto Rico. I once shared a corporate parent with AutoNation before I was spun off. My stock has advanced more than 160 percent over the past decade. Who am I? (Answer: Republic Services) ■



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"Earnings Season"

Q What is "earnings season," and when is it?

— W.S., Worcester, Massachusetts

A Public companies (those with publicly traded stock) are required to report on their earnings and financial condition in three quarterly "10-Q" reports and in an annual "10-K" report for their fourth quarter. They can structure their fiscal year as they want, and while many companies end their years at the conclusion of December, others choose the end of March, June or September.

Earnings reports are typically issued a few weeks after the end of the quarter, so gobs of American companies release their reports from early January through February, from early April through May, from early July through August and from early October through November. These are the four "earnings seasons." They're of interest to many investors because they offer new, fresh data on companies, and analysts and commentators will often issue revised opinions on companies after earnings reports.

Stock prices can also rise or fall following an earnings report, when results are better or worse than expected. For best investing results, learn to read and understand financial statements yourself — and keep up with your holdings' earnings reports.

Q Are there any index funds that are focused on the world outside the U.S.?

— T.C., Tulsa, Oklahoma

A There sure are, offered by many companies. Vanguard, for example, offers its Vanguard FTSE All-World ex-U.S. Index (VFWAX, VEU), covering the whole world market except the U.S., while its emerging markets index funds (VEMAX, VWO) focus on developing economies, which can grow rapidly while being riskier. There's also the Vanguard European Stock Index (VEURX) and Vanguard Pacific Stock Index (VPACX), among other possibilities, and the Vanguard Total Bond Market II Fund (VTBIX) gives you global bonds. ■

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Local marketing mogul to host small business workshop

Longtime Naples resident Nella DeCesare will share her business knowledge at a SCORE Naples workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The Naples chapter of SCORE provides services to budding entrepreneurs, including free consulting for items such as writing business plans, advertising and marketing strategies, negotiating leases, trademark registrations and navigating government licensing or regulatory issues.

Ms. DeCesare boasts a 15-year career in corporate advertising and marketing before she launched the Southwest Florida-based WBN Marketing in 2009.

Ms. DeCesare has worked as a marketing professional consulting within many B2C and B2B industries including hospitality, sports marketing, real estate, telecommunications, non-profit, investment banking, construction, finance, retail and higher education.

SCORE, formally known as the service corps of retired executives, is a nonprofit association devoted to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed nationwide. SCORE Naples offers

workshops for various topics.

According to its Naples website, the workshop is a "must for all new business owners who want to learn how to reach their target customers." The workshop will navigate through the process of developing an effective marketing plan, as well as explain how to maintain flexibility when plans or circumstances inevitably change or break down. Measuring success is also a key factor that will be discussed at the workshop. ■



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'Marketing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Developing a Marketing Plan'

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August home sales show increased consumer confidence

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Home sales are up 5 percent year over year in August 2017, according to the most recent Naples Area Board of Realtors market report. Broker analysts reviewing the August market report released by NABOR said 685 homes were sold in the month of August, which impressed brokers due to there only being a marginal increase of 20 additional properties in the Collier inventory from last year.

The NABOR market reports provide comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges, and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary.

"This turned out to be a great summer for sales in Naples," said Brenda Fioretti, managing broker at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty. According to the report, pend-

ing sales were up 13 percent in Aug., with overall sales up five percent. Ms. Fioretti said there were some pleasant surprises in the report as well.

These included a 75 percent increase in pending sales and a 42 percent increase in closed sales for single-family homes located in South Naples. The report also showed single-family homes in this geographic area had a 22 percent decrease in median closed price.

The condominium market performed just as well as the single-family home market in August, reporting a similar 13 percent increase in pending sales. The Pending Home Sales statistic is a forward-looking indicator that is based on contract signings.

Ms. Fioretti believes the summer sales activity outpaced last year's because of renewed consumer confidence.

The overall median closed price for August was \$328,000, a 2 percent

increase over last year. Geographically, prices in the Naples Beach area continue to rise faster than all other areas tracked. In fact, median closed prices for single-family homes in the Naples Beach area increased 32 percent in August.

The median closed price for single-family homes jumped 10 percent in August to \$422,000. The figure was heavily influenced by 17 sales in the \$2 million and above single-family home market, which saw a 54 percent increase in median closed price. All other price categories in the single-family home market reported median closed price increases of 5 percent or below.

However, when taking a long-term look at closed pricing trends (12-month ending), August's median closed price for single-family homes was \$405,000, the same as August 2016.

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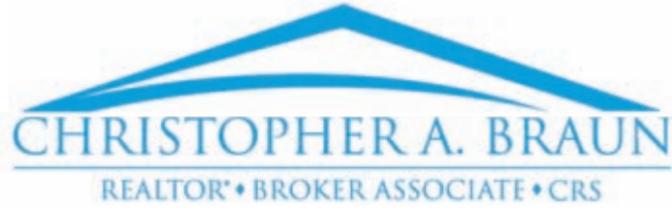
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Median closed price actually dropped five percent for single-family homes over \$300,000, to \$510,000 for the 12-month period ending August 2017 from \$535,000 in the 12-months ending August 2016.

“One big sale at the top of the price bracket can influence the monthly report’s median closed price,” said Dominic Pallini, NABOR president and broker at Vanderbilt Realty. For example, there were 20 total closed sales in the \$2 million and above market in August. Therefore, this means 10 sales were below \$4.2 million and 10 sales were above.

in the know

August 2017 sales stats

CATEGORIES	August 2016	August 2017	CHANGE (percentage)
Total homes under contract (pending sales)	734	829	13
Total closed sales	654	685	5
Median closed price (month/month)	\$320,000	\$328,000	2
Median closed price >\$300K (month/month)	\$485,000	\$510,000	5
Total active listings (inventory)	4,787	4,807	0
Average days on market	88	95	8
Single-family closed sales	350	378	8
Single-family median closed price (month/month)	\$384,000	\$422,000	10
Single-family inventory	2,554	2,446	-4
Condominium closed sales	304	307	1
Condominium median closed price (month/month)	\$232,000	\$250,000	8

Overall inventory for August stayed largely static, with a total of 4,807 homes compared to 4,787 in August 2016. Single-

family home inventory decreased 4 percent, while the condominium market saw a 6 percent increase in inventory for August.

Ms. Fioretti added that, statistically, major weather events impact housing market sales, and Hurricane Irma was no exception. The Southwest Florida MLS saw virtually no activity for the two weeks following the storm, according to Wes Kunkle of Kunkle International Realty.

“We won’t truly know the impact of Hurricane Irma on the area’s housing market for a few months,” said Tom Bringardner Jr., president of Premier Commercial. “This presents a great opportunity for sellers to refresh their homes and make them more appealing to buyers before season starts.”

Mr. Bringardner and all broker analysts agreed that the county’s hurricane building code standards saved the area’s housing market from severe destruction.

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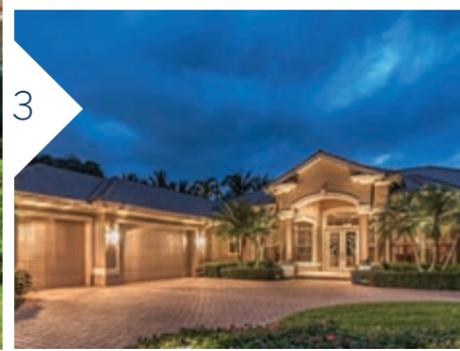
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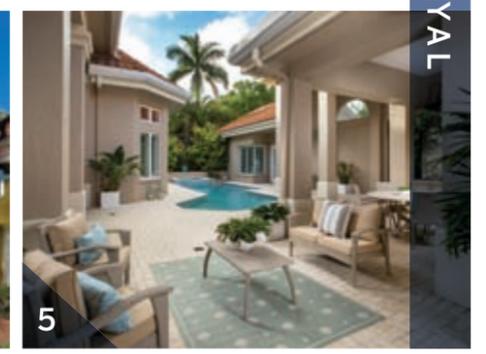
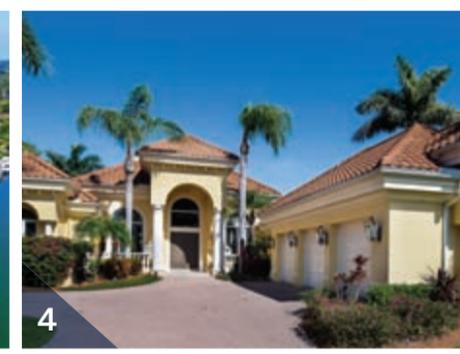


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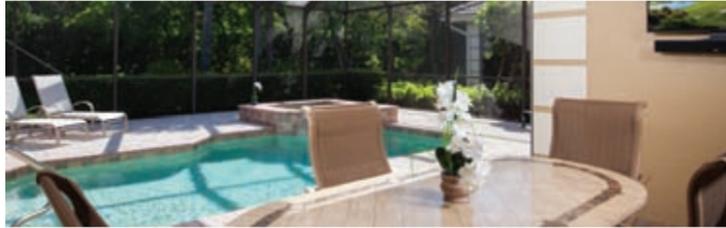
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The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

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 Oleander two-story coach home is 1,987 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, three baths, den, sunroom, two-car garage, private elevator, and preserve view.

It is priced at \$520,210. 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, pool and spa with water view. It is priced at \$532,300.

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. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Fall schedule promotes active, engaged living at Babcock Ranch

Babcock Ranch is swinging into the fall season with a full calendar of events and activities. From soccer camps and road races to seasonal celebrations and a “Classic Car Cruise In”, the activities at Founder’s Square provide opportunities for people from all around the region to be part of the active, engaged lifestyle that is the hallmark of this eco-centric new town.

For those looking for athletic endeavors beyond the fitness classes meeting weekly at Founder’s Square, Saturday mornings through the end of October feature Kids Soccer Camp for youth from Kindergarten through grade five. And running enthusiasts of all ages will take to the roads and trails of Babcock Ranch on November 4th to compete in the “Fall into Fitness” 5k race.

You don’t have to put on workout gear to be part of the action at Babcock Ranch. Classic car buffs can come out on October 14th for music, prizes, giveaways and great food and drink at the “Classic Car Cruise In.” The free event will run from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Founder’s Square. Seasonal celebrations at Founder’s Square include a Pumpkin Patch open every day from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm starting on October 9th through the community Halloween “Trunk or Treat” celebration on October 31st from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

“The great thing about Babcock Ranch is that you don’t have to live here to be part of what we’re doing,” said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners. “We’re creating a real hometown, an inviting place where people from all around the area can connect



Above Left: Youth take the field for Soccer Camp every Saturday morning through the end of October. **Above Right:** Babcock Ranch is a great venue for competitive runners. The “Fall Into Fitness” 5k is scheduled for November 4th. **Left:** Classic cars, music, food and fun are on tap for Saturday, October 14th at Founders Square.

with nature and with each other.”

The 5k race on November 4th kicks off a full day of activities to celebrate two new neighborhoods now under construction - Trail’s End at Babcock Ranch and Parkside at Babcock Ranch. Lennar and Pulte are the most recent additions to Babcock Ranch’s roster of outstanding home builders, and both will open pre-

sales of homes on that day. There will be a farmers market in the morning and Trolley Tours for all the existing models.

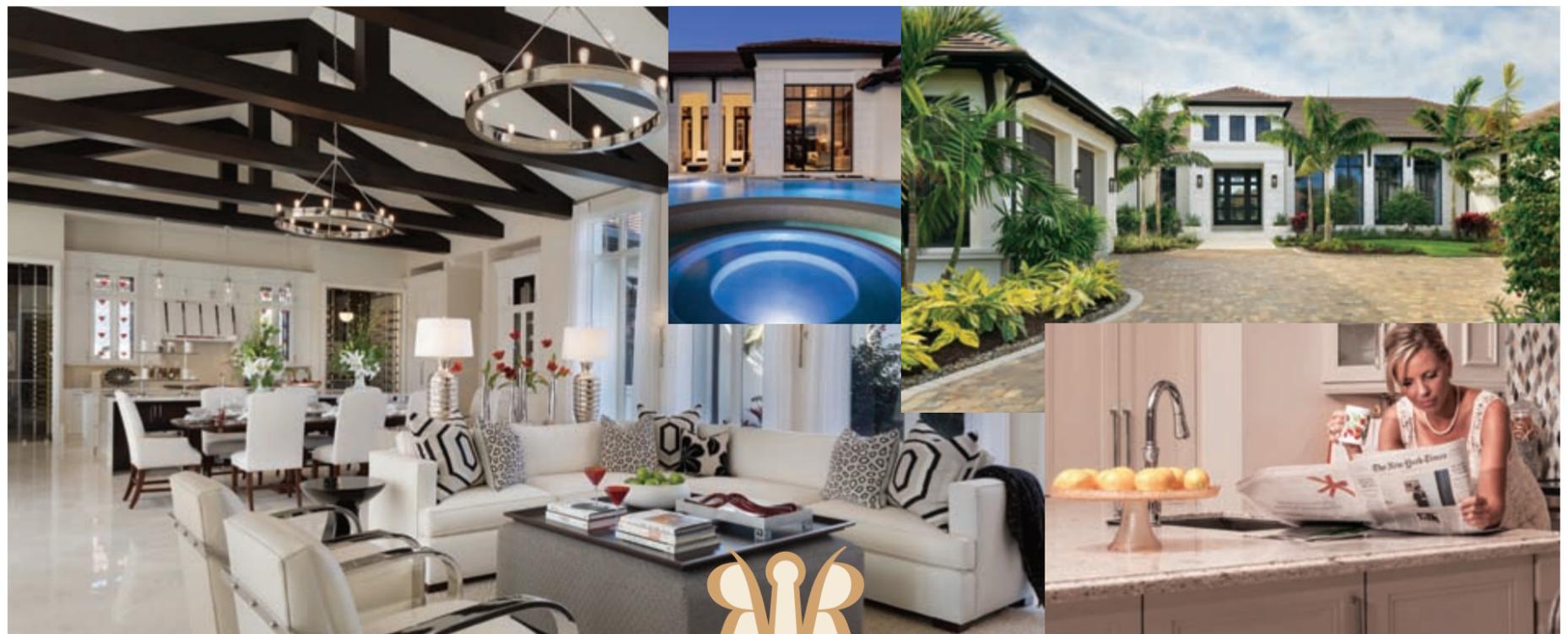
“The Pre-Construction offerings through Lennar and Pulte bring an exciting additional product offering in a price range that will complement the existing builders. We have received multiple requests for the style and price range offered by both Lennar and Pulte and now new residents can select their home,” said Al DiNicola, Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing.

Located off State Road 31 north of the Lee County Civic Center, the solar-powered town being built by Kitson & Partners will eventually include 19,500 homes, nearly 50,000 residents and six

million square feet of commercial space – all clustered in a town that devotes 50% of its 18,000-acre footprint to open greenspaces, trails and lakes.

