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Fed by some, abused by others, Muscovy ducks are in Florida to stay

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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“UGLY.” “UNGAINLY.” “A NUISANCE.” “Bullies.” “They defecate prodigiously.” “Not a very interesting species.” “Not that bright.”

“Garbage ducks.” “Lazy.”

These are all ways Florida’s Muscovy duck has been described — even by people who like them — with “ugly” being the most common. On an adult Muscovy duck’s head, especially a male, there are “patches of red bumpy flesh surrounding its beak, eyes and face,” writes Charles Sobczak. “This warty, ungainly face looks as if the duck has just come out of a radioactive enclosure and is suffering from a bizarre mutation.”

They also hiss instead of quack.



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Everything you wanted to know and more about our ugly duck neighbors.

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Be there for ‘Day of Action / Day of Issues’

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Everyone is invited to stand together in Naples for a nonpartisan “Day of Action / Day of Issues” on Saturday, Nov. 4 — the date marking the one-year countdown to the November 2018 mid-term elections. The day’s activities will draw attention to social justice issues ranging from immigration reform to LGBTQ rights, sensible gun laws, women’s reproductive rights, world



hunger, medical marijuana, environmental protection and racial justice.

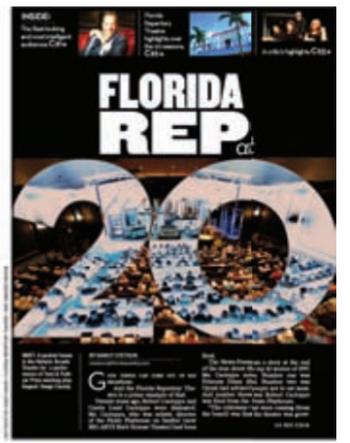
From noon to 3 p.m. representatives of various causes will gather on 19 street corners throughout Naples in support of 19 issues. Participants will peacefully and respectfully display signage and banners supporting their respective concerns. A video team will go progressively from corner one to corner 19, filming 30-second issue statements by the designated “captain” at each corner. These state-

ments will later be compiled into one video.

Everyone is invited to rally from 4-6 p.m. in Cambier Park to hear community and national speakers discuss their causes and to learn more about the Day of Action / Day of Issues organizers. Negative messages about issues, candidates or current office-holders will not be allowed; rather, the day is an opportunity for civic-minded groups and individuals to link arms and advance messages of hope, inclusion, fairness and peace. All individuals, organizations or caucuses who support these

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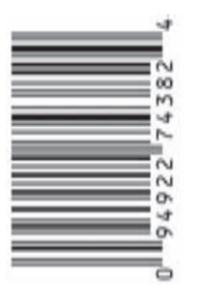
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COMMENTARY

The day formerly known as Armistice Day

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So here we are in 2017, 99 years later, and still in a damn war. Or two. Or three.

It's hard to keep count.

And guess what? Come Nov. 11 we'll celebrate The Day Formerly-Known-As-Armistice-Day — Nov. 11, 1918.

Remember that day, the one that marked the conclusion of "The war to end all wars?"

Now we call it Veterans Day. Before I explain why, I suggest you take immediate action. Instead of waving a flag or saying, "Thank you for your service," dig \$100 out of your pocket and buy yourself or somebody else a ticket to "Wine on the Waterfront."

A benefit for the highly rated nonprofit, Operation Open Arms, the wine will flow from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Matanzas on the Bay, a restaurant on Fort Myers Beach, Saturday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

For the money you'll have to eat seafood, drink wines from around the world, and hear the lively singer Sheena Brook, a contestant on the NBC show "The Voice."

Better yet, every penny of your money will help buy a wedding, a vacation, or (we hope not) a funeral for an active-duty soldier, sailor, airman or Marine currently serving in a combat or overseas billet, and his or her family.

The restaurant (with an inn if you want

to spend the night on the Gulf) is 2½ hours from Palm Beach, less than an hour from Naples, Fort Myers or Punta Gorda, and 7,723 miles from Afghanistan (in case you thought Palm Beach was too far).

The founder of Operation Open Arms, Capt. John "Giddyup" Bunch, has spent 13 years working his tail off to embrace people he understands: combat veterans on active duty. Capt. Bunch is a fishing guide and Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam who defies the typical nonprofit need to pay his staff.

Nobody in his outfit, including Capt. Bunch, ever takes so much as a single penny. Some 350 merchants and business owners — people such as Doug Spiem-Smith, who owns Matanzas on the Bay — back him up with contributions.

Helping these young men and women who go places and do things in our name none of us would ever want for ourselves or our children is probably a pretty good bet for "good works," as defined by God, man and, say, the Knights of the Round Table.

At its roots, meanwhile, Veterans Day is soaked in blood.

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918, it became "Armistice Day."

At that moment the Germans, the Austrians, the Turks and the Bulgarians stopped shooting at the North Americans, the Australians, the British, the French, the Russians and the Italians. Who returned the favor.

They had all agreed to end "hostilities" in World War I.

The word suggests little more than an amped up schoolyard argument, doesn't it? But in reality, it's chilling. "Hostilities" hardly does justice to the cataclysmic ocean of blood that soaked into the European continent and elsewhere between 1914 and 1918.

The British lost more than 700,000 young people from its sceptered isle, as Shakespeare called it. The French lost 1.4 million. The Germans lost roughly 2 million, although World War I killed close to 3 million Germans, including military and civilian casualties.

As for the Turks of the Ottoman Empire, German allies that many now forget?

They lost about 25 percent of the population. That included as many as 772,000 battle deaths and about 5 million total dead.

The Americans and Canadians were stung but not decimated — except for every one of the families of every one of the dead.

The Americans lost 116,000 men in just over a year; the Canadians about 53,000.

But none of those stark numbers remembers the torn families whose sons or daughters vanished suddenly from the forward progress of the planet, leaving behind the roads untraveled: the loves and marriages never consummated that might have been; the children and grandchildren never born who should have been; the inventive work for the good never completed by the dead or their unborn progeny, that could have been.

All of those lost souls were — or they ought to have been — our countrymen and women, or our fellow humans. Instead,

they were people who either ceased breathing too early, or never breathed at all, but might have in the century following Armistice Day.

As it turned out, though, President Dwight Eisenhower felt compelled to rename Armistice Day a mere 36 years later, in 1954.

A little thing called World War II had superseded "the war to end all wars" — significantly more devastating than World War I — so the change was an easy sell to Congress and the American people.

And now we have the current wars (Iraq, Afghanistan, Terror and a few others, it seems), following the past wars (Korea, Vietnam and a few others), with the threat of other wars looming.

So what can we do?

We can resist every other war ever to be conceived by callous old people and fought by fiery young ones.

And we can embrace each of those who suffer wars on our behalf, the combat veterans — with Operation Open Arms. ■

in the know

Wine on the Waterfront, Veterans Day

>> **When:** 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11

>> **Where:** Matanzas on the Bay restaurant, 416 Crescent St., Fort Myers Beach

>> **Phone:** 463-3838.

>> **Email:** info@matanzasinn.com

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COMMENTARY

It's time for the state legislature to ban fracking

BY NICOLE JOHNSON

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As the 2018 state legislative session approaches, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and our more than 6,000 supporting families are asking our elected officials to prioritize and pass bills that protect our most valued resource:



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our water. These efforts are reflected in our top legislative priority, a state-wide ban on well stimulation treatments (commonly known as fracking), which has been proposed through Senate Bill 462 and House Bill 237. We applaud the leadership of Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa) and Rep. Kathleen Peters (R-Treasure Island) in filing these critical bills.

These risky drilling practices use hazardous chemicals and can result in surface spills and water contamination. The science on well stimulation treatments reinforces these concerns, demonstrating that well stimulation treatments pose risks from surface spills, from transport and disposal of the resulting toxic wastewater and also from the treatments themselves.

Studies have also emphasized the impact of water use on local communities.

Not only can fracking threaten the integrity of our water quality, but it

can waste substantial amounts of our precious freshwater supplies. Well stimulation treatments use high volumes of freshwater mixed with toxic chemicals. Any water that returns to the surface after the treatments includes trace radioactive elements and briny saltwater from underground. This water cannot be reused to replenish groundwater resources, which is the source of drinking water for more than 90 percent of Floridians.

South Florida's oil is of poor quality, and Florida's reserves represent a mere one-tenth of 1 percent of the oil in the United States. The proposed legislation would still allow these reserves to be extracted by conventional methods, providing continued access by mineral rights holders.



Florida's tourism and real estate economies rely on our natural resources and have a direct impact on the quality of life for both residents and visitors. We cannot afford to jeopardize the quality and availability of our water resources for a one-time industrial use that benefits so few.

Controversy surrounding fracking and fracking-like activities came to the forefront of public concern when an unauthorized fracking operation took place at Collier-Hogan well near Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Thankfully, in the 2017 legislative session — for the first time — members on both sides of the aisle within our state legislature recognized that the use of well stimulation treatments is not worth the risk to our drinking water supply, water resources and Florida's environment-based economy.

We are grateful to the nearly 50 elected officials — representing about half of the Senate and about a quarter of the House — who co-sponsored last year's bills to ban risky well stimulation treatments. We hope to have even more support for the ban bills in 2018.

There has been a groundswell of support across the state at the local level, with more than 90 municipalities enacting either local ordinances or resolutions to support a ban on fracking. Given the overwhelming public support across the state in conjunction with the plethora of scientific information regarding the unacceptable risks to water resources, it is time for the state of Florida to ban fracking. ■

— Nicole Johnson is director of environmental policy at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. To learn more about this issue, the Conservancy invites the public to attend a free information session led by Cornell University's Anthony Ingraffea, Ph.D., a leading researcher on unconventional oil and gas extraction, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 8. See story on page A13.

The Facebook farce



The Kremlin knows a bargain when it sees it.

We are supposed to believe that it bought the American presidential election last year with \$100,000 in Facebook ads and some other digital activity. Frankly, if American democracy can be purchased this cheap — a tiny fraction of the \$7.2 million William Seward paid to buy Alaska from the Russians back in 1867 — it's probably not worth having.

The latest obsession in the Russian collusion story, the Kremlin's digital activity has generated headlines and put Facebook and all of Silicon Valley on the defensive, although this looks to be one of the most overhyped stories of the year.

The Russians, as far as we know, bought more than \$100,000 in Facebook ads between June 2015 and May 2017. A little more than half was spent after last November, when, obviously, Donald Trump had already won.

The scale here is singularly unimpressive. A serious House campaign

might spend \$100,000 on digital. In a presidential campaign, the amount is a rounding error. The Trump campaign spent around \$90 million on digital in 2016. Hillary Clinton employed a considerable digital staff, and announced she was spending \$30 million on digital the last month of the campaign alone.

If tens of thousands of dollars was decisive amid this tsunami of tens of millions, the Russian trolls working somewhere in St. Petersburg should strike out on their own and start a political consultancy or an internet publishing company. They are geniuses.

It doesn't appear that much of the Russian material was explicitly advocating for Trump's election, and some of it wasn't even right wing. One Russian Facebook page highlighted discrimination against Muslims. Another promoted anti-police videos for a Black Lives Matter audience. A pro-gay-rights page was called LGBT United.

Other pages were on the right and supportive of Trump. But much of the Russian Facebook activity was peddling online tripe indistinguishable from indigenous American online tripe — in fact, it was ripped off from content produced by Americans. If the Russians are going to decide our elections on social media, one assumes it will require at

least a little originality.

One suspicion has been that the Trump campaign helped direct the Russian online effort. What we know about the Russian activity so far makes that doubtful. Why, if the Trump campaign was running its own digital campaign that was magnitudes larger, would it bother with a tiny Russian effort that wasn't always focused on Trump or his message?

It is outrageous that Russians meddled in our democracy at all, and if there are ways to lock them out of our social media going forward, we should do it. Let's not pretend, though, that the Russian online activity was the key to the election. This is classic conspiracy thinking — that some small secret cabal is responsible for a world-historical outcome that had much more obvious causes (Hillary Clinton's poor campaign, for one).

There may yet be truly damaging Russia revelations, and the Trump family's business dealings could always produce a nasty surprise. But all the focus on Facebook serves, for now, as a substitute for a smoking gun in the absence of a real one. ■

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

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Jaclynn Faffer is the capable and dedicated president and CEO of Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida. She has a master of social work degree from Tulane University School of Social Work and a doctor of social welfare degree from the Wurzweiler School for Social Work of Yeshiva University. She was first chair of the Collier County Leadership Coalition on Aging.

JFCS opened the Naples Senior Center in January 2014 to meet the needs of area seniors facing loneliness, financial distress as well as psychological and socialization issues. In just three years, the center has grown from 80 members to more than 1,300 members and continues to grow.

Opening the first senior center in Collier County gave Dr. Faffer a “birds-eye view” of the challenges facing seniors in our community. Two years ago, JFCS began its first dementia respite group, a four-hour program for individuals struggling with dementia that gives caregivers time to care for themselves. The program has rapidly expanded to six groups.

The Naples Senior Center is open to all adults 60 years of age and older to help them maintain a healthy, satisfying quality of life by providing services and activities in a nurturing environment.

Talking points with Jaclynn Faffer

Mentor(s): I have had many, but the one who stands out the most is George Rothman, the executive director of the agency where I began my career as a social worker. He gave me a strong foundation in the field of social work practice and an understanding of how to manage people effectively and kindly. After working with him for a few years I remember telling him, “I want to do what you do.” And I am doing just that.

Hometown: Perth Amboy, N.J.

Something your mother was always right about: On the serious side: Be kind. On the less serious side: Never leave the house without wearing lipstick.

First job: My very first job was working as a camp counselor in my hometown. My first professional job was as a clinical social worker for Jewish Community Services of Long Island in Rego Park, N.Y.

One thing on your bucket list: To go to the Iditarod dog sled race that covers 1,000 miles from Anchorage to Nome.

Skill or talent you wish you had: The ability to carry a tune.

Advice for your children: I have always advised them to work up to their capacity but never forget to have a good time.

Best thing about children: Our twin daughters (now 27) have always enabled us to think about the world as they see it through their eyes ... from when they were babies to the Millennials they are today.

Favorite apps: Dark Skies for weather. Facebook for fun and connecting with old friends. Solitaire obsessively every day.

Last book you read: “Lincoln in the Bardo” by George Saunders.

All-time favorite movie: “Gone With the Wind.”

Something you wish could go back to the way it once was: Communication. I am as guilty as the next at texting and emailing in both professional and personal relationships. However, I wish we could go back to the time when “face time” meant sitting down, looking the person in his/her eyes, and having a conversation.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: My ability to remember every word of just



about every rock ‘n’ roll and pop song of the 1960s. Unfortunately, although I know the words I cannot carry a tune; therefore, they all sound alike.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: Affordable housing.

Annual membership is \$15, and there are no additional fees. Need-based scholarships are available.

In addition to the senior center, JFCS provides services that support and strengthen families and individuals of all ages, backgrounds and beliefs — often at times of great personal vulnerability.

These services include mental health counseling, geriatric case management, volunteer services, emergency financial assistance and a food pantry.

JFCS has numerous volunteer opportunities for individuals to become involved in its various programs and services. To learn more, call 325-4444 or

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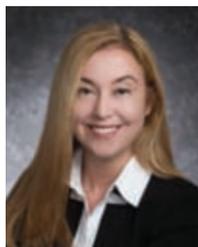
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Hodges U. holds annual Veterans Day ceremony

The Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center at Hodges University hosts its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10. All are welcome.

"It is an honor for us to host a ceremony each year to pay tribute to our veterans," said Christine Manson, chief of student success at the university. "Attendees can expect to pause from the business of the day and spend time reflecting on the service of our veterans."

The 30-minute ceremony will include the Gulf Coast High School JROTC, a flag folding ceremony by two Hodges student veterans, as well as guest speaker U.S. Army veteran Dale Mullin, founder and president of



Wounded Warriors of Collier County.

In the past six years, Mr. Mullin's organization has raised more than \$725,000 for veterans. A staunch supporter of the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center, Mr. Mullin has also provided scholarship support to more than 20 Hodges student veterans.

A reception with cake and refreshments will follow the program in the John White Community Room on the Naples campus at 2647 Professional Way.

For more information, call the Veterans Services Center at 938-7833 or send an email to veteranservices@hodges.edu. ■

Free 'Wills for Heroes' offered on Nov. 11

Legal Aid Service of Collier County, in partnership with the law firm of Cohen & Grigsby, holds its sixth annual "Wills for Heroes" on Saturday, Nov. 11, preparing wills and other basic estate planning documents free of charge for veterans, police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other first responders (and their spouses).

The services will be offered from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at Legal Aid Service headquarters, 4436 E. Tamiami Trail in Naples.

Any veteran or first responder who wants to participate should register online ahead of time at www.collierlegalaid.org/2017-wills-for-heroes.

For more information, call Logan Meester at 298-8138 or email lmeester@legalaid.org. ■

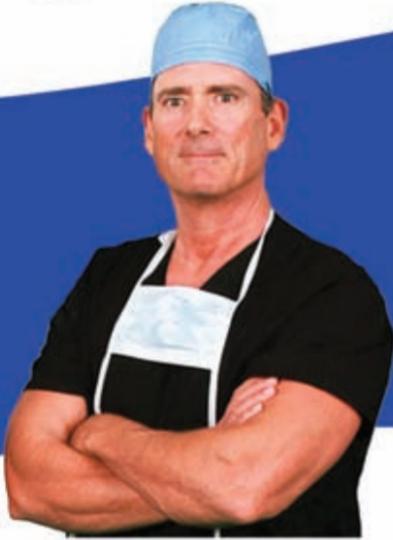
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MUSCOVY

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And yet their strange charm to some is undeniable.

"I want him!" Abigail Murphy, 2½, told her dad, TJ, pointing at a big Muscovy duck who sat on the shore surrounded by more slender and graceful white ibis. Iridescent green feathers shimmered in the sunlight on the duck's back, one of many Muscovy color patterns.

Abigail and TJ, who is 27, often visit the ducks and other wildlife that live in a wide canal behind Bayfront Health hospital in Port Charlotte off Olean Boulevard.

"She's absolutely in love with the ducks," TJ says. "I mean, this is the type of stuff she'll remember."

Nearby, young Muscovy ducks drifted, three dark and one lighter colored. Found mostly in urban areas in Florida in canals, retention ponds in condo complexes or behind Walmarts, in gated communities, on golf courses and farms, they are both abundantly common and little-known, neighbors we haven't cared to get to know.

Native to Central and South America and parts of southern Texas, they are considered a non-native, invasive species by the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission, although by some accounts they've lived here for hundreds of years. At the least, they've been here since the 1960s. FWC has no population projection but there are thought to be tens of thousands in Florida.

"These birds have escaped captivity or were released illegally for ornamental purposes," FWC's website reads.

Because they are an introduced species, landowners can remove them without a permit, but they can't relocate them on public land. That means they're usually euthanized unless a private landowner or the rare shelter is willing to take them.

Although the ducks are protected under animal cruelty rules, their status as an invasive nuisance makes them vulnerable to mistreatment, said Don Anthony, a spokesperson for the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida in Fort Lauderdale.

"It's an ongoing problem," he said. "There are people who hate these ducks and are just unbelievably brutal and cruel to them ... they not just chase them but kill them. Some people purposely run them over when they see them in the street."

The South Florida *Sun-Sentinel* report-



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TJ and Abigail Murphy visit Muscovy ducks behind Bayfront Health hospital in Port Charlotte.

ed in 2015 that a trapper was found "bludgeoning mother Muscovies to death" at a condo building in Pembroke Pines. And in Wellington, "a groundskeeper allegedly laughed as he gunned his lawn mower over a flock of 11 ducklings... The landscaper was charged with nine counts of animal cruelty."

Although the ducks pose virtually no threat to human health, according to the Florida Department of Health, it has been suggested that they could spread diseases such as avian flu or duck viral enteritis to other birds. Those cases have rarely been reported. FWC didn't respond to a question asking what specific disease the Muscovy ducks could spread to other wildlife and how that compares to diseases other animals can spread.

The most common complaint about them is that they can breed like crazy in heavily populated areas — especially when people feed them — and then poop on people's driveways, sidewalks and other areas.

The FWC recorded 71 complaints about Muscovy ducks in Palm Beach County between January 2014 and September 2017, the most of any Florida county, followed by Hillsborough County with 43. During that period, there were 20 complaints in Lee, 10 in Collier, and none in Charlotte County.

FWC says the ducks have often divided residents who love them and those who hate "their droppings, property damage and aggressive behavior."

One of the few researchers to begin



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Most agree that Muscovy ducks are cute when babies.

studying Florida populations of Muscovy ducks, Jacqueline Perry Cahanin graduated in May from the University of South Florida in Tampa with an M.S. in Environmental Science.

"They are kind of lazy," she admits, though she grew fond of them. "... I do like the ducks."

She implores people not to feed them, "or any wildlife."

"They have plenty of food," she said.

Her graduate thesis, "Abundance and Habitat Preferences of Introduced Muscovy Ducks (*Cairina moschata*)" aims to "assist land managers and property owners with habitat modifications in preventing or controlling nuisance Muscovy populations."

Ms. Cahanin's professor and mentor, Joni Firat, specializes in the study of animal movement. Lately that has included Muscovy ducks.

"I quickly learned that they are not well

studied outside their native range," wrote Dr. Firat, associate chair at USF's School of Geosciences. "So, my students and I have been studying Muscovy ducks to learn more about what habitats they use in Florida, as well as how they use them."

She and her students observed individual ducks in the Tampa area to find out how they spend their time.

"We found that they spend most of the daytime in grass (41 percent), followed by ponds and their shorelines (25 percent), under tree and shrub cover (27 percent), and other urban habitats (7 percent)," she wrote. "They also spend the night roosting at the edge of the water or in trees. They feed in a variety of ways: gleaning foods from the ground surface, such as acorns, or insects; dabbling in the water; probing the soil for insects or other foods; grazing grasses and other small plants; and consuming bread and other food items offered by humans."

Dr. Firat (along with the FWC and many others) says people should not feed the ducks, as she has noticed people doing on campus. It can cause their population to explode in a populated area, leading to ducks being trapped and euthanized.

"Although I do not recommend feeding wildlife," she added, "frozen peas are a better option than bread in terms of both duck health and maintaining water quality."

Duck Haven

Eunice Sivertsen, at 80, is Florida's — and perhaps the world's — most dedicated Muscovy duck activist, spokesperson and caretaker. For 41 years, she has run the nonprofit Duck Haven, a shelter for Muscovy ducks at her home in Margate in Broward County.

"I think that the ducks keep me young," she said.

Ms. Sivertsen, who moved to Florida from Long Island, is now caring for about 70 permanently injured and disabled ducks and finds homes for the healthy ones.

"I have blind ones," she said. "One with half a beak. One with one leg..."

She has taken in the ducks from all over South Florida including from residents in Palm Beach County and the CROW clinic on Sanibel Island.

CROW admitted 58 injured Muscovy ducks this year, and 43 last year. The most common injury is being hit by a car.

"Our rehabilitation licenses allow us to treat, but not to release invasive species back into the wild," says Dr. Heather Barron, CROW hospital director. "In the case



"They are kind of lazy ... I do like the ducks."

— Jacqueline Perry Cahanin
Muscovy duck researcher

in the know

Muscovy duck (*Cairina moschata*)

>> **Categorized:** The Sunshine State's Muscovy ducks are a feral, domesticated variety. They are generally larger and heavier than their wild counterparts native to Central and South America, Mexico and southern Texas, and their color patterns come in more varieties.

>> **Key features:** Their red heads, which especially in males as they become adult, develop into warty flesh — called caruncles — around their eyes and beaks. Females sometimes lack this feature entirely, and are also typically much smaller than males. They also hiss instead of quack.

>> **Length:** 28 to 34 inches.

>> **Weight:** 5 to 15 pounds.

>> **Lifespan:** Up to 12 years.

>> **Habitat:** All 67 Florida counties. Unlike wild Muscovy ducks, which live mainly in forests, Florida's variety are usually found in urban and suburban areas

such as condo complex ponds, golf courses, city parks and canals, as well as on farms.

>> **Number in Florida:** Unknown. There are said to be tens of thousands.

>> **Diet:** Vegetation, insects, small fish and crustaceans, spiders, worms, handouts from people such as bread.

>> **Predators:** Feral cats, dogs, alligators, raccoons. Water snakes and lizards may eat their eggs. Owls, rats and other predators may feed on chicks.

>> **Breeding:** Prolific. They lay from eight to 16 eggs and breed year-round. The eggs take about a month to incubate.

>> **Background:** The birds are believed to have been brought to Florida at an unknown date, decades or perhaps even centuries ago, escaped, and then formed their own self-sustaining populations. The name "Muscovy" might

be a reference to the Muscovy Company based in London in 1555, which brought the ducks from the Americas to England and France, though it's unclear exactly where their name comes from.

>> **Legal status:** Muscovy ducks are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a Control Order allowing control of the Muscovy ducks and their nests and eggs in areas outside their natural range, including Florida. That allows control of the ducks by landowners, wildlife management agencies, and tenants, agents, or employees without federal or state permits. Florida and federal rules prohibit the release of Muscovy ducks on public lands.

— Sources: FWC;
"The Living Gulf Coast" by
Charles Sobczak;
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

of young, healthy Muscovy ducks brought to the clinic, we are sometimes able to find permanent homes for them.”

Otherwise, they're euthanized.

Ms. Sivertsen and her veterinarian can restore some injured ducks back to health. She urges people who want ducks removed to call her first before calling a trapper. She has a network of private farms including in West Palm Beach where she is often able to relocate healthy Muscovy ducks.

Ms. Sivertsen started Duck Haven after watching a man drowning baby ducks and beating their mother, she said, in a lake near her home.

Back in Long Island, she and her late husband had raised foster children, she recalled, and when they came to Florida, the ducks felt to her a little bit like that.

“I guess when I moved down here I took a liking to these ducks and I could see how when I would go out to rescue one, people said, ‘they're garbage ducks, they're nuisance ducks,’” she said. “That made it even more of a challenge for me to protect these ducks that so many people disliked.”

Over the years, the Muscovy population, like other animals, increasingly compete for space with people. They've often found themselves the targets of homeowners and condo associations, and other places that typically hire trappers to remove them.

It is illegal to relocate them to public land, and finding private landowners to take in unwanted Muscovy families can be difficult.

Instead, FWC allows “humane” euthanizing of the ducks, by trappers or by residents who find the ducks on their property. That's what usually happens.

Patrick Gibson, owner of Professional Wildlife Removal, said he prefers that the ducks are taken to a private farm. Otherwise they're euthanized, with his preferred method being carbon dioxide poisoning in a cage.

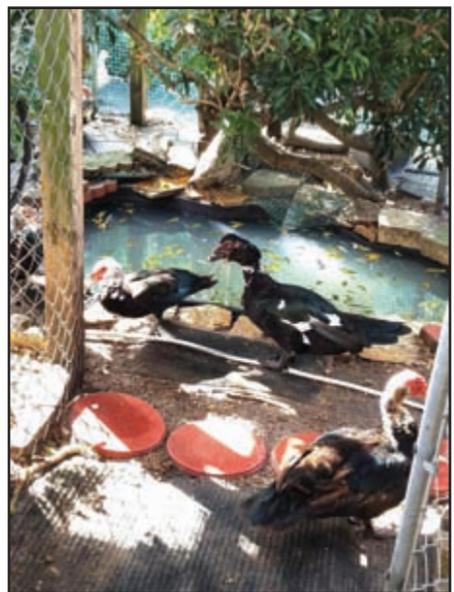
“It's the least torturous method,” he said. The duck “goes in there basically, falls asleep and that's it.”

Noel Hanson, owner of Animal Rangers based in Wellington, does duck removals throughout South Florida.

“Over here they're extremely abundant,” he said. “The biggest problem with them overall is they're very prolific, especially if people are feeding them. The other problem with them is they defecate extensively — much more, so it seems, than other water fowl.”

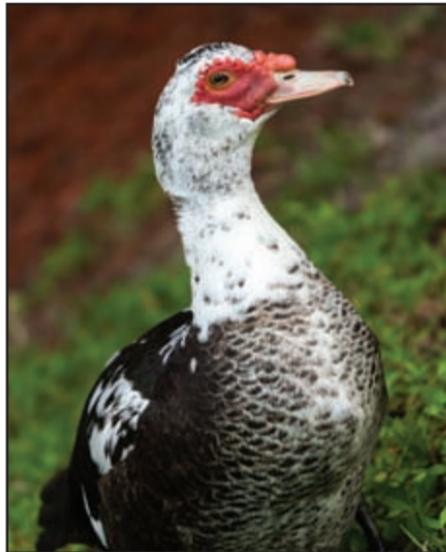
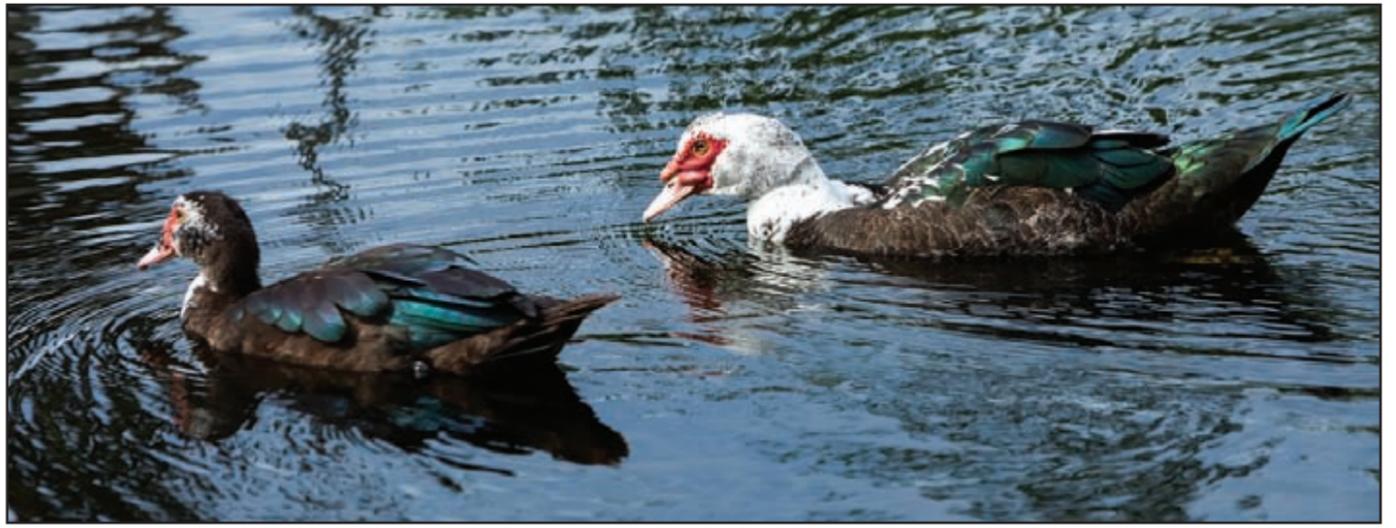
“They're more like chickens and roosters and that's the way I view them. I view Muscovy ducks like as a farm animal, not a wild animal.”

He would not discuss his method of euthanizing because he said it upsets people. The *Sun-Sentinel* reported in 2015 that the wildlife commission's accepted methods of euthanization include carbon dioxide poisoning and pellet guns, as well as “cervical dislocation,” breaking the duck's neck, whether by hand or with a club.



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Ducks enjoy each other's company at Duck Haven, a shelter for the birds.



VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY

A Muscovy duck family always seem to be present at all the shows, GreenMarkets and events at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

Sometimes they are sold to gator farms for food, Ms. Sivertsen said.

One of the biggest misconceptions about Muscovy ducks is that they spread disease to humans. The Florida Department of Health in Lee County emailed this statement:

“No public health agency, including the United States Centers for Disease Control, has any evidence that Muscovy ducks or their droppings present any health threat to human beings. The sole exception is when small children, the elderly and those with immune system problems directly handle newly hatched chicks, then exposure to salmonella can occur.”

Instead of calling trappers who usually euthanize the ducks, Ms. Sivertsen and others recommend controlling populations first by not feeding them. If they are fed, she adds, especially in a residential area, it should be restricted to one location.

People can also remove eggs from their nest and destroy the eggs. There are different methods. Mr. Anthony of the Animal Rights Foundation recommends you wait until the nest is full before taking the eggs or else the mother will lay more to replace the missing ones. USF graduate Ms. Cahanin said you should “addle” the eggs to destroy the embryo and then replace them in the nest.

Having the ducks around is also a way to control other unwanted insects.

“It's very healthy to have a certain number of Muscovy ducks in your neighborhood because they eat roaches, palmetto bugs, mosquitos, all kinds of creatures we really don't want,” Mr. Anthony said. “And if you don't feed them — I've seen them walk through my front yard. They forage for food and they move on.”

The ducks once brought joy to Naples resident Mary Jane Briggs and her grandchildren in her Tall Pines neighborhood — but also a lot of poop in her driveway, she said, “bless their little hearts.”

“It all started when my grandchildren were still young and would come to me after school and of course the mamas would be around the neighborhood with the baby ducks and they wanted to feed them and that started the process, and once you start feeding ducks, that's an ongoing thing.”

Before long, she counted 32 ducks feeding in her driveway every day.

“I loved watching them,” she said. “I loved watching the babies grow up and a lot of the ducks almost became like pets, but then I didn't like dealing with all the aftermath of having all the ducks on my driveway.”

That was nearly seven years ago. Since then they stopped being fed and their numbers dwindled or they went elsewhere.

“I think Mother Nature and the otters that live in the two lakes we have in Tall Pines have taken care of them and the population is quite thin right now,” she said.

Many communities have ordinances prohibiting feeding the ducks. In Lee County, Animal Services has the authority to “declare Muscovy ducks to be a public nuisance” and may “break the eggs and humanely euthanize the ducks” if they are found to be so.

It also reads, “The possession of or feeding of Muscovy ducks on public property and private property zoned residential is hereby prohibited.”

Davie resident Steve Rosen, 66, is an animal rights activist and entrepreneur who insists that the duck's legal status should be changed to “native” so they can be relocated to public lands instead of being euthanized.

They've been here longer than many people who consider themselves native, he points out, and blames their sometimes “nuisance” status on people feeding them.

Mr. Anthony agrees.

“See, we create the problem and then we kill the ducks as if it's their fault,” he said.

Yum yum duck

While Muscovy ducks are known in the culinary world as being quite delicious, Chef Bruce Mattel advises that Florida's free-roaming, feral population are likely not, because of their diet. That could include bugs and flora tainted by polluted water and human handouts or even garbage.

“The one thing I don't think you want to do is indicate to your readers that those ducks will taste good, because they probably won't,” said Chef Mattel, who is senior associate dean for culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

The smaller Pekin duck is the most

popular duck in the professional culinary world, he said, though farm-raised Muscovy ducks can be substituted for most recipes.

Muscovy ducks are also commonly crossbred with Pekins to produce a Mulard duck, used for foie gras.

“Farm-raised Muscovy duck is very delicious,” he said. Compared to Pekin, “They're a little richer, a little more mineral.”

The ducks can be roasted slowly for a very long time, he said. Or, often, the more tender breasts are cooked separately while the tougher legs are braised or prepared with a confit method.

“The breasts have to be served medium rare to rare and sliced thin for optimum palatability,” he said.

Bon Appétit. ■

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— Don Anthony

The Animal Rights Foundation of Florida



'USO Show' will follow Cambier Park memorial service

The Naples Veterans Memorial Service takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Cambier Park and will be followed by the annual "USO Show" re-enactment at the Naples Depot Museum from noon to 1 p.m.

Naples' role as an Army Air Corps training base during World War II is remembered each Nov. 11 at the museum. Although the depot was closed to train traffic for the duration of the war, the old station came alive every Saturday night with comedy and dances designed to boost the morale of soldiers stationed at the nearby army airfield (now Naples Municipal Airport).

All are welcome to the show that brings back those all-American sights and sounds. Admission is free. A limited number of chairs will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own. For more information, call 262-6525. ■



Korean War-era vets to receive a Marco Island 'Welcome Home!'

"Welcome Home!" to Korean War-era veterans is the theme of the 2017 Veterans Day ceremony starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Community Park on Marco Island. The event is sponsored by American Legion Post 404 and the city of Marco Island.

The program will include a reading of the names of Marco veterans who have passed away over the last year.

Speakers will include U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney III (R-Naples), Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala and retired U.S. Army Col. Charlotte Roman. American Legion Post 404 Chaplain Bill Duncan, a Vietnam War veteran, will present a review of the his-

tory of the Korean War. Lee Rubenstein and Bill Horton will lead a POW-MIA ceremony.

Representatives of Marco Island's American Legion Post 404, VFW Post 6370, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 95 and Marco Island's Civil Air Patrol squadron will comprise a color guard bearing the flags of the four military groups. Members of the city's police and fire-rescue departments will carry the American flag.

Susan Doyle's singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" will be followed by a fly-over by the Civil Air Patrol squadron in a World War II-era plane.

Keith Dameron of IBERIABANK will serve as master of ceremonies. Seating will be limited, and guests are urged to bring lawn chairs.

"The Korean War is sometimes called the forgotten war," notes Mr. Rubenstein, past commander of Marco's American Legion and the VFW posts. "No truce was ever signed and even today, the Korean peninsula is once again on the verge of North Korea trying to ignite another war. We remember and honor all veterans from all years. It's especially important now as our Korean veterans are aging. They deserve to be thanked for their service 57 years later, Marco Island-style." ■

Bonita Bay council welcomes Army Special Forces veteran

The Bonita Bay Veterans Council invites veterans and their families to a ceremony from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Bonita Bay Club. Lunch at noon will be followed by an honor guard salute at 1 p.m. and remarks by Major Ivan Castro, U.S. Army Special Forces, whose life experiences are featured in the 2016 book titled "Fighting Blind: A Green Beret's Story of Extraordinary Courage," which Mr. Castro co-authored with Jim DeFelice.

While serving in Iraq during 2006, Major Castro was struck with a mortar round, sustaining life-threatening

injuries including eye trauma that left him blind. He has since completed more than 50 marathons, cycled across America and trekked 200 miles across Antarctica to the South Pole with a team of injured service members led by Prince Harry. He continues to work with Prince Harry and advocates for veterans' issues worldwide.

Founded in 2015, the all-volunteer Bonita Bay Veterans Council has more than 500 members consisting of veterans from all branches of service, representing WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. All monies that are raised

go directly to veterans in need. The council has provided financial assistance to hundreds of local veterans and their families for funeral costs, medical expenses, utility bills, rent, daycare and more. The council sponsors a monthly mobile food pantry at the VA facility in Cape Coral and has established a scholarship fund with FGCU University for veterans who cannot afford to complete their education.

The Nov. 11 lunch and program is open to the public. Cost is \$25, and reservations are required. Call 495-0200 for reservations or more information. ■

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Brown and white pelicans, above, are often spotted as the Good Fortune II, top, plies the waters of Rookery Bay.

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Conservancy welcomes Cornell U. fracking expert

Conservancy of Southwest Florida welcomes Cornell University's Anthony Ingraffea, Ph.D., for a program about unconventional oil and gas extraction at the next "Evenings at the Conservancy" event from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Conservancy Nature Center, 1495 Smith Preserve Way in Naples. Admission is free.



INGRAFFEA

Mr. Ingraffea's topic is especially timely in light of the recent introduction of bills in both the Florida House and Senate to ban fracking and fracking-like activities in the Sunshine State.

He holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame, a master's in civil engineering from Polytechnic Institute of New York and a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Colorado. He has been at Cornell since 1977, where his research concentrates on computer simulation and physical testing of complex fracturing processes in metals, ceramics and geomaterials. For his public education efforts on shale gas and oil, TIME Magazine named him one of its 2011 People Who Matter.

Although admission to the Conservancy program is free, registration is requested and can be made by calling 403-4207 or emailing SophiaN@conservancy.org. For more information, visit www.conservancy.org/evenings. ■



FSW invites all to job fair

Florida SouthWestern State College holds a job fair for students and the general public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the FSW Collier campus, 7505 Grand Lely Drive in Naples. Representatives from dozens of local companies will be on hand.

Polish up your resume, transcripts and work portfolio to show prospective employers on the spot. Dress professionally and be prepared for a formal interview.

Through the month of October, current FSW students are invited to workshops on writing resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques and dressing for success. FSW Career Coach also helps them select a career path.

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History aficionados and military veterans in Southwest Florida are invited to participate in a unique event featuring a collection of war letters written by United States soldiers throughout history. Hosted by Hodges University's Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning, best-selling author Andrew Carroll will present "The Million Letters Campaign" from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the university's Naples campus.



CARROLL

Mr. Carroll, who is director of the Center for American War Letters at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., is traveling the country in hopes of collecting 1 million war-related letters from

every conflict in U.S. history. Along with showing audience members extraordinary, original letters from CAWL's collection, he will discuss his latest book, "My Fellow Soldiers: General John Pershing and the Americans Who Helped Win the Great War."

"Andrew Carroll is preserving the part of American history known only by veterans and their families," said Katharine Sittler at the Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning. "These letters open a window into the personal experiences of the bravest amongst us."

Attendees will also be the first to view the university's collection of original photographs donated by the late Anthony D'Amore Sr., who was a professor at Hodges.

Admission is free and all are welcome, but registration is required. Call the center for lifelong learning at 598-6143 or email cll@hodges.edu. ■

Face your fear of public speaking

Every nonprofit professional knows how important it is to communicate persuasive messages about his/her mission and services. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to accomplish this effectively, nor are they comfortable with the process.

Learn how to conquer fears and fine-tune your speaking skills to achieve greater results whether through networking, staff presentations, interpersonal communications or speaking to large audiences in a workshop offered by the Center

for Nonprofit Excellence from 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Hodges University in Naples, 2647 Professional Way.

Presenters are retired radio and television personality Arnold Klinsky and personal development coach Peggy Sealton, the author of "Escape from Anxiety: Supercharge Your Life with Powerful Strategies from A to Z."

Registration is \$35. To sign up or for more information, call Noreen Thomas at 405-8767 or email cne@hodges.edu. ■

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Local company hopes to revolutionize mobility for walker-bound Americans

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Medical walkers help millions of elderly Americans or those recovering from an injury regain mobility. But they often are not so well suited for those who wish to traverse the sandy beaches of Southwest Florida or take a dip in the Gulf of Mexico.

That quandary is at the root of a new invention: Stability Gliders, invented by a Naples-based company called Stabilized Steps. The patented, lightweight gliders attach easily to the legs of most walkers to increase stability on various terrains such as sand or gravel, providing increased mobility and helping prevent falls.

“We have developed a more distinct and dependable medical device attachment for walkers that allows them to be stable on uneven surfaces both indoors and outdoors,” said Stephanie Gomez, co-founder and CEO of Stabilized Steps. “Our product will change many lives, including the lives of caregivers, by giving individuals with mobility issues the freedom to move forward.”

The idea for Stabilized Steps came out of a real need. In 2009, co-founder Eryk Hardwick had a client with chronic arthritis who required a walker after two hip replacements and two knee replacements. The client had a love of visiting the beach, but was no longer able to do so because his walker would often sink unevenly into the sand.

Mr. Hardwick, a residential contrac-

tor by trade, invented a metal foot that attached to the bottom of each side of the walker to stabilize it and keep it from sinking in the sand. The client could even take the walker deep enough



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A set of Stability Gliders.

in the water to where his wife could remove the walker and he could swim.

Ms. Gomez has lived and worked in Naples since middle school. After graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University, she moved out of the area for several years but came back with her family after her son was born two years ago.

She started her career as a banker before transitioning more into business consulting, helping young companies develop business plans and strategies.

Mr. Hardwick secured a utility Pat-

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At the recent Medtrade Group Show in Atlanta, where the Stability Gliders received two awards: Daniel Gomez, Stabilized Steps vice president of operations; David Hardwick; Liz Carey of HomeCare Magazine; Stabilized Steps co-founder and inventor Eryk Hardwick and co-founder/President and CEO Stephanie Gomez; Kevin Gaffney of Medtrade Group Show; and Michelle Velasquez, Stabilized Steps vice president of marketing.

ent from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the concept in 2013. Three years later he partnered with Ms. Gomez, and the two developed a new and improved version of the product. A manufacturer has been engaged and a design patent is pending.

Stabilized Steps plans to launch a Kickstarter campaign in mid-November to increase awareness of the gliders. They will provide gliders to contributors who need them; for contributors who don't have a need, Stabilized Steps will donate a pair of Stability Gliders to charity.

Stability Gliders were featured at the Medtrade New Product Pavilion at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta on Oct. 23-25 and received a third place on the 2017 Innovative HME Retail Product Awards and a Silver for the 2017 Providers' Choice Award.

Pre-orders have started coming in, and the company is talking with dealers about possible partnerships. Production is expected to begin in December, with shipments starting around yearend.

"It hasn't been easy," Ms. Gomez said about getting to this point with the product. "But competing with multi-million and even billion-dollar companies at this trade show and coming away with multiple awards ... it was validating."

At \$129.99, the Stability Gliders replace more traditional beach walkers that can cost upwards of \$1,000 and have been tested to withstand more than 500 pounds with many fall and stress scenarios. The product design is rustproof for salt water or winter salt exposure and carries a lifetime warranty.

For more information, call 844-691-STEP or visit www.stabilizedsteps.com. ■

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principles are welcome to participate.

Event organizers in Collier and Lee counties hope the day helps citizens become more attentive, informed, focused and involved in the issues facing the community and the nation. Participating organizations include: Collier Freedom, the SWFL Justice4all Coalition, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Naples Pride, PFLAG, NAACP, Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Indivisible-OFA, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Islamic Center For Peace, Citizens Climate Lobby, Pre-

serve Our Paradise, Habitat for Humanity, the Coalition for Quality Public Education, the Stone Crab Alliance, Climate Action Network, Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Current, Community Café Coalition, American Promise, Young Dems, the Environmental Democratic Caucus of Florida, the Hispanic Democratic Caucus of Collier County, Collier Progressives, the Democratic Executive Committee of Collier County, the Collier County Democratic Women's Club and the Lee County Democratic Women's Club.

To see a list of the 19 corners and causes, go to the event page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1983347121995551/>.

For more information, search for Collier Freedom Day of Action on Facebook or send an email to info@collierfreedom.org. ■

Donated cell phones help soldiers connect

Through November, Action Automatic Door & Gate is collecting cell phones and mobile devices of all makes, models and condition as part of its Veterans Day campaign with Cell Phones for Soldiers Inc., whose "Minutes That Matter" movement uses funds from recycled devices to buy prepaid phone cards to help service men and women connect with their families.

Devices can be dropped off at Action Automatic Door in Naples at

275 Airport-Pulling Road and in Fort Myers at 11360 Metro Parkway.

Most cell phones will net \$5 in recyclable parts, which can provide 2½ hours of talk time.

Since 2004, "Minutes That Matter" has provided more than 300 million minutes of free conversation via more than 5 million calling cards and 15 million recycled cell phones to active-duty military. For more information, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com. ■



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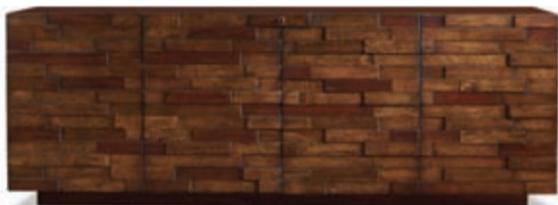
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Learn more about the opportunities



during any of the following Volunteer 101 information sessions at the Champions for Learning headquarters, 3606 Enterprise Ave.: 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2; 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8; and 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. Current volunteers and staff members will be on hand to answer questions and share their experiences.

RSVP by calling Kimberly Komorny at 643-4755 or emailing kkomorny@championsforlearning.org. ■



Everglades City took a pounding from Hurricane Irma, but many of the town's historic buildings are still standing and have a tale to tell. Hear some of those stories from historian Marya Repko at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Naples Depot Museum. She will describe how Barron Collier decided on the remote village in the Everglades for his headquarters and built a town with the grandiose neo-classical Collier County Courthouse, shown here, at the center. Both the city and the Tamiami Trail were completed in five years, an amazing engineering feat given the muck, mosquitoes, remoteness and other obstacles his team faced. The talk is free and all are welcome. The Naples Depot Museum is at 1051 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call Jon Nickerson at 262-6525.

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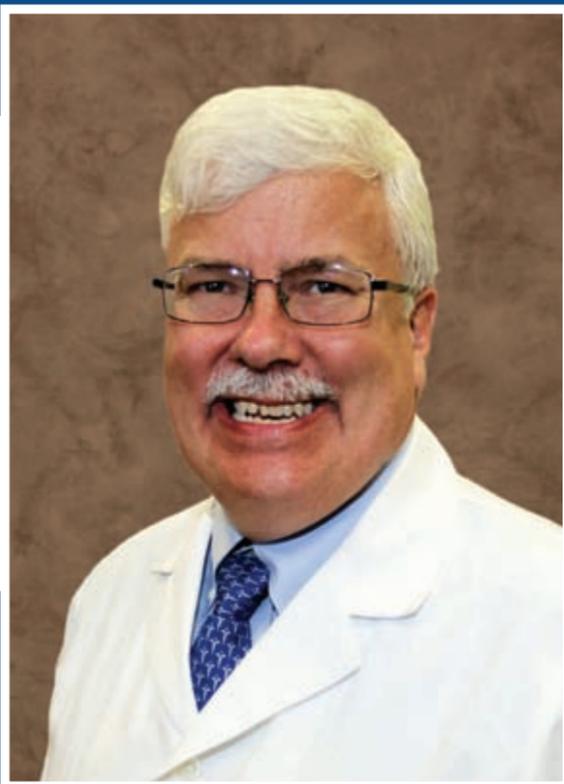


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Traditions

The 72nd annual Yellville (Arkansas) Turkey Trot, which took place on Oct. 14, is famous for its Turkey Drop, in which live turkeys are dropped from a low-flying airplane and then chased by festivalgoers.

This year, www.KY3.com reports, several turkeys were dropped during the afternoon despite animal-rights activists having filed a formal complaint with the sheriff's office, saying the pilot "terrorized" the birds. But pharmacist and past pilot Dana Woods told the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*: "We treat the turkeys right. That may sound ironic, but we

don't abuse those turkeys. We coddle and pet those turkeys. We're good to them."

Wild turkeys can fly, but in 2016, about a dozen birds were dropped and not all survived the fall. According to *The Washington Post*, over the past several years, local sponsors and the chamber of commerce have distanced themselves from the Turkey Drop, now more than five decades old. The Federal Aviation Administration is checking to see if any laws or regulations were broken, but said it has not intervened in past years because the turkeys are not considered to be projectiles.

'Tis the season

Could turkeys be sensing the peril of the season? Police in Bridgewater, Mass., tweeted a warning to the town's residents on Oct. 15 about aggressive wild turkeys, WBZ-TV reported. As proof, an accompanying video showed four turkeys chasing a Bridgewater police

cruiser. The officers were not as amused as their Twitter followers. "Aggressive turkeys are a problem in town," the department tweeted. "State law doesn't allow the police or (animal control) to remove them."

Update

In 1990, Marlene Warren, 40, answered her door in Wellington, Fla., and was shot in the face by a clown bearing balloons (one of which read "You're the greatest!") and flowers. On Sept. 26, Palm Beach County Sgt. Richard McAfee announced that Warren's widower's current wife, Sheila Keen Warren, 54, had been arrested for the murder, 27 years after the fact, and taken into custody in Abingdon, Va.

Sheila Keen married Michael Warren

in 2002, NBC News reported. (Warren went to prison in 1994 for odometer tampering, grand theft and racketeering in connection with his car rental agency.) Sheila had worked for him, repossessing cars, and they were reportedly having an affair when the murder took place. While Sheila had always been a suspect, new technology finally allowed prosecutors to retest DNA evidence and build a case against her.

Sex therapy

Zookeepers believe China's 4-year-old giant panda Meng Meng, currently on loan to the Berlin Zoo, displays her displeasure with her surroundings, food or caretakers by walking backward. "Meng Meng is in puberty," zoo director Andreas Knieriem explained to the *Ber-*

liner Zeitung newspaper on Oct. 22. "The reverse walk is a protest." To address the situation, zookeepers will introduce Meng Meng to Jiao Qing, a male giant panda three years older, who presumably will ease her frustration by engaging in sexual activity with her.

Most considerate criminal

Nelly's Taqueria in Hicksville, N.Y., suffered a break-in on Oct. 3, but the burglar redefined the term "clean getaway." Surveillance video showed a man donning food-service gloves and starting a pot of water to boil before hammering open the cash register. He secured \$100 in his pockets, leaving a dollar in the tip jar, then started "cooking up a storm," owner Will Colon told *Newsday*. Cameras recorded as the thief cooked

beans, sauteed shrimp and chicken and helped himself to a cold soda before enjoying his meal standing up. "The way he handled that pan, man, the dude had some skills," Colon said. Afterward, he carefully stored the leftovers in the refrigerator, cleaned his pans and wiped down all the surfaces he had used. Then he took off through the back window, the same way he had come in.

People different from us

■ In Lissone, Italy, 40-year-old fitness instructor Laura Mesi made news when she married herself in late September. "I told my relatives and friends that if I had not found my soul mate, I would marry myself by my 40th birthday," Mesi said, according to *The Independent*. She spent more than 10,000 euros (\$11,700) for the occasion, which included a white wedding dress, a three-tiered cake, bridesmaids and 70 guests. She's part of a self-marrying movement dubbed "sologamy" that has followers all over the world.

■ An anonymous collector from Palm Beach was the winning bidder in an

Oct. 11 online auction for a half-smoked cigar that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill enjoyed during a 1947 trip to Paris. AP reports the 4-inch cigar remnant brought just over \$12,000 in the auction managed by Boston-based RR Auction. The company says Churchill smoked the cigar on May 11, 1947, at Le Bourget Airport. A British airman, Cpl. William Alan Turner, kept the cigar after he and his crew flew Churchill and his wife between Paris and London. The label on the Cuban stogie includes Churchill's name. ■

CLUB NOTES

■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** members meet from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members 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 Nov. 3 place to be is Shula's at the Hilton Naples, followed by Fish on Nov. 10. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.wine-tastersofnaples.org.

■ **The American Association of University Women-Greater Naples Branch** meets from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 6340 Napa Woods Way in Naples. Guest speaker Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, will discuss the recent report "The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty and Opportunity." She will also discuss the Women's Foundation of Collier County and the areas of need it works to address. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit www.aauwgnb.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 Nov. 4 and 18. Members

should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. RSVP by emailing Joe Geithmann at joeearl42@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **The Naples Garden Club** welcomes Adrienne Diaz for a program titled "Spice Up Your Garden" from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at Naples Botanical Garden. A Lee County Master Gardener and certified square foot garden instructor, Ms. Diaz will share tips on growing herbs and spices in our subtropical climate. Her own home garden, "Miss Potter's Place," is a tour destination for edible landscaping and backyard micro-farming enthusiasts. (Potter is Ms. Diaz' maiden name, and her roots go back to Beatrice Potter of Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's garden fame.) Admission is \$20. Registration is required via the yellow guest registration tab at www.naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **The Southwest Florida Pastel Society** encourages and promotes member pastel artists through monthly meetings and programs, workshops, activities and exhibition opportunities. New members are always welcome. Regular meetings are at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Worthington Country Club. The next regular meeting is Dec. 12. Members are invited to a special meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Naples Art Association for a demonstration by Chicago artist Nancie King Mertz. For information about how

to join the society, visit www.pastelsociety.org.

■ **Questers**, a club for anyone who loves antiques and preservation, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month for a field trip or a program at a member's home. The next meeting is Nov. 9. For more information, call Roberta Raass at 566-8919.

■ The Naples chapter of **Sons of the American Revolution** meets for lunch and a program starting at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at The Club at Longshore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way (Immokalee Road at I-75). The next meeting is Nov. 9. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit www.NaplesSAR.org.

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** invites all who enjoy conversing in French to join Denyse Jenkins for La Table Française from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at The French Brasserie Rustique, 365 Fifth Ave. S. The only cost is for your meal. Call the restaurant at 315-4019 to make your reservation. For more information about Alliance Francaise de Naples, email afnaples@comcast.net.

■ **Gamma Phi Betas alumnae** living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome to join others 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.

■ **The Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. All are welcome to enjoy a program by member Michael Garey. "Shooting your Ancestor: How a Revolutionary Gun Produced a Family Tree" is the story of patriot Timothy Howe and his family's involvement in the Revolutionary War. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call Jeanne Bruehler at 877-9276 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ **The Naples Music Club** invites the public to "Music Carnival," a free recital by club members starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S. ■

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Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Nov. 6-10:

Monday, Nov. 6

Goodlette-Frank and Immokalee roads: Speeding

U.S. 41 East and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Speeding

Pine Ridge and Livingston roads: Red-light running

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Estey Avenue at East Naples Middle School: Aggressive driving

Vanderbilt Beach and Airport Pulling roads: Red-light running

Golden Gate Parkway and I-75 northbound exit: Red-light running

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

Collier and Golden Gate boulevards: Aggressive driving

Davis and Santa Barbara boulevards: Red-light running

Rattlesnake Hammock and County Barn roads: Speeding

Thursday, Nov. 9

U.S. 41 East and Triangle Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Sunshine and Green boulevards: Speeding

Immokalee and Rock roads: Speeding

Friday, Nov 10

Coronado Parkway and Hunter Boulevard: Speeding

Logan Boulevard and Cherry Wood Drive: Red-light running

Radio and Livingston roads: Speeding ■

Check out CCSO2go app

CCSO2go, the mobile application of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, is free to download. The enhanced arrest log is searchable by date or name and displays each arrestee's charges, Collier County arrest history for the past 10 years and photograph.

The latest version of the app also offers more timely push notifications of CCSO news. By getting information out more quickly, the app can help users help CCSO solve crimes.

All CCSO-produced videos can be found on the app, along with real-time traffic information and updated Google street view maps.

CCSO2go is iPad friendly and available at the iTunes App Store. The Android-friendly app is available on Google Play. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Ford F-150 Raptor — ability with a hint of civility



If you're a truck person, it's hard not to get excited by a machine like the Ford F-150 Raptor. The beefy stance and terrain-chewing appearance makes everyone else assume your driveway is an off-road racing circuit. But the redesign for 2017 adds an unexpected element — civility.

The first Raptor was intended more as a halo model for the rest of the trucks. Just like Ford uses Cobra/GT350/GT500 packages to attract sports car buyers to the Mustang line, this was poised as the ultimate eye candy with true off-roading ability. It could lure people into the showroom where they would buy a more commuter-friendly F-150.

But that didn't happen. Instead, Ford's truck customers (and many others) put their money down for the real thing. Most people didn't complain that the Baja 1000 level of suspension travel was too bouncy for parking lot speed bumps. These first buyers knew what this truck was about, especially in Florida, where there's genuine appeal for a vehicle built to run hard in the sand. But Ford also has been wise about re-evaluating the Raptor for the second generation model.

Just as before, the new truck is out to get adrenaline pumping at first glance. Extra wide fenders, beefy 17-inch wheels w/chunky tires, skid plates and a tall stance are all pure intimidation. And the Raptor's exclusive grille spells out F-O-R-D in big block letter like it wants to stamp its name into the tailgates of any pickup that dares get in front.

In fact, aside from the cab and the headlight style, it's hard to see much of the original F-150 in the Raptor's design.

Inside, the lineage is clearer. Plenty of components are borrowed from the F-150, including the dash layout and infotainment system. But the more pedestrian versions don't have features like the Terrain Management System. This not only optimizes performance for everyday traction situations like rain or ice, but also there's a setting that will enable the truck to perform Baja-like high-speed 4x4 runs.

And being able to hit highway speeds



where there are no roads is the Raptor's specialty. The standard F-150 frame is reinforced in all the right places; the bumpers maximize approach/departure angles; and the pricey internal bypass Fox Racing shocks are standard equipment. There's more to this Raptor hardware upgrade, but we'd have to break out the off-road glossary to explain it all on this \$51,080 truck. Just know that people who understand what a desert pre-runner is are already excited about this one.

None of this ability is surprising, because it's what made off-roaders fall in love/lust with the first-generation Raptor. The difference with the new truck is that Ford has left all of the beach storming ability, and added more usability.

It starts with the motor. Gone is the 6.2-liter V8, and in its place is a 3.5-liter V6. It's a twin-turbo unit producing 450 horsepower and 510 lb-ft of torque — nearly a 10 percent and 18 percent

jump in respective figures. The all-out raucous rumble of the V8 is replaced by some of the turbo blow off valve whoosh, which is an added thrill for some people, but the real benefit is economy.

The V6 combines with lighter body panels, better aerodynamics, and a new 10-speed automatic transmission (with multiple overdrives) to deliver a 23 percent increase in average fuel economy. Greenpeace won't praise a jump from 13 mpg to 16 mpg, but that can mean an extra day between fill-ups and a genuine cost savings for the daily drivers.

And Ford seems to be aiming the new Raptor at people who are going to use it for more than just storming the beaches. A bit of bounce is unavoidable with the 13-inch suspension travel this one needs, but it never feels like a trampoline on the road — even in hard start/stop maneuvers. The 4x4 system continues to have true high/low locks for real off-road work, and now there's an automatic setting for more everyday wet weather situations. The extra-wide stance fills the road more than the standard F-150, but Ford also offers an optional lane-keep assist for those who need to drive in tight urban spaces.

The Raptor is always going to have appeal to Floridians who like to play in the sand on the weekends. But the new one is not going to make you regret your purchase when it's time to drive to work on Monday. ■

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■ **Collier Heart Walk** takes place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Cambier Park. **The American Heart Association's** non-competitive, 3-mile walk is free, although participants are encouraged to collect pledges in the weeks leading up to the event. Walkers, runners, strollers and pets are welcome. No registration is required. For more information, call 495-4910 or visit www.collierheartwalk.org.



■ **Strikes for Scholarships**, the annual bowling fundraiser hosted by the **Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association**, takes place from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at HeadPinz Entertainment Center, 14513 Global Parkway in Fort Myers. Registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for ages 7 and younger. Sign up at www.alumni.fgcu.edu. For more information, call Angela Kunkle at 745-4343.

■ **Bikers for Babies** to benefit the **March of Dimes** sets out at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, from North Collier Regional Park and winds up at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in south Fort Myers. For more information, call Megan Flores at 271-2564, email maflores@marchofdimes.org or visit www.bikersforbabies.org/southwestflorida.

