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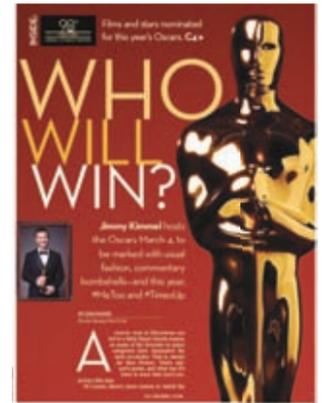
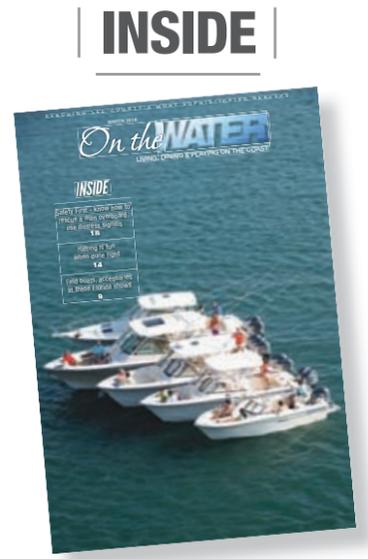
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"JUST ANOTHER DAY in paradise," people sometimes say in South Florida. Palm trees, perhaps second only to seaside sunsets, are the unofficial symbol of that idea of paradise, one that clashes with impoverished and working-class neighborhoods and adds cachet to upscale resorts and shopping malls. From squat, scrubby bushes to elegantly slender trunks crowned with Beatles boy-band mop tops shimmering in the sun, they are the ubiquitous plant that defines our subtropic landscapes as much as any other. "At nighttime when you

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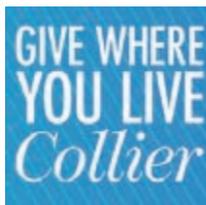
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This year's edition of Give Where You Live put a number of concerns about the community's ability to fork out charitable donations to rest.

The 24-hour fundraising campaign spearheaded by the Community Foundation of Collier County raised \$3,917,731. The fourth annual event tallied 2,303 donations, an almost 25 percent increase over last year's number of gifts, slicing

away doubt that many smaller contributors to the campaign might be hurting too much after Hurricane Irma to donate.

Thirty-eight local nonprofits will benefit from the campaign. Habitat for Humanity of Collier County received the most donations and dollars raised, with 372 gifts producing \$780,895. All of the participating nonprofits eclipsed the \$2,500 matching threshold, meaning each received a minimum \$2,500 from a



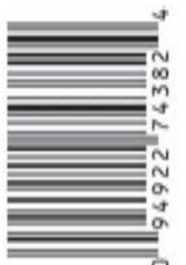
\$500,000 matching fund courtesy of the Community Foundation and the Richard M. Schulze Foundation.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president of the Community Foundation. "We are continually amazed at how our community comes together to show love and support for Collier County."

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# COMMENTARY

## Gunsense



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Wisdom is a hard thing to come by, which is why I want to share the thinking of Sidney Burris, a wise man born and raised on the Virginia-North Carolina border in a little town called Danville.

He grew up with guns, moonshine, muscle cars and Jimi Hendrix. Now he's a professor of English at the University of Arkansas, where he headed the Fulbright College Honors Program for 23 years.

Here's what he wrote in his blog, "Gunsense" ([www.readwrite.typepad.com/gunsense/](http://www.readwrite.typepad.com/gunsense/)), the day after a wacko with an AR-15 killed 17 people and wounded 15 more, in Parkland.

"After every mass shooting, a steadily growing number of Americans — concerned, activated, enraged — ask the inevitable and necessary question: What can I do?"

Professor Burris gives you an answer: "The organizations listed have laid out ways to help that will fit both your schedule and your level of commitment. My guess is each one of you has wondered how our country has arrived at this particular place — more guns than citizens, more mass shootings per capita than any other developed country, more legislators opining about the horrific nature of these slaughters while piously claiming that now is not the time to discuss them. The NRA and America have a long and

complicated history, but there are two mini-histories, if you will, deeply relevant to our current problem with guns."

Two articles detail those histories. The first is an NPR commentary, "The NRA Wasn't Always Against Gun Restrictions." Here's the link: <https://www.npr.org/2017/10/10/556578593/the-nra-wasnt-always-against-gun-restrictions>.

In 1971, a Texas lawyer named Harlon Carter turned the NRA into a conservative, pro-gun, anti-immigration lobby, Professor Burris notes.

"If you're a fan of the Drive-By Truckers, you'll want to have a look at the video of the band's single, 'Ramon Casiano,' that details the murder of Casiano by Carter. Carter is never mentioned by name, but it's a powerful send-up of the founder of the NRA's violent campaign, as well as the racism that powers it."

The second piece comes from the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership that promotes hunting and fishing. Titled "A Confirmed Decline in Hunter Participation Should Be a Call to Action for Sportsmen," it tracks the decline in sales of traditional hunting firearms. Here's the link: <http://www.trcp.org/2017/09/07/confirmed-decline-hunter-participation-call-action-sportsmen/>

"Faced with this declining revenue, arms manufacturers had to appeal to another demographic simply because Americans have been steadily losing interest in hunting and the firearms that traditionally accompany that sport."

"The argument the gun lobby made was fairly simple: you don't buy shotguns nowadays to shoot quail; you need mili-

tary-style weapons to repel the hordes of heavily armed invaders currently planning to trample the borders of our country, our homes, our schools.

"An essentially militaristic advertising campaign, along with the fear-baiting that provided its fuel, struck home with many Americans. The gun industry began to recover its losses."

So let's sum this up: "We have a growing lack of interest in hunting, which led to a drop in traditional firearms revenue, corrected by an NRA that's not only increasingly militaristic in its appeal to self-defense but closely aligned with the gun manufacturers, whose bottom line they have made their number one priority.

"They buy the politicians who will support their agenda. We have learned, sadly, many of our legislators will simply work for the highest bidder. That is old news, but it is always tragic news."

In Florida last week, Republican-dominated House legislators voted 71-36 against banning assault-style rifles used in the largest school massacres, and others. Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-79, now campaigning to become the next commissioner of agriculture responsible for managing the state's concealed weapons licensing program, said the problem isn't assault rifles, it's "lone-wolf terrorists." Almost all 71 legislators, including Rep. Caldwell, who voted not to consider the ban, have been rated A-plus by the NRA, which has liberally distributed campaign money to Republicans.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, standing within feet of students and parents from Parkland, refused to propose an assault weap-

ons ban, or to say he would accept no more money from the NRA. In 2013 he voted against an assault weapons ban after the massacre at Sandy Hook. He's received more than \$3.3 million in contributions from the NRA and guns rights groups and he won an A-plus rating from the NRA.

As the week drew to a close, House Republicans, Sen. Rubio and Gov. Rick Scott talked for the first time about raising the legal age for gun purchases, creating more security in schools and paying more attention to mental health. But none would consider a ban on high-capacity magazines or assault rifles.

What should we make of this, asks Professor Burris?

"We're confronting an unholy alliance between the NRA and the new demographic they have spent more than 40 years creating to bolster a revenue problem. The gun lobbies have a head start, and they are very good at what they do, but reasonable solutions appeal to reasonable people, and I still believe we are ultimately a reasonable nation.

"We will prevail in this struggle because more and more Americans are becoming involved every day, and they are not giving up. Patience and commitment at a sustainable level are the keys to success."

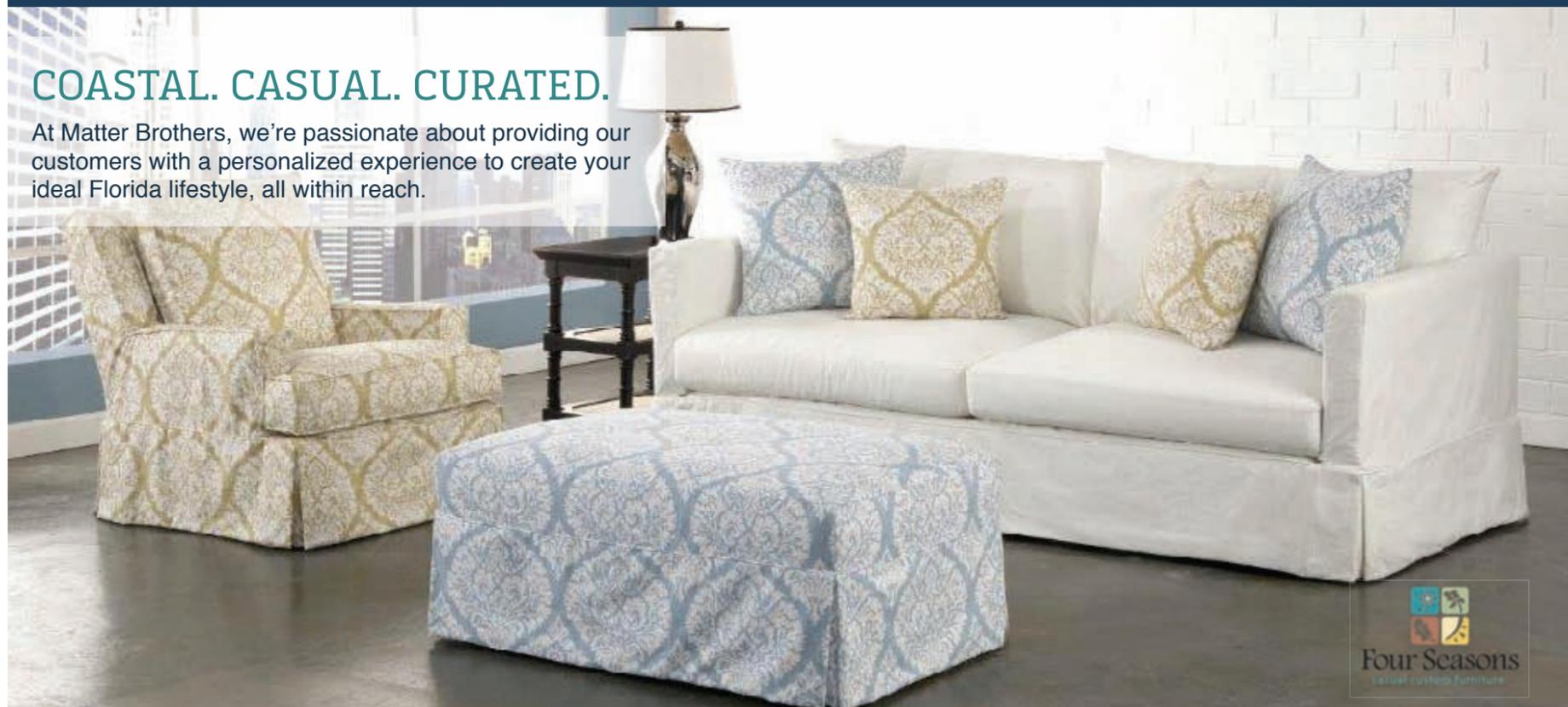
Moms Demand Action, for example, "has grown from a fledgling group of women seeking to end mass shootings to a broader-based organization that now has representation in many places. They have become accomplished activists in only a couple of years."

One other thing to remember, he says: "Voting is activism in its purest form." ■

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# OPINION

## Guns and Russians

**bobFRANKEN**

Special to Florida Weekly



Mark the date on your calendar: March 24. It's a Saturday. It'll be a test for the up-and-coming generation. For that matter, it will be a test for the United States of America and a system of government that gets many failing grades because it has corruption baked in.

March 24 is the day that student organizers have announced a rally in Washington — “March for our Lives.” Anything short of an enormous turnout will reinforce the craven politicians' belief that they can wait out the outrage that accompanies each regularly occurring mass gun slaughter, such as the latest one in Florida, by uttering a few “thoughts and prayers” statements. That way, they avoid the wrath of the National Rifle Association and its accomplices, who combine intimidation with campaign contributions to those who cover before them.

Only crowds that are even bigger than those that attended President Donald Trump's inauguration can begin to cure America's sickness: our irrational attachment to weapons of mass destruction. Even such an outpouring might not be enough. This is a nation with up to 300 million privately owned weapons, many in the hands of millions of people who feel they must jealously guard them with their lives — or more accurately, the lives of the victims of the latest massacre.

It also will be a test for a country where most of us have the attention span of a gnat. Our thinking, or lack thereof, is shaped these days by social media, where it's easy to take full advantage of our inherent superficiality.

A certain president uses Twitter to



great effect.

Others prefer Facebook, like the Russian government. The latest indictment from Robert Mueller's special counsel operation nails Vladimir Putin's henchmen by detailing the highly organized ways they distorted the 2016 election.

Trump, as always, did some distorting of his own. For instance, he insisted that these indictments did not accuse his forces of collusion. That is sort of true, but premature. He chose to ignore the probability that more indictments will be coming that hit closer to home, maybe even his home, the White House.

Trump also refuses to address the gun issue even in the wake of the horror over the Parkland high school bloodbath. His people now grudgingly allow that he'd support improved background checks, but he's stayed away from the subject for the most part, emphasizing instead the usual platitudes about mental health.

In one tweet, Trump tried to conflate the tragedy and his ongoing disdain for

the Russia investigation. Critics charged that what he said on Twitter was astonishingly self-centered, even for Donald Trump. You decide:

“Very sad that the FBI missed all of the many signals sent out by the Florida school shooter. This is not acceptable. They are spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the Trump campaign.”

But wait, there's more: In still another tweet he contended “They are laughing their asses off in Moscow.” Perhaps they are. However, this rally, which is another attempt to take American democracy back from all the foreign and domestic malefactors, can succeed only if it produces a gargantuan turnout in late March. If it is not huge, the Russians will have more reason to laugh. ■

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

## The Russian bot hysteria

**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly



If only Joe McCarthy had lived to see this moment, when it is suddenly in vogue to attribute large-scale events in American politics to the hand of Russia and to inveigh against domestic subversion.

Robert Mueller released an indictment of 13 Russians for crimes related to their social-media campaign to meddle in our internal affairs in the run-up to and aftermath of the 2016 election.

Mueller obviously isn't a McCarthyite, and can't be held responsible for the hysteria — and hopeful expectations of an impeachment-level event — that has built up around his work. His indictment is, as far as anyone can tell, rigorously factual. That's probably the point of it — to create a record of an episode that we should want to know as much about as possible and prevent from ever happening again.

The Russia campaign was a shockingly cynical violation of our sovereignty. President Donald Trump would do himself and the country a favor by

frankly denouncing it. But the scale of the operation shouldn't be exaggerated. In the context of a hugely expensive, obsessively covered, impossibly dramatic presidential election, the Russian contribution on social media was piddling and often laughable.

The Russians wanted to boost Trump, but as a Facebook executive noted, most of their spending on Facebook ads came after the election. The larger goal was to sow discord, yet we had already primed ourselves for plenty of that.

Does anyone believe, absent Russian trolls on Twitter and Facebook, that we were headed to a placid election season involving an incendiary, mediagenic former reality TV star bent on blowing up the political establishment and a longtime pol who had stoked the enmity of Republicans for 30 years and was under FBI investigation?

If you read the Mueller indictment, you might think the Russians were everywhere, not only advertising on Facebook (“Trump is our only hope for a better future”; “Ohio Wants Hillary 4 Prison”), but organizing rallies around the country. But it's not clear these rallies even came off.

The Russians didn't do anything to us that we weren't doing to ourselves, although we were doing it on a much

larger, more potent scale. The Russians are just aping the arguments we are already having with one other, and the sewerish level of much of the discussion on social media.

The New York Times ran a report the other day on Russian bots, in the immediate aftermath of the Parkland school shooting, posting on Twitter about gun control. It's hard to believe that this is going to rip apart the American body politic when many perfectly respectable, red-blooded Americans themselves advocate for gun control, and often in the immediate aftermath of shootings.

In a better world, Trump would be less defensive about the Russian investigation, and his opposition would be less obsessively invested in it (at least until such time that it produces a genuine bombshell). We should seek to shut down Russian influence as much as possible, without losing perspective. We aren't divided because of Russia; we're divided because we have genuine, deeply held differences. The fault, to the extent there is one, isn't with the bots, but with ourselves. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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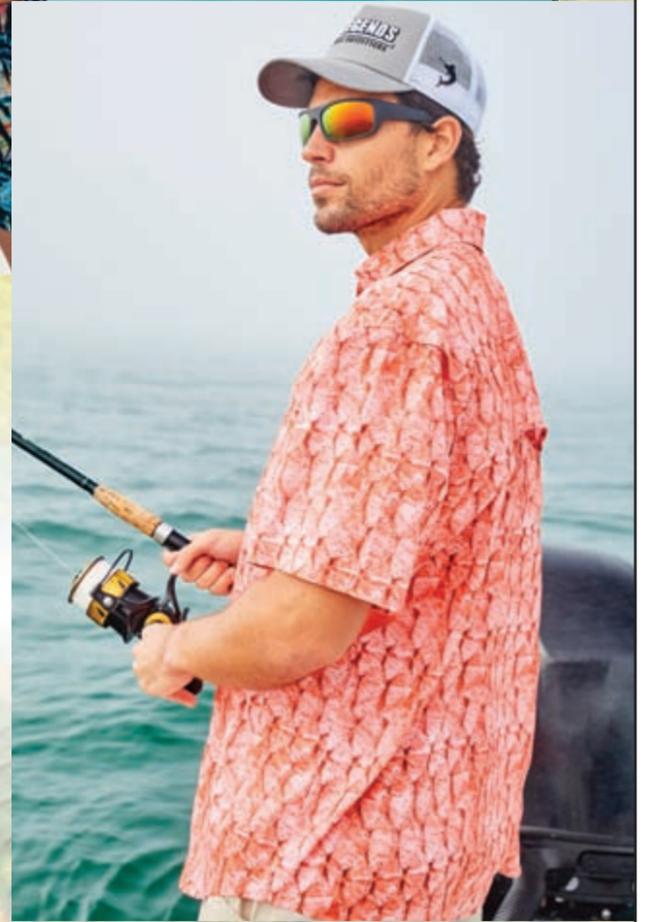


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## GUEST COMMENTARY

### We all must choose to be a powerful agent of change

BY SCOTT BURGESS

On Feb. 14, 2018, the day devoted annually to spreading love, the world learned of a yet another hateful school shooting that killed 17 people and injured dozens more. A football coach, an athletic director and young, innocent students in the prime of their lives were among those gunned down at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

The shooter has been described as “troubled.” He lost both of his adoptive parents and was in a foster home. He was expelled from school last year for fighting and other problems. A 2016 Florida DCF report indicated he engaged in self-harm by cutting his arms, announced plans to buy a gun, put racial slurs and hate symbols on his backpack and reportedly suffered from various mental illness conditions. In the time leading up to the shooting, he made disturbing social media posts.

With Parkland being less than a two-hour drive across Alligator Alley, along with headlines of arrests for threats made to our own schools in recent weeks, this tragedy, and these issues, hit far too close to home.

When tragedies like the Sandy Hook, Columbine and Parkland school massacres occur, journalists and the community turn to psychiatric professionals for help understanding why such things happen. Experts look at genetics, psychiatric disorders, early childhood experiences, social challenges, devastating traumas and triggers, etc. While often times there are some striking commonalities, there



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are always unique differences as well. No two situations are ever exactly the same. Many are digging deeper to understand the root causes of these situations.

While this investigation continues, our communities, reeling in pain, also need comfort.

These horrific incidents remind us of how precious and fragile human life is and move us to appreciate our loved ones that much more. They remind us of the importance of friends, community and religious institutions.

People are gathering together in vigils, prayer meetings are happening and marches are being planned.

Of course, such communal bonding can't change what has already happened. But when tragedy occurs, a community weaves itself together to form a feeling of safety and give everyone a sense of stability and purposeful direction. Studies tell us that when individuals are able to find some meaning in suffering, they are more likely to recover with fewer emotional scars.

These tragedies also need to raise public consciousness about the facts around mental illness. Experts agree that individuals who engage in mass shootings suffer some sort of mental health challenge. That being said, the public might be led to believe that every person who has a mental health issue is at risk for becoming a mass murderer. That is absolutely

not the case.

The vast majority of people with a mental illness care about human life as much as anyone else and have no desire to hurt or be hurt by another human. In fact, they are more often the victims of violent crime rather than the perpetrators.

The real question to be raised is not “Should we be scared of people with psychological problems?” but “How can we help people who are affected by mental health issues?” David Lawrence Center is just one mental health center among hundreds in the country dedicated to helping those who have a psychiatric challenge, and help is only one phone call away.

At DLC, recovery from mental health challenges is the expectation and not the exception.

We partner closely with the Collier County Public School system and the Collier County Sheriff's Office to care for those in need. We applaud their responsiveness to the recent incidents in our community by developing the “Keep Collier Safe” initiative to make reporting threats easier than ever.

While incidents like the Parkland shooting should never take place, the heartbreaking reality is that they do and are happening more often, continuing to reinforce the need for communities to look at root causes and to mobilize solutions. This is an opportunity to advance conversations as a country, as a state and locally, to better support mental health care.

We must stand with the brave students of Parkland and others around the country who are demanding change and action.

There are reasonable measures and interventions, such as those Sen. Kathleen Passidomo proposes in SB 2502, and we ask her fellow colleagues in the state legislature to pass that bill. The solutions include enhancing school security measures and embedding mental health professionals in schools to assist with teacher and student education on mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment.

These are measures we can all get behind. Sen. Passidomo has been a determined champion in leading these efforts. We appreciate her leadership and vision; SB 2502 was filed well before the Parkland tragedy because she knew these were critical issues to address.

We all must choose to be powerful agents of change. Let's not just talk this time. Let's ACT.

#NoMore  
#NeverAgain  
#SeeItSayIt ■

— Scott Burgess, president and CEO of David Lawrence Center, co-authored legislation that became law in Illinois to develop its first-ever, five-year state-wide mental health strategic plan. He is working with Collier County on the development of a mental health strategic plan, and he advocates at the state level through his board involvement with the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network and Florida Council for Behavioral Health. For more information about DLC and its many services and programs for adults, families and children, call 455-8500 or visit [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org).

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# 'We are One' set to celebrate unity, solidarity

In the 2017 "Best Of" issue of Florida Weekly, the Shabbat of Solidarity at Temple Shalom in Naples was designated as the "Best Show of Unity." The spirit of solidarity that drew hundreds of community members and clergy representing many faiths to the shabbat continues with "We are One: A Musical Celebration" at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Temple Shalom.

The celebration of unity, solidarity, brotherhood and the spirit of America will showcase a professional New York cast joined by local talent along with local clergy and community leaders. The show is directed by Jamibeth Margolis and includes Mark Sanders from the Broadway national tour of "Fiddler on the Roof." Students from the Guadalupe Center Tutor Corps will be the guests of Temple Shalom as Phil Beuth receives the Temple Shalom Social Justice Award. Mr. Beuth is an author and a former entertainment executive at ABC-TV.



SANDERS

tion was the show of support that Temple Shalom received last season, when more than 1,200 people of all faiths came together after the sign outside the temple was vandalized. Over the past year, the temple has presented numerous programs emphasizing social justice and cooperation among people of all faiths. Its Beading for Betterment initiative, for example, brought temple members and others in the community together to make necklaces for children at the Guadalupe Center to give to their mothers for Mother's Day.

A limited number of general admission tickets to the "We Are One" celebration are available for \$45 for adults and \$18 for students. Sponsorships for \$125 include the show and a dessert reception with the cast. Additional sponsorship opportunities that include a dinner on March 10 are also available.

A keepsake journal containing poems, excerpts from famous documents and messages of solidarity and congratulations to Mr. Beuth will be given to attendees at the March 11 event. For tickets or more information, and to send a message of solidarity for the journal, call Temple Shalom at 455-3030 or visit [www.naplestemple.org](http://www.naplestemple.org). ■



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**Palm trees native to Florida**



**Paurotis Palm**  
*Acoelorrhaphe wrightii*



**Silver Palm**  
*Coccothrinax argentata*



**Buccaneer Palm**  
*Pseudophoenix sergentii*



**Needle Palm**  
*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*



**Royal Palm**  
*Roystonea regia*



**Scrub Palmetto**  
*Sabal etonia*

COURTESY PHOTOS

# PALM

From page 1

see that sunset and it's just gorgeous and you have that silhouette of a palm tree in the sky, it does make you feel like you're someplace exotic for sure," said Debbie Hughes, senior horticulturalist at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers.

Though hundreds of exotic palms have been imported to Florida, only a dozen are native to the state, includ-

ing sabal or cabbage palms (*Sabal palmetto*), the official state tree. Its hearts were once often used to make swamp cabbage, a traditional Seminole Indian and old Florida vegetable. The Miami palm (*Sabal miamiensis*) may already be extinct in the wild while the shrubby saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) is as common as a weed, its berries or drupes providing food for hundreds of species of wildlife as well as a common remedy to treat an enlarged prostate and other conditions.

Out-of-state varieties includes coconut palms (*Cocos nucifera*), which may be native to Asia, though exact origin

is unknown. At least a few dozen exotic palm varieties are grown in nurseries and used in landscaping; \$592 million worth of palms and tropical foliage grown in the Sunshine State were sold in 2015, a University of Florida study found.

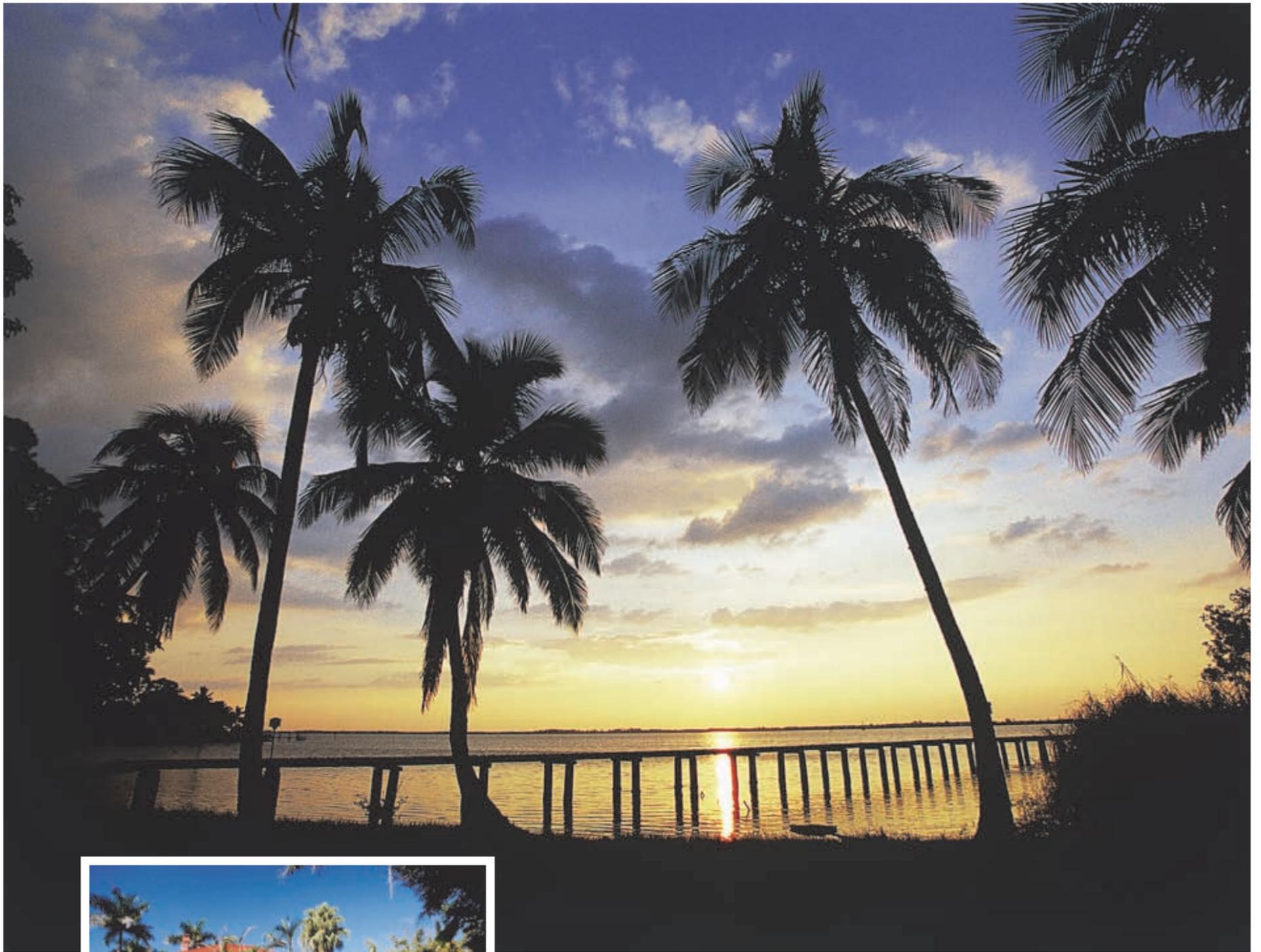
"In the cities and urban areas we see primarily ornamental palms planted," said Brian Bahder, an assistant professor specializing in insect vector technology



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with the University of Florida/IFAS in Davie. "But in the Everglades and in a lot of the natural habitat we have a handful of native species of palm that are just as beautiful (and) since they're native here they're an important species from an ecological standpoint."

They are also an indelible part of our past. The Historical Society of Palm Beach County recounts the history of the Spanish brig *Providencia*, which in 1878 wrecked on the shore of what is now the town of Palm Beach, home to the many-palmed Mar-a-Lago resort. The ship's cargo of coconuts spawned new palms and gave both the county



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**Miami Palm**  
*Sabal miamiensis*



**Dwarf Palmetto**  
*Sabal minor*



**Cabbage or Sabal Palm**  
*Sabal palmetto*



**Saw Palmetto**  
*Serenoa repens*



**Key Thatch Palm**  
*Thrinax morrisii*



**Florida Thatch Palm**  
*Thrinax radiata*

and city their names.

On the southwest coast, Fort Myers' nickname "City of Palms" is rooted in the towering royal palms (*Roystonea regia*) planted along McGregor Boulevard, their smooth, majestic trunks like freshly-poured concrete. Thomas and Mina Edison were responsible for their first planting along what was then a cattle trail. After 1906, the Edisons paid for the palms to be planted along about a half-mile stretch starting at their winter estate, and the city agreed to care for them in perpetuity, explained Ms. Hughes with the Edison & Ford Estates. The city has since planted many more, further out along McGregor, and replaced others lost in time.

"We probably have a couple that are still I would say originals so that means they're over 100 years old," Ms. Hughes said. "There's quite a few new ones, of course, because of disease or old age or cars hit them."

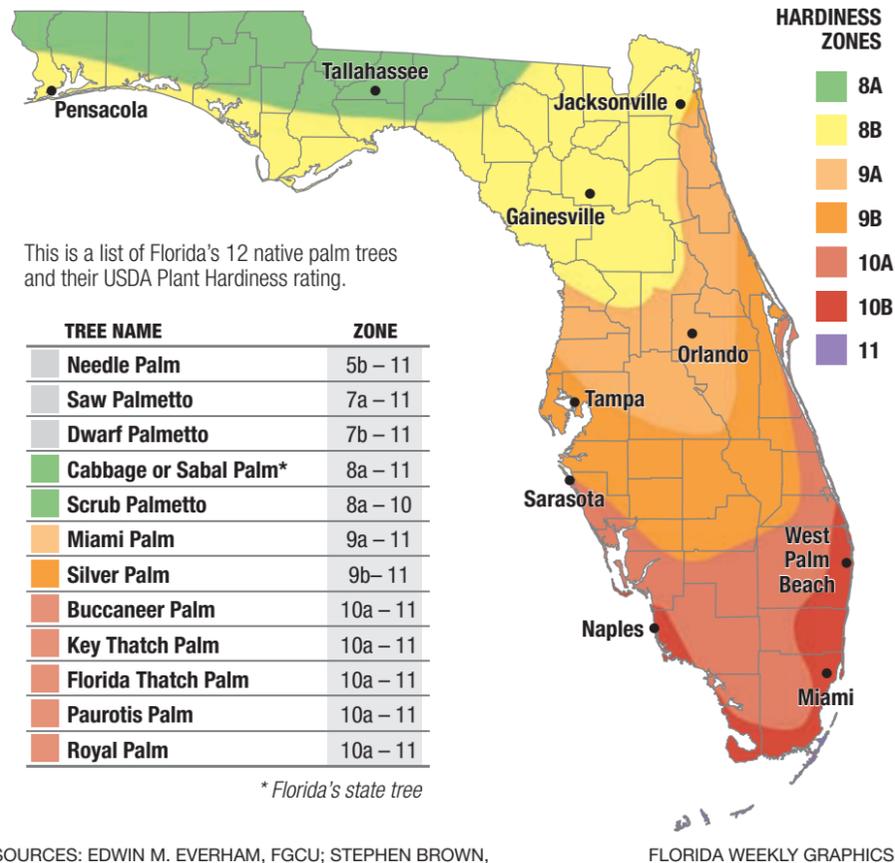
One of the most serious diseases to affect palms in recent years is called Texas Phoenix Palm Decline, ravaging a handful of Phoenix varieties including Canary Island date palms (*Phoenix canariensis*) and the state tree, the cabbage palm.

First discovered in Florida in 2006 in the central coastal region from Sarasota to Tampa, it is a fatal, systemic disease caused by bacteria spread by a still unknown insect vector. Since then, it has spread to at least 22 counties in the state, including Lee, Charlotte and Palm Beach.

"It seems that the Phoenix palms are the most susceptible and those are the high value trees and those are the ones that the state (is) planting along the

## Florida native palm tree hardiness

There are over 2,500 different palm tree species in the world and almost all of them can be grown in Florida. This map shows the USDA Plant Hardiness Zones in Florida. These zones are based on average annual minimum temperature in five degree increments. For instance, the temperature for zone 10b is 35 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit, while 10a is 30 to 35 degrees Fahrenheit.



This is a list of Florida's 12 native palm trees and their USDA Plant Hardiness rating.

TREE NAME	ZONE
Needle Palm	5b - 11
Saw Palmetto	7a - 11
Dwarf Palmetto	7b - 11
Cabbage or Sabal Palm*	8a - 11
Scrub Palmetto	8a - 10
Miami Palm	9a - 11
Silver Palm	9b - 11
Buccaneer Palm	10a - 11
Key Thatch Palm	10a - 11
Florida Thatch Palm	10a - 11
Paurotis Palm	10a - 11
Royal Palm	10a - 11

\* Florida's state tree

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highways," said Dr. Bahder. "Unfortunately, it's one of the prettier palms but it's highly susceptible."

"It's predominantly in the central part of the state but it is moving further

north and further south, slowly creeping in those directions," Dr. Bahder said.

He is working to identify the vector, collecting insects from the trees when there is a known outbreak and trying

to identify which one is spreading the disease. There is currently a short list of five or six candidates. He expects to pinpoint which is the vector over the next few years and help create management strategies so the disease is "not causing significant economic loss or significant ecological damage."

While palms are often referred to as "trees," they are monocots instead of dicots, making them closer in nature to a grass.

"It's not a grass, and it's not a tree either," said Stephen Brown, horticulture extension agent with the University of Florida/IFAS in Lee County. "So when you say 'palm tree,' it's a misnomer; it's actually just 'palm.'"

Similar to grasses, palms have a fibrous root system like a thick, matted carpet and parallel instead of crisscrossing leaf veins, said Larry Noblick, palm biologist at Montgomery Botanical Center in Miami.

"I kind of like to think of palms as being like grasses on steroids, but they are really in a different family altogether," he said.

Their grass-like root system is also one of the features that helps make them naturally resistant to hurricane-force winds.

"They have a fanning root system that radiates out from the center, and then they're also limber," said Joel Crippen, horticulturalist with Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach. "Now some palms, like a royal palm, aren't limber at all and it has a mechanism where it will abort the fronds in high winds. Usually the only times you'll see a palm go over is if the ground gets super saturated and soggy."

SEE PALM, A12 ►



Sunrise on Palm Beach Island.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Palms so good you could almost eat them? Here's how

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Since 1967, a Swamp Cabbage Festival has been held in LaBelle in Hendry County. It includes a parade, armadillo races, live music and plenty of swamp cabbage vendors. This year the festival was Feb. 24-25.

Recipes from LaBelle Community Women's Club 1984 Swamp Cabbage Festival Cookbook are below.

## Cooked swamp cabbage

Place 2 or 3 meaty pieces of ham hock or other seasoning meat in a stewing pot and cover with water. Simmer for a half-hour or so to create a stock. Add the meat from 2 to 4 swamp cabbage (or 2 to 5 cans of the canned product). The amount of cabbage used depends on the number to be fed.

Add water, if necessary, cover and salt to taste. Tasting is necessary because some salting will be derived from the meat.

Add a little garlic salt — or a lot — to your taste. Add black pepper, again according to taste. In the matter of black pepper in swamp cabbage, let me refer you to Mark Twain's statement pertaining to the amount of Bourbon to put in egg-nog. "Too much is just exactly enough." Regardless of the amount used, it is essential that the pepper be cooked with the cabbage.

The mixture should be brought to a slow boil and the heat reduced to allow it to simmer for half an hour or longer until the cabbage meat is tender.

If the amount of cabbage meat is limited, or if you prefer your cabbage without much "juice," or if unexpected company shows up, simply add a cup or two of rice to the pot after the cabbage is brought to a boil. If you use rice to thicken or extend a pot of cabbage, stir occasionally to prevent sticking and add a little water, if necessary, to maintain the desired texture.

About two minutes before serving, add just a dash of Tabasco Sauce and stir well.

## Swamp Cabbage Fritters "Cracker Style"

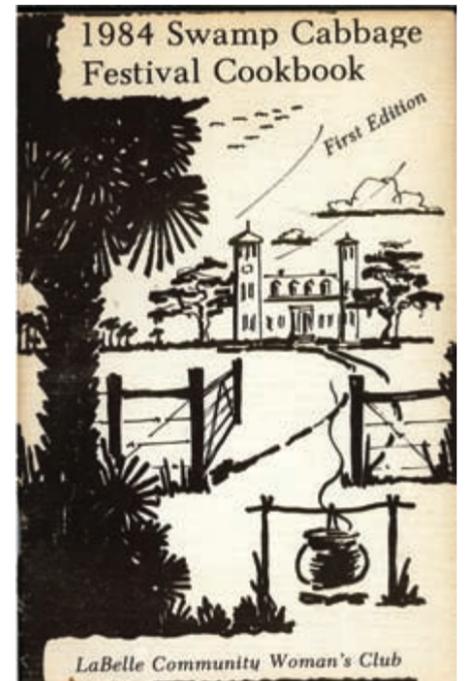
4 cups swamp cabbage cooked and drained  
1 cup chopped onions  
2 eggs  
Salt and pepper to taste

Self-rising flour mixed into above sufficient to give it the consistency of mashed potatoes.

Drop by teaspoonful into ¼-inch hot fat and fry to golden brown.

The addition of ½ to ¾ cups of beer to recipe just prior to cooking and the addition of flour makes a really tasty, man-sized treat, often prepared by hunters and woodsmen.

This recipe, one of LaBelle's favorites, is from Mary Dyess, daughter of a LaBelle pioneering family, the Forreys, whose restaurant, Flora & Ella's, was an area landmark. Variations of this recipe are served by a goodly number of LaBelle families for special cookouts or party occasions. ■



## PALM

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Edwin Everham, a professor of marine and ecological sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University, studied roughly 1,200 sabal palms in the wild after Hurricane Charley in 2004. He found that less than 2 percent had been killed by the storm.

"The fronds from the palms will get shed in high wind almost like they're being pruned by the wind and that then leaves them with a bare trunk that's pretty resistant to the wind," he said.

Although the total number of palm types worldwide is "kind of controversial," biologist Mr. Noblick said, he estimates there are around 2,800.

One of the rarest, *Copernicia ekmanii*, which are endemic to Haiti, can be found at Naples Botanical Garden. It is disappearing in Haiti amid natural disasters and deforestation.

"It to me is just the most elegant palm," said the garden's vice president of horticulture, Brian Galligan. "That is one we really want to go to Haiti and collect more of." ■

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# Former Fidelity Personal Investments president steps up for Gulfshore Playhouse campaign

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Gulfshore Playhouse has announced Steve Akin, a former president of Fidelity Personal Investments, as chair of its \$45 million Next Stage capital campaign. Mr. Akin currently serves on the Gulfshore Playhouse board of directors and is a long-time supporter and arts advocate. He served as chair and remains a trustee emeritus of the Boston Lyric Opera. He also served on the board of trustees of the New England Conservatory and was president of the Kansas City Lyric Opera and Mansfield Ohio Symphony.



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Plans for the new Gulfshore Playhouse include two new theaters and an education center on a 3-acre parcel at the corner of First Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road that will extend the core of downtown to the east of Fifth Avenue. Plans include a mainstage proscenium theater, a separate studio theater, a grand lobby, bar, gardens and a patron lounge as well as an education wing with rehearsal rooms, classrooms and space for children's theater events. Final architectural renderings will be unveiled at the Gulfshore Playhouse



Final architectural renderings for the new theater complex will be unveiled at the Gulfshore Playhouse gala at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort on March 26.

"Bubbles, Baubles and Broadway" gala at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort on March 26.

Last spring's announcement of Patty and Jay Baker's \$10 million matching gift to Gulfshore Playhouse ignited the \$45 million Next Stage capital campaign that kicked off earlier this month. The campaign fund total includes the purchase of the land at Naples Square, construction costs and a maintenance endowment.

"We truly appreciate Steve's experi-

ence, dedication, generosity and wisdom," Kristen Coury, Gulfshore Playhouse producing artistic director, said about Mr. Akin and his new role spearheading the campaign. "His leadership will bring the new Gulfshore Playhouse to life. His contribution will result in significant value to the cultural life of Naples."

The complex will support the expansion of Gulfshore Playhouse's theatrical programming as well as education programs focused on pre-professional training in acting, voice and movement



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### On stage

The 2017-18 season for Gulfshore Playhouse continues at The Norris Center as follows:

- >> "Scapino," through March 18
- >> The world premiere of "Miss Keller Has No Second Book," March 31-April 15
- >> "The Mystery of Irma Vep," April 28-May 20
- >> As part of its Teen Conservancy Program, the theater presents "The Secret Garden" Aug. 2-3.

Subscription packages are on sale now for the 2018-19 season, which will bring the following shows to the stage:

- >> "An Iliad," Oct. 20-Nov. 4
- >> "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum," Nov. 17-Dec. 30
- >> "The Revolutionists," Jan. 12-Feb. 3, 2019
- >> "In the Next Room or The Vibrator Play," Feb. 16-March 10, 2019
- >> "Holmes and Watson," March 23-April 21, 2019
- >> "Skylight," May 4-26, 2019

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as well as expand its in-school and after-school education programs.