“There’s really no limit to opportunities for residents and guests alike to reap the health benefits of a more active lifestyle here,” said Michelle Churchill, activities coordinator for Babcock Ranch. “From miles of trails, sparkling lakes and an activities calendar jam-packed with weekly, quarterly and annual events – everyone can find an enjoyable way to be actively involved.”

For more details on fall events, check out the activities calendar at www.babcockranch.com. ■



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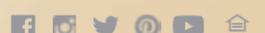
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Kalea Bay's community amenities popular with buyers

Tower 2 contracts remain strong

If the clubhouse is the social and recreational centerpiece of a community then Kalea Bay's will surely be one of the busiest places in the gated, luxury residential high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

"There are several reasons buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay," said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular community clubhouse. Not only will it be a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it will also be the envy of every community in the Naples' area."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance.

The clubhouse, which is currently under construction, will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet café, a gifts and sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Lodge.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"What better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico," stated Lodge. "This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

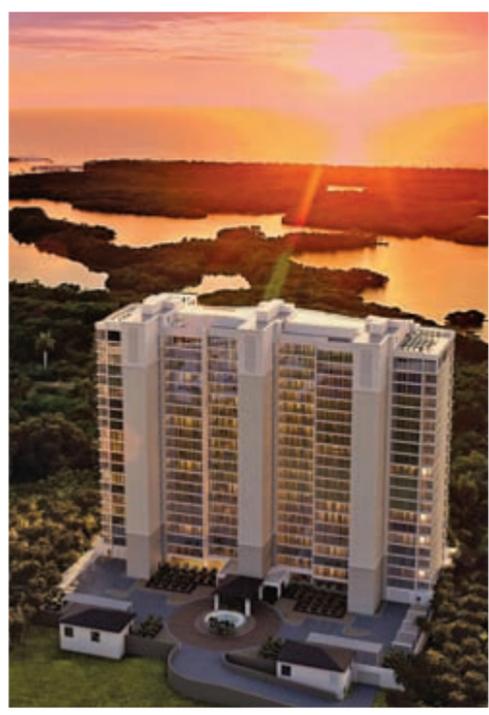
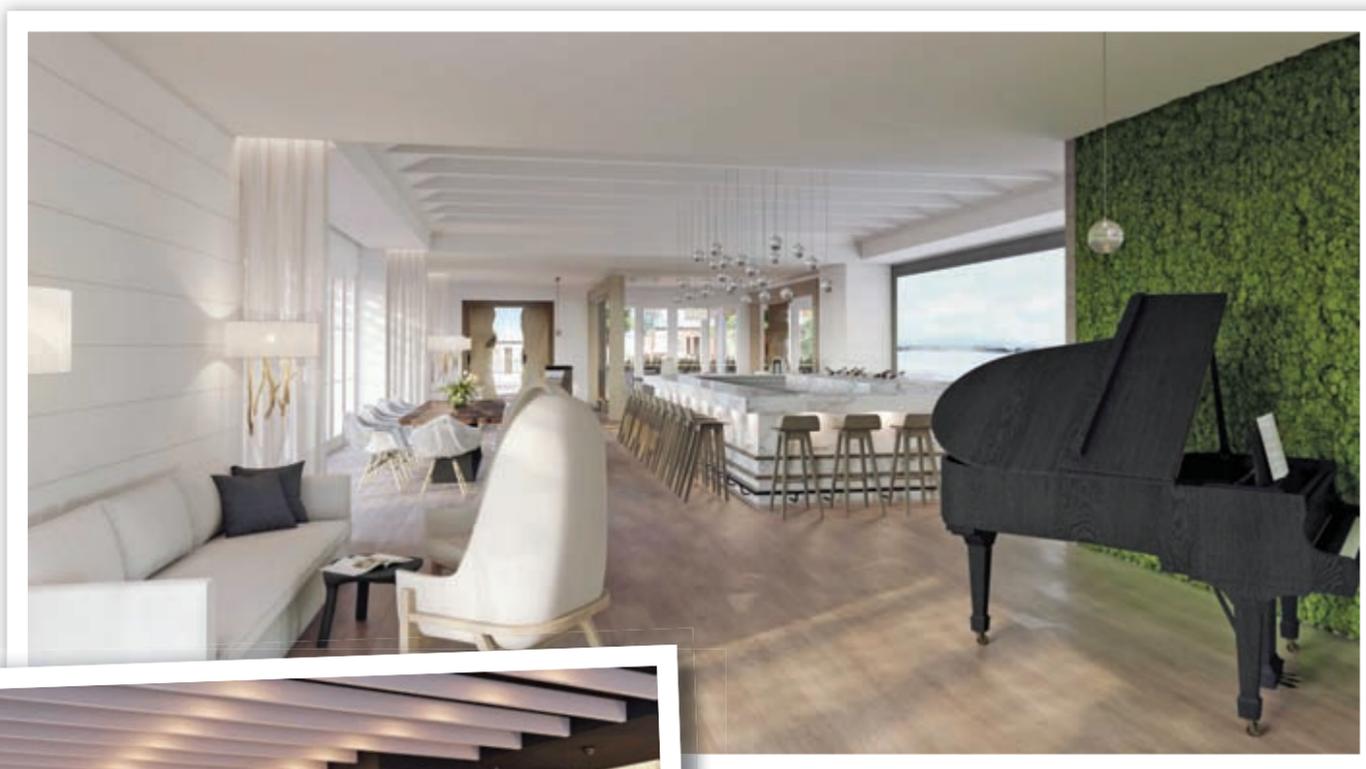
Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Lodge. "Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It's a real convenience."

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the fall and will coincide with the anticipated completion of the first residential tower, which is 90 percent sold.

"The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to recently



Above: Kalea Bay's clubhouse has a lounge that opens out to the adults-only pool. Left: The Bistro is the ideal place for Kalea Bay residents to enjoy a snack. Below: Kalea Bay's second tower is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. The fitness center features state-of-the-art equipment. Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three pools, all overlooking a lake.

release Tower 2 earlier this year," said Lodge. "Currently, the number of contracted residences in our second tower exceeds the \$60 million mark."

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. The incredibly designed residences offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve.

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 Gulf views are available to every homeowner, no matter which floor they live on as the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop including the sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million in Tower 1 and \$1.4 million in Tower 2.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples' area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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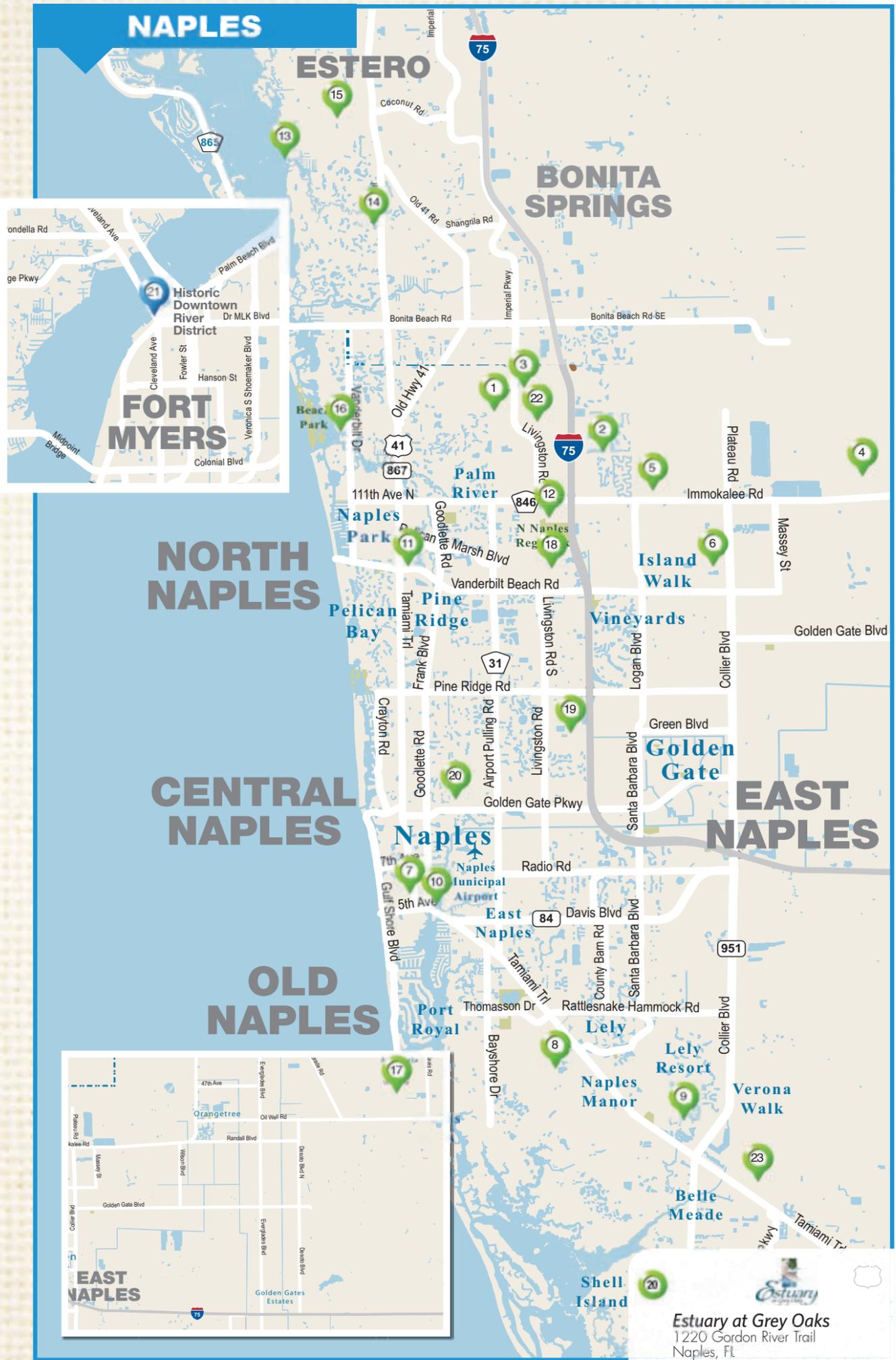


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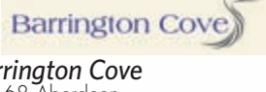
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Volunteer Expo set for Nov. 2

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Community members will be invited to learn more about opportunities to



get involved and volunteer in Collier County.

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Top: Gulfshore Homes' furnished Dorado estate model in Prato offers a total of 8,862 square feet with 6,336 square feet under air. Priced at \$4,849,000 furnished, the open concept floor plan includes a study, four bedrooms, and a four-car garage. **Above:** This 4,101-square-foot luxury home, priced at \$1,980,000 with three bedrooms, den and four baths, is available in Talis Park's Fairgrove neighborhood. **Left:** Vyne House clubhouse is the center of activity in the Talis Park, with opportunities for golf, dining, fitness, spa treatments, and more. The array of amenities Kitson has presented at Talis Park not only ensures residents can enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle, but also creates numerous opportunities for them to connect with one another on a personal level. Photo by Caronchi Photography.

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"We get to put all kinds of weapons onstage. It's not like Shakespeare where they're all fighting with the same type of sword."

— Dan Granke, director, "She Kills Monsters"



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Amy Hughes and Amelia Muriello play Agnes and Tilly, sisters who are imaginatively reunited in The Naples Players' production of Qui Nguyen's "She Kills Monsters." Agnes is guided through the game by Chuck Biggs, who runs a comic book store and is played by Zachary Pachil (right).

Qui Nguyen's story comes to life at Naples Players

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CONSIDERING POP CULTURE'S CURRENT FASCINATION with "Game of Thrones," it shouldn't be surprising that The Naples Players is capitalizing on audiences' thirst for fantastical political gamesmanship as entertainment. Luckily, the troupe's first production of the season, "She Kills Monsters," tackles ogres, fairies and sibling rivalry with humor and grace rather than pathos and carnage.

SEE MONSTERS, C4 ▶



Amelia Muriello rehearses a nasty encounter with an ogre played by Kelsey Brown.

Planes on display for annual show

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

When civilians in the path of a potentially deadly hurricane start running for shelter, the pilots of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron take to the air. Their courageous mission: to fly directly into the worst weather Mother Nature can throw at us, and communicate pertinent facts about the internal structure of impending storms.

They are called the "Hurricane Hunters," and the aircraft they use to accomplish their task — a WC-130J Super Hercules — will be one of the many exhibits and performances at the Florida International Air Show from Oct. 13-15 at Punta Gorda Airport.

The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, a component of the 403rd Wing located at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., is a one-of-a-kind organization. It is the only operational unit in the world flying weather reconnaissance on a routine basis.

The mission of the Hurricane Hunters is to recruit, organize and train assigned personnel to perform aerial weather reconnaissance. They provide surveillance of tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the central Pacific Ocean for the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The unit also flies win-

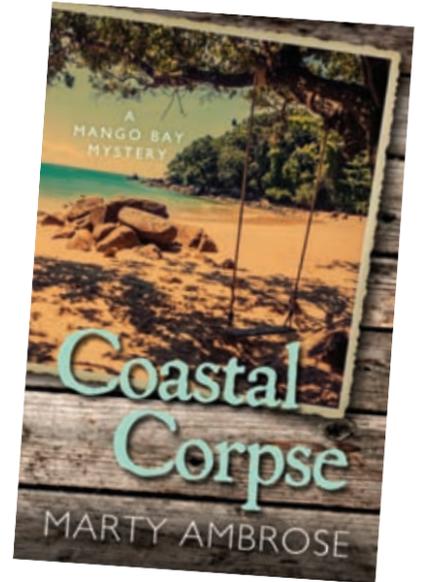


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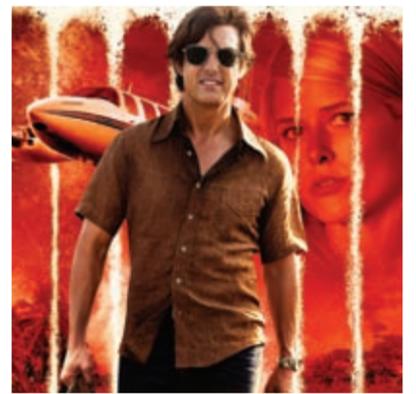
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FLORIDA WRITERS

When farmed tilapia are dying from bleach, it could be big



■ **“Coastal Corpse” by Marty Ambrose. Five Star. 229 pages. Hardcover \$25.95. Ebook \$3.99.**

Mallie Monroe is at it again in the fifth “Mango Bay Mystery.” She’s juggling two beaux. One is Cole, whose engagement ring she has managed to misplace (Freudian slip). The other is Nick, the chief police detective on Coral Island. Mallie seems to have a commitment problem.

She has other problems as well. Her job as a reporter for the Coral Island Observer has been immensely complicated by the secretary-receptionist’s honeymoon and the editor’s disappearance.

Suddenly, she finds herself in charge of just about everything, including getting out the next issue of the paper. There are just too many stories waiting to be researched and written.

Which is the feature and which are the fillers? Mallie is not happy about having to enlist the help of people with little or no experience. Things are chaotic.

A local crazy is trying to pin all her prob-



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lems, including a bad landscaping job, on Mallie and actually attacks her.