■ The fourth annual **Chip in for DLC** golf tournament to benefit the **David Lawrence Center** tees off Friday, Nov. 10, at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. and a cocktail reception will follow the 18-hole scramble. Registration is \$250; non-golfers can attend the cocktail reception for \$50. To sign up or for more information, call DLC at 354-1445 or go to www.ChipInforDLC.org.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2017 Charity Classic Pro-Am** pairs local players with more than 20 of the world's greatest golfers at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and demonstrations at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament is followed by lunch and an awards presen-

tation. Registration starts at \$5,000. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **The St. Matthew's House Heroes for Homeless 5K Run/1-Mile Walk** takes place Saturday morning, Nov. 18, around the lakes in Ave Maria. Runners, joggers and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Registration is \$27 through Nov. 17 and \$30 on event day (\$15 for ages 7-22). For more information or to register, call 774-0500, email info@stmatthewshouse.org or visit www.stmatthewshouse.org.

■ **The 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's** takes place Saturday, Nov. 18, at **North Collier Regional Park**. The opening ceremony takes place at 9 a.m. and the non-competitive walk steps out at 9:30 a.m. Form a team, join one that is already registered or sign up as a volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up, registration, water stops and more. There is no registration fee, but every participant is asked to make a personal donation and collect pledges to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Those who raise at least \$100 will get an event T-shirt. To sign up or for more information, call 405-7008 or email alefcakis@alz.org.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples** hosts its **Pilot Holiday 5K Walk/Run** on Sunday morning, Dec. 10, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is \$15-\$40. For more information, call 289-8968 or visit www.pilotclubofnaples.org.

■ **Girls on the Run of Collier County** holds its fourth annual **Reindeer Dash** on Saturday morning, Dec. 16, at Community School of Naples. Participants can enjoy seasonal treats and a visit with Santa and his elves. Registration is \$15-\$35. To sign up or for more information, visit www.gotrcc.org.

■ **The Fed Cup VIII** to benefit the **Jewish Federation of Collier County** takes place Sunday, Dec. 17, at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club. The shotgun start is at 9 a.m. For more information, email Kevin Aizenshtat at Kevin@gcjp-naples.com. ■

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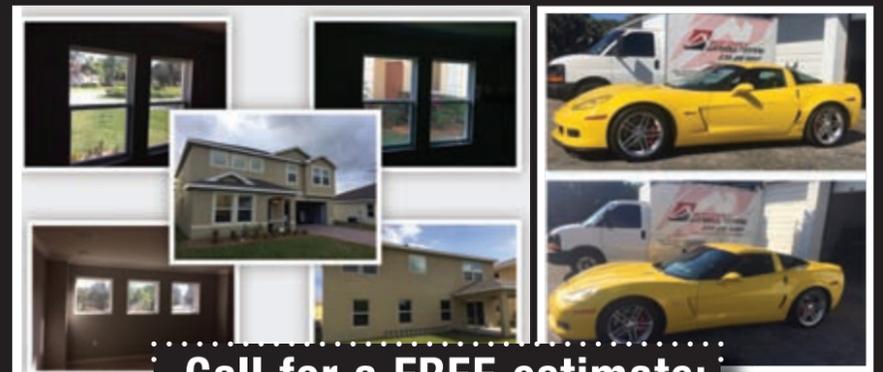
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Diabetes conference coming up

The third annual Southwest Florida Diabetes Conference takes place Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Greater Naples YMCA and will feature doctors and researchers from around the country presenting the latest information about the prevention and treatment of diabetes. Separate tracks are offered for type 1 and type 2 diabetes. CME credits are available for physicians and nurses who attend a separate professional track.

The conference is a collaboration of the Naples-based Help a Diabetic Child Foundation, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida and the Greater Naples YMCA. Registration starts at \$10. For more information, call 821-5051 or visit www.swfldiabetes.org. ■



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SHINE can help seniors navigate Medicare enrollment

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is underway through Dec. 7, and the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida reminds Medicare beneficiaries that now is a good time to review their Medicare coverage. For those considering making changes to coverage, SHINE is available to help. The agency's Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders program volunteers are trained Medicare counselors who provide free, impartial information and personalized assistance throughout Southwest Florida. Here's where counselors will be in Naples over the next few weeks:

Monday, Nov. 6: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive.

Friday, Nov. 10: 1-3 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 Tamiami Trail N.

Tuesday, Nov. 14: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive.

Thursday, Nov. 30: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Avow Hospice Lyon Center, 1223 Whippoorwill Lane.

Appointments are not necessary.

To receive optimal assistance, individuals interested in SHINE Medicare counseling should go prepared with a list of current prescriptions including dosages, and their current Medicare plan information. A review of projected next-year prescription costs can sometimes yield a savings of several hundred dollars for Medicare beneficiaries.

Medicare beneficiaries who are unable to attend one of the sessions above can call the Elder Helpline at 866-413-5337 and ask for a referral to speak with a SHINE counselor from one of the local counseling sites. For more information, visit www.FloridaSHINE.org. ■

Symptoms of a brain tumor can be subtle or dramatic

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A tumor in the brain isn't like tumors in other parts of your body. It has limited room for growth because of the skull. This means that a growing tumor can squeeze vital parts of the brain and lead to serious health problems. Learning about the possible symptoms of brain tumors can help you know when to tell a doctor about them.

A tumor is an abnormal mass of cells. When most normal cells grow old or get damaged, they die and new cells take their place. Sometimes this process goes wrong. New cells form when the body doesn't need them, and old or damaged cells don't die as they should. The extra cells can form a tumor.

A tumor that starts in the brain is called a primary brain tumor. People of all ages, including children, can develop this type of tumor. And there are many different ways they can form.

"There are more than 130 different types of primary brain tumors," says Dr. Mark Gilbert, an NIH brain tumor expert. About 80,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with a primary brain tumor each year.

Cancer that has spread to the brain from another part of the body is called a metastatic brain tumor. Metastatic brain tumors are far more common than primary tumors.

Both primary and metastatic brain tumors can cause similar symptoms. Symptoms depend mainly on where the tumor is in the brain.

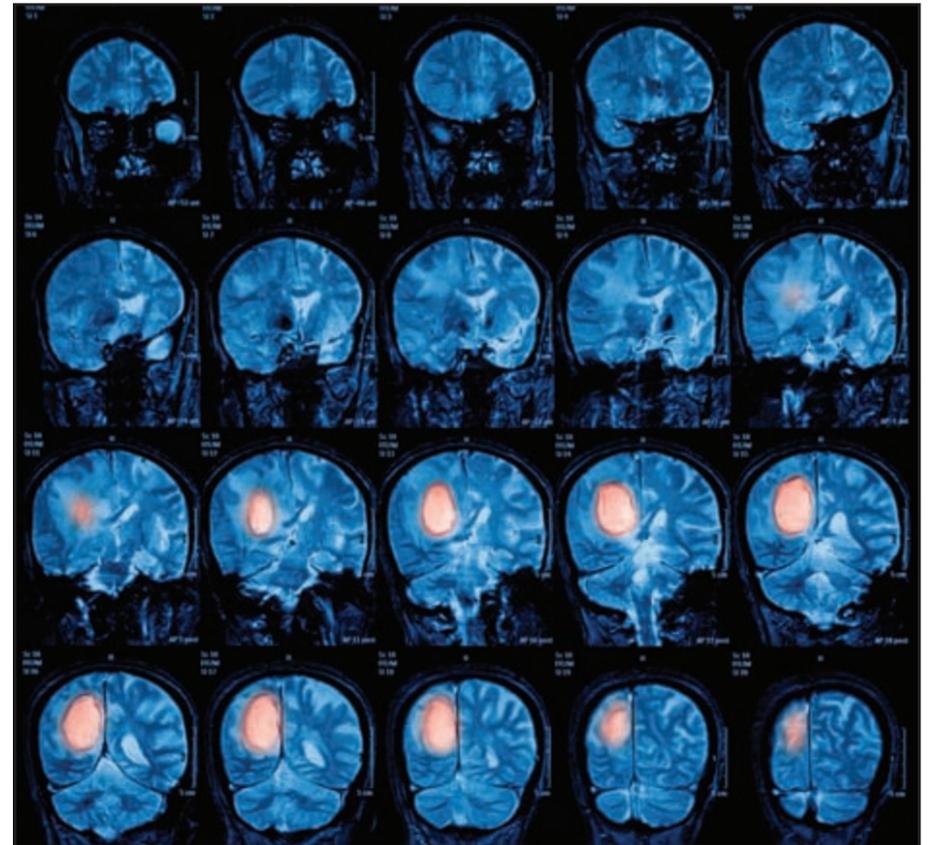
"The symptoms of brain tumors can be either dramatic or subtle," Dr. Gilbert says.

A seizure is an example of a dramatic symptom. About three of every 10 patients with a brain tumor are diagnosed after having a seizure, he explains.

Other symptoms are less obvious. For example, you might notice memory problems or weakness on one side of your body. If you have symptoms that suggest a brain tumor (see box), tell your doctor. Your doctor will give you a physical exam and ask about your personal and family health history.

You may need to have additional tests. Tumors can be detected by imaging methods such as MRI or CT scans.

"Brain imaging technology has really



changed the way we are able to visualize abnormalities," Dr. Gilbert says, adding it allows brain surgeons to learn as much as possible about the tumor and remove it more safely.

NIH researchers are continuing to look for ways to better detect and treat brain tumors. Treatments differ depending on the type and location of the tumor and can involve surgery, radiation (beams of high energy rays aimed at the tumor) and/or drugs that kill or block the growth of cancer cells.

Usually, brain tumor treatment requires a team of health-care professionals that includes surgeons, cancer specialists, nutritionists, nurses and mental health providers. The team does more than treat the tumor. They also try to minimize its impact on a patient's quality of life.

"There is a definite advantage to being cared for by people who do this on a routine basis," Dr. Gilbert says. ■

in the know

Possible symptoms of a brain tumor

The symptoms of a brain tumor depend on its size, type and location. The most common ones are listed below.

Although these symptoms do not mean you have a brain tumor, you should talk with your doctor if you experience any of the following:

- >> Severe headaches
- >> Muscle jerking or twitching (seizures or convulsions)
- >> Nausea and vomiting
- >> Changes in speech, vision or hearing
- >> Problems balancing or walking
- >> Changes in your mood, personality or ability to concentrate
- >> Problems with memory
- >> Numbness, tingling or weakness in the arms or legs

Doctor schedules info sessions about medical marijuana

Dr. Clint Potter of Advanced Individualized Medicine will discuss medical marijuana, answer questions and help potential patients determine whether they are eligible for the treatment in sessions starting at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 8 and 29, at his office at 720 Goodlette Road N. in Naples.



POTTER

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2013 revealed that nearly 8-in-10 doctors approved of the use of medical marijuana. A study in California published a year later found that 92 percent of medical marijuana patients said it alleviated symptoms of



their serious medical conditions.

Amendment 2, signed into Florida law in November 2016, provides for the use of medical marijuana under the supervision of specially licensed physicians.

"Finally in Florida we can be assured that patients are receiving safe, high quality cannabis and can avoid the risks

of 'unknown mixes,' from illegal drugs," Dr. Potter said. Studies have showed that medical marijuana can help people suffering from back injuries, chronic pain, cancer, multiple sclerosis and a host of other debilitating conditions, he said, adding, "Patients should have access to something that will help them."

Space is limited at the sessions and RSVPs are required. Sign up at www.naplesaim.com/register.

Anyone who would like to register for medical marijuana the night of either of the events should bring medical records to support their diagnosis. Those who have the proper records and who are determined eligible after a consultation with Dr. Potter will be able to complete registration that night. For more information, call Advanced Individualized Medicine at 260-3880. ■

FGCU College of Education hosts children's mental health conference

Florida Gulf Coast University continues addressing the mental health needs of Southwest Florida's youngest residents with its seventh annual Children & Youth Mental Health Conference set for Saturday, Nov. 18.



SHANKAR-BROWN

"As a social justice teacher-scholar, I am committed to building and nurturing empathy and promoting mental wellness, both in terms of prevention and response," Ms. Shankar-Brown said. In her keynote address and her workshop session she will address a variety of topics, including global-national-state-local equity issues, social-emotional development, trauma-informed care, empathy, culturally responsive competence, resilience and the importance of collective responsibility and engagement focused on promoting positive mental health in children and youth.

"Mental health is inextricably intertwined with equity issues," she said. "And mental wellness awareness, advocacy and action are vital to the advancement of social justice."

Several Southwest Florida organizations help FGCU put on this event. This year's primary sponsor is the David Lawrence Center for mental health and addiction recovery in Collier County.

"We feel it is critical to continue raising awareness and advancing evidence-based care regarding the vitally important social and emotional challenges that face today's youth," said Scott Burgess, CEO of the center. "Research demonstrates the importance of early identification and intervention with children's mental health issues. Effectively addressing the needs associated with these issues enables children to live in wellness and achieve their full potential."

Continental breakfast will be served, and lunch is available for purchase on campus. For information about registration, donating toward conference expenses or earning continuing-education credits, email Ms. Kratt at dkratt@fgcu.edu. ■

Titled "Community Responsiveness for Collaborative Action" and coordinated by the FGCU College of Education, the conference takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Cohen Center ballroom on the FGCU campus. Attendance is free, but registration is required and can be completed at www.fgcu.edu/childrenshealth.

Each year, the conference aims to reduce stigma by increasing a general awareness of mental health disorders in children and youth, according to Diane Kratt, an FGCU instructor and student-teaching coordinator in the College of Education. "The conference also creates opportunities for all stakeholders to talk, collaborate and champion for children's mental health," she added.

Small-group sessions are designed for educators, mental health providers, students, social services workers and parents. Several community-based organizations will also provide information about their services.

This year's keynote speaker is Rajni Shankar-Brown, associate professor and the Jessie Ball DuPont Chair of Social Justice Education at Stetson University.

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Four-legged warriors

On Veterans Day, don't forget to remember to honor canine service members

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Warriors and dogs have been partners for more than 2,000 years. "Courage at both ends of the leash" — those words are engraved on one of the many memorials throughout the world honoring military working dogs.

Canine loyalty, intelligence, mobility and ingenuity are among the attributes that make dogs valuable to the armed forces. The most common breeds are Belgian malinois, German shepherd and Labrador retriever. Doberman pinschers were famous during World War II as the "devil dogs" of the Marines. One of the best known was Kurt, the first canine casualty on Guam, killed by incoming mortars and grenades after he alerted troops to the presence of Japanese forces. A war dog memorial on the island features a sculpture of Kurt by artist Susan Bahary and the words "always faithful." It lists the names of all 25 Marine war dogs who lost their lives there in 1944.

Not every military working dog fits the "big and tough" stereotype. Smoky, a 4-pound Yorkshire terrier, was adopted by Cpl. William A. Wynne after she was found in an abandoned foxhole on New Guinea during World War II. For two years, the little dog nicknamed "Yorkie Doodle Dandy" rode in a backpack,



Approximately 1,600 dogs currently serve in U.S. military forces.

went on combat and reconnaissance flights and ate Spam and C-rations with the best of them. She proved her valor and value by warning Wynne of incoming shells and, most famously, pulling a telegraph wire through a 70-foot pipe with only an 8-inch diameter. Her feat saved ground crewmen from a grueling and dangerous dig.

Another uncommon canine war hero was Sergeant Stubby, a Boston terrier noted as the most decorated dog during World War I. The official mascot of the U.S. 102nd Infantry Regiment, his exploits included alerting his regiment to mustard gas attacks and incoming shells, locating wounded soldiers and capturing a German soldier, grabbing and holding him by the seat of his pants.

In the trenches in France for 18 months, he participated in 17 battles and was a celebrity at home. His story hits the silver screen, with "Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero" set for release on April 13.

Today's combat dogs undergo rigorous training. In Afghanistan, dogs may wear cameras and scout areas before troops move in. They don't typically enjoy the same media exposure as Smoky and Stubby, but Belgian malinois Cairo, a Navy SEAL dog, stepped into the spotlight in 2011 after taking part in Operation Neptune Spear, during which Osama bin Laden was killed.

Last month, five military dogs were honored at Capitol Hill with American Humane's Lois Pope K-9 Medal of Courage, awarded for extraordinary valor and service. The canine honorees were Coffee, a chocolate Lab who sought out IEDs and other security threats in Afghanistan; black Lab Alphie, an explosive-detection dog in Afghanistan who now works for the TSA; Capa, an explosives and patrol dog who also received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service; black Lab Ranger, who served as an explosives-detection dog in Afghanistan and Iraq; and posthumously, Gabe, who was sprung from a Houston animal shelter and trained as a specialized search dog, a career in which he earned more than 40 awards.

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>> **Sunburst Coco** is a spayed adult female mix who has an adorable bob tail and beautiful gray coloring with orange bursts showing throughout. She weighs about 65 pounds and loves to play with other dogs and with people.

To adopt or foster a pet

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



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I'm about to take a huge leap and do something I've never done before. And quite frankly, I'm terrified.

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I'm going to change my personal email address. Because not only have I had the same one address for 20 years, it's an AOL address. If you ever want to be ridiculed by anyone under the age of 40, then give them your email address that ends in "@aol.com." When I do this over the phone, I often hear people suppress a chuckle; when it happens in person, Millennials look at me like I just rode in on a horse and buggy to deliver a telegram while wearing a petticoat.

Leaving the fine folks at America Online (I must admit, I'll miss that cheery voice: "You've got MAIL!") is only part of the leap, however. The other part is leaving a part of my identity behind.

When I set up my AOL account way back when, I was writing a social column called "The Downtown Diva" for a daily newspaper. So it made sense to have a Downtown Diva email address. The Diva was a single girl in her early 30s who loved going to dance clubs, never missed a happy hour and was known for wearing ridiculously high heels, rocking a feather boa and chain-smoking. She was a notorious flirt, always stayed out way too late and had a closet filled with



sparkly cocktail dresses and evening gowns.

The Diva was a size 4. Her phone was a pink flip-phone. She wore a lot of rhinestones, and when a good song came on the jukebox, she and her girlfriends would climb on top of the bar and dance. The Diva didn't just write about parties; the party started when she and her squad walked in.

The Diva was a part of me. Not completely me, mind you — I had quiet

moments, and a family, and sometimes I even cooked. But for the most part, and for most of my adulthood, I was the Diva.

I was 40 when I met the man who would become my husband. On our fourth or fifth date, we went to a bar with some friends, and when a song I loved started playing, I instinctively started to climb on the bar. Todd cocked his head to the side and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Dancing on the bar!" I laughed as a couple of girlfriends started to join in.

"Why? There's a dance floor," he said. "Come dance with me." And as he took my hand to dance on ground level, I realized that part of the Diva was falling away.

When I stopped writing my social column, everyone still called me the Diva. There still are times when I'm actually introduced as "The Diva" — but I'm more grounded now. I actually cook almost every night, and I enjoy it. I needed a feather boa for an event recently and had to borrow one from a friend because mine are all gone. I still enjoy happy hour, but only now and then, and I'm usually home by sundown. Going to Sunday brunch with friends has taken the place of Saturday nights at the club. And due to a knee surgery and an ankle injury, wedge heels have replaced stilettos. I quit smoking seven years ago, and my size 4 ship has sailed off into the sunset.

Now slow and cumbersome, my AOL Diva email address was recently hacked and is filled with spam. I've known for a while that I need to switch providers, but I've put it off because I was worried that giving up the email address meant giving up a part of myself. I've finally realized that the change is about moving forward — not going backward.

I still love to shop, and while I do go to bars sometimes, I don't dance on them (thank God there were no cell phones that took video 20 years ago and there was no social media — I dodged that bullet). So while the email address is being phased out, there will always be a little Diva in me — she's just older, wiser and much happier now. ■



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CEO strives to safeguard client values through education

BY ROBBIE SPENCER

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Southwest Florida is a unique community in that so many people from all walks of life have ties here. Many seasonal residents began their love affair with the region through a family vacation or from friends who came down. Tamara Surratt is no different. The Illinois native vacationed in Naples every year with her family, then her parents moved down when she left for college.

Thirty years later, Ms. Surratt is as embedded in the community as one can be. She's the leader of Legacy Family Office, a multi-family wealth management and coordination company based out of Coconut Point in Estero.



SURRATT

The first person in her family to get a college education, Ms. Surratt has made education a priority throughout her life's initiatives. She earned an MBA from Florida Gulf Coast University and serves as chairman of the board of the Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation.

"FSW was 25 years old when I got here. Now it's 55," she said. "I've watched it, along with FGCU in its infancy, as it blossomed into the amazing institution that it is."

At Legacy Family Office, her mantra revolves around ensuring future generations of wealthy families understand their role in safeguarding their predecessors' success.

She spent her career in the bank and private client world before deciding to strike off on her own 11 years ago. "I felt my clients needed more comprehensive solutions for passing their wealth to the next generation," she said.

Legacy Family Office is aptly named; the firm's top priority is preserving each family's legacy and all its aspects: its wealth, vision, mission, hopes and dreams for the future and the values that have brought them to this point.

"Those values helped them amass their wealth to pass it on," Ms. Surratt said. "I've been blessed to work with some amazing clients. I've learned so much from them and the experiences they've shared over the years."

She shared stories of some who took mortgages out on their homes and had both husband and wife working multiple jobs to support the family business until it took off.

"The values that have built the wealth are so inspiring to me ... their work ethic is unmatched."

Education had been a part of Ms. Surratt's life for so long, it was a natural move to transition into the educational realm with FSW.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show offers art that spans the centuries.

It's show time

November marks the beginning of antiques season across southern Florida

BY SCOTT SIMMONS

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IF THERE'S ONE THING YOU CAN SAY ABOUT the promoters of antiques shows, it is this: They are an enthusiastic bunch.

"You're never too old to have a great childhood, and I'm having the best one," said Kay Puchstein, who along with her husband, Bill, promotes the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, which kicks off its season Nov. 3-5.

They will bring together several hundred dealers for what is the largest monthly show in the state.

Judy Allman, who for years has run shows in Punta Gorda, Venice and St. Petersburg, is happy to once again have a show in Naples (Jan. 27-28) after an absence of a few years.

"It's a nice event for Naples. There's not much going on show-wise there, but there are some great shops and good antiques and good interest in fine things," she said.

If Mrs. Allman's shows offer high-end antiques, the West Palm Beach and Naples shows run by Palm Beach Show Group kick it up a notch even higher.

"We offer a broad section of fine art, antiques and jewelry from 2,000 years ago to today," said Scott Diamant, the company's president and CEO.



Steve and Judy Allman run shows in Punta Gorda, Naples, Venice and St. Petersburg.

Objects there may be priced from a few hundred dollars to the millions.

"I'm certainly offering things at my events other than what others are offering," he said. "Most shows are either smaller or are not vetted shows or they have a different product mix."

He's especially proud of the range of lectures and the pure entertainment value of visitors being able to see things they wouldn't see elsewhere.

Mrs. Allman and her husband, Steve, also promote shows in New York and across the Midwest, and they have a winter home in Naples.

"The west coast is getting more and more in tune with antiques, art and design.

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Can You Trust Your Financial Adviser?

Many people who work as financial advisers aren't legally required to have their clients' best interests at heart. Unlike lawyers or doctors, who are bound by oath to do no harm or to represent their clients' interests faithfully, financial planners and advisers are free to sell any manner of subpar products.

The "fiduciary rule," proposed under the Obama administration, seeks to resolve this conflict by making advisers legally bound to serve their clients' interests in matters related to retirement accounts. (Some already do so, of course.) It hasn't fully taken effect yet, though, and the new administration in Washington is reviewing the rule, with its future hanging in the balance.

Why would anyone object to the rule? Well, it all comes down to fees. Even a small difference in the fees between one investment and another can make a huge difference over a long period. When financial advisers recommend high-fee products in order to line their own pockets, it hurts your ability to save for retirement. This can happen if, for

example, a financial adviser was being paid a commission by a mutual fund to steer people toward that particular fund.

The problem is systemic. A study of the 1.2 million financial advisers registered in the U.S. from 2005 to 2015 found that 7 percent of them had misconduct on their records. The problem is even more pronounced at big firms, where as many as 15 percent of advisers have a stained record. To make matters worse, "Roughly one third of advisers with misconduct are repeat offenders." The White House noted last year that "conflicts of interest in retirement advice cost America's families an estimated \$17 billion a year."

Even if the worst happens and the fiduciary rule is struck down, you can still take steps to protect yourself. If you have a financial adviser, make sure they are a fiduciary and legally required to put your interests first. Advisers designated as "fee only" won't be looking to earn commissions from selling you products, and you can seek one at napfa.org. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Less Reputable Than Expected

About 30-plus years ago, I responded to a cold call from a financial services company and invested in several penny stocks that all lost money. I believe later someone from the company ended up going to jail due to the scam. I mean, they advertised with a big jet helicopter landing in front of a very impressive high-rise on a plush campus on the dog-goned "Meet the Press" TV program. Who would have suspected that anything shady was going on? Not me, of course.

— R.B., online

The Fool Responds: People are still falling for cold callers' aggressive pushes, but you were at a major disadvantage 30 years ago, as you couldn't look up the financial company online and you couldn't do any research into the companies behind the stocks being pushed, either. Today it's relatively easy to look up information on companies — and if you aren't able to find much, that's a big red flag right there. Many penny stock companies don't have websites offering copies of audited financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, making it hard to determine if they have any revenue, not to mention earnings. One of the best things to do if you get an unsolicited phone call from someone pitching an investment is simply to hang up. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1923, when my founder agreed to produce a series of short films. He later produced "Steamboat Willie," "Silly Symphonies," and 1937's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," my first feature-length animated film. I debuted a whole new land in 1955 and had a famous club on TV. Today I'm one of the world's largest entertainment companies, owning businesses such as media networks, parks and resorts, studio entertainment, interactive media and consumer products. My businesses include ABC, ESPN, Pixar, Lucasfilm and Marvel Studios, among others. I rake in more than \$50 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Disney) ■



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Ask the Fool

Women at the Helm

Q I see that GlaxoSmithKline recently named Emma Walmsley as its new CEO. What other major companies have women CEOs?

— P.S., Maryville, Tennessee

A As of earlier this year, there were 26 women heading S&P 500 companies — just 5 percent. They included General Motors (Mary Barra), IBM (Virginia Rometty), Duke Energy (Lynn Good), Lockheed Martin (Marilyn Hewson), PepsiCo (Indra Nooyi), General Dynamics (Phebe Novakovic), Hershey (Michele Buck), Occidental Petroleum (Vicki Hollub) and Mattel (Margo Georgiadis). Two other financially powerful women include Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen and Christine Lagarde, who heads the International Monetary Fund.

Companies might do well to appoint more female CEOs. According to research by Quantopian, Fortune 1000 companies led by women outperformed the S&P 500 by 226 percent between 2002 and 2014.

Q What does the insurance term "float" mean?

— A.G., Saginaw, Michigan

A Warren Buffett, who heads insurance giant Berkshire Hathaway, explained it well in his 2002 letter to shareholders:

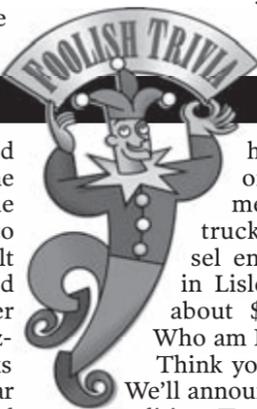
"[F]loat is money we hold but don't own. In an insurance operation, float arises because premiums are received before losses are paid, an interval that sometimes extends over many years. During that time, the insurer invests the money. This pleasant activity typically carries with it a downside: The premiums that an insurer takes in usually do not cover the losses and expenses it eventually must pay. That leaves it running an 'underwriting loss,' which is the cost of float. An insurance business has value if its cost of float over time is less than the cost the company would otherwise incur to obtain funds. But the business is a lemon if its cost of float is higher than market rates for money."

Learn more from the insurance industry itself at iii.org. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1831 and Cyrus McCormick's invention of the mechanical reaper. The company he formed joined with others in 1902 to become International Harvester. I built my first school bus in 1922, supplied trucks for the building of the Hoover Dam and made torpedo parts, bulldozers, trucks, cannon shells and tanks (among other things) during World War II. In 1986 I took on a new name and



have been focused on producing commercial and military trucks, buses and diesel engines. Today, based in Lisle, Illinois, I rake in about \$8 billion annually.

Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

What's Brewing

If you're looking for a dividend-paying stock with solid growth potential, consider the company behind that pricey cup of coffee you're drinking. There's a lot to like about Starbucks (Nasdaq: SBUX).

For starters, it boasts more than 26,000 stores worldwide and opened 575 net new ones in just the last quarter, aiming for 37,000 stores by 2021. Its Starbucks Rewards membership tops 13 million and is still growing, and the Starbucks mobile app has been very successful, too, with about a quarter of orders being placed or paid for via the app. The company has been expanding its offerings, aiming to sell more food products and packaged goods in addition to coffee.

Meanwhile, Starbucks has great growth

potential abroad, and is targeting population-rich China, among other locations. There were recently 2,800 locations in 130 cities in mainland China. Overall, Starbucks' revenue and earnings have been growing by double-digit rates annually, on average, over the past five years, and annual revenue tops \$20 billion.

Remember that dividend? It recently yielded 1.8 percent, and it has been increased more than threefold over the past five years. Starbucks' price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 28 may seem steep, but it's reasonable for such a growing company, and it's lower than it has been in much of the past decade. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns shares of Starbucks.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **The Emerging Leadership Council** invites members of young professional organizations throughout Collier County to its sixth annual season kickoff party from 7-10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Venue Naples. Themed "A Night in Paris," the black-tie evening will benefit various local charities. Visit www.yppnaples.com for ticket information.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Hilton Naples. The annual Excellence in Industry awards will be presented for Business Expansion, Chairman's Award, Company to Watch, Young Professional of the Year, Heart of the Community and Pillar award. Sign up by Nov. 3 at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Hilton Naples. The program will be a panel discussion about strengthening leadership skills for crisis management. Sponsors are Vicki Tracy of The Arlington and Peggy Sealton of Stonewalker Studio. \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. Register at www.aboveboardchamber.com/events. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or email Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **Business After 5** for members and guests of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The SpeakEasy Marco Island, 1106 N. Collier Blvd. For more information, visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **SCORE Naples** and the **Naples Daily News** present "After Irma: The Outlook for Small Businesses in Collier County," from 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the NDN. Local business leaders Michael Wynn, Leo Ochs, Blake Gable, Michael Goodman and Jody Hudgins will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Bill Barker, NDN president and publisher. \$15, includes continental breakfast. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com (search for "After Irma").

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

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

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

— Email business meeting announcements to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Crowds fill the exposition center at the 2017 Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show. Next show is set for Feb. 23-27.

SHOW TIME

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It used to be primarily the east coast, but on the west coast now, it's like a little shopping mecca in a lot of places, including Punta Gorda and Arcadia," she said.

Mrs. Puchstein banks on the camaraderie of the shows.

"I think seeing all the people, all the dealers you haven't seen since last season. It's like a class reunion," she said.

Her November show will have a couple of hundred dealers from across the country. That number climbs to around 1,000 during the February extravaganza, the Puchsteins' biggest show of the year.

That show has changed over the years as tastes have changed.

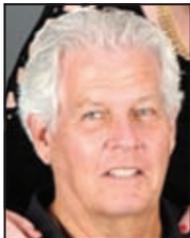
In the 1990s, vendors brought out traditional collectibles — porcelain, glass, antique furniture and silver.

You still see those items, but customers seem to be more geared toward buying objects for their decorative qualities. There also is a lot of jewelry these days.

"It makes it difficult because these young kids want modern and a sparse look," Mrs. Puchstein said, adding, "People still like to come and look."

