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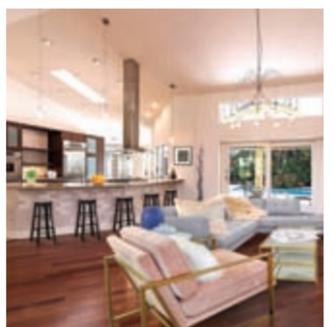
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BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

LIKE A PEBBLE BREAKING the surface of a placid lake, the ripple effect of one's attitudes and beliefs, words and deeds, radiates outward, touching all in its wake and sometimes profoundly influencing the lives of others.

As is the Florida Weekly tradition in the final issue of the year, this year we profile three local residents who died in the past 12 months. Each of them, in their own quiet way, led lives that created and will likely continue to create waves that support and enrich and endure. While they were of different gen-

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Annual homeless count just a snapshot, experts say

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Next month, within a few days of Donald Trump's one-year anniversary as the nation's chief executive — which supporters will celebrate at a bash at Palm Beach's Mar a Lago — volunteers in Palm Beach County will fan out on a single night to count the homeless.

And not just in Palm Beach County, but in Lee, Collier, Charlotte and every other region in the state, along with roughly 3,000 cities and counties across the nation. All of



it is part of a "point-in-time" census conducted each January by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and

assisted by thousands of volunteers in state planning agencies.

This annual count, loosely organized in Florida by the state's Council on Homelessness, not only records numbers of homeless men, women, children, veterans, people with disabilities, and so on, but it reflects problems county-by-county as well as statewide: lack of affordable housing, for example, or rising rents without rising salaries.

As it happens, minimum wage in Florida will increase by 15 cents, to \$8.25 per hour,

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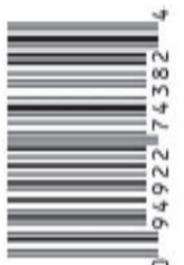
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COMMENTARY

Go out and play



I spent part of a morning last week talking to our nation's youth. As my oldest son taught me recently, "the tragedy of old age is not that one is old, but that one is young," in the words of Oscar Wilde.

So even though I'll be 165 or so next year, I felt right at home with our nation's youth — in this case, a 14-year-old high school student named Michael Cherbini.

Like I do (but with focus and discipline), the young Mr. Cherbini lives to play.

We sat in a public library, of all places, and discussed theater. While that may sound rather arcane and rarified — what kid nowadays sits around a house of books talking about theater with old people? — it was anything but.

"Acting is like a sport," Mr. Cherbini said, probing for a point of contact with an ancient planet. And suddenly I understood. If you're an actor, like Mr. Cherbini, you can hit homeruns even though you're not swinging a bat — which is exactly what he did by concluding a long tour on Christmas Day with the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers as Ralphie Parker in "A Christmas Story: The Musical."

It was Mr. Cherbini's first professional role.

"This isn't about me becoming some famous movie star — it's not," he told me. "I just love the art. I love performing."

Director Dean Soban brought out the best in Mr. Cherbini by his exacting attention to detail, the young man said. "This is the toughest play I've done to date, and I loved every second of it."

The production itself was a spectacular success, earning high marks from *Florida Weekly's* own tough critic, Nancy Stetson: "It's an entertaining — and moving — production," she noted. And it required hundreds of hours of rehearsal and preparation for Mr. Cherbini, one of two boys who played the part of Ralphie, alternating nights.

When a thing like this happens — a young person spends months rehearsing a role then has to sing and dance (or hit baseballs) at length while performing over a period of weeks — it doesn't happen in a void.

The young sportsman's parents have to be part of it, too, whether in baseball, football, the dramatic arts or any other. They drive, they wait and watch, they drive back and they consult. Or encourage. Or commiserate. Or simply listen. And that takes hundreds of their hours, as well.

The young Mr. Cherbini knows this. "There are soccer moms," he said brightly, "and there are theater moms ... mine. I have great parents."

She's a school counselor and his father, a former chemistry teacher, works in construction. Then they go home and work like hell at parenting, apparently.

When parents approach things that way — when they embrace the playful interests and talents of their children — our nation's youth tend to turn out pretty good, it seems to me.

Although neither of the parental units in the Cherbini family has a theater or arts background, the young actor told me, when an elementary school teacher helped him discover the joy of hard work and dramatic play in a fourth-grade production of "101 Dalmatians," they jumped in behind him with all the support they could offer. They encouraged him to take on other roles in and out of school, in all seasons and all weathers, all around the state.

Now, he's performed in 10 plays or musicals, been selected two years in a row to represent his school in the Junior States Thespian Competition in Orlando, and — oh yeah — he'll represent his high school this spring in district competition for science fair with a project from the field of behavioral science called "False Facts or True Truths."



CHERBINI

Maybe we need this kid in journalism to help our ongoing effort to print fewer false facts and more true truths.

Or maybe not. He's probably too talented.

"The play's the thing/wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king," Shakespeare once wrote, in "Hamlet." That's the paradox of play, any kind: it can get to the truth better than the facts can, sometimes.

Football or baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, track and field, bicycling, swimming, rugby, fencing, wrestling, boxing, dancing, drawing, acting, singing and all the others: They're all playful. They're all hard work. And they're all good for young people, even old young people, those who aren't too busy worrying about the tragedy of being old.

As Robert Frost put it in "Two Tramps In Mud Time:"

"Only where love and need are one/
And the work is play for mortal stakes/
Is the deed ever really done/
For Heaven and the future's sakes."

So no matter how young you are in the New Year, go out and play. You'll be better for it.

Two young guys — Michael Cherbini and I — say so. ■



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OPINION

Environmental lessons learned in 2017



Reflecting on 2017, Hurricane Irma is likely the event that will remain at the forefront of our minds. Upon reflection, what lessons have we learned?

Lesson No. 1 – Floodwater management is critical to rapid recovery.

Floodwater management is tied to how quickly floodwater recedes and whether your house gets flooded. It determines when you can leave your neighborhood, if emergency vehicles can get to you, and how rapidly stores can be restocked. We don't feel the impact of floodwater management until after a storm.

The good news is Collier County already has a Watershed Management Plan, with projects designed to redirect stormwater and reduce flooding in our neighborhoods. Unfortunately, funding is lagging. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida encourages Collier County to find a mechanism to fund these shovel-ready projects in 2018.

Lesson No. 2 – Natural systems are our best line of defense against disastrous flooding.

Southwest Florida will always have flood events. However, wetlands, which can hold between 1-1.5 million gallons of floodwater per acre, are the hardest working and most cost effective defense against flooding. We cannot engineer our way out of this. We must continue to acquire and protect sensitive wetland

areas. In September, the Lee County Commission approved purchase of Edison Farms for conservation. What could be more fitting than protection of existing natural storage just days after Irma? In addition, Collier County has reactivated Conservation Collier acquisition and \$17 million was authorized from the Conservation Collier management fund to jump start the process. The Conservancy applauds both Commissions for their proactive decisions.

Lesson No. 3 – Good planning is the difference between sustaining impacts and suffering catastrophe.

While the absence of zoning cannot be solely to blame for the disastrous flooding Houston sustained during Hurricane Harvey, it does reinforce the connection between good planning and protection of our environment and quality of life. This must include retention of urban preserves. Even if small, preserves are part of the mosaic providing habitat and floodwater storage, in addition to being a desirable amenity for homeowners. Unfortunately, small urban preserves are being targeted for development. The Conservancy will continue to oppose such proposals.

Additionally, in 2018, Collier County's review of the Eastern Collier County planning areas will focus on the Rural Lands Stewardship Area. The manner in which the RLSA, covering 195,000 acres in eastern Collier County, will build-out impacts us all. The Conservancy will actively participate in the review, and we encourage the community to get involved.

As we look forward to 2018, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the upcoming legislative session. During the 2017

session, the Legislature approved Senate Bill 10, directing the state to plan, design and construct a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee. This reservoir is a crucial component of Everglades Restoration that will help keep harmful discharges from inundating the Caloosahatchee. However, approval of this legislation is only the first step. The Conservancy, along with partners in the conservation community, remain committed to ensuring appropriate and timely implementation.

I will end with the Conservancy's number one legislative priority — a statewide ban on well stimulation treatments, commonly known as fracking. Well stimulation treatments use high volumes of fresh water mixed with toxic chemicals. Any water that returns to the surface after the operation includes trace radioactive elements and briny saltwater from underground. The water cannot be reused to replenish groundwater resources, which is the source of drinking water for a majority of over 90 percent of Floridians. Florida's economy relies on our natural resources and has a direct impact on the quality of life for both residents and tourists alike. We cannot afford to jeopardize the health and quality of our water resources for a one-time industrial that benefits so few: it is not worth the risk. The Conservancy will be working with Legislators to get the well stimulation bills heard, and hopefully approved, in 2018.

Stay tuned.

Learn more about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's work to protect our region's water, land wildlife and future at www.conservancy.org. ■

Give Trump credit where it's due



Republicans have tried, on and off, to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling since the 1980s. The effort has always engendered intense opposition and always been abandoned. A provision for drilling in ANWR is included in the Republican tax bill almost as an afterthought.

Republicans took a constitutional fight against Obamacare's individual mandate to the Supreme Court in 2012, and lost. They targeted it in their Obamacare repeal-and-replace bill earlier this year, and lost. They tried again with a last-ditch "skinny repeal" bill, and lost yet again. Repeal of the individual mandate also is included in the Republican tax bill.

As the year ends, President Donald Trump is compiling a solid record of accomplishment. Much of it is unilateral, dependent on extensive executive actions rolling back President Barack Obama's regulations, impressive judicial appointments and the successful fight against ISIS overseas. The tax bill is the significant legislative achievement that heretofore had been missing.

For much of the year, Trump's presidency had seemed to be sound and fury signifying not much besides the welcome ascension of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court; now, it is sound and fury signifying a discernible shift of American government to the right. It's hard to see how a conventional Republican president would have done much better, except if he had managed to get Obamacare repealed.

The tax cut is big — \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, and even more if you account for the budgetary gimmicks — and has changes that conservative economists have sought for decades, particularly the lower corporate rate (from 35 to 21 percent), the move to a territorial tax system (companies would only be taxed on their earnings in the U.S.), and the business expensing (companies can write off the full cost of new buildings and equipment).

The administration's deregulatory apparatus has been in full gear. The Environmental Protection Agency is unspooling the Waters of the United States and the Clean Power Plan, major Obama-era regulations. The Federal Communications Commission reversed net neutrality. The Education Department rescinded an Obama administration Title IX letter that pushed colleges into abandoning due process in sexual-assault cases.

Obama administration rulings that occasioned fierce debates during his time in office have fallen by the wayside with barely a whimper. Obama blocked the Keystone pipeline. Trump greenlighted it without a fuss. Obama imposed a Health and Human Services mandate that feminists portrayed as the only obstacle between women and a "Handmaid's Tale" future. Trump reversed it, and contraception is still widely and easily available in America.

Three acts stand out — pulling out of the Paris accords, decertifying the Iran deal and declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel. All three demonstrated an imperviousness to polite opinion that is one of Trump's signature qualities.

The president also began the process of ending DACA, the Obama amnesty for so-called DREAMers, and has re-established a baseline of immigration enforcement that has had an instant impact on illegal border crossings.

None of this is to deny Trump's failings. His toxic persona could drive a Democratic wave in the 2018 midterms. Whatever next year brings, though, Republicans aren't leaving this one empty-handed. ■

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GUEST OPINION

Surging renewable energy faces big challenges

BY DAVE TRECKER

Despite President Donald Trump's reset, green energy is alive and well and expanding at a frantic pace. Regulation rollbacks, a pullout from the Paris accords, new areas opened to oil exploration — none of that has slowed the growth of renewables.

Let's look at where things stand.

U.S. electricity comes from six sources. Natural gas at 32 percent has just overtaken coal as our leading energy source, with nuclear a stagnant third and hydroelectric a stagnant fourth. Wind at 6.3 percent is growing rapidly, as is solar, now at 2 percent. On a cost basis, nuclear and coal are the most expensive — \$150 and \$102 per megawatt hour, respectively — while natural gas at \$60 is the cheapest on a continuous-generating basis. Solar and wind are less expensive, but only when the sun is shining and the wind is blowing.

What's happening locally?

Florida Power & Light just installed the first of what will be 1 million new solar panels at three plants on the east coast. The goal is to raise FPL's solar capacity to 2,100 megawatts — enough to power 420,000 homes — by 2023. Eight solar operations are in place or under construction. If all goes as planned, photovoltaic power will account for 4 percent of FPL's capacity in five years.

Solar is expanding even faster overseas. Because of green-power mandates, it has reached new heights in Europe; in India and China, it is by far the fast-



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est-growing energy source.

Wind growth is even more impressive. Spurred by the development of huge turbine blades, some longer than two football fields, wind is now widely used in the western

U.S. Texas alone has installed more than 10,000 megawatts of capacity.

Then there is offshore wind. A 300-megawatt project was just completed off Rhode Island, providing enough energy to power all of Block Island. (I used to sail around Block and can attest to the winds there.) The next installation will be off Martha's Vineyard, another wind-swept island. In all, 17 wind farms are planned, most along the U.S. east coast and Hawaii. If all are completed, they would add more than 9 gigawatts of generating capacity, enough to power 3 million homes.

While this is encouraging, continuing growth will be no a slam dunk. Based on today's technology, if all conditions of the Paris accords were met by 2040, solar plus wind would contribute less than 3 percent of the world's energy. There are still big problems to overcome.

One is the very magnitude of space needed to accommodate solar fields and wind farms. Coal- and gas-based plants have small footprints, as do nuclear facilities and hydroelectric dams. Solar and wind, however, take up huge

amounts of space. It would take more than 20 percent of Florida's land surface to house enough solar farms to power the Sunshine State. Where would the land come from? Ranches? The Everglades? The lot next door?

The situation is even worse with wind. According to National Geographic, powering a meaningful portion of the east coast would require 156,000 offshore windmills and 328,000 land-based turbines occupying a space the size of North Carolina. This would be impractical, unsightly and environmentally polluting on a massive scale.

And there are other concerns. Nobody wants power plants of any sort in their backyards; property values plummet. And the very size of solar fields and wind farms means a lot of backyards would be affected. (In my Naples neighborhood, even rooftop solar is discouraged. Realtors worry about resale value.)

Then there are disposal problems. Just as with spent uranium from nuclear plants, solar panels wear out and must be disposed of. Local energy expert George Ahearn visualizes massive landfills clogged with toxic chromium and cadmium from depleted panels. He says China alone could generate 20 million metric tons of panel waste by 2050.

But those problems pale compare to cost. Today's green energy costs are low because of subsidies, both direct and indirect. In addition to the well-publicized 30 percent investment credit, there are tax credits for operation and power-

purchase agreements that are kept artificially low to ensure the subsidies keep rolling in. Wind operators typically offer power at negative prices and make their money from tax credits.

These problems — virtually all of them — are functions of current technology. As technology improves, footprints will shrink, disposal problems will lessen and, most important, subsidies will no longer be needed.

And technology *is* improving. Breakthrough discoveries in batteries, solar cells and wind turbines offer very real prospects for cost reduction. Will the discoveries lead anywhere? Only with infusion of huge chunks of capital. That's the challenge. Laboratory work is cheap. Prototype development, product scale-up and production are expensive. If returns look promising, the private sector will pick up most of the tab. But progress will be slow.

To speed things up, public money will almost certainly be needed. Climate scientist Bjorn Lomborg writes, "True progress in reducing carbon emissions will require far-reaching advances in green energy, and that will mean massive government investment in research and development." I agree. And that's a far better use of taxpayer money than squandering it on subsidies. ■

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erations, they shared much in common, perhaps most importantly, an ability to serve as a shining light that uplifted those they encountered.

To quote Nishan Panwar, "Success can be measured not only in achievements, but in lessons learned, lives touched and moments shared along the way."

If that be the yardstick, then all of these residents indeed were indeed a "success" during their time on this Earth.



Annette Dickinson Burrier

Jan. 2, 1921-July 22, 2017

Nicknames can capture an essential quality of the bearer, revealing with a bare minimum of words much about their approach to life and their affect on the world around them.

Such was the case with Annette Dickinson Burrier of Naples, who passed away in July at age 96. She left behind three children, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a host of adoring actors, directors, staffers and patrons at her home away from home, the Marco Players Theater.

Mrs. Burrier was lovingly known as "Momma Rose" at the theater where, for the last several years, she was the organization's volunteer coordinator. In that role, she led a team in handing out playbills and greeting, seating and serving audience members. She also signed up new volunteers, set schedules and sang the community theater's praises far and wide.

Intellectually and sartorially sharp, warm and wise, down to earth, an engaging conversationalist, unpretentious and funny, caring and, quite simply, a people person — those are just some of descriptions that applied to the Baltimore native.

"She liked being the center of attention, she loved people and she loved her volunteers," said Mrs. Burrier's daughter, Beverly Dahlstrom, of Naples, the Marco Players' executive and artistic director.

The Momma Rose sobriquet originated with the cast in the theater's fall 2016 production of Ivan Menchell's "The Cemetery Club."

"She was at every rehearsal every night and the ladies in the play named her Momma Rose because she was like their mother," her daughter explained. "They started calling her Momma Rose, and then the patrons started calling her Momma Rose and it just caught on."

Mrs. Burrier moved in, full-time, with Mrs. Dahlstrom and her husband Wayne that February, after years of playing snowbird, spending

"She liked being the center of attention, she loved people and she loved her volunteers."

part of the year in Ocean City, Md.

"She just loved Naples," Mrs. Dahlstrom said. "She loved the theater. It filled her life with joy, I guess; personal satisfaction."

Theater became a passion for Mrs. Burrier when her daughter began acting as a teenager.

"She was always excited about every project," said Mrs. Dahlstrom. "She was a stage mother from the time I started acting when I was very young."

Mrs. Dahlstrom's love of the theater continued into her 20s before she stopped to marry and raise a family, returning years later as an actor, director and producer both in Maryland and Collier County.

"Each venture, my mother was always there. She was truly Momma Rose," she said.

Married at 20 and a mom at 21, Mrs. Burrier was a dedicated wife and mother to her three children, said Mrs. Dahlstrom.

Over the years, she also found time to be a model, physical therapy assistant, writer, editor and artist. While living at the Charlestown Senior Living community in suburban Baltimore, she stayed active by creating and editing the campus yearbook and campus cookbook, hosting a show on the campus TV station and joining the sports cheerleading team. She also accompanied the community's developer on marketing trips to promote the company's senior living concept.

She loved to keep busy, something she was unable to do while living with another daughter in Ocean City, Md., after entering her eighties.

"She said to me, 'I need a job. I can't stand sitting around,'" Mrs. Dahlstrom recalled. "She wanted to do some marketing or something."

"I think coming to Florida was her job, what she had been asking for for 10 years, the opportunity to have a job and to be excited every day when she got up."

On the back of Mrs. Burrier's business cards was a block of text that summed up her view of how one's time on Earth should be spent. It reads: "Life's journey is not to arrive safely at the grave in a well-preserved body, but to slide in sideways, totally worn out, shouting, 'Holy cow! What a ride!'"

Her zest for life was a magnet that drew people to her and also led to her being viewed as an inspiration as she aged, something Mrs. Burrier couldn't quite wrap her mind around.

"She didn't understand the inspiration that she was," Mrs. Dahlstrom said. "I don't think she saw herself from an ego standpoint. I think she saw herself just as someone who loved people, who loved being involved and who wasn't going to sit around and waste her life."



Austin Ruiz

Sept. 4, 1997-Jan. 13, 2017

Becoming a Marine had been Austin Ruiz's dream since he was just a little guy.

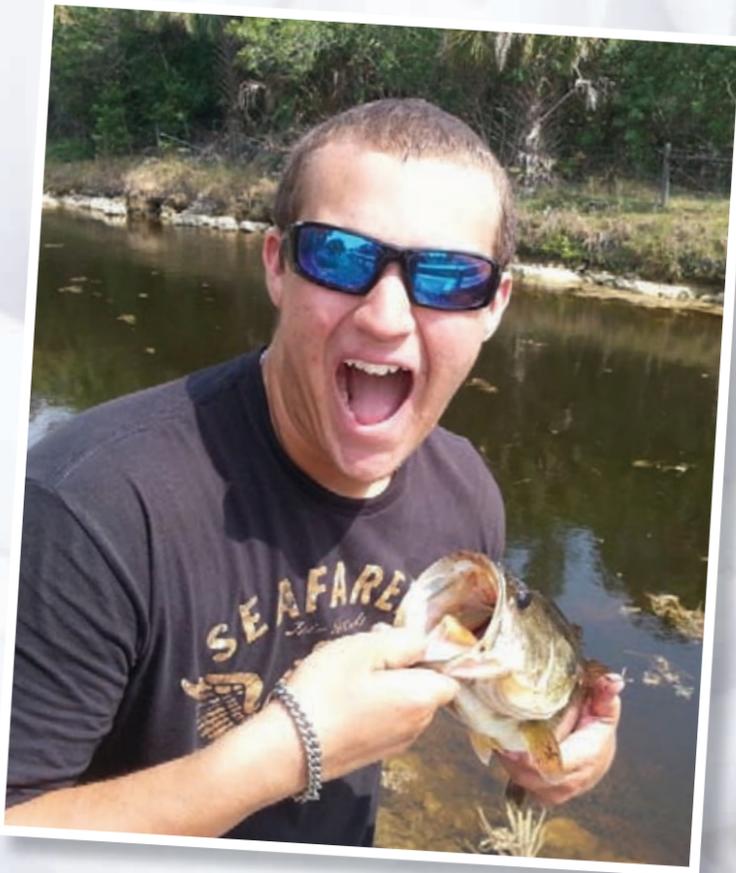
The Golden Gate Estates resident was 8 years old when he visited the National Naval Aviation Museum at Naval Air Station Pensacola with an aunt and a display of banners representing each branch of the military caught his eye.

"He saw the Marine emblem, and



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Annette Dickinson Burrier earlier this year at The Arlington retirement community in Naples, where she was receiving physical therapy.



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Austin Ruiz enjoying one of his favorite hobbies.



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Mike and Janet Stapleton in October 2016



BURRIER



RUIZ

he told my sister that's what he was going to be," said his mother, Sheara Hamilton-Ruiz. "She said, 'No, you should be in the Air Force like the rest of the family,' but ever since then, that's all we ever heard about."

Mr. Ruiz joined the Marines when he turned 18 and loved the experience. But the storybook tale took a tragic turn last Jan. 13 when the lance corporal lost his life during a live-fire training exercise at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. He was 19 years old.

"He said they were badass, strong brotherhood, the first ones to put boots on the ground," Mrs. Ruiz recalled in explaining the Corps' appeal for her and her husband Nell's only son. "Everything about the Marines, their motto, the hymns they would sing, he knew it all. He just loved it."

Roughly one year later, the pain remains sharp for the family, which includes an older sister, April, as well as Mr. Ruiz's many friends, but Mrs. Ruiz said they try to celebrate his life each day, rather than mourn.

"We've been spending our year honoring Austin, trying to do everything we can with Gold Star Parents, connecting with other families, helping veterans and trying to do things Austin would be proud of," she said. "We mourn every day. There's not a day that goes by that one of us doesn't cry, if not all three of us. But we just stick together. We're tight like we've always been."

"We're just doing everything we can to make him proud and to kind of live the way he would — never let an adventure pass you by."

A thirst for adventure also drew Mr. Ruiz to the Marines.

"He wanted to know everything about life," said his mother. "We tried to convince him to go into the Coast Guard first, but he was afraid he'd be stationed someplace locally. He wanted to travel. He wanted to see the world."

That curiosity and patriotism were dominant qualities, but charisma, lightheartedness, humor and compassion were also hallmarks of Mr. Ruiz's personality.

"He had a lot of love for everybody," the elder Mr. Ruiz said. His wife recalled their son as someone who never really had a bad day.

"He lifted everybody up," she added. "All of his Marine buddies have had nothing but great things to say about how he brightened everybody's day when they were down and out during training and missing home. He gave them something positive."

Mrs. Ruiz said that in the wake of their son's death, the family learned from his friends, teachers and people who wrote letters of condolence that he'll be remembered for giving "something positive," which makes the family proud.

"Of course, as parents you're biased and you think that they are the best and that they don't make any mistakes, but it's really nice to have that confirmed by people that really mattered to him," she said.

Mr. Ruiz was a typical little brother, said April Ruiz, older by 18 months. "He always did anything and everything to get under

"He said they were badass, strong brotherhood, the first ones to put boots on the ground."

my skin," she said with a laugh. They would sometimes bicker during their teen years, but remained close, even sharing the same group of friends.

One of those friends was Shane Busto, who first met Mr. Ruiz in 2010. They lived in the same neighborhood, and Mr. Busto was among the teens who would hang out at the Ruiz home to play driveway basketball, video games and joke around.

"He was just the best friend that anybody could ask for," said Mr. Busto. "Any time I was going through something, he was always there to give me advice. For a younger person, he was more mature than almost anyone I ever met. He just always had this glow of happiness. He was always in the moment, enjoying life. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be where I am today in life."

Mr. Busto's wife will give birth to their first child, a son, in March and the baby will be named Carmelo, with Austin as the middle name, to honor his friend and the Ruiz family.

It was Mr. Ruiz who encouraged Mr. Busto to confess his feelings to a girl who was part of their group of friends. She is now his wife, Kaina.

"Him going into the Marines kind of put into perspective what I wanted to do with my life," he said. "I want to make a difference in the world, and he basically showed me that I'm capable of that. I can't wait until my son is old enough that I can explain the influence that he had on me."



Mike Stapleton

Jan. 14, 1943-Sept. 27, 2017

Duty, honor and country were treasured values for the late U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



STAPLETON

"Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be," the general said in a 1962 speech to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, N.Y.

Duty, honor and country were also core beliefs for Marco Island resident Mike Stapleton, a former Marine who died away on Sept. 27 at the age of 74.

"When you're in the Corps, that 'Oorah,' that spirit is drilled into them," said Janet Stapleton, his wife of 49 years. "No one left behind. All the things that they say are so true about the Marines ... he very much believed in that. He was very proud of the service and very much believed in that."

Mr. Stapleton served during the Vietnam era, from 1961 to 1965, but was never stationed in Southeast Asia. However, the Philadelphia native was among the battle-ready Marines positioned on a U.S. Navy ship, blockading shipping during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

"He was very proud of what happened there," his widow recalled. "They were off the coast of Cuba literally watching the ships come in right beside the aircraft carriers. He said it was probably one of the only times he ever felt fear."



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Austin Ruiz and his family at his Marine Corps boot camp graduation at Parris Island.

After being discharged, Mr. Stapleton returned to Philadelphia and attended St. Joseph's University before launching a four-decade-long career in sales.

It was shortly after returning to civilian life that he met his future wife, the then Janet Shillinger, at a Catholic Youth Organization gathering.

"I was just out of high school and he was just out of the Marines, so I was basically too young for him," said Mrs. Stapleton. "We didn't meet again until two years later, and then we started dating. That was December 1 of '67, and we were married Nov. 21 of '68. I always tell people we were so Catholic it was disgusting because we met at the CYO."

She recalled the young Mike as being good looking and outgoing.

"He was funny, witty, just always a lot of fun to be with," she said. "We always laughed and talked. We had a very close relationship right from the beginning, just like we were meant for each other, which is what we always said."

"God chose us for each other. We brought out the best in each other."

In 1976, Mr. Stapleton's career took the family, which included their young sons, Michael Jr. and William, known as Billy, to Rochester, N.Y. The couple lived there until 2004, when he sold his business, Stapleton Marketing Associates, and they retired on Marco.

Mr. Stapleton passed on his love of sports to his sons and he was heavily involved in their athletic endeavors as youths, often attending practices to support them.

