

Best places to retire in Florida

WalletHub ranked more than 100 of the largest cities in Florida based on quality of life, health care and activities. They are...

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SARASOTA IS THE BEST PLACE TO RETIRE IN FLORIDA, while Fleming Island is the worst, says WalletHub, a website that compares consumer financial products such as mortgages and savings plans, as well as several other categories like ranked lists of places to retire.

Boca Raton came in number two in the state in the website's 2017 rankings and South Florida also loaded the rest of the top 10

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Texting and driving bill headed to legislative session

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The state of Florida made texting and driving a secondary, ticketed offense in 2013. Five years of data later, and a national shift toward harsher legislation, has Florida potentially ramping up its preventative efforts very soon.

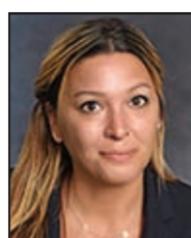
House Bill 33, sponsored by Reps. Jackie Toledo, R-Hillsborough and Emily Slosberg, D-Palm Beach, was introduced in November.



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The bill has received a torrent of support by the Florida House of Representatives, including Republican Majority Leader Rob Rodrigues, R-Fort Myers.

"I believe the bill will pass the house," Rep. Rodrigues said. "(House Speaker Richard Corcoran) indicated his support for the bill, it has



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leadership support ... it's been five years. That's five years' worth of data to review."

The current Florida law calls texting and driving a secondary offense, meaning a driver can't be pulled over strictly for the deed

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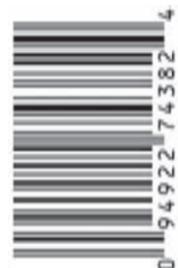
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Sighting in



My late father came from New York State — Albany, on the Hudson River about 150 miles north of the Big Apple. Sometime after World War II he traveled to Colorado and got lucky: He met my mother, now 90 and part of my household.

The Nash ranch where she grew up and introduced him was a big, thriving cattle operation right through my youth. Guns were part of it — tools given no exceptional status — and all five daughters could shoot, just like their brothers.

They could also build fence, chop wood, haul water, cook, wash the dishes, ride and help feed, chase or brand cows. The Nash ranch was the center of a universe and an ethical view that created my mother, helped shape me and steadied my father as he matured and calmed down a little, in life.

I was thinking about all this the other day when Amy and I gave my 15-year-old son a bolt-action, .22 magnum rifle with a nine-round rotary clip. Sturm, Ruger & Co. makes the gun, the “American” they call it, in New Hampshire. The bullet is bigger than a standard .22 long-rifle round — with which I’ve shot both mule deer and whitetails from close range.

Daddy taught me that skill, putting a rifle in my hands the first time when I was 5. Although he grew up having to drag his father out of Albany bars on occasion, he could also get on a city bus before school with his 16-gauge shotgun or a .22, ride to the edge of town, and hunt rabbits or pheasants. That was common then in towns all over the United States, I’ve been told.

At the ranch, we’d spend an hour or two slipping up on the prey from a distance, then killing it from 30 or 40 yards with a single, well-placed round fired from a gun considered a plinker by most shooters. The .22 can kill a moose if the shooter knows what he’s doing, so Daddy tended to avoid the heavier-caliber options in the gun room.

We skinned, cleaned and secured the meat we shot, then lived on it all year. In a process that usually took a couple of days, my parents sliced everything off the carcass, put the choice cuts in a chest full of ice, then chunked the rest in one-inch-or-so squares. Then they browned and canned the meat in quart Bell jars set in a big tub of boiling water on a wood-and-coal stove. Hundreds of jars, over time. For years I never wanted to see another piece of canned venison, and neither did my sister — who could also shoot.

Later, I passed the basic shooting skills onto my sons, teaching my youngest in the Florida scrub when he was 9 or 10. Now a few years on he has his own first rifle, the .22 mag.

The magnum round is more potent than the .22 long-rifle, generally giving you about 2,000 feet per second of muzzle velocity hitting at roughly 1,300 fps 100 yards out. The round drops just over an inch at that range; there’s zero drop at 50 yards.

If Nash and I shoot anything, therefore — say a wild hog up in the scrub, if we can’t find the meat department at Publix or Winn-Dixie — the magnum with a little extra punch is what we want.

Getting the rifle for Nash has been on my mind for a few years because shooting is not just shooting. My son also needs to know how to clean it, skin it and preserve the meat after he shoots it. And he needs to know how to keep his weapons in faultless condition.

I’ve had long-standing, mostly unspoken questions, however, about any process or ethic that starts with the purchase of a rifle. They came to a head last week when Nash and I discovered the new weapon was not perfectly sighted in. So we made some adjustments and did it.

But what were we really sighting in on, I began to wonder — food, self-sufficiency and the bullseye?

Well, no, not with the new Ruger.

The answer had become apparent when three or four slicked-up brochures from the National Rifle Association fell out of the gun box.

The people who run the NRA are anti-American money-grubbers, in my view. They sell “patriotism” and “inde-

pendence” in a pill of paranoia so people will rush out to buy Rugers or any other gun — especially faux military weapons commonly used by murderous wackos in schools, churches, theaters, nightclubs and at country-music concerts in Vegas.

This doesn’t faze the NRA, or Ruger. In August 2016, with the presidential race really heating up, the company did a \$5 million match campaign for the NRA’s lobbying arm, the Institute for Legislative Action. That followed Ruger’s “2 Million Gun Challenge” that raised \$4 million (\$2 for every gun purchased) for the NRA-ILA. And so on.

The NRA claims government seeks to take away our weapons and abolish the Second Amendment. That’s demonstrably false, a fabrication spun from fear-mongering.

The NRA insists only a good person with a gun can stop a bad person with a gun. That’s clichéd nonsense; the way to stop mass shootings is to keep these faux military guns especially, or any others, out of the hands of wackos in the first place.

The NRA suggests patriotism is a gun-wielding, flag-flying virtue. What utter horse-pucky. Patriots carry guns only in the most extreme circumstances.

So now what?

I’ll tell you what: I’ll be sighting in on good effective gun control, in 2018. I’ll teach my son how to hit that target, too, with either hand, in a strong wind, at any range. ■



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OPINION

The Year of the Dog



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2018 is the Year of the Dog. That is, if you're Asian and follow the Chinese zodiac. It rotates between the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. And as I mentioned, 2018 is a Dog year. That's a good thing, particularly when us Westerners remember Harry Truman's bromide: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

But I was surprised to find out Donald Trump's birthdate also had the Dog as its sign, considering my affection for puppies. Obviously, he was so mistreated that he turned dangerously ferocious. His Christmas Day astrology fortune, by the way, was, "The Year of the Earth Dog 2018 is a good time for lifestyle changes (time to quit smoking or change residence) and for the start of new business ventures."

He doesn't smoke, but while the Chinese are probably happy with his ineptitude in the face of their intimidation, millions of Americans might embrace the "change residence." For those who haven't given up on impeachment, perhaps they'll be fascinated to know that Robert Mueller's Asian birth sign is the Monkey. His 2017 Christmas Day horoscope is: "Stay on track today. Refuse to quit or be distracted. You know what's important no matter what others think or say. It's important to not let the words or actions of negative people discourage you." That will be music to the ears of Trump's enemies, although it's probably advice that's wasted on Mueller, who is already known to be methodically relentless in every pursuit he's undertaken. His latest pursuit, of course, is that of Donald Trump, or certainly those



around the president.

He's not only investigating the possibility of campaign collusion with Vladimir Putin's Russian government chicanery in contributing to Trump's victory, but any crime that arises as he's fact-finding. Already he's drawn enough blood that Republicans are trying to discredit him. They're using every trick they can muster to leave an impression that Mueller's people are too politically biased to be fair.

What Bob Mueller has demonstrated is a persistent prosecutor's bias, which is to say that everyone is suspect until they show otherwise. But Trump's supporters are really trying to manufacture a public case against him. It's obviously an attempt to clear the way for him to fire Mueller if the flames get too close to Trump or family members. The president says repeatedly that he has no such plans, but Donald Trump is not known for being a man of his word.

The whole firing scenario is so trans-

parent to many of POTUS' adversaries that they've awoken from their stupor. They are advance-planning street protests. Former Attorney General Eric Holder calls any ouster of Mueller a "red line," but there have been so many red lines that Trump has crossed that it's unclear whether Holder's declaration holds any significance.

Actually, 2018 is not just the Dog, but it's the year that every governing process will be dogged by the elections. It's the midterm that will preoccupy Washington, D.C., with tentacles stretching to many states and also every congressional district in the land. Thousands of politicians will be forever calculating all things Trump. Like it or not, he's the big dog in this year's campaign. ■

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Nancy Pelosi's tax apocalypse



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

To listen to the Democrats, the American middle class will be lucky to survive the Republican tax bill.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi calls the bill "monumental, brazen theft from the American middle class," and that's one of her more restrained comments. Per Pelosi, the bill is an affront to the Founding Fathers, veterans, children and all that's good and true in America.

She constantly charges that the bill "raises taxes on 86 million middle-class households," and "hands a breathtaking 83 percent of its benefits to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans."

This is a rhetorically potent line of attack that the polling suggests has made considerable headway. It just isn't remotely honest. The Republican bill is, every factual analysis agrees, an across-the-board tax cut.

Pelosi's seemingly damning factoids come from the year 2027, an odd date to focus on, since it's not when the bill goes into effect, but when part of it

lapses. In about 10 years, many of the tax cuts on the individual side expire, which Pelosi portrays as a Republican plot to loot the middle class.

It's a very strange argument against passing a bill to say horrible things will happen once the legislation no longer fully applies. This is more logically a case for extending the bill than for blocking it. Indeed, it's almost certain the middle-class provisions would eventually be preserved.

What is, by the way, this looming middle-class wasteland in 2027? Pelosi relies on the liberal Tax Policy Center for her figures. As that outfit puts it, "on average, in 2027 taxes would change little for lower- and middle-income groups." Oh.

There's a reason Pelosi doesn't want to focus on the numbers when the tax bill she so vociferously opposes is fully in effect. In 2018, 80.4 percent of tax units get a tax cut, averaging \$2,140. A grand total of 4.8 percent will see a tax increase. The small percentage of people with higher taxes is disproportionately tilted toward the top of the income scale.

It's true that upper-income people get a bigger tax cut in terms of absolute dollars than anyone else, for the simple rea-

son that the wealthy tend to pay more in taxes than anyone else, as Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute points out.

The tax bill is hardly invulnerable to criticism. Even if Republicans don't always like to admit it, corporate tax cuts are at the heart of the bill. They aren't popular, but they are pro-growth. There used to be a bipartisan consensus — encompassing Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton — that we needed corporate tax reform.

Then there's the deficit. Republicans can fairly be taken to task for budget gimmicks (like the expiration of the individual tax cuts) that squeeze a much bigger tax cut into a \$1.5 trillion, 10-year window. All things being equal, economic growth will diminish some of the revenue loss. But the bill could've been smaller and added less to the deficit.

It's impossible to say how the tax bill will play in the midterms. What's certain is that, contra Pelosi, the middle class will emerge intact, and with a lower tax bill. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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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" to promote 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 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. The inaugural Temple Shalom Award for Social Justice will be pre-

sent 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.

A limited number of \$18 student tickets and \$45 general admission tickets are available for the March 11 celebration. Sponsorships for \$125 include the show and a dessert reception with the cast. Additional sponsorship levels and messages of solidarity are available.

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

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 "We Are One" programs are designed to emphasize social justice and support and cooperation among people of all faiths. ■

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A FEW OF THE TOP TEN PLACES TO RETIRE IN FLORIDA

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FORT MYERS

- >> Overall rank: 8
- >> Quality of Life: 10
- >> Health Care: 10
- >> Activities: 12
- >> Population: 77,146
- >> Median home value: \$160,800
- >> Median rent: \$851



#1

SARASOTA

- >> Overall rank: 1
- >> Quality of Life: 1
- >> Health care: 1
- >> Activities: 8
- >> Population: 56,610
- >> Median home value: \$190,500
- >> Median rent: \$951

RETIRE

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— Miami, Orlando, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Key West, Fort Myers, Fort Lauderdale and Bradenton.

WalletHub ranked the 111 largest Florida cities from best to worst on “retiree friendliness” based on three main categories: Quality of life, Health Care and Activities. Each city was given an individual score in each category as well as overall rank. Cities with lower populations such as Naples, Marco Island, and Punta Gorda were left off the list.

In all, 28 variables were weighed,

including affordability, the weather and crime; the numbers of health care facilities and doctors, volunteer activities and cultural opportunities such as theaters and museums, and golf and fishing spots available.

Other cities where *Florida Weekly* is distributed that received WalletHub rankings are Jupiter (14), Palm Beach Gardens (21), Bonita Springs (27), Cape Coral (31), Estero (42), Port Charlotte (56), North Fort Myers (84) and Lehigh Acres (107).

Troy M. McLellan, president and CEO of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, is happy to take recognition as a top retirement destination with “a grain of salt.” He points out the city also includes a robust business community, and that sunny weather, a vibrant cultural scene, and plenty of health care choices

are desirable at any age.

“I think the beauty is retirees want to move here and other great places that have great quality of life, great health care, great amenities,” he said, “but we certainly don’t lose sight of why everybody else wants to move here too: that’s professionals, that’s young families... our downtown that’s getting a more urban feel that attracts more Millennials.”

DeAngelis Diamond, a Naples-based construction company, is building new senior and assisted living communities in South Florida including Thrive at Naples, and Amavida, a 32-acre resort-style community in Fort Myers. Both are scheduled to open next year.

“The trend that we’re seeing in senior housing is really the shift toward luxury resort-style living as opposed to a tradi-

tional senior assisted living facility that’s more focused on the care,” said Craig Bryant, executive project manager. “I see these newer facilities really targeting the more active, younger senior than they have in the past.”

Amenities such as swimming pools, walking trails and nearby beaches draw residents along with the most important one, the weather.

“Yesterday was the perfect example,” Mr. Bryant said. “It was 84 degrees a couple of days after Christmas.”

WalletHub’s Health Care category looked at the number of health care choices available in a given area, including the numbers of in-home care, dentists and nurses, a factor in Fort Myers’ high score along with its downtown entertainment district, theaters and galleries.

“In Lee County, we have lots of opportunities to pursue an active lifestyle, good access to preventative medicine, and top doctors using the latest technology,” said Larry Antonucci, president and CEO of Lee Health, which runs six hospitals and other health care facilities in the Lee County and Fort Myers area. “While some retirees want to move to a sunny place with warm weather, they need to consider they will be dealing with health issues as they age. We are fortunate locally that we have a vibrant health system in addition to mild weather.”

There are plenty of second opinions on how cities are ranked. WalletHub’s own nationwide list of 150 best and worst places to retire this year, ranked Cape Coral at 13, much higher than its state rank. It gave the top three spots in the United States to Orlando, Tampa and Miami, and ranked Newark, New Jersey last. Like the state scores, WalletHub picked the largest 150 cities in the U.S. to compare, so less populous ones such as Sarasota were left off it.

Port Charlotte was given a meh score by WalletHub’s state list while Forbes named it among its top 25 retirement destinations in the U.S. in 2017, which are unranked. The area’s low cost of living is not at the expense of programs for seniors, said Stephen Carter, executive director of the Cultural Center of Charlotte County in Port Charlotte’s growing Parkside neighborhood. Besides area fishing and bicycling opportunities, he pointed out, there are hundreds of dif-

in the know

WalletHub’s Top 10 Places to Retire in the U.S., 2017

- >> Orlando
- >> Tampa
- >> Miami
- >> Scottsdale, Arizona
- >> Atlanta, Georgia
- >> Salt Lake City, Utah
- >> Honolulu, Hawaii
- >> Denver, Colorado
- >> Austin, Texas
- >> Las Vegas, Nevada

— Sources: WalletHub and U.S. Census Bureau for population and 2012-2016 median home value and median rent

Cities not ranked

- >> Punta Gorda
not ranked by WalletHub due to population
Pop. 18,796
Median home value: \$299,900
Median rent: \$860
- >> Naples
not ranked by WalletHub due to population
Pop. 21,845
Median home value: \$770,000
Median rent: \$1,189
- >> Marco Island
not ranked by WalletHub due to population
Pop. 17,847
Median home value: \$492,000
Median rent: \$1,437





#6

WEST PALM BEACH

- >> Overall rank: 6
- >> Quality of Life: 4
- >> Health Care: 9
- >> Activities: 55
- >> Population: 108,161
- >> Median home value: \$198,100
- >> Median rent: \$1,096



KEY WEST

- >> Overall rank: 7
- >> Quality of Life: 35
- >> Health Care: 3
- >> Activities: 56
- >> Population: 26,990
- >> Median home value: \$474,100
- >> Median rent: \$1,627

#7

Top ten places to retire in Florida

This chart rates more than 100 of Florida's largest cities for retirement friendliness using 28 key indicators, including such things as cost of living, health care facilities per capita and number of attractions. The list also includes the rank of cities in our readership area that made the list.

RANK	CITY	TOTAL SCORE	QUALITY OF LIFE	HEALTH CARE	ACTIVITIES
1	Sarasota	75.46	1	1	8
2	Boca Raton	67.54	2	7	38
3	Miami	67.37	5	5	46
4	Orlando	63.86	28	4	19
5	Tampa	63.16	39	2	29
6	West Palm Beach	62.60	4	9	55
7	Key West	62.38	35	3	56
8	Fort Myers	62.34	10	10	12
9	Fort Lauderdale	62.24	17	6	50
10	Bradenton	60.30	3	28	9
14	Jupiter	53.76	9	15	78
20	Wellington	50.94	18	26	75
21	Palm Beach Gardens	50.94	15	40	47
27	Bonita Springs	50.02	58	31	11
31	Cape Coral	48.85	88	32	6
39	North Port	47.81	37	106	15
42	Estero	47.25	71	87	2
56	Port Charlotte	46.00	13	110	40
84	North Fort Myers	42.53	91	96	7
107	Lehigh Acres	38.24	94	92	88

SOURCE: WALLETHUB.COM

ferent classes and programs for seniors at the Cultural Center from dancing to travel. The center's theater hosts national and local musicians and performers.

"You've got a lot of things to do, daytime, nighttime, you've got the weather, and you've got an area where your cost isn't as high to live in as a lot of other areas of Florida," Mr. Carter said. "We are in that position to uniquely offer a lot for less money than a lot of these other areas."

One thing the rankings can't take into account is personal taste. Do you favor the laid-back vibes of Fort Myers Beach where you can grab a tattoo and listen to an acoustic guitarist strum Boomer generation hits, or the austere beauty of Tigertail Beach on Marco Island, whose sprawling white sand vista leaves space for solitude even on a moderately crowded day?

This year the foremost ranker of beaches, Dr. Beach, named Siesta Key in Sarasota as his No. 1 pick in the U.S. out of 10.

(He's also known as professor Stephen P. Leatherman, director of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at Florida International University in Miami).

Whatever you like, WalletHub's rankings are meant to help people find out where to get the most bang for their buck in their golden years, said Jill Gonzalez, an analyst for the website. It helps that in addition to the clement weather Florida also has no income tax.

"Retirement confidence declined in 2017, with nearly four in 10 American workers having little or no money saved for their golden years," Ms. Gonzalez said. "Readers should look at these studies as guidelines which can help them plan for a comfortable retirement without breaking the bank, all dependent on where they live."

Wallet Hub has produced a list of Best & Worst Places to Retire in the U.S. since 2014. This is the first year it has created a list focused on Florida. ■

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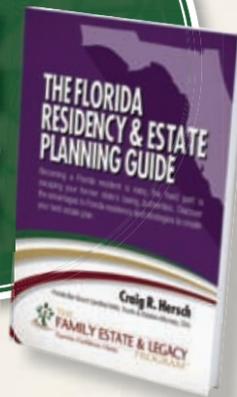
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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All-American weirdos

Two American tourists, Joseph Dasilva, 38, and Travis Dasilva, 36, of San Diego, were arrested in Bangkok, Thailand, on Nov. 28 and detained in an immigration detention center after they posted a “butt-selfie” on Instagram, taken in front of the Buddhist temple Wat Arun, or Temple of the Dawn. The

pair’s Instagram account, traveling butts, showcased their hindquarters at tourist sites around the world, but it was deleted shortly after the arrests. District police chief Jaruphat Thongkomol told Reuters that the two would also be fined for a similar photo at a different temple.

But why?

In Birmingham, England, renowned 53-year-old surgeon Simon Bramhall pleaded guilty on Dec. 13 to branding his initials onto human livers using an argon beam during transplant surgeries. A colleague first noticed the initials “S.B.” in 2013 on an organ during a follow-up surgery, which sparked an investigation, *The Guardian* reported. Bramhall

resigned in 2014 and acknowledged that marking his patients’ livers had been a mistake. But former patient Tracy Scriven of Dyrham, Wiltshire, told the *Birmingham Mail* that he should be reinstated. “Is it really that bad? I wouldn’t have cared if he did it to me. The man saved my life.”

Inept Santa moves

Jesse Berube, 32, of Rocklin, Calif., tried using a favorite trick of Old St. Nick — but he got stuck in the chimney of a Citrus Heights business he was trying to rob on Dec. 13 and had to call police for help. ABC News reported that

Sacramento firefighters responded and used special equipment to free Berube, who now faces one count of burglary. Citrus Heights police said Berube “does not have the same skills as the real deal.”

The check’s in the mail

Lorette Taylor of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, responsible for meting out her family’s inheritance after her father’s death, sent a bank draft last February to her brother, Louis Paul Hebert, for \$846,648.46 via UPS. Hebert waited at his local UPS store for the check to arrive — but nothing came in. “I came back in the evening. Nothing shows up,” he told the CBC. UPS could trace the package only to its distribution center north of Toronto, so along with an apology for Hebert’s inconvenience, UPS refunded the \$32 shipping fee. Taylor’s bank, TD

Canada Trust, initially assured her the check would be canceled, but two days later refused to issue a new draft until Taylor signed an indemnity agreement making her and her heirs liable for life should the original check be cashed. Not only that, the bank then asked her to put up collateral against the new bank draft, but that request was later recalled. Finally, 10 months after the whole ordeal began, the bank released the money, and Hebert, at press time in December, was making the 273-mile drive to pick up the check in person.

Channeling Mike Tyson

British model Chloe Hammond, 27, also known as Chloe Rebelle, succumbed to a fit of road rage on March 19 when Julie Holloway, 56, tapped on her car window to ask her to stop using her phone while driving in traffic in London. Metro News reports that Hammond responded by parking her Audi TT and then “came out of nowhere” toward Holloway, kicking her in the stomach,

grabbing Holloway’s hair and biting off a piece of her ear. Holloway, bloodied and disturbed, didn’t realize part of her ear was missing until someone “picked it up off the floor.” In October, Hammond was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent in Southwark Crown Court, and on Dec. 18, a judge sentenced her to five years in jail.

Inexplicable

Don’t you ever just want to get away? An unnamed man in Catherine Way, Batheaston, England, started digging a “very deep” hole in his yard weeks ago, but caused a neighborhood disruption when he climbed into the hole on Dec. 12 and refused to come out. Neighbor Dominic Denny told the Bath Chronicle that “it started at about 4 a.m. ... when there was a lot of shouting and screaming

coming from the house opposite me. The young man’s family was outside trying to get him back in the house.” Emergency responders from a variety of services converged on the scene, even bringing a crane to lower into the hole to retrieve the man. A spokesperson for Avon and Somerset police later reported that the incident was resolved and “the man got out of the hole of his own accord.”

Special delivery

An employee at a TCBY yogurt shop in Matthews, N.C., got a surprise while opening three packages delivered to the store — filled with \$220,000 worth of marijuana. Upon further investigation, the store told WSOC-TV, the packages

had been delivered mistakenly and were meant for a P.O. Box at the postal store next door. The drugs and the recipient’s information have been turned over to police, who report that no arrests have been made. ■

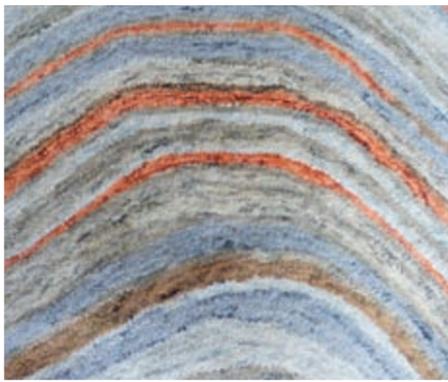
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Guadalupe Center hopes locals will want to 'Discover Mentoring'

Guadalupe Center, a nonprofit organization focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through the education of children, invites the public to learn about opportunities to mentor Immokalee college-bound high school students at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Terrace at Caxambas in Fiddler's Creek on the way to Marco Island.

Guests at the "Discover Mentoring" program will meet and hear from mentors and staff of the Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps Program. More than 20 promising new students enter the program each year so they can be tutors to kindergarten- through second-grade students each day after school, earn up to \$4,000 in college scholarship money and be paired with an adult mentor.

Serving as a mentor requires little travel to Immokalee or financial obligation. Instead, mentors serve as listeners who offer a guiding hand to first-generation high school graduates who are preparing to head off to college.

"Mentors can make a huge impact in the lives of Immokalee students," said Dawn Montecalvo, president of the center. "They can become lifelong supporters, confidants and friends as these students strive for greatness. Many Tutor Corps students are the first of their families to attend college, and they benefit greatly by being paired with an adult who has experienced college first-hand and can provide valuable insight



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Mentors are needed to support Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps students like Ullis Soto, pictured here reading to young students in the center's after-school program.

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Breaking the cycle of poverty through education

as they prepare for the next step along their educational journeys, she added.