Aging lothario Pop Pop keeps imagining that he’s Mallie’s boyfriend. Madame Geri, a local psychic, does more harm than good as a fill-in reporter.

There is also a character whose violin bears scratches that resemble a portrait of Abraham Lincoln. Should Mallie choose this item as the lead story? Probably not.

And there is trouble at the Town Hall meeting where former friends and business associates are at each other’s throats.

When one of the ends up dead in a fish tank, the other is an obvious suspect — but there are plenty of other suspects to choose from, including jealous women. Now there’s a story.

Even Mallie’s friend and landlord, Wanda Sue, campaigning for a town council seat, finds trouble.

Many of the characters — and there are perhaps too many of them for a relatively compact novel — are quite colorful.

Their excesses are part of the novel’s fun.

Several don’t act their age — their relatively advanced age.

Others are simply wacky. It’s a community in which a frenzied motormouth like Mallie is the pillar of stability.

More complications. Bad fertilizer made from farm-raised tilapia killed by bleach is ruining gardens and crops.

Who’s behind this? Why?

Mallie has to help track down the culprit.

Marty Ambrose proves that small-town life, even on a modestly sized Southwest

Florida island, is not boring.

In fact, one of the greatest strengths of her novel and its predecessors is the author’s ability to portray the dynamics, attractions and foibles of such communities.

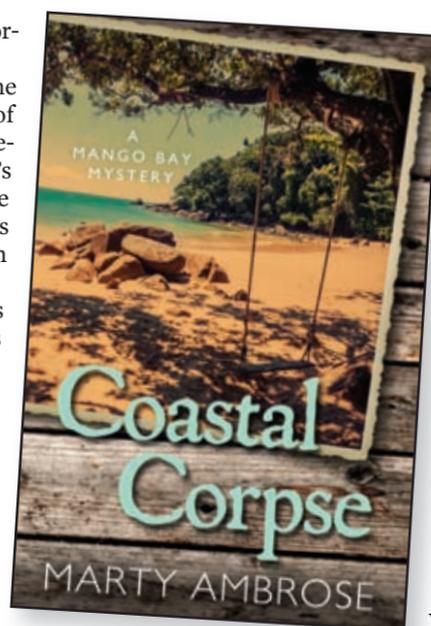
These are places where everyone knows — and knows about — everyone else. Where civic-minded people are generous with their time and tend to help each other out.

Where you sometimes can feel like a queen while living in an antique Airstream trailer in an RV park, as Mallie does.

This series provides several powerful examples of the “cozy mystery” subgenre, which is growing in popularity with such fine Florida writers as Nancy J. Cohen, Lucy Burdette, Diane Weiner and, of course, Marty Ambrose leading the way.

About the author

Pine Island resident Marty Ambrose has been a writer most of her life, consumed with the world of literature whether teaching English and creative writing at Florida Southwestern State College or creating her own fiction.



Her writing career has spanned almost two decades with eight published novels for Avalon Books, Kensington Books, Thomas & Mercer—and “Coastal Corpse” for Five Star.

During the last year, Ms. Ambrose has become increasingly interested in combining historical memoir and women’s fiction, which became her latest novel, “Claire’s Last Secret.”

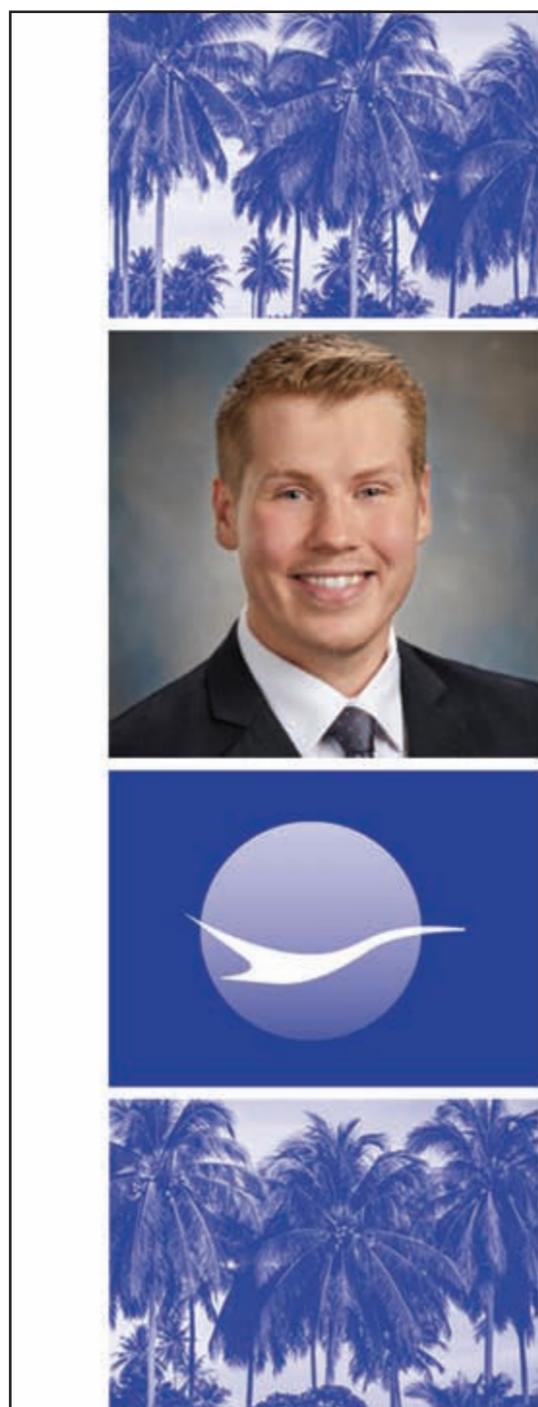
It takes place in both Florence and Geneva, where Ms. Ambrose researched this past

summer, and spans two eras played out against the backdrop of 19th-century Italy.

She loves telling a story — especially if it’s a Florentine conspiracy that unfolds in a “Downton Abbey”-esque setting.

Check into Ms. Ambrose’s website for more information about her: www.marty-ambrose.com. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, has written 20 books, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.



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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. So far more than 120 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 Spell-check, 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.

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.

The 2017 Florida Weekly Writing Challenge winner will be notified by Oct. 15, and the winning entry will be published soon after in all our editions.

Questions? Email writing@floridaweekly.com and we'll get back to you. ■



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MONSTERS

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Debuting Wednesday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Nov. 5, writer Qui Nguyen's award-winning play takes audiences on a journey into the fantasy role-playing game *Dungeons & Dragons* when Agnes, a school teacher, comes across her younger sister's gaming scenario years after her death. In an effort to finally understand Tilly, a sarcastic and nerdy teen, Agnes enlists a student's help to play her sister's game and is transported into her imagination.

"The younger sister is very alive in the game and so by entering (the module), Agnes gets introduced to her sister in a way she never knew her," said director El Armstrong. "She essentially reunites with her sister in the game, as well as her sister's friends and co-adventurers. She learns several things about her sister she didn't know."

Encountering your dead sibling in a world where she violently interacts with the mythical and mystical has to be illuminating, and Agnes wastes no time immersing herself in brawls and intrigue that bring out her inner superhero as well. The cast spent weeks mastering fight choreography with fight director Dan Granke for the play's many encounters. Most theater productions he works on have only one or two fights; "She Kills Monsters" dwarfs them at 10.

"The fights are a huge part of this play and are absolutely essential," he said. "The play is so much about adventure and the thrill of telling a fantasy story. For people who connect to that, the drama of the fights is a huge part of the play."

As a theater professional who specializes in movement, Mr. Granke said he gets to work on the best five minutes of any stage production. Working on "She Kills Monsters" is "a fight director's" dream because of the density of fights in the space of a ninety-minute show, he said.

"It's not just the same thing over and over again. Each has its own unique problem to solve," he said. "It's a chance to have a huge sandbox to work in and do a whole lot more stuff."

For instance, most audiences are accustomed to only seeing fencing—or just good old-fashioned fist fights—in more traditional productions. By working in the fantastical world of *Dungeons & Dragons*, Mr. Granke gets to dabble in medieval European and Asian sword play, hand-to-hand combat and train actors how to wield obscure weapons like the katana, the traditional weapon of Japanese samurai, or a falchion, a medieval sword of European origin that resembles a machete.

"It's only one thing if they all fight the same, so it's interesting to see that the characters all move differently and use different techniques," he said. "We get to put all kinds of weapons onstage. It's not like Shakespeare where they're all fighting with the same type of sword."

The physical requirements of the play are so demanding Mr. Armstrong invited Mr. Granke to be part of the casting process, which is unusual in his line of work.

"Because it was so heavy, I was part of the casting process, which is not usually not the case," he said. "I would evaluate their ability and would teach them a combo to see how they would pick things up."

One of Mr. Armstrong's challenges was the play's toggling between reality and fantasy. In film, characters easily travel through their imaginations while firmly planted in reality, but executing it onstage is difficult.

"The play takes place back and forth between Agnes' real world and the game world. There are times it shifts



Misha Ritter plays Lilith, a demon queen.

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Kylie Campbell plays Farrah, a combative forest fairy.

almost seamlessly back and forth," he said "There are really large challenges to producing a show that happens to be shifting between two realities at the drop of a hat."

But it all adds up to the flash and magic that will dazzle audiences who may not

ordinarily buy tickets to such a contemporary show, he said. It's a fast-moving and imaginative play that offers all the artistic pay-off of traditional theater in a more innovative form.

"It's certainly a different style that what the audiences here are accustomed

to, but they'll come in and get caught up in the flash of the show and the game and the humor of what's going on," Mr. Armstrong said. "I'm hoping they'll leave with things to think about like how do we treat people who are different in society and in our own lives and how much do we really know about the person next to us."

As this season's inaugural production, "She Kills Monsters" indicates a new motivation to incorporate different types of theater into The Naples Players repertoire, said artistic director Bryce Alexander. While there will always be shows that attract the troupe's more traditional audiences, this work and others like "Rapture, Blister Burn," which offers commentary on modern feminism and gender politics, will hopefully attract new audiences who don't often see their tastes reflected in the local arts scene.

"I think this is an audience who is not used to being entertained by live theater performances, or people who think of theater as being stuffy. They're not dissimilar from people who would see 'Rocky Horror Picture Show,'" Mr. Alexander said. "You have to be willing to step out of the box and try new things, otherwise it gets stale. That doesn't mean we can't produce the classics we all know and love, but we can try new things."

Despite being a departure from classic musicals and dramas, "She Kills Monsters" still conveys messages about the importance of community and family that are pertinent to all audiences.

"Your traditional audiences might not be used to the sword fights and younger humor, but the messages are the same," Mr. Alexander said. "The bottom line is that it's about love and family and needing community and that applies to everybody."

"She Kills Monsters" debuts Wednesday, Oct. 11, with a red carpet celebration with hors d'oeuvres, craft beer tastings and a performance by Steampunk Stompers at 6:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m. Through Sunday, Nov. 5, performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. in Sugden Community Theater's Blackburn Hall. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$35 for members, and \$10 for students and teachers. For more information about "She Kills Monsters" and other shows in The Naples Players 2017-2018 season,

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Fiesta continues to nurture 80 years later

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It's not a happy time in our country. People are divided, tensions are high. We've had natural disasters that have brought some parts of our country to the brink, and national tragedies that threaten to tear us apart.

But I know we will persevere.

I've made it a personal goal to surround myself with positive people and with things that make me happy.

It isn't always easy.

I was doing dishes in the dark after Hurricane Irma, and I had a sink filled with Fiesta-ware, from which my family, who had evacuated Fort Myers, had dined on grilled cheese sandwiches.

Most of the dishes had come from my grandmother Dorothy, who bought her set on an installment plan from a Pahokee merchant around 1936.

It was the depths of the Great Depression, and she was in an unhappy marriage.

But something about the bright colors lifted her spirits.

They also lifted mine.

When my grandparents parted company a decade later, she took her Fiesta-ware with her.

It was 1985 when I found the dishes stacked in bean hampers in the back of a tobacco pack house on the family farm in South Georgia.

There were dinner plates, cups, saucers and mugs.

The jewel tones of the turquoise and yellow glaze shone through the two decades of dust that covered the dishes.

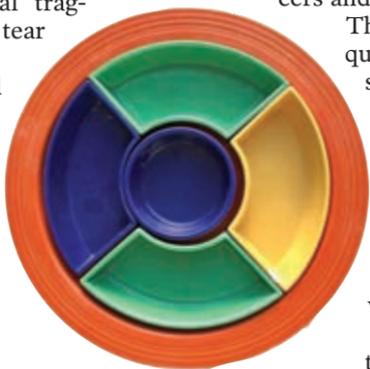
I pulled them out, and my grandmother asked how much Fiesta was selling for those days. Dinner plates were bringing upward of \$20 to \$30 apiece at the time.

I told her so, figuring she'd want to keep them. But she smiled and gave them to me.

It was a time of transition for me — I had just graduated from college and was looking for my first professional journalism job.

Those dishes inspired hope as I embarked on that journey, and have served me well over 30 years.

My grandmother showed everyone the pictures of my kitchen in Delray Beach,



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Fiesta relish tray with removable inserts, remains a favorite find.



FAMILY PHOTO

My grandmother, Dorothy Griffin Simmons Coulter, with my dad, David Simmons, around 1947 on what is now Banyan Boulevard in downtown West Palm Beach.

complete with her Fiesta on display. It was pretty, and it was comforting.

They're still on display and they still inspire a smile.

And I know she would be pleased that they're still part of the nurturing process in my family some 80 years later. ■



SCOTT SIMMONS / FLORIDA WEEKLY

This Fiesta-ware grill plate was made between 1936 and 1942.

THE FIND:

Fiesta-ware grill plate

Bought: The Church Mouse, 374 S. County Road, Palm Beach; 561-659-2154 or www.bbts.org/about-us/church mouse/.

Paid: \$14

The Skinny: I've found all manner of objects at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea's thrift store, The Church Mouse — beautiful Russian porcelain, interesting Heisey and Fenton glass.

But this Fiesta grill plate made me smile, and transported me to a time when restaurants and cafeterias had divided plates and trays.

Homer Laughlin, the company that makes Fiesta-ware, called this orange glaze "Red." It was made with uranium and it will set off radiation detectors.

Because of that, I probably will use it for display rather than dining. ■

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

She Kills Monsters – By The Naples Players Oct. 11-Nov. 5 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Paradise – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 14-29 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The Odd Couple: Female Version – By Broadway Palm Theatre through Oct. 29. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Groovin: The 60s and 70s Musical – By Broadway Palm Theatre through Oct. 8. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Outside Mullingar – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Oct. 22 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Maples & Vine – By The Naples Players Oct. 25-Nov. 19 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Sex Please, We're Sixty – By The Marco Players Oct. 25-Nov. 12 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.marcoplayers.org.