He and his wife were also very involved in their parish while in Rochester, including 25 years of helping couples prepare for marriage in the Catholic Church.

At San Marco Catholic Church on Marco, he worked with young people through the church's altar server ministry.

"He loved that," said Mrs. Stapleton. "He loved the kids and the kids loved him. They called him 'Mr. Mike.'"

Despite the fact the Stapletons' sons and their families reside in Rochester, Mr. Stapleton was still a dedicated and supportive grandfather to their eight children, combined, two of whom are afflicted with a rare and potentially fatal neurological autoimmune disease, Anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis.

Retirement also saw him get involved civically, through the Knights of Columbus, the St.

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Vincent DePaul Society and the Marco Island Fire Foundation. He also began devoting time to veterans' organizations, such as the E.T. Brisson Marine Corps League in Naples and Marco's American Legion Post 404, serving as chaplain for both. Mr. Stapleton was also part of the ad-hoc committee of residents that raised funds and erected the island's veterans memorial.

Lois Bolin first met him four years ago at a Marine Corps League luncheon, where he offered the before-meal prayer. Ms. Bolin and the Stapletons became friends over the years as they met at league events, including the annual Marine Corps Ball.

"He always had something funny or humorous, some little story or quip to say," said Ms. Bolin.

For the last three Augusts, she heard Mr. Stapleton perform a dramatic reading of a self-penned poem entitled "Soliloquy to America" at the SWFL Veterans Alliance's annual Spirit of '45 Weekend Tribute for veterans of World War II. The poem tells the story of the United States through quotes from George Washington, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King and other influential Americans.

The final recitation occurred roughly one month before Mr. Stapleton's death.

"He was a lovely man and he was a man of great integrity, that was obvious," said Ms. Bolin. "Every time you saw him, regardless of how much time it had been, you'd pick up and feel like it was just yesterday that you had spoken with him." ■

HOMELESS

From page 1

come the New Year. Coincidentally, the state's largest employer is Walmart with about 1.5 million employees, a company famous for paying many workers minimum wage or just a little more.

Meanwhile, such cities as Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Orlando have reported some of the highest jumps in rent in the nation in the last 24 months.

What the 2018 numbers will show next month is still anybody's guess, but the likelihood, based on the 2017 and other counts, is a reduction in some places and for some categories, but not in others.

HUD's 2017 report on Florida noted a 4 percent drop in homeless individuals from 2016, counting 32,190.

On that single date, 17,111 people were either overnighting in emergency rooms or transitional shelters, while 15,079 were unsheltered. The number of homeless veterans was down 3 percent, the chronic homeless declined about 9 percent, and unaccompanied children — such children are a different story.

They're hard to count, the experts say. So officials from HUD and the state will use 2017 numbers as a base count to track and reduce the problem in the coming year and beyond: In this case, they estimated 2,019 homeless children surviving with no official or adult help.

Counts in individual counties or in some cases blocks of counties reflected different conditions on the ground.

In both Palm Beach County on the east and in Charlotte County on the west, more homeless people found themselves unsheltered on that January night, than sheltered: in Palm Beach, the ratio was almost 2:1. There, 1,081 were roughing it, and 526 found shelter, according to the Council on Homelessness.

The 2017 count total for Florida on that night included 431 in Lee, 621 in Collier, 222 in Charlotte, and 1,607 in Palm Beach County.

But the numbers probably don't reflect the year-around reality, officials say.

"Data obtained through the Lee County Homeless Management Information System and PIT count found that during the course of the year, there are an estimated 2,785 homeless individuals within Lee County," according to the county's Homeless Coalition.

"Although there has been an overall decrease in the number of homeless individuals surveyed during our PIT count, there is an increase in our estimated number of homeless individuals within Lee County. This is due to the fact more homeless individuals have been served in programs throughout the year."

In a press release, HUD Secretary Ben



Carson, appointed by Mr. Trump at the beginning of the year, offered the following comment: "The severe shortage of affordable housing is manifesting itself on our streets. With rents rising faster than incomes, we need to bring everybody to the table to produce more affordable housing and ease the pressure that is forcing too many of our neighbors into our shelters and onto our streets."

"This is not a federal problem," he added. "It's everybody's problem."

In Palm Beach County, Diana Stanley, CEO of the nonprofit homeless agency The Lord's Place based in West Palm Beach, acknowledges the problem with wages and lack of affordable housing. The Lord's Place cares for and helps train about 1,500 homeless each year in a county where 1,607 homeless individuals were counted on a single night — significantly less than the number likely to be homeless at sometime in the year.

"These folks are just getting back into the employment world, and \$8.25 is not enough to live in this community," she told *Florida Weekly*.

"It's an expensive community. Minimum wage is part of a bigger issue of how the poor live. We are always going to embrace and endorse any increase in the minimum wage, but will it have a major impact? Probably not."

Housing, food and transportation all become issues in each county, even when homeless people get shelter and jobs.

"Anytime anybody gets a job they are

so grateful, but it may not solve the problem," she added. "We need to know and help them with what they will need: affordable housing is one, and connection to resources like food banks. You are a 35- or 40-year-old person stabilizing your life, and you don't have a safety net. Most of our folks are working, they're room-mating with two or three people, and that still doesn't give them enough money for transportation."

Still, things are slowly getting better.

In the last five years, since 2013, the point-in-time count statewide shows a steady decrease in homeless numbers. In 2013, the annual count identified 47,872, a figure that came in five years later, in 2017, at 32,109.

Says the report from the state's Coalition on Homelessness, "This trend, which mirrors national outcomes, is likely the result of (1) economic improvement and job growth, and (2) increasing investments to improve homeless opportunities."

The point in time counts do not reflect how many people are homeless in a given year, say the experts; that may number as much as four times the counts.

Collier County's Hungry & Homeless Coalition, for example, notes that many in its January count were not included because "they were staying temporarily with family or friends, in a hotel or motel, or sharing a home on a more or less permanent basis with another family, often living in crowded and inadequate

conditions."

Although the number of people in shelters or transitional housing hasn't changed because of the fixed capacity in Collier, there's "a sharp rise in unsheltered homelessness," the coalition points out.

Indeed, Collier County's Public School liaison for the homeless reported that between the beginning of the school year and the January count, it had helped 881 students faced with homelessness.

"Included in this count are children in 'doubled up' families, 'couch surfing,' unaccompanied youth, and children awaiting foster care placement."

Of the 112 unaccompanied young people the volunteer counters found that night, 39 were roughing it or "unsheltered," and 31 were in emergency shelters. ■

in the know

County homeless numbers on a single night, by the years 2013 to 2017:

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- >> COLLIER: 396, 361, 389, 545, 621.
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'We Are One' events promote unity, solidarity and peace

Naples Mayor Bill Barnett has issued a proclamation designating Friday, Jan. 12, as "We Are One Day," a day promoting unity, solidarity and peace. At 7:30 p.m., Temple Shalom will honor three local residents for their exemplary service to the community. Awards will be presented to Paul Rosofsky, Amy Snyder and Rev. Kathy Kircher in memory of Ann Jacobson, who was a community activist and champion of interfaith cooperation. The awards presentation is free and open to the public.

"We Are One Day" is one of several events leading up to a musical celebration at the temple on Sunday, March 11. "We Are One: A Musical Celebration" created by director Jamibeth Margolis will include inspirational songs of love, freedom and harmony and melodies from the Great American Song Book. The program will include a professional New York cast and a Broadway musical director.

A limited number of \$18 student tick-

ets and \$45 general admission tickets are available. Sponsorships for \$125 include the show and a dessert reception with the cast.

For tickets and sponsorship information, call the Temple Shalom office at 455-3030 or email ida.margolis2@gmail.com.

As part of the musical celebration, the first Temple Shalom Award for Social Justice will be presented to author, community leader and Guadalupe Center senior board member Phil Beuth. Students of the Guadalupe Center Tutor Corp will be the special guests of Temple Shalom for the evening and a pre-event dinner.

It has been one year since the sign in front of Temple Shalom was vandalized. As a result of that egregious event, more than 1,200 community members came together in a Shabbat of Solidarity. The upcoming "We Are One" programs are designed to emphasize social justice and support and cooperation among people of all faiths. ■

Learn about airport master plan

The Naples Airport Authority invites the public to an informational open house to kick off its master plan study from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the commercial airline terminal and Naples Municipal Airport.

The master plan, last updated in 1997, will support Naples Airport Authority in achieving strategic goals and result in a plan for safe, efficient and environmentally conscious airport facilities to meet the current and long-term transportation needs of the community. All interested members of the public are encouraged

to attend and provide input. This will be the first of several open houses to be held during the two-year study.

The airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,018 takeoffs and landings. For more information, visit www.FlyNaples.com/masterplan. ■

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Artisans' guild founder named Heart of the Apple winner

Tom Riley has been named the 2017-18 Heart of the Apple award recipient for the significant impact he has made in Collier County.



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Each year, Champions For Learning awards a Heart of the Apple in recognition of sustained and committed leadership in support of building the culture of learning in our community through the mission of Champions For Learning.

Mr. Riley is the founder and chairman of Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild, a fine interior woodworking company

that has been committed to local youth and education since its inception. His commitment to "nothing less than monumental" in every endeavor includes his dedication to education in the community. He has provided internships and opened his workshop to thousands of students through programs that demonstrate the importance of hard work, respect and passion.

Mr. Riley also donated his and his team's time and talent to create the hand-carved lecterns and stage setting that are used at the annual event.

"We are proud to honor Mr. Riley for

his lasting commitment to our educators and students," Susan McManus, president of Champions For Learning, said. "His passion to support local teachers and students truly embodies the Heart of the Apple Award. We thank him for helping to connect students to their future."

The Heart of the Apple and the Golden Apple recipients will be honored at the 28th annual

Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers presented by Suncoast Credit Union on Monday evening, April 16, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.ChampionsForLearning.org/GA. ■



Diamond Volunteer award winners announced

Three nonprofit organizations have been announced as winners of the 2018 Diamond Volunteer award founded 10 years ago by Naples real estate professional Kelly Capolino. The award honors volunteers of local agencies for their efforts to improve the community and help change the lives of those they serve.

The newest recipients are: Naples Music Club/MusicScores, the Stroke



Florida.

2018 will mark the ninth year the awards have been presented. Ms. Capolino said the newest recipients have touched her heart with the work they do for those who suffer brain-related injuries or illness. "These organizations enhance the lives of others of all ages," she said.

The Diamond Volunteer award includes a private cocktail reception for each organization for 25 of their volunteers and honored guests. ■



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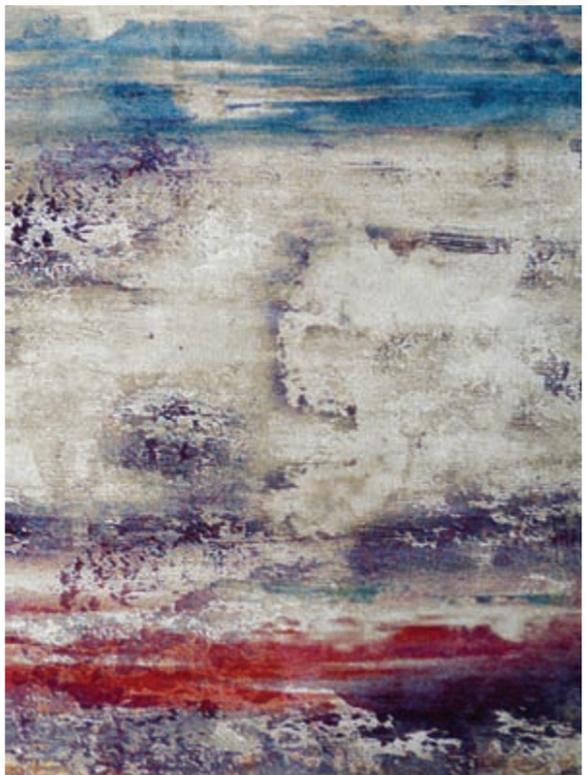
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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts the fourth annual WaterWorks luncheon Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Conservancy Nature Center. The event includes a meet and greet with Conservancy staff and featured speakers Alex and Tyler Mifflin of "The Water Brothers" eco-adventure documentary series. Proceeds will support the Conservancy's efforts to protect water quality, fisheries and estuaries in Southwest Florida.

"As the basis of our community and the foundation of our economy, water is essential to all life here in Southwest

Florida, and it is imperative that we join in protecting this natural resource for future generations," said Rob Moher, Conservancy president and CEO. The annual WaterWorks luncheon is key to supporting the Conservancy's efforts, he added. "And we look forward to diving deeper into the problems and solutions as The Water Brothers share their passion and expertise for water conservation."

The documentary series follows the Mifflin brothers as they explore the world, uncovering the most important water stories of our time. The series



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Filmmakers Alex and Tyler Mifflin, hosts of "The Water Brothers."

takes viewers on the search to learn more about water conservation and discover solutions to help better protect this precious natural resource.

The fourth annual WaterWorks luncheon is presented by The Naples Trust Company. Sponsors include The Weston Foundation, CenturyLink, Waller Financial Planning Group and Prestige Printing. Tickets are \$200 (\$500 for patrons). To sign up or for more information, call 403-4219, email Megan Becker at meganb@conservancy.org or visit www.conservancy.org/events/water-works. ■

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Scholarship applications for medical and health-care students due March 31

The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society is accepting applications through March 31 for two scholarship awards: the Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for medical students and the Healthcare Student Scholarship for those enrolled in or accepted to health-care degree programs.

The foundation awarded \$32,500 in 2017.

The Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship honors and remembers CCMS Past President and Neighborhood Health Clinic co-founder Dr. William Lascheid and his tireless efforts to provide care to the underserved in Collier County. Florida residents enrolled in or accepted to medical school who have demonstrated excellence in service to their community are welcome to apply.

Based on academic merit and contributions to the community, the Healthcare Student Scholarship is for Florida

residents enrolled in or accepted as students in a health-care degree program. Financial need may also be considered.

“By supporting our future health-care professionals, we can make a positive impact on the quality and availability of medical care in Collier County,” Dr. Rolando Rivera, chair of the foundation board of directors.

Applications and requirements are available at www.ccmsfoundation.org or can be obtained by calling 435-7727 or emailing info@ccmsonline.org. Information about the 2017 scholarship winners is also online.

Launched by the Collier County Medical Society in 2012, the Foundation of CCMS provides support and leadership to programs that address access to health care, promote health education and serve the community’s public health needs. Tax-deductible donations are always welcome. Visit the website for more information. ■

Sign up now for 2018 STEAM Conference

Collier County students and parents, school district staff and others are invited to register for the Collier County Public Schools 2018 STEAM Conference coming up Saturday, Jan. 20. The first 800 registrants will receive a conference tote bag.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math.

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and programs take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Golden Gate High School. The conference includes an enhanced STEAM

Village with more than 50 interactive STEAM activities.

Keynote speaker Ravi Hutheesing, the former guitarist for the band Hanson, is an artist-entrepreneur and a cultural diplomat for the U.S. Department of State.

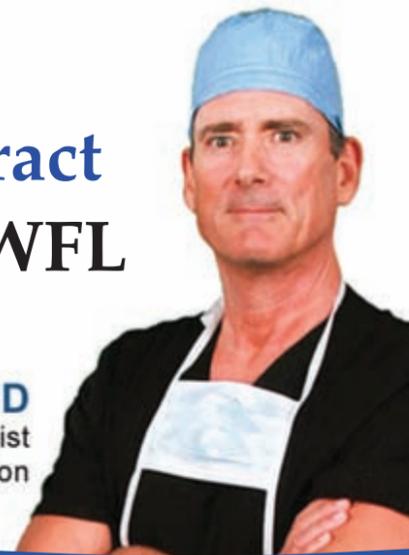
The conference ends with the presentation of awards for the Collier Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

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While it's great to have that safety net in place, AAA and Budweiser would rather see motorists planning ahead so they don't need it. This means choosing a designated driver, staying where they are celebrating or arranging for another form of safe transportation whenever anyone celebrates away from home with alcohol.

For those who don't plan ahead, however, the Tow to Go service is available through 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. The AAA tow truck takes the vehicle and the driver home.

The phone number is 855-2-TOW-2-GO, or 855-286-9246.

The free service is available to AAA members and non-members alike.

"The Tow to Go program is an effective way to promote the use of designated drivers and help prevent impaired driving," said Katja Zastrow, vice president of corporate social responsibility for Anheuser-Busch. "We are proud to partner with AAA and its roadside assistance drivers to help keep our roads safe."

Tow to Go services are offered based on the availability of AAA drivers and tow trucks during times of high call volume. The Auto Club Group Traffic Safety Foundation provides Tow to Go to help keep all motorists safe from the dangers of impaired driving. ■



The new Silverado was lowered by copter.

Chevrolet marks 100 years of trucks, lowers the new Silverado



Loyalty is a good thing. For the car companies, an entire business model is based on it. After all, it wasn't too long ago that a family could identify themselves by the brand to which they were exclusive. And while it might feel like there are fewer car buyers who are "Ford people" or "Dodge households," another automaker is reminding us it's alive and well in trucks.

This January will mark 100 years of Chevrolet pickups. General Motors commemorated the milestone by inviting some of its most loyal owners to Texas Motor Speedway for the centennial celebration.

The event was exclusive but free. It was available to those in Chevrolet's Truck Legends program — a club for people who have owned multiple Chevy pickups or have one with over 100,000 miles on it.

To be fair, loyalty events are nothing new, and plenty of other automakers host them. They are filled with product showcases and new vehicle drive opportunities. These are a worthwhile marketing and sales tool to get the new product into their best customers' hands.

Chevrolet certainly did their part to introduce the new Centennial Editions for the Silverado and Colorado trucks. After all, who better to be attracted to an exclusive shade of blue paint and special centennial badging than their most loyal customers?

But this also felt like far more than just an excuse for a sales pitch. Chevy rolled out some of their most interesting



The Heritage Collection was displayed.



Early Chevy trucks were used by a variety of vendors, for fruit, for example.



A variety of trucks were on display.

classics with nicely restored/preserved examples for GM's Heritage Collection. They showcased Chevys that were used for everything from vending fruit to train depot transport.

Some of the Silverado's predecessors were on display. These C10 trucks of the 1960s and 1970s were considered lavish if they had disc brakes, air conditioning and faux wood on the exterior trim. And today someone who checks off every option box on the Silverado 1500 gets a \$70K luxury machine that has huge legroom for the whole family, heated/cooled leather seats, a DVD entertainment system, dual zone

automatic climate control and side steps that deploy whenever a door is open.

Chevrolet even had Dale Earnhardt Jr. on hand — after all, who knows more about fostering brand loyalty today than NASCAR? And while the recently retired racer is taking sort of a victory lap to thank sponsors and fans, he had a real reason to celebrate trucks. His first vehicle was a Chevrolet S-10 pickup bought from his father's dealership.

But the best lesson in loyalty was a true shocker. This event was also the surprise debut of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado.

The truck was helicoptered in over the 10-story tall jumbo Tron at Texas Motor Speedway. This was the first public showing for the Silverado, which meant loyal owners got to see the latest product even before the official worldwide debut at the North American International Auto Show in January.

It was a bit of showmanship, and quite frankly, it's hard not to feel special when a vehicle is air-dropped just for your entertainment. Chevy trucks have been around for a century and the message is clear: loyalty has its privileges. ■

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■ Start the New Year off on the right foot by doing the **Dave Cranor 5K** at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, at Lowdermilk Park. And after the free race, stick around for the 2018 Big Dave Polar Plunge (no wetsuits allowed) in the Gulf of Mexico. Registration for the plunge is \$20, with all proceeds benefitting Drug Court Kids. Sign up at www.runsignup.com, or for more information, call Big Dave at 435-0939.



Walk: "Steps of Hope" is set for Saturday morning, Feb. 17, at Cambier Park. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information about participating, volunteering, sponsoring or donating raffle items, call 260-7300 or email alex@namicollier.org.

■ **New Horizons of Southwest Florida** hosts the ninth annual **Swing for New Horizons** golf tournament Saturday morning, May 5, at Worthington Country Club. Registration for \$150 includes lunch, awards ceremony, stories from New Horizons students and a performance by the Super Kids Club Choir. To sign up or for more information, call 948-4146 or www.newhorizonsofswfl.org.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** annual golf classic tees off Friday, May 11, at Bonita Bay East. Registration is open at www.napleschamber.org/chamberclassic. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Nikkie Dvorchak at 403-2909 or email nikkie@napleschamber.org.



■ The ninth annual **Baby Basics Walking/5K Challenge** steps out at North Collier Regional Park on Saturday morning, Jan. 20. Registration is \$25 for one walker with a child, \$10 for each additional child. For more information or to sign up, call Dick Lynch at 617-510-4468 or email dandja@hotmail.com.

■ **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, 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.

■ The 16th annual **NAMI-Collier**

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Symposium devoted to all aspects of senior living

Registration is open for the seventh annual Collier County Senior Living Symposium that takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Vi at Bentley Village. Attendance is free for seniors and their families and caregivers.

In addition to more than 40 vendors displaying their products and sharing information about their services designed to enhance seniors' quality of life, Seniors Blue Book presents four panel discussions with local experts, including time for questions afterward. Topics are: continuing care retirement community and independent living; assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing/rehab and hospice; preparing for your move and planning for your future; and aging in place at home.



The independent living and assisted living discussions will be with representatives from Lely Palms, All Seasons, The Carlisle, Sandalwood Village, Brookdale, Arden Courts and our host Vi at Bentley Village.

Financial, insurance, moving and estate planning experts will include Bruce Rosenblatt of Senior Housing Solutions, attorney Jeffrey Janerio, Rick Gow of The Art and Science of Successful Planning and Jan Maze of Oasis Advisors.

The aging in place panel will include representatives from Comfort Keepers, Hope Pace, Glencare, Cap Tel and Doctors Hearing.

Complimentary valet parking, continental breakfast and lunch are included. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 776-7353 or emailing events@seniorsbluebook.com. ■

Annual teens survey shows vaping popular, opioid misuse at historic lows

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NIH's 2017 Monitoring the Future survey shows both vaping and marijuana are more popular than traditional cigarettes or pain relievers. Nearly 1 in 3 students in 12th grade report using some kind of vaping device in the past year. The survey also suggests that use of hookahs and regular cigarettes is declining.

The annual survey queries eighth, 10th and 12th graders in schools nationwide and is conducted by scientists from the University of Michigan in collaboration with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA is part of NIH). The survey asks teens about "any vaping" to measure their use of electronic vaporizers. Some research suggests that many teens do not actually know what is in the device they are using, and even if they read the label, not all labeling is consistent or accurate.

The latest survey, which was taken in the beginning of 2017, shows that 27.8 percent of high school seniors reported "vaping" in the prior year. When asked what they thought was in the mist they inhaled the last time they used the vaping device, 51.8 percent of 12th graders said, "just flavoring," 32.8 percent said "nicotine" and 11.1 percent said "marijuana" or "hash oil."

The survey also asks about vaping with specific substances during the past month. Among 12th graders, more than 1 in 10 say they use nicotine, and about 1 in 20 report using marijuana in the device.

"We are especially concerned because the survey shows that some of the teens using these devices are first-time nicotine users," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of NIDA. "Recent research suggests that some of them could move on to regular cigarette smoking, so it is critical that we intervene with evidence-based efforts to prevent youth from using these products."

The survey also indicates that while opioid overdose rates remain high among adults, teens are misusing opioid pain medications less frequently than a decade ago and are at historic lows with some of the commonly used pain medications. For example, past year misuse of the opioid pain reliever Vicodin among high school seniors dropped to



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its lowest point since the survey began measuring it in 2002, and it is now at just 2 percent. This compares to last year's 2.9 percent and reflects a long-

term decline from a peak of 10.5 percent in 2003.

In overall pain medication misuse, described in the survey as "narcotics other than heroin," past year misuse has dropped significantly among 12th graders since its survey peak in 2004 — to 4.2 percent from 9.5 percent. Interestingly, teens also think these drugs are not as easy to get as they used to be. Only 35.8 percent of 12th graders said they were easily available in the 2017 survey, compared to more than 54 percent in 2010.

Marijuana use up

The 2017 survey also confirms the trend that daily marijuana use has become as popular as — or perhaps more popular than — daily cigarette

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smoking among teens, representing a dramatic flip in use between these two drugs since the survey began in 1975. In the past decade, daily marijuana use among 12th graders has remained relatively consistent, but daily cigarette smoking has dropped.

When combining responses in all three grades, data suggest past year marijuana use is up slightly, to 23.9 percent, from 22.6 percent last year, but similar to 2015 rates (23.7 percent). However, because overall marijuana rates remain stable, researchers continue to monitor carefully any potential trends as they emerge. The survey indicates that significantly fewer teens now disapprove of regular marijuana use, with 64.7 percent of 12th graders voicing disapproval, compared to 68.5 percent last year.

The survey also reports that high school seniors in states with medical marijuana laws are more likely to have vaped marijuana and consumed marijuana edibles than their counterparts without such laws.

Inhalant use — the one category of drug use that is typically higher among younger students — is back up to 2015 levels among eighth graders, measured at 4.7 percent, compared to 3.8 percent in 2016. However, rates are still low, showing a significant decline from peak rates in 1995, when 12.8 percent of eighth graders reported using an inhalant to get high in the past year.

Overall, illicit drug use other than marijuana and inhalants, remains the lowest in the history of the survey in all three grades, with 13.3 percent of 12th graders reporting past year use, compared to 9.4 percent of 10th graders and 5.8 percent of eighth graders. These successes underscore the importance of



Misuse of the opioid pain reliever Vicodin among high school seniors dropped to its lowest point since the survey began measuring it in 2002.

continuing evidence-based prevention programs targeting children who are approaching their teenage years.

Binge drinking levels off

After years of steady decline, binge drinking appears to have leveled off this year. Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row sometime in the last two weeks.

While binge drinking among eighth, 10th and 12th grade students remains well below the levels seen a decade ago, the downward trend in binge drinking appears to have slowed somewhat in recent years, according to George Koob, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "This may signal a need for more emphasis on alcohol prevention strategies in this age

group," he added.

About the survey

Monitoring the Future has been conducted by researchers at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor since 1975, expanding the study periodically to include additional grades and topic areas. It is the only large-scale federal government survey that releases findings the same year the data is collected.

Overall, 43,703 students from 360 public and private schools participated in the 2017 survey. Since 1975, the survey has measured how teens report their drug, alcohol and cigarette use and related attitudes in 12th graders nationwide. Eighth and 10th graders were added to the survey in 1991.

Other highlights from the 2017 survey include:

- Cocaine use remains low in teen students, with 12th graders reporting past year use at 2.7 percent, after a peak of 6.2 percent in 1999.

- Past year use of K2/Spice ("synthetic marijuana") was reported at 3.7 percent among 12th graders, down from 11.3 percent five years ago. There was a significant drop in past year use among eighth graders, from 2.7 percent in 2016 to 2 percent this year.

- Reflecting an historic low, high school seniors reported past year misuse of the prescription opioid Oxycodone at 2.7 percent, compared to 5.5 percent at its peak in 2005.

- Misuse of prescription stimulants, commonly prescribed for ADHD symptoms, is mostly stable compared to last year, with 5.5 percent of 12th graders reporting past year misuse of Adderall. This represents a significant drop for this age group from five years ago, when misuse peaked at 7.6 percent.

- Past year misuse of the therapeutic stimulant Ritalin among 12th graders is at 1.3 percent, nearly a record low since 2001 when it was first measured at 5.1 percent. There was a significant decline this year among eighth graders' past year misuse, reported at 0.4 percent in 2017, down from 0.8 percent last year, and significantly down from 2.9 percent in 2001.

