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Deep in the dry season, Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary can be a victim of too much nutrient water. There's a way to stop it.

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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JASON LAURITSEN HAS FORGOTTEN that the platform of his buggy is more than 6 feet off the now dry, hard-pack trail threading a watery ditch and dense willows on one side and the restored marsh on the other.

The director of the 13,000-acre, 64-year-old Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in northeast Collier County has also forgotten his age, apparently — 44. He downshifts, brakes hard to a stop and jumps, ignoring the reporter behind

SEE SWAMP, A10 ▶

Alligators like this one at Corkscrew help protect nests, eggs and fledgling wood storks from predators by raising their young in surrounding gator holes. Thriving wood storks likely indicate a thriving wetland eco-system.

Gay polo tournament draws thousands to Wellington

BY SCOTT SIMMONS

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Wellington is known for its equestrian pursuits.

There are show jumpers, dressage champs and polo players.

And it is polo that reigns supreme in this village about 10 miles west of West Palm Beach.

Heck, even Prince Charles took to the Wellington polo fields a few decades ago.

But who knew that for the past nine

years, Wellington has been a hub for gay polo?

That's right — gay polo.

The Land Rover Palm Beach International Gay Polo Tournament, set for April 7 at International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington, promises to bring out some of the sport's best players — regardless of sexual orientation.

"What stands out for me is that every year our event develops a deeper, more polished culture, which enhances the experience for people who participate and

support it," said Chip McKenney, founder and president of the Gay Polo League.

The tournament itself attracts around 4,000 people from across the country — Mr. McKenney said he alone had 15 family members arriving to watch.



MCKENNEY

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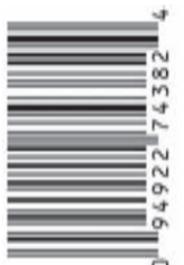
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COMMENTARY

Man enough



My uncle, B.F. Nash, used to post this sign on the rough road gates in the barbed-wire fences he stretched across the Colorado cattle ranch where he made his life: “Either be man enough to come to the house and ask us if you can hunt, or STAY OUT. B.F. Nash.”

Be man enough. Many a chromosome-Y wonder has spent a significant part of his life trying to define that imperative.

Implicit in my uncle’s words are two certainties: One, that everyone knows what it means, and two, that it usually requires doing what is right and honorable — facing up to whatever it is — especially if there’s a downside.

How to “be man enough” while driving your Ferrari or sailing your yacht or starting a new business or teaching your children to hit a baseball, catch a fish, survive in the bush, treat other people kindly, travel the continents, complete their homework, read for pleasure, save their money, dance, scuba dive, shoot, negotiate the web, ride a horse, identify flora, fauna and stars, make their beds, do what they said they would do, help neighbors, love passionately, survive tragedy, or knock down a charging water buffalo at 450 yards with a slingshot in a strong wind while humming Beethoven’s “Pastoral Symphony” in tune (a la Walter Mitty)

— that’s an important question. One in which courage figures significantly.

But not just any courage. Both the good guys and the bad guys may have physical courage, a virtue without allegiance to any cause, religion or country. The Japanese who faced us in the Pacific during World War II, for example, did not lack courage, a fact my uncle became intimately and unhappily familiar with on Guadalcanal and several other islands. The same is true of some of our enemies today.

Being man enough in the sense he meant it, however, also required moral courage, and still does. Thus, the fundamental notion of manhood in American culture remains unchanged even if the trappings, the etiquette or the choices are sometimes different.

In that spirit, I can claim fairly that some of the best men I’ve ever known have been women. My mother and my mother-in-law, both. My aunts, every one of them. My own sister, my own wife and my cousins. A couple of my friends.

All of them had or have physical coupled with moral courage.

Genetically, though — and culturally in some ways — it’s just us guys who have to “be man enough.”

That begins with how we think about women and children, in my opinion — with how we treat them. Not just the women we sleep with or the children we raise, but friends, relatives, colleagues, employees and people with different opinions or educations.

It’s also true that how we treat other men reveals our characters, especially

those weaker, less healthy, not as smart, poorer or more burdened — not to mention those with differing political convictions or religious sensibilities.

In my own life, I’ve seen “man enough” defined a number of ways: in elderly blacks who endured terrible privation at the hands of whites, and refused later to tolerate any bitterness in themselves. In reporters, lawyers, teachers, firefighters, truck drivers, doctors, cowboys, old people, football players, soldiers, guitar players, immigrants, poets and even boys, trying to make somebody else’s life a little better, show them due respect or resist their iniquity or callousness.

My father’s example was unequivocally clear. He wasn’t always easy to live with, but he had physical and moral courage in abundance, a loving, fiercely loyal devotion to my mother and his children, and both kindness and tolerance without weakness. He was also passionately curious about the world, with its new ideas and its various peoples.

And I recall other examples, as well: Two Marines who were “man enough” outside of war, one as competent as they come. He happened to be (privately) gay. The other was a young man who did nine weeks of Officer Candidate School at the top of his class, survived the platoon’s dropout numbers from 60 to 50 to 40 to 30 into the 20s, and then coolly told the drill instructors that he’d decided not to be a Marine, because peace was more valuable than war. (Officer candidates could drop out — in disgrace or from injury — up to the ninth week without becoming privates

in a four-year enlistment. Part of the effort of drill instructors at OCS was to make candidates quit.)

The only two veterans I still know well who fought in World War II, each combat-wounded and decorated and both turning 90 this summer, have been man enough since they were 17.

But like my late relatives, they beat no drums, march in no parades, speak only reluctantly about war, see themselves as no better than any other man or woman — and think, write and carry on families or friendships with a fullness that defies age or small-hearted myopia.

They wage peace and love, in other words, with the same tough-minded intent they once waged war. To their last breaths, they will be man enough.

Here, finally, is a bit of what the late writer Raymond Chandler said about it in “The Simple Art of Murder.”

“Down these mean streets a man must go who is not himself mean, who is neither tarnished nor afraid... He must be a complete man and a common man and yet an unusual man. He must be, to use a rather weathered phrase, a man of honor — by instinct, by inevitability, without thought of it, and certainly without saying it. He must be the best man in his world and a good enough man for any world.

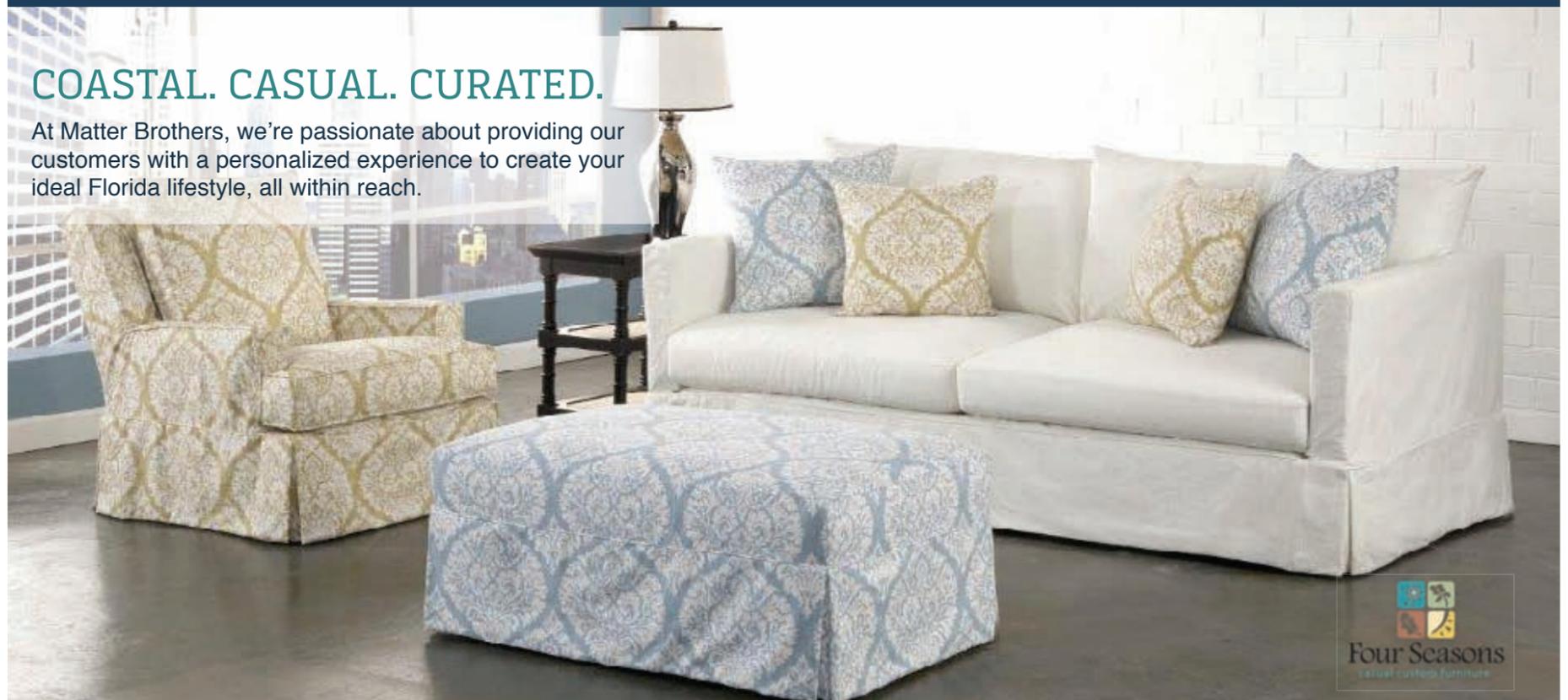
“If there were enough like him, the world would be a very safe place to live in, without becoming too dull to be worth living in.” ■

— A version of this column ran in July 2013.

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OPINION

Effective action or good feelings?



bobFRANKEN

Special to Florida Weekly

There are arguments over the number of those who participated in the March for Our Lives, as there always are disputes over crowd size at these mass demonstrations. Suffice it to say, a bunch of people took part. In Washington, the spat is over just how many hundred thousands flooded the nation's capital, to say nothing of those who turned out in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the United States and around the world.

The organizers — rank amateur teenagers who rose up from Parkland after the massacre at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School — did an amazing job. They ignited an outrage-fueled wildfire that spread to students at thousands of schools nationwide. They also captured the imagination of the logistic professionals financed by sympathetic adults. The result was an immense turnout and a well-choreographed and telegenic outpouring of angry frustration at a political system that is unresponsive and unable to cure our nation's illnesses, like the blight of deadly weaponry, that has so infected America.

In no way is this a criticism of the kids who put this together. It is skepticism over whether this immense show of force is enough to overcome the entrenched special interests that will do whatever it takes to protect their prosperity. One of the most perversely successful is the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association. Like a threatened monster, the NRA brutally lashes out whenever threatened. It didn't disappoint this time, derisively calling the enormous rallies a "March for Their Lies," heaping scorn on the Stoneman Douglas leaders who've become



celebrities, charging that if their classmates had not died, "no one would know your names."

So, the battle lines have been drawn. The problem is, the NRA has always won these battles. Each time the country is shocked to our core after a deadly slaughter of innocents by gunfire, the arms-merchant lobbyists swing into action and stifle any meaningful progress with bullying and demagoguery.

What will it take for the chants of "enough is enough" to become more than just a feel-good mantra? The purity of this outpouring must now dig into the dirt of politics to accomplish anything more than catharsis. Obviously.

So there were voter sign-up spots throughout the rallies, but will those who are easily distracted actually sustain their focus on the campaign process and hold the candidates accountable by slogging nonstop for the several months before the midterm elections? Will they work for candidates who declare themselves in favor of meaningful gun-control measures

and, more importantly, against those who receive support from the NRA?

We in the media are fickle. Between gun bloodbaths, there are distractions everywhere. Some of them are consequential, such as the intrigue of the Robert Mueller investigation into whether Trump and his associates sold out the last election and our country to the Russians. There also is our siren song of seedy sex stuff, featuring Stormy Daniels, Karen McDougal and lots of others. The Stormy Daniels interview on "60 Minutes" may have been just unworthy hype, but it got huge ratings. The challenge for the hundreds of thousands who turned out for the March for Our Lives will be to maintain the enthusiasm and public focus on cutting back guns, which are America's real obscenity. ■

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

The teenage demagogues



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

All you needed to know about student activist David Hogg's speech at the "March for Our Lives" in Washington, D.C., was that he affixed a price tag on the microphone to symbolize how much National Rifle Association money Sen. Marco Rubio took for the lives of students in Florida.

The stunt wasn't out of place. Indeed, it perfectly encapsulated the braying spirit of the student gun-control advocacy in the wake of the Parkland school shooting.

These young activists are making our public debate even more poisonous and less civil, and are doing it as teenagers. They are precocious that way.

The Stoneman Douglas students experienced a horrific trauma. No one can deny their grief or blame them for being impassioned. And allowance has to be made for the fact that they are teenagers, who universally believe that they know better than their hapless elders.

Yet none of that excuses their scurrilous smears of the other side in the gun

debate. The student activists presume that there is a ready solution to mass shootings that everyone knows, and the only reason why someone might not act on this universally accepted policy is malice or corruption. This makes the other side the equivalent of murderers.