Admission to the "Discover Mentoring" event is \$25 and includes a buffet-style meal and cocktails at happy hour pricing. RSVPs are requested by Jan. 17 and can be made by calling 908-581-4754 or emailing lfox08@comcast.net.

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Wednesday, January 3

Whole Food Plant Based Living Monthly Meet Up
11 a.m.-noon RSVP

Thursday, January 4

Body Composition Testing and Guidance
9 a.m.-noon
Call 239-495-4475 for an appointment

Friday, January 5

Line Dancing Your Way to Health 4 Week Series - (1/5, 1/15, 1/19, 1/26)
5-6 p.m. RSVP

Saturday, January 6

Mommy and Me Yoga ☀️
9-10 a.m. RSVP

Monday, January 8

Preventing Chronic Health Conditions: You Can Do It!
10-11 a.m. RSVP

Meal Planning for Healthy Eating
2-3 p.m. RSVP

Tuesday, January 9

Stress Management to Prevent Depression
11 a.m.-noon RSVP

Wednesday, January 10

2018 Walking Club Kick-off Celebration
8:30-9:30 a.m.

New Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Shoulder Problems
Noon-1 p.m. RSVP
Dr. John Mehalik, orthopedic surgeon

Thursday, January 11

Out With the Bad; In With the Good - A New Year's Detox into Health
4-5 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Heather Auld, integrative medicine

Acupuncture Solutions for Weight Loss
5-6 p.m. RSVP

Friday, January 12

Cooking Demo: Smoothie Sailing Into the New Year
11 a.m.-noon RSVP

Monday, January 15

Brain Boosters: Train your brain like any other part of your body
10-11 a.m. RSVP \$5 fee

Making Lasting Healthy Habits in 2018
1-2 p.m. RSVP

Wednesday, January 17

Guided Meditation for Wellness
2:30-3 p.m. RSVP

Thursday, January 18

Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed - CREW Talk
10:30-11:30 a.m. RSVP

Friday, January 19

Balance and Fall Prevention Fair
9 a.m.-noon

Saturday, January 20

Memory Café
10 a.m.-noon RSVP

Monday, January 22

Moving to a "New You" 8 Week Program to a Whole Healthy Lifestyle
Mondays, 1/22-3/12, 1-2 p.m.

Dizziness, Vertigo or Balance Problems? - Finding Your Team, Finding Solutions
4-5 p.m. RSVP

Wednesday, January 24

Lee Health Coconut Point Project Update
10-11 a.m. RSVP

Lunch and Learn Laser Cataract Surgery Seminar & Screening
12:30-2 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Michael J. Collins, ophthalmologist

Thursday, January 25

Book Club: The Cheese Trap: How Breaking a Surprising Addiction Will Help You Lose Weight, Gain Energy, and Get Healthy
(Author: Neal D. Barnard, MD)
9-11 a.m. RSVP

What is Vein Disease - Causes, Symptoms and Treatments
4:30-5:30 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Ronnie Word, vascular surgeon

Friday, January 26

What's New with Ears? Hearing Aid Panel
2:30-3:30 p.m. RSVP

Hearing Screenings

3:30-4:30 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Ann Rasmussen, audiologist

Monday, January 29

Dizziness, Vertigo or Balance Problems?—How a Registered Dietitian Can Help
4-5 p.m. RSVP

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Every Wednesday

Walking Club
7-7:30 a.m.

Monday, January 8

Advanced Directives and Living Wills
9:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP

Brain Boosters: Train your brain like any other part of your body
12-1 p.m.
\$5 fee RSVP

Out With the Bad; In With the Good - A New Year's Detox into Health
4-5 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Heather Auld, integrative medicine

Acupuncture Solutions for Weight Loss
5-6 p.m. RSVP

Tuesday, January 9

Whole Food Plant Based Living Monthly Meet Up
5:30-6:30 p.m. RSVP

Wednesday, January 10

Hacks for Updating Your Resume
10-11 a.m. RSVP

What's On Your Plate? Different Topics Weekly
Wednesdays, 1/10-1/31, 1-2 p.m. RSVP

Thursday, January 11

Advantages of a Pilates Workout
9-10 a.m. RSVP

Smart Shopping for Lowering Your Cancer Risk
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. RSVP
Location: Publix 2420 Santa Barbara Blvd. Cape Coral

Hope Parkinson's Support Group
2-4 p.m.

Friday, January 12

Memory Café
10 a.m.-noon RSVP
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Monday, January 15

Brown Bag Medication Review with a Pharmacist
4:15-5:45 p.m.
Call 239-495-4475 for an appointment

Tuesday, January 16

Overall Benefits of a Lifestyle Management Program
12:30-1:30 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Salvatore Lacagnina, internal medicine

Can't Sleep? Yoga Nidra May Be Your Answer
3:30- 4:30 p.m. RVSP

Wednesday, January 17

Advances and Treatments of Atrial Fibrillation
4-5 p.m. RSVP
Dr. Paul DiGiorgi, cardiothoracic surgeon
Dr. Anuj Agarwal, cardiologist

Thursday, January 18

Fourth Trimester Club - Moms and children under 1 year ☀️
10-11 a.m. RSVP
Location: Waiting Room Family Birth Place
Cape Coral Hospital

The Time is Now! Take Charge of Your Nutrition
1-2 p.m. RSVP

Monday, January 22

Nutrition Coaching: Grocery Store Tour of Ada's
8 - 10 a.m. RSVP
Location: 7070 College Pkwy., Fort Myers

Parkinson's Series: Introduction to Parkinson's Disease
10-11 a.m. RSVP

Tuesday, January 23

Stress Management to Prevent Depression
11:00 a.m.-noon RSVP

Wednesday, January 24

Healthy Life Center Ribbon Cutting and Wellness Center Open House
7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Walk with a Doc

7-8 a.m.
Dr. Salvatore Lacagnina, internal medicine

New Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Shoulder Problems
4-5 p.m. RSVP

Dr. John Mehalik, orthopedic surgeon

Friday, January 26

What's New with Ears? Hearing Aid Panel
10-11 a.m. RSVP

Hearing Screenings

11 a.m.-noon RSVP
Dr. Ann Rasmussen, audiologist

Monday, January 29

Parkinson's Series: Voice and Communication: Let Yourself Be Heard
10-11 a.m. RSVP

Seeing Yourself the Way Others See You... How to Project Confidence in Yourself & in Your Body
12-1 p.m. RSVP

Basic Self Defense
2-3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30

Mini Memory Screenings
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. RSVP

Book Club: The Cheese Trap: How Breaking a Surprising Addiction Will Help You Lose Weight, Gain Energy, and Get Healthy
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The Focus RS is a fast Ford finale



Can a compact hatchback be worth \$42K? Short answer: yes, but worthy ones can be counted on one hand. And the list is about to get shorter.

The Ford Focus RS is entering its third and final year. It might seem odd that Ford would be pulling a 350 hp mighty mouse off the market after 2018, but the hottest of the hot hatches was always meant for limited consumption.

The styling is unmistakably fast, but it's not for everyone. Its deep-breathing front face, rear diffuser with dual exhaust, and large spoiler on top of the hatch look aggressive to the driver-focused crowd. And the way the Brembo brake calipers stand out from the dark wheel packages will always be worth every penny.

Enthusiasts know it's something special, but it might take some convincing in the junior executive parking lot. After all, those who bought Audi A5s and Cadillac ATSs for the brand name recognition might not understand why this little Ford costs about the same.

There is a similar situation inside. Leather-trimmed Recaro front seats are a racer's dream straight from Ford. These power-adjusting body-huggers are great for performance driving, but don't expect them to fit larger body types. More importantly, they were part of an optional package in previous years and are now standard in the 2018 cars. Add in a few more extra goodies, and that moves the price from about \$37K to \$41,995 for the final model year.

Another great speedy interior feature is the auxiliary gauge package ergonomically positioned on top of the dash — and it even includes a nifty boost gauge. Still, those who just want prestige will wonder why the rest of the interior looks like any other loaded Ford Focus.

And the reason why the RS is an expensive Focus with a fast-n-furious makeover is all in the engineering. It starts with the 2.3-liter motor that was given a huge turbo boost to 350 horsepower. That's 45 more ponies than less expensive speed machines like the Subaru WRX STI and Honda Civic Type R. In fact, the Focus RS is only 20 horsepower short of the Mercedes GLA45



AMG — a car that costs about \$10K more.

While power superiority can create value, that's not the full allure of this fast Ford. It engineered an all-wheel drive chassis that electronically adapts to multiple modes. Under normal conditions it feels sharp like a compact hatchback, and it has fine grip in wet weather. But in all three performance modes, the crispness is amplified. There is torque vectoring in the all-wheel drive

that delivers rally car-level confidence, and it provides the perfect amount of feedback through the steering wheel. So it's much easier to find the grip limit because the chassis feels like the driver's high-performance guru whispering through the tires.

All of this comes with the control of a six-speed manual transmission. That's key to making the Focus RS a worthwhile buy. The intoxicating feeling of a crisp downshift, a huge rush of power and gluey grip will have owners eagerly volunteering to cross the state using those two-lane backroads.

A car like this also raises questions about collectability. Limited production years and limited production numbers (only 1,000 are allotted to the U.S. for 2018) mix with very capable performance. That's a pretty good recipe for future value.

We would never suggest that the Focus RS should be part of a retirement fund, and stockpiling instead of driving it should be a criminal offense in the enthusiast world. But this is the kind of vehicle you'll love on the road today and will still be showing it off well after you've moved on from the junior executive parking space. ■

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Eco-adventure filmmakers keynote Conservancy's WaterWorks luncheon

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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The 12th annual **Run for the Paws** to benefit Humane Society Naples sets out at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Naples Municipal Airport. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to participate alongside their humans in the timed 5K walk/run. Registration is \$25. For more information or to sign up, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.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.

■ The **TD Bank Bike Brunch & Family Festival** to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition begins at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Cambier Park. Registration is \$40-\$60. To sign up or for more information, call Beth Brainard at 777-7718 or email bethbrainard@naplespathways.org.

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■ The 19th annual **Heart & Sole** 1-mile walk to benefit the **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida** steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, from Centennial Bank at 3401 U.S. 41 in Naples. Registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. To sign up or for more information, call 417-3465, visit www.pasfi.org or stop by the PASFI office at 5926 Premier Way. ■

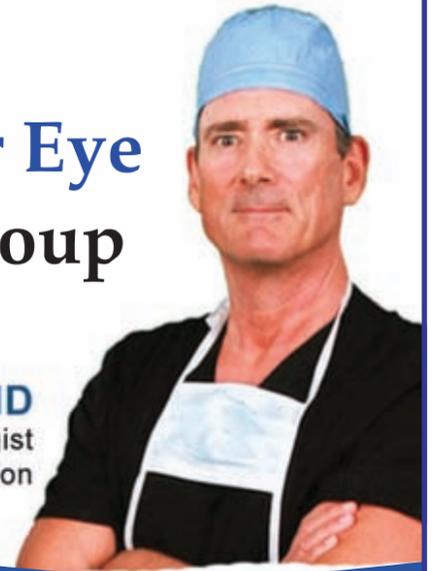
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HEALTHY LIVING



Find support for what ails you

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

The association holds similar support group meetings for those suffering depression from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and for veterans from 7-8:30 p.m., also on Wednesday. Meetings are at the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida office at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Attendance is free. For more information, call Veronica Garib at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org.

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

■ The Naples area **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation** support group meets from 5-6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Jan. 4. All whose lives are affected by inflammatory bowel disease are welcome to join the discussion with gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips. Attendance is free. For more information, call Paula Allain, LPN, at 649-1336, email pallainresearch@gmail.com or visit www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

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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 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. ■

Healthy Living Caravan bringing expo to Naples Y

The Healthy Living Caravan brings the third annual Healthy Living Expo to the Greater Naples YMCA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. With a focus on overall health, the event is free and open to the public. It includes

BMI and blood pressure checks, vision and hearing screenings, chiropractic care, spinal screenings, massages, foot and gait analysis, health and wellness education and products, door prizes and raffles.

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Family Hearing, Physicians Regional Medical System, American House Fort Myers, Florida Blue, Seniors Blue Book, The Woodruff Institute for Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery, MedExpress Urgent Care, *Naples Daily News* and the Greater Naples YMCA.

The Healthy Living Caravan is an organized group of vendors that offer free health fairs to residential communities, businesses, churches and social groups in Collier and Lee counties. For more information, visit www.HealthyLivingCaravan.com. ■

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Clinic owners Lawrence and Geneve Egger and their team provide health-care services to those who need immediate and/or ongoing care. Their model utilizes a walk-in clinic and a primary medical care facility in East Naples.

Walk-ins are welcome, but potential



patients are encouraged to call the clinic at 936-4068 to schedule an appointment and verify eligibility. ■

SUPPORT

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email our office@pasfi.org.

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

The nonprofit also hosts a brown bag lunch and program at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for visually impaired people and their caregivers. The next program is Jan. 16. Guests should bring their own lunch and are

welcome to stay afterward for games and social hour.

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

■ McKenney Home Care hosts a support group for families and friends of people with **Lewy Body Dementia** from 1:30-3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the offices of the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. The next meeting is Feb. 7.

Often misdiagnosed and misunderstood, Lewy Body Dementia is the second most common form of dementia after Alzheimer's disease. To sign up or for more information about the group, call Deana Levesque at 325-2273 or email deana@mckenneyhomecare.com. ■

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Car quest

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We purchased our first Subaru Outback 13 years ago to haul around three cavalier King Charles spaniels and, as needed, two cats and two birds. In the years since, we've driven it to San Francisco; Seattle; Vancouver, British Columbia; Wyoming; New Mexico; Utah; Arizona; and Oklahoma. I had hoped it would last us another couple of years, but repair costs were rising higher, so last month we found ourselves in search of a new dog car.

With the need to hold crates, pop-up tents and other equipment for dog shows and canine sports events, choosing the right vehicle is a matter of intense interest to members of the "barkoisie." Issues such as cargo capacity, the ability to go off road to reach field trial sites, all-wheel drive versus four-wheel drive, and of course gas mileage are all matters to consider when selecting a dog car. The right choice depends on the size and number of dogs and the activities in which owners and dogs participate.

Auto manufacturers recognize that dog owners are an important demographic. Honda no longer makes its Element, which had a large fan base among dog owners, but at last month's Los Angeles Auto Show, a team of golden and Labrador retrievers introduced Subaru's three-row SUV, the 2018 Ascent. The company intentionally markets its vehicles to dog owners after a study found that more than half of Subaru owners have dogs.



Their new ride holds everything these dogs need for a road trip.

Honda's roomy CR-V crossover, midsize Pilot SUV and Odyssey minivan also find favor with active dog owners or people with large dogs.

What do dog owners look for in a vehicle? Debbie Best of Huntington Beach, California, who lives with two flat-coated retrievers, has a long list of musts as she contemplates trading in her 190,000-mile Subaru Forester for the larger Ascent. They include a boxy shape — more practical for carrying cargo and offering better visibility than the sloped rears seen on many vehicles — seats that fold flat, and rear air vents.

"I want to know the dogs are cool, even when the car is packed," she says. "It's a plus if they are on the ceiling, as they are with the Ascent."

Her new vehicle must also be tall enough to hold large dog crates, with at least 44 inches between the wheel wells

so she can fit two crates side by side. All-wheel drive is important for field training and trips to the mountains.

Dog trainer Liz Palika of Oceanside, California, searched for five months to find just the right ride for herself and her two 50-pound English shepherds. She decided on a midsize SUV, a 2017 Toyota Highlander, that she describes as "not too small, not too big." The back seats fold down, allowing her to carry two midsize dog crates and still have room for cargo.

Lillian Huang of Emeryville, California, also likes the 2017 Highlander for its flat backseat floor, making it easy to accommodate folding tables, tents and canopies behind the front seats; the backup camera; and the separate air conditioning vents for the back of the car.

Other factors affecting vehicle choice are a dog's age and mobility. Jill Gibbs of Billings, Montana, prefers minivans because it's easier for aging dogs to get in and out of them. "I bought my first one for my 12-year-old golden," she says.

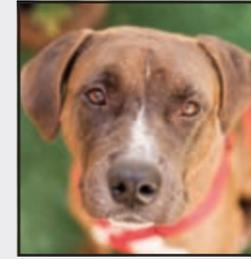
For advice on selecting a dog-friendly car, turn to a Facebook page called Dog Sport Vehicle Ideas. Edmunds, AutoTrader and other websites also rate cars for their canine suitability. Search "dog-friendly cars" for tips.

In our case, we're currently down to two cavaliers, but our activities have expanded to canine nose work trials, as well as many road trips to visit family. We went with another Outback, confident that it will carry us and our dogs for at least another dozen years. ■

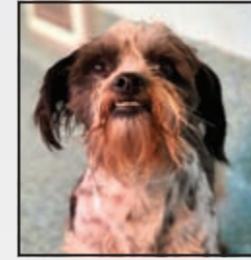
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>> **Kevin** is a fun-loving 3-year-old Maltese mix with a great personality. He enjoys romping in the play yard and

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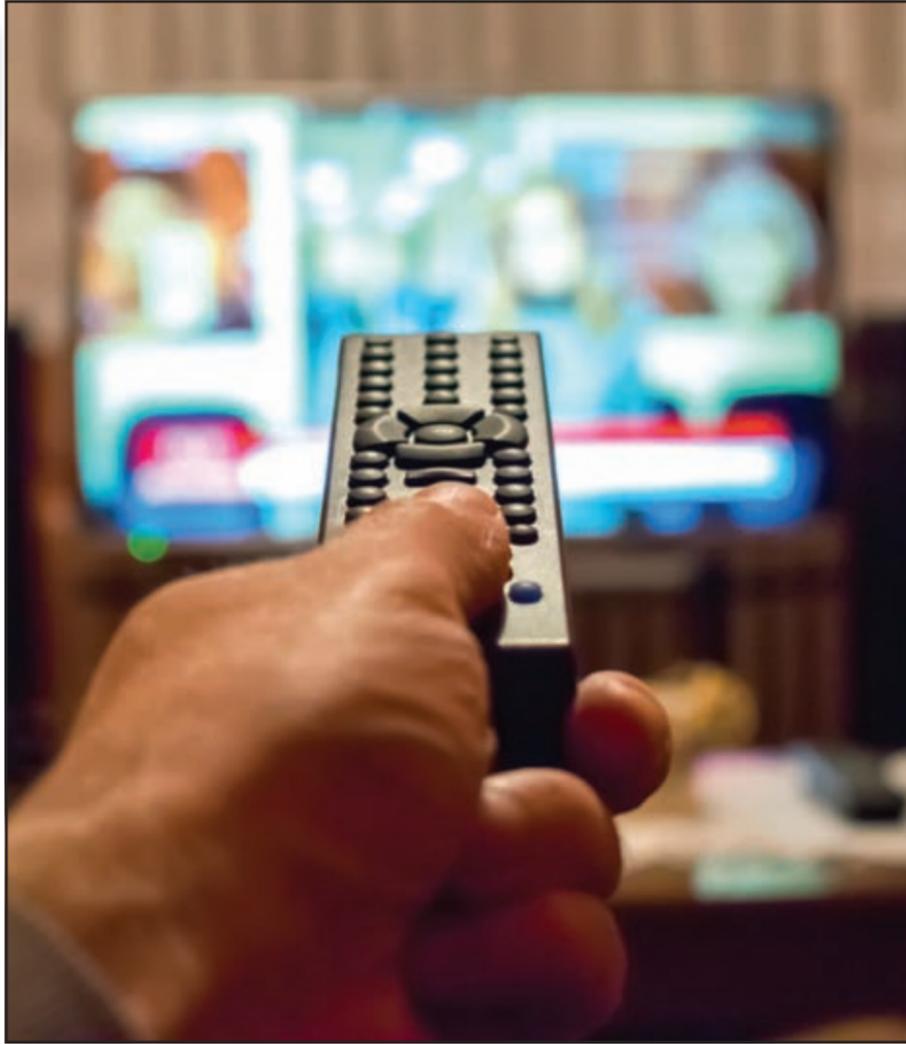
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Cutting back on news consumption eases food bingeing



So, how are your New Year's resolutions working out for you?

Mine are going great because this year, I've decided to give up news.

I know it sounds drastic, but not nearly as drastic as pledging to run 2,018 miles, which is what one of my friends has done. She's not running them all at once, but still.

After knee surgery, a broken ankle and a mean case of plantar fasciitis, I've finally gotten the universe's message about whether I should keep trying to be a runner. Another friend resolved to give up gluten for a year — not because she has celiac disease, she doesn't — but her sister does and since her sister gave up gluten and lost 30 pounds, she's hoping it'll work for her, too.

I truly admire people who can go gluten free, because do you know what foods contain gluten? All of the really good ones. French fries, bacon, ice cream — even soup. Life is too short to give up gluten if you don't have to.

Another friend resolved to only drink alcohol one night of the week — Fridays. Again, that's too much pressure. What if there's a party on Saturday night? A bottomless mimosa brunch on Sunday? A happy hour on Tuesday? A bad day on Wednesday? I could go on...

My resolution has been relatively easy — in fact, I started it in early December. As a former news junkie, I thought it

would be harder than it's been, but it's actually been a breeze.

Up until a few weeks ago, my husband

and I had a routine. When he got home in the evening, we'd start out with the local news at 6, then the national news

at 6:30. At 7, we'd watch more local news on another channel, and then at 7:30 watch "Inside Edition" for tabloid news.

I know. Two hours of unending news is way too much news. But stopping wasn't even a decision really — it just sort of happened.

We would have the news on, but I just quit listening. I'd be busy on my iPhone either scrolling through Facebook, or playing Words with Friends, or looking up a recipe.

I could hear Lester Holt's voice in the background, but I didn't hear actual words. I would only sit up and take notice when my husband would yell at the TV (usually about once every five minutes). "HE TWEETED WHAT?!" or "Did you hear that? Does he think the White House is a freaking REALITY SHOW?!" or "This idiot is going to get us all KILLED!" and then we'd have to rewind so that I could see whatever horrific/ridiculous/mind-blowing story I'd missed.

Clearly, I was slowly breaking up with the news.

Making the resolution to not watch the news came easy. That said, I'm a newspaper columnist, so I won't be burying my head in the sand. I'll pay attention when I have to, but I truly believe that two hours of news five nights a week in 2017 was giving me gray hairs, wrinkles, and causing me to binge on food due to stress. 2018 will be all about less news and better health — I think they go hand in hand.

And the bonus is, I don't have to run, give up gluten, or drink less — cheers to a happier year. ■

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— Rep. Emily Slosberg, D-Palm Beach

TEXTING

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unless they're committing another violation. A texting citation calls for a \$30 fine plus any county fines. It's also a nonmoving violation, so no points are assessed to the driver's license unless you're in a school zone.

The new bill would make texting and driving a primary offense. That means Florida law enforcement officials for the first time would be able to pull drivers over specifically for tapping away on their phones while driving.

"I think the timing is right," Rep. Rodrigues said. "It's clear that merely making it a secondary offense did not have the impact we hoped it would."

National statistics point to a marked increase in traffic fatalities in the last several years; according to the National Safety Council, from 2014 to 2016 motor vehicle deaths jumped from 35,398 to 40,200, by their estimation the largest two-year increase in more than five decades.

Florida saw an even larger two-year increase, jumping from 2,501 to 3,037 traffic fatalities from 2014 to 2016, or more than 21 percent. All but four states have enacted primary offense laws for texting while driving — the three besides Florida are Ohio, Nebraska and South Dakota.

If Rep. Slosberg had it her way, texting and driving would be a misdemeanor or even a felony. She has personal experience to draw from; when she was a teenager, she and her twin sister were in a serious car accident; her sister died, along with four others, following grave injuries. The driver at fault was cited for reckless driving and served 13 years in prison.

Sponsoring this bill continues a family tradition since that fateful night; Rep. Slosberg's father, Irv Slosberg, became a state representative in 2000 and focused most of his political life on improv-

ing Florida's traffic safety. He helped get stringent seatbelt laws passed and worked to get the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act approved by legislature in 2011, adding \$5 to the cost of every traffic ticket. Proceeds go to high school driver education programs in participating counties throughout Florida.

Rep. Slosberg replaced her father in District 91 when he retired from office. She recalls the night of the crash, when she woke up with a ventilator in her mouth, unable to speak, as a turning point in her life and an early inspiration for running for office.

"I woke up in a hospital bed. I saw my mom and dad, friends visiting me, but I didn't see my sister," she said. "I had to write on my dad's hand, 'where's Dori?' For the first time my father, who's a very vocal person, was at a loss for words. At that moment, I was glad I was on the respirator, because I wouldn't have been able to breathe."

Rep. Slosberg and Rep. Toledo, who is a mother of five, hope HB33 will prevent countless families from dealing with such tragedy in the future.

"We're going to help make our state safer," Rep. Slosberg said.

She called texting while driving an "epidemic" that only harsher legislation can cure. Despite the current bill not being as harsh as she hoped, it's a satisfactory "compromise," in her opinion.

"I'd like to make it a misdemeanor or a felony, but I'll take a civil citation. The purpose is to send a message to the state of Florida that we're no longer going to tolerate people texting and driving. This is the way we're going to do it ... to pass legislation that's enforceable."

"We've put in strict language that protects civil liberties. The officer has to inform a driver that they have a right to refuse a search of their phone. It's a privacy issue ... this allows drivers to maintain privacy within their phones," she said.

There's also an exception for using navigation on a mobile device, accord-



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If the driving bill becomes law, texting and driving will get you pulled over and ticketed.

ing to Rep. Slosberg. She cited the evolution of drinking and driving becoming socially acceptable, with texting while driving following a similar path.

"As a society, we're sending the wrong message ... the right message is to stop the destructive behavior," Rep. Slosberg said. "Put the phone away and you're not going to get pulled over ... or put others' lives in danger. That's the message we need to send to our kids."