- Hookah smoking has dropped for the second year in a row with 10.1 percent of seniors reporting past year use compared to 13 percent last year, down from 22.9 percent in 2014. The survey began measuring hookah smoking in 2010. ■

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PET TALES

Pet loss

Recalling a beloved dog or cat who has died is painful but comforting

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If you're like me, the new year is a time to count your many blessings and to look back at the highs and lows of the previous year. The replay is not an exercise designed to arbitrarily whipsaw emotions, and it's been decades since I've made New Year's resolutions (I just try and live a life of self-improvement). Rather, it's an effort to sear into my consciousness the things for which I want to remember every detail. The most special of all these memories involve the loss of pets.

I know I open myself up to attack when I say this, but I honestly grieve more for the loss of pets than I do people — even the deaths of family and friends. I love people, so maybe I need counseling to figure out this paradox, but I bet if I joined group counseling for the same problem, we'd fill the largest sports stadium you could find.

I think that's because when pets die, we face a loss of unconditional love, limitless affection, daily doses of smiles and laughter and to-die-for loyalty. When pets die, we tend to think the gifts given are always lopsided on their side of the ledger.

Pets swell our hearts with their unfettered joy, then break them when they go before us. This year we lost an amazing dog, our precious Quora. She was a 15-pound fawn-colored canine cocktail (Pomeranian, Shar-Pei and Cairn ter-



For some, the death of a pet can be more emotionally devastating than the loss of a human family member.

rier), whose most unique gift was her love of shoes. We're not talking the stereotypical leather-chomping puppy; no, Quora possessed a talent so unique that we should have had her on the hit show "America's Got Talent."

Quora would go into an open closet or mudroom and take all the shoes out and put them in another room. We're not talking a pile of shoes, or dropped helter-skelter. No, the dog we nicknamed Imelda Barkos or Shoebacca would transfer the shoes in the exact order she found them. Let's say there were three pairs of shoes — one pair of tan sandals, one pair of red heels and a

pair of black boots — side-by-side on the floor of the closet. Quora would pick up a shoe, prance proudly with it in her mouth through the house to a random room, then place it right side up, in the same order, left to right like she found it (always with the right and left in perfect place). I know what you're thinking: Hard to believe. I probably wouldn't believe it if I were reading it, but it's true.

So as the year closes, our family goes through the highlight reel of Quora's 14 years on Earth. I could write thousands of words about her, and in fact, I did. It's one of the ways I grieve. But I know that many of you, too, have had to say goodbye or give the final grace to a four-legged family member who left too soon. Know that I understand the depth of your loss and pray for you to find comfort.

I want to leave you with three thoughts:

■ Greatest pet in the world. I used to end a radio show by saying, "There's only one greatest pet in the world ... and every family has her." This is true.

■ Better too early than too late. Most pet owners agonize over the decision to euthanize a pet. My advice is always, "I'd rather be a month too early than a day too late."

■ Warm memories. Over my four decades in practice, I've signed thousands of sympathy cards for pet owners who've lost a pet. Here are the words I find most comforting and use: "May the times you shared forever be the warmest of memories." ■

Pets of the Week



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>> **Dierks** is a 7-year-old Rhodesian ridgeback mix who acts much younger than his age. He weighs about 78 pounds, is good on his leash and will make a wonderful addition to the family.



>> **Momma** is an 18-month-old tortie domestic shorthair who loves to play and be cuddled. Her four kittens have all been adopted, and now Momma is ready for her forever home.

To adopt or foster a pet

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With age, comes wisdom. Also with age, comes hangovers.

I'll never forget working as a waitress in a little burger-n-beer joint on the beach and when one of the other servers got married, the entire staff went to the wedding. It was a particularly raucous one with an open bar, too many shots and dancing on the tables until the very wee hours. I was had a splendid time. The next day, a few of us had to work the 6 a.m. breakfast shift. One of my co-workers, a lovely lady in her late 40s, was looking pretty haggard that sunny morning. Her eyes were bloodshot, she moaned and groaned as we were setting tables and she kept washing down aspirin with Pepto-Bismol.

"I had such a fun time last night," I chirped happily, as only a 23-year-old can at the crack of dawn, and then asked her, "What's wrong with you? Didn't you have fun?"

"Yes — and I have a hangover," she muttered miserably.

Never having heard the term before, I made the grave mistake of asking her, "What is a hangover?"

The fact that she didn't deck me right there and then is a testament to her good character. She simply looked up at me with puffy eyes, "Don't worry — you'll found out in about 20 years. Trust me."

Of course, she was right — I discovered hangovers in my 40s — and the

worse ones are the ones that arrive on New Year's Day.

I can hardly believe it's that time of year again — time for noisemakers, funny paper hats, spirited beverages and my annual column, as a public service to my dear readers, about how to prevent (and recover from) a New Year's Day hangover.

Again, this is advice I impart each year — and the older I get, the more wisdom I acquire on the subject. But something tells me that this year, our collective New Year's Day hangover is going to be worse than in previous years, because we're going to do our best to drink 2017 away like the big old bottle of Fireball it's been. 2018 can't get here fast enough and many of us are ready to send 2017 off with a drunken bang.

It's been a rough one, what with mass shootings, idiotic Presidential tweetings and power players groping and grabbing — so if you get hammered ringing in 2018, no one is going to judge you.

Part One: How to avoid a hangover

■ Eat BEFORE the party — and I'm not talking about a salad. You need to carb up like you would for a triathlon. I mean a burger and fries, or pizza, or an enormous sub sandwich. Put something in your belly that will soak up booze like a sponge. This way, you won't get as tipsy as fast as you would on an empty stomach. Tuna Tar Tar is not going to cut it.

■ Make a deal with yourself that you'll drink at least eight ounces of water in between each adult beverage.



Dehydration is the main cause of a hangover, so head it off at the pass with lots of H₂O.

■ Never mix, never worry. It's one of Martha's most memorable lines from "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," and it's solid advice. If you're sipping wine, don't switch to tequila shots at midnight, and if you're starting with martinis, don't suddenly start asking for rum-and-cokes. Your innards will thank you later.

■ Darker beverages make for worse hangovers. Whiskey, rum and red wine aren't as forgiving as lighter liquids. You're better off with white wine, vodka or gin. And mixing your liquor with sweet stuff like orange juice or cola may make it go down easier, but all that sugar contributes to your pain the next day.

■ Before bed, take a vitamin B complex with a big glass of water. I don't know why it works, but a doctor once told me it's a secret that partying medical professionals swear by.

Part Two: How to recover from a Hangover

■ I know a Bloody Mary or a mimosa can sound like a fabulous choice when you feel like you're dying — and go for it if you want, but it's just going to prolong the process. Instead I suggest water, water and more water.

■ Rest. Seriously. Just lie around and watch "The Hangover" or "Bridesmaids" — something that makes you laugh as it truly is the best medicine.

■ Take Aspirin, Advil or Motrin. But I stay away from Tylenol if I've had one too many. Your liver is trying to recover from the alcohol — and acetaminophen can be rough on it.

■ A lot of folks swear by a big greasy breakfast and that cure worked for me when I was younger, but now that I've graduated to middle age and hangovers last up to two days, I've found that heavy food and grease only make things worse. I stick with fruits, veggies, soups and saltines.

■ If you've got someone to snuggle with, that helps too. Even experts say that the endorphins released during romance can help you feel better no matter how terrible your headache is.

So, good luck. Remember, everything in moderation — and if you're going out on New Year's Eve, take an Uber or a taxi. After all, the worst hangover ever is waking up in the slammer — and it's definitely a terrible way to start your year. So, here's to a (fingers crossed) fantastic 2018 — after all, it couldn't be worse, right? Wait — that's what I said about 2016 — never mind. Cheers! ■

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Seven workplace moments that really

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(and how to make them suck less)

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IN A PERFECT WORLD, WORK WOULD BE, WELL, PERFECT. WE'D SPEND our days immersed in stimulating projects with coworkers we like and respect, our skills would be a perfect fit for the tasks at hand, and we'd be well compensated for our labors. But in the real world, work is anything but that. More often we're alternately bored or stressed out, our coworkers are irritating, passive-aggressive or outright mean, and we won't even talk about the

inadequacy of our paychecks. And sometimes, standard work situations can be downright awful. No one addresses these painful moments with more accuracy and wry humor than Rich Moran.

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it work,” says Mr. Moran, author of “The Thing About Work: Showing Up and Other Important Matters.” He knows certain career experiences are dreadful to either go through or watch someone else go through. Or if you’re lucky enough to be the boss — or unlucky enough, as the case may be — you might have the “pleasure” of putting an employee through one or more of these unpleasant rites.

“Whether you’re on the giving or receiving end of them, sucky work moments are here to stay,” he says. “We all have to learn to deal with them with a degree of class and dignity.”

With shrewd insight and wit, Mr. Moran covers the most cringe-worthy moments you’re likely to encounter at some point in your career. From performance review disasters to awkward freeze outs, he outlines those difficult work situations and puts them into a healthy perspective so you can either endure them, repair the damage or move on to something better.

Here are some of the worst parts of work life, according to Mr. Moran:

■ **You’re facing the double-secret probation thing** - Probation is a word we don’t hear much anymore when it comes to work. Too bad, though, because the concept is still very much in place. When you start out at a new job, be aware that your every move is being scrutinized; every email is important; what you say in a meeting matters; and how well you work in a team is most certainly being examined. Luckily, probationary periods are temporary and are useful for you as the employee. Keep in mind that this time under the microscope also gives you a chance to figure out whether or not you want to be a part of your new organization.

■ **Your team is freezing you out** - You might be on the outs at work if any or all of the following is true: A. You’re no longer being included on email distribution lists. B. You’re no longer invited to meetings. C. Colleagues have stopped chatting with you in the coffee room. If it’s clear that you’re working in a polar vortex of your own making, you need to figure out what went wrong and make some changes pronto. The change involves whatever behavior or circumstance pushed you out into the cold in the first place. Change is always a difficult proposition, but it could save you from a worse circumstance: being thrown OUT into the cold.

■ **You get a bad performance review** - When annual performance review time is over, everyone is thankful



to whatever God they worship. While performance reviews occasionally go well, more often than not they range from uncomfortable to excruciating. Most people are just glad to have the process over with so they can move on. And that is exactly the lesson to be learned from the annual review process: Move on. Don’t let yourself get wrapped up in could-a, would-a, should-a. Those who seem to be the most successful and happy at work are the ones who know how to move on. Join that club.

■ **You need to resign** - Resigning is never fun, but it must be done before you move on to better opportunities. Further, there is a right and a wrong way to design. The right way is to do it quickly. Resignations shouldn’t take long. Be appreciative and never, ever burn any bridges. You might be surprised where your boss and coworkers show up later. Resist the temptation to list all of the things you would fix if you were in charge of the place. And don’t throw your boss under the bus. You are on your way out and should be looking forward to your next gig.

■ **You’re getting fired (fired, that is)** - “The last time I got fired was during a training exercise for everyone except me,” Mr. Moran says. “That is, an up-and-comer needed to learn how to properly terminate someone. I was that someone. They said, ‘We are going to discontinue your service here.’ It happens every day, probably millions of times. Someone is getting fired and someone else is doing the firing.”

If you really screwed up and did something that warrants being fired,

then take your medicine and get out of there as fast as you can. But most people get fired for other reasons or no reason. Even when that’s the case, just take the severance and get out of there. Nothing will be gained by sticking around or trashing the boss’s career’ you won’t get the job back.

Here’s the secret: Being fired can be good for your career. It will definitely bring humility into your life. Your sudden change in job status can bring some perspective about that job that you thought defined you. It can provide an opportunity to take stock and see what adventures lie ahead. It could give you the chance to do what you really want.

Getting fired leads to a whole different set of un-fun experiences as you seek to trade your old job with a hopefully less sucky new one.

■ **You’re on a (seemingly endless) job hunt** - “A lot of people think looking for a job is the most onerous thing in the world,” says Mr. Moran. Job-hunting is a lot like fishing, he adds. “Without any bait in the water, you won’t catch any fish; the more bait, the more fish catching is possible. And you need to have the right fishing gear and be prepared for what the fish are biting on.”

Like fishing, job hunting requires lots of patience. Most days you might not catch any fish, and you need to be prepared for that. And you need to make the most of the fish you catch. “Even the small fish can tide you over until the big one jumps in the boat.”

■ **You keep getting hit with the “U” word** - When you’re in the middle of a job search, getting rejected stinks.

When this happens, you’ll hear the word “unfortunately.” No matter what is said before or after that word, it means rejection. As in, “Mr. Jones, you are the best thing to come along since cheese graters, but unfortunately ...” You know how it continues.

Another critical word is “pleased.” As in, “Ms. Smith, we are pleased to invite you in for an interview,” or better yet, “We are pleased to offer you this great job.” Never give up. Eventually you’ll receive a “pleased” instead of an “unfortunately.”

Navigating sucky workplace moments is never easy, but if you can approach them with a little humor and perspective, you’ll be better off, Mr. Moran concludes. “The beauty of it is that no one’s going to stop you from doing something purposeful with your life — even if you mess up or take a few wrong turns along the way.

“No matter what happens, you can always brush yourself off and get back to work.”

About the author

Richard Moran is the president of Menlo College in Atherton, Calif. He has served as a venture capitalist and consultant to Fortune 500 companies, including Apple Computer and News Corporation. An evangelist for organizational effectiveness, he has authored several books and pioneered the genre of Business Bullet Books with “Never Confuse a Memo with Reality.” He is a frequent contributor and influencer on LinkedIn, hosts the weekend radio show “In the Workplace” on KCBS, and has inspired many as a frequent speaker on workplace issues. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Moor-

ing Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Hilton Naples. \$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.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Hilton Naples. The meeting sponsor is the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. \$25 for members, \$35 for

others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ A welcome party for new members of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the chamber, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita. RSVP by Jan. 5 by calling 992-2943 or by going to www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **Business After Hours** for members and guests of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at hosts Wiebel, Hennells & Carufe, PLLC, 9420 Bonita Beach Road in Bonita. Sign up

by calling 992-2943 or by going to www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **Bonita Springs Young Professionals** meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Momentum Brewhouse, 9786 Bonita Beach Road in Bonita. Admission is free. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or by going to www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Modern Home 2 Go, 661 Tamiami Trail N. Reservations requested by Jan. 15. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org. ■



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These plans let you "dollar-cost average," building a position in a stock by investing a fixed amount of money at regular intervals. When the price is low, you'll get more shares, and you'll buy fewer shares when the price is high. (Be sure to keep detailed records of your purchases, for tax time.) Some plans even let you buy stock at a small discount to the prevailing price. Explore the websites of companies you're interested in, to see whether they offer these plans.

Another option is to skip dividend reinvestment plans, let dollars from dividends accumulate in your brokerage account, and then spend them on new shares of stock as you're able.

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My Dumbest Investment

Bad Math

Years ago, I was young and aggressive and had a newly minted master's degree in supply-chain management. I learned of a new tech company called Webvan that was doing residential grocery delivery using cutting-edge logistics. With a cocky "I know this biz!" attitude, I dropped \$5,000 into its stock.

I should have gone to Vegas instead, and thrown it all on black. The stock went up and up and then down hard in a thud, all the way to bankruptcy. Thankfully, I've learned a few things from it.

— F.D., online

The Fool Responds: Ouch. Lots of companies imploded when the internet bubble burst in 2000 — including Webvan. Many were simply way overvalued, having been bid up during a market frenzy. But others, such as Webvan, had other problems.

For starters, Webvan wasn't clear how much demand there was in those years for delivered groceries. It assumed lots of demand and, with hundreds of millions of dollars in funding, placed a billion-dollar construction order for multiple warehouses with Bechtel. That sounds promising, but it cost Webvan \$27 to deliver each order, and at one point, despite its \$6 billion market value, its annual revenue was only \$5 million. Webvan went bankrupt.

A key lesson here is that exciting products or services aren't enough. A company needs to have a clearly defined path to profitability. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1848, when one of my namesakes immigrated from Germany to America. By 1869 he was in business helping small companies get short-term loans. His son-in-law and his son-in-law's name joined me in 1882. I eventually grew big enough to help the U.S. government secure financing for World War II and the Korean War and to bring companies such as Ford to market, via initial public offerings. Today, I'm a New York City-based financial giant, sporting a market value above \$90 billion, and raking in more than \$30 billion in revenue annually. Who am I? (Answer: Goldman Sachs) ■



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Ask the Fool

Who's Buying?

Q The stock market rises and falls as stocks are bought and sold — but just who is doing all that buying and selling?

— S.N., Fayetteville, North Carolina

A Many buyers and sellers are individual investors like us, placing small trade orders through our brokerages. There are also big institutional investors, such as mutual funds, pension funds, banks and insurance companies. And in recent years, high-frequency trading companies placing gobs of automated orders account for as much as half of the market's activity.

Stock prices fluctuate due to supply and demand. If a stock is in great demand, its price will rise. If it falls out of favor, there will be lots of sellers, and the price will keep falling until it hits levels at which there are buyers.

We small investors have a bit of an edge if we discover a small gem and invest in it early. When institutions eventually start buying in their usual huge quantities (they often can't get too involved with very small companies), they'll drive its price up, benefiting smaller, earlier investors.

Q What does it mean if a stock is "trading below cash"?

— R.J., Bremerton, Washington

A It means the company's cash exceeds its entire market value — i.e., it has more cash per share than its share price. That can make many investors see it as a bargain. Others, though, see it as a possible sign of trouble.

For example, the company may have lots of cash, yet burn through it faster than it's coming in. It can be worthwhile to look for healthy, growing companies with lots of cash and appealing valuations. They just don't need to be trading below cash. ■

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Name That Company

I'm the product of a 1989 merger of two companies that traced their roots back to 1858 and 1887, respectively. One company's first product, a laxative mineral salt, was a best-seller. The other had the largest penicillin production plant in the world by 1943. Today I'm a pharmaceutical giant with annual sales topping \$20 billion. My cardiovascular drug Eliquis, with sales topping \$3 billion in 2016, has treated more than 5 mil-



lion people globally, while my cancer drug Opdivo's 2016 sales approached \$4 billion. I employ roughly 25,000 people and am based in New York City. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Baby Boomer Business

HCP (NYSE: HCP) is a real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns and manages health care properties — particularly senior housing, life science facilities and medical offices. Over the past year and a half or so, HCP has been executing a transformation plan — spinning off its riskiest assets, paying down debt and reducing its reliance on its largest tenants — and as a result, the company is leaner and more focused, with excellent asset quality. Indeed, Standard & Poor's recently upped its credit rating for the company, citing a "positive outlook."

The ongoing retirement of the baby boomer generation is forecast to cause a surge in senior citizens, and HCP is now well positioned to take advantage of the

expected growth in senior-focused health care over the coming decades. Between 2020 and 2030, the 65-and-older cohort of Americans is expected to grow by about 30 percent, topping 70 million people. More older Americans means more demand for senior housing and medical facilities.

HCP was the first health care REIT added to the S&P 500 index. It's a high-yield dividend stock, recently yielding 5.5 percent, and it has a reasonable payout ratio for its industry. With demographic trends on its side, HCP is investing in high-quality health care properties, growing responsibly, and generating a predictable and increasing income stream for shareholders. It looks like a stock you could hold for a long time. ■



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Aesthetic Plastic Surgery & Med Spa of Naples

Honesty, integrity and availability are key to success

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

The trend in plastic surgery and cosmetic medicine is toward non-invasive or minimally invasive procedures which have improved a great deal over the past 20 years. The results of these treatments can rival that of some cosmetic surgeries, with much less down time and no need for general anesthesia. Procedures like CoolSculpting, which visibly reduces fat bulges without surgery, and Ulthera, which uses deeply focused ultrasound for non-invasive brow, face and neck lifting, are gaining in popularity.

How are you responding to changes in the local economy?

With the rebound of economy in Southwest Florida, we have continued to grow to meet the cosmetic medicine and surgery demands of our patients. We have increased our offerings with new lasers, noninvasive procedures and more providers to address these needs. We have added a full medical spa where patients can now receive eyelash extensions, massage and vaginal rejuvenation procedures.

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

Honesty and integrity- Telling patients what they honestly need or don't need is a basic tenet of my practice. I am not willing to do a procedure if it is not right or needed for that patient. I would rather turn them away than do something that is either too risky or not indicated. Patients appreciate that honesty and usually return in the future for something else they may really need.

Availability - I am always available to my patients at all times. I give them my cell number to call or text me if they have a problem or question in the evenings or on the weekends. Amazingly, I get very few calls. My patients only call when they have a real question or problem. I would much rather them call or text me the question than sit at home all weekend wondering what to do.

WHO AM I?

NAME: Kent V. Hasen, M.D.

TITLE AND COMPANY: Aesthetic Plastic Surgery & Med Spa of Naples

YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 15

YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: 15

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Cosmetic plastic surgery

EDUCATION: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Universita di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

Cornell University Medical College, New York, N.Y.

Internship and Residencies:

Northwestern University - McGaw Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.; general and plastic surgery

Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship: Baker, Stuzin, Baker - Plastic Surgery Associates, Miami

HOMETOWN: Carmel, Ind.

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

We try to portray a very unified, clean and concise marketing image. My local marketing manager works closely with my employees and my website designers to ensure we portray a cohesive image.

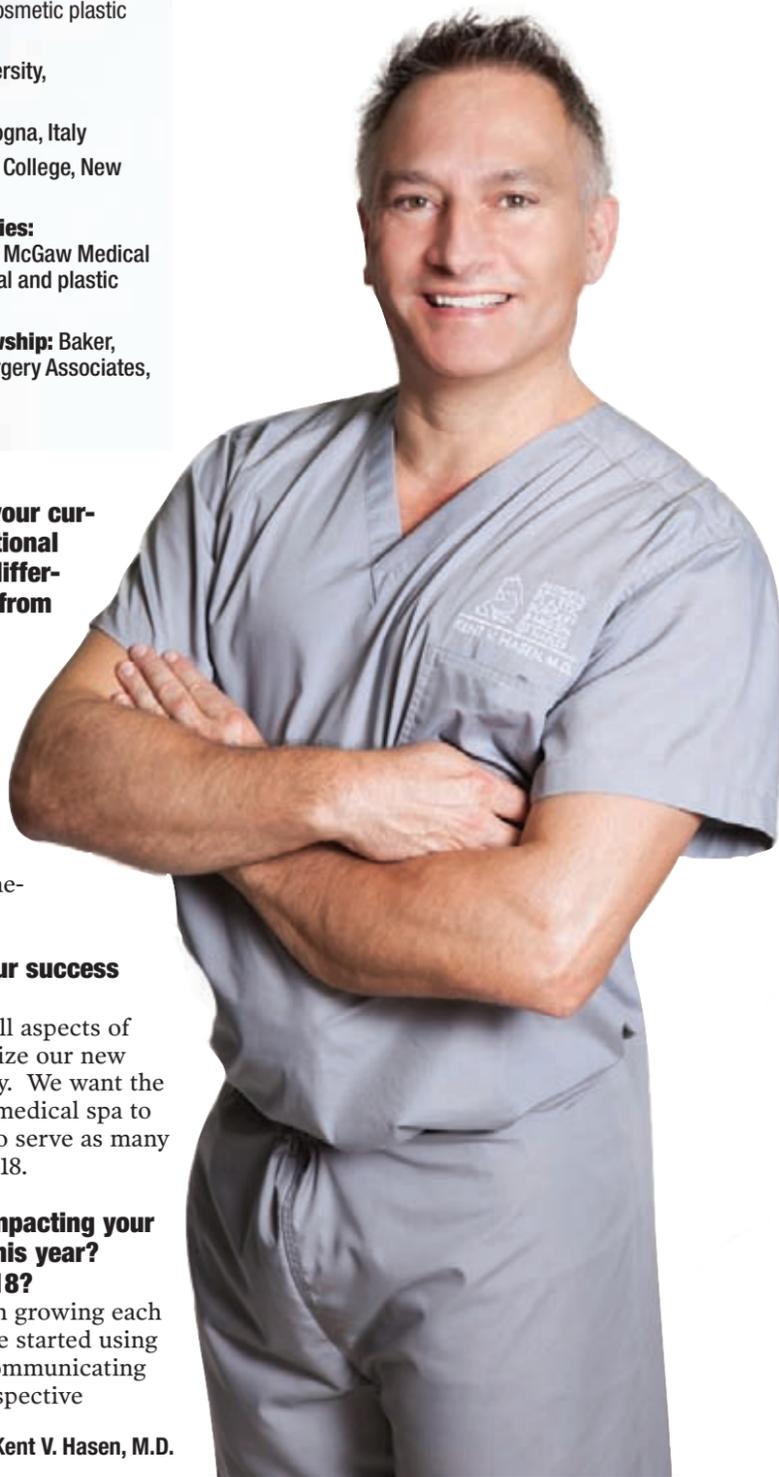
What will you base your success on for 2018?

Continue growth of all aspects of the practice to fully utilize our new 7,600-square-foot facility. We want the surgery center and the medical spa to be booked completely to serve as many patients as we can in 2018.

How is social media impacting your industry or business this year? What's in store for 2018?

Social media has been growing each year in our practice. We started using Facebook as a way of communicating with and educating prospective

patients. More recently, we have seen an increase in the use of Instagram. It allows us to post photos and videos in a more user-friendly way. We have stayed away from Snapchat due to the unsavory self-promotion we have seen from some plastic surgeons. ■



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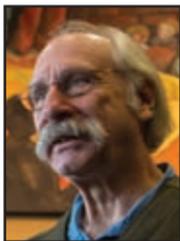
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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Dan Burden, Blue Zones director of inspiration and innovation, was named one of the 100 Most Influential Urbanists of all time by Planetizen, an independent online academic resource. Planetizen readers selected people who they felt have had the “most influence on the places and environments we call home.” Mr. Burden, who leads the walkability and built environment efforts for Blue Zones Project Southwest Florida, ranks 58th on the list and is described as a “leader in innovative transportation planning.” An authority on walkability, bicycle and pedestrian programs, road diets, traffic calming, street corridors and intersection design, he helped to develop the longest recreation train in the world (TransAmerica Bicycle Trail) and was named by TIME magazine as one of the six most important civic innovators in the world.



BURDEN

Elizabeth Galbut, a 2007 graduate of Community School of Naples, has been chosen for the 2018 edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30. She was also recently honored as one of New York City’s 33 Under 33 Top Innovators, and as a TechWeek100 Innovative Investor. A venture capitalist, designer, professor and global speaker on health-care innovation, Ms. Galbut is managing partner of SoGal Ventures, which invests in diverse founding teams in the U.S. and Asia. In 2015, at the age of 25, she co-founded A-Level Capital while in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University.



GALBUT

Brian Lord, executive chef at Collier’s Reserve Country Club, was voted 2017 Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation-Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida. In 2015, the chapter named Mr. Lord Culinarian of the Year. An ACF certified executive chef, he also holds certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers. He earned an associate’s degree in culinary arts from the Art Institute of Atlanta and held positions at numerous Platinum Clubs throughout the Southeast before joining Collier’s Reserve in November 2011. Over the past three years, food and beverage revenue at the club has increased almost 40 percent.



LORD

Aviation

Norris Langley has joined the Naples Airport Authority as director of finance and administration. Previously director of finance at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute, Mr. Langley also served as chief financial officer of Duke University Press. He has more than two decades of experience in finance and holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Naples Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other community services.



LANGLEY

Banking

Joseph Douglas Rushing has been named vice president-internal private banking lending specialist for the Naples market of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust. In this role, Mr. Rushing examines, evaluates and recommends residential mortgage products/applications to secure clients’ wealth and well-being. During a 35-year career in the mortgage industry, he has performed market and feasibility analyses in 38 states. He previously worked at National Mortgages, where he served as a national chief appraiser. Prior to that, he was regional chief appraiser of the nine Southeastern states at Norwest Mortgage. He is a licensed mortgage broker for the state of Florida and is a former licensed real estate sales agent. He also holds CREA, CRA and CEI designations.