In a video interview with The Outline, David Hogg said that the NRA and its supporters "want to keep killing our children." Not that they inadvertently enable people who carry out school shootings via misconceived policy, but they themselves kill children and want to keep doing it.

Lest he be misunderstood, Hogg added, "they could have blood from children spattered all over their faces and they wouldn't take action because they will still see those dollar signs."

In accusing their opponents of being bought off, the students deny the sincerity and legitimacy of supporters of gun rights. They treat the Second Amendment as an inkblot on the Constitution, and dismiss all counterarguments as transparent rationalizations. This juvenile view of the gun debate ignores Supreme Court jurisprudence, the genuine support of the NRA by millions of people and the serious, practical objections to gun-control proposals, and it removes all possibility of a middle ground.

Tellingly, it is Marco Rubio who is the foremost object of the ire of the students, when he has been notably open and accommodating. He showed up at the CNN town hall to get abused, and has shown remarkable forbearance in handling political attacks that are shameless blood libels. He sponsored incremental school safety legislation that is becoming law, and for his trouble he is deemed a moral monster who doesn't care how many people have to die as long as he gets a few more campaign contributions.

Maybe all of this can be written off as the work of overenthusiastic, underinformed 17-year-olds. But the student activists aren't acting alone. They are promoted and praised by adults who should know better. Since the kids serve a useful purpose in promoting gun control, though, it is practically forbidden in much of the media to dissent from anything they say.

It was hard to believe that our public debate could get even more sophomoric. The student activists are here to say, Yes, it can. ■

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

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Scenes from AVOW'S 2017 butterfly release at Cambier Park.

Beginning at noon, a community memorial service will include inspirational readings, music and a name-reading ceremony to honor the lives of loved ones. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the exhibit tent will open, allowing more than 500 butterflies to float into the sky.



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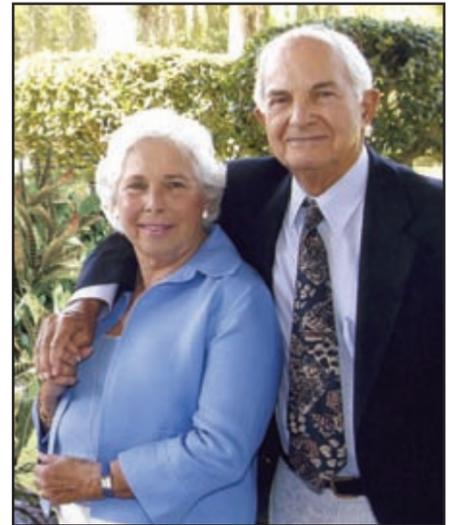
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Holocaust Museum & Education Center receives \$1 million

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The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida has received a pledge of \$1 million from Janet Guttman Cohen toward its \$3.5 million capital campaign for the purchase and renovation of a building for the museum's new home. It is the largest gift the museum has ever received.

The 6,000-square-foot building at U.S. 41 and Imperial Golf Course Boulevard in North Naples will be named in honor of Mrs. Cohen and her late husband, Harvey D. Cohen.



Janet and Harvey Cohen

Mrs. Cohen envisions a center that addresses Albert Einstein's belief that, "The world is too dangerous to live in — not because of the people who do evil, but because of the people who sit and let it happen."

The gift "puts the museum on strong financial footing for our future in our new home," Executive Director Susan Suarez said, adding more than \$2 million has been raised toward the \$3.5 million goal.

offices in addition to the exhibit area. Opening is anticipated late this year.

"Janet Cohen and others are helping to make our museum a very special place for the community to come together against bigotry, hatred and violence," Ms. Suarez said.

About the museum

Founded in 2001, the Holocaust Museum & Education Center started as classroom project about the Holocaust at Golden Gate Middle School. Today, the museum reaches more than 15,000 students a year with lessons about the importance of respect and the dangers of indifference.

The new building will allow the museum's extensive collection of Holocaust artifacts to be presented in refreshed, professionally designed displays. There is plenty of parking and also room for a classroom, library and

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Bats in your attic? Give them the boot now

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If you have bats roosting in your attic, eaves or chimney spaces, now is the time to give them an eviction notice. Bat maternity season — when bats give birth and raise their young until they can fly and feed themselves — begins April 15 and lasts through Aug. 15. Removing bats, a process called exclusion, is illegal during the marsupials' maternity season in order to prevent young bats that cannot yet fly from being trapped inside structures and dying.

It is illegal to harm or kill bats in Florida.

Differentiating between bats and other animals that can also take up residence in your home can be difficult. A sure sign of birds is the appearance of loose feathers and nesting materials such as grass and sticks. And while frog droppings can look like bat droppings, they commonly occur under porch lights and in places that could not support a colony of bats.

To determine if a colony of bats is roosting in a building, look for this evidence, as suggested by the Florida Bat Conservancy:

- Sighting of bats: At dawn or dusk, you may see bats entering or leaving the building. This is easiest to see at dawn, because bats swarm and fly around the entrance hole a few times before entering the roost. You can also watch for bats exiting near the roofline of a building at sunset.

- Sighting of bat scat: Piles of black, dry guano are usually found under the main exit hole bats use to get in and out of a building. Bat droppings look some-



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Bat maternity season is April 15-Aug. 15, during which time it is illegal to remove the marsupials from their nesting place.

what like mouse droppings, but differ in several characteristics. First, mouse scat isn't found in large piles, but bat guano often is. Second, individual pieces of mouse scat are a little smaller than bat guano. Third, bat droppings will crumble into powdery dust when crushed, but mouse droppings won't. Lastly, you may see pieces of metallic insect wings in bat scat, but not mouse scat.

- Sighting of bat stains: Rub marks might be present along the edges of exit holes used by bats on the exterior of buildings. These stains are a slight brown discoloration that is a mix of body oils and dirt left behind as bats squeeze through tight entry points.

Bid bats goodbye

Exclusion of a bat colony is a multi-step technique where all potential bat

entry and exit points in a building are identified. One-way exit devices are installed to allow bats to leave the structure but not re-enter. Finally, all potential bat entry points are permanently sealed to prevent re-entry by bats.

For detailed instructions on how to rid your building of bats, visit www.myfwc.com/bats. You can also look for "How to Get Bats Out of a Building" on YouTube. Here are the basic steps of bat exclusion:

- Find the entry points for bats.
- Bat-proof all other openings. Bats can enter any hole that is 3/4 inch in diameter or any crevice of 3/8 inch or more.

- Install exclusion devices. Several exclusion methods have been developed over the years, and no one method is best for every situation. Netting or tubing are among the most common and have been recommended by the Florida Bat Conservancy, Fly By Night Inc., Bat Conservation International or IFAS/University of Florida.

- Allow time for the bats to leave. Florida regulations require the netting or tubing be left up for at least four warm nights without rain or high winds to assure all of the bats have left. Bats tend not to forage on cold or rainy nights, so if the weather turns bad, it will be necessary to extend the exclusion an additional four consecutive nights.

If bats are still coming out after four nights, it means they have either found another way back in or the exclusion system is not working and needs to be revised. If exclusion materials become loose or detached, the bats will be able to re-enter, so make sure it remains

secure throughout the process. Bats will check continually to see if they can re-enter their roost.

- Permanently seal the openings. After the bats have been successfully excluded, the netting or tubes can be removed during the day and the openings permanently sealed. Do not leave the netting down without sealing the openings, or the bats will move back in the following night. If the openings cannot be sealed immediately, the exclusion devices may be left up longer, but there is a risk that wind, storms or failure of fasteners could allow the bats to re-enter. Another approach is to take the netting down and temporarily cover the openings with plywood or hardware cloth until permanent repairs can be made.

- Clean up. If a colony of bats has been in a roost for a long time there will likely be an odor and an accumulation of bat guano. In most cases, the odor is from the scent glands, not the guano, of the bats, and it disperses shortly after the bats are gone. Accumulated bat guano should be removed. The Centers for Disease Control recommends people wear respirators whenever in a confined space with bat guano.

- Consider building a bat house. Before the exclusion, it is a good idea to determine the flight path of the bats as they exit your house. Then you can put the bat house in the flight path or as close to the existing roost as possible. Putting up a bat house is not a substitute for exclusion; bats are highly unlikely to leave an occupied building to begin using a bat house unless forced out of that building. ■

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Any donation of pantry food is welcome, but the items most needed are breakfast bars, canned fish or chicken, beans (dry or canned), other canned vegetables, cooking oil, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, dry milk, jelly, rice, cans of soup and beef stew.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributes food to 30 partner agencies in Collier County, where about 38,000 people are food insecure, which means they often don't know where their next meal is coming from. About 13,500 are children.

In addition, about two-thirds of public school children in Southwest Florida are eligible for or receive free or reduced-price meals from their school because of their families' low income. When school is out during the summer months, these daily meals aren't available. Combine that with the fact that food donations generally decrease during the summer months, and it's harder



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“We know how to restore this ... But we can’t do it unless I can stop the water coming from this north side of the sanctuary.”

— Jason Lauritsen, director of the 13,000-acre, 64-year-old Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in northeast Collier County



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Seven distinct habitats exist at Corkscrew, most underwater in the deepest of the wet season. Jason Lauritsen shows visitors the dry prairie with invasive willows in the distance.

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him, ignoring the ladder, ignoring even the alligators less than 50 feet away, watching from brimful holes that can hide 8 feet of reptile in 3 feet of water without a trace. But he hits the ground with the practiced landing of a paratrooper before moving swiftly to the marsh edge.

Mr. Lauritsen is staring across a half-mile or more of wet prairie flanked by distant cypress — the last significant stand of old-growth bald cypress left on earth, a deeply valuable Florida treasure with some trees that pre-date the arrival of Ponce de Leon on the lower west coast in 1513.

But that’s not what he’s looking at, nor does he spend a lot of time taking in the splashes of pink among scores of wading white birds a couple of football fields away — roseate spoonbills fishing with herons and ibises.

Such wading birds together once numbered about 2.5 million across the southern Everglades. Now, roughly 5 percent of the birds John Jay Audubon himself might have seen in the early 19th century exist south of Orlando, experts estimate. The French-born naturalist and painter traveled deep into the northern or central Everglades himself on a single torturous occasion, became lost for about six weeks, and finally made his way out, later expressing a strong dislike for the peninsular climate and watery landscape; no other North American settings inspired a similar lack of affection.

Although the Audubon Society has



George and Joy Rathmann, Minnesotans and co-founders of the Rathmann Family Foundation, loved Corkscrew. The foundation has helped restore part of the sanctuary.

claimed Corkscrew since 1954, Mr. Lauritsen’s views are the antithesis of Corkscrew’s famous namesake. Like a religious supplicant, he lifts his eyes above the wading birds, finally pointing to the magnificent spectacle overhead.

High in the faultless blue of midday, big birds wheel at various altitudes, open-winged, writing their wandering circles on the sky.

“Do you see?” he calls breathlessly.

“Do you see that? They have white legs!” His excitement is so palpable he can hardly speak. A reporter notices that many do, indeed, have white legs and a few others have dark legs. So?

“They’ve fledged, they’re up. The young birds have white legs — that’s the most I’ve seen!”

Wood storks

Wood storks. That they’ve fledged (taken on their feathers) and gotten up flying this early in the dry season — roughly the beginning of March — is promising for their survival, Mr. Lauritsen explains. And when wood storks do well over time, the entire Everglades



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In the 1960s, the bald cypress at Corkscrew supported more than 5,000 wood storks hatched, fledged and flying each year. In recent years, the average is about 250. Wood stork health is an indicator of western Everglades health.

ecosystem may be doing well, too.

But that has not been the case for years.

The system is sensitive, and it works roughly like this, says Mr. Lauritsen: The wet and dry seasons create “hydro-periods,” months in which water floods the land then slowly recedes. How fast that happens — how fast the standing water shrinks to big pools, then in turn to small isolated pools — determines whether fish and crayfish with other aquatic organisms washed across the

entire landscape during the wet season, can reproduce and populate the many pools left in the dry, to become the highly nourishing food source growing birds must have.

When that works — when water is not inhibited by man-made canals, ditches, roads and developments, for example — fish, crayfish and other water organisms feed not only the wading birds but a food chain that includes raccoons, otters and alligators.

Once that happened not only at Cork-

screw but east across Hendry, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Not now, either there or in Collier at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, which lies some 15 miles east of I-75, a distance pocked with houses and condominiums, a golf course, shopping malls, schools, fire and sheriff's stations and the like, along with agricultural fields.

That's part of a pattern too easily tolerated by Collier County officials, and by a legislature that has allowed counties to move away from their comprehensive plans and develop properties without careful analysis to determine their impacts, says Thomas Hawkins, policy and planning director for 1,000 Friends of Florida.

"In 2013 and 2014 we did an analysis of the Rural Land Stewardship Program in Collier County and to sum up, from our perspective: In those rural lands (surrounding Corkscrew) Collier has allocated too much development potential."