Could police abuse this privilege, with the ability to pull anyone over, simply at the sight of an illuminated phone?

"It's a concern ... historically there's been unjustified behavior in enforcing the traffic laws. If an officer is going to follow you long enough, they'll find a reason to pull you over," Rep. Slosberg said. "We have to trust that law enforcement will act reasonably. Our job is to

draft legislation; this is a policy that will save lives."

Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Greg Bueno put the onus on drivers to remember that driving is a privilege, not a right.

"To be a responsible driver means putting 100 percent focus on driving whenever behind the wheel ... two hands on the wheel, two eyes on the road and your mind on driving at all times."

Rep. Slosberg sees an opportunity to get it right. With the opportunity to observe how other states are enforcing texting while driving laws, it allowed Florida time to come up with uniform guidelines so that it's clear and enforced properly.

Her focus, however, never strays far from peoples' lives.

"People are dying on our roadways. We have to act." ■

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GUEST OPINION

Southwest Florida's best and worst of 2017

BY DAVE TRECKER

Self-styled experts do it every year. Pick winners and losers. But it's a useful exercise if for no other reason than to hone your thinking about what went well and what didn't.



TRECKER

And we had plenty of both in 2017.

Here are my picks.

BEST - Naples Winter Wine Festival

The wealthy joined forces to deliver yet another wine-auction bonanza, raising more than \$12 million for disadvantaged children. Rated the country's top wine-auction charity by Wine Spectator magazine, the Naples Winter Wine Festival divided its spoils among 34 charities last year. The 2018 festival is just a few weeks away.



WORST - Dying citrus industry

Florida's iconic groves took a double hit. Citrus greening crippled yields and Hurricane Irma finished things off, ripping fruit prematurely from the trees and driving production down 21 percent from 2016. To make matters worse, consumer demand for orange juice has fallen. Americans are drinking 48 percent less juice than in 2005. It's only a matter of time before the signature orange comes off our license plates.



Naples Philharmonic gave us everything from Dvorak to Prokofiev to Tchaikovsky and even threw in some modern music as Tabasco sauce on the steak. A highlight was the Philharmonic's marvelous production of the "Messiah," a perfect kickoff to the holiday season.

WORST - Attempts to kill home rule

Is best government the one closest to home? Some legislators didn't think so in 2017. Bills were introduced that would have (1) transferred to the state the right to regulate local businesses, (2) prevented counties from enacting ordinances that had an "adverse impact" on growth (as decided by Tallahassee) and (3) forced municipalities to spend down special-fund money before increasing property taxes. The good news is this preposterous legislation failed.



BEST - Beach resiliency plan

What else sets Florida apart? Our beaches, our main tourist attraction. For years Collier has band-aided beach erosion by hauling in sand by the truckload. Last year, county officials finally decided to do it right. Their new strategy calls for massive offshore dredging to provide up to 1 million cubic yards of sand, enough to widen the beaches and add height to the dunes, hopefully butressing against future storms. Kudos to Naples Vice-Mayor Linda Penniman and Collier County Coastal Zone Management Director Gary McAlpin for devising this bold plan.



WORST - The 2017 legislative session

Hobbled by internal squabbling, last year's legislature compiled a dreadful record. Education spending got a slight uptick, but not enough to raise Florida above 41st among states in per-student spending. Mental health and substance abuse funding fared worse, miring the state in 49th place. Fracking legislation was ignored. Policies regulating medical marijuana got little attention, and gambling legislation was non-existent. Some money was allocated to curb pollution around Lake Okeechobee, but it was little more than a token.



BEST - Soaring Naples culture

On the plus side, last year's arts season was a rousing success. With eight different chamber concert series, Opera Naples, traveling Broadway shows and even barbershop quartets, there was something for everybody. The Baker Museum featured pop artist Robert Indiana, and the



BEST - Honoring Carrie Kerskie

Identity fraud — cyber theft, stolen credit cards, accessed bank accounts, pilfered medical records — ranks as one of the worst scourges of the past decade. One way or another, we've all been victims. The person many feel has done the most to combat this problem locally is Carrie Kerskie, director of the Identity Fraud Institute at Hodges University. For her pioneering work, she was honored by the Collier Citizens Council with the Murray Hendel Civic Achievement Award for 2017. It was recognition well deserved.



WORST - Fumbling economic diversification

Not long ago, we were teed up for Opportunity Naples, a thoughtful growth plan for the county. Regionally, we had the Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance. Now one is moribund and the other might as well be. Diversification is non-existent. Accelerators have been touted because there is little else to tout, but they haven't delivered a thing. But not to worry. We still have tourism, agriculture and construction, our old three-legged stool. Along with Arthrex, it's still delivering growth.



BEST - Habitat builds 2,000th home



I remember some time ago hearing the late Dr. Sam Durso talk about Habitat for Humanity. His audience was a room filled with elderly northeners, cynical and disinterested. By the end of his talk, they were lined up to see how they could help. In 2017, Habitat Collier built its 2,000th home, becoming only the second U.S. Habitat for Humanity chapter to reach that milestone.

WORST - Hurricane Irma

This pick was a no-brainer. Irma wreaked havoc on Southwest Florida — indeed, on all of Florida — like nothing else we have seen in a long time. Scoring a direct hit, the Category 4 storm caught Collier officials off guard and led to destruction and anguish on a massive scale. Statewide, Irma caused \$6.6 billion in insured-property damage and \$2.5 billion in crop losses. And this doesn't begin to count the tens of billions not covered by insurance and the crippling costs, mostly unbudgeted, borne by counties and municipalities throughout the Sunshine State. It's said this was a once-in-a-lifetime storm. Let's hope so.



BEST - Greater Naples is top of the heap

Still a pretty good place to live? You bet. Awards and recognition continue to pour in: No. 1 in the country in well-being and per-capita income. No. 4 in the U.S. in job growth. No. 3 among great places to retire. America's least polluted city, tops in clean air and clean water. And it's not just greater Naples. Areas to the north and south got similar accolades. Bottom line? On balance and in spite of Hurricane Irma, we fared pretty well in 2017. The year was a glass half-full. With benign weather and a halfway decent performance in Tallahassee, we should do even better in 2018. ■

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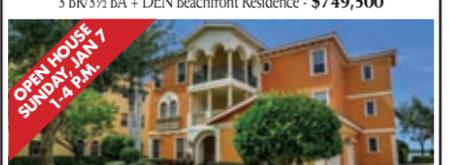
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*How to dislodge
and move forward
when decision
makers are at
a stalemate*



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POLARIZATION IS A COMMON problem for companies trying to make smart and agile strategic decisions. (Hint: That should be all companies.)

When people band together with likeminded teammates, it's human nature for them to get more and more entrenched in their mindset. The result is two opposing camps, each seeking a decision that's more extreme than the original ideas of individual

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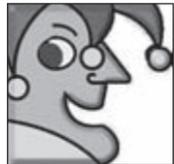
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Go Against the Crowd

One of the best ways to make money in stocks is to be a "contrarian" investor, going against the crowd. Superinvestor Warren Buffett would likely agree, having said, "I like to be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful."

That's much easier said than done, though. When the market is undergoing one of its occasional crashes and gobs of investors are selling shares in a panic (thereby pushing stock prices even lower), it takes a lot of discipline to hang on to your holdings. It takes an even stronger stomach to buy shares of stocks that others are selling — but that's often the best time to do so, as you can buy into great companies at depressed prices.

Meanwhile, when the market has been booming and many people are seeing great gains in their stocks, it's often a bad time to buy, as shares may have been bid up to overvalued levels and they may be due to retract a little soon.

Remember the old investing adage: "Buy low, sell high." It seems like common sense, but it can still be hard to

do, and many people who succumb to their emotions end up buying high and selling low — a recipe for disappointing results.

When many investors turn away from a company, that could be an ideal time to consider buying shares. Plenty of great companies fall on temporarily tough times. Just be sure to research the situation thoroughly and determine whether its problems seem likely to be short-term instead of long-term.

It can also be effective to keep a chunk of your money on the sidelines, waiting for a great opportunity or two. Buffett, for example, talks about waiting for "fat pitches" to swing at. If you're patient, you can find some great companies on sale occasionally, and the lower the valuation, the greater the margin of safety.

Take time to learn more about investing and to think for yourself. Check out books by Peter Lynch, or John Bogle's "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing" (Wiley, \$25). ■



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1902, when a "Golden Rule" store was opened in Kemmerer, Wyoming. Some 12 years later, I launched the private-label Marathon Hats brand, followed later by Gaymode hosiery, Silver Moon lingerie, Big Mac work clothes and Towncraft menswear. I went public a week before the stock market crash in 1929. In 1963 I launched my first catalog. Today I'm a major apparel and home furnishings

retailer, with about 875 stores nationwide. I have more than 2,500 suppliers, employ more than 100,000 people and rake in more than \$12 billion annually. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Just Consider It

With its relatively low risk profile and a track record of dividend growth, Nike (NYSE: NKE) is a smart growth stock to consider.

The company's stock price has stagnated amid weak retail sector results, but there's much to remain optimistic about. Direct-to-consumer selling, an ongoing program to buy back shares and a cost-cutting initiative should give the company some near-term earnings momentum, while its biggest growth drivers will likely come from international markets such as China and Western Europe. In China alone, there are 400 million people active in sports and exercise today, and Nike believes that the Chinese market will eventually expand to become more than 10 times the size of Nike's North

American consumer base.

Nike's dividend recently yielded 1.2 percent. That might not look like much, but Nike has increased its dividend annually for 16 years and has boosted its payout at an average annual rate of 15 percent over the last five years and 13 percent over the last decade. As it recently paid out just 32 percent of its earnings in dividends, there's still plenty of room for further substantial increases down the line.

Nike's time-tested brand and unmatched supply chain network form a defensive moat that should help it capture growth in the apparel industry. It's worth a closer look for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Nike.) ■

My Dumbest Investment

Rite Aid or Wrong Aid?

My dumbest investment was buying into shares of Rite Aid in 2002, right before its former CEO and several other former and current employees were indicted for fraud.

— T.F., online

The Fool Responds: That was an ugly chapter in Rite Aid's history, with six former executives pleading guilty or being convicted of financial crimes, and five of them ending up in prison. It also resulted in the company having to restate \$1.6 billion in earnings on its financial statement — the largest restatement ever, at the time.

In 1999, Rite Aid briefly topped \$50 per share, while a year later, shares traded in the low teens. They were around \$2 per share by the time you bought. People often assume that stocks that have crashed can't fall any further and must be bargains, but Rite Aid is just one example of how that thinking is wrongheaded. Shares did rise and fall, but ultimately dropped to \$0.20 per share and recently were near \$1.80.

The stock may end up rewarding its believers, but it remains risky. The company has long struggled, carrying a lot of debt, not growing quickly and facing tough competition. It recently sold more than 1,900 stores to Walgreen Boots Alliance for \$4.4 billion, which will help it pay off debt. That leaves Rite Aid smaller but stronger, though it still faces challenges — such as Amazon looking to enter the pharmacy market. ■

Last week's trivia answer

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 million 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? (Answer: Bristol-Myers Squibb) ■



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Ask the Fool

A Taxing Problem

Q What should I do if I don't have the money to pay my taxes this year?

— G.N., Opelika, Alabama

A First, understand that even if you can't pay a penny, you need to file your return on time. Failing to do so will result in penalties. So file that return — and pay as much as you can, as that will minimize any penalties or interest charges.

When it comes to an inability to pay, you do have some options, which you can discuss with the IRS itself by calling 800-829-1040. The IRS may be able to offer you a brief extension, a payment installment plan or an "offer in compromise," where it gives you the chance to settle your obligation by paying less than you originally owed. The IRS may even be able to waive any penalties, though you will still owe any interest accrued.

If you're thinking of solving your problem by charging your taxes to a credit card, think again if that debt is going to remain unpaid for a long while, racking up interest charges at perhaps 20 percent or more annually. (Credit card service providers will also charge you a "convenience" fee, which can be rather inconvenient.) A bank loan might be better, possibly charging you less than the IRS' interest and penalties.

Don't ignore your taxes, as that could lead the IRS to take collection action.

Q When changing brokerages, can I have my entire portfolio transferred to the new brokerage without having to sell anything and without generating any taxable gains?

— T.W., Essexville, Michigan

A Yup. Your new brokerage will likely be able to help you switch seamlessly. No selling or taxable gains need be involved. ■

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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 Mooring 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 for a program titled "Your Company's Advertising Strategy." Amy Oshier of the Naples Daily News moderates the discussion with panelists LaShaun Collier of the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, Jaclynn Faffer of Jewish Family & Community Services and Trish Leonard of TLC Marketing & Creative Services. \$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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STALEMATE

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team members. This is a predictable outcome of group decision-making dynamics. Unfortunately, says Amanda Setili, it can be a highly destructive one.

“What often happens in group decision making is that two extreme options rise to the top and are forced into a yes-or-no framework,” says Ms. Setili, author of “Fearless Growth: The New Rules to Stay Competitive, Foster Innovation and Dominate Your Markets.”

When that happens, she adds, alternate options — which many team members might actually prefer — are left off the table. And because neither camp will give an inch, the CEO might have to step in and make the final call.

“The result is a decision not many people really like, a CEO who blames the team for indecisiveness, and behind-the-scenes grumbling that the CEO is playing favorites or behaving like a dictator,” she says. “In situations like this, no one wins.”

Consider this typical example:

Jill, president of a company that had created a new “smart home” thermostat, was at a crossroads. Over the past year, her company had conducted tests of a direct-to-consumer sales approach in three geographic markets. The tests showed that given sufficient investment, her company could supplement its current sales to DIY retailers and local HVAC companies by selling direct to homeowners. Now was the time to expand the program nationally — but the team had reached a stalemate over whether this investment was wise.

Members of the team fell into two camps, each side adamant about its position.

Those in the “go” camp felt that selling direct to consumers was essential in order for the company to reach its growth goals. They asserted that there were vast numbers of homeowners who would purchase and install their own smart thermostats if they understood how easy it could be and were provided with clear instructions.

Those in the “no-go” camp felt that selling direct to consumers would kill the company. “It’s too risky,” they insisted. “If we go direct, DIY retailers and HVAC services companies will drop us as a supplier — they’d rather carry a product that they alone can supply.” The “no-go” camp also feared the company didn’t have the skills or deep pockets needed to succeed in the direct-to-consumer business.

Jill’s team wrestled with this go/no-go decision for more than six months, with zero progress. Each camp dug deep trenches, accumulating more evidence that their point of view was correct. Jill saw risks on both sides, but knew that whatever path forward the company chose, gaining the full commitment of her team — the leaders of sales, marketing, manufacturing, finance, human resources and legal — was crucial for success.

Six steps to end a stalemate

So, what happens next?

Ideally, Ms. Setili says, in a stalemate situation like this, the leader should take six key actions:

1. Set clear objectives – As a first step to resolving the impasse, Jill got her team together to agree on objectives. After a full afternoon of healthy debate, the team agreed that within two years, it was essential that they achieve 20 percent market share. It would be nice, they also agreed, if they could retain at least the current level of sales with the DIY retailers and HVAC services companies and maintain at least 10 percent

net profits.

2. Develop several alternatives – A week later, the group gathered again to discuss alternative approaches to meeting their agreed-upon objectives. Members of both camps were surprised at the breadth of options the team identified. Over the past several months, each side had become so entrenched in its own point of view neither had realized how much middle ground existed.

After several hours of brainstorming and heated discussion, the group had developed four distinct alternatives for how to proceed. The options varied in terms of the partners they would enlist, the way they would engage the HVAC services companies and how the company would manage logistics to supply each local market.

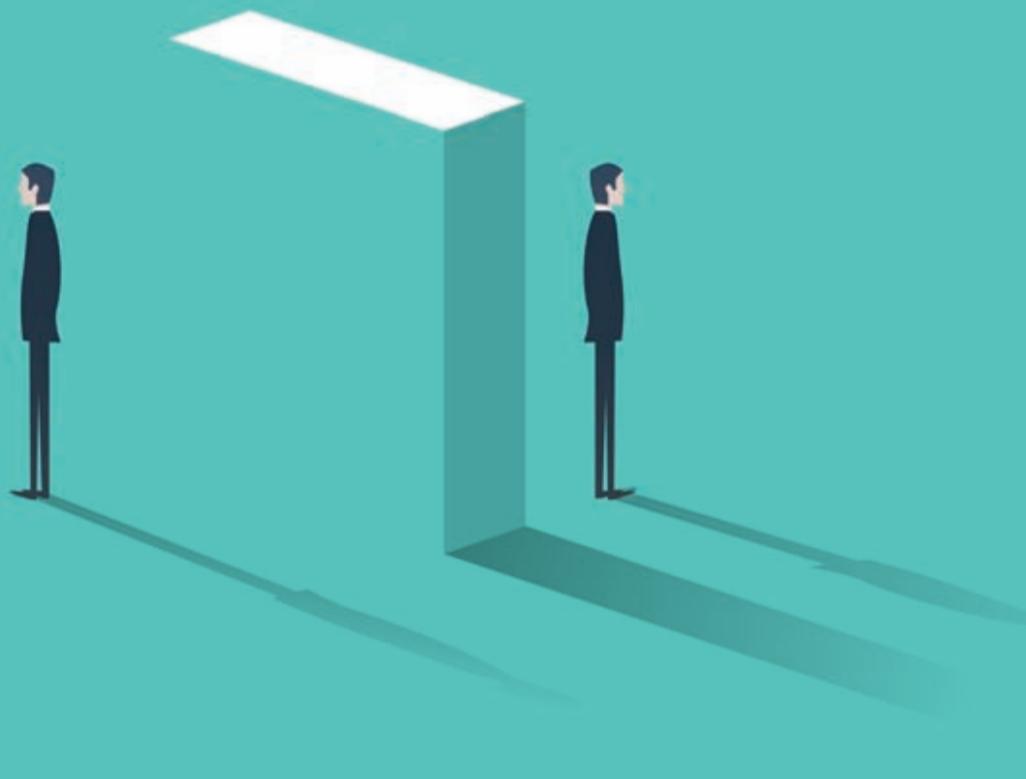
3. Address each camp’s specific concerns

– As you are evaluating the pros and cons of the different strategic alternatives, it is crucial to address each side’s concerns. Jill asked a lot of questions and paid attention to both the facts and the emotions each team member expressed.

For example, Steve, the head of sales, had spent years building relationships with the leading HVAC service companies in each local market and with retailers. These people were not only business partners, they were friends. He felt strongly that if the company were to sell direct to consumers, it must find a way to partner with these sales channels to make them successful. Chris, who ran manufacturing and logistics, was most concerned about how the company would manage thousands of individual shipments to consumers. And

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— Amanda Setili, author



Dana, who managed marketing, wanted a commitment from the board to maintain the marketing budget at a robust level, even if it took many months for direct-to-consumer sales to take off.

Jill made sure that any plan the team came up with addressed concerns such as those Steve, Chris and Dana expressed.

4. Choose a path forward, then adjust course as you gain knowledge

– The most common cause of stalemates is uncertainty about what the future will bring. And the best way to get facts to address these unknowns is to test the waters.

Jill’s team decided to collaborate with several HVAC services companies and experiment with different ways of enlisting them as partners.

Stocking local inventory, performing particularly tricky installations and taking tech support calls were among the ways that HVAC services companies could potentially contribute.

The “no-go” camp was surprised to learn that the HVAC suppliers actually liked the new direct-to-consumer approach, because it enabled them to attract new customers for profitable maintenance contracts.

5. Manage the risks as you implement – Jill assigned one person on her team to manage each of the risks related to the direct-to-consumer approach. For example, Steve, the head of sales, worked with HVAC services companies to make sure their needs were met. Chris was in charge of managing inventory and shipments, and was measured on customer-service metrics related to

delivery. Dana embarked on a process to build the brand online and was held accountable for marketing metrics, such as marketing cost per completed direct-to-consumer sale. Because each risk was explicitly managed, the team was able to press forward with tremendous speed and coordination.

6. Recognize both small and large wins on the path to success

–When pursuing a new strategic path, it’s essential that the CEO recognize and celebrate small wins. Jill made sure to celebrate even the small signs of progress each week, such as upticks in direct-to-consumer sales or favorable reviews online. This kept the energy high and helped the team stay cohesive as they navigated the bumps on the road to success.

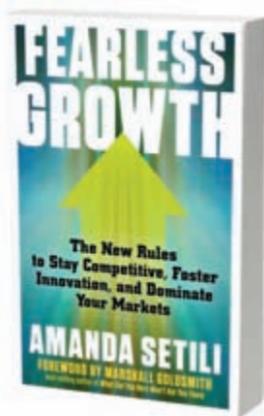
Whatever you do, Ms. Setili warns, don’t let the polarization problem stop your company from pursuing bold growth strategies.

“In our age of disruption, you must be agile and courageous,” she stresses. “Letting fear and indecision slow you down is a huge mistake. In fact, it can be your death knell.”

“Today’s business climate rewards fast innovation and adaptability. Leaders who understand how to unleash employee creativity and build a culture of trust can help teams break stalemates and move ahead fearlessly.” ■

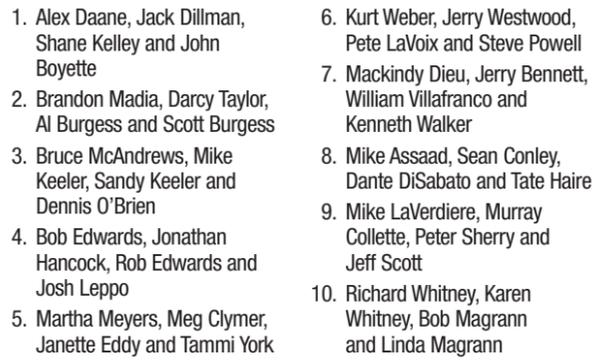
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Session times and dates are 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31; 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1; and 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 2. All sessions take place at the Moran Edwards office, 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd. Attendance is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Call

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NAR predicts home sales, price growth will slow down

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NAR's pending homes sales index, an indicator based on contract signings, rose 0.2 percent to 109.5 in November from 109.3 in October. As of press time Dec. 28, the index remains at its highest reading since June (110.0) and is 0.8 percent above a year ago.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said contract signings mustered a small gain in November and were up annually for the first time since June. "However, new buyers coming into the market are finding out quickly that their options are limited and competition is robust," he said.

One of the biggest questions about the year ahead is whether the depressed levels of available supply can improve enough to slow price growth and make buying a home more affordable. While November's boost in existing-home sales was noteworthy, it did come with some concerns. Sales prices were up 5.8 percent — more than double wage growth — and the 3.4-month supply of homes on the market was the lowest since NAR began tracking in 1999.

"The strengthening economy, and expectation that more Millennials will want to buy, serve as promising signs for solid home-buying demand for 2018, while also putting additional pressure on inventory levels and affordability," Mr. Yun said. "Markets with high home prices and property taxes will likely feel some impact from the reduced tax benefits of owning a home."

His end-of-year forecast was that existing-home sales would finish 2017 at around 5.54 million, which is an increase of 1.7 percent from 2016 (5.45 million), and that the national median existing-home price would reflect an increase of around 6 percent for the year.

In 2018, Mr. Yun anticipates essentially no change (a decline of 0.4 percent) in exist-

ing sales (5.52 million), and price growth to moderate to around 2 percent.

The NAR pending home sales index in the Northeast jumped 4.1 percent to 98.9 in November, and at press time was 1.1 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index rose 0.4 percent to 105.8 in November, and was 0.8 percent higher than November 2016.

Pending home sales in the South decreased 0.4 percent to an index of 123.1 in November but were still 2.5 percent higher than last November. The index in the West declined 1.8 percent in November to 100.4, and at press time were 2.3 percent below a year ago.

See the full NAR pending home sales index at www.nar.realtor/pending-home-sales. ■

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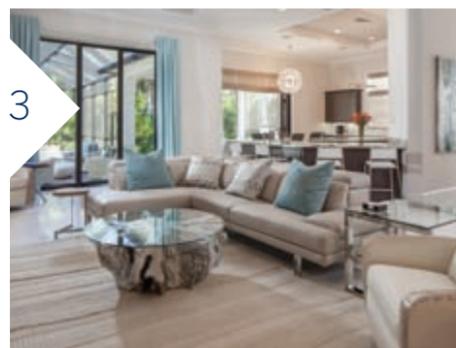
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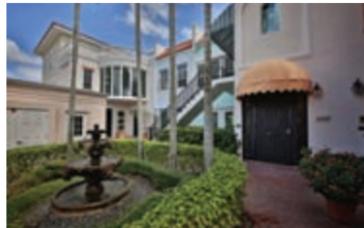
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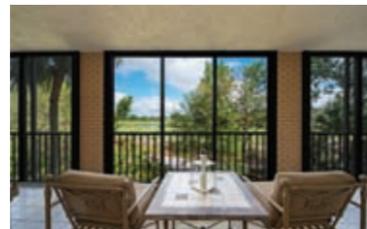
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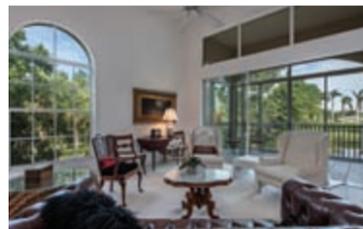
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Naples Square continues to captivate homebuyers in 2017

The Ronto Group's Naples Square community continued to captivate luxury homebuyers in 2017. Naples Square is being developed by Ronto at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples and will include 300 residences in four buildings at build-out. The community's walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. The walkable lifestyle and availability of one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces have transformed the way people live in downtown.