RUSHING

Board Appointments

Nancy Lascheid, co-founder of the Neighborhood Health Clinic, has been re-elected to the board of directors for the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, of which she is a founding member. Ms. Lascheid will serve a three-year term on the association’s Public Policy Committee, which will address sovereign immunity of telemedicine, optometrist licensure credits and the medical reissuance program. FAFCC



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represents and supports 112 clinics and networks that provide quality, cost-effective health-care services at little or no charge to low-income, uninsured and underserved Floridians.

Donald Thomson, managing attorney of the Bonita Springs office of the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., has been named chairman of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council. Mr. Thomson also is involved with the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida, the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs, the YMCA of Bonita Springs and the Imperial River Conservancy. He is chair of the Corporate Advisory Board of The Terraces of Bonita Springs. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Leo College and his law degree from Stetson University.



THOMSON

Christopher Spiro, CEO and chief creative officer at Spiro & Associates Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Brand Architecture, has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Florida’s Southern Gulf Chapter. The chapter serves more than 1 million residents in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Mr. Spiro will help develop the American Red Cross’ vision for the region, as well as work with other community business professionals to determine the policies that guide the local chapter’s decisions and manage donor contributions.



SPIRO

Techrin Carbary, a broker associate at William Raveis Real Estate, has joined the advisory board for Make-A-Wish Southern Florida’s Southwest Florida region.



CARBARY

Law

Laird Lile, a board-certified wills, trusts and estates attorney in Naples, has been appointed to The Florida Bar’s Strategic Planning Priority Subgroup. Members of the subgroup are responsible



LILE

for implementation of the 2017-18 Strategic Planning Priority adopted by The Florida Bar that addresses the Constitutional Revision Commission. Mr. Lile is serving his sixth term as an elected member of the Board of Governors for The Florida Bar. He is a past chair of the bar’s 10,800-member Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section.

Professional Development

Olga Placeres, Karen Pickrum, Gretchen Berger, Kristina Gear, Esther Alvarez, Wendy Taylor, Tina Callahan, Joan Leedy, Linda Walker, Bo Gover and Nancy Zimmerman of Preferred Travel of Naples team recently attended a Signature Travel convention at the Mandalay Bay Hotel located in Las Vegas.

Recreation

Jacob Myers has been named head golf professional at Naples Lakes Country Club. Mr. Myers began his golfing career at Naples Lakes in 2009 at the entry-level position of starter/ranger. He had just graduated from the Golf Academy of America-Myrtle Beach Campus. He rose to the position of first assistant professional and also completed continuing education courses to earn the PGA professional designation. In September 2016, he was named to his first head professional position at the new Bonita National Golf & Country Club. He returns to Naples Lakes to succeed long-time Director of Golf Duke Bowen, who joined the staff at another area golf course in November.



MYERS

Nonprofit Organizations

Janey Cook has been promoted to oversee medical and community outreach for the three west coast regions of Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. She will lead the effort to identify critically ill children from Hernando to Collier counties who would be eligible to receive Make-A-Wish services. Ms. Cook joined Make-A-Wish in August 2013, initially handling medical outreach, volunteers and grants in Bonita Springs. She will now focus on creating relationships with and providing tools for the child life specialists, social workers, nurses, physicians, and hospitals that are the main source of referrals for the nonprofit organization. ■



COOK

Teens can apply now for summer Youth Leadership Collier program

The Leadership Collier Foundation, an affiliate of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is accepting applications for the Class of 2018 Youth Leadership Collier program.

The mission of Youth Leadership Collier is to develop ethical leaders committed to active community involvement. The program empowers Collier County high school students to become effective leaders through hands-on experiences and fieldwork with key organizations. The program is also designed to encourage young citizens to return to or stay in Collier County to begin careers and community leadership.

Youth Leadership Collier is a weeklong intensive program that begins with a weekend of team-building activities.

Participants interact in daily sessions designed to give them first-hand experience in various aspects of the community. Topics include local government, health care, law enforcement, business, agriculture, media, human services, environment and the arts.

The 2018 program will take place from Saturday, June 2, through Friday,



June 8. Tuition is \$500. The deadline for applications is Feb. 2.

Applications can be found at www.napleschamber.org/youth-leadership.

For more information, call Amanda Beights at 403-2903 or email amanda@napleschamber.org.

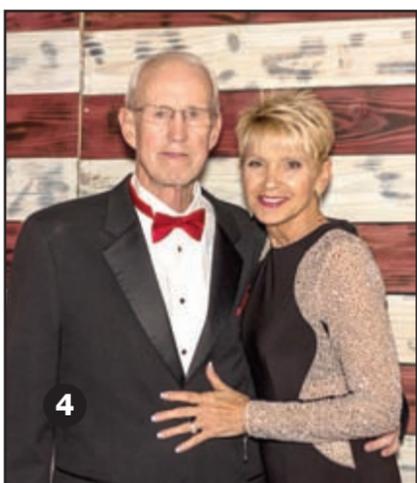
About Leadership Collier Foundation

The Leadership Collier Foundation educates local business leaders about

the societal and economic challenges facing the community today through the programs it governs: Leadership Collier, Growing Associates In Naples, Youth Leadership Collier, Emerging Leadership Council and The Campaign for Leadership. Through the work of the LCF Alumni Association, graduates continue to build alliances and foster goodwill and civic trusteeship that will strengthen Collier County through nonprofit organizations, local government boards and schools while enhancing relations with other like-minded, influential community leaders. ■

NETWORKING

Happy holidays with the Naples Area Board of Realtors



1. The 2018 NABOR board of directors: Rick Baranski, president; Jeff Jones, president-elect; Ryan Bleggi, vice president/secretary; Lauren Melo, treasurer; and directors Bill Archer, Nicholas Bobzien, Corey McCloskey, Dominic Pallini, James Schlimmer, Terrilyn VanGorder and Adam Vellano

2. Rick Baranski and outgoing president Dominic Pallini

3. Rick Fioretti and Brenda Fioretti, both NABOR past presidents

4. Harley Conrad, recipient of the 2017 President's Award, and Marti Conrad

5. Paula Angelopoulos Urbinati, Kathy Elrod and Lauren Melo



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Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Breakthrough Awards presentation



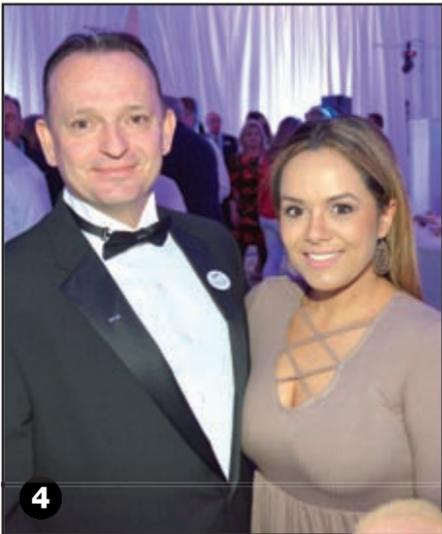
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NETWORKING

Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holiday party at the Hilton Naples



Cathie Williams and Karl Williams



- 1. Chris Barnett and Bill Barnett
- 2. Marci Seamples and Karole Davis
- 3. Blake Gable, Kamela Patton, Ashley Porranro and Bill Barker
- 4. Thomas Donahue and Alina Perez
- 5. Alyssa Haney, Heather Tice, Tracy Duhaney, Danny Pate and Jeanne Sweeney
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At 292-296 14th Ave. S., Pettit Square is one of several properties purchased recently by Hoffmann Commercial Real Estate.

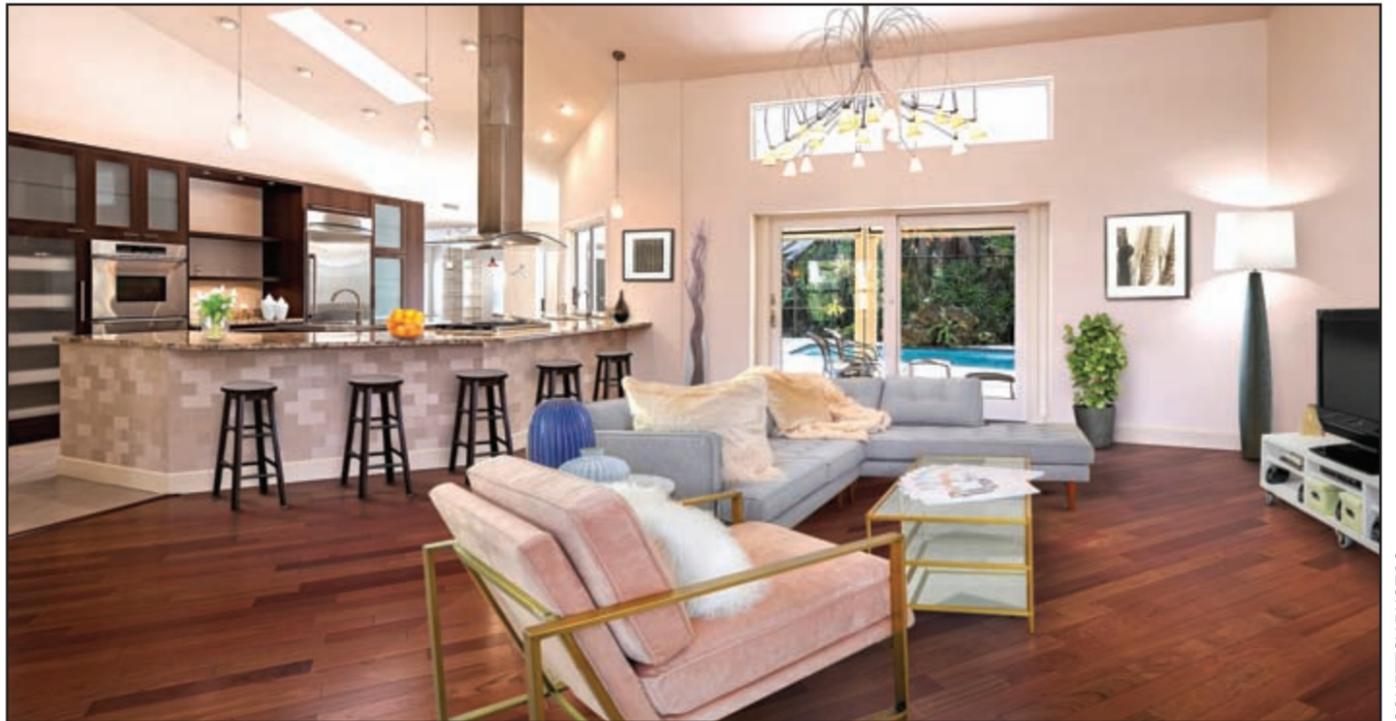
Hoffmann Commercial Real Estate has purchased two new properties and placed an additional four addresses in downtown Naples under contract with plans to close by the end of January. Once these acquisitions are completed, the company will own 21 properties in the city valued in excess of \$250 million.

Since the start of 2017, six buildings have been added to the Hoffmann collection: The newest are at 292-296 14th Ave. S. and 271 Broad Ave.; the others are at 649 Fifth Ave. S., 630 Fifth Ave. S., 375 13th Ave. S. and 393 Broad Ave. The new addresses under contract are at 360 12th Ave. S. (home of The Bevy restaurant), 990 First Ave. N., 950 First Ave. N. and 80-90 First Ave. N.

Acquiring large segments of targeted districts supports a prevailing company goal: the creation of welcoming retail neighborhoods where local businesses can flourish. The company prides itself on upgrading vintage properties, maintaining local character and enhancing public spaces to attract shoppers for tenants. Enhancements in Naples include the addition of a sculpture walk near Hoffmann properties in the Fifth Avenue and Third Street areas, a live music series and sponsorship of the Slidr shuttle service that provides free rides to shoppers around downtown.

"These are outstanding properties that complement our existing holdings," Greg Hoffmann, CEO of

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COURTESY PHOTOS

House Hunting

720 Shadow Lake Lane, Pelican Bay

This beautifully renovated residence in Pelican Bay's Oakmont community will appeal to those seeking a home that displays contemporary finishes of the highest quality coupled with organic materials for warmth and livability. The .31-acre corner lot is private and lushly landscaped. In 2,954 square feet under air, there are three bedrooms and three baths plus a large family room/den. Details include vaulted ceilings, Brazilian cherry floors, and custom cabinetry and stonework. There is a south-facing lanai with pool/spa, see-through electric storm screens and a two-car garage. Pelican Bay offers walking and bike paths, a community fitness center, tennis courts and private beach access with restaurants and beachside activities.

Craig Jones, broker associate at Premier Sotheby's International Realty, has the listing for \$1,598,000. To arrange a showing, call 552-5522 or email craig.jones@sothebysrealty.com. ■



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providers, and photographers along with so very many other professionals whom I work with throughout each and every year as well as our local business community at large. Every best wish for each of you and your families in this New Year as well as to our overall Naples community ... the place we all call home. As I enter my 34th year as a full time Realtor here in Naples, I would like to give a thank you to all for your help, your time, your assistance, for that extra effort that makes a difference, and for the work you do for others. Thank you so very much to the thousands of seasonal and full time residents I have worked with

and had the opportunity to represent over the years who in so many direct and indirect ways have contributed to the privilege of working as well as earning a living for my family in our Naples community ... thank you and thank you so kindly for your many referrals and recommendations. There is so very much to be grateful for in so many ways. There is so much generosity and giving of time, spirit and resources that occurs in our community: A special thanks for all the outreach within our Collier County community for all who helped those impacted by Hurricane Irma and all the neighbors and strangers who helped one another with medical needs, a generator, extra fuel, food, sharing their home, patience in a gas line, bringing a cooler full of ice, or simply a kind thoughtful gesture to one another amidst the storm's approach and after it had passed. A special thanks to our City and County employees and personnel who helped in the process of bringing our utilities back online and restoring our services as well as the dangerous work the line men and line women did restoring our electricity as well as the cable personnel in the field. All the very best wishes for health, safety and prosperity:



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NEWSMAKERS

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Hoffmann Commercial Real Estate, said about the new properties under contract. For more information, visit www.hoffmanncre.com.

Ryan Benson, principal with A. Vernon Allen Builder in Naples, has been appointed to serve as a delegate on the board of directors of the Florida Home Builders Association for 2018. Mr. Benson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stetson University and an MBA from Florida Inter-



BENSON

national University. He has been in the construction industry for 16 years and is a finalist for the National Association of Home Builders Young Professional's Award. His community involvement includes the Collier Building Industry Association, Naples Gulfshore Sunset Rotary and the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County. He and his business partner, Andy Bringardner, completed their acquisition of A. Vernon Allen Builder in 2015 after almost a decade working as managers of the firm.

Chris Curran, director of preconstruction at DeAngelis Diamond, has been promoted to vice president of preconstruction and estimating. With 18 years of industry experience, Mr. Curran has provided leadership on DeAngelis Diamond's health-care and commercial projects ranging from \$120 million to \$160 million for clients including Arthrex and Lee Health. A native of Anchorage, Alaska, he graduated from the University of Washington.



CURRAN

Michael Pearson has been named lead estimator and project manager for the custom homebuilding division of Stock Development. Mr. Pearson will oversee preconstruction estimating for an array of custom homes in South and Southwest Florida and will manage the day-to-day operations and contractual agreements of more than 20 ongoing projects throughout Florida. A South Florida native and Naples resident, he earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from the University of South Florida.



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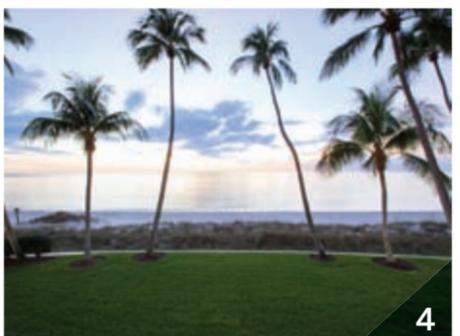
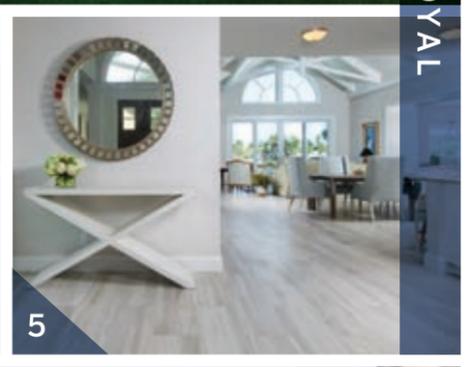
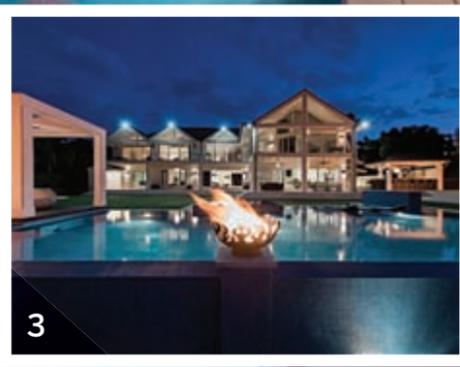


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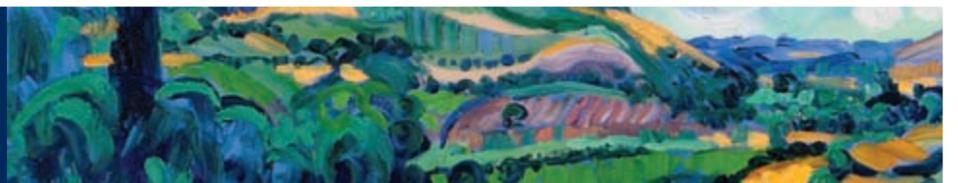
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Naples Square Phase I residents enjoying works by local artist

Naples Square Phase I residents have enhanced their luxurious surroundings with the installation of 16 original photographs by Naples photographic artist Amy Schiffer. Schiffer's art pieces in the Phase I building provide a mesmerizing look at scenes photographed at various locations around Naples, including a stunning scene of the historic Naples Pier with tall palm trees and Southwest Florida's signature blue sky and white puffy clouds. Naples' connection to the water is represented in a photograph of a sailboat docked at an Old Florida style structure. A third scene of one of Naples' most recognizable locations presents the Clam Pass boardwalk that winds its way through thick mangroves to the beach. The three images are representative of the collection that features captivating scenes of familiar Naples landscapes, walking trails, and the beach.

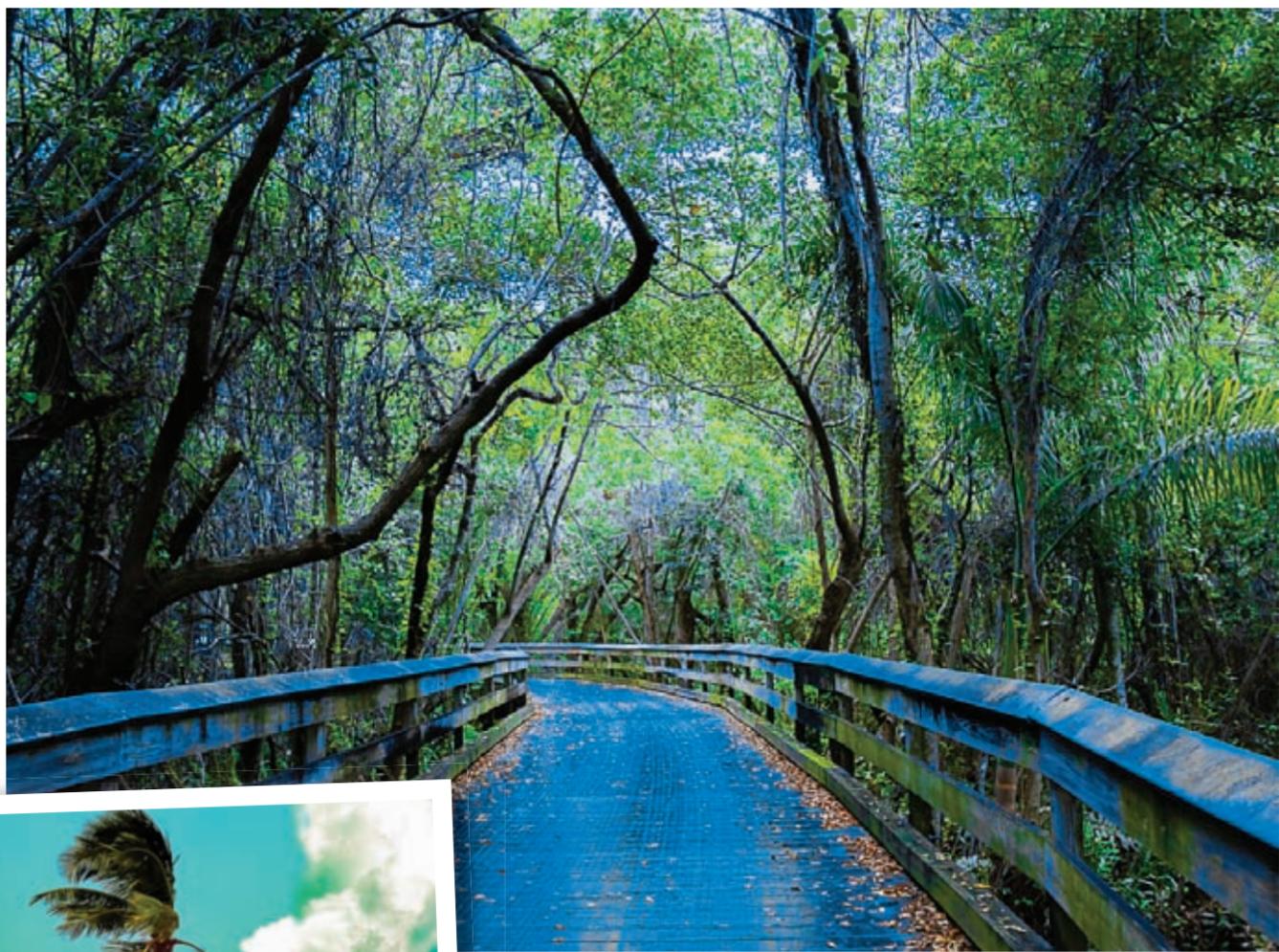
"I initially contacted the Phase I building's property manager and offered to make a presentation to the condominium association's board," said Schiffer. "I presented a number of images from my portfolio and the board was excited by the possibility of having original photos throughout the building. They indicated they wanted scenes from around Naples. I took it from there and shot a rather extensive collection of photos. Sixteen of them were selected for display in the Phase I building."

Schiffer chose to print her images on a unique archival photographic paper with a metallic texture. After presenting a sample to the board and getting positive reviews, the collection was produced in a 48 by 60-inch format and framed in front-loading brush-finished frames behind a durable, ultra-thin sheet of acrylic that protects the images from fingerprints while helping to avoid distracting reflections that are common with images that have been framed behind glass.

"The metallic paper is amazing," said Schiffer. "There was just one company in the United States that I was able to find that prints on this type of paper. The finished look is incredible. Everybody says the images look three-dimensional. They have a real luster to them. Printing on metal or canvas seems to be the preferred route for many photographers these days. Metal does not have the archival characteristics or the luster the metallic paper has. When I saw the finished images blown up to 48 by 60-inches, I looked at them and couldn't believe my eyes. They were just incredible."

Schiffer is the contract administrator in the Naples Square sales office and started shooting photographs about four years ago. Her artistic background is primarily in painting. Her passion for photography evolved as she became familiar with photo finishing computer software. After having one of her images selected as the Naples Daily News' "Photo of the Day," she started focusing more of her time and attention on photography. Her portfolio now includes nearly 5,000 images.

"It's all about the repetition - capturing and working with the imagery," she said. "I have an art background. I wouldn't say I'm a trained photographer, but my background is in illustration and art, painting, and the fine arts. When I started getting into computers, I started learning the software. From there, I started doing more graphic art.



Composition is what people seem to respond to."

Naples Square is being developed by the award-winning Ronto Group. The community's walkable lifestyle is transforming how people live in the downtown district and bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. The Phase II building has been completed and two residences remain available for purchase. Three furnished Phase II models are open for viewing with a sales associate. Phase III construction is underway and purchase agreements worth \$37 million have already been processed. Eight Phase III one and two-story floor plans from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air are base-priced from \$695,000 to \$1,550,000. The two and three-bedroom plus den plans feature 10' ceilings except where dropped, open-air terraces, and designer kitchens with an enhanced appliance package.

Ronto will enhance Naples Square's walkable downtown living experience even further with the development of the Shoppes at Naples Square, a combination of retail and restaurant space on the eastern edge of the Naples Square site. Ronto anticipates retail openings in 2019. Gulfshore Playhouse has finalized its purchase of a three-acre tract

Top: A scene of one of Naples' most recognizable locations included in Amy Schiffer's photographs at the Naples Square Phase I building presents the Clam Pass boardwalk that winds its way through thick mangroves to the beach. **Above Left:** Schiffer has included a stunning scene of the historic Naples Pier with tall palm trees and Southwest Florida's signature blue sky and white puffy clouds. **Above Right:** Naples' connection to the water is represented in a photograph of a sailboat docked at an Old Florida style structure. The image is part of a 16-piece collection of photos by Amy Schiffer permanently installed at Naples Square Phase I.

on the northern end of Naples Square and plans to build a multimillion-dollar 56,000 square-foot complex that will include two theaters and an education wing. The presence of the Gulfshore Playhouse complex will put a regional theater literally at the doorsteps of Naples Squares' residents and be easily accessible to residents of Downtown Naples and beyond.

The Ronto Group is also developing the luxurious 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay that is on schedule for completion next summer; the TwinEagles gated golf course community in North Naples that features a fully-amenitized traditional country club lifestyle; and Orange Blossom

Naples, a community located at 1948 Oil Well Road that offers an affordable resort lifestyle with stylish, energy efficient new residences by Lennar Corporation and Pulte, including Executive Homes priced from the mid-\$200's and Manor Homes priced from the \$300's. Eleven Eleven Central, a new Ronto project located on Central Avenue in downtown Naples, will begin accepting reservations next month.

The Naples Square Sales Gallery is located in the community's Phase I building at 1030 3rd Avenue South, unit 101. The Sales Gallery is open daily. For additional information about Naples Square's walkable lifestyle and floor plan choices, visit NaplesSquare.com. ■

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Rooftop amenities take shape at Kalea Bay

Tower 1 approaching sellout

As construction on Tower 1 nears completion, many of the building's amenities are ready for the first residents to arrive.

Furniture was recently delivered to the rooftop pool. Consisting of comfortable chaise lounges, dining tables and chairs, and plush conversation areas, the placement of each piece offers the perfect vantage point for breathtaking sunsets daily.

"Whether lounging poolside or enjoying the company of friends in our community room, the views from the rooftop can only be described as spectacular," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "From here, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, several nature preserves and even two of the highest ranked beaches in the United States. There's not another place like it in Southwest Florida."

Additionally, the rooftop amenity area is home to a barbecue station and an open-air fitness center with a cantilevered roof that opens and closes.

"We had very high expectations for our 'sky amenities' and I must admit that those expectations have been exceeded on every level," she added.

The first residential tower at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, will be ready for occupancy by the end of the year and is currently more than 90 percent sold.

The approaching completion of its construction phase, as well as the near sellout of Tower 1, prompted Kalea Bay to release Tower 2 at the beginning of this year. 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.

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.