Larry, and other visitors

Meanwhile, the swamp appears to be popping with life, not only the birds and fish visible in pools and ditches, but in big predators. A truck approaches the buggy from the other direction, and stops.

Dr. Ralph Arwood, a general surgeon who has become an expert panther tracker and monitor, and a workhorse Corkscrew volunteer who started cutting fallen trees off broken boardwalks two days after Hurricane Irma, jumps out to chat with Mr. Lauritsen and his visitors.

"We have a dominant male out here now, 'Larry' we call him, and two females, one with three kittens," he announces.

Dr. Arwood not only has crawled, long-sleeved, gloved and carefully, deep into saw-palmetto bush to locate panther dens and kittens (you can get a glimpse at ralpharwood.com), but he has placed game cameras along trails throughout Corkscrew so he knows who comes and goes.

Larry, for example. "Larry was here last week on a hot date — there was a lot of squealing. The cameras show him all the way from the Frank property to the highlands."

What difference does such a creature at Corkscrew make, other than as a rare amusement?

"They're an apex predator," he explains. "They maintain the whole system. Without them there are too many other creatures" — including raccoons and wild hogs that create terrible damage to native habitats.

Raccoons, for example, can become a significant threat to wood stork nests, eggs and fledgling birds, but to get to them they often have to move through alligator holes where females protect not only their young, but the wood stork nests in the trees above, Mr. Lauritsen says.

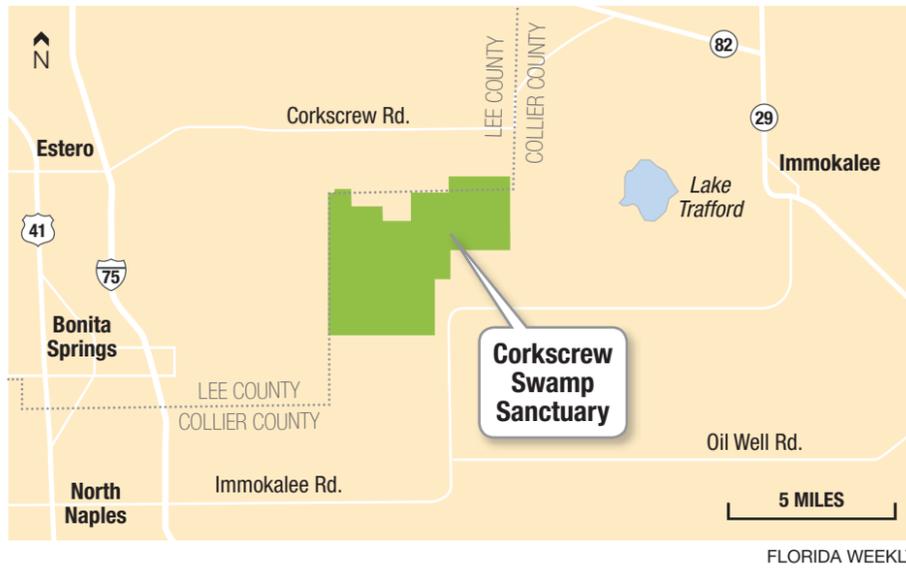
Spotted by the score from his big buggy, the gators appear to be having a good year, as well as the wood storks. By March the standing water that covered even the hard-pack buggy trail threading canals created in the 1930s and '40s has shrunk to some sizeable pools. There, both large and many small alligators move restlessly when the vehicle passes, especially if it pauses.

The wood storks, meanwhile, appear disconnected from hundreds of feet above the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

The connections

"Everything is connected," announces Mr. Lauritsen, turning a cliché into empirical fact.

A century ago, ornithologist Thomas Gilbert Pearson estimated the old-growth bald cypress in and around Corkscrew (the very trees standing majesti-



cally in the distance) hosted 100,000 wood storks; in recent years, according to Audubon data tracked for six decades at Corkscrew, fledged chicks dropped from an average of 5,450 in the 1960s to less than 300 in the last decade or so, with no nesting and no chicks on a number of years.

"If" is the operative word in predicting whether these wood storks, emerging from more than 400 nests, Mr. Lauritsen estimates, will survive this year. Scientists watch their numbers with both great interest and great trepidation.

They will survive if the adults build nests in the cypress; if the adults lay the eggs in time — not too late, as they sometimes do if conditions aren't proper, earlier; if those conditions for water and therefore food progress at the natural rate; if the young birds can get out of the nest and begin flying early enough; if they can continue eating in the sanctuary late into spring, before flying northward.

As wading birds who feed in part by touch, they do best when water subsides to levels of about 18 inches in depth.

"Sometimes they take flight from their nests beginning too late to stay here long enough to eat — to eat enough to develop the strength they need to fly north," explains Mr. Lauritsen.

"They'll start the (migratory) journey but they won't make it. And we'll never see them again."

It might just take a philanthropist

"They're considered canaries in the coal-mine of Everglades restoration or even just survival," says Jim Rathmann, a Neapolitan whose Rathmann Family Foundation has helped restore part of the Sanctuary — a part, in fact, where wild turkeys appear suddenly to observers from the buggy, ignoring the wood storks or seemingly any other creatures except the humans to race swiftly from one cluster of scrub to another, in the distance.

"The first time I came here with my mother in the 1960s, there were thousands of wood storks," Mr. Rathmann recalls of his arrival in the Sanctuary from his native and very frigid Minnesota. "She loved it."

And so he loved it, and continued to love it while working first for IBM and then as a venture capitalist in life science enterprises through a career that finally allowed him to move to Naples about 15 years ago.

After his father died six years ago and his mother's health declined, "the place resonated with me in a way I couldn't describe. I had deep memories, and in some sense (restoring the marsh) was a way of recapturing my mother. But I could see when we came back (Mr. Rathmann arrived in Naples with his wife and daughter), the wading birds had in many ways left. Wood storks, in particular. So the question becomes what, if anything, can be done?"

More than any other maintained preserve, perhaps, naturalists at Corkscrew have kept meticulous records for decades, not only of birds but of water levels; thus, they can understand why and how the landscape and its creatures have changed.

"Singularly," says Mr. Rathmann, "it's due to loss of habitat. So, first they had to understand how to get the water under control (that took years, and the job is still unfinished), and then they started to understand how to reclaim the habitat."

But as caretakers begin to restore habitat, they have to face doubt. "There's always that question: if you do this, what will happen? Will (the birds) come back? It's a leap of faith. That really resonated with me. So through our family foundation, we got involved."

So did others.

The damn willows

Unfortunately, the willows got involved, too.

The storks circling above them, or wading and fishing in the restored marsh flanking the willows don't look threatened, anymore than they appear endangered when they arrive in number along ditches in suburban neighborhoods or beside the ponds on golf courses. But that's never a good sign, says Mr. Lauritsen. It means they aren't finding food in the swamp, where they prefer to be.

One of the biggest challenges now facing all wading birds are willows, with other species that may be either native or exotic, but are profoundly invasive.

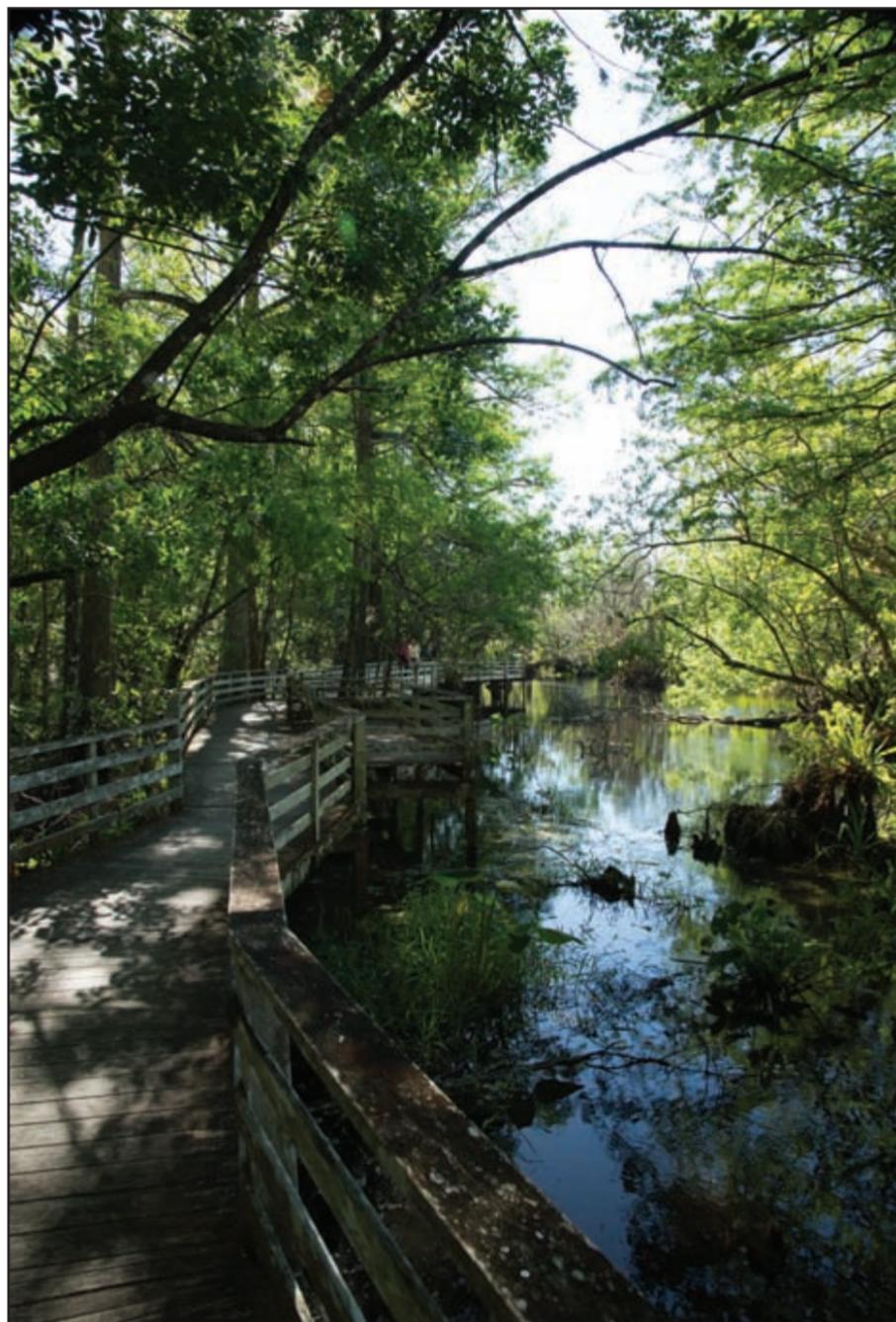
On one section of the trail Mr. Lauritsen follows northward through the sanctuary, the landscapes have been restored over many years of effort, the willows ploughed or chopped up and burned off, with the help of philanthropists and volunteers; now again there are pine flatwoods, wet prairies, freshwater marshes and of course the bald cypress swamp itself.

"I called the pine flatwoods at Corkscrew 'exquisite' because of the wonderful diversity within them," says George Wilder, a botanist at the Naples Botanical Garden.

In a research project he undertook to count species within Corkscrew, "the pine flatwoods had the second largest numbers of types of plants, of all seven habitats there. We counted 344 different kinds, including some rare ones."

(A disturbed habitat he calls "ruderal land," included the most species, he noted, simply because so many invasives or exotics had piled into them with the native species.)

Among the many plants in the pine flatwoods at Corkscrew are three species of orchid, Mr. Wilder says: *Spiranthes lacera*, *Platanthera nivea* and *Calopogon tubeosus*.



The boardwalk at Corkscrew takes visitors past trees that were standing in the swamp when Ponce de Leon sailed up the Gulf Coast in 1513.

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Jason Lauritsen, director of the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, started here in the 1990s as a volunteer intern, clearing invasives. "Corkscrew proves we can restore habitats. We know what to do," he says.

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In other sections of the sanctuary, however, especially in the north of the property and where the land remains disturbed, little could be described as exquisite. Willows are the most prominent of the invasive plants, clustering in some places right up to the trail, but in others appearing in thick armies across open marshes, at a distance.

They thrive in part because they benefit from nutrient-laden water flowing out of citrus and other agricultural fields north of the property.

Willows significantly change the water levels and naturally balanced hydroperiods. "They're very thirsty," explains Mr. Lauritsen, who has spent a significant part of his career recovering sections of the sanctuary from willow invasion.

"They suck water from the aquifer, it courses through their leaves, and it evaporates into the atmosphere. With willows, you can lose a foot of water a year, or as much as 1.6 feet in a dry year. This is not just at Corkscrew, but everywhere."

If the water is down 3 to 6 inches below the naturally balanced level at a low point in the hydroperiod, therefore — and where willows exist en masse it will be — fish and crayfish may not survive. And if they don't survive, animals that eat them won't survive and neither will anything else in the food chain including 'gators, who need the water and the pools to raise their young.