Ronto completed construction of 73 Naples Square Phase II residences in 2017 with 71 closed sales worth \$66 million. Three furnished designer-decorated Phase II models are open for viewing with a sales associate. Just two completed Phase II residences remain available for purchase. The remaining Phase II residences showcase Ronto's Denison and Franklin floor plans. The Phase II Denison plan offers 2,554 square feet of living space, including 2,264 square feet under air and a 290 square foot balcony. The plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen with counter height bar seating, and a wraparound balcony accessed from the family room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony, walk-in closets, and a bath with separate vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. The remaining Phase II Denison residence is priced at \$1,107,300.

The two-story Phase II Franklin floor plan offers 3,378 square feet, including 2,857 square feet under air, a 196-square foot private balcony, and a private oversized one-car garage accessed from the residence. The plan features three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a living room with a two-story ceiling and double-stacked windows, a dining room, an island kitchen, and a second floor with a 330-square foot flex room, the owner's suite, a guest suite, a laundry room, and a glass tube elevator. A glass enclosed shower, soaking tub, and separate vanities are included in the master bath. Priced at \$1,449,670, the remaining Franklin residence features upgraded finishes, including Sheer Glow 24 x 24-inch porcelain tile flooring in the first floor living areas, on the staircase, and in the upstairs loft; level 3 Frosty White Shaker-style cabinetry, level 3 Cloud Nine Pompei Quartz countertops, a drawer microwave in the island, and a KitchenAid vent hood over the cooktop in the kitchen; a Pneumatic Vacuum elevator with an anodized silver finish; and a powder coated aluminum staircase railing with 3/16-inch stainless steel cables.

Ronto broke ground on the construction of Naples Square's Phase III building in 2017. Phase III will include 77 residences. Purchase agreements worth \$42.5 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, open-air terraces, and designer kitchens with an enhanced appliance package. Leasebacks are available to purchasers of the three furnished models that are included in the Phase III offering. The Phase III floor plans offer newly designed, enlarged, and re-named iterations of the Phase I residences. Two of the Phase III floor plans, the Dorset and Emerson plans, have sold out, and just nine of the 19 residences featuring the Dover floor plan remain available.



Above: The award-winning Ronto Group's Naples Square community continued to captivate luxury homebuyers intent on living a walkable, bikeable lifestyle in downtown Naples in 2017. Right: Base-priced at \$845,000, Naples Square's 1,698 square feet under air two-bedroom plus den Phase III Biltmore floor plan offers an ideal pied-a-terre and reflects the enhanced Phase III space sequences. Bottom: Based on the 2,264 square feet Phase I Denison plan, Naples Square's Phase III Dover floor plan offers 2,375 square feet of living space, an increase of 111 square feet. Just nine of the 19 Phase III Dover residences remain available.

Phase III purchasers will be able to select finishes for their new homes through the Finishing Touches Program being facilitated by the project's general contractor, BCBE Construction, LLC, in a gallery building on the southern end of the Naples Square site. The homeowner's interior designer is welcomed to join in the process.

Phase III standard finishes will include rectified-edge porcelain tile flooring in the living areas, the kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry room in sizes up to 24 by 24-inches. The open-air terraces will be finished with tile flooring. Each residence will have 8-foot sliding glass doors and exterior doors and 8-foot solid-core interior doors with contemporary, lever-style door hardware. The residences will also feature smooth walls with finish paint, ventilated wood shelving in the bedroom, linen, and pantry closets, recessed lighting in the kitchen and baths, voice and data lines, Decora rocker switches, and a fire protection sprinkler system. The laundry room will include a Whirlpool Duet front load washer and dryer. The high-efficiency variable speed fan air-conditioning system will feature a programmable thermostat.

Naples Square's Phase III residents will enjoy a re-designed courtyard amenity deck with an enlarged pool deck and a 780-square foot pool that is 29% larger than the pools included in the Phase I and Phase II buildings. A club room and a terrace will open to the pool area and include a bar, large screen television, a billiards room, and a furnished fire pit area. Other amenities include a fitness center, under-building parking, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage.

Ronto is planning 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. Gulf-



shore Playhouse finalized its purchase of a three-acre tract on the northern end of Naples Square in 2017 and plans to build a multimillion-dollar 56,000 square-foot complex that will include

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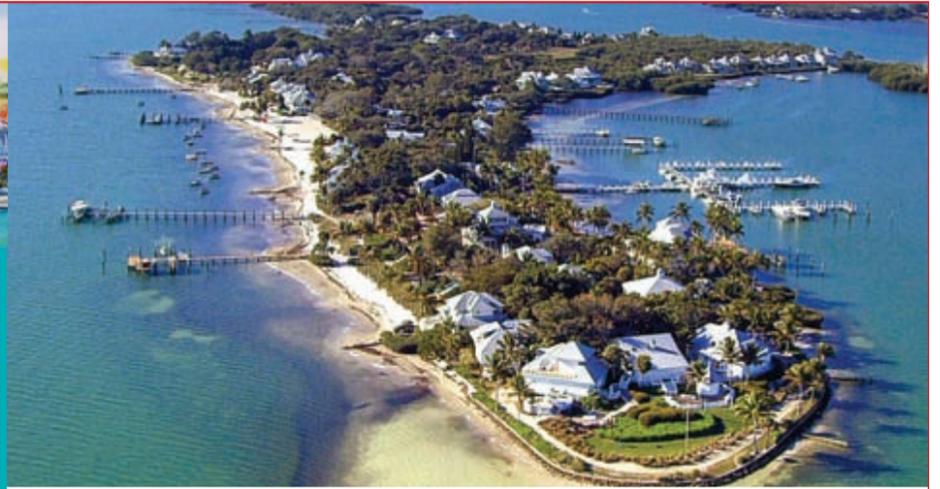
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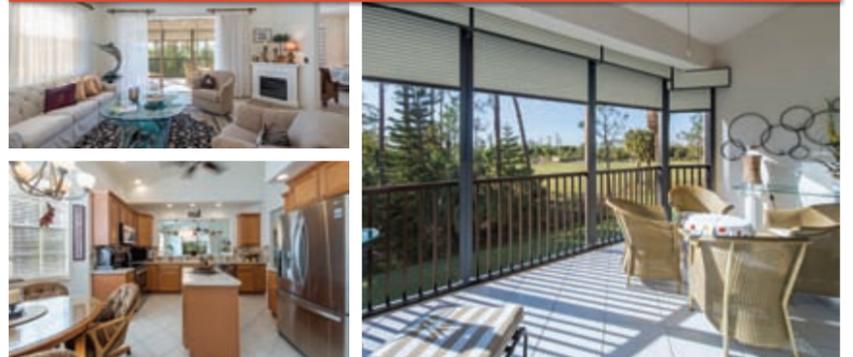
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The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities is an award-winning master-planned community inspired by nature, informed by historic references to the classic southern coastal architecture of Old Naples, and designed to accommodate an active lifestyle that is connected to nature.

Just four miles east of downtown Naples, The Isles of Collier Preserve provides residents with a stunningly beautiful private world bordered by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden and Dollar Bay. More than 1,300 acres of the community's 2,400 acres are dedicated to natural habitat and nature preserves connected by a network of recreational trails, nature observation stations, bike paths and waterways for kayaking.

Residents and visitors enter The Isles of Collier Preserve through a gatehouse archway distinguished by a reflecting pool. Next stop for visitors...the Discovery Sales Center, described as more nature center than sales center. A "Neighbors Room" presents displays on neighbors Rookery Bay Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden, and Conservancy of Southwest Florida, among others. A rustic boardwalk encircles a recreated cypress wetland and 14' cypress tree replica. Visitors can take a virtual tour at interactive stations, take an eco-friendly electric boat ride or explore via Minto-provided bicycles or kayaks.

■ World-class amenities inspired by Collier history

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

■ Home choices to meet every lifestyle

Minto offers a selection of 43 innovative, energy-efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve that complement their spectacular natural surroundings and present a contemporary interpretation of classic Florida coastal home styles. Selections include coach homes, villas and single-family homes ranging from the mid-\$300s to more than \$1.5 million.

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

■ Visit 16 furnished models

Sixteen furnished models include nine single-family homes, four one-story villas, and three award-winning coach homes. Single-family homes range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air, and are priced from the high-\$400s to over \$1.5 million. Designed for entertaining, homes feature gourmet kitchens with large seating and serving



Above: The Isles Club resort-style pool, lap pool, shaded cabanas and sandy beach area provide the ultimate environment for relaxation and socializing. The Isles of Collier Preserve is an award-winning master-planned community. Available coach homes offering up to \$60,000 incentive. Left: Available single-family and villa homes offering up to \$50,000 incentive.

including the 2016 Best in American Living Award for "Best Mixed Community", the 2017 Nationals Award for "Best Clubhouse", and the 2017 Best in American Living Award for "Best Community Facility".

The Isles of Collier Preserve also received the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year from the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC), the largest building industry trade show in the southeast, and the Community of the Year award at the Collier Building Industry Association 2016 Sand Dollar Awards.

Minto developed The Isles of Collier Preserve using its own funding sources, electing not to utilize Community Development District (CDD) funds, and saving homeowners at The Isles of Collier Preserve thousands of dollars in annual assessments.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit MintoUSA.com. ■

islands, open floor plans, private guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with nature and water views.

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-\$400s to \$600s. All include two-car garages. Two-and-three-story coach homes also include private elevators. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto's distinctive luxury touches.

Villas range from 1,565 square feet under air to 1,862 square feet under air, and are priced from the mid-\$300s. Villa homes include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garage.

■ An award-winning master planned community

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB),

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ADVERTORIAL

Babcock Ranch model homes showcase the hometown lifestyle

When you visit the 15 fully furnished model homes of Babcock Ranch, you see more than just beautiful designs: You experience the heartbeat of this new hometown.

Created by the solar-powered town's seven homebuilders to meet and even exceed Florida Green Building standards, the homes showcase the front-porch lifestyle of Babcock Ranch that brings neighbors together – and builds lifelong friendships.

It's that hometown feel that first-time visitors experience while touring the single-family models: A true sense of place and community envisioned by Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners.

"We like to say there are no strangers at Babcock Ranch – just a neighbor you haven't met yet," Kitson said.

"Our builders have done a wonderful job bringing the town's vision to life, including embracing our architectural standards to bring back the front-porch lifestyle. Everything about Babcock Ranch focuses on 'home' and the social fabric of a close-knit community."

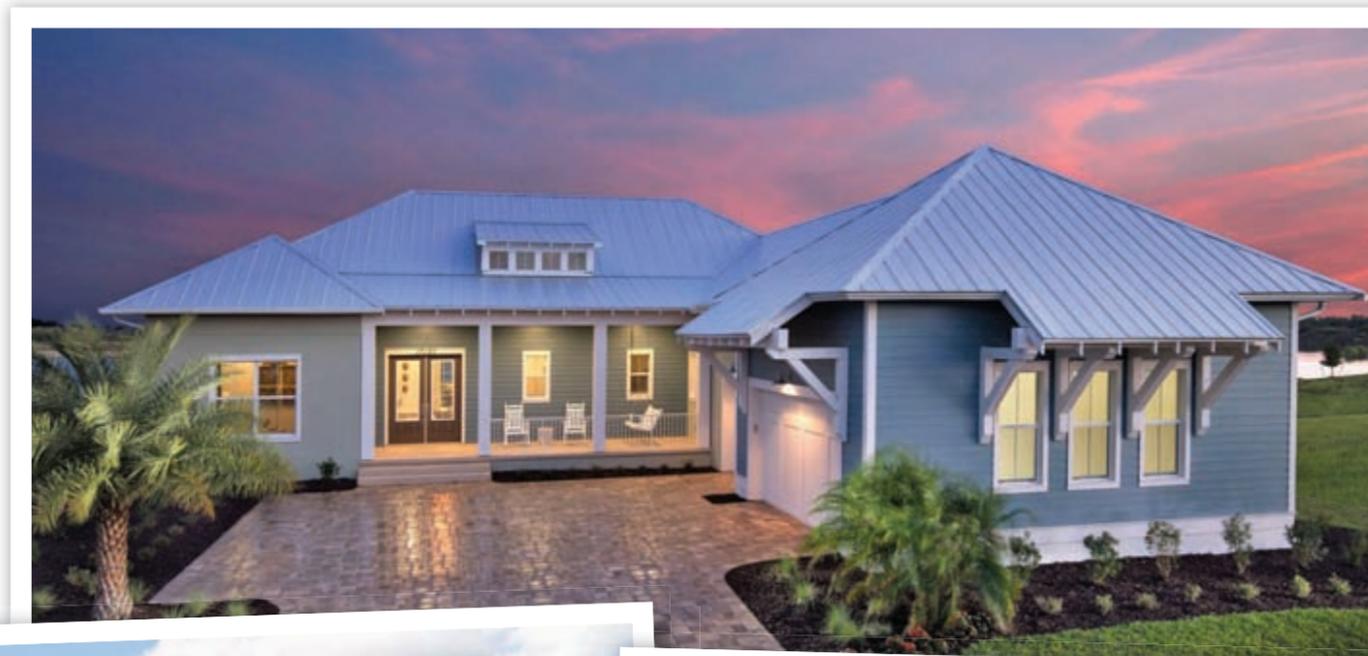
Nestled between three large lakes in the Lake Timber neighborhood, the models showcase panoramic water views brush up against Sunset Park or the Lakehouse at Lake Timber, a unique amenity center exclusively for residents. The neighborhood links to lakefront boardwalks and trails and is within walking distance to Founder's Square, the heart of the downtown district that offers farm-to-table fare and craft beer at Table & Tap, fresh produce at Slater's Goods & Provisions, ice cream and espresso at Square Scoops Coffee & Creamery, and bicycle and kayak rentals at Curry Creek Outfitters.

Founder's Square also has the Babcock Neighborhood School, an expansive health and wellness center, and the lakefront bandshell for concerts, festivals and even exercise classes.

The town's 15 fully furnished model homes appeal to young families, empty nesters and retirees alike, with floor plans offering two to four bedrooms, 1,500 to more than 4,000 square feet of living space, welcoming front porches, great rooms for gathering with friends and neighbors, bonus rooms, large outdoor living spaces, and architecture that nods to Southwest Florida's historic vernaculars in one- and two-story designs.

Homes boast a gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity, offering lightning-fast downloads and internet capabilities. Powered by the sun – courtesy of the 440-acre FPL Babcock Ranch Solar Energy Center – the traditional and custom single-family homes and cottages of Lake Timber are base priced from \$343,000 to \$750,000.

Castle Harbour Homes created new floor plans for the Lake Timber neighborhood, naming each after a Florida fortress and offering options to expand kitchens and add rooms. The builder's three floor plans feature three and four bedrooms, 3,500 to 4,000 square feet of living space and ranch- and Spanish-style architecture on the banks of Lake Timber and Lake Bullhorn. Models under construction will feature interior



Top: The Crystal model by Stock Classic Homes provides an open concept floor plan that provides a relaxed feel for entertaining friends and family. Above Left: The fully furnished Lauren model by Florida Lifestyle Homes offers picturesque views overlooking Lake Timber. Above Right: Homes by Towne's Jade model offers 2,441 square feet and features interior design by John Fleming of Sarasota-based Model Home Group. Left: Fox Premier Builders captures the quintessential cottage lifestyle in its four model homes with large front porches and 1,500 to 2,500 square feet of living space. Below: A walkable downtown, with shops, restaurants and outdoor seating, is at the heart of Babcock Ranch.

including bold red and yellow furniture and accents on the Sterling's large front porch – speak to the sense of place so essential in this new hometown.

Stock Classic

Homes offers five furnished models with three and four bedrooms, 2,676 to 3,744 square feet and plan-specific features such as studies, three-car garages, formal dining rooms, second floors and large alfresco living areas. The models, perched along either Lake Timber or Lake Bullhorn, also showcase the work of five interior design firms – Clive Daniel Home, Norris Furniture & Interiors, Builders Design, Pizzazz Interiors and Soco Interiors.

Pulte Homes and Lennar, national homebuilders and recent additions to the Babcock Ranch family, have started construction on new models that will open for viewing beginning in the first quarter of 2018.

Lennar is building a mix of twin villas and single-family homes in Babcock Ranch's second neighborhood, Trail's Edge. The builder's 14 floor plans offer two to six bedrooms, one- and two-story designs and 1,417 to over 3,800 square feet. The largest home features a "Next Gen" home-within-a-home designed as

design by Lori Manning Designs.

Florida Lifestyle Homes, a custom builder at Babcock Ranch, has two completed models offering bonus rooms and second-floor lofts that demonstrate the many options available to customize each floor plan. The Lauren overlooks Lake Timber, while The Taylor is nestled against the natural landscape of Sunset Park.

Fox Premier Builders captures the quintessential cottage lifestyle in its four model homes with large front porches and 1,500 to 2,500 square feet of living space. One design features rafters and beams inside and out with a large second-floor loft. All Fox homes offer a one-car garage with options for a second car.

Homes by Towne's four completed models feature two and three bedrooms, 1,955 to 2,660 square feet, and architecture that spans from craftsman and farmhouse to coastal and West Indies. Interior design by John Fleming of Sarasota-based Model Home Group –

a guesthouse for a live-in nanny or mother-in-law suite, with a private bedroom, full bath, living room, kitchenette and one-car garage. Lennar's floor plans are priced starting at \$185,999.

Pulte is constructing move-in-ready inventory homes in Lake Timber with alley-loading garages, open great room floor plans and an emphasis on outdoor living. Homes have three and four bedrooms and 1,758 to 3,293 square feet of living space. Pulte also is building in the new Parkside neighborhood, just east of Founder's Square, where it will offer several model homes expected to open beginning in April. Pulte's homes are priced starting at \$217,990.

"Touring Babcock Ranch's model homes provides a true understanding of the town's lifestyle," said Kitson.

"We like to encourage folks to make a day of it, soak in the ambience of downtown, enjoy lunch at Table & Tap, and rent a bike to visit the models as well as our trail system," he said. "Babcock Ranch is designed for getting around town without a car. Get on a bike or walk, and you will really experience the essence of this special community."

For more information about the homes and lifestyle of this groundbreaking new hometown, located just northeast of Fort Myers off of State Road 31, visit the Discovery Center at 42850 Crescent Loop in Babcock Ranch, call 877-709-6620, or visit us online at www.BabcockRanch.com. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Spectacular rooftop amenities completed at Kalea Bay

Community's clubhouse also set to open



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 shortly 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 2017. 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,

Above: Many of the rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower are completed, including the pool and furnished sun deck. Right: Dramatic views of the Gulf of Mexico and several nature preserves can be seen daily from Kalea Bay's unique perspective. Below Right: 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.

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.

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. ■



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED LISTINGS

OPEN HOUSES ARE SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018



BRITTANY AT PARK SHORE \$2,795,000

4021 Gulf Shore Blvd N #905 - Sensational beachfront residence encompassing over 3,000 sq. ft. of living area, 3 full bedroom suites, den and morning room plus 4 full baths, all with neutral background. 3+Den/4 (C13985) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



BONITA BAY \$2,349,000

4851 Bonita Bay Blvd #404 - Elegant 4th-floor end unit with panoramic views of Estero Bay. Expansive family room, open floor space. Gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, gas cooking. 3+Den/3.5 (C13897) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



BONITA BAY \$2,295,000

4851 Bonita Bay Blvd #2202 - Stunning designer showcase model with captivating sunrises and sunsets. This unit definitely has the wow as you step off your private elevator. A must see unit! 3+Den/3 (C13585) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



BONITA BAY \$1,858,000

4851 Bonita Bay Blvd #303 - Fantastic, contemporary sky home in Tavira with wine bar, extended living area, screened lanai opens to private outdoor deck for entertaining guests or relaxing. 3/3 (C13519) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



NAPLES CAY \$1,320,000

40 Seagate Dr #502-A - Enjoy Gulf views from your dream beachfront vacation home. Beautiful resort-style ambiance and accommodations. Renters in residence, call listing agent for appt. 3/2 (C14212) Josie Mennini, 398.3643



VINEYARDS \$1,295,000

621 Shoreline Dr - Supersize estate home with in-law suite, 5 bedrooms plus lots of extra space, 3-car garage, cabana with kitchen by pool. 4,728 SF on lake in beautiful Wedgewood hamlet. 5+Den/4.5 (H12367) The Dusek Team, 564.6137



VINEYARDS \$1,185,000

5695 Sago Ct - Gatsby would build it for Daisy. This 3,697 sq. ft. lakeside estate home has everything for luxurious indoor living. Original Hammock Isles model. 4+Den/4.5 (H12242) The Dusek Team, 239.564.6137



BAREFOOT BEACH \$1,175,000

269 Barefoot Beach Blvd #303 - Bright and spacious condo located on Gulf with panoramic water views. Freshly painted with newer stainless steel appliances and storm shutters. 3/2 (C14041) Jim Scartz, 877.9726



PARK SHORE \$1,100,000

504 Turtle Hatch Ln - Location, location, location. Park Shore corner lot. Fabulous floor plan ready for you to update or build your new dream home. Occupied, call for private viewing. 3/2 (H12392) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



JAMAICA TOWERS/MOORINGS \$899,000

2885 Gulf Shore Blvd N #702 - Listen to the surf while you sleep, direct west views, 7th floor, quiet stretch of the beach, pool Gulfside, handsome new tile plank flooring. 2/2 (C14101) Michelle Paradis, 293.8844, Mari Ann Cundall, 300.1271



BONITA BAY \$885,000

3269 Montara Dr S - Imagine entertaining around your large screened pool and waterfall with covered patio. Spacious detached villa on two lots. Newer kitchen and baths! 3+Den/3.5 (V2526) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

BONITA BAY \$849,900

3330 Riviera Lakes Ct - Spectacular water and golf views! Villa home with easy maintenance. Pool/spa. Located in Bonita, offering a multitude of activities plus private beach on Gulf. 3/3 (H12359) Sharon Grabau, 910.4040



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VINEYARDS \$843,000

6604 Glen Arbor Way - Soak up the sun. This light and bright contemporary home is set in a prestigious hamlet. 50 ft. lap pool, open floor plan and soaring ceilings add to the modern feel. 3+Den/4.5 (H12455) The Dusek Team, 564.6137



CRESCENT AT PELICAN BAY \$820,000

8437 Abbingtion Cir #6-611 - First-floor lakefront Crescent carriage home. Courtyard outside the third bedroom, 9 ft. ceilings, glassed-in Florida room, single-car garage and spacious kitchen. 3/2 (C14069) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

KENSINGTON \$649,500

4727 Stratford Ct #2003 - Dazzling lake and golf course views. Over 2600 square feet plus attached two-car garage. In gated, private Kensington. 4/3 (C14240) Beth McNichols, 821.3304



THE STRAND \$627,000

6103 Fairway Ct - Exceptional golf course view! Beautifully updated kitchen, granite and stainless. Open great room floor plan, custom closets, paved pool deck, built-in grill. 3+Den/3 (H12372) Barbara Salinas, 449.2733



HAMMOCK BAY \$599,000

1050 Borghese Ln #502 - Enjoy spectacular sunsets from this fabulous luxury high rise perfectly located just 2 miles to the Marco Island Bridge and 20 minutes to Naples 5th Avenue! 3/3.5 (C13969) Ellen Shapiro, 530.8210



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

ST. THOMAS AT PELICAN BAY \$579,000

6131 Pelican Bay Blvd #1-3 - Priced to sell quickly! Rarely offered at this price. Preferred location directly next to amenities and beach tram. Private club membership included with purchase. 2+Den/2 (C14269) Diana McCoy, 404.0793



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

PELICAN MARSH \$565,000

1610 Clermont Dr #1-103 - Beautiful condo that lives like a house!! Open air patio extends from screened lanai, 2.5-car attached garage, offered furnished. Not to be missed!! 3/2 (C14237) Susan Clune, 209.5699



INTERLACHEN/PELICAN BAY \$549,000

6770 Pelican Bay Blvd #225 - Updated 2nd floor end unit. Granite in kitchen, baths and dry bar, split bedroom, ample closet space, Glass-slider enclosed lanai. Walk to beach tram. Light and bright. 2/2 (C13734) Harry Stone, 207.8487



BIG CYPRESS \$545,000

79 Burning Tree Dr - Newly renovated three bedroom, two bathrooms home in the highly sought-after centrally located Big Cypress Golf and Country Club community. 3/2 (H12010) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



VERONA WALK \$539,000

8735 Ferrara Ct - Well maintained Oakmont with heated pool overlooks one of the widest lakes, scraped wood flooring, mirrored built-in, custom screen front enclosure and more. 3+Den/2 (H12543) Ellen Shapiro, 530.8210, Michael Shapiro, 331.0963



MOORINGS \$535,000

1910 Gulf Shore Blvd N #108 - Looking for a wide bay view just steps from the private Moorings Beach, boating, fishing, docks and direct Gulf access? Only 32 units with an incredible location. 2/2 (C13684) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

PELICAN MARSH \$535,000

1600 Clermont Dr #J-102 - Specular view!!! Open-air patio plus lanai, overlooking the Pelican Marsh golf course. 2-car attached garage. 1st-floor condo. A-plus maintained. 3/2 (C14196) Susan Clune, 209.5699



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VALENCIA AT PELICAN BAY \$529,900

6525 Valen Way #D-203 - Gorgeous courtyard and fountain views from sun-filled, updated condo. Granite kitchen counters, closed-in lanai with tempered glass sliders. Turnkey. JimScartz.com. 2/2 (C14067) Jim Scartz, 877.9726



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

PELICAN MARSH \$525,000

1610 Clermont Dr #1-301 - Beautiful! Southern exposure, 3rd floor, end unit with 14 ft. ceilings. Overlooks the Pelican Marsh Golf Course. Offered furnished, with a few exceptions. 3/2 (C14145) Susan Clune, 209.5699



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VALENCIA AT PELICAN BAY \$479,900

6525 Valen Way #D-304 - Well-maintained 3rd floor unit with fresh paint, newer appliances, carpeting, lighting and plumbing fixtures. Enjoy close proximity to beach tram. JimScartz.com. 2/2 (C13851) Jim Scartz, 877.9726



BONITA BAY \$425,000

4410 Riverwatch Dr #103 - Lovely coastal contemporary condo with long lake views. Freshly updated by Collins & Dupont. Turnkey furnished and ready for you! 3/2 (C14139) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VERONA WALK \$415,000

7545 Garibaldi Ct - Gorgeous home with ultimate private, park-like setting overlooking a long lake is located in Naples 2014 community of the year! 3+Den/2 (H12288) Ellen Shapiro, 530.8210



REGENT PARK \$369,900

3361 Arlette Dr - Exceptional lake view! Nicely upgraded with granite in kitchen and baths. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Freshly painted and new carpet. 3/2 (H12295) Barbara Salinas, 449.2733



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

STERLING OAKS \$364,000

15104 Sterling Oaks Drive - Impeccable villa home with all the upgrades and then some. Enjoy the Naples lifestyle in an amenity-rich community. Lake view, 2nd level bonus/family room. 3+Den/3 (V2562) Hope Moore, 449.2847



HAMMOCK BAY \$359,000

1065 Borghese Ln #705 - Enjoy spectacular sunsets from this fabulous luxury high rise with Gulf and Bay views. Ideally located around the corner from the JW Marriott Restaurant and Tiki Bar! 3/2 (C13968) Ellen Shapiro, 530.8210



MAPLEWOOD \$339,000

750 Crossfield Cir - The best view in Maplewood. Great value in this happy Dover plan. Sparkling lake view. Lots of tile, high ceilings, great location. Low fees. 3/2 (H12298) Michelle Paradis, 293.8844



FALLING WATERS NO. PRESERVE \$299,900

14550 Red Fox Run #410 - Impeccably maintained, spacious 2nd-floor condo overlooking lake and waterfall. Outdoor kitchen, electric storm shutters, workbench in garage. JimScartz.com. 2/2 (C13995) Jim Scartz, 877.9726

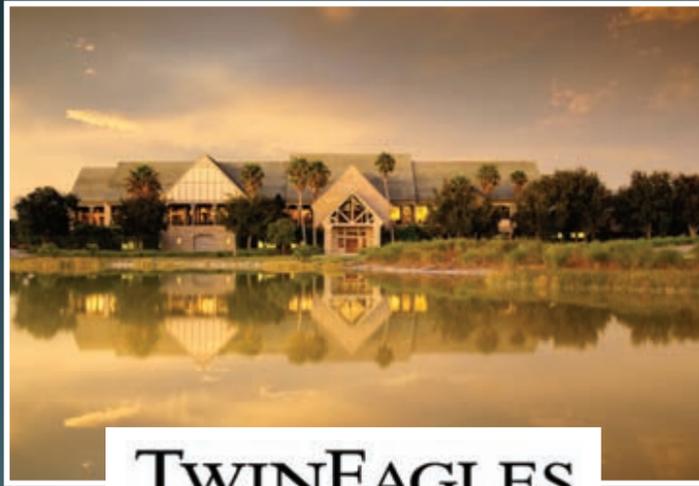


DIAMOND LAKE \$295,000

500 Diamond Cir #508 - Charming, light and bright, 2nd floor, end unit, attached garage with large lanai. Beautiful southern lake/fountain views. Low fees/gated. 3/2 (C14283) Lisa Johnson, 290.7854

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Local experts will share their insights into the Southwest Florida residential, land and commercial real estate sectors at The News-Press Market Watch 2018: "Focus on Real Estate" from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Germain Arena.