She's counting on that as she adds two overlapping shows — one at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Show (Jan. 5-7) and one at the Miami-Dade County fairgrounds (Jan. 6-8).

She expects the Coconut Creek show to be a smaller show, with high-end vendors; the Miami-Dade show will be a traditional



B. PUCHSTEIN



K. PUCHSTEIN



DIAMENT



A silver tea service offered at the Venice Antiques Show by Angevine Fine Silver.

mix of antiques and collectibles.

That highlights the difference in markets from one coast to another, too.

Traditional antiques are the stalwarts of the Allmans' Punta Gorda and Venice shows.

"It's really good American furniture, quality lighting, paintings — things like that," Mrs. Allman said. "Original finish furniture, smaller pieces of furniture and portraits. The majority of the show is made up of fine antiques — silver, really good glass. Bill Pitt brings in some of the best paperweights I've seen."

She's especially pleased with the quality of the venues — the Naples show will be held in a luxury hotel. The Charlotte Harbor Events Center was completely rebuilt after it was leveled in 2004 by Hurricane Charley.

"And Venice is no slouch. The community center is sweet and elegant, with beautiful designs, Florida architecture," she said. "It kind of lends a sophisticated look to the show."

The tony Palm Beach County Convention Center, where Mr. Diament's show will be held, is no slouch, either. Nor is the pavilion where he hosts his Naples show.

He loves seeing the process that led to objects' creation.

"Visit Pottery Barn," he said. "Lots of this was copied from major design. Come to a show that we put on, you can see the thought process that led to it."

That makes an object so much more

interesting.

Up North, Mrs. Puchstein deals in fine Early American furniture.

Recent acquisitions include a toy wagon, a sheep painting, a tramp art frame and a piece of blue and white stoneware pottery.

But she's just as delighted to add to her Patti Playpal collection. Mrs. Puchstein has 42 of the large-scale dolls, made by the Ideal Toy Company for three years in the early '60s.

"The gang — I think it's an orphanage. I could be doing worse than collecting doll babies," she laughed.

She's a consummate collector, but perhaps Mr. Diament says it best about collecting.

He knows it when he sees something special.

"I would say that I almost get this tingling feeling," he said, adding, "When something really stimulates you. I guess it makes you feel more complete."

He's been collecting since he was a boy. Mr. Diament has in his office a gold nugget that's soldered in the bottom of a 19th-century gold-mining pan.

"I really got chills when I saw it. You're digging around the dirt and this nugget appears," he said. "That's what all collecting feels like to me."

"It's almost a symbol of all collecting — that you work really hard to find these objects, then when you see it, it speaks to you." ■

SCORE workshops address the business of Facebook, employee handbooks

SCORE Naples presents two Small Business Academy workshops in early November. Registration is open now for both programs.

■ "Let's Talk about Facebook and Your Business (You Can't Do Without It)" is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N.

Presenter Barbara Langdon, owner of Marketing Momentum LLC, has been helping small companies for 15 years to succeed using email and social media marketing to grow sales and profits, not least by increasing customer retention and referrals. She worked for Constant

Contact on extending its educational reach by creating the Authorized Local Experts program, now a key component of Constant Contact's local success strategy.

SCORE workshop attendees will learn about Facebook etiquette as well as how to create and post content that builds their business' audience engagement and how to save time without compromising effectiveness.

Registration is \$25.

■ "Shaping Your Policy and Culture with Employee Handbooks" takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

Presenter Marsha Akpodiete, a human resources Consultant for Paychex Inc., has more than 18 years of experience in HR locally and globally. At the SCORE workshop she will tell attendees how to define their role as employer, set employee expectations and use company policies to help determine workplace culture. She will also review some of the most common employee handbook mistakes made by small businesses and how to avoid them.

Attendees will take away a clear of understanding of:

1. The concept of culture and why it's important

in the know

Selected shows across Florida

>> **The West Palm Beach Antiques Festival** — Nov. 3-5, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 29-31, Feb. 2-4, March 2-4, April 6-8, May 4-6, June 1-3, July 6-8 and Aug. 3-5, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach; 941-697-7575 or www.wpbaf.com.

>> **Plantation Woman's Club Antique Show** — Nov. 11-12, Volunteer Park, Plantation; 954-868-3209 or www.gfplantationwomensclub.com.

>> **Historic Downtown Arcadia Antique Fair** — Fourth Saturday of the month along Oak Street, 863-993-5105 or www.arcadiaantiques.com.

>> **West Palm Beach Antique & Flea Market** — 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturdays through May on Narcissus Avenue north of Banyan Boulevard. Free. Info: www.wpbantiqueandflea.com.

>> **Lincoln Road Antique & Collectible Market** — Nov. 12 and 26; Dec. 3 and 17; Jan. 7, 21 and 28; Feb. 4, 18 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22; and May 6. Held along Lincoln Road, Miami Beach; www.lincolnroadmall.info.

>> **Stuart Antique Show** — Nov. 25-26, Jan. 13-14 and March 10-11, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart. Info: 941-697-7575 or www.floridaantiques.com.

>> **Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Show** — Jan. 5-7, Coconut Creek Seminole Casino, 5550 NW 40th St., Coconut Creek. Info: 941-697-7575 or www.floridaantiques.com.

>> **The Venice Antiques Show** — Jan. 6-7, Feb. 17-18, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis St. Venice. Info: 315-686-5789/239-877-2830 or www.allmanpromotions.com.

>> **Miami-Dade Antique Show** — Jan. 6-8, Fuchs Pavilion, Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, 10901 SW 24th St., Miami. Info: 941-697-7575 or www.floridaantiques.com.

>> **The Sunshine City Antiques Show** — Jan. 12-14, St. Petersburg Historic Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Info: 315-686-5789/239-877-2830 or www.allmanpromotions.com.

>> **Gulf Coast Sarasota Antiques Show** — Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and March 4, Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota; 941-228-7758.

>> **Vero Beach Extravaganza** — Jan. 26-28, Feb. 23-25, Indian River County Fairgrounds, 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach. Info: 941-697-7575 or www.floridaantiques.com.

>> **The Naples Antique Show** — Jan. 27-28, The Royal Palm Ballroom, The Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Info: 315-686-5789/239-877-2830 or www.allmanpromotions.com.

>> **Miami Beach Jewelry & Antique Show** — Deauville Beach Resort, Miami Beach; 561-822-5440 or www.miamibeachjewelryshow.com.

>> **Miami Antiques +Art +Design Show** — Feb. 2-4, Miami Airport Convention Center, Miami. 954-202-1955 or www.miamiantiquesartdesign.com.

>> **Miami International Map Fair** — Feb. 2-4, HistoryMiami Museum, 101 W. Flagler St., Miami. www.historymiami.org/mapfair/.

>> **The Punta Gorda Antiques Show** — Feb. 3-4, Charlotte Harbor Events Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. Info: 315-686-5789/239-877-2830 or www.allmanpromotions.com.

>> **Glass Through the Decades** — South Florida Depression Glass Show, Feb. 3-4, Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach. 561-767-5233 or www.sfdgc.com.

>> **Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show** — Feb. 14-20, Palm Beach County Convention Center, 561-822-5440 or www.palmbeachshow.com.

>> **Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show** — Feb. 23-27, Naples Exhibition Center at The Commons, 850 Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples. 561-822-5440 or www.naplesshow.com.

>> **53rd Charity Sale and Vintage Market** — March 9-11, Bradenton Area Convention Center, One Haben Blvd., Palmetto; 847-207-7622 or www.manateeserviceclub.com.

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Attendance is free, and complimentary lunch will be served. One attendee will win a \$100 Amazon gift card courtesy of Paychex.

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Michael A. Joyce and Denise A. Joyce

Owner/managing partner, Gulfcoast Coin & Jewelry, LLC

Clients demand knowledge, trust and personalized service we deliver

Name the top three elements or practices that have been absolutely critical in the success of your business?

Product knowledge is the key to the rare coin, precious metal and jewelry business. Besides handling hundreds of millions of dollars in actual product, we attend trade shows and are very active in online communities that disburse data on all types of high end personal property.

While building the business, and we are still building, we have strived for the highest levels of trust with our customers and vendors. Doing the right thing has become an overused cliché but in the coin and jewelry business you must live by “Do The Right Thing” or you don’t achieve the level of a company like Gulfcoast Coin & Jewelry.

If you have a business idea that you think will help you grow your company research the opportunity and if the numbers work, go ahead and execute. We opened Gulfcoast Auctions offering only 50 pieces of jewelry. Today we offer over 1,000 different auction items monthly, selling in over 25 countries.

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?

We see clients taking their business back to the brick and mortar, old-time, family-owned jewelry stores, because they demand product knowledge, trust and personalized service. Since the real estate bubble and bank crisis, people have been driven to hard assets. Precious metals soared for several years, however, prices have dropped dramatically due to a very strong U.S. dollar. At these low prices for precious metals, rare coins and diamonds, people are buying more precious metal products than ever before. Recently, several governments have suspended making precious metal products because they could not obtain the metals to make it, due to high retail demand.

What will you base your success on for 2018?

We would like to continue opening new stores throughout Florida. We feel our business model is unique in as much that no other business combines fine jewelry, diamonds and high-end time pieces, rare coin and precious

metals trading, full-service international auction services and a bank vault depository for your valuables in each store.

How are you responding to changes in the local economy?

We live in paradise, and as baby boomers retire, we feel strongly they will continue to come to Southwest Florida and have a positive impact.

How are you recruiting new talent into your organization?

When we see intelligence and open-mindedness in a candidate or employee who wants to excel in their career we train and support them 100 percent. Superior product knowledge and excitement to share that with our clients is the key.

How do you find inspiration in today’s business climate?

Our favorite coin is the Fugio Cent minted in 1787. Benjamin Franklin was behind this coin, and he had the wording “Mind Your Business” on the coin. We feel the same. With your finances, your health and family “Mind Your Business.”

What is your superpower?

Our passion for what we do. The passion for coin collecting has existed as long as coins themselves and I was bitten by the coin collecting bug. A true mark of global distinction, a GIA credential is a symbol of knowledge and trust. Denise has extensive education and training and that knowledge and practical skills translate to her love for gems and jewelry.

What do you truly love about working here in Lee County?

Working with people, listening to people and helping them accomplish making the right decision and fulfilling their needs. ■



Denise A. Joyce and Michael A. Joyce

WHO ARE WE?

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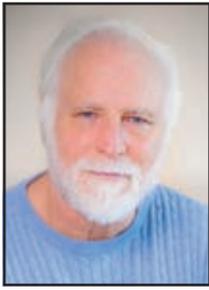
Financial Planning Association plans symposium for industry professionals

The Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida hosts "Retirement Rethink," a symposium for financial planners, accountants, attorneys, insurance professionals, registered investment advisors, registered representatives and other financial professionals, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort.

The program includes six presentations by business experts including industry icon **Bob Veres**, author of "The New Profession" and editor/publisher of Inside Information, an interactive guide to trends and innovations in the profession. Mr. Veres is also a contributing editor and columnist for Financial Planning magazine. He will present "How to Deliver Superior Client Service."

Other speakers will be:

■ **Josh Davis**, a five-time Olympic medalist in swimming and the founder



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of Mutual of Omaha Breakout! Swim Clinics, where he has run more than 1,000 clinics in the U.S., working with more than 30 Olympic swimmers. Mr. Davis will present "Preparing to Win and Performing Under Pressure."

■ **Annalee Kruger**, former social worker and director of long-term care facilities and the founder and president of CareRight Inc., a support and solutions company for families facing caregiving situations. Ms. Kruger's presentation is titled "Helping Clients Budget for Elder Care Costs."

■ **Robert Mauterstock**, CFP, a 34-year veteran of the financial services field and the author of "Can We Talk? A Financial Guide for Baby Boomers

Assisting Their Elderly Parents." Mr. Mauterstock will discuss "Seven Steps to Protect Yourself, Your Practice and Your Clients Who Have Diminished Mental Capacity."

■ **Debbie Peterson**, the founder of Getting to Clarity, a coaching and consulting business that helps professionals reach for and realize their potential. Her symposium topic is "the Mindset of Successful Retirement."

■ **Edward Wollman**, founding partner of Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon, P.A., a law firm that focuses on estate planning, trust and probate administration, elder law and charitable giving. Mr. Wollman will discuss succession planning.

Panel discussion

Attendees will also enjoy a discussion about charitable planning featuring panelists Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County; Carolyn Rogers, vice president/development and communications for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation; Elizabeth Morano, senior vice president of United Way of Collier County; Katie Schweikhardt, COO of Meals of Hope; and Kimberley Dillon, a partner at the national law firm of Quarles and Brady, LLP.

FPA-SWFL has secured approval for 4.5 continuing education credits for attendees with the Certified Financial Planner designation.

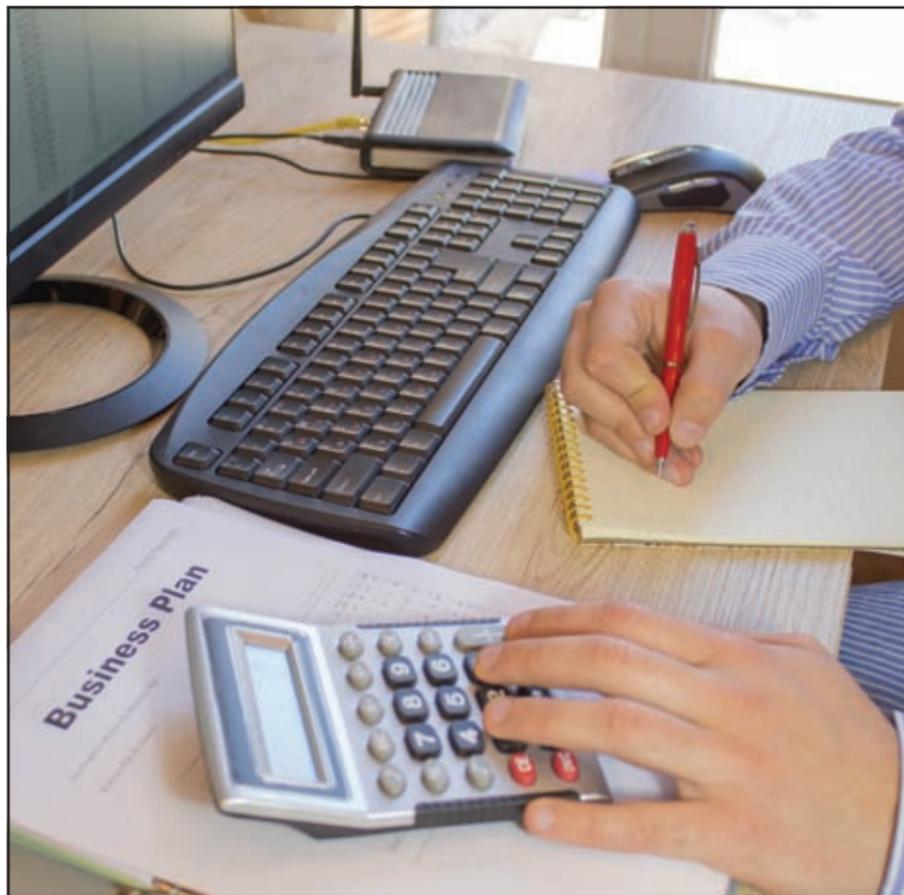
Registration is \$250 for FPA-SWFL members, \$350 for non-members, and \$200 each for parties of three or more guests when purchased in one transaction. To sign up or for more information, visit www.fpa-swfl.org. ■

Entrepreneurship workshops set to help veterans start businesses

Veterans Florida, a nonprofit created by the Florida Legislature to attract and retain veterans, has partnered with Florida Gulf Coast University's Institute for Entrepreneurship and five other institutions of higher education to deliver the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program, a new training initiative for veterans in the state seeking to start their own businesses. The program is open to currently serving active duty, reserve, Florida National Guard members or veterans who have been honorably discharged, reside in Florida and demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship.

Through VFEP, the university's Institute for Entrepreneurship is offering workshops from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 9 and 14 and from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 2 at the Emergent Technologies Institute off Alico Road in south Fort Myers.

In addition to workshops, the Institute for Entrepreneurship has an advanced class for veterans comprised of 60 hours of in-class training to prepare participants for all elements of launching their businesses. This pathway is reserved for qualifying veterans, and acceptance into this portion of the program is required. The advanced course concludes with a Compassionate Shark Tank Competi-



tion where veterans pitch their businesses to external judges. FGCU will award \$65,000 in seed funding to the top veteran businesses.

To date, the Institute for Entrepreneurship has awarded more than \$136,000 in seed funding to veteran businesses originating from the program, thanks to donations from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and the Schoen Family Foundation.

Attendance at the workshops is limited. For more information, call program coordinator Amy Ridgway at 590-7324 or email aridgway@fgcu.edu.

Veterans can register for workshops or courses at www.veteransflorida.org. Veterans Florida is a nonprofit corporation created to help veterans fully transition to civilian life in the Sunshine State. The organization connects veterans to employers, grants funds to employers to hire and train veterans and also educates veterans on how to open their own businesses in Florida. Veterans Florida has a network of service providers throughout the state to assist veterans with housing, benefits, legal and other needs. Visit the website for more information. ■

CEO

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"By the time I was 35, I'd been in school for 30 years," she said with a laugh. "I went straight from my bachelor's degree into working and began my master's degree part-time."

As chairman of the board for the FSW Foundation, she devotes much of her free time to raising money to make education available for deserving students.

Last year she funded a scholarship that put three students through a full year of the program at FSW at no cost. Half of the fund was earmarked for a pediatric nursing student and half for

nursing students dedicated to serving the mental health community.

"There's a huge shortage of mental health nurses ... it's something not talked about a lot," she said. A unique aspect about the FSW program, she added, is that most graduates stay in the community and serve this area because there is such a huge need for nurses here. "We can't educate them fast enough."

Ms. Surratt strongly believes the college age is an extremely formative time for anyone.

"The education process starts very young, especially with my clients and their families. When they get in to college, there's an appropriate level of disclosure to help them understand the role they have as wealth owners ... it's important to have those money conver-

sations early and as age appropriate."

Her investment in education has paid dividends she couldn't have imagined when she began her odyssey more than three decades ago.

"Education has changed my life, my son's life, my granddaughter's life, my community," she said "The ripples of education span so far from the student themselves ... It's worth our investment, time and treasure to make that a reality for as many as we can." ■

Interview with Tamara Surratt

Business mentor: Warren Buffett. I look at him as a role model who built wealth over his lifetime and hasn't let it change him. His values haven't deteriorated. He still continues to live the lifestyle that he lived before he was the one

of the wealthiest individuals in America.

First job: My hometown in Illinois had a population of 700, and I worked in the downtown grocery store as a cashier, long before the days of digital scanners and computers. We hand-keyed everything and had to make change in our head ... Still to this day I'm very good at a 10-key on a register.

Advice for someone starting out in your field: Concentration is the key to accumulating wealth. Diversification is the key to preservation.

Business words of wisdom: "You should give your children enough money to do what they want, but not enough to not do anything."

Any job openings? Not right now.

Larry Antonucci, M.D.

Lee Health president and CEO

Changing with the times to provide stellar health care

What is the most significant change you've seen in your industry over the last year?

The health care environment is changing rapidly throughout the U.S., and Lee Health is part of that transformation. One of the most visible changes this past year is our new name. Lee Memorial Health System officially marked its 100th anniversary last October and began a new century of caring as Lee Health. The new identity reflects the future direction of health care delivery, which is moving away from a provider of episodic care to partnering with the community and individuals to live a healthy life. Lee Health is taking a more proactive role in shaping, supporting and inspiring our community's health and well-being.

How are you responding to changes in the local economy?

In its role as the leading provider of health care in Lee County, Lee Health must be responsive to the demand for health services as the community grows. Over the next ten years, we will invest more than \$1 billion in capital projects in our community. We have a number of different projects underway, but the two most prominent are Lee Health Coconut Point, an innovative outpatient facility in the Estero/Bonita Springs area that will include a free-standing emergency department among other services, and the expansion of Gulf Coast Medical Center, which will add 275 more beds.

What will you base your success on for 2018?

Well-run health systems typically use a scorecard tied to its strategic goals to measure how well it is meeting its objectives. A scorecard increases organizational focus on execution and results by measuring those things that truly matter. The Lee Health scorecard identifies key performance indicators in five strategic areas, with service, safety and quality being of particular importance. It is publicly available in the About Us section of our website at www.LeeHealth.org.

How are you using technology to improve your business?

Over the past six years, Lee Health

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has installed a new electronic medical record system called Epic which has transformed how we access patient information. It is impossible to share all the ways that Epic has led to better quality and safer care, but a few examples are reducing duplicate tests, alerts that warn of potential medication interactions, and ensuring important health screenings take place.

Telemedicine is another way technology is improving how we provide care. The growing use of smart phones and tablets, coupled with advances in encryption to protect personal health information is making telehealth an attractive option. Lee Health is using it in the treatment of stroke, behavioral health and palliative care, several pediatric subspecialties and to home monitor patients with certain chronic diseases. Telemedicine allows patients to be cared for in their own home, which is a major convenience and cost savings for them.

How are you growing and developing your employee skills?

In health care you are only as good as your employees, so Lee Health puts a tremendous amount of energy into furthering the skill set of our employees through training and education. We incentivize employees to continue to learn and grow and provide scholarships to pay for advanced education. In fact, it is so important to us that earlier this year our Board of Directors adopted education as one of Lee Health's core values, along with respect, excellence and compassion. We are very pleased to have Lee Health ranked 29 out of 500 large companies included

in Forbes magazine's "America's Best Employers 2017" list.

Can you tell us about a new hire who will make a positive impact this coming year?

We are adding a new position called Acute Care Medical Officer (ACMO) to our leadership team. Each of our hospitals will add this role, which is a physician who works in team leadership with our vice president of patient care services – the nursing leader at each hospital. Together the ACMO and the VP of patient care are jointly responsible for the overall quality of medical care at each hospital campus. We are adding this position to expand the role of physicians in our daily operations to improve clinical outcomes, patient experience and patient safety.

How do you find inspiration in today's business climate?

When you work in an organization whose mission is to empower healthier lives through care and compassion, you don't have to look far to find inspiration. Every day and every night thousands of employees work with purpose and enthusiasm to make a difference in the health of our patients. I spend some time each month working side by side in a variety of units and departments to stay in tune with daily operations and connect with our

Larry Antonucci

employees, an activity that continually inspires me.

Who is a mentor to you within your industry?

Jim Nathan, who recently stepped aside as president of Lee Health after more than 30 years at the helm, has been a mentor to me for many years. Jim embodies the concept of Caring People, Inspiring Health, and I am grateful for the opportunity to build on the legacy he has left for our health system and our community. ■



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- 2. Jessica Palumbo and John Smith
- 3. Ann Crews, Jo Ward, John Smith and Elvis Barrera

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Local market rebounding from Irma's punch

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Despite Hurricane Irma, which impeded activity for three weeks in September and led to a 30 percent decrease in closed sales compared with September 2016, the Naples area housing market maintained positive traction during the third quarter of 2017. The newest market report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors shows there were 398 closed sales in September this year. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

The month proved challenging for the real estate market as homeowners and agents were forced to wait while public and utility services rebuilt or repaired infrastructure damaged by the storm. The September statistics affected total outcomes for the third quarter of 2017. However, year-to-date numbers tell a different story, showing activity in pending sales, closed sales and median price categories were up year over year at the end of the quarter.

"To withstand a hurricane and still outperform last year's activity is a clear sign of market resilience," said Budge Huskey, president of Premier Sotheby's International Realty.

"The hurricane hit us in the right month," said Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager for Downing-Frye Realty Inc. September is typically when the housing market takes a breath before it begins to intensify for a new season, he added. Yet despite a direct hit by a major hurricane, overall closed sales for the third quarter increased 3 percent (year over year).

Activity in July and August outperformed the same months last year, Mr. Hughes added. If the hurricane had not hit the area in September, the



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House Hunting

20543 Wildcat Run Drive, Estero

Live the ultimate Southwest Florida golf lifestyle in this move-in ready residence by Coastal Breeze Homes in the Estero golfing community of Wildcat Run. Built in 2015, it's on an oversized lot with lake and golf course views. Two master suites and a den are on the main living level, and two guest rooms and a bonus room occupy the second floor. The gourmet kitchen has a walk-in pantry and a wine cooler. The outdoor living area is second to none, featuring a saltwater pool with a sun shelf and a decorative rock wall, an full kitchen, a fireplace, a coffered wood ceiling, a sound system and a "picture window" lanai cage. Additional features include solid core wood doors, crown molding and custom millwork, tankless water heater, custom lighting, a three-car garage and a 250-gallon buried propane tank for gas cooking. Wildcat Run is an award-winning, 18-hole, par-72, Arnold



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third quarter of 2017 would have shown much more impressive activity.

“A 55 percent decrease in pending sales for September is equivalent to three weeks of inactivity,” said Coco Amar, a managing broker at John R. Wood Properties. “These sales didn’t disappear, they are just delayed.”

Bill Coffey of Amerivest Realty Naples agreed and said his office saw more closings in the first week of October than it did for the entire month of September.

The hurricane’s force slowed inven-

tory in September, which resulted in a third-quarter decrease of 9 percent. Jeff Jones at the Naples-Park Shore office of Coldwell Banker attributed this to homeowners either delaying to list because they evacuated or removing a listing because they needed time to clean up and make repairs after Irma.

“The hurricane created big concerns and delays from banks, too,” Mr. Jones said, adding, “Most lenders are requiring re-inspections and re-appraisals of properties after the hurricane.”

One element the hurricane failed to harm was the continued growth in property value for Naples. Overall median closed prices in the third quarter of 2017 increased 3 percent to \$320,000 compared to \$312,000 in the third quarter of 2016.

“Fortunately, media in most of the core areas where our buyers come from didn’t overhype the storm, which helped obscure fears,” said Cindy Carroll of the real estate appraisal and consultancy firm Carroll & Carroll Inc. “This is going to be a very good history lesson for us because the hurricane hit during a time of stable market activity. By January, though, I think our brush with Irma will be forgotten.”

Ms. Carroll added that sales of existing homes are poised to increase in the coming months too because much of the labor force stepped away from new construction to work for companies that provide a variety of property maintenance, including tree removal and lawn debris cleanup.

Wes Kunkel of Kunkle International Realty added that material costs for new construction might increase, too, as there will be shortages across the country due to the hurricanes in Florida and Texas and wildfires in California. Ms. Carroll said delays in new home construction might spur an increase in existing home values, especially if inventory does not keep up with the pace of sales.

Compared to other tropical second-home destinations like Puerto Rico, the Southwest Florida housing market fared quite well after it faced a hurricane. NABOR broker analysts predicted the area might see an uptick in sales from buyers who had their eyes set on an island home in the Caribbean. ■

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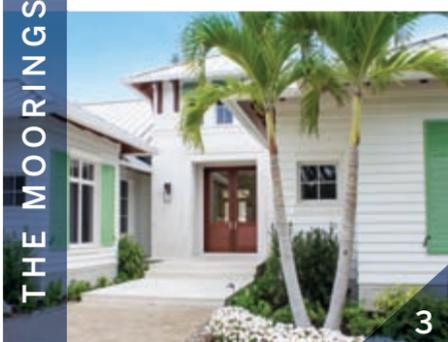


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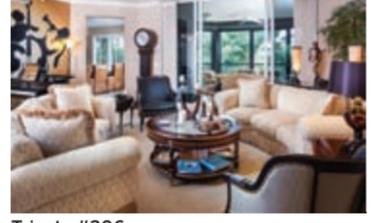
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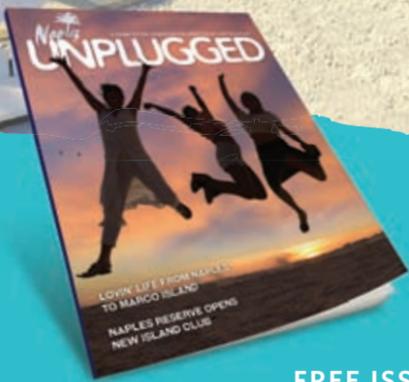
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Residents embracing Naples Square's downtown lifestyle

The irresistible allure of downtown Naples is known worldwide. For area residents and visitors alike, the downtown district's magical combination of sun-kissed beaches, an eclectic assortment of shopping and gallery venues, sumptuous eateries, and late-night gathering places has a magnetic appeal that cannot be denied. Yet, for all its charm and unmistakable vibrancy, there are elements within the downtown scene that have, by virtue of geography or happenstance, remained disconnected and, in many ways, inaccessible to those who cherish an urban-like, walk-able lifestyle in a luxurious condominium setting. Until now.

The award-winning Ronto Group's vision for Naples Square at the corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and 5th Avenue South has been grounded in the desire to create a place that offers a walkable, bikeable lifestyle that puts downtown Naples at the community's doorstep. As the residents of the completed Phases I and II residences have discovered, Ronto's vision is now a reality that will continue to evolve as Phases III and IV are completed. By night, the bike racks in the secure parking garage at the Phase I and Phase II buildings are full, ready to fulfill the next day's adventures. Residents enjoy the cool evening breezes as they stroll past the lighted fountains and finely manicured streetscape on Naples Square's redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South, making their way to the eclectic shopping and gallery venues, eateries, and late-night gathering places just a short walk away on 5th Avenue South, at Bayfront, or at Tin City. For the first time, the entire downtown district is enjoying a level of connectivity that offers new possibilities, not only for residents of Naples Square, but also for downtown's residents and visitors who are intent on enjoying every facet of Naples from Bayfront west to the beach.

Connection and accessibility to all facets of downtown living are at the heart of Ronto's vision at Naples Square. In keeping with that vision, Ronto is developing plans for The Shoppes at Naples Square, a combination of retail and restaurant space that will be developed on the eastern edge of the Naples Square site. The project will compliment and complete Naples Square's walkable lifestyle. Ronto anticipates retail openings in 2019. Gulfshore Playhouse has completed its purchase of a three-acre tract on the northern end of the Naples Square property. As planned, Gulfshore Playhouse will build a multimillion-dollar, 56,000 square foot complex that will include two theaters and an education wing to support programming for children, adults and families.

Naples Square is not only uniting the downtown district, but also enhancing the allure of the entire area. The community's site plan by Matthew Kragh, AIA, owner of MHK Architecture & Planning, ties Naples Square into the fabric of the Old Naples street grid system and into the current and future plans of the Naples Pathway Committee and the City of Naples. Even as it has established a new level of connectivity for downtown, Naples Square has also enriched the district's visual appeal. The landscape design along the redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South was created by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design, Inc. Andrea's design has brought a park-like ambiance to Naples Square while merging paved roadways, entry water features, and the



Above: The walkable lifestyle created by The Ronto Group at Naples Square connects residents to shopping and gallery venues throughout the downtown district. Left: Upon completion, Naples Square will include four residential buildings with a total of approximately 300 residences. The Ronto Group is developing plans for The Shoppes at Naples Square, a combination of retail and restaurant space that will be developed on the eastern edge of the community's site. Below: Naples Square is within a short walk of restaurants on 5th Avenue South, at Bayfront, and at Tin City.

fountain roundabouts with Washingtonia and Medjool Date palm trees and a mix of plantings. Oak trees will ultimately create a canopy to provide shade and further soften the building mass. Plantings that will perform well in Naples' heat and humidity are also incorporated in the design, and include Clusia, Variegated Dwarf Schefflera, and Bougainvillea. Asian Jasmine, a carpet-like ground cover, is used in the pedestrian areas. Naples Square's key intersections, crossings, and building entry features are identified by tall palms. Building corners that are adjacent to the community's roundabouts are softened by tall, scattered height Washingtonia palms.