Actor, comedian and screenwriter Marlon Wayans, best known for his film "White Chicks" among other notable works, performs Thursday and Friday, Oct. 4-5, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. www.offthehookcomedy.com

THURSDAY 10.5

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

The Good Stuff – The Good Bad Kids perform from 6-9 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

I Can Do That – Comedian, actor, writer and producer Marlon Wayans performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club at 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

FRIDAY 10.6

Foreign Film – South Regional Library screens "Trash" (Brazil, 2014) at 2 p.m. Three kids who make a discovery in a garbage dump in Brazil soon find themselves running from the cops and trying to right a terrible wrong. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

SATURDAY 10.7

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

Improv Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Spring's improv troupe performs at 8 p.m. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

SUNDAY 10.8

Beach Treasures – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in October. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "We Shall Overcome" (Denmark, 2006) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. A drama about a young boy who is inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. and challenges a repressive school principal who is esteemed by the community. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

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MONDAY 10.9

Film for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Antonia's Line" (1995) at 7 p.m. A Dutch matron establishes and oversees a close-knit, matriarchal community for liberalism and feminism thrive for generations. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 10.10

Pups in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes leashed dogs from 8-11 a.m. Free for members, \$9.95 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Music Lecture – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation on the history and appeal of the string quartets from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at The Arlington. \$24 for members, \$29 for others. 7900 Arlington Cir. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

WEDNESDAY 10.11

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.

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.thegypsysseawitch.com.

Ancient History – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about how Greek cities influenced the culture, literature, art and architecture of Ancient Greece from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. 132 Moorings Park Drive. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

COMING UP

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a floral arrangement workshop focused on plant manipulation from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Boat Show – MarineMax hosts the first annual Marco Boat Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Oct. 13-15, at Rose River Marina. \$5, kids 12 and under are free. 951 Bald Eagle Drive. 682-0900 or www.marinemax.com.

Fundraiser – Pianist Jodi DeSalvo and surprise musical guests perform at a fundraiser for United State Air Force veteran Renee Whisner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Etudes de Ballet. \$50-\$60. 3285 Pine Ridge Road. 777-0416 or www.eventbrite.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Mozart's "Die Zauberflote" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.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 Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

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.

Zoo Lecture – Naples Zoo hosts a talk with zoologist Amy Dickinson about her lion conservation work with Ruaha Carnivore Project in Tanzania from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

Vocal Concert – Vocalist Sandra Rose performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Dr. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.com.

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

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.

Farmers Market – St. John Farmer's Market hosts produce vendors and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Friday, Oct. 20 and continuing each week through April. 289-3786 or www.41markets.com.

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.

Blessed – Emmanuel Lutheran Church hosts a blessing of the animals at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Please bring leashed or crated pets, or just a photo. 777 Mooring Line Drive. 261-0894 or www.naplesemmanuel.org.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Beer Fest – Brew Ha Ha returns to Mercato with more than 60 craft beers, a stein-holding competition, silent auction and live music by Rockin' Horse from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Blues Concert – Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$22-\$32. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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.

Free Concert – Naples Big Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Cambier Park. 597-3240 or www.naplesbigband.com.

Pointe After Dark – Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by Journey and Bon Jovi tribute band Titans of rock from 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. \$120-\$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

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 talks about and signs copies of 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.

Film Fest – Naples International Film Festival screens a variety of independent films Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 26-29. The festival kicks off with an opening night celebration and screening at Artis—Naples on Thursday. Screenings continue through the weekend at Silverspot Cinema before the festival returns to the arts center for Sunday's closing reception and awards. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

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

Boo La La – Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour and the Above Board Chamber host an NCH Community Blood Center blood drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the boutique at 900 Neapolitan Way. Sign up by emailing Sue Huff at sue@suehuff.com. For information about donating blood, visit www.givebloodcbc.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.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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

Blues Concert – Victor Wainwright & The Train perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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.

Pointe After Dark – Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by Billy Joel tribute artist Piano Man from 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. \$120-\$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

Mall-O-Ween – Miromar Outlets hosts trick-or-treating, contests, trunk-or-treat, music and more from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

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.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.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 presents “Scene to Be Scene,” a runway art show, starting 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.

Brew for the Birds – Everglades Wonder Gardens food trucks, local craft beers and live music to raise money for upgraded bird habitats from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. \$15-\$25. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or www.evergladeswondergardens.com.

Psychic Fair – Spirit’s Row hosts a psychic fair with a panel of readers, crystal light bed, table tipping, soul painting and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Unity Church of Bonita Springs. \$5. 28285 Imperial Pkwy. 947-3100 or www.unitybonita.com.

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

You Should Be Here – Country artist Cole Swindell performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Germain Arena. \$35-\$45. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

#SWFL TOP PICKS

10.11-11.5

■ Ogres, sword fights, combative fairies and more come to life in **The Naples Players’** production of “**She Kills Monsters,**” running Oct. 11-Nov. 2, at Sugden Community Theater. Playwright Qui Nguyen’s work centers on the imaginative rekindling of the relationship between Agnes, a school teacher played by Amy Hughes, and her deceased sister Tilly, a nerdy teen played by Amelia Muriello.
— www.naplesplayers.org

■ Mark your spot with some beach chairs and a blanket to enjoy a performance by **The Good Bad Kids**, who will perform a free concert on the lawn at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5.
— www.mercatoshops.com

10.5

■ **Campiello’s Champagne Tuesday** progressive pour ends Tuesday, Oct. 10, when guests can enjoy \$5 glasses of Perrier-Jouet at 5 p.m., \$6 glasses at 6 p.m. and so on through the evening for the last time this year.
— www.campiello.damico.com

10.10

■ Sondra Radvonovsky plays the titular role in Bellini’s “**Norma,**” screened live from The Metropolitan Opera at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct 7, at Paragon Pavilion.
— www.paragontheaters.com

10.7

10.14

■ Best known for his '70s pop ballad “American Pie,” folk singer **Don McLean** performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Southwest Florida Event Center.
— www.swflpac.com

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Pops – Broadway vocalists and circus acrobats perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 7-10, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Prog Rock – L.A.-based rockers Ambrosia performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$28-\$38. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Southern Rock – The Marshall Tucker Band and Charlie Daniels Band both perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$55-\$125. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Pointe After Dark – Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by a George Strait tribute artist from 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. \$120-\$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

Rocking Chair – Humorist Jean Robertson, a 73-year-old Youtube star known for her witty speeches and observations, performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. \$29-\$50. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.com.

Man in the Mirror – Southwest Florida Event Center hosts a Michael Jackson tribute and dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. \$25-\$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Dinner with the Artists – Naples Art Association pairs painter Marcus Zotter and chef Amber Phillips for a before-your-eyes collaboration that ends in a delicious dinner Tuesday, Nov. 14. \$130 per person, \$250 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Art Reception – East West Fine Art Gallery hosts an opening reception for painter Nick Kosciuk's "The Butterfly Has Three Lives," which captures children living in Belorussian orphanages, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. 821-9459 or www.eastwestfineart.com.

Zoo Lecture – Naples Zoo hosts a talk with veterinarian and Florida bonneted bat specialist Frank Ridgley from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

Jazz Concert – Trumpeter and saxophonist Fernando Ferrone performs Latin jazz from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive.

Masterworks – The Naples Philharmonic performs works by Sibelius, Britten and Debussy at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and Nov. 18, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Last Man Standing – Comedian Tim Allen performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of "The Exterminating Angel" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragonthetheaters.com.

Tribute Show – Journey tribute band Chain Reaction performs a dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$25-\$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Art Show – Hotworks hosts the 20th bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show, a juried fine art and craft event, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at Gulf Coast Town Center. www.hotworks.org.

Free Film – Mercato screens "Moana" (2016) on the lawn at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

You've Got A Friend In Me – Composer Randy Newman performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Pointe After Dark – Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by a BeeGees tribute band from 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29. \$120-\$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

Scaramouche – Queen tribute band God Save The Queen performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Germain Arena. \$33-\$63. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Downtown Christmas – Fifth Avenue South hosts its 44th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting with performance troupes, music, a tree lighting at Sugden Plaza and more from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Free. 692-8436 or www.fifthvenuesouth.com.

Lonesome For You – Country star LeAnn Rimes performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

A Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Opera hosts its annual holiday dinner with performances of popular melodies and opera scenes at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at

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Club at The Strand. \$125. 5840 Strand Blvd. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Masterworks - The Naples Philharmonic performs works by Brahms, Saint-Saens and Meyer at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Show - Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Met Live - Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Humperdinck's "Hansel & Gretel" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Tribute Show - Jimmy Buffet tribute band Caribbean Chillers performs a dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$25-\$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Slam Dunk - The Harlem Globetrotters bring their basketball wizardry to Germain Arena at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Pointe After Dark - Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by a tribute band devoted to The Beatles from 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. \$120-\$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

Elves on Parade - Fifth Avenue South hosts a Christmas parade that processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South from 6-8 p.m. Tues-

day, Dec. 12. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

Dinner with the Artists - Naples Art Association pairs painter Michael Monroe and chef Bob Schultz of Creative Catering Naples for a before-your-eyes collaboration that ends in a delicious dinner Thursday, Dec. 14. \$130 per person, \$250 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

All About That Bass - Over 70 musicians playing tubas, euphoniums and more perform Christmas favorites at Fifth Avenue South's annual Tuba Christmas at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at Sugden Plaza. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

Choral Concert - Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida and the Symphony Orchestra of Southwest Florida performs a holiday pops concert from 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs. 28290 Beaumont Road. 560-5695 or www.symphonicchorale.org.

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Noble Ape - Comedian Jim Gaffigan performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Germain Arena. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Art ALIVE - The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Tribute Show - Tina Turner tribute band Simply Tina performs a dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$25-\$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Holocaust Lecture - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture entitled "Thank You for the Bomb, Mr. Hitler," from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 11, at Hodges University. \$12 per lecture, \$60 for the series. amay@hodges.edu or 598-6153.

Art Show - Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Still odd, but female, at the Off Broadway Palm

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Opposites attract.
But they also repel.

And that's the basis for interesting comedy, as playwright Neil Simon well knows.

Over 50 years ago, he created *The Odd Couple* — Felix and Oscar — a neurotic, uptight, obsessive-compulsive neat freak and his easygoing, live-and-let-live, messy buddy.

The two wind up living together when Felix's wife throws him out.

Of course, they drive each other crazy.

"*The Odd Couple*" also became a movie and in the '70s a popular TV series. It's enjoyed countless revivals. In 1985, Mr. Simon rewrote the play, turning the male characters into women.

It's that female version that's playing at the Off Broadway Palm through Oct. 29 with Florence and Olive instead of Felix and Oscar.

Poker nights with the guys turn into women playing *Trivial Pursuit*; the Pigeon Sisters who live upstairs become a pair of divorced brothers from Spain.

The play is set in the '80s, which means, in addition to *Trivial Pursuit*: landlines, turntables, white belts, blue eye shadow and even a reference to *The Fonz*.

Kelly Legarreta plays Olive Madison, a sports-loving, messy woman. She wonders: what's the point of cleaning? "When you're dead, they throw dirt on you anyway," she reasons.

Ms. Legarreta is a good fit for this role; feisty and outspoken, she's like Peppermint Patty come to life.

When her friend Florence Unger's marriage breaks up, Florence winds up staying with Olive. Katie Pankow plays her as high-strung hypochondriac who's obsessive-compulsive when it comes to cleaning.

"I feel better when I'm cleaning," she explains. It might make her feel better, but it makes everyone else miserable.

She goes too far, giving the gang linen napkins on game night and even disinfecting the *Trivial Pursuit* cards. She's like an overly attentive waiter who hovers over your table, snatching away your plate before you've even finished your meal.



COURTESY PHOTOS
Kelly Legarreta as Olive Madison
and Katie Pankow as Florence Unger.

From left: Kelly Legarreta as Olive Madison, Shannon Connolly as Mickey, Melissa Whitworth as Vera, Katie Pankow as Florence Unger, Dena Galyean as Sylvie and ML Graham as Renee.



"She turned a nice friendly game into the Christian Science Reading Room," a friend complains.

In addition to feeling suicidal, Florence has a stiff neck, back problems, bursitis, a sinus condition and is allergic to perfume.

She's such a neat freak her idea of the ideal Christmas gift is probably a vacuum cleaner she could ride like a John Deere tractor.

The two are like Mutt and Jeff, physically. Florence is tall and thin while Olive is short and built more for comfort than for speed.

The two drive each other nuts.

The scenes when all the women are together on stage, playing *Trivial Pursuit* and kibitzing, are some of the best in the play.

Shannon Connolly plays Mickey, a cop; Sylvie (Dena Galyean) is straight out of Staten Island; ML Graham plays Renee, a sophisticated woman who's dating a doctor; and Melissa Whitworth is Vera, ditsy-ness personified. (To show how dim-witted she is, she's going on

vacation to Florid — in the summer. I'm not sure what that says about those of us who live here year-round.)

These women are great when they're interacting around the dining room table, but not as funny when literally chasing each other around in a line throughout the apartment.

The clothes (by Costume Designer Jim Conti) are straight out of the '80s, complete with big hair and not-subtle make-up. (But I couldn't figure out why Olive, a single woman, was wearing such a prominent wedding ring.)

The apartment, by P&P Designs, is too generic. They try to New York-ize it by putting a Yankees pennant and a photo of the Brooklyn Bridge on the wall, but that's just minor accessorizing. It could easily pass for an apartment — or hotel room — in Ohio or Anytown, USA. The doors all look like closet doors, including the front door, which, get this: does not have even one single lock, deadbolt or chain on it. You gotta

be kidding me, I thought. There's no way this is an apartment on Riverside Drive in New York City.

A little more attention to detail would have gone a long way in making this set more realistic.

The women also pronounce Florence's name as if they're all Midwesterners, as if it has an extra "o" in it: Floor-ence. (I bet they pronounce orange as "OAR-ange" too.)

Thing get a little strange in the second act, when Olive invites the two divorced brothers from Spain to dinner: Manolo (Nicu Brouillette) and Jesus (Pedro Kaawaloa), two spiffy dressers who stand up when a woman stands, and kiss her hand upon meeting. The brothers even laugh alike.

While the brothers are entertaining, the jokes seem a little old — the misunderstandings with the English language and its idioms. But the duo gamely makes the best of the dialogue. The audience liked them, and laughed.

To me, some of the funniest moments are when they sit in awkward silence, flailing around for conversation. Olive is a mass of ticks and fidgets.

Director Paul Bernier played Felix Unger in "*The Odd Couple*" on the same stage two years ago, so he knows the play inside out. And the cast benefits from his experience. (Ms. Pankow was also in that production, as one of the Pigeon sisters.)

If you're needing some light entertainment, a silly reason to laugh, "*The Odd Couple, Female Version*," can provide that. The very thing that may frustrate some theater-goers — its predictability — is the same thing that will provide comfort to others. And during these uncertain times, predictability is in short supply and very welcome.

A girls' night out with these women is fun, a new twist on an old classic by a comedic pro. ■

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'The Odd Couple: Female Version'

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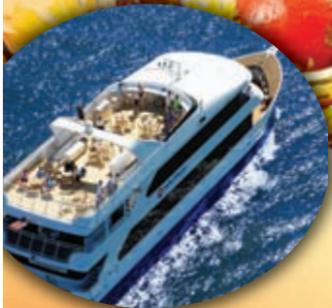
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"The Collection," Oct. 8

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MONDAY, OCT. 9, 10 P.M.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 7, 10 P.M.