Presenters will be Denny Grimes, residential real estate expert and president of Denny Grimes & Company; Randy Thibaut, land sales and development expert and owner and founder of Land Solutions Inc.; and Stan Stouder, CCIM, commercial real estate expert and founding partner with CRE Consultants. Attendees will also receive a booklet with detailed market statistical information.

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Tickets are on sale now for \$50 general admission, \$600 for reserved premium placement tables for eight and \$750 for reserved tables of 10. Admission includes all presentations and a networking session. A cash bar will be available. Sign up at www.Market-Watch2018.com.



GRIMES

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 International 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.



BENSON

Chris Curran, director of preconstruction at DeAngelis Diamond, has been promoted to vice president of preconstruction and estimating. With 18 years of industry experience,



CURRAN

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.

Michael Pearson has been named lead estimator and project manager for the custom homebuilding division of Stock Development. Mr. Pearson will oversee pre-construction 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 Florida.



PEARSON

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 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



SCHNEIDER

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:

Naples Parkshore office: The Roboci Team, top listing producers team and top sales producers team; **Pamela Olsen**, top listings producer individual; and **Michael Way**, top sales producer individual.

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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.

Sanibel-Captiva office: The McMurray & Nette Team, top listings producers team and top sales producers team; **Andre Arensman** top listings producer individual; and **Cathy Rosario**, top sales producer individual.

Fort Myers office: The Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team, top listings producers team; **Patti Testa**, top listing producer individual; The Ricca-Mulino Team, top sales producers team; and **Toni Shoemaker**, top sales producer individual.

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vidual; and Koffman & Associates, top listings producers team.

Seagate Development Group has broken ground on its three-story Sabbia model home in the Sardinia community at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. One of just eight homes in Sardinia overlooking Lake Como, the model has five bedrooms plus a clubroom, six full bath-

rooms and two half-baths. There is 4,782 square feet under air and 9,329 total square feet. With designer furnishings and finishings, the Sabbia model will be available for \$4.65 million.

Residents of Sardinia will enjoy exclusive use of a private neighborhood boat dock, and all homes will have infinity-edge swimming pools, spas, sun decks and creative water features. Sardinia is the final neighborhood being built on The Peninsula at Miromar Lakes. For more information, stop by the sales gallery at 10160 Miromar Lakes Blvd., call 425-2340 or 877-809-9444 or visit www.miromarlakes.com. ■



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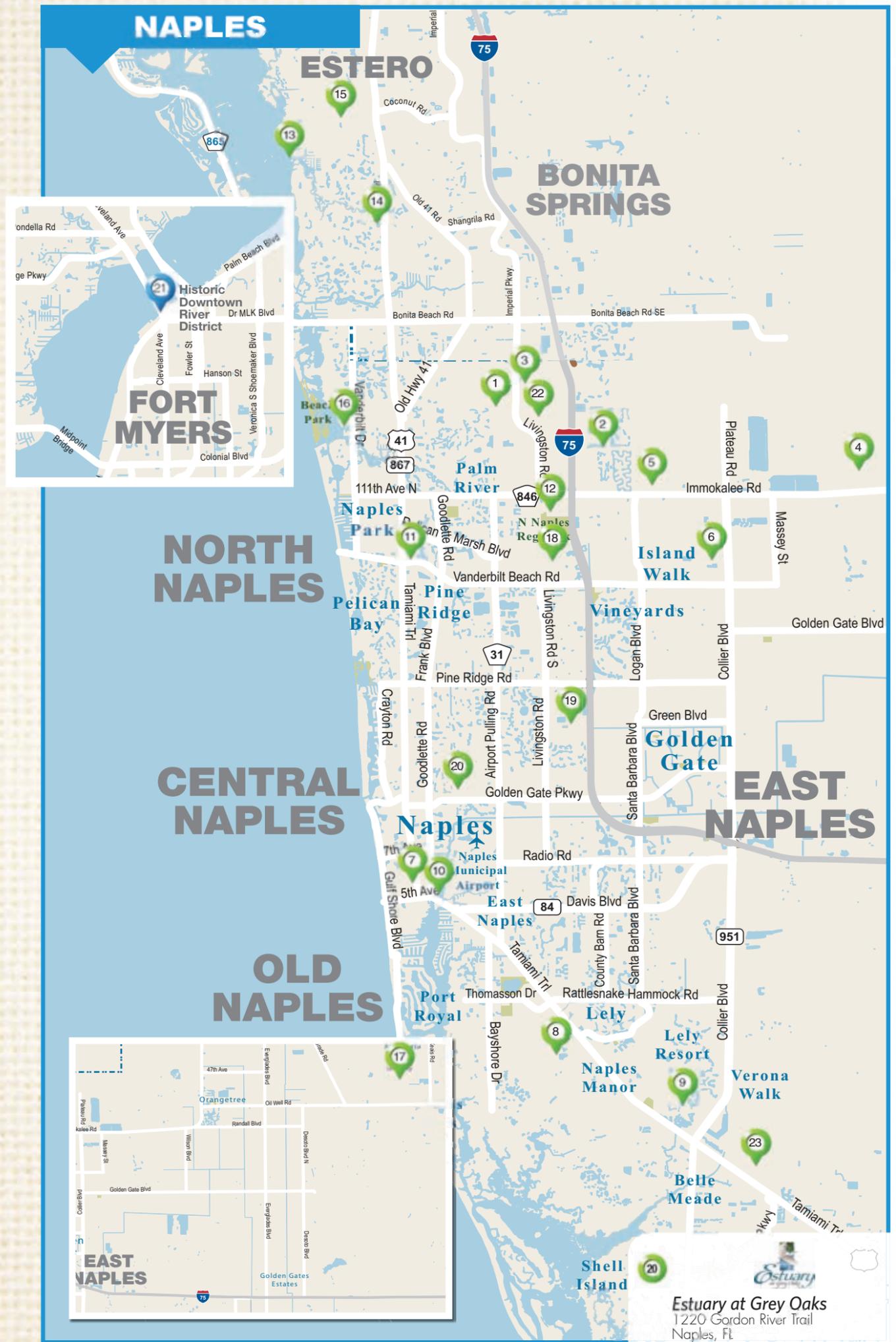
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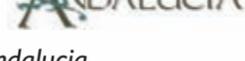
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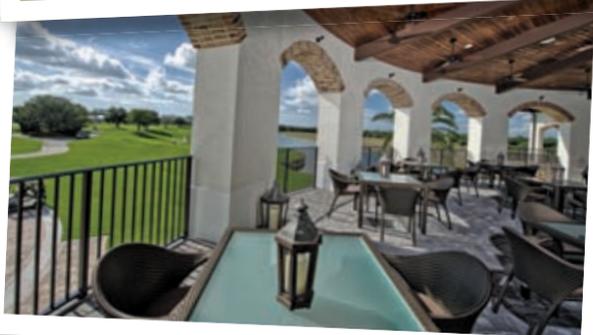
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This Weekend: Talis Park's Luxury Home Tour highlights award-winning homes, new-fashioned lifestyle



Award-winning luxury homes, thoughtfully-designed amenities, and Talis Park's engaging way of life are all on display this weekend as the December Luxury Home Tour kicks off Saturday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and continues Sunday, January 7, noon to 3:00 p.m.

The tour features a variety of new furnished and unfurnished residences including penthouse-style condominiums and terrace homes by Lennar, resort-style coach homes by FrontDoor Communities, single-family villas by Distinctive Communities, single-family residences by Harbourside Custom Homes, Frizone and Iron Star Luxury Homes, and showcase estates by Gulfshore Homes, M Development and Sunwest Homes.

Talis Park's numerous national, regional and local industry accolades reflect developer Kitson & Partners' commitment to eschewing traditional country club models. Its new-fashioned, "come-as-you-are" atmosphere encourages homeowners to maintain active social connections and live the best versions of their lives among exclusive privacy and second-to-none service.

Residents Jim and Barbara Simmons were attracted to Talis Park because of its newer, more youthful atmosphere and many opportunities to enhance the active lives they enjoy.

"There's just an energy to the place," said Jim. "There's always people moving and energetic; it's just a ton of fun and an easy place to meet folks."

The Simmons family, like many other Talis Park residents, participates in a full range of social events created and managed by Membership Director Nancy Muschong and the Talis Park team. From daily fitness classes, tennis and golf clinics, bocce nights and cooking classes to themed costume parties, movies and concerts on the Great Lawn, and the ever-famous weekly Happy Hour, the Vyne House clubhouse's social calendar offers something for everyone.

Talis Park homeowners now also enjoy complimentary daily beach access via the

Top: Sunwest Homes' two-story Grand Santa Barbara estate model in Talis Park's Prato neighborhood is featured during the community's Luxury Home Tour this weekend. Above Left: Harbourside Custom Homes' 3,016-square-foot, four-bedroom plus study Villa Roma luxury estate home is featured in Talis Park's Corsica neighborhood. Above Right: Distinctive Communities' furnished Berolina villa model is on display in the Watercourse neighborhood. Above: Talis Park's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse features a spacious rotunda overlooking the 18th green of the Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course. Right: Gulfshore Homes' furnished Dorado estate model in Prato offers a total of 8,862 square feet with 6,336 square feet under air. Bottom: Lennar is showcasing a furnished Terrace Home model in Talis Park's Viansa neighborhood, with residences offering 2,350 square feet of living area, three-bedrooms, a den, 3.5 baths and nature preserve views.

Beach Runner, the community's exclusive new beach shuttle.

The hub of activity within Talis Park is its award-winning Vyne House and 18-hole Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course, one of only two Norman/Dye collaborations worldwide. Vyne House offers formal and casual indoor and alfresco dining, two fitness studios, spa, fully-stocked wine room, resort-style pool with spacious pool deck and rotunda, and more. Comfortable outdoor gathering areas, highlighted by a double-sided stone fireplace overlooking the 18th green, make

Vyne House a perfect place to enjoy Naples' temperate climate and legendary sunsets with friends and family. The Casa Cortese sports pub, next to the driving range, is a great spot for sports enthusiasts. Also within easy access is a sports complex with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, tennis pro shop, bocce courts, lap pool, and playground.

The Talis Park Luxury Home Tour begins at the community's Garden House Information & Sales Cen-

ter, 16980 Livingston Road. For details, call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com. ■

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QUAIL WEST	5889 Sunnyslope Drive	\$3,795,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	The Taranto Team 239.572.3078	Sunday 1-4pm
OLD NAPLES	272 1st Avenue South	\$3,900,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Gordie Lazich 239.777.2033 Mark Maran 239.777.3301	Sunday 1-4pm
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS	1220 Gordon River Trail	From \$2,495,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Call 239.261.3148	Mon-Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 12-5pm
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CORTILLE AT MEDITERRA	10838 Est Cortile Court	\$2,489,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS	1302 Noble Heron	\$2,350,000	William Raveis	Dante DiSabato 239.537.5351	Sunday 1-4pm
THE MOORINGS	475 Putter Point Drive	\$2,295,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
MEDITERRA	29110 Positano Lane	\$2,149,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Bob Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.3006	Sunday 1-4pm
PARK SHORE	4916 Crayton Road	\$1,999,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Liz Appling 239.272.7201	Sunday 1-4pm
PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD	8755 Muirfield Drive	\$1,475,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Terri Moellers 239.213.7344	Sunday 1-4pm
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PELICAN BAY	6080 Pelican Bay Boulevard #A-403	\$629,000	Gulf Breeze Real Estate	Sue Myhelic 239.216.6444	Sunday 1-4pm
IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES	1948 Imperial Golf Course Boulevard	\$595,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Loretta Young, Team LaVita 239.450.5022	Saturday 1-3pm
THE MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB	222 Harbour Drive #205	\$588,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Robin Weidle 239.370.5515	Sunday 1-4pm
PELICAN BAY - SANCTUARY	5950 Pelican Bay Boulevard #123	\$585,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Kelly Kent 239.250.5480	Sunday 1-4pm
FIRANO	7826 Martino Circle	\$574,900	Royal Shell Real Estate	Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455	Sunday 1-4pm
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... in the beginning

Creatives in the arts talk about their starts

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WE'RE JUST DAYS INTO a new year, still thinking about new beginnings.

And what better experts in starting anew than those in the arts, who continually start over again, grappling with a blank page, an empty canvas, a new script, a fresh Word document.

They experience new beginnings multiple times a year, a week or a day.

We spoke with a Broadway actor who has originated roles and recently acted on Broadway in "Groundhog Day: The Musical," a show about beginning again and again and again. We also talked with those who write songs, design buildings, write novels. Each has his or her own take on beginnings.

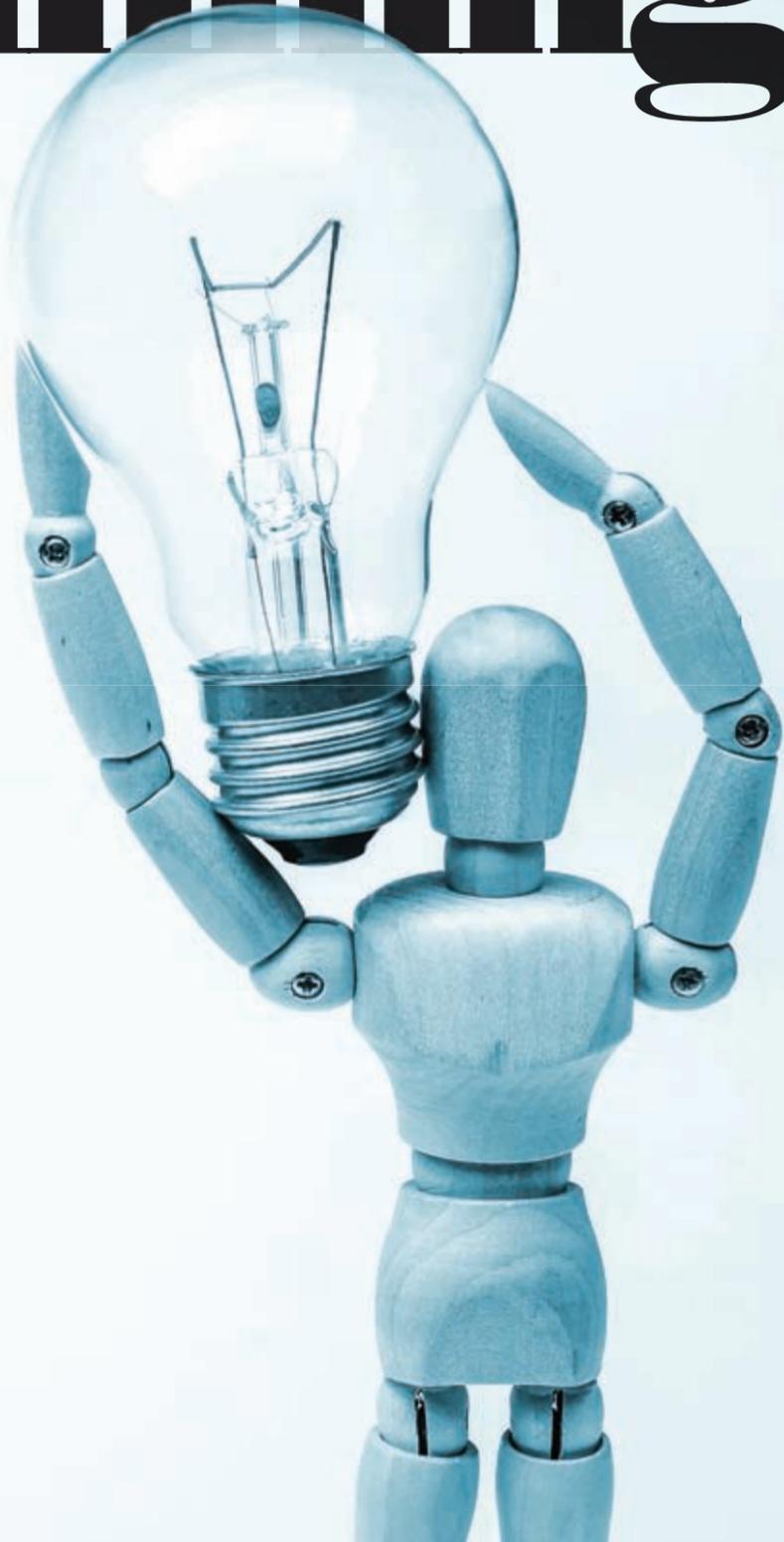
Here's what they had to say.

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LYNN DAVISON, painter

LYNN DAVISON HAS HAD ONE-WOMAN SHOWS at the Alliance for the Arts in 2017, The Ringling School of Art and Design in 2016 and the Naples Museum of Art (now the Baker Museum of Art) in 2011. Her work is carried by Allyn Gallup Contemporary

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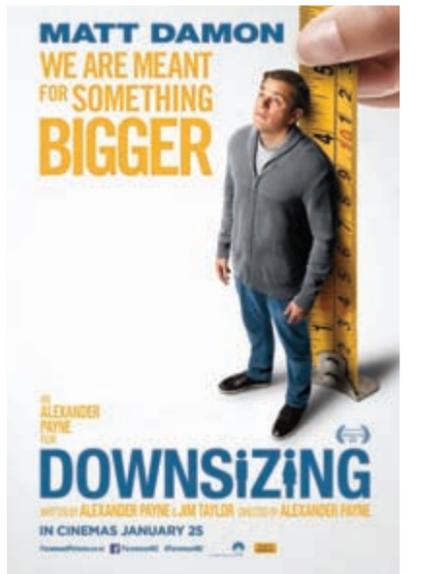


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Meet Nick Linn of the popular author lecture series

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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The American Library Association reports the average American checks out more than eight books a year at local, school and academic libraries and individually contributes only the cost of a decent retail hardcover — roughly \$35 — to support their library of convenience. Leading the charge locally for sheer numbers of loaned reading material is Nick Linn, who reads about 200 books a year and has been instrumental in supporting Collier County public libraries since he moved here in 1990.

From a reading competition to a career as a corporate speechwriter for C&P Telephone Company (later Bell Atlantic) in his



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Nick Linn at Collier County's Headquarters Library.

home state of West Virginia, a lifetime marinating in the realm of words has culminated in becoming the principal organizer and

namesake of the popular Nick Linn Lecture Series, through which Friends of the Libraries of Collier County brings best-selling authors to Naples each winter for the entertainment and edification of the reading public.

Like most devoted readers, Mr. Linn's literary vocation began in his childhood when he won a reading contest as a pre-teen in Wheeling, W. Va.

"I got my picture in the paper because I read so many books," he said. "It wasn't the home environment — my parents encouraged reading, but they weren't read-

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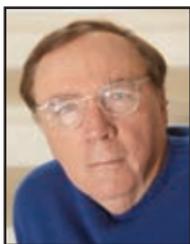
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■ **“Manhunt” by James Patterson with James O. Born. BookShots, 144 pages. Paperback, \$4.99. Kindle Ebook, \$3.99.**

The BookShots imprint is a new line in the Little, Brown publishing domain. The titles are long on action, story-driven and easy to read in an evening. Best-seller king James Patterson considers these “among his best novels of any length.” By partnering with other writers, he has stepped up his productivity (which was always high). Writing shorter books helps as well.

These books seem aimed at readers of digital versions. As the author says, you can enjoy them “on a commute” (let’s hope this means in a vehicle you are not driving) “or even on



PATTERSON



BORN

your cell phone during breaks at work.” Indeed, there is a handy app for downloading BookShots titles to your smart phone or tablet.

“Manhunt” is part of the highly successful “A Michael Bennet Story” series. Written in a partnership by two Floridians, it justifies Mr. Patterson’s recent practice of inviting a co-author to the writing party.

Its Thanksgiving Day in New York, and the action begins with Michael and almost all the members of his family out on the street with a good view of that great institution: the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Even with the hyper vigilance of the New York City Police Department, something resembling the cliché terrorist pattern occurs. When a truck slams into a crowd of spectators, Michael barely has the time to grab and rescue his daughter Shawna.

The driver exits his truck and shouts “Hawqala.”

Michael attempts to take control of the scene, safeguarding his family as well as others nearby. Then the driver detonates an explosive device that sends the truck’s roof 30 feet into the air before it crashes straight down. Pandemonium breaks loose. Oddly, there are very few patrolmen nearby. Many had been hurt, some were aiding victims — and no one was chasing the perp.

Michael follows the truck driver and is about to overtake him, but the man makes his escape. It’s a great cityscape action sequence, ready for the movies.

As the key witness, Michael reports what he knows and works with the sketch

artist. Before long, the FBI takes over the case, expecting the local police to hang back yet be supportive. Michael makes an uneasy truce with agent Dan Santos, who introduces him to the gorgeous Darya Kuznetsova, the FBI’s liaison from the Russian Embassy. She convinces Michael that she can provide a valuable perspective.

It turns out that the perpetrator is most likely a Russian speaker from Kazakhstan. That news leads Michael and Darya to Russian immigrant neighborhoods where Darya’s cultural knowledge is an asset. Michael is impressed with her for standing up to the FBI team leader. She makes it clear that Russia has many more terrorist attacks to deal with than the U.S. does. Perhaps she has more than one kind of expertise to share.

Michael and Darya visit Brooklyn sections that house sizeable populations of ethnic Russians from Kazakhstan. The authors artfully draw the interrogations handled by Darya and communicated to Michael. Along the way, she informs him that such investigations are handled differently in Russia, as are many other elements of dealing with lawbreakers.

The case gains energy when a fingerprint from the truck is identified through a Russian military database. It belongs to Temir Marat, now 31, who has lived in

both Russian and Kazakhstan.

The investigation gains momentum and the narrative gains suspenseful energy while all along the way readers learn how terrorist movements operate. Darya and Michael eventually visit many parts of New York City, finding more individuals with useful information and building their case to a crescendo with several surprises, including pinning down the terrorist’s motive.

Readers will enjoy the solid characterizations, sharply etched locations and authoritative handling of procedural matters — even though Michael is not a stickler for procedure.