For more information about Gulfshore Playhouse, the "Bubbles, Baubles and Broadway" gala, or the Next Stage campaign, call 261-7529 or visit [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). ■

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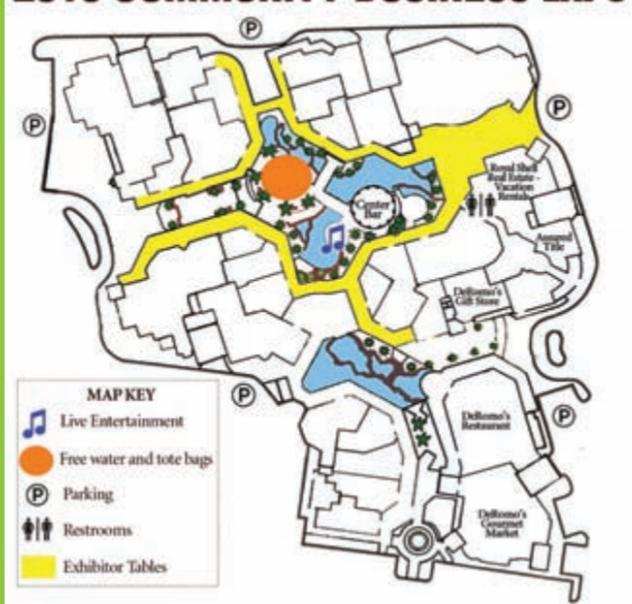


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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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### Wait, what?

Police in Mainz, Germany, responded to an apartment building after cries were heard from within one unit early on Feb. 17, The Associated Press reported. When they arrived, officers found two men, the 58-year-old tenant and a 61-year-old visitor, "hopelessly locked up" with a mannequin dressed as a knight and a large

remote-controlled car. The men were too drunk to explain how they had become entangled, and one officer remarked that "the whole thing would have remained a funny episode" if the younger man had not become "more than impolite." He now faces a charge of insulting officers.

### People different from us

Metro News reported on Feb. 20 that travelers "remained silent" for 20 minutes while a fellow passenger on a Ural Airlines flight from Antalya, Turkey, to Moscow used the air vent above her seat to dry a pair of underwear. Witnesses reported that the woman showed no

shame and that "everybody was looking with interest and confusion." Debate raged later, however, after video of the woman was posted online, with one commenter speculating that "maybe the take-off was sort of extreme, so now she has to dry those."

### Least-competent criminals

■ Shanghai, China, police posted a video on social media of two men trying to break into a business on Feb. 14 by using bricks to shatter the glass storefront. But as United Press International reported, when Suspect A's brick bounced off the glass, he bent to retrieve it and ended up squarely in the path of Suspect B's brick, which struck him in the head and apparently knocked him out. In the video, Suspect B can be seen dragging Suspect A away from the store. Police remarked: "If all burglars were like this, we wouldn't need to work overtime."

■ A drug smuggler from Brazil apparently didn't know he was under investigation by the National Anti-Narcotics Trafficking Unit in Portugal when he arrived on a flight Feb. 12 wearing a set of false butt cheeks, filled with 2.2 pounds of cocaine, reported United Press International. The 32-year-old unidentified man was detained at the Tax and Customs Authority and searched, where his unusual derriere aroused suspicion. An accomplice, waiting for him at a Lisbon train station, was also arrested and charged with drug trafficking.

### The litigious society

Crestline, Calif., resident Claudia Ackley, 46, has teamed with "Discovering Bigfoot" filmmaker Todd Standing to sue the state of California, requesting on Jan. 18 that state agencies acknowledge the existence of a Sasquatch species. Ackley and her daughters, 11 and 14, say they were hiking a trail at Lake Arrowhead in March 2017 when they spotted a large figure braced in a pine tree. "I ran into

a Sasquatch — a Bigfoot. We were face to face," Ackley told the San Bernardino Sun. Forest rangers insisted at the time that Ackley and her daughters had seen a bear, and Ackley fears that by not acknowledging the presence of the legendary creatures, the state is putting the public at risk. "People have to be warned about these things," she said. "They are big."

### Inexplicable

Firefighter Constantinos "Danny" Filippidis, 49, from Toronto, was the subject of a weeklong search by more than 250 people using drones, dogs and helicopters starting Feb. 7, when he disappeared from Whiteface Mountain ski resort in New York's Adirondacks. When he finally turned up in California at the Sacramento International Airport on Feb. 13, he was still dressed in his ski pants and ski boots, and he still had

his helmet, along with a new iPhone and a recent haircut. But, according to the Syracuse Post-Standard, Filippidis couldn't tell officers anything about how he had traveled across the country, other than he rode in a "big-rig-style truck" and "slept a lot." The truck dropped him off in downtown Sacramento, but he was unable to explain how he got to the airport. He was taken to an area hospital.

### Compelling explanation

A woman claiming to be on a mission from God led a Kentucky State Police trooper on a chase at speeds up to 120 mph on Feb. 10, stopping only when another trooper pulled in front of her car. According to the Elizabethtown (Kentucky) News-Enterprise, Connie Lynn

Allen, 52, of Goodlettsville, Tenn., told officers that she was Mother Mary, en route to pick up Baby Jesus, and that God had given her permission to speed. She also said that she had died six years ago. She was charged with several offenses and is being held in Hardin County.

### Awesome

Staffers at a Bangor, Maine, day care called Watch Me Shine were happy to receive Valentine's cookies made by a parent — until those who ate them started to feel high. "Within 15 minutes, teachers were reporting they had concerns about

those cookies," Tiffany Nowicki, director of the center, told the Bangor Daily News. About 12 staff members felt the effects of the treats, which were confiscated by the police and are being tested. ■

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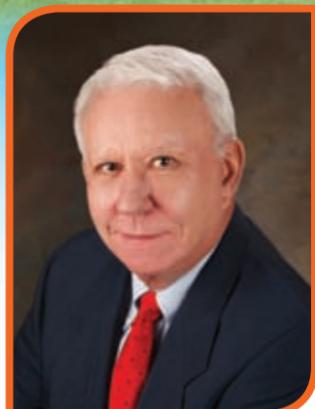
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In addition to Habitat for Humanity, this year's charities are: Baby Basics of Collier County, Books for Collier Kids, Champions For Learning, Charity of Change, Collier Child Care Resources, Collier County Child Advocacy Council, Collier Harvest Foundation, Collier Senior Resources, the Community Foundation of Collier County, Conservancy of Southwest



Florida, David Lawrence Center, Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled, Friends of Foster Children Forever, Friends of Rookery Bay, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Grace Place for Children & Families, Greater Marco Family YMCA, Greater Naples YMCA, Guadalupe Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Healthcare Network of SWFL Foundation, JDRF South Gulf Coast Chapter, Junior Achievement of SWFL, Lighthouse of Collier, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, Meals of Hope, NAMI of Collier County, Naples Senior Center at

JFCS, Neighborhood Health Clinic, New Horizons of SWFL, PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee, Pathways Education Center of Immokalee, St. Matthew's House, The Salvation Army of Naples, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Youth Haven.

The campaign focuses on aiding charities that support basic needs and education and builds upon the idea that anyone can be a philanthropist for a day. To date, \$13,458,867 has been raised.

To check out where this year's participating nonprofit ended up on the leaderboard and to learn more about Give Where You Live Collier, visit [www.givewhereyoulivecollier.org](http://www.givewhereyoulivecollier.org). ■

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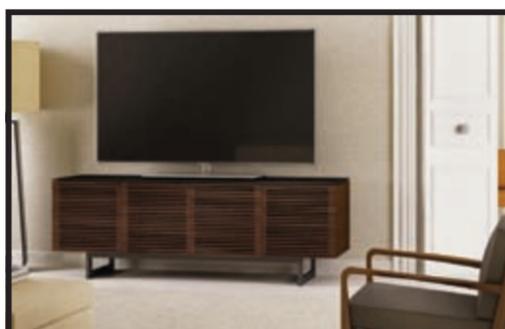
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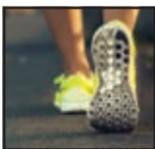
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■ **The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Southwest Florida** takes place Saturday morning, March 3, at Coconut Point in Estero. The timed 5K race sets out at 8 a.m. and the non-competitive run/walk starts at 8:10 a.m. Awards are at 8:45 a.m. To form a team, to join an existing team or to sign up as an individual participant, visit [www.info-komen.org](http://www.info-komen.org).

■ **The 15th Annual CurePSP Awareness and Memorial Walk** sets out at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Mackle Park on Marco Island. The wheelchair- and family-friendly course is less than 1 mile long. All are welcome. Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and includes a T-shirt and lunch. Raffles, merchandise and information on prime-of-life neurodegeneration will also be available. Proceeds will benefit CurePSP. To sign up or for more information, call Cindy MacDonald at 353-3960.

■ **Kensington Golf & Country Club** hosts the seventh annual **Home Base Family & Golf Outing** to benefit Southwest Florida combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan on Saturday, March 10. The Home Base program is a joint venture founded by Mass General Hospital and the Boston Red Sox to help heal the “invisible wounds of war,” including post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury. All funds raised will assist local veterans. Registration is \$200 for Kensington members, \$250 for others. Several sponsorship opportunities are also available. To sign up or for more information, call the Kensington pro shop at 649-0071 or visit [www.homebase.org/Kensington](http://www.homebase.org/Kensington).



■ **The Gulf Coast Runners' St. Patrick's Day 5K Fun Run** sets out at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, from Fit & Fuel on Vanderbilt Beach Road. Registration is \$15 for GCR members and \$20 for others in advance, \$20 and \$25 on race day. Sign up at [www.gcr.org](http://www.gcr.org).

■ **The Marco Island Half Marathon and 5K** run-walk take place Sunday morning, March 18, starting and finishing in the Shops of Marco Publix parking lot at the corner of San Marco Road and Barfield Drive. Monies raised are given to various community organizations on Marco Island. All are welcome to run, walk or volunteer to be part of the family-friendly event. To register or for more information, visit [www.marcoislandhalfmarathon.com](http://www.marcoislandhalfmarathon.com).

■ The third annual **Out of the Darkness** walk to benefit the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, on the campus at Florida Gulf Coast University. Proceeds will help fund suicide prevention research and educational programs to eliminate the stigma surrounding suicide and to encourage those who are suffering from mental illness to seek treatment. Visit [www.AFSP.org/FGCU](http://www.AFSP.org/FGCU).

■ The eighth annual **Pars Scholarship golf tournament** and luncheon to benefit the **St. John Neumann High School** girls' golf program takes place Saturday March 24, at Golden Gate Golf Club. All are invited to participate for nine holes of golf and/or a barbecue lunch, prizes, a 50/50 drawing and gift baskets. In addition to funding the

school's golf program for girls, the event raises money for scholarships. Registration for the tournament is \$40, and lunch is \$20. Hole sponsorships are \$50. For more information, call Jeff Jones at 269-5679 or Jack Kennedy at 455-8327.



■ The third annual **Hop to the Top 5K** race, fun run and yoga event to benefit **Wellfit Girls** and the **Gulf Coast Runners Youth Development Fund** takes place Saturday morning, March 31, at North Collier Regional Park. Visit [www.runsignup.com/hoptothetop](http://www.runsignup.com/hoptothetop).

■ **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Naples & Fort Myers** holds its annual **Great Strides 5K** walk on Saturday, April 21, at Estero Community Park in Estero. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the walk sets out at 9 a.m. To form a team, to join a team, to sign up as an individual or to volunteer for race-day duties, visit [www.fightcf.cff.org](http://www.fightcf.cff.org).

■ **Friends of Foster Children Forever** holds the annual **Sunshine 5K Run/Walk** Saturday morning, April 21, at Vineyards Community Park. Cash prizes for top male and female will be awarded in several categories. Registration is \$25 by March 15, \$30 March 16-April 20 and \$35 on the day of the race. Registration for a noncompetitive 1-mile run/walk is \$10 (free for ages 13 and younger).

All proceeds will help FFCF provide a continuum of educational support for foster children, from birth to graduation. Sign up at [www.friendsoffosterchildren.net](http://www.friendsoffosterchildren.net).

■ The seventh annual **A Swing of Grace** golf tournament to benefit **Grace Place for Children & Families** takes place Saturday, April 21, at Wyn-demere Country Club. For more information, visit [www.graceplacenaples.org](http://www.graceplacenaples.org).

■ The second annual **Stroke Victor golf scramble** to benefit the **Stroke Recovery Foundation** tees off Saturday, April 21, at Quail Village Golf Club. Registration begins at noon and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Dinner will follow the 18-hole tournament. Cost is \$80 (\$30 for dinner only). Sign up by emailing [membership@quailvillagegolfclub.org](mailto:membership@quailvillagegolfclub.org) or for more information call 598-2815.

■ The sixth annual **Breaking Par at Grandezza** golf tournament to benefit **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** takes place Sunday, April 22, at The Club at Grandezza in Estero. Registration for \$175 includes a gala evening Saturday, April 21, at the club. The shotgun scramble tournament featuring students from the PGA Golf Management Program at FGCU begins at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and is followed by an awards ceremony and lunch. FGCU President Michael Martin will be the guest of honor at the gala and on the golf course. Proceeds will benefit Junior Achievement's summer CEO Academy program at FGCU for rising high school juniors and seniors. To purchase tickets or learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.jaswfl.org](http://www.jaswfl.org).

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## Florida Gulf Coast University honors alumni at homecoming

For a school that's barely 20 years old, Florida Gulf Coast University has solidified some notable traditions. One is the annual celebration of distinguished FGCU graduates at homecoming. Six alumni were recently added to the roll of honorees.

The most prestigious honor is the Alumni of Distinction Award for alumni who have upheld the tradition of excellence through their personal accomplishments, professional achievements and or/ humanitarian service.

The award went to **Michael Wynn**, board chairman and president of Sunshine Ace Hardware, one of the largest family owned home improvement and outdoor recreation retailers in Southwest Florida. He is also a member of numerous boards of directors, including the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Mr. Wynn earned his executive master of business administration degree from FGCU in 2005.

"I will forever be grateful for the education FGCU gave me," he said. "It's really been a key element in the growth our company has experienced. So much of what I have learned I've been able to leverage in making our company a con-

tinued success."

The winners of the 2018 Soaring Eagles Awards are:

**Stefan Wynn** (no relation to Michael Wynn), a 2009 legal studies graduate from the College of Arts & Sciences, the town manager of Albion, Ind.; **Kimberly Zambito**, who earned her bachelor's in resort, hospitality and tourism management in 2007 and completed the College of Education's master's in educational leadership in 2013 and is the current and founding principal of Collier Charter Academy; **Logan Wallick**, who received an undergraduate management degree in 2009 and an MBA in 2010 from Lutgert College of Business and is Suffolk Construction's southeast region people and culture manager; **David Brown**, who received a master's of social work from Marieb College of Health & Human Services in 2012 and is the president and co-founder of the Family Initiative, a nonprofit serving children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and **Erik Mead**, who graduated from the U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering with a bachelor's in environmental science in 2015 and is the assistant project engineer for Hole Montes Inc., a civil engineering firm. ■

## Five Golden Apple educators surprised in their classrooms

Students in five Collier County classrooms received bushels of golden delicious apples as their teachers were surprised with Golden Apple awards on Feb. 23. This year every public school in Collier County brought forward a teacher and best practice to highlight. From this group of Teachers of Distinction, these five Golden Apple recipients were picked:

- **Hope Cliff**, Sea Gate Elementary
- **Mary Eckard**, Highlands Elementary
- **Staci Haralson Barretta**, Big Cypress Elementary
- **Dylan Richard Opper**, Pinecrest Elementary
- **Heather Thornton**, Gulf Coast High

Each will each receive a grant (up to \$5,000) from Suncoast Credit Union to allow the building of best practices. All Teachers of Distinction receive a \$250 award, and the Golden Apple recipients receive an additional \$500 award.

Representatives from Suncoast Credit Union, presenting sponsor of the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program, were joined by Champions For Learning board members, sponsors and volunteers helped present the awards.

The community will honor the Golden Apple recipients, Teachers of Distinction and Collier County Public Schools Teachers of the Year at the Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers dinner on Monday, April 16, at the



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**Staci Haralson Barretta** of Big Cypress Elementary School learns she is a Golden Apple winner.

Naples Grande Beach Resort. Thomas Riley will receive the Heart of the Apple award in recognition of his contributions to the community.

In addition to Suncoast Credit Union and the Naples Grande, the dinner is made possible with the support of CenturyLink, Conditioned Air, eBella Magazine, the Mary Ingram Fund of the Columbus Foundation, Moorings Park, Naples Daily News, NBC-2, Wells Fargo, the Perna-Rose Foundation for Hope and Adams Food, Inc./McDonald's.

Opportunities to sponsor a school to attend the event are available. For more information on event sponsorships and ticket sales, go to [www.ChampionsForLearning.org/GA](http://www.ChampionsForLearning.org/GA). ■



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## Experts will discuss rising sea levels

The public is invited to hear the latest news on sea-level rise in Collier County at 10 a.m. Monday, March 5, in the Collier County Commission chambers. Sea-Level Rise II is a follow-up to a forum presented last October by a coalition of civic groups including the Collier Citizens Council, the League of Women Voters, the Collier County Presidents Council and Greater Naples Leadership/the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

County Commissioner Penny Taylor and Naples Vice Mayor Linda Penman are co-hosts of the forum. Julie Dick of the Environmental Defense Fund is the moderator, and guest speakers are Shannon Cunniff, director of coastal resilience at the Environmental Defense Fund; Dr. Ned Murray, Ph.D., Florida International University; and Dr. Michael Savarese, Ph.D., Florida Gulf Coast University.

The discussion will focus on the impact of rising seas and storm water surges and what can be done to deal with the growing threat.

The Collier County Commission chambers are at 3299 Tamiami Trail E. Admission is free, and all are welcome. ■

## Bonita Springs Boat Show returns to Greyhound Track

The racing greyhounds will take a backseat to the Bonita Springs Boat Show this weekend.

The 29th annual show returns Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 4 at the Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Track in Bonita Springs. Displays from dealers across the country and more than 300 boats of every style will be present at the show, as well as accessory exhibits to include boating products from engines, electronics, boat lifts, hardware, marine contractors, clothing and more.

"It has been a very good year for the marine industry in Southwest Florida," said John Good, show manager for the Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association. "Now, as the last major show of the winter season and as the industry gears up for summer boating, this show presents real buying opportunities for both seasonal and year-round residents."

"Fishin' Frank's Fishin' Village" will have its own mini-fishing show at the event. The Boat Show will also feature tackle displays with factory reps, a seminar area with local charter captains discussing inshore and offshore fishing, and a fishing simulator allowing visitors a virtual battle trying to catching anything from bass to marlin.

There will be a casting tank to show attendees how to cast like the pros, with daily casting and net demonstrations.

More than 70 boat lines will feature jet skis, skiffs, bay boats, flats boats, center consoles, pontoon boats, deck boats, cruising boats and performance boats.

A number of services companies will be present, from insurance and marine financing to educational information, to aid attendees through the process of purchasing a marine vessel.

The show is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 10 to 5 on Sunday. Admission is \$5, and parking is free. Children 15 and younger are free with a paid adult admission.

"This show is very consumer and family friendly," said Mr. Good. "There is simply no substitute to see, feel, and compare boats and marine products up close and to actually talk to industry experts about your interests and needs. It would take days to travel up and down Florida's west coast to see all the boats that will be on display in Bonita Springs."

The SWFL Florida Marine Industries Association, which owns and organizes the event, has a membership that includes most area boat dealers and marine-related companies, and according to its website, has protected the rights of boaters and promoted boating and the marine industry in Southwest Florida for more than 40 years.

The Naples Fort Myers Greyhound Track is located at 10601 Bonita Beach



### in the know

#### 29th annual Bonita Springs Boat Show Schedule

##### Thursday, March 1

- 10:30 Lure fishing the flats – Captain Greg
- 11:30 Red fish – Captain Karl
- 1:00 Spotted Sea Trout – Captain Cayle
- 2:30 Grouper and Snapper
- 3:30 Sheepshead – Captain Cayle

##### Friday, March 2

- 10:30 Inshore fishing
- 11:30 Cobia fishing – Captain Cayle
- 1:00 Snook – Captain Karl
- 2:30 Red fish – Captain Billy
- 3:30 Grouper and Snapper

##### Saturday, March 3

- 10:30 Tarpon
- 11:30 Shark – Captain Cayle
- 1:00 Snook and Red Fish – Captains Karl & Billy
- 2:30 Sheepshead & Pompano
- 3:30 Grouper and Snapper

##### Sunday, March 4

- 10:30 Sea Trout – Captain Cayle
- 11:30 Red fish – Captain Karl
- 1:00 Snook – Captain Billy
- 2:30 Fishing in the Gulf

Rd SE in Bonita Springs, at the intersection of Bonita Beach Road and Old U.S. 41.

For more information about the Bonita Springs Boat Show, call 656-7083 or visit [www.goboatingflorida.com](http://www.goboatingflorida.com). ■

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## 'Moonlight on the Marsh' winding down

Florida Gulf Coast University's Everglades Wetland Research Park at Naples Botanical Garden presents the final programs in its sixth annual "Moonlight on the Marsh" Distinguished Lecture Series for 2018 on Thursdays, March 1 and 15.

On Thursday, March 1, Rattan Lal, Ph.D., distinguished professor of soil science and director of the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, The Ohio State University-Columbus, presents "Soil Carbon and Climate Change."

And on Thursday, March 15, Joannes Westerink, Ph.D., of Notre Dame University presents "Understanding a Sustainable Coast: Perceptions and Realities of Hurricane Storm Surge and Waves." Ms. Westerink is the university's Joseph and Nona Ahearn professor in computational science and engineering and Henry J. Massman chair of the department of civil and environmental engineering and earth sciences.

Made possible by a generous donation by Bernard C. and Susan Master of Marco Island and Columbus, Ohio, the free lectures take place at 7 p.m. in the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Garden.

The Everglades Wetland Research Park is dedicated to research on the wise management of freshwater and coastal ecosystems of Southwest Florida and the Florida Everglades and to the protection and enhancement of wetlands and water resources worldwide. More details are available at [www.fgc.edu/swamp](http://www.fgc.edu/swamp). ■

## Conservancy volunteers host free nature walks at Clam Pass, Rookery Bay

For locals and their guests looking to enjoy the great outdoors during Florida's seasonal months, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida offers free guided nature walks through April at Briggs Boardwalk at Rookery Bay and at Clam Pass, both in Naples. In an immersive eco-experience for participants, Conservancy naturalists share information about each area's unique flora and fauna.

At the beachfront Clam Pass just north of Naples city limits, a scenic boardwalk traverses a vibrant natural habitat dominated by special trees. Birding enthusiasts often catch sightings of shore birds, pileated woodpeckers and yellow-crowned night herons along the way.

Clam Pass guided nature walks, which take about two hours, set out from the tram stop gazebo near the parking lot at the Collier County park at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. On Sundays from 9-11 a.m., a tour guide wearing an orange vest strolls the pass and welcomes queries from walkers.

The Briggs Boardwalk, just south of Naples, is a Great Florida Birding Trail site open from dusk to dawn, year-round. The ½-mile boardwalk is a self-directed nature trail passing through five unique habitats, including scrub and brackish ponds. Signs along the walk describe the flora and fauna in each community and volunteers help visitors identify plants, birds and other animals they may encounter while out on the trail. A spotting scope set up on an elevated observation platform also overlooks brackish ponds.

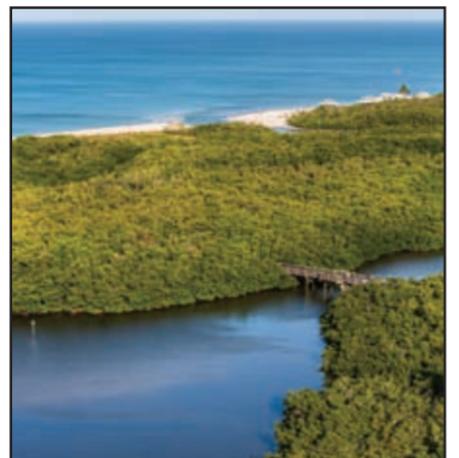


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Briggs Boardwalk at Rookery Bay is south of Naples on the way to Marco Island.

Conservancy volunteers staff the walk from 9 a.m. to noon seven days a week, January-April, except in inclement weather and on holidays. Guided tours take place at 10 a.m. daily from January-March.

For more information on either tour, call the Conservancy at 262-0304 or visit [www.conservancy.org/offsite/nature-walks](http://www.conservancy.org/offsite/nature-walks). ■



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**The Conservancy of Southwest Florida strongly opposes these bills. Tell Governor Scott to pull back his support.**

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Cars start out as basic transportation, but not everyone drives an appliance. We pay a little more each time to increase the power, luxury and size to get something special in our driveways. But by the time it reaches the \$100,000, we expect one more element: personality.

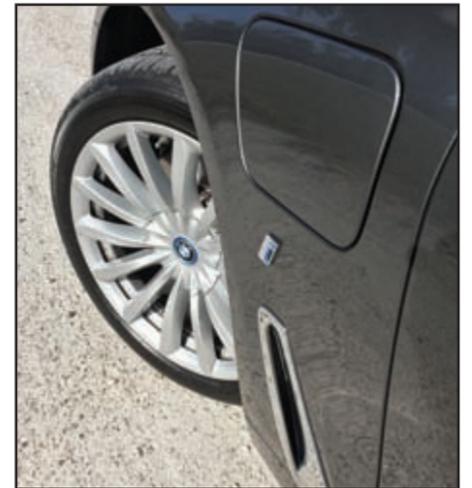
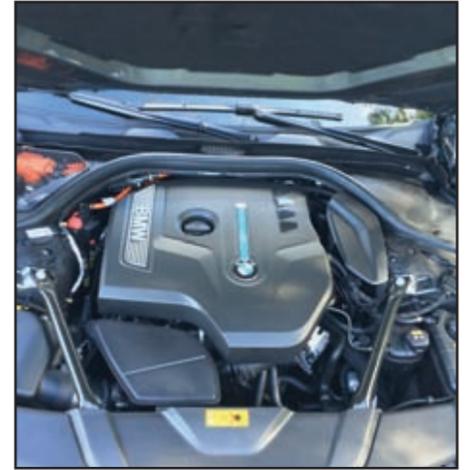
It might be a reflection of who we are, or who we want to be, but a six-figure car is expected to be part of the persona we want the world to recognize. Two executive-level sedans that do it particularly well — to very different ends — are the BMW 740e xDrive and Cadillac CTS-V.

The BMW is the unification of two points that were featured in this column recently. First, it's a plug-in hybrid, which means it has a range of pure-electric driving. When the battery power runs out, there is a 2.0-liter turbocharged gas motor powering the large sedan. And so as we saw with the Jaguar F-Type review a couple of weeks ago, 2.0-liter engines are expanding their footprint well-beyond economy cars.

Plug the large BMW into a Level 2 charging station for three hours, and the range will be about 13 miles. Turn on the air conditioning, and the gas motor will likely need to take over in 10 miles. That makes it difficult to go even from the beach to the country club under pure electric power, but this BMW wasn't really built for us.

Europe is becoming particularly keen on plug-in hybrids. A city like London now has a "Congestion Charge" for entering its central areas, but an electric-option vehicle like the 740e qualifies to have that tax eliminated. In fact, from Berlin to Beijing, many major markets across the globe are giving electrified vehicles large subsidies and annual registration tax breaks.

At home, the 740e currently qualifies for a one-time tax credit of nearly \$4,700 (London's daily charge would nearly eat that away in a commuter's year.) Plus, it should qualify its way home purely on electric power. Thus, the appeal is not about being the best electric car, but instead it's about being able to utilize a green image along with the 7-Series' international symbol of opulence. Plus, there's a certain panache when telling people that this is,



"really the model meant for Europe."

The Cadillac CTS-V is the exact opposite. It's the American-made, American-style muscle car with a back seat.

With a 6.2-liter supercharged V8 borrowed from the Corvette Z06, it has a raw spirit and 200 mph top speed that's irresistible to enthusiasts. The 640 horsepower and 630 lb-ft of torque give it the kind of thunderous power that even the pricey Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires can't contain in all situations. The result is a bravado perfect for bosses who think it's a good idea to hang their bullfighting photos on a life-size office mural.

Still, the CTS-V walks a much finer line than just its wild side. After all, the Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat is a large sedan that's even more powerful. But the

luxury features expected in a Cadillac help give it more credibility than just being able to outrun the chairperson's \$120K Mercedes AMG GT.

It's also this need for luxury that makes both the 740e and the CTS-V interesting stablemates. The base price for these vehicles are \$91,965 and \$88,490 respectively. They both are exceptionally well-equipped, but as executive-level persona vehicles, there will be some irresistible options. For example, the upgraded Merino leather will appeal to those who think of this as the true "European" BMW. The carbon fiber package is quite expensive on the Cadillac, but if the Corvette Z06 has it, then the CTS-V needs it, too.

These kinds of options can easily push

both cars to the six-figure mark. And yes, the additions are often about adding to the style more than the overall substance. But that's the point of a \$100K car. No matter if you're the corner-office greenie or the CEO of extreme sports, your car needs to be a rolling business card. ■

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## Refresh your driving skills with help from an AARP class

AARP offers classes to help older drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. All classes meet from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Here's what is coming up:



Thursday, April 19: St. Williams Ministry, 750 Seagate Drive; 612-201-8616. ■

## Know where to watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic duty the week of March 5-9:

### Monday, March 5

Livingston and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Aggressive driving  
U.S. 41 North and Walkerbilt Road: Speeding

Pine Ridge and Jaeger roads: Aggressive driving

### Tuesday, March 6

Golden Gate and White boulevards: Speeding

Hunter and Santa Barbara boulevards: Speeding

Airport-Pulling and Radio roads: Red-light running

### Wednesday, March 7

Granada Boulevard and Goodlette-Frank Road: Speeding

Magnolia Pond Drive at Mike Davis Elementary: Aggressive driving

Pine Ridge Road and I-75 southbound



exit: Aggressive driving

### Thursday, March 8

Naples Boulevard: Speeding  
Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Red-light running

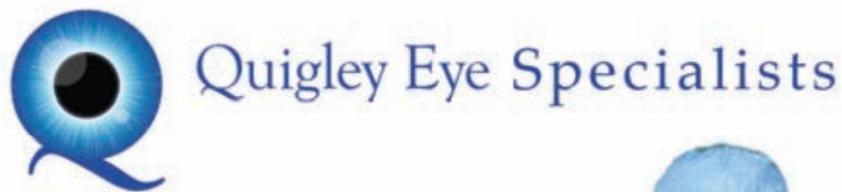
Livingston Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Red-light running

### Friday, March 9

Lakewood and Davis boulevards: Red-light running

11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary: Aggressive driving

Logan Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Speeding ■



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## Keep your seat for chair yoga

Jean Erlbaum, the author of "Sit With Less Pain," leads two chair yoga classes in March. All stretches are done while seated or with the support of a chair, making the exercises ideal for anyone who can't get down on a yoga mat (or up from one) for whatever reason. The classes offer a good stretch and strengthening for muscles, moves for bone strength and balance, release for the joints, relaxation and yoga breathing.

Starting March 2 and for five consecutive weeks, a Friday chair yoga class will be held from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the East Naples Library, 8787 Tamiami Trail E. Cost is \$7 per session. Drop-ins are welcome.

Starting March 7 and for four Wednesdays, Ms. Erlbaum leads a chair yoga and meditation class from 10:30-11:45 a.m. at the Jewish Federation of Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. In addition to gentle stretching, several forms of centering, stress reduction and meditation will be offered. Cost for four sessions is \$50 (\$40 for Women's Cultural Alliance members); drop-in price is \$15 per class.

For more information, call Ms. Erlbaum at 413-230-1518 or e-mail [jean.erlbaum@verizon.net](mailto:jean.erlbaum@verizon.net). ■



## Five ways to fight fatigue, energize your life

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Feeling tired is a common complaint people express. Sometimes the self-description morphs into, "I feel tired all the time," and experts say that's when extreme tiredness becomes better known as fatigue.

Fatigue, when someone lacks energy and feels exhausted mentally or physically, can negatively impact performance at work, in family life and in social relationships. Often, it is not a medical issue but one that can be reversed by a lifestyle change.

"People would be amazed at how much energy they'd have and how much better they'd feel if they treated themselves better," says Dr. Raj Gupta, author of "Wellness Center Solution: How Physicians Can Transform Their Practices, Their Income and Their Lives," and founder of Soul Focus Wellness Center. "We all have busy lives, but there are simple ways to not let your schedule overwhelm you and make your health suffer as a consequence."



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Stress, Dr. Gupta says, can lead to fatigue symptoms such as a craving for sweets and salty foods, difficulty sleeping and irritability. He suggests five ways to fight fatigue and regain energy:

### ■ Run on the right fuel

A busy lifestyle can lead to fast food or carryout. Therefore, preparation is important, Dr. Gupta says.

"Your energy and production are directly proportional to how you fuel your body," he says. "Always be thinking about what you will be eating later. Ideally, your diet should consist of eating approximately five times a day with a combination of complex carbohydrates — fruits and veggies — and lean protein."

### ■ Cut caffeine, add water

Research indicates too much caffeine causes fatigue in some people. The stimulation wears off and more caffeine is needed to produce the feelings of energy and clear-headedness. Dr. Gupta



recommends cutting back on all things containing caffeine — coffee, tea, chocolate, soft drinks. Also, water should be the preferred liquid.

"A person is recommended to drink half their weight in ounces per day," Dr. Gupta says. "You can be dehydrated and not even know it."

### ■ Stop burning the candle on both ends

Dr. Gupta says fatigue is often directly related to sleep deprivation.

"When you sleep is when most of your healing takes place," Dr. Gupta says. "Without enough sleep, your immune system breaks down. It's recommended you get six to eight hours of sleep per night."

### ■ Get regular exercise

Dr. Gupta stresses that no matter how busy people are, they need to make time for exercise on a regular basis, ideally for 20 to 30-minute sessions a minimum of four times per week.

"Regular exercise helps regulate your mood, makes you sleep more soundly and erases the little mistakes in our diet," Dr. Gupta says.

### ■ Body adjustments

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"Chiropractic adjustments to the spinal column relieve the pressure of a choked or pinched nerve caused by the rotated vertebra," Dr. Gupta says. "A chiropractic adjustment increases one's vitality and turns up their energy."

He concludes that, "Living life with zest, vitality and complete health is easier than you think. By managing these five simple aspects, one can maintain a healthy, fulfilling life." ■

— Dr. Raj Gupta ([www.drراجgupta.com](http://www.drراجgupta.com)), who has more than 20 years experience as a chiropractor, is the founder of Soul Focus Wellness Center. He also is the author of "Wellness Center Solution: How Physicians Can Transform Their Practices, Their Income and Their Lives," and of the forthcoming book, "From Health Club to Health Care: How Gym Owners Can 10X Their Income." He has been featured in US News and World Report Health, Woman's World Magazine and The New York Daily News. He has a doctorate in chiropractic from Life University.

## Parkinson group starts on Marco

The Parkinson Association of SWFL Inc. invites people with PD and their caregivers to a new support group that meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursdays starting March 1 at the United Church of Marco Island, 320 N. Barfield Drive. For more information, call 417-3465. ■

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# NCH adopts a grand tradition of academic medical centers



Now at NCH, we have grand rounds at 7:30 every Thursday morning in the Telford Building on the Baker Hospital campus. More than 100 colleagues attend, including third- and fourth-year medical students, internal medicine and pharmacy residents, senior clinicians, medical professors, nurses, non-physician practitioners, pharmacists and even some lay folks — all with the shared purpose of learning.

Here are a few topics and presenters we look forward to in the coming weeks:

■ “ENT for the Internist” by Dr. James Hadley

■ “Breast Cancer, 2018” by Dr. Adam Riker, chief section of surgical oncology professor of surgery, Louisiana State University

■ “Case Records from NCH” by Dr. Rachael Pyn-goli, NCH medical residency

■ “Myelodysplastic Syndrome” by Dr. Alan List, CEO at Moffitt Cancer Center

Last month Dr. Sajjan Rao, who did his cardiology training and fellowship at Washington Hospital Center/Georgetown University, shared an outstanding presentation about “A Practical Approach to Congestive Heart Failure.” As Dr. Frank Astor, our chief medical officer, and I left the auditorium, I commented that Dr. Rao would have been well received at Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York

where I trained. Dr. Astor shared similar thoughts about Cleveland Clinic where he trained.

Another equally educational grand rounds featured Dr. Doug Harrington, director of our critical care program, who conducted a learning session for first-year medical residents and a review for all with the intentionally provocative title, “Do We Need to Examine ICU Patients?” The answer, of course, is an emphatic yes.

Dr. Harrington began with a summary of historic icons in medicine: inventor of the stethoscope René Laennec, father of modern medicine Sir William Osler and all-time most skilled practitioner of auscultation (listening) Dr. Proctor Harvey. Bedside examination, which can be life-saving in the setting of critical illness, is a core competency in post-graduate medical education.

Sharing the advantages and disadvantages of various physical diagnostic techniques including the most modern —bedside ultrasound — helps everyone learn. One of our new academic hospitalists, Dr. Ricardo Franco, is an expert with bedside point-of-care ultrasound and is sharing his knowledge and skills with our internal medicine residents, showing them at the bedside how best to utilize this technology.

As the crowd dispersed after Dr. Franco’s presentation, a few of us older clinicians reminisced about some of our great physical examination findings from decades past. Now, the next generation will be even better prepared as we help everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.



## Medicare expert explains changes

Hallie Devlin, a Medicare counselor with the Area Agency on Aging for SWFL and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, presents “Understanding Medicare and Medicare Changes” at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Iberiabank at 2180 Immokalee Road and at the same time Thursday, March 8, at the bank at 605 Bald Eagle Drive on Marco Island. In each session, Ms. Devlin will give an overview of the original Medicare (Parts A and B), Part C Advantage plans and Part D drug plans as well as



Medigap supplement policies. Attendance at one session is sufficient.

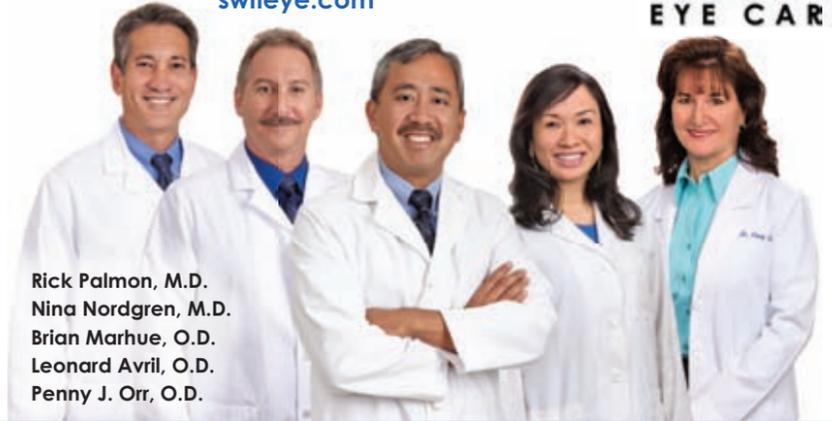
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# PET TALES

## Cat rehab

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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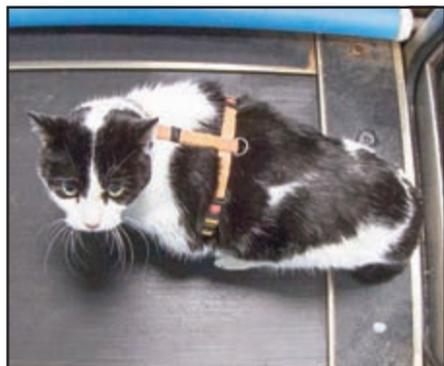
Underwater treadmills, exercise balls, wobble boards, range of motion exercises: I'm not talking about the offerings at your local gym, but about rehab options for cats. Yes, cats.

While you might have trouble imagining a cat powering through an underwater treadmill workout, it turns out that given the right motivation and handling, cats respond well to rehab therapies that help to relieve pain and heal injuries.

Thanks to their anatomy – being loose jointed and light on their paws – cats are less likely than dogs to suffer traumatic injuries such as broken bones from falls, but with age they begin to develop stiff hips, elbows, stifles (knees) and tarsi (ankle) joints. Back arthritis is common, too. In cats older than 6 years, 61 percent show signs of degenerative joint disease, a figure that rises to 90 percent in cats older than 12 years.

"If you have a cat that's middle-aged, this cat most likely is going to develop degenerative joint disease," said Carolina Medina, DVM, in last month's VMX presentation "Purrfect Rehab: Mobility and Pain Management Techniques for Cats."

Cats can also suffer nerve damage, such as vascular or compressive injuries to the spinal cord, or deformities that make it difficult for them to use their limbs. An example would be a heritable condition called sacrocaudal dysgenesis, seen in Manx cats. This malforma-



Walking on a dry or underwater treadmill can be part of a cat's rehab therapy.

tion of the vertebrae of the lower back and tail can cause them to have trouble using their hind legs.

Obesity puts pressure on already painful joints and decreases quality of life. These conditions and more can respond to rehab techniques.

If your cat's behavior has changed, she may be in pain. The most common signs of pain in cats are reduced activity, especially at night, when cats tend to be more active; decreased frequency of jumping; resisting handling or petting, especially on the back; and a stiff gait. If your cat shows these signs, ask your veterinarian about physical rehab exercises and other techniques, such as acupuncture and cold laser, which can help.

Passive and active range of motion exercises help to improve joint integrity, decrease pain and lubricate joints. Walking over unsteady surfaces such as wob-

ble boards and exercise balls build core strength and balance and improve the cat's perception of where his limbs are and how they're moving. Stepping over cavaletti rails improves stride length and range of motion.

Among Dr. Medina's patients, a paralyzed kitten gets a workout by chasing a ball and an 11-year-old cat with intervertebral disc disease walks over cavaletti and performs assisted activities on exercise equipment. For the latter cat, the reward for her efforts is to walk into her carrier and go home.

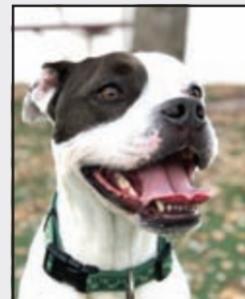
Ways to help cats enjoy their workouts — or at least relax during them — include the use of synthetic calming pheromones in the environment, heat lamps and warming blankets to provide a cat's preferred ambient temperature of 84 degrees Fahrenheit to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and barring barking dogs from the room.

At home, help cats by providing cat trees with lower perches, steps to furniture, soft bedding and shallow litter boxes. For instance, a long, shallow seed tray is easy for a cat to enter and exit. Decreasing the amount of litter in the box provides a more stable surface for unsteady cats to walk on.

The main thing to know is that unlike dogs, cats aren't people pleasers. They will do the exercises and sometimes even seem to enjoy them, but when they're done, they're done. Don't try to push them further, Dr. Medina says.

"Short sessions are critical. Even food-motivated cats are going to get bored." ■

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# Being ill is inconvenient, but it's much worse without insurance

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I never realized what a luxury getting an upper respiratory infection was until I contracted a mild one a couple of weeks ago.

Getting sick is expensive and time-consuming. How do people who don't have money, insurance and plenty of time on their hands manage it?

It all started with me being terrified of getting the flu — the nightly barrage of news reports about young, healthy people dropping dead from the virus had me fretting every time I sneezed. So, when I woke up one morning with swollen glands, shortness of breath and a pounding headache, I made an appointment to see my doctor.

I'm lucky. I have a primary care physician who has been my doctor for a number of years, so when I called first thing in the morning and described my symptoms, an appointment was made for 11 a.m. that same day. Had I not had the luxury of a physician who knows me and my history, I would have had to have gone to a walk-in clinic and waited my turn.