Keeping Up Appearances

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 10, 8 P.M.

**Finding Your Roots
Season 4, Part 2
Unfamiliar Kin**

Actors Fred Armisen and Christopher Walken and musician Carly Simon each learn about a grandparent whose real identity and background had been a mystery to them redefining how they see themselves.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8, 9 P.M.

**Poldark
Season 3, Part 2**

Ross goes to revolutionary France; George dispenses rough justice; Drake falls for Morwenna.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 9 P.M.

**Nova
Ghosts of Stonehenge**

Who built Stonehenge and why? Discover how the last decade of groundbreaking archaeological digs has revealed major new clues to Britain's enigmatic 5,000-year-old site and the people who constructed it. ■

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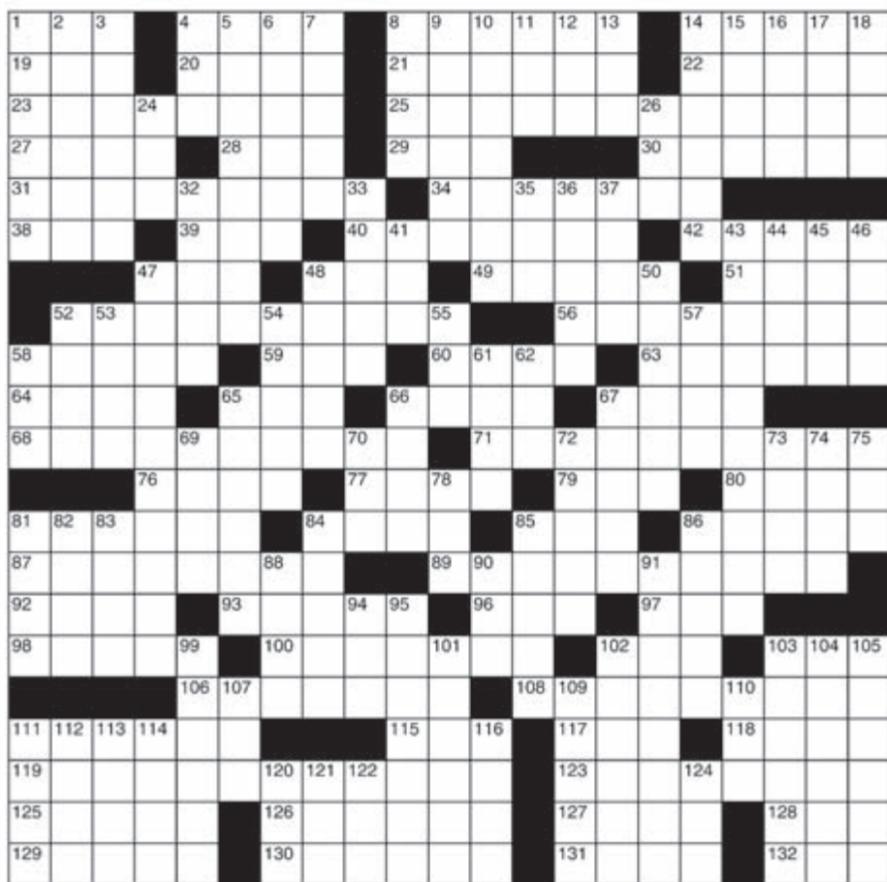
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PUZZLES

26 BEGINNING TO END

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nest item
 - 4 Funny Mort
 - 8 Casual top
 - 14 Cape, e.g.
 - 19 British lav
 - 20 Jai —
 - 21 Its capital is Roma
 - 22 Berry of "The Call"
 - 23 * Group for motorists
 - 25 * Turn a profit, say
 - 27 Jogging pace
 - 28 Scheming
 - 29 Drench
 - 30 On the other side of
 - 31 * "La Vie en Rose" singer
 - 34 * Amass wealth
 - 38 Aug. hours
 - 39 Bonn "one"
 - 40 Nail file materials
 - 42 As dry as —
 - 47 — Man defense
 - 48 "Rugrats" father
 - 49 Baddie's look
 - 51 Son of Eve
 - 52 * 2009 R. Kelly song
 - 56 * Stay calm
 - 58 10,000,000 ergs
 - 59 Lend support
 - 60 Tip sheet statistics
 - 63 Compares
 - 64 Askew
 - 65 Guevara the guerrilla
 - 66 Greek diner menu item
 - 67 Lushes
 - 68 * Fulfill, as a promise
 - 71 * What you don't need a return ticket for
 - 76 Only
 - 77 Skew
 - 79 Cat paw part
 - 80 Speed test
 - 81 Crucial arteries
 - 84 — noire
 - 85 D.C. VIP
 - 86 Like tapestries
 - 87 * "No noise allowed" Amtrak area
 - 89 * Kids' chemistry set, e.g.
 - 92 Fed. of Brezhnev
 - 93 Deliver an address
 - 96 Walk — (small parts)
 - 97 Chemical ending
 - 98 Nuclear trial, for short
 - 100 Run-of-the-mill
 - 102 "Inc." relative
 - 103 Start for marital
 - 106 * 13th-century pope
 - 108 * General Mills cereal
 - 111 Cascade Range peak
 - 115 — kwon do
 - 117 Squirmy fish
 - 118 With 104-
 - 119 * The mineral citrine, e.g.
 - 123 What the first and last letters of 13 answers in this puzzle proceed through
 - 125 Lowest point
 - 126 Lift
 - 127 Printer's unit
 - 128 Chemical ending
 - 129 Gives applause
 - 130 Capital of 95-Down
 - 131 Harper of Hollywood
 - 132 Seaport of Scotland
- DOWN**
- 1 Highly happy
 - 2 Pumpkins, e.g.
 - 3 "Get busy!"
 - 4 Body pouch
 - 5 Pumpkin pie ingredient
 - 6 Cart off to the jailhouse
 - 7 Tripoli's land
 - 8 Quirky mannerisms
 - 9 Moe or Larry
 - 10 Impedes
 - 11 — du Diable
 - 12 — de Oro
 - 13 Frat letter
 - 14 Mambo relative
 - 15 Actor Bert
 - 16 Roll topper
 - 17 Sad cry
 - 18 Adidas rival
 - 24 Slugger Mel
 - 26 Tic- — -toe
 - 32 Fling
 - 33 Regaled
 - 35 Element #50
 - 36 Smells nasty
 - 37 "Ahh, OK"
 - 41 Post-rain dirt
 - 43 Swimming specialty
 - 44 Woodwind instrument
 - 45 Gas in lights
 - 46 Pipe elbows
 - 47 Leisure suit fabrics
 - 48 Recoiled (from)
 - 50 Add ammo
 - 52 Des Moines' state
 - 53 Wait secretly
 - 54 Western lake
 - 55 Happiness
 - 57 Feel for
 - 58 Clog
 - 61 Let go of
 - 62 Put on
 - 65 Big name in old video game consoles
 - 66 Itty-bitty biter
 - 67 Football Hall of Famer Lynn
 - 69 Butting beast
 - 70 Be in debt to
 - 72 Foil relatives
 - 73 Shankar with a sitar
 - 74 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
 - 75 Ballpoint, e.g.
 - 78 In medias —
 - 81 Blue-green
 - 82 Force to go
 - 83 Go skyward
 - 84 "Well done, diva!"
 - 85 Raw power
 - 86 George of "Cheers"
 - 88 Saudi, e.g.
 - 90 Turning tooth
 - 91 Bean trees of India
 - 94 Fifth of fifty
 - 95 African country
 - 99 Teaches one-on-one
 - 101 2009 James Cameron film
 - 102 Sobieski of Hollywood
 - 103 Great fear
 - 104 See 118-Across
 - 105 New Hampshire prep school
 - 107 Unedited
 - 109 Bodily pump
 - 110 "— ching!"
 - 111 Align, briefly
 - 112 Get well
 - 113 Alan of TV and film
 - 114 Tiny mistake
 - 116 Poet Pound
 - 120 Sine — non
 - 121 Increases
 - 122 Ulna's place
 - 124 Royal Navy inits.



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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't unwittingly reveal work-related information to the wrong person. Best to say nothing until you get official clearance to open up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With things settling down at work or at home, you can now take on a new challenge without fear of distraction. Be open to helpful suggestions from colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity can help resolve an emotional situation that might otherwise get out of hand. Continue to be your usual caring, sensitive self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could impress a lot of influential people with the way you untangle a few knotty problems. Meanwhile, a colleague is set to share some welcome news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor recharging

your social life and meeting new people. It's also a good time to renew friendships that might be stagnating due to neglect on both sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. Your talent for working out a highly technical problem earns you well-deserved praise. The weekend could bring news about a friend or relative.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel compelled to get involved on the "right side" of a seemingly unfair fight. But appearances can be deceptive. Get the facts before going forth into the fray.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bullying others into agreeing with your position could cause resentment. Instead, persuade them to join you by making your case on a logical point-by-point basis.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist pushing for a workplace decision you might feel is long overdue.

Your impatience could backfire. Meanwhile, focus on that still-unsettled personal situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor doing something different. You might decide to redecorate your home, or take a trip somewhere you've never been, or even change your hairstyle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might want to take a break from your busy schedule to restore your energy levels. Use this less- hectic time to also reassess your plans and make needed changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) What you like to think of as determination might be seen by others as nothing more than stubbornness. Try to be more flexible if you hope to get things resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of justice makes you a strong advocate for the rights of people and animals alike. ■

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An unwilling accomplice

BY STEVE BECKER

According to a popular song, one good way to get by is with a little help from your friends. Bridge players sometimes can go a step further by enlisting the aid of the enemy to help them out of a difficult predicament.

Consider today's deal from the 1987 North American Swiss Team Championship. South, Dorothy Truscott, had a difficult decision after East's weak two-heart opening. A double would be for takeout and might well elicit an unwelcome club response, while the unbalanced distribution and lack of fillers argued against a two-notrump overcall. So she elected to pass, hoping her partner would reopen the bidding, as in fact happened.

West led the heart eight against three notrump. East covered dummy's ten with the jack, and Truscott ducked. East switched to the king of diamonds, and declarer ducked twice before taking the ace. She then successfully finessed the club queen and cashed the ace, discarding a small spade, before leading the three of hearts from dummy.

East had to put up the nine to prevent South from winning the trick with the seven. Truscott won with the king and cashed the A-K of spades to bring her total thus far to six tricks. It was now time to enlist the help of the enemy. So after cashing the second spade, she exited with a diamond to East's nine.

With nothing but hearts left, East had to lead from the Q-6-4 to South's A-7.

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ K 9 3			
♥ 10 3			
♦ 5 2			
♣ A Q 9 7 4 3			
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 8 6 5 4		♠ Q 10	
♥ 8		♥ Q J 9 6 4 2	
♦ J 10		♦ K Q 9 8	
♣ K J 8 6 5		♣ 10	
SOUTH			
♠ A 7 2			
♥ A K 7 5			
♦ A 7 6 4 3			
♣ 2			

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

This not only gave declarer an extra heart trick, but also provided the entry with which to cash her good diamond.

So Truscott wound up scoring two club tricks, two spades, two diamonds and three hearts — just enough for her contract. The result gave her team a 10-IMP pickup when the North-South pair at the other table stopped in three clubs and went down one. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Stronger ★★★

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany, Miranda Richardson) After losing his legs from just above the knee in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, Jeff Bauman (Gyllenhaal) adapts to a new lifestyle with his girlfriend (Maslany), mother (Richardson) and friends helping him. It's an inspiring true story, and Gyllenhaal's performance is Oscar-worthy. Rated R.

Patti Cakes ★★★1/2

(Danielle Macdonald, Bridget Everett, Cathy Moriarty) Patti (Macdonald), an overweight white girl in New Jersey, dreams of becoming a rap star. Macdonald makes a splash in what could be a breakout performance, but the movie is too predictable to be truly memorable. Rated R.

The Trip To Spain ★★★1/2

(Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Claire Keelan) Friends and comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon play versions of themselves as they sample fine dining and tourist attractions throughout Spain. Most of it is good conversation that's reasonably consistently funny, though it does get a bit too chatty for its own good at times. Not Rated: Adult themes.

Rebel in the Rye ★★★

(Nicholas Hoult, Kevin Spacey, Sarah Paulson) Author J.D. Salinger (Hoult) struggles to be a writer and later struggles with success in this uneven biopic. It's a conventional movie for perhaps the most unconventional artist of our time - there's little doubt the real Salinger (who died in 2010) would hate it. Rated PG-13.

The Only Living Boy in New York ★1/2

(Callum Turner, Pierce Brosnan, Kate Beckinsale) In his early 20s and aimless in New York City, Thomas (Turner) sleeps with his father's (Brosnan) mistress (Beckinsale) and ends up even more confused about life. The ending is decent, but this is the type of indie that's full of high-minded ideas that never amount too much. Rated R.

Wind River ★★★1/2

(Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen, Kelsey Asbille) In a frigid and remote Wyoming territory, a hunter/tracker (Renner) and inexperienced FBI agent (Olsen) search for the murderer of a teenage girl (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 (Tatum, Driver, Riley Keough) and career criminal Joe Bang (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 11"), and is full of cameos to keep you smiling. Rated PG-13.

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 Ms. Berry that mediocrity is not good enough. Rated R. ■



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Anti-heroes are a curious breed. Law-breakers who buck authority curry favor because we like them and often sympathize with their plight. The fact that they're doing something illegal is an afterthought. Isn't it interesting how easily movies get us to put aside our values of morality, law and order for the sake of entertainment?

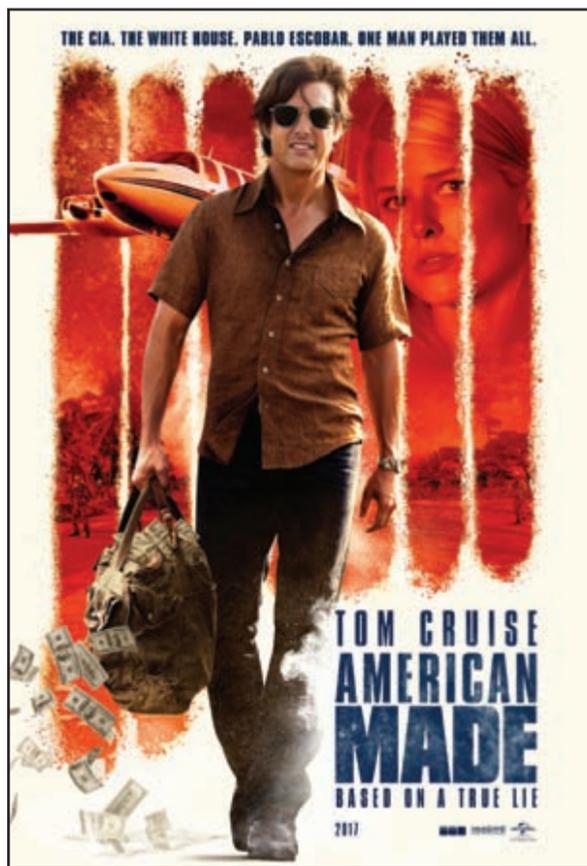
In "American Made," which is based on a true story, our anti-hero is Barry Seal (Tom Cruise). It's the late '70s. He's an airline pilot struggling to provide for wife Lucy (Sarah Wright) and their kids. One day in a hotel bar he meets Schafer (Domhnall Gleeson), a CIA agent there to recruit Barry to take aerial photos of Central and South America. Barry does, and does it well, so more work follows, such as handling pickups and drop-offs with General Noriega in Panama.