There is nothing flashy about “Manhunt,” but it certainly will satiate meat-and-potatoes readers of fast-paced detective fiction.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Born seem to work effectively together. They have also combined on the full-length novel “Haunted” and an earlier BookShots release titled “Hidden.” I can imagine many more such successful collaborations. ■

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



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East Meets West in three mediums at Marco Island Center for the Arts

Marco Island Center for the Arts invites the public to view Cambodia, India and Vietnam interpreted through three mediums — fiber, photography and raku-fired clay — on exhibit through January. In “East Meets West,” artists Muffy Clark Gill (fiber), Dr. Joseph Parisi, (photography) and Richard Rosen (raku-fired clay) illuminate and interpret ancient traditions of people, iconic places and sacred ceremonies.



COURTESY PHOTOS

“Bathing at the Ganges River,” a photograph by Dr. Joseph Parisi, is part of the “East Meets West” exhibit on display Jan. 2 through 30 at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. An opening reception takes place Tuesday evening, Jan. 9.

Ms. Gill has won more than 50 awards during the course of her 30-career as a mixed-media and fiber artist. In 2015, she was commissioned to create three scenes of modern Marco Island that are permanently hung on the outside walls of the Marco Island Historical Museum.

A practicing veterinarian for 30-plus years, Dr. Parisi is also an international scuba diver whose underwater photographs have been described as magical.

Mr. Rosen unveils his “Edge Series” of raku-fired clay wall sculptures as part of the Marco center’s first exhibition of 2018.

The exhibition will be on display 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. All are welcome. Admission is free for MICA members, and there is a suggested \$10 donation for others.

The center is at 1010 Winterberry Drive. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit www.marcoisland-art.org.



Vera Bradley’s oil painting titled “Lemons” hangs in La Petite Galerie at the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

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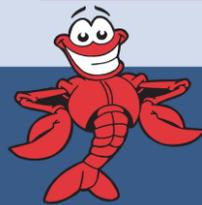
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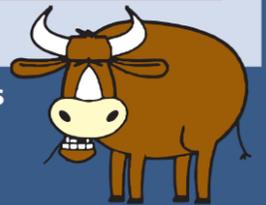


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BEGINNING

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Art in Sarasota, Cathy Clayton in Tampa and Alan Avery Art Company in Atlanta. Ms. Davison, who lives in Naples, is a graduate of the Ringling School of Art and Design.

There are so many ways to begin.

It's always easier if you have been working — then your ideas go from one to the next one to the next one. If you did figures with an attitude of resignation, you might want to follow that with figures with another emotion.

When I was painting how things looked under plastic, I did figures or hands or legs, and that is easy. If you get on a theme, you think, what would legs look like, what color would I put behind them?

So if you're working on a series, one thing leads to another much easier, than if you just start out cold. Like after a show, that's terrible. If I've had a one-person show, you're all geared up for it, and you've done all this work.

Then you come home to an empty studio. You are just so depleted. It's so hard, it's an empty feeling. You feel so lost. You feel this let down: now where do I begin? But that's all part of the process.

You start noodling and doodling and not knowing where it's going, and you probably have several weeks of things not going very far, and suddenly things will click.

But again, it all comes down to just going in and going to work. Nothing happens if you're waiting for all these wonderful ideas to happen, that you'll get a brainstorm. At least that doesn't happen with me.

Work happens from work.

And it's showing up every day. And some days things work well, and some days they don't.

But if you don't show up, nothing

works, and nothing gets done.

The most important thing is showing up for work.

And that's how you begin.

Nobody else cares. Nobody else is pushing you. You have to be a self-starter to begin with, and you have to be self-disciplined.

It becomes a habit.

My life, my days, my weeks are full of new beginnings.



WILLIAM PARRY, actor

William Parry has acted in a number of plays at Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples, including "All My Sons" and "My Fair Lady." He's been in 11 Broadway productions, including "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Sunday in the Park with George," "Passion," "Gypsy" (with Bernadette Peters) and most recently, "Groundhog Day," a musical about multiple beginnings, in which the main character finds himself unable to escape living the same day over and over again.

An actor looks at a piece that hasn't been done, originating a role that's never been done before — that's really new beginnings. That is probably the most exciting thing. The (rehearsal) room is completely filled with unknowns. You may know some of the people involved, but you have no idea where it's going. You have a script and a score, but things are going to change, and they're going to take a different form, as they inevitably do, which is good.

Change is a good thing, for human beings. It keeps us growing. But it is also very hard for us to embrace. I find myself resistant to various kinds of change in my life, but artistically, I really think it is the thing I come to embrace the most as being exciting: "the unknown." You're going on a kind of a journey. It's the process of finding what the show is going to be, what the char-



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COURTESY PHOTO

Joyce Owens, who designed this structure, says she begins her artistic process by listening.



JOYCE OWENS, architect

acter is going to be, what kind of shape it's going to take.

You might have preconceived notions of what the piece is, what your character is, going in. But it's just so exciting to watch what happens in the room, how it unfolds over days and weeks, into the coming months, as each person goes through their discoveries. I think very often directors have a very clear notion of where they want to take a piece, the shape they want it to take, the story they want to tell. And I think sometimes that very clear idea isn't what they end up with. And that's a very good thing.

I know it's exciting for an actor, maybe a little scary, but the good ones embrace that: where do we go from here? Now what?

As for "Groundhog Day," I fell more and more in love with it as it went on. Danny Rubin, who co-wrote the screenplay for the movie ... took the ideas in the movie and expanded them. He took you deeper into not only what was going on in the mind and heart and soul of our central character, but of the other people in town, and that was a very interesting idea, a very good idea. It just expanded it, made it a much more human story. (The main character) is on an odyssey, in a sense, to save his soul ... It slowly starts to sink into him that the way out (of his endless loop of living the same day over and over) is not through himself, but through other people, through seeing the world through the eyes of others.

It's the most exciting part (of my craft), it's the thing I look forward to the most, the beginnings.

Joyce Owens is the principal architect of Architecture Joyce Owens LLC in Fort Myers. Before opening AJO, she was a co-founding partner of the London-based firm, Azman-Owens Architects, where she worked for clients such as Boris Johnson, Alexander McQueen and TAGHeuer. Ms. Owens was president of the American Institute of Architects Florida in 2017.



OWENS

Every new project for me includes a client. I'm different from an artist who paints or sculpts something from their head. For them, it might be something they feel or see, and then they hope there's a client in the end.

That doesn't happen for me. There's a client first, and they have needs. It's my responsibility as an architect to respond to those needs.

It's a spatial thing and a functional thing that I'm creating. Buildings have a function. It's something you live in or use every day: an office building, a school, a gym, a house.

The first three things I do when I begin are: I listen.

Then I ask so many questions! Then I need time to absorb.



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— William Parry, actor

It has to sit and percolate. Sometimes that takes a day or a week or a month, because I have other projects that I'm working on.

I'm waiting to get to the point where I can work on it. So it's in the back of my brain, percolating.

All the while I'm absorbing other things around me that might influence me. It might be something intangible that I see, and I say, "I want that intangible in my building." It maybe the way the space feels, or the way the light comes in.

There are tangible things too.

It's about how something functions, and then I figure out how to interpret it and translate it into my own language.

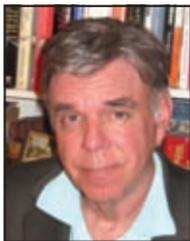
I have to get through all the clutter in front of me, what's currently on my desk. But in the back of my mind, I'm thinking about this project. Then I need to have a clear block of time, and know that for the next 48 working hours, I'll be working steadily on it.

I start by putting pen to paper, then put it on the computer, typically drawing in three dimensions. Then it's printed, so I can draw on top. Then back and forth, back and forth, between computer and paper for the next few days, changing it, refining it, until it becomes a building that suits the needs of my client and our mutual aesthetic demands.



JAMES LILLIEFORS, author

James Lillifors, a journalist earlier in his career, writes political thrillers ("Viral," "The Leviathan Effect") and a mystery series ("The Psalmist" and "The Tempest.") A third in that series will be released in the fall.



LILLIEFORS

"The Children's Game," a thriller written under the pen name Max Karpov, is scheduled for publication in March.

Beginnings is a very interesting topic, something I've been thinking about lately. Recently, I was immersed in writing my mystery novel, which has a team, a pastor and a homicide detective. The working title is "The Dark Psalmist." It's the third in a series. There's a scene in each of the books where the pastor gives a sermon, and one of the topics his sermon pertains to is beginnings, and finishing what you begin. He draws on 2 Corinthians 8:11, which says, "Finish the work, that you may complete it just as eagerly as you began..."

I think that's a good idea, to finish what you begin, and that's how I approach beginnings. It seems I used to begin projects, and like a lot of people do, run out of steam, or realize after a while that it doesn't match your original enthusiasm. As I get older, I don't want to begin something I don't want to finish.

People sometimes say that writing doesn't get easier. I think it gets more rewarding and more interesting. That's because I'm being more methodical about beginning something. I think about it more before I actually dive into something. I spend more time thinking it through, and that's been the case with my two recent books that are coming out this year.

I don't want to begin something I'm not going to finish. And I want to finish with enthusiasm. That's the challenge.

As you get older, you value your time more in certain ways. You don't want to work on something that's the wrong



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— Kate Davis, musician

COURTESY PHOTO

Kate Davis, of New York City, has appeared numerous times at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers.

project for two years, to take two years of your life to work on something that's not going to work out.

I'm more careful about beginnings now, and what projects I say yes to.

I start with the idea of a character. I often carry a notebook with me. If I see something out in the world or on television, I'll write it down and think, "That'll be a good idea for a book or a story." But probably nine times out of 10, I decide it isn't.

But sometimes it is. It has to percolate. You have to think it out. An idea alone doesn't make a book. You have to let it grow in your thoughts for a while and see if it's really something worthwhile. I might start writing out scenes or maybe a rough outline that helps me think it through.

I've got notebooks with lots of ideas for books I've never written. I'll have these ideas and then decide, maybe a better idea will come along. And I'll go on to something else.

Those are false beginnings. You have to go through a lot of false beginnings to get to a real one.



KATE DAVIS, bassist, singer/songwriter

Kate Davis, who is based in New York City, has performed in Sarasota at the Ringling International Arts Festival and appeared multiple times at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (no relation) in Fort Myers.



DAVIS

She's performed with Post Modern Jukebox (You can see her on YouTube singing "All About That Bass" while playing a stand-up bass.) She recently raised \$57,000 on Kickstarter to make a record of her own music.

The songwriting process begins differently every time. I start with an idea — a single lyric, musical motif, or

a chord progression. I try to flesh out the concept (and ultimately, the story) to influence the musical choices. That may be the one constant in my process.

Sometimes it feels like all the finished parts are right in front of me, but it can take a very long time for them to reveal themselves. Songwriting is always a puzzle. The process is rarely linear. It's taken me up to three years to get from start to finish on a song. Another song might take 15 minutes.

Beginnings are fascinating to me. In a song, one simple idea can go anywhere. There are no boundaries. But there's something intimidating about that — especially when applied more directly to life. Through songwriting I've learned to be more patient and appreciative of the experience of being human. That mindset helps me be present and positive, and I feel better about my work. The two — living and creating — have definitely become two halves of a whole. One done well makes the other better, and vice versa. ■

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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.gulfshore-playhouse.org. See story on page C13.

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

The Hallelujah Girls – By Broadway Palm Theatre Jan. 11-Feb. 24. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

How the Other Half Loves – By Florida Repertory Theatre Jan. 12-31 (previews Jan. 9-11) in the historic Arcade Theatre. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarepeducation.org.

THURSDAY 1.4

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.

Mah Jongg on Marco – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island invites mah jongg players to join the games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 911 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or www.marcojcmi.com.

Mystery Book Club – Find out whodunit with fellow mystery and true crime fans when the Mystery Book Club from 2-3 p.m. at Headquarters Library. Free Doors open at 1:45 p.m., and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

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



The Capitol Steps presents a spoof-tacular musical comedy show featuring all the political establishment's antics and missteps at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Free Concert – Nikki Talley performs Americana music from 6-9 p.m. at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercato-shops.com.

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

FRIDAY 1.5

Free Film – South Regional Library screens "Persepolis" (Iran, 2007) at 2 p.m. A precocious and outspoken girl comes of age during the Iranian Revolution. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Indie Music – Enjoy the folk- and jazz-infused indie music of The Woodwork with a special guest musician at 7 p.m. 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. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$32-\$42. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

SATURDAY 1.6

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.

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

Art Reception – United Arts Council of Collier County debuts the exhibit "Narrative Imagination: Featuring the Local," from 5-7 p.m. at a pop-up gallery in Venetian Village. Featured artists are painters Adriana Flores, Caitlin Rosolen-DeJesus, at Marvin D. Rouse. 254-8242 or www.uaccollier.com.

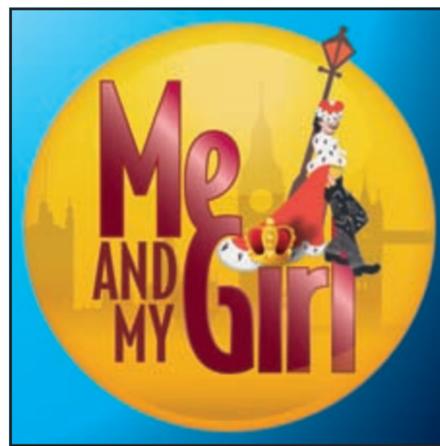
Book Talk – Elaine Newton discusses Jessica Shattuck's "The Women in the Castle" as part of her Critic's Choice series at 10 a.m. at Artis—Naples. The novel "full of compassion, shame, heroism and complex relationships" draws on the experience of the author's grandparents as "ordinary Germans" before, during and after WWII. \$45. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. today and Sunday, Jan. 7, down Fifth Ave. S. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Jazz with Jebry – Jebry and friends invite musicians and music lovers to sit in from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Gavel (formerly Chrissy's) across from the Collier County Courthouse. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 316-7683.

Bluegrass Gold – The Walker Brothers perform with Rodney and Beverly Dillard, who made appearances on TVs "Mayberry RFD," in "An Evening in Mayberry" at 7 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 755 Eighth Ave. S. bluewaterbg@gmail.com.



TheatreZone presents the 1930s musical "Me & My Girl" Jan. 11-21, at G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. Winner of five Drama Desk Awards, the play tells the story of Bill Snibson, the long-lost Earl of Hartford, who must choose between his newfound high society relatives and his Cockney roots and girlfriend. 13275 Livingston Road. 888-966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

SUNDAY 1.7

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

Flashback Cinema – Silverspot Cinema screens "Sabrina" (1954) at 2 and 7 p.m. A playboy becomes interested in the daughter of his family's chauffeur, but his more serious brother would be a better match for her. \$9.50-\$16.50. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

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

MONDAY 1.8

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

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Tortilla Soup" (Mexico, 2001) at 7 p.m. A Mexican master chef has lost his taste for food but not for life. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

TUESDAY 1.9

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.

TED Talk Tuesday – View a TED Talk and enjoy a discussion afterward moderated by library staff at 11 a.m. in the conference room at South Regional Library. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.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. \$15, includes lunch. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Celebrate Hamilton – Powdered wigs are optional, but you'll still party like it's 1776 when library assistant Barbie Schulze presents an entertaining program about Alexander Hamilton at 4 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Beach Library. Free, but registration required. 788 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 597-8444 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Travel Talk – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts a talk about the Tauck's luxury travel offerings at 5 p.m. Free. 707 Gulf Park Drive. (800) 523-3716 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Art Reception – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a reception for its "East Meets West" exhibition that highlights ancient traditions and iconic images around the world in fiber, photography and sculpture, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.com. See story on page C3.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Winter Concert – Billy Dean and Dawn perform a variety of music genres stretching back to the 1930s at 6:30 p.m. at South Regional Library. Free, but reservations required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Pops – Artis—Naples screens “Casablanca” while the Naples Philharmonic performs Max Steiner’s famous score today through Saturday, Jan. 13. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

WEDNESDAY 1.10

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.

Geopolitical Talk – Headquarters Library hosts a presentation about China’s ambitions at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

All Dolled Up – The Naples Doll Club presents a program about antique and modern dolls, teddy bears and children’s play dolls starting at 3 p.m. at Naples Regional Library. Free, but seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Book Talk – Headquarters Regional Library hosts a discussion about Kent Haruff’s “Our Souls at Night” at 4 p.m. Free, but registration required. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

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

COMING UP

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.

Travel Talk – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts a talk about the Oceania Cruise’s luxury travel offerings at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. Free. 707 Gulf Park Drive. (800) 523-3716 or www.preferred-naples.com.

Meet the Artist – Thomas Riley Studio welcomes Sarasota artist and Ringling College of Art + Design Professor Hugh Davies at the reception for an exhibit of his newest works from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. The exhibit is on display now through Feb. 9. RSVP requested for the reception. 26th 10th St. S. 529-2633 or Hannah@thomasrileystudio.com.

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. 300 Tower Road. www.rookerybay.org.

Free Film – Headquarters Library presents a free screening of “The Accountant” at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. As a math savant uncooks the books for a new client, the Treasury Department closes in on his activities — and the body count starts to rise. Rated R. Free. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. for first-come, first-served seating. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

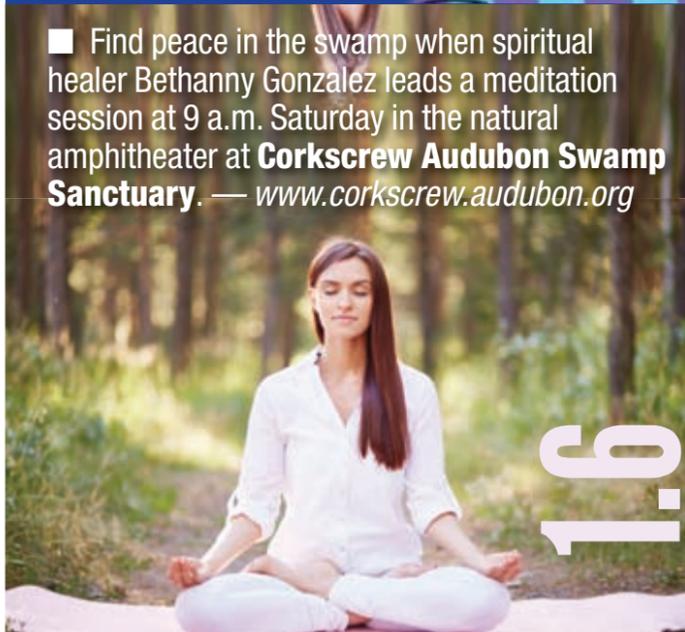


1.12-21



■ An exhibition and sale of pop art works by **Romero Britto** and **Peter Max** hangs at a space in **Mercato** Jan. 12-21. Britto, whose “Beach” is shown here, will be on hand from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, and from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. RSVPs are required for a preview from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 866-900-6699 or naples@roadshowcompany.com.

■ Find peace in the swamp when spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez leads a meditation session at 9 a.m. Saturday in the natural amphitheater at **Corkscrew Audubon Swamp Sanctuary**. — www.corkscrew.audubon.org



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DRINK UP!

■ **Din & Tonics**, Harvard University’s renowned all-male jazz a cappella ensemble, performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. \$25-\$500.

— www.Dins.com



■ **Naples Art Association** kicks off the season’s series of juried art shows with its Naples New Year’s Art Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday along Fifth Avenue South. More than 250 artists from around the country will display and sell their works in a variety of mediums. Pictured here is a tabletop lamp by glass artist Kirk Miller.

— www.naplesart.org

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■ **Nikki Talley** brings her folk-tinted mountain music to the lawn at **Mercato** from 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Free.

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Pop-Up Pop Art – An exhibition of artwork by Romero Britto and Peter Max goes on display at Mercato Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-21, with Britto making appearances from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Free, but reservations requested. 888-900-6699 or naples@roadshow-company.com.

Local Heros – 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 Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Marco Players Theater. \$25, includes boxed lunch. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.marcoplayers.org.

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.

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

Oscar Tunes – Trumpeter Bob Zottola performs a selection of the greatest Academy Award-winning songs at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Naples Regional Library. Mr. Zottola has accompanied singers including Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole and Rosemary Clooney and has performed with Quincy Jones and Chick Corea. Free, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 2 p.m. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Pets on Third – Take part in – or just watch in awe – the ninth annual Pets on Third Parade complete with pet costume contest, pet vendors and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, along Third Street South. The parade is at noon. All proceeds benefit the Naples Dog Park. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

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.

Afternoon Movie – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts a screening of "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. The film creates a portrait of the Israeli people through profiles of chefs, home cooks, vintners and cheesemongers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today. A reception follows the movie. \$25. 911 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or www.marcojcmi.com.



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Jan 24: "Coral Reef and Ocean Conservation in Cuba and the Caribbean" by marine scientist David E. Guggenheim, Ph.D.



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WHERE TO GO



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.

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.

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 Libraries 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. See story on page C22.

Din and Tonics – Harvard University’s all-male a cappella ensemble performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Tickets start at \$25. 791 Harbour Drive. <http://our.show/harvarddins>.

The 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.

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 Wednesday, Jan. 17. \$35. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Klezmer Revival Band – Friends of the Library of Collier County and the Jewish Federation of Collier County present the Naples Klezmer Revival Band in concert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at South Regional Library. This year’s featured guest is Serga virtuoso accordionist and specialist in traditional music from across Eastern Europe. Free, but seating on a first-come, first-served basis. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Broadway and Beyond – Naples Music Club hosts a performance of Broadway standards by club members and student scholarship winners from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples. \$50. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 206-2954 or slight@his.com.

Book Talk – Librarian David Chalick moderates a discussion of Pam Jenoff’s “The Orphan’s Tale” at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Golden Gate Library. The powerful novel of friendship is set in a traveling circus during World War II. Free. 2432 Lucerne Road. 252-4542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

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.

Doll Show – Naples Doll Club hosts a show and sale with onsite appraisals from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at New Hope Event Center. \$3-\$8. 7675 Davis Blvd. 530-0010.

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. ■

— 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

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Dolls that tell story of human trafficking a century ago

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If there's one thing that amazes me, it is this: No matter how much technologies and society change, so many things remain the same.

In December, *Florida Weekly* published a compelling cover story on human trafficking in South Florida.

Regrettably, it's a crime that has gone on for millennia.

More than a century ago, Cornelia Bonnell founded the Door of Hope mission in Shanghai to combat just that.

Around the turn of the 20th century, Ms. Bonnell, a graduate of Vassar College, was teaching in a private school for the children of foreign residents in Shanghai.

While she was there, Bonnell learned that girls in China were bought and

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This Door of Hope doll depicting a boy has a head and hands of carved wood. He was made before 1937.



sold into slavery and prostitution. Baby girls often were killed because of their gender.

She took action, and in 1901, opened Door of Hope.

There, the mission was to shelter and educate the girls and to teach them to read, write and sew.

To help support the mission, the girls made dolls that depicted people dressed in garments depicting their age and status in Chinese society.

The 8- to 12-inch dolls had heads and hands carved of pear wood that were mounted on cloth bodies.

The detail of the costumes is exquisite, from

each minuscule stitch and perfectly smooth hem to the embroidery of the silk on more elaborate clothing.

Elaborate groupings depicted wedding parties, and other costumes depicted luck, wealth and happiness — attributes that remain universal today.

But the Door of Hope dolls also depicted the costumes of laborers and farmers, as well as poor widows, Buddhist priests and monks, among others.

They were sold internationally — Kimport Dolls of Independence, Mo., was a major distributor in the 1930s.

Online sources estimate seamstresses at the mission turned out anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000 of the dolls between 1902 and 1937, when production of the dolls ended as Japan gained control of Shanghai in the years leading up to World War II.

For me, the dolls are an example of how quality endures — the carving and the sewing combine to tell a story of survival — all in tiny stitches.

A couple of shows...

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

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

THE FIND:

A Door of Hope Mission doll

Found: MCC of the Palm Beaches' Enough for All Thrift Store, Lake Worth Plaza Shopping Center, 6466-68 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth. 561-660-8763.

Paid: \$8

The Skinny: An antiques dealer friend of mine says a Rolls-Royce is a Rolls-Royce. That is, quality always is obvious to a trained eye.

And that's how it was when I spotted this doll in a thrift store display case.

There were two other dolls — nice Japanese souvenirs that no doubt are worth a few dollars. But the costume on this 10-inch boy doll is elaborate, from the "frog" closures on his coat to his handmade cloth shoes.

I did not know at the time whether he was one of the fabled Door of Hope dolls at the time I bought him, but knew that he stood out from the rest. National doll dealer Phil May later confirmed the doll's origins.

The quality is fabulous — as I always say, a pair of Ferragamos always looks like Ferragamos, even when they're worn out.

This guy is complete, from his hat to his shoes. His coat does have a hole, but I'll treat that as the patina of a century of telling the story of another world.