Still, when I arrived at my doctor's office, I was told there would be a 45-minute wait — another privilege — at least they let me know so I could go sit in my air-conditioned car and answer some emails on my iPhone. Alas, 45 minutes turned into over an hour for a doctor's visit that lasted 10 minutes. She

was able to call in prescriptions for an inhaler, nasal spray and antibiotic — but I'd have to hand-deliver the prescription for cough medicine with codeine to the pharmacy since it's a controlled substance (and, yet, you can buy Tide Pods right off the grocery shelf to eat on YouTube — the world confounds me).

Again, I'm lucky — the folks I work with are understanding about me being

away from the office for hours to take care of my health needs — and I have the luxury of being able to drive a car to my appointment and to the pharmacy. Plus, my exam was included in my medical insurance so I didn't pay a dime. But I couldn't help wondering — what if I had a less flexible job? What if I had small children home? What if my car wouldn't start? What if I was disabled?

And what if I was a 26-year-old Millennial who worked in the arts?

A talented, smart young woman who I met a couple of years ago when she was doing a theater internship locally now lives in Atlanta and makes her living as an actor. We've kept in touch via Facebook and she recently posted that she suspected she had a kidney infection — she said she was in pain and running a fever. She put out a plea to her Facebook friends: "I don't have insurance, but I need antibiotics. Does anyone know where I can buy some at a discount?"

A Googled self-diagnosis and trying to buy black market antibiotics — it's heartbreaking and frustrating that healthcare has come to that.

Then again, she had the luxury of a WiFi connection. She later reported that a friend saw her post and shared her leftover antibiotics.

Meanwhile, my doctor ordered a chest X-ray to rule out pneumonia, which meant a trip from her offices to Radiology Regional and another 90-minute wait. Then a drive to CVS where the pharmacist told me that they no longer take my insurance, and another drive to Publix where they do, but that it would take "a couple of hours" to fill my order.

When given the \$180 bill for the medications, I was at least relieved that I didn't have the flu — I had heard on the news about a 38-year-old teacher in Texas who died a few days after she balked at the \$116 cost of Tamiflu.

When getting sick in this country is a time-consuming luxury that few can afford it means that something is terribly broken. ■




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## A surge of peer-to-peer boat rentals arrives

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
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**J**UST AS AIRBNB PUSHED ITS WAY INTO THE hotel industry, companies that facilitate boat rentals directly from owners to users, a peer-to-peer service, are bringing new options to the boat rental and charter marketplace.

Fort Lauderdale-based Boatsetter and San Francisco-based GetMyBoat both say they are fast growing companies that will open up the sport of boating to a wider range of consumers and allow boat owners whose vessels often sit unused to make money by renting them out through the company's websites. The companies, in turn, collect a commission for their service.



COURTESY PHOTOS Boatsetter and GetMyBoat are offering thousands of new options to get people out on the water.

SEE AHOY, A32 ►

## Port Royal Jewelers celebrates five decades in Naples

BY ROBBIE SPENCER  
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Who says advertisements don't age well?

Port Royal Jewelers owner William Boyajian was in a downtown barbershop a few weeks ago when he started perusing a 1972 copy of Naples Today.

As he sifted through the brittle pages, he came across an ad for Landmark Gems, a company his parents, Sunny and Leo Boyajian, opened on Marco Island in 1968 and relocated to Fifth Avenue in 1974.

"I hadn't seen the ad before," William recalled with a laugh about the ad that prompted him to reflect on the path the business has taken. This year marks the family's 50th year in business in South-

west Florida.

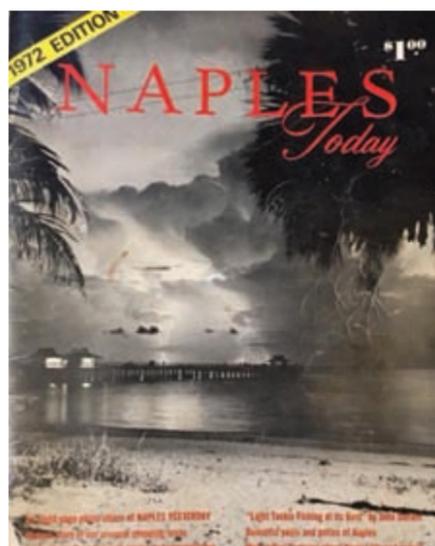
If you think it's seasonal now, Mr. Boyajian recalled a much slower-paced Southwest Florida as a young man.

"There was absolutely nothing in the summer ... everyone would just come down for season," he said. "My dad traveled around the world a lot. When he established the store on Fifth Avenue, he didn't sit there day to day."

With ties in the jewelry industry dating back to 1905 in West Hoboken, N.J., it was natural for him to continue

SEE JEWELER, A32 ►

William Boyajian stumbled across this 46-year-old ad about his parents' former jewelry store in Naples while getting his hair cut.



“We have completely disrupted the marine industry in creating a platform that legally and safely allows private boat owners to rent out their boat... in the same way Airbnb has done it in the home market.”

— Jaclyn Baumgarten, Boatsetter CEO

## AHOY

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Since GetMyBoat launched in 2013, it has amassed more than 90,000 boats available worldwide through its website, said Bryan Petro, the company's chief operating officer. That includes both peer-to-peer rentals as well as charter operators who advertise their boats through the platform.

“It has always been our philosophy to have a truly great experience on the water and off the water you have to have a lot of options,” he said.

Florida boat owners have signed up to use the site more than any other state.

“Florida is number one, the top state in the U.S.,” Mr. Petro said. “The whole state is great for us, but Miami in particular is a prime destination. Cape Coral, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa. I'm trying to think of all the cities there. You could run up and down the coast there — Key West — and you'll see booming business everywhere.”

Boatsetter is also growing “by leaps and bounds,” said co-founder and chief executive officer Jaclyn Baumgarten.

After operating for a few years as a pilot company, Boatsetter officially launched in 2015 before buying out a competitor, Boatbound, a year later.

“We have completely disrupted the marine industry in creating a platform that legally and safely allows private boat owners to rent out their boat... in the same way Airbnb has done it in the home market,” Ms. Baumgarten said.

The vessels available through the website range from deck boats to full-fledged yachts. Like Airbnb, renters can see reviews, features of what they're renting, and rules to abide by. Typically, the renter pays for fuel in addition to the advertised cost per full or half day.

In addition to boats, Boatsetter gives owners the option of offering a captain to operate it for you. In West Palm Beach, for instance, Alex M. advertises an 85-foot Pacific Mariner Motor Yacht for \$5,000 per full day, complete with a captain.

“With space for up to 12 guests and sleeping arrangements for six, this is the perfect choice for a Palm Beach day cruise or a week in the Bahamas,” the description reads.

In Punta Gorda, Christopher L. advertises a 21-foot Hurricane Center Console deck boat “to take to the beach or play in the bay,” for up to 10 people, for \$240 per day. No captain included.

In Naples, Rand M. lists a 51-foot Sea Ray with a captain for up to 12 people, for \$2,300 per full day.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Boatsetter and GetMyBoat are offering thousands of new options to get people out on the water.

Boatsetter updated its website in February with new features such as “instant booking,” with a lightning-flash symbol that Airbnb users will recognize. It is also working on a mobile app to be released this year.

“Our mission is to make boating accessible and available to anyone, anywhere,” Ms. Baumgarten said.

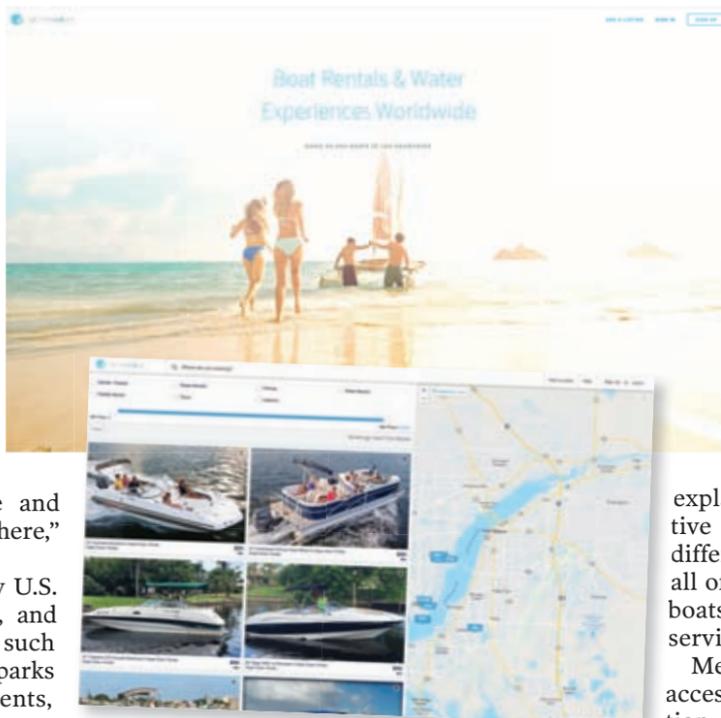
The company abides by U.S. Coast Guard regulations, and works with local officials, such as marina operators or parks and recreation departments, to create permits for peer-to-peer use.

Mike Bagley, general manager of Tarpon Point Marina in Cape Coral, is not aware of any boat owners at the marina who rent out their vessels through a peer-to-peer platform.

“If they do anything that generates revenue on their own boat they're supposed to register with us,” he said. “... We don't want to get somebody that's competing with our business.”

A Realtor and property manager who lives in Cape Coral, Volker Eckhoff lists his 27-foot SeaRay 270 through Boatsetter for \$350 per full day, for up to eight passengers.

After renting his boat to seasonal occupants of homes he manages, he started using the website for Boatbound (now Boatsetter) in 2015.



“Some-how I came across Boatbound and signed up to see if I could get a few more rentals out of there,” he said.

While Mr. Eckhoff buys his own rental insurance for the boat, he said it is also available directly through Boatsetter. Although he has not made income from the site, he said, it helps pay for the cost of owning the boat.

His only complaint is that Boatsetter raised the commission since it acquired Boatbound from 5 to 15 percent.

“I'm thinking of leaving them because of the high commission,” he said. “I raised my rate and don't know if I will still be as successful as I was in the past.”

Boatsetter and GetMyBoat's peer-to-peer platforms are part of the so-called

“sharing economy” ushered in by companies like Airbnb. But traditional rental as well as boat club operations have long offered people who can't afford or don't want to be boat owners a lower-priced, relatively hassle-free alternative to getting out on the water.

One of the oldest and largest, Venice-based Freedom Boat Club, has 16,000 members in 29 states with its many franchise locations.

“The club concept is much different than the peer-to-peer,” or other rental models,

explained president and chief executive officer John Giglio. “And the big difference is as a boat club we own all of our own boats, we maintain our boats, and we have a different level of service than the Boatsetter group.”

Members pay monthly dues for access to boats in any Freedom location. They also offer a more limited range of vessels.

“We kind of live in the 18- to 25-foot space, single engines,” he said. “We train our members, they operate the boats themselves. We don't want to be in the big boat business, that's by design.”

Whether a traditional rental, peer-to-peer, or club business model, boat dealers and manufacturers have often seen them as unwanted competition, Mr. Giglio said. That's a “stigma” he aims to disprove.

“Our hope is (our members) someday graduate to boat ownership,” he said. “About 20 percent of our members when they leave the club purchase a boat, which is a pretty remarkable statistic.”

“That's the stigma with the industry we're trying to overcome. We're not competition; we're a compliment.” ■

## JEWELER

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the business.

Following an education at the Gemological Institute of America and the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., William Boyajian returned to Naples and opened Port Royal Jewelers in 1992, focusing on unique artisan jewelry designs. Landmark Gems, the parent company, continues to operate as a wholesaler today, while Port Royal is now the retail fine jeweler storefront arm of the business.

Mr. Boyajian has also taken an interest in aiding local causes. “People don't

know how much need there is in this community,” he said.

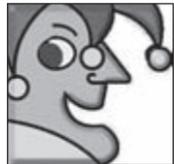
For the last decade or so, he has designed a piece of jewelry meaningful to a different charity each year. It's typically auctioned off at a fundraising event to raise money for the cause. Past pieces have fetched as much as \$30,000, according to Mr. Boyajian.

“It started as helping out local children's charities,” he said. “Then when we had the oil spill, I got involved through the Audubon Society and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.” Animal rescue nonprofits, the Guadalupe Center and Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, among others, have also benefited from his talent and generosity.

Port Royal Jewelers is at 623 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, visit [www.portroyaljewelers.com](http://www.portroyaljewelers.com). ■



A young William Boyajian with his parents, Sunny and Leo, at their Landmark Gems store on Fifth Avenue back in 1976.



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### Stock Market Shock

The stock market has been quite volatile recently, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping 666 points on Feb. 2, 1,175 points on Feb. 5 and 1,033 points on Feb. 8. There have been some up days, too, but a downward trend could continue for a while.

What should you do? Well, the worst thing you could do is panic and sell. Any money you park in the stock market should be long-term money that you can leave there for five, if not 10, years, in order to ride out sharp downturns that happen at least every few years. Selling means you'll be on the sidelines when a recovery begins in earnest, and you'll miss out on many gains. The days with the biggest stock market gains often follow big drops. Indeed, the day after the 1,175-point drop, the Dow surged 567 points.

The media is not helpful when it reports market drops in points instead of percentages. The 1,175-point drop might have sounded horrifying, especially compared to 1987's "Black Monday," when the Dow fell 508 points. But

in percentage points, the recent drop was a meaningful but not catastrophic 4.6 percent decline — while 1987's drop wiped out a whopping 22.6 percent of the market's value at the time.

Stocks can rise or fall in a single week, month or year, but there's never been a 20-year period during which stocks lost money. If your time horizon is long enough, betting on stocks has always been a winner — especially if you have the courage to buy after a big drop. That's what many of the best investors do. They maintain lists of stocks they'd like to buy at a good price, and then they wait for an opportunity.

You might reduce your jitters by investing in healthy companies that pay dividends, because those regular payouts tend to continue no matter what the stock market is doing.

Don't let a market correction turn you against stocks. Expect occasional surges and plunges, and know that the market's long-term trend has always been upward. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Put Down

My dumbest investment was selling put options on WorldCom stock a year before fraud was detected. It seemed like a great growth story at the time, and I couldn't imagine the stock falling over the next few months. The \$15,000 I collected in put premiums was nice, but ultimately I ended up paying a lot more in tuition to the School of What Can Go Wrong, as WorldCom headed toward bankruptcy. I had tax-loss carryovers that I'm finally ridding myself of just this year.

— F.U., Gig Harbor, Washington

**The Fool Responds:** Options can be very risky and costly, especially to the inexperienced.

A put option gives its holder the right to sell a specified asset at a specified price at any time, until the option expires. The seller of the put must buy the asset at that price, no matter what it's going for in the market. (Call options are the opposite: They give their holder the right to buy a certain asset at a certain price until expiration, with the call seller required to sell it.)

If you're pretty sure a particular stock will soar or fall within a certain period, you can make money off those who think otherwise — but you can also lose much more than you ever expected if things don't go your way. You were smart to put your tax loss to work, though. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a yarn company in Boston in 1923. I became a major rayon producer and made parachutes in World War II. Today, based in Providence, Rhode Island, and with a market value recently near \$16 billion, I'm a global conglomerate specializing in aircraft, defense, industrial and finance businesses. My customers range from the military to NASA to automakers and others. My brands include Bell Helicopter, Cessna, Beechcraft, Hawker, Jacobsen, Kautex, Lycoming, E-Z-GO, Greenlee, Arctic Cat and TRU Simulation + Training. I employ some 35,000 people in more than 25 countries. Who am I? (Answer: Textron) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Lagged Disclosures

Q How can I find out which stocks my mutual fund is invested in?

— R.M., Dallas

A You generally can't know what any managed fund owns at the moment, but most funds will publish lists of holdings as of the end of each month or quarter. You'll likely find these reports on fund company websites and also at sites such as morningstar.com, which offer lots of information on a wide range of funds.

Don't assume that the lists are still 100 percent accurate. While a fund may have many shares of a company as of the end of last quarter, it might have sold off most of them by the time you're reading the report. Some fund managers engage in "window dressing," loading up on hot stocks near the end of a quarter, so that they'll look good.

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Q What's a "golden parachute"?

— L.B., Binghamton, New York

A It's deployed when a company gives a hefty payout to a departing CEO or top executive. Some executives' contracts stipulate that if they are dismissed or the company is sold, they'll receive a certain payout, potentially including cash, stock, options, continued travel allowances, health care coverage and more. Many may seem reasonable given the performance of the executive and the company, but others are rather outlandish, and sometimes go to bigwigs who haven't done stellar jobs or been in their positions long.

A classic example is former Pfizer CEO Henry McKinnell, who left his position in 2006 after about five years with more than \$100 million in severance and an \$83 million pension — at a time when the company was losing money and its stock had plunged.

As you might imagine, shareholders don't love golden parachutes. ■

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## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to Atlanta in 1886, when a pharmacist served drinks made from a syrup he created. I loaded ammunition in World War II. Today I'm the world's largest beverage company, with more than 500 brands. I employ more than 700,000 people, and my offerings are enjoyed more than 1.9 billion times a day around the world. Twenty-one of my brands generate more than \$1 billion in annual revenue.



They include Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Simply, Fuze tea, vitaminwater, Gold Peak, smartwater and Schweppes. My ticker symbol is a hit in the boxing ring. Who am I? Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

## The Motley Fool Take

### General Motors Firing on Many Cylinders

General Motors' (NYSE: GM) stock has been trading at rock-bottom valuations for a long time. The fear that a slowing of demand for vehicles would ravage GM's bottom line has been holding back the stock, but whenever the next downturn occurs, GM will be a leaner and more efficient company than it was last time around. Investors also don't seem to be giving GM's innovation initiatives enough credit.

While Tesla currently manufactures America's top-selling electric vehicle, GM's Bolt claims the second-place position on the sales chart, and GM's production capabilities mean that it's in much better position to capture growth in the category as demand increases at the consumer and fleet levels. GM also seems to

be at the forefront of autonomous-vehicle technology, having recently unveiled a car for ride-sharing use, on track for a 2019 debut, that doesn't have a steering wheel or pedals.

GM shed its money-losing European operations last year, and it expects its 2018 results to be in line with its 2017 results, with new full-size pickups set to launch later this year, helping to accelerate earnings in 2019.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 6.5, a healthy dividend that recently yielded 3.7 percent, seemingly exaggerated risk factors and underappreciated growth prospects, GM stands out as an attractive, undervalued income opportunity at recent prices. ■

# 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 **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** presents "Are You Future Ready Collier?" as part of its Leadership Lunch Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Guest speakers include Lisa Church, vice president of Champions For Learning; Tim Ferguson, CEO of Grace Place for Children & Families; Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County; and Kamela Patton, superintendent of Collier County Public Schools. For reservations or more information, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its fifth annual Community Business Expo from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Promenade at Bonita

Bay. For more information, visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** holds its Business After Business networking event from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at The Gavel Grill, 3340 Tamiami Trail E. For more information, visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Young Professionals** gather for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Center Bar at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its 2018 Business EXPO from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at

the new Markle Park Community Center, 1361 Andalusia Terrace. For more information, call 394-7549 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Business After 5** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Intervention needed to cure affordable housing crisis



In free market capitalism, supply and demand should dictate what goods and services are produced in an economy via price movements. For example, if a good is in short supply, the price of that item should increase, whereby the demand for it will drop or the supply will increase as producers enter the market to capture that higher price.

However, one area where we have seen the free markets fail us is in affordable housing. For years, the demand for affordable housing has outpaced supply and this serious issue seems to only be getting worse, not better. Why is there a lack of supply of this critical resource and what can be done to reverse this trend?

Since the end of the financial crisis several years ago, there has been no lack of home construction taking place across the country. Today, home-builder confidence is at an all-time high and buildings are being constructed as fast as possible. However, the vast majority of these projects are geared toward high-end and luxury products. Very few homes and rental units geared toward low- to middle-income Americans are being constructed. In large cities, it is estimated that 75 percent to 80 percent of new construction are upscale and

luxury buildings despite the fact that this market is already saturated.

The first reason given for this phenomenon is the high cost to build. Land costs, material costs and labor expenses are all at very high levels today. Builders say that with these high input costs, it is simply impossible to construct affordable housing and still make a profit. Only by producing a higher-end product and charging a premium price can these projects make economic sense.

The second cause of a lack of affordable housing is the current state of the

banking sector. Post financial crisis, banks are less willing to underwrite marginally profitable projects and so are more willing to lend for higher-margin, higher-market projects. In addition, the fixed compliance costs to lend money have skyrocketed so banks prefer to fund large city condo projects rather than small starter homes.

The third basis for limited affordable housing is that many investors in the real estate sector are putting their capital to work transforming affordable housing into high-end homes. With the lack of raw land in many parts of the

country, large funds are buying low-income homes and rental units and either tearing them down to build luxury units or rehabbing them for the same result. The effect of this is even fewer affordable places to live.

The lack of affordable housing has significant affects on our economy and society. It leads to increased homelessness. It prevents people from easily moving to a new location to find a better job. It adds stress to families, as now half of American renters have to utilize one-third or more of their paycheck just on their housing expense.

The solution to this problem is a joint private and public partnership. Local governments, even when they have funds available to support affordable housing, often are pressured by NIMBY (not in my back yard) constituents to reject housing units that cater to low- to middle-income people.

This often has a negative affect on a community as employers cannot expand due to a lack of manpower available. In addition, state and federal assistance is needed to encourage developers to start lower-margin affordable housing projects. This is one case where capitalism needs a little nudge in the right direction. ■

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

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## Grand opening at Volvo Cars of Naples



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3. The Baron Collier High School Drum Corps
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## NAR numbers reflect shortage of inventory

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Existing-home sales slumped for the second consecutive month in January and experienced their largest decline on an annual basis in more than three years, according to the National Association of Realtors. All major regions saw declines in monthly and annual sales.

Total existing-home sales — completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops — sank 3.2 percent in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.38 million from a downwardly revised 5.56 million in December 2017. After the January decline, sales are 4.8 percent below a year ago (largest annual decline since August 2014 at 5.5 percent) and at their slowest pace since last September (5.37 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says January's retreat in closings highlights the housing market's glaring inventory shortage to start 2018.

"The utter lack of sufficient housing supply and its influence on higher home prices muted overall sales activity in much of the U.S. last month," Mr. Yun said. The good news, he added, is that Realtors in most areas are reporting buyer traffic is even stronger than the beginning of 2017. Sales failed to follow course, however.

"It's very clear that too many markets right now are becoming less affordable and desperately need more new listings to calm the speedy price growth," he said.

The median existing-home price for all housing types in January was \$240,500, up 5.8 percent from January 2017 (\$227,300). January's price increase marks the 71st straight month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of January rose 4.1 percent to 1.52 million existing homes available for sale, a figure that is still 9.5 percent lower than a year ago (1.68 million) and has fallen year-over-year for 32 consecutive

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Postcard views abound from this three-bedroom residence in Aria, a crowning jewel on Gulf Shore Boulevard overlooking Venetian Bay to the east and the Gulf of Mexico to the west. In 4,278 square feet of luxury there are marble floors, volume ceilings, a whole house sound system, a fireplace and numerous custom built-ins, a soft neutral palette and multiple terraces for alfresco dining or simply relaxing in coastal splendor. Aria amenities include a beachfront pool, direct beach and gulf access, a state-of-the-art fitness room, spa, sauna, massage, billiards room and 24-hour security. Pets are welcome, too. Residence 1201 has a separate two-car enclosed garage and air-conditioned storage.

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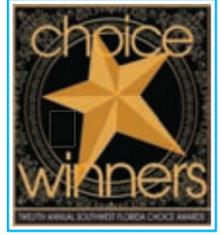
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# Local statistics show January surge in the luxury market

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Unlike national figures for home sales in January (see story on page B1), home sales in Collier County rose 11 percent in January to 671 home sales in January 2018 from 603 home sales in January 2017. Closed sales of luxury properties (homes above \$1 million) increased 123 percent this year over January 2017, according to the latest market report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

“Thank goodness for the luxury properties for sale; they are driving the market,” said Bill Coffey, broker manager of

Amerivest Realty Naples. Pending sales of homes priced above \$1 million increased 67 percent in January compared to last year, he added.

Broker analysts reviewing the report agreed that many of the high-end speculative homes that had been on the market for over two years, especially in desirable locations like the Naples beach area, were sold in January.

“I think we had a lot of pent-up demand from wealthy buyers who waited to see how the new tax laws would



affect them,” said Jeff Jones, managing broker for Engel & Völkers’ Naples and Bonita Springs offices. “Once they understood the law, they obviously felt confident in making a big purchasing decision.”

January’s median closed price decreased 19 percent in the \$2 million and above price category. For the entire market, the overall median closed price increased 19 percent in January.

Overall median prices in January decreased for homes up to \$1 million compared to last year. For example,

median closed prices for properties in the \$300,000 and below price category decreased 6 percent in January to \$205,000 from \$219,000 in January 2017.

“For a long time we saw double-digit increases in median closed prices for single-family homes in the \$300,000 and below market,” said Cindy Carroll of Carroll & Carroll Appraisers and Consultants LLC. For January, however, “the report showed only a 4 percent increase year over year (or a 5 percent increase month over month),” she added.

Overall inventory in Collier County decreased 5 percent in January to 6,071 homes from 6,393 homes in January 2017.

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# Kalea Bay's clubhouse a phenomenal amenity

## Strong sales recorded in Tower 2

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

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

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot main amenity area, which opened in early January, is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance.

The clubhouse features three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, a lakeside fire pit, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

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

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

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

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Lodge. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant serves incredible meals throughout the day. And 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. 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. Guest suites that can accommodate overnight guests and family members are also located nearby.

Residents also have a shuttle service that originates from the clubhouse and takes them to the beach.

"Two of the top-rated beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay," stated Lodge. "They include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9."

The completion of the main amenity area at Kalea Bay coincided with the completion of the community's first residential tower.

"Closings in Tower 1 started at the beginning of January," stated Lodge. "To date, we've closed approximately 100 of the tower's 120 residences."

The completion of Tower 1, and the commencement of closings, came just weeks after the building's rooftop amenities were completed. Those amenities include the rooftop pool, which is surrounded by comfortable chaise lounges, dining tables and chairs, and plush conversation areas, the sky lounge, and an open-air fitness center with cantilevered roof that opens and closes.

"Whether lounging poolside or enjoying the company of friends in our community room, the views from the rooftop can only be described as spectacu-



**Above: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. Right: Kalea Bay's main amenity area includes the community's clubhouse with three separate pools, expansive sundecks, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, an open-air bar and an Internet café.**



**Left: The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower are completed, including the pool and furnished sun deck. Below: Residents of Kalea Bay have indoor and outdoor dining options. Bottom: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico.**



lar," stated Lodge. "From up 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."

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

A few residences remain in Tower 1, however more residences are available in Tower 2. The 22-story tower, with 120 homes, 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 3,919 total square feet.

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

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

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



people live today," said Lodge. The master bedroom includes an

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

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

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

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

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million in Tower 1 and \$1.4 million in Tower 2, which will have similar rooftop amenities as the first tower.

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



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# All aboard! Hop on the Babcock Ranch Hometown Grand Opening Model Home Trolley Tour



**H**op on a trolley to tour beautifully furnished model homes at Babcock Ranch during the Hometown Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, March 10. Explore the town and discover the home that's perfect for you during the old-fashioned community festival.

Starting at noon, shuttles will transport guests from the parking area to Founder's Square. Then, stop by the Event Registration tent to pick up your Model Home Trolley Tour ticket that allows you to board the trolleys for a hop-on, hop-off tour at your own pace.

### Find Your Future Home

With welcoming front porches, great rooms, bonus rooms, large outdoor living spaces, and distinctive architecture that nods to Southwest Florida's historic vernaculars, Babcock Ranch model homes are designed to inspire.

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 town's homes are priced from the low \$190,000s to \$1 million.

Castle Harbour Homes offers three floor plans that feature three and four bedrooms, 3,500 to 4,000 square feet of living space, and ranch- and Spanish-style architecture.

Florida Lifestyle Homes' three open models, with one- and two-story designs from 2,324 to 4,000 air-conditioned square feet, demonstrate the many options for customization.

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.

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.

Stock Classic Homes offers five furnished models with three and four bed-



**Top: More than 50 home designs at Babcock Ranch emphasize the front-porch lifestyle. Above: A Hometown Grand Opening features model home tours, arts & crafts, farmers market and food trucks – plus fireworks over Lake Babcock.**

rooms, 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.

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 and are priced starting in the \$190,000s.

Pulte is constructing move-in-ready inventory homes in Lake Timber with alley-loading garages, three and four bedrooms and 1,758 to

3,293 square feet of living space. Pulte also is building in the new Parkside neighborhood with homes priced from \$218,990.

### Play all Day

From face painting, juggling and cowboy demonstrations to food trucks and arts & crafts on the boardwalk, there's fun for all ages at Founder's Square during the Hometown Grand Opening event.

Those interested in visiting the FPL Solar Field or cruising around Lake Babcock in an electric-powered boat can reserve seats at designated registration areas, enjoy activities, and then board at their

assigned time.

Live musical entertainment continues throughout the day, with diverse offerings including acoustic guitar, a barber-shop quartet and a dance band that plays until 7 p.m., when fireworks over Lake Babcock bring the celebration to a close.

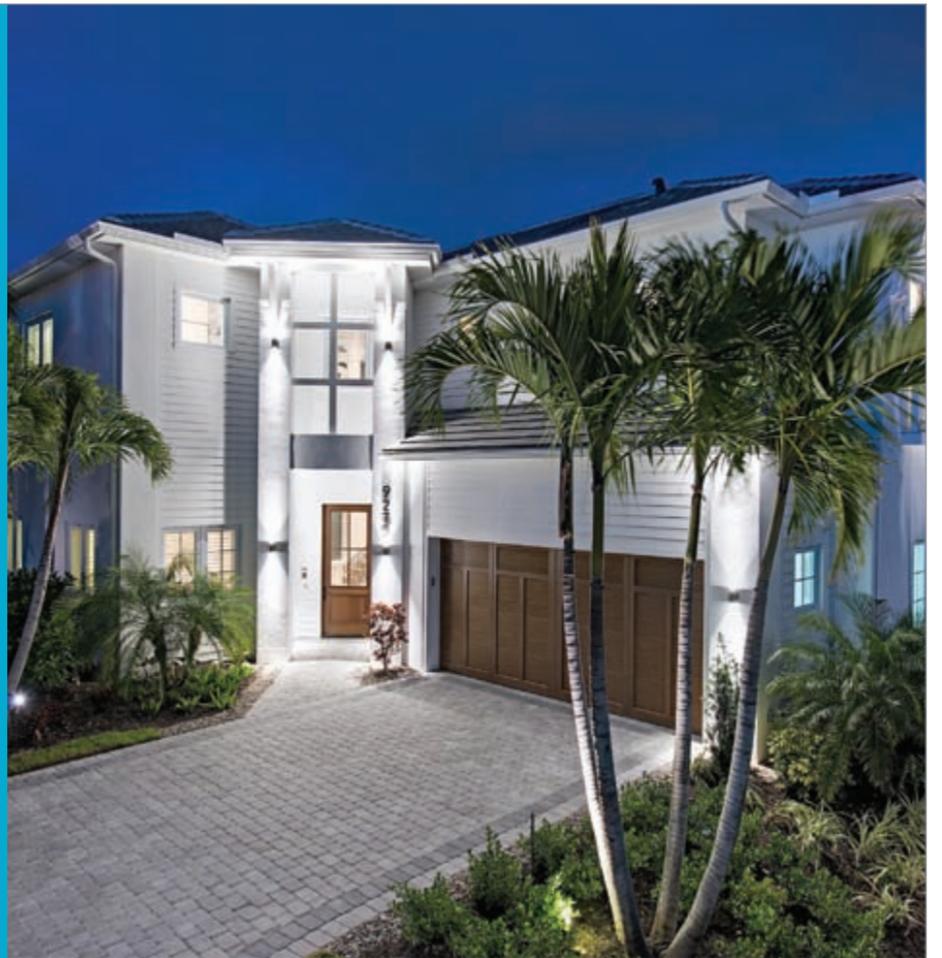
There is no entry fee or cost for the tours and activities, but food, beverage and other vendors will be operating on a cash-only basis.

To speed your entry, make sure to RSVP and download a free parking pass in advance at [www.BabcockRanch.com/GrandOpening](http://www.BabcockRanch.com/GrandOpening)

For more information about the homes and lifestyle of this groundbreaking new hometown, located just north-east 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](http://www.BabcockRanch.com). ■

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## LBIA Parade of Homes displays an array of Stock's beautifully furnished models

**D**uring the LBIA Parade of Homes, Stock Development has 15 furnished models open in five communities.

The Lee Building Industry Association's 2018 Parade of Homes runs the next two weekends. It is open Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd and 4th and March 10th and 11th. The hours are 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

At Hidden Harbor, a total of 12 floorplans are offered in the community's signature Contemporary Coastal design. All of these homes are set in a waterfront community with exceptional amenities. They are priced from just the \$400s.

Among the furnished models is the Corleone. It is a two-story, four-bedroom (plus loft convertible to a fifth bedroom) plan with three and one-half-baths. The great room design also includes a formal dining room and a second floor playroom. The home offers 3,172 square feet under air and a total of 4,331 square feet including a screened and covered lanai and an attached two-car garage plus a fun-car garage. The interior design was completed by Daniel Kilgore of Soco Interiors.

"The overall feel is contemporary coastal with layers of light neutral grays, tans, and whites with strong accents of blue-green and coral," said Kilgore. "The furnishings mix clean-lined upholstery with more rustic, unique casegoods which provide lots of texture."

The great room is designed for entertaining and is open to the kitchen and breakfast nook, which features a large chalkboard wall. The master bedroom has a painted panel bed wall detail with a soft aqua metallic wall covering inserts. The upstairs loft has been turned into a secondary living space with a big sectional, a craft/game table and a painted ceiling detail.

The spacious lanai has a shellstone deck surrounding the pool and has a great outdoor dining and lounging space with a great view of the harbor.

A 4,484 square foot community clubhouse is situated on a premium waterfront site at the entrance to the harbor. Homeowners with boat docks have access to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Ten Mile Canal and Estero Bay.

The new Cristale estate model is open at Quail West, where Stock has six furnished models entered in the Parade of Homes. The home overlooks the manicured 11th hole of the community's pristine Lakes course.

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

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

The Cristale features an interior by Diana Hall and Laurie Walter, of Cinnabar Design. The interior's transitional design includes traditional lines and cool white and soft gray backgrounds with accents of silver gray and aqua. Flooring throughout the living areas is medium toned cerused European oak. It is priced at \$3,580,105.



Stock is also celebrating the grand opening of the Regency Manor at Esplanade Golf and Country Club of Naples. This four-bedroom, four and one-half bath great room style home features a formal dining room, a study, an outdoor living area and a three-car garage. It offers 3,699 square feet under air and a total of 5,544 square feet. It is priced at \$1,517,135.

Stock Development has five furnished models from its Classic Home series on display at Babcock Ranch, a new 18,000-acre eco-centric, solar powered town being developed by Kitson, east of Fort Myers off State Road 31 in Charlotte County, north of the Lee Civic Center.

Located in Lake Timber, the town's first neighborhood, Stock's residences at Babcock Ranch are being built to Flori-

**Top: The Corleone great room. Above Left: The Corleone. Above Right: The Cristale at Quail West. Left: The Crystal at Babcock Ranch. Below: The Regency Manor at Esplanade.**

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Stock's new floor plans were designed by Looney Ricks Kiss Architects, the firm that established Babcock Ranch's Craftsman, Farmhouse, Coastal Gulf Vernacular, Spanish, and Colonial/West Indies architectural styles. They are situated on 70- and 80-foot lakefront home sites and each plan includes a covered front porch that allows the home to live from front to back while encouraging interaction with neighbors. Stock's homes at Babcock Ranch are priced from just the high \$300s.

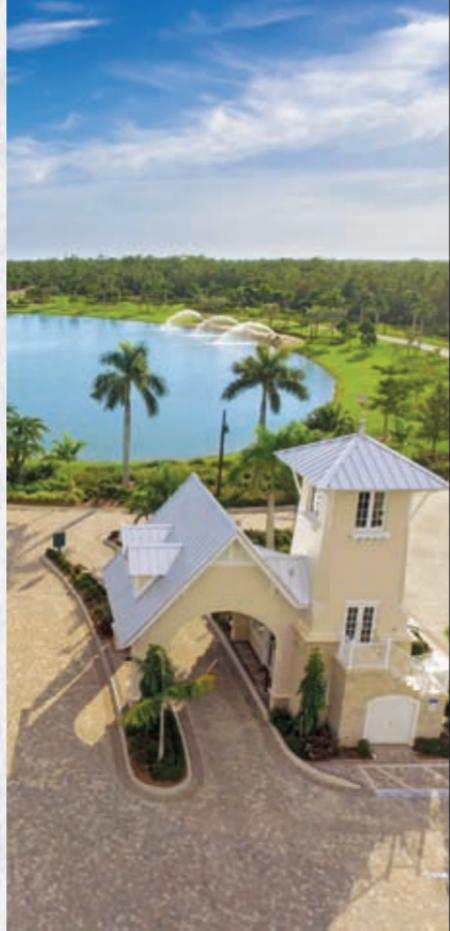
The interior of Stock's Crystal model by LDL Interiors' Lynn Lombardi for Pizzazz Interiors is grounded in a New Americana design concept that reflects the inviting tenor of Babcock Ranch's architectural designs. Beginning with the swing and rocking chairs on the front porch and extending through an interior replete with rustic Old Florida elements and warm wood flooring, this is a home where neighbors will always be welcomed.

The 3,076-square-foot floor plan includes an island kitchen with a walk-in pantry, three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and a large lakefront outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, pool and spa. The Crystal floor plan is base priced at \$499,990.

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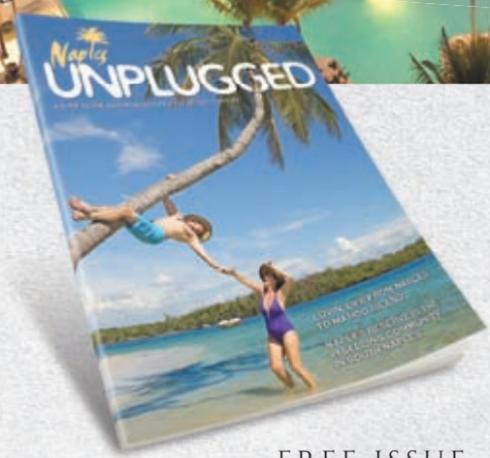
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# Last chance – AQUA II at Pelican Isle nears sell out

## Designer furnished model open daily

**A**QUA at Pelican Isle, the new Naples boutique condominium tower community, is known for its prime waterfront location, modern design and luxurious finishes, and the tremendous value it offers homeowners looking for desirable waterfront living in a brand, new condominium.

AQUA's luxury waterfront towers offer resident resort-inspired amenities and the matchless opportunity to create a custom home with maintenance-free living. Those seeking a more refined lifestyle—one where sophistication, luxury and the water interact on a daily basis—should act now on the few remaining residences at AQUA's Tower II and discover why AQUA is Paradise Coast's chosen address. The first tower is completely sold out.

Prominently positioned within a beautifully landscaped and gated community, AQUA's exclusive residences benefit from high quality fixtures and finishes. Designed to live like single-family homes, AQUA's spacious waterfront residences feature picturesque views of the marina, mangrove lined estuaries and spectacular sunsets thanks to open floor plans and elevated ceilings.

One furnished model by award-winning Antonacci Design is open daily for viewing and available for purchase. The model reflects the modern architectural style of the high-rise and showcases several features of AQUA's sophisticated and refined design, while offering a distinctly different floor plan and finishes.

Just a few unfurnished custom residences remain available for sale in Tower II. Located on the third and fourth floors of the tower, starting at \$1.995 million with floor plans ranging between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den.

Exceptional conveniences offered at AQUA include community's private yacht harbor, with direct access to the Gulf, consisting of 29 slips for separate purchase for those who wish to own their own boat right in their back yard. One slip remains available for sale to accommodate a boat up to 50 feet.

A pavilion bar complements AQUA's resort-style pool and spa, gas grills and fire pits overlooking the yacht harbor for the best in outdoor living. The fitness center features top-of-the-line exercise equipment, an aerobics/Pilates room, his and her locker rooms with glass block steam rooms and dry sauna facilities, a relaxation lounge and private massage/treatment rooms. Resident peace of mind is assured thanks to a 24-hour attended arrival lobby and a grand entry gate with around-the-clock controlled entry. An in-house management team and concierge provide the utmost in attentive service.

The rooftop sky lounge and terrace offer magnificent vistas of the Gulf of Mexico, beaches, Wiggins Bay and mangrove-lined estuaries. The sky lounge features a fireplace, flat screen TV, and full kitchen with bar. The rooftop terrace provides outdoor seating, a grill and hot tub spa. The grand social room is designed to accommodate events from the casual to the most elegant; a library, and a state-of-the-art private movie



Above: AQUA features expansive water views, a picturesque waterside promenade, and beautifully landscaped grounds -- the ultimate in luxury in a pristine, natural setting well known to the yachting world. Left: AQUA designer furnished model residence #301 master bedroom overlooks the water, so interior designer Jerilyn Antonacci intensified the view with a large oval mirror over the bed to reflect the scenery, using lots of white and gold colors and the wall behind the bed featuring a wallpaper starburst. Below: Interior designer Jerilyn Antonacci was inspired by the curves of the building and the views of the water at AQUA at Pelican Isle when she created a palate of modern colors and mixed different metals with gold and white in the furnished model's kitchen.



theater with reclining seats ideal for watching Super Bowl, PGA tournaments, favorite musicals and much more.

The completion of the second 11-story tower brings on board a host of new amenities including Club AQUA complete with large screen television and sound system, relaxed seating area with fireplace, bar and card tables; three spacious guest suites which can be enjoyed individually or connected to each other to accommodate large visiting families and guests; a game room with a billiards table; interactive high definition virtual golf and

other video games; an outdoor putting/chipping green and dog run; three fire pits and an outdoor screened social pavilion adjacent to the marina with ample seating, fireplace and waterfront views.

Interior design features include high ceilings, gourmet kitchens with Wolf ovens and five-burner gas cooktops, Sub-Zero refrigerators and wine coolers, Miele dishwashers and premium-quality finishes throughout including paint, trim, quartz, and marble countertops, luxurious carpet, wood and marble flooring, sunlit back-to-front living areas,

spacious master bedroom suites, lavish sunlit master bathrooms with water views, generous closet space and more.

Contracts for AQUA Tower II are ongoing, with Naples-based PACT Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent.

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



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## Paradise found at Naples Reserve's single-site Parade of Homes



Visitors found their perfect home – and their perfect lifestyle – during the Collier Building Industry Association's single-site Parade of Homes at Naples Reserve, one of South Naples' fastest-selling communities.

After kicking off the Parade "island-style" with a lush luau, complete with fire dancers and umbrella drinks under the clubhouse Tiki Bar, Naples Reserve welcomed more than 2,000 Parade guests to tour 18 beautifully decorated attached villa, single-family and custom estate model homes and the resort-inspired Island Club.

During the Parade, generous guests contributed \$4,975 to the CBIA scholarship fund.

Featuring Southern Coastal architecture and fully furnished interiors, the models capture Naples Reserve's vacation-every-day attitude with sweeping scenic views, custom pools and spas, and special places and spaces – inside and out – to entertain friends and family or relax by a cozy fireplace.

