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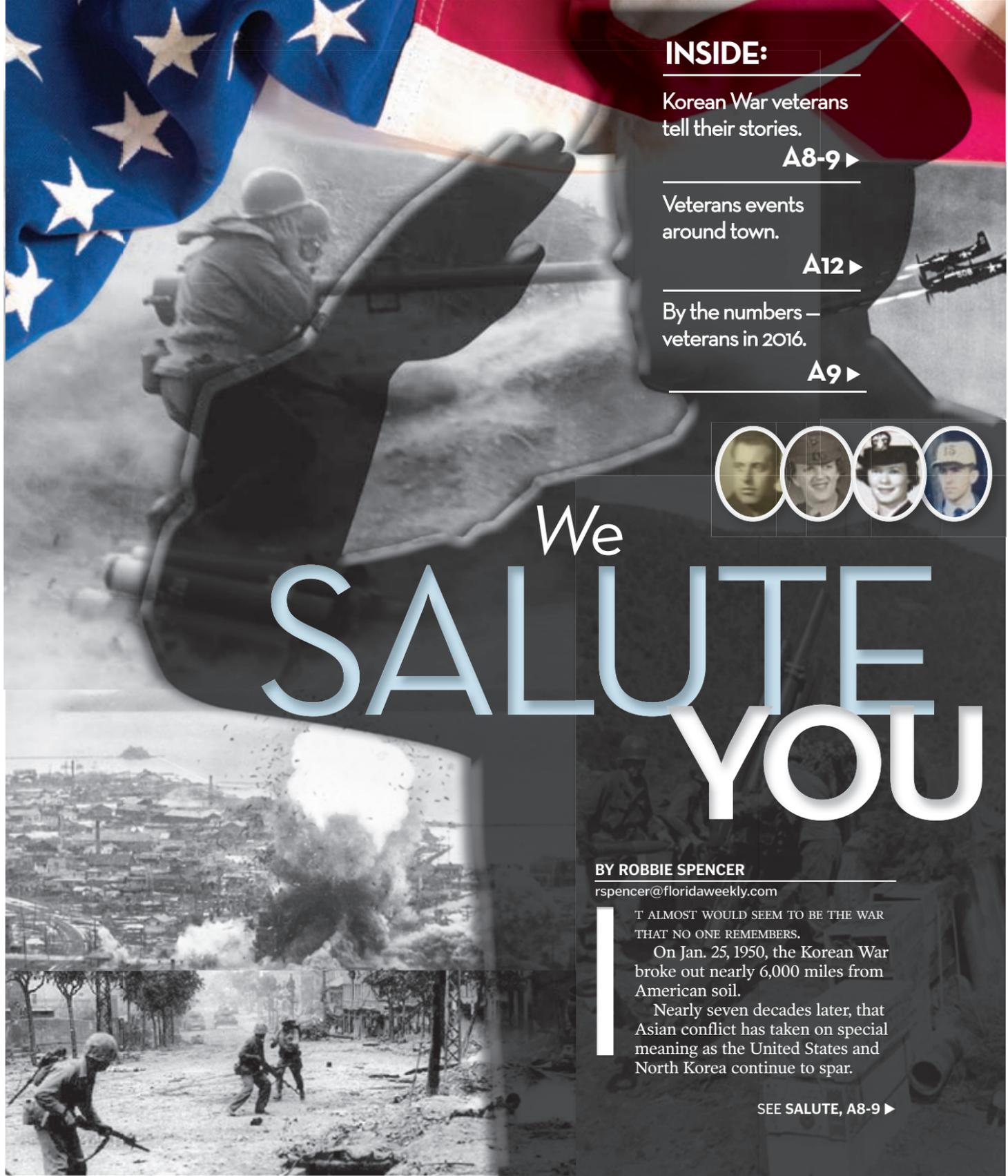
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BY ROBBIE SPENCER

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IT ALMOST WOULD SEEM TO BE THE WAR THAT NO ONE REMEMBERS.

On Jan. 25, 1950, the Korean War broke out nearly 6,000 miles from American soil.

Nearly seven decades later, that Asian conflict has taken on special meaning as the United States and North Korea continue to spar.

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Whet your appetite for Restaurant Week at First Bite

BY KAREN FELDMAN

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Restaurant Week is back, bigger and better as it spreads north from Naples and Bonita to Fort Myers and Cape Coral, offering food lovers a prime opportunity to sample multi-course meals at moderate prices.

The first opportunity to conduct some culinary exploration comes Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the First Bite menu release event at the sprawling Mercedes-Benz of

Bonita Springs complex.

Southwest Florida Restaurant Week (two weeks, actually) runs Nov. 30-Dec. 13. Previously, the event has taken place only in Naples and Bonita Springs.

“Restaurant Week is an opportunity for Southwest Florida to be proud of something that’s ours,” says Rafael Feliciano, who organized the event with his business partner, Guy Clarke. “We get to showcase our food and our restaurants. It’s an opportune time to reach locals and give

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Sweet treats from last summer’s First Bite.



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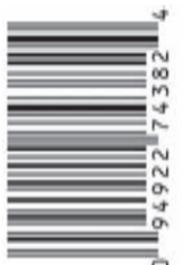
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COMMENTARY

Big Texas (Ray Wylie Hubbard)


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In every raised-up Texas man, the Lone Star State is a spirit either big or little. Either expansive, generous and willing, or not.

I won't presume to speak for Texas women, but being a Big Texas man doesn't look easy.

None of it starts with the notion of getting comfortable, of avoiding suffering at any cost, of ever surrendering to anything. Which is probably why Big Texans now appear on the highly endangered species list of American icons, a dwindling breed of boot-wearing, born-to-ride Lone Star mavericks who once pressed hot iron into the burning flank of American culture in significant numbers, giving us their own unique brand.

They were cowboys, yes, but also farmers and truck drivers and teachers and war heroes and well-field workers and drifters and small-town shopkeepers. Songwriters and guitar players filled their ranks (some, like Woody Guthrie, were actually from Oklahoma) — a species of the genus, Storyteller, itself a member of the family, American Artist.

They're all of a part, those Big Texans. And every last Lone Star one of them would be worth meeting if ever you had a chance — men often imbued with wit,

candor, modesty and courage, whether or not they carried a drill, a book, a gun or a guitar. So I'll be sorry for any poor fool who fails to meet Big Texas in person come Saturday, Nov. 11, early evening, when Ray Wylie Hubbard steps out of a bus and into the World Famous Buckingham Blues Bar: "The Buck," on Buckingham Road off SR 80 east of Fort Myers.

Mr. Hubbard's songwriting, born long ago in folk and blues, seems to have sharpened in recent years. At 70 he's touring on the tide of his latest LP, "Tell the Devil I'm Getting There As Fast As I Can."

"Now the faithless live in grays and faded purples/ And the gamblers never bet of twelve's or twos/ The drunken poets disappear into deep shadows/ And the rock and roll believers sing the easy rider blues..."

"Tell the devil I'm getting there as fast as I can/ Playing a sunburst Gibson in an alt country band/ And loving a woman who can out cuss any man/ Tell the devil I'm getting there as fast as I can..."

Mr. Hubbard will be joined at the Buck by his guitar-slinging son, Lucas, his gypsy-groove drummer, Kyle Snyder, and the stories of his life.

He never leaves home without those stories. This one, for example, about the time he quit drinking and drugging with some help from a friend, recounted in his 2015 memoir: "A Life ... Well, Lived."

"There ain't no elevators, you got to take the steps," Stevie Ray and B.C. said

almost together.

"I felt I was about to jump out of my skin. I hadn't had a drink or a rail of coke in over 24 hours. I sat across from them and mumbled, 'This is intense.'

"They seemed not to hear me. 'You want to quit drinking?' 'Yeah, that's why I'm talking to you guys.' 'Well, the first thing you do is quit drinking.' 'Well I can't. That's why I'm talking to...' 'If you want to quit drinking, the first thing you do is quit drinking.' 'If I could quit drinking, I wouldn't be here talking to...' 'The first thing you do if you want to quit drinking is quit drinking.'"

Stevie Ray Vaughn — another Big Texan — had done it himself, so he knew what he was talking about.

That was almost 30 years ago, and now Mr. Hubbard lives with his wife, Judy, in an old-time log home they restored about 40 miles southwest of Austin.

As it happens, Judy was the 16-year-old door-keeper at the hot Dallas club, Mother Blues, when Ray Wylie Hubbard first met her decades ago, a fact recorded in the storytelling song of that name about the club.

"Being in love with her is like living in a thunderstorm," he has written, a line that transcends the pedestrian lyric to become poetry.

His friendships or solid acquaintances have included not only Vaughn but Willie Nelson, Billy Joe Shaver, Ringo Starr, Jerry Jeff Walker, Lucinda Williams (who guest spots on "Tell the Devil") and Townes Van Zandt, among

many other famous names.

He doesn't seem overly taken with fame, though. He's easy to talk to on the telephone, a listener who cares about ideas, a man who reads all the time. One of the two epigraphs in his memoir comes from the Greek playwright Aeschylus, writing more than 2,400 years ago.

"He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God."

There's nothing about Big Texas that precludes that kind of awareness and knowing; his started early.

Mr. Hubbard's father, a combat veteran of some of the bloodiest battles in Europe in World War II, became a teacher. The old man read him Poe's "The Raven" out loud, Mr. Hubbard told me, and made him read Mark Twain and Hawthorne and Melville and Charles Dickens.

A Big Texan as well, his dad once told Ray he would move the family to Canada if it took that to keep his son out of Vietnam.

So Big Texas couldn't have picked a better place to meet Florida than The Buck, as owner Tommy Lee Cook calls his spread.

Mr. Cook, whose own fine band will open for Ray Wylie Hubbard on Nov. 11, is something of a boot-wearing, hard-riding Big himself, Texas or no Texas. ■



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OPINION

Intense tents



Some will remember that Ronald Reagan used to describe the GOP as a “big tent,” meaning it had room for a large spectrum of approaches to government, from nearly liberal to arch conservative.

Well, his alleged “big tent” certainly is “past tents.” The GOP range these days goes from hard right to extremist cuckoo bird. Anybody who doesn’t stand for exclusion and protecting the rich at all costs is dismissed as a “RINO” — a “Republican In Name Only.” The “Conscience of a Conservative” has been gradually overwhelmed by the expedient of whatever-it-takes-to-win demagoguery. President Donald Trump is not really somebody who upset the party establishment apple cart; he is simply the one who seized on the rotten fruits of destructive politics.

The big tent is no more. For proof, we need only look under the tattered big top that is the United States Capitol. There a few partisans, like Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and Jeff Flake of Arizona, who don’t want to splatter themselves with scum any more, so they’re pulling out: They’ve decided not to run for re-election. “It is time for our complicity and our accommodation of the unacceptable to end,” said Flake on the Senate floor. “In this

century, a new phrase has entered the language to describe the accommodation of a new and undesirable order, that phrase being ‘the new normal.’”

Unfortunately, soon-to-be-ex-Sen. Flake, it is the new normal — or, more accurately, the accumulated normal after generations of bitter divisiveness. Also unfortunately, most of your fellow Republicans are either true believers in the hatefulness that is Trump or true

will survive such incivility.

At the White House, the president spoke about just that: “I think the press makes me more uncivil than I am,” he told reporters. “You know, the fact is I think — I really believe — the press creates a different image of Donald Trump than the real person.”

Right now, the real Trump’s focus is on ravaging the tax code after failing, for the moment, at gutting health care in the United States. When it comes to taxes, the Republicans have always been in lockstep. They want to lower them, which is laudable until we note that what they really want is to lower them for their wealthy patrons.

No matter whether they add to the crippling national debt; no matter whether they cut social services for the poor, disabled and elderly; and no matter whether they crush the few crumbs the middle class has left — 401Ks, for instance, which allow for millions of people to eke out their retirement. The same approach targets the current deduction for state and local taxes. That hits every homeowner, because those state and local taxes include property taxes. Never mind, they shout; we need revenue to make the well-off well-off.

As for those who won’t be able to afford their homes, don’t worry. They can live in a big tent.

And hope it’s not as phony as the

Republican one. ■

— Bob Franken is an Emmy-award winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN.



Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona

believers in surviving a brutal primary and surviving Steve Bannon, who is hell-bent on making life miserable for anyone who resists the far Reich. So they’re toeing the line without giving a second thought to whether civilization

Trump is the GOP Mainstream



The showdown between President Donald Trump and Sen. Jeff Flake turned out to be no contest. It wasn’t Trump who was out of the GOP mainstream, but Flake.

The Arizona senator supported Gang of Eight-style immigration reform, when immigration restriction is becoming a litmus-test issue in the party. He is a Goldwaterite, libertarian-inflected conservative, when the market for libertarianism within the party is limited and diminishing by the day.

He is frankly anti-Trump, when Trump owns the party. Many Republican voters are fully aware of the president’s flaws, but they don’t want to hear about them constantly from Republican officeholders.

Flake’s criticisms of the president were honest, sincere and principled. If he’s not a finalist for a Profile in Courage Award, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is falling down on the job.

They also were malpractice. The most likely outcome was to make it more difficult to defeat the Trumpite

insurgent Kelli Ward in a primary next year, which one would have thought was a paramount political goal.

Worse, Flake apparently rendered himself unelectable. Perhaps he considered speaking out more important than serving, a personal choice that no one can gainsay. But if the party isn’t going to be overrun by Trump sycophants, it will need working politicians who are willing and able to better navigate these waters.

There are a few, more sensible approaches in the Senate.

There’s the Ben Sasse model — speak your mind without fear or favor, knowing that you aren’t facing a tough primary in a matter of months and, if you decide to run again, it won’t be until 2020, when the mood might have shifted.

There’s the Mitch McConnell model — hold your cards as close to the vest as possible and try to keep things from running completely off the rails so the party’s congressional majorities aren’t destroyed.

There’s the Lindsey Graham model — criticize Trump when he’s wrong and never abase yourself in his defense, but develop a relationship with the president to maximize your sway.

But it’s a mistake to assume that Trump will somehow magically evaporate, leaving everything in the party

as it was before he showed up. At this point, a Trump failure will take down the party, too, and may deepen and intensify the Republican civil war rather than end it.

It’s also a mistake to treat the Trump phenomenon as a fluke from which Republicans need learn no lessons.

Establishment Republicans seem to believe Trump’s rise says more about the inadequacies of their voters than about the inadequacies of their own, shopworn politics.

The great advantage Trump has in Republican politics is that he’s a Republican president, and partisanship is an awesome political force. So is the cult of personality that inheres in the presidency, augmented by Trump’s celebrity. He has the right enemies, and his culture-war fights coupled with his traditional GOP legislative agenda offer something for everyone in the party, from the populists to the Chamber of Commerce.

All of this means that, until further notice, he occupies the commanding heights of the GOP. Full-frontal assaults may be bold and brave, but they will likely be ineffectual, if not wholly counterproductive. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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In today's world, every civilian has a duty to support veterans

BY CARYN HACKER BUECHEL
AND TRISTA MEISTER

Ninety-eighty years ago, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 to be the first commemoration of Armistice Day, the temporary cessation of war between the Allied nations and Germany. The momentous step that quieted the battlefields of "the war to end all wars" occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

President Wilson proclaimed that the day shall be filled with "... solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory."

In June 1926, the United States Congress added aspects to this commemorative day by officially recognizing the end of World War I and declaring Nov. 11 as a day to foster friendly relations with all other peoples.

With parades, parance and pensive prayer, this patriotic tradition has continued. This day, above all others, is set to honor those who chose to spend at least a portion of their lives defending and protecting our amazing nation. "Sometimes it is easy to become complacent and comfortable in our beautiful world," says Naples resident Brigadier Gen. Edward Dyer. "We forget that we have this world, in part, because our military protects us every day, here, around the globe and now even beyond



DYER



Jim Redic today, left, and in Vietnam, above.

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that." Gen. Dyer, who has 29 years of active duty experience including combat in Iraq, suggests that a portion of this day should be spent not only celebrating the many freedoms that our service men and women have dedicated their lives to protect, but also considering the cost of this duty to our veterans themselves and their families.

Florida is home to more than 1.5 million veterans, including 5,000 post-9/11 men and women who reside in the five counties of Southwest Florida.

"Veterans who saw active duty often struggle to live with memories that depict the horrendous carnage generally seen only on a battlefield," Gen. Dyer says. "The eerie sound of automatic weapon-fire in the dark, the sight of friends and fellow soldiers going down,



Carlos Ruiz in Afghanistan and today, inset.

the bodies strewn along the ground and the heroism and self-sacrifice of so many are scenes most veterans will live

with forever."

For most soldiers, feelings of pride and accomplishment are as clear, strong and tangible as the fabric of their uniforms and the values they represent. For many, however, fibrous recurrent memories of the trauma of war and terrorism are woven into and negatively impact their daily lives. Often suffering from post-traumatic stress, many veterans relive or re-experience their memories during horrific nightmares or through their responses to triggers (noises, smells, sights). A flash of light or a loud and unexpected crackle in the night, the odor of overfilled plumbing or even the aroma of chipped beef on toast have the potential to take a soldier back to the moment of their greatest fears.

Fifty years after the Vietnam War, this is still the case for Naples resident and former Army First Lieutenant Jim Redic.

"I turned 21 in the field," Lt. Redic recalls. "It's amazing the things that linger and remind you of that time — like insects, leeches and fire ants. You know gunfire has two sounds to it?" he adds. "Besides the sound of the rifle, every soldier knows you hear a loud crack as the bullet breaks the sound barrier. You only hear that sound if the bullet has gone past you."

"I still have nightmares of the war and the morgue. I am so grateful to be living in this country."

Neapolitan Carlos Ruiz was a paratrooper in Afghanistan when he was 18. Now 25, he recalls having panic attacks, difficulty sleeping and feeling hyper-vigilant and suicidal after he returned

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SALUTE

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As we approach Veterans Day, *Florida Weekly* spoke to a few of those who served in the Korean War.

Those aging warriors spoke of sacrifice and service. They shed a tear or two as they remembered fallen comrades.

And they fret leaders on both sides may have learned nothing from the past.



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Carmelo "Tommy D" DiPasquale in Washington, D.C., during a Collier County Honor Flight trip.

raise a family, he says his two years in the Marine Corps is something he has forever cherished. "The people I met, the training I received and the friendships I made gave me a tremendous amount of spirit, education and discipline that has been a part of my life through today."

He recalls feeling fortunate to be pulled out of his battalion to work in the supply depot; many of his fellow Marines were sent right into the thick of the war.

"So many Marines were killed and wounded ... they were wonderful people that I lived and trained with."

Once back home, Mr. DiPasquale began a family and embarked on a career for the Pillsbury Company in Buffalo. He said his time in the military equipped him with a unique perspective of how fortunate Americans are to live where they do.

"All of the young people out there should really think about the values and fundamental reasons why our nation is so great and beautiful. The basic ingredients of discipline, love and working together to achieve a common goal, which is to benefit our freedom in this country and (freedom for) everyone else around the world ... these are the principles that should be cherished under any circumstance."

Mr. DiPasquale believes the situation in Korea is very different now, with two leaders completely at odds. He hopes America can convince North Korea that we "do not want a war to end all wars."

Now 89, Mr. DiPasquale, is on this week's Collier County Honor Flight taking World War II and Korean War veterans from Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials erected in their honor. (He was originally set to go on the Honor Flight that Hurricane Irma postponed in September.)

As another Veterans Day draws near, he offers this:

"Everyone should support the fighting that so many veterans have lived and died from to support our way of life and to continue making it very meaningful. We should not lose sight of the fact that we have the best and most freedom of any country in the world."

Staff Sergeant CARMELO 'TOMMY D' DI PASQUALE

"The people I met, the training I received and the friendships I made gave me a tremendous amount of spirit, education and discipline that has been a part of my life through today."

"Tommy D" was a student at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., planning to become an accountant after he graduated. He completed his degree in 1951 and was immediately drafted into the Marine Corps that October.

After training at Parris Island and Camp Pendleton, he was sent to Korea during the summer of 1952 as a staff sergeant.

His battalion was sent north to the battle lines. Twelve Marines — including him — were plucked from his group and sent on a train heading for South Korea to a supply operation in a city formerly called Masan (it has since merged with a neighboring area named Ch'angw n).

"It was a very strategic port for supplying the necessary items for the entire complement of Marines in Korea," Mr. DiPasquale says. "I was assigned as a military policemen along with a combo of Marine Corps personnel."

When the truce was signed, Mr. DiPasquale was sent home in July 1953 after the fighting ended.

Although he wanted to go home and



Corporal EVELYN VIEHBECK

"We liked how the uniforms looked, and when you're 17 or 18 years old, (joining) seemed like an adventure."

Evelyn Viehbeck, 83, joined the Marines in 1952 and was stationed state-side during the Korean War.

She went to Parris Island for boot camp and traveled to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., to attend motor transport school. After that, Cpl. Viehbeck jumped around various bases, spending time in Terry Point, N.C., and finally Arlington, Va.

She got people where they needed to go, driving military trucks chock full of officers around various bases, to events and parades and to and from train stations.

It was an exciting time to be a woman in the military, she recalls.

Although women started joining the ranks in the 1940s, by the 1950s, she says,



"It was starting to get popular. When recruiters came, it was exciting. We liked how the uniforms looked, and when you're 17 or 18 years old, (joining) seemed like an adventure."

She and a few friends joined the Marines after their 18th birthdays. Two months into boot camp, a couple of her friends went home, unable to handle the rigors of military life. Ms. Viehbeck was part of an all-women platoon. She would go on to serve a full three-year term and was discharged in 1955.

After leaving the Marine Corps, she went to school thanks to the G.I. Bill and began a 40-year career working in hospitals.

The Pittsburgh native has been living in Naples for the last seven years and loves it. She recently went on all-women Collier County Honor Flight.



Lieutenant Junior Grade SHIRLEY HAGERSON

"I think it's better to know your enemy and what you're fighting for than to wonder 'when' and 'if.'"

Shirley Hageron was a self-described "desk jockey" during the Korean War. The Navy vet served from 1953 until mid-1956, serving as a cryptographer.

LTJG (Lieutenant junior grade) Hageron coded and decoded American intelligence between the Navy's aircraft carriers. She says it was basic communications: requesting items or directions, sending intelligence across various distances.

"I'd receive the messages in English and put them into code. At the beginning everything was coded by hand," she recalls, adding the crypto room was "the only air-conditioned room on the base because they had to keep the equipment cool."

She would eventually be transferred to an air station in Norfolk, Va., where she directed air traffic.

"I don't know anything about planes, but I sure know how to give orders!" she laughs.

She had many friends fly from the aircraft carriers off to Korea.

"Some of them came back. Some not," she says.





When Ms. Hagerson joined, women in the service were classified under the WAVES acronym: Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. This was the norm in the early 1950s; women would receive administration or desk jobs with the purpose of taking the place of a man at that job so the man could go overseas to fight the war.

By the time she retired, however, women had the option of upgrading their position to a regular officer of the United States Navy. She gladly accepted.

"I thought that was wonderful. The Navy was a great experience for a young woman. I received opportunities that I never would've otherwise," she says.

She was promoted from LTJG to full lieutenant, but when she went in for her physical she learned she was pregnant, which in those days means she couldn't become a lieutenant.

Now 86 years old, she looks back on her experience in the military fondly. She was originally just graduating from college and heading into a career as a physical education teacher.

Thanks to the G.I. Bill, she went back to school and earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. She spent 39 years teaching fifth grade all over the world as her husband traveled for work. The couple spent time in California, Philadelphia and Singapore before she finished up her career on Marco Island.

"My husband was a professional fundraiser, so we moved around from one campaign to another. We enjoyed it... The experience makes you outgoing and willing to find new friends."

They met in the Navy and were married 48 years before he passed away. Of their three daughters, the oldest followed in her mother's footsteps, retiring as a captain after 20 years in the Navy.

"I was pleased (that she joined) because she was among the young Navy women who got many more chances and opportunities than we did," Ms. Hagerson says of her daughter. "She became a guided missile officer. I'm very proud of her."

Ms. Hagerson has spent almost 30 years on Marco Island. She's scheduled to go on an Honor Flight in October 2018.

She recalls times being tense back during the war, but the current conflict seems scarier.

"Technology is a lot more sophisticated. It's going to be a battle of equipment and technology, not hand-to-hand battle like my Korea was. The fact that we don't know whether we're at war or not and we're waiting for that shoe to drop ...

"I think it's better to know your enemy and what you're fighting than to wonder 'when' and 'if.'"



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WALT MCCARTHY

"I got a diploma in one hand and my orders in the other."

It wasn't until 1998, 27 years after his service, that Walt McCarthy was able to talk about the secret missions he flew in the Korean War.

"I was the flight commander of a squadron of RF-80s," he said. These fighters were equipped with cameras, not guns, and flew reconnaissance missions over North Korea.



"During these top-secret missions, I felt we were breaking every treaty we ever made," he said.

We met in his tidy La Posada apartment in Palm Beach Gardens, where he had a small display of war memorabilia.

He talked of growing up in Short Beach, Conn., and going to Yale in 1947. "Small town boy makes good," he said, laughing. There, he joined the brand-new Air Force ROTC.

"In 1950, the Korean thing started. So in June 1951, I got a diploma in one hand and my (military) orders in the other," he said.

At 22, after marrying a high school sweetheart, he was sent to flight training in Texas, and from there to Kimpo, now Gimpo, South Korea, where fighters were stationed in the fall of 1953. He points to a photo of Cardinal Spellman on the base. "That's me getting communion from Cardinal Spellman."

He flew training flights there with his squadron, training in F-86 Sabrejets.

After a while, he said, he noticed a group of pilots who would go out and come back in a day or two. "There were five or six guys who weren't talking

about what was going on. They were flying these recon missions and couldn't talk about it," he said. They were highly classified missions.

In 1954, he was sent to Japan, and became part of that elite reconnaissance squadron, flying missions to photograph North Korean bases and posts.

"We were given targets, and flew in and flew out at 25,000 or 35,000 feet. Our squadron flew 30 missions total from Japan, just north of Nagoya."

One particular one stands out: "My wingman was flying that day, and I was taking the pictures. We flew back to Tokyo where we had a film lab, and dropped off the film, and stayed overnight as usual.

"The next morning we got a call to report to the photo shack. I was trembling — afraid I didn't get the target they wanted or the film didn't print."

Instead, he said, he was met by the man in charge of studying the negatives. "He called us to the light table. It was the only time I ever saw my own film. Underneath me on two of the pictures were two Russian MiGs. A second-and-a-half apart. It put the fear of God in me right there.

"We were violating their territory," he said, "and could have been shot down."

There were no weapons aboard — each pilot carried a service revolver and a knife. "In case we were shot down we could defend ourselves," he said.

He flew other missions — including one that earned him the distinguished flying cross. "It was the last mission I flew. We had a strong headwind going into the mouth of the Yallow River. I had to turn in to photograph the midland."

Missions accomplished, he returned to the U.S. and flew in the reserves in Connecticut and Florida for all types of training, for a total of 13 years in the military.

"Once I finished the service, I never flew again," he said.

His career was with Pratt & Whitney, in computers. "Back in the punch-card days," he says. He retired to Florida, and remarried after his first wife died. "I had 25 great years with her," before her death this summer, he said.

He is concerned about the tensions with North Korea today. "I have great worries about the lack of formal negotiations," he said. "I would hate to be over there now knowing I was a lot closer to those nuclear weapons. War is bad enough without annihilation weapons like that."

Until 2004, he attended reunions of fighter jet pilots, and his squad of recon pilots. This coming April will be the last reunion for the fighter pilots. "I don't know that many of them."

He choked back tears, explaining why his squad won't meet: "There's not enough of us left."

— Jan Norris



ARCHIVE PHOTO: THE KOREAN WAR

BY THE NUMBERS:

18.5 million

The number of military veterans in the United States in 2016.

1.6 million

The number of female veterans in the United States in 2016.

9.2 million

The number of veterans age 65 and older in 2016. At the other end of the age spectrum, 1.6 million were younger than age 35.

6.7 million

The number of Vietnam Era veterans in 2016. Moreover, there were 7.1 million who served during the Gulf War (representing service from August 1990 to present); 768,000 who served in World War II; 1.6 million who served in the Korean War; and 2.4 million who served in peacetime only.

— SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Veterans Day retailer offerings

■ **Dollar General** - Veterans, active military and their immediate family members get an 11 percent discount on qualifying purchases both in stores and online on Nov. 11.

■ **Enterprise Car Sales** - Active duty military members, veterans and their dependents get a Firestone Pre-paid Maintenance Package with any used vehicle purchase during the month of Nov. .

■ **Goodwill** - On Nov. 11, Goodwill

offers 50 percent off all donated apparel with military ID.

■ **Great Clips** - On Nov. 11, customers who come in for a service can get a free haircut card to give to their favorite veteran. Veterans can also receive a free haircut or get the free haircut card. Haircuts are redeemable until Dec. 31.

■ **Home Depot** - Home Depot offers a 10 percent discount to all veterans on Nov. 11. Home Depot offers the 10 percent discount year round to for

active duty and retirees.

■ **Publix** - Veterans, military personnel, and their families save 10 percent on groceries on Nov. 11.

■ **Sleep Number** - Through Nov. 19, active and veteran military members will receive exclusive discounts on Sleep Number products. Save up to \$700 on select Sleep Number mattresses.

■ **Sport Clips** - Participating locations are offering veterans and active duty service members free haircuts on Nov. 11.

■ **Toys“R”Us and Babies “R”Us** - Customers with a valid military ID will receive 15 percent off in-store purchases through Nov. 11.

■ **Tractor Supply Co.** - All active and former military get a 15 percent military discount on purchases on Nov. 11. ■

— For the latest Veterans Day specials, see Military.com and Militarybenefits.info.

'Million Letters' coming to Hodges

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."

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. ■

VETERANS

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from his tour of duty. A movie trailer about war triggered flashbacks, hallucinations and violent behavior. He was initially incarcerated and then placed in the Collier County Veterans Treatment Court Program at David Lawrence Center, where he received specialized mental health counseling, case management and mentorship.

"We, veterans, chose to fight for and defend our country because of our love and commitment to the American people," Mr. Ruiz says. "Even though some of us get lost in the realities of PTSD, our sense of service and duty never goes away."

"Our veterans need our help and support now."

Scott Burgess, CEO at DLC, knows a veteran's experiences at war can leave not only physical scars but deep emotional scars as well. "And though not always visible on the surface, these psychological scars are just as, if not more, life-threatening," he says.

A veteran and family care program called Home Base reports that fewer than 50 percent of post-9/11 veterans seek help for an invisible wound of war. Offering a free warrior health and fitness program in collaboration with Florida Gulf Coast University and the Greater Naples YMCA (and a more intensive clinical program in Boston) Home Base has teamed with the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital to offer free assistance for veterans and their families.

Sarah Cox was 21 when she joined the Air Force. The former senior airman,



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Sarah Cox was 21 when she joined the Air Force. She now serves as secretary of the Collier County Veterans Council.

who now serves as secretary of the Collier County Veterans Council, spent four years deployed in 16 different countries. Home Base helped her learn how to deal with PTSD triggers.

"Home Base taught me how to recognize when I was being hyper-vigilant unnecessarily, how to refocus and how to avoid the events that could be a trigger for me," she says.

The influx of television shows and movies that capture historic war memoirs and heroic missions is on the rise. These shows will certainly keep us informed and bring patriotism to the forefront; however, they might also trigger episodes of PTSD in some of our nation's veterans.

For Ms. Cox, the looped video/audio

feed of the recent shooting in Las Vegas did just that, as every veteran who saw combat knows the indistinguishable sound of automatic weapon fire.

"When I heard the video for the first time, I knew immediately that it was automatic fire from an American gun," Ms. Cox says. "Soldiers are trained to run toward 'it,' and that's what I wanted to do. Yes, it was triggering."

"I immediately wanted to be there to help, (but) it was also anxiety-producing."

Those in the military solemnly swore to support and protect our country against all enemies and at all costs. Veterans Day gives civilians the opportunity to show respect, appreciation and honor to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen.

"This Veterans Day we Americans need to do a little bit more," Gen. Dyer suggests. "We need to understand the struggles military service often brings."

"Be sensitive and aware of what our veterans are experiencing. Sometimes, it's a price of service."

"Their mission is complete. Ours has just begun." ■

— Caryn Hacker-Bueche is a freelance writer, author and retired psychotherapist, and Trista Meister is a marketing and communications consultant specializing in the health-care, social services and not-for-profit industries. Both are daughters of veterans. Ms. Hacker-Bueche is former board member with DLC and the David Lawrence Foundation. Ms. Meister served as the communications director for DLC for 15 years and currently provides consulting services to the Southwest Florida-based center for mental health and addiction recovery treatment.

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VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Here are some of the ceremonies and events coming up in honor of Veterans Day:

■ The Veterans Day ceremony at the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center at **Hodges University** starts at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10. All are welcome.

The 30-minute ceremony will include the Gulf Coast High School JROTC, a flag folding ceremony by two Hodges student veterans and remarks by 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. 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 938-7833 or send an email to veteranservices@hodges.edu.