MHK's mixture of Bermuda, British West Indies, and Coastal Contemporary architectural styles is bringing a timeless flavor to Naples Square. The design maintains the integrity of the residential

units' view corridors while presenting a new downtown landmark. Naples Square's u-shaped buildings will be situated with their open ends facing one another. The juxtaposition of the buildings allowed Kragh to create amenity courtyards over each building's parking level. The courtyard amenity decks feature a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundeck, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating. Each building will have its own pool and club room and there will be two fitness centers. Andrea's amenity deck landscape design incorporates green spaces, Asian Jasmine ground cover, raised-planters with date palms, and arbors with vine plantings to create a garden-like effect. Additional planters provide a colorful note of separation between the terraces of the garden level residences and the edges of the plaza.

Ronto is accepting purchase agreements for Phase III residences. Eight Phase III floor plans range from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air and are priced from \$695,000. The one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den plans include open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. The plans feature 10' ceilings, designer kitchens, chic owners' bedrooms and designer flooring. The Phase III kitchens will feature an enhanced appliance package with a gas cooktop and hood and a wall mounted oven and microwave. Phase III purchase agreements worth nearly \$32 million have been processed and construction of the Phase III building is expected to start in 4th quarter of this year.

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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. ■

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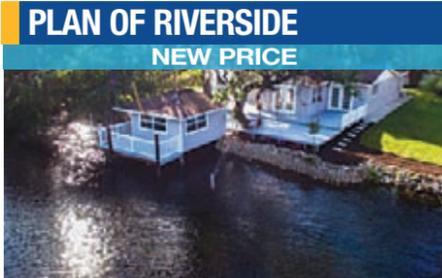
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Kalea Bay's first tower nears sellout

Sales strong in Tower 2

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

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

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

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

"Residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

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

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Lodge said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails.

"We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence," said Lodge. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

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

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

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

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community's clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed when the first residents move into their new homes.

"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Lodge.



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

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Lodge. "Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy."

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

"What better way to celebrate the

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

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Lodge.

The Club at Kalea Bay will be in excellent hands when it opens. That's because Stephen G. Jones, CCM, has been hired as the Club's General Manager. Jones is a Certified General Manager, one of only 1,200 in the country.

Kalea Bay's Inga Lodge and Lori

Pheasant are also among the best in their industry. During the recent Sand Dollar Awards, sponsored by the Collier Building Industry Association, Lodge was named the Sales Manager of the Year and Pheasant took home the Sales Person of the Year award.

The three furnished models at Kalea Bay, which are located in Tower 1, also received several prestigious Sand Dollar Awards in a multitude of categories including, two for Interior Design of the Year and two for Best Specialty feature. One of the models also won in the category Best Closet Design.

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

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Explore Naples Reserve, one of South Naples' fastest-selling communities



Naples Reserve's winning combination of Southern Coastal-inspired attached villa, single-family and custom estate homes – paired with an array of island-style amenities along the water's edge – has made it one of South Naples' fastest-selling master-planned communities.

Field research and analysis of reported sales indicate that Naples Reserve, which recently surpassed the \$90 million mark, continues to lead South Naples home sales. It's clear the community's awesome amenities nestled amongst 22 freshwater lakes fulfill homebuyers' desires for a casual lakefront lifestyle. Extremely affordable homeowner association fees are another added bonus!

As one of south Naples' fastest-selling master-planned communities, Naples Reserve reported the sale of 186 homes within six of its distinctive neighborhoods, offering a selection of residences ranging from 1,500 to more than 3,500 square feet of living space – including move-in ready homes with limited-time builder incentives.

With floor plans designed for Florida living at its finest, Egret Landing homes are ideal for entertaining. The community has maintained its lead as Naples Reserve's most popular neighborhood, with lake-and nature-view single-family homes. Ashton Woods and D.R. Horton homes starting from the mid-\$300,000s offer up to four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths.

Naples Reserve's newest neighborhood of two-bedroom, two-bath attached villa homes, Coral Harbor offers flexibility for new homebuyers and snowbirds alike. The D.R. Horton neighborhood made an extremely strong debut this year with lake and preserve views starting in the high-\$200,000s.

Just a short stroll from the community's Island Club, Savannah Lakes is another sought-after neighborhood that features fresh designs – including homes with extended lanais, outdoor kitchens and fireplaces. The neighborhood's one- and two-story homes offer three to four bedrooms and up to four-and-a-half baths priced from the high-\$300,000s.

Homebuyers can add private floating boat docks to a limited number of available lots bordering the community's centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake, where residents can enjoy electric boats, as well as boats with motors up to 2.5 horsepower.

"Homebuyers are attracted to Naples Reserve's distinctive home designs, quality construction and well-planned amenities," said Don Mears, vice president/land and development with iStar. "Plus, our location offers a truly unique lakefront lifestyle that homebuyers have embraced with open arms."

Naples Reserve resident Tom Marquardt and his wife, Sue, lived in Annapolis, Maryland, for 36 years prior to moving to Naples Reserve a year ago. They selected the Minorca, a three-bedroom, three-bath Ashton Woods home with 2,663 square feet of living space in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood.

"I swear I heard Jimmy Buffet when I walked through the model!" said Marquardt.

A mile-long stretch of lakefront along the community's northern edge, perfect for paddling, borders the Picayune Strand State Forest, a 76,000-acre state park with protected pinelands, cypress swamps, marshes and abundant wildlife.

Naples Reserve's \$7 million Island Club social center features a 5,160-square-foot clubhouse and an adjacent 3,500-square-foot fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and a movement studio for spinning, Zumba and yoga. With a full social calendar planned by Naples Reserve's lifestyle and fitness director, residents find there is always something fun to do in the community!

Naples Reserve's expansive, resort-style, zero-entry pool offers a tropical waterfall and dedicated lap lanes. Nearby, you'll find bocce ball courts and a white-sand beach for lounging in the Southwest Florida sun. New friends can gather for casual beverage and dining options both indoors and alfresco at the lakeside fire pit, Chat 'n Chill Tiki Bar and Latitudes Cafe.

At the Outrigger Center, a variety of watercraft options including canoes and kayaks are available for resident use. Prefer to let someone else do the paddling? Cruises on the community's two Duffy electric boats depart regularly from the center's floating docks for residents to explore Eagle Lake and Kontiki Island.

Tennis – or pickleball – anyone? The newly completed lakefront Match Point complex offers residents access to tennis and pickleball courts. Additional planned amenities include a Kid's Cove playground and picnic area, and two



Top: Naples Reserve Island Club. Above: Naples Reserve casually awesome lifestyle. Naples Reserve Fitness Center.

dog parks – Walk & Wag opening soon and Paws Awhile in 2018. Designed to engage residents with their natural environment in Naples Reserve and provide an alternative mode of transportation on a loop road circling the community, the planned linear park will be perfect for biking, hiking and jogging.

Naples Reserve residents receive complimentary one-year social memberships at Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples, a yacht club along the Gordon River offering a marina, indoor storage for 600 boats, two waterside restaurants, outdoor pool and sauna, and access to Naples Bay.

Homebuyers seeking inspiration can visit Naples Reserve's 16 fully decorated models, built by Southwest Florida's premier homebuilders including Ashton

Woods, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes. Homes are priced from the high-\$200,000s to more than \$1 million.

Naples Reserve was created by iStar, which was named 2015 Developer of the Year by Builder and Developer magazine for its commitment to creating exceptional communities and lifestyles with an emphasis on energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

Naples Reserve is located off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 10 minutes from I-75, Exit 101. Visit the community at 14885 Naples Reserve Circle or online at www.naplesreserve.com. ■

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Going, Going, Gone!

Only Five Residences Remain at AQUA at Pelican Isle

AQUA at Pelican Isle announced only five luxury residences, including a palatial penthouse, remain available for sale at the boutique marina front high-rise condominium community in Naples.

According to AQUA director of sales Darline Hillard, buyers at AQUA, built nearby Wiggins Pass and the Gulf of Mexico, are drawn to the new boutique condominium tower community for the development's prime waterfront location, its modern design and luxurious finishes, and the tremendous value it offers residents looking for desirable waterfront living in a brand, new condominium that lives more like a single family home.

Prominently positioned within a beautifully landscaped and gated community, AQUA's exclusive residences benefit from high quality fixture and fittings and offer easy access to Pelican Isle Yacht Club's world-class marina and resort-style amenities via an optional membership. Designed to live like single-family homes, AQUA's spacious waterfront residences feature picturesque views of the marina, mangrove lined estuaries and spectacular sunsets thanks to open floor plans and elevated ceilings.

The AQUA Tower II furnished models and unfurnished custom residences are located on the third and fourth floors of the tower, starting at \$1.995 million to over \$2.545 million. These floor plans range between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den.

Major design features include high ceilings, gourmet kitchens with Wolf®

gas cooktops, Subzero® refrigeration and wine coolers, sunlit back-to-front living areas, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space, sunrise and sunset terraces, and more.

One of the outstanding penthouse suites is available, offering more than 6,500 square feet of living area, and value priced at \$4.85 million. The penthouse features four bedrooms and four and one-half baths, grand salon, family room (or den or fifth bedroom), dining room, master suite with study with wet bar and more than 3,100 square feet outdoor living area thanks to a grand sunset terrace with sundeck, wet bar and gas grill spanning across the entire west side of the residence overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and mangrove lined estuaries of Wiggins Bay and AQUA's 29-slip marina plus an expansive private sunrise balcony adjacent to the family room and three guest suites.

The remaining unfurnished AQUA custom Estate Residences and three designer furnished models, are priced to start at \$1.995 million to over \$2.545 million. These floor plans range between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den. Major design features include high ceilings, gourmet kitchens with Wolf® gas cooktops, Subzero® refrigeration and wine coolers, Miele dishwashers, sunlit back-to-front living areas, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space, sunrise and sunset terraces, and more.

Enhancing the AQUA experience are exceptional conveniences including con-



AQUA at Pelican Isle offers a unique opportunity to a limited number of buyers to create a custom home overlooking a private marina, Wiggins Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, setting a new standard for luxury waterfront living as the finest boutique marina-front condominium in the Naples market.

cierge services, 24-hour staffed front desk, a state-of-the-art movie theater, a private library, resort-style pool and spas, fitness center with his and her glass block steam rooms and cedar lined dry sauna facilities, sky lounge with rooftop terrace and much more.

Additionally, all AQUA residences enjoy amenities that include an outdoor putting green, dog run, three fire pits, a game room with billiards, bar, TV, fireplace and high definition interactive virtual golf simulator, Wii games and Apple TV, three spacious guest suites, plus the Club AQUA social room with large curved screened TV and entertainment area with wet bar, fireplace, coffee bar and catering kitchen overlooking the waterfront and marina, plus a new outdoor waterfront pavilion with fireplace, TV and wet bar.

Contracts for AQUA Tower II are ongoing, with Naples-based PACT Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent. Three furnished models by award-winning interior designers Antonacci Design, Renee Gaddis Interior Design and Beasley & Henley Interior Design are open daily for viewing and two are available for purchase. Each model reflects the modern architectural style of the high-rise and showcases several features of AQUA's sophisticated and refined design, while offering distinctly different floor plans and finishes.

For further information about the select opportunities at AQUA or to schedule a tour of the decorated models, please call 239-591-2727, visit online at www.aquanaples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110. ■

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So, *this* is Mediterra?

My first visit to the 2017 Community of the Year

For me, searching for a new home is like putting a giant jigsaw puzzle together. Sure, the house itself is key. It must have the space, the flow, the look, and the finishes that I prefer. But there's so much more to consider. Where is the home located? What is the community like? What is there to do? Are the neighbors energetic, fun, and committed to an active, healthy lifestyle like I am? Will I be able to live my life as I choose to live it? These questions matter to me.

I had been looking for a new home for a while when a friend suggested I check out Mediterra on Livingston Parkway in North Naples. I had heard of Mediterra before and read about how it received a Sand Dollar Award as Community of the Year for the 11th time earlier this fall, but I had never been there. I decided to pay a visit. From the moment I arrived at the Sales Center, I could tell there was something different about the place. I was immediately intrigued.

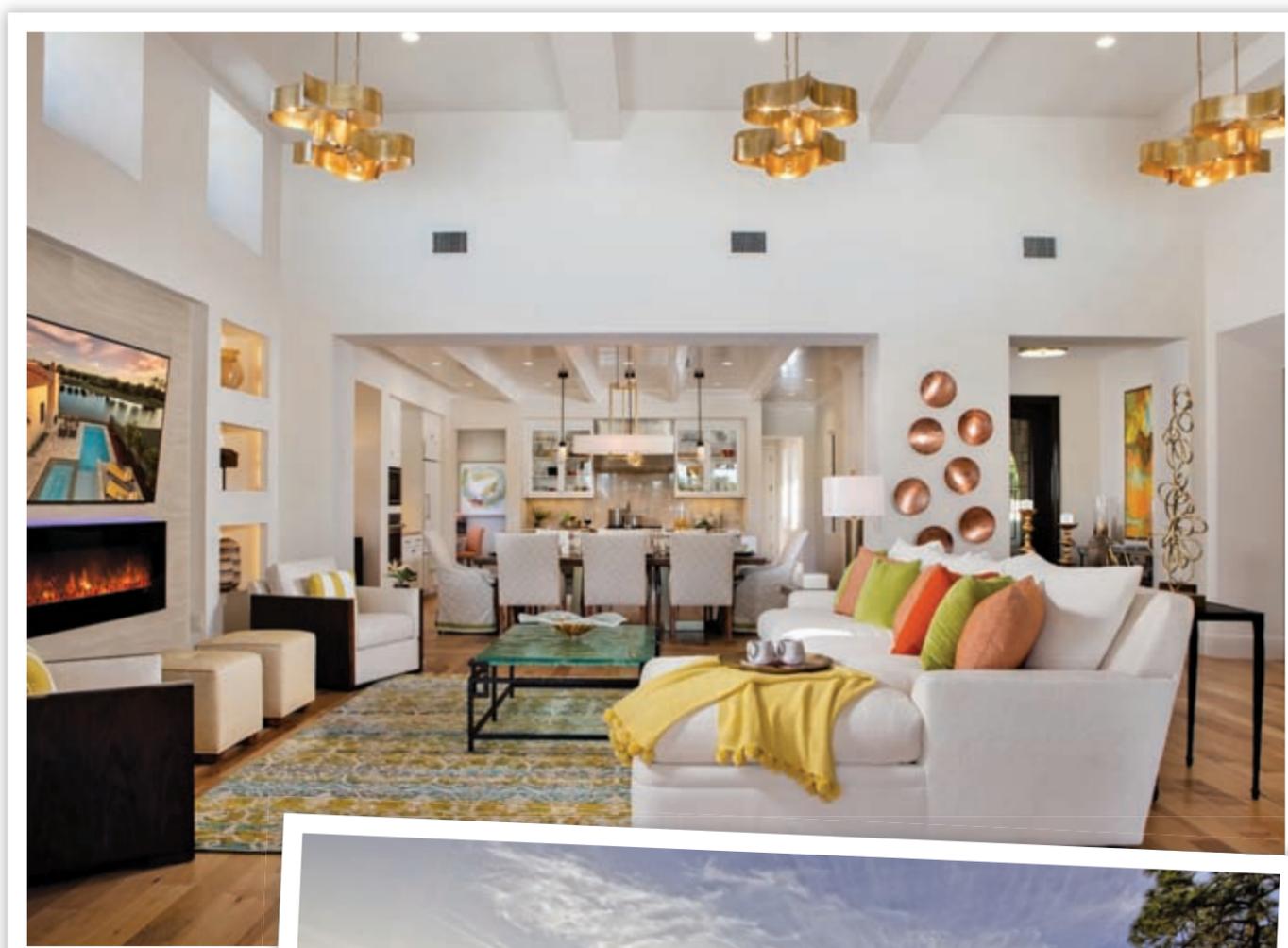
A Sales Executive, Lisa, fixed me a cup of coffee and invited me to relax in a comfortable presentation room. What happened next spoke volumes. Rather than quizzing me about square footage and price points like the sales people in other communities, she was more interested in what's important to me and the lifestyle I prefer to enjoy. We talked about that for a while, and then she offered to show me what Mediterra is about.

The moment we drove through the entry gate, I was transfixed by the beauty of the place. Tall trees formed a canopy over a lushly landscaped streetscape that offered glimpses of glittering lakes and the fairways of one of Mediterra's two golf courses. A roundabout anchored by an Italianate fountain provided a note of welcome. As we continued, the roadway gently curved and revealed the Piazza – the heart of Mediterra. It was captivating – a lake, a broad expanse of green space, and a grand Mediterranean-style clubhouse.

We parked under the portico at the clubhouse entrance. Before going inside, Lisa took me for a walk through a plaza with a fountain and planters full of colorful flowers. We continued down a walkway lined with trees and more flowers. It was all stunning. The walkway led to Mediterra's bocce ball courts where nearly 600 residents are registered to play and enjoy a beverage from the bocce bar. The courts offered an awesome view of the green space and the clubhouse beyond.

We continued our walk. Everywhere I looked there was something different to do: a tennis facility with a pro shop and eight Har-Tru tennis courts, including a spectator court; the Sports Club that includes a fitness center outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment that offers fitness classes, wellness programs, personal trainers, aesthetic services, three spa rooms, and a swimming pool with a sunning deck; a golf pro shop with the PGA professionals who oversee the community's two Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses and an instructional program for golfers on every skill level; three new pickleball courts; and themed parks and water features connected by nearly eight miles of walking and biking trails. I kept thinking, "So, *this* is Mediterra?"

When we entered the clubhouse, I was taken by the elegance of the formal dining room and the finely detailed place settings. We walked through the beautifully appointed grille room and past the Chef's Table where groups can enjoy a specially prepared dining experience complete with fine wine



selections. Outdoor dining tables lined the verandah off the grille room. Then we arrived at the Tavern, an outdoor lounge adjacent to a terrace with tables for al fresco dining and a fire pit where I could envision club members enjoying a glass of wine on cool evenings during season. Lisa told me the club will be starting a 24,000 square foot expansion of the outdoor terrace and lounge area in 2018, as well as enhancements to 7,000 square feet of existing clubhouse space. Here's the thing: The entire initiative is being undertaken without a member assessment. When was the last time you heard about enhancements without an assessment???

Then Lisa asked if I would like to see Mediterra's one-of-a-kind, residents-only beach club. I found that odd. Every other community I had visited either had no beach amenity or had cobbled together an arrangement where a limited number of residents could visit a beach facility owned by someone else. I decided to take a look. We took a quick drive to Little Hickory Island and, once again, I was amazed. The Mediterra Beach Club is 10,000 square feet with a full indoor dining room and outdoor dining overlooking the Gulf, a bar area, an elevated swimming pool with a sundeck, and valet service for beach chairs and umbrellas. Once again, I kept thinking, "So, *this* is Mediterra?"

On the way back to the community, I asked Lisa about the new home choices in Mediterra. She told me



London Bay Homes, the award-winning luxury homebuilder and developer of Mediterra, has more than 60 purchase opportunities available, including furnished models, unfurnished residences, and beautiful home sites. I told her I'll be back. Stay tuned – I'll let you know what I find out!

Visit the Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Parkway two miles north of Immokalee Road. The Sales Center and model residences are open daily. Visit Mediterra online at mediterranaples.com. ■

Top: London Bay Homes' furnished Capriano model in Lucarno at Mediterra reflects the contemporary interior designs the luxury homebuilder is introducing within the community. More than 60 purchase opportunities remain available. **Middle:** Mediterra features a golf pro shop with PGA professionals who oversee the community's two Tom Fazio golf courses and an instructional program for golfers on every skill level. **Bottom:** The private, residents only Mediterra Beach Club is 10,000 square feet with a full indoor dining room and outdoor dining overlooking the Gulf, a bar area, an elevated swimming pool with a sundeck, and valet service for beach chairs and umbrellas.

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Moorings Park and London Bay Homes proudly announce the opening of the Sales Gallery which showcases the new collection of Life Plan residences. Moorings Park Grande Lake combines the highest quality healthcare with *Simply the Best*® lifestyle amenities in the area. Enjoy "Private Label Living" in luxurious mid-rise residences with beautiful lakefront vistas. **Prices from \$1.4 million with 70% refundable entrance fees.**

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Dante DiSabato

Broker associate/ William Raveis Real Estate

Hard work, responsiveness, follow-ups are key to success

What is the most significant change you've seen in your industry over the last year?

It's really that there are more and better informed buyers coming in from all over the country — and they're staying longer. I am beginning to see more of a year-round atmosphere in Naples.

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?

When it comes to listings, more videos are being created and more technology is being implemented to help a sale. Buyers today are a lot more educated about the properties they're interested in and the surrounding communities thanks to the tools they have at their disposal. Frankly, that's good news for Realtors who are detail oriented.

Name the top three elements or practices that have been absolutely critical in the success of your business?

I continue to learn on a daily basis and try to be the best possible self I can be every day. With that said, hard work, responsiveness and follow-ups have been the keys to my success. Those things sound obvious, but you'd be surprised how many people don't make the effort.

Within the context of your current marketing/promotional strategy, how do you differentiate your company from your competitors?

I like to think I'm original. I strive to create trends and be the best I can be both within my company and among my peers in the Naples market. You have to think outside the box to come up with creative ways to market your listings and yourself. If a potential buyer likes you and trusts you, and you can build a relationship with them, they will do business with you. In addition, I try to reach a national/worldwide market through print, digital, and other various mediums.

What's your superpower?

Consistency is key. I keep to a strict structure that I've developed over the years and continue to adapt based on the times. I work tirelessly for my customers to ensure they're happy with their investment. Ultimately, I sell the

WHO AM I?

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lifestyle beyond the home. And if you are serious about customer service and building relationships, you will see success.

What will you base your success on for 2018?

I'm really excited about 2018, as I have recently moved to William Raveis Real Estate. I'm very happy about the move and feel that Raveis will be a huge asset in marketing listings based on their global reach. With my work ethic, combined with the tools and resources they've given me, I am very excited about what's to come. It's not really about the numbers for me, though I've consistently sold significantly more real estate each and every year that I've been in the business. While that's terrific, it's really about the opportunity to keep building more relationships.

Who is a mentor to you within your industry?

I am very lucky to say that my father is a mentor to me. I have always admired his work ethic since I was a little kid. He's the most

detail-oriented person I know and I continue to learn from him on a daily basis. He also makes sure that I know it's not a sprint, it's a marathon.

What wise words would you tell young people entering the work force today?

Fail big. Do what you feel passionate about. And take chances. Don't be afraid to fail. Don't be afraid to go outside the box. Have goals. In fact, give yourself a goal every day. ... To achieve them you must apply discipline and consistency. After all, just because you're doing a lot more doesn't mean you're getting a lot more done. ■



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Babcock Ranch serves up some hometown charm

Founder's Square provides great places to meet your neighbors

When the first residents of Babcock Ranch move early next year, they won't have to use their imaginations to see what life in this innovative new town has to offer. They'll be in walking distance of a downtown district that is already bustling with daily activity, a community pool and lake house that is ready to host their neighborhood and family gatherings, and a community garden that is already producing a wide variety of fresh herbs and vegetables served up daily at their local farm-to-table restaurant.

The completion of neighborhood amenities and opening of the initial downtown district before anyone moves in is just one of the multitude of ways the solar-powered town arising just northeast of Fort Myers sets itself apart. As builders work to complete homes for their first buyers in the Lake Timber neighborhood, developer Kitson & Partners is preparing for the November opening of a general store, ice cream shop and collaborative work space at Founder's Square.

"Typically, developers start with homes and residents have to wait until a certain number of people move in before the promised amenities are constructed," said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners. "At Babcock Ranch, we're delivering on the hometown experience and the lifestyle from day one."

Slater's Goods & Provisions is a one-stop shop for staple items and locally-sourced produce, as well as farm-to-table dining in a more casual setting and

healthy, pre-made meals to take home. Named in honor of legendary Babcock cattleman Bo Slater, the general store also features a full production kitchen that will be taking over preparation of the healthy school lunches served to students at Babcock Neighborhood School.

Tucked inside Slaters is another new business sure to be a favorite with students and adults alike. Square Scoops Ice Cream will be serving up 16 flavors from The Ice Cream Club, part of the fresh from Florida initiative. But Square Scoops is more than an ice cream parlor. It's also a coffee shop - serving up craft coffees in a rural setting. Parents can snag their morning jolt of caffeine after dropping of their kids

at school, while others grab a cup to go on their way to the business incubator located just upstairs. From private offices for rent by the month to daily passes for work space and conference rooms, The Hatchery provides creative and flexible work space where those who thrive on collaboration will find inspiration.

November also marks the beginning for presales for homes in two new neighborhoods by Lennar and Pulte with homes starting in the \$190s. Both builders will have offices at The Hatchery until their models are completed. Prospective residents who register online will have the first opportunity



Top: Slater's Goods & Provisions is more than a general store - the attached ice cream and coffee shop is a great place to meet your neighbors. Above Left: The Discovery Center in Woodlea Hall on Founder's Square is the informational hub for first-time visitors to Babcock Ranch. Above Right: The Lakehouse at Lake Timber provides indoor and outdoor space for family and neighborhood gatherings.

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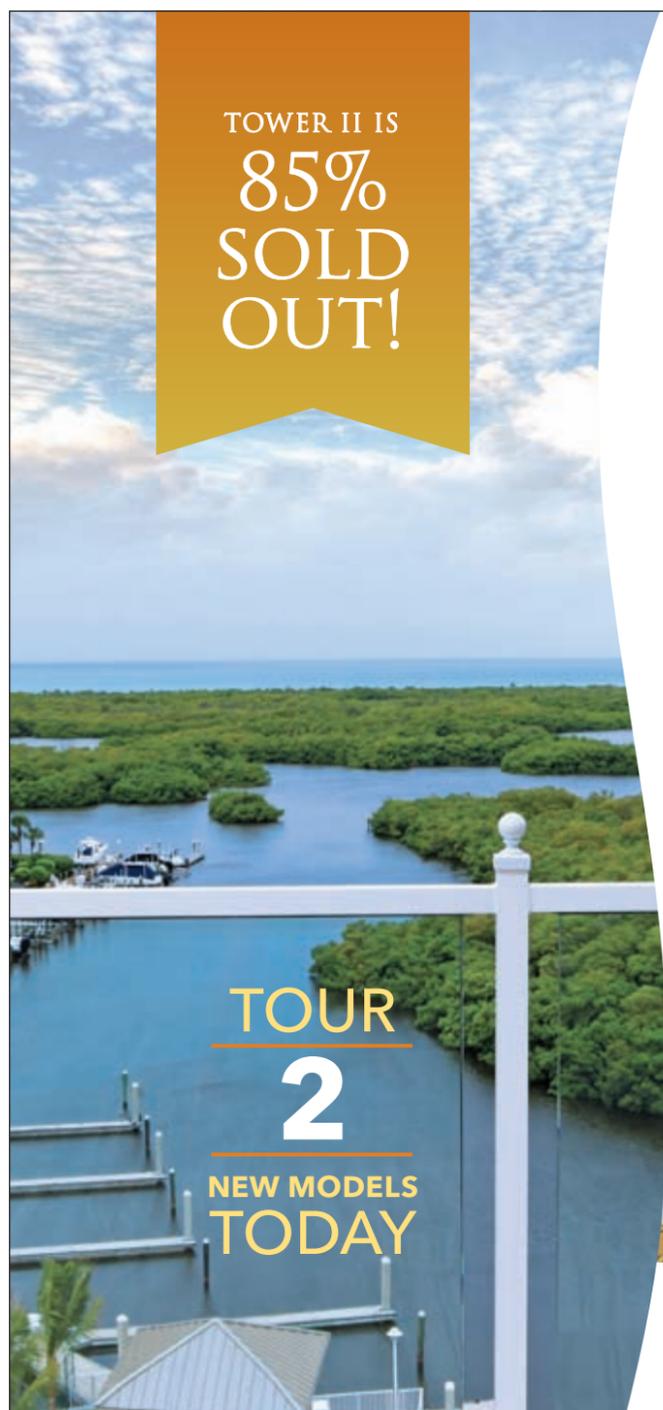
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Moorings Park Grande Lake designed for next generation of residents

Public invited to event at sales gallery



Moorings Park Grande Lake, the new Life Plan Community being developed by Moorings Park and London Bay Homes, is inviting the public to a special event aimed as an introduction to the new community.

The informational luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 9, at 11:30 a.m., at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 6, by calling 239-919-1620.

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is located on Premier Drive, on the south side of Golden Gate Parkway, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston roads, inside the entrance to Naples Grande Golf Club.

Building upon the foundation that has made Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks the preferred choice for Life Plan communities in Southwest Florida, this third incredible neighborhood is planned for the next generation of residents.

Situated on 55 acres in the heart of Naples, Moorings Park Grande Lake will combine one-of-a-kind vistas of magnificent lakes and championship golf with luxury homes and exceptional healthcare.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is being created in partnership with esteemed luxury custom homebuilder and developer, London Bay Homes, long known for its award-winning architectural design and attention to detail.

"Future residents will be attracted to its natural beauty, classic design and total commitment to enabling them to live longer, healthier and happier lives," stated Daniel Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc.

"For nearly three decades, the brand promise of 'Private Label Living' has reflected our commitment to building and developing the finest luxury homes in Southwest Florida," said Mark Wilson, President of London Bay Homes. "It's an honor for us to now extend our philosophy of choice in design to the area's newest community."

The community will consist of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses. Prices start at \$1.4 million with 70 percent refundable entrance fees.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is a pet-friendly campus and has been designed to take advantage of the views of a

28-acre lake and the picturesque golf course beyond.

"The physical environment presents an innovative and resort-style blueprint that provides for seamless physical and visual experiences," said Lavender.

"It also maximizes the beauty and appeal of waterfront living combined with high-end materials and services," Wilson added.

Moorings Park Grande Lake will feature a modern design that is sophisticated and refined. Consistent with other Moorings Park campuses, the new community will include common areas that promote social interaction.

"This extraordinary site will allow and encourage residents to choose from indoor and outdoor activities year-round," said Steve Brinkert, Vice President of Resident Services.

A few of the planned outdoor activities or amenities include a yoga pavilion, walking paths, lakeside parkettes with boardwalks, gardens, fire pits and overlooks; and several bird-watching posts.

"The areas for social gatherings were designed so the family members and friends of our residents could join in the various activities, which could include events such as outdoor concerts," added Brinkert.

The clubhouse, as planned, will feature casual and fine dining areas, a private dining room, ballroom, art studio, wellness center, state-of-the-art fitness center, strength and cardio area, salon and spa, and a resort-style pool with poolside cabanas.

Also located in the clubhouse will be The Center for Healthy Living. The cen-



Above: As planned, Moorings Park Grande Lake will feature 275 lakefront residences. Left: The new Sales Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Below: Residences command lake and golf course views. Bottom: The buildings at Moorings Park Grande Lake feature a coastal-inspired architectural design.

ter is home to rehabilitation services, as well as the Care 360 concierge healthcare program, which was developed in partnership with NCH Healthcare System. The Care 360 program offers a higher level of personalized primary care. Services are available to residents of Moorings Park with no additional fees, other than typical co-pays. The Care 360 concierge physicians are accessible by appointment, plus 24/7 access via phone, text or email.