To this point Barry hasn't done anything wrong. He's just following CIA orders. In Colombia he meets Pablo Escobar (Mauricio Mejia) and Jorge Ochoa (Alejandro Edda), who get him to smuggle drugs into the United States. And so the real, wacky fun of Gary Spinelli's script begins.

Years of smuggling both drugs and guns, followed by years of money laundering after Barry becomes filthy rich, ensue. We get the expected montage of lavish parties and everything going great, followed by the inevitable fall from fortune that often accompanies stories motivated by avarice. Through it all we like and root for Barry, in part because we know the U.S. government is giving him a raw deal, and in part because this is escapist entertainment that allows us law-abiding citizens to

fantasize about the thrills of Barry's actions.

A main appeal in this type of film should be its style, yet at times it's lacking. Director Doug Liman's (who made the tremendous "Edge of Tomorrow" with Cruise in 2014) soft, muted colors, coupled with a simplistic style to the camera work, means the film rarely explodes off the screen. This story, which is captivating, needs to resonate with period music, creative editing and pizzazz. After all, it's a crazy movie about drugs, money and corrupt governments — let the visceral experience of watching it also reflect that craziness.



Thankfully, both the movie itself and Cruise (who seems a bit old for the role) are compelling enough to make "American Made" worthy of your attention. Barry Seal may not be the most likeable anti-hero, but his story — especially because it's based on true events — is not one you will soon forget. ■

in the know

>> Barry Seal appeared as a character in two quick scenes in "The Infiltrator" (2016), a good movie about a U.S. Customs Agent (Bryan Cranston) who exposes Pablo Escobar's money laundering scheme.

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AIR SHOW

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ter storm missions off both coasts of the United States.

To perform their mission, the Hurricane Hunters have 10 of the WC-130Js at their disposal. These Super Hercules aircraft are equipped with palletized meteorological data-gathering instruments. The WC-130J is the next generation "Hurricane Hunter," designed to continue weather reconnaissance well into the 21st century.

It's quite a sophisticated operation for a program that started in a barroom.

The right stuff

Aerial reconnaissance of tropical storms technically began in September 1935. Until then, the United States Weather Bureau's hurricane warning system depended largely on reports from ships at sea. But that was just observation — not penetration.

It was 1943 when two Army Air Corps pilots dared each other to actually fly through a hurricane. Rising up to the challenge on July 27, 1943, Maj. Joe Duckworth flew a propeller-driven, single-engine North American AT-6 "Texan" trainer twice into the eye of a hurricane. These were generally considered to be the first airborne attempts to obtain data for use in plotting the position of a tropical cyclone as it approached land. Maj. Duckworth's pioneering efforts paved the way for further flights into tropical cyclones.

The 53rd WRS was originally activated in 1944 during World War II as the 3rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Route, Medium, tracking weather in the



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Above: The 403rd Wing, Air Force reserve hurricane weather reconnaissance.

North Atlantic between North American and Europe. Since that time, the Hurricane Hunters have had many designations and called many airfields home — New Hampshire, Bermuda, England, Saudi Arabia and Florida — before settling in Mississippi.

After being deactivated for more than two years, the 53rd WRS was reactivated on Nov. 1, 1993, and assigned to the Air Force Reserve.

In September 1999, the 53rd WRS received its first of 10 WC-130Js. While in conversion to the new airframe, the unit continued its mission of aerial weather

reconnaissance and added a new weather-related mission in 2003, using the WC-130Js to drop buoys ahead of impending tropical storms.

In the heart of the storm

The WC-130J Hercules — the weather data collection platform for the 53rd WRS — is a high-wing, medium-range aircraft plied with weather instrumentation for penetration of tropical disturbances and storms, hurricanes and winter storms to obtain data on movement, size and intensity.

The WC-130J provides data vital to

tropical cyclone forecasting. The WC-130J usually penetrates hurricanes at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet to collect meteorological data in the vortex, or eye, of the storm. The aircraft normally flies a radius of about 105 miles from the vortex to collect detailed data about the structure of the tropical cyclone.

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loadmaster will release a dropsonde. During its descent, until it slams into the water below, it transmits temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and wind direction back to the aircraft. This is the information the hurricane forecasters use to decide if the storm is getting stronger or weaker.

The data, which is forwarded to the NHC, can increase weather forecast accuracy by up to 20-30 percent. The most important use of the wind speed data is when the hurricane is approaching a coastline and is going to make land-

fall. The forecasters at the NHC have the daunting responsibility to decide how much of the coast needs to be evacuated, and what types of watches and warnings to issue. Knowing precisely where the damaging winds are can make these difficult decisions a little easier.

The Hurricane Hunters program is, obviously, risky work. But in case you question the dependability of the 53rd WRS Squadron, consider this: Despite heavy damage to their home station caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the unit continued its weather reconnais-

sance mission without missing a single tasking.

"It's important to be prepared," said Maj. Ryan Rickert, 53rd WRS aerial reconnaissance weather officer, in a press release. "It's why we do this, so we can have better forecasts, and people have time to prepare and evacuate." ■

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Naples Zoo set to reopen; free to Collier residents

The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens will come back to life on Oct. 14. A great deal of repair has occurred following extensive damage to the grounds, according to the Naples Zoo, and its remaining needs should be met by that weekend.

As a welcome-back gesture, the Naples Zoo is giving Collier County residents a steep discount; locals will be admitted free on Oct. 14 and 15. For other Floridians, the cost will be \$5.

Daily zoo activities will return to normal, according to a zoo spokesperson. The nonprofit is still asking for donations to go toward recovery efforts. However, it's happy to provide locals a break from the hardships they've faced the last several weeks.

"Floridians have been through a stressful time with the impacts from Hurricane Irma," said Naples Zoo President and CEO Jack Mulvena. "With the support we have been shown, our staff felt strongly that we wanted to give back to the community with this weekend. We could all use a relaxing day enjoying time with loved ones doing normal activities."

While donations can help rebuild exhibits and structures in weeks or months, the winds of Hurricane Irma removed decades of growth inside the botanical garden in just a few hours — including two nearly century-old specimens planted by gardens founder Dr. Henry Nehrling. The zoo's horticulture team, alongside multiple crews of arborists from The Davey Tree Expert Company, is on-site conducting exten-



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A Malayan tiger greets a guest behind a glass partition at the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. The zoo reopens on Oct. 14 after being damaged by Hurricane Irma.

sive tree care. Donations are also being accepted for these efforts as well as establishing new plantings for future generations to enjoy.

Recovery has been expedited by a tremendous team effort between staff and volunteers — and even crews coming from as far away as Kansas City Zoo, Oklahoma City Zoo, Sedgwick County Zoo, St Louis Zoo and Topeka Zoo. Naples Zoo has also received support from other zoos sending needed equipment, checks and even online donors who purchase items through its Amazon wish list: www.tiny.cc/zooneeds. All this has enabled the zoo to open in about the same amount of time as that following Hurricane Wilma in 2005, even though the damage was more severe with Hurricane Irma.

"Nature is restorative. Walking in the garden and enjoying wildlife is simply good for your soul," said Mr. Mulvena. "I believe we could all use some of that right now."

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For more information on the FSW Critical Thinking Lecture Series, contact Whitney Rhyne, director, Strategic Initiatives, at 433-6943 or Whitney.Rhyne@fsw.edu. ■

Country star Campbell bringing 'a good time' to The Ranch

BY ALAN SCULLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Three years ago, country artist Craig Campbell had the kind of career setback that many artists fear most. In spring 2014, several months after the release of his second album, "Never Regret," and as a single, "Keep them Kisses Comin'" was climbing the country charts, his label, Bigger Picture Records, closed its doors.

Campbell was suddenly an unsigned artist without the promotional support at radio and for touring that a record labels typically provide. It meant "Keep Them Kisses Comin'" would stall out before it could complete a potential march toward becoming his first No. 1 single. (The song did reach No. 9, thanks in large part to Campbell himself calling stations to urge them to keep playing his song despite his label's demise.) Any way one sliced it, Campbell's future as a recording artist suddenly looked less certain than it had been.

Many artists would have been thrown into a world of worry by this development. But Campbell, in a late September interview, said he never felt that way about his future.

"Well, I felt good about it," he said of his prospects. "When Bigger Picture closed, I had a song out that was my highest charting song I'd ever had. So I knew that I had momentum. I had great relationships at radio and what not. So I didn't panic too hard because I felt like I would find a (label) home pretty quick, and I did."

Indeed, by December 2014 Campbell had signed to Red Bow Records (part of the Broken Bow group, whose roster includes Jason Aldean). He also was getting a boost by having a song he co-wrote, "All American Kid," recorded by Garth Brooks and included on that country superstar's new album, "Man Against Machine."

What probably also helped Campbell was that he had been around the block on the country music scene.

Now 38, he had come to Nashville in his early 20s after working for a couple of years as a prison guard — including a year-long stint at a maximum-security prison.

There, he was able to carve out a living singing on demo recordings and working as a touring keyboardist, first for Luke Bryan and later Tracy Byrd.

It was on one of those early tours with Bryan that Campbell, who had been performing around Nashville between touring gigs, asked Bryan for some career advice. Bryan told Campbell he should write songs, work with co-writers and



COURTESY PHOTO

Craig Campbell says new album draws strongly from traditional country, but also has energetic songs meant to get crowds revved up.

pursue a career as an artist.

Unbeknownst to Campbell, he had caught Bryan's ear with his own singing and music before joining his touring band as keyboardist and getting Bryan's advice.

"I think he just saw me playing down in Nashville on lower Broadway," Campbell said. "I guess I made an impression. And then when I joined his band, he didn't realize I was that same guy until we were doing sound check one day and I just started singing. And he's like 'Holy cow, you're that guy I saw.'"

Bryan went on to help Campbell make contacts with songwriters, publishers and other music pros in Nashville.

"Luke's helped me out a ton, and I'm very, very thankful for that," Campbell said.

Campbell, though, has made a lot of his own luck. He got his deal with Bigger Picture and released his self-titled debut album in 2011. It gave him his first top 15 single in "Family Man" and a top 25 song in "Fish."

"Never Regret" followed two years later, adding top 15 hit in "Outta My Head" and "Keep Them Kisses Comin'" to Campbell's collection of singles before he was briefly sidetracked by Bigger Picture going out of business.



Craig Campbell's "No Regrets" album was released in 2013.

Since signing with Red Bow, Campbell has done a good deal of touring and songwriting and released two singles, "Tomorrow Tonight" and the strikingly personal ballad "Outskirts of Heaven," which cracked the top 25 on "Billboard" magazine's Country Airplay chart.

Campbell said he and Red Bow plan to release a third single, but they want that single (or possibly a subsequent single) to catch on the radio before releasing a third album.

"That's the immediate goal. I'm not really worried about putting new music

out until I get a new song out," Campbell said. "If you ask me do I have product? Yeah, I'm ready to go. I'm sitting on a great album. But we've just got to make sure we do it right."

Campbell said the new album, like his first two releases, will draw strongly from traditional country, but also have energetic songs meant to get crowds revved up at his concerts. Fans can expect that kind of musical mix from Campbell on his fall headlining dates, as he'll play songs from his first two albums, some new tunes and a few covers

"The show's good," Campbell said. "We play country music. We don't apologize for it. What we do is what we are and we're proud of it. The bottom line is we have a good time. That's what it's all about. That's what I try to do every time I step on stage." ■

in the know

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ANTIQUES

Know your colored glass

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Is a red-and-white glass decanter made of cased glass, flashed glass or stained glass? All three were methods of adding color to a clear glass piece to make it more decorative. The cost and quality of each is different, and collectors should look carefully and ask questions before they buy.

Stained glass is the least expensive way to color glass. This method uses a staining material that is brushed on, becomes red or amber, and adheres to the glass when heated. The layer of material is very thin, and if cleaned too vigorously, it could wear off. It often is used to color pressed glass.

Flashed glass is made by using an added thin layer of glass over a different color glass. It is made by taking a "gather" of hot glass, dipping it into a second colored glass, then blowing it into shape. It leaves a thin layer of glass but makes a piece that seems to be made of one solid color, which would be more valuable.

Cased or plated glass is the most expensive. It is made by putting a thick layer of glass over a glass piece of a different color. It can be decorated on the outside layer or cut to expose the inside layer. Look at the rim at the top of a cased vase, and you'll see two distinct layers. Some glass, like rubina verde, is made with a yellow glass body and red glass added inside. It makes a two-color glass.

To make this even more difficult

for beginners, there are many different ways to decorate the outside of any of these glass pieces. The glass can be cut through to a different color or just in a clear section. It can be painted on the outside with gilt and enamel to make decorations in many colors. A very elaborate pair of Bohemian flashed glass decanters with cut and enameled decorations sold at a recent Cowan auction for \$1,920.

Q: I have a Woodard kitchen table set that I believe is from the 1960s. It has four chairs and a round table with two leaves. Can you tell me what the set is worth?

A: In 1866, Lyman E. Woodard bought a lumber-planing mill in Owosso, Michigan. He and his three brothers started Woodard Brothers in 1867, and made wood furniture, window and door sashes, blinds and caskets. Lyman bought his brothers' shares in 1890. He died in 1904 and the management of the company shifted to his sons. In the 1930s, Woodard's son Lee pioneered the use of wrought iron for outdoor furniture. Lee's three sons were responsible for marketing, and the company eventually became Woodard and Sons. During World War II, production shifted to parts for trucks, tanks and naval and aircraft equipment, but by 1946, they had resumed making metal furniture. They are noted for their mid-century designs, especially the Sculptura line, which can sell today for thousands of dollars. Wrought iron, aluminum and



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These 19th-century Bohemian flashed glass decanters were blown, flashed with red glass, cut, and then decorated with orange and black enamel and gilt. The 20-inch-high pair auctioned for \$1,920.

wicker furniture marked Woodard still is being made, though the company has changed hands and is no longer owned by the Woodard family. Your set probably dates from the 1960s. The chairs are wrought iron and the table appears to be wood. The set's value is about \$75.

Q: My family has a photograph of a female relative done by the Chicago Portrait Co. This is a photograph, not a painting or drawing. It's in a frame with a domed glass cover. How can I determine the date of the photograph?

A: The Chicago Portrait Co. was in business from 1893 to at least 1940. The company was known for its portraits made from old photographs, which were sold by traveling salesmen. The photographs were enlarged and colored with pastels, watercolor, oil paint, crayon or India ink, or created with sepia tones and then printed on a curved piece of cardboard. The salesman brought the picture back in a domed wood frame, making it more expensive than just buying the picture alone. Since the picture was on curved cardboard, it had to be displayed in a domed frame. The salesman made his money by getting the customer to buy the expensive frame. Domed glass frames were popular from about 1880 to 1920.