■ A softball team made up of soldiers who lost limbs and/or suffered serious injuries in combat will compete against one of the top senior teams in the country at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at North Collier Regional Park. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

The **Louisville Slugger Warriors** are a highly decorated national slow pitch tournament team featuring U.S. military veterans and active duty personnel. Coached by former MLB player and now analyst/broadcaster John Kruk, the Warriors will play Team Florida, one of the top teams for 60-year-olds in the country, during the Senior Softball USA Winter Nationals being held in Naples and Fort Myers.

"A number of these inspiring players have lost limbs," said Terry Hennessy, CEO of SSUSA. "But anyone watching them run, field, throw and hit soon forget they suffered serious wounds and are simply amazed at their athleticism."

Mr. Hennessy said SSUSA has been proud to partner with David Van Sleet and his teams for a number of years.

The idea for the Louisville Slugger Warriors began with Mr. Van Sleet's idea of combining his passion for veterans, prosthetics and softball. That idea came to fruition with the birth of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team.

A U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War era, Mr. Van Sleet worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs in the field of prosthetics for more than 30 years and served as gen-



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The Veterans Memorial Monument in Cambier Park, where the Collier County Veterans Council holds its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.



eral manager, head coach and CEO of WWAST for several years before retiring and becoming general manager of the Warriors.

Since being adopted by Louisville Slugger, the Warriors' talent level has been "elevated to the next level," Mr. Van Sleet said. The Warriors are now a national D-level slow pitch tournament team, testing their athleticism against teams of able-bodied players. "Many of these premier players are testing the limits of prosthetic advancement that is available to extremely active amputees," he said.

■ The **Collier County Veterans Council** hosts its traditional Veterans Day Ceremony starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memo-

rial in Cambier Park. Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.

■ "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 sponsored by American Legion Post 404 and the city of Marco Island will include a tribute to Korean War as well as:

A keynote speech by U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney III (R-Naples) and speeches by Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala and retired U.S. Army Col. Charlotte Roman.

A review of the history of the Korean War by Bill Duncan, chaplain of American Legion Post #404 and a Vietnam War Navy veteran.

An opening prayer by Charlie Purple, a U.S. Navy Seabee during World War II, and a closing prayer by Mike Harris, chaplain of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla # 95, Marco Island.

A POW-MIA ceremony led by Lee Rubenstein, the past commander of Marco Island's American Legion and VFW posts, and Bill Horton, commander American Legion Post 404.

A reading of the names of Marco veterans who have passed away over the last year.

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.

The ceremony will also include the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack # 234, Marco Island; "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" sung by Susan Doyle followed by a fly-over by the Civil Air Patrol squadron in a World War II-era plane; patriotic music by DJ Steve Reynolds; and "Taps" by Greg Gruesel of Marco Island Lutheran Church.

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

Vietnam War-era veterans were honored at the 2016 Veterans Day ceremony. This year's event will honor the sacrifices of vets who served from January 1950 to June 1955, the federal government's timeframe for the Korean War era.

■ 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.collierlegalaidservice.org/2017-wills-for-heroes.

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

■ Naples Moose Lodge 1782 invites the public to **Heroes Night** in honor of area first responders, law enforcement, veterans and active military from 4-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the lodge at 3417 Enterprise Ave.

"We should take every opportunity to honor the extraordinary contributions of first responders, law enforcement, veterans and active military," said Jay Minarcin, junior governor of the Naples Moose Lodge 1782. "Time and again they serve our community and make countless sacrifices on our behalf. Heroes Night is a very small gesture to say thank you and help raise funds on their behalf."

The night will feature live music by Soulixer and The Good Bad Kids. Fundraising activities will include a silent auction will be held. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate.

For more information, call Mr. Minarcin at 248-3951 or send an email to minarcinjay@yahoo.com. ■

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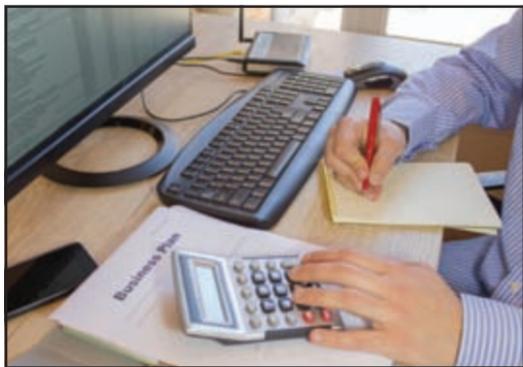
Entrepreneurship workshops set to help veterans start businesses

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. Tuesday, Nov. 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, 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 Competition 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. ■



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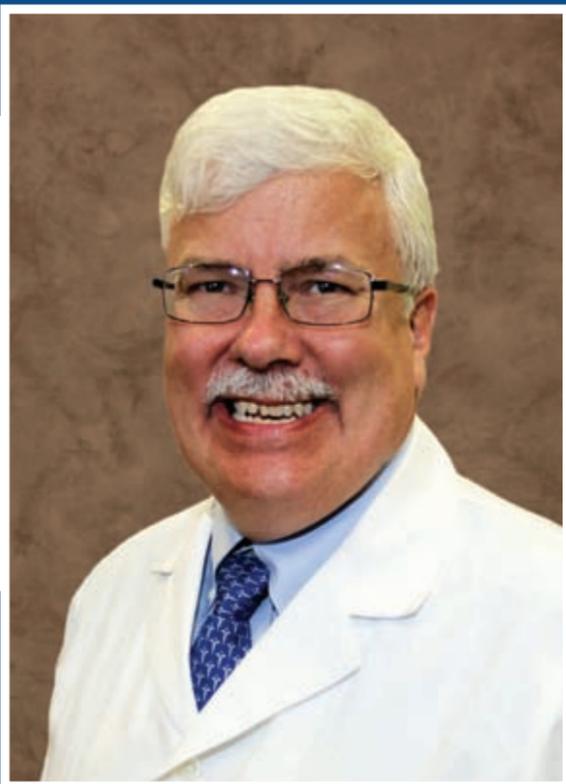


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CLUB NOTES



■ **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club #6544**, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President's Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Nov. 10 and 24. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastoftheCoast.org.

■ **The Naples Digital Photography Club** and Nikon welcome National Geographic and Discovery photographer Ron Magill with a presentation about "The Joys of Wildlife Photography" from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 11, at Florida SouthWestern Stage College in Naples, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples. All are welcome. Admission for \$30 includes one year of club members. To sign up or for more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org.

■ **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 Southwest Florida Archaeological Society** welcomes historian David Southall with a presentation about "Cattle and Conflict: The History of Cattle Ranching in Florida" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Collier County Museum, 3331 Tamiami Trail E. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Mr. Southall recently retired after 14 years with the Collier County Museums, where he was responsible for museum programs and living history events. For more information, visit www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Naples Writers' Workshop** consists of two groups for fiction writers: one for those who write short stories and one for those who have a novel in progress. Each group meets twice a month, on alternate Wednesday evenings, for members to share their works and give/receive feedback among peers. For times and locations or more information, email Kristine Gill at Kristine.gill@gmail.com.

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CLUB NOTES

■ **Phi Gamma Delta** graduates living in or visiting Southwest Florida are invited to join local members for lunch at the Moorings Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will speak about the recovery efforts following Hurricane Irma. For reservations, email Don Meek at stork326@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, visit www.swflfijgrads.com.

■ **Buckeyes in Naples** hold their annual fall Welcome Back Buckeyes cocktail party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Wells Fargo Private Bank in Mercato. Cost is \$40, with all proceeds going to Ohio State University scholarships for local students. RSVP at www.naplesbuckeyes.com/events. Buckeyes alumni and fans are also invited to game watch parties at Bokamper's, Stevie Tomato's and Harold's Place.

■ 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 chapter of PFLAG**, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.



■ Patron tickets for the **Naples Garden Club's 2018 House & Garden Tour** go on sale to the public at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, for \$275 at www.naplesgardenclub.org. Patrons can purchase up to five general admission tickets (\$150 each) at the same time. In addition to first choice of tour times, patrons receive a preferred parking pass and free admission to NBG on tour day.

Taking place Saturday, Feb. 3, the 64th annual House & Garden Tour goes to four homes with gardens in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples, via luxury motor coaches departing from Naples Botanical Garden.

Patron tickets will be available Nov. 17-29. General admission tickets go on sale Dec. 1. Last year the public release of general admission tickets sold out in five hours.

All tour proceeds are returned to the community in the form of Naples Garden Club grants, scholarships and educational programs. For more information, call 262-1272, email tours@naplesgardenclub.org or visit the website.

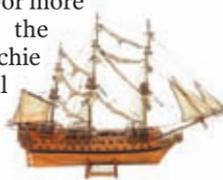
■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island are invited to lunch and a tour of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida from noon to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Pi Phis are also invited to mix and mingle from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at The

Public House, 1514 Immokalee Road in North Naples. To RSVP or more information, call Connie Kindsvater 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ **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. 10 place to be is Fish, followed by Aqua on Nov. 17 and Inca's Kitchen on Nov. 24. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.



■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Nov. 18 and Dec. 2. 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 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.

■ **Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160** resumes its monthly meetings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com or follow Ikebana Naples on Facebook.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Dec. 6. Members also serve a buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome. Admission for \$5 includes all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, donuts and pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee, with all proceeds benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Nov. 12. The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaal067.com.

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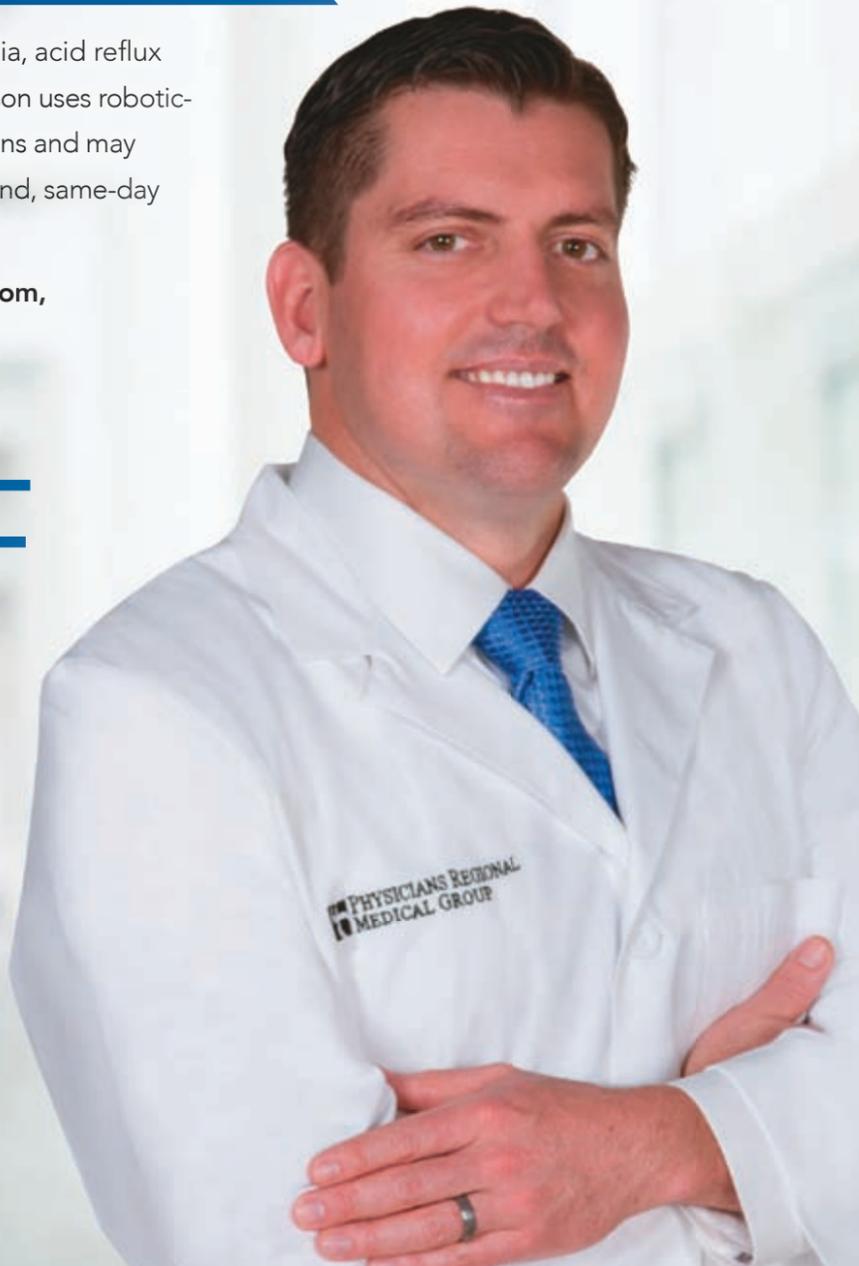
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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Good-natured weirdos

Three teenagers from Rahway, N.J., who call themselves the Rahway Bushmen, have been discouraged from their signature prank: dressing up as bushes and popping up in Rahway River Park to say "Hi!" to unsuspecting passersby. www.NJ.com reported in October that the Union County Police Department warned the Bushmen that they would be arrested if caught in action. The high

school students started by jumping out to scare people but decided to soften their approach with a gentler greeting. "We were trying to be harmless," one of the Bushmen said. "It's more or less an idea to try to make people smile." But Union County Public Information Officer (and fun sucker) Sebastian D'Elia deadpanned: "It's great until the first person falls and sues the county." Or puts an eye out.

Animal troublemakers

■ Pilots were warned of "low sealings" at Wiley Post-Will Rogers Memorial Airport in Utqiagvik, Alaska, on Oct. 23 because of an obstruction on the runway: a 450-pound bearded seal. Meadow Bailey of the Alaska Department of Transportation told KTVA-TV that the city, also known as Barrow, was hit by heavy storms that day, and airport staff discovered the seal while clearing the runway. However, staff are not authorized to handle marine animals, so North Slope Animal Control stepped in, using a sled to remove the seal. Bailey said animals such as musk ox, caribou and polar bears are common on the run-

way, but the seal was a first.

■ About two dozen car owners in the Nob Hill neighborhood of Snellville, Ga., were perturbed in late October by what they thought was vandalism: Their cars' side mirrors were being shattered, even in broad daylight. Finally, according to WSB-TV, one resident caught the real perpetrator: a pileated woodpecker who apparently believes his reflection in the mirrors is a rival. Because pileated woodpeckers are a protected species, neighbors had to get creative with their solution. They are now placing plastic bags over their side mirrors while the cars are parked.

Undignified death

Nathan William Parris, 72, met his unfortunate end when a cow he was trying to move turned against him at his farm in Floyd County, Ga., on Oct. 25. Parris was pinned against a fence by the recalcitrant cow, reported the *Rome*

News-Tribune, which caused him severe chest trauma. First responders tried to revive him, but he was pronounced dead at the Redmond Regional Medical Center emergency room.

Ironies

■ Workers at a Carl's Jr. in Santa Rosa, California, were busy filling an order for 165 Super Star burgers for first responders to the Fountaingrove area wildfires on Oct. 26 when a grease fire broke out in the restaurant. The fire started in the char broiler and then jumped to the exhaust system. Franchise co-owner Greg Funkhouser told *The Press-Democrat* the building was "completely torn up ... We made it through the big one, only to get taken out by this." When the person who placed the order arrived to pick it up, he saw six Santa Rosa Fire Department trucks in the parking lot and left, so Mr. Funkhouser handed out free burgers to "anyone around."

■ A Henrietta, N.Y., gifts and oddities store earned its name on Oct. 24 when a garbage truck rolled between two gas pumps and across a road to crash into the 200-year-old building where the store had opened in June. Jeri Flack, owner of A Beautiful Mess, told WHAM-TV that her building is "wrecked in the front so bad that I can't open back up." Witnesses say the truck driver pulled into a spot at a Sunoco station across the street and got out to use the restroom. That's when the truck rolled away and barreled into the business. Sunoco employee T.J. Rauber said, "I see a lot of crazy stuff up here, but I ain't never seen nothing like that."

Least-competent criminal

Burglary suspect and career criminal Shane Paul Owen, 46, of South Salt Lake, Utah, was on the run from police on Oct. 24 when he dashed into a vacant church. A Salt Lake City SWAT team held a standoff at the church for more than six hours — until Mr. Owen called 911 to say that he was locked in the church's

boiler room and couldn't get out. "Can you hurry?" he asked the dispatcher. "I need to talk to them first so they don't ... shoot me," he pleaded. *The Desert News* reported Mr. Owen was booked on outstanding warrants for retaliation against a witness, drug distribution and identity fraud. ■

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FIRST BITE

From page 1

back to residents who love the food here.” Naples residents are familiar with this event, which had a successful run last summer and the previous fall. Now Lee County residents get a taste, too.

“We’re just moving into Lee,” says Mr. Clarke, adding that they expect to expand the number of Lee County participants in subsequent years.

While the Lee County contingent is smaller than that of Naples, it’s primarily because this is the first time Lee County restaurants are participating and the concept takes time to gain awareness and acceptance. The other issue, Mr. Clarke says, is that Hurricane Irma took a bite out of many establishments’ business this year and the disruption rendered them unable to participate this close to the tourist season.

Collier County residents will be able to choose from about 45 establishments, from Ario to Zen Asian Bistro, with a host of options in between. The list includes higher end spots such as Bleu Provence, Bha! Bha! A Persian Bistro, Sea Salt and Veranda E along with more casual ones such as Catch 41 Bar ‘n’ Grill, Tommy Bahama, Moura Bistro and The Local.

In Bonita, DeRomo’s, Roy’s, South Fork Grille and The Fish House will offer special menus. And farther north, diners can explore Point 57, La Corte Bistro and Gather in Cape Coral, the Melting Pot, the Standard, King’s Kitchen and Izzy’s Fish House in Fort Myers and Thistle Lodge on Sanibel.

The way it works is that each restaurant creates a three-course, prix-fixe menu. Most are priced at \$25 to \$35, although some establishments offer additional menus priced slightly higher. Tax, gratuity and beverages are not included.

Each menu includes at least a couple of choices per course. The idea is that diners have an opportunity to try places they haven’t been to before without investing a lot of money.

“It makes it very affordable to try someplace new,” says Mr. Clarke. “That’s the beauty of Restaurant Week. You can try three courses or, in some cases four or five courses, depending on the restaurant.”

Diners have a wide range of choices, from Italian, such as LaMotta’s in Fort Myers, Hawaiian fusion at Roy’s in Bonita Springs and Indian at 21 Spices by Chef Asif in Naples. While some chain restaurants participate, the majority are independents that don’t have the advertising budgets of the big guys and so might not be on everyone’s radar.

Most of the restaurants go all out on these menus, Mr. Feliciano says, in an effort to impress new customers.



Scenes from the summer First Bite preview party at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs. COURTESY PHOTOS

“We are hoping Restaurant Week opens people’s minds to new places they normally wouldn’t go to,” he says.

Restaurants pay \$1,250 to participate, a fee that helps cover advertising, participation in the First Bite event, promotional costs and other expenses, the organizers say.

The concept is one that’s been successful and popular in Miami, Sarasota, Philadelphia and New York.

December in Southwest Florida is a great time for it because the restaurant business can be relatively slow after Thanksgiving when people start preparing for Christmas and Chanukah and might be busy shopping and perhaps trying to save money. This allows them an inexpensive way to enjoy a meal out and gives them a chance to relax a bit instead of having to cook during that hectic period.

An early bonus is that food lovers get to try a preview of about 35 of the participating restaurants at the aptly named preview event, First Bite, which takes place from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs. First



Bite is a benefit that will raise money for Gulf Coast Humane Society and Humane Society Naples.

Restaurants will serve small samples of the dishes they will serve during Restaurant Week and will also announce the menus they will offer during the two-week event. In addition to food, there will be wine, craft beers, music and a silent auction.

For more information about First Bite, visit www.swflfirstbite.com. Once the menus have been announced, they will be listed on the Restaurant Week site, www.swflrestaurantweek.com. ■



in the know

First Bite, menu release party for Southwest Florida Restaurant Week

- >> **Where:** Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs, 14610 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
- >> **When:** 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15
- >> **Tickets:** \$65 in advance, \$85 at the door; \$105 Greg Norman Collection ticket, 5 p.m. early entry plus a voucher for a free Greg Norman T-shirt and a Greg Norman “shark” pin
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55 Collier educators tapped as Teachers of Distinction



Champions For Learning announces the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program's 2017-18 Teachers of Distinction. This year, Hurricane Irma provided an opportunity for each of Collier County's 55 public schools to bring forward a teacher and best practice to highlight. From this group, five educators will be picked as Golden Apple recipients.

The Teachers of Distinction and the Golden Apple recipients will be honored at the 28th annual Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner presented by Suncoast Credit Union on April 16, 2018, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Presenting sponsor is Suncoast Credit Union. Champion level sponsors to date are: Adams Foods Inc./McDonald's, CenturyLink, Mary Ingram Fund of the Columbus Foundation, Moorings Park, *Naples Daily News*, NBC-2 Waterman Broadcasting and Perna-Rose Foundation for Hope. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, go to www.ChampionsForLearning.org/GA.

Here are the 2017-18 Teachers of Distinction:

- Kathy Albanese, Marco Island Charter Middle
- Miriam Aravena, Sabal Palm Elementary
- Mary Ann Torres Arroyo, Village Oaks Elementary
- Tara Barr, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School
- Staci Haralson Barretta, Big Cypress Elementary
- Anna Braun, Gulf Coast Charter Academy South
- Rachel Robitzer Castilla, Manatee Elementary
- Hope Cliff, Sea Gate Elementary
- Chandra Cox, Naples Park Elementary
- Marge Cox, Veterans Memorial Elementary
- Mary Crowley, Lorenzo Walker Technical College
- Stephen Detjen, Manatee Middle
- Tara Domiano, Corkscrew Middle
- Mary Eckard, Highlands Elementary
- Kacee Farrar, Avalon Elementary
- Kristen Favaro and Andrea Clawson, Palmetto Ridge High
- Susan Felt, Eden Park Elementary
- Kylee Fiorante, Mike Davis Elementary
- Lori Galiana, Marco Island Academy
- Cynthia Gregory, Naples High
- Lisa Hicks, East Naples Middle
- John Krupp, Golden Gate High
- Delia Lozano, Immokalee Technical College
- Diane Lynch, Palmetto Elementary
- Scarlett McDonald, Lake Trafford Elementary
- Joseph Merrill and Kristen Merrill, Lake Park Elementary
- Tammy Miller, Estates Elementary
- Ann Marie Morgiewicz, Immokalee Community School
- Carol Nichols, Pine Ridge Middle
- Dylan Richard Opper, Pinecrest Elementary
- Tania Palafox, Immokalee High
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- Mabel Pena, Tommie Barfield Elementary
- Adam Peterson, Lely High
- Gail Pirics, Golden Gate Middle
- Andrea Polanco, Oakridge Middle
- Florence Rowley, Alternative Schools
- Ian Sharp, Barron Collier High
- Venesia Samuels, Goldend Gate Elementary
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- Andrew Ward, North Naples Middle
- Kathleen Wasmer, Parkside Elementary
- Tiffany Wind, Pelican Marsh Elementary
- Jenna Zimmer, Poinciana Elementary ■

Holiday food drives welcome donations

■ The **Naples Design District** invites the public to donate cash or gift cards (Publix, Walmart or Target) for groceries during an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Ferguson showroom on Goodlette-Frank Road. All donations will help deserving individuals and families in Immokalee.

■ The **Harry Chapin Food Bank** is asking the community to donate 3,000 turkeys so those in need can have a Thanksgiving dinner. Those who wish to donate turkeys or chickens can drop them off at the food bank's centers in Naples and Fort Myers. The Naples center at 3940 Prospect Ave. is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Fort Myers center at 3760 Fowler St. welcomes donations from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The food bank has already purchased \$37,500 in gift cards at \$10 each to distribute to families via partner agencies. The cards are designated for the purchase

of food at local supermarkets for holiday meals.

Natural disasters place an even greater strain on those who may not know where their next meal is coming from. Hurricane Irma has limited the resources of many individuals in our region, and the long-term aftermath of the storm will likely result in higher costs for food, rent, insurance and other expenses of daily life. The Harry Chapin Food Bank is here to help. For more information, call 334-7007.

■ **Bone Hook Brewing Co.** is hosting a canned food drive in its taproom every Sunday this month to benefit the **Harry Chapin Food Bank**. Customers are invited to drop off canned and boxed goods of dry food and in return will receive a 10 percent discount on their taproom bill that same day. The brewery is at 1514 Immokalee Road in North Naples. For more information, call 631-8522 or visit www.bonehookbrewingco.com. ■



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Know where traffic deputies plan to be

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Nov. 13-17:

Monday, Nov. 13

Immokalee Road and I-75 northbound exit: Red-light running

Shadowlawn Drive and Terrace Avenue: Aggressive driving

Lely High School Boulevard at Lely High School: Aggressive driving

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Airport-Pulling Road and Emerald Lake Drive: Speeding

Piper Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Charlemagne Boulevard: Speeding

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Collier and Green boulevards: Speeding

Santa Barbara and Devonshire boulevards: Aggressive driving

White Boulevard and 31st Street SW: Aggressive driving

Thursday, Nov. 16

Creekside Boulevard and U.S. 41 North: Aggressive driving

Avalon Drive and U.S. 41 East: Speeding

Immokalee Road and Winterview Drive: Aggressive driving

Friday, Nov. 17

Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Red-light running

Naples Boulevard: Speeding

Collier Boulevard and Mission Hills Drive: 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

Honda Civic Si – your new benchmark has arrived



It's hard not to start this review without writing it like a love letter to Honda. But the automaker has made sure that the new Civic lets us all know that being affordable doesn't have to mean feeling cheap. Now, the ultra-hot Si version has become the new standard for all other spicy compacts.

Both the coupe and sedan profiles follow the classically attractive long hood, short rear styling. The front borrows its curves from the 2017 Honda Accord, and it finishes with taillights that wrap around the trunk lid for one of the most attractive and original rear ends. The result is a car that looks mature and sporty — a feat envied by plenty of other carmakers.

The Si version adds more mean darkness to the appearance. It includes larger bumpers with black honeycomb patterns, and the usual strip of bright-work that runs from headlight to headlight is now a slick piano black.

The missing chrome from the front finds a new home on the center-exit rear exhaust. It draws attention to this wide trapezoidal tip that feels inspired by the Porsche Boxster.

The Civic Si coupe also receives a sizable rear spoiler exclusive to the two-door. It's too small for the teenage fanboys, and too ostentatious for the retirees. Everyone else in-between probably won't mind this extra tail too much.

Inside, the sporty upgrades continue with special Si bucket seats. Honda touts its added lateral support to hug the driver on tight roads, but thankfully, this doesn't negate commuter comfort.

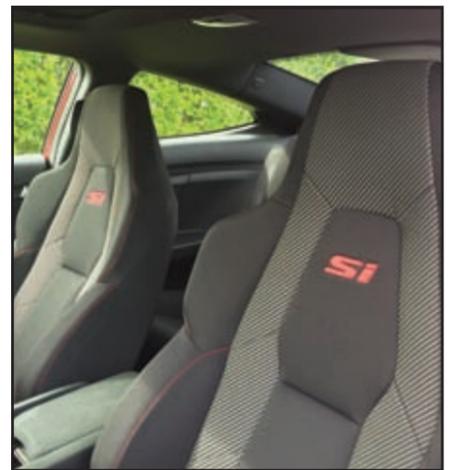
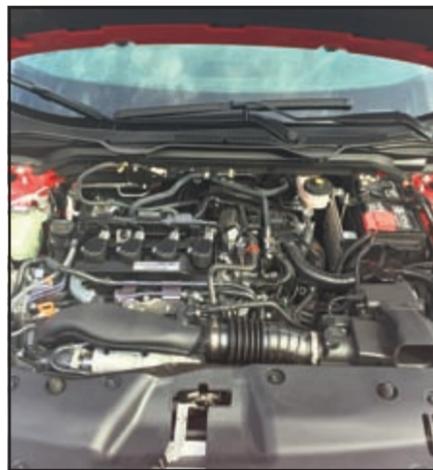
A few weeks ago, we were a bit sad to announce the death of the Honda Accord coupe for 2018. The rear seat in the Civic actually offers a little more legroom (but less headroom.) So, the two-door Accord won't be missed as much as we first thought.

The interior comes in black cloth only, and in fact, there are no options inside the Civic Si at all. That may seem odd, but limiting choices builds terrific economies of scale.

The coupe and sedan can both be taken home for \$24,975. It's loaded with features like dual zone climate control, premium HD stereo, sunroof, and a seven-inch touch screen infotainment system. The LaneWatch safety feature that utilizes a right-side camera to cleverly eliminate the blind spot is especially nice to have.

Also, the only transmission available is a six-speed manual. That will scare some people away from the Civic Si, and it also serves as a great reminder that this is a true driver's car.

The power plant is a marvel of



steer, and it makes drivers forget this is a front-wheel drive machine.

While the options list is quite short, Honda offers "HPT" (High Performance Tires) for a \$200 charge. This is worthwhile upgrade in warm climates like Florida where we don't need snow tires. The sticky set of Goodyear Eagle F1 rubber would cost three times as much to purchase from a store, and it makes the Civic Si especially fun to throw around the corners.

For people who need a daily driver, the sports suspension is surprisingly easy to live with every day. Plus, when this Civic is just an interstate commuter and not a back roads bruiser, there's potential to get over 40 mpg. That kind of economy should help with the sting of having to fill up with premium fuel.

Honda has really scored a coup with the Civic Si. The company priced it like a well-equipped Hyundai Elantra GT. It not only offers more fun and value than that car, but also it can outshine higher-priced competitors like the Volkswagen Jetta GLI and Subaru WRX. It's not the perfect machine for every sporty compact driver, but now the Honda Civic Si is the standard that all others will have to beat out for your garage space. ■

engineering where 205 horsepower is pumped out of 1.5-liters. Thank the turbocharger for this mighty power out of this mini motor. It works in true harmony with the telepathically accurate six-speed to deliver the kind of feeling that's usually found in premium German cars.

More than just the motor, there has been a lot thought given to the full setup. The Si receives an adaptive damper suspension, stabilizer bars front and rear, stiffer springs, bigger brakes, electronically variable steering and a throaty sport exhaust. Plus, the limited slip front end has been engineered to nearly eliminate torque



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Purchasing a used vehicle and later learning it has been flood damaged can be very problematic and lead to costly issues down the road. Worst yet, these vehicles can be unhealthy to occupy because of mold and bacteria growing in the carpet and ventilation system.

The nonprofit Care Care Council urges those considering the purchase of a used vehicle to check for signs of water intrusion or contamination. Here are some tips:

- Take the sniff test. Close all the windows and doors and let the car sit. Then crack open a door and sniff. Mildew and mold have very distinctive smells, and it doesn't take long for that smell to present itself.

- Try the touch test. Get some paper towels and press them against the low spots in the carpet. The paper towels will draw the moisture out and reveal

if the carpet is wet under the surface. If the paper towel becomes wet it could mean water has gotten into the car.

- Investigate the interior. Look under the seats and dash for corrosion and rust. Exposed metal that is untreated and rusted as well as mud and debris in places it does not belong, are signs of water infiltration.

- Inspect the instrument panel. Turn on the key and perform a bulb test. Make sure every bulb lights up and has no active faults.

- Take it to a professional. A professional technician can raise the car and look underneath to see if there is any mud, sticks or rocks in the suspension as well as check the oil in the differentials to make sure they contain no water.

- Taking these steps can help you identify any issues and give you piece of mind. To learn more, visit www.carcare.org. ■



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■ 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.



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The Walk to End Alzheimer's steps out Nov. 18 at North Collier Regional Park.

For more information, call 289-8968 or visit www.pilotclubofnaples.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, cleanup, 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. To sign up or for more information, call 405-7008 or email alefcakis@alz.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 fifth annual **Gulf Coast Runners Thanksgiving 5K** sets out at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, from Cambier Park. There's also a 1K for ages 7-14 and a 100-yard dash for ages 6 and younger. 5K participants can run, walk or run/walk the course. Registration for the 5K is \$30 through 9:59 p.m. Nov. 22 and \$40 after. Moe's Southwest Grill will donate 1 pound of rice or beans to St. Matthew's House for every registered runner. For more information, visit www.gcrunner.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@gcnaples.com.

■ 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.

■ Humane Society Naples hosts its 12th annual **Run for the Paws** to support the organization's rescue and adoption efforts at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Naples Municipal Airport. Participants can bring their dogs for a timed 5K walk/run. Registration is \$25. For more information or to sign up, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.org.

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Recovery expert will discuss hope after Irma

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation welcomes William Moyers as guest speaker from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive in Naples.

Mr. Moyers, a *New York Times* best-selling author and the vice president of public affairs and community relations for the foundation, will discuss "Recovering Hope in the Eye of the Storm."



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Attendance is free, and all are welcome.

Following refreshments and fellowship, there will be an opportunity to share stories of addiction, recovery, strength, courage, resilience and hope in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma and other weather challenges the community has faced. To sign up, visit www.HazeldenBettyFord.org/FL-Events. ■

Mobile mammo bus set for Marco bank

The mobile mammogram bus from Radiology Regional Center will park at IBERIABANK on Marco Island from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. The bank is at 605 Bald Eagle Drive.

A mammogram can detect cancer early, when it is most treatable. In fact, mammograms show changes in the breast up to two years before a patient or physician can feel them. Mammograms can also prevent the need for extensive treatment for advanced cancers and improve chances of breast conservation.