Should the need arise, Moorings Park Grande Lake also provides its residents

world-class Assisted Living and Memory Care in existing centers of excellence, at no additional cost.

"As you can tell, this is going to be a spectacular project," concludes Lavender. "Please visit us and learn more about London Bay Homes luxurious design and Moorings Park's commitment to Simply the Best® qualities, services and amenities."

For additional information regarding Moorings Park Grande Lake visit MooringsParkGL.org or call 239-919-1620. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Talis Park's 'Beach Runner' whisks members away to the beach

Beginning November 3, Talis Park homeowners, members and their guests can enjoy complimentary daily beach transportation via the Beach Runner, the North Naples community's exclusive new luxury shuttle service.

The Beach Runner, a Mercedes Sprinter which seats 10-12 people, offers easy, quick transportation to and from the white sands of Vanderbilt Beach. Beachgoers enjoy complimentary parking at Vyne House, Talis Park's clubhouse and shuttle departure location. On-demand trips begin at 10:00a.m. daily; the last trip "home" departs Vanderbilt Beach 30 minutes after sunset.

"We're happy to offer the Beach Runner as another option for Talis Park's multi-generational residents to enjoy together," said Milt Flinn, Chief Operating Officer, Talis Park. "Our residents constantly brag about how welcoming this community is and how quickly they have made new friends since moving here. With 300 homes yet to be built here, Talis Park's social fabric will continue to grow for years to come."

A special beachside menu, prepared and pre-packed by Vyne House catering staff, is also available. Talis Park Beach Concierges offer guests complimentary beach chairs, towels and water. Members also enjoy charging privileges at nearby Cabana Dan's, which offers cabana and watersports rentals, snacks, beachwear, and various sundries.

Talis Park's new-fashioned, "come-as-you-are" philosophy eschews traditional country club models, offering multiple

opportunities for homeowners to build active social connections and live the best versions of their lives among exclusive privacy and service levels.

The Beach Runner is the latest in a full assembly of amenities Kitson & Partners has created for homeowners in its award-winning North Naples community.

At Talis Park's epicenter is its award-winning Vyne House and 18-hole Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course, one of only two Norman/Dye collaborations worldwide. Vyne House offers formal and casual indoor and alfresco dining, two fitness studios, spa, fully-stocked wine room, resort-style pool with spacious pool deck and rotunda, and more. Comfortable outdoor gathering areas, high-lighted by a double-sided stone fireplace overlooking the 18th green, make Vyne House a perfect place to enjoy Naples' temperate climate and legendary sunsets with friends and family. The Casa Cortese sports pub, next to the driving range, is a great spot to gather for the big game. Also within easy access is a sports complex with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, tennis pro shop, bocce courts, lap pool, and playground. Tree-lined streetscapes

offer an ideal setting for walking, jogging, and biking while trails provide an opportunity to experience nature.

The Talis Park Garden House Infor-

mation & Sales Center is located at 16980 Livingston Rd., just north of Immokalee Rd. For details, call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com. ■



Above: Talis Park members and their guests enjoy daily, on-demand access to Vanderbilt Beach via the Beach Runner, the community's exclusive new shuttle service. Left: The Talis Park Beach Runner will depart from Vyne House, the community's award-winning clubhouse, and provide daily on-demand trips to and from Vanderbilt Beach.

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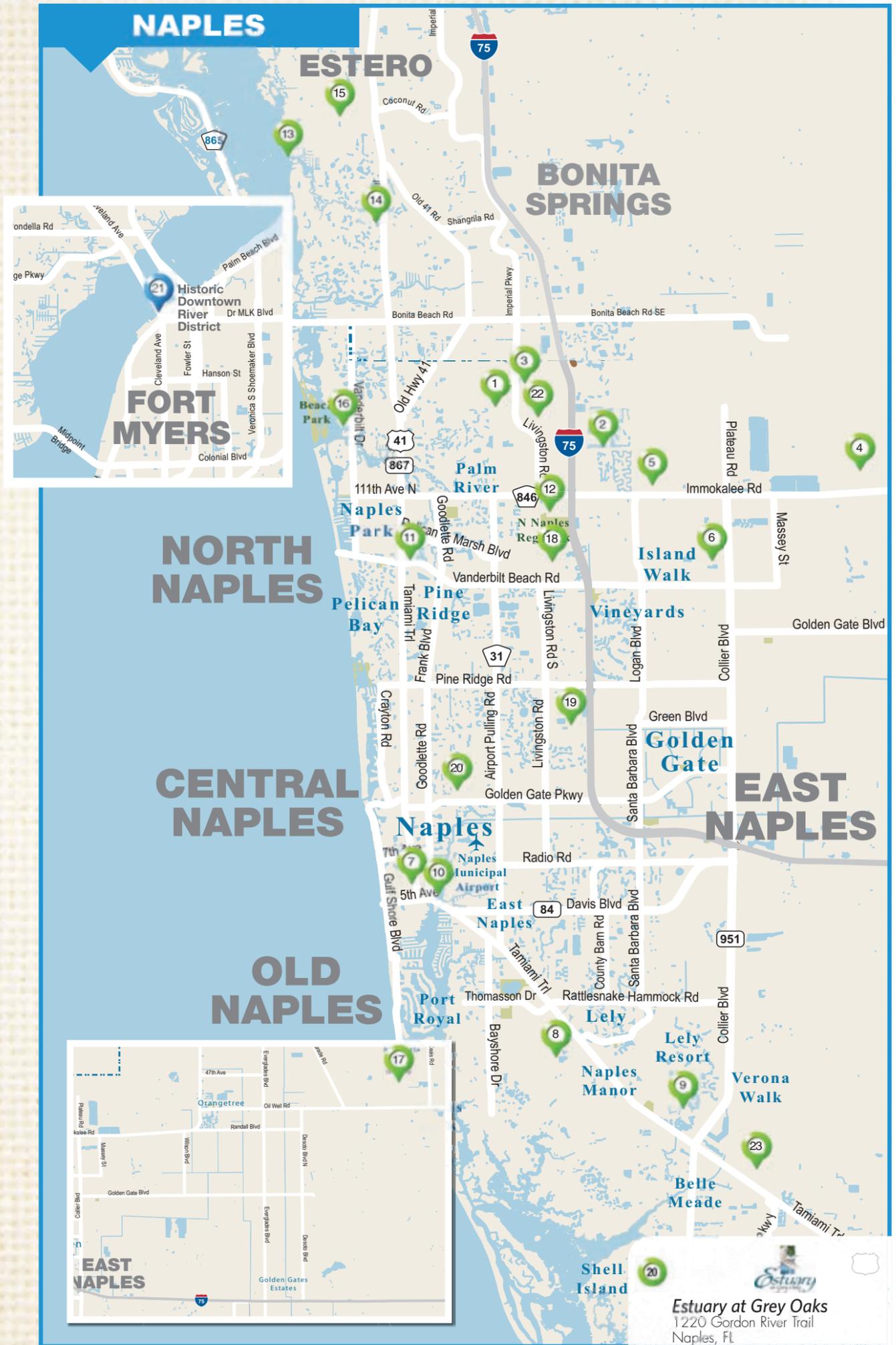
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Lakoya neighborhood very near sell out at Lely Resort: move-in ready homes available

Home to three spectacular championship golf courses, four clubhouses and the area's most comprehensive array of multi-family and single-family homes, Lely Resort has long been a highly sought after Naples address for discriminating homebuyers.

Building professionals agree having recently awarded Lely Resort an astounding 8th Community of the Year Award at the Collier Building Industry Association's Sand Dollar Awards!

"Lakoya is an extraordinary neighborhood that has been a big hit with homebuyers and the lifestyle offered at Lely has never been better," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development. "However, we are nearing sell out of the magnificent Lakoya neighborhood. Currently, only three twin villas and two single-family homes remain in the neighborhood."

Lakoya is a meticulously planned 242-acre enclave with sculptured landscaping, classical gardens, spectacularly choreographed fountains and elegant paved walking paths. It is surrounded by subtropical woodlands and The Classics 18-hole championship course, giving the homes a spectacular array of water, golf course and nature preserve views.

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

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

The home includes formal living and dining rooms with elegant tray ceilings and the third bedroom is convertible to a study. The island-style kitchen includes a large walk-in pantry and is creatively designed to maximize open space and create extra room for entertaining in the adjacent living and dining rooms. The main living area opens via stacked 8-foot tall sliding glass doors to the lanai.

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The great room opens to a very generous lanai and large pool and spa. The grand two-story foyer is adjacent to the study, which is the perfect place for the home office and quiet reading. A move-in ready model is available for \$618,685.

Stunning coach homes are also available in Signature Club. An on-site sales center showcases the coach home residences of two neighborhoods. Furnished models are open.

Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features an selection of amazing lake and golf course views



Top: Tasori coach home. Above Left: Championship golf at Lely. Left: Signature Club exterior. Below: Players Club & Spa, the San Remo III.

coach home building offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes.

The Venice II is a ground floor residence with 2,230 square feet under air and 3,005 total square feet, including the attached two-car garage. It is a two-bedroom, two and one-half bath great room style coach home offering an island-style kitchen, a large, flexible leisure room and a private courtyard in addition to a screened and covered lanai.

Lely Resort residents have access to Naples most comprehensive amenities package. Lely Resort boasts Naples' most prestigious golf program. Homeowners live within steps of three championship golf courses designed by some of the greatest architects in the game - Robert Trent Jones Sr., Lee Trevino and Gary Player, as well as two spectacular golf clubhouses.

The Player's Club & Spa is an amazing 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse.

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Outside is a second free-form pool, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-style amenities at any time.

The tennis facility's thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

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Pending home sales steady, but U.S. activity declined

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Pending home sales were unchanged in September, but activity declined on an annual basis both nationally and in all major regions, according to the National Association of Realtors. The Pending Home Sales Index was at 106.0 in September, its lowest since January 2015.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the quest to buy a home this fall continues to be challenging for many home shoppers.

“Demand exceeds supply in most

markets, which is keeping price growth high and essentially eliminating any savings buyers would realize from the decline in mortgage rates from earlier this year,” he said.

Hurricane Irma’s direct hit on Florida weighed on activity in the South, but similar to how Houston has rebounded after Hurricane Harvey, Florida’s strong job and population growth should guide sales back to their pre-storm pace fairly quickly, Mr. Yun said.

Supply constraints continue to squeeze prospective buyers the most at the lower end of the market, he added. ■

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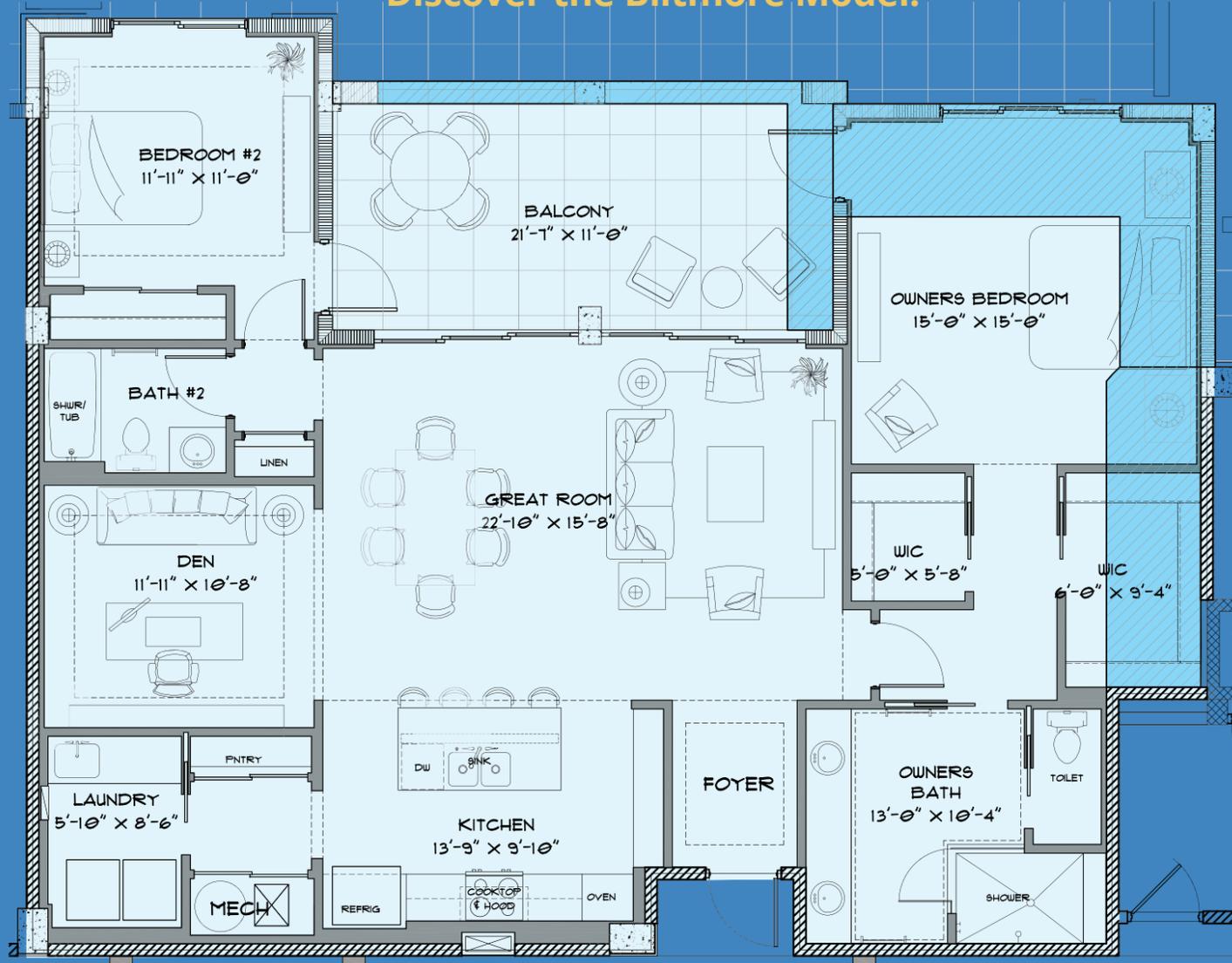
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INSET: A packed house in the historic Arcade Theatre for a performance of the Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play "August: Osage County."

BY NANCY STETSON

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GOOD THINGS CAN COME OUT OF BAD situations.

And the Florida Repertory Theatre is a prime example of that.

Twenty years ago, Robert Cacioppo and Carrie Lund Cacioppo were dismayed. Mr. Cacioppo, who was artistic director of the Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel (now BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater) had

been fired.

The News-Press ran a story at the end of the year about the top 10 stories of 1997, Ms. Cacioppo notes. Number one was Princess Diana died. Number two was Oprah had advised people not to eat meat. And number three was Robert Cacioppo was fired from the Pirate Playhouse.

"The criticisms that were coming (from the board) was that the theater was grow-

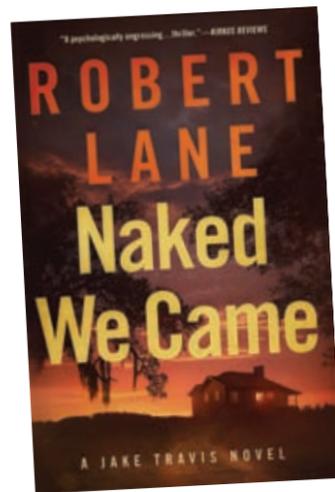
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'Leading Ladies' launches Gulfshore Playhouse season

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Gulfshore Playhouse kicks off a new season with "Leading Ladies." Tickets are just \$10 for preview performances Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3. Opening night is Saturday, Nov. 4. The comedy by Ken Ludwig runs through Sunday, Dec. 10.

Darren Katz directs and William Connell, Zach Martens and Erin Davie

star in the play about Jack (Mr. Martens) and Leo (Mr. Connell), two struggling actors who see an opportunity to end their woes when they hear of an elderly woman's plans to leave her immense fortune to her late sister's long-lost children, Max and Steve. What seems like a perfect plan quickly dissolves into mayhem as the actors discover the woman's relatives are not nephews, but nieces. Jack and Leo give

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FLORIDA WRITERS

Politics and power block the truth about a mysterious disappearance

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■ **“Naked We Came” by Robert Lane.** Mason Alley Publishing. 355 pages. Trade paperback, \$14.95; Kindle e-book, \$4.99.

Robert Lane's fifth Jake Travis Novel has plenty of the author's familiar mix of grit and literary style — plus a more personal premise than the earlier titles. When a man who was the primary suspect in his missing sister's disappearance is found dead on the beach near Jake's home, the floodgates of emotions long held in check open and threaten to overwhelm him.

Why now, 30 years after Brittany's abduction, has this man Hawkins been left to be discovered? Is the confession he wrote just before his body washed ashore genuine or coerced? Jake feels latter is likely and believes the identifying DNA evidence has been manipulated.

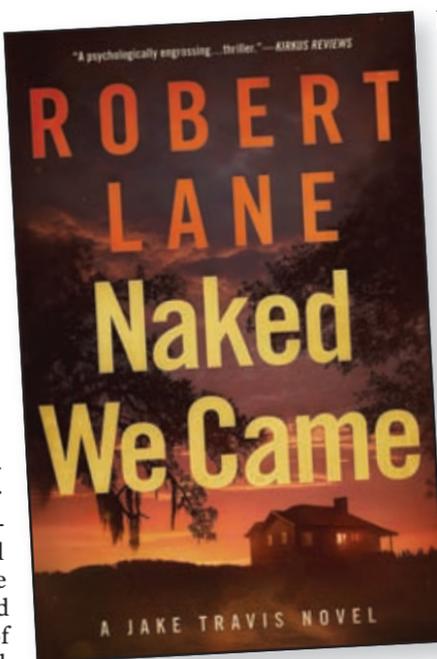
The discovery of the corpse raises hundreds of questions, but three are central: What happened to Jake's slightly

older sister, whom Jake last saw when she was 7 years old? Is there any chance that she is alive? And was Jake in any way responsible for leaving her vulnerable?

Riddled with long-suppressed despair and guilt, Jake commits himself to find the answers and mete out personal justice to whoever is responsible for his sister's long-ago disappearance and possibly her death. All of his investigative and martial skills, along with those of his loyal friends and the understanding of his devoted girlfriend, are called on to sustain him in this time of raging personal need.

Before long, Jake discovers that people in private and governmental corridors of power are determined to thwart his quest. The truth about what happened to Brittany includes secrets they need to keep hidden. Following up on the long-terminated official investigation of her disappearance does not get Jake far, but it does bring the forces arrayed against him to attention.

Searching for a starting point to pursue the decades-old crime, Jake retraces events at the Southwest Florida Vander-



bilt Reef Motel, where he and his family were vacationing when Brittany disappeared. His efforts lead to three linked figures who would have been young men spending time in the area back then. Well-connected attorney Bernard Carlsberg is one of them. Carlsberg has a connection to a shady Russian wheeler-dealer named Peter Omarov. And Omarov has connections to U.S. government agents who pro-

tect him because he is a valuable source: a conduit to what's going on in Russia and Ukraine. The third man, David LeClair, is clearly a key — but Jake learns that LeClair has been dead for almost as long as Brittany has been missing.

Indeed, there is a much wider net of characters caught up in each other's lives and in the puzzle that Jake is determined to solve. Alex Brackett is one of the most interesting. There are also several colorful and important female characters from who Jake draws clues and compassion.

The labyrinthian unfolding of the plot will keep most readers hooked, but a few might get somewhat antsy as the twists and turns pile up and the demands on their memory increase.

Mr. Lane plays the Russian connection card in ways that playfully echo contemporary speculations about a certain U. S. president. And as in his earlier novels, he draws readers into the sensory character and abundant charms of Florida's Gulf Coast. Jake is so fully at home there, so interactive with his beloved environment, that — were he not such an undercover kind of guy — he might merit a seat on a tourism bureau. Other settings, such as Chicago, are also put to good use.

Once again, Jake's beloved Kathleen plays a major role, not only as romantic partner and confidante, but also as a soldier in Jake's scheme to bamboozle and draw out his adversaries. His buddies Morgan and Garrett are on hand, as ever, to do his bidding and lend their own special insights and talents to the troubling matters at hand.

What else? This heart-racing thriller is just dripping with style.

Award-winning novelist Robert Lane, like his protagonist, hangs out in Southwest Florida. ■

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

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Collier County Jewish Book Festival opens with singer/songwriter/author

BY PHIL JASON
Jewish Book Festival co-chair

The third annual Collier County Jewish Book Festival brings 18 authors to town over the next few months, starting Thursday evening, Nov. 16. The festival is an effort of the Jewish Federation of Collier County in cooperation with the Jewish Book Council.

This year's opening author is Steve Dorff, whose witty biography titled "I Wrote That One Too ... a Life in Songwriting from Willie to Whitney" is filled with anecdotes about dozens of stars who have recorded his songs. Many of those songs became Top 10 hits for the artists. In a program that begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Hilton Naples, Mr. Dorff will perform many of his best-known songs and share the stories behind them.

Festival events continue through early April 2018. Here's what's coming up through the rest of this year:

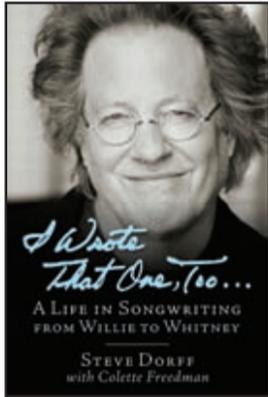
■ 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Hilton Naples: Actor Stephen Tobolowsky ("Mississippi Burning," "Glee," "Groundhog Day" and "Memento") discusses his memoir, "My Adventures with God," a series of vignettes at once humorous and profound that review his Texas childhood, his adventures of the heart and his struggles with matters of faith aided by encounters

with the Torah and the Talmud. Admission includes lunch and a copy of the book.

■ 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Hilton Naples: Meet actress Alexandra Silber, the author of "After Anatevka - A Novel Inspired by 'Fiddler on the Roof.'" What happens to the characters invented by Sholem Aleichem and brought to the stage (and screen) after the curtain falls? Ms. Silber, who knows the play from the inside, imagines what comes next in her sweeping historical novel. Here she will blend musical stylings with spoken words from her book in a theater-like setting.

Sponsors of the 2017 Collier County Jewish Book Festival include: *Florida Weekly*, Hilton Naples, U.S. Bank, Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops, Steinway Piano Gallery, Women's Cultural Alliance, JFCS of SWFL, TheatreZone, John R. Wood Properties, JNF, Senior Housing Solutions, AJC West Coast, Beth Tikvah, Collier/Lee Chapter of Hadassah, Clive Daniel Home, FIDF Miami Chapter, the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL, Temple Shalom Sisterhood, Dr. Barrett Ross Ginsberg and Naples Jewish Congregation.

For ticket information and purchase, author bios and book synopses, visit www.jewishbookfestival.org. To order tickets by phone, call the Jewish Federation of Collier County at 263-4205. ■



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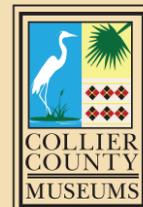
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ETC ... Readers Theatre brings evening of one-acts to the stage

The Naples Players' ETC ... Readers Theatre presents an evening of one-acts devoted to the theme of growing old — or not — at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

“You’re Never Too Old To Be Young” consists of five short plays, each read by TNP actors with scripts in hand and minimal costumes or props. The plays and playwrights are: “Post-Its” by Paul Dooley and Winnie Holzman, “It’s a Sin to Tell a Lie” by Jason Miller, “Post-cards” by James Prideaux, “Fear of Flying” by Jason D. Martin and “Life Comes

to the Old Maid” Le Wilhelm.

Etc ... Readers Theatre is a perfect venue for new playwrights, budding directors and actors who prefer a lower-stress environment. Anyone who is interested in reading, directing or playwriting for Etc ... Readers Theatre should call Jessica Walck at 434-7340, ext. 101, or send an email to jwalck@naplesplayers.org.

Tickets to the Nov. 12 “You’re Never Too Old To Be Young” are \$10 and can be purchased at the box office or in advance by calling 263-7990 or going to www.naplesplayers.org. ■

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

The patina of time lends layers of character

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It's officially the start of antiques season in South Florida, and I'm excited.

You should be, too, and here's why: It's history we're seeing.

We don't want to dwell on the past, but there's so much to learn from it.

There's nothing more satisfying to me than seeing the well-worn arm of a much-loved chair or a piece of silver that has the warm patina of use and polishing.

Those marks bring character to a piece, often lending it a meaning it might not have otherwise.

But that doesn't mean one has to dwell in a museum.

And it doesn't mean that one needs to have an attic filled with family treasures.

Rather, it means looking at something and recognizing the labor that went into it — the blade marks on a table that has hand-turned legs, the thumb- and fingerprints you may see in old roof and decorative tiles, the dainty brushstrokes on a hand-painted piece of porcelain or glass.

That's art, craft and history, all rolled into one.

Scott Diament, president and CEO of Palm Beach Show Group, which pro-

duces tony antiques shows across the nation — and in West Palm Beach and Naples — noted that during a recent interview.

"Something like the Martin-Baker ejection chair might have cost millions of dollars to design, but today you can put that in your office. It's fascinating that so much money was spent to have these objects and items that had a function, but now you can buy them as an object of 20th-century design.

Perhaps that's why elements of industrial design remain popular with collectors and decorators alike — they have that bit of history that lends a layer of complexity.

I like to look at my own collecting as sifting the layers.

I find something, display and then move it on when something more interesting comes along.

You have to search the layers in your quest for treasure.

I'll repeat my advice from a few weeks ago:

Always expect the unexpected.

Don't be afraid to dig around — the fabulous may be buried in the mundane.

Always retrace your steps. You never know what you missed on your first pass. I typically score my best finds on the second pass.

And let me add to that: Be creative in how you use things. That Victorian chest may be perfect as an end table, and those old saws may make a great graphic statement as wall art.

Finally, have fun! ■

THE FIND:

A hand-decorated 10-inch Heisey Narrow Flute plate

Bought: Goodwill Retail & Donation Center, 91 S. Lee St., LaBelle; 863-675-8585.

Paid: \$1.

The Skinny: You never know when or where you will find treasure. And that's why I always stop at the LaBelle Goodwill as I make my way across the state.

I'd sworn off buying individual plates without mates — I don't need any more odd sets.

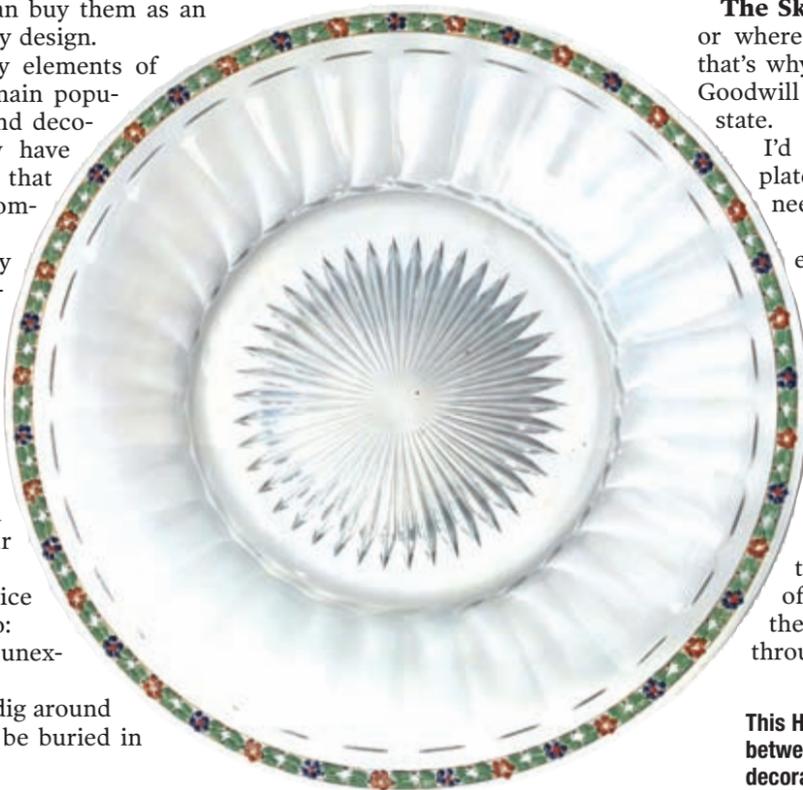
But you almost never see enameled pieces like this dinner plate made in Ohio by Heisey between 1909 and 1935.

The flowers still glow, despite being nearly a century old. And being Heisey, the plate sparkles and catches the light in each nook and groove.

I love that Heisey took the time to polish the bottoms of its plates, so even after all these years, the quality shines through. ■

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This Heisey dinner-size plate dates from between 1909 and 1935. Its enameled decoration was hand applied.



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THEATER

Leading Ladies - By Gulfshore Playhouse Nov. 4-Dec. 10 at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

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

Maple & Vine - By The Naples Players through Nov. 19 at Sugden Community Theater, 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

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

Curious George and the Golden Meatball - By Broadway Palm Children's Theatre through Nov. 17, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Seven Guitars - By Theatre Conspiracy Nov. 3-18 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 939-2787 or www.artinlee.org.

The Giver - By Florida Repertory Theatre at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 in the historic Arcade Theatre. Award-winning author Lois Lowry and Broadway playwright Eric Coble are in residence for the performance and a post-show discussion, 2268 Bay St. 332-4488 or www.floridarepeducation.org.

Pippin - By Broadway Palm Theatre through Nov. 18, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Veronica's Room - By Laboratory Theater of Florida on select dates through Nov. 4, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Sylvia - By Florida Repertory Theatre through Nov. 15 in the historic Arcade Theatre, 2268 Bay St., downtown Fort Myers, 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

This Random World - By playwright Steven Dietz in the Black Box Theatre at Florida SouthWestern State College Nov. 4 and 9-11, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/3104831.

Disgraced - By Florida Repertory Theatre Nov. 10-Dec. 10 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Alice in Wonderland - By the CFBAS Youth Players Nov. 17-19 at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Miracle on 34th Street - By The Naples Players Nov. 29-Dec. 23 at Sugden Community Theater, 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

THURSDAY 11.2

SUP Rookies - Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts beginning paddleboard lessons for people ages 12 and up at 9:30 a.m. \$15, registration required. 431-0958 or www.naplesbeachadventures.com.

Free Concert - The Appleseed Collective performs on the lawn at Mercato at from 6-9 p.m. 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. at Volvo Cars of Naples, \$25-\$150, 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.



The Moscow Ballet performs George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" with the Naples Philharmonic at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28, at Artis—Naples, 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

FRIDAY 11.3

Coffee with a Cop - Collier deputies invite the public to share a cup o' joe with them from 8-10 p.m. at the North Naples Dunkin' Donuts, 887 105th Ave. N. 774-4434 or www.collierhsheriff.org.

Cultural Fest - Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts its 20th annual American Indian Arts Celebration with artisan, children's crafts, dance and art demonstrations, wildlife shows, alligator wrestling and a market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday, Nov. 4, \$7.50-\$10, (863) 902-1113 or www.ahtahtiki.com.

Swamp in the Dark - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a Florida panther-themed after hours event with a presentation, strolls on the boardwalk and live music from 5:30-9 p.m. Free for children, \$6-\$10 for others, 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Scents in the Garden - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a fragrant evening walk among the garden's scented specimens from 6-8 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others, 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

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

SATURDAY 11.4

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

Shred It - IBERIABANK on Marco Island hosts a community shred party from 9 a.m. to noon, \$3 per box or bag (limit 10) to securely shred important but outdated papers. Proceeds benefit Collier County Honor Flight.