With fresh designs by Centro Stile by Ashton Woods, Nancy Peck Interiors, One of a Kind Design, Pizzazz Interiors, Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors, and Soco Interiors, Naples Reserve's Parade of Homes models presented the most current color palettes and the newest trends in furnishings, fixtures and finishes.

The model homes represent nearly endless options within 1,519 to more than 3,500 square feet and feature three and four bedrooms, gourmet-ready kitchens, swoon-worthy master suites, expansive outdoor living areas, and home-specific studies, dens, kitchen nooks and sunny second-floor lofts.

Priced from the high-\$200,000s to more than \$1 million, Naples Reserve's attached villa, single-family and custom estate homes are designed to fit into the natural waterfront setting of 22 lakes and embrace the laid-back community spirit – a mood that is certain to evoke your fondest memories of Key West and other old Florida beach towns.

Parade goers visited six of Naples Reserve's 11 distinctive neighborhoods, including Savannah Lakes, with waterfront single-family homes surrounded by four lakes and nature preserves; the popular Egret Landing neighborhood; and Naples Reserve's newest neighborhood of attached villas, Coral Harbor. More homes awaited in Sparrow Cay, a neighborhood of cul-de-sac streets nestled along Eagle Lake and close to the Island Club; Mallard Point, an intimate neighborhood of one- and two-story

homes with nature preserve and lake views; and Parrot Cay, featuring lakefront custom homes. Homeowners along Eagle Lake can make the most of the lakefront lifestyle by adding private floating docks to enjoy electric boats, as well as boats with motors up to 2.5-horsepower.

The 18 models feature of-the-moment home designs and quality construction by the area's finest homebuilders: Ashton Woods, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lund-



strom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes.

Between touring homes, Parade visitors relaxed with refreshments at the Island Club, a private paradise that channels the ambience and spirit of Key West and Florida's old beach towns. The Island Club offers a resort-style waterfall pool, beach volleyball and bocce ball courts, the Chat 'n Chill Tiki Bar, a 3,500-square-foot fitness club, a 5,160-square-foot community center featuring Latitudes Cafe, and the Welcome Center's signature 850-gallon cylindrical aquarium.

At the Outrigger Center, Parade attendees saw the selection of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards that are available for resident use to explore a mile-long stretch along the 76,000-acre Pica-yune Strand State Forest that's ideal for



Top: Naples Reserve CBIA Parade of Homes guests enjoyed amenities at the Island Club. Above: Robert and Lynda Povilaitis. Left: Amy Wilson and Cristina Duran.

learned paddleboard basics, practiced bocce ball and even brushed up on their CPR technique!

Opportunities for friendly competition await at the newly completed lakefront Match Point complex, with five tennis and four pickleball courts. Nearby, the Walk & Wag dog park offers four-legged friends their own place to play.

An additional dog park, Paws Awhile, is planned, as well as the Kid's Cove playground and a picnic area for impromptu alfresco gatherings. Navigating a loop road encircling Naples Reserve, a meandering linear park for biking, hiking and jogging is designed to engage residents with their natural environment and provide an alternative mode of transportation throughout the community.

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

Discover paradise for yourself at Naples Reserve. Visit the community at 14885 Naples Reserve Circle, located off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 10 minutes from I-75, Exit 101. ■

National Geographic-worthy photo ops. Cruises on the community's two Duffy electric boats depart from the center's floating docks for residents to explore the 125-acre centerpiece Eagle Lake and the destination Kontiki Island – complete with its own tiki hut! The center's flex-space is available for game days, special events and other community activities.

Visitors learned about the full social calendar planned by Naples Reserve's lifestyle and fitness director, who themes many of the events around activities and amenities offered in the community.

Designed to foster friendships, community events are a great way for residents to get to know their neighbors as they familiarize themselves with Naples Reserve's amenities and all of the social opportunities offered within the community. In recent educational and entertaining presentations, residents have

# Useppa Island's Butterfly Garden

## A Sanctuary for All

by Karen Kauffman

The Useppa Island Butterfly Society began several years ago, when the island donated a sandy and unbuildable 1/3 acre to the care of volunteer islanders for a butterfly sanctuary. Six years later, we see significantly more and varied butterflies fluttering in the warm sun. We find eggs the size of pencil points, as well as understand why leaves disappear overnight as caterpillars munch through them. These are all signs that the butterflies approve of our efforts!

Butterflies alight on almost any flower for nectar. However, each butterfly species selects a very specific host plant for laying its eggs, and can detect them from as far as five miles away. This is the same plant these butterflies-turned-caterpillars will use for food.

So, what began as simply planting pretty flowers, has turned into spread sheets to cross reference nectar versus host plants, in the correct proportion, to successfully attract less migratory butterflies, while attracting more that will happily reside with us for generations.

Of the many butterflies, we have our favorites. Black and yellow Swallowtails search out Dutchman's Pipevine (which can grow over a foot a day) as visiting butterflies lay clusters of yellow eggs. When hatched, these larva/caterpillars quickly devour the vine's dense foliage that has hidden them so well.

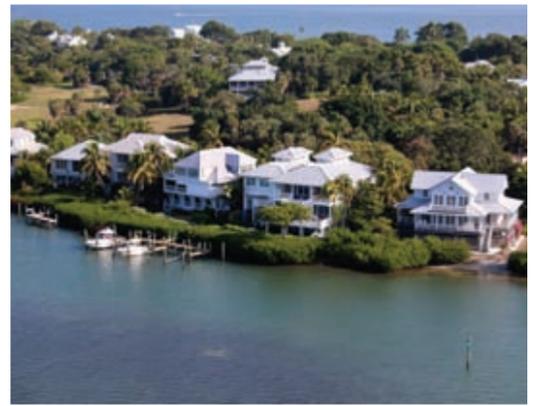


Orange Gulf Fritillary's tiny tan eggs are found on the underside of Lady Margaret Passion Vine. The "hatched"

orange caterpillars then travel in packs, voraciously eating the vine before curling up into a chrysalis from which a beautiful butterfly will emerge.

The most rewarding aspect of caring for the garden is sharing it with visitors of all ages. The Butterfly Garden encapsulates what life on Useppa is about. Creating a place of beauty, wonder, refuge and learning, while relaxing and sharing a space with family, friends and those who wander the island. All are welcome here!

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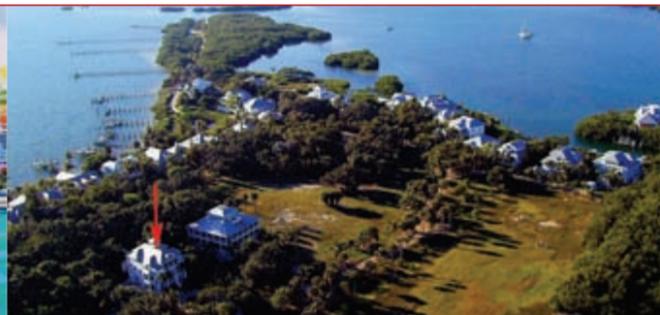
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# I'm loving the indoor/outdoor lifestyle at Mediterra!

I hope everyone is enjoying Winter Season here in Paradise! As you know, Mediterra held its 2018 Model Home Showcase over the past three weekends. I hope you were one of the literally thousands of people who attended and toured London Bay Homes' eight amazing furnished models. Because I'm about to finally choose which home I'm going to purchase at Mediterra, I actually visited the Showcase all three weekends. I wanted to be a fly on the wall and listen to what other folks had to say about each of the models. Not surprisingly, I heard one person after another remark about how London Bay has perfected the art of creating the indoor/outdoor lifestyle that so many of the people I've met at Mediterra absolutely love! That was one of the things I immediately noticed the first time I visited the models, too. The interiors and outdoor living areas at every London Bay home just flow together seamlessly and offer an ambiance that is luxurious and exceptionally livable.

During the Model Showcase, I was able to speak with Jennifer Stevens, the Senior Design Director at Romanza Interior Design. Jennifer and other designers at Romanza created the interiors and selected the features and furnishings for the outdoor living areas at London Bay's models. Here's what she told me about how London Bay's design process takes the indoor/outdoor lifestyle into consideration.

"The indoor/outdoor lifestyle is a strong point of conversation during the design development phase of any project under the London Bay Homes umbrella," she said. "How and how often the space will be used, the number of people the outdoor spaces need to accommodate, lighting, air circulation, various activities, lifestyle preferences, and finishes and furnishings are all discussed early on."

From what I've seen, London Bay's outdoor living and outdoor kitchen designs are right in line with the latest design trends that are cleaner lined than the designs of the past. The materials and finishes they use are beautiful and extremely functional. Jennifer shared with me that Naturekast cabinets, a resin product available in a variety of door styles and faux wood textures, are a popular choice for outdoor kitchen designs. Danver by Brown Jordan, a line of stainless steel cabinetry, is available in a variety of powder coat finishes. Brushed steel, Sapien stone, Dekton, and Geoluxe slab materials can be used outdoors and offer visually quieter outdoor countertop textures and a more modern approach than many of the natural marbles and granites that have long been in vogue. I love having an outdoor fireplace and curling up in front of the fire on a cool winter evening. When I told Jennifer that, she said a wide variety of outdoor fireplaces available from Brown Jordan, Cooke, and Eco-Smart are available in modern styles.

Of course, the pool, spa, pool deck, and landscaping are all part of the outdoor experience, too. The covered lanais and pools at London Bay's models overlook Mediterra's beautiful setting. The outdoor kitchens are beautifully designed and finished and the outdoor dining and conversation areas are really spacious. The pools by London Bay's award-winning Acquatico Pools design company are surrounded by expansive paved decks and include amazing fire and water features. Three of London Bay's eight models at Mediterra – the Bettina model in the Cabreo neighborhood, and the Capriano and Catalina models in the Cortile neighborhood – feature pools by Acquatico that were named recipients of 2018 Design Awards from the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA). That's pretty remarkable. The FSPA Design Awards program



**Top: London Bay's outdoor living and outdoor kitchen designs are consistent with the latest clean lined design trends. Indoor and outdoor spaces seamlessly flow together. Above Left: London Bay Homes has taken the concept of indoor/outdoor living at Mediterra to an elevated level. Outdoor living areas overlook Mediterra's spectacular tableau and include outdoor kitchens, dining and conversation areas, and custom pools by its Acquatico Pools design company. Above Right: London Bay Homes' outdoor living area designs seamlessly integrate pools, spas, pool decks, and beautiful landscaping to create an exceptional outdoor experience.**

recognizes the top designs in pools, spas, and water features.

The outdoor living areas at London Bay's models are truly beautiful. What makes it all work for me, though, is how the indoor spaces and outdoor spaces are so perfectly integrated. It's as if there's no separation between the inside and outside. The indoor and outdoor color schemes compliment one another perfectly and create an overall look that is visually appealing. It all just flows together and allows the homeowner to enjoy every facet of their home. I'm already looking forward to being able to invite my new Mediterra friends over for parties, cookouts, or just hanging out by the pool, fireplace, or fire pit. Creat-

ing such an appealing indoor/outdoor lifestyle obviously doesn't happen by accident. It's all the result of some wonderfully thought out design concepts. Here's what Jennifer had to say about it.

"The continuity of the design theme and the materials included in the outdoor living area design is extremely important," she said. "As designers, we consider the interior and exterior spaces as one cohesive element rather than two distinctly separate entities. We're able to achieve that cohesiveness through the use of materials that have similar textures, colors, and tones, but not necessarily by using the exact same materials or colors. Furnishings in the indoor and outdoor areas need to

complement one another in terms of layout, the number of pieces, and the color palette."

If you'd like to see the amazing indoor/outdoor lifestyles that London Bay is creating at Mediterra, stop by the Sales Center. I'm sure my Sales Executive, Lisa, or one of the other members of the sales team will be glad to help you. That's it for me! I'm off to the Mediterra Beach Club for lunch. Enjoy your week!

Visit the Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Parkway two miles north of Immokalee Road. The Sales Center and model residences are open daily. Visit Mediterra online at [MediterraNaples.com](http://MediterraNaples.com). ■



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## Corsica at Talis Park: a perfect combination of style, choice & location



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Harbourside Custom Homes' 2,971 square feet, unfurnished Aviano II residence is available, offered at \$1.995 million. Currently under construction,



**Top: FrontDoor Communities' Corsica coach home residences. Above Left: Harbourside Custom Homes' Villa Adriana III residence. Above Right: Harbourside Custom Homes' Aviano II residence. Right: Talis Park's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse. Bottom: Corsica homeowners enjoy easy access to Talis Park's sports complex with six tennis courts, tennis pro shop, lap pool, and playground.**

the Aviano II features three bedrooms and three-and-a-half-baths with a separate dining room, spacious great room, study, and three-car garage. The great room and dining area open to a covered lanai and screened outdoor living area with summer kitchen, pool, spa, and colonnade.

An unfurnished, 3,101-square-foot Villa Adriana III residence with three bedrooms and three-and-a-half-baths is also under construction and offered at \$1.995 million. Corsica residents enjoy immediate access to Talis Park's Sports Complex with six Har-Tru tennis courts, tennis pro shop, two-lane lap pool, and playground, and the community's award-winning Vyne House clubhouse.

Prospective homebuyers may experience Talis Park by participating in the community's Gold Pass program. Gold Pass holders enjoy member status and amenities access for two consecutive

days, including one round of golf at the member-guest rate. For program details, call 239-292-0846.

Community and model home tours are available seven days a week by visiting Talis Park's Garden House Information & Sales Center, 16980 Livingston Rd. (just north of Immokalee Rd.). For details, call 239-449-5900 or visit [talispark.com](http://talispark.com). ■



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21524 TAFT CT. #201, ESTERO  
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3421 MORNING LAKE DR. #201, ESTERO  
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12021 COVENT GARDEN CT. #2701, NAPLES  
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21179 BUTCHERS HOLLER, ESTERO  
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**\$269,000 MLS 218007593**  
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### WILDCAT RUN



20130 GOLDEN PANTHER DR. #3, ESTERO  
 • Furnished Townhouse, 3 BR, 3 BA  
 • Lake, Preserve, Golf Course View  
**\$257,500 MLS 217067983**  
 Carol Jones 239.250.4310

### VASARI - MATERA



28442 ALTESSA WAY #202, BONITA  
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20131 ESTERO GARDENS CIR. #101, ESTERO  
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3770 SAWGRASS WAY #3424, NAPLES  
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**\$175,200 MLS 217049974**  
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### TIDES AT PELICAN LANDING



23710 WALDEN CENTER DR. #310, ESTERO  
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9116 PINE HOLLOW DR., ESTERO  
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 • Private Lake & Preserve View, Heated Pool/Spa  
**\$879,000 MLS 217075325**  
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 • Freshly Updated with Neutral Palette  
**\$569,000 MLS 217067742**  
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### MOORINGS



3200 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #308, NAPLES  
 • Unobstructed Bay View  
 • Boat Slip Rental Only \$300 Annually  
**\$569,000 MLS 217052056**  
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### CEDAR CREEK

NEW LISTING



9230 CEDAR CREEK DR., BONITA  
 • Direct Gulf Access Dock, Pool & Spa  
 • 4 BR, 3 BA, 3-Car Garage, Large Yard  
**\$569,000 MLS 218013981**  
 Darlene Rice 239.325.3537

### BANYAN WOODS



5025 BLAUVELT WAY #201, NAPLES  
 • 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths + Den, 2-Car Garage  
 • Tons of Entertaining Space, 3,022 S.F.  
**\$498,999 MLS 217077373**  
 Charles Goff 239.269.4633

### LELY RESORT - CALDECOTT



6509 CALDECOTT DR., NAPLES  
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 • Small Gated Enclave  
**\$468,000 MLS 217051894**  
 Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

### PALMIRA GOLF & CC



28646 SAN GALGANO WAY, BONITA  
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Pool & Spa  
 • Beautiful Golf & Sunset Views  
**\$449,000 MLS 217014059**  
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

### JOLLY ROGER



27268 JOLLY ROGER LN., BONITA  
 • Canal Front, 3 BR, 3 BA, Large Pool  
 • Beautifully Remodeled Throughout  
**\$445,000 MLS 217044447**  
 Vahle Team 239.450.7805

### NAPLES CLUB ESTATES



4465 CLUB ESTATES DR., NAPLES  
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 • 155 Acres, 28 Homesites, Two 5-Acre Lakes  
**\$365,000 MLS 213015237**  
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### PALMIRA GOLF & CC



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

14071 TIVOLI TER., BONITA  
 • Lake & Golf Course Views  
 • Great Room Design w/Wide & Open Kitchen  
**\$364,000 MLS 217020785**  
 The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

### GLEN EAGLE GOLF & CC



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

324 HARVARD LN., NAPLES  
 • 1 Story Home with 2 Car Garage  
 • Wood Floors, Cherry Kitchen  
**\$359,900 MLS 217052021**  
 The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

### HAWKSRIDGE

NEW PRICE



2515 TALON CT. #402, NAPLES  
 • Pristine  
 • Well Located  
**\$339,000 MLS 218007287**  
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### QUAIL WEST



4245 BRYNWOOD DR., NAPLES  
 • 1.12 Lush Acres to Build Your Dream Home  
 • Golf Membership Available, Not Mandatory  
**\$298,888 MLS 217077360**  
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### GOLDEN GATE ESTATES

NEW LISTING



4440 14TH ST. NE, NAPLES  
 • 3 BR, 2 BA, Over 1,800 S.F., 2-Car Garage  
 • Open Floor Plan, Vaulted Ceilings, Upgrades  
**\$296,000 MLS 218014260**  
 Milda Lauce 239.300.8665

### HUNTERS RIDGE



12655 HUNTERS RIDGE DR., BONITA  
 • 1,836 S.F., 3 BR, 2 BA, 2-Car Garage  
 • Large Lanai, Golf Course Views  
**\$295,000 MLS 218009564**  
 Meli Chelon-Gumma 239.273.3974

### SERRANO



27012 ADRIANA CIR. #202, BONITA  
 • Intimate Community, Great Location!  
 • 2 Bedrooms + Den, Oversized Lanai w/Pool  
**\$289,000 MLS 218000825**  
 Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

### HACIENDA VILLAGE

NEW LISTING



27870 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #202C, BONITA  
 • 2 BR, 2.5 BA Townhouse  
 • 2 Pools, Tennis, Bocce in Gated Community  
**\$235,000 MLS 218014683**  
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### VINEYARDS



6280 BELLERIVE AVE. #2-206, NAPLES  
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 • Designer Upgrades Throughout  
**\$229,000 MLS 218009887**  
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### VILLAGES OF BONITA



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25756 AMELIA WAY #203, BONITA  
 • 2 BR, 2 BA, 2nd Floor, Remodeled Condo  
 • Spacious Living Area & Open Kitchen  
**\$214,900 MLS 217072418**  
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### SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA

NEW PRICE



9621 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA  
 • Ground Floor, 2BR, 2 BA + Den  
 • Spacious Split Bedroom Design  
**\$206,000 MLS 217070123**  
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197 HARRISON RD. #1, NAPLES  
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**\$3,795,000 MLS 217054229**  
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## BONITA BAY - AZURE



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1001, BONITA  
• 10th Floor, South End Sky Home  
• 4,500 S.F., Private Elevator, Rarely Available  
**\$2,650,000 MLS 218014385**  
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## BONITA BAY - CREEKSIDE

NEW PRICE



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3390 OAK HAMMOCK CT., BONITA  
• Gracious 4 BR, 3 BA w/Golf Course Views  
• Circular Drive & Rear Entry 3 Car Garage  
**\$1,099,000 MLS 217076356**  
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## SPANISH WELLS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

28401 SOMBRERO DR., BONITA  
• Recently Remodeled Inside & Out  
• 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den w/Pool  
**\$614,900 MLS 218012030**  
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

## BONITA BAY



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25961 NESTING CT. #101, BONITA  
• Unobstructed Lake, Golf & Preserve Views  
• Glassed-In Lanai, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage  
**\$525,000 MLS 217027383**  
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

## BONITA BAY



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4112 BAYHEAD DR. #201, BONITA  
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**\$439,000 MLS 218012847**  
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## BONITA BAY - TAVIRA



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4851 BONITA BAY BLVD. #804, BONITA  
• Visit Tavira804.com for Details  
• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage  
**\$2,749,000 MLS 218002029**  
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OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

29110 POSTIANO LN., NAPLES  
• 4 BR, 5.5 BA + Den Magnificent Luxury Villa  
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**\$2,149,000 MLS 217069720**  
Bob Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.3006

## BONITA BAY - SPRING RIDGE



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

26060 FAWNWOOD CT., BONITA  
• Elegant Brick-Front Estate Home  
• Circular Driveway, Gracious Entry  
**\$1,499,000 MLS 216069692**  
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## MARCO BEACH



OPEN 3/3 & 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

786 ORCHID CT., MARCO ISLAND  
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**\$1,450,000 MLS 218010046**  
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

## SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

22901 SHADY KNOLL DR., ESTERO  
• Private Lot w/Great Lake Views  
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms + Den  
**\$899,900 MLS 217029133**  
Gary Ryan 239.273.6796

## SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9084 WINDSWEEP DR., ESTERO  
• Hawthorne, Bardmoor Model, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den  
• Golf & Lake View, Large Great Room, 2 Car GA  
**\$779,000 MLS 217070986**  
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

## SHADOW WOOD - WOODMONT



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

10601 WINTERCRESS DR., ESTERO  
• 4 BR + Den, 4 BA, Lake View, New SS Appliances  
• Private Lanai, Heated Pool/Spa, Paved Deck  
**\$675,000 MLS 217060664**  
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## BONITA BAY



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3368 MONTARA DR., BONITA  
• 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath + Den, 2 Story Villa  
• Glassed-In Lanai, Private Southern Exposure  
**\$599,000 MLS 218004659**  
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## BONITA BAY - LAKESIDE



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4081 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA  
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage, 2nd Floor  
• Southwest Corner, Turnkey Furnished  
**\$569,000 MLS 217069250**  
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## TIBURON - CASTILLO

NEW PRICE



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

2843 TIBURON BLVD. E. #7-101, NAPLES  
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**\$537,000 MLS 217050017**  
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## SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

28180 ROBOLINI CT., BONITA  
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• Furnished 4 BR, 2 BA w/Pool & Spa  
**\$485,000 MLS 218000302**  
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## KENSINGTON



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4425 DOVER CT. #603, NAPLES  
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27036 OAKWOOD LAKE DR. #201, BONITA  
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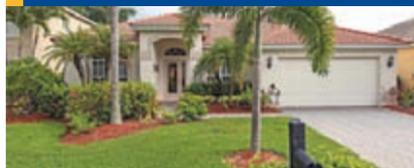
## SPANISH WELLS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

28729 MEGAN DR., BONITA  
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2,248 S.F., 2 Car Garage  
• Pool, Golf Course Views, Gated Community  
**\$409,000 MLS 217078975**  
Meli Chelon-Gumma 239.273.3974

## COLONIAL OAKS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9929 COLONIAL WALK N., ESTERO  
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Car Garage  
• Private Pool w/Southern Lake Views  
**\$399,900 MLS 217041994**  
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## BONITA BAY - CROSSINGS



OPEN 3/4 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3260 CROSSINGS CT. #13, BONITA  
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# Naples Square Phase III now nearly 60% sold



The Ronto Group announced binding and pending Phase III sales contracts worth \$48 million have been processed at Naples Square. The 77-unit Phase III building is now just under 60% sold. Vertical construction of the Phase III building is underway and is progressing as scheduled. Three previously sold Phase II furnished models remain open for viewing with a sales associate. Situated at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples Square's walkable lifestyle and the availability of one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces continue to transform how people live downtown. The community is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Ronto has announced plans for the Shoppes at Naples Square, a combination of retail and restaurant space on the east-ern edge of the Naples Square site. Gulf-shore Playhouse closed on its purchase of a three-acre tract within Naples Square and is developing plans for the construction of a multimillion-dollar 56,000 square feet theater and education complex.

Naples Square's Phase III residents will enjoy a courtyard amenity deck with an enlarged pool deck and a 780-square foot pool that is 29% larger than the pools 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, secure under-building parking, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage. 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. The Phase III Barton, Dorset, and Emerson plans have sold out.

Base-priced at \$695,000, the east and west facing Phase III Astoria great room residences offer 1,460 square feet under air plus a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The plan includes two bedrooms and two full baths. The great room and the owner's bedroom open to the balcony. The kitchen's counter height bar and food preparation area includes a double stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and seat-

**Above: Modeled after the 2,934 square feet under air Phase I Franklin floor plan, the two-story Phase III Fenwick plan at Naples Square offers 3,238 square feet under air, a 10% increase in air-conditioned space. One Phase II Franklin residence priced at \$1,449,670 remains available. Right: Phase III binding and pending purchase agreements worth \$48 million have been processed at The Ronto Group's Naples Square community at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Vertical construction of the Phase III building is underway. Below: The Denison residence is one of three previously sold Phase II models open for viewing with a sales associate at Naples Square.**



ing. The plan's open feeling continues with a dining area that merges with the great room. Six Astoria residences remain available for purchase.

Base-priced at \$845,000, the 1,698 square feet Biltmore plan also includes a 242 square feet open-air balcony. The two-bedroom plus den, great room plan includes a counter-height island kitchen with a stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and food preparation area. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. The owner's suite includes a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and his and her vanities. Four Biltmore residences are available for purchase.

The Phase III Chatham two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath plan is priced at \$925,000 and includes 1,883 square feet plus a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the balcony.

The Chatham is available with courtyard views or east and west city views. The plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The owner's suite includes a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities. Twelve residences showcasing the Chatham floor plan are available.

The Phase III Dover plan offers 2,397 square feet plus a 314 square feet open-air balcony. Base-priced at \$1,150,000, the plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen, and an L-shaped balcony that wraps the corner of the building. The great room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms open to the balcony. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet.

Just nine of the 19 residences that will feature the popular Dover floor plan remain available.

The two-story Phase III Fenwick plan offers 3,238 square feet with three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, formal living and dining rooms, an island kitchen, powder room, first floor guest suite, and a second floor that includes a flex room, an owner's suite, a second guest suite, and a laundry room. An optional elevator is available. Base-priced at \$1,550,000, the Fenwick plan includes a 323 square feet open-air balcony off the flex room. A glass enclosed shower, soaking tub, and his and her vanities are included in the owner's bath. The first floor Fenwick residences include a private one-car garage accessible from the residence. Three residences featuring the two-story Fenwick floor plan remain available.

The Ronto Group is also developing the TwinEagles gated golf course community in North Naples, and the Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay that is scheduled for completion this summer. Ronto's Orange Blossom Naples community on Oil Well Road offers a fully amenitized lifestyle and single-family residences priced from the \$200's. Ronto is accepting reservations for the luxurious Omega high-rise that will be the final tower built at Bonita Bay. Ronto is also accepting reservations at Eleven Eleven Central, a walkable/bikeable community on Central Avenue in downtown Naples.

The Naples Square Sales Gallery located in unit 101 of the Phase I building at 1030 3rd Avenue South is open daily. Visit [NaplesSquare.com](http://NaplesSquare.com). ■

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# Mangrove Bay

Introducing our new floor plan, the "Palm Cottage". Located in Mangrove Bay, this single-family home is part of Naples newest luxury waterfront community nestled along the Gordon River. Superior construction and sumptuous appointments feature throughout this single-story residence. With 2,462 square feet under roof and a 3-bedroom, 2.5 baths floor plan, the home features solid standing seam metal roofing, natural gas, hardwood floors, custom crafted cabinetry, a Thermadore appliance package, volume ceilings in the living room and master bedroom suite, a private pool, and hurricane rated doors and windows.

All Mangrove Bay homes feature Old Florida inspired architecture exclusively designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, with private Gulf access boat slips included with purchase. With an outstanding waterfront address close to Old Naples, Mangrove Bay provides a world-class lifestyle, combining estuary views and Gulf of Mexico access with all the nearby shopping and entertainment venues of 5th Avenue South.

Built on Old Naples' last remaining significant waterfront property for residential development, the homes at Mangrove Bay are designed for those with exceptional taste desiring an unequalled residence and lifestyle.

Mangrove Bay will be breaking ground on The Amenities Center which will have a private on-site concierge to cater to every resident's needs, comprehensive property management services, state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and Yoga studio, a private boat ramp, as well as ground level storage

area for resident's kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and jet-skis.

The single story Palm Cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,462 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

Step into The Coquina, a charming three bedroom, two-story cottage style home, and prepare to be impressed. This home is designed to maximize privacy and functionality in an exquisite floor plan.

The single story Captiva floor plan features an attractive open concept design with soaring vaulted ceilings and expansive outdoor living space.

The Amelia floor plan exemplifies open concept living with an expansive master suite, two guest bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and a den on a single story.

Old Florida architecture is exemplified in the brilliantly crafted Keewaydin floor plan. The second story features a loft living area allowing for picturesque views.

The most versatile of Mangrove Bay's

waterfront homes, the Useppa is offered in three different elevations varying in square footage.

With only 53 homes available, the opportunity to purchase a home at Mangrove Bay won't last long. Remarkably designed with spacious and open floor plans, these homes inspire coastal luxury living at its finest. ■



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### INTRODUCING THE "PALM COTTAGE"

This home is located in Mangrove Bay, the newest luxury Waterfront community nestled along the Gordon River. Superior construction features and luxury appointments throughout this single-story residence encompassing approx. 2,462 sq. ft. under roof and a 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths floor plan include (but not limited to) solid standing seam metal roofing, natural gas, hardwood floors throughout entire home, custom crafted cabinetry, Thermadore appliance package, volume ceilings in the living room and master bedroom suite, private pool, and hurricane rated doors and windows. Old Florida inspired architecture, designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, with Gulf access private boat slip included with the purchase. Luxury concierge building with private on-site storage for resident kayaks/paddleboards and/or jet skis, private community boat ramp and a wellness center with state of the art workout equipment and Yoga studio. \$1,795,000.00

#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- LOT 13 – COQUINA II  
3,232 sq. ft.
- LOT 25 – COQUINA II  
3,232 sq. ft.
- LOT 26 – AMELIA I  
3,098 sq. ft.
- LOT 31 - USEPPA I  
3,488 sq. ft. (Modified)
- LOT 41 – KEEWAYDIN I  
3,737 sq. ft.

#### RECENT SALES

- LOT 23 – AMELIA III  
111 14th Street South  
3,640 sq. ft.
- LOT 24 – SANIBEL  
151 14th Street South  
3,331 sq. ft.
- LOT 32 – AMELIA III  
1493 2nd Avenue South  
4,000 +/- sq. ft. (Modified)
- LOT 37 – CAPTIVA III  
1492 2nd Avenue South  
2,815 sq. ft.
- LOT 40 – AMELIA I  
1462 2nd Avenue South  
3,098 sq. ft.
- LOT 42 – AMELIA I  
1442 2nd Avenue South  
3,098 sq. ft.

#### QUICK DELIVERY FURNISHED MODEL HOMES FOR SALE

- LOT 7 – COQUINA I  
1315 1st Avenue South  
2,664 sq. ft.
- LOT 18 - COQUINA II  
1394 1st Avenue South  
3,232 sq. ft.



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**465 S. 18TH AVE, NAPLES | \$5,900,000**

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A masterful design and coastal living style are uniquely embodied in this 4 bedroom plus den 5 bathroom home in highly sought after Aqualane Shores. The home is located on a quiet and tranquil avenue with a canopy of mature Mahogany trees. There is a boat dock located in the backyard on Duck Channel giving the Buyer direct access to Naples Bay and the Gulf of Mexico via Gordon Pass. BRAND NEW sea wall with over 100ft of canal frontage! There is a short .4 mile walk to the 18th Avenue South beach with a shower, .5 mile walk to shopping and dining on 3rd Street South, and a quick 1.2 mile bike ride to 5th Avenue South. The house is also located just blocks from the Historic Naples Pier and Palm Cottage. This house is marketed exclusively by RMC Realty International, built by award-winning custom home builder BUILD, LLC, designed by award-winning Don Stevenson Design/Lotus Architecture.



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Eight local business executives have been named committee chairs for the Collier Building Industry Association. They are: **Dave Arter** of Private Client Insurance Service, who chairs the CBIA Ambassador Retention Membership Committee; **John Williams** of RWA Inc., who chairs the Finance Committee; **David Strickland** of Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers, who chairs the Golf Committee; **Ryan Benson** of A. Vernon Allen Builder, who chairs the Governmental Affairs Committee; **Jackie Nelson** of Clive Daniel Home, who chairs the Parade of Homes

Committee; **Minka McDonald** of Jinx McDonald Interior Designs Inc. and **Jackie Nelson** of Clive Daniel Home, who chair and vice chair, respectively, the Sand Dollar Committee leading all aspects of planning and implementation of the annual Sand Dollars Awards program; **Kaleigh Grover**, publisher of Naples Illustrated magazine, and **Debbi Cross** of Belz Properties, who co-chair the Toy Drive Committee; and **Jo Carter** of the Interior Design Broker, who chairs the CBIA Sales & Marketing Committee.

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14927 CELLE WAY | \$6,249,000  
5 BEDROOMS + DEN | 6 FULL + 2 HALF BATHS



14916 CELLE WAY | \$4,995,000  
4 BEDROOMS + DEN | 4 FULL + 2 HALF BATHS



15310 CORSINI WAY | \$4,975,000  
4 BEDROOMS + DEN | 5 FULL + 1 HALF BATHS



15147 BROLIO LN | \$4,395,000  
4 BEDROOMS + DEN | 4 FULL + 1 HALF BATHS



15139 BROLIO LN | \$3,495,000  
4 BEDROOMS + DEN | 4 FULL + 1 HALF BATHS



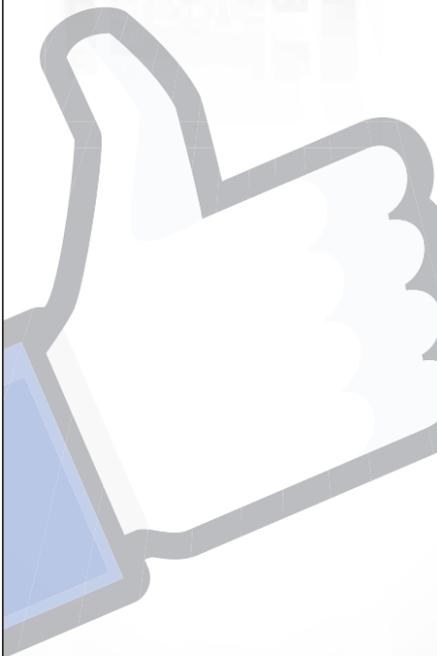
14919 CELLE WAY | \$2,895,000  
4 BEDROOMS + DEN | 5 FULL + 1 HALF BATHS

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VOLTERRA – 10540 Via Milano Drive  
3 BR/3 1/2 BA - \$1,575,000



NAVONA – 17475 Via Navona Way  
3 BR/3 1/2 BA + DEN Waterfront Estate Home - \$1,375,000



RAVENNA – 11031 Via Tuscany Lane, #302  
3 BR/3 BA + DEN Penthouse w/Expansive Lake View - \$1,350,000  
RAVENNA – 11031 Via Tuscany Lane, #101  
3 BR/3 BA 1st Floor Residence w/Upgrades - \$1,010,000



BELLINI – 10641 Via Milano Drive, #1702  
3 BR/3 1/2 BA + DEN Wide Water Views - \$950,000  
BELLINI – 10631 Via Milano Drive, #1601  
2 BR/2 BA Wide Water Views - \$825,000  
BELLINI – 10621 Via Milano Drive, #1501  
2 BR/2 BA + DEN Wide Water Views - \$745,000



MONTELAGO – 18050 Montelago Court  
4 BR/3 BA Lake & Golf Course Views - \$930,000



ST. MORITZ – 10057 St. Moritz Drive  
3 BR/2 BA + DEN Golf Course View - \$595,000



MIRASOL – 10731 Mirasol Drive, #205  
2 BR/2 1/2 BA + DEN Beachfront Residence - \$545,000



BELLAVISTA – 10221 Bellavista Circle, #202  
3 BR/2 BA Coach Home w/Lake & Golf Course Views - \$459,900



SAN MARINO – 19670 Marino Lake Circle, #2503  
4 BR/3 BA + DEN Coach Home on the Lake - \$410,000



VALENCIA – 10020 Valiant Court, #101  
2 BR/2 BA + DEN 1st Floor Residence w/Lake Views - \$298,500



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# NEWSMAKERS

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**Kay Craynon**, ASID, of Clive Daniel Home, has earned LEED certification and is now an accredited design professional in sustainability and creating spaces that are environmentally responsible. Ms. Craynon has more than 40 years of interior design experience. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and owned her own design firm in the Ohio area for three decades. She has received multiple ASID awards for her design projects and taught interior design classes in Ohio schools. She has also completed office spaces, reception areas, entire buildings and restaurants.



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**FL Star Development** has named Krys Hamilton the leasing agent and Julie Babcock the property manager for Milano Lakes, a new luxury apartment community off Collier Boulevard at The Lords Way in South Naples.

Ms. Hamilton brings to the position more than 20 years of experience, including garden apartments, town homes, high-rise and mixed-use communities. She began her management career as leasing manager for an 804-unit high-rise community and over the years has been a regional leasing manager and marketing director for 11 apartment communities, an asset acquisition auditor for multiple clients and an assistant manager responsible for leasing a 214-unit apartment

complex. Most recently she served as leasing consultant for Orchid Run, a 278-unit apartment complex.

Prior to joining Milano Lakes, Ms. Babcock served as community manager for IRT Management in Fort Collins, Colo., and for Sabal Key in Naples. She began her career in management in 1990, serving as assistant manager for an apartment community in Fort Collins.



**Bay Colony Golf Club** recently completed a multi-million-dollar renovation of its clubhouse. Elements of the newly redesigned 32,000-square-foot clubhouse include an expanded grillroom, a new boardroom and a new wine room for private dining and meetings. Additionally, the club added two bocce ball courts with an outdoor pavilion, as well as a new outdoor kitchen and bar for casual patio dining with views overlooking the lake and 18th green. Improvements also included a renovated ladies lounge.



The project started in April 2017 and was overseen by BCBE Construction LLC. Peacock + Lewis Architecture & Interior Design created the contemporary coastal design that is featured throughout the clubhouse.

Bay Colony Golf Club is a private

golf club in the gated community of the Estates at Bay Colony Golf Club. Membership is limited to 300, with a few available on the resale program. For more information, call Tammy Mercer at 449-4564 or email TammyM@Bay-ColonyGolfClub.com.

**D.R. Horton SWFL** announces that homes are available in Wildwood Preserve, the builder's new Express Homes community on the corner of Imperial Parkway and East Terry Street in Bonita Springs. Four plans are offered:

The three-bedroom Aria encompasses 1,672 square feet of living space and offers two full baths and an island kitchen. The 1,828-square-foot Cali also offers three bedrooms and two full baths, as well as a large den with closet that could be utilized as a fourth bedroom.

The two-story Elle and Galen designs have four to five bedrooms and ample gathering rooms for families.

All four home designs have two-car garages. Prices start in the high \$200,000s. For more information about Wildwood Preserve, call Jeannette Gordon at 352-342-3818 or visit [www.drhorton.com/swfla](http://www.drhorton.com/swfla).




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Lake & Golf Views**

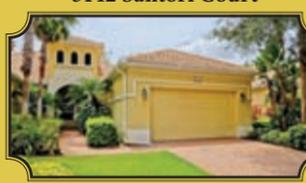
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<b>NATURE'S BEAUTY</b> 	<b>480 Worthington Street</b> \$450,000 Amazing price for this home. Original owner with pride in ownership. Immaculate home. As you enter you are drawn to the expansive living space. Private 3rd bedroom w/separate entrance. 2 screened lanai's with east & west exposures.	<b>PRICED TO SELL</b> 	<b>521 S. Heathwood Dr.</b> \$154,900 Great inland lot nestled in the desired south end of the island. Close to Mackle Park, YMCA, restaurants and shopping. Eastern exposure brings all the glorious morning sunrises into your home. Lot is lined w/trees for total privacy.
<b>LELY RESORT</b> 	<b>7817 Hawthorne Drive #2301 (Tasori)</b> \$449,900 Gorgeous coach home built in 2016 and rarely used. High end furnishings & \$90,000 in upgrades. Lovely view gated community superior amenities, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, lanai & separate open-air patio.	<b>OUTSTANDING AMENITIES</b> 	<b>Dela Park Place #704</b> \$585,000 Desired South end unit w/ breathtaking views. Spacious 2/BR/2 BA well designed floor plan. Short distance to beach. Front to back unit design To enjoy island views and Gulf of Mexico views. Gated and under cover parking.