Walk-ins will be accommodated, but appointments are recommended and can be made by calling

936-4068. An order/prescription is not required for a screening mammogram, but you must have a physician to receive your results. For more information, visit www.radiologyregional.com. ■

Don't shoot the dog

A lesson in reinforcing positive behavior

BY SAM SEWELL

When I was a youngster I spent a good deal of my summer vacations on my grandparents' farm. The summer after completing my undergraduate work, I was eager to visit the country homestead once again. When I arrived, I discovered that there was a family crisis in progress.

Grandpa's dog and hunting partner, Shep, had taken on a bad habit in his old age. Shep had begun breaking into the chicken coop and eating eggs. Back then the label "egg-sucking dog" was one of the worst things that could be said of someone in northern Iowa. To our ears it was a profanity vulgar enough to make women gasp and could easily start a fight if hurled at another person in anger. Iowa farmers knew there was only one thing to be done with an egg-sucking dog: You had to shoot it, and the sooner the better.

But Shep and Grandpa were old friends. I had been with them many times as we flushed up pheasants from Grandpa's cornfields after the harvest. Grandpa sure didn't want to shoot Shep, but he knew it needed to be done. Once dogs start raiding a chicken coop there is no way to cure them. No matter how many times you beat the dog and no matter how many times you patched the latest hole they dug under the wall into the chicken coop, they doggedly (forgive the pun) keep sticking their noses under hens and stealing eggs. The "egg money" was Grandma's private income, so you can imagine how she felt about the problem.

With the inexperienced confidence of youth and a brand new "expertise" in the behavioral sciences, I told Grandpa I thought I could "cure" an egg-sucking dog. After all, I had read all about B.F. Skinner's work with dogs and operant conditioning. I wanted to at least have a chance to save Shep's life and save



Grandpa the seemingly inevitable heartbreaking chore.

The theory is simple: One observes the subject animal, in this case Shep, doing something the correct way and then reinforces the desired behavior. The reinforcement cycle starts with some action on the part of the trainee, Shep (in Skinner's language, the operant). Operant conditioning is therefore always dependent upon behavior. So, we have:

1. Dog does something favorable (operant behavior).
2. Dog gets food (positive reinforcement).

I knew that these farmers almost always applied negative stimulus after the behavior had become a habit, thus reinforcing the very behavior they were attempting to eliminate. Applying negative stimulus to an already established negative pattern of behavior reinforces behavior you don't want. So maybe a different method would work.

There was considerable pressure to accomplish what I had told Grandpa I could do. That pressure amplified when he and I went into town and Grandpa told the farmers who gathered at the coffee shop across from the hardware store, "My grandson, the psychologist, is going to cure Shep so I don't need to shoot him." You can imagine the skeptical attitude of Iowa farmers being told that there was a cure for egg-sucking dogs. By this time it was too late to tell Grandpa that I had never actually tested this theory and that I wasn't sure it

would really work.

When I had confidently and foolishly announced to Grandpa that I could cure Shep, I didn't even have a plan ready. So I began to think: How could I get Shep to not go into the chicken coop so that I could then reinforce the behavior I wanted?

The next morning I broke open two fresh eggs and put them in Shep's bowl right at the door to the chicken coop. Sometimes in order to begin changing behavior, you need to do something good for the bad dog. Shep came along and noticed the eggs. I can imagine his dog brain doing this self-talk: "Eggs. Right here. I don't even need to eat the shells. And I don't have

to put up with those hens pecking at the top of my head. This is a good thing." He quickly lapped up the eggs and sauntered off for his nap.

The following morning I did the same thing. I put the eggs a few feet away from the chicken coop toward the back porch of the farmhouse, where Grandma usually fed Shep. The next day I again moved the bowl closer to the house and added some dog food to the eggs.

Every day I moved the bowl closer to the porch, mixing more dog food and fewer eggs. By the time the bowl reached the porch, it was all dog food and no eggs. Shep had again become accustomed to looking for his food at the back porch of the house. He never again went into the chicken coop. This process is called incremental desensitization.

Please remember this: If you reinforce behavior that moves you toward a desired goal and ignore the old behavior, you will change.

Looking backward will keep you backward. Looking forward will move you forward. ■

— *Philosopher, clergyman, psychotherapist, scientist, humorist and raconteur, Dr. Sam Sewell is a member of the Southwest Florida chapter of Mensa. His articles are frequently published in political, religious and behavioral science periodicals. This article appeared in the November-December issue of Mensa's national magazine, the Mensa Bulletin.*



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FGCU College of Education hosts children's mental health conference

The seventh annual Children & Youth Mental Health Conference hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University is set for Saturday, Nov. 18. Coordinated by the FGCU College of Education, "Community Responsiveness for Collaborative Action" takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at FGCU. Attendance is free.



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Each year, the conference aims to reduce stigma by increasing a general awareness of mental health disorders in children and youth. 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. In her keynote address and in a workshop session she will address 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," Ms. Shankar-Brown 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.

Continental breakfast will be served, and lunch is available for purchase on campus. Registration is required and can be completed at www.fgcu.edu/childrenshealth. ■

Find support for what ails you

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida invites any parent whose child struggled with any mental health issue to attend a support group from 10-11:30 every Wednesday. Members are encouraged to listen to each other, share their concerns and fears and raise questions related to the same issues. Attendance is free.

The association holds similar support group meetings for those suffering depression from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and for veterans from 7-8:30 p.m., also on Wednesday.

Meetings are at the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida office at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Attendance is free. For more information, call Veronica Garib at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org.

Here are some more support groups that meet regularly around the area:

The Naples area Crohn's and Colitis Foundation support group meets from 5-6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Dec. 7. All whose lives are affected by inflammatory bowel disease are welcome to join the discussion with gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips. Attendance is free. For more information, call Paula Allain, LPN, at 649-1336, email pallainresearch@gmail.com or visit www.crohnscolitis-foundation.org.

The **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.** has two support groups for anyone who has Parkinson's disease and also for those who care for them. Newcomers are always welcome from 1-2 p.m. every Tuesday at in the clubhouse at Aston Gardens, 4800 Aston Gardens Way in Pelican Marsh, and/or from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every Thursday in the clubroom at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 26850 S. Bay Drive in Bonita Springs. For more information, call PASFI at 417-4365 or office@pasfi.org.

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites all who are blind or visually impaired to meet from 10-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the center, 2685 Horseshoe Drive in Naples. Friends and family members who care for someone who is blind or visually impaired can also benefit from the group.

The nonprofit also hosts a brown bag lunch and program at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for visually impaired people and their caregivers. The next program is Nov. 21. Guests should bring their own lunch and are welcome to stay afterward for games and social hour.

For brown bag lunch reservations or more information about programs and services, call Lighthouse of Collier at 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

SHINE helps seniors navigate Medicare

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:

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. ■

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Pet cancer care

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Your dog or cat has been diagnosed with cancer, and you're not sure how to proceed. Is surgery or chemotherapy the right answer? Or are there other factors involved that could affect the decision you make regarding treatment for your pet?

A pet's age, our finances and the success rate of treatment options all play into the decisions we make about caring for our pets. The good news is that there are no wrong answers. Whatever decision you make, there are options for care.

Whether you are considering treatment or palliative care for your pet's cancer, ask the oncologist to lay out the pros and cons. Here are some questions to ask:

- How is this type of cancer treated?
- How long will my pet live with and without treatment?
- How will my pet's age and current health status affect the success of treatment?
- Will my pet experience any side effects of treatment?
- Can side effects be managed?
- Will a special diet help?
- How much will treatment or palliative care cost?
- Are there any clinical trials that might benefit my pet?

The answers can help you make the best decision for your dog, cat or other pet. Depending on the type of cancer and how aggressively you want to fight it, options include surgery, metronomic therapy — continuous low doses of different anti-



Gemma, a Chihuahua-Pomeranian mix, received cold laser treatments to try to reduce the swelling caused by her cancer.

cancer drugs — radiation, and integrative therapies, such as medicinal mushrooms or cold laser. Ensuring that pets are able to breathe comfortably is also important.

Each situation is different, but the most important factor is keeping pets comfortable, says veterinary oncologist Alice Villalobos.

"Even if they have a really nasty cancer, we're able to sometimes control or slow it down or stabilize it with an anti-angiogenesis protocol," she says.

Multimodal pain relief is a mainstay of cancer care. Generally, a single medication isn't enough to address pain in cancer patients. Cancer pain travels along multiple pathways in the body. Using different types of medications that work in different ways helps to make pain control more effective. Dr. Villalobos likes to use what she calls the GAT protocol: gabapentin, amantadine and either tramadol or traza-

done. Each works in a different way, and together they manage the different types of pain.

Some dogs with cancer are prescribed steroids such as prednisone or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for pain. They can benefit from medications such as Pepcid that protect the gastrointestinal tract from ulceration or other damage associated with use of steroids and NSAIDs.

Oxygen therapy can help pets breathe easier. That doesn't necessarily mean that a dog or cat must spend time in an oxygen cage at the veterinary hospital, which can be expensive. Oxygen generators can be purchased online through outlets such as Craigslist, for instance, and used at home.

Timing of medication is important. Pets on prednisone may experience panting as a side effect, especially at night. Giving the drug in the morning instead of evening can make a difference, Dr. Villalobos says.

Panting can also be a sign of pain. How do you know if your pet is panting because he's in pain or as a side effect of the drug he's taking? The answer may depend on the type of cancer your pet has, so it's important to talk to your veterinarian. For instance, Dr. Villalobos says, lymphoma usually isn't painful, so in that case, the panting is likely caused by the drug, not the disease.

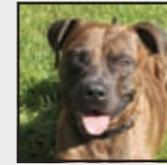
Most important, keep your pet's quality of life paramount.

"We really always try to make sure the patient has got more good days than bad days," Dr. Villalobos says. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Alabama** is a handsome 2-year-old St. Bernard mix who weighs about 88 pounds. He's sweet and friendly, knows his basics and is good on his leash. He tested positive for heartworm disease. DAS will provide medications and has partnered with several local clinics to treat him at little or no cost to his forever owners.



>> **Calhoun** is a gentle 4-year-old black mouth cur who weighs about 68 pounds. He knows the basics and is good on his leash. Like Alabama, Calhoun tested positive for heartworm disease, and the same provision for treatment will be made for his forever family.



>> **Kelly** is a handsome 3-year-old domestic shorthair who will make a wonderful companion for whoever is lucky enough to take him home.



>> **Wittney** is a beautiful and affectionate 5-month-old domestic shorthair who gets along with people and other cats.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats range from \$20 to \$60 and dogs from \$30 to \$80. Fees include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets. ■

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Anyone who knows me knows how much I love a wedding. Bring on the sentimental tears during the ceremony, the sparkle of the reception, the dancing (I'll happily get up and do the Electric Slide, even though I can never remember the steps). Yes, I'm that overly enthusiastic wedding guest who kicks off her shoes, lets her hair down, does shots with the groomsmen and runs around taking videos on Facebook.

I love the father/daughter dance, the best man's toast, the cutting of the cake. And despite the fact that I'm happily married, I want in on the chance to catch the bouquet (hey, if I caught it, we could renew our vows).

All that said, there are some nuptials on the horizon that have me a tiny bit apprehensive. My husband's youngest daughter is tying the knot in a couple of months and both of Todd's ex-partners will be in attendance. One, of course, is the mother of the bride, and the other is his first wife.

These days, it's more normal than ever for current spouses and exes to put aside past grievances for the sake of children and grandchildren. In fact, my family's Christmas is a veritable parade of step-people. My stepsister (my father's wife's daughter) hosts dinner at her and my step-brother-in-law's house. In attendance are my step-brother-in-law's mother and her husband, as well as his father and his wife. Then



there's me along with my Dad and step-mother, as well as my step-grandmother and step-nieces. The only person at Christmas dinner that I actually share any DNA with is Dad. But it's OK. We're one big happy group at the Step Family Christmas. Every year my stepsister's step-father-in-law raves over her step-mother-in-law's amazing green bean casserole (it's really good), and everyone exchanges gifts with everyone else.

So the fact that my husband's first two exes happen to be BFFs shouldn't faze me much. I have a close girlfriend who's in the midst of co-planning her stepdaughter's wedding with her husband's first wife and everyone is getting

along like gangbusters. Her stepdaughter often proudly attests to having "two moms."

I've noticed that younger people don't use the "step" word as much as my generation seems to. My son refers to his stepbrother (my ex-husband's wife's son) simply as his brother. When I almost automatically corrected him recently, I bit my tongue. Why the labels? Why would we categorize family members in ways like "step," "half" or "real"?

My husband's 25-year-old daughter clearly isn't into labels. At her wedding, she'll have her stepmother (me) and a bunch of people I haven't met yet: two

stepfathers, several stepsiblings, lots of halves and, of course, my husband's two exes. It's a whole new wedding world out there — one where the rules of Emily Post and even the advice of Miss Manners don't really work for so many of us with blended families.

My fondest hope is that I shrink a couple of sizes (Facebook stalking has proved that Todd's exes are gorgeous, tall and slender), find the perfect stepmother-of-the-bride dress, and that we all — steps, halves, exes and others — end up on the dance floor, barefoot and doing the Electric Slide like one big happy stepfamily — or more simply, family. ■

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EMPLOYED

Though Irma’s effects are being felt, unemployment in South Florida is reaching the lowest number in a decade

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Now two months behind us, Hurricane Irma served up a big dish of shared experience in two regional Florida economies often distinct in their demographics: the east coast’s Palm Beach County and the South-

west coast’s tri-county coastal flank comprised of Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

The hurricane managed to put a hit on both sides of the state. As a result, it hurt service workers in restaurants and hotels, which closed for sometimes extended periods, leaving them unemployed; and it helped people working in construction or

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Small business owners SCORE at workshops

SCORE Naples has two Small Business Academy workshops on the calendar for December. Registration is open now for **“Harnessing the Power of Quickbooks”** from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 2, and for **“How to Reach Your ‘Perfect Customer’ while Saving Time and Money”** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Both will take place at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N.

“Harnessing the Power of Quick-

Books” will cover the basics of QuickBooks for current or potential users. Whether your accounting is handled internally or outsourced to an account-



tant, you need to have an understanding of how this powerful tool generates the numbers.

Presenter Cheryl Willett, managing partner at Accounting for Profitability,

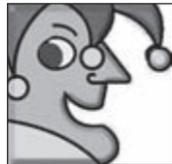
LLC, in Estero, is a Certified QuickBooks Professional. Her accounting background and tax experience are a perfect blend to bridge the gap between what the client wants and what the tax accountant needs.

Attendees at “How to Reach Your ‘Perfect Customer’ While Saving Time and Money” will learn how to find the perfect customer: the ones that return again and again, spend more and tells everyone they know about you.

Presenter Tim Philbrick, director of

sales and marketing for The Print Shop & More, has more than 20 years of marketing and sales experience at Fortune 500 companies including Xerox, Cannon and AccuStaff and has been a small business owner himself for 10 years. He brings a unique perspective of the tools available to businesses that were once only available to major corporations.

Registration is \$25 for each workshop. Sign up by calling SCORE at 430-0081 or by visiting www.scorenaples.org. ■



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For best results when investing, you'll need to keep learning, and a great way to do so is by reading highly regarded books on investing and the business world. Here are some to consider:

"One Up On Wall Street" by Peter Lynch (Simon & Schuster, \$17). This is one of the most engaging investment books, and has been a gateway for many successful investors over several decades. Advocating buying great companies for the long term, Lynch believes that "any normal person using the customary 3 percent of the brain can pick stocks just as well [as], if not better [than,] the average Wall Street analyst."

"The Intelligent Investor" by Benjamin Graham (Collins Business, \$23). This is a heavier read, but well worth it. Warren Buffett says it's "by far the best book about investing ever written," and few value-oriented investors would disagree. Graham's goal is to lay out a "positive program for common-stock investment," which he does in this comprehensive text. Chapter 20, titled "Margin of Safety" as the Central Concept of Investment," is

especially valuable.

"You Can Be a Stock Market Genius" by Joel Greenblatt (Touchstone, \$17). Greenblatt makes a complex subject, special-situations investing, accessible to novice investors. Like Lynch and The Motley Fool, he believes ordinary investors have the "power to beat the pants off the so-called market 'experts.'"

"Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" by Roger Lowenstein (Random House, \$19). There are gobs of books about Warren Buffett, and many people think this biography of him is the best. You'll learn about his fascinating life and his investment approach, too.

"The Motley Fool Investment Guide: Third Edition: How the Fools Beat Wall Street's Wise Men and How You Can Too" by David and Tom Gardner (Simon & Schuster, \$20). This is our first major book, newly updated and revised. It explains how to evaluate stocks and build a portfolio.

We'll offer a few more great investing books next week. ■

My Dumbest Investment

The Whole Story

At the age of 25 or 26, prior to buying a house and with the hopes of children on the horizon, I wanted to have life insurance. I ended up with a \$100,000 whole life policy. Two big advantages were that it would pay interest, with a guaranteed minimum return. A couple of years later, though, I noticed that the cash value had not built up very much. Reading the fine print I'd glossed over initially, I found many troubling details. For example, much of the first few years' gains went to the agent as a commission. I realized I would have been better off with a term policy. Also, at the time, I wasn't maxing out my 401(k) to get the full match. Now that would have been a better investment. Overall, I learned that a tax-free or tax-deferred crappy investment is still a crappy investment.

— T.B., online

The Fool Responds: Term life insurance is better than whole life insurance for many people, because it's less costly and is in effect only when you need it. Whole policies are more complicated, as they're part insurance, part investment. You can often do better just buying the term insurance you need and investing on your own. Also, note that you may not need any life insurance if you're young, childless and house-less. Life insurance is mainly for when anyone depends on you financially. ■

Last week's trivia answer

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? (Answer: Navistar) ■



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Ask the Fool

The ABCs of VCs

Q What are venture capitalists?

— F.M., Detroit

A Venture capitalists invest their pooled money in fledgling companies, helping them get off the ground. Some "VC" companies specialize in certain industries or areas, such as computer-related technology or biotechnology.

Young companies will often get early funding from venture capitalists well before they sell shares of stock on the open market via an initial public offering (IPO). The VC company will typically offer guidance as well as money, usually in exchange for a partial ownership stake in the company. The hope is that once the company grows to a certain point, it will go public and the venture capitalists can cash out, making a tidy profit.

Famous VC companies include Accel Partners, which funded Facebook, Etsy and Spotify, among others, and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, which has funded companies such as Amazon.com, Twitter and Snapchat. Sequoia Capital, another, seeded PayPal, Airbnb and Instagram, while Andreessen Horowitz funded Foursquare and Pinterest.

Q Should I move money into bonds when stocks fall, and vice versa?

— L.K., Greenwood, South Carolina

A Do that and you'll be selling low instead of buying low and selling high. A better strategy is to decide how much of your assets you want to keep in bonds. Young people might want to be close to 100 percent in stocks, while those near or in retirement might want to move a portion of their nest egg into bonds. Stick with your desired allocation until you have a good reason to change it.

Diversification can be beneficial, as when one asset category loses ground, the other might offset the loss — but that doesn't always happen. Also, over the long run, healthy fallen stocks tend to recover. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1911 merger of a tabulating machine company, a meat slicer and scale manufacturer, and an industrial clockmaker. I've been a progressive employer, paying my workers by the hour when others paid by the piece, and in 1958 making them all salaried. My punched cards once dominated data processing, and my Selectric typewriters dominated offices. Today I'm a tech titan employing more than 400,000 people



globally and offering services such as cognitive computing technology, cloud platforms, big data processing and financial services. I rake in close to \$80 billion annually.

Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Blue Chip Powerhouse

If you're looking for a solid stock that offers dividends and the prospect of growth, consider the country's largest telecommunications company, AT&T (NYSE: T). Because its main business produces a reliable stream of income, the company's earnings (and its stock price) tend to be significantly less volatile than average. AT&T has a stellar track record of returning value to shareholders, has a sturdy business with significant growth opportunities ahead, and has recently been appealingly priced.

Despite challenges from lower-priced competitors, premium wireless phone service is a proven draw, and AT&T's advantage over budget-priced offerings will probably become more pronounced when 5G mobile technology rolls out and spreads.

AT&T is also in position to be a leading service provider for connected cars and other Internet of Things applications, and its pending acquisition of Time Warner should turn it into a content powerhouse — opening up a range of bundling opportunities.

AT&T's dividend payout recently yielded 5.8 percent, and with its ample free cash flow, the company is poised to continue increasing its payout regularly. Indeed, its dividend history features 33 years of annual increases that it's surely keen to maintain.

With a hefty dividend, a relatively low price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio and a leadership position in the wireless world, AT&T stands out as a promising choice for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool has recommended Time Warner.) ■

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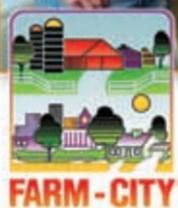
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The **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** has received a Best of the South Award from Meetings Today magazine. Jason Parsons is general manager of the AAA Four-Diamond resort.

Board Appointments

Jeremy Albrecht has joined the board of director for Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education and Experience Center. Mr. Albrecht has served as a volunteer with the organization since May 2013. A regular Sunday guide, he has completed advanced training for chemical immobilization and was a team leader during the wildfire evacuation in April 2017.



ALBRECHT

Champions For Learning announces the members of its 2017-18 board of directors: **Lynn Davidson**, chair; **William Barker**, immediate past chair; **Mary Beth Geier**, **Danny Pate** and **Nancy Potter**, vice chairs; **William Burke**, secretary; **Beverly Feagin**, treasurer; **Susan McManus**, President; and **Marcelo Alvarez**, **William Beynon**, **Chuck Carlsen**, **Anne Fleming**, **Bill Hall**, **Michael Jean-Baptiste**, **Stephanie Lucarelli**, **Barbara Melvin**, **Jeff Ospina**, **Kamela Patton**, **Dawna Pipersburg**, **Jackie Rodriguez**, **Bob Schoonmaker**, **Heather Thomas** and **Mario Valle**.

Mike Woods has been promoted to vice president of the civil division for the board of directors of Owen-Ames-Kimball Florida Inc. Mr. Woods has more than 30 years of experience working on numerous road and site preparation projects in South Florida. Mr. Woods has served as general superintendent for O-A-K since 2012 and has been a board member since 2015.



WOODS

Kevin Walker, senior vice president-financial advisor and senior portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in Naples, has joined the board of directors for the Neighborhood Health Clinic. The volunteer-driven clinic provides Collier County's working, uninsured residents affordable medical and dental care. Mr. Walker, a founding member of The Mosaic Group, has worked on various clinic committees for the past 10 years.

Law

Elizabeth Moore has joined the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady, LLP, as a junior associate in the commercial litigation group. Ms. Moore earned her law degree earlier this year from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She holds a bachelor's degree in creative writing from Florida State University.



MOORE

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Accounting

Renee Kolbeck has joined Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., P.A. as a tax accountant. Ms. Kolbeck earned her bachelor's degree in accountancy in 2015 from Ave Maria University. She is in the process of sitting for the CPA exam and plans to pursue a master's in accountancy.



KOLBECK

Jen Kim has joined Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., P.A., as the executive assistant for the litigation, forensic accounting and mediation services team. Ms. Kim provides administrative support for the litigation department and assists with financial data analysis and also collaborates with other MNMW team members and community partner organizations. She earned a bachelor's degree in micro-



KIM

biology from the University of Arizona and previously worked at the Cape Coral Police Department as an investigative assistant in the major crimes unit.

Banking

Renee Harris has joined Lake Michigan Credit Union of Florida as a mortgage loan originator for the Southwest Florida lending team working in the Immokalee Road office. A graduate of the University of Akron, Ms. Harris has more than 17 years of mortgage, title and real estate experience, previously working for First National Bank of Florida, Regions Bank, Countrywide Home Loans and First Florida Integrity Bank. She moved to Naples from Cleveland, Ohio, in 2000. She belongs to Naples Area Board of Realtors and is a board member of the local chapter of the Mortgage Bankers Association.



HARRIS

Nonprofit Organizations

Jennifer Fey has been named director of operations for Baby Basics of Collier County, a volunteer organization that has donated more than 6 million diapers to infants and toddlers from low-income, working families in Collier County and Bonita Springs. Ms. Fey will give direction toward the achievement of Baby Basics' philosophy, mission, strategy, annual goals and objectives; provide support to operations and development councils; and promote participation by volunteers in all aspects of Baby Basics' work. Her background of various marketing and nonprofit roles includes working as a resource development specialist for the United Way of Collier County, as a business development and marketing specialist for First Castle Federal Credit Union and as a marketing consultant for Steinway Piano Gallery in Bonita Springs. She earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication and Spanish from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.



FEY

Joseph Binder and **Cheryl McDonnell** have been named co-chairs of SCORE Naples.

A SCORE volunteer mentor for nine years, Mr. Binder has also served the organization as director of marketing and director of education. He has more

than 20 years of leadership experience in marketing, business development, sales and project management with Fortune 100 companies. His international experience includes exporting and importing with Canada, Mexico, Europe and Japan. A resident of Naples since 2009, he earned a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. McDonnell has been the SCORE Naples community liaison as well as a SCORE board member. She is also a member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and a former ambassador for the chamber. Before moving to Naples in 2009, she did committee work at the Atlanta Women's Foundation and served on the board of the Georgia Transplant Foundation. She also sold national advertising for the Atlanta Journal Constitution. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Retail

Bruce Barone Jr. has joined the 5th Avenue South Business Improvement District as executive director. A resident of Naples for more than 15 years, Mr. Barone graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University and earned a master's in architecture from the University of Miami. He has extensive experience in event management, including managing and promoting more than 40 major events in Southwest Florida.



BARONE

Owner **Julie Taylor** announces that her women's fashion boutique, Jami's, will open a new location at 799 Fifth Ave. S. at the end of November. The shop will join the boutique's other location at the Promenade at Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs. Jami's opened its first store on Fifth Avenue South in 1971 and has had several Naples locations throughout the years.

Naples Soap Company has opened a second location in Naples. At 614 Fifth Ave. S., the 1,100-square-foot store houses the company's array of natural skincare products. The company has also reopened its flagship location at Tin City in Naples, which had been closed for repairs following Hurricane Irma.

Sunshine Ace Hardware has acquired Hammerhead's Ace Hardware in Largo. The 42,000-square-foot store marks the eighth location under the banner of the Naples-based, family-owned and operated company. The acquisition also extends Sunshine Ace Hardware's services into Pinellas County. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ 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").

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from

5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. \$15 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its Holiday Happening reception and dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at The Club at Olde Cypress. CBIA Associate of the Year and Builder of the Year awards will be presented. RSVP up by Dec. 8 by calling 436-6100 or emailing nancy@cbia.net.

■ 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.

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■ **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.

Kevin Kearns

Chief executive officer, Millennium Health Care

Physician-based organization strives for culture of excellence

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

It is a very exciting time to be in health care! The advancements in preventing, diagnosing and treating health conditions continues to improve at a rapid pace. Despite all the challenges we hear about in Washington, we still have the best health care and the best doctors in the world. Of the many changes on the horizon in the industry, the one that is most significant may be the change from a "volume-based payment system" to a "value-based approach." The traditional way that hospitals and doctors received payment was based on the amount and complexity of services provided (volume based). Over the past few years, we have begun to see the shift in payments being based on quality, patient experience and efficiency in controlling costs (value). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has set a goal that 90 percent of Medicare payments will be value based by 2018. To help push this along, Congress passed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) in 2015 with overwhelming bipartisan support. (98-2 in the Senate!) MACRA will fundamentally change the way Medicare pays hospitals and doctors by rewarding for quality and participation in value based payment models, and financially penalizing hospitals and doctors that do not move in this direction. One example of the shift to value-based care today is the introduction of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). Medicare introduced this program in 2012 as a way to encourage health care providers to focus on quality, patient experience, and efficient use of health care costs. For ACOs that demonstrate success in these areas, CMS shares savings generated with the providers. Millennium has been a part of the ACO program since 2013 and invested in our care teams to help manage the complete health needs of our patients. With this focus on the patient, Millennium has achieved national recognition as one of the top five ACOs in the country!

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

Our incredible physicians, advanced providers and health care team. The foundation of Millennium is a physician based organization focused improving the health of our patients. We strive for a culture of excellence.

Our focus on the patient engagement. We understand that our patients have a choice in choosing their health care provider. We are very focused on ensuring that our patients have the best experience from the time they make an appointment, to the office or hospital visit, to the ongoing care management to support their health and wellness.

Our ability to connect our patients to the appropriate health care setting whether it be in our offices, other providers in the community, hospitals, home health, skilled nursing facilities, etc. As the primary care physicians for over 200,000 patients in our community, we welcome the incredible responsibility of managing the comprehensive health care needs of our patients.

WHO AM I?

NAME: Kevin Kearns

TITLE AND COMPANY: Chief executive officer, Millennium Health Care

YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 2

YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA OR YEARS IN COUNTY: 40

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Health Care

EDUCATION: B.S., College of William and Mary, M.B.A., University of South Florida

HOMETOWN: Fort Myers

What are things you'd like to change about your industry now?

Many times, the health care industry makes it so difficult on the patients. Going to see the doctor may not be very convenient and often can be an anxious time for patients, family members, and care givers. Waiting for an appointment or a test result only adds to the anxiety. With technology, we have seen tremendous improvements in the banking, travel, shopping and other industries. Consumers are used to doing research on the internet at all hours and getting immediate responses. Although making some progress, health care in general has not moved near as fast as other "service industries." At Millennium, we are very focused on making health care easier for our patients.

As patients become more involved in their health care choices (like they have done with banking, travel and shopping), there will also be the opportunity to become more responsible for key decisions that can improve the quality and cost of their health care. For example, using smartphones to respond to health reminders (e.g., taking prescription medications, ensuring to get their annual wellness visit), fitness programs, nutritional needs, will lead to healthier outcomes, better management of chronic diseases, fewer visits to hospitals and emergency rooms and lower costs to the health care system.

What will you base your success on for 2018?

As the health care system continues the transformation from a payment system based to volume to that of value, our success will largely be measured on the quality of the care we deliver, which includes patient experience, and our ability to ensure that the patient receives the care in the best possible setting.

How are you using technology to improve your business?

Technology is becoming a large part of health care. It's not just the state-of-the-art machines within the offices or our Imaging Centers. It's technology that impacts and changes the lives of our patients. Within the last decade all health care systems and physician practices were required to implement an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system. In the last few years, we have seen where an online Patient Portal has taken the forefront. It allows for patients to manage their health

information, message their Providers, refill prescriptions and view lab or test results. It provides 24/7 access to your provider and we're seeing that once our patients access it that they truly do like the convenience it brings. Within the last year, Millennium has launched innovative initiatives to assist our patients and providers in their care including:

Skip the Line - Our "Skip-The-Line" feature allows patients to easily get an appointment at one of our Walk-in Medical Centers. Patients can visit our website, see current wait times and sign up for a time that is convenient for them. The technology will send a text when it is time for the patient to arrive, which cuts down on the wait times for patients. We know if our patients need to visit a walk-in that they aren't feeling well and need to see a doctor quickly. Our job is to make it easier for them to get to the doctor.

Online lab appointments - We know our patients like to schedule their lab appointments online, which allows them to book appointments for times that work with their busy schedules, so we were happy to launch this new technology on our website earlier this year.

Online registration / early check-in for appointments - We've also launched new technology that allows patients to check-in

online before their appointment. Similar to how a customer may check-in early for an upcoming flight, the technology cuts down on paperwork and registration process in the offices. Patients are able to check right in for their appointment and from recent positive feedback we know our patients really like this added convenience!

Tele-Medicine - Millennium is currently piloting tele-medicine for how we can roll out this new service to our patients in the next few months. Tele-medicine continues the trend where if a patient needs to speak to a health care provider — no matter if it's at midnight — you can reach a health care provider 24/7. Health care continues to change and patients want new technology and convenience that work for them.

Technology will continue to be a large part of health care moving forward. It's a large part of our everyday lives now so it makes sense for it to be in the health care field.

How are you growing and developing your employee skills?

Growing and developing our employees' skills is a core part of our business, but recently we've been looking at ways to streamline the processes for our team. We've hired a director of health care learning and development for Millennium. Her role will be to foster employee talent and professional growth, as well as align all of the various training offerings under the banner of Millennium University. We are so excited about the launch of our Millennium University program for our team and providers.

How are you recruiting new talent into your organization?

We are focused on always recruiting top talent to Millennium. We have a team that travels across the United States to recruit top providers to the Southwest Florida area to care for our patients. Our team also works with students who are looking for experience in the health care field with our goal being to hire them at Millennium upon their graduation from medical school or their residency program. We're also focused on hiring our veterans and placing them into roles within our organization. Our human resources department is consistently reviewing qualified candidates for positions within Millennium.

Who is a mentor to you within your industry?

I started my health care career 25 years ago at Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers. I had the privilege to work with Lalai Hamric, the CEO at the time. She always made sure that we kept the patient at the center of focus in this complex, demanding, and sometimes very frustrating, business of health care. She insisted that doing what is right for the patient should always be the foundation for how to run the business. Lalai passed away this past year, however, her mark will forever be left on this community. ■



Kevin Kearns

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— James Hall, communications director for CareerSource Southwest Florida

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related post-hurricane recovery jobs, officials said.