A view of everything then and now

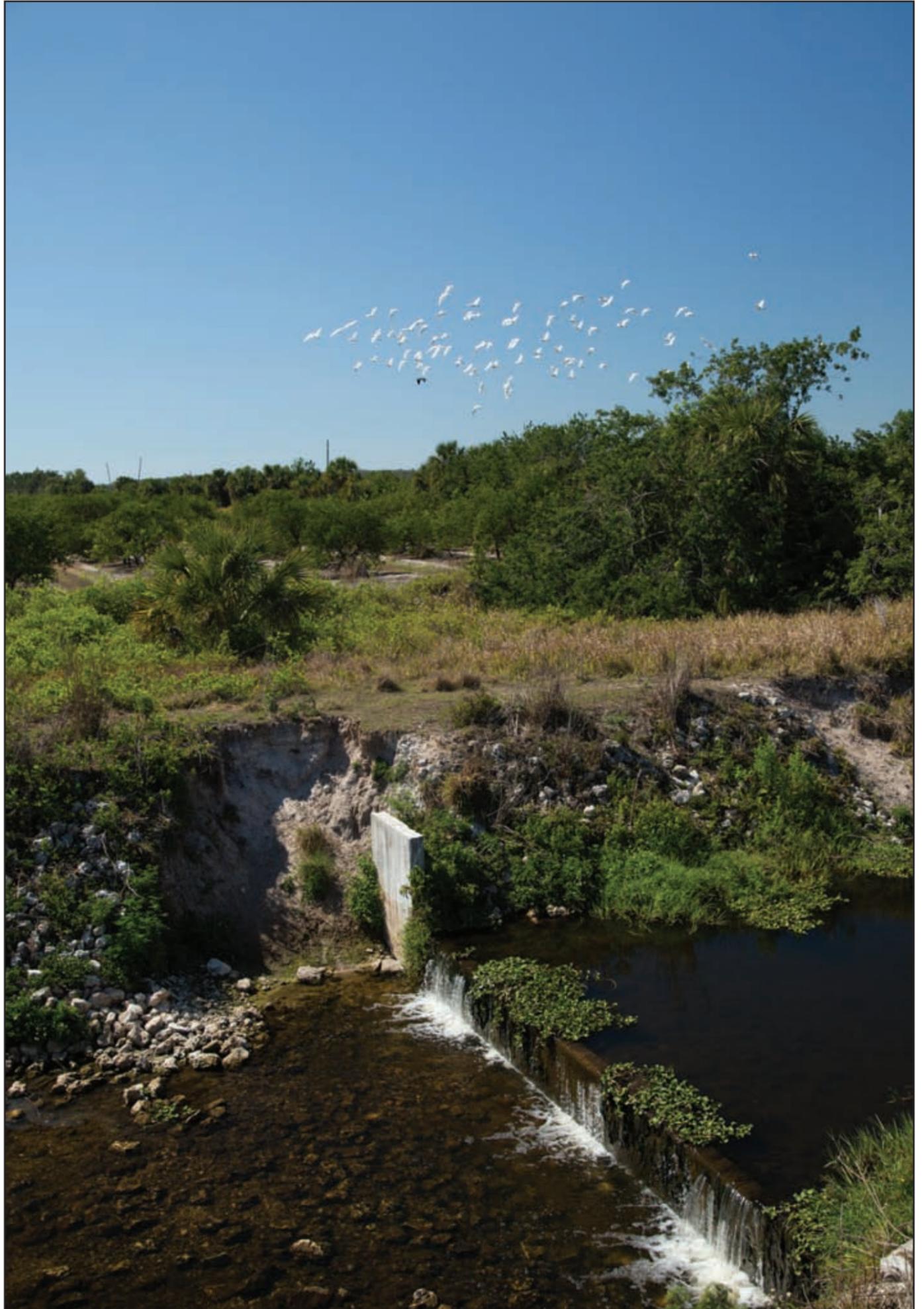
On the north end of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the trail crosses out of Collier to enter Lee County along a canal some 20 feet wide with deeper water — 4, 5, 6 feet, perhaps — flowing over a weir.

Mr. Lauritsen unlocks a tall gate, drives off the sanctuary a hundred or so yards, and stops the big machine, again.

Everybody dismounts to take in the view, a view of everything Florida was and is, it seems.

Behind the big buggy, visitors can see both the once upon a time swamp that might not have appeared much different 1,000 years ago, and the invasive willows, thick as hair for a mile.

On either side of the road, agriculture is king, with citrus on one side and a vast cleared field waiting for new crops on the other; beyond that to the east, the headquarters of the South Florida Water Management District and the office of the CREW Trust, a large preserve stretching into the Big Cypress.



Water flows out of Lee County agricultural fields over this weir and into Corkscrew, all day, every day, even in the dry season, an unnatural condition. It allows invasive willows and other plants to thrive.

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Mr. Lauritsen watches the water coming out of the farm fields, into the ditch, over the weir in a lively frothing little waterfall, and down into the Audubon sanctuary. That water is the bane of his existence, he says.

Even in the deepest days of the dry season water is flowing over that weir and into Corkscrew both day and night, feeding the willows — about as unnatural a condition as Florida can offer.

"We know how to restore this," Mr. Lauritsen says, gesturing to the willows behind him stretching southward into Corkscrew as far as they eye can see. The cost is about \$2,000 an acre to eradicate the willows and bring back Florida's once upon a time.

"But we can't do it unless I can stop the water coming from this north side of the sanctuary."

And to do that, he would need to purchase 7,000 acres of citrus prospering in the afternoon sun across the road, beautifully cultivated and fully irrigated, land now owned by Florida's largest citrus enterprise, the Texas-based King Ranch.

"We're talking to them," he says. "So far, they haven't shown any interest in selling."

If he could take out the ag, he could change the unnatural flow of nutrient-laden water into Corkscrew. And if he could change the water, he could eradicate the willows. And if he could do that, he could restore the marsh.

But what a job. In the ditch water itself, Mr. Lauritsen and his visitors stare at something none of them have ever seen: a massive school of fish.

The fish fill the ditch to a depth of 3 or 4 feet in a school that stretches about 150 yards downstream from near the weir.

Tilapia, fish that feed on algae and plants, which come from a lot of nutrients. Invasive. Probably a half-million of them, he guesses.

Mr. Lauritsen and his visitors climb back onto the big buggy, glance north up into Lee County. Then he turns the machine around and heads south, back into the swamp toward the distant, floating birds above it.

Mr. Rathmann, learning of the sight, hearing of the fledged and flying wood storks, has the last word.

"If people can figure out how to get out of the way, nature will come back. It's unstoppable.

"That's what this piece of land has demonstrated: If you can make the habitat conducive, if you can restore it — and we know how to do that — they will return." ■

St. Monica's welcomes new rector

The congregation of St. Monica's Episcopal Church on Immokalee Road welcomes The Rev. Eric Cooter as rector.

Rev. Cooter previously served on the staff of The Right Rev. Dabney Smith, the bishop of the diocese of Southwest Florida. He was the Canon of Ministry Development, where he led the Clergy Deployment Process and the ordination process for the diocese. He will serve as a deputy to the Episcopal Church's annual convention in July.

Rev. Cooter earned a master's of divinity degree from the University of



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the South in Sewanee, Tenn., and a bachelor's in business administration from East Tennessee State University. He is the author of "Misfits, Pioneers, and Mission," a book about his renewed focus to enliven the church with a local mission and a culture where creative people are called to bring the church into the 21st century.

He holds the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force Auxillary, in which capacity he supervises more than 20 chaplains and 30 character development specialists throughout Florida. A licensed FAA commercial pilot license and an FAA Gold Seal certified flight instructor, he serves as an active mission pilot flying local disaster relief and search and rescue missions. ■

Change of watch at Pelican Isle Yacht Club

Richard Hobbs has been sworn in as commodore of Pelican Isle Yacht Club for 2018-19, taking over watch from Rick Baird. Dave Kessler is vice commodore, and Thomas Friedman is rear commodore. The three flag positions lead the club's board of directors. The recent change of watch ceremony and dinner was attended by 122 Pelican Isle



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This is the one car that does everything well. It's a technology-filled luxury car. It's a grand touring supercar. It's a 577 horsepower supercar. And with a price approaching \$200K, Mercedes ensures that the AMG S63 Cabriolet will always be in exclusive company.

Mercedes-Benz is the kind of company Floridians love. While that might read more like an advertisement, with six different convertible model lines, the company is a friend to sunny weather. With this much diversity, a top dog like this S-Class needs to be distinct, because it can easily cost four times more than another droptop sharing the same dealership space.

There is a family resemblance across the Mercedes line where the S-Class Cabriolet has a similar face with the wide lower air openings, sweeping LED driving light feature and dual bulges in the hood inspired by the classic 300 SL. But this larger vehicle lets its size known with more dramatic body lines that are given more time to develop, and an overall wide body look that announces it's the daddy to the other Benz droptops.

The roof also shows Mercedes is thinking about premium appeal. It can be raised while still doing 35 mph. That's a decent speed in an era when many companies are starting to require complete stops before raising the roof. And buttoning-up while in motion has its advantages. After all, this car can even make the drive to a business meeting exciting, but it's hard to look ready for a stern corporate takeover when arriving with a big grin and an open top.

There are more thoughtful touches awaiting inside this Benz. The door panels are unique to this car, and they do a terrific job of enveloping the driver without consuming him/her. Plus, while Mercedes offers some hardtop convertibles, it's not missed on this car. The thick insulation and soft micro suede headliner feel like a real roof when in place.

Mercedes has already been one of the best at integrating infotainment screens in their interiors, and this one takes it up a notch. It comes standard with a 12.3-inch central screen and a companion



ion 12.3-inch unit that goes directly in front of the driver. These two displays can control nearly every aspect of the vehicle, and the new upgraded steering wheel package now contains dual thumb pads. It means the driver can control the entire vehicle while never removing a hand from the steering wheel.

As the technology flagship of the Mercedes family it also has everything available from semi-autonomous driving features to a night vision camera displayed in front of the driver's gauges (a \$2,260 option.)

Of course, it's the luxury that really sells these upper class Benzes. The seats are made of Nappa leather, and because this is based on the shortened wheelbase of the full-sized S-Class sedan, there is even room to carry rear passengers without complaint. However, it's the front seats that make the most of this luxury machine. Comforts abound with everything from electronic massaging to the

Air scarf system that blows warm air on the driver and passenger's neck.

But even with this much standard opulence, there are some irresistible options. For example, since this car is open to the world, there are some vivid packages that can really make this Benz stand out. The S63 Cabriolet starts at \$180,495, and so adding a bold Designo color scheme to the leather seems like a paltry sum at \$3,250.

However, there's the aforementioned night vision, premium audio system (\$6,400), and more. So checking a few more of option boxes like these can quickly get the price above \$200K.

More than just luxurious, the AMG part of this name ensures that this convertible is fast. The AMG S63 has a 5.5-liter twin-turbocharged V8 motor that produces a huge 577 horsepower. That's nearly 25 percent more power than the base S560 Cabriolet, but it's seven percent less than the V12-powered AMG

S65 Cabriolet (a quarter-million-dollar machine.)

The middle power rating would make it seem like the AMG S63 is a slower machine, but actually it's the quickest of the trio. It's due to the standard all-wheel drive system giving superior traction, and the larger torque of the S65 bigger brother can only be utilized through rear-wheel drive.

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Unless otherwise noted, classes meet from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Here's what's coming up:

Friday, April 6: Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd; 596-6007.

Saturday, April 7: 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at The Carlisle, 6945 Carlisle Court; 449-7743.

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 April 9-13:

Monday, April 9

Airport-Pulling Road and Timberwood Circle: Speeding

U.S. 41 North and 99th Avenue North: Red-light running

Green and Logan boulevards: Speeding

Tuesday, April 10

Immokalee Road and Northbrooke Drive: Red-light running

Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding

Pine Ridge Road and Naples Boulevard: Red-light running

Wednesday, April 11

Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Livingston Road and Positano Circle: Speeding

Vineyards Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Red-light running



Thursday, April 12

Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Aggressive driving

20th Place SW at Golden Gate Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Radio Road and Madison Park Boulevard: Speeding

Friday, April 13

Airport-Pulling Road and Curling Avenue: Speeding

Pine Ridge Road at I75 southbound exit: Aggressive driving

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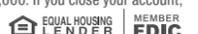
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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Public service announcement

Police in Sheboygan, Wis., appealed to the public for help in late March tracking down a most unusual perpetrator. "Over the past year and a half," the department posted on its Facebook page, "someone has been clogging the women's toilet (at the Deland Community Center) with a 20-ounce soda bottle. This is very strange ... and gross."

The Sheboygan Press reported that the string of more than 25 incidents began in 2016. Joe Kerlin, the city's parks and forestry superintendent, says the suspect is likely an adult male, based on security camera footage from outside the restroom. The city's resulting plumbing bills have totaled between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Oops

A man playing with a baseball on the roof of a parking structure in Honolulu on March 23 had to be rescued by firefighters after he fell into the space between two buildings and got stuck, KHON2 TV reported. Security guard Ray Rodrigues was dispatched to the roof to

run the 55-year-old off, but found the man had fallen into a 7- to 9-inch-wide space between the cement walls. When pulling him out with a rope failed, firefighters resorted to using drills and saws to cut through the concrete to free him. He was taken to a hospital in serious condition.