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 <b>OPEN SUN. - MARCH 4TH, 1-4PM</b> <b>The Dunes</b> \$1,059,000 Turnkey 3BR, 3.5 BA unit with custom treatments. 295 Grande Way, unit #02. Superb Amenities!	 <b>YOUR CHANCE TO BE THE ARISTOCRAT OF OUTDOOR MEALS!</b> <b>Cypress Woods Golf &amp; C.C.</b> \$467,900 2BR, 2BA plus den home on a corner lot. Fully equipped outdoor kitchen, pool/spa, crown molding, tray ceilings & more.	 <b>OVERLOOKS A BEAUTIFUL WATERFALL!</b> <b>Falling Waters</b> \$227,900 2BR, 2BA condo with vaulted ceiling & plantation shutters. Large lanai, outdoor kitchen and resort-style amenities.	
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# THIS WEEK'S FEATURED LISTINGS

## OPEN HOUSES ARE SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018



**BRITTANY AT PARK SHORE \$3,000,000**  
4021 Gulf Shore Blvd N #1806 - Open concept great room, bay, Gulf views. 3 bedroom plus den, available boat dock and boat across the street. 3/3.5 (C14122) Tade Bua-Bell, 595.0097, Emily K. Bua, 290.4945



**PINE RIDGE \$2,985,000**  
664 Hickory Rd - Completely renovated main house in 2013 includes new kitchen and baths. 7-car storage building 2016, ADA guesthouse. 2.24 acres in a park-like setting. 4+Den/5 (H12550) Tade Bua-Bell, 595.0097, Emily K. Bua, 290.4945



**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



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**BONITA BAY \$2,595,000**  
4851 Bonita Bay Blvd #2103 - Enjoy spectacular sunrise/sunset views! Gourmet kitchen with spacious island, plus outdoor grill and TV. Separate family and living areas. Private 2-car garage! 3/3 (C14315) Dottie Sugarman, 777.3740



**PARK SHORE \$2,200,000**  
3971 Gulf Shore Blvd N #404 - Walls of glass from 9 ft. ceilings bring sun from sunrise to sunset in this mid-height immaculate luxury beachfront residence a stroll from Venetian Village. 3/3 (C14384) Nan Dietrich, 564.2906



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**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



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**PELICAN BAY \$1,575,000**  
825 Bentwood Dr - Newer roof. Storm shutters. Updated kitchen/guest bath/more. Vaulted ceilings. Screened lanai, 40' pool, spa, lush yard. Private beach amenities, tennis, fitness. 4/3 (H12390) Rose Mary Everett, 272.7790, Jessica Bibbee, 272.6810



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**QUAIL WOODS ESTATES \$1,425,000**  
9020 The Lane - Custom two-story estate home on gated The Lane. Gourmet kitchen, waterfall pool, Tiburon golf views. Expansive lot, 3-car garage, 2018 roof! 5/3.5 (H12407) Spencer Haynes, 404.6634



**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



**BAREFOOT BEACH \$1,099,900**  
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 \$1,000,000**  
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



**ESPERIA AT BONITA BAY \$849,000**  
4951 Bonita Bay Blvd #603 - Beautiful former developer model with many upgrades. Expansive water views over Estero Bay. Lanai with grill. Open kitchen, dining, living areas. 3/3 (C14335) Sue Price, 565.9293



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**THE COLONY/PELICAN LANDING \$799,900**  
4730 Colony Villas Dr #802 - Reduced. 2nd floor. Open design luxury living with private elevator. Spacious outdoor living with tranquil view. Impact glass throughout. Incredible amenities. 3+Den/2.5 (C13422) Diane Ditto, 405.2442, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 404.8222



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**VINEYARDS \$760,000**  
824 Villa Florenza Dr - Your future dream home on a premier southeast-facing lot overlooking the serene large lake and championship golf course. Beautiful neutral tile floors throughout. 3+Den/2.5 (H12734) Nan Dietrich, 564.2906



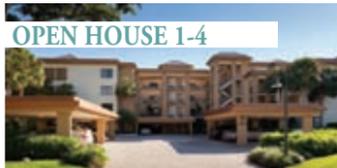
**THE FOREST \$699,000**  
16918 Timberlakes Dr - Truly exceptional home with stunning lake and golf views. Two 18-hole championship golf courses, tennis, sports and social membership available but not required. 4/2.5 (H12509) Teresa Flack, 822.7979



**THE COLONY/PELICAN LANDING \$695,000**  
4610 Colony Villas Dr #1201 - Full golf equity membership included! \$75,000 value. Highly sought after furnished first-floor condo. Newly decorated. 3/2.5 (C14478) Michelle Abner, 565.5718



**PELICAN BAY \$684,900**  
6520 Valen Way #C-305 - Updated, spacious 3rd floor unit with newer appliances, AC, water heater and granite counters. Highly desirable location close to beach tram. Sold turnkey. 2+Den/2 (C14469) Jim Scartz, 877.9726



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**PELICAN BAY \$665,000**  
6760 Pelican Bay Blvd #311 - Enjoy the lake and fountain view from this light, bright, spacious residence. Totally renovated in 2015 in a coastal contemporary style. 2+Den/2.5 (C14279) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



**THE STRAND \$615,000**  
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



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**BONITA BAY \$595,000**  
26930 Wyndhurst Ct #101 - Rarely found quality updates. Sought after end unit in The Hamptons. Enclosed lanai adds extra room. Spacious master with huge closet. Large two-car garage. 3/2.5 (C14234) Sue Price, 565.9293



**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



**BONITA BAY \$525,000**  
26260 Devonshire Ct #201 - Spacious, bright and cheerful coach home overlooking the beautiful Creekside course in Bonita Bay! Pristine condition! 3/3 (C14568) Christy Starks, 659.6394



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**ISLAND WALK \$514,900**  
4008 Upolo Ln - 180-degree lake views! This home features plantation shutters, crown molding, granite counters and fireplace. Located on a premium lot at end of the cul-de-sac. 4+Den/3.5 (H12710) Debra Gladchun, 821.0097, Jorge Velasquez, 293.5427



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**BIG CYPRESS \$499,000**  
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



**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



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**MOORINGS \$425,000**  
2900 Gulf Shore Blvd N #102 - Beautiful, 1st-floor condo with partial Moorings Bay, pool and common area views. Gulf water and beach across the Blvd. Short distance to residents private beach. 2/2 (C14178) John Robert, 571.2231



**LIGHTHOUSE BAY/THE BROOKS \$410,000**  
23821 Amalfi Coast Rd #102 - Charming turkey pool/spa villa with gorgeous lake and fountain views. Beautifully decorated. Wonderful amenities. 3/2 (V2582) Michelle Abner, 565.5718



**PARK SHORE \$379,000**  
4170 Crayton Road #C1 - Live in Park Shore, walk to Venetian Village and beaches from this sun-filled end unit condo with impact windows, hurricane shutters, offered tastefully turnkey. 2/2 (C14572) Billie Jans, 980.0522



**ISLAND WALK \$330,000**  
3313 Cayman Ln - It's all about the lifestyle! Upgraded and pristine villa with pool, built-in wall unit, newer a/c, 2-car garage. Tennis, resort pool, lap pool, fitness and town center. 2+Den/2 (V2525) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293.9389



**NAPLES PARK \$299,900**  
806 97th Ave N - Lovingly maintained, west of 41 in Naples Park with beautiful yard and plantings and large covered screen lanai. Bamboo flooring in 3 rooms, cozy sunroom for den. 3+Den/1 (H12503) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293.9389



**COQUINA SANDS \$299,000**  
236 Banyan Blvd #236 - Unbeatable value and location. Enjoy the small building atmosphere. Top floor views and privacy in a low-density building west of US 41 and walking distance to beach. 2/2 (C14280) Cheryl Turner, 250.3311



**QUAIL CREEK VILLAGE \$295,000**  
11384 Quail Village Way #202 - Updated 1st floor, end unit, expansive golf course view! Updates galore and elegance abounds. Plantation shutters, tile floors throughout, lots of closet space. 2+Den/2 (C14475) Barbara Salinas, 449.2733



**FALLING WATERS NORTH \$279,900**  
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



**NAPLES SANDPIPER BAY \$234,900**  
3051 Sandpiper Bay Cir #1102 - This updated and upgraded 1st-floor unit with open floor is offered turnkey! Elevator building, porcelain tiles floors and more. Screened lanai opens to lawn and canal! 2/2 (C14421) Kim Venezia, 572.5212



**OPEN HOUSE 1-4**  
**GLADES \$230,000**  
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# NABOR

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## NAPLES AREA REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

January 2018 compared with January 2017



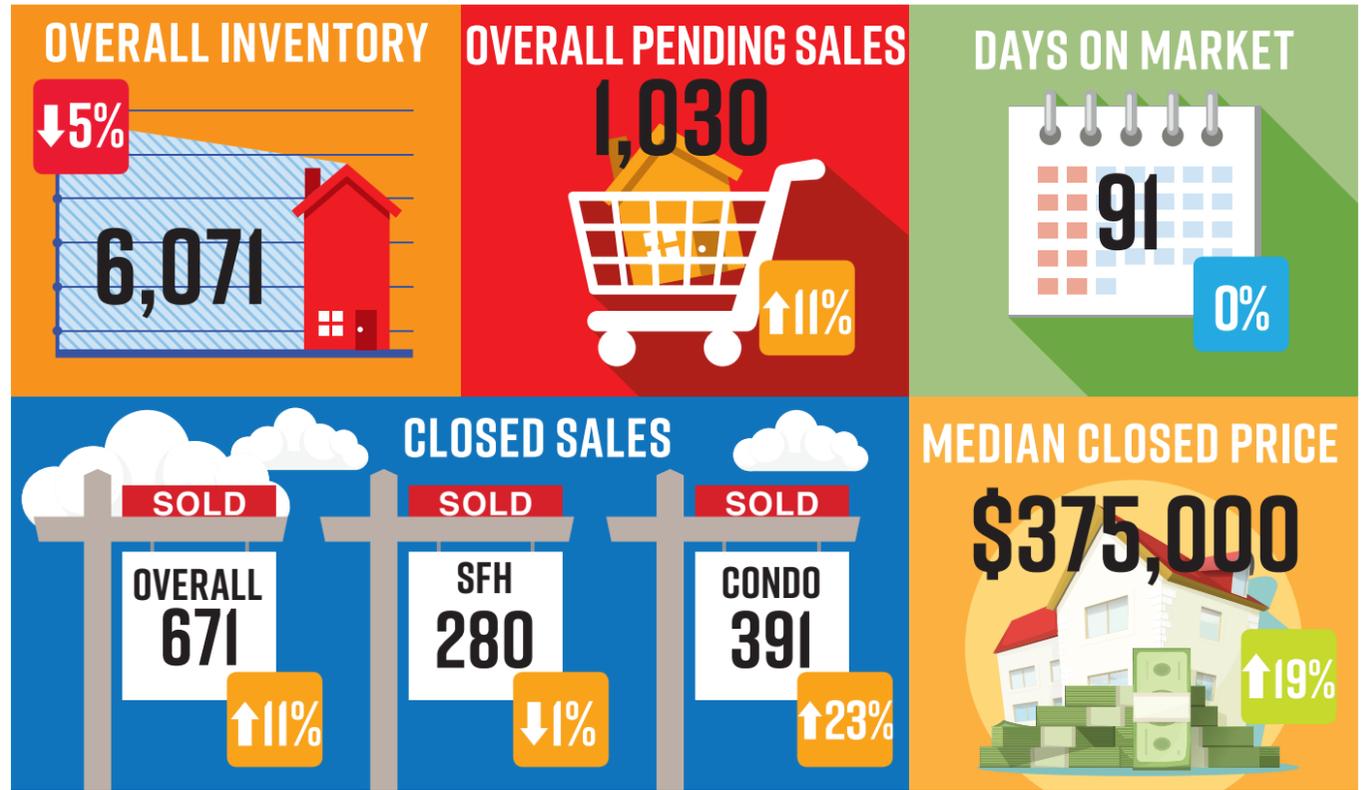
Inventory has been on the rise over the past few months, and while the nation continues to experience declining inventory levels that resulted in a 3.4 months supply for January, the Naples area market saw its inventory levels increase to 8.2 months of inventory for January.

The NABOR numbers also indicate a 21 percent decline in inventory for single-family homes in the Naples beach area, which Carroll says can be attributed to a rush of speculative homes sales in that area.

Ms. Carroll said the south Naples (34112, 34113) and East Naples (34114, 34117, 34120, 34137) single-family home markets continued to see the strongest increases in value in January, as reflected in 8 and 9 percent increases in median closed prices, respectively.

As confirmed by several broker analysts reviewing the January report, a closed sales anomaly transpired in January that, while impacting figures for the month, does not influence the market's activity trend on a 12-month ending basis.

Basically, and as explained by Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager for Downing-Frye Realty, a newly constructed luxury high rise in North Naples delayed the closings for 79 of its units that were previously pending until January. "This in turn, influenced NABOR's closed sales, median closed price and days on market statistics for the month," Mr. Hughes said.



As reflected in the report, there were 150 closed sales of condominiums in the North Naples area in January (a 150 percent increase over January 2017). By the same token, because the 79 condominiums sold between \$1.8 million and \$2.5 million, the median closed price in this geographic area increased by 428 percent. The data also showed 0 days on

the market for the 79 units. The closings were apparently postponed as a result of disruption from Hurricane Irma in September.

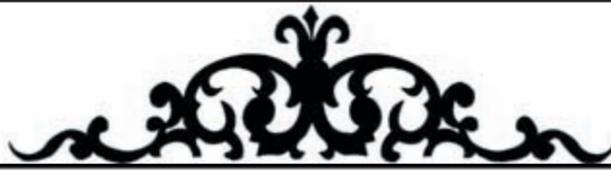
"This type of anomaly is why it's best for real estate professionals to also review the 12-months ending data that accompanies each monthly report," said Brenda Fioretti, managing broker

at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty. "We feel a long view of the statistics reflects the market's true behavior better and helps Realtors educate both buyers and sellers on how the market is really performing."

To view the full market report from NABOR or for more information, visit [www.naplesarea.com](http://www.naplesarea.com).



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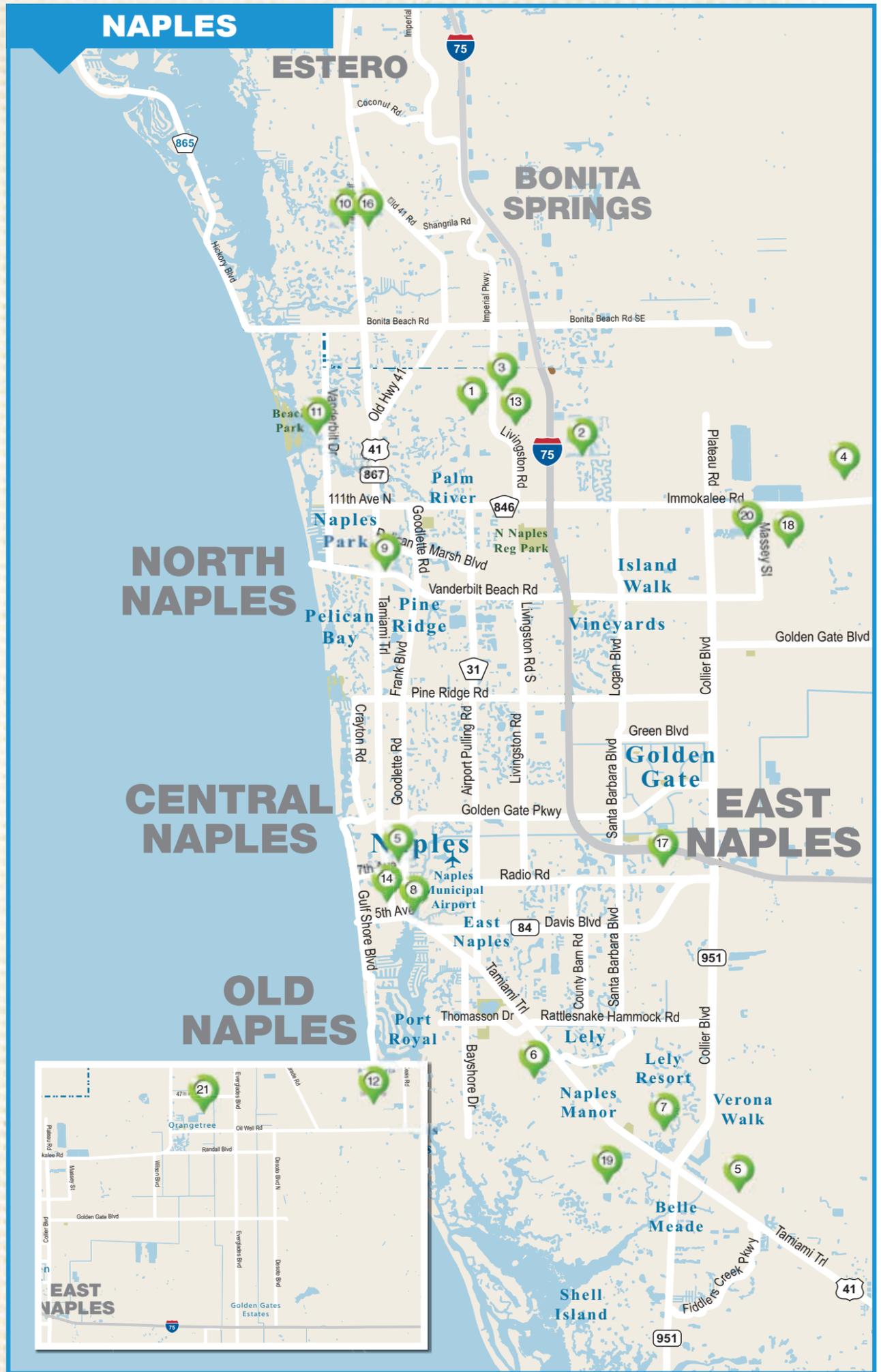


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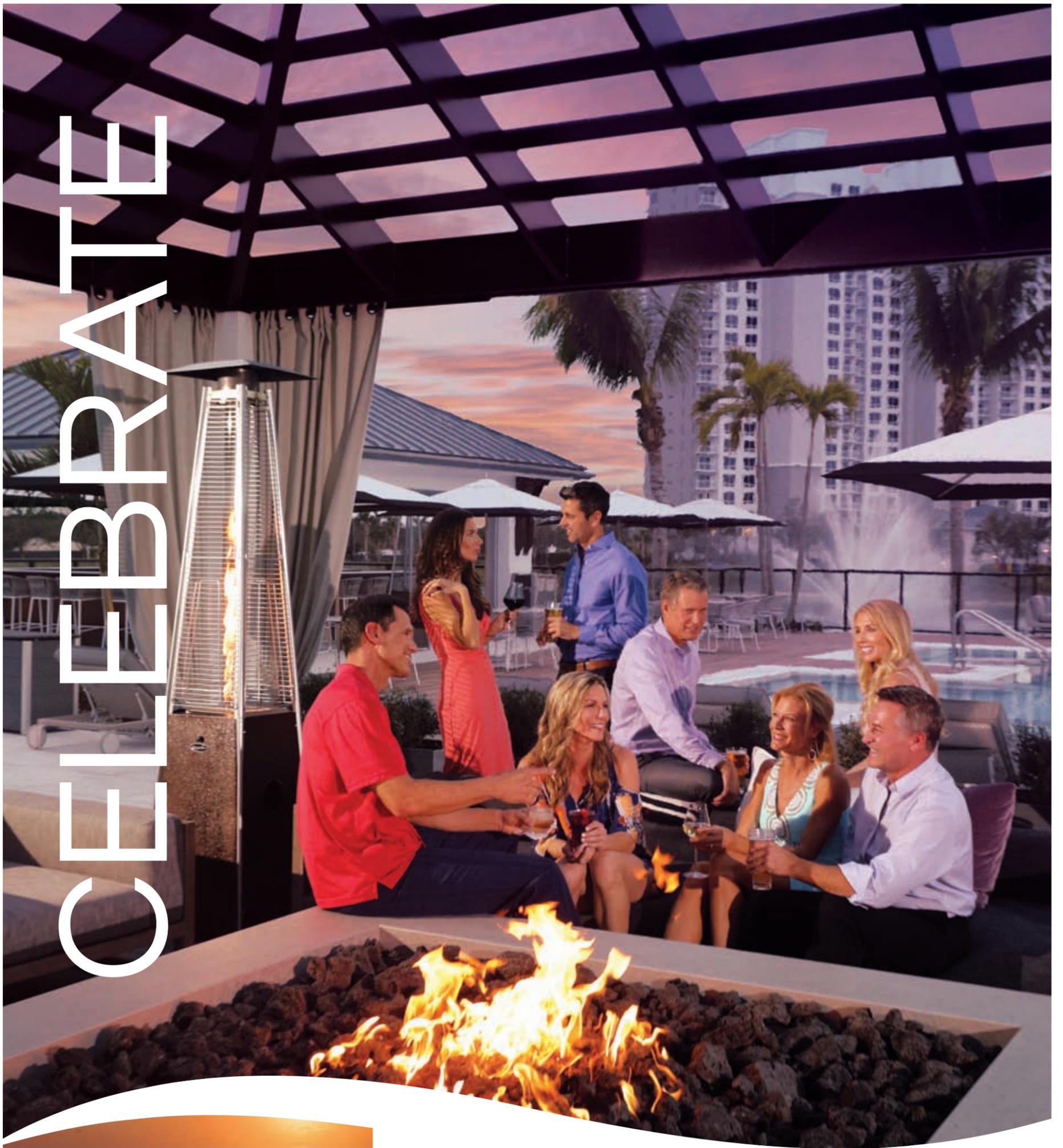
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OLD NAPLES	489 1st Avenue South	\$4,175,000	William Raveis	Dante DiSabato 239.537.5351	Sunday 1-4pm
ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS	1461 Anhinga Pointe	\$3,895,000	William Raveis	Dante DiSabato 239.537.5351	Sunday 1-4pm
QUAIL WEST	5889 Sunnyslope Drive	\$3,795,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	The Taranto Team 239.572.3078	Sunday 1-4pm
OLD NAPLES	272 1st Avenue South	\$3,595,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Mark Maran & Gordie Lazich 239.777.2033	Sunday 1-4pm
RAVELLO AT MEDITERRA	14919 Celle Way	\$2,895,000	Weekly Realty Group	Roy Weekly 239.793.8762	Sunday 1-4pm
ESTATES AT GREY OAKS	2919 Indigobush Way	\$2,895,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
COQUINA SANDS - MANSION HOUSE	1601 Gulf Shore Boulevard North #29/31	\$2,825,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Maggie Ives 239.860.6513	Sunday 1-4pm
QUAIL WEST	13871 Williston Way	\$2,500,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
OLD NAPLES	596 6th Avenue North	\$2,498,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Aysim Eserdag 239.404.6891	Sunday 1-4pm
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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PARK SHORE	528 Devils Lane	\$1,995,000	William Raveis	Dante DiSabato 239.537.5351	Sunday 1-4pm
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MEDITERRA - BELLEZZA	14906 Bellezza Lane	\$1,497,500	Royal Shell Real Estate	Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505	Sunday 1-4pm
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GLEN EAGLE - MONTCLAIR PARK	1059 Marblehead Drive #0-3	\$315,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Mark Semeraro 239.370.2455	Saturday 1-4pm
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SEAWINDS	890 South Collier Boulevard #1506	\$769,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Cynthia Corogin 239.963.5561	Sunday 1-4pm

### Bonita Springs

AREA	ADDRESS	PRICE	REAL ESTATE OFFICE	AGENT & PHONE NUMBER	HOURS
BONITA BAY - TAVIRA	4851 Bonita Bay Boulevard #804	\$2,749,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507	Sunday 1-4pm
BONITA BAY - AZURE	4931 Bonita Bay Boulevard #1001	\$2,650,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543	Sunday 1-4pm
BONITA BAY - AZURE	4931 Bonita Bay Boulevard #1701	\$2,439,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Cathy/Jim McCormick 239.850.4278	Sunday 1-4pm
BONITA BAY - SPRING RIDGE	26060 Fawnwood Court	\$1,499,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455	Sunday 1-4pm
PELICAN LANDING - GOLDCREST	24861 Goldcrest Drive	\$1,149,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Pam Umscheid/Stephanie Coburn 239.825.3470	Sunday 1-4pm
BONITA BAY - CREEKSIDE	3390 Oak Hammock Court	\$1,099,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946	Sunday 1-4pm
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tive months. Unsold inventory is at a 3.4-month supply at the current sales pace (3.6 months a year ago).

“Another month of solid price gains underlines this ongoing trend of strong demand and weak supply,” Mr. Yun said, adding the underproduction of single-family homes over the last decade has played a predominant role in the current inventory crisis that is weighing on affordability.

“However, there’s hope that the tide is finally turning,” he added. “There was a nice jump in new home construction in January, and homebuilder confidence is high. These two factors will hopefully lay the foundation for the building industry to meaningfully ramp up production as this year progresses.”

First-time buyers were 29 percent of sales in January, which is down from 32 percent in December 2017 and 33 percent

a year ago. NAR’s 2017 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, which was released late last year, revealed that the annual share of first-time buyers was 34 percent.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage moved higher for the fourth straight month to 4.03 percent in January from 3.95 percent in December. The average commitment rate for all of 2017 was 3.99 percent.

“The gradual uptick in wages over the last few months is a promising development for the housing market, but there’s risk these income gains could be offset by the recent jump in mortgage rates,” Mr. Yun said. “That is why the pace of added new and existing supply in the months ahead is worth monitoring. If inventory conditions can improve enough to cool the swift price growth in several markets, most prospective buyers should be able to absorb the higher borrowing costs.”

Properties typically stayed on the market for 42 days in January, which is up from 40 days in December 2017 but down from a year ago (50 days). Forty-three

percent of homes sold in January were on the market for less than a month.

Based on time-on-the-market data and listings views per property, the hottest metro areas in January were San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif.; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.; Vallejo-Fairfield, Calif.; Midland, Texas; and Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Regional breakdown

January existing-home sales in the Northeast declined 1.4 percent to an annual rate of 730,000, and are now 7.6 percent below a year ago. The median price in the Northeast was \$269,100, which is 6.8 percent above January 2017.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales dipped 6 percent to an annual rate of 1.25 million in January and are now 3.8 percent below a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$188,000, up 8.7 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South decreased 1.3 percent to an annual rate of 2.26 million in January and are 1.7 percent lower than a year ago. The median price in the South was \$208,200,

up 4.3 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the West fell 5 percent to an annual rate of 1.14 million in January and are now 9.5 percent below a year ago. The median price in the West was \$362,600, up 8.8 percent from January 2017.

## Looking ahead

NAR President Elizabeth Mendenhall, a sixth-generation Realtor from Columbia, Mo., and CEO of RE/MAX Boone Realty, said Realtors in several markets are reporting that the spring buying season appears to be starting early this year.

“Those planning to buy a home this spring should look into getting pre-approved for a mortgage now and start having those serious conversations with their real estate agent on what they’re looking for in a home and where they want to buy,” she said. “With demand exceeding supply in most areas, competition will only heat up in the months ahead. Beginning the home search now could lead to a successful and less stressful buying experience.” ■

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Films and stars nominated for this year's Oscars. **C4** ▶

# WHO WILL WIN?



**Jimmy Kimmel** hosts the Oscars March 4, with the usual fashion, commentary bombshells and this year, #MeToo and #TimesUp

BY DAN HUDAK

Florida Weekly Film Critic

**A** CHAOTIC YEAR IN HOLLYWOOD HAS led to a fairly bland awards season, as many of the favorites in major categories have dominated the early accolades. That is, except for Best Picture. That's anyone's guess, and what fun it's been to trace that race's trajectory this year.

Of course, there's more reason to watch the

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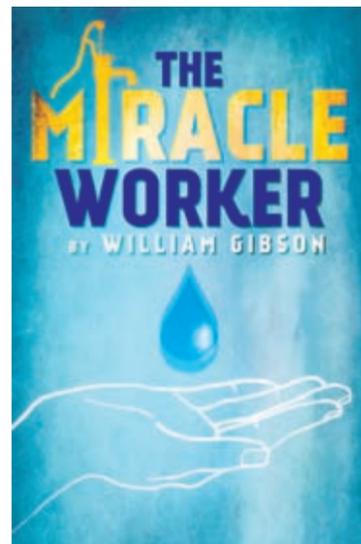
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Food writer Karen Feldman tucks in at Mykonos Kusina, and more on the dining scene. **C32-35** ▶

## Creator of modern legal thriller tops SWFL Reading Festival

BY NANCY STETSON

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Somewhere, someone should create a statue of novelist Scott Turow and erect it in a public space because the man achieved the near-impossible: He took the dusty, regimented, micro footnote-happy law and transformed it into something fascinating for us non-lawyers to enjoy: the modern legal thriller.

He certainly wasn't the first lawyer to write novels about his profession, but his 1987 debut novel, "Presumed Innocent," kicked the door open for the genre. It spent 45 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List and spawned a 1990 movie

of the same name starring Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy, Greta Scacchi, Bonnie Bedelia and Raul Julia.

Lawyers for decades since have followed in Mr. Turow's footsteps, penning their own novels: John Grisham, Lisa Scottoline, Robert Rotenberg, Stephen L. Carter, David Balducci, Alafair Burke and even Marcia Clark, who was lead prosecutor in the OJ Simpson murder trial.

Some have gladly left the profession



TUROW

for the writing life, while others, like Mr. Turow, do both.

Mr. Turow, who began his writing career with a "One L," a memoir about his first year in Harvard Law School, has written 10 novels so far; they've been translated into more than 40 languages. He's sold more than 30 million books worldwide, and four of his novels have been adapted into movies or TV projects.

His most recent novel, "Testimony," has just been released in paperback. In it, he sends protagonist William ten Boom to the International Criminal Court in the Hague to look into the mass slaugh-

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## FLORIDA WRITERS

## Has Stone Barrington come unbound — or just untethered?

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■ **“Unbound” by Stuart Woods. Putnam. 318 pages. Hardcover, \$28**

What do you call a Stone Barrington novel in which

Barrington’s role is severely diminished? Some might call it edgy and inventive. I call it an unnecessary gamble — unless author Stuart Woods is toying with the idea of a new series focused on the film industry.

The central figure in “Unbound” is a former CIA

operative once known as Teddy Fay, who has also established an identity for himself as Ted Shirley. Teddy has been long established as a Hollywood producer named Billy Barnett, his CIA days relevant only in terms of special skills he can bring to bear to suit special circumstances.

The special circumstance here is Teddy’s need revenge himself upon the husband of the loony woman who killed Teddy’s wife in a hit and run. It helps if the man is in general an SOB who ruins

the lives of almost anyone he deals with. Such a man is Dax Baxter, a movie industry climber whose path would be likely to cross with Teddy’s anyway. In fact, Teddy — incognito movie business Jack of All Trades Ted Shirley — easily attaches himself to a Dax Baxter project.

The scenes that follow the “Ted Shirley” escapade not only bring Teddy in proximity to his unwitting nemesis, they develop engaging insights about how movie deals — and actual movies — are made. Indeed, they reveal how careers are made in a cutthroat world in which loyalty is bought and sold.

The still-grieving Teddy travels to Santa Fe to spend time with good friends Stone Barrington and Ed Eagle. Suddenly, “Unbound” feels like a Stone Barrington novel for a while: the gorgeous woman, the gorgeous residences, the lifestyles of the wealthy and the networks of power. It doesn’t take Teddy long to rebound from his sadness and latch onto an attractive new lady friend named Sally Ryder. It hasn’t taken Stone Barrington long, following the death of his wife, to develop a new, hot relationship with the appropriately wealthy and exotic Anastasia Bounine.

Some guys are just lucky, I guess.

This thread of the novel, familiar Stuart Woods territory, allows us to imagine the pleasures of exclusivity. However, plot development lags as Barrington has little to do besides offer Teddy advice and favors.

As the story proceeds, Mr. Woods develops many characters, often in

teams, to flesh out Teddy’s revenge plot and its ramifications. It’s useful that a crime story look into the related worlds of criminality and law enforcement. Thus, we meet thugs employed by Dax Baxter, menacing Russians and someone called “The Bear” among them. We meet partnered policemen, one of whom has a flirtation with a woman who works for Baxter. We meet the partners’ superiors and receive understandings about how law enforcement operations work.

Among these secondary characters, Sergeant Carlos Rivera and office assistant Chita Romero are the most convincing and enjoyable.

The author’s structural technique is to bounce back and forth between mini-scenes, never staying too long in one place or interval of time. On many occasions, this device generates energy; but sometimes it merely seems improvised to build the page count.

Essentially, readers are alternatively focused on and distracted from the matter of Teddy working his revenge. This

involves learning enough about Dax Baxter to enjoy his eventual demise and how cleverly it is accomplished, and to feel the mounting suspense generated by the risks Teddy takes.

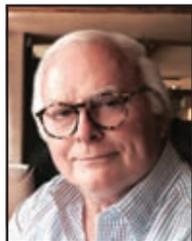
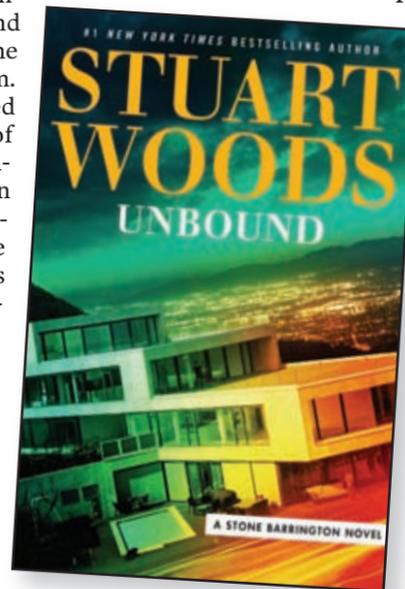
I have been a big Stuart Woods fan, but I don’t think this title is going to add to the author’s reputation. Most readers, however, will likely find it an engaging way to spend a few hours among the rich, famous and malicious. For movie fans, it will have special interest.

#### About the author

Stuart Woods is the author of more than 70 novels, including 50 hardcover bestsellers. A native of Georgia, he began his writing career in the advertising industry. “Chiefs,” his debut in 1981, won the prestigious

Edgar Award. Other awards include the Edgar Allan Poe prize and France’s Prix de Literature. He maintains residences in Florida, Maine and New Mexico. ■

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# Teen advocates, co-authors speak up for Wellfit Girls

Wellfit Girls welcomes national teen advocate Chessy Prout, a former Naples resident, along with Jenn Abelson, an investigative reporter for the Boston Globe's Spotlight Team, for a presentation and book signing on Monday evening, March 26, at Venue Naples.



The two co-authored "I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope," Ms. Prout's memoir of the traumatic aftermath of her 2013 sexual assault at a prestigious New Hampshire boarding school.

In August 2015, the teen bravely revealed her identity on NBC's Today Show and became a national advocate for sexual assault survivors while still in high school at the Community School of Naples, where she graduated in 2017. She and Ms. Abelson co-wrote "I Have a Right To" in Naples.

Ms. Prout has received numerous awards for her advocacy and her message of hope that lets survivors of sexual abuse know they are not alone. The international organization Together for Girls has honored her, and she was named among "16 Heroes for 2016" and "Hero of the Week, 2017." She was New Hampshire Congresswoman Ann Kuster's honored guest at the State of the Union 2018, and she will receive the Survivor Courage Award from SurvJus-

justice in Washington, D.C., in April.

As a reporter at the Boston Globe for 15 years, Ms. Abelson has exposed sexual assault at prep schools in New England, doctors secretly performing two surgeries at the same time, and the widespread mislabeling of fish in the restaurant industry. In 2015, she was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her work with the Spotlight Team on "Shadow Campus," a series about dangerous off-campus col-

lege housing.

## About Wellfit Girls

Wellfit Girls is a nonprofit fitness program dedicated to inspiring, challenging and empowering teen girls to climb high in all areas of life through transformational leadership programs.

General admission tickets to the evening at Venue Naples are \$50. VIP tickets (ages 16 and older) for \$150 include a cocktail reception catered by CRAVE Culinaire and a meet-and-greet with the guest speakers from 5:30-6:30 p.m. before the program begins at 7 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

For tickets, go to [www.WellfitGirls.org](http://www.WellfitGirls.org). For information about sponsorships, email Rio DeArmond at [rio@wellfitgirls.org](mailto:rio@wellfitgirls.org). ■



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Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep in "The Post."

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## OSCARS

From page 1

Oscars than just the awards. There's the fashion. The tradition. Host Jimmy Kimmel. And this year in particular there's the #MeToo and #TimesUp movement, which we can expect to be addressed throughout the evening.

We already know it's affected the Oscars in a few ways: Tradition holds that acting winners from the previous year return to present the same award to the other gender, but last year's Best Actor winner Casey Affleck ("Manchester by the Sea") will not return. You may recall him financially settling sexual misconduct allegations made against him during production of his film "I'm Still Here" (2010), so he voluntarily bowed out of the obligation. Similarly, James Franco was thought to be a shoo-in for a Best Actor nomination for his great work in "The Disaster Artist," but sexual misconduct allegations by five women shortly before Oscar balloting closed likely eradicated his chance at a nomination.

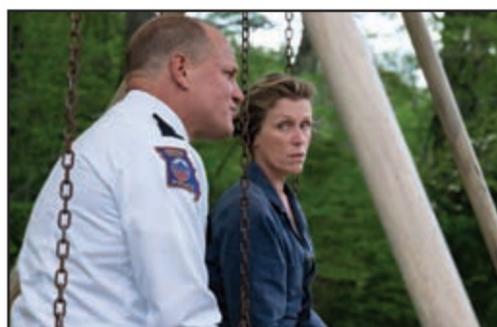
Speaking of the acting categories, they've been a foregone conclusion for months. This year is the first time the same four actors won all the main precursors that foretell Oscar glory: The Critics Choice, Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and British Oscars. SAG and BAFTA, the British Oscars, are the most important because they're comprised of industry professionals, and some members also vote for the Oscars. However, this doesn't mean all those nominated should be the winner; below I'll go through the "big six" categories and tell you who should win and who will win each.

For **Best Actor**, Gary Oldman has been winning all season long for his work as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour." It took him three hours every day to have his makeup and hair applied (the film will win an Oscar for that, too), then another half hour to get him into costume. Then he'd go shoot for 16 hours. This is a tour-de-force grand slam performance, one to be admired as a career-topping achievement most actors only dream of. He's competing against Daniel Day-Lewis (going for a record-tying fourth Best Actor win) for "Phantom Thread," Daniel Kaluuya for "Get Out," Denzel Washington with his ninth career nomination for "Roman J. Israel," and the tremendous Timothée Chalamet for "Call Me by Your Name." **Will win: Oldman. Should win: Oldman.**

Similarly, Frances McDormand is the strong favorite for her force-of-nature turn as an angry, grieving mother in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." She is phenomenal here, and if/when she wins



Saoirse Ronan in "Lady Bird."



"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

it will be her second **Best Actress** Oscar after "Fargo" (1996). Her opposition is Sally Hawkins from "The Shape of Water," Margot Robbie for "I, Tonya," Saoirse Ronan for "Lady Bird" and Meryl Streep, with her 21st career nomination, for "The Post." **Will win: McDormand. Should win: McDormand.**

Sam Rockwell has been on a streak of **Supporting Actor** wins for "Three Billboards," and many expect the streak to continue. To win he'll have to defeat his co-star from the film, Woody Harrelson, who brought much-needed humor and poignancy to the story. Also nominated are Christopher Plummer for "All the Money in the World," Richard Jenkins for "The Shape of Water," and Willem Dafoe for "The Florida Project." **Will win: Rockwell. Should win: Harrelson.**

If there's an upset to be had in the acting races, it's in **Supporting Actress**. Allison Janney is the favorite for her unforgettable work as Tonya Harding's mother in "I, Tonya," and she's campaigning hard to add an Oscar to her stash of seven Emmys. She faces stiff competition from Laurie Metcalf as a struggling mother in "Lady Bird," as well as Lesley Manville in "Phantom Thread," Octavia Spencer in "The Shape of Water," and Mary J. Blige in "Mudbound." **Will win: Janney. Should win: Janney.**

"The Shape of Water" director Guillermo Del Toro won the Golden Globe, Director's Guild and BAFTA, so he's a lock for **Best Director**. The film is bold, visionary, and given that it's about a woman who falls in love with a sea creature, yes, a bit strange. But it's also beautifully made and wholly impressive. Christopher Nolan's

accomplishment with "Dunkirk" was so technically proficient in terms of sound and editing that it's truly a film-making marvel. Greta Gerwig is only the fifth woman in Oscar history to be nominated for Director; only Kathryn Bigelow has won (for "The Hurt Locker" in 2009). Similarly, Jordan Peele is only the fifth African-American to be nominated for Director; no African-American has ever won. Paul Thomas Anderson rounds out the five nominees for "Phantom Thread."

**Will win: Del Toro. Should win: Nolan.**

Thankfully, the most prestigious category of the night is also the most competitive. The early awards split fairly evenly among three of the **Best Picture** nominees: "Get Out," "The Shape of Water" and "Three Billboards." "Get Out" won the Writer's Guild, which "Moonlight" also won last year on its way to taking Picture. "The Shape of Water" won the Producer's Guild and DGA, but was not nominated for the SAG Ensemble won by "Three Billboards"; the last film to win Picture without at least a SAG Ensemble nomination was "Braveheart" in 1995. "Three Billboards" also won the BAFTA, but it doesn't have a Director Oscar nomination, which can be a kiss of death: Only four films in 89 years of Oscars have won Picture without a Director nomination, the last being "Argo" in 2012. Could another film slip in for an upset? "Call Me by Your Name" will likely win Adapted Screenplay; "Darkest Hour" will win Best Actor and Makeup; "Dunkirk's" eight nominations are the second most this year; "Lady Bird" could ride the #MeToo movement to victory; "Phantom Thread" came out of nowhere the morning of the nominations, and could do so again when it matters most; and "The Post" was made by Hollywood heavyweights (Spielberg, Streep, Hanks).

It's a tough call, so I'm going with my No. 1 film of 2017, "Three Billboards," to win it all. **Will win: "Three Billboards." Should win: "Three Billboards."**

Jimmy Kimmel hosts the 90th Academy Awards Sunday night, March 4, on ABC. ■

in the know

### Who will win? Nominees are in.

#### >> Actor in a Leading Role

Nominees

- **Timothée Chalamet**  
Call Me by Your Name
- **Daniel Day-Lewis**  
Phantom Thread
- **Daniel Kaluuya**  
Get Out
- **Gary Oldman**  
Darkest Hour
- **Denzel Washington**  
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#### >> Actor in a Supporting Role

Nominees

- **Willem Dafoe**  
The Florida Project
- **Woody Harrelson**  
Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri
- **Richard Jenkins**  
The Shape of Water
- **Christopher Plummer**  
All the Money in the World
- **Sam Rockwell**  
Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri

#### >> Actress in a Leading Role

Nominees

- **Sally Hawkins**  
The Shape of Water
- **Frances McDormand**  
Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri
- **Margot Robbie**  
I, Tonya
- **Saoirse Ronan**  
Lady Bird
- **Meryl Streep**  
The Post

#### >> Actress in a Supporting Role

Nominees

- **Mary J. Blige**  
Mudbound
- **Allison Janney**  
I, Tonya
- **Lesley Manville**  
Phantom Thread
- **Laurie Metcalf**  
Lady Bird
- **Octavia Spencer**  
The Shape of Water

#### >> Directing

Nominees

- **Dunkirk**  
Christopher Nolan
- **Get Out**  
Jordan Peele
- **Lady Bird**  
Greta Gerwig
- **Phantom Thread**  
Paul Thomas Anderson
- **The Shape of Water**  
Guillermo del Toro

#### >> Best Picture

Nominees

- **Call Me by Your Name**  
Peter Spears, Luca Guadagnino, Emilie Georges and Marco Morabito, Producers
- **Darkest Hour**  
Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Lisa Bruce, Anthony McCarten and Douglas Urbanski, Producers
- **Dunkirk**  
Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan, Producers
- **Get Out**  
Sean McKittrick, Jason Blum, Edward H. Hamm Jr. and Jordan Peele, Producers
- **Lady Bird**  
Scott Rudin, Eli Bush and Evelyn O'Neill, Producers
- **Phantom Thread**  
JoAnne Sellar, Paul Thomas Anderson, Megan Ellison and Daniel Lupi, Producers
- **The Post**  
Amy Pascal, Steven Spielberg and Kristie Macosko Krieger, Producers
- **The Shape of Water**  
Guillermo del Toro and J. Miles Dale, Producers
- **Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri**  
Graham Broadbent, Pete Czernin and Martin McDonagh, Producers

# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

## A find that offers more than a whiff of whimsy

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**Ann and Hudon "Shot" Humphries stand at the rear of their home, which was donated after Ann's death in 2010 to the Bonita Springs Historical Society. The building now is known as the McSwain/Humphries House.**

If there was one thing you could say about Ann Humphries, it was this: You knew exactly where she was and what she was doing.

Ann had an instantly recognizable voice — it was a Southern cackle that carried well above the din of any meeting or show she was attending.

She also was one of my mother's dearest friends.

Ann had a fine doll and toy collection, and the historic Bonita Springs home she shared with her husband, whom we called "Shot," was stuffed to capacity.

She also was a keen artist and seamstress who could clothe antique dolls in costumes you would swear were authentic originals — she was that good.

Ann had more than bit a knowledge of just about everything, and always was happy to share it. Oh, how we loved her.

One of the things she owned that always fascinated me was a porcelain jar in the shape of a baby's head. The baby had a pacifier in its smiling mouth. It had laughing eyes and curly blond hair peeked around its bonnet, the top of which lifted off to reveal a container. Ann assured me it was a pacifier holder and would have been an accessory in a baby's nursery.

At the time, I had no reason to think otherwise.

But, bless Ann's heart, even experts can learn a thing or two. I now know it was a humidior for storing tobacco — a damp sponge would have been placed inside the lid that formed the top of the baby's bonnet to keep the tobacco moist.

The piece was old even then, dating from the 1880s or so, and almost certainly was made in Germany by one of the companies that also made doll's heads, hence Ann's interest in the jar.