But that fact has played only a minor role in the most startling by-the-numbers economic news in a decade: Unemployment in both the state and its southern regions along the Atlantic and Gulf Coast has reached a 10-year low, according to the Bureau of Labor Market Statistics in the state’s Department of Economic Opportunity, which tracks the numbers.

September figures show Florida at a 4.1 percent unemployment rate, while some counties fell significantly lower: On the southwest coast, Collier and Charlotte counties both show a 3.9 percent unemployment rate with Lee coming in at 3.5 percent.

In Palm Beach County, the September unemployment rate stood at 3.6 percent, down from 5.2 percent a year ago.

“Even with the impact of Irma, the county’s unemployment rate is the lowest since March 2007,” said Steve Craig, president and CEO of CareerSource Palm Beach, commenting in a press release. In contrast, during the recessionary summer of 2010 unemployment reached a high of 11.6 percent in Palm Beach County, and higher than that in Southwest Florida.

“Anytime you get below 4 percent unemployment, you’re really talking full employment, because there are always some people changing jobs for a variety of reasons,” said James Hall, communications director for CareerSource Southwest Florida, a branch of the statewide nonprofit organization created to develop jobs and promote job growth for a five-county region including Hendry and Glades, along with Collier, Charlotte and Lee.

The population of the southwest region is about 1.25 million; Palm Beach County includes about 1.44 million residents.

“We are all very aware of the recession and the bubble-popping housing issue, in which unemployment rose to double figures in some areas, so this is a sign. It says, ‘we have recovered,’” Mr. Hall said.

It’s a sign of something else, too, he added: “The southwest coast is turning into a year-around economy. Yes, there will always be increased hiring for winter visitors, but the numbers show we’re maturing.”

The same is true in Palm Beach County, where the traditional sharp distinctions between “season” and “off-season” in employment and other economic activity is now significantly blurred, said Glenn Jergensen, executive director of the Tourist Development Council, who spoke to *Florida Weekly* earlier in the year.

For businesses all of that means two things, explained Mr. Hall: “One, recruiting is going to be more difficult, and two, when you get to full employment there’s pressure for wages to increase. It also triggers the Feds, who have to decide whether to increase interest rates on loans.”

In spite of hurricanes, algae blooms, and a presidential election season now one year old that created significant caution in some investors, the over-year numbers in Southwest Florida are promising, according to the Regional Economic Research Institute at Florida Gulf



Coast University: Between September 2016 and September 2017, tourist tax revenues in the coastal counties increased 2 percent; taxable sales were up 2 percent; activity at Southwest Florida International Airport was up 11 percent; Southwest Florida gained 9,106 jobs (Palm Beach gained 4,600 new jobs); and the median price of homes in Lee County was up \$29,836.

The RERI report adds this sobering note, however: “The effects of Hurricane Irma could be seen in certain economic indicators for the month of September. These include a 26 percent decrease in building permits and a 29 percent decline in home sales for the coastal counties in September.”

In spite of the rosy numbers, however, some industries still struggle to find skilled workers; in many cases they spend years working with partners in the regions’ various educational institutions to develop training programs that can help meet the needs.

For example, logistics, says Mr. Hall.

The need for individuals skilled in distributing goods nationwide may soon become urgent — and for reasons that, by Mr. Hall’s accounting, reach to the Panama Canal.

Not only that, but filling those jobs would likely be a “game-changing” occurrence in the Florida county with the highest unemployment rate, Hendry at 8.6 percent, as well as for communities in the western flank of Palm Beach County.

“The widening of the Panama Canal allowed huge supertankers to pass through it, but there was no more room to expand in the port of Miami,” he said. “So there are plans to create a huge distribution center somewhere to be determined in Hendry. Goods would be moved there, and from there planes and

trains and trucks would deliver them all over the country. This is a game changer in particular for higher-wage skills such as logistics.

“As the area starts to grow and becomes year-around, and if the inland port notion comes to fruition, we’ll need to pay a lot of skilled people who are good at logistics.”

There are other occupations on the radar, too, including in health care, where registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and especially certified nursing assistants are often in short supply, says Michelle Zech, a human resources business partner in workforce planning for Lee Memorial Health Systems

“We’ve created a CNA program to have funding through our educational partners (including FGCU and Florida SouthWestern State College, among others) who help individuals fill these needs.”

CNAs, for example, are crucial to the comfortable, safe routines of hospital care, working on the floors to assistant nurses — and there aren’t enough of them.

“We’ve found this is a great entrance to a career in health services,” Ms. Zech said. “Our goal is to help these individuals become CNAs, and in many cases to go on from there. Once they work for a year here (at Lee Health) they qualify for tuition reimbursement if they go back to school.”

In which case a number of programs exist to let them become LPNs or RNs.

“My goal is to help create these career paths,” Ms. Zech added — and to fill a sometimes-significant gap in the big economic tapestry that requires skilled workers.

And once created, workers will need affordable places to live.

“Where are the teachers going to live?”

Where are the logistics officers or nurses going to live?” asked Mr. Hall.

Finding affordable housing, especially housing near enough to the workplace to be desirable, can be a huge challenge. In Palm Beach County, for example, Career Source is working to help accommodate some of the roughly 58,000 Puerto Ricans who have arrived in the state since the devastating Hurricane Maria ruined Puerto Rico.

But median home prices in the county run about \$345,000 for single-family homes already standing, which is outpaced by Collier’s \$354,000, and very little affordable housing in sight.

That can make it more difficult to hire skilled workers for many businesses, and it can give Lee County, for example, an advantage, said Mr. Hall.

In Lee, where median home prices were just over \$226,000 last spring (compared to an all-time high of \$298,975 a decade ago before the recession), affordable housing exists in such sections as San Carlos Park, Lehigh Acres and parts of Cape Coral. ■

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By Metropolitan Statistical Area:

>> Lowest unemployment in state: **Gainesville, 3.1 percent**

>> Highest unemployment in state: **Homosassa Springs (Citrus), 4.8 percent**

By County:

>> Lowest unemployment in state: **Okaloosa County, 2.7 percent**

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>> Palm Beach County: **3.6 percent**

>> Charlotte County: **3.9 percent**

>> Collier County: **3.9 percent**

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John Schrenkel

CEO, American Eagle Mortgage

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

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

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What are things you'd like to change about your industry now? Your organization or business?

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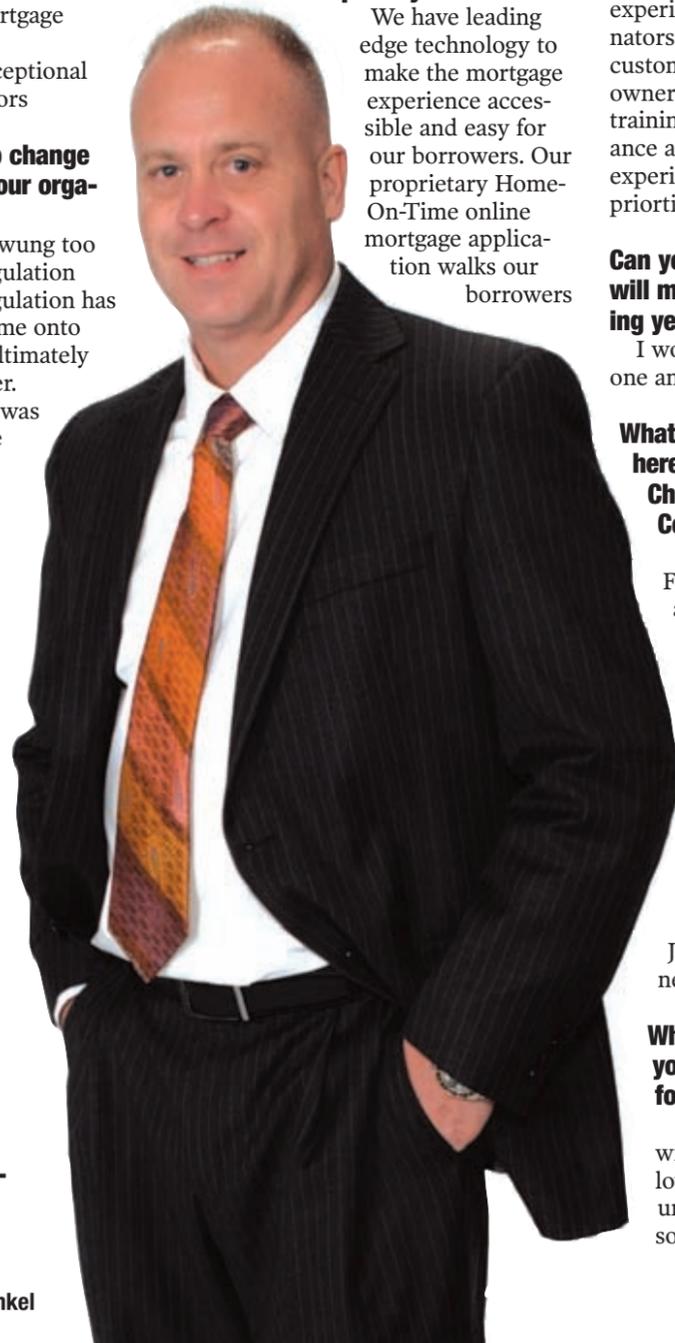
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How are you growing and developing your employee skills?

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

I would have a tough time singling out one and I am proud to say this.

What do you truly love about working here in Lee County/Collier County/Charlotte County/Palm Beach County?

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Who is a mentor to you within your industry?

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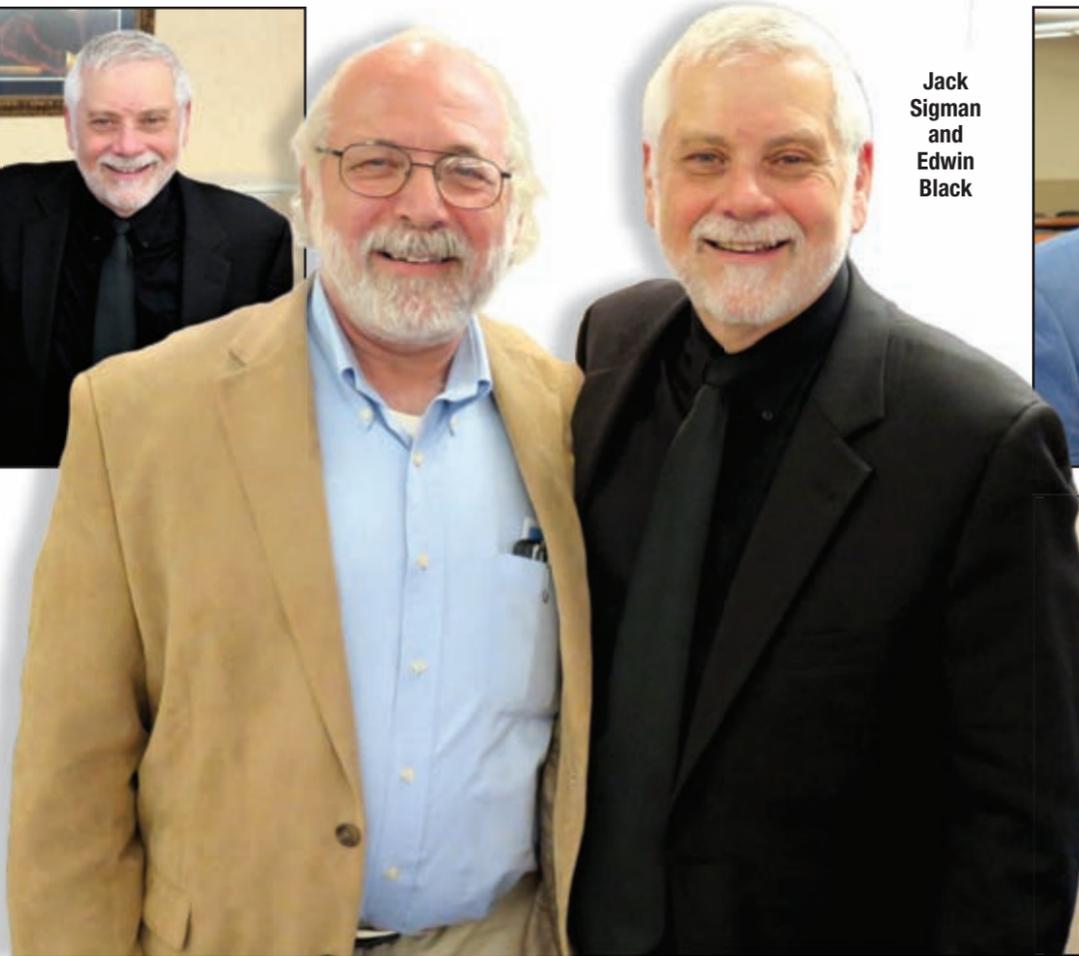
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Due for completion in January 2018, the Valencia will have three bedrooms, a den and 2½ baths in 2,503 square feet of living space.

The Navarra, also on schedule for completion in January, will have three bedrooms and 2½ baths in 2,802 square feet of living space.

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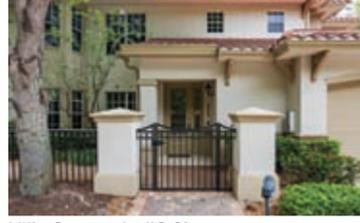
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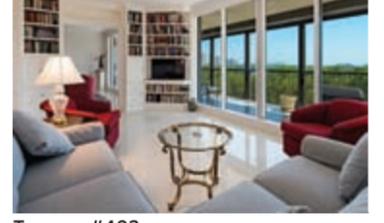
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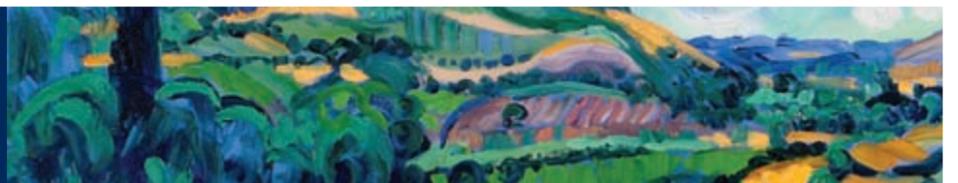


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Ronto's Seaglass high-rise at Bonita Bay tops off

The Ronto Group announced construction of Seaglass, a 26-floor, 120-unit high-rise tower being built by the award-winning developer within Bonita Bay, has topped-off. Ronto expects the building to be completed and ready for occupancy next summer. Three furnished models are expected to be completed and available for viewing by the end of this year. An off-season surge in sales that began in August has continued into November. Sold and pending sales contracts worth \$143 million have been processed and the building is nearing 70% sold.

Robb & Stucky's Susan J. Bleda ASID and Rachelle Porco's sophisticated design for the 804 tower residence model will provide exceptional livability. The 3,088 square foot floor plan includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a den, an open great room, dining area, and island kitchen, terrace space totaling 485 square feet, and a private elevator foyer. Set against a background tone of soft sandy bisque, the color palette will include light creams and whites. Muted accents of frosted glass will be layered with matte gold and silver metallics to evoke a sense of the shimmering sea and wave-smoothed seaglass. Furnishings will be clean-lined with fabrics that include the textural diversity of leather against cotton and linen.

In the living area, Bleda and Porco's plan calls for a 10-foot wide fireplace within a built-out section that will be adorned with glistening wallpaper. The fireplace surround will be clean and contemporary. On either side of the fireplace, thick glass shelving with the look of seaglass will be lighted from above to create display space that can also be muted for softer mood lighting. Two sofas perpendicular to the fireplace will be upholstered in bisque linen. Two easy chairs will face the fireplace, while a 60 x 60-inch cocktail table will make a statement with its heavy glass top again evoking an affinity with seaglass and the sea shore. To highlight the adjacent dining area and create an intimate setting within the larger space, Bleda and Porco have designed a rectangular ceiling structure with recessed lighting and tiered layers for a distinctive look.

The tower residence 306 floor plan offers 3,421 square feet under air and 525 square feet of outdoor covered terrace space. The great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, a large island kitchen and dining area, and a private elevator lobby. The design created by Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar with wine storage. Gaddis has incorporated architectural details in the design, including ceiling and millwork details. Gaddis' design will showcase classic style with a contemporary edge. She will incorporate various wood tones, mixing light and dark for eclectic charm, and her color palette will be based on cool matte blue grays. The flooring will be a warm wood tone.

The wall tones in the living areas will be clean gray. A ceiling design in the dining area and kitchen will incorporate a double-step detail with drywall beams. The dining area between the kitchen and great room will feature a rectangular table that will seat eight. The kitchen will present a fresh aura with light counter-tops. The great room will feature another ceiling detail in a checkerboard style and multiple seating areas. A fireplace clad in marble will provide the focus for the television viewing area. Sliders will open to a terrace where the owners will enjoy the views and an al fresco Florida lifestyle.



Above: Construction of the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower being built by The Ronto Group has topped-off and is on schedule for completion next summer. Three furnished Seaglass models are expected to be open by the end of this year. Left: The outdoor spaces included with the Seaglass tower residences offer an opportunity to merge the indoor and outdoor living experience while providing spectacular views of Southwest Florida's fabled sunsets. Below: The expansive open-concept living spaces in the Seaglass tower residences include tall windows that maximize the view corridors in each residence.

This generous space will accommodate a grill zone with a dining table and chairs for six and a conversation lounge area with an L-shaped sectional sofa and a round cocktail table.

The tower residence 605 floor plan offers 2,889 square feet plus 464 square feet of covered outdoor terrace space. The open-concept plan features a private elevator lobby. A gallery hallway leads from the foyer to a living area with a great room, gourmet kitchen, dining area, and a sitting area. The great room, dining area, and the owner's suite open to a terrace with spectacular views. The plan includes two guest bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. The designers transformed one of the guest room spaces into a study.

Cinnabar Design's Diana Hall, ASID and Laurie Walter, ASID have taken their 605 design inspiration from the name of the high-rise tower. With a palette of tonal neutrals and the liberal use of sea glass aqua and beige accents, the residence will provide a framework for the views. The designers' plan includes a contemporary approach to create a sense of anticipation from the private elevator foyer, through the hallway, and into a great room with west-facing views. The flooring will be light Italian porcelain with a tracing of



pale gray. In the great room, the designers envision a semi-circular sectional done in textured soft beige fabric and accented with sea glass toned pillows. They also plan to include a Lucite and glass cocktail table to anchor the space. The shape of the sofa will allow 270-degree views of the surrounding area. Two rounded back swivel chairs are planned to be set with a small table by the west window to allow

sunset viewing. The feature wall will be designed to include a custom wood built-in and will incorporate a low media console in driftwood beige and white lacquer finish.

Visit the Seaglass Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com. ■

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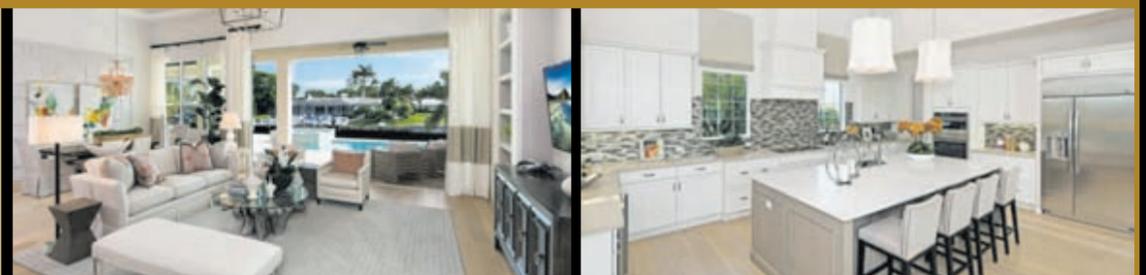
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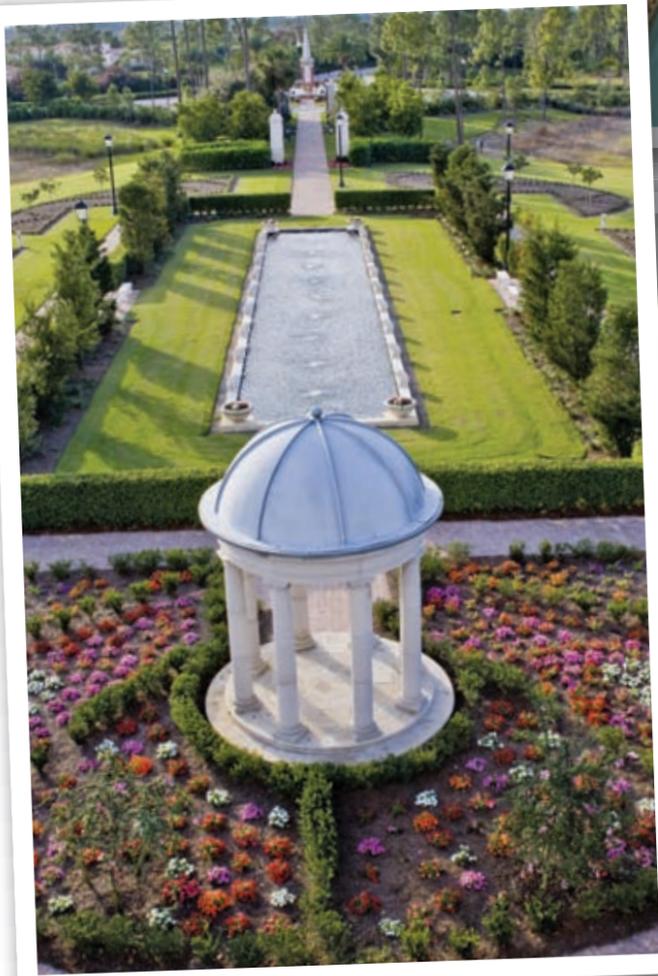
My first visit to the neighborhoods at Mediterra

As I shared with you last week, I've been searching for a new home set in a community that will provide a setting where I can live life the way that I choose to live it. After looking for a while, a friend suggested I check out London Bay Homes' Mediterra community on Livingston Parkway in North Naples. Well, I did visit Mediterra. It's a beautiful place with every amenity on my checklist, including a private, residents-only, 10,000 square-foot club on Little Hickory Island with indoor and al fresco dining. After my first visit, I told my Sales Executive, Lisa, that I would be back to look at Mediterra's home sites and model home choices. I must tell you, there's a lot to look at – over 60 sites, models, and fully furnished move-in ready homes. That brought a smile to my face. No other community I had visited offered so many choices!

Lisa introduced me to Mediterra's newest neighborhoods, all of which are being developed and built by London Bay Homes. We started in the Caminetto neighborhood,

the newest of the Lake District neighborhoods developed by London Bay. As we drove through Caminetto, I was struck by the way it is so peacefully integrated with its natural surroundings. It's as if life in Caminetto celebrates the neighborhood's exquisite views of glistening sapphire fountained lakes and nature preserves along with lovely short walks to the Parterre Garden, a picturesque sanctuary of formal gardens, sitting areas, and a large reflecting pond with waterspouts. It's a place with a very intimate feeling that felt comfortable to me. After taking it in, I asked Lisa about the price point. It turned out that luxurious single-family villa homes are priced from the high \$1-millions to the upper \$2-millions. If you ask me, that's a great value given what Mediterra offers and the caliber of London Bay's architectural and interior designs. Just so you know, buildable home sites and two completed furnished model homes are available within Caminetto. A third model is planned.

The Cabreo neighborhood was next on our tour. I found out Cabreo's maintenance-free single-family luxury villas range from 2,800 to 3,200 square feet under air and are priced from \$1 million. More importantly to me, the neighborhood showcases a rustic Mediterranean style with fine appointments, including grand entrances, ornate stone details, barrel tile roofs, and cobblestone brick paved driveways. The architectural designs feature open, flowing floor plans, interior and exterior arches, tall ceilings, and rich finishes. The streetscape is single-loaded and the home sites measure 65 to 70 feet by approximately 130 feet with golf course, lake, and nature preserve views. Equally impressive, Cabreo is situated adjacent to Mediterra's 1.2 miles of landscaped



Top: London Bay Homes' furnished Capriano model in Lucarno at Mediterra reflects the contemporary designs the luxury homebuilder is introducing within the community. More than 60 purchase opportunities remain available. Above Left: Mediterra showcases numerous finely manicured gardens that offer ideal places for relaxing and moments of quiet reflection. Above Right: The Carmela model in Caminetto at Mediterra features a transitional interior design with soft contemporary influences.

walking trails and within comfortable walking distance of the community's gardens. I'll be visiting the three completed furnished models that are available in Cabreo. Lisa told me a fourth model is planned.

When we visited London Bay's Lucarno neighborhood, I was struck by the double-loaded, one-way cobblestone streets, rich terra cotta and rustic stone appointments, sparkling lakes, glorious gardens, and majestic fountains that create a distinctive European feeling. So, was this another one of Mediterra's long-established Mediterranean neighborhoods? Not at all. From what I saw, Lucarno's custom villa homes are a triumph of space and design and offer an uncommon level of versatility. Outdoor balconies, private patios, covered loggias, and courtyards all flow seamlessly into classic contemporary indoor spaces waiting to be experienced. The interiors reflect London Bay's updated sense of elegance that is confident enough to allow comfort and livability to move to the forefront rather than keeping them in the background and subservient to the heaviness of traditional

Mediterranean styles. For me, London Bay's approach to maintenance-free one and two-story single-family villa design blends the splendor of Naples with the intimacy of the Old World. I was intrigued and asked Lisa to tell me more about it. She told me Lucarno will showcase 71 lakeside villa homes ranging from 2,900 to over 4,000 square feet priced from \$1.5 million. Buildable home sites and two completed furnished models are available.

After Lucarno, Lisa and I visited Mediterra's Cortile neighborhood. For me, it captures the élan of an idyllic Mediterranean coastal village while offering close proximity to every amenity within the community. Even so, it exudes the feeling of being a world apart. It's a neighborhood that will include eighteen 4,200 to 7,000+ estate residences and twenty-eight 3,100 to 6,200 square foot villa homes when it's finished. Lisa assured me that estate and villa home sites with golf course, lake or preserve views and two com-

pleted furnished models are available in Cortile and that two additional models are under construction. Yea for me! Plenty of choices! From what Lisa showed me during our first home tour, London Bay has set a new standard for sophisticated design and luxurious living in Cortile. Spacious, unrestrained floor plans offer extensive architectural detailing, unique accents, rich finishes, luxurious options that come standard, tumbled stone drives, grand entries, multiple courtyards, and secluded patios. Estate home sites in Cortile are priced from \$875,000 to \$1.35 million and accommodate residences 4,200 to more than 7,000 square feet.

Wondering what the models in each neighborhood are like? Stay tuned – I'll let you know what I find out!

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VENICE B	2/2.5	2,230 SF	was \$447,180	NOW \$382,180
SAN MARCO B	3/3	2,919 SF	was \$474,760	NOW \$409,760
VENICE B	2/2.5	2,230 SF	was \$433,175	NOW \$418,175
SAN MARCO B	3/3	2,919 SF	was \$499,385	NOW \$434,385
VENICE B furnished	2/2.5	2,230 SF	was \$509,990	NOW \$454,990

SIGNATURE CLUB COACH HOMES

WENTWORTH	2/2.5	2,091 SF	was \$472,990	NOW \$417,990
WENTWORTH	2/2.5	2,091 SF	was \$485,675	NOW \$425,675
WENTWORTH	2/2.5	2,091 SF	was \$521,710	NOW \$436,710

SIGNATURE CLUB COACH HOMES

WENTWORTH	2/2.5	2,091 SF	was \$524,090	NOW \$439,090
ST ANDREWS SOLD	3/3.5	2,743 SF	was \$666,755	NOW \$576,755
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NAPOLI	2/2	1,855 SF	was \$484,260	NOW \$444,260
CAPRI	3/2	2,107 SF	was \$501,350	NOW \$461,350
SAN REMO III	2/2	1,809 SF	was \$693,685	NOW \$618,685
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• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms + Den
\$929,900 MLS 217029133
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BONITA BAY - LAUREL RIDGE

NEW PRICE



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10048 GINGER POINTE CT., ESTERO
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• Natural Gas Fireplace, Large Lanai, Pool/Spa
\$849,000 MLS 217051907
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22211 KENWOOD ISLE DR., ESTERO
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• Pool/Spa, Paver Deck, Quiet & Private
\$675,000 MLS 217027938
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TIBURON - CASTILLO



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\$549,000 MLS 217050017
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\$539,000 MLS 217018341
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BONITA BAY



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25961 NESTING CT. #101, BONITA
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BONITA BAY - GREENBRIAR



OPEN 11/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4115 BAYHEAD DR. #203, BONITA
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14071 TIVOLI TER., BONITA
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ROOKERY POINTE



OPEN 11/12 1:00PM - 4:00PM

20391 ROOKERY DR., ESTERO
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20280 BURNSIDE PL. #1204, ESTERO
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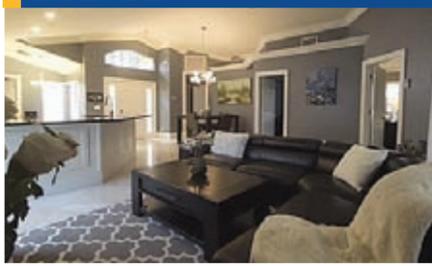
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26479 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
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3080 LAUREL RIDGE CT., BONITA
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS NEW PRICE



ESTERO
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26836 WYNDHURST CT. #101, BONITA
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MEADOWS OF ESTERO NEW LISTING



ESTERO
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 • 3 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, 2-Car Garage
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HAWTHORNE



BONITA
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 • Tile & Wood Floors, Granite, SS Kitchen
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ESTERO
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ADVERTORIAL

FrontDoor Communities' new Messina Coach Home model opens in Corsica at Talis Park

FrontDoor Communities' furnished Messina model is now available for viewing and purchase in Talis Park's Corsica Coach Home neighborhood. It is the second completed, furnished coach home model in Corsica; the award-winning, previously sold Sienna model remains open for viewing. Unfurnished coach homes are available for purchase and immediate occupancy, with additional move-in ready residences scheduled for completion this month.

Located at 16372-102 Corsica Way, the 2,532-square-foot under air, first-floor model features interior design by Allied ASID interior designers Jean Losier and Christina Rosolia of Clive Daniel Home. The model exudes relaxed sophistication with a color palette of soft gray, white and accents of sea glass blues and greens, a soft backdrop, unique ceiling and wall details, and natural elements throughout.

With three bedrooms and 3.5 baths, the Messina features a private arrival courtyard entry, light-filled open concept living areas, a chef-style kitchen and a gathering room. The lanai expands from the main living area to the private owner's suite. The easy flow of the Messina's open floor plan contributes to the remarkable livability and comfortable ambiance presented by first-floor residences. The Messina is offered at \$959,900 including furnishings, builder upgrades, and Talis Park Initial Sports membership.

FrontDoor Communities' Coach Homes at Corsica is an enclave of 64 exquisitely designed and spacious residences in 16 two-story buildings with four residences per building. Its Santa Barbara architec-

tural style presents three different front elevations set on Corsica's gently curving streetscape that showcases Talis Park's signature lush landscaping. Residences may be customized to suit buyer preferences including optional den/study, and outdoor kitchens with built-in gas grills on the lanai, choices rarely offered in luxury coach home residences. An onsite design consultant and finish selection center assist with further personalization.

FrontDoor Communities is a leading Southeast homebuilder and community developer led by a team of proven professionals with more than 25 years of industry experience.

Talis Park's new-fashioned, "come-as-you-are" atmosphere encourages homeowners to live the best versions of their lives among exclusive privacy and service that is second to none.

The award-winning community now offers complimentary on-demand trips to Vanderbilt Beach via its exclusive new beach shuttle, a Mercedes Sprinter named the Beach Runner.

Residents Brian & Laurie McArdle commented, "When we found Talis Park, everybody was so friendly and there just seems to be so much to do. It's more about a whole lifestyle than just a place to live. It's just always a good time. People are friendly; it's beautiful surroundings.



Above: The easy flow of the Messina's open floor plan contributes to the remarkable livability and spacious, comfortable ambiance presented by the first-floor residences. Left: The Santa Barbara architectural style of FrontDoor Communities' Corsica Coach Homes presents three different front elevations set on Corsica's gently curving streetscape that showcases Talis Park's signature lush landscaping.

What's not to like?"

Life in Talis Park revolves around the 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 dining, two fitness studios, spa, wine room, resort-style pool with spacious pool deck and rotunda, and more. Comfortable outdoor gathering areas make Vyne House a perfect place to enjoy time with friends, while the

nearby Casa Cortese sports pub is a great spot for sports enthusiasts.

Corsica residents also enjoy easy access to Talis Park's Sports Complex with six Har-Tru tennis courts, tennis pro shop, two-lane lap pool, and playground.

Visit Talis Park's Garden House Information & Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Rd., call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com.

Brief neighborhood video available at: <https://youtu.be/okiFOuSttxM>

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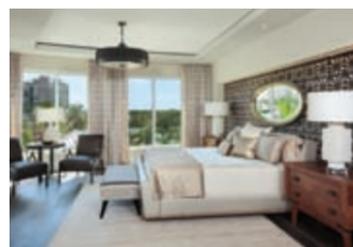
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ADVERTORIAL

Lakoya neighborhood at Lely Resort on verge of sellout: move-in ready homes available

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

Only a select few Lakoya homebuyers will be able to take advantage of this lifestyle as sell out of the neighborhood nears.