He underscores something else: You never know where you will find treasure. ■

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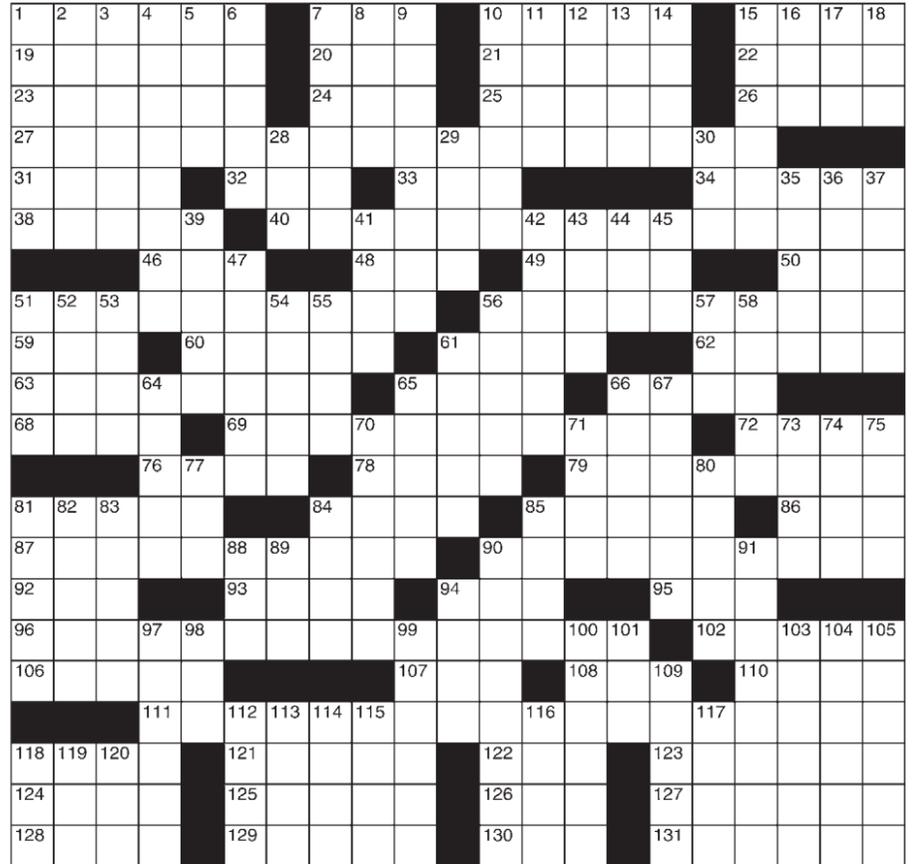
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 - 26 Again
 - 27 *Ad Council bloodhound
 - 31 Et — (plus more)
 - 32 Roly-poly
 - 33 "I knew it!"
 - 34 Good tidbit
 - 38 Colleague of Trotsky
 - 40 *They don't have qwerty layouts
 - 46 Pen's tip
 - 48 String after Q
 - 49 Have — of hope
 - 50 Gp. for fillers and drillers
 - 51 *At a short distance
 - 56 *Metro section manager
 - 59 Deadeye's skill
 - 60 TCBY treats
 - 61 Bloom holder
 - 62 PC pictures
 - 63 Fetus feeder
 - 65 Kotter of TV
 - 66 Juan's "this"
 - 68 Henry VIII's third Catherine
 - 69 *Tool whose teeth rotate
 - 72 Costello and Holtz
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 - 79 Sloping
 - 81 Bacon piece
 - 84 Gone
 - 85 Antsy feeling
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 - 87 *It may show acidity
 - 90 *Divorcée in 1991 news
 - 92 Min. segment
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 - 95 Chargers linebacker
 - 96 *Yale, e.g. Manti —
 - 102 Tips, as a cap
 - 106 Chilling
 - 107 Golfer Trevino
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 - 110 Taxi readout
 - 111 What the double-digit Roman numerals at the starts of the answers to the starred clues add up to
 - 118 Mud in a cup
 - 121 Haikus, e.g.
 - 122 22nd letter
 - 123 Goopy camp treats
 - 124 All tied up
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 - 3 Derivation
 - 4 Teaches new skills
 - 5 Biblical twin
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 - 7 Thin-screen boob tube
 - 8 Plate
 - 9 Practice
 - 10 Giant in train travel
 - 11 Petty of film
 - 12 Quiz's kin
 - 13 Paella base
 - 14 Ticked (off)
 - 15 Pfizer drug
 - 16 Many eras
 - 17 She bleats
 - 18 Bitingly cold
 - 28 In thing
 - 29 Chin-wag
 - 30 Native Nebraskan
 - 35 Sister of Clio
 - 36 Rider, e.g.
 - 37 Old rulers
 - 39 Jenna Bush, to Jeb
 - 41 NBA and NRA, e.g.
 - 42 Crusty roll
 - 43 Big name in Art Deco
 - 44 "We did it!"
 - 45 "See you"
 - 47 Wild horse
 - 51 Cartoonist Al
 - 52 Oscar winner Kedrova
 - 53 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
 - 54 No voters
 - 55 On or about
 - 56 Coup group
 - 57 Morse "E"
 - 58 "That's what — service!"
 - 61 One paid to park cars
 - 64 Sweet filling
 - 65 Event invitee
 - 66 Sup at home
 - 67 Try to hit, as a fly
 - 70 Snow-pure
 - 71 Epic story
 - 73 Aloha Stadium site
 - 74 "One," on a U.S. coin
 - 75 Process unit
 - 77 Coll. in Lower Manhattan
 - 80 Filled up
 - 81 Cow of ads
 - 82 Kitchen filter
 - 83 Burlesque dancer Lili
 - 84 Llama locale
 - 85 2004 Chevy debut
 - 88 Mudbath site
 - 89 "It" game
 - 90 Feeling bliss
 - 91 Vane locales
 - 94 Freezes
 - 97 Church chant
 - 98 "Icky!"
 - 99 Full of melting snow
 - 100 Fiats
 - 101 Spanish plural article
 - 103 — Islands (Danish chain)
 - 104 Least limited
 - 105 Has a feeling
 - 109 Botch
 - 112 Goes (for)
 - 113 Blow a horn
 - 114 Saving sort
 - 115 Arab nation
 - 116 Drusilla divorced him
 - 117 Marvel mutants
 - 118 Shul-goer
 - 119 Gardner of "The Bribe"
 - 120 Nettle



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HOROSCOPES

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, and then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge

is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it. ■

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Broadway and film stars take the stage in Gulfshore Playhouse's 'The Price'

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Gulfshore Playhouse presents Arthur Miller's "The Price" — a psychological drama that examines how in order to move forward, one must make peace with the past — on stage at The Norris Center Jan. 13-Feb. 4. *The New York Times* has called "The Price" Miller's best play.

The show stars Jeffrey Binder (Broadway's "Lion King" and "Mary Poppins"), David Whalen (star of motion pictures "Fault in our Stars" and "American Pastoral"), Stuart Zagnit (Broadway's "Newsies," "Wicked" and "Seussical") and Marilee Talkington (off-Broadway's "Truce") under the direction of Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of the professional company.

"The Price" is set in an old, memory-filled Manhattan brownstone attic that becomes the staging ground for conflict between past and present, success and failure, and obligation and choice when two estranged brothers, Victor (Binder) and Walter (Whalen), return to their childhood home after 30 years.

Mr. Binder, a 15-year Broadway veteran who also serves as associate artistic director for Gulfshore Playhouse, most recently appeared on The Norris Center stage last season as Sherlock Holmes in "Hound of the Baskervilles" and Henry Higgins in "My Fair Lady." His New York credits include Zazu in Disney's "The Lion King" and George Banks in "Mary Poppins," both performed at the New Amsterdam Theatre on 42nd Street. Television credits include "Damages," "Law & Order" and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."

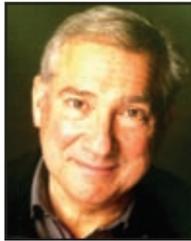
Mr. Whalen's list of credits also includes television and film work such as "Black Dahlia," "Southpaw," "Jack Reacher" and "Insomnia." He will appear in the upcoming film "Holmes & Watson" starring Will Ferrell and John C. Riley.

Mr. Zagnit's Broadway credits include "The Wild Party," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "The People in the Picture," and "Those Were the Days." He has appeared Off-Broadway in the original "Little Shop of Horrors," "All in the Timing," "Lucky Stiff," "Kuni-Leml,"

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“Picon Pie,” “A Dybbuk” and “The Grand Tour.”

Ms. Talkington, who plays the role of Esther Franz, has appeared Off-Broadway in “A Nervous Smile” and “The Middle Ages.” Her recent regional credits include “Imaginary Comforts,” “Xs & Os,” “Lily’s Revenge with Taylor Mac,” “Rapture Blister Burn” and “Salomania.”

Ms. Coury founded Gulfshore Playhouse in 2004 after a more than a decade with Broadway producing companies working on productions for Broadway and for national and international tours. She is also a frequent investor in Broadway productions, including the New York Times’ Critics’ Pick, “Once On This Island.”

Production staff for “The Price” at Gulfshore Playhouse includes scenic designer Kristen Martino, sound designer Jimmy Lawlor and costume designer Jennifer Bronsted.

Up next

The Gulfshore Playhouse season continues with:

“Scapino,” conceived and directed by Zeljko Djukic and adapted by Jeffrey Binder, Feb. 17-March 18 - Leo is in love with Feather and Octavio is in love with Chloe, but their fathers, bosses of rival mafias, have other plans in mind. Hilarity ensues as the two young men look to their crafty servant, Scapino, to help them dupe their fathers into a grand scheme. In this bada-bing twist of Molière’s classic comedy, no one knows who will end up married and who will end up whacked.

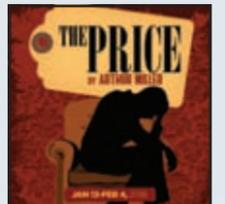
“Miss Keller Has No Second Book,” a world premiere by Deb Hiatt, March 31-April 15 - It’s been nearly 50 years since the notoriously reclusive Agnes Keller published her first and only book. In the wake of a life-changing event, Agnes’ small sanctuary is punctured by interruptions from a series of unwanted visitors. Funny and touching, this play grapples with the inevitability of change, the tangled tethers of family and the very big question: What does an artist owe the world?

“The Mystery of Irma Vep,” a penny dreadful by Charles Ludlam, April 28-May 20 - Set in the mythical world of Gothic England awash with mummies, ghosts and vampires, this two-person spoof of iconic gothic melodrama will leave you eternally laughing. ■

in the know

Arthur Miller’s ‘The Price’

- >> **Who:** Gulfshore Playhouse
- >> **When:** Jan. 13-Feb. 5
- >> **Where:** The Norris Center
- >> **Tickets:** 866-811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org
- >> **More at The Norris Center:** Pre-show discussions Jan. 14, 17, 28 and 31; actor and director talk-back after the show, Jan. 18; post-show discussion moderated by a theater staff member, Jan. 21.
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FILM CAPSULES

The Disaster Artist ★★★★★

(James Franco, Dave Franco, Seth Rogen) Hollywood failures, friends Tommy (James Franco) and Greg (Dave Franco), decide to make their own film, "The Room," which inadvertently becomes a cult classic as one of the worst movies ever made. Funny without being mean-spirited, it's a great movie about the making of a terrible movie. Rated R.

Wonder Wheel ★★

(Kate Winslet, Justin Timberlake, Jim Belushi) Unhappily married to Humpty (Belushi), 1950s Coney Island waitress Ginny (Winslet) has an affair with young lifeguard Mickey (Timberlake). Meanwhile, Mickey has a crush on Humpty's daughter from his first marriage, Carolina (Juno Temple). It's the kind of love triangle we know writer/director Woody Allen can do well, but here he runs out of creativity quickly. Rated PG-13.

Darkest Hour ★★ ★ 1/2

(Gary Oldman, Ben Mendelsohn, Lily James) Gary Oldman is tremendous as Winston Churchill in the first month of his run as prime minister in May 1940. Churchill deals with the escalating war in Europe and turmoil within his own party in this fascinating look at the complexity of power and war. Rated PG-13.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri ★★★★★

(Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell) Frustrated that the town police chief (Harrelson) has made little progress in solving her daughter's

murder, fiery Mildred (McDormand) pays for strong words on three billboards to move the investigation along. The performances and script are tremendous, and best of all, the film has real personality. It's a sure Oscar contender. Rated R. ■

The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★

(Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer, Jonathan Pryce) It's the story of how Charles Dickens (Stevens) wrote "A Christmas Carol" and in doing so established many of the Christmas traditions and sentiments we still hold dear today. At least, that's what it thinks it's about. It really doesn't do any of that well, and as a result plays like a lump of coal in your stocking. Rated PG.

Justice League ★★ 1/2

(Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck, Jason Momoa) Batman (Affleck) and Wonder Woman (Gadot) bring in new recruits to help them fight off an alien bad guy intent on taking over the world. It's starts slow, but some levity in the second half makes it enjoyable. Rated PG-13.

Daddy's Home 2 ★★★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell, Mel Gibson) Co-dads Dusty (Wahlberg) and Brad (Ferrell) have their own fathers (Gibson and John Lithgow) come to town for Christmas, which leads to family chaos. It's notably funnier than its 2015 predecessor, and is the perfect way to get in the Christmas spirit this year. Rated PG-13. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

It's a brilliant idea for a movie: Science evolves to the point that it can shrink people to 5 inches tall with little risk of side effects. Humans who choose to be "downsized" leave their lives, friends and loved ones behind to live in micro communities. Everything is cheaper because they consume and require less, which is good for the environment but bad for the economy.

A concept such as this is ripe for social satire, and knowing the storytelling is in the hands of writer/director Alexander Payne ("Sideways") is ample cause for excitement. Payne has a way of exposing ugly truths about humanity by finding, with the help of A-list casts, emotional clarity in his characters ("About Schmidt," "The Descendants," "Nebraska").

You can't help but wonder, then, how he and co-writer Jim Taylor allowed "Downsizing" to go so horribly off track.

The movie is largely void of humor, meaning or commentary. It's incredibly frustrating, and sad, when filmmakers who you know are immensely talented render a product that's not up to their standards.

Matt Damon stars as Paul, an occupational therapist at Omaha Steaks in Nebraska. He's married to Audrey (Kristen Wiig), but their lives are listless. They can't afford the new house she desperately wants, and they find themselves flustered by the endless cycle of paycheck-to-paycheck middle class modernity. Life is hard, and it isn't getting any easier.

But, an opportunity: Downsizing to .0634 percent of their current mass and volume will allow their \$152,000 in net wealth to be worth \$12.5 million as small people, so it becomes a no-brainer for a better life. The before, during and after scenes depicting the shrinking process are fascinating, as they showcase Payne's bold imagination letting loose in a way that's both practical and creative.

After Paul downsizes, however, the film falters.

Once shrunken, Paul becomes a lost

soul when things don't go as expected. The shrinking is irreversible, and he struggles to let loose and enjoy life. His bohemian upstairs neighbor (Christoph Waltz) is able to help a little, but really only Vietnamese dissident Ngoc Lan Tran (Hong Chau) gets through to him.

Where the story goes, and how it gets there, can best be described as a lame disappointment that is completely void of the ingenuity demonstrated in the first third of the film.



What's more, there's no point. Many things happen to Paul, but director Payne's message, whatever it may be, is lost in all the meandering. Are we to make the most of the life we have because we don't know when it'll be over? Is the grass not always greener on the other side? Is the only purpose in life to help others? Many ideas are introduced, but none are followed through with in a compelling way. It's as if Payne is taking from Darren Aronofsky's ("mother!") bad habit approach to audiences of "make of this what you will." He should've known better.

If you can bring yourself to do it — and you won't, but "if" — leave the theater after Paul's shrinking process is complete. By that time you will have seen all the good this movie has to offer. ■

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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.

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■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to the first luncheon of the new 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 cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed as a means towards helping them achieve a fuller and better life socially, emotionally and intellectually. Members meet

at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. The Jan. 5 meeting place is Under the Shady Palm Pub, followed by Erin's Isle on Jan. 12, Sam Snead's at Lely Resort & Spa on Jan. 19 and Olympic Café on Jan. 26. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** members meet from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a \$7 door fee; guests pay \$9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The Jan. 5 place to be is Old Naples All American Sports Bar, followed by Kitchen on Jan. 12. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.



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

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■ **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 11th 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 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



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

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.Naples-gardenclub.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.

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■ **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.

■ The **Bonita Springs Men's Club** meets at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Road west of U.S. 41. Southwest Florida residents are welcome. A winter golf league plays on Thursdays at San Carlos Country Club, and programs throughout the season range from sporting events to book exchanges. There is also a summer golf program. Annual dues are \$50. Winter golf is an additional \$25, and summer golf is on the discounted PGA card. For more information, email bonitaspringsmenclub@gmail.com

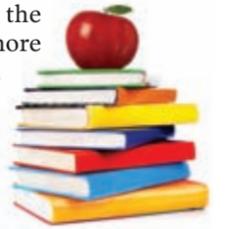
■ **Tech4Good SWFL**, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. A program about "Facebook Live for Nonprofits" will be presented by Cory O'Donnell, digital engagement editor, and Andrea Melendez, visual journalist, both from the News-Press. The Feb. 6 meeting topic will be Google Drive. The free club is for staff and volunteers of nonprofit 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 Thomp-

son 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 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.

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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.

■ **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club #6544**, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President's Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Jan 12 and 26. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastoftheCoast.org.

■ **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 month-

ly 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 meeting is Jan. 16. For information, visit www.pastelsociety.org.

■ All those who enjoy conversing in French are invited to the "La Causerie" and lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at The Moorings Country Club. Five members of **Alliance Française de Naples** will share their thoughts, notes and photos on "Paris through a Fashion Eye." Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for others. Reservations and payment by mail required by Jan. 13. For more information, call Denyse Jenkins at 592-0447 or visit www.afnaples.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.

■ 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.

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NICK LINN

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ers themselves — but it was the library that got me started early.”

From that point forward, libraries figured largely in Mr. Linn's life, from the large amount of time he spent at his university library at Bethany College to drawing inspiration for speeches during his decades-long career. His reputation grew great enough that he parlayed an entry-level job in the telephone company's traffic department into a position editing employee communications.

The editing job evolved into interviews with famous people in West Virginia for a series of in-house publications, which led to what Mr. Linn calls the highlight of his career: Pearl S. Buck, author of the Nobel Prize-winning novel “The Good Earth.” He interviewed her at her home in Philadelphia.

“She was the most amazing lady I've ever met,” he said. “We blew a fuse in her very old townhouse and while we were stalling for time, she took me upstairs to her living quarters where she wrote ‘The Good Earth.’”

A series is born

Mr. Linn's admiration of fiction authors, however, did not lead to any interest in becoming one himself.

“With my experience interviewing more than 50 authors, I developed such an appreciation for the dedication and hard work it takes to make it happen that I know not many people have it. It is very hard work,” he said. “But it's magic to create something on paper that will totally absorb thousands of people.

“When I find a book I love and am absorbed in, I'm right there with the characters, worrying about surviving the death threat ... I'm into the plot totally. That's the mark of success in fiction.”

So instead of embarking on a literary career of his own, Mr. Linn continued crafting articles and speeches for his company and later, upon his retirement, devoted himself to the promotion of libraries as cultural institutions. When he arrived in Naples in 1990, he and a few likeminded friends started a lecture series called SPES Society Inc. to bring authors, entertainment personalities and thought leaders to Naples for brain-stimulating talks.

The SPES Society series continued for 12 years. By the time it disbanded, Mr. Linn was a new member of the board of directors of Friends of the Libraries of Collier County, which needed to create a new fundraiser.

That's how, 15 years ago, the Nick Linn Lecture Series was born with the goal of raising \$5,000 to support local libraries.

“We were successful that first year, but we thought we'd never do that again because it's a fair amount of work to negotiate the logistics (of bringing in bestselling authors),” he said.

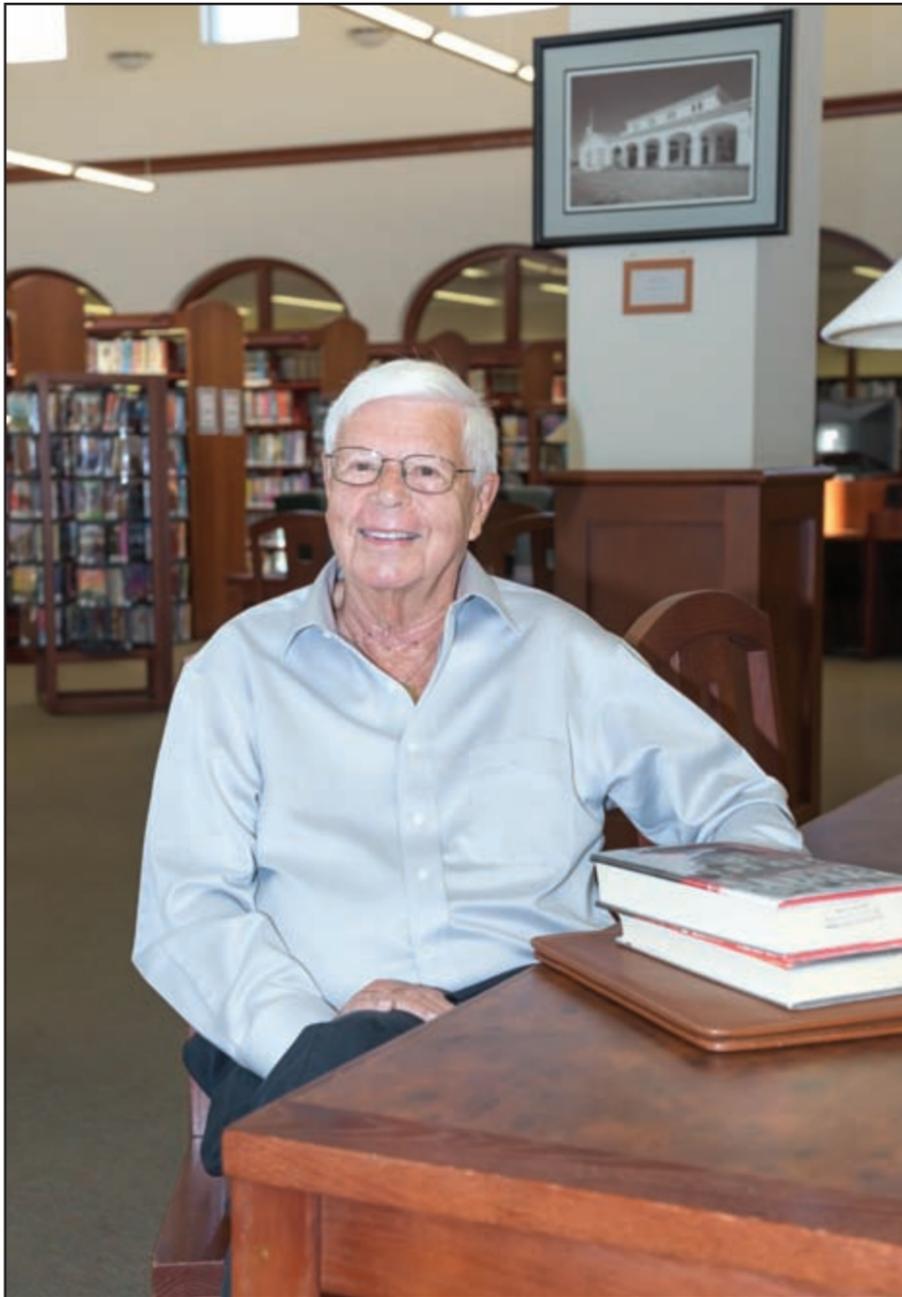
But 15 years later, the series is going strong and averages \$100,000 a year to help the Friends support the library system.

Entertainment value

To determine which fiction authors to invite, Mr. Linn and other group organizers survey library staff and local bookstores for bestsellers that resonate with popular audiences.

“Sometimes an author is popular nationally but not locally,” he said. “Being on a bestseller list and how many times is important. *The New York Times* is the granddaddy.”

Entertainment value and speaking ability are also major considerations for organizers when booking authors, he said.



Nick Linn at Collier County's Headquarters Library.

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“Our audiences want to be entertained. This is not a literary society,” Mr. Linn said. “They're coming to The Ritz-Carlton and looking for an enjoyable experience. If the author is successful, they'll go home saying, ‘I spent a couple hours with Mary Higgins Clark’ and feel they know them.”

To that end, he added, the organizers “never give the author a subject matter to talk about, and we don't allow the authors to read — that can be deadly.”

From the funds the series generates, the Friends can augment library budgets to provide technology, programs and scholarships that benefit Collier County residents and enhance the libraries' value to the community.

“We're guided by the wish list of the library administration,” Mr. Linn said about where the money goes. “We support most of the programs that the library provides if there's money involved.”

His particular tastes in reading run toward historical and spy novels and away from science fiction and poetry, though on this year's agenda are authors who specialize in romance, comic books and more. It seems that like the series' audiences, Mr. Linn wants to be entertained and immersed in different worlds himself. Pet peeves that might prompt him to put a book aside include irrelevant details, “any title that gets too academic” or too many characters.

He confides one of the difficulties that have come with growing older for him as a reader is “too many people in the plot, particularly if you read 10 pages before you go to sleep. If you don't get back to it for a couple days, you forget who's who.”

“I used to be dedicated to the idea that if I started a book I had to finish it. Now, if I get 20 pages in and I'm not interested, I quit and move on to something else.”

A reputation by the books

That discernment has cultivated quite a high regard for Mr. Linn among publishers and authors, said his friend and series committee member Nita Leftwich. Lecture crowds of up to 600 guests — and potential customers — reliably lure in-demand authors to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort each winter to expound on the writing life and their work. The Friends of the Collier County Libraries have become so dependent on his name recommendation that Mr. Linn allowed them to copyright it for use after he leaves the board.

“The publicists want to get those authors on the road and get them exposed, and they know if they deal with Nick Linn, that helps things happen,” Ms. Leftwich said.

“He has been the one who has manned this ship for all these years, and believe me, it's very hard work,” she added. “It started out with Nick Linn's efforts and it's been his sole concern. He loves these libraries and he's dedicated his life to them. It's paid off, because we've been able to help a lot.”

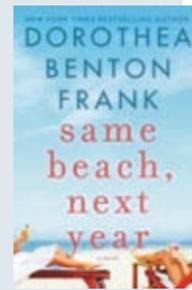
Extending his love of reading to the community and offering locals opportunities to discover new authors or get to know authors they already love also motivates Mr. Linn to continue the series. To live vicariously through the characters of a spy or historical novel is an experience readers like him cherish, and the series allows him to bring such experiences to others.

“The lecture series is important to me because it ties back to the love I have for reading and how you're missing opportunities if you're not into reading,” he said. “Whether its fiction or non-fiction, good titles and good authors can enrich anybody's life.”