Victorian consumers loved whimsy — I've seen humidors in the shape of dogs, sleeping children in highchairs (the kid lifts off) and racecar drivers.

The humidors were an opportunity



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**This handpainted Victorian bisque porcelain humidior is pictured larger than its actual size of about 3½ inches high. It's unmarked, but possibly was made by the Heubach company of Germany.**

### THE FIND:

#### A bisque Victorian humidior

**Bought:** Great Stuff, 901 George Bush Blvd. (Northeast Eighth Street), Delray Beach; 561-243-0010.

**Paid:** \$45

**The Skinny:** I first questioned whether this bisque humidior in the shape of a child's head actually was a humidior because, at 3½ inches high, it was smaller than most I've seen.

But my friend, Jacksonville antiques dealer Jim Antone, confirmed that it is indeed a petite humidior, designed to hold a moistened sponge in its hat.

It bears no markings, but was made in Germany, probably around 1890 by Heubach, which was known for its dolls, piano babies and other figures and utilitarian items.

At one time, this humidior would have been priced around \$200. Prices for pieces such as these have fallen as the next generation of collectors has shunned these pieces of whimsy.

for the middle-class to have a little bit of beauty in their lives.

It's so like Ann to have that little bit of vintage wit and whimsy. I think of her and her generous spirit whenever I see one of the pieces.

It's a nice memory to have. ■

#### Don't miss these shows

**Gulf Coast Sarasota Antiques Show** — March 4, Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota; 941-228-7758.

**The West Palm Beach Antiques Festival** — March 2-4, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach; 941-697-7575 or www.wpba.com. ■



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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## THEATER

**Rapture, Blister, Burn** – By The Naples Players through March 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Scapino** – By Gulfshore Playhouse through March 18 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). See review on page C12.

**The Taming of the Shrew** – By The Naples Players through March 18 at Sugden Community Theater's outdoor Baker Stage. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Mamma Mia** – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through April 7. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

**The Miracle Worker** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 7. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarepeducation.org](http://www.floridarepeducation.org).

**Night and Day: Love Lost and Found through the Eyes of Cole Porter** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 11 in the ArtStage Studio Theater. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarepeducation.org](http://www.floridarepeducation.org).

**The Music Man** – By The Naples Players March 7-April 8 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Copacabana** – By TheatreZone March 8-18 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

**A Bench in the Sun** – By The Marco Players March 14-31 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.org](http://www.themarcoplayers.org).

**Nanna's Naughty Knickers** – By Island Theater Company March 23-April 14 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-0080 or [www.theateronmarco.com](http://www.theateronmarco.com).

**Miss Keller Has No Second Book** – By Gulfshore Playhouse March 31-April 15 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org).

## THURSDAY 3.1

**Big Boats** – Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association hosts the Bonita Springs Boat Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Saturday, March 3, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Track. \$5, free for children under 15. 10601 Bonita Beach Road. 656-7083 or [www.goboating-florida.com](http://www.goboating-florida.com). See story on page A20.

**Book Sale** – Friends of the Bonita Springs Library hosts a book sale in the library's meeting room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 2. 26876 Pine Ave. 533-4860 or [www.friendsofthebonitaspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthebonitaspringslibrary.org).

**Film Talk** – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about Warner Brothers film studio from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Songwriters at Sunset** – Local singer/songwriters Annie Wenz, David Hintz and Robert Bidney perform at a beach barbecue hosted by Friends of Lovers Key starting at 3:45 p.m. Free with park entry fee. 463-4588 or [www.friendsofroverskey.org](http://www.friendsofroverskey.org).



Funny, warm and fit for the whole family, The Naples Players' production of the "The Music Man" opens Wednesday and runs through April 8 at the Sugden Community Theater. The six-time Tony-winning musical chronicles the foiled plans of con-man Harold Hill, who plans to hoodwink the community of River City, Iowa — until he falls in love the town librarian. Pictured here are actors Amy Hughes and Jesse Hughes. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Art Talk** – South Regional Library hosts a talk about English impressionist J.M.W. Turner at 2 p.m. Free, registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or [www.collierlibrary.org](http://www.collierlibrary.org).

## FRIDAY 3.2

**Farmers Market** – Stock up on fresh produce and more at the St. John Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 625 11th Ave. N.

**All Aboard** – Volunteer docents from the Naples Train Museum are on hand at the Naples Depot Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Friday and Saturday to help visitors of all ages enjoy the outdoor and indoor trains. Corner of 10th St. S. and Fifth Ave. S. [www.naplestrainmuseum.org](http://www.naplestrainmuseum.org).

**Meet the Author** – Maria Nhambu, author of "Africa's Child," talks about being a mixed race orphan in Tanzania at 2 p.m. at South Regional Library. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or [www.collierlibrary.org](http://www.collierlibrary.org).

**No Guilt** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a demonstration on making healthy snacks from 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Classic Film** – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Mogambo" (1952) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. On a Kenyan Safari, hunter Victor Marswell is involved in a love triangle with American socialite Eloise Kelly and the wife of a famous anthropologist. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

**Round 'em Up** – 5-Star Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association stages battle reenactments of the Second Seminole War at 11 a.m. today and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and rodeos at 7 p.m. each night at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena and Immokalee Youth Camp. Other Seminole Shootout events include a concert by Grammy nominee Manny Diquez and alligator wrestling. \$6-\$45. 863-902-3200 or [www.seminoleshootout.com](http://www.seminoleshootout.com).

**Fresh & Sweet** – Cornerstone Church kicks off the 10th annual Strawberry & Music Festival with live music, fair rides, craft booths and more from 5 p.m. to midnight and continuing through the weekend. Free, but \$10 parking is valid throughout the weekend. 8200 Immokalee Road. 354-9160 or [www.naplesfestival.com](http://www.naplesfestival.com).

**Art Reception** – Artana Gallery hosts an opening reception for an exhibition by expressionist painter Suzanne Hodes from 5:30-7 p.m. The paintings will hang through March. Free. 462 Tamiami Trail N. 228-6286 or [www.artanagallery.com](http://www.artanagallery.com).

**Free Concert** – The Ex-Bachelors perform from 6-9 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Naples City Live** – Great music makes for great memories when Naples City Live happens from 6-10 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Music by Have Gun, Will Travel, singer/songwriter William McCarthy and KIDS will fill the air. Proceeds benefit the Children's Advocacy Center. Tickets are at [www.nclfestival.com](http://www.nclfestival.com).

**Jazz Concert** – The Rick Howard Quintet performs with vocalist Lynn Richardson at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or [www.capacenter.org](http://www.capacenter.org).

**Grand Opera Night** – Gulfshore Opera stages scenes from "Carmen," "The Merry Widow" and "West Side Story" at 7 p.m. at North Naples United Methodist Church. \$28-\$58. 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road. 529-3925 or [www.gulfshoreopera.org](http://www.gulfshoreopera.org).

**Concert** – Singer/songwriter Jonathan Edwards, best known for his 1971 hit "Sunshine," performs at 8 p.m. at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$32-\$42. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## SATURDAY 3.3

**To Market, To Market** – Stock up on fresh produce and more at the Third Street South farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

**Om in the Swamp** – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez leads 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](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org).

**Goodland Art** – Goodland Arts Alliance holds its annual juried art show with live music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday, March 4, at Margood Harbor Park. 321 Pear Tree Ave. [tara-gallery@gmail.com](mailto:tara-gallery@gmail.com).

**A Good One** – Bonita Springs National Art Festival returns with works by more than 200 national and international juried artists from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, March 4, at Riverside Park.

**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](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Blarney and Bologna** – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church hosts its annual Gaelic & Garlic Festival to celebrate both the Irish and Italian cultures with extensive offerings of food, entertainment, tipples and much more from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Sunday, March 4. 566 11th Ave. S. 566-8740 or [www.saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com).

**Island Art** – Phil Fisher Gallery hosts an artist reception for "Grand Cayman & The Caribbean" from 6-9 p.m. Guest will meet artists Phil Fisher Jan Ellen Atkielski, Nolen Fisher, Robert Graham and Natalie Guess and enjoy their interpretations of Grand Cayman. Free. 810 12th Ave. S. 403-8393 or [www.PhilFisherGallery.com](http://www.PhilFisherGallery.com).



Phil Fisher Gallery hosts an artist reception for "Grand Cayman & The Caribbean" from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 3. Guest will meet artists Phil Fisher (whose "Kiteboarding at Rum Point" is shown here), Jan Ellen Atkielski, Nolen Fisher, Robert Graham and Natalie Guess and enjoy their interpretations of Grand Cayman. Free. 810 12th Ave. S. 403-8393 or [www.PhilFisherGallery.com](http://www.PhilFisherGallery.com).

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



**Flower Power** – Calusa Garden Club hosts its annual flower show with displays and vendors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday, March 4, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. [www.calusa.org](http://www.calusa.org).

**Boot Scootin'** – St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School hosts a country/western dance to raise money for the school from 6-10 p.m. \$50-\$60. 455-2263 or [celebrateseton@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateseton@gmail.com).

**Country Harmony** – The Oak Ridge Boys perform at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$69. 800-218-0007 or [www.moreinparadise.com](http://www.moreinparadise.com).

**Modern Dance** – The Martha Graham Dance Company performs at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**What A Country!** – Yakov Smirnoff performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight and Sunday, March 4. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).

■ Cornerstone Church kicks off the **10th annual Strawberry & Music Festival** with live music, fair rides, craft booths and more from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and continuing through the weekend.

— [www.naplesfestival.com](http://www.naplesfestival.com)



## SUNDAY 3.4

**Fresh Produce** – Stock up on fresh produce and more at the Naples Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner Pine Ridge and Livingston roads.

**Sip, Shop, Share** – Waterside Shops hosts live music with a mimosa and Bloody Mary bar from noon to 3 p.m. to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. 598-1605 or [www.watersideshops.com](http://www.watersideshops.com).

**Throwback Cinema** – Silverspot at Mercato screens “The Godfather” (1972) at 2 and 7 p.m. An aging patriarch of an organized crime dynasty transfers control of his clandestine empire to his reluctant son. \$9.50-\$16.50. 592-0300 or [www.silverspot.net](http://www.silverspot.net).

**Best of Broadway** – Veteran Broadway vocalists perform classic show tunes from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Sondheim, Webber and many more at 3 and 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Chamber Concert** – Naples Philharmonic chamber musicians perform works by Haydn and Mozart at 3 p.m. today and Tuesday, March 6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Free Concert** – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or [www.naplesconcertband.org](http://www.naplesconcertband.org).

**Foreign Film** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “The Grand Budapest Hotel” (Britain, 2014) at 2 p.m. at the university’s Naples Center. The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel in the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second world wars, and the lobby boy who becomes his best friend. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).



■ Three Grammy wins and a dozen nominations later, R&B powerhouse **Aaron Neville** takes the stage at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Artis—Naples.

— [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org)



■ Head out to Immokalee for the **Seminole Shootout** complete with reenactments of the Second Seminole War at 11 a.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday at the Immokalee Seminole Reservation. Festivities continue through Saturday evening with rodeos, live music by Grammy nominee Manny Diquez, alligator wrestling and much more.

— [www.seminoleshootout.com](http://www.seminoleshootout.com)

## MONDAY 3.5

**Beach Yoga** – Stretch and breathe with Friends of Lovers Key and Naples Yoga Center in a 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.friendsofloversonkey.org](http://www.friendsofloversonkey.org).

**Romantic Mornings** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a three-part series on the British Romantic poets starting today from 10-11:30 p.m. and continuing Wednesday, March 7, and Friday, March 9, at the university’s Naples campus. \$42 for members, \$50 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).



■ **Martha Graham Dance Company** honors one of the 20th century’s greatest modern dancers with a diverse program of works by contemporary European composers at 8 p.m. Saturday at Artis—Naples.

— [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org)



■ Polish pianist and harpsichordist **Magdalena Baczewska** performs French selections at 7 p.m. Monday in the Bower Chapel at Moorings Park.

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## WHAT TO DO



Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an exhibition of works by the Southwest Florida Watercolor Society through Saturday, April 21. Pictured here is a roseate spoonbill by Barbara Groenteman. [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Trapped** - Naples Regional Library hosts a presentation on how a Floyd Collins became trapped in a Kentucky cave and inspired the movement to make a national park out of Mammoth Cave from 3-4 p.m. Free, but registration required. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or [www.collierlibrary.org](http://www.collierlibrary.org).

**Films for Film Lovers** - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings" at 7 p.m. An intimate documentary about the famed ukulele player. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Piano Concert** - Pianist and harp-sichordist Magdalena Bazcewska performs French selections at 7 p.m. in the Bower Chapel at Moorings Park. \$40. 120 Moorings Park Drive. [www.grandpianoseries.com](http://www.grandpianoseries.com).

### TUESDAY 3.6

**For the Birds** - Naples Botanical Gardens host a birding tour from 8-10 a.m. Free with admission. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Take A Hike** - CREW Land & Water Trust leads a free guided walk through its marsh trails from 9 a.m. to noon. 4600 Corkscrew Road. 657-2253 or [www.crewtrust.org](http://www.crewtrust.org).

**Botanicals of Southeast Asia** - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a presentation by Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's Chad Husby's trip to explore the flora and fauna of Southeast Asia from 2-3 p.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Don't Know Much** - R&B legend Aaron Neville performs at 8 p.m. at Artis-Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artis-naples.org](http://www.artis-naples.org).

### WEDNESDAY 3.7

**Marco Market** - Stock up on fresh produce and more at the Marco Island Farmers Market from 7:30 a.m. to noon at Veterans Community Park. 901 Park Ave.

**Progressive Voices** - The UU Congregation of Greater Naples and Common Ground of Naples present Susan Herman, national president of the ACLU, with a program about "Civil Liberties in the Age of Trump" at 7 p.m. in Thomas Hall at the UUCGN. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$15. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 455-6553.

**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](http://www.crewtrust.org).

**Trunk Show** - Summerfields hosts a Julie Vos trunk show with wine, light bites and giveaways today through Saturday, March 10. Reservations required. 953 Central Ave. 430-2505 or [www.summerfieldsnaples.com](http://www.summerfieldsnaples.com).

**Femmes Fatales** - South Regional Library honors Women's History Month with a presentation about female spies in World War II from 2-3 p.m. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or [www.collierlibrary.org](http://www.collierlibrary.org).

**Art Reception** - Sweet Art Gallery hosts a reception featuring the works of Rhode Island artists Stephen Mancini and Robert Cicione from 5-8 p.m. Free. 2100 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or [www.thesweetartgallery.com](http://www.thesweetartgallery.com).

**Art ALIVE** - The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. [www.naplesartdistrict.com](http://www.naplesartdistrict.com).

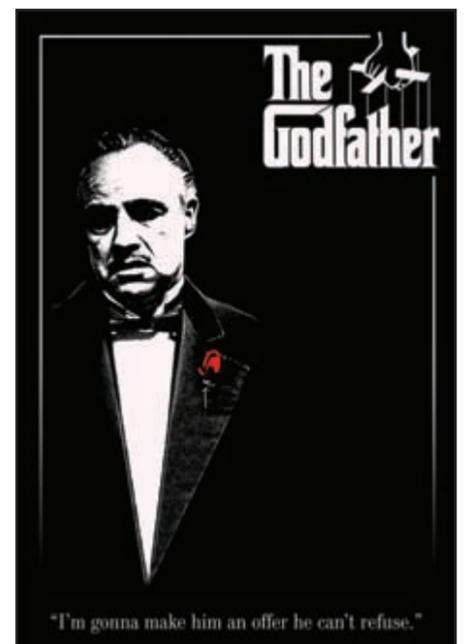
**Go Green** - The Marco Island Center for the Arts presents the West of Galway band and dancers from the Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance from 5:30-7 p.m. \$25 for members, \$30 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or [www.marcoislandart.org](http://www.marcoislandart.org).

### COMING UP

**Holocaust Lecture** - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents "Meet Your New Neighbor, Mr. & Mrs. America: A Mass Murderer" from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 8, at Hodges University. 598-6153 or [amay@hodges.edu](mailto:amay@hodges.edu).

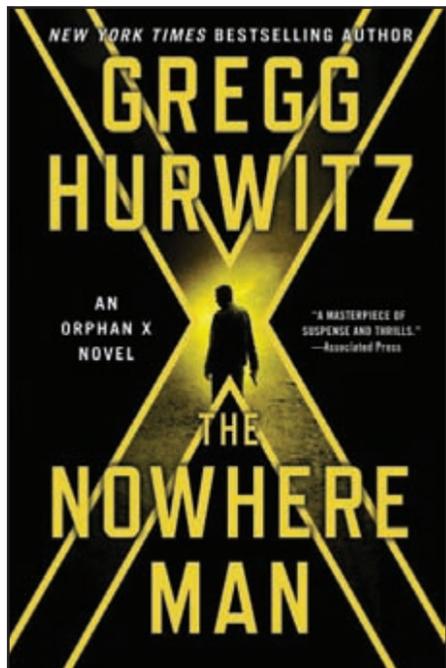
**Tea for Two** - Brambles Tea Room and Storytellers of the Round Table team up for an evening of Irish stories and a full tea from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 8. \$35. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7894 or [www.bramblestearoom.com](http://www.bramblestearoom.com).

**Orchid Show** - Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance hosts its annual show, "Orchids in the Park," Friday through Sunday, March 9-11, at North Collier Regional Park. 269-6389 or [www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com](http://www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com).



Silverspot Cinema in Mercato makes an offer you can't refuse when it shows "The Godfather" on the big screen at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4. [www.silverspot.net](http://www.silverspot.net).

# WHERE TO GO



Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts Greg Hurwitz, author of "The Nowhere Man," at noon Monday, March 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. 2600 Tiburon Drive. 262-8135 or [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org).

**Meet the Artists** – Odegaard Art + Design holds a reception for New York City artists Holly Hughes, Mary Jones and Sharon Lawless from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 9. New works by the three women are on display in the gallery through March 30. 349 10th St. N. 718-486-5828 or [www.odegaardartdesign.com](http://www.odegaardartdesign.com).

**Corkscrew After Hours** – Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary focuses on native plants with guided walks, themed activities, entertainment and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 9. Regular admission applies and is valid for two days. 348-9151 or [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org).

**Free Concert** – Rockin' Horse perform from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Masterworks** – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Say and Saint-Saens at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Shape Up!** – Find your fit at the third annual Shape Up! hosted by the Healthcare Network of SWFL from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at Lowdermilk Park. Representatives from Pure Barre, BKS Yoga Studio, Better Fitness Everyday, Burn Bootcamp and OrangeTheory Fitness will be on hand. \$5. [www.healthcareswfl.org](http://www.healthcareswfl.org).

**Art Show** – Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Cambier Park. [www.naplesartcrafters.com](http://www.naplesartcrafters.com).

**Better Homes** – Germain Arena hosts the 10th annual Home & Garden Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10. \$5-\$8. 948-7825 or [www.germainarena.com](http://www.germainarena.com).

**Pets & Pints** – Ave Maria hosts outdoor fun with pet adoption agencies, vendors, live music, kids activities, pet contests and beer from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the town center. Free. [www.avemaria.com](http://www.avemaria.com).

**Lunchbox Theater** – The Marco Players present Janina Birtolo in "Elemental Women" at noon Saturday, March 10, at The Marco Players Theater. \$25, includes boxed lunch. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.marcoplayers.org](http://www.marcoplayers.org).

**Met Live** – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of "Semiramide" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, March 10. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$18-\$24. 596-0008 or [www.paragontheaters.com](http://www.paragontheaters.com).

**Starry Night** – Big Cypress National Preserve, designated by the National Park Service as an International Dark Sky Place, host a ranger-led astronomy program with constellation tours and telescopic viewing of stars, nebulae and other galactic formations at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Free. Hiking attire and a red light flashlight or headlamp recommended. 33000 Tamiami Trail E. 695-1149 or [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

**West Side** – The Opera Naples Chorus and select soloists perform Leonard Bernstein classics at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$35-\$95. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org).

**Sunday Funday** – Mercato hosts lawn games, Bloody Marys and mimosas and performance by Nikki Taley from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

**Chamber Concert** – Naples Philharmonic chamber musicians perform the works of Say and Shostakovich with pianist Fazil Say at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Tribute Concert** – Naples Bay Resort hosts a pre-fixe dinner and a performance by a George Strait tribute artist at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11. \$35-\$399. 1500 Fifth Ave. S. (866) 605-1199 or [www.naplesbayresort.com](http://www.naplesbayresort.com).

**Unity Concert** – Temple Shalom hosts "We Are One: A Musical Celebration" at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Community leader Phil Beuth will accept the Temple Shalom Social Justice Award. \$18-\$45. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 455-3030 or [www.naplestemple.org](http://www.naplestemple.org).

**Author Talk** – Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts Greg Hurwitz, author of "The Nowhere Man," at noon Monday, March 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. 2600 Tiburon Drive. 262-8135 or [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org).

**Free Concert** – Stardust Memories Big Band performs at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, at Cambier Park. [www.stardustmemories.com](http://www.stardustmemories.com).

**Garden Trip** – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a field trip to Coral Gable's Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on Tuesday, March 13. \$65 includes bus, tour and lunch. 992-5232 or [theadick@aol.com](mailto:theadick@aol.com).

**Ballet** – Miami City Ballet performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Opera Night** – Gulfshore Opera performs Verdi's "Rigoletto" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at St. Leo Parish Life Center. \$28-\$88. 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. 529-3925 or [www.gulfshoreopera.org](http://www.gulfshoreopera.org).

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**Hail Mary** – The Ave Maria University student/faculty choir performs sacred light opera and popular favorites at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church. Free. 111th Ave. N. 566-8740 or [www.saint-johntheevangelist.com](http://www.saint-johntheevangelist.com).

**Take a Hike** – Crew Land & Water Trust leads a guided walk focused on swallow-tailed kites from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 15. \$15-\$25. 657-2253 or [www.crewtrust.org](http://www.crewtrust.org).

**Dinner with Artists** – The Naples Art Association pairs artists Chris Zettle and Sepideh Azin with Chef Larry Falisi of Two Guys Catering for Dinner with Artists at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at NAA headquarters. \$130 per person, \$250 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Zoo Lecture** – Naples Zoo hosts a talk with Eric Miller, executive director of St. Louis Zoo's Wildcare Institute, about Madagascar lemurs from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 15. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-5409 or [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org).

**Seraphic Fire** – The Miami-based choral ensemble Seraphic Fire performs a concert of Brahms' joyous and tender “Liebeslieder Waltzes” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. \$46. 1225 Piper Blvd. [www.seraphicfire.com](http://www.seraphicfire.com).

**Incomparable** – Record-breaking Tony Award-winning vocalist Audra McDonald performs at 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

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**Out Loud** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a staged reading of short stories, essays, speeches and more at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 16. \$13-\$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).



TheatreZone presents Barry Manilow's splashy and sensational musical “Copacabana” March 8-18 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

**Free Concert** – Hester Prynne performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

**Irish Eyes** – Irish tenor Paul Byrom performs Ireland's greatest songs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

**Country Concert** – Country artist Lee Greenwood performs at 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$60. 218-0007 or [www.moreinparadise.com](http://www.moreinparadise.com).

**Get Your Green On** – The 40th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17. 213-1000 or [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com).

**Art ALIVE** – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 17. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. [www.naplesartdistrict.com](http://www.naplesartdistrict.com).

**Recital** – Violinist Daniela Shtereva and classical guitarist Marco Sartor perform works from Paganini and Piazzolla at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or [www.capacenter.org](http://www.capacenter.org).

**Mixed Bag** – The Clay Place hosts the annual “5 Painters and a Potter” showcasing the works of potter Jim Rice and painters Paul Arsenault, Natalie Guess, Tara O'Neil, Phil Fisher and Rick Wobbe from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18. 1555 Shadowlawn Drive. 775-1078 or [www.naplesclayplace.com](http://www.naplesclayplace.com).



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**Choir Concert** - FGCU's chamber choir performs Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 791 Harbour Drive. 261-1487 or www.mooringschurch.org.

**Holocaust Lecture** - GenShoa SWFL hosts a lecture and discussion titled "L'Dor Vador: Intergenerational Aspects of Holocaust Trauma" at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. Free, but reservations required. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. zalman08054@yahoo.com.

**Nonfiction Talk** - Friends of the Library of Collier County host a talk with Michael J. Tougias, author of "Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan," at 9 a.m. Monday, March 19, at the Country Club of Naples. \$45 for members, \$55 for others. 185 Burning Tree Drive. 262-8135 or www.collier-friends.org.

**Ol' Blue Eyes** - Preeminent Sinatra impersonator Cary Hoffman performs at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

**Pops** - Naples Philharmonic and the Naples Philharmonic Chorus perform works by Rodgers & Hammerstein at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, March 20-24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

**Holocaust Lecture** - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture titled "The Righteous Among Nations Redux: Maybe You Were Right, Anne" from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 22, at Hodges University. \$12. 598-6153 or amay@hodges.edu.

**Auld Arguments** - Sandalwood Village presents a lecture by historian Jacob Winge about the 1745 Jacobite uprising in Scotland at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22, in the club's dining room. Free, but reservations recommended. 3511 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 260-5455.

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**Free Concert** - Electric Mud performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 23, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

**Rising Stars** - Opera Naples Youth perform operatic and pop selections at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

**Eat Up** - The 2018 Marco Island Seafood Festival provides seafood, family activities, live entertainment and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, at Veterans Community Park. \$10. 901 Park Ave., Marco Island. 393-1350 or marcoislandseafoodfestival.com.

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## Mafia madness in Naples at Gulfshore Playhouse

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What do you do when you attend a comedy but don't laugh?

Is it the fault of the actors?

The playwright?

Just an off night?

Has my sense of humor gone on vacation or into hibernation for the winter?

I pondered all those questions on my drive home from seeing "Scapino" at Gulfshore Playhouse the other night.

I'd been looking forward to the production. Others have adapted Moliere's classic "Scapin" and called it "Scapino." This adaptation, in its world premiere, is by Jeffrey Binder, Gulfshore Playhouse associate artistic director, and is conceived and directed by Zeljko Djukic.

I have great respect for Mr. Binder and his comedic acting.

I love seeing him on stage.

But despite my immense desire to laugh, "Scapino" failed to tickle my funny bone.

Advertising for the play claims: "The funniest family comedy since 'The Godfather!'" and "... you'll laugh so hard, your bada-boom will be sleeping with the fishes."

But the play left me feeling disappointed, rather than giddy from too much laughter.

Mr. Binder has moved the 17th century French play from Naples, Italy, to Naples, Fla. The heads of two Mafia families — Don Albert (Gerrit Vandermeer) and Don Geronte (Larry Paulsen) — have decided to mend the rift between the families by having Don Albert's son, Octavio (Jack Berenholtz) marry Don Geronte's daughter. But while the fathers are away ("taking care of business" in the Keys, I believe), Octavio falls in love with Chloe (Monica Rae Summers Gonzalez) and marries her in a flash. Besides, he reasons, he's never seen Don Geronte's daughter and has no clue what she's like. He's madly in lust with Chloe. And she has fallen for him, too.

"Curse my irresistible manliness," he says, one of the few lines that made me laugh out loud.

Now he and his personal assistant, Sylvester (Phillip Taratula) are scared Octavio's father will kill them both when he returns.



COURTESY PHOTO

Octavio (Jack Berenholtz, left) and Leo (Grayson Powell) seek the services of Scapino (Jeffrey Binder, right) to overcome the misgivings of rival mafia bosses to win the hand of their daughters in Gulfshore Playhouse's "Scapino," an adaptation of Moliere's "Scapin."

They turn to Scapino (Mr. Binder) for help.

"I can twist the truth like a pretzel," he tells them, explaining, "I'm a lawyer." (However, he's a disbarred one, due to the time he spent in prison.)

He presents himself as a fixer who can smooth things over with the fathers. Of course, he plans to do so for his own advantage.

Mr. Berenholtz plays Octavio with slack-jawed simplicity, a young man who knows nothing but his own desires. You suspect he may have "fallen in love" because his best friend Leo (Grayson Powell), a surfer/stoner kind of guy with no more brain cells than Octavio, has recently become involved with a girl, Feather (Jade Radford).

Leo happens to be Don Geronte's son. Chloe is a whining, spoiled princess, all false nails and oversized golden purse. Feather, raised by hippies near Woodstock, talks of crystals and auras and fighting the patriarchy.

Mr. Binder has updated the characters and transported them to current times. There are references to Starbucks, Lollapalooza, mansplaining and VW vans.

But the humor too often falls short. We've seen these scenarios before: dim-

witted Mafiosos. New-Age type women. (Though Ms. Radford does give a strong performance, despite her character's stereotypes.)

Mr. Binder plays Scapino as dapper and slick; his best moments are when he has long, rambling, tongue-twisting monologues, just lines and lines of clever speech. His character is at his best when he's fast-talking. I would've welcomed more word play and less slapstick.

And Mr. Taratula, as Sylvester, stands out, his character growing more and more anxious as the action progresses. The actor also manages to rise above the material, or somehow make the most of it. (And he looks like Gene Hackman in "The French Connection," complete with the porkpie hat.) Mr. Taratula was recently in "The Hound of the Baskervilles" at Gulfshore Playhouse, but unfortunately, "Scapino" doesn't match that production's humor.

This play is silly and goofy, in a Jim Carey/Adam Sandler kind of way. If that's your level of humor, then you should love "Scapino."

(Sample scene: Chloe telling Octavio, "Come here," only to repeatedly reject him and tell him to go away. Sample dialogue: Chloe saying, "Love is a bummer."

What a disappointment after Scapino's lovely rivers of word play.)

The play is just all over the place, comedically. It aims at madcap but is merely silly and goofy. I'm surprised they didn't use cartoon sound effects.

There are a few moments when the characters begin dancing, and that has a lovely absurd effect. I only wish that absurdity had been evident throughout.

The costumes by Natasha Dukich (with assistance by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater) are outstanding, particularly the ones at the end. Patrons left the theater raving about them.

Kurtis Boetcher has created a simple set, with a lone palm tree and a blue backdrop with white fluffy clouds. There is also a series of three white borders that frame the action. Jimmy Lawlor's lighting does wonderful things to this minimalist set, changing the tenor of the sky.

For those familiar with Moliere's original script, Mr. Binder's adaptation might be more amusing, as you're aware of how he's changed and updated it while adhering to the skeleton of the play.

Gulfshore Playhouse had a terrific production of "The Liar" a few seasons ago, adapted and updated by David Ives. It was a stellar theatrical experience, mixing old dialogue with modern references, chock full of clever word play and dialogue. The characters dressed in glam rock star costumes, and even though they were archetypes, we believed in them as people.

I had hoped "Scapino" would be every bit as good as "The Liar."

Mr. Binder does have some great moments and clever dialogue. And the audience did chuckle more than I did. (One of the funniest moments was unplanned: A woman in the front row, given an opportunity to hit one of the Mafia dons with a rolled-up magazine, gave him such a good hard whack you could hear it in the back rows. "Wow. Are you upset you're missing 'Dancing With the Stars?'" Mr. Binder ad-libbed.)

But it was not, as I'd hoped, an uproarious evening. ■

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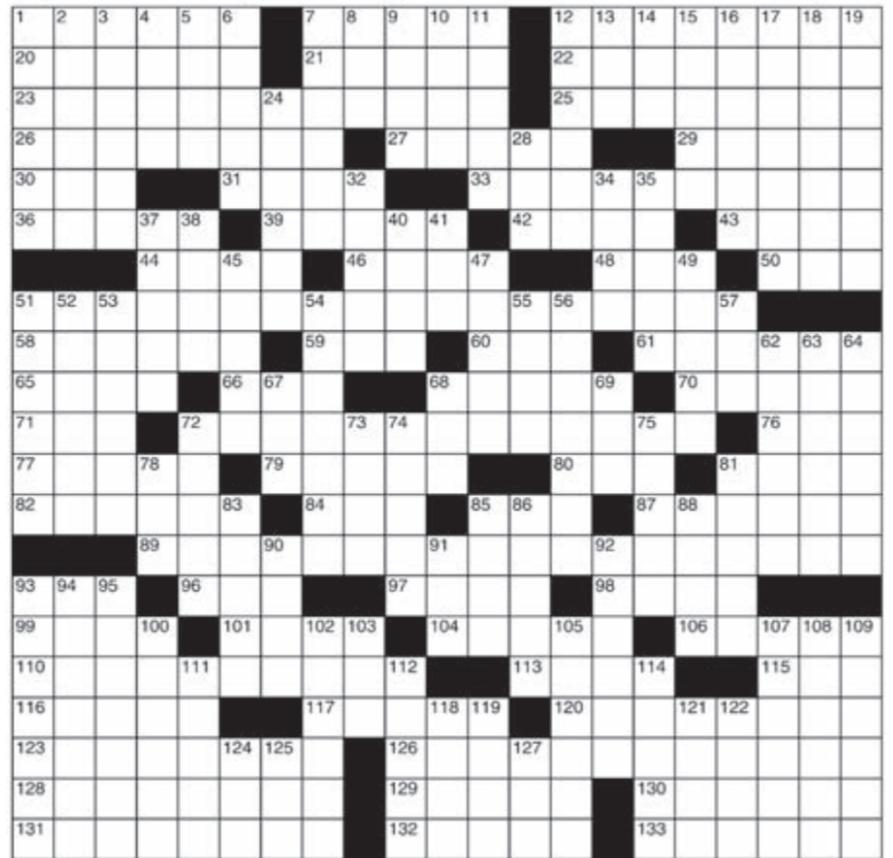
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# PUZZLES

## IN HONOR OF LEAP YEAR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spanish squiggles
  - 7 Blue Ribbon brewer
  - 12 Places for military craft
  - 20 Declare the truth of
  - 21 — Brothers ("That Lady" R&B group)
  - 22 Most rare
  - 23 Elicit the stamp "NSF"
  - 25 Pause with uncertainty
  - 26 Web site facilitating job-hunting
  - 27 In — (prebirth)
  - 29 Credit card come-on
  - 30 Bit of work
  - 31 Little mistake
  - 33 Chinese appetizer
  - 36 Premolars, e.g.
  - 39 Splendor
  - 42 "Allow — introduce myself"
  - 43 Mall come-on
  - 44 Austrian "a"
  - 46 Nation due south of Iran
  - 48 Maritime plea
  - 50 Put a flaw in
  - 51 Hell-bent
  - 58 Got the soap out of
  - 59 Slalom turn
  - 60 "— won't!" (firm refusal)
  - 61 Gave the slip
  - 65 "That's —!" ("False!")
  - 66 Its cap. is Boise
  - 68 French subway
  - 70 Beethoven's "Für —"
  - 71 Drill Sgt., e.g.
  - 72 Sky's high arch, figuratively
  - 76 Abbr. on a rap sheet
  - 77 "Inferno" author
  - 79 Milo of movies
  - 80 Hector
  - 81 Skated
  - 82 Nuts
  - 84 "Whether — nobler ..."
  - 85 Beatty of movies
  - 87 In-house
  - 89 Start following a trend
  - 93 Acct. amount
  - 96 — Paulo, Brazil
  - 97 Spanish coin
  - 98 Starting from
  - 99 List abbr.
  - 101 Lands in the ocean, to Henri
  - 104 Leave the house
  - 106 Sky twinklers
  - 110 Go by plane
  - 113 Bronze coin in Harry Potter books
  - 115 — chi
  - 116 Stupely
  - 117 Angel player Della
  - 120 Transverse rail support
  - 123 Courage
  - 126 Track-and-field event
  - 128 Tangles
  - 129 Come next
  - 130 Irish city near Killarney
  - 131 Scares
  - 132 — Park, Colorado
  - 133 Indian lutes
- DOWN**
- 1 iPad Air, e.g.
  - 2 Côte d'— (country in Afrique)
  - 3 Cocktail bar
  - 4 Flashy
  - 5 Latin "Lo!"
  - 6 Tool-holding buildings
  - 7 Lawn lunch
  - 8 Oar wood
  - 9 Sky color, in Cannes
  - 10 Religious branch
  - 11 Rug rats
  - 12 No longer sailing
  - 13 See 73-Down
  - 14 Univ. dorm monitors
  - 15 BYOB part
  - 16 Cast list
  - 17 Froth made by waves
  - 18 Ward of Miss Havisham
  - 19 Pittsburgh footballer
  - 24 Quinn who played Annie
  - 28 Tachometer abbr.
  - 32 Walks laboriously
  - 34 "Who's there?" response
  - 35 Nary a soul
  - 37 Uplight
  - 38 Animal skin
  - 40 City of Iowa
  - 41 Tit for —
  - 45 Gymnast Comaneci
  - 47 Cherry with the 1989 hit "Buffalo Stance"
  - 49 Number of deadly sins
  - 51 Chastain of soccer
  - 52 Tin Man's container
  - 53 Coalitions
  - 54 Gives a hand at a card table
  - 55 Mechanical learning
  - 56 Carmen of "That Night in Rio"
  - 57 East Indian lentil stew
  - 62 Scripted lines
  - 63 Inuit or Yupik language
  - 64 Benumb
  - 67 Tag team, e.g.
  - 68 Deg. for a painter
  - 69 Female cells
  - 72 Hot planet
  - 73 With 13-Down, it's risky to skate on
  - 74 Opposite of east, in Spain
  - 75 "By gar!"
  - 78 Trump — Mahal
  - 81 Elevator part
  - 83 Send via PC
  - 85 Stepson in "I, Claudius"
  - 86 Thing read on a Kindle
  - 88 Low cards
  - 90 — sci
  - 91 "O" in a letter, maybe
  - 92 Essence
  - 93 Isn't naughty
  - 94 Super-insect of 1960s TV
  - 95 City near Anaheim
  - 100 More slothful
  - 102 Means of exit
  - 103 That lady
  - 105 Mothers' brothers
  - 107 Head Hun
  - 108 Luise of "The Good Earth"
  - 109 Long fights
  - 111 Lavish meal
  - 112 Giggly laugh
  - 114 Wrongful acts, in law
  - 118 Phoenix hoopssters
  - 119 Once, old-style
  - 121 Goa dress
  - 122 Some jazz singing
  - 124 Org. for pucksters
  - 125 Mid grade?
  - 127 Fitting



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## HOROSCOPES

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You could have some problems with doubters who don't share your enthusiasm for that new project you're supporting. But use the facts to win them over to your side.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Someone is impressed by how you managed to get your case to the right people, despite attempts to keep you on the outside looking in. Expect to hear more about this.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Good for you — your gift for seeing both sides of a dispute helps cool down a potentially explosive workplace situation. Some family-related tensions also begin to ease.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your

determination to prove yourself is put to the test by midweek. Counting all the positive factors you have going for you will help you get over your self-doubt. Good luck.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Several co-workers are still determined to resist coming over to your side. But don't let that stop you from presenting your proposal to the people who count. Stay the course.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might prefer to be taken on faith and not have to prove yourself. But the truth is, you need to offer more facts if you hope to persuade people to accept what you say.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Someone might try to create

doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** An unexpected change of plans forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An old workplace problem you thought you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Everyone appreciates your gift for finding beauty, even where it seems least likely to exist. ■

## SUDOKU

Difficulty level:



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

By Linda Thistle



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## An honorable decision

BY STEVE BECKER

How to make the most effective use of your honor cards is an important concern on almost every deal you encounter. Electing to play or withhold an honor card may be the key to making or breaking the contract.

For example, take this deal where West led the eight of hearts against three notrump. Declarer very properly covered the eight with dummy's ten, and East now had to decide which heart to play.

After considerable thought, he chose to cover the ten with the queen. This play would have proven eminently successful if South had taken the trick with the king. In that case, whenever declarer tried to score his ninth trick by leading a club toward the king, West would rise with the ace and return a heart, allowing East to run his hearts.

But South also had a decision to make at trick one, and he very smartly refused to win the first trick with the king, thereby gumming up the East-West defense. After the queen held, there was no way to stop South from scoring three spades, four diamonds, a heart and a club for a total of nine tricks.

Subsequent analysis revealed that if East had allowed dummy's ten to win the opening trick, retaining both his ace and queen, he would have fared much better. When West later gained the lead with the ace of clubs, his heart return would have sunk the contract.

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A Q 6 5  
♥ J 10 3  
♦ A Q 9 7  
♣ K 5

**WEST**

♠ 9 7  
♥ 8 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ A Q 10 9 6 4 2

**EAST**

♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ A Q 9 6 5 2  
♦ 10 4 3  
♣ —

**SOUTH**

♠ K 4 2  
♥ K 7  
♦ K J 8 5  
♣ J 8 7 3

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

In refusing to play either of his honors at trick one, East should conclude that defensive prospects are very poor unless he can run his hearts, and that this can occur only if West has another heart to lead. Once East credits West with a second heart, the play of the six or nine on the opening trick — requesting a later continuation — is clearly correct. ■

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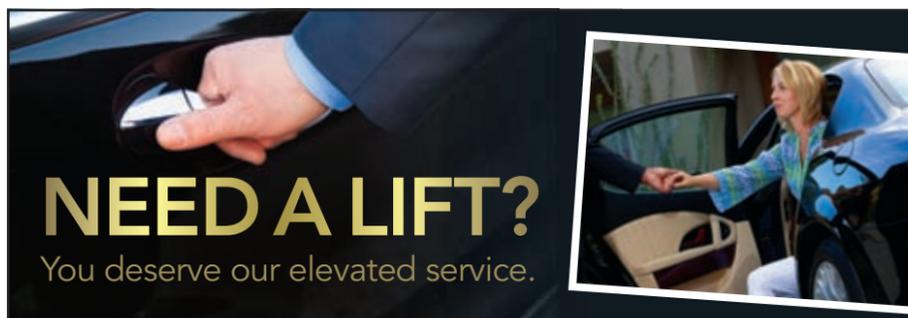
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Liza Jayne Longenhagen as Helen Keller and Betsy Hogg as Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker" at Florida Repertory Theatre.

## A special performance of 'The Miracle Worker'

Those who are visually and hearing impaired are invited to the 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, performance of "The Miracle Worker" at Florida Repertory Theatre. The show will be audio described and signed, with 15 headsets available for visually impaired patrons and a section of seating held for hearing impaired patrons.

According to the American Council of the Blind, audio description involves the accessibility of the visual images of theater, television, movies and other art forms for people who are blind, have low vision or who are otherwise visually impaired. Provided at no additional charge to the patron, the narration service guides the listener through the presentation with concise, objective descriptions of scenes, settings, costumes, body language, and "sight gags," all slipped in between portions of dialogue.

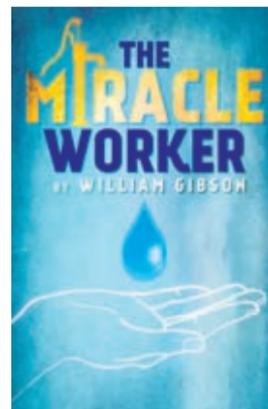
Stephen Hooper, last seen in Florida Rep's production of "12 Angry Men," will be the audio describer present for this performance. Two signers from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center of Fort Myers will interpret in sign language.

"We are very appreciative to the Alliance for the Arts and to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center of Fort Myers for helping to make this possible," says Brendan Powers, community outreach

coordinator at Florida Rep. "It is a wonderfully rewarding collaboration."

William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker" tells the inspiring true story of how a determined teacher was able to save young Helen Keller from her isolated silence. Just before the turn of the 20th century, desperate for help, the Keller family hires a young woman to help their blind and deaf daughter learn to communicate with the outside world. Annie Sullivan sees that Helen is more than a violent child trapped behind a wall, and against tremendous odds, she frees Helen's spirit and opens her mind.