"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, which features gentle undulations and tree-lined fairways.

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.

From the Topaz Series, The San Remo III is a single-story great room style home featuring two bedrooms, two baths, plus a study, and a spacious master suite. The San Remo III offers homebuyers 1,809 square feet of living area in an open and breezy floor plan with plenty of space to enjoy a casual Florida lifestyle.

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 across The Classics Championship Golf Course. The Wentworth is move-in ready and priced at only \$417,990.

The Tasori neighborhood of coach homes is located within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely's three championship golf courses. It also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach



Top: Tasori coach homes. Right: The San Remo III. Below Left: Twin villas at Lakoya. Below Right: Signature Club coach homes. Bottom: Players Club at Lely Resort.

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. Move-in ready homes are available for just \$344,990.

Lely Resort residents have access to Naples most comprehensive amenities package.

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

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.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio and a "spin" room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment. The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

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.

Lely Resort Realty is now located at 8038 Signature Club Circle Bldg 8-102, Naples, FL 34113. Visit www.stockdevelopment.com or call 239-793-2100. ■

ADVERTORIAL

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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ADVERTORIAL

Stock Signature Homes offers furnished models & move-in ready homes

New models now open at Fiddler's Creek

Stock Signature Homes has a vast array of beautifully furnished models and move-in ready homes available for homebuyers throughout Southwest Florida. Among them are the recently opened models in the Marsh Cove neighborhood at Fiddler's Creek.

Stock's secluded enclave is within the Marsh Cove Community. It consists of 50 homesites along two intimate cul-de-sacs. More than half of the homesites offer water views.

"These are two beautifully furnished models in a phenomenal neighborhood," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Signature Homes. "A third model is under construction and will be open before the end of the year. Two inventory homes are also in permitting and scheduled to start in December."

Stock's offerings in Marsh Cove include seven single-family custom estate floor plans. These residences feature three and four bedrooms plus a study and range from 2,812 to over 3,600 square feet of air-conditioned living space. The homes offer three-car garages and multiple outdoor living areas overlooking the lakes and fairways of the Arthur Hills-designed Creek Course. The base price for Stock's homes at Marsh Cove begin at \$749,990, plus lot. Homesite prices range from \$25,000 to \$425,000.

The Madison II plan includes 3,054 square feet under air and a 856-square-foot outdoor living area. The great room, island kitchen and dining area open to the outdoor space that can include a fireplace, outdoor kitchen, pool and spa. The plan also features three bedrooms, a fourth bedroom or bonus room, a study, four full baths, a half-bath, and a three-car garage. The furnished Madison II model has an interior by Soco Interiors.

The Belfield plan includes a great room, optional wet bar, island kitchen and breakfast nook that open to a large outdoor living area that can include a fireplace and outdoor kitchen. It also includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, and a three-car garage. The Belfield model features an interior designed by Clive Daniel Home.

Stock Signature Homes also offers several other extraordinary opportunities for homebuyers in the area.

Stock's Majestic II is located in Esplanade Golf and Country Club of Naples, a beautiful golf course community. The company is also putting the finishing touches on a new furnished Regency Manor model, which will debut within a few weeks.

The Majestic II four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Outside the brick paver driveway leads to a courtyard area in front of the attached, side-loaded, three-car garage, which offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at \$1,549,990.



Top: The Marigold great room.
Above Left: The Majestic II exterior.
Above Right: The Polynesia exterior.
Left: The Madison II exterior. Below:
Fiddler's Creek golf.

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

Stock recently released phase II of its neighborhood there with home and homesite prices from \$1 million. Stock is offering four floor plans from its Magnolia Collection. Situated on 90-foot home sites, the residences range from 3,578 to 3,972 square feet.

The Sand Dollar Award-winning Marigold's superb floorplan includes 3,578 square feet under air plus a covered lanai measuring 1,062 square feet. It features an exquisite interior design by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS. It is priced at \$1,535,985.

Stock's most popular plan at The Isles of Collier Preserve is The Cocoplum. This exquisitely furnished model showcases an interior by Soco's Daniel Kilgore. The

3,641 square feet residence includes 1,004 square feet of covered lanai space.

On spectacular Marco Island, Stock Custom Homes has completed its furnished Polynesia model. The 3,903-square-foot, two-story Polynesia features an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore. The open concept plan includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, an upstairs loft, a three-car

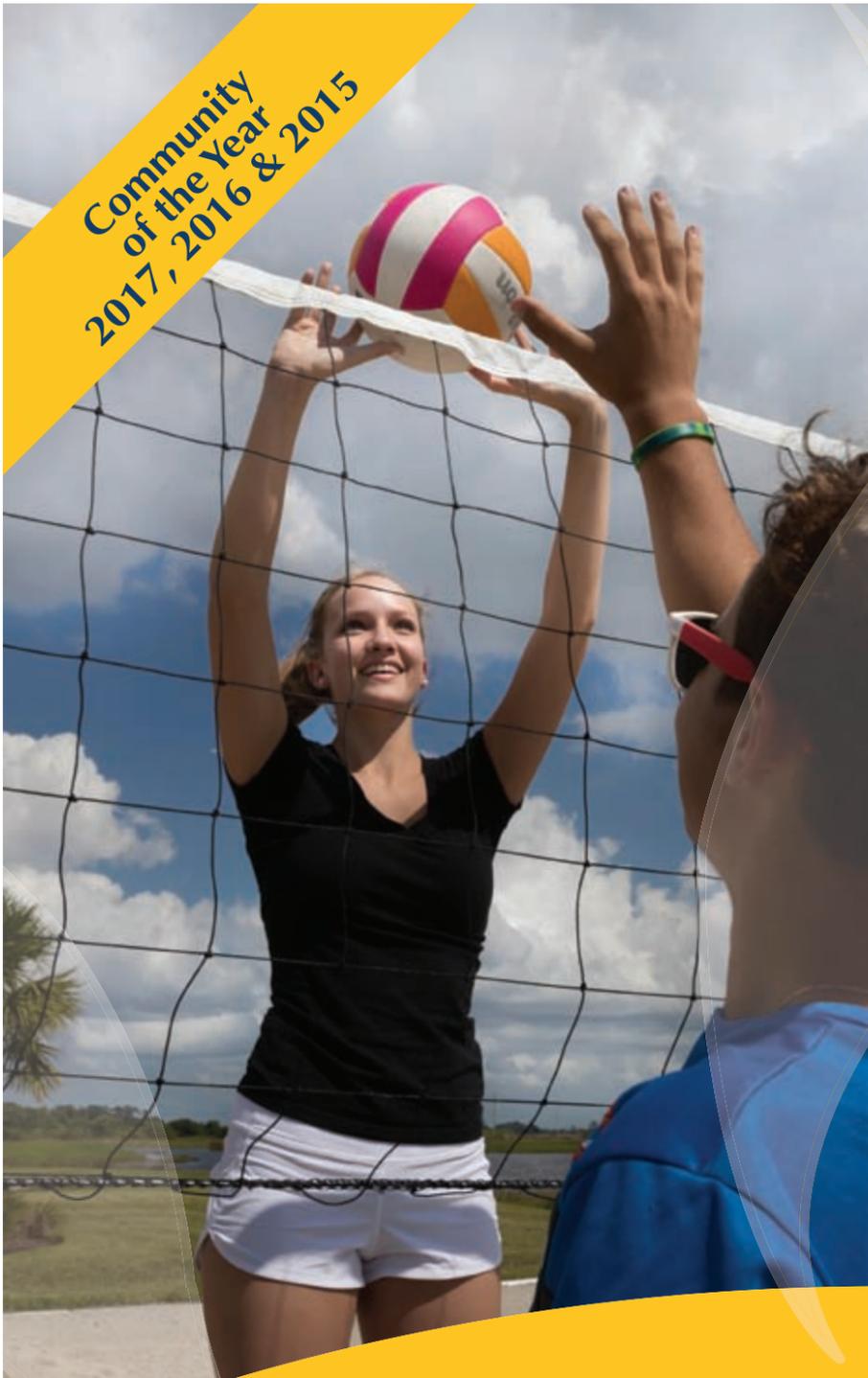
garage, and an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa. The Polynesia model is priced at \$2.895 million.

Please join us this weekend for a tour of Stock Signature Home's furnished models and move-in ready homes!

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So is the community's amenity-rich lifestyle. It's 70,000-square-foot clubhouse, with casual and formal dining, glass-enclosed heated swimming pool, and lounge areas, is undergoing a major expansion and renovation, part of which has already been completed. That includes the opening of its new two-story, 12,000-square-foot fitness and wellness center with state-of-the-art exercise equipment and rooms for yoga, Pilates, spinning classes and cardio workouts.

Phase II of the initiative, which includes a new golf pro shop and an expansive indoor/outdoor seating area, is scheduled to be completed by January. Enhancements to the Lakes golf course, one of two 18-hole championship golf courses within the community, is expected to be completed by year's end.

Now, in a rare opportunity, the public can experience Quail West and tour its furnished models during its Estates of Excellence Open House on Saturday and Sunday. The hours are from noon to 4 p.m.

The newest home on the tour is Stock's Cristale.

The Cristale is a four-bedroom plus library/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,427 square feet under air and 7,190 total square feet, including two, two-car garages with a porte-cochere and motor court.

The grand estate also features a parlor greeting area, a formal dining room, a double-island kitchen and family room, a master bedroom with its own covered lanai, and an outdoor living area measuring 876 square feet and featuring a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool, and spa, all overlooking the golf course and lake beyond.

The Cristale features an interior by Laurie Walter, CEO and Diana Hall, President of Cinnabar Design. The interior's transitional design includes traditional lines and cool white and off-white backgrounds with pops of sea blue, navy, and aqua. Flooring throughout the living areas are medium toned cerused European oak.

It is priced at \$3,580,105, fully furnished.

Other estate home models included on the tour or available for immediate purchase were built by Southwest Florida's most respected builders including, Diamond Custom Homes, Florida Lifestyle Homes, Fox Custom Homes, London Bay Homes, Seagate Development Group and Stock Signature Homes.

Diamond Custom Homes' two-story, 5,541-square-foot Magnolia estate model, with four bedrooms plus library/four-and-a-half-baths, presents an interior by Lusia "Lou" Shafran, principal designer/CEO at Pacifica Interior Design. It is priced at \$3,695,000, fully furnished.

Fox Custom Homes' Casa Bellissima is a two-story, four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath estate model with 5,669 square feet of living area. Clive Daniel Home was responsible for its interior design. It is priced at \$3,399,000, fully furnished.



Top: The two-story Magnolia model, by Diamond Custom Homes, features four bedrooms plus a library. Above Left: Seagate Development Group's Pine Valley estate home model has an incredible outdoor living area. Right: The just completed Cristale model, with furnishings by Cinnabar Design, is priced at \$3,580,105. Below Right: London Bay Homes' Avignon estate home model has more than 5,600 square feet of living area. Bottom: McGarvey Custom Homes' Southampton estate home model is due to be completed in early February.

London Bay Homes' Avignon estate model, with four bedrooms, a study, five full-baths and one half-bath, offers 5,895 square feet of living area and features an interior by Romanza Interior Design. It is priced at \$4,975,000, fully furnished.

Seagate Development Group's 5,727-square-foot Pine Valley estate home, with four bedrooms, four-and-a-half-baths, and a detached one bedroom casita, has interior design by Freestyle Interiors. It is priced at \$4,295,000, fully furnished.

In addition to the Cristale, Stock has several other homes available for immediate purchase, including the Sophia II and the Atherton.

The Sophia II, which recently sold, is a four-bedroom/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,855 square feet under air and more than 8,100 total square feet, including two two-car garages. Daniel Kilgore of Soco Interiors is responsible for the model's relaxed coastal contemporary design. It is priced at \$3,977,490, fully furnished.

The Atherton is a four-bedroom/four full-bath/two half-bath home with 4,554 square feet under air and nearly 7,000 total square feet, including two two-car garages. Charlotte Horvath of Soco Interiors was the mastermind behind the estate home's perfectly crafted design. It is priced at \$3,266,980, fully furnished.

Florida Lifestyle Homes has an incredible move-in ready home available and

it overlooks the golf course. The Casa Kam is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath plan with 3,538 square feet under air and 5,984 total square feet, including a three-car garage. Unfurnished, it is priced at \$1,390,000.

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of any new home.

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Outlook strong for commercial

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Commercial prices will plateau and might fall in large markets, but secondary markets will experience sustained demand and stable real estate prices in the year ahead, Lawrence Yun, National Association of Realtors chief economist, predicts.

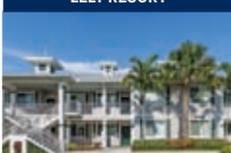
Buyers and sellers could be at odds over price, however, he added.

“The commercial market should expect a standoff between buyers and sellers over price in the next year, which could lead to fewer transactions. Buyers cannot offer low cap rates because of rising interest rates, and sellers cite the strong economic climate as a reason for high prices. Furthermore, vacancy is falling, yet construction

has been lagging because of worker shortages,” Mr. Yun said.

Overall, he added, the market is healthy; commercial property prices rose 90 percent in the last seven years, but recent headwinds are developing some ambiguity. He expects GDP to come in around 2.2 percent for the year and to expand to 2.8 percent overall in 2018, as long as job growth remains solid and construction picks up in both residential and commercial sectors. National office vacancy rates are forecast to remain fixed over the coming year with rent rising at 2.5 percent per year. The vacancy rate for industrial and retail space are expected to also remain stable with rent rising slowly at 4 percent and 2 percent, respectively. ■

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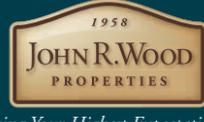
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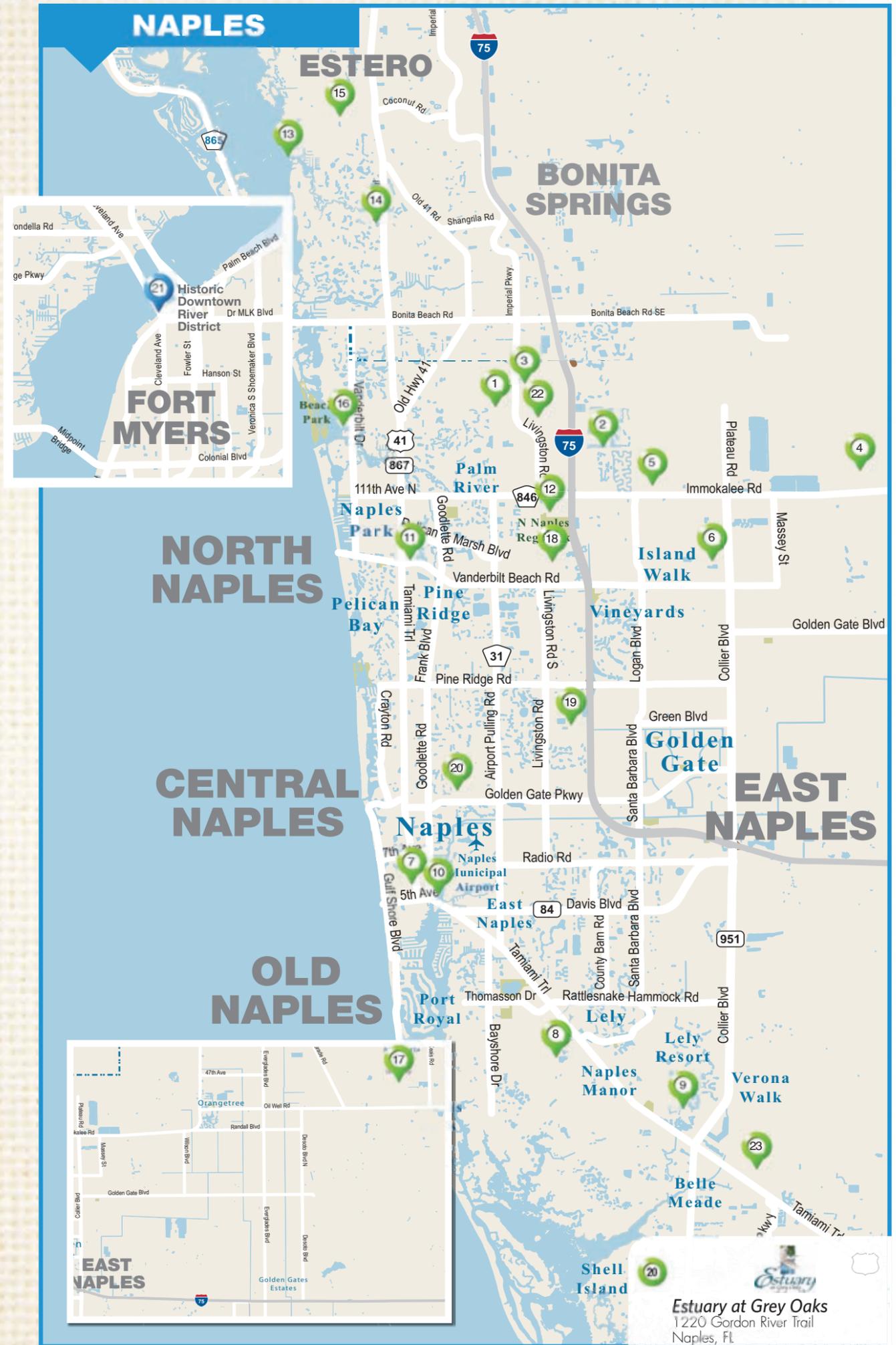
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ADVERTORIAL

AQUA models sell the promise of a luxury lifestyle

Designers carefully curate model residences in ways far beyond staging

When potential buyers tour a model luxury residence in AQUA at Pelican Isle in Naples, Fla., they may sit on the sofa, turn on the ballgame or grab a bottle of water from the fridge. Those are just some of the homey touches that make a model unit feel “lived in” and help make a sale.

“You want customers to daydream a little bit. Everyone always buys what they see,” says Darline Hillard, director of sales at AQUA at Pelican Isle, the waterfront two-tower, 13-story luxury-condominium community with residences ranging from \$1.995 to \$4.895 million.

“When you see the model, it shows the potential,” she adds.

To close the deal in a competitive condo market, developers carefully curate model units in ways that go far beyond mere staging. Custom-designed closets, one-of-a-kind artwork, designer light fixtures and brand-name luxury goods are strategically chosen to sell the promise of a lavish lifestyle that comes with a luxury apartment.

Condominiums typically sell faster or for more money when potential buyers can see completed models and not just computer renderings viewed online, says AQUA developer Chris Hanlon, who adds he spent “hundreds of thousands” of dollars to outfit three model residences at AQUA. Before the 32 homes in the AQUA Tower II were completed, prospects could see a model unit with wide planked oak floors, Miele kitchen appliances and a spa-like master bath—features that help increase the selling price, says Hanlon. “As models

are delivered, people pay more.”

To target specific demographics, AQUA made sure to create various décor styles, working with three interior designers. In smaller units, pared-down modern furnishings with brighter colors typically appeal to younger buyers, while larger units often use more traditional interiors to draw in buyers who are downsizing from a larger home, says Jerilyn Antonacci, principal at the Antonacci Design Firm, a Naples interior-design firm specializing in new construction.

“We make some assumptions,” says Ms. Antonacci, who adds that the process can take six months and can cost \$100,000 or more.

In some cases, residences were sold as completely unfinished raw space, with the models just an example of what can be done. In other cases, the model unit gives buyers a look at the fixtures and finishes that will be available in all of the units in the building. Some buyers opt to purchased furnished models.

In one unit, carving out a dining area from the main living space increases interest, even if owners skip the formal space, Ms. Antonacci has learned. She often uses light-colored marble in kitchen and bathroom areas.

In each project, she works to highlight the room layout, the use of high-end flooring or extras, such as surround sound or motorized window shades. Furniture and wall colors are somewhat neutral to appeal to a wider swath of potential buyers. “Even if that’s a little boring for you, you are not offended by it,” she says.

Walking through a model may speed up a buying decision because it evokes



feelings of happiness, adds Ms. Hillard. Rather than looking at the unit on paper, the experience of seeing and feeling the various finishes evokes “an emotion that’s going to enter into the buying decision,” she says. While model-unit purchases are not tracked by real-estate services, 31% of buyer’s agents say that staging a home increases its value by 1% to 5%, according to a 2017 survey of 1,894 agents by the National Association of Realtors.

Choosing the right brands to display in the models is key. Potential buyers need to be familiar enough with the designs to feel as if they are walking into their home, says Ms. Hillard.

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 &

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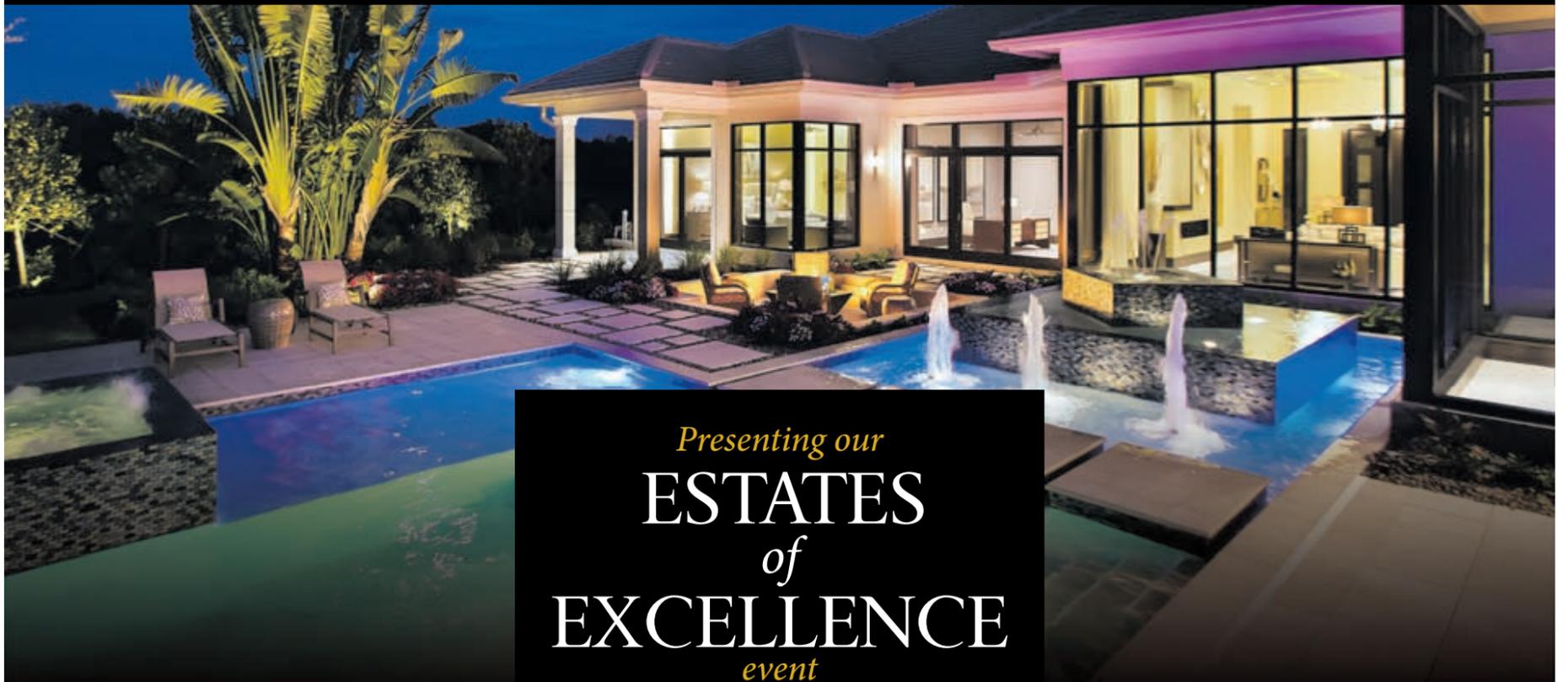
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Costumes recreate
the fabulous '50s in

'Maple and Vine'

BY NANCY STETSON

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IT'S INDISPUTABLE: FROCKS FROM THE '50s ROCK.

There's just a certain appeal to the clothing, even for those who weren't around in that era: the tailored suits, the sculptural silhouettes, the whimsically patterned fabrics.

(The men looked equally dashing, in wingtip shoes and cuffed suit pants, funky patterned ties against crisp

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▲ Top left: Jesse Hughes, Dan Balcalzo (standing), Jessica Walck and Tina Moroni.
Top center: Jessica Walck, Tina Moroni and Jesse Hughes.
Top right: Tina Moroni and Jessica Walck.
Inset: Jesse Hughes and Jessica Walck.

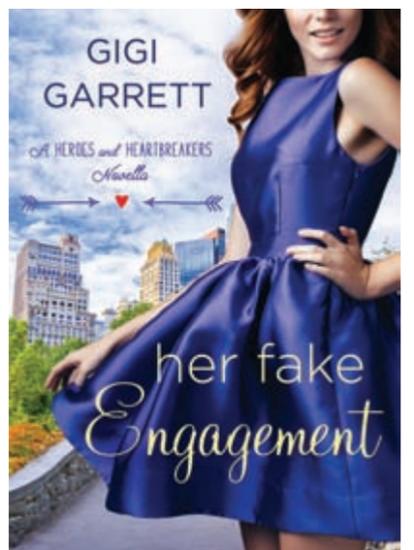
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A special service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and more fun around town. **C26-27** ►



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Film critic Dan Hudak says you'll be hard pressed to find a better time at the movies this year. **C18** ►



"Bozhenna Holds the Dandelion No.2"

Capturing the hope of Belorussian orphans

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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The lost, the abandoned and the innocent — they're all the meek our Judeo-Christian heritage encourages us to champion because as Jesus said, they shall inherit the Earth.

In 2001, American painter Nick Kosciuk unwittingly found himself called to capture the hidden lives of Belorussian orphans — many of whom have parents who relinquished them to the state. "The Butterfly Has Three Lives," an exhibit of portraits he created over the course of 20 trips to the former Soviet state, hangs at East West Fine Art's Bigham Galleria Nov. 16-Dec. 7.

The faces of the orphans stare directly into the viewer's eyes and challenge them with frankness and vulnerability. Their innocence and their suffering — as well as their halos and wings — urge viewers to give them succor as He commanded. Mr. Kosciuk answered the call with almost two decades of individual attention, pretty props, a camera and oil paints.

"You have to understand that these children are thoroughly unwanted. They are deemed oftentimes — even by the staff — as a paycheck," the artist said. "They get no visitors. The idea of a visitor was very, very rare, and a returning visitor was unthinkable."

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FLORIDA WRITERS

A delightful novella about learning to color outside the lines

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■ **“Her Fake Engagement” by Gigi Garrett. St. Martin’s Paperback, 157 pages. Kindle e-book, \$3.99.**

It is a pleasure to meet a talented writer entering new territory. Naples resident Gwendolyn Heasley (Gigi Garrett) made a reputation for her young adult novels, including the remarkable “Don’t Call Me Baby” (2014) reviewed in these pages. Now she fathoms the more complicated depths of women who have extended their single lives for one reason or another.

In “Her Fake Engagement,” Lotti Langerman is approaching 30 with questions about her unsatisfying love life. A successful New York real estate agent, she is attractive and yet not sure of herself. She has established a list of rules to help her navigate the stormy seas of romance. Lotti hopes to avoid mistakes; she’d rather be a bit boring than be caught off-guard, too easily impressed or sending misunderstood signals. Her

friends make fun of her rule-bound existence, but Lotti is determined to avoid reckless spontaneity and play it safe.

But the gambit isn’t quite working.

The events in this delightful, breezy book derive from two situations. One of these is Lotti’s career as an upscale real estate agent. It is her good fortune to meet well-to-do young men on whom she can work her considerable sales skills. Lotti is really good at what she does. She is well prepared, persuasive, good at reading her clients’ personalities and especially good at minimizing their objections to perceived shortcomings about residences and neighborhoods. Readers receive an enjoyable lesson in salesmanship and in the New York real estate scene.

At the same time, they look into the life of an independent woman trying to build a career in the big city. Lotti’s clients include Andrew and Tyler, two young men she explores in her imagination as possible boyfriends — and maybe more. But, of course, one of her rules is to avoid mixing business with pleasure.

Lotti wonders what attracts her to Tyler, whose interests and traits would seem to be red flags warning her to back off. His work as a jewelry designer is especially intriguing, as is his appraisal of an engagement ring Lotti wears — or doesn’t wear — depending upon how she wants to present herself: available



or not.

The second situation feeding the events in Lotti’s life is the frivolous game she plays with her girlfriends. They pretend marriage engagements and put on over-the-top bachelorette parties. Before and even during these parties, Lotti puts up some resistance. Such parties, after all, are a game of abandoning caution — most definitely

not her style. But Elsa May (who plays the game to relax from her marriage), Mia and Jane persuade their friend to play. The conversations leading up to and through the parties are hilarious, though there are arguments along the way.

The dialogue between the friends is uproarious. However, its tones and references will most likely be enjoyed more by female readers rather than by any males who wander into a world only vaguely familiar. That said, gentlemen, I assure you there is much here for you to learn and enjoy.

With caring laughter, the novella details Lotti’s slow conversion from being a woman who lives by a rule sheet to someone more flexible who explores, though with caution, the possibilities of spontaneity and risk-taking. She begins to act on the hope that “everything good is found when you color outside the lines.”

Ms. Garrett’s 2015 self-published romantic novella “Miss Christmas,” available as an e-book, will be released as a Hallmark movie later this year. Whether “Her Fake Engagement” will appear in printed book form depends upon the success of the e-book version. I’m rooting for her. ■

— 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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■ **“It’s a Sin to Tell a Lie” by Jason Miller** - An elderly man and woman meet in their doctor’s waiting room and begin a casual conversation. He’s a would-be poet and she’s a dreamer who fancies that she has had much more in life than she did. As they tell ever more outrageous fibs to each other, the deeper truth of their essential loneliness emerges — and in a very touching way they “find” each other, and the friendship and concern of another human being that they both so desperately needed.

■ **“Postcards” by James Prideaux** - For 30 years, Margaret and Leonardo have sat each day at adjoining desks, writing postcards to famous people, without ever getting any answers. Now, having run out of live personages to write to, they decide to address their



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Madeleine Atkinson, Barbara Bonthron and Casey Cobb are members of ETC... Readers Theatre.

cards to the famous dead. Imagine their consternation when a reply arrives, bringing a poignant revelation of unspoken feelings that have, through all the years, lay dormant beneath the calm surface.

■ **“Fear of Flying” by Jason D. Martin** - A wife must trick her husband into flying to their son’s wedding.

■ **“Life Comes to the Old Maid” Le**

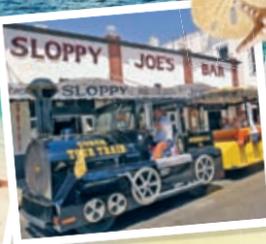
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VINE

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white button-down shirts and a triangle of white handkerchief peeking out of their suit breast pockets.)

Audiences attending The Naples Players' production of "Maple and Vine" feel as if they're stepping back in time. The thought-provoking play is about a modern-day, 21st-century couple who meet some 1950s re-enactors who live as if it's 1955. In fact, their entire gated community lives that way. They call themselves the Society of Dynamic Obsolescence.

The women cook from scratch or, in a pinch, heat up those new TV dinners. There are no cell phones or texting. People dial each other up on a landline or talk face-to-face. There's no cable TV or internet. People read, play charades and dance together to music from the hi-fi.

And of course, day and night, they all wear 1950s fashions.

They look like characters in a Douglas Sirk film.

"I feel as if I walked out of the pages of Vogue," says Jessica Walck, who plays Ellen, one of the re-enactors and head of the community's Authenticity Committee (she's also associate artistic director for the Players). "I feel like a 1950s advertisement, where the wife is drinking a martini and vacuuming the floor while wearing full garb! That's the image I have in my head: the perfect wife. That's what my character's trying to be for (her husband.) It was a fun role to dive into for me."

The 35-year-old Ms. Walck has a special affinity to the '50s. She says when she was growing up, she and her mother loved watching "I Love Lucy" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show" on TV.

And many dresses in her closet today were influenced by the era.

"I always say my body was built for that time. My body was built for that silhouette," she says. "I knew going into this show that I was going to feel beautiful."

When she put on her first navy suit for the show, "I felt like Lucille Ball, who is an idol of mine," she says.

In any theater production, costuming and make-up really help actors get into character, and that was especially true for "Maple & Vine," Ms. Walck says.

"All the costumes help inform your body to fall into that posture in the '50s way. You have to think about your posture and how you sit and how your legs are.

"All the costumes immediately made me stand up straighter and made me feel more feminine," she adds. More so than in other plays she's been in, she says, her outfits for "Maple & Vine" really helped the process."

For example, there's the floral cocktail dress she wears for a dinner party scene — her favorite, she confesses. It's slightly corseted, which helps her posture more. And underneath, unseen, she wears the undergarments of the '50s, to create a more authentic look.

A lot of the women of that time wore long-line bras that reached to their waist, she says, likening the bras, girdles and stockings of the time to "the original Spanx." Women of the '50s were "a whole different animal entirely underneath their clothing. That was how they kept those lines looking the way they wanted them.

"And all the skirts sit on your waist, not your hips, which puts the center of that outfit on a different part of your body."