Questionable judgments

■ Shoppers at the Miracle Mile Shopping Center in Monroeville, Pa., got more than they bargained for on April 8, 2017, as model Chelsea Guerra, 22, of Indiana Borough and photographer Michael Warnock, 64, of Point Breeze conducted a nude photo shoot around 11 a.m. According to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, as Warnock took photos and families looked on, Guerra walked around and posed wearing only thigh-high black stockings and high-heeled shoes. In early March of this year, Guerra and Warnock pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct after other charges were dropped, and paid a

\$300 fine. "My nude modeling is honest work," Guerra said, "and I use it mostly to fund my college career."

■ A dairy truck driver lost his job in early March after being caught on a surveillance camera urinating near dairy cows in a barn at Tremblay Farm in Highgate, Vermont. While no charges were filed, Monica Massey of the Dairy Farmers of America said the driver's behavior was unacceptable. "We saw the videos. What we saw was deplorable," Massey said told WCAX TV. Darleen Tremblay said she was "shattered" by what she saw on the video. "I couldn't move. I froze and I shook," she added.

Bright idea

Ruan Rocha da Silva, 18, was caught in late March trying to steal five cans of deodorant from a supermarket in Sao Paulo, Brazil. His prominent tattoo might have given him away: A year ago, after Silva tried to steal a bike from Maycon Wesley Carvalho, 27, and Ronildo Moreira de Araujo, 29, the two men

forcibly tattooed Silva's forehead with the words "I am a thief and an idiot." The Daily Mail reported that Carvalho and Araujo were caught after filming themselves inking Silva's forehead and sending the video to friends; both were sentenced to jail time. Silva is out on bail, awaiting trial for shoplifting.

Inexplicable

Eastern Michigan University student Andrew (who didn't give a last name), 22, wasn't making any kind of statement or protesting any government action (or lack thereof) on March 12 when he filled a pothole in Trenton with a whole box of Lucky Charms and a gallon of milk. Andrew then

lay on the road with a spoon and ate the cereal out of the pothole. "I don't know where the inspiration came from, but when it hit me, I knew it was a good idea," Andrew told MLive.com. "It tasted great. If I was blindfolded, I wouldn't know if it was a pothole or a bowl."

International relations

Italian chef Fabio Picchi has offered three American exchange students in Florence a four-hour cooking lesson after the women tried to cook pasta in a pot without water on March 18. The pasta burst into flames within minutes, and firefighters were summoned to put out

the fire. "We thought it was cooked like that," one of the students told La Nazione. "They will have lunch in our restaurant with two of my extraordinary cooks," Picchi said. "I think this can be useful to them, but also to us. Understanding is always ... what is beautiful and necessary."

Weird power

In Didcot, England, known as the country's "most normal town," one resident creatively tried to change people's perceptions with additions to road signs along local highway A4130. The prankster added destinations such as Narnia, Gotham City, Middle Earth, Emerald City and Neverland to roundabout signs, telling the BBC (on condition of ano-

nymity): "To me there's nowhere that is normal, there's no such thing." He said he's been making "creative interventions" all over the country for about 20 years. The Oxfordshire County Council responded that while the additions were "amusing," they'll be removed as soon as the county's potholes are fixed. ■

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Two more “Evenings at the Conservancy” eco-lectures remain in the current season:

Tuesday, April 10: “Turtles of Keewaydin” with Dave Addison, Conservancy biologist – Mr. Addison will share insights gleaned from his three decades of studying the many turtles of Keewaydin Island.

Tuesday, May 8: “Invasive Pythons” with Ian Bartoszek, Conservancy biologist – Mr. Bartoszek will update the

audience about his collaboration on a radio telemetry research project tracking Burmese pythons in Southwest Florida.

Doors open at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida at 5:30 p.m. and the programs start at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 403-4207 or emailing Sophia Navarra at SophiaN@conservancy.org or by calling 403-4207. For more information, visit www.conservancy.org/nature-center.evenings. ■

Students can apply for summer CEO Academy

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida invites entrepreneurial, business-minded teens to sign up for CEO Academy summer camp. Set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 4-8, at FGCU's Emergent Technologies Institute, the program is open to rising high school juniors and seniors from Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

Under the guidance of experienced local business leaders, entrepreneurs and Florida Gulf Coast University professors, participants work in project teams to develop a unique business concept and comprehensive business plan. Students can expect lessons in economics, ethics, entrepreneurship, finance, global economy, marketing and international trade.

College scholarship money will be awarded to each student on the winning team for the business plan competition held at the camp's conclusion. Judges are past Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureates who have been recognized for making a significant contribution to the economic development of Southwest Florida while adhering to high moral and ethical principles.

Applications and complete details are available at www.jaswfl.org. The \$100 application fee is fully refundable for students who are not selected. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 18. For more information, visit the website or call 225-2590. ■



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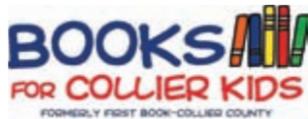
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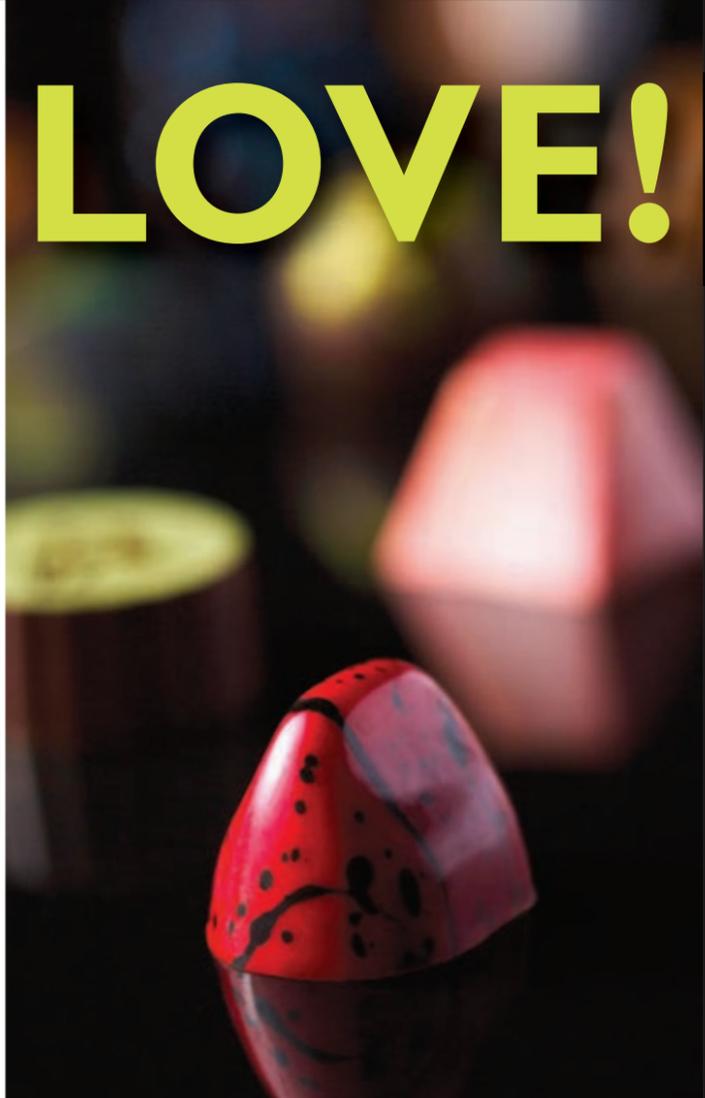


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Monday Moral Meetup aims to brainstorm on gun reform

Following the Washington, D.C., March For Our Lives and the thousands of people who turned out at sister marches in Naples and Fort Myers on March 24, many are wondering: What's next for the young people who are powering the common-sense gun reform movement? How can they keep the pressure on?

That will be the topic of a public brainstorming session with local student activists and their allies at the next Monday Moral Meetup hosted by the SWFL Justice4All Coalition. Doors open at 6

p.m. and the program is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. Admission is free and all are welcome.

A panel discussion about various aspects of gun reform will include: Ellen Hemrick of SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice); Chase Melton and Stefica Milor, Collier Students for Change; Dhael Monfiston, vice president, NAACP Youth Council; Susan Cone, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Connor Jenkins,

a senior at Naples High School; and Abdul'Haq Muhammed, founder and executive director of the Quality Life Center of SWFL.

An audience Q&A session will follow the discussion.

Representatives of community organizations working to reduce gun violence will share information about their respective groups and how to get involved.

The UUC of Greater Naples is at 6340 Napa Woods Way off Pine Ridge Road. For more information, follow the SWFL Justice4All Coalition on Facebook or email Cynthia Odierna at cynthetic43@yahoo.com. ■



Find out what it takes to get and keep volunteers

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University holds a workshop in volunteer recruitment and retention from 8:30-10 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Hodges campus in Naples, 2647 Professional Way.

Instructor Debra Haley, executive director of New Horizons of SWFL, is a retired senior executive with the United States Air Force with more than 29 years of experience in a wide range of management and leadership positions. At New Horizons, she and her team have doubled their volunteer base from 300 to 600 over the past five years.

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Is there a link between gun violence and mental health?

BY DR. TERRY MCVANNEL-ERWIN
Special to Florida Weekly

In the aftermath of the devastating school shooting in Parkland, many are calling for removing gun access for the mentally ill. According to a CBS News Poll, 68 percent of Americans agreed that better mental health screenings would curb gun violence. In Gallup polls, almost 46 percent of respondents said that people with mental illness were dangerous. Despite the widespread belief that mental illness has a key relationship to gun violence, research does not support this theory.



McVANNEL-ERWIN

Jeffrey Swanson, a medical sociologist and professor of psychiatry at Duke University, studied individuals — mentally healthy and mentally ill — to examine the relationship between violence and psychiatric disorders. His group found that serious mental illness alone accounted for only 4 percent of cases. Violence was more closely associated with whether someone was male, poor, or abusing drugs or alcohol. Additionally, Professor Swanson's team found that those three factors could predict violent behavior with or without any signs of mental illness. If someone fit all three categories, the likelihood was high that they would commit a violent act.

In a follow-up study of individuals with severe mental illness, Professor Swanson



found that 13 percent of the participants with severe mental illness had committed a violent act in the past year. Substance abuse, history of victimization, and exposure to violence each played an important role in violent behavior among the severely mentally ill; however, it was the combination of all three factors that resulted in the most substantial increase in assaultive behaviors. For individuals with none, or only one of these factors the risk of violence was only 2 percent — the same risk found in the general population. Adding one additional risk factor doubled the probability of violence and adding all of the factors resulted in a 30 percent risk.

A study of mass murderers conducted by Michael Stone, professor of clinical psychiatry at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, found that 75 percent

of mass murderers studied did not appear to be mentally ill at the time of their rampage. Professor Stone noted that 25 percent of mass murderers studied were under the age of 25, had no previous arrest record and no record of psychiatric hospitalizations. He concluded, "The mentally ill should not bear the burden of being regarded as the 'chief' perpetrators of mass murder."

These findings suggest that comprehensive mental health services addressing the multiple factors that play a role in predicting violent behaviors may be the best intervention for curbing gun violence. According to Mental Health America, Florida ranks 44th in the nation for access to mental health care. Moreover, Florida has a dismal record in terms of funding for mental health care and addiction treatment. The most recent data shows Florida ranking

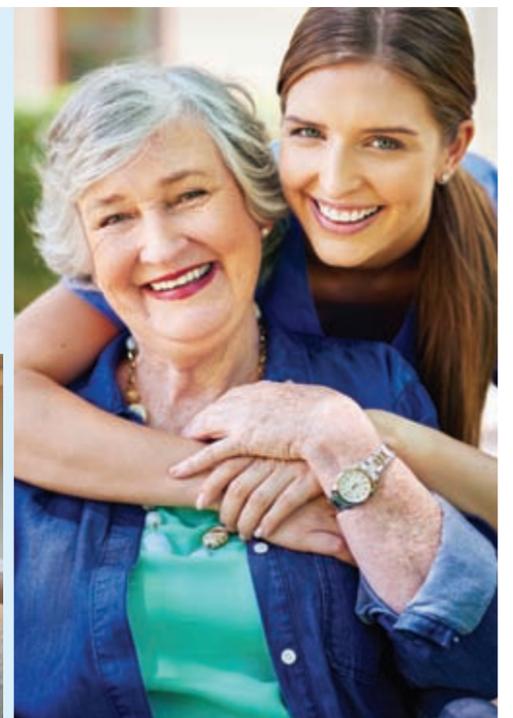
51st out of 52 jurisdictions behind 49 states and Washington, D.C. And the current opioid crisis adds fuel to the fire. According to Lee Health, opioid overdoses in Lee County have increased from 171 in 2013 to 955 in 2017 — an 800 percent increase. And the Florida Medical Examiners Commission reported 5,725 opioid-related deaths in Florida in 2016, a 35 percent increase from the previous year.