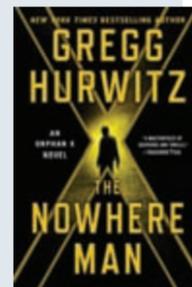
“Anything I can do to champion that is important to me.” ■

The 2018 lineup

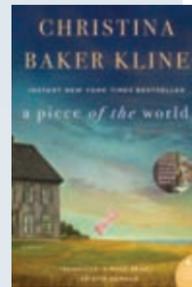
The 15th annual Nick Linn Lecture Series begins **Monday, Jan. 15**, with **Dorothea Benton Frank**, whose most recent book, “Same Beach, Next Year,” debuted at No. 4 on the New York Times Bestseller List. A bewitching story of marriage, love, family and friendship, the story returns the author, who now lives in New York, to her South Carolina roots.



Christina Baker Kline, author of the New York Times No. 1 bestseller “The Orphan Train,” headlines the series on **Monday, Feb. 5**. Ms. Kline's newest book, “A Piece of the World,” delves into the complex woman and real-life muse Andrew Wyeth portrayed in his 1948 masterpiece “Christina's World.” The author lives near New York City and on the coast of Maine.



Monday, March 12, brings **Gregg Hurwitz**, a New York Times bestselling author of 17 thrillers and most recently “Nowhere Man.” His novels have been shortlisted for numerous literary awards, graced Top 10 lists and been published in 30 languages. Mr. Hurwitz is also a screenwriter, TV producer and comic book writer. He lives in Los Angeles.



The 2018 Nick Linn Lecture Series ends **Monday, March 26**, with **Adrianna Trigiani**, whose 17 titles have been published in 36 countries. Her latest, “Kiss Carlo,” brings the reader into a story of an Italian American family on the cusp of change. Ms. Trigiani is also a playwright, television writer/producer and award-winning filmmaker for her novel “Big Stone Gap.” She is a cofounder of the Origin Project, an in-school writing program that serves more than 1,000 students in Appalachia. She lives in Greenwich Village with her family.



All four lectures include lunch at noon and a book signing after the 1 p.m. lecture in the Grand Lawn Pavilion at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Series tickets are available for Friends of the Library of Collier County members and range from \$250 to \$500. Individual tickets, with limited availability, can be purchased by calling 262-8135 or online at www.collier-friends.org. ■

in the know

Nonfiction series in its fifth year

For the fifth year, Friends of the Library of Collier County has engaged three nonfiction authors to discuss their works over breakfast at the Country Club of Naples.

The 2018 series begins **Monday, Jan. 22**, with maritime and adventure writer **Michael Tougias**, co-author of “So Close to Home,” the story of the Downs family during WWII.

Monday, Feb. 26, brings **Larry Goldstone** to talk about his newest book, “Going Deep: John Philip Holland and the Invention of the Attack Submarine.” As told by Goldstone, Mr. Holland's life soars with a singular achievement and ends, as genius often does, in near obscurity.

The series ends **Monday, March 19**, with **Del Quentin Wilber**, the author of “Rawhide Down.” Ronald Reagan was just 70 days into his first term of office when he was shot by John W. Hinckley Jr. Mr. Wilber's book tells the full, fascinating story of a historical moment when the nation faced a crisis.

Tickets for the series are \$125 for Friends members and \$155 for others; single tickets are \$45 and \$55. Continental breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and the programs start at 9:30 a.m.

For tickets or more information, call Marlene Kern at 262-8135, email mekern@collier-friends.org or visit www.collier-friends.org. ■

CELEBRITY EXTRA

A singer in real life, too

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I really like the girl who plays the sister on “The Goldbergs” and think she has a wonderful voice. Will she try to pursue a career in singing as well as acting?

— Denise W., via email

A: Hayley Orrantia, who plays Erica Goldberg on the family comedy that centers on the trials and tribulations of growing up in the 1980s, began singing as a child and recorded her own songs at the age of 14. In 2011, she was a contestant on the first season of “The X-Factor” and was eliminated in week five. When she was cast in “The Goldbergs” in 2013, creator/writer Adam Goldberg heard about her singing talent, and he incorporated that into her character.

Hayley goes on the road this spring in the “Strong, Sweet and Southern Tour.” She has been building up her country/pop music career and is excited to get out and perform for her fans. “I couldn’t be more excited to get a chance to meet everyone and share music that has been deeply inspired by this wild last year of my life,” she says. “I’m looking forward to meeting and personally thanking the fans who have followed my musical journey from the beginning, and those who have found me through “The Goldbergs.” To find out if her tour will make a stop near you, to go www.hayleyorrantia.com.



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period drama that revolves around the young queen of England begins at 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. Jenna Coleman returns as Victoria, as do Tom Hughes as Prince Albert and Rufus Sewell as the prime minister. Joining the cast is the legendary Dame Diana Rigg (“Game of Thrones,” “The Avengers”) as the Duchess of Buccleuch, the court’s new Mistress of the Robes. She’s a fount of old-fashioned good sense for the queen, who is now in the throes of motherhood. ■

— Write to Cindy Elavsky at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Or send an email to letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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— Allan T., via email

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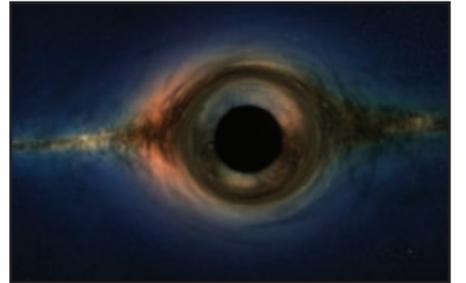
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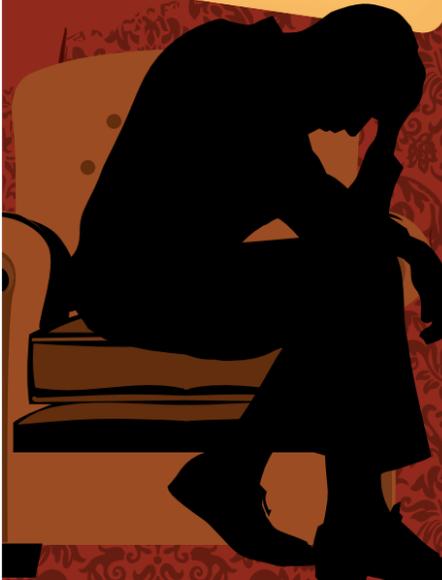
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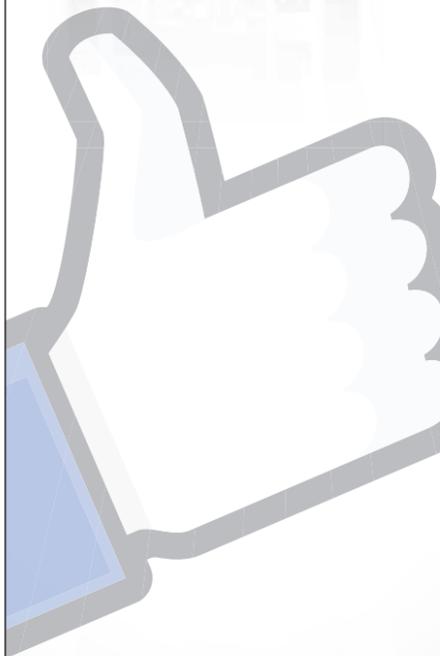
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■ The sixth annual Evening for Better Tomorrows: **“A Night of Motown Magic”** to benefit Jewish Family & Community Services and the Naples Senior Center takes place from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Club Pelican Bay. Attendees will enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing to the music of Shadows of the '60s. Tickets are \$375. For more information, call Jaclynn Faffer at JFCS at 325-4444.



■ The David Lawrence Center holds its 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala: **“Puttin’ on the Ritz”** the evening of Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call Jennifer Denike at 304-3505, email jenniferde@dclmhc.com or visit www.DLCgala.org.

■ The **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, this year themed **“Welcome Aboard,”** on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Amy Heurman is chair of the evening that benefits the center’s educational programs serving Immokalee students from cradle to career. The evening begins with a cocktail reception and meet-and-greet with high school students from the center’s Tutor Corps program. Tickets are \$500. For more information, visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

■ **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 more. \$95. 2655 Northbrook Drive. For more information, call 272-7227 or visit www.projecthelpnaples.org.

■ **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. 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 for \$100 are available at www.betsandbroadway2018@eventbrite.com.

■ The **Neighborhood Health Clinic** hosts a gourmet vintner dinner Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening begins with a reception featuring a samples from more than 10 winemakers selected by The Ritz-Carlton’s sommelier. Guests will then enjoy dinner, live entertainment, a live auction, dancing and more. Tickets are \$375. For more information, call 316-7416 or visit www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

■ 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. 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, 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. Tickets are \$300, with proceeds helping Fun Time 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 more information, visit www.hsnaples.org.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida** welcomes 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 take place from 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.

■ The **Designer Boutique** associated with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children’s annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 18-19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Vendors from around the county will have specialty clothing, jewelry, accessories and gift items for sale. Admission to the boutique is free and open to the public. For more informa-

tion, call Susan Utz at 775-3862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org/mbh.

■ The 18th annual **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children takes place at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Linda Meak is chair of the event, and Donna Issenmann and Denise Wilburn are vice chairs. Tickets are \$350. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-3862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org/mbh.

■ **Opera Naples** holds a sunset performance of classic operatic arias followed by fine dining Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Naples Botanical Garden. For information about the black-tie optional evening, visit www.operanaples.org.

■ **“A Vintage Affair: “Bright Lights & Bubbles”** to benefit The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida takes place on Oscar night, Sunday evening, March 4, at Quail West Golf & Country Club. Guests are encouraged to dress in “old Hollywood” style for the red-carpet walk and can expect to be treated like stars at the champagne reception followed by dinner and dancing. Jane Monreal from Fox 4 will emcee, and co-chairs are MS Center board members Shannon Diener and Niki Varveris. Proceeds from silent and live auctions will benefit the MS Center.

Individual tickets are \$350. VIP packages are \$4,500 for reserved tables of 10 and include a VIP reception, premium cocktails, a Hollywood star on the evening’s Walk of Fame, Academy Award-worthy swag bags and celebrity introductions at the gala. Regular tables for 10 are available for \$3,000. Sponsorships are also available from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Reservations will be accepted until Feb. 16. For tickets or more information, call 435-1901 or visit www.msgala.com.

■ **Saint Ann Catholic School**, a ministry of Saint Ann Parish, hosts the second annual Saint Ann Latino Contemporary Art Auction at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples. Guests will meet prominent local and international Latino artists, bid on their artwork during the silent auction and enjoy hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment, all while raising funds to perpetuate the Saint Ann Latino Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$250. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.SALCAA.org. ■

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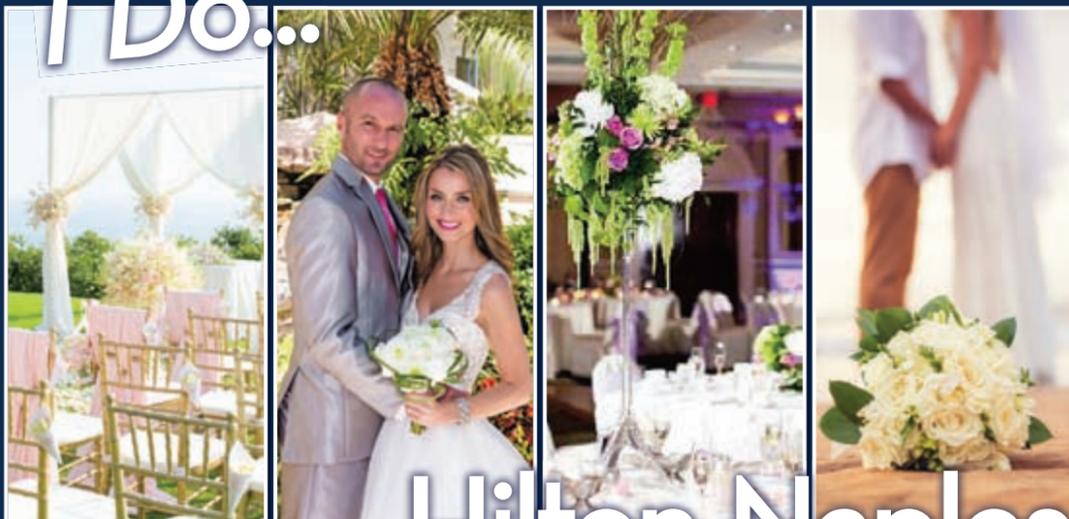


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■ **Purple Spoon** hosts a cooking class featuring healthy breakfast options such as cashew cocoa butter, breakfast bowls and more starting at noon Saturday, Jan. 6. 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

■ **Bone Hook Brewing Co.** invites the public to its first anniversary party with live music by The Woodwork, Marty Stokes and Them Hamilton Boys, beer tastings all day and food from Smokin' R's BBQ Truck and Komoon Sushi & Thai from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6. 1514 Immokalee Road. 631-8522 or www.bonehookbrewingco.com.



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■ **Osteria Tulia** celebrates its fifth anniversary by offering guests a few glasses of prosecco, select items from the restaurant's original menu and a revamped wine menu on Thursday, Jan. 11. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2073 or www.osteriatulia.com.

■ **Purple Spoon** hosts a tour and lunch at Inyoni Farm from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. A culinary demonstration by Chef Kristina San Filippo precedes the meal, which includes a salad of fresh harvested produce, seasonal greens and root

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CUISINE

Le Lafayette sets up shop on East Trail while storm repairs continue



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For the majority of Southwest Floridians, the ravages of Hurricane Irma mercifully have come and gone.

But not everyone was so fortunate. Count Le Lafayette's chef/owner Sebastian Maillard among the latter. His lovely and well-established restaurant on 13th Avenue South was inundated when the storm caved in the roof. With repairs estimated to take a year, Mr. Maillard opted to find a new space, make some major upgrades and open another restaurant that will operate at least until the original has been restored.

Bistro La Baguette occupies the space that previously held Mr. Mom's Diner, Cloyde's Prime Steaks & Seafood, Scallywag's and Sweet Mama's Island Cuisine, among other establishments. It's a modest space along the East Trail, but Mr. Maillard has done an admirable job of sprucing it up with the addition of velvet chairs, marble floors, white paint over the brick walls and some tasteful French prints here and there along with a good-sized wine rack in one corner.

There's a cozy porch out front with drapes and, for inclement weather, roll-down plastic windows and tables clad in white tablecloths. Decorative faux grasses in large planters around the perimeter form something of a barrier to the multiple lanes of traffic zipping by. The porch has a bar with high-backed chairs as well, which had several occupants enjoying beer, wine and dishes from the bar menu on the evening I visited.

The hostess stand was unoccupied when we arrived, but within a couple of minutes Mr. Maillard popped out of the kitchen and graciously offered us a table inside or out. It was a lovely night so we chose one on the porch.

It wasn't long before a woman he'd identified as his sister stopped by with menus. Those who have dined at Le Lafayette will be relieved to know that the bistro menu offers many dishes found at the original restaurant: French onion soup, cheese plates, foie gras, escargot, wild Russian caviar, duck, coq au vin, Dover sole, branzino, frog legs, veal liver, well, you get the idea.



Dover sole comes with meuniere butter, au gratin potatoes and tomato Provençal.



A clever two-tiered plate offers great cheese presentation and tools for eating the cheese.



French onion soup is done right at Bistro La Baguette.



A rack of lamb was excellent, made even better by a house-made mint sauce.

The atmosphere is a bit more casual, but the food remains seriously French.

The wine list isn't huge but offers a respectable range of reasonably priced reds and whites. The Arnaud Baillet Vieilles Vignes Montagny Premier Cru 2015 (\$51) arrived properly chilled and paired well with our appetizers and my companion's fish entrée.

A meal begins with crusty French bread and unsalted butter, which could well spoil your appetite for dinner if you overindulge.

Luckily for us, appetizers arrived relatively quickly, saving us from ourselves.

The onion soup (\$8.95), served in a good-sized white ceramic bowl, had a rich, meaty broth with lots of sliced onions topped with two pieces of bread covered in thick, gooey cheese. It was a well-rendered version of this classic soup.

A cheese appetizer (\$13.95) came on an ingenious two-level plate. The round marble top held the wedges of Brie, Roquefort and Gouda along with fresh berries, toast and apple confit. Another plate slid out from beneath it and it held a knife, fork and cheese slicer. The

cheeses were all delicately flavored and the confit was an excellent complement.

Entrees arrived just as we finished our appetizers — but not before the dishes were cleared. (A server attendant would have helped with this.) It was clear the entrees had been delivered as soon as they were ready, as both were piping hot.

It's rare to see Dover sole (\$39.90) available for one person, but it's available here. The fish had been filleted and fanned out on a white dish, along with au gratin potatoes and a small white cup of meuniere sauce, a simple but tasty lemon-butter sauce. In this case, it was made with Echire butter, an artisan butter made from the milk of cows of the French villages of Poitiers and La Rochelle. A tomato Provençal — topped with nicely seasoned breadcrumbs and then baked — finished this dish. The lemon butter added some zest to the extremely mild fish, but the presentation could have used some color to add eye appeal.

The rack of New Zealand lamb (\$29.95) was much better, containing three tender, double chops that were nicely flavored on their own but were

even better with the house-made mint sauce served with them. The au gratin potatoes worked well with the chops, as did the tomato.

We'd ordered the upside down apple tart (\$9.95) when we placed our dinner order, as the menu indicated it took extra time to prepare. It was indeed upside down when it arrived but it was also disappointingly soggy, as if it had been sitting for some time before being served. I'm not sure what the point of an upside down tarte tatin is. When served right side up, the fanned out slices of apple add visual appeal. This presentation did not, nor did it stack up to any of the luscious desserts I've had at Le Lafayette. Perhaps a soufflé would have been a better choice.

Service was friendly if a little uneven, as our server was also tending bar.

I'm assuming there's some pressure to keep costs down as Mr. Maillard operates one restaurant and repairs another. That's understandable. Perhaps the kitchen is smaller and so there also are limits to what he can produce here. Le Lafayette was in business for 16 years and so operated like a well-oiled machine. Perhaps it will just take a little time to iron out the wrinkles here. ■

in the know

Bistro La Baguette
2530 Tamiami Trail E., Naples
403-7861

Ratings:
Food: ★★½
Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★½

- >> **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$8.75-\$21.80; entrees, \$22.95-\$39.90
- >> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served.
- >> **Seating:** Tables indoors and on an enclosed porch plus porch bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** French cuisine
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
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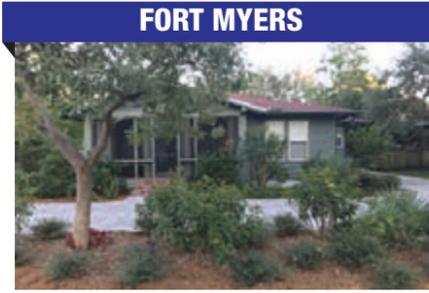
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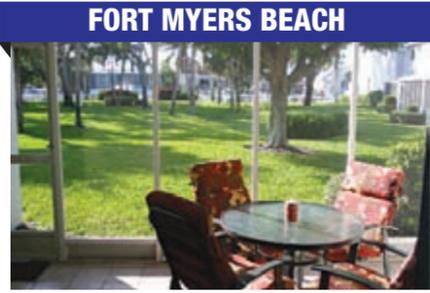
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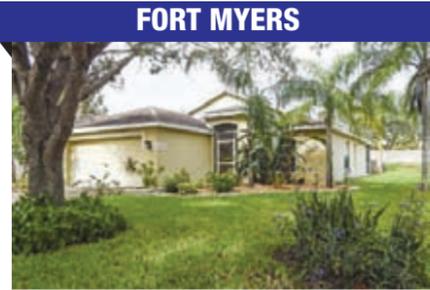
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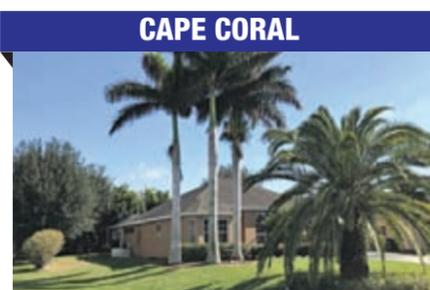
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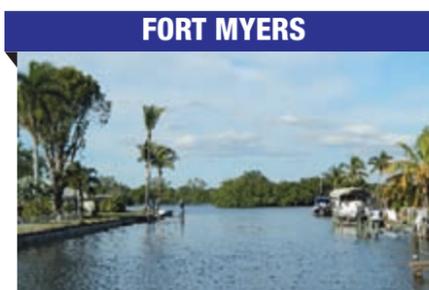
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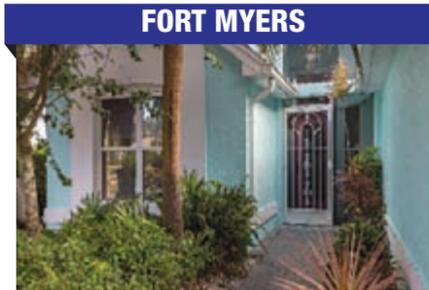
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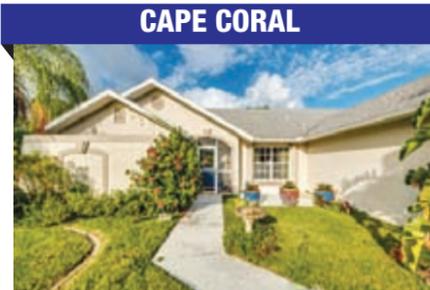
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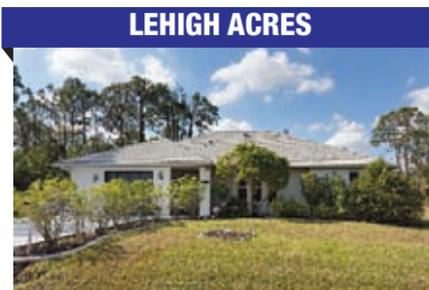
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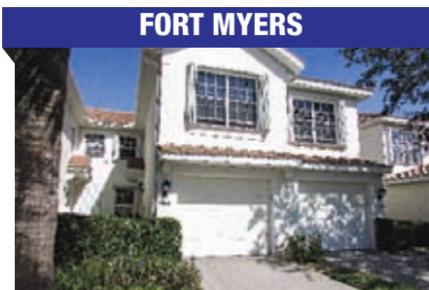
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True 4 Bedroom Home
 Four bedroom waterfront home in the Haverhill Section of Port Charlotte. Kitchen is open to the family room. **\$234,900**
 1-866-657-2300 800CH245995.



LEHIGH ACRES
Large Pool Home on an Acre of Landscaped Property
 If you enjoy space - look no further. 3/2 pool home on an improved fully irrigated acre of land. Lots of room to play. **\$229,900**
 1-866-657-2300 800FM078076.



FORT MYERS
3 Bed/2 Bath Carriage Home-Colonial Country Club
 Serene preserve and lakeview! 3 Bed/2 bath, 1857 sqft carriage home in prestigious Colonial Country Club. **\$225,000**
 1-866-657-2300 800FM069332.



FORT MYERS
Whiskey Creek 3/2 Spacious Villa
 Rare opportunity to own the biggest and best! 3 bed/2 bath villa with the largest floorplan, over 1700 sqft under air. **\$225,000**
 1-866-657-2300 800FM070968.

CAPE CORAL



One & Half Story on Fresh Water Canal
One & half story with huge master suite. Open family room dining room adjacent to kitchen. **\$219,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC065134.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Spacious and Newly Redone 3/2/2
Beautiful cabinetry in kitchen with granite counters, new stainless appliances, ambient lighting and new double sink. **\$219,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CH243327.

LEHIGH ACRES



Great Investment Opportunity! 2 Bed+Den 2 Bath Duplex
2 bed + den 2 bathroom duplex with tenants already in place! Get this investment property with tenants already in place. **\$215,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM073804.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3+ Den/2/3 in Twin Lake Estates
You have plenty of cabinets in this spacious kitchen with new refrigerator, dishwasher and stove along with a pantry closet. **\$210,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE055619.

LEHIGH ACRES



Oak Filled Acre Lot with Lovely Home..
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home on an acre lot in great area of Lehigh Acres. **\$209,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE076647.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa Shows like a Model
Totally updated 2 bed/2 bath/2 car garage with new cabinets, counter tops and flooring throughout. **\$209,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM075076.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage. **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM059820.

CAPE CORAL



Close to Shopping
3/2 Cape Coral home conveniently located close to shopping, dining and beaches! **\$195,991**
1-866-657-2300 800CC064684.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Cape Coral Condo
Turnkey Southeast corner unit. What a view. Outstanding opportunity to own a 2/2 with carport and sailboat access. **\$193,500**
1-866-657-2300 800FM071504.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Newly Finished Murdock Home
This 3/2/2 home has hard surface floors throughout. Granite countertops and solid wood cabinets. **\$189,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH247094.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3 Bed 2 Bath Den Home-Quiet Neighborhood
This lovely home features 3 bedrooms plus a den 2 bathrooms and a two car garage, tile floor through out the entire home. **\$185,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE070872.

PORT CHARLOTTE



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.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek 55+
Stunning 2 bed room 2 bath condo with updates throughout. **\$177,500**
1-866-657-2300 800FM072068.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Perfect Investment Property
3 bedroom 2 bath home has over 1750 sqft of living space. Tile throughout - Month to month tenant is in place now. **\$149,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC076455.

PORT CHARLOTTE



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.

LEHIGH ACRES



Big 4 Bed 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.

LABELLE



Great Family Home
Great home for a growing family, close to schools and shopping. This 3/2 has plenty of room for everyone. Family friendly. **\$129,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM060135.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful-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.