Ms. Walck, who describes herself as athletic and "very sporty" in real life, says the clothes she wears as Ellen help her express the sophistication



Jesse Hughes, Jessica Walck and James Duggan in a scene from "Maple and Vine."

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and poise that were so typical of '50s women.

"It feels fantastic to wear the clothes," says Tina Moroni, who plays Katha. Her character, the only other woman in "Maple & Vine," has a high-pressure job in today's publishing world and joins the Society of Dynamic Obsolescence with her husband after they meet some members.

"I think it was the gloves that changed the whole thing for me," Ms. Moroni says about her costumes. "As a character, I just feel very put together when I have all those pieces. It's very polished. The gloves, the hat, the undergarments, all the buttons, the shoes — everything, every bit of it goes toward a cumulative aesthetic that transports you right into that time period."

And she's very fond of that era; it was one of the things that drew her to the play in the first place, she says. Like Ms. Walck, she also owns a lot of '50s-inspired clothing. She strategically wore one of her favorites to audition for the role.

"I'm new to the area," she explains. "I thought it'd be easier to imagine me in this part if you saw me in this clothing."

It worked. "When Tina came in to audition, she came in a dress that looked like the '50s style, and as soon as everyone saw it, they said, 'That's the girl we want,'" recalls costume designer Jack Cole.

Like Ms. Walck, Ms. Moroni also sought out original undergarments of the time as part of her wardrobe for the show.

"They hold you in a different way, and everything is meant to create that wonderful kind of hourglass shape," she says. "It's lovely." The '50s, she adds, were "a wonderful period for clothing. Jack really did his job with that one."

Her favorite outfit Katha wears isn't the glamorous evening gown or any of the form-fitting suits she wears, but a housedress she dons for only a very short time. "It's yellow and has a cherry pattern on it," she says. "I love that one. "It's indicative of all the romanticism we think about when we think of the '50s. It's so sweet, so prim. I love wearing it, but I think that's the shortest period of time I wear a costume in the whole show."

Both actresses did have to make one concession, though: They wear pantyhose, which had not been invented when "Maple & Vine" takes place,



Jessica Walck

instead of stockings. With the show's numerous and quick costume changes, stockings and garter belts would simply have taken too much time.

The man behind the outfits

Mr. Cole was very happy to be the costume designer for this show. At 69, he remembers the era firsthand and shared stories from it with the cast, including one about an older cousin, who was 16, walking down the stairs in a skirt that was sticking straight out, because she was wearing 15 petticoats underneath.

And when the men in the cast said something about their pants having cuffs, "I said, 'You have to remember, back in the '50s, about 75 percent of the people smoked. You dumped your ashes in the cuffs of your pants ... I used to see my dad's friends come over, and that's what they'd do, sitting outside on the porch. You'd flick them in, and then when you got off the porch, you'd empty your ashes into the shrubs. But you'd stamp out your cigarette butts in your ashtrays.'"

"Maple & Vine" is an unusually costume-heavy show. It has numerous scenes, and various clothing not only

in the know

'Maple and Vine'

- >> **Who:** The Naples Players
- >> **When:** Through Nov. 19
- >> **Where:** The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Cost:** \$40
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

indicates different locales but also the advancement of time.

"This play has more costume changes than some of the big musicals we put on," Mr. Cole says. "Even the guys have a lot of costume changes, but especially the women."

The Naples Players' costume shop has a wide variety of costumes, organized by decades, including a few '50s outfits that had to be reworked to fit Ms. Walck, who is much taller than the previous actress who'd worn some of the clothing.

And several outfits had to be made from scratch.

"I came up with designs, what I wanted for the day dresses, and the costume shop made them," Mr. Cole says.

His creative process begins with an idea board. He looked online and perused pictures of '50s clothing, hairstyles and accessories: hats, gloves, shoes. From that, he determined what he wanted in terms of color and fabrics.

"You had to keep it simple," he says. "You had cotton. You didn't have all these polyesters."

"That's part of the excitement, to find something that fits with your image. I did drawings of every outfit I wanted to do, and then I had to try and find the fabric to fit the drawing. That was fun."

The process was interrupted by Hurricane Irma, which stole more than a week from production time. Still, the show opened on schedule.

Audiences are responding, and Mr. Cole is thrilled with the positive response.

"People have commented on the costumes, the fabrics," he says. "They can't believe we found stuff that looks like that."

It was certainly a different era for clothing.

"You had to look a certain way," he says. "You had to be neat. There were no Casual Fridays." ■

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Celebrate the everyday – use your finery while you can



The holidays are upon us and with them comes an opportunity to use our nice dishes and silver to celebrate.

But why limit ourselves to the holidays?

When my friend Rand Hoch's parents downsized and moved to Florida, his mother gave him her Royal Doulton china and a set of International Silver's Royal Danish sterling flatware.

For years, these once-cherished objects sat unused in a kitchen cupboard, trotted out for special occasions just as they had in his parents' home.

A few years ago, he lamented to me that he didn't know what to do with that silver or the china — after all, he only used them a couple times and they were taking up space.

My answer? Use them.

He took my advice, got the silver out and began using it for every day. The china gets trotted out on occasion now, too.

A few months ago, he told me that was the best advice I could have given him.

He derives enormous pleasure from using that silver, and with regular use, it has begun to take on a warm patina.

Yes, the service for eight might have a retail value of \$1,200-\$1,500, but most sets of similar quality and vintage wind up being scrapped on the secondary market because no one wants them.

I often point out to readers who ask me what to do with their sets of silver that they should get them out and use them.

Silver that is used regularly does not need heavy polishing. And unless it is a rare antique or something like Georg Jensen or Tiffany, it is easily replaceable. It bears repeating: The next time it appears on the market, it's highly likely that it will be melted down.

I'm reminded of the lesson from Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town." It's the special occasions that we remember, but it's the day-to-day rituals and routines that make us love people and, by association, things.

As I said to Rand, isn't every day that you are able to get up and prepare a meal a day that is worth celebrating?

Many folks don't have that luxury — so why not use your finery?

Get it out and enjoy it while you can. ■



THE FIND:

A Royal Danish pattern sterling gravy ladle

Bought: West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, South Florida Fairgrounds. Next show is Dec. 1-3; www.wpbf.com.

Paid: \$35

The Skinny: International Silver introduced its Royal Danish pattern in 1939 and still manufactures the pattern.

It's a classic that draws on the lines of Georg Jensen's Acorn pattern, and it is a pattern that is elegant for formal dining, but simple enough for everyday use.

This will be a little gift for my friend Rand Hoch, who has his mom's set of Royal Danish and who has done much through his work with the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council to ensure equal housing, employment and access to health care.

Those issues are so vital to Rand and to the rest of the community. Anything else is gravy. ■

Upcoming shows that could be worth a drive

>> **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.wpbantiqueandfleaarket.com.

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

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

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Leading Ladies - By Gulfshore Playhouse through Dec. 10 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 866-811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.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 through Nov. 18 at the Alliance for the Arts. 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 939-2787 or www.artinlee.org.

Pippin - By Broadway Palm Theatre through Nov. 18. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.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. 9-11. 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers. www.brownpapertickets.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.

A Tuna Christmas - By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre Nov. 16-Dec. 25. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

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 11.9

Chi in the Garden - Find your balance when Naples Botanical Garden hosts a morning tai chi session with instructor Karen McNeil at 9:30 a.m. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Travel Talk - Preferred Travel serves cocktails while guests learn about travel offerings by Azamara Club Cruises from 5:30-7 p.m. 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. at Germain Arena. \$35-\$45. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

FRIDAY 11.10

Funny Guy - Comedian Josh Blue performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight and Saturday, Nov. 11. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Lifelong Learning - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a walking meditation with Nora Vanhouten from 2-3 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

Make a joyful noise at Voices of Naples' 15th annual Sing-Along Messiah, where guests can raise their voices alongside the 75-member chorus with professional soloists and chamber orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Naples United Church of Christ. \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance. www.voicesofnaples.org

Festival of the Arts - Silverspot Cinema screens a variety of art films through Thursday, Nov. 16, starting with "Hans Zimmer Live in Prague" at 7 p.m. tonight. Other films include Royal Opera House's "Titus Andronicus," "Il Volo with Placido Domingo: A Tribute to the Three Tenors" and Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn." \$20 general admission, \$35 for wine reception. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

SATURDAY 11.11

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

Lifelong Learning - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on water garden photography from 8-10 a.m. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Christmas Market - Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church hosts its 62nd annual Christmas market with vendors selling jewelry, baked goods, antiques, clothing, collectibles and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 533 Galleon Drive. www.trinitybythecovechristmasmarket.com.

Art Show - Naples Artcrafters hold their monthly juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

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

SUNDAY 11.12

Om in the Garden - Greenmonkey yoga hosts a yoga session from 10-11 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

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. 537-5921.

Blues Fest - Enjoy blues by The Pitbull of Blues Band and Ali and the Alibis along with raffles and to benefit local musician Candace Zona from noon to 8 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 949-1573 or www.promenadeshops.com.

Bridal Blast - Hilton Naples hosts a boutique bridal showcase from 1-4 p.m. with dozens of local wedding vendors. Free for registered brides, \$5 for others. 272-8477 or www.naplesbridalexpo.com.

Strike Up the Band - Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. Free. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

ETC ... Readers Theatre - The Naples Players present readings of five one-act plays centered on the theme "You're Never Too Old To Be Young" at 7 p.m. \$10. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story on page C3.

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

MONDAY 11.13

Free Concert - The Naples Big Band performs a free concert at Cambier Park from 7-9 p.m. 597-3240 or www.naplesbigband.com.

Documentary - The Naples Friends Council of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida presents a screening of the documentary Birthright: A War Story" at 7 p.m. at Naples United Church of Christ. \$25. 5200 Crayton Road. 687-2910 or www.myplannedparenthood.org/events.

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Microcosmos" (Switzerland, 1996) at 7 p.m. A documentary about insect life in meadows and ponds. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 11.14

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.

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 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$130 per person, \$250 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Fiber Arts - Castle Creek Fiber Studio hosts an introductory course on using a rigid heddle loom with renowned weaver Deborah Jorchow from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Thursday, Nov. 16. Loom, lunch and snacks included. \$545, includes loom rental. 3804 Tamiami Trail E. 793-8141.

Lifelong Learning - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on botanical embroidery from 1-4 p.m. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Take A Hike - CREW Land & Water Trust leads free guided walks through its marsh trails from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday through March. 4600 Corkscrew Road. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.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. Her works will be on display until Nov. 18. \$10 suggested donation. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

WEDNESDAY 11.15

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.

Take A Hike - CREW Land & Water Trust leads a free guided walk through its bird rookery swamp trail from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday through March. 1295 Shady Hollow Blvd. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

All That Jazz - Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs with featured saxophonist Grant Stewart at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.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.thegypsysseawitch.com.

Cow Town - The Southwest Florida Archeological Society hosts a lecture about the history of cattle ranching in Florida at 7 p.m. at Collier County Museum. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. jffurey@charter.net.

COMING UP

Jewelry Workshop - Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a jewelry workshop with its 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 Strev-eza 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.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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

Market – St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church hosts a flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. 2425 Rivers Road. 348-0828 or www.stpaulnaples.org.

Tree Sale – Collier Fruit Growers, Inc. host a subtropical fruit sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Fred W. Coyle Memorial Freedom Park. 1515 Golden Gate Pkwy. rtaylorrm@comcast.net.

Art Fest – Dozens of artists sell their wares at Bonita Springs Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Esplanade at Bonita Bay. 949-1573 or www.promenadeshops.com.

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

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

Cruisin’ – Cool Cruisers of Southwest Florida host a classic car show from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at The Carlisle Naples. Free, but monetary or gift donation to Toys for Tots recommended. 6945 Carlisle Court. 591-2200.

Recital – Members of Naples Music Club perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at First United Methodist Church. Free. 388 First Ave. S. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicclub.org.

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. 455-2582.

Christmas on Third – Mayor Bill Barnett kicks off the holiday season on Third Avenue South when he light the thoroughfare’s Christmas tree and guests enjoy musical and dance performances, ice sculpting and more from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20. The celebration continues each evening from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 21-25, with musical performances and snowfalls. Free. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

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.



■ **BaconFest Naples** returns with live entertainment, contests, family fun and, of course, delicious bacon in all forms from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Naples Municipal Airport. — www.baconfestnaples.com



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■ The **Marshall Tucker Band** and **Charlie Daniels Band** both perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$55-\$125. — www.moreinparadise.com

■ Vow to have the perfect wedding by finding out what dozens of local vendors have to offer when the **Naples Bridal Expo** happens from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Hilton Naples. — www.naplesbridalexpo.com



■ Fill up on all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee for \$5 at the **Experimental Aircraft Association’s monthly buffet** from 8-11 a.m. Sunday in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Proceeds benefit the local EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. — www.eaa1067.com



■ Country musician **Cole Swindell** performs at 8 p.m. Thursday at Germain Arena. — www.germainarena.com



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WHAT TO DO

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. 28-29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.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.fifthavenuesouth.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.

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

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

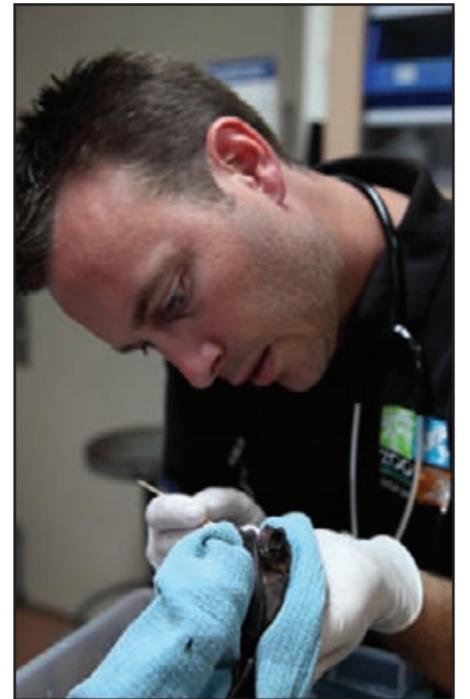
Free Concert – The Reckless Saints and duo HankWoji and Eileen Kozloff perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Lover's Key State Park. www.friendsofflowerskey.org.

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.gulfshoreopera.org.

Take a Hike – Crew Land & Water Trust leads a guided walk focused on mosquitos and their role in the local ecosystem from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 8. \$15-\$25. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

Night Lights in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden kicks off its annual holiday light displays with a musical performance by Patchouli & Terra Guitarra, yard games and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. Festivities continue on select dates through Jan. 3. \$5-\$25. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Home for the Holidays – TheatreZone fan favorites like Adolpho Blair, Kara Konken, Carolann Sanita and more perform holiday standards at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at TheatreZone's G&L Theatre. \$50-\$60. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.



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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Tradition – As part of Palm Cottage's Ten Days of Christmas educational program, guests can learn about Southwest Florida holiday traditions at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Free for members, \$13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

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.



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

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

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

O Tenenbaum – Naples Historical Society hosts a presentation on the history of tree décor at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Palm Cottage. Free for members, \$13 for others. Free for members, \$13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.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.

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Christmas Tunes – Naples Historical Society hosts a presentation and demonstration on how the Victrola played an important role in holiday celebrations at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. Free for members, \$13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Christmas Reading – Naples Historical Society hosts a reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore beside the fireplace at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at Palm Cottage. Free for members, \$13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Gather 'Round – Naples Historical Society hosts a presentation on favorite Christmas recipes from years past at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and a sing-along at 8 p.m. Free for members, \$13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

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

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Medieval Fair – The Sarasota Medieval Fair is set for Nov. 11-12 and 18-19 in the Ringling Woods. \$18-\$53. 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. www.sarasotamediievalfair.com.

Song Fest – The Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival takes place through Nov. 9-19 in Pensacola. Featuring acoustic, singer-songwriter and country music. The majority of performances are free. www.frankbrownsongwriters.com.

Sand Sculpting – The Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand Sculpting Festival takes place Nov. 10-13 on Siesta Beach. 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key. www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com.

Medieval Fest – The Camelot Days Medieval Festival happens Nov. 11-12 and 18-19 at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park in Hollywood. 3300 N. Park Road, Hollywood. www.camelotdays.com.

Sand Art – The 31st annual American Sand Sculpting Championship is set for Nov. 17-26 on Fort Myers Beach. 6890 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. www.fmbandsculpting.com.

Music & Art – The OFF Weekend Music & Arts Festival takes place Dec. 9-10 at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park in Miami. Featuring nationally known contemporary, indie rock and rap music acts. \$75-\$235. 4020 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami. www.offweekend.com.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Falling in love with Sylvia at Florida Rep

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Dog lovers should never marry dog haters.

They just don't get it.

In this kind of union, I wouldn't blame the marriage for breaking up due to irreconcilable differences.

Dog lovers appreciate the affection and loyalty a canine gives without reserve.

Dog haters just see them as smelly, messy, four-footed creatures that shed and drool.

In "Sylvia," the opening show of Florida Repertory Theatre's 20th season, Kate (Carrie Lund) is upset when her husband Greg (John Ottavino) brings home a dog named Sylvia (played with unbridled sass by Michelle Damato.) He found her in a park and fell in love, even though his wife has said she doesn't want any dogs at this point in their lives.

This play by AR Gurney, who also wrote "The Cocktail Hour," "Indian Blood" and "Love Letters," just to name a few, last graced the venue in 2011. Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo brought it back due to overwhelming popular demand. Waiting just a season or two more would have raised the anticipation even more, for me, but this quartet of actors gives a solid performance. And yes, the ending still makes me cry, dammit.

Ms. Damato deserves a jumbo box of Milk-Bones for her energetic performance. She delivers an uncanny impersonation of a dog: the look of pure devotion she bestows on Greg, the way her front paws twitch when she's sleeping, how she turns around and around before lying down.

The outfits costume designer Alexandria Vazquez gives her also help. Ms. Damato's pigtailed look just like floppy ears. And when we first meet her, she's in a tan denim vest that's mostly brown fur, with patches of fur on her back pants pockets, wrists and ankles.

Sylvia is a dog that talks. She talks to her humans, Greg and Kate, with asides to us, the audience.

Because she plays the titular character, it's Ms. Damato who makes or breaks the show, and she delivers. A comedic dynamo, she quivers with puppy energy even when sitting still. She's inquisitive, running around the room, checking out



Greg (John Ottavino) brings home a dog named Sylvia (played by Michelle Damato).

everything. And, like all dogs, she just can't resist the couch, even when she learns it's forbidden.

The way she delivers her lines is just as funny as her physical comedy. Street-smart and feisty, she's a New York dog with a real New York attitude. One of my favorite scenes is when she spies a cat underneath a car and starts shouting at it, using language definitely not for children's ears.

As Sylvia, she's foul-mouthed and sassy, but also inquisitive and devoted and full of unconditional love.

Mr. Ottavino is relatable as a man going through a mid-life crisis: He's frustrated with his job and questioning his place in life. Another character describes him as being in "those dangerous years" — those years after the first hint of upcoming retirement and the whiff of the nursing home. Meanwhile, Ms. Lund, as his wife, is just starting to make advances in her career and gain recognition (though Greg belittles it as just a phase).

Hands down, Ms. Lund has the most thankless role. You want her character to succeed in her career, but it's hard to warm to her, as she's so dour and negative about dogs. The playwright gives the audience no positive scenes with Kate prior to the unleashing of her

objectives about Sylvia. You can understand that she doesn't want the added responsibility of taking care of a dog and wants to have a free social life with her husband, but Kate just seems to hate dogs so much, you find yourself rooting for her husband.

Of course, Sylvia can seem like "the other woman," almost like a mistress. Greg lavishes attention and love upon her while neglecting his wife.

David Breitbarth plays a trio of roles. The first is Tom, a macho man Greg meets at the dog park. Tom reads a lot of books and philosophizes a lot. He so relates to his own dog that he refuses to have the pooch neutered.

But it's his two other characters that threaten to steal the show. His Phyllis is a family friend — a woman of a certain age from the East Side dressed in a Chanel suit with a double strand of pearls at her throat. And he also plays Leslie, a therapist of indeterminate gender — or, as Leslie puts it, "I let my patients select my gender." (Ms. Vazquez again works her magic here, putting Mr. Breitbarth in a flowing New Age-style tunic.)

"Sylvia" is the kind of show where absurdity reigns: If women can be dogs, then some men can love their goldfish so much they bathe with them in the tub. At one point, three of the characters

start singing a Cole Porter song.

It's a strange little play, but director Maureen Heffernan treats it not only with just the right light touch but with care and respect for the characters. And it's to her credit, and Mr. Breitbarth's, that neither of the actor's female roles is played for mockery.

Designer Ray Recht's minimalist set is a sedate, gray-walled apartment with white molding and leather furniture. The backdrop is a wall-to-wall, ceiling-to-floor sea of apartment windows of various-sized rectangles and squares.

"You saved my life," Sylvia declares earnestly and gratefully in Act I.

And if you know anything about dogs, you won't be surprised that I attest she, in return, saves theirs. Because that's what dogs always do, if we let them. ■

in the know

'Sylvia'

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>> **Where:** Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers

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>> **Note:** Tuesday-Thursday performances begin at 7 p.m.

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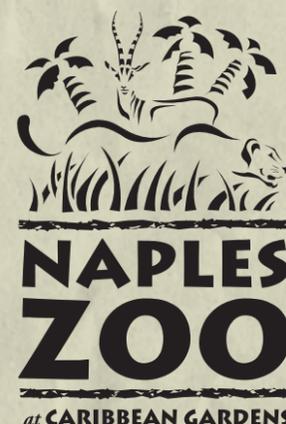
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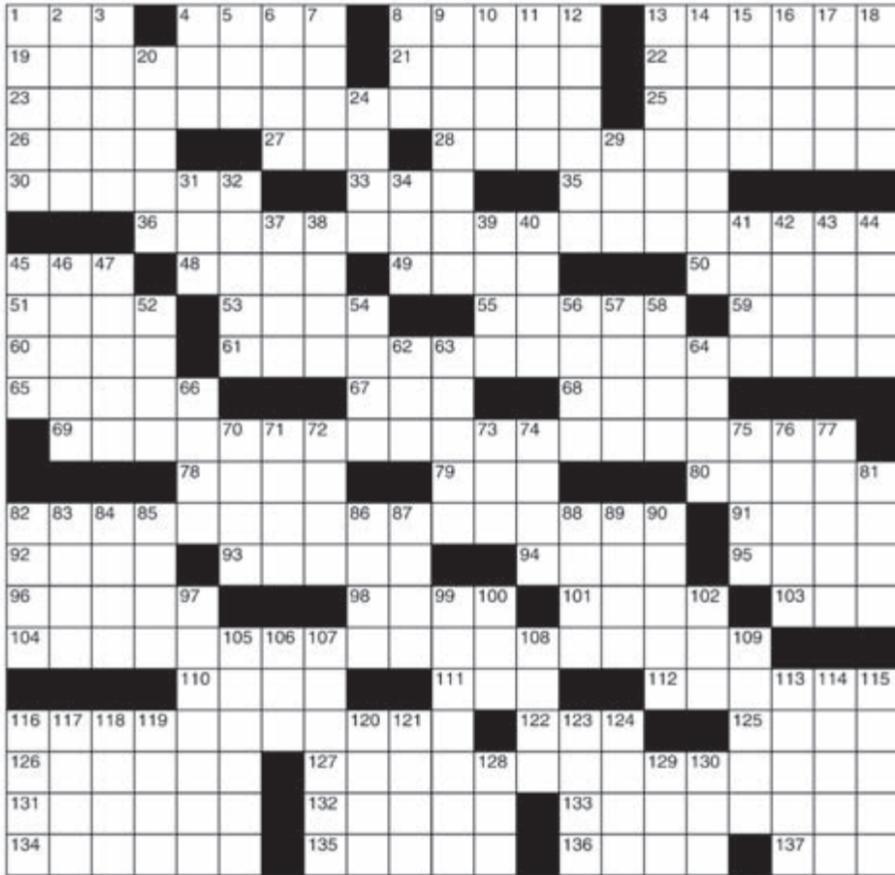
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 - 30 Eight-armed mollusks
 - 33 London lav
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 - 45 Atty.'s org.
 - 48 Bang, as a big toe
 - 49 Supper crumbs
 - 50 Long oar
 - 51 Actor Max
 - 53 Spanish cheers
 - 55 Came — (Mexican steak dish)
 - 59 Vicinity
 - 60 Vigor, in music
 - 61 Coup d'état?
 - 65 As dry as —
 - 67 Prefix with tourism
 - 68 1998 Australian Open winner
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 - 78 Award in the ad business
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 - 91 Mid-voyage
 - 92 —deuce (card game)
 - 93 Strep of film
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 - 103-Across, frozen dessert brand
 - 101 Cop in a drug bust
 - 103 See 98-Across
 - 104 Like an ogre wearing his facial disguise?
 - 110 Graf — (ill-fated German warship)
 - 111 Notch shape
 - 112 Inner layer
 - 116 "My poetry is terrible compared to Maya's"?
 - 122 Hearing thing
 - 125 Dog in "Garfield"
 - 126 Setting
 - 127 Messed up during a film shoot?
 - 131 Really stuck
 - 132 "Paradise Lost" figure
 - 133 Mongoose cousins
 - 134 How china is often sold
 - 135 Noodges
 - 136 Alternative to Bloomie's
 - 137 That ship
- DOWN**
- 1 Vodka drink, informally
 - 2 Hipbone-related
 - 3 "— buy that!"
 - 4 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 5 Alternative to a Word file
 - 6 Early utopia
 - 7 Colorants
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Vogue editor Anna
 - 10 Actor — Ray
 - 11 Give a bias
 - 12 Large wasp
 - 13 Stella — (beer)
 - 14 Renovates, for short
 - 15 "— one ..." (start of an opinion)
 - 16 Indian dress
 - 17 "Behold!" to Caesar
 - 18 Foreteller
 - 20 Plump and healthy-looking
 - 24 Soft rock
 - 29 "Still the King" cable channel
 - 31 Faux —
 - 32 Schoolyard rejoinder
 - 34 "Well now!"
 - 37 "Star Trek" helmsman
 - 38 \$5 bills, in slang
 - 39 Forest buck
 - 40 Shell rival in Canada
 - 41 Curious as —
 - 42 Cosmonaut Gagarin
 - 43 Muffin topper
 - 44 — Bator
 - 45 "SOS" band
 - 46 7/4 cookout
 - 47 The vowels
 - 52 Rice-A- —
 - 54 "Let it stand"
 - 56 Datebook entry: Abbr.
 - 57 Elk cousin
 - 58 Intro drawing class, maybe
 - 62 "— bin ein Berliner"
 - 63 Carols
 - 64 Ship of myth
 - 66 Shoe brand
 - 70 Model Heidi
 - 71 French department
 - 72 Former queen of Jordan
 - 73 Gambling venue, briefly
 - 74 Website IDs
 - 75 Alum
 - 76 Ill-fated Ford
 - 77 Witherspoon of Hollywood
 - 81 Garden tool
 - 82 Wallet filler
 - 83 Play starter
 - 84 Main role
 - 85 Harp cousin
 - 86 NASDAQ cousin
 - 87 "In the Valley of —" (2007 film)
 - 88 Arm bone
 - 89 Beer topper
 - 90 Not tame
 - 97 "Twilight" vampire — Hale
 - 99 Small stream
 - 100 Prop- ending
 - 102 15-season CBS series
 - 105 About to bat, e.g.
 - 106 Division: Abbr.
 - 107 Fortify
 - 108 Feat
 - 109 Bad-mouth
 - 113 Concepts
 - 114 Late inning
 - 115 Swan cousins
 - 116 Skater Kulik
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 - 118 Big Ten gp.
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SEE ANSWERS, C11 ▶

HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful not to set things in stone. Several could happen over the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave time to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. A new contact has important information.

PISCES (February 19 to March

20) Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status among both your colleagues and superiors.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project while they start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose. Don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update

your skills and your resume so you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm wins you a new slew of admirers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move: It's not what you might suspect.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.

BORN THIS WEEK: You instinctively know when to be serious and when to be humorous — attributes everyone finds endearing. ■

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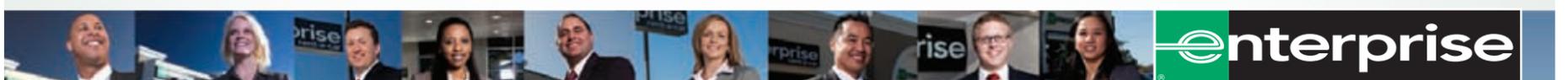
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The not-so-good old days

BY STEVE BECKER

Calamity can strike at any time, but in this deal South was exceptionally hard-hit. The hand occurred many years ago in a rubber-bridge game.

South opened one club, and, after West had overcalled with two hearts (strong in those days), North raised to three clubs on decidedly skimpy values.

East bid three hearts, and South tried three spades. After North bid five clubs over West's four hearts, South could hardly be criticized for carrying on to six. He had a right to expect strong trump support from partner, and that was about all he needed.

Why North bid five clubs is difficult to understand. He no doubt intended the bid as a sacrifice against four hearts, but whatever the reason, the outcome was disastrous.

West led a heart, and South ruffed. Faced with certain defeat, declarer attempted to cut his losses by leading a club, hoping to find the trumps divided 2-2 and so go down only one.

But West won the club with the ten and continued with the A-K-Q, drawing all the remaining trumps. He then cashed five hearts to defeat the contract eight tricks.

The penalty amounted to 4,400 points

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 4 2
♥ 2
♦ K J 10 9 5
♣ 8 7 6 2

WEST

♠ 5 3
♥ K Q 10 8 7 4
♦ 2
♣ A K Q 10

EAST

♠ J 10 8 7
♥ A J 9 6 5 3
♦ 6 4 3
♣ —

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 9
♥ —
♦ A Q 8 7
♣ J 9 5 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♣	3 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♥	5 ♣!	5 ♥
6 ♣	Dble		

Opening lead — king of hearts.

because at that time (1934), the first undertrick was 200 points, the second 300, the third 400 and so on.