The Social and Human Service Program at FSW has heard the call to action. This program prepares students to address many of the factors that play a role in all violent behavior — poverty, victimization and alcohol and drug abuse. Students graduate with the knowledge required for national board certification as well as many state-level certifications, including certified addiction counselors. In addition, formalized agreements with local colleges and universities allow students to smoothly transition into higher level degrees in mental health.

In the aftermath of the shooting in Parkland, we are all searching for solutions. While many have called for stricter mental health screenings, research suggests that other factors may play a more important role in preventing gun violence. To address the dearth of mental health care services in Florida, the Social and Human Services Program at FSW is working to prepare students to provide much needed services in our local community. ■

— Dr. Terry McVannel-Erwin, LMHC, MCAP, HS-BCP is faculty department chair of the Social and Human Services Program at Florida SouthWestern State College.

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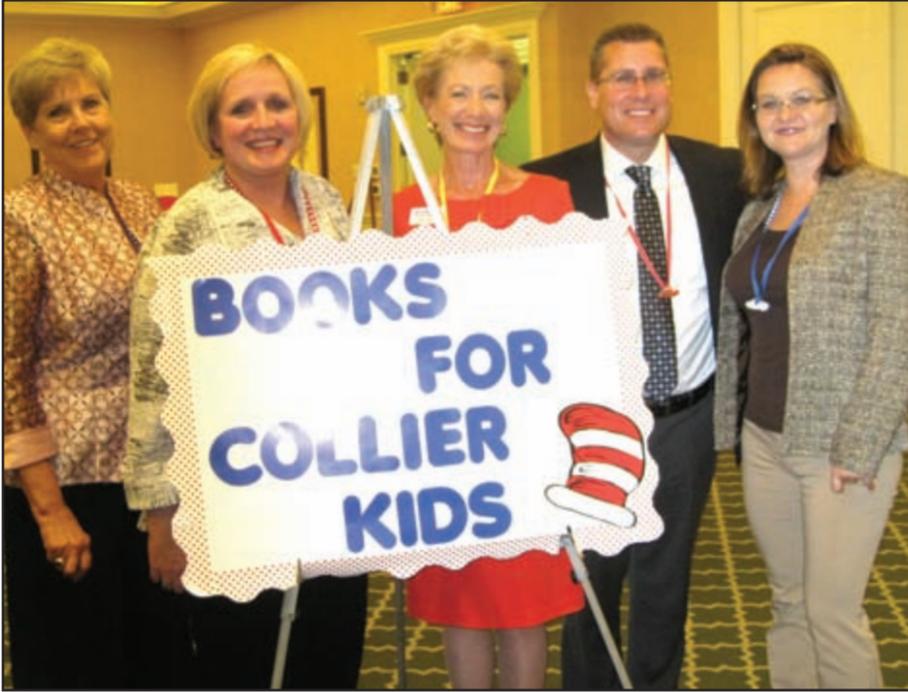


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Beth Thompson, Kamela Patton, Sallie Williams, Brian Castellani and Laura Mendicino at the "Thanks a Million" party celebrating Books for Collier Kids' 1 million donated books. See more photos on page C26.

Books for Collier Kids celebrates 1 millionth book

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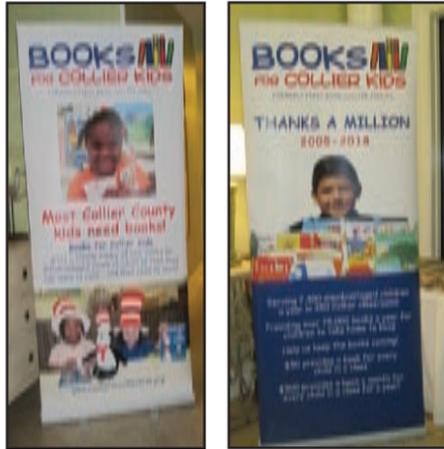
Books for Collier Kids board members and volunteers recently celebrated the milestone of 1 million books donated to area students since 2005 at a "Thanks a Million" party in Port Royal. More than 200 guests enjoyed a cocktail party, dinner and keynote address by Kamela Patton, superintendent of Collier County Public Schools, who stressed the ongoing need for early and regular access to books for local students.

Guests also heard from student recipients via a short video, which is now viewable at www.booksforcollierkids.org.

Originally launched as First Book-Collier County, the nonprofit partners with more than 20 local organizations to put new, age-appropriate and personalized books into the hands of pre-K, kindergarten, first- and second-grade students in need. Books for Collier Kids partners include Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Grace Place for Children and Families, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Friends of Foster Children Forever, the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County and Guadalupe Center.

"For 13 years we've addressed the need for access to books in the homes of at-risk children in Collier County," Joanne Wyss, founder of the organization, said. "It is our passion to provide area students books that engage their minds, ignite their imaginations and help them develop the reading skills they need for success in school and throughout their lives."

Books for Collier Kids reports that 63 percent of Collier County's 22,000 elementary students are economically needy; CCPS has designated 64.38 percent of students across all schools as "economically disadvantaged." Eighteen of the county's 30 elementary schools are Title I schools where a majority of students are from low-income families and at least 50 percent of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. An average of 90 percent of children in Title I elementary schools are economically disadvantaged children and benefit from Books for Collier



Kids. The organization:

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- Addresses "summer slide" reading concerns through a summer program, ensuring students don't fall behind in their reading skills during the break.

Books for Collier Kids is an all volunteer-run nonprofit organization that depends on support from the community. A gift of \$50 buys one book a month for every child in a Head Start pre-K or Title I classroom; \$100 buys one book a month for every child in two classrooms; \$250 buys one book a month for every child in five classrooms;

and a \$500 donation supports an entire classroom (more than 200 new books) for a full year, providing each child with a book a month to take home, cherish and share.

Current board members are: Sallie Williams, chair; Nora Kolmer, vice chair; Mary Henrikson, secretary; Donna Eskra, corresponding secretary; Ray Kalich, treasurer; and Mary Polizzotto, Erika Aron, Marcie Charles, Hina Sanghvi and Emily Watt.

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Since he joined Fortune in 2001, Mr. Lashinsky's coverage for the magazine has ranged from Silicon Valley to Wall Street, including feature stories on diverse topics such as venture capital, private equity, oil

exploration and the economic recovery of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. His multiple cover stories have featured Apple, Google, Amazon, Nike, Dell, Facebook and Alibaba.

Mr. Lashinsky's new book, "Wild Ride: Inside Uber's Quest for World Domination," will be available for purchase at the event. Cost is \$30 for NPC members, \$40 for others (\$10 for students). Reserve your place by emailing RSVP@NaplesPressClub.org.

■ **The Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meeting is April 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **The Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, at the Club at Longshore Lake, 11399 Phoenix Way. Guest speaker Paula Muehlhauser will discuss "Learning What It Means To Be Real." Guests are encouraged to bring in slightly used accessories, jewelry or household items to exchange in the popular Swap & Shop. Cost is \$28 (\$14 for first-timers). For reservations, call 591-3797 or email cwnaples@gmail.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 April 6 meeting place is The Palate, followed by Bice on April 13. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** creates and promotes recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members gather at a different restaurant at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. The April 6 place to be is Under the Shady Palm, followed by T-Michaels Steak and Lobster House on April 13, Olive Garden on April 20 and Bill's Steak and Seafood on April 27. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

■ **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



Members of the Naples Garden Club enjoyed a preview party before more than 5,500 people visited the club's 63rd annual Naples Flower Show at Naples Botanical Garden over two days in March. The club's last regular meeting of the season takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 9, at NBG and includes a program about succulents by Joel Toledo from Green Door Nursery. Admission is free, and guests are welcome. Sign up at www.naplesgardenclub.org or for more information email events@naplesgardenclub.org. A new season of meetings and programs open to the public and members-only floral design/horticulture workshops will begin in November.

1. Ellen Meister, Joyce Colvario and Jill Chamberlain
2. Barbara Sampson and Richard Sampson
3. Sharon Hittonen, Audrey Hennessy and Jeanne Brown
4. Edie Perkins, Jim Perkins and Judy Perkins
5. Mary Anderson, Helen Roth and Connie Marsucci
6. Patti Taylor, Jill Chamberlain, Pat McNamara and Jean Lemmon



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gatherings are April 7 and 21. 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.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island



are invited to the annual Founders' Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Guest speaker will be Region 2 director Harper Whitten Spencer; Golden Arrow and Diamond Jubilee alumnae will be honored. Cost is \$35 and payment in advance is required.

■ Serving Naples and Collier County since 1969, the **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Perkins Restaurant at Pine Ridge Road and I-75. The next meetings are April 10 and 24. All are welcome. For more information, call 293-6369 or 352-2827.

■ **The Genealogical Society of Collier County** celebrates its 34th anniversary with a dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. The evening's program will be local writer/actress Janina Birtolo in her one-woman show about Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Everglades. Dinner reservations are required. For more information, call Jeanne Bruehler at 877-9276 or visit www.thegscc.org.

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

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

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

■ **Alliance Française de Naples** holds its annual business meeting and luncheon Sunday, April 15, at Cypress Woods Golf & Country Club, 3525 Northbrooke Drive. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. for socializing and cash bar, and brunch begins at 12:30 p.m. A new president and two board members will be elected during the business meeting. Reservations are required by Thursday, April 12, and can be made by emailing afnaples@comcast.net.

All who enjoy conversing in French are welcome.

■ **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 April 12. For more information, call Roberta Raass at 566-8919.

■ The Naples chapter of **Sons of the American Revolution** meets for lunch and a program on the second Thursday of the month October-May at Tiburon

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Golf Club. The next meeting is April 12. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit www.NaplesSAR.org.

■ The Greater Naples Unit of the **New York State United Teachers** (retired) meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 12, in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake on Valewood Drive. All teachers are welcome. This is the final meeting of the season. For more information, call Paul Murphy at 593-7738 or Robert Lomicka at 514-7234.



■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to its next meeting Thursday evening, April 12, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. American Orchid Society judge David Junka will discuss repotting. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ Are you new to Naples and inter-

ested in making new friends? The **Naples Newcomers Club** could be for you. Members meet for lunch at country clubs throughout the area on the second Thursday of each month. Groups also get together to explore Naples and beyond and for conversations over coffee and to enjoy a variety of interests from books and mah-jongg to yoga and gourmet cooking. Members must have been full-time residents of Naples for less than five years. The next luncheon is April 12. For more information, visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ 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 April 12. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit www.NaplesSAR.org.

■ The newly formed **Naples Beta Theta Pi alumni** organization meets for lunch and a program at noon Thursday, 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.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is April 12. Guests and new

members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.



■ The **Jane Austen Society of Southwest Florida**, a branch of the Jane Austen Society of North America, meets from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Bonita Springs Public Library. The topic for discussion will be an article titled "Almost Too Good for Me: The Seasoning of Anne Elliot's Idealism." Attendance is free, and all are welcome. To sign up, email jasnaswf@gmail.com. For a link to the article and map to the library, visit www.jasnaswf.org.

■ **Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters** invite early birds who want to gain confidence speaking in public to its meetings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the

first and third Tuesdays of every month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meetings are April 17 and May 1. First-time visitors are always welcome to observe. For more information, call 777-8851.

■ 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 April 19. Cost is \$22 for ENCA members, \$25 for others. For more information, call 434-1967 or visit www.EastNaplesCivic.com.

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is April 19. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflag-naples.org.

■ The **Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta** offers a variety of monthly programs throughout the year. For more information, call Cindy Slavin at 259-8919 or visit www.Naples.KappaAlphaTheta.org.

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POLO

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It is a diverse group.

"Every year, we have players from all over," said player Phil Tremo, who helps organize each year's tournament. "This year, we have players not just from the states and Canada, but from Argentina, and one of our players is a Russian guy from Georgia."

South African 6-goal professional Stuart "Sugar" Erskine will lead Caroline Moran's Goshen Hill team.

"He's a world-class polo player and he reached out to us," Mr. McKenney said.

So is Argentine professional 6-goaler Ignacio "Nacho" Badiola, who will serve as the frontman for RSM US, LLP's team, while 4-goal pro Matt Coppola will serve as point person for the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek team. Catherine Malone's team, Cedar Crest Stables, will be led by local polo professionals Joey Casey, owner of Palm City Polo, near Boynton Beach, and fellow pro Tiffany Busch, manager at Vero Beach Polo Club.

There are players of all levels.

Mr. Tremo, who divides his time between West Palm Beach and Washington, D.C., is a fairly recent devotee of the sport.

He always had a passion for horses but developed a passion for polo after seeing the first gay polo matches in Wellington in 2010.

"The next winter season, we all kicked into gear with lessons, and that's when I started learning polo," he said.

It took practice — it wasn't until 2015 that he played well enough to participate in the tournaments.

Now, he's hooked.

"I play January through April in Florida and I play June through September in the Washington, D.C., area," he said. "Just going to watch the polo tournament, I never even would have thought it would be a huge passion. It's part of my work and it's my main sport activity."

That's the human component.

Then there's the equine component.

"I love the horses," Mr. Tremo said. "I think people say the horses are what bring people to polo."

But it does not compare to dressage and other equestrian sports.