Q: I have an original Stearne Collectable Humphrey B Bear circa 1965 and have only been able to find this bear in the Victoria Museum. I'm wondering what the value of my bear is and whether I should be offering it for sale or donate it to a museum.

A: Humphrey B. Bear was the main character in a children's TV show that started in Australia in 1965. Several toy companies made Humphrey B. Bear toys and other items for kids. The L.J. Company, started by Leo Sterne, was in business from 1939 to 1971. Sterne started working in his garage but was using mass production by 1941. He opened a factory in Melbourne, Australia, in 1946. Soft toys based on characters on children's TV shows were made beginning in 1958. Humphrey B. Bear, introduced after the show began in 1965, was one of the most popular Sterne toys. The bear, dressed in a vest, tie and hat, even has his own Facebook page. The bear is in the museum as part of its History Collection and was donated by the estate of Leo Sterne after Sterne died. The bear sells for \$20-\$90, depending on

size and condition.

Tip: Always remove a book from the shelf to dust. All sides need cleaning. ■

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Current prices

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

■ Adams Pottery, cup, little gray rabbit, verse, bunny with basket, flowers, squared handle, \$22.

■ World's Fair photo album, 1962, Seattle, gold-tone metal, century 21, monorail, accordion-style, four by three inches, \$25.

■ Window, leaded, alternating yellow daisies and leaves, portrait medallions, 59 3/4 x 14 1/4 inches, pair, \$50.

■ Raggedy Ann doll, cloth with striped dress and candy corn buttons, hand stitched facial features with auburn yarn hair, 19 inches, \$90.

■ Vienna Art, square, Rococo style, green border, woman, wavy brown hair, red flower, 1905, 10 inches, \$125.

■ Game table, Neoclassical, mahogany, foldover, crossbanded, pedestal, paw feet, 30 inches, \$345.

■ Hutschenreuther tea set, teapot, creamer, cup and saucer, scenes of Munich, blue, gold, c. 1860, eight pieces, \$720.

■ Wheatley pottery vase, olive green, celadon streak, molded blue iris, squat, cylinder neck, 1880, 9 inches, \$750.

■ Grooming kit, men's travel set, sterling silver, Gillette razor, brush, soap box, shaving brush and toothbrush holder, W. Kerr, c. 1900, \$895.

■ Weller vase, Eocean Rose, pale green, purple thistle, tubular, three square cutout. ■

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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Angelina's Ristorante, 24041 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-3187.

When Angelina's Ristorante opened in April 2008, it unquestionably raised the bar for Italian cuisine in Southwest Florida. Other Italian innovators have followed yet none can compare to the complete dining experience here: food that honors yet elevates Italian ingredients and flavors; an award-winning wine program; elegant, sprawling dining rooms; and a highly trained service staff eager to accommodate and enlighten diners. It's worth indulging in both the "primo" course of small pasta portions and the "secondo" of heartier entrees; the handmade pastas are so sheer that they won't leave you too full for such stellar entrees as scallops paired with slowly roasted pork belly or classics such as veal Marsala. Angelina's is still in a class by itself. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed November 2016

Barbatella, 1290 Third St. South, Naples; 263-1965.

If you love the flavors of Italy but dislike dishes slathered in red sauce and cheese, Barbatella is well worth checking out. Created by chef/restaurateur Fabrizio Aielli (Sea Salt), this lovely restaurant and bar offers a mozzarella bar, charcuterie, antipasti and so much more. The charred octopus with fingerling potatoes, celery, tomato and

Cipollini onions was a soul-satisfying starter. Black mussels oreganata featured plump mussels in a well-seasoned tomato broth. Indulge in a pasta course, even if you share it. We loved the orecchiette with broccoli rabe, pork sausage and ricotta. Another standout was the sea scallop entrée with Tuscan beans, wilted spinach and lemon caper sauce, although a 12-ounce black Angus steak was perfectly cooked and tasty as well. For dessert, the Death by Chocolate was fudgy and decadent and the torta della nonna was a simple but delicious lemon cake with patisserie cream that was perfect after a large meal. Service here is warm and welcoming. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ ½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed August 2017

Fernandez the Bull - Midtown, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; (239) 653-9097.

Local lovers of Cuban food have twice as much to thank the Fernandez family for now that there's a second Fernandez the Bull to patronize. For 25-plus years, the first one has existed in various locations. Now a chic-looking sibling is operating on Pine Ridge Road with indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar and a terrific staff. Start with a well-chilled and minty guava mojito. Savor some beef empanadas (one dish of eight serves two or more) or crisp fried calamari — then move on to an entrée like the chicken with mojo and garlic sauce or shrimp and mussels in white wine and tomato sauce. Sides of moros (rice and black beans), fried yucca or fried

plantains are all great choices. And don't skip dessert. We loved the guava mango mousse cheesecake. Full bar.

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

Rodizio Grill, Coconut Point, 8017 Plaza Del Lago Drive, Estero; (239) 498-0018.

The latest dining addition at Coconut Point re-creates the Brazilian churrasceria tradition of all-you-can-eat grilled meats carved tableside by gauchos wielding three-foot skewers and scary looking knives. It's entirely possible to eat a week's worth of protein at one sitting. That's not advisable for a number of reasons, one of which is that you should dedicate a portion of your appetite to the remarkably expansive salad bar and Brazilian side dishes. We sampled four cuts of beef, three pork presentations, ham and three chicken items including some exquisitely tender hearts. The tri-tip and a garlicky beef called bife com alho were favorites in the beef department. Bacon-wrapped chicken and pork chunks were table pleasers, too, as were sweet pork linguica sausages and pork loin dusted with Parmesan. Aside from the occasional streak of gristle, the only real disappointment was the leg of lamb, which was overcooked and devoid of even the slightest hint of pink. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ ½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★ ½
 Reviewed May 2016

Tartine & Tartelette, 11121 Health Park Blvd., Naples; 888-1151.

This cozy little restaurant just off Goodlette-Frank and Immokalee roads may seem an unlikely setting for excellent French fare, but that's what you will find here, along with ample parking, a friendly staff and an attractive dining room. Owners Axelle and Jean Bechu have transformed the space with soothing tones of silver-gray and white. A millefeuille ("a thousand leaves") of smoked salmon and apples was a gorgeous and delicious dish of whisper-thin slices of Granny Smith apples alternating with rich smoked salmon. A vol au vent of the sea held bits of chopped seafood in cream sauce beneath a tender puff pastry. The coq au vin was a classic rendition served in its own little pot. And scallops in grapefruit butter were exceptionally good, the scallops perfectly cooked then touched with butter and bits of pink grapefruit served with splendid roasted tomatoes. A warm apple tart with vanilla ice cream and slivered almonds was a perfect finish to the meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ ½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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DINING NEWS

Chef Koko planning new restaurant



Chef Koko, the culinary mastermind behind Naples' favorite (and only) Korean barbecue restaurant Zen Asian BBQ, plans to open a new spot based on Japanese izakaya, or gastropubs, later this fall at 8847 Tamiami Trail North. Namba, named for the Osaka entertainment district that houses the majority of these establishments, will feature an assortment of items that include comfort foods and specialties like ramen, sushi and a robata grill.

Of particular interest to eaters who can't get enough of Asian comfort foods will be Chef Koko's signature ramen. Though one iteration is currently available at Zen Asian BBQ, Koko teamed up with a ramen specialist to tweak his signature 17-hour broth so guests can add up to nine toppings, like spicy bean sprouts or Kikurang ear mushrooms, to the Namba version of the world-famous soup.

For updates about Namba's opening, location and menus, visit the restaurant's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/namba-ramen-sushi.

Vice Cream now at Publix

Five flavors of the Boston-based premium ice cream brand Vice Cream are now available in all 1,152 Publix Supermarkets throughout the southeast United States. Local shoppers can now indulge in the following flavors:

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Breakfast in Bed: maple ice cream with chunks of sticky bun dough, pecan praline and cream cheese

Choc of Shame: chocolate ice cream with brownie dough and dark chocolate shavings

Founder Dan Schorr started Vice Cream in 2016 when he decided to live life to the fullest after successfully beat-



Chef Koko's newest restaurant, Namba, will highlight his specialty ramens that guests can finish with custom toppings. Pictured here are his Hokkaido ramen (left) and Hakata Classic Ramen (right).



ing an aggressive form of lymphoma. In just 15 months, Mr. Schorr has placed his ice cream in over 2,500 stores in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and South.

"Our entire Vice Cream team is proud of the tremendous growth we've experienced at a company over the last fifteen months," he said. "Publix is one of the largest and most beloved grocery store brands in America and seeing our unapologetic ice cream on the shelves there is a thrill. Shoppers in Florida and the South now get to 'live life, dig in' with Vice Cream."

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Take Note:

■ October is National Ramen Month and Zen Asian BBQ offers a 50 percent discount on all ramen orders through October. 10823 Tamiami Trail N. 949-7117 or www.eatatzen.com.

■ Timeless-An MHK Eatery is still ramping up its roster of culinary services and now diners can enjoy weekend brunch on Saturdays and Sunday from



An MHK Eatery now offers pizza delivery to downtown Naples.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; daily happy hour from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with half-priced beer and assorted snack specials; and a delivery service featuring the restaurant's coal fired pizzas that runs throughout downtown Naples, starting at the southwest boundary of Goodlette-Frank and Golden Gate Parkway. 90 Tamiami Trail N. 331-4325 or www.timelesseatery.com.

■ The French hosts a four-course wine dinner featuring vintages from Famille Perrin, an organic wine grower in the Rhone Valley, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10. Family representative and export director Emmanuel Lemoine will offer guests a background on each wine offered from the grower's repertoire, including the famous Chateau de Beaucastel and Chateauneuf du Papes. \$150 per person. 365 Fifth Ave. S. 315-4019 or www.thefrenchnaples.com.

■ Tickets are on sale now for the third annual Foodie Camp offering a variety of 90-minute, themed cooking classes taught by local chefs Oct. 16-25. Already in the lineup are Alexander Bernard of Alexander's, Isabel Polo and Mary Shipman of IM Tapas, Brian and Nicole Roland of Crave Culinaire, Jesse Houseman of Bistro 821, Tony Ridgway of Ridgway's Bar & Grill, Lisa Boet of Chez Boet, Jean Harvey of The Real Macaw, Abel Gonzalez of Bayside of Bayside Seafood Bar & Grill, Kristopher Jubinville of St. Matthew's House, Keith Casey of KC American Bistro and John Ruzic of Fujiyama and Club Sushi. \$50-\$60, includes lesson, light meal and a chance to win a \$50 dining gift certificate and Foodie Camp apron. 435-3938 or www.foodiecampnaples.com.

■ The Continental hosts its final craft cocktail dinner event at 7:30 p.m. Tues-

day, Oct. 17, where guests will enjoy a round-up selection of the series' best cocktails and dishes. \$65. 1205 Third St. S. 659-0007 or www.damicoscontinental.com.

■ The Local hosts its second annual Dig The Pig family-style dinner featuring Palmetto Creek Farm pork at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Guests will enjoy a three-course meal featuring local pork and vegetables from Inyoni Farms. \$66 (\$94 with premium wine pairings). Reservations required. 5323 Airport-Pulling Road. 596-3276 or www.thelocalnaples.com.

■ Sea Salt hosts a master chef collaboration in celebration of James Beard's collection of letters, "Love and Kisses and a Halo of Truffles," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. With chefs Fabrizio Aielli, Jason Godard, Josh Zeman, Kenneth Tufo and Norman Love, who will be joined by vintners and Italian truffle hunters, guests will enjoy a truffle-themed dinner that will benefit the James Beard Foundation. \$350. 1186 Third St. S. 434-7258 or www.seasalt-naples.com.

Cooking classes

Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

■ The Good Life, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com - French Bistro Night: Thursday, Oct. 12 (\$65); Paella Party: Wednesday, Oct. 25 (\$69); A Night in Sicily: Thursday, Nov. 9 (\$69).

■ Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or www.surlatable.com - Cooking with Wine: Thursday, Oct. 5 (\$85); Pressure Cooking Demystified: Friday, Oct. 6 (\$69); Date Night Italian Feast: Friday, Oct. 6 (\$79); Artisan Bread at Home: Saturday, Oct. 7 (\$79); Knife Skills 101: Saturday, Oct. 7 (\$59); Date Night Explore Vietnam: Saturday, Oct. 7 (\$79); Fall Vegetarian Cooking: Sunday, Oct. 8 (\$69); Chinese Soup Dumplings with Bon Appetit Magazine: Sunday, Oct. 8 (\$69); Fried Chicken 101: Sunday, Oct. 8 (\$69); Celebrating Pumpkin: Sunday, Oct. 8 (\$69); Fall Desserts Every Cook Should Know: Monday, Oct. 9 (\$48.96); Great Gnocchi at Home: Monday, Oct. 9 (\$69); Fall Vegetarian Cooking: Tuesday, Oct. 10 (\$48.96); Tamale Workshop: Tuesday, Oct. 10 (\$69); Fresh & Flavorful Thai: Wednesday, Oct. 11 (\$69). ■



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Shrimp Pomodoro - \$10
Served over Penne Pasta

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Topped with artichoke hearts and cheddar cheese served with rice and veggies

Vegetarian Sliders - \$9
Three sliders topped with avocado, fresh spinach and sliced tomato and served with a pickle and coleslaw

Super Saver Lunch Specials
• Caprese Chicken Wrap - \$8
• Roast Turkey Breast Plate - \$7
• Shrimp & Bay Scallop Stir Fry - \$8

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY FEATURE • SERVED ALL DAY

Twin Lobsters - \$22.99 *2 one-pound Maine lobsters served with corn on the cob and drawn butter*

CHEF BILL'S WEEKLY FEATURES • SERVED ALL DAY

Surf & Turf Dinner For 2 - \$89.99

32oz Bone in Tomahawk steak served with 2 one-pound Maine lobsters served with chowder, salad, baked potato and veggies

Twin Lobsters - \$29.99
Two one-pound Maine lobsters served with a cup of NE clam chowder, corn on the cob and drawn butter

Lobster Dinner For 2 - \$99.99
Two 2 1/2-pound Maine lobsters served with chowder, salad, corn on the cob and baked potatoes

FALL DINING DEALS

Sundays
(All Day; Bar & Dining Room)
Twin lobsters w/corn on the cob & drawn butter - \$22.99

Martini Mondays
(All Day; Bar & Dining Room)
Kettle One, Stolli, Smirnoff and Tito's Martinis - \$6
Turkey Dinner served with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce and a slice of apple pie - \$14.99

Tuesdays
(All Day; Bar & Dining Room)
Prime Rib Night - It's not just on Friday & Saturdays
Our famous 16oz Prime Rib served with a salad, potato and vegetable \$18.99 while it lasts
Add a 4oz lobster tail for \$10

Wednesdays
(All Day; Bar & Dining Room)
Twin lobsters w/corn on the cob & drawn butter - \$22.99