Furthermore, to add insult to injury, West scored 100 honors to bring the total loss on the deal to 4,500 points. ■

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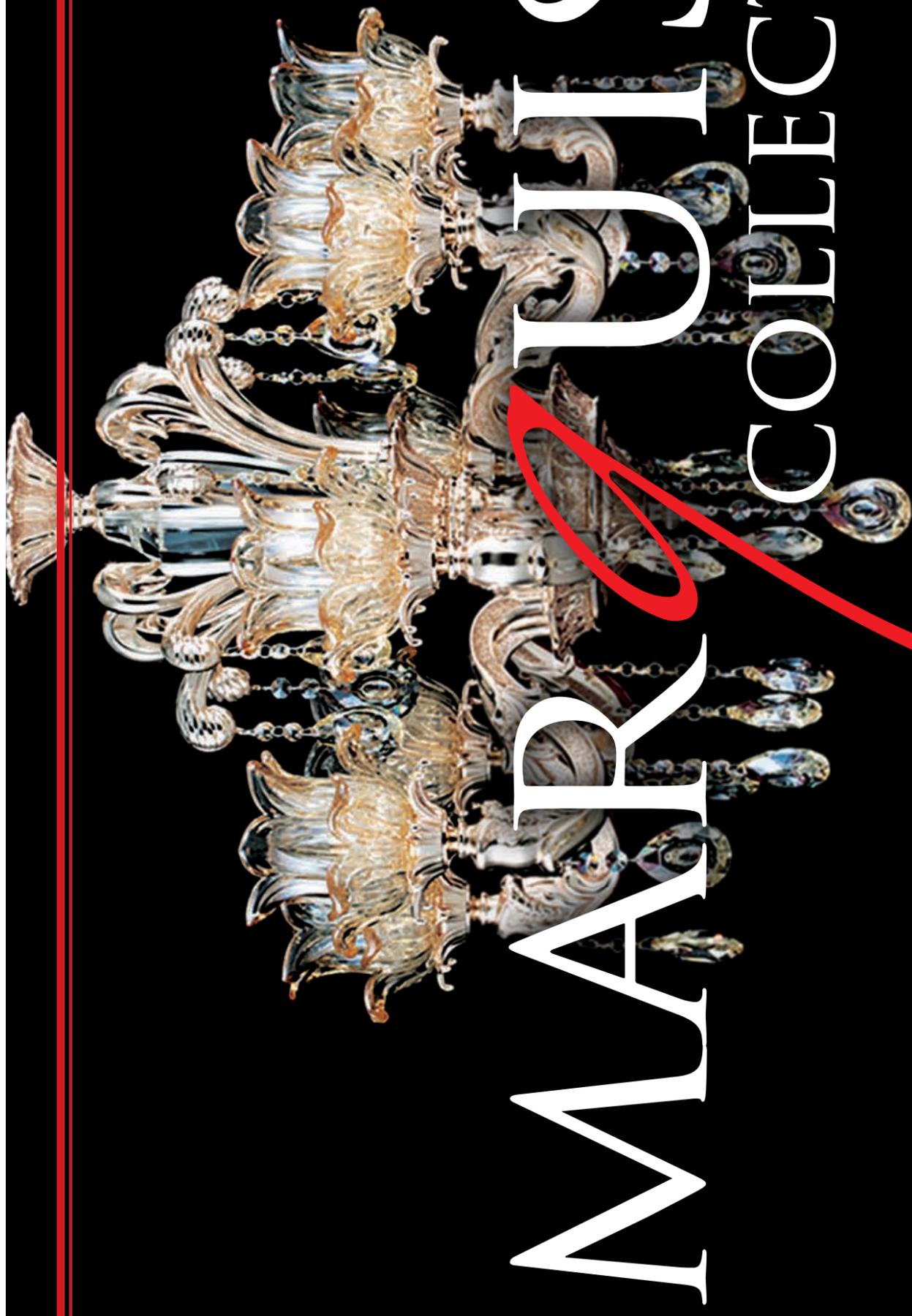
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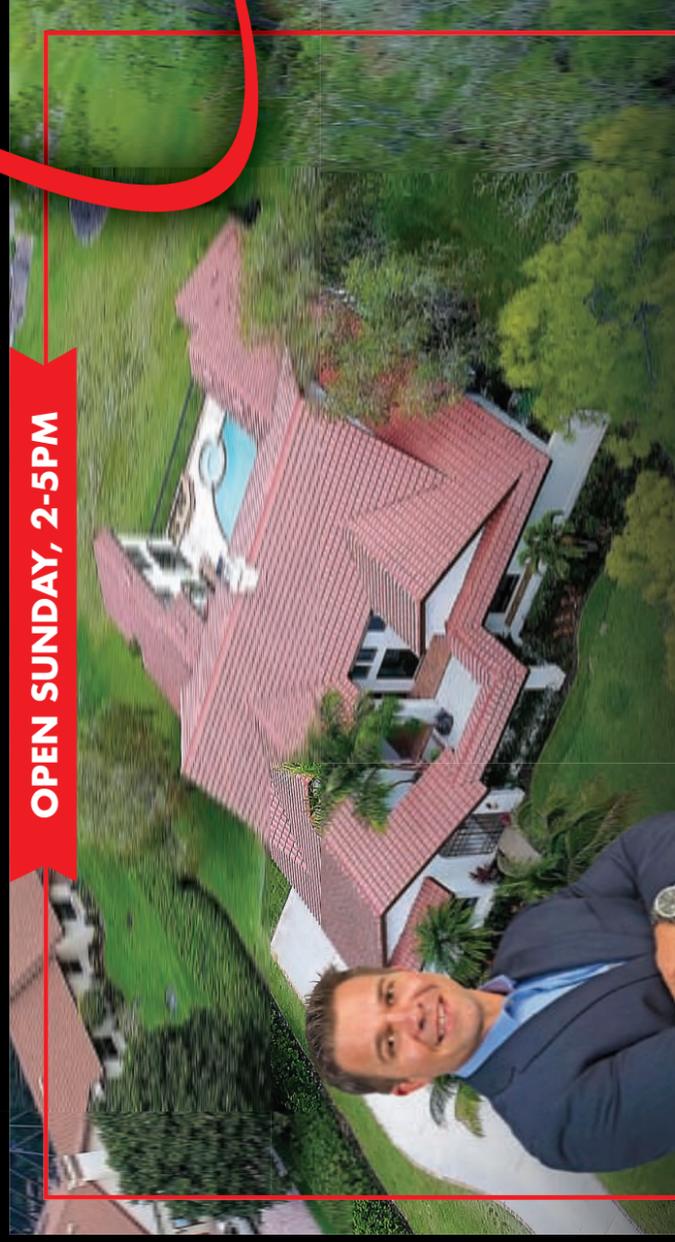


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 Is it worth \$10? Yes

What fun. You'll be hard pressed to find a better time at the movies in 2017 than "Thor: Ragnarok." You expect the grandiose visual effects and action, and the story that both stands alone and works within the larger Marvel Cinematic Universe. What you don't expect is the humor. One-liners, physical comedy and even some "Avengers" jabs make the movie hilarious from start to finish, and easily the most enjoyable MCU entry since the first "Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014).

After the action-packed and hysterical opening sequence set to the tune of Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song," Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and his brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) visit their father Odin (Anthony Hopkins). The sons are warned that the prophecy of "Ragnarok" is imminent, which means the destruction of their home planet of Asgard. The destroyer is Odin's first born and the goddess of death Hela (Cate Blanchett), who is so powerful she smashes Thor's hammer with one hand.

After losing an initial battle with Hela, Thor and Loki find themselves



on a planet full of junk. Thor is taken as a slave by fellow Asgardian Valkyrie (Tessa Thompson), who left Asgard years ago. Meanwhile, Loki makes nice with the man who runs the planet, the Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum), and as we know Loki is never to be trusted. About an hour into the film the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) shows up; new friendships are not so easily formed, and total chaos reigns supreme in the most entertaining ways possible.

The film was directed by Taika Waititi, who last year made the superb New



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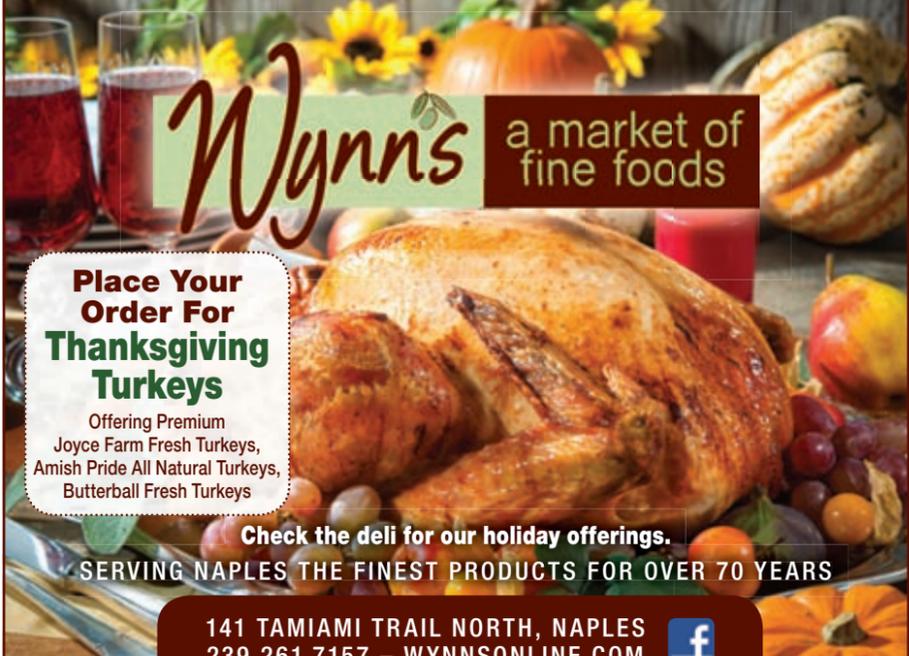
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Zealand indie comedy "Hunt for the Wilderpeople," and now he finds success working on a big Hollywood production. Many of the MCU films have had humor, but none have been the flat-out comedy this is. Credit to Hems-worth, who's in just about every scene, for his impeccable comic timing, and to Waititi for taking what could have otherwise been a typical superhero movie and jolting it with a sense of pure joy.

The tone is set early. In the opening scene, Thor has a tough-talk conversation with fiery baddie Surtur (voice of Clancy Brown). Because Thor is wrapped in chains and dangling in mid-air he's slowly spinning in circles, and every time Surtur gets to his menacing message Thor tells him to "wait, hold on!" so he can finish spinning and face

Surtur again to hear the rest. Then Thor mistimes calling for his hammer, which leads to another awkward moment.

"Thor: Ragnarok" also has unexpected surprises, guest stars in a delightful cameo-filled scene early on, and plenty of visual dazzle. If anything, it may be too much — I saw it in IMAX 3D, and there were times when the visuals are overwhelming. A regular 3D screen, or even just a regular screen, would suit this movie just fine. But whatever you do, don't miss it. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Wonderstruck ★★1/2

(Julianne Moore, Millicent Simmonds, Oakes Fegley) In separate storylines set 50 years apart (1927 and 1957), deaf 12-year-olds (Simmonds and Fegley) in New York City search for what they feel their lives are missing. Strong performances, great visuals and masterful direction from Todd Haynes ("Carol") make this one of the nicest and most fulfilling movie experiences of the year. Rated PG.

Suburbicon ★1/2

(Matt Damon, Julianne Moore, Oscar Isaac) In a perfect 1950s American town, a home invasion kills Gardner's

(Damon) wife (Moore), leaving him with his son (Noah Jupe) and sister-in-law (Moore again) to care for. There's much more to the story than that, but it doesn't matter because nothing about this movie is in the least bit entertaining. Rated R.

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. ■



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human rights violations, some orphanages as late as April 2017 were still being taken to task when their children were found to be near starvation. Though that isn't the case anymore with the facility Mr. Kosciuk visited and supported for so long, the children still suffer with an acute sense of abandonment by parents who are severe alcoholics.

"They live with this trauma that they are unnecessary in life," he said. "How could I not go back?," he added about his numerous trips to the orphanage to photograph the children. "I couldn't just say I did my good deed and I'm going to find something else."

His young subjects, he said, were amazed that he even bothered to look at them. "It was often the first time anyone had given them any personal attention or prejudice in their favor." They came to refer to him as "Poppa Kolya."

The results of Mr. Kosciuk's photographs are paintings that portray the loneliness, hopefulness and vulnerability the children display for "Poppa Kolya." Many of the portraits include the children wearing butterfly wings that when considered by viewers happen to be very symbolic — although Mr. Kosciuk said his use of props was really to get the ball rolling toward images he could paint when he returns home.

"I had no real agenda. I just thought they would like it," he said about the first time he gave the children props. "It was only later that it created this powerful image. This is what I like about being an artist: Only after I do it do I see what I like."

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These are some of the hundreds of photographs Nick Kosciuk took over the course of 20 visits to a Belorussian orphanage. He later turned many of them into paintings, some of which are in the exhibit "The Butterfly Has Three Lives."

struck by the idea that images of the children posing on windowsills reference butterflies — symbols of hope and freedom — as stuck on the wrong side of the glass.

"Some of the paintings you see a row of windows — another ward of the orphanage — and I always imagine there are other children with wings on the other side," he said.

Dandelions, too, were just flowers he picked for the children so they could have an object to play off in front of his camera.

"Dandelions are one of my favorite flowers, but not only do people hate them, they actively try to destroy them. They're very resilient," he said. "But again, it wasn't something I was tuned

into at the time."

Gallery owner Olga Arkhangelskaya emphasizes that despite Mr. Kosciuk's humility in describing his artistic process, it's easy to see that the symbolism of the exhibit rings true. Perhaps the children don't realize it, but their lives are split among three successive realities: the beginning of their lives when their parents neglected them, the middle where they are relinquished to an orphanage that provides for only their physical needs, and the third when they hope their parents will reclaim them.

"Nick is giving them this glimpse of this third life they all dream about," she said, adding, "For some of them it will remain a dream," she said.

The flatness of Mr. Kosciuk's perspective and his use of subtle halos remind Ms. Arkhangelskaya of the "innocent but knowing" angels of Russian icons, she said.

"His work is not only aesthetically pleasing and academically perfect, it really touches our soul," she said. "Nobody can stay indifferent to these paintings. His art really grabs your heart and soul and demands that you look at these children."

East West Fine Art Gallery hosts an opening reception for "The Butterfly Has Three Lives" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2425 Tamiami Trail N. To RSVP or for more information, visit www.eastwestfineart.com. ■



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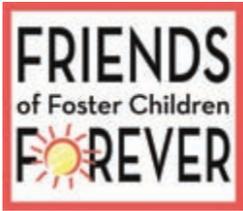
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■ Shops and restaurants at the **Village on Venetian Bay** do their part for Friends of Foster Children Forever during the annual Sip & Sample from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. For more information, call Gisela Estrada at 262-1808, email gisela@friendsoffosterchildren.net or visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.

■ **NAMI of Collier County** welcomes music icon and mental health advocate Judy Collins as keynote speaker at the 2017 Hopes Shines luncheon set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Although she has reached the highest pinnacles of creative success with Top 10 hits, Grammy nominations and best-selling books during the past 40 years, Ms. Collins has also faced heart-breaking adver-

sity. Hopes Shines guests will hear her personal story of her battles with alcoholism, depression and her son's suicide, and how she found her path to hope and clarity by breaking down the barriers of helplessness and secrecy that too often surround issues of mental illness. For tickets or more information, email events@NAMICollier.org.



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■ **Tea at the Ritz** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For tickets or more information as the date nears, call 992-9474, ext. 22, or email lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ **CAPA Cultural and Performing Arts Center** holds its annual gala, “Hitting the Right Note,” Monday evening, Jan. 8, 2018, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For more information, call 775-2800 or email info@capacenter.org.

■ **Harmon-Meek Gallery** hosts its fifth annual Visionaries of the Visual Arts awards the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. The awards honor individuals for their contributions to the visual arts and to programs that benefit at-risk youth and children's art programs in Southwest Florida. This year's honorees are Patty Baker, Susan Earl and Dr. Anne Kerr. The evening's keynote speaker is

Dr. Alexander Rich, and the featured artist is Jessica Daryl Winer.

The dinner event is entirely underwritten by Harmon-Meek Gallery and all ticket sales go directly to the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Grants to local nonprofits for at-risk youth and to children's art programs will be awarded. Tickets are \$175 (\$1,500 for table patrons). For reservations or more information, call Juliana Meek at 262-2699, email Juliana@harmonmeek.com or visit www.harmonmeek.com.

■ The sixth annual **Evening for Better Tomorrows: “A Night of Motown Magic”** to benefit Jewish Family & Community Services and the Naples Senior Center takes place from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Club Pelican Bay. Attendees will enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing to the music of Shadows of the '60s. Tickets are \$375. Sponsorship packages are available from \$2,500 to \$20,000. For more information, call Jaclynn Faffer at JFCS at 325-4444.

■ **The David Lawrence Center** celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. While numerous programs and events will mark the milestone throughout the year, the biggest of all will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala: “Puttin' on the Ritz” the evening of Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call Jennifer Denike at 304-3505, email jenniferde@dclmhc.com or visit www.DLCgala.org.

■ **The Wishmaker's Ball** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida will be

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■ **Guadalupe Center** holds its signature gala, themed “Welcome Aboard,” on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Amy Heuerman is chair of the evening that benefits the center's three educational programs serving Immokalee students from cradle to career. Ms. Heuerman is an artist, children's book author and illustrator, as well as a former elementary school teacher. “Welcome Aboard” begins with a cocktail reception and meet-and-greet with high school students within Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps program, along with a presentation from a Tutor Corps student.



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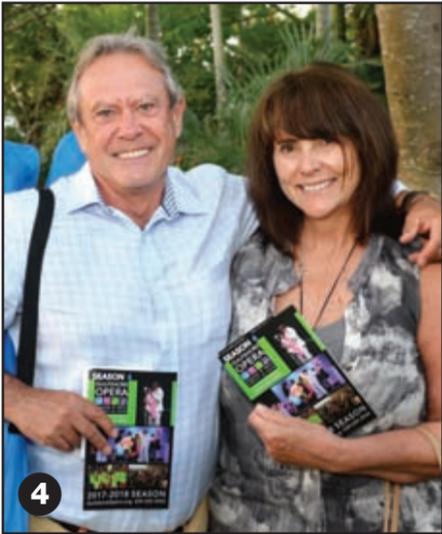
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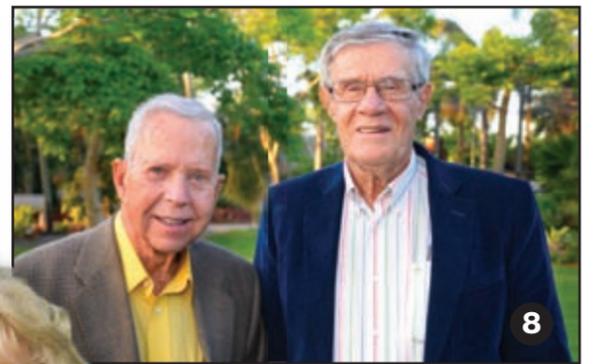
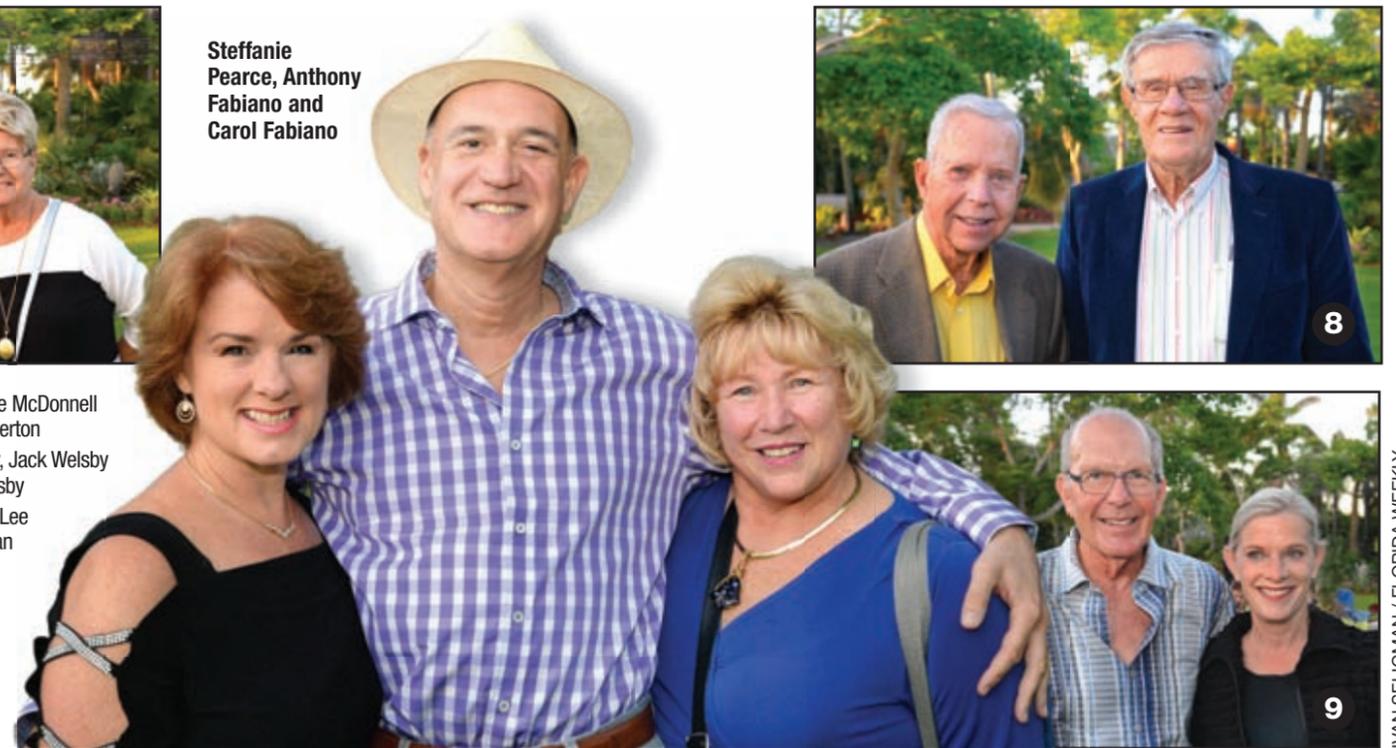
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■ It's fall and while the young denizens of Twitter and Instagram are getting themselves worked up over pumpkin-spiced lattes, cookies, muffins and cheeseboards, the real eaters among us know that only one autumnal epicurean treat will do in November: truffles. Lauded as "the diamond of the kitchen" by French gourmet Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, the celebrated fungus has a signature funk that elevates practically every creamy, cheesy or buttery dish known to mankind, but particularly those items that hail from French or Italian cuisines.

Mr. Brillat-Savarin was on to something more than just the truffle's value as a finishing top note to rich dishes; it's also capable of emptying the pocketbooks of those who desire the real thing: In 2016, a 4.16-pound white truffle was sold at a Sotheby's auction to a Chinese phone bidder for \$61,250. Prices for 2017, however, sit at a cool \$3,000 per pound because the year's Italian crop shrank considerably due to a hot, dry summer.

The truffle's shocking price tag is attributable first to its delectability and secondly to its immunity to cultivation. Found mostly in France and Italy, harvesters — not farmers — are strictly dependent on environmental factors for each year's crop, and a truffle-sniffing dog can locate at best a quarter of a pound. Black truffles, which are naturally more abundant, can be more affordable but are certainly not a bargain delicacy.

True lovers of the renowned mushroom have to take advantage of its availability — and expert preparation — when they can, so below we've compiled some establishments that are celebrating truf-



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Campiello gets in the seasonal spirit with a selection of menu items that are perfect for topping with white or black truffles. Pictured here is a beef tartare dish, carne all'albese, topped with black truffles.

ple season with special promotions and dishes. Get 'em while they're hot because they won't be around for long.

Osteria Tullia: Throughout truffle season, which typically ends sometime during the winter, guests can add white or black truffles to their dinner selections for an extra charge, though some evening specials will highlight the item. \$25 for black truffles, \$45 for white. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2073 or www.osteriatullia.com.

Bice Ristorante: Two truffle specials have been added to the dinner menu: beef carpaccio with arugula, parmesan, truffle oil dressing and fresh black truffle; and risotto with shaved black truffle. 300 Fifth Ave. S. 262-4044 or www.bicenaples.com.

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Caffé Milano: Two truffle specials have been added to the menu: skizzo al tartufo with mozzarella, truffle cow cheese and shaved black truffle; and fettuccine al tartufo with porcini mushrooms, shaved black truffle and mushroom sauce. 800 Fifth Ave. S. 692-8480 or www.caffemilanonaples.com.

Campielo: A special menu that includes dishes to which guests can add a white or black truffle supplement for an additional charge. Dishes include pizetta with taleggio cheese, parmesan risotto with Grana Padano and seasonal mushrooms and veal medallions with robiola fonduta. Black truffles are \$18-\$30 per addition and white truffles are \$32-\$60. 1177 Third St. S. 435-1166 or www.campielo.damico.com.

Barbatella: A special menu of dishes featuring truffles includes polenta with a soft-poached egg, whiskey salami and white truffles; butternut agnolotti with butter, sage, duck prosciutto and white truffles; and white truffle gelato. 1290 Third St.

S. 263-1955 or www.barbatellanaples.com.

■ **Purple Spoon** hosts a four-course community dinner featuring fish and shellfish from Dilly's Seafood from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Dishes include snapper ceviche with microgreens, jumbo shrimp and fin fish over wild rice and blueberry pound cake with chocolate sauce. \$78. 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

■ Both **Orchard Supply Hardware** locations host a turkey grilling demonstration complete with seasonal sides and a display of holiday table settings at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Free. 3790 Tamiami Trail N. and 1000 Immokalee Road. www.osh.com.

■ Though the property is closed until Dec. 15, **Naples Grande Beach Resort** is taking Thanksgiving to-go orders through Monday, Nov. 20. The resort will donate a turkey for each order to St. Matthew's House.

Customers can order a 12- to 14-pound herb-roasted turkey; apricot, sage and chicken apple sausage stuffing; giblet pan gravy; cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts and baby carrots; steamed green beans; candied yams; baguette; pumpkin pie; and key lime pie. \$199 for the meal, a la carte items \$10-\$99. 475 Seagate Drive. 227-2182 or www.naplesgrande.com/give-back. ■

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About 18 years ago, my friend Lou said, "If you're gonna go to that thing, you'll have to learn how to spit."

Lou is a major guy in the wine trade. He knows his stuff, and I trust him. He was talking about the Wine Experience, a three-day wine tasting marathon sponsored for charity by Wine Spectator magazine.

For a whole weekend, oenophilic attendees such as restaurant owners, sommeliers and plain old enthusiasts like us waded through wine lunches, wine dinners, grand tastings, workshops and seminars, all to indulge ourselves in, and learn more about, one of our favorite pastimes — enjoying fine wines and the foods that go with them.

Problem is, the Wine Spectator folks don't kid around. The first tasting starts at 9 in the morning. We're talking Beaujolais for breakfast, if you know what I mean. When you swirl, sniff and sip fine wines at that hour, there are occupational hazards to deal with ... like walking to lunch on your knees.

So if you know what's good for you, you spit most of it out.

My wife Debi is generally of the firm opinion that it's mortally sinful to spit out anything that costs \$500 a bottle, but it didn't take us long to realize that if we swilled down the 17 different glasses

they poured at 9 in that first morning session, we'd never make it up the escalator to lunch, even if the steps did move by themselves.

Well, we got through the four premium Champagnes they gave us first, then a few red wines from Australia, four other weird wines that we'd never heard of, and seven California Zinfandels, discharging at least some of it into the Styrofoam cups that were provided for our expectorating enjoyment. (This spitting thing is a quiet and discreet procedure. It's considered unmannerly to go for distance.)

As we smiled our way into the lunch session, we noticed a gratifying amount of good will flowing among the participants, partly because we were all sharing a mutual interest and a great adventure, and partly because most of them seem to have ignored those Styrofoam cups. Besides, even if you do spit, the membranes of the mouth and tongue absorb enough alcohol to make everyone chatty and intelligent lunch companions.

After lunch, it was back to the ballroom for the afternoon seminars, which thankfully involved sipping and sampling only one variety of wine — 12 glasses of it from 12 different vintages. Good thing they gave us a two-hour break before the evening grand tasting, because when you encounter 250 wineries in the Broadway Ballroom pouring the finest stuff they have to offer, you make a heroic effort to sample as much as you can.

That was Friday. We did the whole



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Debi Greenfield and Italian winemaker Angelo Gaja at the Wine Experience.

thing over again, with different rare and delightful wines on Saturday, plus the black-tie banquet.

Two and a half days. Almost 18,000 bottles of wine. I can't even imagine how many glasses were used, and washed, and used again. (Somebody at the hotel told me they used so many glasses that they trucked them from midtown Manhattan to Hoboken to wash them, but that turned out to be a lie.)

Sure, we found new tastes and new wines we'll definitely start trying the second we win the Powerball. We made new friends, too, because wine lovers tend to be a convivial group, especially after breakfasting on six glasses of Zin-

fandel. But mostly what we discovered about wine is something we already knew — and something that most wine enthusiasts realize sooner or later. Yes, wine is a mysterious and ancient beverage; the Romans even said that there is truth in it. But it's not really about the wine, or how much it costs. It's about the occasion, the location and the companionship.

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When Greg Scarlatos opened Fuse Global Cuisine, most of us knew his abilities with Italian fare, with which he made his mark at Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs, but his flights of fancy with other cuisines proved to be both surprising and delightful.

He blends ingredients, flavors and textures with imagination but also with a firm understanding of what should — and shouldn't — go together. The shouldn't part is every bit as important as the should, and it's something not everyone who tries their hand at the amorphous concept of fusion does successfully.

And so, four years after he and his life/business partner Monika Czechowska struck out on their own, they have built a restaurant where customers can count on a meal that will titillate the taste buds, cocktails that are current and inventive, a solid wine list, an excellent waitstaff and a lovely, comfortable dining room.

It will not be an inexpensive meal, but I believe the value of what customers receive is at least equal to the price they pay, which isn't something I can always say about Naples establishments.

Another plus: You can sample dishes from various parts of the globe at one location and one meal. You'll find kangaroo carpaccio as well as quail and waffles on offer among the appetizers, and stick-to-your-ribs dishes like wild boar and a 16-ounce bone-in ribeye among the entrees.

Although it isn't on the menu, our server let us know that a vegetarian plate is also available.

A bottle of 2014 Ridge Three Valleys Sonoma County (\$57) started the meal off nicely. It was properly chilled and the blend of zinfandel (60 percent) with smaller amounts of petite sirah, carignan and Grenache had a complex aroma with notes of vanilla, smoke and rose, and lots of fruit on the palate along with enough tannins to balance out the cherry, plum and berries.

Warm, crusty rolls and salted olive oil arrived at about the same time. I'd suggest refraining from eating these if you can, as portions are generous (I can't say we did as I suggest, nor were we sorry).

The menu has changed over the years, but the wildly popular hog wings remain. Crisp braised pork foreshanks, chili-tamarind hoisin sauce, toasted sesame seed, chopped green onions and julienned pep-



Corvina is pan roasted and is layered with Swiss chard sauté, almond-jasmine rice, coconut green curry, sour tamarind coulis and green papaya slaw.



Lightly sautéed PEI mussels come with grilled crostini.

padew make for a lively and satisfying appetizer for pork lovers.

Seafood lovers definitely get their due, too. A huge bowl of PEI mussels (\$16) were lightly sautéed and bathed in a creamy blend of garlic, white wine, herbs and spices, topped with red pepper rouille and grilled crostini. The mussels were tender and tasty, made even more so by the velvety sauce.

Mr. Scarlatos' version of the Thai soup, tom gha (\$9), was also a revelation. I eat Thai food weekly and have tried this soup at just about every Thai restaurant I've patronized over the past three decades. This version was thick and rich, with a coconut-infused shrimp stock, mushrooms, red bell peppers, tomatoes and two plump pink gulf shrimp in the middle. The soup was thick, rich and slightly sweet, with just a hint of spicy heat.

Depending on what's fresh and available, Mr. Scarlatos features a different fish with a Thai preparation. On this evening, it was corvina (\$38).



Pan-seared diver scallops pair with mojo pork belly in a Latin-inspired preparation with black beans, roasted maduros and tomato-avocado-corn relish.



Tom kha is a rich Thai-inspired soup with shrimp and vegetables.

Pan-roasted, it was served in a layered fashion with sautéed Swiss chard, almond-jasmine rice, coconut green curry, sour tamarind coulis and fiery green papaya slaw. The fish had a lightly crisp exterior but was still moist within. It sat on a pool of the cream green curry, mild rice and a layer of chard, the coulis and papaya slaw on top. It was a dish with a lot of parts, but they worked well together, even the spicy slaw, which is not for the faint of palate.

For a more Latin flavor, consider the pan-seared diver scallops with mojo pork belly, a montage of U-10 diver scallops roasted then paired with braised heritage pork belly. They are arranged into an intricate pattern with spice black bean ragout, roasted poblano crema, roasted maduros and tomato-avocado-corn relish.

This was an extremely rich dish. After the soup (and those darned rolls), it proved more than I could handle. I ate about half of it and was full. Both the pork and scallops were properly cooked. I like the sweetness of the maduros and the tang of the crunchy

relish but could have done without the mild crema and about half the ragout.

Full though we were, dessert beckoned. We skipped the Ghirardelli pig, a chocolate bacon brownie with sea salt caramel and ice cream. Instead, we tried the brown butter Bulliet (\$9), a brown butter cake liberally laced with Bulleit bourbon, topped with a thick cinnamon raisin praline sauce and finished with vanilla ice cream. The cake was tender and moist with a delicious bourbon flavor, the sauce intensely sweet but balanced out by the cool vanilla bean ice cream. Ms. Czechowska says it reminds her of a cake her grandmother used to make in Poland.

I should note that from the outside, the restaurant looks as if it might be closed for construction as the building management is working on the façade. Never mind that. It's open, and once inside you will find a nicely appointed dining room with tables set with white tablecloths and black napkins, tasteful geometric artwork on the walls, a roomy bar and a staff that doesn't miss a beat.

Ms. Czechowska does a terrific job of overseeing the bar and making sure guests feel welcome and are happy. Like the food and beverages here, she and Mr. Scarlatos are a fusion that works admirably. ■

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PAMELA DURKIN

... brings sophistication and versatility to every space

Getting to know one's clients is integral to discerning their wants and needs. And interior designer Pamela Durkin knows how to ask the right questions of her clients. Luxe Living's Michael Korb talked to Ms. Durkin about her craft and how she approaches each project.

Q: Was there a moment you knew you wanted to be an interior designer?

A: I have known since I was 15 that I wanted to be an interior designer. I realized right away that it blended a cool combination of creative and technical skills, two things that resonated with me. My mother loved to sew and she taught me to look closely at how things are constructed, what details make for a well-made piece. I love design and I know how powerful it can be. It can literally change someone's life and that is a pretty cool profession to be a part of.

Q: Where did you learn your craft?

A: After taking a class in high school, I decided to major in interior design in college. I have a degree in interior design and believe you are always learning and refin-



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Pamela Durkin

An age-old question when it comes to interiors is what to do with a big white wall. In this case, Ms. Durkin created a "feature wall" in the dining room that wows guests visually and also functions beautifully as a buffet. Multiple hanging lights bring the ceiling down to create a more intimate space.

ing your craft. I take continuing education courses for my state license and LEED accreditation. I have been a designer for 25 years and I still love to learn new things.

Q: What is the greatest challenge an interior design faces on any given project?

A: What someone wants versus what they need can be two very different things. Often clients are hiring a designer for the first time and they may have

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limited experience with building or renovating a home. They see designs they like in a magazine or a model home and think that's what they want for themselves. I use some techniques to get to know them so that in the end their home delights them, works for them and is better than they could have imagined on their own.

Q: What are some of the things you ask clients when you first meet them?

A: What is the one luxury that you have always wanted but haven't gotten around to getting? Tell me about your favorite vacation, most cherished childhood memory, the best time you've ever had in your life. These answers provide clues as to where we need to go with the design. Working on a home is an exciting time, and I want to be the person to give them all they have dreamed of and more.

Q: Is there a trend that you are excited to see return? (Or, if not, is there one that you want to see disappear ASAP?)