The Florida Repertory Theatre production, which ends its run on March 7, stars Betsy Hogg as Annie Sullivan and Liza Jayne Longenhagen as Helen. ■



### in the know

#### 'The Miracle Worker'

- >> **Who:** Florida Repertory Theatre
- >> **When:** Through March 7, with a special performance for the hearing and visually impaired at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4
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# CLUB NOTES

■ The **Hungarian Club of Southwest Florida** holds its final event of the season, "A Night in Budapest," on Saturday evening, March 10, at Longshore Lakes Country Club. Guests will enjoy Hungarian, Gypsy and classical music by the Kalman Magyar Trio and a buffet that includes chicken paprikas, pork schnitzle, spatzle, roasted potatoes and a dessert table. Cost is \$50 for club members, \$55 for guests. Reservations are required by March 2 and can be made by calling Joe Graebner at 821-1814.

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** creates and promotes recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. The March 2 place to be is Under the Shady Palm Pub, followed by Miller's Ale House on March 9 and the Cheesecake Factory on March 16. 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. 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 March 2 place



to be is Aqua, followed by Noodles on March 9 and Whiskey Park on March 16. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit [www.winetastersofnaples.org](http://www.winetastersofnaples.org).

■ The **Jane Austen Society of Southwest Florida**, a branch of the Jane Austen Society of North America, meets at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Friendship Grace Brethren Church in Fort Myers. Victoria Hinshaw, author of 12 historical novels, and Susan Fergie, founder of the research website [www.TheRegencyEncyclopedia.com](http://www.TheRegencyEncyclopedia.com), will discuss London's high society in Jane Austen's novels. The group also meets from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Bonita Springs Public Library. Admission to meetings is free, and all are welcome. RSVP by emailing [jasnaswf@gmail.com](mailto:jasnaswf@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.jasnaswf.org](http://www.jasnaswf.org).



■ **Naples Ship Modelers** meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next gatherings are March 3 and 17. All are invited to enjoy lunch together afterward at a location TBA. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email [dcritchie@comcast.net](mailto:dcritchie@comcast.net).

■ **Tech4Good SWFL**, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. The free club is for staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission. Admission is free to regular monthly meetings, and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to [birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org](mailto:birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org).

For more information about the organization, visit [www.tech4goodswfl.org](http://www.tech4goodswfl.org).

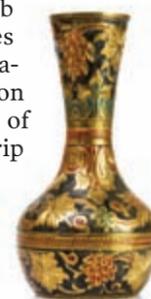
■ **Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160** meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is free. For more information, visit [www.ikebananaples.com](http://www.ikebananaples.com) or follow Ikebana Naples on Facebook.



■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association** Chapter 1067-Naples members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is March 7. Members also serve a \$5 buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome, with proceeds

benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is March 11. The Naples chapter is one of approximately 1,700 EAA chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit [www.eaal067.com](http://www.eaal067.com).

■ **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 March 8. For more information, call Roberta Raass at 566-8919.



■ 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 final meetings of the season are March 8 and April 12. For more information, call Paul Murphy at 593-7738 or Robert Lomicka at 514-7234.





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■ 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. The next meeting is March 8. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit [www.NaplesSAR.org](http://www.NaplesSAR.org).



■ The newly formed **Naples Beta Theta Pi alumni** organization meets for lunch and a program at noon Thursdays, March 8 and April 12, at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. For reservations or more information, call Dave Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email [davidcnordhoff@gmail.com](mailto:davidcnordhoff@gmail.com).

■ The **Notre Dame Naples Club**

welcomes head football coach Brian Kelly as guest speaker at the Notre Dame Naples Universal Notre Dame Celebration luncheon Friday, March 9, at Royal Poinciana Golf Club.

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■ The **Canisius College alumni** association welcomes President John Hurley as guest speaker at the annual Naples reception Tuesday evening, March 13, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, 896 River Point Drive. Cocktails and dinner are included. To sign up or for more information, call the office of alumni engagement at 800-201-4952 or visit [www.Canisius.edu/alumnievents](http://www.Canisius.edu/alumnievents).

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The Naples Press Club and The Marines of Naples host the annual Honor the Free Press luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Hilton Naples. Naples resident Dick Munro, a retired president of Time Inc., is this year's honoree. RSVP to [www.honorthefreepress.org](http://www.honorthefreepress.org). Shown here at a recent NPC meeting are:

1. Tom Marquardt, Mike Trephan and Pauline Hayton
2. Rachel Pierce and Jim Williams.
3. Bob Orr, Mark Young and Tom Storrar
4. Karla Wheeler and Fritzi Thorner
5. Conie Kindsvater and Ida Margolis
6. Brad Heiges, Julie Pedretti and JR Philp



■ The **East Naples Civic Association** meets for lunch and a program on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Players Club & Spa in Lely Resort. The next meeting is March 15. Cost is \$22 for ENCA members, \$25 for others. For more information call 434-1967 or visit [www.EastNaplesCivic.com](http://www.EastNaplesCivic.com).

■ **Phi Gamma Delta** graduates living in or visiting Southwest Florida are invited to join the local chapter for its annual pig dinner Thursday evening, March 15, at Moorings Country Club. Guest speaker Dennis O'Keefe of Arthrex will tell the story of how the company's medical innovations change hospital procedures and outcomes for people all over the world. For more information, call Don Meek at 390-9030, email [stork326@yahoo.com](mailto:stork326@yahoo.com) or visit [www.swflfijgrads.com](http://www.swflfijgrads.com).

■ **Alliance Française de Naples** holds its 25th annual fashion show and luncheon fundraiser, "Les Couleurs du Printemps," on Friday, March 16, at the St. John Boutique in Waterside Shops.

Doors open at 11 a.m. for the raffle table, champagne and socializing. Lunch will be catered by Chez Guy Parisian Bistro.

Cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for others. Reservations are required by March 13 and can be made at [www.afnaples.org](http://www.afnaples.org). For more information, call 592-0447.

■ The **Kiwi Club of SWFL**, a charitable and social organization of former flight attendants, holds a luncheon Saturday, March 24, at the home of Naples member Eileen Pearson. A check from the club will be presented to Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, and guest speaker will be Chief Stephanie Spell of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The theme of the afternoon is "Alice in Wonderland," and guests are encouraged to dress accordingly. RSVPs are required and can be made by calling Ms Pearson at 595-1761 or emailing Eileen.pearson9@icloud.com. ■

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**CELEBRITY EXTRA**

**Goods news about 'Famous in Love'**

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** Last year I was really into this show about a group of friends trying to make it in Hollywood, and one of the girls lands the lead role in blockbuster YA fantasy movie. Can you tell me what that was called and if/when it will be back?



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**THORNE**

— Rhiannon G.,

via email

**A:** You are thinking of "Famous in Love," which airs on Freeform. I've just learned it will be back for its second season at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4. There's time to catch up before the premiere, either on Netflix or On Demand, which I highly recommend because this is a fun, enticing and completely bingeable series.

Based on the novel by Rebecca Serle, it follows ordinary college student Paige (Bella Thorne), who got her big break after auditioning for the starring role in a Hollywood blockbuster, and her friends and co-stars as they navigate the bumpy waters of stardom and fame. The show also stars Carter Jenkins, Charlie DePew, Georgie Flores, Niki Koss, Pepi Sonuga, Keith Powers and Perrey Reeves.

**Q:** You wrote some time ago that "Timeless" had been canceled but then, in a rarity, was un-canceled by NBC. I

keep looking for its premiere but haven't seen anything about it.

— Margaret H., Madison, Wis.

**A:** Don't worry: The network powers that be have not gone back on their word. The exciting time-travel fantasy series that stars Abigail Spencer, Matt Lanter, Malcolm Barrett and Goran Visnjic makes its season-two premiere at 10 p.m. Sunday, March 11. The first episode has Lucy, Wyatt and Rufus traveling back to World War I, where a new character is introduced: Nicolas Keynes plays an injured American soldier who "seems helpless at first but is more formidable than he seems," according to producers. This season also will visit the Salem Witch Trials and Hollywood in the 1940s.

**Q:** Is it true that there's a sequel to "March of the Penguins"?

— Bobbie F., via email

**A:** Yes! Premiering exclusively March 23 on Hulu, the second installment of the Oscar-winning documentary offers the tale of a father and son as they embark on their first journey together and overcome unimaginable challenges along the way. Like the original film, "March of the Penguins 2: The Next Step" is narrated by Morgan Freeman and promises to continue to tug on the heartstrings. ■

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 9 P.M.**  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 9:30 P.M.**  
**Brit Floyd: Eclipse**

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"Naledi: One Little Elephant," March 7

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 10 P.M.**  
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**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 8 P.M.**  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 10 P.M.**  
**Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities**

Explore the pivotal role that historically black colleges and universities have played in shaping American history, culture and national identity.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 8 P.M.**  
**Nature: Naledi One Little Elephant**

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# TUROW

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ter of 400 Roma in Bosnia, a much more global setting than his Chicago-inspired Kindle County.

Mr. Turow takes the stage at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Fort Myers Regional Library as part of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival.

The free festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other authors attending include Jessica Shattuck ("The Women in the Castle"), Janet Beard ("The Atomic City Girls") and Alex Berenson ("The Deceivers").

Mr. Turow, a Chicago native, is avoiding his hometown's frigid temperatures and snowstorms by working on his 11th novel in Naples. "We'll be back next year as well," he said, adding he and his wife are "drifting toward becoming permanent residents; that will happen slowly."

They're enjoying it tremendously, he says.

His work in progress, "The Last Trial," deals with the pharmaceutical industry.

He's usually up by 7 a.m. After his morning coffee and a look at the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune, he begins writing.

"I don't set specific number limits on what I'm writing, but I have in mind something I've got to do every day," he said. "Right now, there's something I wrote yesterday that I want to move to another spot in the novel. Also, there's some research I started to do last week ...

"It's pretty freeform, but it's purposeful," he adds about this daily writing routine. "I always keep in mind what (teacher and writer) Wally Stegner told me: If you put your behind in a chair every day, you're going to get somewhere in a novel, and if you don't, you won't."

"A lot of life is showing up, and that's true in writing a novel as well."

## Sweet success

Mr. Turow wrote much of his first novel, "Presumed Innocent," by hand on the morning commuter train every day.

"I stopped because I couldn't figure out the ending," he said. "Then back in '84, I bought one of the first personal computers: a portable computer that weighed only 40 pounds. A Columbia



It had been used by the U.S. Postal Service. It was the size of a suitcase."

He wrote the ending of "Presumed Innocent" on floppy discs, finishing it in the summer of 1986. Then he left the U.S. Attorney's office, where he had his first job as a lawyer, and had a three-month break

from the law before he would start his new job.

"I knew I could work on ('Presumed Innocent') a little more and make it perfect, or paint the porch ... I could always look at the porch and think I accomplished something. So I painted the porch."

Nevertheless, his first novel was an unmitigated success around the world.

That success, he said, was a "stupendous change for a guy writing in his basement and on the morning commuter train ... I was 38. I said to myself, 'Don't make any hasty changes.'"

He always enjoyed being a lawyer, and his partners were flexible, willing to let him be a part-time partner.

"I owe a large debt to the women who had come before me," he said. "My firm

was one of the first to allow part-time partners, to let women who had kids work three-quarter time. So they didn't freak out when I said I wanted to be a part-time partner as well."

Even the windfall from writing didn't lure him away from the law.

"When money fell from the sky with 'Presumed Innocent,' I thought I was incredibly rich," he says. "Then I signed the contract for the second novel ... I remember thinking I'd never going to have to work another day in my life. I was financially independent ... I was making 40 times what I was making as a lawyer. But I still wanted to practice law. Very few people have that good fortune in their life."

As for his work-in-progress, the one about the pharmaceutical industry, Mr. Turow said he expects to have a draft completed by the end of the year, with an estimated publication date of late 2019 or early 2020.

The story is told in a more meandering voice, he said, explaining that he always searches for the most natural voice for his writing. "The Last Trial" is about an 85-year-old man, he said. "So it will be naturally discursive," not unlike the recent best-sellers "The Gentleman from Moscow" by Amor Towles or "The Nix" by Naples resident Nathan Hill, he

in the know



## Southwest Florida Reading Festival

>> **When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 3

>> **Where:** Fort Myers Regional Library & Campus, downtown Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** free

>> **Information:** 479-INFO or ReadFest.org

### >> Adult authors:

- Janet Beard, "The Atomic City Girls"
- Alex Berenson, "The Deceivers," "The Prisoner"
- JT Ellison, "Lie to Me," "No One Knows"
- Craig Grossi, "Craig & Fred: A Marine, a Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other"
- Sue Halpern, "Summer Hours at the Robbers Library," "A Dog Walks into a Nursing Home"
- Patti Callahan Henry, "The Bookshop at Water's End," "Idea of Love"
- Jillian Medoff, "This Could Hurt," "I Couldn't Love You More"
- Carla Neggers, "Thief's Mark," "Red Clover Inn"
- Jessica Shattuck, "The Women in the Castle," "Perfect Life"
- Scott Turow, "Testimony," "Identical"

### >> Children's authors:

- Jeffrey Brown, Lucy & Andy Neanderthal series, Star Wars: Jedi Academy series
- Alan Gratz, "Refuge," "Ban This Book"
- Michael Hall, "Little I," "My Heart is Like a Zoo"
- Suzy Kline, "Horrible Harry in Room 2B," "Horrible Harry and the Battle of the Bugs"
- Jennifer Ward "Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear," "What Will Grow?"

added.

"I remember reading Marilynne Robinson's 'Gilead' and thinking to myself: There is no damn reason this book ought to work. You go on, and you eventually realize that you're not going to learn how the narrator ended up marrying his barely literate wife, so what you think the book seems to be about originally, is not."

"Again, the prose is lovely, but the book itself seems to wander. You have no idea where the hell it's going for the longest time, yet it's captivating. That's hard to explain. Why is that?"

So as he enjoys the Florida sun, Mr. Turow writes about the intricacies of law, weaving mystery with lawyers, moving sections around to see how they best fit, creating, by intuition and persistence and a mind equal parts lawyerly and literary, his next best-selling page-turner. ■

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■ **Saint Ann Catholic School** 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 more than a dozen prominent local and international Latino artists, bid on their artwork during the silent auction and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment. Tickets are \$250, with proceeds going to the Saint Ann Latino Scholarship Fund. Visit [www.SALCAA.org](http://www.SALCAA.org).

■ The **American Red Cross-Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter** holds its **Centennial Celebration & Gala** the evening of Friday, March 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Call Susan Solomon at 785-3654 or email [susan.solomon@redcross.org](mailto:susan.solomon@redcross.org).

■ The 10th annual luncheon to benefit **New Horizons of Southwest Florida** takes place Saturday, March 10, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The afternoon includes a silent auction, a performance by the Super Kids Club choir and stories from New Horizons students. Tickets are \$90. For more information, call 948-4146, email [info@newhorizonsofswfl.org](mailto:info@newhorizonsofswfl.org) or visit [www.newhorizonsofswfl.org/luncheon](http://www.newhorizonsofswfl.org/luncheon).



■ **Star Gala 2018** to benefit the **Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled** takes place Saturday, March 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Event chairs are Carrie and John Cooney. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes a silent auction. The Diamond Drop lets guests purchase glasses of champagne for a chance to win a diamond necklace donated by Carlson's Fine Jewelry of Naples. Dinner and a live auction will follow. Sponsors include Kurtz Homes Naples; Stofft Cooney Architects; Woods, Weidenmiller, Michetti & Rudnick LLP; Waterside Shops, Howard

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■ The **2018 Heart Ball** to benefit the **American Heart Association/American Stroke Association** in Southwest Florida takes place Saturday, March 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Tickets are \$500. Call Kaleigh Rodden at 495-4912 or email [kaleigh.rodden@heart.org](mailto:kaleigh.rodden@heart.org).

■ **"Proud to be an American"** is the theme for the **38th annual Phyllis Schlafly Luncheon** set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Keynote speaker Kris "Tonto" Paronto was part of the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012, helping save more than 20 lives while fighting off terrorists for 13-plus hours. Anne Schlafly Cori, Eagle Forum national chairman, will also attend.

Luncheon tickets are \$100 (\$50 for veterans and first responders). Reservations can be made at [www.eagleissues.org](http://www.eagleissues.org).

Heartland Research hosts a private reception with Mr. Paronto and Ms. Cori at 11 a.m. Tickets for \$400 include the luncheon, a copy of the book "13 Hours" and a photo. For reservations, call 325-515-9831 or email [mark@mpandrews.us](mailto:mark@mpandrews.us). For more information call Pat Andrews, president of Florida/Naples Eagle Forum, at the above number or email [pat@floridaeagleforum.org](mailto:pat@floridaeagleforum.org).

■ **Friends of Rookery Bay** holds the annual **Batfish Bash for the Bay** from 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. This year's honorary chair is J. Dudley Goodlette. Tickets start at \$250. Call 530-5971 or visit [www.rookerybay.org/gala](http://www.rookerybay.org/gala) for tickets or more information.

■ The **American Cancer Society** welcomes Diana Ross as headliner for the 2018 **Bucket List Bash: "An Evening of Endless Love"** on Friday, March 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. When "Endless Love" hit No. 1 in 1981, Miss Ross became the first female artist in music history to place six singles at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart. For ticket information, call Mackenzie Herrick at 261-0863 or visit [www.acsbucketlistbash.com](http://www.acsbucketlistbash.com).

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■ The **Women's Foundation of Collier County**, a fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County, celebrates this year's **Women of Initiative** honorees at a luncheon Friday, April 6, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Recognized for making a difference through philanthropy and civic engagement, the 2018 Women of Initiative are Alice Arena, Bunny Brooks, Debra Haley, Judy Hushon, Emily James, Amanda Jaron, Patricia Jilk, Brenda Melton, Jeanne Nealon, and Wynnell Schrenk. The luncheon is sponsored by BMO Private Bank, eBella Magazine and Waterside Shops. For tickets or more information, call Carri Kreisman at 307-4526 or visit [www.wfcollier.org](http://www.wfcollier.org).

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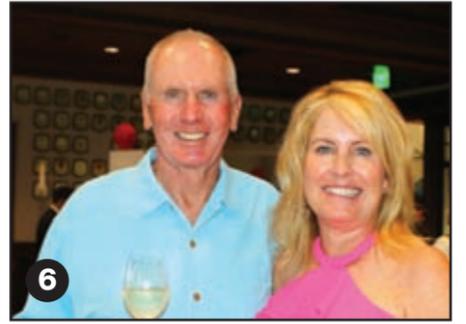
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# CUISINE NEWS

The owners of **St. Germain Steakhouse** at Bayfront have announced it will close after the last service on Saturday, March 31. Owner Matt Berman declined to state the reason for the restaurant's closing. It's at 403 Bayfront Place. 435-9353 or [www.stgermainsteakhouse.com](http://www.stgermainsteakhouse.com).

[enaples.com](http://enaples.com).

Local restaurant group **Naples Originals** is offering a sale on gift certificates to member establishments until supplies run out. Buyers enjoy a 30 percent discount on certificates of \$50, \$25 and \$15 and a 30 percent discount on \$200 certificates for private catering. To make a purchase, visit [www.naplesoriginals.instagramift.com](http://www.naplesoriginals.instagramift.com).

**The Local** launches a new cooking class series with chef/proprietor Jeff Mitchell, starting with a pie-making class from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14. All materials are provided, though students are welcome to bring their own rolling pins and aprons. \$35, includes pie shell, recipes and a mini-pie made in class.

The restaurant also celebrates Saint Joseph's Day on Monday, March 19, by offering shareable homemade zeppole di San Giuseppe, traditional Sicilian treats of fried pate-choux filled with ricotta atop a puddle of crême anglaise and jam. \$12. The Local is at 5323 Pine Ridge Road. Call 596-3276 or visit [www.thelocalnaples.com](http://www.thelocalnaples.com).

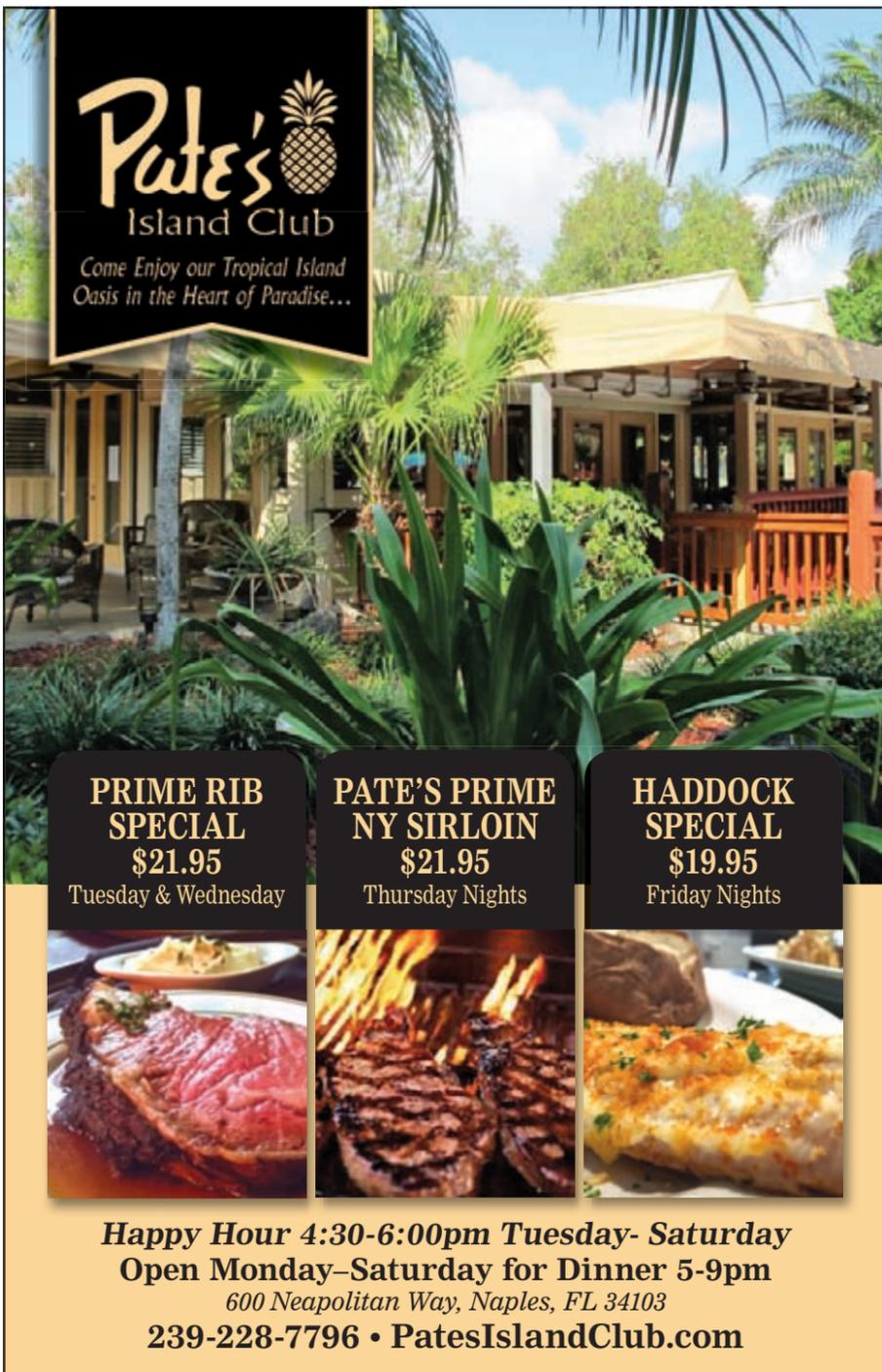
Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

**Sur La Table**, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-3586 or [www.surlatable.com](http://www.surlatable.com) - Pasta Reinvented: Friday, March 2 (\$75); Lavender Macaron Workshop: Saturday, March 3 (\$65); Knife Skills 101: Saturday, March 3 (\$65); Family Night Just Desserts: Saturday, March 3 (\$55); Sushi Knife Skills: Saturday, March 3 (\$85); SLT Favorites Speedy Seafood: Sunday, March 4 (\$85); Dinner Shortcuts: Sunday, March 4 (\$75); Square Pizza Workshop: Sunday, March 4 (\$75); Square Pizza Workshop: Monday, March 5 (\$75); Ultimate Bowls: Monday, March 5 (\$75); Dinner Shortcuts: Monday, March 5; Guilt-Free Noodles: Tuesday, March 6

**Sea Salt** hosts a four-course wine-maker dinner with Roberto Aragon, owner of Cillar de Sillos, and export manager Ernesto Torres at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1. Guests will discover the grapes of Spain's Ribera del Duero region and how the Aragon family works with the region's families to find the best parcels for Cillar de Sillos' award-winning wines. \$145, reservations required. 434-7258 or [www.seasaltnaples.com](http://www.seasaltnaples.com).

**Venue Naples** hosts a dessert tasting and demonstration with its new pastry chef, Carolina Garcia, at 6 p.m. Monday, March 5. Ms. Garcia has more than 18 years of culinary experience at several high-end international spots, including the seven-star Burj al Arab in Dubai. \$75, includes a dessert cocktail. Cash bar. Venue Naples is at 13240 Tamiami Trail N. Call 292-1329 or visit [www.venue](http://www.venue)

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# CUISINE NEWS



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Sails Restaurant owner Veljko Pavicevic at the fresh seafood display.

## Sails launches diners on a voyage of culinary delights

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Food and Wine Editor

It took months longer than expected, but Sails Restaurant has opened at last — and it was well worth the wait. The lush new establishment at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South opened just before Valentine's Day and is quickly becoming a darling of Naples' discriminating diners.

Hurricane Irma set the opening back by about two months, says owner Veljko Pavicevic, and some 11 fire inspections added on a few more weeks. But that's all behind them now.

Mr. Pavicevic is an alumnus of The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. His business and life partner, Corinne Ryan, is a high-end procurer of meats and seafood from around the world. Chef Jacob Jasinski comes from the acclaimed Ocean House in Rhode Island, where he worked with sommelier P.J. Alexander. Their shared excellence and experience appears to have spread through the rest of the front of the house staff as well.

The restaurant is full of noteworthy elements, from the sail-shaped marble bar to the plush leather chairs to the eye-popping display of fresh seafood (much of which is caught by a Greek fisherman who puts it on a plane each night in Athens, from which it is flown to Miami, picked up and delivered to Sails less than 24 hours after being plucked from the sea). There's a cozy private dining room that seats 8 to 11 people who are surrounded by the restaurant's red wine collection.

It's not simply the freshness of the fish that's impressive but the variety. Ever had alfansini? It's a bright red deep-water fish from New Zealand that's big enough for two people to share. There's turbot and durade and trevally and tiger prawns from Australia that are almost



Sails' private dining room also serves as red wine storage.

as big as lobsters. Select whatever you'd like and then have it cooked on a wood-burning grill or prepared la plancha (seared on a metal plate).

The rest of the menu features quite a bit of seafood, too, including crudo, tartare and carpaccio preparations, raw bar selections and house-made pastas. For carnivores, there is Little Joe grass-fed prime tenderloin and beef tartare. And for dessert, consider a chocolate soufflé with Grand Marnier anglaise.

Even seating comes with choices. Select a spot at the roomy bar near the piano player, outside along Third Street, at a table in the bar area or in a second dining room that faces the open kitchen.

Although it's only been open a few weeks, the restaurant appears headed for smooth sailing from here on in. ■

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(\$75); Great Gnocchi at Home: Tuesday, March 6 (\$75); Global Flatbreads: Wednesday, March 7 (\$75); Square Pizza Workshop: Wednesday, March 7 (\$75).

**The Good Life**, 2355 Vanderbilt beach Road; 514-4663 or www.good-

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Being tucked into a bayside marina on a quiet stretch of Hickory Boulevard, Big Hickory is off the beaten path but has long been worth tracking down. The expansive view of boats, mangrove islands and birds makes the bayside deck a hot spot, and Big Hickory enjoys a reputation for award-winning dishes that play with local seafood and fruit. Think plantain-crusting grouper with banana-infused sauce and shrimp tacos drizzled with Key lime aioli. The popularity of such signature items might explain why the menu has not changed much over the years. But we can report that the mahi coco loco (coated in coconut and topped with pineapple and buttery rum sauce) and apple-mango grouper (with salsa and passion fruit sauce) are as good as ever. Service can be leisurely, so sit back and enjoy the view. Beer and wine.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed October 2016

**Fuse Global Cuisine, 2500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 455-4585**

Chef/owner Greg Scarlatos has a deft hand with flavors and textures, creating dishes that are imaginative and appealing. A huge bowl of sautéed Prince Edward Island mussels bathed in garlic, white wine, herbs and spiced, topped with red pepper rouille and grilled crostini is a great starter. So, too, is a hearty

version of the Thai soup, tom gha, a coconut-infused shrimp stock with mushrooms, bell peppers, tomatoes and plump Gulf shrimp. The nightly fish special, corvina, was prepared with sautéed Swiss chard, almond-jasmine rice, coconut green curry, tamarind coulis and fiery green papaya slaw. The various textures and flavors worked well together. For a Latin flavor, consider the pan-seared diver scallops and mojo pork belly with black bean ragout, roasted poblano crema, roasted maduros and tomato-avocado-corn relish. This dish was a bit more complex than it needed to be, but everything was expertly prepared. For dessert, consider the brown butter Bulliet, a brown butter cake laced with bourbon topped with thick cinnamon praline sauce and vanilla ice cream. Nice wine list and creative craft cocktails here, too. Full bar.

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

**Martin Fierro Argentine Steakhouse, Marquesa Plaza, 13040 Livingston Road; 300-4777**

If you are feeling carnivorous but don't want to go to a fancy steakhouse, consider trying Martin Fierro's, where the atmosphere is more laid-back and so are the prices. There are moderately priced wines, comforting empanadas (we liked the ham and mozzarella but there's also beef, chicken and just-plain mozz) and Argentine Provoleta, a large skillet of melted cheese with tomatoes, basil, garlic and wine just right for dipping a piece of bread (plan to share). You can

have pasta or even seafood, but steaks are the stars, specifically parrilladas, or grilled meat medleys. We tore through one containing beef short rib, churrasco steak, pork tenderloin, chicken breast, chorizo and two sides. I'd suggest sharing this bounty, too. All the meat was tender and well flavored, the mixed veggies lightly dressed in balsamic vinegar and the yucca crisp like French fries. A platter of lamb chops was excellent, too. For dessert, try the dulce de leches crepes, two tender crepes rolled around sweet caramel finished with whipped topping. Beer and wine served.

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

**Meridian Café, Meridian Marketplace, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 280-5536**

Corned beef hash crafted from house-made corned beef, fresh-squeezed orange juice, just-baked cinnamon rolls that are as big as your head. This and more is quickly attracting a loyal following to Chef Raena Hobson's Meridian Café at — where else? — the Meridian Marketplace. The aforementioned hash contained generous chunks of just-salty-enough corned beef, potatoes, onions and “secret spices,” accompanied by two fried eggs and toast. Lunch here is no slouch, either. A grouper sandwich on a slightly pink brioche bun (beet juice gives it that pink hue) came with a side of lemon tartar sauce and hot, crisp, lightly salted fries. Service was friendly and warm throughout the meal. Beer and wine served.

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

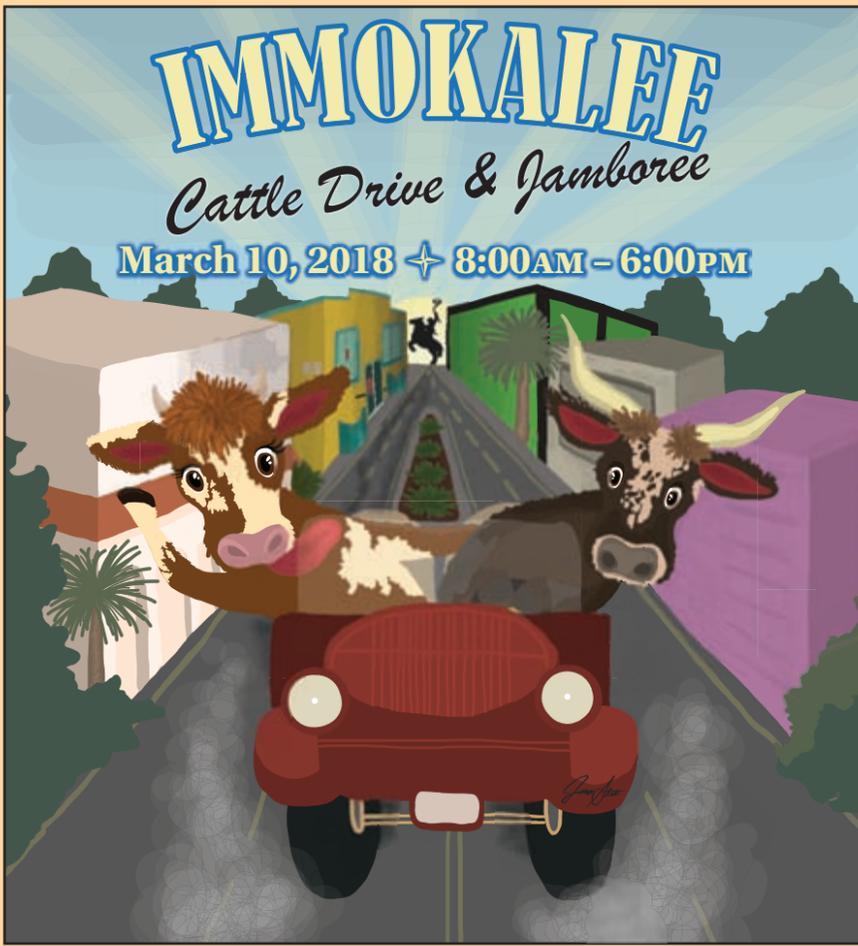
**True Food Kitchen, Waterside Shops, 5375 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 431-4580**

While I don't typically review chain restaurants, this one warrants making an exception for its healthy but hugely appealing menu, beautiful sun-washed dining room, immaculate open kitchen and knowledgeable, friendly staff. Based on Dr. Andrew Weil's anti-inflammatory diet, the menu is full of imaginative items at reasonable prices that will thrill vegans, vegetarians, gluten-free diners and confirmed carnivores equally. Don't miss the cauliflower in harissa tahini, medjool dates, dill, mint and pistachios. You will never look at cauliflower the same way again. Other winners included: a wild mushroom pizza, grass-fed steak tacos, lasagna Bolognese with house-made chicken sausage and Scottish steelhead with smoked onion farro. A dessert of coconut chia seed flan with caramel sauce, blueberries and blackberries tasted indulgent and satisfying. So did a Thai grapefruit martini and a ginger margarita. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ ½  
Service: ★★★★★ ½  
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# CUISINE REVIEW

## Mykonos Kuzina conjures up tastes, sensations of Greek islands



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It's been a while since I've visited Greece, but I clearly recall a brief sojourn to Mykonos, one of the Cyclades islands, where there were loads of tavernas filled with people eating with gusto, drinking with even greater appetite and yelling "opa!" as plates of saganaki were flambéed tableside.

I thought I'd been transported there on a recent evening when I visited Mykonos Kuzina, a lively establishment tucked back from U.S. 41 just off Wiggins Pass Road in North Naples.

In both the dining room and the adjoining enclosed patio, clusters of people were speaking in animated Greek, laughing, drinking Greek wine and shouting "opa!" as servers flamed cheese and, in some cases, shrimp, tableside.

Inside there were wood tables, a long bar with high-top black chairs and red seats over which sat a little balcony with woven rugs whimsically flung over the sides. Greek art hung on the walls and a television played continuous travel videos displaying stunning vistas of Greece.

The patio was a bit less decorated but pleasant nonetheless with colorful little lights, Greek scenes on the walls and plastic windows to keep out the heat and humidity.

Of course, Greek music played, the owners greeted customers warmly, whether or not they knew them, and everyone appeared to be having a fine time.

This is a departure from the more staid, upscale establishments for which Naples is known. (And it's a far cry from the spot at the far end of this strip center, The Palate, at which I attempted to dine a few weeks earlier but fled after waiting two hours for entrees that never arrived.)

Mykonos Kuzina offers some of the Greek items you've likely seen elsewhere in these parts: fried calamari, falafel, dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), avgolemono (chicken lemon soup), gyros, moussaka, pastitso and souvlaki. But it also has a variety of selections you might not have had before, such as marithes (fried smelts), keftedakia (fried meatballs), Greek-style spaghetti with browned butter and cheese as well as bronzino in lemon-caper sauce and



**Falafel, a classic Mediterranean food, is made from ground chickpeas that are formed into a ball and fried.**



**A lamb shank was fall-off-the-bone tender, served in a rich brown sauce with a side of orzo.**

lamb cooked in a clay pot. There are even several dishes for vegetarians.

We started with a Greek wine, a 2013 Nemea The Land of Hercules Agiorgitiko, a red wine aged in small oak barrels for a year. The agiorgitiko grape is among the most widely planted in Greece and, while not the most complex wine I've ever had, it was a respectable table wine that went well with the lamb I ordered.

It wasn't bad with my appetizer, skordalia (\$8), a dish of potato and garlic puree paired with beets. The puree was very garlicky, the beet slices were sweet and crunchy chunks of cucumber and slices of red onion served to moderate the bite of the garlic. A little oregano on the beets was a nice touch.

My companion's falafel (\$8) were small and crisp. The six chickpea balls were golden brown and flavorful on their own but even better with a spritz of fresh lemon, slices of red onion and a dip in tzatziki sauce.



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**Shrimp Mykonos is a casserole that includes orzo, feta cheese, shrimp and vegetables.**



**Skordalia consists of a garlicky potato puree paired with sweet beets, finished with cucumbers and red onions.**

We weren't quite done with our appetizers when our enormous entrees arrived. Seated at a table for two, we were a bit space challenged with our appetizers, wine bottle, wine glasses, water and entrees. Clearly, the appetizers had to go.

My companion faced the shrimp



**Galactoboureko is a phyllo pastry filled with homemade custard.**

Mykonos (\$21), a bountiful clay pot filled with orzo, feta, tomatoes, onions, green and red bell peppers and shrimp all baked in a casserole. There was enough food in that pot for two or three people, and we wound up taking what seemed like most of it home. What we ate, however, was hearty and comforting, although I'd have liked a few more shrimp in the mix.

The lamb shank (\$25) was what you'd expect: a large piece of meat that was so tender no knife was needed. The delicate flesh was delicious in a rich brown sauce accompanied by orzo in a light tomato sauce. This was too big to finish as well, and about half of it went home with us.

A satisfying piece of baklava (\$5) and an even better one of galactoboureko (\$7), phyllo pastry filled with homemade custard, finished the meal off perfectly.

Our server, though not Greek herself, had embraced the spirit of warm hospitality and was gamely trying to learn the names of all the dishes. She was friendly and attentive throughout the meal.

And, as befits this homey sort of place, the owners made sure to stop by before we left to make sure we'd enjoyed our meal and to invite us back. We did. And it's a good bet we'll be back. Opa! ■

### in the know

#### Mykonos Kuzina

13510 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 325-8502

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

>> **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 4-9 p.m. daily

>> **Reservations:** Accepted

>> **Credit cards:** Accepted

>> **Price:** Appetizers, \$5-\$15; entrees, \$14-\$28

>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served.

>> **Seating:** Tables in the dining room, on the enclosed patio and out front

>> **Specialties of the house:** Greek and Mediterranean cuisine

>> **Volume:** Moderate to high

>> **Parking:** Free lot

>> **Website:** www.mykonoskuzina.com

★★★★★ **Superb**  
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# The life of the live-aboard

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

"... Friday night was the traditional gathering time for the live-aboards and marina employees. It was the brief quiet time before the weekend rush, when they came together as a community. When they drank and laughed and complained and lied, with no one around to hear, just them, and the marina became a private thing, like a secret."

"The Heat Islands," by Randy Wayne White

In Randy Wayne White's popular series of thrillers, a marine biologist named Doc Ford lives at a fictional marina on fictional Dinkin's Bay on the real Sanibel Island. Many of his neighbors are live-aboards, folks who reside on boats.

Doc Ford is more than a marine biologist. He's also a secret agent who sometimes kills bad guys who need killing. All in a day's work, of course. At the end of the day he often hangs out with his neighbors at Dinkin's Bay, reveling in their friendship.

The live-aboard lifestyle sounds seductive.

"Sometimes people think living on a boat is all martinis and drinks," said Joe Moran, who resides with his wife, Connie, on a 36-footer named "Chesapeake" that is moored at the Fort Myers Yacht Basin. "It's very much like owning a home. There's something to be done on it every day."

Bob Wise and his wife, Kathy, reside on a 55-foot Novatec Islander called the "Sea Wise." The boat is moored in Punta Gorda. But they can change their address quite simply.

"If you'd like a change of scenery untie your lines," Mr. Wise said.

Real life live-aboards such as the Wises and Mr. Moran reside on boats sprinkled all through Southwest Florida, up and down the coast, snugly hidden away between islands or moored at marinas on bayous or in the heart of bustling downtown Fort Myers, mere steps away from vibrant nightlife. The boats are anchored or moored on bays and inlets and rivers and even the Gulf of Mexico.

It's unlikely you'll find a secret agent just returned from killing terrorists at any of them. Live-aboards say it doesn't matter what one did before joining the community of live-aboards. Well, unless that something involved being a terrorist.

Russ and Janice Pouliot, who will celebrate their 47th anniversary in October, live on a 36-foot boat called "Dream Chaser" that is docked at the Fort Myers Yacht Basin, which is nestled downtown between the Caloosahatchee and Edison bridges. The retirees from New Hampshire don't have a house to go back to in the Granite State.

"We're not homeless," Mr. Pouliot, 71, pointed out. "Just houseless."

Ms. Pouliot said they don't miss owning a home, particularly in New Hampshire.

"No!" Ms. Pouliot, 66, said. "And worry about snow load?"

That's not a worry at their home on the Caloosahatchee.

A recent winter morning, when the temperature dipped into the 30s, didn't faze the Poilets.

"You don't shovel that," Mr. Pouliot said of the nippy weather.

This is the life for these retirees.

"Your winter last three days," Mr. Pouliot said of Floridians.

Quite a contrast to New Hampshire.



Kalisik family - Kim, Randy and 13-year-old Corey.

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"Our summer lasts three days," Ms. Pouliot said.

The boat is their home. Other live-aboards are their neighbors, some of whom may also have houses in distant states. What matters most, the Pouliots have learned, is not the status of a neighbor's land-based residence or occupations, either current or previous.

"One thing that really surprised me was no one asks what you did," Ms. Pouliot said. "No one cares if you were a lawyer or a maintenance man. It isn't a topic of discussion. We're all retired."

Live-aboards revel in the camaraderie of their communities.

Kim and Randy Kalisik and their 13-year-old son, Corey, have lived for nearly six years on a 40-foot DeFever Passage Maker at Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach. Their trawler is named "Blue Turtle."

"It's opened up so many opportunities," Ms. Kalisik said of the nautical lifestyle.

For starters they don't always need a car.

"We take the dinghy to restaurants," Ms. Kalisik said.