Thursdays
(All Day; Bar & Dining Room)
Surf & Turf Special
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October 24

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October 25

Rotary Halloween Walk, 6-8pm

October 27-29

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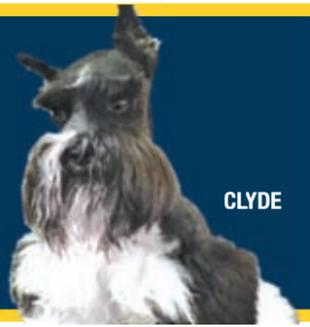
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Riverwoods Plantation
Nice two bedroom two bath manufactured home in a great community. There are so many amenities.
\$99,000
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NORTH FORT MYERS



Gulf Access Condo-Minutes to River
Fantastic opportunity for gulf access waterfront condo! Fully furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, turnkey.
\$129,900
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Charming 3/2/1 Home in the Heart of Port Charlotte
You won't want to miss this charming 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home in the heart of Port Charlotte!
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Lease Purchase Possibility
Lovely townhome in gulf access community on the Ten Mile Canal. Minutes to the Gulf of Mexico.
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Beautiful End Unit
Clean, spacious and affordable! Very nice three bedrooms and three bathrooms town home. Low HOA fees!
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Golfer's Delight
2/2 + Den, overlooks golf course and lake. Partially furnished.
\$138,500
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1st Floor Condo in Desirable Brookshire Community
2 bedroom 2 bath 1st floor condo in desirable Brookshire Community! Location, Location!
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3/2/1 in a Quiet Neighborhood on Water and Sewer
Location, location, location! This 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home is in quiet neighborhood.
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Most Affordable Condo in Olympia Pointe
This well maintained townhome has a beautiful view of the club house across the lake on an over size corner lot.
\$142,500
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Half Acre Fenced in Home
3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage with extra parking and Florida room.
\$152,000
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Boater's Paradise-Gulf Access Condo
2/2 Waterfront condo with gulf access & fantastic views of Bikini Basin! Furnished, laundry in residence.
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Gulf Access End Condo
End condo with over 1,000 sqft under air, full size washer and dryer, 2 bed 2 bath, about 10 minutes to river.
\$154,900
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CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 3 Bed 2 Bath w/Split Floor Plan
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath with split floor plan. Very spacious living room along with cathedral ceiling.
\$165,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE042973.

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Gulf Access SW Cape Condo
Beautiful intersecting canals with gulf access located in SW Cape Coral. Just minutes and 1 bridge to river.
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CAPE CORAL



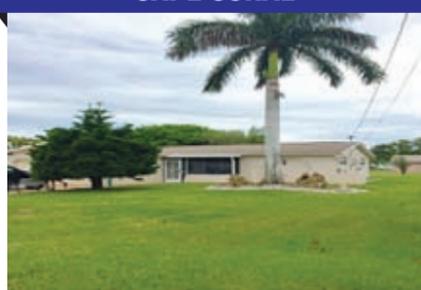
55+ Plus Community Condo-Sailboat Access in SE Cape
3/2 condo in a 55+ community with sailboat access in Cape Coral.
\$169,000
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Townhome in Sail Harbour w/Private Preserve View
Bed 2 1/2 bath very spacious 1749 sqft townhouse with one of the few very private preserve views.
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM040437.

CAPE CORAL



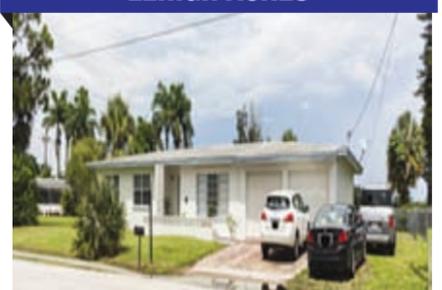
Nice 3/2/2 Home-Room for Pool
Convenient location in a wonderful neighborhood located in SE Cape Coral with quick access to shopping and dining.
\$179,900
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LEHIGH ACRES



3/2 CBS Home on over 1/2 Acre-Room For All Your Toys
Cute 3 bedroom/2 bath CBS home on over a half acre (.5247) with a finished/detached garage for all your toys.
\$180,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



Awesome 3 Bed 2 Bath Pool Home
Awesome 3 bed 2 bath home on Bear Lake in beautiful Lehigh Acres. Not only is this home on a lake its one of the few w/pool.
\$184,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE046907.



LEHIGH ACRES



3 Bed/2 Bath updated Pool home in Lehigh Acres
Home has an open kitchen with an island breakfast bar. Screened pool/lanai area, master bath has dual sinks, separate shower. **\$195,000**
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FORT MYERS



Half Duplex with 4 Bed & 3 Bath in Great Location
Half duplex with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in great Location! Very close to Gulf Coast Town Center, Florida Gulf Coast. **\$195,000**
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FORT MYERS



Here it is. The One You Have Been Waiting For
This spacious 3/2 +den is tiled throughout w/carpet in the bedrooms. Large sliders from the living. **\$199,900**
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LEHIGH ACRES



Move in Ready Pool Home on 1/2 Acre Property
This home boasts of space and possibilities! Come see how you can add your personal touches and move right in. **\$199,999**
1-866-657-2300 800LE027777.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Very Nice Pool Home 3/2/2
Beautiful good size pool to enjoy in this 3/2/2 amenities like golfing, fishing, & tennis and boating in this area. **\$204,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH243142.

LEHIGH ACRES



Perfect, Roomy Family Home-HUGE
A must see! Super spacious family home! Over 1900 perfectly appointed square feet! Fenced yard, perfect for the family. **\$214,900**
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LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3+ Den/2/3 in Twin Lake Estates
You have plenty of cabinets in this spacious kitchen with new refrigerator, dishwasher and stove along with a pantry closet. **\$215,000**
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LEHIGH ACRES



Looking for Your New SW Florida Home
Come and see this beautiful home with 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, and a pool featuring a water fall for those relaxing evenings. **\$220,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage. **\$220,000**
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Pristine Salt Water Pool Home
Remodeled 3/2 w/ many upgrades. In established neighborhood. All appliances included W/D new in last 2 years. Newer A/C. **\$225,000**
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4/4 Duplex Next to Downtown Cape Coral
Great investment opportunity just minutes away from downtown Cape Coral. **\$225,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Almost New 4 Bedroom Home
This 4 bedroom, 2 bath plus Family Room was built in 2014 on an oversized lot. Plenty of room in & outside of this home. **\$228,900**
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1st Floor. Million Dollar View
1st Floor coach home!!!!!! **\$229,000**
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ESTERO



Grand Palm Beauty
Beautiful second floor coach. **\$235,000**
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ESTERO



3 Bed 2 Bath in Beautiful Grand Palm
Offered turnkey this is a beauty- Bring your Clothes + move right in. **\$239,000**
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ESTERO



Awesome Waterview 2 Bed/2 Bath
Nestled on a quiet street lined with huge oak trees!! **\$239,500**
1-866-657-2300 800FM006743.

CAPE CORAL



Spacious 3/2/2 Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
2 Bedroom 2 bath pool home in Palmetto Pine Country Club. Impressive views of the golf course! **\$239,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC043667.

CAPE CORAL



3/2 Pool Home-Fantastic Location-Souther Exposure
Tons of open space & lighting with gorgeous high ceilings. Brand new carpet in bedrooms, freshly painted, over sized lot. **\$244,999**
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LEHIGH ACRES



One of the Best Maintained Properties in Lehigh
Stunning, immaculate, and tasteful are words that best describe this well maintained home. **\$249,942**
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NORTH PORT



Great North Port home
Large 3/2/2 pool home secluded in this growing area of North Port. **\$259,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH239075.

PUNTA GORDA



Deep Creek Beauty
3/2/2 Pool home with over 2200 sqft of Florida living. Large living room leading to great outdoor living. **\$259,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH241061.

LEHIGH ACRES



Olympia Point Beauty
This home has it all. Upgraded appliances, upgraded carpeting and 3 bedrooms, plus a den and 3 full bathrooms. **\$269,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE033922.

LEHIGH ACRES



Olympia Point
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 4 bath home in a great gated community close to everything. Easy commute to Fort Myers. **\$269,900**
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FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Pool Home with Big Yard
Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club single family villa pool home with a huge back yard! **\$275,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Captivating Home w/a Beautiful Private Pool
3 Bedrooms + den utilized as a fourth bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage. **\$279,999**
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CAPE CORAL



Bring Your Suntan Lotion
This pool home comes with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, den, great room, walk in pantry, open kitchen with island. **\$289,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC045506.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful Lake Home South Western Exposure
Southwestern exposure pool home in desirable Deep Creek community. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with 2 car garage. Sold turnkey! **\$299,000**
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ESTERO



Single Family Pool Home
2 bed 2 bath with pool right on the lake - Awesome view move in ready turnkey. **\$299,500**
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CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Pool Home
3/2 Pool home in SW Cape Coral with stunning up-grades. **\$299,900**
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CAPE CORAL



So Much House for Your Money
This is like a new home. Everything in this home has been redone! Great location and minutes to the open river. **\$320,000**
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BONITA SPRINGS



Gorgeous New Construction Home in Bonita
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fantastic open floor, 1 car garage, and open lanai, lot of room for pool. **\$320,000**
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ESTERO



3 + Den / 2.5 in Stoneybrook Golf Community
Well maintained 3+Den/2.5 bath in Stoneybrook. Close to shopping, schools, and airport. Enjoy a great golfing community. **\$329,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS047844.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Quick Access to Charlotte Harbor PGI Beauty
Very nice 3/2/2 home in with concrete seawall and boat lift. Metal roof. **\$329,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH242104.

FORT MYERS



Luxury Condo
3/2 waterfront luxury condo with view of the river! First class amenities in this gated community!! **\$349,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC057601.

BONITA SPRINGS



Original Owners - Upgrades Galore
Additional living area added at construction. Extra Large, lake front lot, granite crown molding. Easy to show! **\$349,900**
1-866-657-2300 800BS055001.

CAPE CORAL



Almost One Acre - Pool Home
Almost one acre of land (.85) with an over 2300 sqft home nestled in the center. Lots of room! New kitchen and roof. **\$349,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC034268.

FORT MYERS



Ranch in the City
Unusual 4 acres +/- Ranch in East Fort Myers - perfect for the person looking for acreage with animals. **\$350,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM063729.

CAPE CORAL



Pool Home-Almost 1/2 Acre Fenced Lot-Fresh Water Canal
4 Bedrooms, 2 bath, pool with integrated spa on almost 1/2 acre lot. Backyard is fenced. Built in 2006. **\$360,000**
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BONITA SPRINGS



2 Bed 2 Bath Turnkey Direct Access condo w/Boat dock
Luxury turnkey waterfront condo, with boat slips and direct access to the Gulf of Mexico in minutes. **\$364,900**
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NAPLES



Limitless Possibilities-Almost 3 Acres
Large 4 bedroom plus lots of extra rooms with a ground floor separate entrance sitting on almost 3 acres!! **\$365,000**
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BONITA SPRINGS



Newly Constructed Home
3 bedroom 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores. **\$374,000**
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CAPE CORAL



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Gulf Access Pool Home
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Linda Taylor 1-239-980-9003

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Spectacular 4-5 Bed, Den Pool Home
Custom home with over \$100,000 in upgrades, from whole house generator, & RO, dream kitchen & laundry with LG Appliances. **\$385,900**
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BONITA SPRINGS



Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches!
New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning home features; 1443 sqft of living area. 3/2 with spacious floor plan. **\$395,000**
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful 3/2 Waterfront Pool Home in Port Charlotte
Gorgeous well maintained pool home with amenities. Canal waterfront. 2 car garage. Come see it! **\$399,950**
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Priced Below Market Value
4/2 two story pool home with just under 4000 sqft of living area! **\$419,900**
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CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Gulf Access Luxury
Gulf access southern exposure 4/2/2 in highly desired SW Cape Coral. Oversized solar heated pool. **\$419,900**
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CAPE CORAL



Location-Location-Location
Large 3/2 waterfront pool home on intersecting canal with gulf access! **\$419,999**
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NORTH PORT



4/2/2 Pool Home on a Saltwater Canal in PGI
Come and see this well maintained 4 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home on a saltwater canal. **\$429,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH243546.

CAPE CORAL



Southern Exposure, 4 Bed/3 Bath, Solar Heated Pool
Formal living, dining and family areas with 2 sided fireplace, breakfast nook large entertaining patio. Assessments paid. **\$439,900**
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ESTERO



Charming Ranch Style Home
Open concept floor plan. One of the largest lots in Bella Terra. 4 bed/2.5 bath pool home with plenty of upgrades. **\$449,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Southern Exposure Gulf Access Pool Home
This completely renovated home comes turnkey (including furniture and furnishings). **\$450,000**
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ESTERO



Pool Home in Bella Terra
5/3 pool home with 3 car garage in the Bella Terra community. 24 Hour guard gated community. **\$464,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS048975.

CAPE CORAL



Lovely Gulf Access Pool Home
3 bed 2.5 bath 2589 sqft huge master eat in kitchen, living, dining, family room, fireplace, captains dock 10,000lb lift. **\$469,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Unique Well Maintained 4-Plex
All units 2 bedroom/2 bath. Oversized garages. In-ground pool. Good rental history. Easy commute to Ft. Myers. **\$499,000**
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BONITA SPRINGS



Salem Model Pool Home
3 Bedrooms + den, 2.5 baths and heated low maintenance salt water pool system. Expansive preserve view! **\$514,900**
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CAPE CORAL



Southern Exposure
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath gulf access southern exposure pool home is move in ready! Sold turnkey! **\$525,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Pool Home
Direct sailboat access pool home in unit 64. 3/2 with formal living & dining/den/office. Atrium off master bedroom. **\$575,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC024494.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape, Gulf Access, 4 Bed Pool Home
Gulf access pool home in one of the most desirable areas in SW Cape Coral. 4 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. **\$595,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC052498.

CAPE CORAL



Your Search Ends Here, Gulf Access
2 Story home located on 200' Gulf access canal home over 3,000+ living area with soaring ceilings & open floor plan. **\$629,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home
3/3/3 Pool home with gulf access. Over 2200 sqft of living space. Grant counter tops. Outdoor kitchen and shower. **\$649,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC046153.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift, Turn Key Home
Enjoy the Florida lifestyle w/this beautiful direct gulf access pool home. Dock w/lift. \$160,000 of upgrades turnkey. **\$650,000**
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FORT MYERS



Waterfront Beauty Offers No Bridge-to Gulf of Mexico
Pour a beverage! Turn on the music! Cruise into the sunset! Fabulous Old Florida style waterfront home w/2 story caged pool. **\$650,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Pool Home
5 Bedrooms/4.5 baths + 3 car garage. Over 3,500 sqft of living space. Southern exposure on direct access Bimini Canal. Pool. **\$824,900**
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CAPE CORAL



Large Direct Access Pool Home
2 Story pool home featuring nearly 4200 sqft. **\$829,000**
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FORT MYERS



Ft. Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled. **\$1,699,000**
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