A: I love that people are embracing their uniqueness. Mixing old and new, modern and traditional, the rules for the "perfect" interior have blurred. Gone is the world of "everything has to match," and we are free to mix materials and styles, as long as they ring true to us. We realize how much a home can support our well-being for a great life, providing what is really important to those who live there. ■

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Above: Formal living rooms are a thing of the past. This spot is perfect for conversation among friends but is equally comfy for one to savor the day's first cup of coffee.

Top left: Ms. Durkin opened up a wall between the kitchen and living room to create a better environment for entertaining. The spaces are still separated, but the new openness makes the entire space seem much bigger.

Middle left: Ms. Durkin believes the master bedroom should be the ultimate sanctuary for unwinding and rejuvenating. Soft lighting and amazing linens are always a must, and in this case the leather tiled wall behind the bed adds another level of luxury.

Bottom left: This opulent master bath makes a good case for Ms. Durkin's design philosophy of encouraging clients to spend money on spaces where they get the most enjoyment.



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Wave-crashing color energizes a fading beachfront condo

BY MICHAEL KORB

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Aging condominiums are the gift that keeps on giving to area interior designers as new buyers continue to flock to the beauty of Naples and its surrounds. And that means sometimes a home purchase requires saying goodbye to Reagan-era kitchens and Gorbachev-inspired wall colors.

That was the case for the Boston-area purchasers of this now-lovely, two-bedroom, two-bath, 1,750-square-foot beachfront condo in Pelican Bay. Though the homeowners had been visiting the area for years, this is their first purchase and they couldn't be more pleased.

In fact, during their many years of visits, they went through countless model homes, searching for just the right space. And in one they particularly liked, they grabbed the business card of the interior designer: Jinx McDonald Interior Designs. How much did they like that place? So much the wife kept that business card in her purse for 14 years.

What happened when they finally closed on this property?

"They called me immediately and said 'Do whatever you want to do,'" says Ms. McDonald.

So along with design associate Janine Blume, Ms. McDonald set out to bring the space into the 21st century.

"The kitchen cabinets were a yellowed wood and there was carpet throughout," Ms. Blume says. "There was flat pink and forest green upholstery. It was just kind of '1980s Grandma.'"

You know the look. It was the setting of a possible turf war between Hummel and Precious Moments figurines.

The project was a complete gut.

"The goal was lightening, brightening and freshening it up," Ms. McDonald says. "Because it's not a large space, we used all-white cabinetry to help it feel open and light. Then we ran a new wood-look driftwood grey porcelain tile throughout, including onto the lanai. So when you have the sliders open the inside comes out and expands the space."

They even removed a wall from what was a galley kitchen to open things up and dramatically change the feel of the unit.

But it's the addition of color that makes the home stand out. Beautiful aquas and blues and turquoises pop from every room.

Ms. McDonald and her team won a 2017 Sand Dollar Award for Best Whole House Remodel-Condo for it.

"They wanted the outside to come inside their home," says Ms. Blume. "The beach colors and the jewel tones and sea glass shades all merge here."

Much of the home's specific inspiration can be traced directly to the large oil painting that hangs in the living room.

"You see the energy from that crashing wave?" says Ms. McDonald. "It wasn't just the colors, it was also the energy."

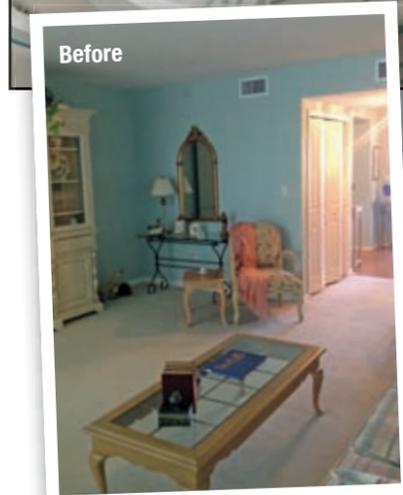
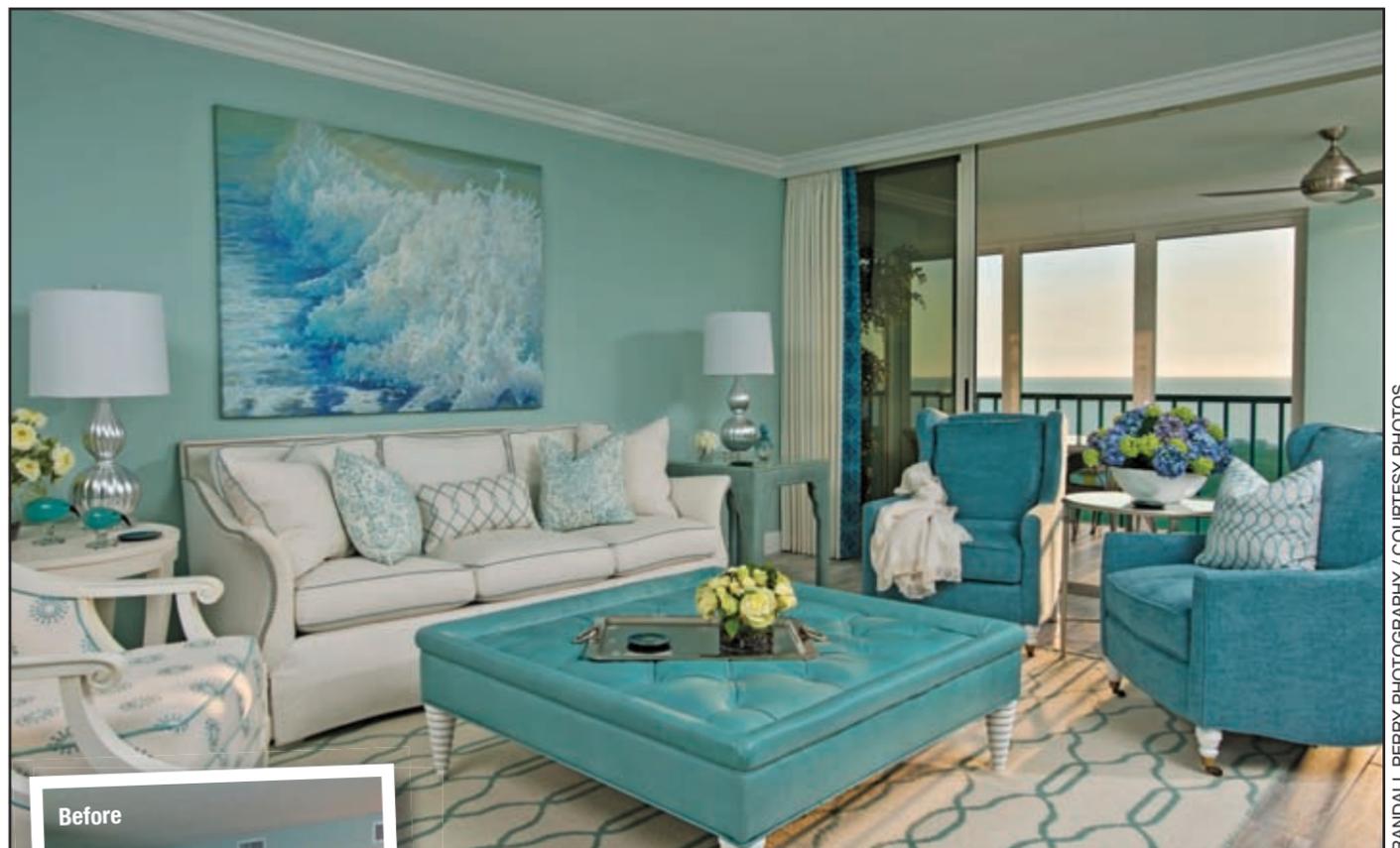
And we feel it throughout the home, which has definitely gone from 1980s Grandma to energetic and happy.

"That's what the client said when she first walked in: 'This place is happy!'" Ms. McDonald says.

For everyone except, perhaps, Reagan and Gorbachev. ■

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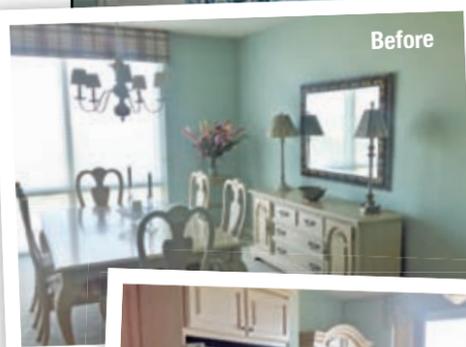


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Top: From the crashing waves of the wall art (by Naples artist Julie Carlson) to the oversized cocktail ottoman, turquoise brings this Pelican Bay living room to exciting life.

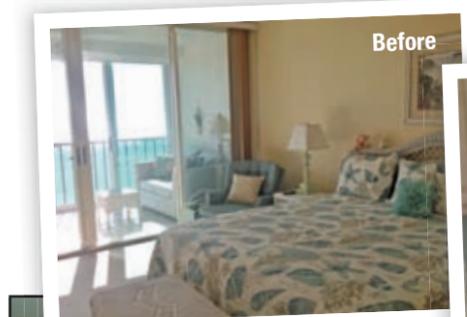
Right: An energetic ikat pattern on the dining chairs balances out the stark white table.



Before

Lower right: A wall was removed from the galley kitchen to open the space to the living room.

Below: the master suite never looked so good.



Before



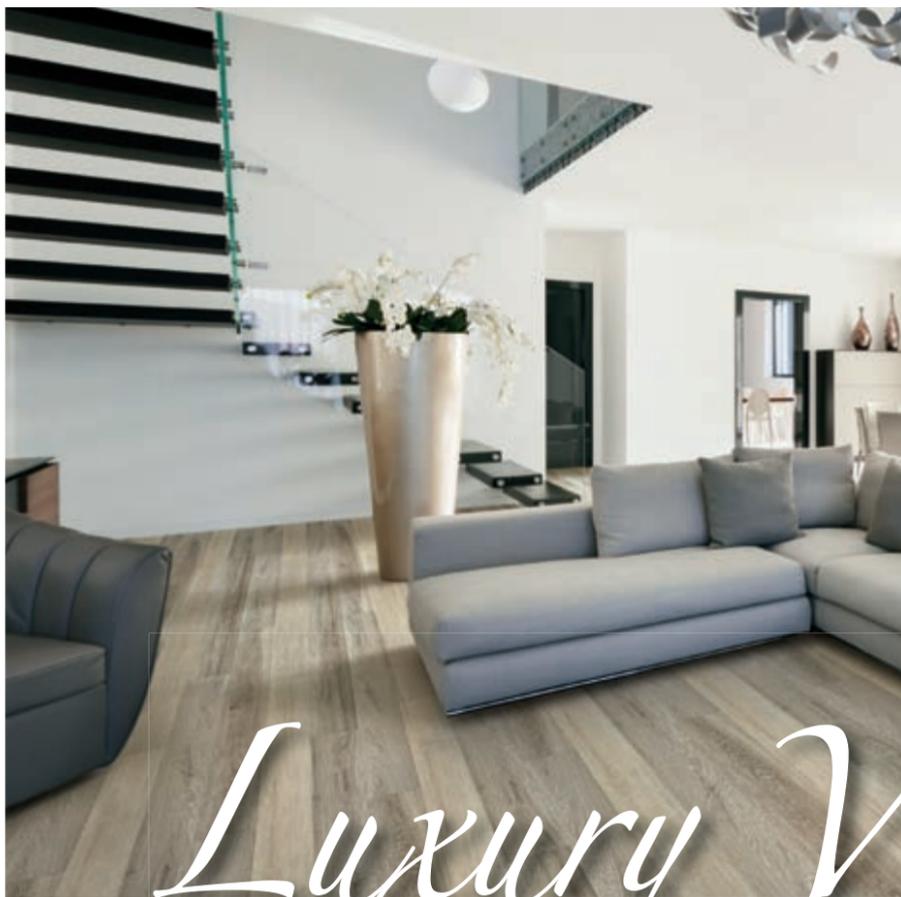
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Talis Park condo overlooks golf course
and *underscores* style

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

If you look up “discerning” in the dictionary you could very well find the owners of this lovely golf course condominium in Talis Park. They looked at Naples properties for 10 years before finally pulling the trigger on this three-bedroom-plus-den, 3½-bath beauty that encompasses 2,900 square feet.

They fell in love with the North Naples community and almost purchased a single-family home there years ago, but that wasn’t meant to be. However, the

interior designer on that place, Kelsey Talis of Design West, was available to help make this condo into the home of their dreams.

“We like the open concept and lighter, transitional look,” says the homeowner. “And we loved how (Design West) had laid out the other property, so we knew we were with the right people.”

The surprisingly large unit was originally designed to allow for a dining area between the kitchen and great room, but the homeowners knew from past experience that they’d prefer expanding the conversation area in the living room, and so they nixed the dining area.

Top: The cozy den is perfectly proportioned thanks to the oversized credenza custom designed by Kelsey Talis of Design West.

On the cover: In this golfing family of seven, the outdoor living area overlooking four holes of the Talis Park golf course is everybody’s favorite spot. Where better to relax after 18 holes or enjoy dinner than on a lanai so close to the action you’re basically always working on your short game?



Above: Large guest bedrooms make life a bit easier for when the homeowners' adult children come to visit. One has two queen beds for the two sons.

Right: The great room is a wonderful conversation area thanks to comfortable seating designed to accommodate everyone in this family of seven. A crane was required to lift the mirrored credenza in this room and also the one in the den (facing page) into the unit.



Subdued hues mix beautifully with sparkling metallics in the luxurious master suite.



A backsplash of glass tiles goes from floor to ceiling in the kitchen and breakfast nook/wet bar area.



Far left: The 10-foot ceilings in the breakfast nook and great room are inset with a taupe/gray metallic wallpaper that's both elegant and fun.

Center: The view toward the kitchen from the great room.

Left: Even the powder room has a touch of metallic.

"We are a family of seven and we tend to dine out or dine outside," says the homeowner. "We just felt like multiple dining options made no sense, so we added a large dining area out on the lanai to take advantage of the great view." (The lanai overlooks four holes of the Talis Park course, ideal for this golf-loving clan.)

For the large family, it just made more sense to allow for expanded comfortable seating in the living area rather than for formal dining room chairs that would get little use. Luckily, the space easily accommodates that. Nothing in the unit seems cramped. In fact, the mirrored credenza in the great room was custom built to fit that wall.

"It's perhaps the largest you'll ever see," says Ms. Talis. "It had to be lifted

up into the unit with a crane because it couldn't fit in the stairwell or elevator."

A similar credenza in the den needed the same delivery approach. The inconvenience was totally worth it, as both are statement pieces that ground some fairly large rooms.

Ms. Talis' sophisticated interior styling helped bring things to scale. The 10-foot ceilings in the great room and breakfast nook are inset with a subtle taupe/gray silvery metallic wallpaper that's both elegant and fun.

A similar treatment made its way to the guest bedrooms, which were designed with the homeowners' adult children in mind. Ms. Talis placed two queen-sized beds in one bedroom that has been designated for the homeowners' sons.

"That's a really big guest bedroom," says Ms. Talis. "It has a bit more of a masculine tone to it (compared to the other guest bedroom)."

The room uses darker hues, including a navy blue grass cloth on the ceiling and bronze hardware on the light fixtures offset by pops of coral in the drapery and artwork. In the magazine-ready master bedroom, metallic glitz works its way from the top down: The designer used a crushed, pearlized mica wall covering on the ceiling, which dazzles in the light.

"That area was meant to be a little more glamorous," Ms. Talis allows.

The bachelor chests on either side of the bed are finished in a platinum metallic with a champagne tone that helps pull in some warmer shades of

the room.

"As the master suite, it should feel a little bit more high-end, even though they wanted to keep the design relatively casual," the designer believes.

The lamps in the master light normally but also illuminate from within and feature an hombre finish that mimics art on the wall — sparkling champagne and gold on top which drips down into silvers, light blues and grays.

"It's fun when you find a piece that speaks so perfectly to the design," says Ms. Talis.

"(Design West) was very good about mixing texture and dimension in fabric and material," the happy homeowner says. "Our meetings with them were very smooth and very quick. I would say 90 percent of what they selected we liked right out of the gate."

Meanwhile, in the kitchen and breakfast nook, expanded backsplashes feature an opaque glass tile in a herringbone pattern that climbs to the ceiling. It even made its way to the base of the large peninsula. It's a terrific visual upgrade compared to neighboring units.

In fact, it's easy to see how this home was worth waiting for. ■

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Patina Collection brings 'ethereal European' to Naples

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It's safe to say that Naples has had a "look" for a long time. And though we're finally veering away from that heavy Italian air and are moving into the cleaner lines of transitional, Patina Collection, which just moved to its new location in the Design District at 944 Fifth Ave. N., is letting customers know there is another option: the romance of ethereal, organic European.

It sounds complicated. But its beauty is in its simple sophistication. The untrained eye might rush to label it shabby chic, but it's far more interesting and elegant. It's European farmhouse chic featuring subdued palettes and natural materials.

Owner Karen Abell's vision for the store came after countless trips to Europe, visiting the grand flea markets in Paris, the weekend markets in Provence and falling love with the architecture and design from Italy, particularly the Amalfi Coast.

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"European farmhouse chic" might sound like words just thrown haphazardly together — until you walk into the new home of Patina Collections, which celebrates its grand opening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. At left are owner Karen Abell, interior designer Wanda Pfeiffer and atelier director Kaylie Posner.

Taylor Road, the new location, which celebrates

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A visit to Patina Collection evokes an emotion of comfort and romance thanks to a host of organic materials. The store in its new location also has a new full-service interior design studio, Patina Design, which helps clients bring this lifestyle aesthetic to their home.



between the authentic and the ethereal.” Everything in the store is carefully curated to provide customers with one-

of-a-kind pieces, antique finds and covetable items, with a focus on objects that are exclusive to the store. To complete its lifestyle concept, Patina Collection has added a tabletop area featuring both fine and casual china and glassware, and a bedding section that draws from the look and feel of the store. It really feels like a lifestyle brand.

Ms. Abell and her team at Patina Collection take special care in selecting exclusive and innovative brands in deciding how to stock the store and what experiences those items should evoke.

“Curation is our focus,” she says, “whether it occurs while searching for new brands to bring to our store or during a design project. We believe in the juxtaposition of antiques alongside our private label and contemporary furnishings. Our aesthetic focuses on subdued palettes, abundant light and natural materials to elevate your quality of life.”

And it’s safe to say that the uniqueness of the items offered at the store helped it gain a strong network and loyal following.

In fact, thanks to demand, the store now offers a full-service interior design studio, Patina Design.

Led by veteran designer Wanda Pfeiffer, a Florida registered interior designer, the design side offers complete interior design services, including space planning, furnishing and finish selections, window treatments, CAD drawings and project management for residential and commercial projects. ■

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Coming up at the Tamiami Trail North gallery: "A Butterfly Has Three Lives," an exhibit of works by American painter Nick Kosciuk depicting the beauty, resilience and strength of children in a Belorussian orphanage he has visited throughout his life. Opening reception with the artist at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, open to the public.

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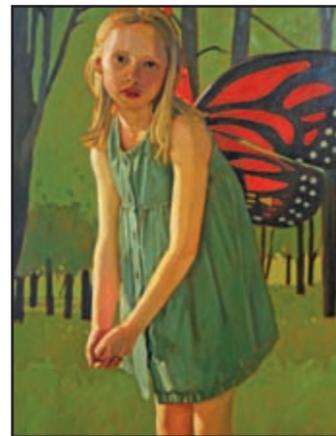
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Left: "Permanent State," a mixed media piece by Al Razza, is at Sweet Art Gallery in the Naples Art District, where the next Art ALIVE gallery tours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

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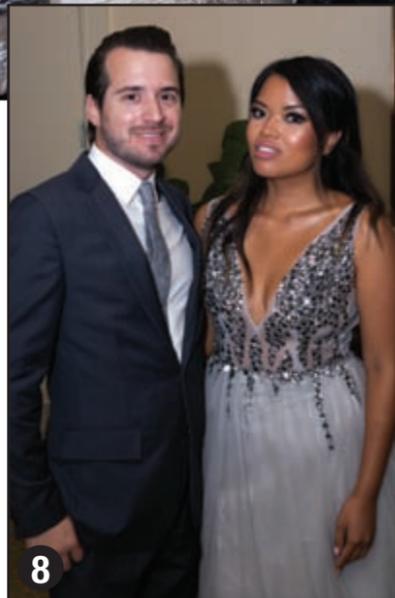


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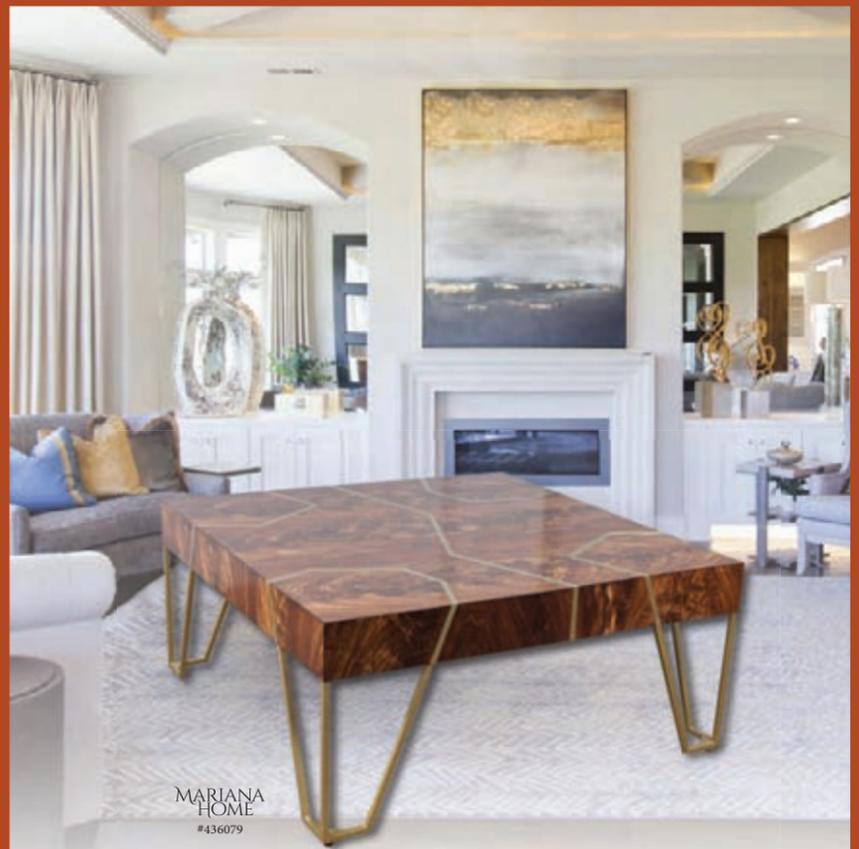
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Rare find in gated community of The Landings. Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath single family home on oversized lot. **\$384,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC064759.

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River District
Charming Mid-Century Modern River District pool home, fenced yard, open floor plan, new upgrades, tropical private backyard. **\$379,000**
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BONITA SPRINGS



Newly Constructed Home
3 bedroom 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores. **\$374,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS035740.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Gated Community
Beautiful 3 bedroom , 2.5 bath home in located in the gated community of Herons Glen. Enjoy all Herons Glen has to offer. **\$369,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC062968.

NAPLES



Limitless Possibilities-on Almost 3 Acres
Large 4 bedroom plus lots of extra rooms with a ground floor separate entrance sitting on almost 3 acres!! **\$365,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA051439.

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Prestigious Area & Home
Whiskey Creek home will own this lovely 2344 sqft 3/2.5 bath pool home. **\$359,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM052079.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Vacation Year Round in this Resort
Beautiful designer golf course - front pool. **\$349,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM062232.

BONITA SPRINGS



Spectacular Villa for Sale
Amazing villa for sale in this beautiful Divota built community. Tons of amenities. Close to airport, shopping, beaches. **\$329,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM060919.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Gated Community
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Eagle Model home with 2133 sqft of living area overlooking the 16th fairway. **\$329,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC064884.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Quick Access to Charlotte Harbor PGI Beauty
Very nice 3/2/2 home with concrete seawall and boat lift. Metal roof. **\$329,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH242104.

ESTERO



3 + Den / 2.5 in Stoneybrook Golf Community
Well maintained 3+den/2.5 bath in Stoneybrook. Close to shopping, schools, and airport. Enjoy a great golfing community. **\$329,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS047844.

CAPE CORAL



So Much House for Your Money
This is like a new home. Everything in this home has been redone! Great location and minutes to the open river. **\$320,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC048653.

BONITA SPRINGS



Gorgeous New Construction Home in Bonita
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fantastic open floor, 1 car garage, and open lanai, lot of room for pool. **\$320,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS035782.

ESTERO



The Reserve at Estero
Large 4/2/2 home built by Toll Brothers. **\$315,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM076548.

FORT MYERS



Fabulous Golf View
Fabulous view! Beautiful turnkey attached villa in Colonial Country Club. **\$308,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM060552.

BONITA SPRINGS



Centrally Located Home with Spacious Backyard
2/2 Single family home plus a 2-car garage. Living in nature - Lots of privacy but close to everything. A must see! **\$299,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM063820.

CAPE CORAL



Immaculately Kept 4 Bed Pool home Centrally Located
Oversized lot 2- car garage, newer AC, Irrigation system, pool heater and salt water system, all replaced in 2014. **\$292,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC064648.

LEHIGH ACRES



Pool Home on 1.5 Acres
Completely renovated pool home on 1.5 acres, gourmet kitchen, great master suite, storage shed and fenced yard. **\$290,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE064710.

FORT MYERS



Open! Bright! Updated 3 Beds! 2 Baths!
3 beds*2 updated baths*new floors*new granite*new A/C* +more*community pool*club house*workout room & more*gorgeous home. **\$290,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM059104.

CAPE CORAL



Bring Your Suntan Lotion
This pool home comes with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, den, great room, walk in pantry, open kitchen with island. **\$289,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC045506.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful Home
Located In Lehigh - One of the prettiest homes in the neighborhood. **\$285,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM028923.

CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Pool Home
3/2 Pool home in SW Cape Coral with stunning up-grades. **\$285,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC047178.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Pool Home with Big Yard
Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club single family villa pool home with a huge backyard! **\$275,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM052232.



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Magnolia Lakes in Gateway Home
4 bed/2 bath home with a 3 car garage in Magnolia Lakes in Gateway. Great family home with separate living room/dining. **\$275,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM043001.

CAPE CORAL



Gated Community
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many upgrades in gated community of Sandoval. **\$259,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC063557.

FORT MYERS



Lakefront Western Exposure with Lots of Upgrades
Lakefront western exposure with lots of upgrades. Home has paver driveway & tile roof. 18" diagonal tile throughout. **\$254,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC045991.

PUNTA GORDA



Deep Creek Beauty
3/2/2 Pool Home with over 2200 sqft of Florida living. Large living room leading to great outdoor living. **\$254,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH241061.

ESTERO



Water View Villa at Estero
Lovely 2 bed 2 bath + den beautiful view in Fairway Bend Village at The Vines. **\$249,500**
1-866-657-2300 800FM062675.

FORT MYERS



Pristine Lakeview Coach Home
Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home with 1 car garage. The home has a large lanai. **\$244,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM028424.

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Great Price on 2/2 + Den/2 Car Garage Villa
Gorgeous, immaculate open floor plan villa with many upgrades! Amazing amenities! **\$243,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC045056.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage. **\$239,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM059820.

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Perfect First Floor Veranda
All upgraded with great furniture and golf course view! **\$239,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM025917.

CAPE CORAL



Nice Corner Pool Home
Affordable clean pool home in SW Cape Coral. Brand new tile flooring throughout; Updated bathrooms. All assessments paid. **\$234,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC053679.

CAPE CORAL



3+1/2 Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
Great opportunity to own a pool home- just needs some cosmetic updates and love. **\$224,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC060991.

CAPE CORAL



Almost New 4 Bedroom Home
This 4 bedroom, 2 bath plus family room was built in 2014 on an oversized lot. Plenty of room in & outside of this home. **\$220,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC046348.

LEHIGH ACRES



Best Location in Lehigh Acres
Best location in Lehigh Acres! It offers three bedrooms, two baths. This home has two living rooms. **\$220,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM042807.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Home
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage Cape Coral home for sale. **\$219,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC065134.

ESTERO



2 Bed 2 Bath Wrap Around Water View - Beautiful
Like living on an island this adorable coach home is sure to delight you! **\$219,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM063122.

CAPE CORAL



Pool Home with Southern Exposure
Updated heated pool home with all utilities in and paid! Very open floor plan with French doors out to a large pool area. **\$214,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC054262.

CAPE CORAL



Beautifully Updated Home in SW Cape Coral
Newly updated 3 bed/2 bath home in SW Cape Coral with many high-end upgrades. **\$209,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC057241.

CAPE CORAL



4/3/2 Home in Desirable SW Cape
4 bed 3 full bath 2 car garage, huge backyard with lots of fruit trees. **\$209,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC062398.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Very Nice Pool Home 3/2/2
Beautiful good size pool to enjoy in this 3/2/2 amenities like golfing, fishing, & tennis and boating in this area. **\$204,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH243142.

ESTERO



Best Buy in the Vines
First floor 2 bedroom 2 bath right on the lake awesome view!!!! **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM044782.

LEHIGH ACRES



3 Bedroom on 1/2 Acre
Custom upgrades including oversized enclosed front porch with tinted windows, separate living room and family room. **\$194,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE031550.

CAPE CORAL



Don't Miss this 4/2/2 in the NE Cape
Well maintained 4/2/2 in Northeast Cape. Great room concept with cathedral ceilings and tile everywhere but the bedrooms. **\$189,900**
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Nice 3/2/2 Home - Room for Pool
 Convenient location in a wonderful neighborhood located in SE Cape Coral with quick access to shopping and dining.
\$179,900
 1-866-657-2300 800CC037858.

CAPE CORAL



Investment Opportunity
 Great corner lot home located in NE Cape. Already tenant occupied so there is a cash flow!
\$175,000
 1-866-657-2300 800CC053996.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 3 Bed 2 Bath w/Split Floor Plan
 Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath with split floor plan. Very spacious living room along with cathedral ceiling.
\$165,000
 1-866-657-2300 800LE042973.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access SW Cape Condo
 Beautiful intersecting canals with gulf access located in SW Cape Coral. Just minutes and 1 bridge to river.
\$159,900
 1-866-657-2300 800FM050971.

CAPE CORAL



55+ Plus Community Condo with Sailboat Access
 3/2 condo in a 55+ community with sailboat access in Cape Coral.
\$159,000
 1-866-657-2300 800CC023780.

LEHIGH ACRES



Freshly Painted Inside and Out
 Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath home with built-in desk in hallway, 2 car garage and screened lanai. Move in ready.
\$157,900
 1-866-657-2300 800LE063659.

ARCADIA



Income Producing Duplex
 Furnished duplex sitting on three lots.
\$154,900
 1-866-657-2300 800CH241498.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Great Family Home
 3/2 lovely home in a great location.
\$149,000
 1-866-657-2300 800CH242382.

LABELLE



Great Family Home
 Great home for a growing family, close to schools and shopping. This 3/2 has plenty of room for everyone. Family friendly.
\$143,999
 1-866-657-2300 800FM060135.

FORT MYERS



Caloosa Bayview Condo in a Great Location
 Lovely, quiet community tucked away along the Caloosahatchee River. Attached end unit villa with 2 bedrooms.
\$140,000
 1-866-657-2300 800FM023417.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2/1 in a Quiet Neighborhood on Water & Sewer
 Location, Location, Location! This 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home is in quiet neighborhood.
\$139,900
 1-866-657-2300 800CH241922.

CAPE CORAL



Pool Home in South East Cape Coral
 This 3 bedroom and 2 bath home has great potential.
\$139,000
 1-866-657-2300 800LE063735.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful Villas of Bethany Trace
 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, with den/office and 2 car garage with screen enclosure. City water and sewer.
\$129,900
 1-866-657-2300 800LE061530.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Charming 3/2/1 Home in the Heart of Port Charlotte
 You won't want to miss this charming 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home in the heart of Port Charlotte!
\$129,900
 1-866-657-2300 800CH240965.

FORT MYERS



Lease Purchase Opportunity
 Lovely townhome in gulf access community on the Ten-Mile Canal. Minutes to the Gulf of Mexico.
\$129,900
 1-866-657-2300 800BS043959.

FORT MYERS



Cross Creek End Unit with Golf Course Views
 This is your perfect Florida retreat with beautiful golf course and preserve views of the Six-Mile Slough Preserve.
\$124,900
 1-866-657-2300 800FM043561.

LEHIGH ACRES



Carlton Park Doll House
 Two bedroom 1.5 bath house with Florida room, lanai and one car garage. All tile and wood laminate. City water & sewer.
\$109,900
 1-866-657-2300 800LE063187.

FORT MYERS



Great Investment
 Solid well maintained home with great investment potentials.
\$99,600
 1-866-657-2300 800CC062876.

ESTERO



Riverwoods Plantation
 Nice two bedroom two bath manufactured home in a great community. There are so many amenities.
\$99,000
 1-866-657-2300 800FM056643.

LEHIGH ACRES



Affordable Home in Lehigh Acres
 This 2 bedroom and 2 bath home is conveniently located in the heart of Lehigh Acres.
\$70,000
 1-866-657-2300 800LE064894.