Panther Party - Naples Zoo celebrates the Florida panther with on-site experts, field trips, safety tips and activities for kids and adults from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free for Collier residents, regular admission for others, 262-5409 or www.floridapantherfestival.com.

Take a Hike - CREW Land & Water Trust hosts a guided walk focused on wildlife observations from 9 a.m. to noon on \$15 for members, \$25 for others, 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.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. \$15-\$25, 27180 Old 41 Road, 992-2591 or www.evergladeswondergardens.com.

TUESDAY 11.7

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.

High Wire - Cirque Broadway, a performance troupe featuring vocalists and circus acrobats, perform tonight through Saturday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples, 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

WEDNESDAY 11.8

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.

Good Morning Om - Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a yoga session on the beach at 9 a.m. each Wednesday through the month, \$5 plus park entry fee, 598-1938 or www.greenmonkeyyoga.com.

Bird Talk - Friends of Lovers Key hosts a lecture on shorebirds by Audubon naturalist Adam DiNuovo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inquire for pricing, Fjgreenwood@gmail.com or www.friendsofloverskey.org.

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.thegypsyseseawitch.com.

COMING UP

Chi in the Garden - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a morning tai chi session with instructor Karen McNeil at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, \$10 for members, \$20 for others, 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Travel Talk - Premier Travel hosts cocktail while guests learn about travel offerings by Azamara Club Cruises from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Club Pelican Bay, Free, 707 Gulf Park Drive, 261-1177 or rsvp@preferrednaples.com.

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.

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.

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.

Readers Theatre - The Naples Players host readings of five one-act plays centered on the theme "You're Never Too Old To Be Young" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, \$10, 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Bridal Blast - Hilton Naples hosts a boutique bridal showcase from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, with local vendors, prizes and giveaways. Free for registered brides, \$5 for others, 272-8477 or www.naplesbridalexpo.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. at Unity Church of Bonita Springs, \$5, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, 947-3100 or www.unitybonita.com.

Does Your Beard Hang Low - Bone Hook Brewing Company hosts Bierdfest with specially tapped seasonal beers, live music by Sarah Hadeka Band and a beard contest starting at noon and continuing all day, 1514 Immokalee Road, 631-8522 or www.bonehookbrewing.com.

SUNDAY 11.5

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

Cruisin' - Miromar Outlets hosts a car show featuring vintage, custom and exotic rides from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Food Fight - Pelican Bay Rotary Club hosts Autoberfest: Food Truck Wars with over 40 food trucks, a car show, fire truck pull contest, beer garden, VIP wine cave and live music by Ben Allen Band from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at The Galleria Shoppes of Vanderbilt, \$5-\$50, 2343 Vanderbilt Beach Road, (434) 426-6748 or www.eventbrite.com.

Free Concert - Bonita Springs Concert Band performs from 2-4 p.m. at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs, 405-3320 or www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

Chamber Concert - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a chamber concert featuring Baroque works at 3 p.m. \$25, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

MONDAY 11.6

Om on the Beach - Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a yoga session on the beach from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each Monday through the month, \$5 plus park entry fee, 598-1938 or www.greenmonkeyyoga.com.

Art Reception - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts an opening reception for its annual painting exhibition featuring work submitted by artists in Collier and Lee counties from 5:30-7 p.m. Free, 300 Tower Road, 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Art Show – The Esplanade on Marco Island hosts a juried art fine art show featuring works in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. 537-5921.

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

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.bbmannpah.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 – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a reception for its newest exhibition of artist Marianne Oehler's paintings from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. Her works will be on display until Nov. 18. \$10 suggested donation. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

All That Jazz – Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs with featured saxophonist Grant Stewart at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jewelry Workshop – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a jewelry workshop with their resident artist from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. \$3, plus park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

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.

Piano Duo – Pianist Milana Streveza and baritone Anton Belov perform Russian and Italian art songs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.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.

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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.

Sing-Along Messiah – Voices of Naples perform their annual “Sing-Along Messiah” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Naples United Church of Christ. 5200 Crayton Road. \$20 at the door, \$25 in advance. Call 455-2582.

Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts lunch and a multimedia presentation entitled “Patrick Smith’s Florida Is A Land Remembered” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21. \$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.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.

Turtle Time – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about gopher tortoises at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Jazzy Christmas – Saxophonist Dave Koz performs a Christmas concert with a variety of special guests at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Sugarplum Dreams – Moscow Ballet performs Balanchine’s “The Nutcracker” at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jazz Concert – The Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

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.

Piano Concert – Pianist Stanislav Khristenko performs Prokofiev’s “Romeo & Juliet” at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. www.grandpianoseries.com.

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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.

Free Concert – The Reckless Saints and duo HankWoji and Eileen Kozloff perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Lovers Key State Park. www.friendsoffloverskey.org.

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

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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.

Shake it, Baby – Naples Players hosts Cabernet & Cabaret, where guests can learn the fundamentals of burlesque dancing while enjoying some vino from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Sugden Community Theater. \$35 for members, \$55 for others. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.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.

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Santa in the Sand – Friends of Lovers Key hosts an afternoon of lunch, games and prizes with Santa from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Lovers Key State Park. Admission is park entry fee and donated toy. Reservations required. (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.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.

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

Brass Concert – Naples Chamber Brass performs holiday selections at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

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 – More than 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.

Free Film – Mercato screens “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” on the lawn at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Holy Undies! – Artis—Naples hosts the touring production of Broadway’s “The Book of Mormon” Tuesday through Sunday, Dec. 19-24. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

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Holocaust Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture titled “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. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

The Naples Players turn back the clock in 'Maple & Vine'

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An acquaintance of mine bemoans that she was “born too late.” A child of the '70s, she wishes she had lived in the 1950s instead.

It was a much hipper time, she feels. She loves the clothing, the music, the cars, the look. I suspect she almost sees the era as an extended episode of “Happy Days.”

What she doesn't take into consideration is how repressive things were back then, the blatant racism and sexism, the taking for granted that women and people of color weren't equal and should “know their place.” Contraceptive options were limited. Homosexuality was considered both a mental illness and a crime. We were in a cold war with Russia, and schoolchildren practiced hiding under their desks in case of an atomic attack. (As if that would help.)

I thought of my friend the other night when I saw The Naples Players' production of “Maple & Vine.”

This curious, unusual play introduces us to Katha (Tina Moroni) and her husband Ryu (Dan Bacalzo), a modern day couple living in New York City. She has a high-pressure job in publishing, and he's a plastic surgeon. They're grieving Katha's recent miscarriage, and their marriage is suffering the after-effects.

And then Katha meets a man in a gray flannel suit who looks as if he's just been transported from the 1950s. Dean (Jesse Hughes) wears pants with cuffs, and a crisp triangle of white peeks out of the pocket of his double-breasted suit jacket. No backpack or man purse for him: He's lugging a leather briefcase. And instead of a baseball cap, he sports a hat — a 1950s one that goes with his suit, not the kind hipsters wear today to try to look cool.

The two get to talking, and Katha discovers Dean and his wife are 1950s reenactors. Only they don't do it for just occasional weekends, like Civil War reenactors. They belong to a group called the Society of Dynamic Obsolescence and live full-time in a gated community where everyone lives as if it's 1955.

There are no cell phones, no cable, no Internet, no laptops. Everyone has to live, speak and comport themselves



Tina Moroni as Katha and Jessica Walck as Ellen Hughes in “Maple & Vine.”

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at all times as if they were living in the mid-50s. (An accidental slip of the tongue or a reference to something modern is considered “a disruption.”)

Katha sees the Society of Dynamic Obsolescence as the answer to all her problems, a safe haven. Ryu isn't so sure. He suspects it might be a cult, but eventually goes along with his wife's desires. This change of heart struck me as a little too sudden. I found it hard to believe any doctor would leave his successful practice to work in a factory assembling boxes. But then again, what person, overwhelmed with the pressures of work, family, marriage and life in general, hasn't at some point longed for a simpler life and a slower pace?

The cost of going back to “simpler times” is more than Katha and Ryu expect, however. Is it more than they're willing to pay?

Act II is full of surprises, though truthfully, some should be expected. After all, our history is full of examples of what happens, on small or large scales, when people give up critical thinking and abdicate personal responsibility, allowing others to dictate what happens to them.

The Society of Dynamic Obsolescence reminded me of a quote in a WWII thriller I'm currently reading: “Beware the man who tells you he

knows what's best for you; he usually starts by stealing your rights.”

The scenes between Katha and Ryu, and Katha's scenes at work with employees in Act I, are, unfortunately, some of the weaker moments in this intriguing play. I wish director Bryce Alexander had worked to strengthen those more.

The stage comes alive whenever Mr. Hughes and Jessica Walck, who plays his wife, Ellen, are onstage. A dutiful wife, she stares at her husband with sheer adoration. Ms. Walck plays the role with perfection, chirpy and perpetually cheery. Mr. Hughes' character is a take-charge kind of guy, a bantam rooster who seems to have something to prove ... or to hide.

Ms. Moroni's character evolves over the course of the play, transforming into another woman than the one we first meet. We see her grow in confidence, though she initially struggles to adjust to her 1950s life.

Mr. Bacalzo's role is perhaps the most difficult, as we have to believe a doctor would not only give up his profession for manual labor in a factory but also would willingly return to an era where racism is blatant and ethnic jokes socially acceptable.

James Duggan plays two roles: Omar, an arch, flamboyant gay who works in publishing with Katha, and Roger, a

stoic, racist factory supervisor in the 1950s world. As the former, he giggles and gossips with Jenna (Ms. Walck's second role in the play), a ditzy co-worker who seems more obsessed with her cell phone and taking selfies; as the latter, he's brooding and somewhat intimidating and unpredictable.

(And Mr. Alexander provides a nice touch: When Roger and Ryu have a battle of wills and words, Roger slams his much-larger lunchbox down on the table next to Ryu's, as if to show he's bigger and superior. It's a small moment, but clever.)

The outfits, by costume designer Jack Cole, are superlative: suits and hats and '50s ties for the men; pumps and pearls, pillbox hats and white gloves for the women. Ellen, in particular, looks as if she's just stepped out of the pages of a mid-century issue of Vogue. And for both actresses, there are numerous costume changes.

As the playwright Jordan Harrison advises in his production notes in his script: “I can imagine a production where costumes and wigs do nearly all the work in transporting us to the 1950s.”

And they do. They are simply stunning. And they do transport us directly to that era.

Chase Lilienthal's set design assists, especially Katha and Ryu's new home on Maple and Vine, with teal, tufted love seat with mid-century modern lines and a teak, multi-leveled wall unit with asymmetrical shelving.

There's a clever scene where Katha is reading “Peyton Place” — a nice nod to the secrets and skeletons in closets that can exist in small towns. But the book was published in 1956, which makes it a “disruption” if they're supposed to be living in 1955.

But that's just a quibble. “Maple & Vine” is innovative and thought provoking, an interesting concept well executed. I've never seen a play quite like it. ■

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'Maple & Vine'

>> **Who:** The Naples Players

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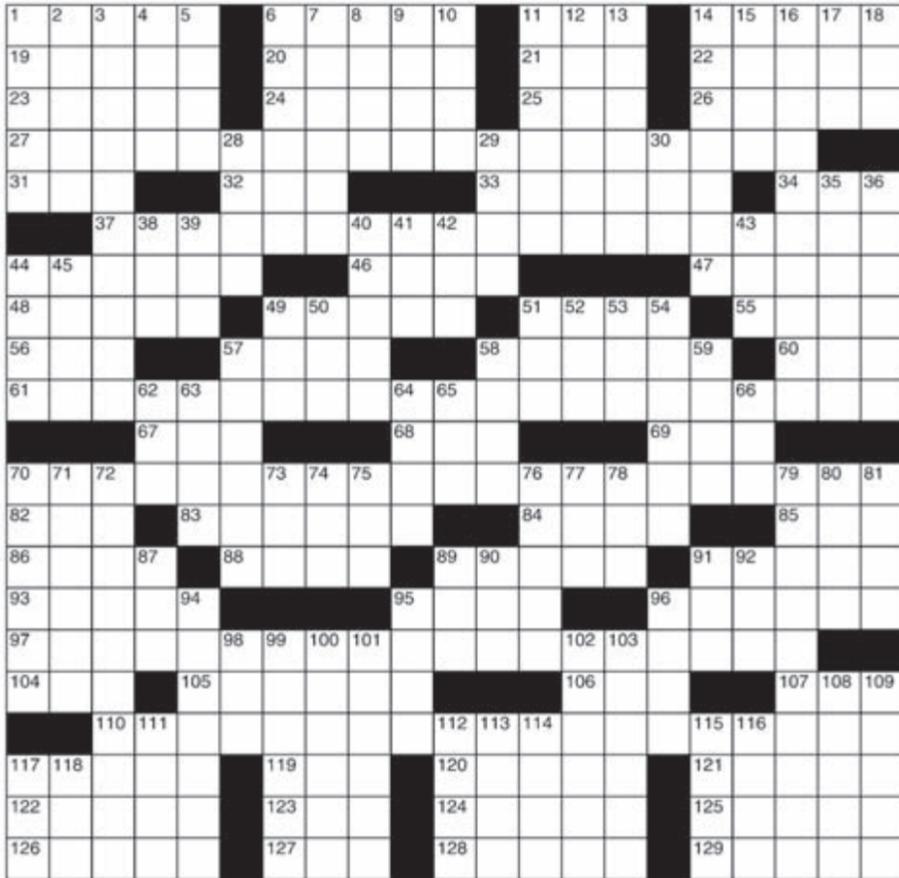
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 - 95 Formal reply to "Who's there?"
 - 96 Scads
 - 98 Biblical verb suffix
 - 99 Lectern platforms
 - 100 "Hondo" actor
 - 101 Official seal
 - 102 Lie at rest
 - 103 Bewailed
 - 108 "The Office" actress
 - 109 Deals (out)
 - 111 Belgian/French river
 - 112 Den fixture
 - 113 Pressing tool
 - 114 Nasal spray, e.g.
 - 115 Dreamcast company
 - 116 Firewood splitters
 - 117 Peas' place
 - 118 ET carrier

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HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walk-out resistant.

PISCES (February 19 to March

20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow almost to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now, before you wind up overcommitted later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab

could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

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By Linda Thistle

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Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

It is easy to become confused when you play against an artificial bidding system. Most players don't encounter this difficulty because, in the groups in which they play, a spade bid shows spades, diamonds means diamonds, and so on.

However, when you play in tournaments, artificial bids are fairly common. How much they gain in the long run is questionable. Here is a case where an artificial bid was successful, but for a peculiar reason.

The deal was played in a match between Great Britain and Italy in 1954. Nothing much happened at the first table, where Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro got to four spades as shown. Reese made six instead of five as the result of a defensive error.

It was at the second table that the fireworks occurred. There, Michele Giovine and Mario Franco held the North-South cards for Italy. They were playing the highly artificial Marmic system.

Giovine opened the South hand with one diamond, a strong bid that had nothing to do with diamonds. Franco responded with one spade, which had nothing to do with spades. It showed a king and some additional values. Eventually, Franco and Giovine arrived at six spades.

Adam Meredith (West) led the jack of spades and thereby handed declarer the contract. Declarer won with the queen, cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart, establishing dummy's

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♠
 Opening lead — two of hearts.

two remaining hearts. He then crossed to the ten of spades and discarded two losers on the established hearts to make the slam.

It was an unfortunate lead, all right, but it was doubly unfortunate because Meredith had led out of turn. Due to the artificial one-spade bid, the actual declarer was North, so East should have led.

As it was, North accepted Meredith's lead out of turn, which was his privilege, and so made the slam. ■

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Real news about 'UnREAL'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me when my favorite show, "UnREAL," will be back?

— Keri R., via email

A: Lifetime's critically acclaimed series, which gives a fictitious behind-the-scenes glimpse into the chaos surrounding the production of a dating competition program called "Everlasting," returns for its third season at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. Caitlin FitzGerald comes aboard as Serena, the female "suits" of "Everlasting," who will face off with the show's queen-bees producers Rachel (Shiri Appleby) and Quinn (Emmy-nominee Constance Zimmer), who are shaking things up for the sake of ratings. The ladies will be tempted more than ever when they're surrounded by hot new suitors, including Bart Edwards, Alex Hernandez, Adam Demos and Alex Sparrow. Returning to the show are Craig Bierko, Josh Kelly, Jeffrey Bowyer-Chapman and Genevieve Buchner.

Q: I've always loved "The Librarians" movies and have tried to keep up with the series. Will there be any more seasons of the series, or perhaps another movie?

— Hattie M., Des Moines, Iowa

A: "The Librarians" comes back to TNT for a fourth season at 8 p.m.



FITZGERALD

Wednesday, Dec. 20. The hugely popular fantasy series centers on an ancient organization that's dedicated to protecting an unknowing world from the secret, magical reality hidden all around. Returning to the show are Rebecca Romijn, Christian Kane, Lindy Booth and John Harlan Kim as protectors of the world's mystical treasures and John Larroquette as their reluctant caretaker. Special bonus: Noah Wyle recurs in seven of 12 episodes this season as Flynn Carsen, the role he played in the movie trilogy.

READERS: "Final Vision," the true-crime drama based on the longest running criminal case in U.S. history, is set to premiere at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, on Investigation Discovery. "Scandal" alum Scott Foley stars as Jeffrey MacDonald, an Ivy League-educated U.S. Army Green Beret doctor who was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife and two daughters in the middle of the night. The story is told through the eyes of best-selling author Joe McGinniss (played by Dave Annable of "Brothers and Sisters"), who was approached by MacDonald to write a book about his personal nightmare as he was about to go to trial. Immediately following "Final Vision" will be an enhanced encore of "Jeffrey MacDonald: People Magazine Investigates" at 10 p.m. ■

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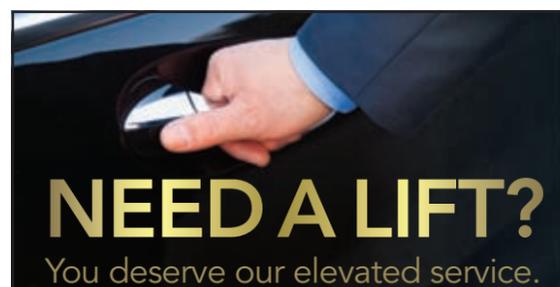
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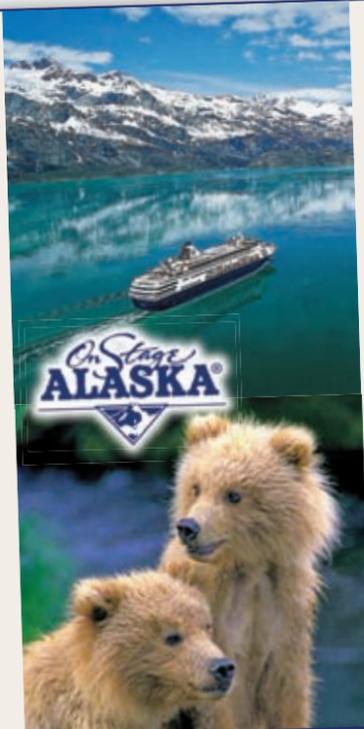
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FILM CAPSULES

Breathe ★★★

(Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Tom Hollander) Paralyzed in his prime from polio, Robin (Garfield) finds new meaning in his life thanks to his wife (Foy) and other loved ones. Garfield and Foy are strong as the leads, and it's ultimately a hopeful story that's not as depressing as it looks. Rated PG-13.

Happy Death Day ★1/2

(Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, Ruby Modine) Sorority girl Tree (Rothe) is murdered, then relives the day until she can find the killer. It's illogical and lame, with few original ideas and plenty of logical gaps. Rated PG-13.

Victoria & Abdul ★★★

(Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Michael Gambon) The friendship between Queen Victoria (Dench) and an Indian servant (Fazal) late in her life is chronicled in director Stephen Frears' latest. It's a bit scattered in terms of narrative tone, but overall the touching, symbiotic friendship is a welcome sight to see. Rated PG-13.

American Made ★★★

(Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright) Airline pilot Barry Seal (Cruise) is recruited by the CIA to take pictures over Central America, then becomes involved in drug and gun smuggling. It's a captivating story that will keep you rooting for the anti-hero, but it doesn't have the visual panache this kind of film should feature. Rated R.

Only The Brave ★★★

(Miles Teller, Josh Brolin, Jeff Bridges) Firefighters in Arizona bond and battle wildfires in this dramatic true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. It's not perfect, but it's moving enough to do the real people justice. Rated PG-13.

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.

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. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

George Clooney, Matt Damon, Julianne Moore. All Oscar winners, all Hollywood royalty — and all part of the absolute misfire that is “Suburbicon,” a mistake of a movie that will be a stain on their careers. How could three people who are so good at what they do veer so far off track?

“Suburbicon” is the name of a small town circa 1959. On the surface the Lodge family represents 1950s Americana as history likes to remember it: Mom Rose (Moore) stays home, son Nicky (Noah Jupe) goes to school, dad Gardner (Damon) works a corporate job. The community is safe and self-contained, seemingly perfect for raising a child.

Yes, things couldn't be better for the Lodges, save for the fact that Rose was in a car accident and is now bound to a wheelchair. Regardless, her twin sister Maggie (Moore again) helps out, so all is happy on the home front.

Then the unthinkable happens: A home invasion leaves Rose dead. “Nothing like this ever happens here,” the local ladies say. But it did happen, and the ugliness of both the town and the Gardner family is exposed.

There are cover-ups, betrayals, murders and an insurance investigator (Oscar Isaac) who smells something fishy. All of this is as predictable as it comes, right down to Gardner and Maggie's real plans and their subsequent incompetence.

Meanwhile, the subplot features the Myers family, newcomers to the neighborhood who are African-American, and unwanted. Riots break out in front of their home, and at one point a Confederate flag is left on their window. This blatant racism ultimately has no bearing on the main story, so you have to wonder why it's included at all. If Clooney, who directed and co-wrote the script, is providing commentary on civil rights or racism, the message doesn't come through.

The film is also so ignorant that it forgets to have a good guy, a main character

who fights for a better world. Without a hero, viewers don't get emotionally involved, and they leave the theater either angry at the film's incompetence or (worse) indifferent to everything they've just seen.

The only decent human beings in “Suburbicon” are Nicky, who's an innocent child incapable of protecting himself, and a couple of minor supporting characters, including Nicky's Uncle Mitch (Gary Basaraba). That's not enough.

One suspects Clooney and co-writers Grant Heslov and Joel and Ethan Coen (yes, the Coen Bros., who created the story then passed it to Clooney and



Heslov for the screenplay) wanted to show the shadiness that could lie behind the shiny veneer of an idyllic '50s family. Sadly, that is completely lost. Instead “Suburbicon” has a mostly humorless, light tone and a color palette that belies the darker story elements. And the social commentary just doesn't work on any level.

Clooney, Damon and Moore will be better again, no doubt. But “Suburbicon” is one entry in their canons that you can skip. ■

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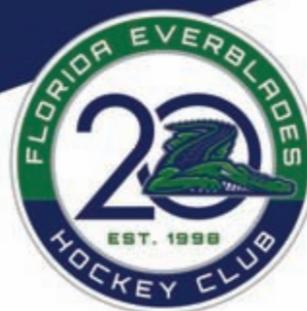
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LADIES

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their greatest performance yet as "Maxine and Stephanie."

Mr. Connell's Broadway and regional credits include "A View From the Bridge," "The Coast of Utopia," "Nureyev's Eyes" and "Alphabetical Order." His television and film work includes "Blacklist," "Madam Secretary," "Not Fade Away" and upcoming roles in "Blindspot" and "The Tap."



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Mr. Martens returns to the Gulfshore Playhouse stage, where he played Lorenzo in "Merchant of Venice." He has appeared both in Off-Broadway and regional productions of "Sleep No More," "The Nightingale," "Three Sisters" and "The Full Monty." Television and film

credits include "Shades of Blue," "The Daily Show" and "Hunting Season."

Playing the lead role of Meg Snider in "Leading Ladies," Ms. Davie is best known for her performance as the young Edith Bouvier Beale in the Broadway production of the musical "Grey Gardens." She appeared on the national tours for "Swing!" and "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber," as well as the Off-Broadway production of "Infertility." Most recently, she was in the Broadway revival of "Sunday in the Park with George."



DAVIE

Additional professional actors starring in "Leading Ladies" include:

Hanley Smith as Audrey - Having previously appeared



SMITH

as Cecily in "The Importance of Being Earnest" at Gulfshore Playhouse, Ms. Smith also serves as the education programs coordinator for the nonprofit organization R.Evolucion Latina. Her stage credits include Vanda in "Venus in Fur," Laura in "The Glass Menagerie," Luisa in "The Fantasticks" and Sally in "The Voice of the Turtle."

Phillip Taratula as Duncan - Mr. Taratula previously appeared in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Hound of the Baskervilles," and most recently starred as Cogsworth in "Disney's Beauty and the Beast."



TARATULA

Michael Lawler as Doc - Regional theater credits include "Fiddler On The Roof," "Pippin," "My Fair Lady," "Our Town," "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Noises Off," "Company," "Will Rogers Follies," "Cabaret" and "Gypsy." Alex Michael Albrecht as Butch - Making his Gulfshore Playhouse

debut, Mr. Albrecht spent this past summer at the Little Theatre of the Rockies, where he performed in "Peter and the Starcatcher," as well as in the Cabaret Company at the Weathervane Theatre Co.

Director Mr. Katz served on Broadway as resident director of "The Lion King" and associate director of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." He will direct the upcoming 60th anniversary concert of "West Side Story" with The Phoenix Symphony.

Gulfshore Playhouse dedicates its production of "Leading Ladies" to first responders from throughout Southwest Florida, who will receive free admission (with proof of ID) throughout the run of the show. ■

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'Leading Ladies'

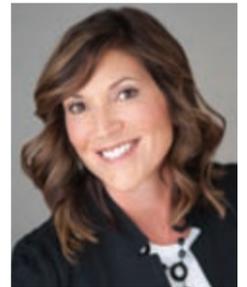
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Rachel Burtram, Michelle Damato and Carrie Lund perform in Florida Repertory Theatre's production of "Dancing at Lughnasa" in January 2009. Terry Teachout, theater critic for *The Wall Street Journal*, praised the production of Brian Friel's memory play set in Ireland.

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ing too fast," she says. "They said our budget was increasing dramatically from year to year."

"The community very much didn't want us to go," Mr. Cacioppo adds. "When the board announced its decision, they had all these town hall meetings and created a group to support us, called Act Now, which had bumper stickers and buttons. Our theater was on budget, and it was the biggest subscription year in its history, and its biggest donations. That last season, we were doing Shakespeare and Moliere."

The Cacioppo, determined to keep creating theater, scrambled to find a new space.

They were offered the historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers, a space previous tenants had not had much success with.

All the staff, all their artists and six of the board members came with them. And so did their audience.

"That's when I learned that a theater is people, not a building," says Mr. Cacioppo. "It was great for Fort Myers, because downtown Fort Myers was dead. All these people who'd been coming from Fort Myers and Cape Coral to Sanibel (to see theater) were delighted they didn't have to drive over the cause-



BRYELLE DAFELDECKER / FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE

Founder and producing artistic director Robert Cacioppo hosts Florida Repertory Theatre's 2017 fundraising gala, "Jukebox Jubilee."

way to see great theater."

The Cacioppo was inspired by the movie, "Field of Dreams" — "If you build it, they will come."

"We're filling a need that the community wanted," Mr. Cacioppo says.

They opened Florida Repertory Theatre on Nov. 6, 1998, with "Noises Off," a fun farce about a group of actors whose personal problems bleed over onto their stage performances, turning them into chaos.

"Everyone wanted to help us," says Mr. Cacioppo. "When we lost the the-

ater, all our friends felt bad for us. Our donors, everyone circled the wagons around us, wanted to help us. Our set designer, Richard Crowell, designed the set of 'Noises Off' for free. He wanted us to be successful."

And they have been, growing from a staff of 19 that first year to the present staff of 55.

They scored a coup in their 2002-2003 season, presenting Steve Martin's loopy adaptation of "The Underpants," the first theater in the country to do so after the show's Off-Broadway run.

Bari Newport, then associate director, bought two pairs of frilly ladies panties and painted on the butt of both, "We want 'The Underpants.' Florida Rep." They wrapped them in tissue paper and elaborately wrapped fancy boxes. One was sent to Steve Martin in Los Angeles, the other to his agent.

"We got a phone call," says Mr. Cacioppo, "and they said they'd never laughed so hard in their life, and we would be the first theater in the U.S. to produce 'The Underpants' after Broadway."

In January 2009, Terry Teachout, theater critic for *The Wall Street Journal*, attended a performance of "Dancing at Lughnasa," Brian Friel's memory play set in Ireland. His Jan. 16 review praised the performance, ending with this paragraph: "I confess to not having expected to run across so stirring a production of 'Dancing at Lughnasa' a stone's throw from the Gulf of Mexico. Yet that is what Florida Rep has given us, and anyone unlucky enough not to have seen this modern masterpiece should make haste to Fort Myers, where the weather is warm and the theater fine."

"It was a terrific performance," says Mr. Cacioppo, "but every night at intermission about 20 people left. I could see from my window, about 10 cars would leave from the parking lot. It's a very sad play, and the narrator (played by) Chris Clavelli, tells us that all these sisters are going to die these tough deaths in the future. And everyone has these thick, Irish accents, and for people with hear-

A critic's highlights

BY NANCY STETSON

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As a critic, I see a lot of performances — sometimes as many as 60 in a year. With the exception of the first few years, I've seen almost everything the Florida Repertory Theatre has staged. And with each year, I've grown more and more impressed.

Season after season, it continues to raise the bar, artistically.

When people ask me where they should go see good theater, I usually recommend Florida Rep, saying that it doesn't matter what's playing, they pretty much can't go wrong.

Many performances stand out for me — the two Delany sisters, daughters of a former slave, relaying their history in "Having Our Say." The hilarity of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and the satisfying silliness of "Shear Madness." The way Charles Nelson Reilly was both funny and heart-breaking in his one-man show, "The Life of Reilly." Miche Braden belting out the blues as the title character in "The Devil's Music: The Life and Times of Bessie Smith." The musicians' banter in "Side Man." Someone cursing creatively in sign language in "Tribes." A classical musician smashing a violin in pieces in "Opus." The two detectives in "The 39 Steps" wrapping white towels around their suits to enter a sauna and a man wriggling through a picture frame to imitate a man escaping through a window. The way "The Guys," in which an editor helps a New York Fire Department captain write eulogies for his men who have died at the World Trade Center, brought both healing and tears after 9/11.

All of them could make this list.

It's indescribable when everything comes together in a show: the actors, the directing, the script, the set, the costumes. It's theater magic. It's entertaining, it's moving, it's funny, it's transformative. And it happens with regularity at Florida Rep.

Here's list of shows over the past 20 years that, as well as the ones already mentioned, still stand out for me. This baker's dozen could easily have been twice as long.

■ "Shirley Valentine" (2008-2009 season)

I returned a couple of times to see this one-woman show starring Lisa Morgan, whose character leaves her stick-in-the-mud husband in England and starts a new life for herself in Greece, where she rediscovers and re-invents herself. This show not only struck a chord with me but with audiences; it was extended by popular demand.