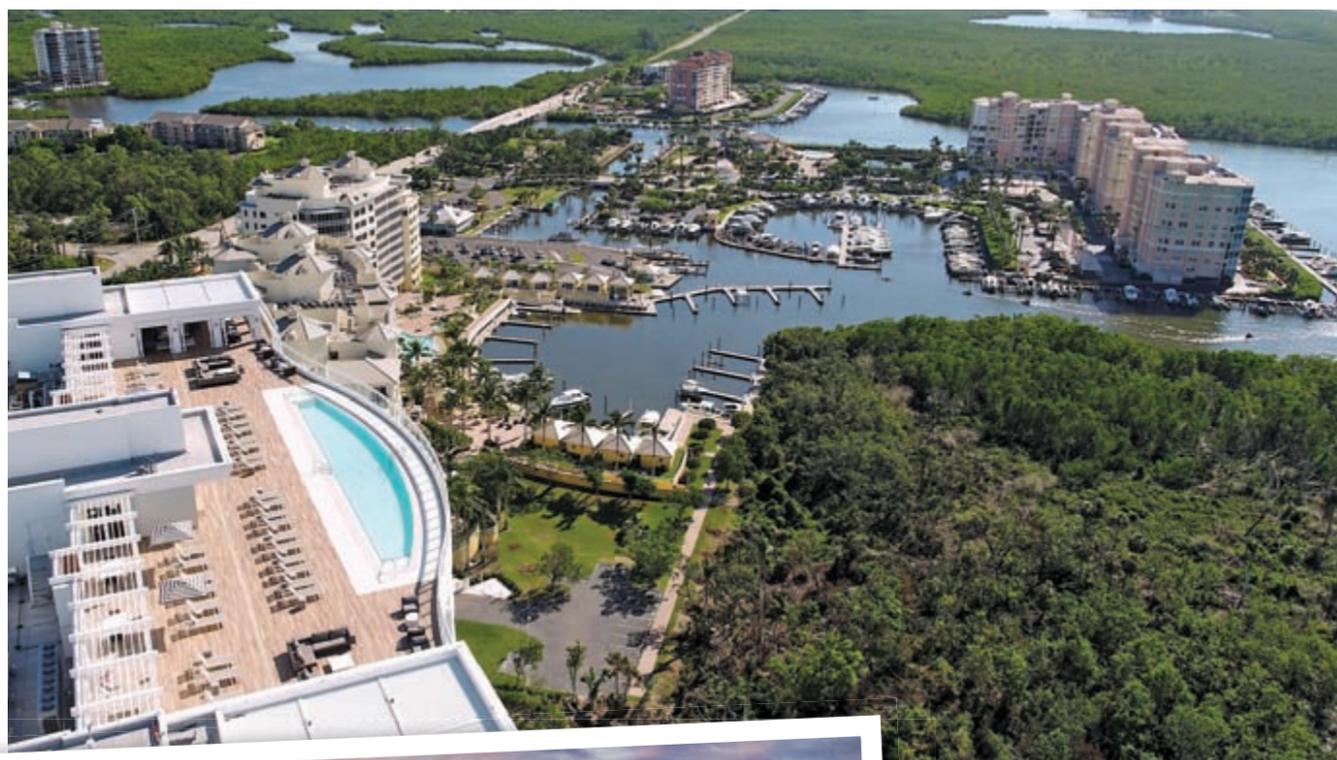
The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"Master suites, kitchens and main living areas in most units 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.

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



Above: Many of the rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower are completed, including the pool and furnished sun deck. Left: Dramatic views of the Gulf of Mexico and several nature preserves can be seen daily from Kalea Bay's unique perspective. Below: Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. Bottom: Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot main amenity center is due to open on January 5.

In addition to the tower's rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community's 88,000-square-foot club amenity center, which is due to open on January 5.

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

Kalea Bay's main amenity area is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. The clubhouse 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 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts, and guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

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. The same holds true for its tennis program with the recent hiring of Nestor Nunez as Director of Tennis.

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. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com. ■

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A year filled with major milestones is just the beginning for Babcock Ranch

Solar-powered town set to make more history in 2018

Every day brings a new opportunity to make history at Babcock Ranch. The environmentally-friendly new town rising just northeast of Fort Myers is wrapping up a year jam-packed with historic 'firsts' - and looking ahead to many more exciting milestones in the weeks and months ahead.

While construction of the first commercial buildings and homes got underway in 2016, when the history of this town is written 2017 will go down as the year that Kitson & Partner's vision became reality.

"The thing that I am most proud of at Babcock Ranch is - if you go back in time and look at all the initiatives we laid out and the promises that we made - We have not only kept the promises, we have gone above and beyond," said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners.

Kitson's team set ambitious goals focused on the environment, energy, education, technology, health, transportation and storm safety. The new town is the economic engine that made it possible to put 73,000 acres of the historic Babcock Ranch into permanent preservation, and it is designed to be an environmentally-appropriate neighbor to the surrounding preserve. Half of the town's 18,000-acre footprint will also be preserved as green spaces - providing residents with unprecedented opportunities to connect with nature.

"We were able to preserve 90 percent of this ranch while accommodating people who continue to move to Florida in a very thoughtful, environmentally-responsible way," Kitson said. "To us, that marriage of preservation and development is very important and it is how we should be approaching new homes and new communities going forward into the future."

Kitson partnered with Florida Power & Light (FPL) to lay the cornerstone for sustainable development at Babcock Ranch. FPL's 75MW Babcock Ranch Solar Energy Center went on line at the very beginning of 2017 - generating enough clean, renewable energy to meet total community demand before the first building was even completed. The water utility facilities at Babcock Ranch were also completed in early 2017. In addition to water and sewer, Town & Country Utilities is providing reclaimed water for all irrigation purposes within Babcock Ranch.

A partnership with CenturyLink delivers on Kitson's promised technological infrastructure. All homes and businesses are equipped with a full gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity. Another strategic partnership is introducing autonomous shuttles to put Babcock Ranch on the cutting edge for alternative transportation.

Founders Square came to life in February of 2017 as the first buildings in the initial downtown district were completed. During a Founder's Fest weekend celebration in early March, a ribbon cutting ceremony marked the public opening of the Discovery Center at Woodlea Hall, Curry Creek Outfitters and the lakefront Table & Tap restaurant. Founder's Fest also marked the opening of the first model homes in the Lake Timber Neighborhood. More than 20,000 turned out over the course of



Top: The iconic Lake House at the entrance to Babcock Ranch sets the architectural tone. Above Left: FPL's Babcock Ranch Solar Energy Center generates more clean, renewable energy than the town will consume. Right: Founders Square - to be completed in March - has been buzzing with daily activity since the first businesses opened last spring. Bottom Left: With expansive open spaces and more 50 miles of trails Babcock Ranch is inspiring an active, healthy lifestyle. Bottom Right: Live music, great food and good company are a winning combination for Table & Tap.

that first weekend to preview the new town-in-the-making.

The buzz of daily activity stepped up in August with the opening of Babcock Neighborhood School for students in grades K-6, making Babcock Ranch the first new town where education really does come first.

"Schools are the heart and soul of every great hometown," Kitson said. "When people come to Babcock Ranch they don't have to hope that great schools are something that will happen sometime in the future - the school is here right now, today." With the school building already at full capacity and more than a hundred students on the waiting list, Kitson stepped up the timeline for a central education campus. The full-size K-8 building will open next August with the high school slated to open the following year.

November saw a boom in home sales at Babcock Ranch with the launch of two additional neighborhoods with home prices starting in the \$190s. Multiple contracts were signed during the first week of the "Make the Move" promotion and future residents are continuing



to take advantage of the pre-construction prices and incentives being offered by all homebuilders. The sustainability features at Babcock Ranch are proving to be attractive to young families and empty nesters alike.

"When you're surrounded by open spaces and green spaces, when you have great access to parks and recreation and biking and hiking anytime you want - there are incredible health benefits," Kitson said. "From young millennials to 55 and over, they're all looking for the same type of lifestyle."

Babcock Ranch will mark yet another huge milestone during the first week of 2018 when the very first residents move in. They won't be alone for long. The second closing and move-in is set for the middle of January with a steady stream

of new neighbors coming close behind.

At Founders Square the general store, Slater's Goods and Provisions, will be celebrating its grand opening on January 5th. The Health and Wellness Center that takes up the entire east side of the lakefront downtown district is nearing completion - starting the countdown toward the next big event in Babcock Ranch history. The town's official Grand Opening is set for March 10th.

"One of our goals has always been to set an example that other communities could follow and we're doing it," Kitson said. "We have a thousand people a day coming into the state of Florida who need homes. We're meeting that need in the right way - with a combination of preservation and development."

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FrontDoor Communities' coach homes offer resort-style living in Corsica at Talis Park

FrontDoor Communities' Coach Homes at Corsica, an enclave of 64 exquisitely designed residences in 16 Santa Barbara-style two-story buildings, provide an exceptional level of resort-style living in Kitson & Partners' Talis Park community. Fully furnished first- and second-floor models are open and available for viewing daily. Unfurnished coach homes are available for purchase and immediate occupancy, with additional move-in ready coach homes scheduled for completion in the next month.

Located at 16372-102 Corsica Way, the 2,532-square-foot under air first-floor Messina 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 and natural elements throughout. The great room has a feature wall, unique ceiling detail, and additional wood accent wall details in the powder bath. With three bedrooms and 3.5 baths, the Messina features a private arrival courtyard entry, light-filled open living areas, chef-style kitchen and gathering room. The lanai expands from the main living area to the private owner's suite. The open floor plan's easy flow creates remarkable livability and a spacious, comfortable ambiance. The Messina is offered at \$959,900 including furnishings, accessories, builder upgrades, and a Talis Park Sports Membership. The previously sold Sienna model is also open for viewing.

Residences may be customized to

buyer preferences including optional den/studies and outdoor kitchens with built-in gas grills, choices rarely offered in luxury coach homes. An onsite design consultant in the finish selection center assists with personalization. Residences include private arrival courtyards, private garages accessible from the residence, private covered terraces off the owner's bedroom, dual walk-in closets in the owner's suite, spacious covered outdoor living areas extending across the rear of the residence, and paved motor courts and walkways. Tall ceilings, abundant natural light, and open living areas provide a captivating ambiance while conveying the feeling of a single-family residence.

Residents Brian & Laurie McArdle commented, "We were looking around and when we found Talis Park, everybody was so friendly and there is so much to do. It's more about a whole lifestyle than a place to live. The surroundings are beautiful. What's not to like?"

The McArdle family enjoys a variety of social events created and managed by Membership Director Nancy Muschong and the Talis Park team. From daily fitness classes, sports clinics, bocce nights and cooking classes to themed costume parties, dinner/dances, movies and concerts on the Great Lawn, and weekly happy hours, Talis Park's social calendar offers something for everyone.

Homeowners now also enjoy compli-

mentary daily beach access via the Beach Runner, the community's exclusive new beach shuttle. The hub of activity within Talis Park is its award-winning Vyne House clubhouse and 18-hole Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course, one of only two Norman/Dye collaborations worldwide. The Casa Cortese sports pub, next to the driving range, 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.

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Top: The Corsica neighborhood at Talis Park is situated within a short walk or bike ride of the dining, fitness, and spa venues at the community's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse. **Above Left:** The furnished, first-floor Messina coach home model in Corsica at Talis Park. **Above Right:** The easy flow of the Messina's open floor plan contributes to the comfortable ambiance presented by first-floor residences.

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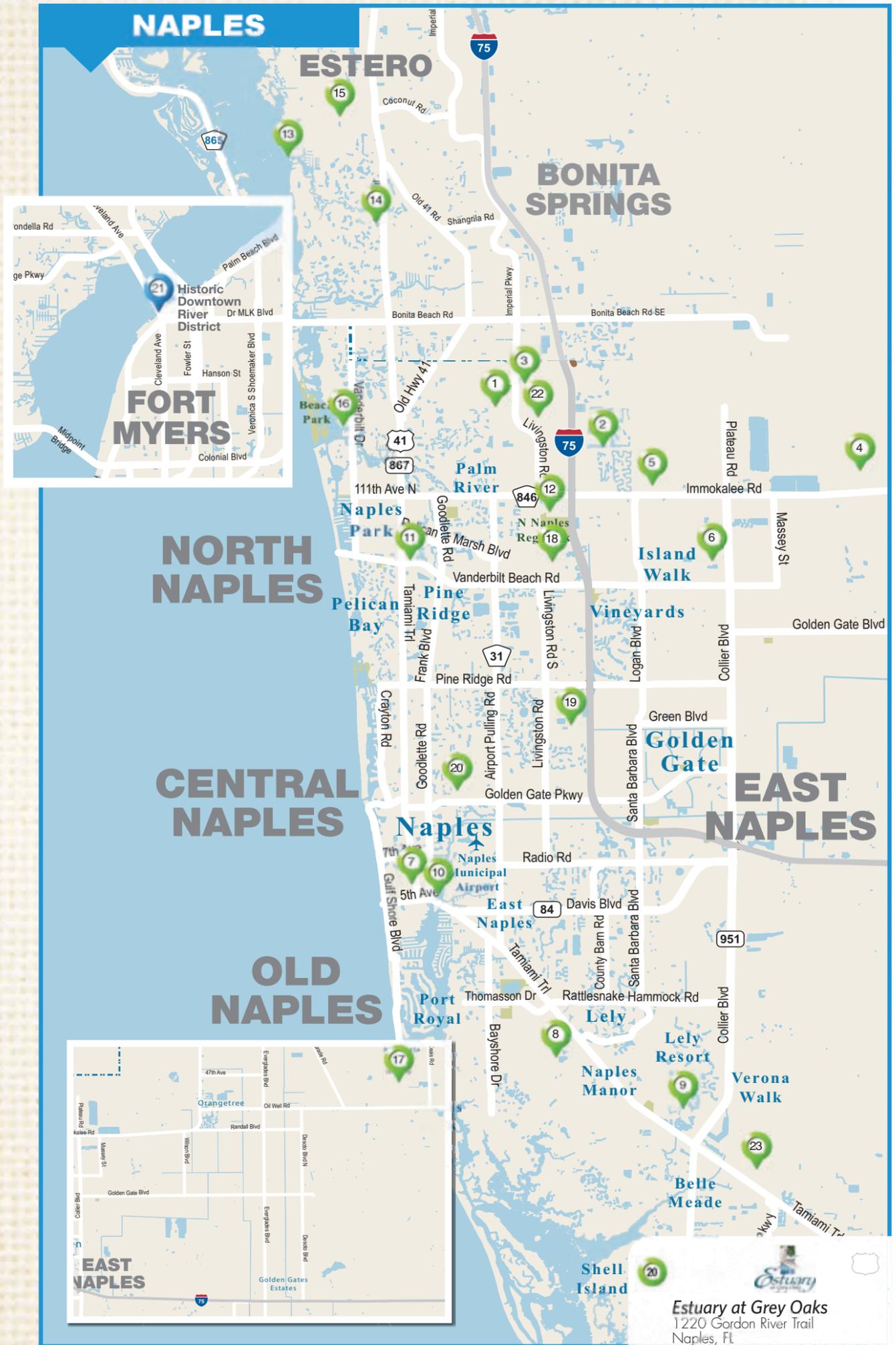


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ment from the University of Florida.

Scott Schneider

has joined Owen-Ames-Kimball Company, a Fort Myers-based construction contracting and management company, as a project manager. Mr. Schneider brings more than



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10 years of management experience to his position with O-A-K, including a well-rounded comprehension of operations ranging from mechanical, electrical and plumbing to budgeting and capital improvements. He has held past positions locally with Electronic System Services Inc. and Ave Maria University, and in Michigan with Ford Motor Company and Capital Construction. He earned his associate's degree from Washtenaw Community College and his journeyman industrial electrician certification from Henry Ford Community College in Michigan.

Royal Shell Real Estate announces its top producers for the month of November:

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Bonita Springs office: The Lewis Team, top listing producers and top sales producers team; Carol Jones, top listings producer individual; and Sue Ellen Mathers, top sales producer individual.

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Cape Coral office: The Peterson Team, top listings producers team; Marc



This 7,000-square-foot home in Aqualane Shores was recently completed by (BUILD).

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Wozny, top listings producer individual and top sales producer individual; and Koffman & Associates, top listings producers team.

(BUILD) has completed construction on a custom spec home in Aqualane Shores. The two-story design by Don Stevenson Design and Lotus Architecture has four bedrooms and five baths, a wine room, a formal dining room and a study in 7,000 square feet of living area. Exterior details include an aluminum roof, three covered balconies, an entryway with staggered stone columns and a trellis-lined three-car garage. Interior features include custom millwork finishes, a glass fireplace and a unique wood and cable railing. There is also a second-floor outdoor living area in addition to an expansive pool area on the ground level. ■

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The best & worst 2017 MOVIES

Gal Gadot in "Wonder Woman" (2017)

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BY DAN HUDAK

Florida Weekly Film Critic

SO ... DID ANYTHING interesting happen in the film industry this year?

Sheesh, what a mess the sexual misconduct allegations against Hollywood heavyweights have become, casting a long overdue shadow on a business that has always been

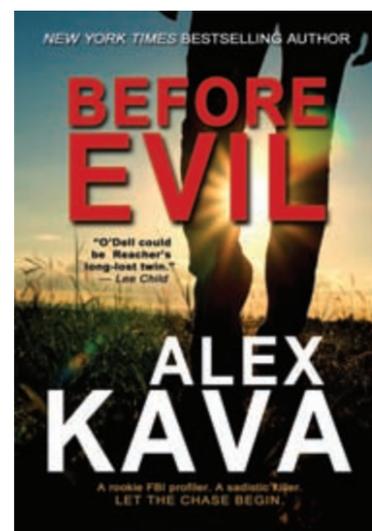
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Second annual Path2Freedom affair, and more Society photos. C25-28 ►



A twist for a thriller

Book critic Phil Jason reviews a "prequel" for a popular series. C2 ►



Cuisine news

Ivan Seligman does The Dish at Kitchen41, and Lindsey Nesmith says "Cheers!" to bubbly. C29-31 ►

We thank you for the haikus

BY CINDY PIERCE

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Our readers love to write. After more than 250 of you entered our annual Writing Challenge that ended in October, we decided we couldn't wait another year before tapping once more into your collective gift with words. So, a few weeks ago we asked you to compose haikus reflecting on 2017 and/or anticipating what 2018 might bring. Haiku, of course, is the ancient form of Japanese



poetry that contains three lines written in 5/7/5 syllable count.

Although Wikipedia's entry for haiku goes deeper and references "the juxtaposition of two images or ideas ... and the manner in which the juxtaposed elements are related," we like the Academy of American Poetry's observation that haiku "emphasizes simplicity, intensity and directness of expression." We loved your response to our call for end-of-year ditties. As we

thought would be the case, Hurricane Irma was the muse for more than a few submissions. We were pleasantly surprised, on the other hand, that politics did not inspire many 17-syllable rants.

Our favorite haikus, however, were those about personal highs and lows of all kinds — from new grandchildren and golden anniversaries to simple backyard pleasures to exercise and weight loss to aches and pains and even death.

More than 60 of you sent at least one, and this week, as promised, we are happy to share them. See page C20.

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Serial killer pursued by a most worthy, though inexperienced, FBI adversary

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■ **"Before Evil" by Alex Kava. Prairie Wind Publishing. 336 pages. Hardcover, \$27; trade paperback, \$15.99.**

It's not every day in the book business that you run into a prequel for a highly regarded thriller series. However, here it is, displacing "A Perfect Evil" as the first installment of Alex Kava's long-lived Maggie O'Dell Series in that it is constructed to bring readers a slightly younger and less experienced version of the series protagonist.

Maggie is already recognized as a particularly talented young FBI agent,



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proficient as a profiler and as a forensic wiz. She's done much of her work fielding inquiries from other agents via computer. But now, her somewhat reluctant supervisor provides her first field assignment: a real live crime sign. Problem is the victims are not so very live.

Serial killer Albert Stucky is as crazy as he is skilled. He haunts backwoods Virginia (though he has killed elsewhere)

and is brazen enough to enjoy being identified — though as a master of disguise his apparent identities are just part of a game. A grand manipulator, he leaves messages for the law enforcement officers who are trying to track him down and end the carnage. Stucky finds Maggie to be an irresistible adversary.

Chapters focused on Maggie and her co-workers alternate with chapters that take readers into Stucky's brilliant but damaged mind. He's a killer who simply loves his work. A man who has made millions of dollars, he needs bigger thrills than money can provide. He has developed a slew of well-planned hiding places, and no description of him will hold up as he readily discards and replaces signs of age, physical stature, social class and anything else identifying that one might think of.

A careful and usually meticulous planner, Stucky loves it when a plan comes together — but he also enjoys surviving risky adventures. He's a show-off. There is nothing, however, like the thrill of the kill.

His major weapon is a crossbow. He is truly a hunter (mostly of women). He often imprisons his victims before ultimately destroying them. He fancies himself a surgeon, and he leaves evidence of his skill.

Maggie is defined in part by her relationships with her husband (the marriage has gone cold), her mother (a woman whose judgments only bring Maggie grief) and her FBI associates. These include Assistant Director Cunningham, Dr. Gwen

Patterson and the agents who are part of the investigative team. The conversations the author builds provide the back-and-forth mental exercise that allows for progress and planning — even though Stucky is extremely illusive.

Those conversations (dialogue, if you will) also define the characters' personalities.

Maggie is further defined through childhood memories, self-doubt and the ways in which she responds to different environments. Speaking of environments, Ms. Kava's handling of settings and how characters move across them — get from one place to another — reveals a highly effective skill-set. Vivid Virginia places will be seared into readers' memories.

Maggie's resilience is tested over again, and the tests are more and more dangerous and challenging. Stucky is building a trap for her, and she knows it. Can she beat him at his own game?

About the author

Alex Kava is the New York Times, USA Today and Amazon best-selling author of the award-winning, critically acclaimed Maggie O'Dell series and a new series featuring Ryder Creed, a former Marine,

and his K9 dogs. The next in the Creed series, "Lost Creed" (No. 4), will come out in late March.

Ms. Kava's standalone novel, "One False Move," was chosen for the 2006 One Book One Nebraska, and her political thriller,

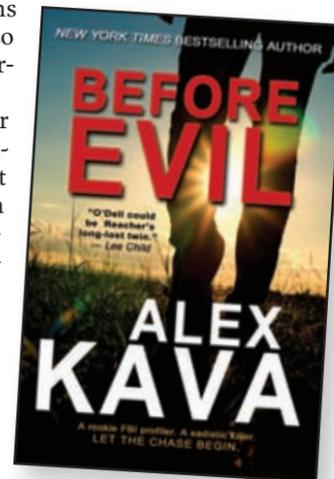
"Whitewash," was one of January Magazine's best thrillers of the year. Published in more than 34 countries and selling 6 million-plus copies, her novels have made the bestseller lists in the UK, Australia, Germany, Japan, Italy and Poland. She is also a co-author of the novellas "Slices of Night" and "Storm Season" with Erica Spindler and J.T. Ellison.

Her novel "Stranded" was awarded both a Florida Book Award and the Nebraska Book Award.

She is a member of the Nebraska Writers Guild and a founding member of International Thriller Writers.

She divides her time between Omaha, Neb., and Pensacola. ■

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Three Jewish Book Festival author programs in January

BY PHIL JASON
Florida Weekly Book Critic

The third annual Collier County Jewish Book Festival, a project of the Jewish Federation of Collier County in cooperation with the Jewish Book Council, continues through April with programs that include solo presenters, two authors matched by a common theme (the authors sharing the bill do not co-present or share the stage, but provide back-to-back presentations) and one event with three debut novelists. Here's the January lineup:

■ 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Naples Conference Center: In his *"Angels in the Sky,"* Robert Gandt relates *"How a Band of Volunteer Airmen Saved the New State of Israel."* It's popular history at its best, David-and-Goliath all over again.

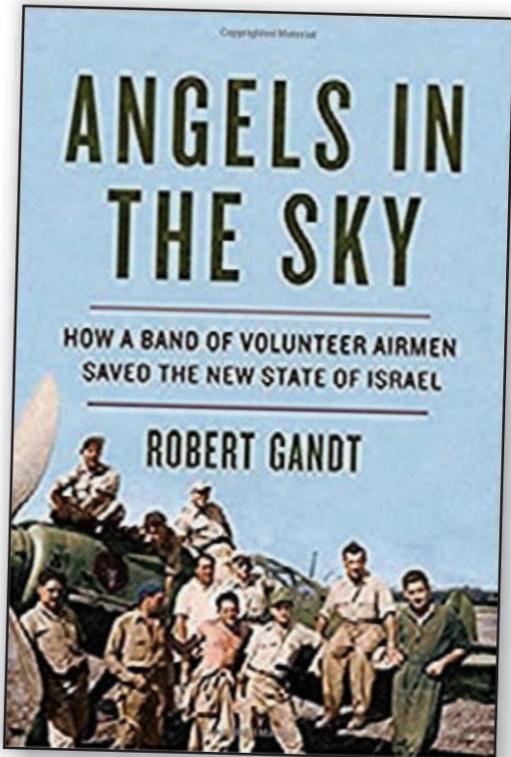
Mr. Gandt is paired with Bryan Mark Rigg (*"The Rabbi Saved by Hitler's Soldiers"*). Amid the chaos and hell of the emerging Holocaust, a small group of German soldiers shepherded Rebbe Joseph Isaac Schneersohn and his Hasidic followers out of Poland on a dangerous and circuitous path to America.

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Temple Shalom: Meet Pam Jenoff (*"The Orphan's Tale"*) and Gavriel Savit (*"Anna and the Swallow Man"*). Ms. Jenoff's inventive novel, based on true stories, tells of a German circus that becomes the home and refuge of two young women. Mr. Savit imagines Krakow in 1939, when young Anna, her father taken by the Nazis, meets a mysterious, somewhat magical fellow whom she follows through the most dangerous situations.

■ 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Hilton Naples: Sitcom writer Susan Silver talks about *"Hot Pants in Hollywood: Sex, Secrets & Sitcoms."* The afternoon also includes Joan Rivers' biographer, Leslie Bennetts (*"Last Girl Before Freeway"*).

The festival continues on Feb. 14 and 26, March 7 and 16 and April 9. For more information, including how to order tickets online, visit www.jewishbookfestival.org. To order tickets by phone, call the Jewish Federation of Collier County at 263-4205. ■

— In addition to his weekly reviews of books by Florida authors (see page C2), Phil Jason serves as co-chair of the Collier County Jewish Book Festival.



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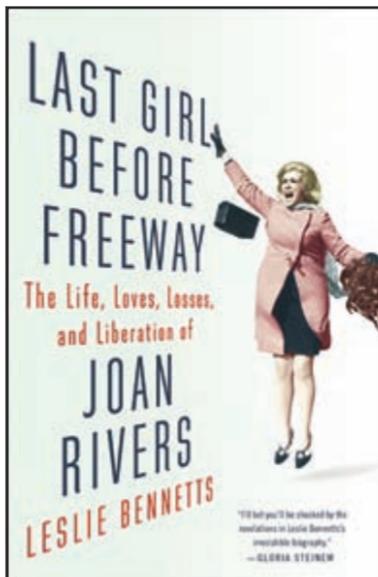
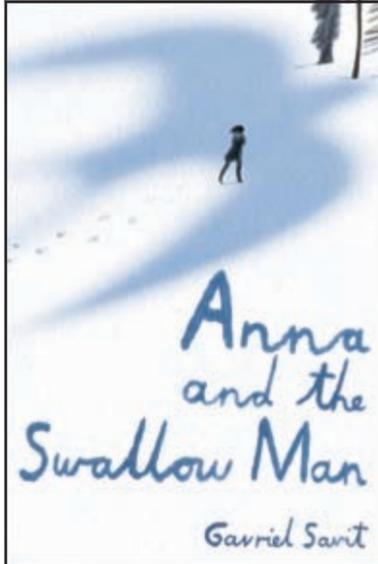
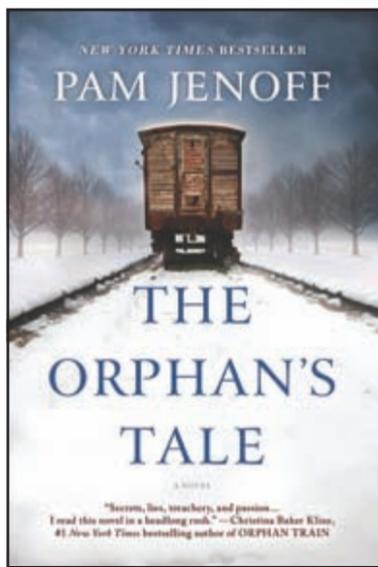
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Chris Hemsworth in "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017).