"There's a big difference between perfecting your form in the arena versus the excitement of polo," Mr. Tremo said. "There are so many layers. You need to be a good rider, but you need to hit the ball well."

Then there are strategies among teams, in which participants play off



Phil Tremo (right), with top-rated pro Eduardo Heguy at the GPL tournament in Argentina.

one another's strengths and weaknesses.

"That's the beauty of polo," Mr. Tremo said. "It's inclusive. Men and women compete together. Also, because every player has a specific handicap levels, we can mix them up to play four equal teams."

The pros can help lesser experienced players think quickly.

"It's a very exciting sport because it is fast-paced and there is so much to think about," Mr. Tremo said.

Mr. McKenney agreed.

"There's this incredible adrenalin rush because you're running 35 miles an hour hitting a 3-inch ball with a 6-inch mallet head," he said. "Within that adrenalin, there's this sense of calm. You stay in the moment. It's this wonderful silence in your head."

It's as much about the ponies as anything. The ponies used for polo tend to be smaller than the horses used in jumping.

Mr. Tremo will be debuting a new horse, a 7-year-old named Paris, at gay polo.

He says there is a bond between horse and rider.

"I don't want to say it's like a pet, because it's not, but you have that connection with your horse," he said. "We look for horses that are very responsive because there is so much we ask from them in polo, in terms of the speed and the agility."

But it's not all about the game, because what's a game without a party?

There are tailgates, then there are tailgates.

And it's the latter you will find at this year's gay polo.

Forget the grills, and the pickup truck beds you see at football games and concerts across the country.

At gay polo, the tailgates — housed in tents — will have gone condo.

"The people who buy tailgates and decorate them, that's a lot of work, and I understand that it adds a lot of value to our event," Mr. McKenney said. "How many people really contribute to making this a quality event?"

Some are private parties, but others are open to the general public at the tournament.

"It's a blast," said Rand Hoch, a West Palm Beach mediation attorney and founder of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council. "The first year I went, there was a bunch of people in their little tailgates. Now, on one side, it's the polo match, and it's all these wonderfully imaginative tailgate parties people hold for their friends, and often for strangers."

"I have a fun tent, with gorgeous bartenders who are not wearing shirts, and I want to keep it fun," said Don Todorich, a Realtor with Corcoran in Palm Beach, and resident of Lake Worth, who donates the liquor for a tailgate sponsored by the human rights council.

Competition can be fierce among tailgaters.

Organizers expect this year's tailgates to build upon past themes, some of which have included "God Save the Queen!," "Brunch at Tiffany's," "Gert's Cut & Curl" and "Rosé All Day," among others.

It's all in good fun, but the tailgates do offer an opportunity for networking and education.



The "Holla Days" tailgate at the 2015 GPL tournament.



Phil Tremo with his horse Incognito.

It's all about supporting the LGBTQ community, says Mr. Todorich.

"It helps promote my business, and it helps people know I am a supporter of diversity and all aspects of supporting the gay community."

After all, polo itself is about coming together as a community, even if the game sometimes is beside the point once the parties get going.

"It's really special to have friends and family caring for you during the tournament and that makes this day really special," Mr. Tremo said. "It's always fun every weekend that I play, but having all those folks supporting us means a lot to me." ■

in the know

Ninth annual Land Rover Palm Beach International Gay Polo Tournament

>> **When:** First game at 1 p.m. April 7; finals at 3 p.m.

>> **Where:** International Polo Club Palm Beach, 3667 120th Ave. S., Wellington.

>> **Tickets:** \$30 general admission; \$10 general parking, \$25 VIP parking.

>> **Info:** www.gaypolo.com

Paddlers can make a splash at Calusa Palooza

The third annual Calusa Palooza race, organized by the College of Life Foundation for paddling enthusiasts, returns to Koreshan State Park in Estero on Saturday, April 7.

The Estero River race includes events for standup paddle boarders, kayaks, outrigger canoes and surf-skis. The American Canoe Association-sanctioned event also includes a free ¼-mile Calusa Kids Race.

Registration is \$35, with proceeds to benefit a summer camp for underprivileged youth. Sign up at visit <https://paddleguru.com/races/CalusaPalooza2018>. For more information, call 992-2184 or send an email to esteronaturalist@gmail.com. ■



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Saturday, April 14, at the bank's Marco Island branch at 605 Bald Eagle Drive. The second takes place during the same hours Saturday, April 21, at the Naples branch at 1905 Pine Ridge Road.

A voluntary donation of \$3 per bag of papers will be collected, with Marco

proceeds going to the Marco Island American Legion Post 404 to purchase pavers for Veterans Park and Naples proceeds going to Books for Collier Kids. Individuals are limited to 10 boxes of paper. Shredding services are pro-

vided by Shred-It.

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The ultimate book for seniors, senior health care providers

REVIEW BY PHIL JASON

■ **“The End of Old Age: Living a Longer, More Purposeful Life” by Dr. Marc E. Agronin. Da Capo Press. 227 pages. Hardcover, \$27.**

This book should be on the desk of every geriatric specialist, senior living facility staff member and senior citizen caretaker. Most senior citizens will also benefit from its wisdom, compassion and sensible guidelines for successful living at an advanced age. Carefully organized into four easily digested parts, each containing two complementary chapters, Dr. Marc Agronin's book is nothing less than a manual for moving beyond the negative connotations of aging.

“We must learn,” he writes, “how to age in a creative manner that is both the antidote to feeling old and the elixir of aging well.”

It is a philosophy aimed not at recapturing youth but rather exploiting the gifts of advanced age.

Dr. Agronin is an accomplished writ-

er whose experience and empathy generate positive vibes as well as practical planning advice.

One of his key points concerns the accumulated wisdom of the elderly. He offers many examples, stories of patients and others, of how this wisdom has value not only for others, but as a resource for the person going through the aging process. He articulates five categories of behavior, vividly defined and exemplified, to explore the growth and use of an individual's wisdom in old age. Presented as five jewels in the crown of wisdom, they are: savant, sage, curator, creator and seer.

Though the categories overlap somewhat, they are useful concepts. They are not meant to pigeonhole people but to find the ways in which aging is useful, to counter the customary “dread and denigration” of aging and to build new habits of identity.

Dr. Agronin defines a concept he calls

“age points” as periods of adversity, struggle or despondency along the aging journey. Age points threaten our ability

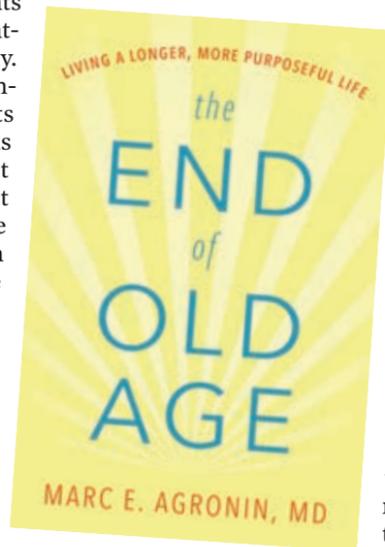
to cope; Dr. Agronin guides readers through a series of stages to work through the trauma of an age point. First is recognizing the precipitating event, after which comes a sense of “suspension” — of not being able to respond to a crisis productively. Next comes a multifaceted evaluation of how to “reconcile the gap between what we have and what we need.” Finally, comes the action of resolution and forward movement, usually attached to an altered perspective and sense of positivism.

Further chapters reveal and illustrate similar tools. Each is filled with carefully crafted case studies that are as uplifting as they are informative. Readers will recognize themselves, their parents and their friends in these vignettes. They will see how others have pushed

away the blocks that seem to stand in the way of a fruitful, worthwhile passage through life's final decades. They will understand how fear and loathing can be transformed into celebration, indeed, even celebrations with new rituals and the refinement/renewal of habitual ones.

Aging well requires creativity, and Dr. Agronin pursues this important ingredient in the chapter titled “Renewal, Reinvention and Creative Aging.” Once again, he designs a conceptual frame, in this case an “action plan” that leads to performance and accomplishment. Its steps, each clearly articulated and exemplified, are reserve, resilience, reinvention, legacy and celebration. Sample charts and grids help readers to get started on the path to building and maintaining an aging process that will “bring the best possible experience and outcome.”

Bolstered by the findings of other professionals in the field, Dr. Agronin provides well-tested roadmaps for successful years and decades of aging. He is a fine stylist whose thoughtfulness, clinical experience and caring nature will give readers confidence in new, attractive possibilities for their aging selves. But there is much work to be done. ■



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Learn to make healthy meals with DLC chef

The David Lawrence Center Young Executives invite the public to a healthy cooking demonstration as part of the Elevate Wellness Series from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the DLC main campus, 6075 Bathey Lane in Naples.

DLC Executive Chef Amy Peters will demonstrate healthy meals that are quick and easy for young professionals on the go. She will discuss how what we eat affects our overall health, and will also explain how her team promotes and facilitates healthy meal planning for

DLC residential clients.

Attendees will learn how to make:

- Mason jar salads with homemade dressings and 20 different toppings
- Quinoa, cranberry, walnut and feta salad with a homemade dill dressing
- Homemade Italian hummus with tortilla chips
- Spicy white bean and veggie soup
- Chef Amy's healthy brownies

The Elevate Wellness Series came about in November 2017 as a way for the DLC Young Executives to elevate per-

sonal health and well-being while also promoting awareness of mental health and substance abuse within the community. The inaugural event included a boot camp and vendor village featuring goods and services that promote health and wellness.

Registration for the healthy cooking program is \$25 and includes a treat to take home. All proceeds from DLC Young Executives events benefit the mission, operations and expansion of the center's community-based preven-

tion and treatment programs for local children and adults with psychological and substance use challenges. Every year, DLC helps create life-changing wellness for more than 9,000 people through more than 220,000 treatment sessions.

For reservations or more information, call Emily Budd at 304-3505, email emilyb@dlcmhc.com or visit www.davidlawrencecenter.org. ■

Parkinson association welcomes patients and caregivers

The Parkinson Association of SWFL Inc. offers numerous classes and support groups to help those at various stages of the disease as well as their caregivers. Classes range from exercise and movement to balance skills and

drills, tai chi, speech and singing. Classes take place at PASFI headquarters at 5926 Premier Way in Naples and also at Fleischmann Park and Terracina Grand in Naples, Bentley Village in North Naples, The Terraces at Bonita Springs

and United Church of Marco Island on Marco.

Patients and their caregivers also enjoy a monthly Lunch Bunch at changing locations, with the next one starting at noon Thursday, April 19, at Noodles

Italian Café and Sushi Bar.

For more information about PASFI programs and services and to make reservations for the April Lunch Bunch, call the office at 417-3465 or visit www.pasfi.org. ■

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It was residents vs. staff for the first-ever Living Well competitions at Vi at Bentley Village, where the good-natured games included golf, bocce, croquet, billiards and team trivia designed to focus on the community's commitment to living well in mind, body and spirit. The residents won four of the five categories, falling short only in billiards.

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2. Suzann King and Stanley Whetstone
3. Front: Claudia Ordonez. Second row: Sarah Meierdiercks, Carrie D'Amico and Pam Fulz. Standing: Garvin David, Melissa Mathis, Marc Boatman, Kelly Haines, and Stan Geer
4. Garvin David, Kelly Burnett, Michele Smith and Ike Martinez

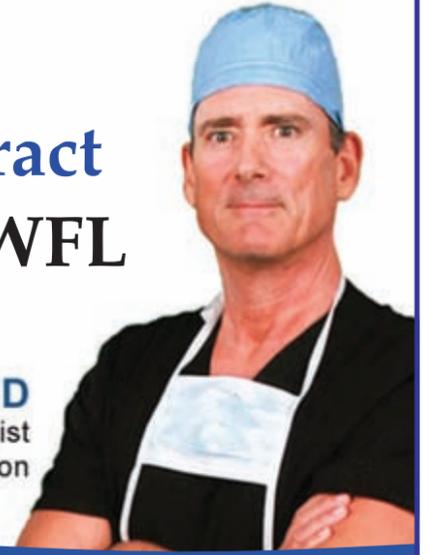
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Coyote blues

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Charlotte Zappala was walking her Australian shepherd, Roxie, one morning when a coyote enticed the dog to come play. Roxie, who was off-leash, ran off, right into an ambush. Lucky for her, she escaped with only bites around the eye and on her paw.

Coyotes are no longer a symbol of rural living. They live in America's largest cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, where they make a fine living off garbage, pet food left outdoors, rodents and, yes, dogs and cats.

Coyote attacks on pets, like the one Zappala experienced, usually occur during the wild dogs' courting, mating and pupping season: late fall, winter and early spring. Mating season begins as early as November, with pups on the ground typically between April and June.

Often, an individual's or community's first response to the presence of coyotes is to want to trap and relocate or kill them. While that might be satisfying in the short term to people who fear the animals, it's not a viable or desirable solution, says coyote biologist Jacqueline Frair, Ph.D., of State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. Coyotes have a suite of biological mechanisms that kick in to rapidly grow their populations when they are under threat from hunting or other reduction efforts.