■ "August: Osage County" (2010-2011 season)

A wildly dysfunctional family reunites at their childhood home when their father goes missing. Sara Morsey starred as the mother who's addicted to booze and pills and wields truth like a weapon. It played with your emotions: you were horrified yet you laughed, then you



NICK ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY / FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE
Stacey Scott, Jan Wikstrom, Sara Morsey and Rachel Burttram in "August: Osage County."

were horrified you'd laughed.

■ "Around the World in 80 Days" (2014-2015 season)

Based on Jules Verne's classic novel, this clever play celebrates theater's ability to transport you anywhere, with creative use of props and sound effects. Filled with wit, this five-person ensemble transported you from London to Bombay to Hong Kong to New York.

■ "Doubt" (2007-2008 season)

This short, one-act play by John Patrick Shanley packs a punch. A mother superior at a Catholic school suspects a priest of molesting a young boy. Does she know for sure, or is she just on a witch hunt, spurred by her dislike of the priest's modern ways (and possible closet homosexuality)? The action had your emotions and sympathies seesawing throughout and provided fodder for great conversation and debate post-curtain.

■ "Outside Mullingar" (2017-2018 season)

"Outside Mullingar" is another John Patrick Shanley play, about death, mortality and the possibility of love, no mat-



FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE
Carol A. Provonsha and Niels Miller in Steve Martin's *The Underpants*. Summer, 2003.



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Jason Parrish in "Santaland Diaries," 2010.

ter how old — or how unusual — you are. It deals with the inevitable — the death of our parents, our own encroaching deaths — yet provides hope and laughter. It is as close to being a perfect play as you can get.

■ "The Santaland Diaries" (2009-2010 season, plus)

This one-man show starring Jason Parrish, who becomes an elf at Macy's for Christmas, opened Florida Rep's Studio Theatre, then returned for five more seasons. It became a cult favorite, an enjoyable way to celebrate the holidays in a way that wasn't saccharine or overly sentimental. (Mr. Parrish described the play to me in an interview as "a deviant little thing.")

■ "The Best of Enemies" (2016-2017 season)

Based on real people, "The Best of Enemies" tells the story of an African-American civil rights activist and the head of a local KKK who become friends. Gritty and incredibly moving, it was a healing balm to watch, opening right after our most recent presidential election.

■ "The Underpants" (2002-2003 season)

Florida Rep was the first theater in the country to gain rights to Steve Martin's loopy adaptation of "The Underpants," after it played Off-Broadway in New York. Based on Carl Sternheim's 1910 German farce, it tells the story of a German bureaucrat whose wife's underpants fall to her ankles while they're watching a parade for the king. Wonderfully absurd and off-kilter, it also included the late Carol A. Provonsha as a nosey upstairs neighbor who made her entrance in lingerie: a deep magenta bustier and blue satin pants.

■ "Dancing at Lughnasa" (2008-2009 season)

A memory play set in Ireland, this sad, mournful play displayed some of the best ensemble work done at Florida Rep. Poignant and moving, it showed the grimness of life but also contained moments of great joy and hope — and humor as well, when one sister smears flour on her face, and with a wild yell, starts dancing.

■ "Indian Blood" (2008-2009 season)

Call me sentimental, but I loved this AR Gurney play about a family at Christmastime. Set in 1946, a boy is suspended from high school for drawing a lewd picture. He blames it on his Seneca blood, believing the family legend that he has "Indian blood." I loved it for its tender family moments and gentle humor.

■ "It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show" (2011-2012 season)

This delightful play-within-a-play had a cast of radio actors putting on a production of Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" over the airwaves in the 1940s. It included Mark Chambers as a crotchety sound-effects man, who, among other things, squeezed a box of cornstarch to create the sound of someone walking through the snow.

■ "Twelve Angry Men" (2015-2016 season)

It's a challenge to stage a play with a dozen actors onstage all at the same time. But this riveting drama kept my attention from beginning to end, as this disparate group of jurors meet to determine the fate of a 16-year-old. Not only was "Twelve Angry Men" gripping and the acting superb, but the staging was remarkable, without one static or stilted moment.

■ "The Seafarer" (2015-2016 season)

A group of friends in Ireland play poker with a stranger on Christmas Eve, growing drunker with each passing hand. None of them realize the stranger is actually the devil, playing for one of their souls. A creatively written play about the power of redemption and grace, it gave me chills and made the hair on the back of my neck stand up when Satan revealed his true identity. ■

ing aids, it's doubly hard.

"Then, Terry Teachout's review came out 10 days into it. He wrote about the ensemble, and said it seems like the cast was cut from the same branch ... The irony is, no one ever left again at intermission. A national paper like *The Wall Street Journal* or *The New York Times* can make or break a show. His review would bring people in from all over the state to Florida Rep and also gave us a credibility in the theater world, because

he's read nationally."

Not only did his review have a positive impact on attendance, but on donations too.

"The bankers and dentists read *The Wall Street Journal*," Mr. Cacioppo says.

Mr. Teachout was so impressed with what he saw, he's returned every year since, reviewing a show every winter. In his review of "The House of Blue Leaves" in January this year, he called Florida Rep "one of America's top

regional companies."

"I don't keep coming back to review a regional company year after year unless they have something really special to offer," Mr. Teachout wrote in an email. "The fact is that everything about Florida Rep is special — the repertory they perform, the strong ensemble feel of the acting, the smart choices of the directors and designers. That's why they're on my short list of America's top regional companies. Seeing Florida Rep is always

a highlight of my season."

Later in 2009, the theater turned its rehearsal space into a black box studio theater and began offering one-person shows. "The Santaland Diaries," about a man who gets a job as an elf at Macy's for Christmas, opened the space. Jason Parrish starred. The play was so successful, it was revived every December for five more years.

In 2010, the theater made an artis-

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tic leap forward by staging “August: Osage County” on its mainstage, which Mr. Cacioppo calls “perhaps my favorite production.”

It was the first time the theater had staged such a dramatic play about a dysfunctional family falling apart. In it, the matriarch of the family battles with alcohol and is addicted to pills, and verbally abuses her adult children.

“It was incredibly well-received and our biggest hit, as far as a drama,” says associate producer and ensemble member Jason Parrish. “To that point, it was our most popular drama.”

Almost 6,400 people saw “August: Osage County.”

The show sold out, and just prior to its last performance, a man stood in the lobby holding a sign that read: “I need two tickets.”

“It was the first time we did a big drama in the big theater that became a wild success,” says Mr. Cacioppo.

In 2012 the studio space was renovated, with a center column that had blocked sightlines removed and new lighting added. Seating increased from 80 seats to 120. “Camping With Henry and Tom” opened the new ArtStage Studio Theatre.

“ArtStage is more popular than our main stage now,” says Mr. Cacioppo.

“I’m a huge fan of Florida Rep,” says Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson. “I remember well when they arrived 20 years ago, and the excitement that they had found downtown Fort Myers worthy of their consideration, and indeed had ultimately chosen to relocate in downtown. They have been an economic driver and an entertainment driver.”

“I’ve never been disappointed when I’ve attended, and I love going there.”

“I’d be remiss not to reference Robert and his lovely wife Carrie, because they have poured their heart and soul into this during their time in Southwest Florida. I don’t think you could pry them away from Fort Myers in any way,



FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE
Ed Pilkington, Graham Smith and Peter Thomasson in “Camping with Henry and Tom” in Florida Rep’s ArtStage Studio Theatre. November 2012.

shape or form. They love it, and they demonstrate that they love it in that they give back to the community, not just the theater, but they train young students in our city and beyond to have an interest in theater.”

And, he adds, their presence has aided in the revival of downtown Fort Myers.

“Things bubble up around them because of them,” Mayor Henderson says. “New restaurants, new residential quarters. And I think there’s more to come, for sure.”

The Cacioppo’s have plans.

“We look at the community’s need and wants,” says Ms. Cacioppo. “They tell us what to do. We should fill a void. If there’s something that’s not there, we will discover it and do it for our audiences. Sometimes they might not even know what it is, their need.”

One thing they haven’t accomplished yet with Florida Rep is their world classic initiative.

They want to produce a classic play every year, such as “Romeo and Juliet” or “Lysistrata” or “Pygmalion.”

“George Bernard Shaw, Greek plays, or even a great American classic like ‘Grapes of Wrath,’” says Mr. Cacioppo, “something that the high school students have to read. We’d bus them in so they can see a fully realized production with lights and sets and costumes and professional actors in the theater. That’s the last cog in the wheel for us, that’s the last dream.”

Both were influenced by the arts as children — Mr. Cacioppo through programs Joseph Papp produced for New York City school children, and Ms. Cacioppo through the arts education her

mother and her family promoted upstate in Buffalo, N.Y.

“We’re both in agreement, we want Florida Rep to be promoting our 50th anniversary,” he says. “We won’t be here. But we continue to have no debt, and build an endowment. I want to build a \$10 million, \$15 million endowment.”

They have \$3.5 million pledged right now.

The young people acting in their theater camp or seeing a children’s show now, at 14, will be 44 thirty years from now, he notes.

“They may be in charge of a corporation. They may be a subscriber or a donor,” he says.

And if the Cacioppo’s have their way, they’ll be die-hard theater lovers. ■



The cast of “Twelve Angry Men” by Reginald Rose. February 2016.



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Robert Cacioppo, producing artistic director, gives a curtain speech, October 2013.

The best-looking and most intelligent audiences

BY NANCY STETSON

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Florida Repertory Theater has the best-looking and most intelligent audiences.

And whenever I attend, I'm always their favorite audience.

How do I know that?

Producing artistic director and founder Robert Cacioppo announces it from the stage.

It's a Florida Rep tradition, and audiences have come to expect it.

At the end of every opening speech prior to the show, Mr. Cacioppo, with unbridled enthusiasm, always roars, "And the (fill in the day of the week) audience is our favorite audience! You know why? You're the best-looking, and the most intelligent! And I swear, I always say that!"

And he does.

"I can't for sure tell you when I started that, but I think it was 10 years ago," he says. "I certainly didn't do it in the beginning."

Every year, he tries to think of something new and clever to say.

Recently, he's been claiming the venue has received a grant for new seats — ejector seats that are triggered by a cell phone going off.

Last season he added, "Life's too short for all work and no plays."

People good-naturedly moan at the pun.

But the "best-looking and most intelligent" spiel has stuck.

It was influenced by a combination of things, he says.

He remembers, as a little boy, watching Jackie Gleason's variety show on TV, broadcast live from Miami. The comedian would come out and say "The Miami (Beach) audiences are the greatest audiences (in the world), or something to that effect," Mr. Cacioppo says. "I have a memory of that."

And then, he says, he and his wife, Carrie Lund Cacioppo, are big fans of Garrison Keillor, who'd talk about Lake Wobegone, "where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average."

"Instead of condescending to them, he's appealing to them. And that's how I came up with 'The Tuesday night audiences are our favorite audiences ...' It's a cross between Jackie Gleason, Garrison Keillor and Cacioppo."

He did it for one season, then stopped.

But audience members would come up to him and complain, saying, "What, we're not the best looking?"

"And I realized I was stuck with it," he says. "I have to say this to the day that I die now. They told me they liked it and were disappointed I wasn't doing it."

People talk about it, he says, and tell friends, "You gotta come, he comes running out, and then he tells you we're the

best looking!"

"People tell other people at cocktail parties that my opening announcement is almost worth the price of admission, which is ridiculous," he says.

But it obviously became a thing, something that people talked about and expected when they attended Florida Rep.

So, Mr. Cacioppo has kept it in his pre-curtain talk.

And last season, the venue came out with baseball caps, T-shirts and bumper stickers that said, "Best-looking and most intelligent." The caps, black with white lettering, sold out.

Rarely a day goes by when a stranger on the street or at Costco or anywhere will come up to him and proclaim, "I'm the best-looking and most intelligent."

Mr. Cacioppo recalls almost getting into a fight at the carwash. He kept keying in the code to enter the carwash, but for some reason, the machine wasn't accepting it. And the man in the car behind him kept honking and honking and honking. Frustrated and angry, Mr. Cacioppo got out of his car to exchange words, or even blows.

"And the guy goes, 'Hey, I'm the best-looking and most intelligent!' And it totally diffused the fight."

"I will definitely be saying it forever now. I have to." ■

"And the (fill in the day of the week) audience is our favorite audience! You know why? You're the best-looking, and the most intelligent! And I swear, I always say that!"

— Robert Cacioppo, producing artistic director's curtain speech

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Kenneth Kay, Jason Parrish and Viki Boyle in Florida Rep's revival production of "Noises Off." November 2010.

Florida Repertory Theatre highlights over the 20 seasons:

>> The Florida Repertory Theatre opens with "Noises Off" Nov. 6, 1998, in the historic Arcade Theatre, originally built in 1915 for vaudeville acts.

>> Florida Rep is one of the first regional theaters to stage "Wit," about a woman fighting cancer, and in doing so, takes an artistic leap forward.

>> *Wall Street Journal* theater critic Terry Teachout comes to see "Dancing at Lughnasa" and gives it a glowing review on Jan. 16, 2009, writing, "I confess to not having expected to run across so stirring a production ... a stone's throw from the Gulf of Mexico." He then continues to attend and review a show every year afterwards and calls Florida Rep "one of America's top regional companies."

>> Florida Repertory Studio Theatre opens in former rehearsal space. Jason Parrish stars in one-man show, "The Santaland Diaries," in December 2009, about a man who gets a job as an elf at Macy's for the holidays. The show returns for five more years, becoming, for a while, an untraditional Christmas tradition.

>> The renovated Florida Rep Studio Theatre reopens as the ArtStage Studio Theatre on Nov. 2, 2012. A central column that blocked sightlines is removed and seating is increased from 80 seats to 120 seats. There is also a bigger stage and new lighting system. The first show in the new space is "Camping With Henry and Tom," in which Henry Ford and Thomas Edison go camping with President Warren G. Harding.

>> **PlayLab**, a festival of readings of new plays, begins May 1, 2014. Selected playwrights get to have their play workshoped and presented to the public. The event includes talkbacks with the playwright, director and actors.

>> With its production of Daryl Lisa Fazio's "Split in Three" on April 24, 2015, Florida Rep presents its first world premiere. (The play was originally presented as a reading at PlayLab.)

>> AR Gurney's "The Cocktail Hour," which opens Jan. 8, 2016, becomes Florida Rep's highest grossing show, breaking box office records with the highest amount of tickets sold.

>> At a cost of \$80,000, the **neon Arcade Theatre marquee** on the First Street entrance is refurbished, and lit for the first time in nearly 40 years on April 14, 2017.

>> On April 14, 2017, Florida Rep opens the world premiere of "Doublewide" by Stephen Spotswood, a former PlayLab Festival play, as part of a rolling world premiere.

>> With its 2017-2018 season, Florida Rep celebrates its 20th anniversary. It opens with "Outside Mullingar" in the ArtStage Studio Theatre on Sept. 22, 2017, and with a revival of "Sylvia" on its historic Arcade Theatre stage with opening night on Oct. 24.

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Great Performances Noel Coward's "Present Laughter"

Tony Award-winner Kevin Kline stars in Noel Coward's backstage comedy about a self-obsessed actor in a midlife crisis amidst fawning ingénues and crazed playwrights.

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Great Performances: Noel Coward's "Present Laughter," Nov. 3

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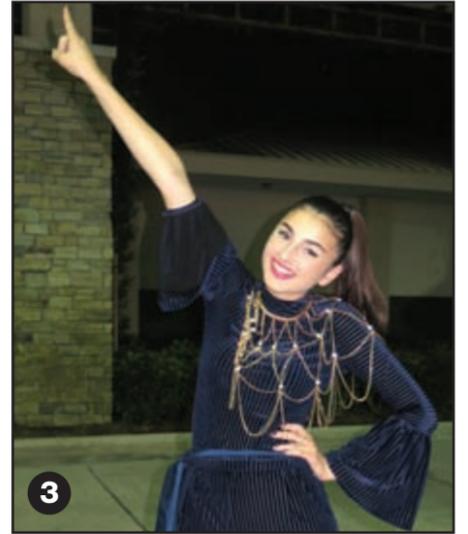
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CUISINE NEWS

■ The **Naples Winter Wine Festival** has announced the Master Sommelier and the lineup of vintners and chefs for 17 dinners that kick off the 18th annual event Friday, Jan. 26, in private homes throughout Naples. The festival continues Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27-28, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

More than 30 distinguished wineries and 18 award-winning chefs boast a collective eight Michelin stars and 15 James Beard Awards and represent more than 13 wine-producing regions, eight countries and five continents.

"Year after year, the Naples Winter Wine Festival is proud to welcome such resounding talent to Naples," said festival co-chair Susie McCurry.

Michelin-starred Gary Danko of Restaurant Gary Danko in San Francisco will serve as this year's Chef de Cuisine while David R. Duncan and Karynne Duncan of Silver Oak will serve as Honored Vintners. They will be joined by

longtime festival supporters including vintners Marilisa Allegrini of Allegrini Estates, Shahpar and Darioush Khaledi of Dharioush, Olivier Krug of Krug Champagne, Paul Bartoletto of The Bartoletto Restaurants and Dominique Crenn of Atelier Crenn.

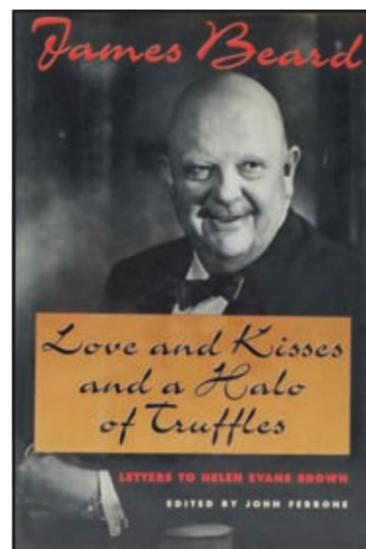
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■ **Zoe's Kitchen**, a fast-casual restaurant specializing in Mediterranean dishes, opens Thursday, Nov. 2, at Mercato with buy-one-get-one entrees for the first 500 people who register with the restaurant's social media accounts and a year's worth of meals to the person who refers the most people to register with their post. For more information, call 207-3894 or visit www.zoeskitchen.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. Chefs Fabrizio Aielli, Jason Godard, Josh Zeman, Kenneth Tufo and Norman Love will create a truffle-themed dinner as guests enjoy the company of vintners and Italian truffle hunters, all to benefit the James Beard Foundation.

On the menu: hama-chi tartare with avocado, sea urchin brulee, white truffle, crispy enoki and three-minute egg sauce; filet of

turbot with butternut squash gnocchetti, bone marrow mushrooms, white truffle asparagus tips and red wine béarnaise; and smoke ash painted beef chateaubriand with sour cherry sauce, truffled potato emulsion, balsamic glaze and chlorophyll. Tickets are \$350.

The restaurant also hosts a lunch-and-learn with Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's director Jason Lauritsen from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. Guests will enjoy a three-course lunch while Mr. Lauritsen talks about the history and biology of the sanctuary. Tickets are \$75.

Sea Salt is at 1186 Third St. S. For reservations, call 434-7258 or visit www.seasaltnaples.com.

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■ **Osteria Tulia** celebrates its fourth annual Truffletopia starting Monday, Nov. 6, and running through truffle season. In addition to preparing specials featuring the famed fungus, the restaurant invites diners to add black or white truffles to their regular menu selections for an additional charge.

Osteria Tulia sources its white truffles from the Piedmont region of Italy and the black ones come from the Perigord region of France. Supplementation of a menu item will cost an additional \$25 for black truffles and \$45 for white.

The restaurant is at 466 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 213-2073 or visit www.osteriatulia.com.

■ **Ocean Prime** begins lunch service at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6. The midday menu features a Maryland crab melt and other sandwiches, a shellfish Cobb salad and other entrée salads, sushi and more. Non-alcoholic libations include lavender citrus soda and rhubarb soda. It's at 699 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 430-0404 or visit www.oceanprime.com.

■ Locally owned restaurant group **Culinary Concepts** has announced plans to open The Saloon later this fall at Coconut Point in the former home of its Blue Water Grill. The restaurant will specialize in hand-cut steaks, craft burgers, barbecue with tacos, fresh salads and desserts. The bar will also offer more than 250 types of spirits, 50 selections of draft and bottled beer and 50 wines.

The interior will be reminiscent of a western saloon with a 100-year-old bar, crystal chandeliers and suede leather. The restaurant will initially open for dinner open but will provide lunch ser-

vice sometimes in 2018.

For more information about The Saloon and its sister restaurants at Culinary Concepts, including Yabba Island Grill and Chops City Grill, call 435-0990 or visit www.gr8food.net.

■ 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.goodlifefnaples.com - A Night in Sicily: Thursday, Nov. 9 (\$69); Fall Flavors with a Tropical Twist: Wednesday, Nov. 15 (\$69); French Bistro Night Deaux: Thursday, Nov. 30 (\$69).

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Hawaiian chef Jeff Acol and his French wife, Jessica, are devoted to serving only sustainable seafood and naturally raised meats, but that's only one of the characteristics that sets them apart. Their menu reflects a union of diverse influences, blending cuisines, flavors and techniques in uncommon ways. An appetizer of escargot, for instance, is inspired by Philippine adobo, so the snails are bathed in coconut milk seasoned with vinegar and soy sauce with hints of kaffir lime. The culinary comingling continues with Hawaiian tea-braised pork tucked into Mexican quesadillas and fried whole snapper over soba. The pommes frites are a must, whether or not you order them laced with truffle oil. A flat-iron steak crusted with house-smoked blue cheese comes with a delicious balsamic tomato sauce. Save room house-made desserts of Okinawa sweet potato pie or passion fruit cheesecake. Beer and wine.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2016

Catch 41 Bar 'n' Grill, Ramada Inn, 1100 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 263-6046

The Ramada has a winner in its latest restaurant, run by talented Executive Chef David Lani, a Culinary Institute of America alum who helped launch 7th Avenue Social. The atmosphere is casual,

the food is fun and fanciful. Cucumber mojitos started the meal off on a cool and refreshing note. Three Maryland style mini crab cakes with remoulade, grilled Mexican street corn and cotija cheese made a great appetizer. The bao bun tacos, tucked into Chinese-style buns rather than taco shells, come in three versions and I liked all three: the crispy pork belly with charred jalapenos, mango and bourbon glaze; blackened shrimp with kim chee slaw; and wild mushrooms with hoisin, onion and cucumber. Red grouper sliders and a pair of mini hot butter poached lobster rolls with garlic beurre blanc were great entrees. Also well done were sides of hand-cut fries and roasted cauliflower with garlic and Parmesan. The stout beer milk chocolate pudding is a great ending for beer lovers. Full bar.

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

Fernandez the Bull-Midtown, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 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 and 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; 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

21 Spices by Chef Asif, Sugden Park Plaza, 4270 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 919-8830

Head east — on Tamiami Trail, that is — for a taste of modern Indian cuisine as imagined and prepared by Chef Asif Rasheed. Born in Northern India, he brings his well-developed talents for art and cooking to this elegant and innovative newcomer where you'll find some of the standards as well as intriguing offerings such as lobster mulligatawny soup, dumpukhy goat biryani and jhinga prawns. The ghehra paani diver scallops were plump and delicious atop a mound of black lentils with orange tomato jus and yellow pepper coulis. Palawaka chaat consisted of crisp fried baby spinach leaves intermingled with dates, tamarind and yogurt. A trio of baby lamb chops was moist and seasoned with a touch of mint and mustard. From the entrees, great choices were the seafood medley, the saffron chicken korma and the Nizam's kofte, vegetable and cheese dumplings. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★ ½
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CUISINE

Kid-friendly recipes from locals in the know

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Busy parents are always looking for quick, healthy and kid-friendly meals. To that end, we solicited recipes from Naples nutritionist Betsy Opyt and Bonita Springs chef Kristina San Filippo.

“Being a busy mom running a couple of businesses, I have to prep and plan,” Ms. Opyt said. “That’s the most important thing. I do everything in advance, like batch cooking, and I think it saves me time.”



OPYT

Some of the things she keeps on hand to ensure she doesn’t have to scramble for healthy meals and snacks are frozen vegetables, cooked chicken breasts, pre-cooked homemade chicken nuggets and frozen shrimp.

If you have picky eaters, take heart, she said: Kids’ taste buds change every three months, and there are ways of encouraging them to try new things as well.

“As a parent, you have to be very flexible and understand that at times they are going to be picky. You have to explore ways of adjusting taste and texture for children. And don’t force them,” she added. “Be very open and be a role model ... hopefully, they will follow their parents’ footsteps.”

Also, allowing kids to take over cooking tasks is a great way to encourage them to take ownership of their own diet.

“Moms don’t always bring kids into the kitchen and teach them those skills,” Ms. Opyt said. “They love meal prep and to own a part of it.”

Ms. San Filippo, the owner of Purple Spoon, has a repertoire of plant-based and locally sourced dishes that lend themselves to some yummy iterations that kids will love — just with some unfamiliar tweaks. For example, her chocolate cashew butter uses coconut milk instead of cow milk.

“Unfortunately, if you mix dairy with dark chocolate, you are making powerful compounds unavailable to your body,” she said. “If you mix dark chocolate with coconut milk — which is full of wonderfully healthy fats — it allows all of the valuable antioxidants and flavanols of the dark chocolate to be completely available to your digestive system.”



And soaking dried chickpeas and using them instead of the canned variety for “yummus” prevents the digestive upset that often follows the consumption of legumes, she said. “The soaking process breaks down the phytic acid and other complex compounds of the legumes that can otherwise cause the uncomfortable aftereffects that most Americans associate with eating beans,” she explained. ■

Here are some of Betsy Opyt’s and Kristina San Filippo’s favorite and most kid-friendly recipes to take the family from breakfast to lunch and after-school snacks.

BREAKFAST

Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Betsy Opyt

- 8 oz. vanilla Greek yogurt
- 3 tbs. Betsy’s Best Gourmet Almond Butter
- 2 tbs. strawberry jam
- ½ cup mixed berries
- 3 tbs. granola

Start with 4 oz. of yogurt and top with 1 tbs. of jam and add ¼ cup of berries. Add 1 tbs. of Betsy’s Best. Repeat the sequence (using the remaining 2 tbs. of Betsy’s Best) and sprinkle with granola before serving.

Berry Best Smoothie

Betsy Opyt

- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk
- 2 tbs. Betsy’s Best Gourmet Nut or Seed Butter
- ¼ cup blackberries, frozen
- ¼ cup raspberries, frozen
- ¼ cup blueberries, frozen
- ¼ cup strawberries, frozen
- 1 tbs. chia seeds
- Pinch sea salt

Combine in a blender until smooth, then drink up.

LUNCH

Carrot Dogs

Betsy Opyt

- 4 carrots
- 4 tbs. vegetable stock
- 3 tbs. tamari or soy sauce
- 1 tbs. Betsy’s Best Gourmet Peanut or Seed Butter
- 1 garlic clove, sliced
- ½-inch piece fresh ginger, sliced
- 2 tbs. red or white wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. liquid smoke
- 3 tsp. brown sugar

Simmer the carrots in boiling water for 8-10 minutes and then shock them in ice water. Combine marinade ingredients while the carrots are simmering. Remove carrots from ice bath and place

in a plastic bag with marinade. Let sit overnight.

When ready to cook, put 1 tsp. oil in a pan over medium-high heat. Add carrots and sauce for 10 minutes, drizzling with marinade every few minutes and turning regularly until cooked through.

Peaches & Cream Sandwich

Betsy Opyt

- 2 slices whole grain bread, lightly toasted
- 2 tbs. Betsy’s Best Gourmet Seed Butter
- 2 tbs. peach jam
- ½ peach, sliced thin
- 2 tbs. mascarpone cheese or cream cheese

On one slice of bread, spread the Betsy’s Best. On the second slice of bread, spread the cheese and add slices peaches. Dab the jam on top of the peaches and place slice of bread with the seed butter on top and complete your sandwich.

AFTERNOON SNACK

Purple Power Trail Mix

Kristina San Filippo

- 4 oz. whole raw organic cashews
- 4 oz. whole raw organic sunflower seeds
- 4 oz. whole raw almonds
- 4 oz. roasted and salted pumpkin seeds
- 4 oz. dried cranberries
- 4 oz. dried raisins
- 4 oz. dark chocolate discs or chips

Mix all ingredients together in a big bowl. Divide into individual-sized mason jars or bags for easy traveling, or store at room temperature in a sealed container.

Recipe makes 2 pounds of trail mix (eight to 12 snack portions).



“Yummus”

Shiitake Mushroom Hummus

Chef Jillian at Purple Spoon

- 8 oz. dried chickpeas
- 1 tbs. kosher sea salt



Soak chickpeas for 36-48 hours in enough water to cover them by ½ inch. Change the soaking water two or three times during the soaking period, rinsing well each time. Once the soaking period is completed, move the chickpeas to a large cooking pot and add enough fresh water to cover the chickpeas by 2 inches. Cover the pot and bring water to a simmer; reduce the heat to a low setting and cook chickpeas undisturbed for 15 minutes. Stir 1 tbs. of kosher salt into the cooking water, recover the pot and continue to simmer until chickpeas are very tender, about 20-30 minutes longer. Once the chickpeas are tender, drain them through a mesh strainer into a large heatproof bowl, reserving the cooking liquid separately.

Shiitake mixture

- 2 tbs. safflower oil
- 2 cups shiitake mushrooms, small dice
- 4 garlic cloves, small chop
- 2 lemons, zest and juice
- ¼ cup white wine
- ¼ cup garlic chives, finely chopped

Heat the safflower oil in a large skillet, add the mushrooms and stir occasionally until softened. Add the garlic and stir continuously for about 30 seconds to prevent the garlic from burning. Once garlic begins to brown slightly, add the lemon juice, white wine and garlic chives. Simmer until wine cooks down and is absorbed into the mushrooms. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside to cool. Reserve ¼ cup of mushroom mixture for garnish.

Mix the hummus

- 4 cups chickpeas
- 1 lemon, juice and zest
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups of the reserved cooking liquid from chickpeas (plus more as needed)

Place chickpeas, lemon juice and zest, olive oil and 2 cups of cooking liquid into a high-powered blender and puree until smooth. If mixture is too thick, add more of the reserved cooking liquid.

Add the mushroom mixture and puree once again. Stir in the garnish portion of shiitake and season the hummus to taste with sea salt and fresh pepper.



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\$499,000

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(866) 657-2300

ST. JAMES CITY



Stilt Home

Incredible bay and water views stilt home offering 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths!

\$499,900

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CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home

Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath SW Cape sailboat access home on a wide canal. Open floor plan, pool, spa. Large undercover.

\$569,900

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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

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(866) 657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Endless Water Views

3 bedroom 3 bath gulf access pool home. Master bedroom looks out across the water and has remodeled master bath!

\$588,500

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(866) 657-2300

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SW Cape Coral, Gulf Access, 4 Bedroom Pool Home

Gulf access pool home in one of the most desirable areas in SW Cape Coral. 4 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

\$595,000

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(866) 657-2300

FORT MYERS



Custom Built Home

Upgrades abound in the customer built beauty! Featuring 2,300 sqft with bedrooms/2 baths and a pool!

\$599,900

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(866) 657-2300

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Well Maintained Gulf Access Home

The 3/2 home features a very spacious screened in lanai with an electric heated pool, beautiful landscaping.

\$599,900

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(866) 657-2300

FORT MYERS



Waterfront Beauty-No Bridge to the 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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(866) 657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access

Enjoy spectacular sunsets from your pool overlooking wide intersecting canals with direct access to the river and Gulf!

\$749,900

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(866) 657-2300