MOVIES

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corrupt and nasty.

The allegations should not, however, overshadow the great films of 2017. Like any year we had our share of disappointments ("Downsizing"), but as a whole we were riveted with many pleasant surprises ("Get Out"). What follows are the 10 best movies of 2017; for each, I've noted whether they are already on video, still in theaters or somewhere in between. See them as soon as you can.

10) Thor: Ragnarok

Is it a great piece of art? Certainly not. It's void of social meaning, and really is just pure popcorn entertainment. But what entertainment. I did not have more fun at any other movie this year. Now in theaters.

9) Lady Macbeth

Florence Pugh is a revelation as Katherine, a young woman sold into a loveless marriage to a man twice her age in 19th century England. Her subsequent affair with stable boy Sebastian (Cosmo Jarvis) is only the beginning of her rebellion, and oh boy, do people pay. Pugh's performance is a star-making turn that could make her a force to be reckoned with for years to come. Now on home video.

8) Get Out

The simple scrape of a spoon stirring tea. The exuberance and innocence of young love led astray. This white male can't comment on how well "Get Out" reflects the African-American experience of living in the United States, as writer/director Jordan Peele has asserted the film does, but I can say the film is exceptionally smart and well-made. Kudos also to the cast, particularly Allison Williams and Daniel Kaluuya (who play the young lovers), for keeping us believing every twisted step along the way. Now on home video.

7) Dunkirk

What it lacks in emotion it makes up for in terms of perfect execution. Director Christopher Nolan's ("Inception") triptych



Cillian Murphy and Tom Glynn-Carney in "Dunkirk" (2017).

about the evacuation of British forces at Dunkirk during WWII is a masterful achievement of editing and sound, and as such shows off a craftsmanship that's a welcome sight for cine purists like me. If you appreciate anything at all regarding film technique, this is a must-see. Now on home video.

6) The Killing of a Sacred Deer

Weeks after seeing it, I can't get it out of my mind. Film aficionados will know what I mean when I say it's a cross between Stanley Kubrick and Michael Haneke. To those who don't know what that means, it's dehumanization and cold, cruel reality mixed into one devious package that most definitely plays by its own rules. Can't. Stop.

Thinking. About. It. Now in theaters; available on home video Jan. 23.

5) The Big Sick

We've seen plenty of dramas and comedies in which relationships get derailed due to racial differences. Rarely, though, do those movies follow the couple's breakup with the female (Zoe Kazan) contracting a mysterious illness and essentially disappearing for the second half of the film, while the male (Kumail Nanjiani) deals with her worrisome parents (Holly Hunter and Ray Romano). The film balances drama and humor perfectly, and the fact that it's based on the true story of Nanjiani and his co-writer and wife Emily's real relationship makes it that much sweeter. Now on home video.

4) Wonderstruck

What a lovely film. Especially perfect for movie geeks like me and the hearing impaired, Todd Haynes' latest deftly combines storylines in the 1920s and 1970s into one seamless package, and the result is extraordinary. Both stylistically and emotionally, this is a triumph. Now in theaters.

3) Wonder Woman

In a genre dominated by super powerful men, our heroine (boldly embodied by Gal Gadot), saves the male lead (Chris Pine) on multiple occasions, which is a welcome change of pace. The story worked well, the visual effects were stellar, and it was nice to have a DC Comics movie directed by a woman (Patty Jenkins), which perhaps explains why we could understand and follow the action, unlike in "Justice League." It's truly a substantial and — this year especially — important film. Now on home video.

2) The Disaster Artist

James Franco must be brilliant. He's created a wonderful film based on the making of one of the worst movies ever made, "The Room" (2003). The tone — not mocking or condescending, but just right — is a difficult one to pull off, but with Franco in steady control both behind (as the director) and in front of (as the main character, Tommy Wiseau) the camera, this is surreal pop art at its best. Now in theaters.

1) Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

It's no coincidence that the best performances of the year came from the best script of the year. Just when you think

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John Lodge of The Moody Blues on 50 years of music and fame

Band joins Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees after nearly three-decade wait

BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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The Moody Blues are finally where they belong: the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

On April 14, 2018, the English-progressive rock band will join this year's Hall of Fame induction class in Cleveland, Ohio, along with Bon Jovi, The Cars, Dire Straits, the late Nina Simone and Award for Early Influence recipient Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

John Lodge, a frequent Naples visitor and one of the original members of The Moody Blues, spoke to Florida Weekly about the band's five-decade run that saw the music industry transform in a multitude of ways and the band's brand of music endure ahead of the curve.

"It's the biggest rock 'n' roll honor you can have, to be inducted," Mr. Lodge said of the Hall of Fame nomination. "It's just wonderful news."

Mr. Lodge is known as the band's bass guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. He recalled beginning his journey into music as a 14-year-old teaching himself the guitar.

"I would spend all kinds of hours in my bedroom, trying to explore how [the guitar] worked. Then moving on to my bass guitar and figuring out how rock 'n' roll works. Thinking back, I didn't imagine joining the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame."

Rock Hall voting works a little differently than sports hall of fame ballots; despite The Moody Blues being eligible since 1989 (25 years after the release of their first

commercial recording),

this was the first year they appeared on the ballot, along with first-timers Dire Straits, Ms. Simone and Ms. Tharpe. Ballots are sent to a voting group of more than 900 artists, music-industry professionals and historians who determine the inductees every year.

A worldwide fan ballot was also conducted to determine who fans believed were deserving of rock 'n' roll's highest honor. The aggregate total of the voting conglomerate and fan vote delivered the inductees; The Moody Blues finished in the top five fan vote, along with Bon Jovi, Dire Straits and The Cars.

"It's just amazing," Mr. Lodge said of being named among such legendary company. "I've always thought of our fans as the heart of The Moody Blues ... When I heard about the fan vote ... and saw it get over the million-vote mark...it's really amazing to me. I didn't know how the Hall of Fame voting worked."

The Moody Blues formed in 1964 and rapidly ascended to fame as an R&B-based rock band. Within a year they'd scored their first hit single in the United Kingdom, "Go Now." Two years later the core of the band — Ray Thomas, Mike Pinder, Graeme Edge, Justin Hayward and Mr. Lodge — teamed up to produce decades of music on the cutting edge of rock 'n' roll, with such hits as "Steal Your Heart Away," "Nights in White Satin," "Tuesday



The Moody Blues

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Afternoon," "The Other Side of Life," "The Voyage" and "The Story in Your Eyes," among others.

In his eyes, Mr. Lodge thinks The Moody Blues' secret to success wasn't so secret after all.

"We only ever wrote our own songs or music," he said. "When you write a song in The Moody Blues it's your song. From day one we had a thought process between us. What we write today, we've got to be able to stand by it in 20 years' time."

The band would write about their own lives, and despite different backgrounds, they felt their fans' hopes and dreams aligned with their own and rang true in their lyrics.

"Sometimes you wake up not feeling on top of the world, sometimes you're feeling great," Mr. Lodge said. "I hope

when (our fans) wake up in the morning (and hear our music), they have a nice smile."

He and his family were in England when they received a call from his agent detailing the Rock Hall news.

"It was snowing in England. It's very cold and dark right now, but the news made everything brilliant."

Mr. Lodge said he's been to the Rock Hall in Cleveland a few times and even launched a Moody Blues video there but never gave much thought to the possibility of being inducted as a member.

"It all seemed to be an American award," he said of his visits. "I think because we were working all the while, touring, it didn't come to the point of us thinking about it all that much."

He and his wife will visit their son and grandchild in Naples soon to continue the celebration.

"One of the most wonderful parts for me is that when my grandson, John Henry, goes to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with his children one day, he'll be able to spot us and say, 'That's my granddad!' We've now got a musical legacy that will exist forever."

The Moody Blues will be on tour in America starting Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Hollywood, Fla., and perform at Germain Arena in Estero on Sunday, Jan. 14.

For tickets or more information, visit www.moodybluestoday.com. ■

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Flamingo Court – By The Marco Players Jan. 3-21 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.org. See story on page C14.

Night and Day: Love Lost and Found through the Eyes of Cole Porter – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Feb. 25 in the ArtStage Studio Theater. 2268 Bay St. 332-4488 or www.floridarepeducation.org.

Me & My Girl – By TheatreZone Jan. 11-21 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

A Streetcar Named Desire – By The Studio Players Jan. 12-Feb. 4, at the Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

The Price – By Gulfshore Playhouse Jan. 13-Feb. 4 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Charles Ives Take Me Home – By The Naples Players Jan. 17-Feb. 11, at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.



The Marco Players present “Flamingo Court,” a bittersweet comedy that explores aging, sickness and romance in a Boca Raton condo community, Jan. 3-21 at The Marco Players Theater. Pictured here are actors Cindy Hile and Ron Pirello. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com. See story on page C14.

Environmental Art – Swing by the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and take in the annual juried painting exhibition sponsored by Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council. \$5 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12. 300 Tower Road. 530-5977 or info@rookerybay.org.

Color Your World – Kids ages 11-17 are invited to add their colorful touch to the large drawing in the teen area at South Regional Library during regular hours today. Free 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. www.collierlibrary.org.

Night Lights – Naples Botanical Garden invites visitors to wander the grounds and take in the magical holiday decorations, yard games and live entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Night Lights in the Garden is open tonight, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1-3. 325-1354, tickets@naplesgarden.org or www.naplesgarden.org.

THURSDAY 12.28

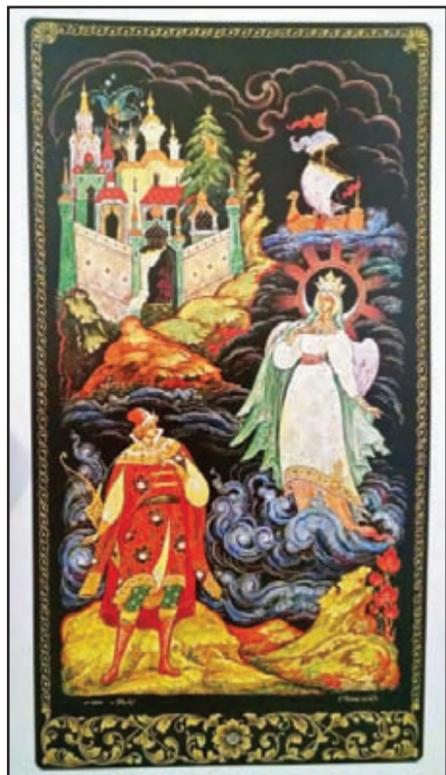
Stingray Shuffle – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park presents a program about stingrays and how to keep from getting jabbed at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Pups in the Garden – Put your favorite pooch in the car (don't forget the leash) and head to Naples Botanical Garden for canine-friendly hours from 3-5 p.m. (also 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday). Free for garden members and their dogs; regular admission for humans plus \$9.95 for their dogs. www.naplesgarden.org.

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

FRIDAY 12.29

Russian Treasures – Today is the last chance to see a collection of fine art knives and exquisite lacquer boxes from Russia on display at the Bigham Galleria location of East West Fine Art. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. 821-9459 or www.east-westfineart.com.



SATURDAY 12.30

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

More Produce – Stock up on local produce and assorted locally made goods at the Bonita Springs Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon at the Promenade at Bonita Bay.

SUNDAY 12.31

Puttin' on the Ritz – Artis—Naples rings in the new year with a rousing performance by the Naples Philharmonic and follows it up with a reception that includes a live band, dancing, bottomless champagne, midnight countdown and more starting at 9 p.m. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Light It Up – The city of Naples celebrates the New Year with a fireworks display off the Naples Pier from 7:30-8 p.m. 213-1000 or www.naplesgov.com.

MONDAY 1.1

Best Foot Forward – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park rangers lead a half-mile guided walk around the barrier island from 8-8:30 a.m. Free. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Free Concert – Nikki Talley performs Americana music from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Beethoven, Faure and Ravel with featured pianist Yefin Bronfman at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 4-6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Indie Music – Enjoy the folk- and jazz-infused indie music of The Woodwork with a special guest musician at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at The Norris Center. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$35 VIP seating. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3049.

Strings Sing – Musical comedy troupe Three on a String performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$32-\$42. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez hosts a meditation at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Art Show – Naples Art Association hosts its annual New Year's Art Show with goods from 250-plus artists and artisans from around the country from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6-7, down Fifth Ave. S. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

American Rhythms – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a chamber performance of works by Bernstein and Bennett from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Beach Yoga – Friends of Lovers Key and Naples Yoga Center offer a morning yoga session from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the gazebo and continuing weekly through April. \$10, plus park entry fee. 592-4809 or www.friendsof-loverskey.org.

Spoof-tacular – The Capital Steps returns to Artis—Naples at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, to lampoon the U.S. political system with hilarious songs and skits. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts lunch and a lecture titled “Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. \$15, includes lunch. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Art Reception – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a reception for its exhibition, “East Meets West,” which highlights ancient traditions and iconic images around the world in fiber, photography and sculpture, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. Free for members, \$10 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.com.

Pops – Artis—Naples screens “Casa Blanca” while the Naples Philharmonic performs Max Steiner's famous score Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 9-13. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



Polar Plunge – Gulfcoast Runners host the Dave Cranor 5k starting at 7 a.m. at Lowdermilk Park, which is immediately followed by a plunge into the Gulf of Mexico at 9 a.m. \$20, proceeds benefit Drug Court Kids. www.gcrunner.org.

TUESDAY 1.2

Take A Hike – CREW Land & Water Trust leads free guided walks through its marsh trails from 9 a.m. to noon. 4600 Corkscrew Road. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

WEDNESDAY 1.3

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

COMING UP

Beach BBQ – Friends of Lovers Key host a beach barbecue with live acoustic music by local singer-songwriters at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the state park. Free with park entry. 463-4588 or www.friendsof-loverskey.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Jazz Concert – Jazz Simpatico and Bob Zottola & Company performs with vocalist Michelle Amato at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

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

For the Birds – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts Festival of Birds with more than 40 guided field trips, onsite programs and activities, boat tours, lectures and more Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-14. \$5-\$15, field trips priced separately.

Awards Ceremony – Temple Shalom honors three local residents for their exemplary community service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 455-3030 or www.templeshalom.org.

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

Lunchbox Theater – The Marco Players hosts “Joe Marino’s Rockin’ Piano and Mob Hits Show” at noon on Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Marco Players Theater. \$25, includes boxed lunch. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.marcoplayers.org.

Irresponsible – Comedian Kevin Hart performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Germain Arena. \$39-\$99. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

The Cowboy Way – Grammy-winning cowboy quartet Riders in the Sky pay tribute to Roy Rogers at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$49-\$59. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Oldies but Goodies – Dick Fox’s Golden Boys featuring Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$70. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs a free concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

The Sound of Silence – Art Garfunkel performs selections from his collaborations with Paul Simon as well as his solo compositions at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Author Talk – Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts Dorothea Benton Frank, author of “Same Beach, Next Year” at noon on Monday, Jan. 15, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. \$125-\$140, series packages available. 2600 Tiburon Drive. 262-8135 or www.collier-friends.org.

Les Beaux Arts – Opera Naples hosts a chamber concert featuring violinist and New York Philharmonic Orchestra concertmaster Frank Huang at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$20-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.



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PICKS

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■ Sweet Art Gallery welcomes Tunisian-born **Clemente Mimun** and a collection of his colorful, energetic paintings that explore the human condition from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday as part of the monthly Art ALIVE in the art district west of Airport-Pulling and north of Pine Ridge roads. Shown here is Mr. Mimun’s “Dancing in the Sky.” — thesweetartgallery.com



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■ Start off 2018 with a bang at the **Naples New Year’s Eve fireworks display** starting at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. It can be seen throughout the downtown area, but we recommend snagging a patch of sand on the beach near the pier if you can.

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■ **Nikki Talley** performs Americana music from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 4 at Mercato in North Naples. 254-1080

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#MAKE A PLAN

■ The Family Crest headlines the **Twisted Strings Music Festival** set for Saturday, Jan. 27, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers. WGPU Public Media’s outdoor festival brings together classical musicians who fuse their years of training on stringed instruments with the sounds of jazz, blues, soul, rock, hip-hop and world music. — twistedstrings.org



■ Put your favorite pooch in the car (don’t forget the leash) and head to Naples Botanical Garden for **Pups in the Garden**. Canine-friendly hours are from 3-5 p.m. Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m. Sundays and 8-11 a.m. Tuesdays. Free for garden members and their dogs; regular admission for humans plus \$9.95 for their dogs. — naplesgarden.org

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Artis—Naples screens "Casablanca" while the Naples Philharmonic performs Max Steiner's famous score Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 9-13. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Broadway Show - The traveling production of "An American in Paris" stops by Artis—Naples Tuesday through Sunday, Jan 16-21. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Coffee, Tea & Broadway - TheatreZone presents show tunes and Broadway standards with a continental breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Jan 17. \$35. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Zoo Lecture - Naples Zoo presents a lecture about Florida's bear population with Mike Orlando, assistant coordinator for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's bear management program, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Free for members. \$10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

ARTini on Marco - Martini tastings meet art at this inaugural fundraiser for the Marco Island Center for the Arts from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the center. \$50 for members, \$55 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Very Verdi - Performers from Gulfshore Opera sing works by Giuseppe Verdi at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$45-\$60. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org

Jazz Concert - Dan Miller and Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform the music of George Gershwin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Beach Art - Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park host the 29th annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show with works in a variety of mediums, live music, food, drawings and more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the park. Free with regular park admission. www.delnorwiggins.org.

Art ALIVE - The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. 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.

Cluster Pluckin' - The 2018 Neapolitan Opry hosts its annual Cluster Pluckin' bluegrass concert with featured artists like Andy Wahlberg, Bob Zottola & Friends, The Woodward and many more at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at David & Cecile Lang Opera Center. \$35-\$38. 2408 Linwood Ave. floridafishhooktour.tix.com.

Treasures in the Sand - Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Through Their Eyes - GenShah SWFL hosts a presentation on how descendants of Holocaust survivors can preserve their family stories at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, and 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. \$18, reservations required through check sent to the museum. Please specify the desired session. 4670 Tamiami Trail N. 262-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

Readers Theater - ETC...Readers Theatre of The Naples Players hosts readings of three one-act plays from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Includes champagne reception and awards ceremony. \$10. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Non-Fiction Talk - Friends of the Library of Collier County host a talk with Michael J. Tougias, author of "So Close to Home," at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Country Club of Naples. \$45 for members, \$55 for others. 185 Burning Tree Drive. 262-8135 or www.collierfriends.org.

Surf's Up - Jan & Dean's Beach Party featuring Dean Torrence performs favorite California hits from the 1960s at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23-24, at TheatreZone's G&L Theater. \$50-\$75. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Dance - Miami City Ballet performs choreography by Balanchine and Robbins to music by Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Tales from the Coast - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts marine scientist David Guggenheim as he discusses his coral reef conservation work in the Caribbean from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24. Call about pricing. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Holocaust Lecture - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture titled "Perfume, Powder, Lotion and Beauty," from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 25, at Hodges University. \$12 per lecture, \$60 for the series. amay@hodges.edu or 598-6153.

A Taste of Opera - Gulfshore Opera hosts a dinner with performances of popular melodies and opera scenes at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Bay Colony Club. \$125. 5200 Pelican Colony Blvd. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Chickee Chat - Collier County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards leads a presentation about the 30 years she has spent managing local elections from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 26, at Palm Cottage. Free for members, \$8 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Masterworks - Naples Philharmonic performs works by Mozart, Schoenberg and Lahar with featured vocalist Karita Matilla at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Twisted Strings - WGPU Public Media's second annual outdoor music festival at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers melds classical music with jazz, blues, soul, hip-hop and world music. Gates open at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. www.twistedstrings.org. See story on page C15.

Met Live - Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of "Tosca" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$18-\$24. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.



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Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Bluegrass Concert – Balsam Range combines elements of jazz, country, gospel, swing and old-time mountain music in performances at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Pops – Vocalist Ellis Hall takes a musical journey through the sounds of Ray Charles, Motown and more Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jazz Trio – The Marco Island Center for the Arts welcomes the Washington, D.C.-based Peter and Will Anderson Jazz Trio in concert from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the center's Lauritzen & Rush Galleries. \$25 for members, \$30 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Vocal Concert – Spanish mezzo soprano Maria Jose Montiel performs arias, as well as French, Spanish and Brazilian favorites at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$35-\$95. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Vocal Tour of France – Gulfshore Opera's resident artists perform French opera classics at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Artis—Naples. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Art Lecture – Florida Gulf Coast University's Art Galleries hosts a lecture by Wendy Wischer, whose exhibition "Parallel Journeys" will be on display through March 1, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the U. Tobe Music Hall with a reception to follow. Free. 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. 590-7199 or www.fgcu.edu.

Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Playhouse hosts dinner and performances of popular melodies and famous opera scenes at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Hideaway Beach Club. \$150. 250 S. Beach Drive, Marco Island. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Shell of a Time – Bonita Springs Shell Club hosts a show and sale of its members' bivalve creations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at Brookdale. Free. (774) 208-8001 or ebshutt@hotmail.com.

Sketchy – The revered sketch comedy group Second City performs Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Corkscrew After Hours – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary celebrates World Wetlands Day with guided evening walks, themed activities, entertainment and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Regular admission applies and is valid for two days. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Future Stars – Opera Naples Renata Scotto Academy students perform operatic arias and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$20-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Baby Love – Mary Wilson, former members of The Supremes, performs with The Shirelles at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$59. (800) 219-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez hosts a meditation at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Muddin' – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a 1.5-mile swamp walk for beginners from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. \$70-\$85. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Delta Dawn – Country star Tanya Tucker performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$67.50. 800-218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Free Concert – Stardust Memories Big Band performs at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Cambier Park. www.stardust-memories.com.

Dance – Modern dance troupe Jessica Lang Dance performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Holocaust Film – GenShoah SWFL screens "Fanny's Journey" (France, 2016) from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Beth Tikvah. Fanny and her sisters attempt to escape Nazi-occupied France but many dangers lie ahead. Free, but reservations required. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. shelley-goodman@rogers.com. ■

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

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A week spent at home renewed my love for the place, furnished with a mix of family pieces and antiques I have acquired over the course of more than 30 years of collecting. Paintings of Florida by favorite artists Richard Lewis, Ted Matz and others fill the walls.

I love my house. Oh, neighbors have been challenging, and traffic along my street has been heavy. But it's a sweet house, from its steeply pitched metal roof to its open floor plan to its original 1950s kitchen. It took a week of tending to the house to remind me of what attracted me to it nearly 17 years ago. I recently scored five glorious days away from the office. My plans for the week off were simple enough. I was going to do a little light housework, hang a painting, shop for a car and buy a Christmas tree — not necessarily in that order. Then I was going to drive around the state. A change of scenery is good, right? I did the housework straight away, pulling out furniture and vacuuming enough cat hair to knit another feline. I dusted off baubles and stirred a memory or two of where and how I had acquired various treasures. The painting, an oil painting on linen by Indiana artist Diane Tesler, fit the space for which it was intended, and is magnificent. I paused long enough to look at cars, though I did not commit.

And I bought a Christmas tree that as of this writing stands in the garage. Chances are good that it will make it into the living room by Dec. 25. I never left town, beyond a quick trip to Fort Lauderdale for lunch with a friend. But that gave me an opportunity to spend time at home, and to appreciate all that I have. During that time, the bad neighbors

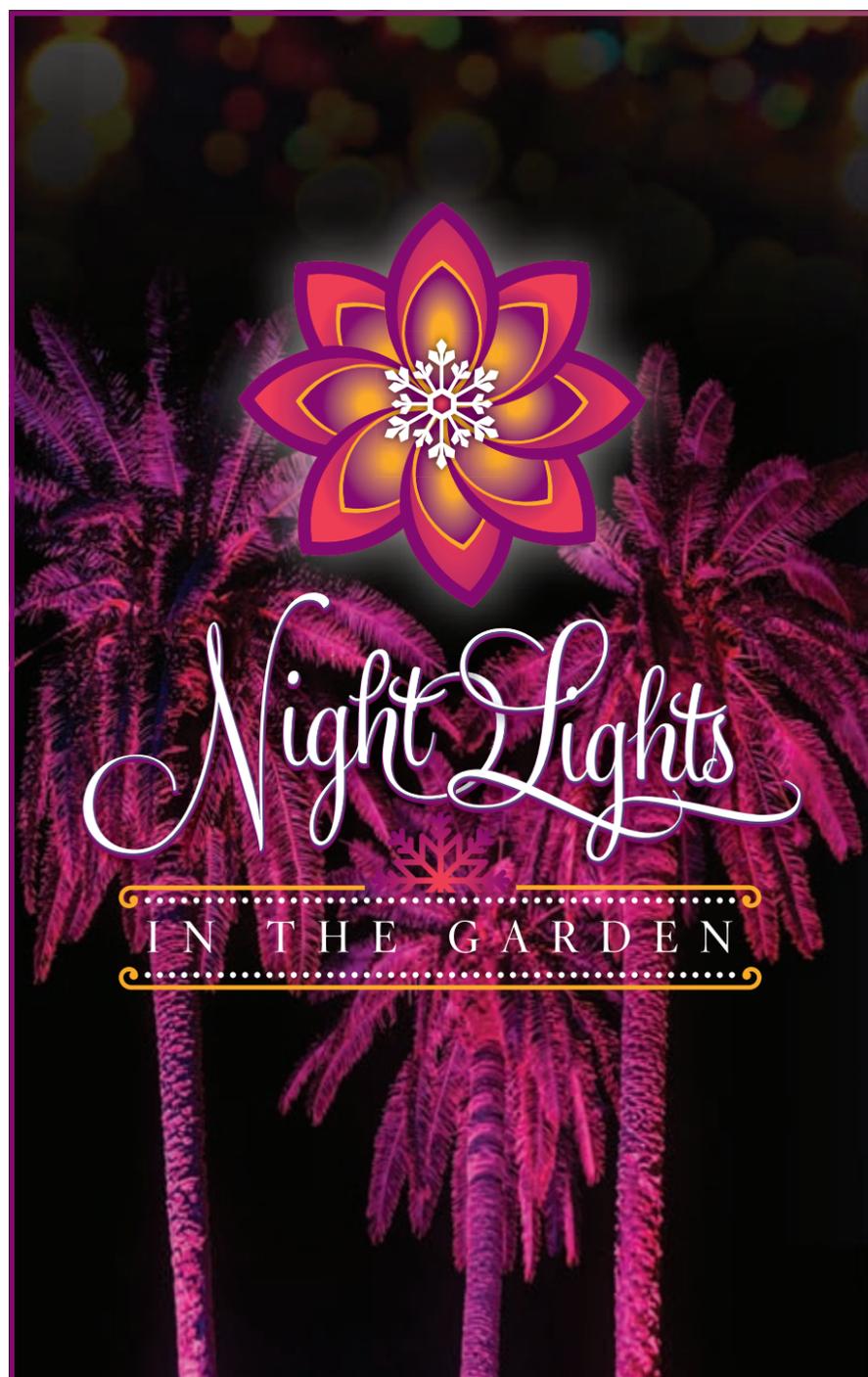
sold their house, and the traffic dissipated with their departure. My good friend Richmond posed the question, "Are you feeling better about your space now that you have been nesting?" The answer was, "Yes!" We always remember the highs and the lows of lives, but the affection we have for people and things comes from day-to-day interaction.