Ms. Kalisik has embraced the nautical lifestyle so profoundly that she blogs about it at blueturtletrawler.com. It might sometimes seem to land-locked folks that live-aboards are not merely leaving the 21st century behind but also the 20th. That's not the case, as Ms. Kalisik points out under the FAQ portion of her blog.

"Many folks think we are moored out in the middle of nowhere, however, that is not the case," she wrote.

Live-aboards have access to the amenities expected in houses, condos and apartments.

"Our electric is metered through the marina and we have water, cable and WIFI access as part of the slip package," Ms. Kalisik wrote on her blog.

Ms. Kalisik said she and her family have discovered a greater sense of community in their marina than in the Lee County neighborhood where they once resided.

"It just seems we lead a more active lifestyle," Ms. Kalisik said.

The lifestyle is downright addictive to many live-aboards.

Janice Pouliot joked about the "Dream Chaser" being moored at a "Velcro dock."

"Once we get in we can't leave," she said one recent morning standing at that "Velcro dock" next to the "Dream Chaser."

What does one need to become a live-aboard?

The Pouliots talked about the "will" to do it and how both partners in a marriage or any relationship need to embrace the lifestyle.

From the downtown yacht basin live-aboards such as the Pouliots see many people strolling by along Edwards Drive. And some passersby wonder about living on a boat.

"We say you don't need to go by," Ms. Pouliot said. "Come by and have a drink with us. A lot of people have questions about the boat life. They think you need a lot of money. You don't need a lot of money to live on a boat."

Janice said she is often asked what they do all day on the boat.

"It's like what do you do all day at home," she said. "It's the same thing. We have to do dishes and cook meals, clean the windows, clean the outside."

Mr. Pouliot pointed out one critical difference.

"I don't have to mow the lawn," he said.

Well, there is that.

The live-aboards at the downtown Fort Myers Yacht Basin have plenty available within walking distance. There is the downtown library and the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Centennial Park and Harborside Event Center. And more...

"You have the art show," said Mr. Moran. "You're going to have a film festival. You're going to have a book festival."

And then it's a short walk back to the marina and home aboard the "Chesapeake."

"It was Friday night, clean-up and cocktail time. ... Live-aboards were beginning to circulate among neighboring houseboats, drinks in hand, smiles fixed, everybody smelling of shampoo and looking for a party. Somebody had put speakers out on the dock so that Jimmy Buffett seemed to be erupting from the water singing. ..."

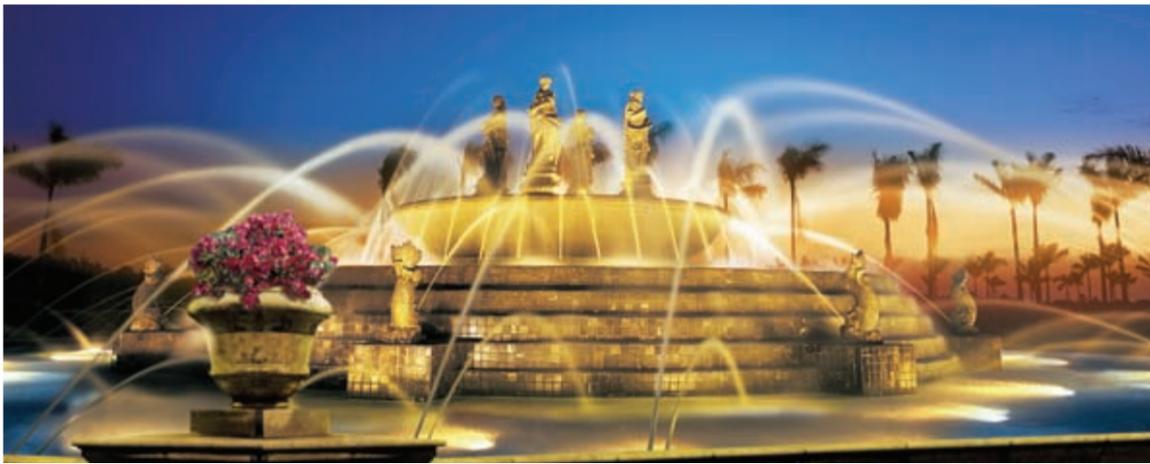
"Sanibel Flats," by Randy Wayne White

After the work is done. After the dishes are washed and the deck scrubbed, and the grocery shopping is completed and all the countless details that go into caring for a boat have been taken care of for that particular day, live-aboards can kick back.

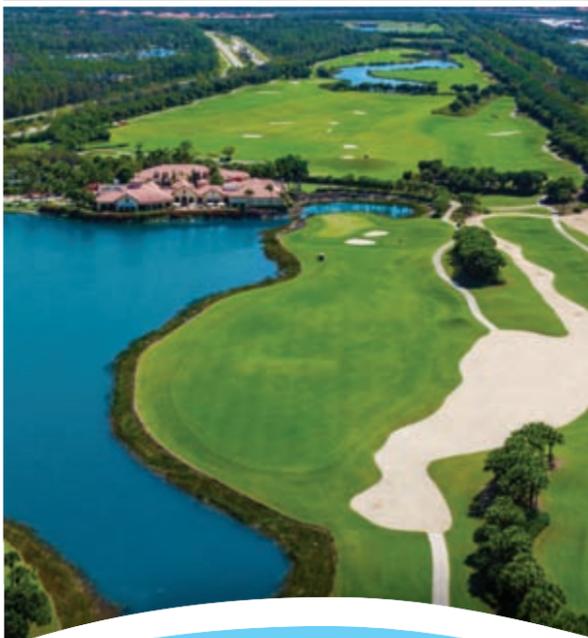
"Definitely here a traditional thing that happens at 5 o'clock is docktails," Mr. Moran said. "A get-together. You'll have six, eight, 10 boats. People just come up and have a glass of wine or cocktail and you get to know your neighbors."

That's not just in the fictional world of Dinkin's Bay.

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## Learn to sail in paradise

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

*“Move the thing! Move that other thing!”*

— Vizzini, on a sailboat, to his crew in “The Princess Bride.”

In the beloved film, “The Princess Bride,” Vizzini is the bad guy who has kidnapped Princess Buttercup and is sailing through eel-infested waters to the Cliffs of Insanity.

Vizzini, as portrayed by Wallace Shawn, claims to be utterly brilliant about everything. Well, except sailing. He doesn’t know anything.

He likely doesn’t know bow from stern, port from starboard and windward from leeward. Or one thing from another thing.

Sailing to novices can seem overwhelming. Just ask Vizzini. There are so many terms, from abaft to yawl. How do you make a boat turn? How do you make it go when it is pointed straight into the wind? Winches? Tacking? Cockpit?

“It sounds like an entirely different language,” said Doris Colgate, who owns Fort Myers-based Offshore Sailing School with her husband, Steve.

It sure does. Heeling. Jibe. Jib. So much to learn.

To sailing novices that movie scene may sum up how they feel when thinking about learning to sail. Maybe Vizzini should have enrolled at a Southwest Florida sailing school before kidnapping Princess Buttercup and setting off through eel-infested waters.

That’s what Naples resident Buck Lloyd did. No, he didn’t kidnap a princess. He signed up for sailing lessons at the Offshore Sailing School, driving about 45 minutes one way from his home to the Pink Shell Resort on Fort Myers Beach for lessons.

Mr. Lloyd has an advantage over many sailing novices. He’s an experienced power boater and knew his way around marinas, boats and waterways before first venturing out on one of the Offshore Sailing School’s 26-foot Colgate keelboats. Steve Colgate and marine architect Jim Taylor designed the boats. Mr. Colgate and his wife, Doris, own and manage the sailing school.

It was the school Mr. Lloyd selected to learn sailing. Before he ventured out on the water, Mr. Lloyd said, there was classroom preparation and homework. He said students are sent manuals ahead of time to help get them up to speed when they step on one of those 26-foot sailboats.

Mr. Lloyd’s boating background includes two vacations on Bareboat cruises. So he has likely started class with a more knowledgeable boating background than many students.

He and other students need some basic knowledge, stuff that Vizzini lacked as he plowed through eel-infested waters with Princess Buttercup.

“Soup to nuts anatomy of a boat,” Mr. Lloyd said.

Much of that anatomy comes in reading and what Mrs. Colgate calls “a classroom session.” That’s where sailing instructors get rookies up to speed.

It was time well spent, even for people such as Mr. Lloyd.

“Been around boats my whole life,” Mr. Lloyd said.

Phil Brittain of Charlotte Harbor Sailing also encourages his students to prepare for time on the water by familiarizing themselves with basics through the American Sailing Association. Then they go out on his 31-foot Catalina named the “Eliora.”

What should students know ahead of time?

“Rules of the road,” said Mr. Brittain, who operates out of the Isles Yacht Club.

He makes it sound like learning to drive. Before student drivers get behind the wheel, they need to know stop signs mean stop and red lights mean stop and green lights mean go. There are similar rules for boaters.

“What I like to do is have them read the book,” Mr. Brittain said.

As in the case with Offshore Racing School and its locations, Mr. Brittain believes knowing basics before leaving the dock is helpful to his students.

“Most of the time people don’t have a background in sailing,” Mr. Brittain said.

Sometimes they do. That is the case with Sarasota resident Susan Garrett, who signed up for lessons with Charlotte Harbor Sailing along with her boyfriend, Brian Anderson. Ms. Garrett said she wants to learn more, specifically to enhance her safety when sailing.

“I’m thinking of doing longer journeys in the future,” said Ms. Garrett, a nurse practitioner who owns a 37-foot sailboat.

She said the time with Charlotte Harbor Sailing was well spent.

“We enjoyed our time,” Ms. Garrett said. “We really learned a great deal.”

So sailing lessons aren’t always for beginners.

Even for boaters such as Mr. Lloyd, who has power boating experience, learning this other method of moving boats provides challenges. Mr. Lloyd, who is an attorney, said he likes the intellectual challenges of sailing.

“You have to deal with critical thinking, problem solving,” Mr. Lloyd said.

There is so much, one must monitor on sailboats, he added.

“You have to keep track of the wind,” Mr. Lloyd said, pointing out merely one factor to track.

He realizes his sailing skills are not to the level of sailing veterans. He doesn’t immediately know how to respond to wind changes, for example.

“The more you do it the more you develop an intuitive sense,” Mr. Lloyd said.

The learning for students starts swiftly, according to Mrs. Colgate. In two days, she said, students are ready to steer the boat and trim the sails.

She said her school has had students from every state and other countries. She mentioned Germany, England and Spain as the homelands of some of her students.

She added that students are taught more than what to do on sailboats.

“We don’t just show them,” Mrs. Colgate said. “We explain why.”

There is a great deal to learn, from the classroom to the dock to the water.

“The most dangerous place to be is the marina,” Mr. Brittain said.

So he has his students practice docking. Then comes the fun.

“Then you learn the wind direction,” Mr. Brittain said. “Then you learn how to set your sails.”

Mr. Lloyd liked the Offshore Sailing School course so much he wrote the following review for the company:

“The course was a great introduction to sailing by increasing my confidence and knowledge. The course teaches the essentials of sailing and efficient sailing techniques. (The instructor) did a great job of providing examples to help understand some of the more technical aspects which are difficult to grasp for the new sailor.”

Mr. Lloyd isn’t done with sailing.

“I would like to keep going with it,” Mr. Lloyd said.

But maybe not all the way to the Cliffs of Insanity. ■



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## Florida boat shows

### Bonita Springs Boat Show

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The Bonita Springs Boat Show is presented by the Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association. The association, whose membership includes virtually every boat dealer and marine-related company in Southwest Florida, has protected the rights of boaters and promoted boating and the marine industry in Southwest Florida for more than 40 years. Naples Fort Myers Greyhound Track 10601 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs

### Dania Marine Flea Market

March 1 - 4

The Dania Marine Flea Market is recognized as the largest event of its type in the world. Private individuals and corporate vendors sell marine equipment, coral encrusted antiques, used boats, fishing tackle, diving gear, marine artwork and other boating-related items in a pleasant, almost party-like, atmosphere.

Mardi Gras Casino  
831 N. Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach

### Orlando Boat Show

March 2 - 4

See more than 60 booth vendors displaying bowriders, pontoon boats, ski boats, cruisers, fishing boats, bass boats and deck boats plus marine electronics, accessories and more.

Orange County Convention Center  
South Hall B on International Drive, Orlando

### Tampa Bay Boat Show

March 2 - 4

This three-day sales event offers a great way to see and compare all available makes and models in one location. The main floor will be filled with new boats, trailers, docking and safety equipment and many outdoor-related exhibits.

Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa Bay  
4800 U.S. 301, Tampa

### Palm Beach International Boat Show 2018

March 22 - 25

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Evernia Street and Flagler Drive (waterfront) and North Clematis Street and Flagler Drive (waterfront), West Palm Beach

### 21st Annual Southeast U.S. Boat Show

May 19 - 21

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### South Florida Boat Show

June 8 - 10

The show features hundreds of power boats up to 40 feet including center consoles, walk-arounds, cruisers, personal water craft and accessories. Insurance and financing are available on-site; trades are also accepted.

Dade County Fair Grounds, Miami

### West Palm Beach Summer Boat Show

June 22 - 24

The 100,000-square-foot exhibit showcases power boats up to 40 feet including center consoles, walk-arounds, cruisers, deck boats, pontoons, bass, personal water craft and accessories.

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## Tips on trips: visiting other places on your boat

Boating has always been a call to adventure, exploration and discovery. When you are aboard a vessel that is as durable, seaworthy and safe, as well as comfortable, it is natural that distant ports will beckon. So, cast off for Bimini, the Bahamas, Mexico, the Tortugas, or even to a neighboring state, but be sure you understand and stay compliant with the rules and regulations for each place you visit — even if just passing through. Follow every rule to the letter including those regarding possession, size and bag limits for fish.

### Safety first

Smart boating travel is largely a matter of planning and paying attention to common sense safety practices. Make certain that your boat is properly equipped for the voyage, that you have plenty of supplies including food and water aboard, and that you have a contingency plan for weather. Some rules of thumb:

- Be sure you have all required or needed safety gear and that your safety gear is in excellent working order. This should include routine

inspections of your life raft and EPRIB or PLB if applicable. Make certain life jackets are serviceable and appropriately sized for all crew.

- **PLAN, PLAN, PLAN.** Make a realistic, detailed float plan and don't travel alone. Solo passages are for experts and can be dangerous. In the absence of local knowledge, proceed with caution, and carry backups for navigation and charting in case your primary fails. Consider fuel stops, docking accommodations and food/water needs when planning your travel.
- Discover Boating has excellent, detailed tips on boating travel and safety. Additionally, many books have been written about navigation through certain areas — specifically the Keys, Bahamas and Dry Tortugas. Consider talking to someone who has voyaged to your destination before for hidden tips.

between states. Some states allow continuous transit, but others do not; for almost everywhere that allows continuous transit, fishing gear must be stowed and the burden of proof is up to the boaters. The Bahamas require a cruise permit and some research of their own — including restrictions on how fish can be taken. Plan your trip and get the licensing and information BEFORE you leave your dock.

Visit the Take Me Fishing ([www.take-mefishing.org](http://www.take-mefishing.org)) website for information on how to get a fishing licensing in any U.S. state.

Visit the Captain John (<http://www.captainjohn.org/GL-ICW2.html>) website for good information on the Intracoastal Waterway including the Great Loop.

### International trips

The entire crew must have valid passports, and you must clear customs and immigration when entering foreign waters including Mexico and Canada. In the Bahamas, you will need a Bahamas cruising and fishing permit (costs are based on vessel size and trip length). On any international trip, get the latest fishing and cruising regulations in your transit areas and at your destination and follow them to the letter.

■ This site has excellent information for any boaters planning any international trip: <https://www.getmyboat.com/resources/tips-for-renters/305/tips-for-boating-in-international-waters>

So, when the distant ports beckon, research everything you can about relevant safety equipment, fishing laws and licensing laws before you cast off your home dock. Whether you're exploring the adjacent state with your family, or voyaging the Atlantic, Caribbean, or Gulf with fishing buddies, stay safe and have fun. ■

### Boating/fishing outside of your own state waters

If you cross into and fish adjacent state waters, nonresident fishing licenses are required. The "Take Me Fishing" website is a great source of information on obtaining both resident and non-resident licensing across the U.S. You can also contact fish and wildlife offices directly in the states you plan to fish. Transiting through the Intracoastal Waterway or around the Great Loop is pretty straightforward, but if you decide to stop and fish along the way be sure you know the rules and regulations in the areas you intend to enjoy. And bear in mind that things can get confusing when you cross into federal waters (3 miles) due to the lack of uniformity



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# Alcohol and boating: Think before you drink

Almost half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. That should be reason enough to leave alcohol consumption for when you are safely ashore with no plans to travel.

Operating a boat while intoxicated is a federal offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine. In addition, criminal penalties are as high as \$5,000 and may even include jail time. State boating under the influence laws are becoming more stringent. In most states, the standards for determining whether an individual is intoxicated matches its state highway laws for operating a vehicle. Please consider:

- In most states it is illegal to operate a boat with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater.
- Some states will suspend your boating license or privilege.
- In some states your driving record could be affected.
- Your boat could be seized or sold at auction.

## The effects of alcohol

### Affects balance

Balance is critical on a boat. Simply falling overboard and drowning accounts for at least one in four boating fatalities.

### Impairs judgement

Alcohol reduces inhibitions, causing normally cautious people to try stunts or enter high-risk situations a sober person would avoid.

### Slows reaction

Alcohol severely diminishes your ability to react to several different signals at once. It takes longer to receive



information from your eyes, ears and other senses, and still more time to react. Reduced night vision and the inability to distinguish red from green makes the intoxicated night boater an even greater hazard.

### Boating stressors

Stressors, such as exposure to noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind and the motion of the water, affect boat operators and passengers, thus making drinking while boating even more dangerous than drinking and driving. Research shows that hours of exposure to boating stressors produces a kind of a fatigue, or "boater's hypnosis," which slows reaction time almost as much as if you were legally drunk. Adding alcohol or drugs to boating stress-factors intensifies their affects - each drink multiplies your accident risk.

## Alcohol myth or fact?

**Myth:** Beer is less intoxicating than wine or distilled liquor.

**Fact:** One 12 ounce beer contains the same amount of alcohol as 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor.

**Myth:** A cold shower, coffee, physical activity or fresh air will sober you up.

**Fact:** Cold showers and coffee will only produce a clean, wide-awake drunk. Only your liver can detoxify alcohol and only time can sober you up.

**Myth:** A shot of brandy or whiskey will warm you up.

**Fact:** In moderate amounts, alcohol dilates the blood vessels close to the skin, giving a deceptive "glow" of warmth. In fact, the dilated blood vessels reduce your body's ability to guard against heat loss. ■



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# Raft-up 101

There are a number of reasons that you might have to “raft-up” with another boat nearby. If your boating weekend includes a trip to Keewaydin Island, or if you have considered taking in July 4th fireworks from the water with friends, rafting up can be easy and fun — if you remember a few tricks.

The following is a short list of items to remember when rafting two or more boats.

First, what to bring. Plenty of fenders for both sides of your boat. Fenders can never be too big or too many. Consider ball shaped fenders for ball sections, and make certain that fender whips (lines) are adequate in length to reach a nearby cleat. Plenty of dock and spring line is also important. At least, as much as you would need to tie up at a dock. Keep in mind also that if you are rafting to a boat smaller than yours, your large dock lines may not fit their smaller cleats. A good anchor is critically important as the whole raft generally secures off the anchor of the largest boat — which is usually positioned in the center. If the raft has to break-up unexpectedly, make sure you are ready to deploy your own anchor.

## Procedure

■ The biggest boat is generally the anchor boat. Usually, only one anchor is set as multiple anchors can get tangled. The captain of the anchor boat should have enough experience with his anchor and should also remember to let out plenty of rode with a minimum scope of 7:1 — meaning 7 feet of rode length for every one foot of water depth. When in doubt, pay out a little extra.

■ Communicate (by VHF radio) with the raft-up boat and ask which side the



captain wants you. Generally, the anchor boat captain will want to balance out the raft-up and will have a preference on what side you come up on. Usually you want the bigger boats in the middle and the smaller boats on the sides so that the height of the boat’s gunnels is nearly the same. Have your fenders deployed on the proper side at the beamiest part of your boat and lines ready to hand to the boat you will be coming up along side. Normally, the boat that is already tied up should deploy its fenders for the next boat joining the raft. Set your stern and bow lines so that the boat is straight and even alongside the boat next to you. You want to balance the distance of

your stern and bow with the boat next to you, allowing the beamiest part of your boat (usually amidships) to touch with the boat next to you (this is where the fenders come in handy). Make sure these lines are tied tight, and be mindful of hand placement when bringing the boats together. You need to tie your boat as tightly as possible to the others; as slack will allow excessive movement in a wake. Repeat these steps if someone is rafting up on the other side of you.

## Raft-up etiquette

Be respectful of the boats next to you. If you are in a large raft-up, getting from boat to boat can be cumbersome.

Take your time. Normally the “party or gathering” is on the larger boat(s) in the center of the raft. Please be considerate when crossing other boats and ask permission. Boat shoes or bare feet are a must. Make sure you have plenty of lines and fenders. No one likes a boat whose captain doesn’t come prepared. Loud noise/music may offend other boaters nearby. Last, be prepared to spend the day. Having to break the raft to let someone out from the middle means a lot of coordination and work for the remaining crews.

Raft up carefully, and your next boating adventure can be that much more fun! ■

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# Pelican Isle Yacht Club completes \$4.8 million clubhouse renovation

Pelican Isle Yacht Club has completed a \$4.8 million renovation and re-opened in January, enhancing and updating the facilities for the members of the yacht club. The newly redesigned 20,000-square-foot clubhouse features a contemporary design throughout with an upgraded dining room, expanded indoor and outdoor casual dining areas, a state-of-the-art-kitchen, enhanced water views from the clubhouse, new meeting and banquet spaces. New outdoor dining and activity features include two bocce courts and fire pits. The full clubhouse renovation followed the complete upgrade of PIYC's second floor fitness center and spa service areas that took place in 2016, including a floor-to-ceiling transformation and the installation of top-of-the-line TechnoGym cardio and strength equipment.

The clubhouse officially closed March 2017 after more than a year of preparation and planning with Gates Construction, McWard Architects and Wegman Design Group as partners on the project. Pelican Isle Yacht Club celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2016 while this renovation was being planned. The focus and heart of the renovation encompassed the history of the club over its past 20 years and lays the foundation for the club to grow in future years for the next generation of members to enjoy.

During the entire clubhouse closure for the renovation, Pelican Isle Yacht Club's marina remained open and operational. The club has equity social and equity yacht memberships available, with boat slips available for lease and transfer. Applications for membership are currently being accepted.

For more information, contact Kathie Pedit, at [kathie@piyc.net](mailto:kathie@piyc.net) or 566-1606. ■



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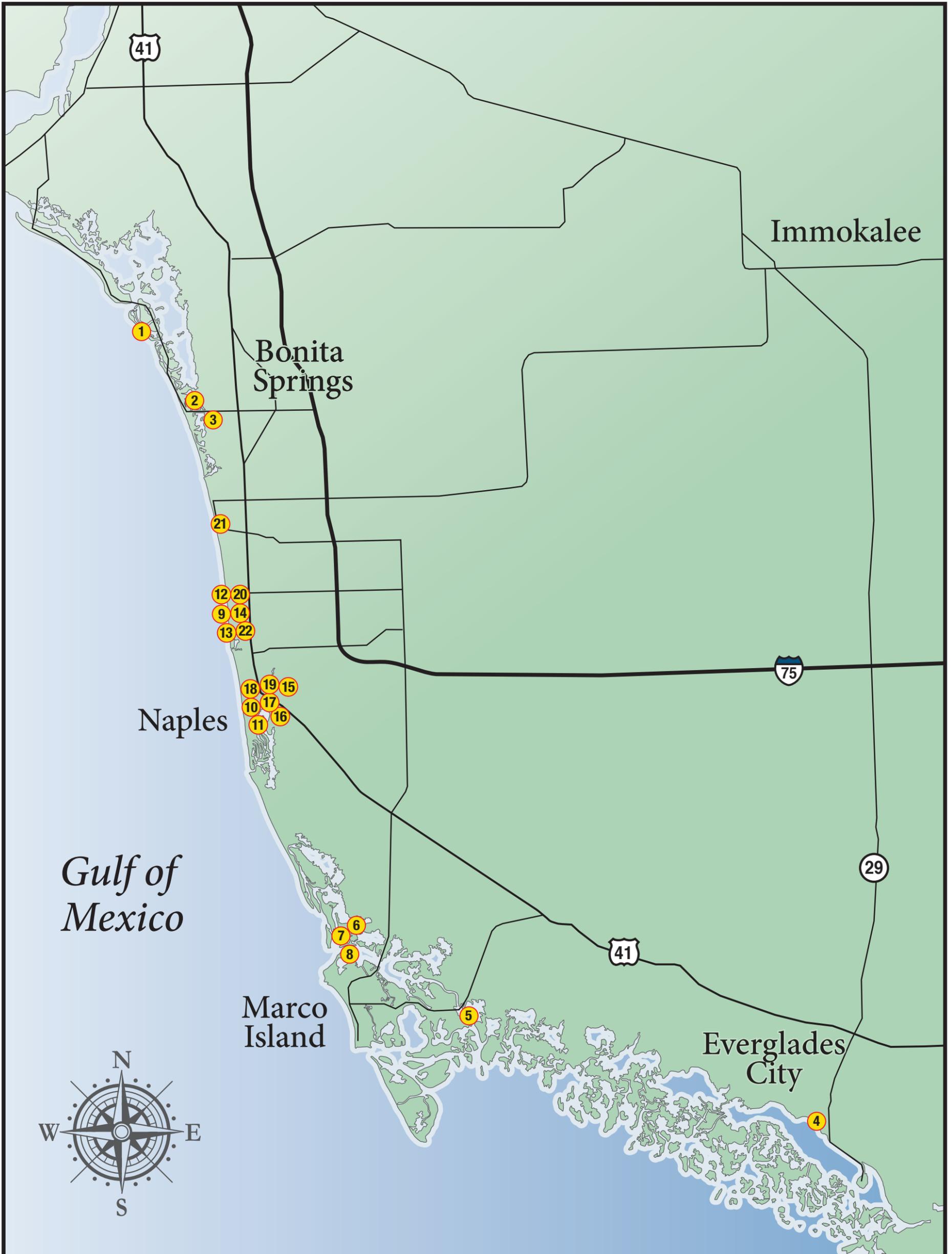
# A boater's guide to food and drink on area waters

Whether it's a shrimp basket at Coconut Jack's, gator bites at Stan's Idle Hour or cutting-edge Continental cuisine at M Waterfront Grille, somehow it all tastes bet-

ter if you've traveled there by boat. The region offers a bounty of boat-accessible options, ranging from ultracausal to special-occasion chic. Following is

a sampling of the spots available. The primary thing to remember is that many of these establishments have only a few slips and popular spots fill up quickly

— especially on weekends — so call ahead to ensure there's room and to get precise nautical directions before making the trip. — *Compiled by Karen Feldman* ■





>> Bonita Springs

**1 Big Hickory Seafood Grille and Marina**, 26107 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs, 992-0991; Channel Marker 60 is the key to finding this reliable old restaurant, where there's four feet of water even at low tide. Belly up to a plate of fish tacos, a grouper sandwich, burgers or full entrees with a Caribbean flair at this rustic but charming spot overlooking Estero Bay. **N 26.358598, W 81.857557**

**2 Coconut Jack's Waterfront Grille**, 5370 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 676-7777; Dine inside or out at this festive restaurant that offers casual fare such as ceviche, barbecue pork nachos, coconut shrimp, salads, sandwiches and seafood baskets as well as more substantive dishes such as baby back ribs and lobster tails. **N 26-19.836, W 81-50.495**

**3 The Fish House**, 4685 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 495-5770; on Bonita's Back Bay. Casual setting with casual fare that includes smoked fish dip, blackened tuna bites, quesadillas, seafood baskets and grouper tacos. **N 27.50967, W 80.32549**

>> Everglades City

**4 Rod and Gun Club**, 200 Riverside Drive (State Road 29), Everglades City; 695-2101; on the Barron River 42 miles from Capri Pass in Marco Island. This historic inn that has hosted the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Gypsy Rose Lee, Sean Connery and Mick Jagger offers dining on a spacious porch or indoors on Florida specialties such as gator (fried or sautéed), smoked fish dip, shrimp, frog legs, seafood as well as sandwiches and entrees for carnivores. Keep in mind that this one is historic, somewhat rustic and accepts cash only. **N 25.8562393, W 81.3883667**

>> Goodland

**5 Stan's Idle Hour**, 221 Goodland Drive West, Goodland; 394-3041; This popular watering hole is known as much for its entertainment — and its distinctive dance, the buzzard lope — as it is for its food and drink. Get there early on Sundays if you hope to find space to dock. Chow down on wings, gator bites, fried scallops, frog legs, peel and eat shrimp and, of course, a cold beverage. **N 25.9259338, W 81.6485519**

>> Marco Island

**6 The Blue Heron**, 387 Capri Blvd., Isles of Capri, 394-6248; Savor a sunset over the water while dining on dishes such as sushi-grade ahi tuna, surf and turf, crab cakes and cioppino. **N 25 59.145, W 81 43 528**

**7 The Capri Fish House**, 203 Capri Blvd., Isle of Capri; 389-5555; Marker 8 on Little Marco River. Just a few miles from Marco Island, this tropical getaway serves mondo cheeseburgers along with gator nuggets, shrimp,



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The Boathouse offers a grand view of Naples Bay.

scallops, steaks, Florida lobster and jambalaya. **N 25.9844723, W 81.7271042**

**8 Snook Inn**, 1215 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island; 394-3313; from Naples on Intracoastal Waterway, head around Keewaydin Island to Capri Pass, make a sharp left into Marco River and restaurant is about ¼-mile on right. A popular dining spot for boaters, Snook Inn serves favorites such as crab cakes, grouper, oyster po'boys and will cook your catch as well. **N 26.205111, W 81.7761574**

>> Naples

**9 Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4270 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples.; 649-5552; offering indoor and outdoor seating and lots of seafood, salads, and other American dishes; a few slips are available at Park Shore Marina. **N26 11.911, W 81 48.941**

**10 The Boathouse on Naples Bay**, 990 Broad Ave. S., Naples; 643-2235; Marker 4. Casual dining with a grand view of Naples Bay at the tip of downtown Naples and a menu with a boatload of seafood, including oysters, mussels and clams, shrimp, seafood gumbo, seafood platters, various surf and turf combos plus burgers, salads and more. **N 26.1341632, W 81.7938539**

**11 The Dock at Crayton Cove**, 845 12th Ave. S., Naples;

263-9940; at Marker 35 (The City Dock) pass the fueling station and take a hard left. It's 100 yards ahead. Serves blue crab rolls, nachos, chowder, raw bar, fish tacos and burgers. **N 26.1327544, W 81.7946747**

**12 Fish, Village** at Venetian Bay, 4360 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples; 263-3474; A stylish restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating and a profusion of fish dishes, including sushi, a raw bar, ceviche, calamari, trout, walleye, scallops, various pasta dishes, a few meat options and an organic veggie plate. There's limited dock space at adjacent Park Shore Marina. **N 26 11.911, W81 48.941**

**13 MiraMare**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4236 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples; 430-6273; Restaurant features seafood with Northern Italian flair, including soups, salads, pasta, pizza and well-executed entrees. There are a limited number of slips available at the adjoining Park Shore Marina. **N 26 11.911, W 81 48.941**

**14 M Waterfront Grille**, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples; 263-4421; dock at adjacent Park Shore Marina. The former Maxwell's features a stylish atmosphere (and tables indoors and outside with bay views) and cutting-edge Continental cuisine, including organic and sustainable items, with a full range of salads, appetizers, beef and seafood. **N 26 11.911, W 81 48.941**

**15 Wahoo's River Bar and Grill**, 475 North Road, Naples; 213-1441. This laid-back spot at Walker's Hideaway Marina on the Gordon River offers a variety of sandwiches, salads, burgers, baskets and, of course, booze. **N 26.1510216, W 81.782999**

**16 1500 South**, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 5th Ave. S. Naples, 732-0784; This incarnation of the restaurant along the bay features a blend of Southern American food with Italian accents. The bar remains, as does the lovely view. **N 26.155926, W 81.786133**

**17 Pinchers Tin City**, Tin City 1200 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 434-6616; enter Gordon Pass and head north past Marker 40 to just before Gordon River Bridge and turn in to Tin City. The menu features seafood, including shrimp, mussels, crabs, scallops, and fish and chips with a few items for carnivores. **N 26.1413536, W 81.7905197**

**18 Riverwalk at Tin City**, 1200 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 263-2734; see directions above for Pinchers. This casual restaurant with a well-chosen wine list offers lots of seafood, including grouper, fish tacos, seafood gumbo, fish and chips and a raw bar bucket, as well as baby back ribs, jerk chicken and more. **N 26.1413536, W 81.7905197**

**19 Tavern on the Bay**, 489 Bayfront Place, Naples, 530-2225; This stylish waterfront sports bar has a well-rounded menu that includes pulled pork barbecue, chicken wings, flatbread pizzas, burgers, salads and sandwiches as well as refreshments from super cold beer to exotic mixed drinks. **N 26.1431754, W 81.7890997**

**20 T-Michaels Steak and Lobster**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4050 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples, 261-0622; The former Cloyde's serves just what the name promises. Enjoy fine dining on steaks and seafood in the main dining room overlooking the water or more casual fare in the lounge. Limited slips available at Park Shore Marina. **N26 11.911, W 81 48.941**

**21 The Turtle Club Restaurant**, Vanderbilt Beach Resort, 9225 Gulf Shore Drive, 592-6557; Tie up and sit down — indoors or right on the beach — for a great view of the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico while dining on seafood chowder, wild mushroom flatbread, salads, locally sourced seafood and steaks. **N 26.2550507, W 81.8233643**

**22 The Village Pub**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4360 Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples; 262-2707; A casual eatery serving soup, salad, sandwiches and entrees with a prime view of Venetian Bay. A limited number of slips are available at the adjacent Park Shore Marina. **N26 11.911, W 81 48.941** ■

# Crew overboard

Falling out can happen on any size boat



## BOATUS

Preventing an overboard situation is relatively easy when you use a little common sense. Sadly, one of the most common causes of crew overboard and subsequently drowning is a crew member relieving himself over the side of the boat in a standing position. Avoid this disaster; go below and use the head.

### Three points of contact - good advice for all boaters

While on board you should always strive to have three points of contact with the boat. This means, you should have both feet planted and holding on with at least one hand. Or, if you are moving

about, hold on with both hands to something firm like a grab rail or stanchion and take one step at a time. If seated, have your feet touching the floor, or holding on with both hands. Having three points of contact assures that your body is positioned in such a way that most of your body is in contact with the boat, and you won't be set off-balance easily.

Additionally, avoid standing and sudden movements whenever operating your boat. Plan ahead to avoid unsafe operating and environmental conditions like bad weather or rough water. This goes for your passengers too. If your boat is operated while standing, such as a center console, assure solid footing and brace yourself if it has a leaning post or bolster chair. Always wear your engine

cut-off lanyard so that the engine stops if you go overboard. Crew-overboard victims face a number of dangers, including panic, injury during the fall, and hypothermia. For those aboard the boat, quick thinking and coordinated action are essential to an effective rescue.

### The importance of COB drills

Unfortunately, despite all preventive efforts, accidents can still occur. The need for crew-overboard drills cannot be emphasized enough. Your entire crew should practice the maneuver until recovery is second nature. Before you depart, show everyone where the life-saving gear is located and how to use it. Practice first with a floating cushion, then with a swimmer and another boat

standing by. These drills can often make the difference between a tragedy and a mishap on the water. It's always a good idea to practice throwing a life ring or cushion. They are quite a bit harder to throw than you might think. With practice and the right equipment, you can safely and quickly recover someone who has fallen overboard. Crew overboard procedures should be practiced at the beginning of every boating season and from time to time over the course of the boating season. Doing so may save someone's life — even your own. ■

## in the know

### Crew overboard prevention tips

#### On small boats

- Board one person at a time
- Step into the middle of the boat
- Keep weight low and centered
- Add non-skid or grip tape in strategic areas
- Keep pets like large dogs from moving about

#### On large boats

- Assure solid footing and keep decks uncluttered
- Always sit in areas designated by the operator; never on the gunnels, bow or swim platform
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# Want to improve your shelling adventures? Buy a boat

When it comes to having fun on a family outing, you can't beat a Hurricane deck boat. Specifically, these boats are great for island hopping and cruising the coast on a sunny day. If you're planning on doing some island exploring around Marco, Sanibel or Captiva islands, or the Thousand Islands, hop in a boat and enjoy the versatility and advantages it offers.

Southwest Florida offers an abundance of relaxed entertainment options. From the area's world renowned golf courses to luxurious resorts and spas, rest and relaxation has been thoroughly integrated into local culture. While expensive amusement options are definitely the most well known in the area, plenty of affordable choices exist for people of all income levels. The easiest, and perhaps cheapest, of these is shelling.

There isn't much to collecting shells. A sheller simply has to head to the beach and pick up any uninhabited shells that interest them. The most difficult part of the activity is actually getting to the beach. Of course, plenty of beaches are accessible by car or on foot, but some hidden gems are only accessible by boat. For those planning on doing some island exploring and shelling around our many islands, a versatile boat is a necessity. The professionals at Naples Boat Mart suggest a Hurricane deck boat, for its spacious layout and dynamic, shallow draft design. These boats allow drivers and passengers to stay comfortable and get right up next to the beach to scout for shells before having to get off the boat.

Owning a boat provides a distinct advantage when it comes to shelling. Being able to reach remote beaches drastically reduces competition for more desirable shells. Additionally, hav-



reach more popular shelling destinations before the competition, by avoiding traffic and getting to locations like Cayo Costa or Gasparilla Islands ahead

ing a boat gives one the chance to

of everyone else. Experienced shellers suggest that low tides during the new and full moon bring the best shells. Boat owners can make the most of these times by knowing when they occur and cruising to the best spot before they fill up with other shellers.

Boats also allow you to carry more gear and, thus, more shells. Boats have plenty of storage space for shelling tools, such as mesh and canvas bags, backpacks, sifters, nets and any necessary beach accessories. A deck boat's clever layout offers storage options perfect for hauling shells and people, while also providing the ease and versatility necessary for one to reach as many beaches as possible in a day.

From hard core shellers to individuals tagging along on a casual outing, owning a boat will almost always elevate a day of shelling. Better yet, boats are available at every price point, making it possible for nearly anyone to experience the calm, cathartic fun that shelling brings. Of course, shelling would likely be a small percentage of what an individual would likely do with a boat, since there are hundreds of other reasons to own one, but it is a simple and relaxing activity that nicely compliments high energy water activities.

There are plenty of websites available with in depth information on shelling, as well as different stores and museums that can teach an amateur enthusiast more about the craft. To learn more about how a boat can positively impact shelling adventures, contact Naples Boat Mart. ■

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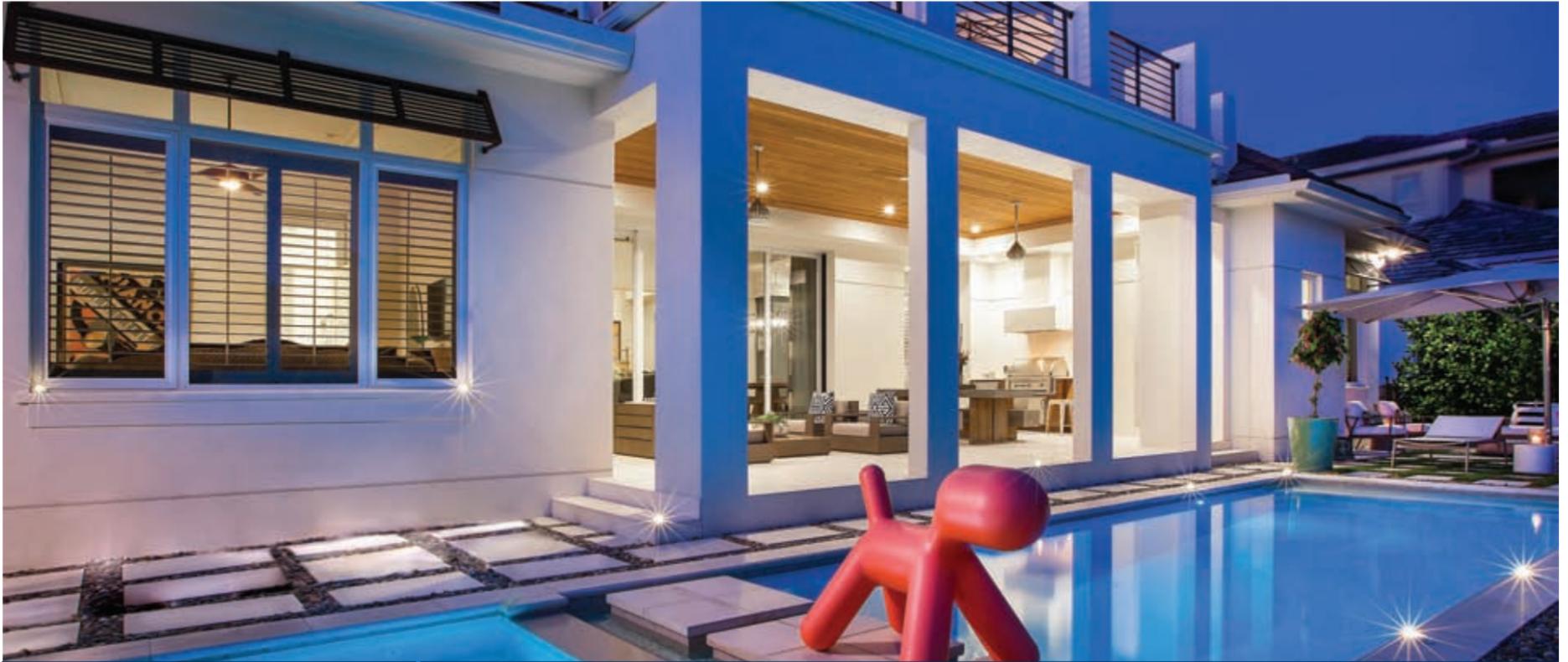
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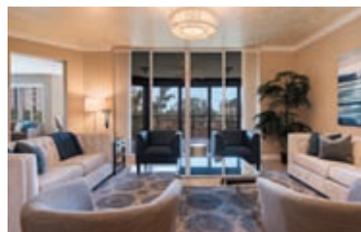
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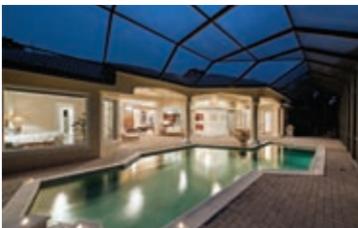
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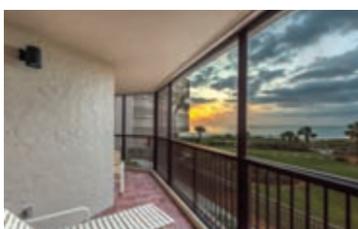
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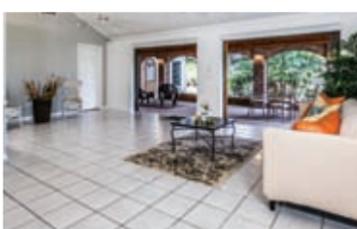
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