And we strengthen that bond by caring for those people, things and ourselves — "tending our gardens" is how a psychologist friend puts it. For me, that meant clearing out boxes of glassware, china and other objects that have been cluttering my house and my garage. Sets of glassware that I had been unable to sell in high-end antiques shops and at antiques shows flew off the shelves at a local thrift shop, aiding a charity that benefits animals and enabling customers to buy something useful at a reasonable price. That made me happy. My donations gave me room to breathe and gave me a tax deduction, something that may be of little use in 2018, once new tax laws are in place. I plan to do a little more clearing before the end of the year — all the better to appreciate the "treasure" I have amassed and to help others. And it makes room for more!

A couple of shows...

The West Palm Beach Antiques Festival — Next show is Dec. 29-31, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach; 941-697-7575 or www.wpbf.com.

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Ms. Gill has won more than 50 awards during the course of her 30-career as mixed-media and fiber artist. Mr. Parisi, a practicing veterinarian for 30-plus years, is also an international scuba diver

whose underwater photographs have been described as magical. Sculptor Richard Rosen unveils his “Edge Series” of wall sculptures as part of the Marco center’s first exhibition of 2018.

The exhibit will be in the Lauritzen & Rush Galleries. Original oil paintings by Vera Ripley are on exhibit in the center’s La Petite Galerie. An opening reception takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. Admission is free for MICA members; A \$10 donation is suggested for others.

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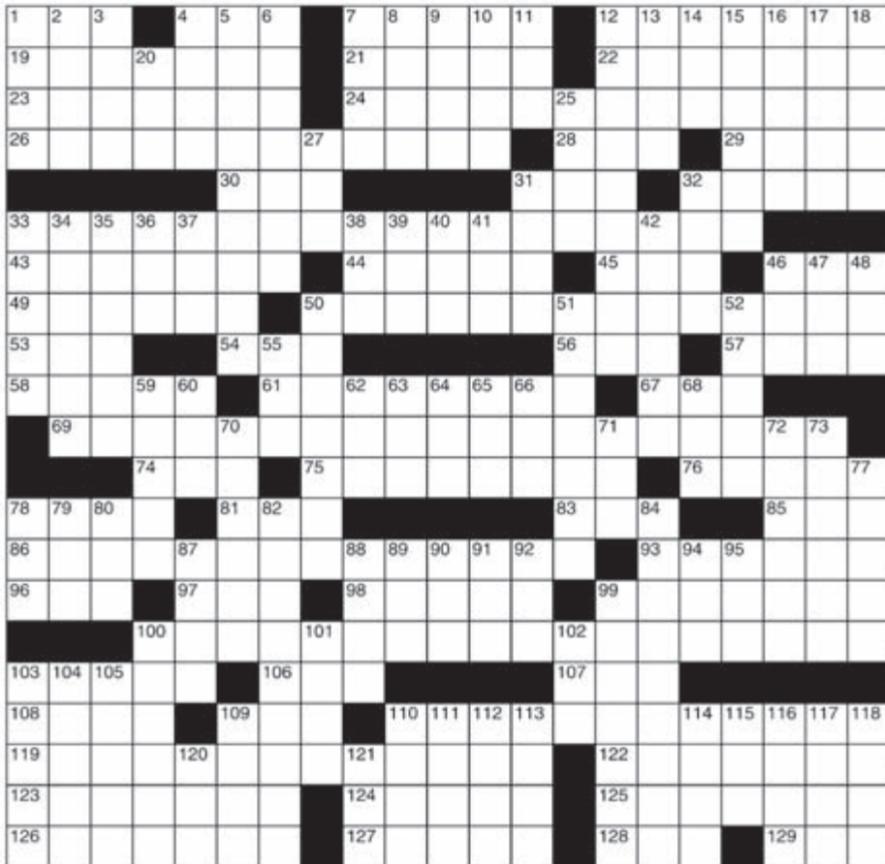
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 - 4 Capote, informally
 - 7 Milky gemstones
 - 12 "Avatar" actress Zoe
 - 19 1,760-yard footrace
 - 21 Juliet's lover
 - 22 Big name in hair care
 - 23 Puzzled
 - 24 Shy around all of humanity?
 - 26 Adorn big shopping centers?
 - 28 Letters on an ambulance
 - 29 Lavish attention (on)
 - 30 "Bali" —
 - 31 Prefix like "equi-"
 - 32 More recent
 - 33 Transport Kriss Kringle on a small, wheeled cart?
 - 43 Middle name of Mozart
 - 44 Yeats' "The Wild Swans at —"
 - 45 Teen's skin woe
 - 46 Brazil's — Paulo
 - 49 Bulletproof vest material
 - 50 Fastener holding a sleigh tinkler
 - 53 Foreman foe
 - 54 Moo —
 - 56 Address with dots in it
 - 57 Tomahawks
 - 58 Takes five
 - 61 Rides that aren't new
 - 67 Debt note
 - 69 Rogers or Acuff playing percussion as a child?
 - 74 Droid
 - 75 Fait accompli
 - 76 Blights
 - 78 Kin of karate
 - 81 Poker player
 - 83 Sow, e.g.
 - 85 See
 - 86 Reason you might give for not buying a china plate?
 - 93 Mother of Rajiv Gandhi
 - 96 Chatter
 - 97 Hurry
 - 98 False front
 - 99 With dignity
 - 100 Vacation in Italy's capital?
 - 103 In accordance with
 - 106 Profs' aides in place?
 - 107 Gigi's "yes"
 - 108 Voting place
 - 109 Fancy carp
 - 110 Earliest tune that singer Billy ever wrote?
 - 119 Far off driving one's Ford pickup?
 - 122 Japanese massage
 - 123 Divided into new districts
 - 124 Hindu maxim collection
 - 125 'Bama rival
 - 126 Hypnotic states
 - 127 "Let's roll!"
 - 128 Purview of Gov. Cuomo
 - 129 Dipso
- DOWN**
- 1 In — rush
 - 2 Religious act
 - 3 Urban model — Chyna
 - 4 Horse gait
 - 5 Likely traffic snarl times
 - 6 Opens, as a tomb
 - 7 Sea predator
 - 8 Billiards
 - 9 — nitrate (fuel additive)
 - 10 With
 - 85-Across, "Dig in!"
 - 11 — Canals
 - 12 Gossipy chatterer
 - 13 Hoppy brews
 - 14 Decree
 - 15 Cellphone components
 - 16 Cursor, often
 - 17 "Affliction" star
 - 18 Birch cousin
 - 20 Deer cousin
 - 25 Pianist John
 - 27 Prefix with life or land
 - 31 Big name in frozen drinks
 - 32 Part of NBA: Abbr.
 - 33 Capital of Senegal
 - 34 Brunch dish
 - 35 Luxuriant
 - 36 "Bad" cholesterol, for short
 - 37 Vocal vote
 - 38 Chem., e.g.
 - 39 Multitude
 - 40 Yule drink
 - 41 Not sound
 - 42 Actress Langtry
 - 46 Baseball's Red —
 - 47 Pro
 - 48 Go-aheads
 - 50 Rightful deserts
 - 51 They show certain transit routes
 - 52 Actress Dern
 - 55 Shanty
 - 59 Tim of football
 - 60 — Poke (candy)
 - 62 "Do Ya" gp.
 - 63 Lion lair
 - 64 B-to-F run
 - 65 Suffix with drunk
 - 66 Wish undone
 - 68 Sun or moon
 - 70 "Yes, that guy!"
 - 71 1,051, to Nero
 - 72 Iroquois tribe
 - 73 Per annum
 - 77 Doesn't exit
 - 78 Irish dance
 - 79 Yankee land
 - 80 Small dollop
 - 82 Arboreal frogs
 - 84 In the way a lass would
 - 87 2011 Marvel Comics film
 - 88 Problems for vain sorts
 - 89 Snarling mutt
 - 90 Chart buster
 - 91 "Sorta" suffix
 - 92 — -wee Herman
 - 94 "— will not!"
 - 95 Clunker
 - 99 Adds abundantly
 - 100 Swear by
 - 101 C-worthy
 - 102 Polloi lead-in
 - 103 In two, say
 - 104 Scatterer of seeds
 - 105 City square
 - 109 Patella locale
 - 110 Certain bolt holder
 - 111 Altitudes: Abbr.
 - 112 Architect Saarinen
 - 113 Drescher of "The Nanny"
 - 114 Lashes (up)
 - 115 Traffic clog
 - 116 Redding of soul
 - 117 Canadian fuel brand
 - 118 Deep desire
 - 120 Company abbr.
 - 121 "— was saying ..."

SEE ANSWERS, C17 ►

HOROSCOPES

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until midmonth, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle those pesky personal problems.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes usu-

ally can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to those still-lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a

meeting so you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. ■

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By Linda Thistle

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Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

The 2006 Junior World Team Championship was won by the United States in a successful defense of the title it had won the previous year. The Junior championship is restricted to players 25 years or younger.

The winning U.S. squad was comprised of then-newcomers Joshua Donn and Jason Feldman, along with Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Justin Lall and Ari Greenberg, who were members of the 2005 winning squad.

In today's deal, from a qualifying-round match between the U.S. and France, the French pair of Thomas Bessis and Julien Gaviard reached six notrump as shown. Obviously, 12 tricks can easily be made by taking a diamond finesse, giving declarer five diamond tricks, four clubs, two hearts and a spade. But an effective falsecard by Lall, East, steered declarer away from the winning path.

Bessis won Greenberg's king-of-spades lead with the ace and cashed three rounds of clubs, learning that West had started with only one club. Bessis then cashed the king of diamonds, on which Lall dropped the ten!

Assuming the ten was a doubleton or singleton, it seemed to declarer that even if he led a diamond to the jack and it won, he would have only three diamond tricks. This meant he would need at least three tricks from the heart suit, so he next led a diamond to the ace, catering to the possibility that East had

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 7 4
♥ 8 4
♦ A J 9 7 6
♣ K J 7

WEST

♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 2

EAST

♠ 9 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A 8
♥ A K J 5 2
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 9 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 NT

Opening lead — king of spades.

started with the Q-10 doubleton. When the queen did not appear, he took the heart finesse and finished down two, -200.

At the other table, Grue and Kranyak stopped in four hearts, making exactly four for plus 620, to give the Americans a pickup of 13 IMPs. Of course, if Bessis had not been diverted from the winning line at the other table, the French would have gained 13 IMPs instead. ■

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'Flamingo Court' starts the New Year for community troupe on Marco

The Marco Players embrace the emotions, the humor and the lifestyle of what it's like to grow older while condo living in South Florida with the troupe's first production of the New Year: "Flamingo Court: Life in Three Condos."

After retiring to Florida, Luigi Creatore wrote "Flamingo Court" for the local community theater in Boca Raton. When it was produced in New York, it was a hit with seniors and audiences of all ages.

Two-thirds comedy and one-third somberness, the play embraces the issues and lifestyle of aging, romance and sickness. There are 10 characters, but it's written so actors can play double or triple roles.

Paula Keenan directs the production for The Marco Players.

"Flamingo Court" stretches both the actors and me partly due to the crazy rehearsal schedule that spans across the three winter holidays," Ms. Keenan says. "The cast has been fabulous and flexible, which leads me to confidently say we have no worries," she adds.

The Marco Players' season continues as follows:

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling - Feb. 7-25

"A Bench in the Sun" by Ron Clark - March 14-April 8

"GPS: An Auto-Erotic Comedy" and **"In the Beginning"** by Bruce Kane - April 25-May 13

Lunchbox shows:

"Joe Marino's Rockin' Piano and Mob Hits Show" - Jan. 13

"Dusty Storm Tongue-in-Cheek Country Music Comedy" by Debi Guthery - Feb. 10



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Elijah Bettencourt and Ron Pirello



Ron Pirello and Rhonda Davis

"J.Robert: The Florida Fiddler Show, Chapter 2" - Feb. 24

"Elemental Women" by Janina Birtolo - March 10 ■

in the know

'Flamingo Court'

>> **Who:** The Marco Players

>> **When:** Jan. 3-21 at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday

>> **Where:** The Marco Players Theater, Marco Town Center Mall

>> **Cost:** \$28 and \$30

>> **Info:** 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com (attend the first week of the show and be entered in a drawing for a dinner cruise for two aboard the Marco Island Princess)

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Simply Three is a string trio with “old school training but a new school sound.”

Twisted Strings Music Festival brings four acts to the stage

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Family Crest will headline the Twisted Strings Music Festival set for Saturday, Jan. 27, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers. In its second year, Twisted Strings is WGCU Public Media’s outdoor festival bringing together classically trained musicians who fuse their years of musical training on stringed instruments with the sounds of jazz, blues, soul, rock, hip-hop and world music.

With lead vocalist Liam McCormick, The Family Crest blends classical romantic music with horn-laden Roaring ’20s sounds. NPR Music named the seven-piece band Favorite New Artist in 2014. In a recent review of the group’s latest album, “Prelude to War,” Paste magazine wrote: “One thing is certain: These guys are just as explosive as ever, and these songs are going to bring the house down in a live setting.”

For Twisted Strings, the gates will open at 4 p.m. for an evening of music, food and fun. Back by popular demand and performing as guests arrive will be Southwest Florida’s Hot-Buttered Nuggets, bringing their own twist to artists ranging from Satchmo to Tom Waits to The Ink Spots.

The festival opener is Southwest Florida’s Laura’s Auras, who is billed as “half Leonard Bernstein, half Lynyrd Skynyrd.”

The national opener will be Simply Three, the trio of Glen McDaniel, Nick Villalobos and Zack Clark that plays a multitude of genres and artists, from Puccini and Gershwin to Adele, Coldplay and Michael Jackson. By reshaping convention through this style of genre hopping, the trio continues to seek the true essence of classical crossover with original works as well as innovative arrangements that showcase their technical virtuosity and heartfelt musicality. ■



in the know

Twisted Strings Music Festival

- >> **When:** Saturday, Jan. 27 (gates open at 4 p.m.)
- >> **When:** Six Bends Harley-Davidson, Fort Myers
- >> **When:** \$35 general admission (\$60 for two); \$150 VIP (includes parking, exclusive seating, catered meal, festival T-shirt and a backstage pass to meet the bands.)
- >> **When:** www.twistedstrings.org

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■ **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 Dec. 29 place to be is Palladio, followed by Old Naples All American Sports Bar on Jan. 5 and Kitchen on Jan. 12. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

■ The Everglades Region of the **Porsche Club of America** holds its next "Cocktails and Cars" member meet and greet from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Café Alfredo at 2359 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Members meet for "Coffee and Cars" from 8-10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Porsche of Fort Myers at 10064 Daniels Interstate Court. And on Friday, Jan. 19, the group takes an exclusive tour of the Revs Institute in Naples, home of one of the most significant Porsche collections in the world. The docent-led tour begins at 10:45 a.m. Attendance is limited to the first 100 people who sign up and pay \$25 at www.clubregistration.net. Everglades Region PCA members enjoy priority registration until Jan. 2, when registration opens to other PCA members and Porsche owners. For more information, call Chris Branston at 598-4978, email cbran62643@aol.com or visit www.egs.pca.org.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Asso-**

ciation Chapter 1067-Naples members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Jan. 3. 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 Jan. 14. 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.



■ **Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160** meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 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.

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■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meeting is Jan. 4. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to the first luncheon of the near year at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Registered dietitian Janet Calderwood will discuss "Portions, Plates, Pilates," Nada Decker will discuss "The WOW Factor" and Ann and Dan Dickout will perform music. Cost is \$28. For reservations or more information, call 594-2056 or email cwnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 6 and 20. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward (place TBA).

For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** welcomes writers of all levels to meet and discuss their craft from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave. Free. For more information, call 949-3621 or 773-732-9982.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to the Saturday, Jan. 6, luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Blvd., Naples. The program will be about the club's literacy initiative at Shadowlawn Elementary School. Children's author David Lopez will speak about his writing career and discuss his experience autographing books for Shadowlawn students at the annual Pi Phi Book Fair. Admission is \$30, and advance payment is required.

Pi Phi alumnae are also invited to the Thursday, Jan. 11, Angels on the Town



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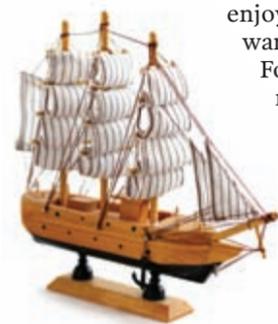
Lifestyle guru James Farmer will be the guest speaker when the Naples Garden Club meets on Monday, Jan. 8, at Naples Botanical Garden.

mixer from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Trianon Hotel Lake House Bar & Grill, 3401 Bay Commons Drive, next to the Promenade in Bonita Springs. To make a reservation or for more information about either of the above events, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ **Naples Garden Club** welcomes lifestyle guru James Farmer as guest speaker on Monday morning, Jan. 8, at the Naples Botanical Garden. Sometimes called a "Martha Stewart of the South," Mr. Farmer will create floral designs and discuss elegant garden living. A professional garden, floral and interior designer with a passion for cooking and entertaining, he is the author of eight books including "A Time to Plant," "A Time to Celebrate" and "A Place to Call Home." He is an editor-at-large at Southern Living magazine. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for socializing before the 10 a.m. call to order. Admission is \$20, with RSVP required from non-members by Jan. 4 via the yellow guest registration tab at www.Naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **Naples alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. All visiting Gamma Phi sisters are welcome. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

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

■ Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend **Corvettes of Naples** meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Jan. 4. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL**, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. A program about "Facebook Live for Nonprofits" will be presented by Cory O'Donnell, digital engagement editor, and Andrea Melendez, visual journalist, both from the News-Press. The free club is for staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission, community engagement and fundraising. Admission is free to regular monthly meetings, and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org.

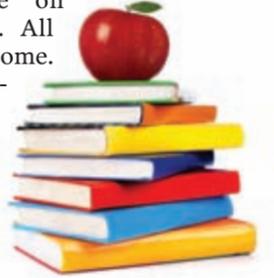
For more information about the organization, visit www.tech4goodswfl.org.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Joyce Thompson Hovey will discuss "Women in the

American Revolution." Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and all are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call Jeanne Bruehler at 877-9276 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The Greater Naples Unit of the **New York State United Teachers** (retired) meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month through April in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake on Valewood Drive. All teachers are welcome.

The next meeting is Jan. 11. For more information, call Paul Murphy at 593-7738 or Robert Lomicka at 514-7234.



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

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

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 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.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Jan. 11. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

CLUB NOTES

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■ The newly formed **Naples Beta Theta Pi** alumni organization meets for lunch and a program at noon Thursday, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 10, at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. For reservations or more information, call Dave Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email davidcnordhoff@gmail.com.

■ The **Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region** members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at First Methodist Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meeting is Jan. 15. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.



■ The **Southwest Florida Pastel Society** encourages and promotes member pastel artists through monthly meetings and programs, workshops, activities and exhibition opportunities. New members are always welcome. Regular meetings are at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Worthington Country Club. The next

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■ 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, Jan. 18, at Naples



United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.

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

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We left Buffalo
for a much warmer winter.
It did not leave us.— *John Lyons, Fort Myers*

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Irma's on her way!
Fill the car with gasoline ...
try to leave today.
— *Kyle Kenyon, Bonita Springs*

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This year I traveled
to NOLA, Palm Beach, Cuba.
Will travel again!
— *Dottie Mayol, Fort Myers*

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Forecast: Irma's surge.
Should we stay or should we
GO ...
Where? Is the question?
— *Linda Messina Holda, Cape Coral*

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Cool winds gentle breath ...
White blossoms shower the
fields,
Florida's snowfall.
— *Karen Honstein, Punta Gorda Isles*

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Oh, what should we do
when the winds of Irma blow?
Stay, go, I don't know!
— *Sue Karlsen, Naples*

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Pain I cannot stand.
Ambulance trip hand in hand.
Something else to plan.
— *Michael Johnson, North Fort Myers*

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Obama wuss gone.
Trump's subtle touch admired
worldwide.
Isn't that special?
— *Hayden Jones, Cape Coral*

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Three great-grandbabies.
Beautiful blessings for me.
Hints of more to be.
— *Jeannie Horakh, Cape Coral*

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Sang Carnegie Hall
Family all together
Wonderful event
— *Shellie Specter, Naples and Minneapolis*

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Irma came to town!
Wind danced with palms in the
streets!
Post-dance clean-up ... HUGE!!!
— *Hope Haworth, Naples*

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March on Washington
Unity. Democracy
Resist. Fight. Strength. Hope.
— *Deborah Morris, Cape Coral*

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Six Mile Cypress Slough
Birds quietly glide to roost.
Grand sunset. Tranquil.
— *Marlene Roehm, Fort Myers*

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Wind and rain and floods:
Irma assaults our senses.
Sun will shine again!
— *Jim McFalls, Fort Myers*

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New life to my life
Hope overcomes past faults
The best year awaits
— *Jason Scoggins, Fort Myers*

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Lost Dad and Eric.
Survived Irma thank goodness
For the air we breathe.
— *Laura Meltzer, Naples*

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September lady
Made her unwelcomed visit
To our shores. Irma.
— *William Shields, Fort Myers*

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Sunny day, fairgrounds
buzzing with excitement - then
Totally eclipsed.
— *Betty Anholt, Sanibel Island*

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Four friends cruised Far East.
Shared tea and wore kimonos.
Tea strong. Friends stronger.
— *Suzanne Bates, Punta Gorda*

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A special moment
Time together on a cruise
Peace Joy Happiness
— *Lenore Farkas, Naples*

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One child at Stetson
The second can't wait to go
Youngest outgrew me
— *Lori Arnold, Naples*

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Heaven, sheer heaven
Soaring with Maestro Ponti
Charlotte Symphony
— *Carolyn Kellar, Punta Gorda*

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It was a tough choice
that Babcock Neighborhood
School
STEM, projects, so glad!
— *Diane Johansson, Fort Myers Shores*

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To wakeboard or not
Is no longer a question:
Ski revolution.
— *Kasye Beza, Naples*

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I loved my home.
My garden, flowers, back
porch,
Bring me happiness.
— *Kathy Negaard, Naples and Moline, Ill.*

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boxelder maple
without a whisper of wind
surrenders one leaf
— *Shelly Reed Thieman, Des Moines, Iowa*

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open hearts and minds
divisiveness can be healed
be the hope we seek
— *Elizabeth King, Port Charlotte*

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Married Fred in June
Ever since on honeymoon
Maybe baby soon
— *Kathi Genung, Naples*

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Irma hit P.R.
more forcefully than Houston.
Who holds trumping cards?
— *William Hucher, Fort Myers*

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Weightless soft petals
Floating upon the surface
Unbroken partners
— *Debra Ann Sigismondo, Port Charlotte*

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Two thousand eighteen
may bring to mankind around
peace, love and sunshine
— *Lily Solano, Port Charlotte*

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Love was worth the risk.
Change rewards fresh begin-
nings.
Rescued just in time!
— *Beth Markusic, Punta Gorda*

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she is innocent
this wonderful world we have
let's keep her alive
— *Mary Popiolek, Naples*

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Pepper with dirt
falls on box - black cat inside
sneezing coyotes.
— *Salvatore Marici, Naples*

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Alligator eyes
Blaze throughout eternal
nights
Insomniac's plight
— *Bruce MacKechnie, Fort Myers*

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The year just passing;
Fear. Suffering done, relief.
Eighteen, yes I can!
— *Marg Williamson, Naples*

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Fishing, star gazing
dolphin watching: iconic
friendly Naples Pier
— *Susan Becker, Naples*

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Here we are today
Tomorrow we do not know
Enjoy each moment....
— *Martha Kipybida, Naples*

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Day of sun and fun
Half-staff flag what sadness
here
Cloud and pain this day
— *Joyce Engstrom, Punta Gorda*

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A swarm of petals,
Feet hanging from the town
sign,
In witness of friends.
— *Gavin Murphy, Fort Myers*

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Each year we fly north.
Seaweed floats out to the sea.
Today we return.
— *Lisa de Guzman, Palm Beach*

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Let us make a toast
to what has been and will be.
Cheers to one and all!
— *Janetta Fox, Cape Coral*

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"Suncatcher"
Beauty in the eye
My soul connects with the
light
Erasing my fears
— *Robin Wells, Fort Myers*

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Irma, why this mess?
What once was more, now is
less
Shattered in distress
— *Andrea Posner, Bonita Springs*

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Two new marriages
Two new family members
Happiness abounds!
— *Christine Campbell, Englewood*

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Key West Cuba cruise
Irma came and changed my
plans
Cruise will be next year
— *Jane Moss, Richmond, Ind.*

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Irma's howling winds
Mama duck with her babes
She and I stay strong!

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Howling winds of life
Frighten but need not conquer
Faith and strength prevail.
— *Maryann Nead, Naples*

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We left the cats home
Wind, rain, fear, apprehension
Joyful feline sounds
She comes to the door
Nine new peeps waddle behind
Straight line back to pond.
— *Barbara Julien, Fort Myers*

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Help not seen by eyes
A trial dealt to everyone
The Irma shelter.
— *Steven Drimmer, North Fort Myers*

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Anticipation
Oh, this was not expected
Open the next door
— *Barbara Harrington, Bokeelia*

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Ladies love my dog.
They scratch his back and his
butt.
Bow-wow. Life is good.
— *Ed Greenfield, Naples*

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Irma came through town.
Hell hath no fury they said.
She left in a huff.
— *Michelle Ummarino, Naples*

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Everglades on fire!
A river of grass - the past.
Too late to protect?

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Some anomalies?
Pythons. Wildfires. Is this our
new reality?
— *Karen Montgomery, Bonita Springs*

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This year in review
Was it all a bad dream
Oh no, it was real!
— *Greg Wojciechowski, Fort Myers*

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Love shines through the fog.
He is frail and confused.
I miss him so much.
— *Kathleen Hess, Fort Myers*

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Irma and Harvey
Brought heavy rain, winds and
pain
In the end, love reigned
— *Gianni Petitti, Cape Coral*

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moving last winter
Bonita Springs here I come
wrapped in hope and sun
— *Deborah Haufler, Bonita Springs*

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Arising from hell
Health breath heart sight pain
then help
Alive slowly well
— *Debra Wheeler, Port Charlotte*

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More than meets the eye
Beauty points us to the source
We wait and listen
— *Christine Mooradian, Washington Crossing, Penn.*

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THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 8 P.M.
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Martin reluctantly agrees to help Louisa hand out awards at her school's sports day. Ruth and Margaret have a showdown.

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8:30 P.M. - Washington Week
Journalists weigh in on the issues of the week at this PBS roundtable.
9 P.M. - American Masters: Bob Hope

Explore the entertainer's life with unprecedented access to his personal archives including writings voiced by Billy Crystal and interviews with Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O'Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30, 9 P.M.

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Jean and Lionel try to rekindle their flame after 38 years.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 8 P.M.

Bob Hope: American Masters

Includes Billy Crystal giving voice to the iconic comedian's writings, clips from his body of work and remarks from Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O'Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields.

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■ CAPA Cultural and Performing Arts Center holds its annual gala, **"Hitting the Right Note,"** Monday evening, Jan. 8, 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. Sponsor-

ship 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@dlcmhc.com or visit www.DLcGala.org.

■ The **Wishmakers Ball to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida** takes place Saturday evening, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. This year's theme is "An Ocean of Wishes." Tickets for \$350 are available at www.wishmakersball.net.



■ 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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■ Youth Haven kicks its annual fundraiser up a notch by turning the 2018 event into an evening affair. The **"Soirée of the Season"** is set for Friday, Jan. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, visit www.youthhaven.org.



■ Project HELP's **21st annual Chocolate Extravaganza** takes place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Hodges University. In addition to providing a smorgasbord of chocolate treats, organizers will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, dancing, costume contests and

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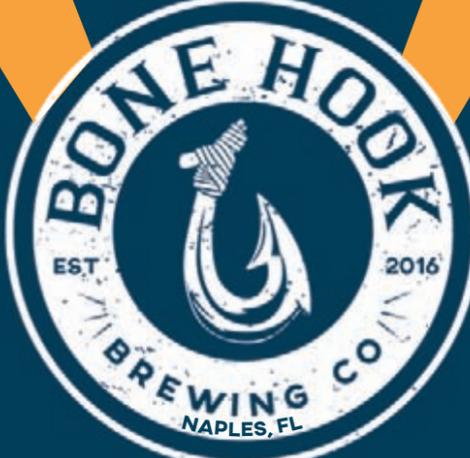
■ Champions For Learning holds the annual **Night of Champions** from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Proceeds benefit student programs including Take Stock in Children and the Real World Learning Model. Betty and Marcelo Alvarez, Dolly Bodick, Collier County Public Schools, Mary and Clay Cone, The DeVoe Family, Joyce and Willis Heim, Dorothy and Moe Kent, Jinx and Lloyd Liggett, Geraldine Martin, John K. Paul, Ericson AF Proper, Virginia Quirk, Barbara Uible and Dr. C. Todd Vedder will be honored for their impact on the lives of students through mentoring, leadership, collaboration and community involvement with educators or students.

Tickets are \$300. Table and event sponsorships are also available, with proceeds supporting programs including Take Stock in Children and the Real World Learning Model. Sponsors to date include Capital Wealth Advisors, Naples Daily News, Naples Illustrated and Suncoast Credit Union. For more information, call Jason Kurek at 643-4755 or email JKurek@ChampionsForLearning.org.

■ **"Bets & Broadway,"** the third annual casino-night fundraiser for the Naples Performing Arts Center, takes place Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at the center at 6645 Willow Park Drive. Tickets are \$85 if purchased by Jan. 3 and \$100 thereafter. For tickets or more information, visit www.betsandbroadway2018@eventbrite.com.

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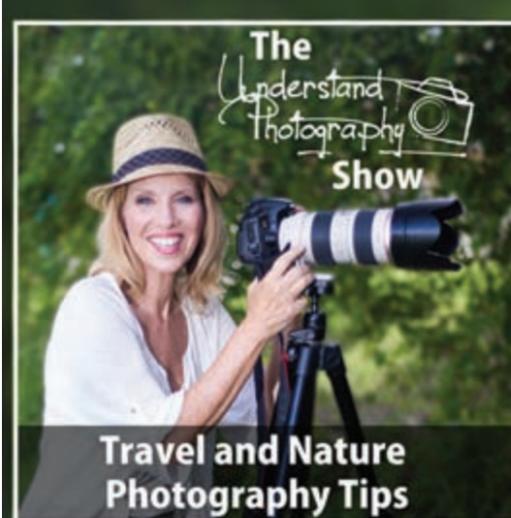
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■ The Naples Players present the gala fundraiser **"Let Us Entertain You"** on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, at The Naples Grande Beach Resort. The black-tie evening includes Broadway-worthy entertainment, cocktails, dinner with wine and a live auction. Sponsors include Tanya and Denny Glass, Encore Bank, Ashley and John Paul Prebish, William Raveis Real Estate, BB&T, Fidelity Investments, FineMark National Bank & Trust, Inn on Fifth, Merrill Lynch, Naples Print Source, Port Royal Jewelers, Robb & Stucky, Rose Mary Everett Team Realtors, Sun Trust, Private Wealth Management and Sunshine Ace Hardware. Media sponsors include eBella Magazine, Florida Weekly, Gulfshore Life, Life In Naples Magazine and The Naples Daily News.

Tickets are \$350 (\$500 for patron tickets), with all proceeds benefiting the KidzAct youth theater program. For tickets or more information, call Delores Sorey at 248-8059 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

■ Fun Time Early Childhood Academy holds a garden party-themed gala **"Help Fun Time Kids Bloom!"** on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Honorary event chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chair and co-chair are Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Stacey Deffenbaugh of NBC2 will emcee the evening, and Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will serve as the auctioneer. Dinner, dancing and more, including a grand prize drawing for jewelry donated by Bigham Jewelers, will be part of the fun. Sponsors to date include: Shirley Hulse; presenting sponsor, and Val Trotman, beverage sponsor. Honorary chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chairs are Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Tickets are \$300. Tables and sponsorships are available. Funds raised will help Fun Time Academy provide safe, quality, affordable education and care for 96 children of low-income working families in Collier County. For more information, call 261-8284 or visit www.FunTimeAcademy.org.



■ The 18th annual Pet Lovers Gala: **"Krewe de Paws: Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball"** to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Naples Botanical Garden. Honorary co-chairs are Sharon and Dolph von Arx. Tickets are \$400. For information about sponsorship opportunities, email Annemarie Zoller at events@hsnaples.org.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida** will welcome Barbara Pierce Bush as keynote speaker for the organization's signature annual gala, The Choice Affair 2018, set for Saturday evening, Feb. 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. A 2004 graduate of Yale University, Ms. Bush is the CEO and co-founder of Global Health Corps, which she helped established in 2009 to engage the younger generation in addressing the world's biggest health challenges. She was named one of Glamour's Women of the Year (2011), one of Newsweek's Women of Impact (2013) and one of Fast Company's Most Creative People in Business (2015). Craig Jones is chair of The Choice Affair 2018 for PPSWCF. For more information, email events@ppswcf.org.



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■ **"An Evening of Wine & Music"** to benefit Baby Basics of Collier County is set for 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. Tickets for \$100 are available by calling Kath Bergin at 919-8815 or emailing kathbergin@aol.com.

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MOVIES

From page 4

writer/director Martin McDonagh's forgettable film is headed in one direction it quickly shifts gears, and what's truly remarkable is that it gets better at each turn. Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell especially stand out amongst the sublime ensemble. Expect five to eight Oscar nominations, if not more, and see this as soon as you can. Now in theaters.

• **Honorable mention:** "I, Tonya" was sadly funny and will likely earn Allison Janney a supporting actress Oscar nom; "Loving Vincent" was a stunning achievement in animation in that it took 125 painters seven years to create the 65,000 frames you see on screen; we've never seen a superhero go out quite like Wolverine in "Logan," and probably never will again; "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" was wonderfully creative with action, ingenious story elements and spectacular visual effects; Jake Gyllenhaal gave a career-topping performance in "Stronger," for which he should earn an Oscar nom; and "Daddy's Home 2" got me into the Christmas spirit better than any new movie has since "The Polar Express" (2003).

Worst Of 2017

Here, from beneath the bottom of the barrel, are the worst films of 2017. You may remember them for their cloying, ill-advised messages or the emotions that felt oh-so-forced. A small piece of my movie-loving self died while watching these, so here's hoping you avoided all of the below.

"A Dog's Purpose" is a pandering,

manipulative mess of a movie. The controversy regarding the mistreatment of a German Shepherd that "conveniently" came out a week before the film's release certainly did it harm (even though it was later proved untrue), but this hollow melodrama didn't deserve an audience anyway.

Robert De Niro, what are you doing in "The Comedian?" We're past the point at which the two-time Oscar winner can do anything. He cannot. This includes stand-up comedy, as the delivery of his character's jokes rarely connects. He also shouldn't be singing "Making Poopy" in the style of "Making Whoopee" to senior citizens at a nursing home — the sequence is so bad it's easily his new career low.

In "Fist Fight," Ice Cube and Charlie Day played rival teachers who are supposed to fight after school. Schools like this don't exist. And if they do, I don't want to know about them. This isn't a polemic for underfunded public schools. It's a crass, unrealistic, half-thought-out mish mash of a high school world that is truly out of this world.

Lame and half-hearted, "Life" is only slightly redeemed by a clever twist in the end. Still, it's an "Alien" rip-off that wastes Ryan Reynolds, gives Jake Gyllenhaal nothing to work with, and hurts the emerging stardom of Rebecca Ferguson ("Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation").

Boy did "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" try really hard to be entertaining. And boy did it fail miserably. The worst thing you can feel walking out of an action movie is bored, and that's exactly how I felt walking out of this. Guy Ritchie: Get it together man.

"The Only Living Boy in New York" was little more than pretentious yearning for the old days wrapped up in

a sordid father-son-floozy love triangle. It earned the old "head scratch" and "what the?" when it was over. Jeff Bridges, Kate Beckinsale and Pierce Brosnan will be regretting this one for a while.

I didn't hate "The Trip to Spain," but it did trek on too long and it had easily, without a doubt undeniably, the worst ending of the year. The more I discuss the ending with other people, the more I hate it.

If you're going to honor an iconic writer and his most famous book (J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye"), you should do it with style and substance. "Rebel in the Rye" has neither. It struggled from the get-go, and the biggest offense was the disconnect between star Nicholas Hoult's Salinger and "Catcher in the Rye's" Holden Caulfield, who was allegedly based on Salinger's experiences.

"Mother!" starred Jennifer Lawrence, Javier Bardem, Ed Harris and Michelle Pfeiffer, and had Darren Aronofsky ("Black Swan") directing. So what went wrong? Everything, including botched symbolism and a story that intentionally lacked clarity because Aronofsky wanted viewers to fill in the blanks themselves. Dude, we paid money so you could tell us the story, not so we'd have to do the work for you.

It may have been torturous for the main character, "Tree," to repeatedly relive the day she's murdered until she finds her killer in "Happy Death Day," but I assure the filmmakers it was more torturous for viewers to watch this tired "Groundhog Day" retread. Unoriginal, uninspired and just not much fun.

How could three people as talented as George Clooney, Matt Damon and Julianne Moore go so wrong in "Suburbicon"? No doubt there was a reason Joel and Ethan Coen let the script lay dormant for years before Clooney asked

to take a shot at it.

Speaking of Damon, what happened in "Downsizing?" With Alexander Payne ("Sideways") co-writing and directing, this should've been special. Instead it loses its way after the first third and never recovers.

And finally, the worst movie of the year: "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." It's not just bad, it's actually offensive to the human race. It's the first movie I've ever seen that made me feel bad to be alive. I get how avaricious humans are the bad guys who want to destroy a park the animals call home, but making every human character disreputable pushes it too far. And the animated film's message to its target audience, children? That it's okay to harm others if you feel there's a miscarriage of justice. The subjective nature of this message makes it incredibly dangerous and irresponsible, especially for impressionable youths. Some bad movies only disappoint you — this made me angry. ■



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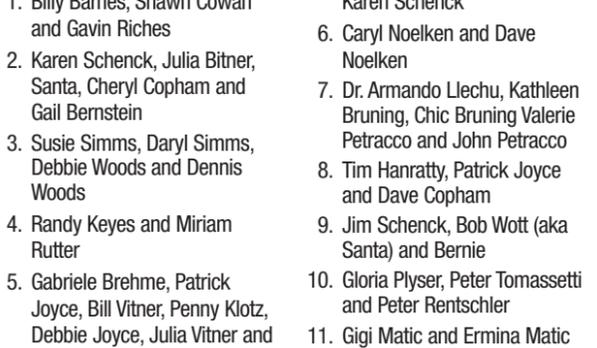
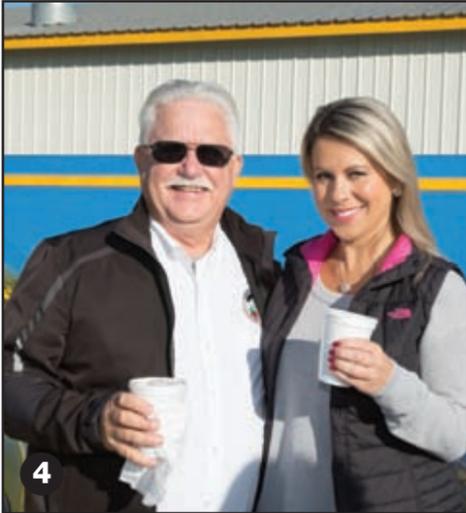
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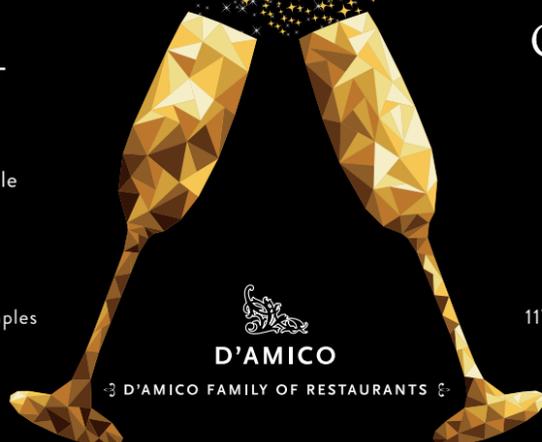
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Fennel salad, steamed veggies and an edible flower finish this superb dish. If fish won't assuage your appetite on the night you visit, another great dish I've enjoyed at Kitchen41 is the deconstructed veal Wellington with sautéed mushrooms and a puff pastry base.

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— Ivan Seligman
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The Dish: Tuna Nachos

The Place: Burntwood Tavern Mercato

The Price: \$13

The full menu: www.burntwoodtavern.com

Even though it's right across the street from the office, I had yet to visit Burntwood Tavern in Mercato when my friend suggested we meet there for lunch. The center's enormous Christmas tree was going up steps from the restaurant's dining patio, and the intermittent buzz of a couple of chainsaws prompted us to seek a table indoors. No problem.

I enjoyed perusing the menu and considered several dishes before settling on the Tuna Nachos. A few minutes later, I was happily tucking into tender chunks of sashimi tuna tossed gently with avocado salsa and cilantro cream (I asked that the scallions be held) and served atop a line of crisp wontons. The tuna was perfect. The avocado salsa was mild but very tasty, and the cilantro cream was just right — not too heavy, and full of fresh cilantro flavor. (The cilantro cream showed up again in the dish just under Tuna Nachos on the menu. The Chicken Quesadilla for \$10 sounded yummy, with grilled peppers and onions tossed in an "oven-dried tomato vinaigrette." I will be going back to try it.)

My friend, who was not new to Burntwood Tavern, had what he called his usual: the \$12 Avocado Chicken Flatbread, with grilled chicken, tomato, bacon, avocado salsa and peppercorn ranch dressing. As did I, he cleaned his plate. ■

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Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed January 2016

KC American Bistro
Pavilion Shopping Center
885 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples; 566-2371

Never mind that you can't see this place from the road, concealed as it is on the side of a shopping center that's not the center of the Neapolitan

universe. KC American Bistro has a loyal following and for good reason: Chef/owner Keith Casey is talented and creative and runs a first-class restaurant that's only gotten better in the eight years since he opened. Dishes are grouped by the region of the country from which they originate, and it's fun to mix and match. The Florida fresh ceviche, consisting of black grouper and yellowfin tuna with corn and bell pepper in a citrus marinade and cilantro crème fraîche, was less spicy than most, but flavorful nonetheless. The Maryland blue crab soufflé was full of lump crab, lightly browned and crisp on a pool of sweet corn puree. Troll king salmon encrusted in pumpkin seeds came atop a stellar sweet potato gratin and the zinfandel braised short rib was fork tender and devoid of fat, made even better by a wild mushroom veal jus. Parsnip-laced mashed potatoes and Brussels sprouts were perfect accompaniments. For dessert, the house-made chocolate ganache with wild berry coulis was rich and just right for two. Full bar.

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

Mediterrano
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There aren't many places where the owner himself greets and seats you, but that's the level of hospitality found at this lovely little restaurant filled with soothing aquamarine hues that suggest the beauty of the Mediterranean waters. I enjoyed a refreshing mojito sangria, but there's an extensive wine list from which to choose. Warm pita

triangles come with balsamic reduction, sundried tomato butter and olive oil as a starter. Try not to gorge. An appetizer of grilled octopus with baby spinach, preserved lemon, roasted garlic cloves, heirloom tomatoes and smoked paprika was smoky and delicious. Lamb keftedes and falafel was a classic and hearty pairing that I recommend for sharing. The cioppino was bountiful, full of sea bass, mussels, shrimp and clams in a roasted Roma tomato sauce. Mediterranean sea bass arrived in a bamboo steamer filled with Moroccan spices, lavender, golden raisins and pomegranate seeds. It was the star of the meal. A limoncello parfait, a potent mix of icy lemon and soothing vanilla, was a refreshing end to the meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed May 2016

Petar's Restaurant
3300 Bonita Beach Road
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Petar's seats only 32 indoors and a handful outside and serves just a half-dozen each of appetizers and entrees. But former Ritz-Carlton chef Petar Al Kurdi proves there's a lot to be said for offering a small menu, cooking with the freshest seasonal ingredients and plating each dish with precision and panache. His crab cakes are so free of filler ingredients that it was difficult to tell what was holding the moist jumbo lump meat together. Fresh pasta and skillfully simmered risotto are mainstays, and exquisite Wagyu beef may turn up as a juicy strip steak with parsnip puree or tucked into Bolognese

with pasta. Each dish from appetizer to entree was garnished with snippets of green herbs such as dill and parsley, which added a final flourish of freshness to the plates. Beer and wine.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
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St. Germain Steakhouse
03 Bayfront Place, Naples; 435-9353

Most of us know the Germain name in connection with car dealerships, but these days it's also the name of an upscale steakhouse that took the place of Stoney's at Bayfront Place. The food is well executed and steaks come with potatoes and, in some cases, vegetables (a rarity at steakhouses). Appetizers of black mussels in white pernod sauce, grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree and a steakhouse wedge salad were generously portioned and noteworthy. So were the entrees, which ranged from a 14-ounce veal chop to 12-ounce prime rib to a grouper fillet with pomegranate beurre blanc. A slice of Key lime pie was good, while a pistachio and cheery bread pudding was the meal's only disappointment. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
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CUISINE

Here's to champagne and its bubbly counterparts

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Everyone knows there are a few musts on New Year's Eve: a countdown, a kiss and a glass of something sparkly to sip. For centuries, champagne and its bubbly counterparts, from Italy's prosecco to California's sparkling wines, have heralded that good times are on the way and have been a mainstay of celebrations since about 1600, when an English chemist figured out that adding a little sugar to the wine barrels resulted in vintages that awakened the senses with fizz and pop.

Though the technology required to trap carbon dioxide in a bottle of wine to create effervescence was originally developed in the 1500s, it was a chemist named Christopher Merrett of the Royal Society of London who discovered in 1662 that a little bit of sugar was key to acquiring a consistent fizz. Even though Dom Perignon is credited as being the father of "second" fermentation, Mr. Merrett and English glass-makers — who were key to producing bottles strong enough to withstand the pressure required to create the effervescence — created sparkling wines for the English decades before the French.

But where does the tradition of drinking champagne on New Year's Eve come from?

According to food historians, as the Catholic church fell out of favor during the revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries, the public required secular rituals to replace religious ones: For instance, instead of a ship being traditionally blessed by a priest with holy water, it would be "christened" by a pastor with champagne. The drink quickly became associated with luxury, good fortune and optimism, particularly since it was a beverage limited only to the luxury class who had many more reasons and opportunities to celebrate life's little victories.

These days practically anyone can pick up a bottle of Korbel or Freixenet for little more than the cost of a 12-pack of paper towels, but for those times when you're in the mood for something a little more exciting — New Year's Eve, perhaps? — we asked local wine experts to tell us about some sparklers that will spark the palate and inspire optimism for 2018 when the clock strikes midnight.

■ Higor Valle Sommelier at The Continental

Larmandier-Bernier, "Terre de Vertus," Blanc des Blancs, Champagne, France 2009 — One of the true gems in Champagne, Larmandier-Bernier is a small grower estate with 15 biodynamically farmed hectares in Grand Cru & Premier Cru villages of the Côte des Blancs. With no sugar added, "Terre de Vertus" is a sharp Blanc des Blancs that boasts great depth, with notes of almonds, lemon zest and cantaloupe.



VALLE

Caraccioli Cellars Brut Cuvée, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2010 — Caraccioli is making some of the most compelling sparkling wines in United States. It's a must-try for anyone who loves bubbles. And if you haven't heard about them, don't worry; they tend to stay under the radar. But trust me on this one, and get to them before everyone else. The 2010 Brut Cuvée is powerful, balanced and complex. 60 percent chardonnay and 40 percent pinot noir.

Thierry Germain & Michel Chevré, "Bulles de Roch," Brut, Saumur NV — Thierry Germain is quickly becoming a star in the Loire Valley, and this wine is a great effort from this talented winemaker. It's pure, mineral-laden and crisp while being fun and approachable. At around \$60 on a wine list, it's also one of the best deals in the sparkling world. 90 percent chenin blanc, 5 percent chardonnay and 5 percent cabernet franc.

■ Lizet Zelaya Director of Wine, Sea Salt Naples



ZELAYA

Soter Mineral Springs Brut Rosé 2012 — This "lean and racy" wine is some of the most exciting being produced in America. I'll attribute a bit of bias to this since I tasted this at the top of Soter's Mineral Springs Hill while snacking on freshly shucked Pacific oysters. But at that moment, no other wine felt as pure, clean and perfectly appropriate as this mouthwatering beauty.

Bruno Paillard Blanc de Blancs, Millésimé 2006 — When asked to describe this wine in one word, I said "voluptuous." It turned out that was the same word the winemaker had chosen for it. There are no excuses or apologies for the supple style of this Champagne. This is the fuller, rounded out style the vintage turned out for Bruno Paillard, and the winemaker took full advantage of it to make this bombshell of a wine. Lemon meringue, dried orange peel and an extra brut style wake up your palate, while the completely integrated fine bubbles leave a luscious mouthful of mousse after each sip.

Krug Grande Cuvée — "Elite" best describes the wines of Krug, which simply cannot be confused with any other. The attention to detail and painstaking selection of only the best grapes and barrels is clear when you sip on this luxurious beauty. Layer upon layer of subtleties caress each of your taste buds and make this an experience you won't forget. The flavors combine the ripest apples, tart lemons and succulent grapefruits and then perfectly balance them with toasted brioche, honey and warm spices. As if the experience weren't fabulous enough already, prepare yourself for an incredible finale of bubbly perfection. This is an experience you shouldn't miss.

Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Elisabeth Salmon Brut Rosé 2006 — Just thinking about this sublime wine instantly makes me flashback to the moment I first tasted it. The Cuvée Elisabeth Salmon testifies that nature and precise human hands can give us the possibility

of experiencing perfection. The delicate flavors of cherries and red apples hang in balance with the subtle aromas of red roses, wild strawberries and a hint of cedar. These flavors engage in a graceful dance where one component never outshines another, resulting in a wine with backbone and body that is something I've daydreamed about more than once or twice.

■ Rhea Merrill Sales manager, Lurcat Catering

Syltbar Prosecco — This light and crisp prosecco from Friuli, Italy is 100 percent glera grape. It goes through a double fermentation process that results in superior taste and the remnants of only natural fruit sugar. It is also naturally very low calories, but you would never know by the taste. It pairs very well with fresh seafood from the gulf coast — think grilled grouper with salsa verde and black rice (one of chef Jack Raben's most amazing dishes) and gulf pink shrimp cocktail. It also has no added sulfites, which can trigger those dreaded morning-after headaches. I highly recommend this prosecco for sipping and pairing with food. Try the sparkling rose version if you want a sip that is a little sweeter.



MERRILL

Piper-Heidsieck Cuvee Sublime — This blend of pinot noir and chardonnay grapes is effortlessly luxurious. Although it's overall crisp and light, I pick up a tropical component that smells and tastes like a bit of Caribbean holiday. I enjoy champagne at brunch, and this pairs well with sweet fruit-filled crepes and mango-chicken salad profiteroles. For a fun presentation, I love to serve with a slice of candied Florida citrus.

Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs — This is one of my favorite American sparkling wines. Produced from pinot noir grapes from Carneros and Anderson Valley combined with the chardonnay grape, it has a soft, feminine pink tint and looks as beautiful as it tastes. I love to pair this with creamy brie and spiced nuts or with an entrée such as roasted chicken with miso-mustard sauce. ■

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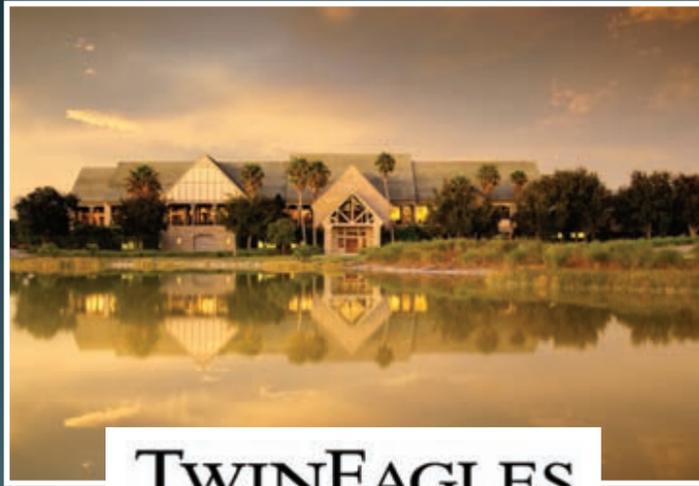
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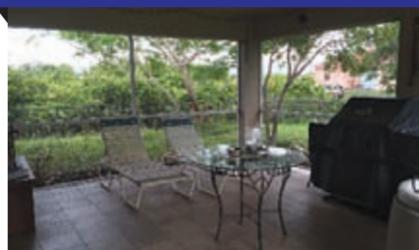
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Beautiful Pool Home 3/2/1 in New York Section
Well maintained and had new appliances just put in. Beautiful 23x21 pool with deck area 23x12 and move in ready.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH243336.

CAPE CORAL



Nice 3/2/2 Home-Room for Pool
Convenient location in a wonderful neighborhood located in SE Cape Coral with quick access to shopping and dining.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC037858.

LEHIGH ACRES



3 Bedroom on 1/2 Acre
Custom upgrades including oversized enclosed front porch with tinted windows, separate living room and family room.
\$170,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE031550.

LEHIGH ACRES



2/2 Single Family Pool Home plus a 2 Car Garage in Quiet Location
2/2 Pool home plus a 2-car garage. Living in nature - Lots of privacy but close to everything. A must see!
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM074313.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Condo
2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on the Rubicon Canal! Perfect for seasonal living; beautiful canal views!
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC076058.

ARCADIA



Income Producing Duplex
Furnished duplex sitting on three lots.
\$154,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH241498.

FORT MYERS



Hideaway CC 1st Floor Condo with Tennis and Optional Golf
Lovely views of the 8th fairways and lake from your first floor end unit condo. The best part about Hideaway is golf.
\$154,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM075895.

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3/2/1 with a Great Floorplan
Many new items including brand new air conditioner, new hot water heater, new front entry door with smart key lock.
\$149,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH243016.

LEHIGH ACRES



Townhome in Olympia Pointe
Beautiful end unit recently painted and A/C serviced in August of 2017.
\$147,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC070769.

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Location, Location
LOCATION, LOCATION!!! this home is a great first home or investment Property! Roof was all done 5 years ago.
\$140,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM035239.

LEHIGH ACRES



Big 4 Bath 3 Bath Huge Home on a Half Acre Lot
Solid construction home that took no damage from Irma. This one-owner 2100 sqft home on a half acre lot.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE076318.

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.

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Oak Hollow Community
Great 2 bedroom 2 bath home in the Oak Hollow Community. This home has carpet & tile. Freshly painted.
\$119,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH246841.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful Villa In Gulf Cove Point-10 Minutes to Englewood Beach
Convenient to Englewood and Port Charlotte 2/2 at an affordable price.
\$109,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH245502.

FORT MYERS



Great Investment Potential
Solid well maintained home with great investment potentials.
\$99,600
1-866-657-2300 800CC062876.

CLEWISTON



Montura Country Living on 1.25 Acres
Spacious doublewide 3 bed 2 bath manufactured home on 1.25 acres is move in ready. Back and front porch. Detached garage w/storage.
\$73,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE025961.