"Studies have shown that when coyote numbers are reduced, a higher propor-



Coyotes are highly protective of pups. Walk your dog on a leash in wooded areas or other places that might be a coyote habitat.

tion of females become pregnant, litter sizes become larger and the offspring of those litters have higher survival rates," Frair says.

What should you do if you are walking your dog and encounter a coyote? A good offense is the best defense, as the saying goes.

If you live in an area where you know there are coyotes, stay alert when walking your dog on- or off-leash.

Carry a walking stick, mace or bear spray that you can use to ward off a coyote that seems menacing. If you use mace or bear spray, be aware of the wind's direction so you don't suffer blowback.

If you don't have any of those items with you, throw rocks or yell at the coyote, and wave your arms or a hat at it.

Most coyotes are shy and fearful and will run at any sign of aggression from you.

Stand your ground. Running away will only incite the coyote to chase you and your dog, which is not the reaction you want.

Even if you and your dog don't mean any harm, a coyote will be extra-protective if you and your dog unknowingly come near a den with pups. Be watchful during pupping season.

Other strategies to keep coyotes at bay and pets from becoming prey:

- Secure garbage cans so that coyotes can't knock them over or knock the lid off.

- Feed pets indoors or take up food as soon as the animal is finished eating outdoors.

- Empty outdoor water dishes in the evening.

- Never offer food to coyotes.

- Cover or remove other sources of food that could attract coyotes, such as compost heaps, fallen fruit and birdseed spilled from feeders.

- Install motion-sensitive lighting to startle coyotes that enter the yard.

- Put up a solid, well-maintained fence at least 6 feet tall. A high fence with a roll bar on top is even better.

- Even in a fenced yard, accompany small or medium-size dogs outdoors if it's very early in the morning or after dark.

- Trim shrubbery so it offers little cover.

- If you see a coyote lurking near your yard, shoo it away.

"Coyotes simply shouldn't learn to get comfortable around us," Frair says. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Abba** is an affectionate, spayed adult domestic shorthair. She's a very sweet girl who deserves a loving forever home.



>> **Cherish** is a sweet, spayed young domestic shorthair who longs to be cherished.



>> **Lana** is a happy, spayed adult mix who just wants to know she is loved and safe.



>> **Uma** is friendly, spayed, young adult hound mix who loves toys as much as she loves people and other dogs. She is starting to learn her puppy manners and will attend Pawsitive Kids Camp to learn even more.

To adopt or foster a pet

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

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If you fight for what's right, do it your way



Occasionally, Southwest Florida stories are featured in the national news — and it's usually for something weird that the rest of the world decides to make fun of.

Last year, some FGCU students brought a dead alligator into their dorm room for a photo shoot. In the fall, a Fort Myers woman was arrested in the school pick-up line for snorting cocaine off her iPhone screen. Meanwhile, in Naples, a 78-year serial bra thief was put in the pokey for stealing hundreds of dollars' worth of bras from Nordstrom.

Internet news outlets love to pick up these stories and see them go viral, as Florida's reputation for weirdness grows.

But I don't see why it was so weird when a Fort Myers woman, Karen Cooper, married a tree in an effort to keep it from being cut down. Her betrothed, a lovely 100-year-old ficus tree in a small public park on the Caloosahatchee River, was in danger of being removed by city officials when the new land owner next door expressed concern that the tree would spread its branches onto his property.

For years, children had climbed and played in the tree, families had enjoyed picnics under its shade and

it had been the backdrop for countless graduation, engagement and wedding photos.

By "marrying" the tree, Karen helped the cause garner a plethora of free publicity — the story was picked up in Miami,

Jacksonville, and even by Newsweek and People magazines online. Karen and the tree's wedding took place on Saturday — on Monday, the Fort Myers City Council decided the tree was off the executioner's block and would remain where it has stood for the past century.

But when reading articles like this online, I have to remind myself not to read the comments below the stories because people can be brutal: "What a whack job!" "Mentally incompetent," "She must be a brain dead liberal," "People in Florida get crazier every day."

OK, I get that photo shoots with dead alligators, coke heads in carlines and bra thieves set themselves up

for ridicule, but why are we so quick to condemn people for standing up for what they believe in and trying to make a difference?

I remember years ago, maybe the late '80s, when a woman in Key West tried to save a tree that was to be cut down to make room for a parking lot. She climbed it, chained herself to it and went on a hunger strike — she was up there for days. Firefighters had to forcibly remove her, and the tree was cut down anyway.

I tried to search for news reports to get details, but this was before internet news and social media, so other than some friends who lived in Key West telling me about it, I'm not sure there's any record left of the incident. Karen Cooper held a peaceful marriage ceremony and got attacked online. The woman who chained herself to a tree 30 years ago would have been roasted.

These days, when you stand up for a cause, you really have to put yourself out on a limb (sorry, I couldn't help it).

To those who marched last Saturday for gun control and allowed your image to be on the news, I applaud you. If you were part of the women's march, I applaud you. If you've ever held a sign in support of clean water, I applaud you.

It's so easy to pound on a keyboard from the four walls of your living room and bully those who try to change the world — but what people don't get is that the ones who are out there fighting, marching — and even marrying trees — are the strongest of us all. ■



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Analysis concludes bull market shifting; watch those tech stocks



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A small institutional research company named The Leuthold Group recently published an interesting piece on the current stock market valuation. More specifically, the group looked at the relative performance of two market sectors today and before the dot-com crash in 2000 to see if another stock market crash was likely today.

What sectors did The Leuthold Group compare and can this analysis predict a future market meltdown?

The Leuthold Group believed that in the final stages of a bull market, investors pile into very popular stocks that continue to make new highs and dump safe conservative stocks that are more defensive in nature.

First the company compared the rate of return of tech stocks, the trendiest stocks before the 2000 crash, to utility stocks, the most conservative and least purchased.

What the analysts found was that the corresponding rates of return stayed very consistent, around 1:1 until around 1995. Then the returns of IT sector and dot-com stocks started rising much more rapidly. By 1997, the ratio was 2:1 favoring the tech sector. In 1999, the ratio was 4:1. And in the months right

before the stock market meltdown, the ratio exploded to over 6:1.

After the crash, the returns on tech stocks compared to utility stocks dropped back to around 2:1 and the ratio stayed constant between around 2:1 to 3:1 for the next 15 years. This is normal, as an investor would demand to earn a

greater return on more risky technology companies compared to “boring” utility companies that are more predictable and are owned more for their income-producing ability.

However, starting last year, the ratio started to spike again. In the first months of this year, the ratio jumped to

5:1. Most of this increase was driven by the FANG stocks (Facebook, Apple, Netflix and Google) as well as depressed returns from utility stocks due to climbing interest rates. This is very similar to what happened in 2000.

Does this mean that a stock market crash is imminent? The author of the report explains, “While this does not suggest a massive collapse — similar to the aftermath of the dot-com era — is forthcoming, it is another reminder that the character of the current bull market has changed.”

An astute investor will understand that it is dangerous for a narrow sector of the market, dot-com stocks in 2000 and FANG stocks today, to drive so much of stock gains and so outpace the rest of the market.

We saw this a couple of weeks ago when concerns about Facebook privacy drove the entire market down significantly.

Just like the banking sector drove the total stock market into a significant correction, The Leutold Group is pointing out how tech stocks today can once again cause panic within all equities.

Even if you don’t own tech stocks, I would keep a close eye on how all these stocks are faring. ■

— 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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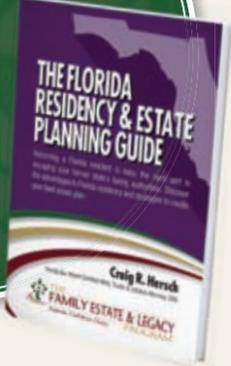
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Retiree buys airtime, sells ads, finds talent and produces a new TV show highlighting home cooks across SWFL.

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In one episode of “Great Neighborhood Cooks,” Rob Kircher and his friend amble up the path to a big, pretty home in Bonita Springs where they are welcomed by Sherri DuPont and Dave DuPont. You may not know the DuPonts, but you know people like them: excellent home cooks whose recipes are largely unknown outside their circle of family and friends.

Mr. Kircher is changing that with his new television show, which started airing across Southwest Florida on FOX 4 in January, each Sunday at 10 a.m. He is the executive producer and host of each half-hour episode about local, unheralded foodies in our midst, people who live “down the street and around the corner.”

It’s a business, this production. Mr. Kircher buys the time slot from FOX,

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SCORE Naples invites women entrepreneurs to next inSights program

SCORE Naples hosts its fourth inSights event designed for women by women from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, April 20, at the Naples Daily News. Moderated by Tasheekia Perry, founder of Crown- ing Daughters for Success, “inSights into Business Productivity Strategies” will focus on the strategies three successful Naples business women — Kathy Bingham, owner of Bingham Jewelers; Sharon Hood, founder and publisher of eBella Magazine; and Rebecca Seitz, founder and CEO of SON-TV & Film Studios — have employed to improve their own productivity at critical business junctures. This is a common challenge for women entrepreneurs, who often must balance the demands of raising a family with the exigencies of



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inSights programs are designed and produced by the women members of SCORE Naples to inform, motivate and energize a key segment of the local economy by building a sense of community and support for women entrepreneurs. No matter the topic, panelists transparently share the ups and downs of their own journeys, focusing on the things they learned in moving from a start-up to an established enterprise.

Previous programs — inSights into Successful Business Strategies, inSights into Business Growth Strategies and inSights into Business Marketing Strategies — have been highly interactive, requiring participants to reflect on their own strengths and areas for improve-

ment and come away with specific ideas and commitments for moving forward.

Participants work in small teams to complete group assignments that culminate in sharing their personal “ah-ha” moments from the session and specific commitments to use what they learned in the program in their own lives and businesses. “Ah-has” include: “make time for myself” and “ask for help.” Commitments include: “hire an assistant” and “utilize social media.”

Registration for the “inSights into Business Productivity Strategies” is \$35. Sign up at www.bit.ly/InSights2018 or for more information, email Margaret Holt at Margaret.Holt@scorevolunteer.org. ■

TV SHOW

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and for revenue sells ad space to local businesses himself. His agreement with the network calls for him to produce 52 episodes through 2019, after which the shows could become syndicated, possibly through a digital television station or other TV affiliates.

Aside from a bare-bones camera and sound crew, he creates the show himself, finding and interviewing qualified candidates, preparing them for what to expect, and usually spending about an hour or hour-and-a-half shooting each episode in their home. He edits that down to 29 minutes and 30 seconds to meet FOX's deadline each Thursday at noon.

On the show featuring the DuPonts, Ms. DuPont, who runs a noted interior design firm, whips up a favorite easy artichoke dip in a beautiful kitchen. That's followed by Mr. DuPont preparing marinated venison steaks on the grill. Finally, she makes an Apple-Nut Depression Cake from a recipe that was passed down the generations on her husband's side of the family, which can be traced back to early 16th century Spanish settlers in St. Augustine.

"It was actually one of his grandmother's recipes that I've been making since he and I have been married," she said (45 years this year).

Part of the pleasure of seeing them cook is being invited into their interesting kitchens and lives. Mr. Kircher looks for cooks who are characters, have a story to tell, and reflect the region's cultural diversity.

For one up-and-coming episode, he paid a visit to the home of LJ Bury in Estero, where she and a group of friends from her neighborhood discussed how cooking helped her recover from the death of her husband, Ron, 2½ years ago. Cooking was a love they shared, but baking was her specialty.

She started delivering the goods to friends and neighbors who had been trying to help her regain a social life and pull her out of depression. On the show she makes their most-requested item, LJ's Chocolate Almond PB&J Raspberry Squares. True to her Italian heritage and childhood on Long Island, they are served with Prosecco (also because she didn't have an espresso machine.)

"I thanked (Mr. Kircher) for doing the show because for me it was a thank you back to my friends and neighbors," she said. "... And a tribute to my husband who I believe was watching from above somehow."

On one past episode at Cape Coral Yacht Club, Mr. Kircher visits Rey Irizarry, a Puerto Rican man who lives on a 38-foot boat with his better half, two children, and a "little mighty stove" where he cooks up spaghetti with lobster. Made in a small space with maximum efficiency, it's prepared with a



Rob Kircher, creator of "Great Neighborhood Cooks," chats with LJ Bury during a cooking session.

fragrant broth made with part of the lobster shell and garnished with fresh cilantro and asiago cheese.

"It's like I tell my friends, this will not be an authentic Italian plate, this will be an authentic Rey plate," he says.

"Great Neighborhood Cooks" is an offshoot of Mr. Kircher's earlier cooking shows. A former TV news copy writer, sales manager and later ad agency owner in Rochester, N.Y., he and his wife moved to Florida in the late 1990s.

Unhappy in retirement, he went back to freelance ad work and finally began producing a TV show called "Better Health, Greater Wealth." It was inspired by his efforts to lose weight after his doctor warned he was obese, telling him, "you'll be lucky to see your next birthday." Mr. Kircher shot the episodes in his outdoor kitchen at home in Bonita Springs. He also dropped more than 50 pounds and says his energy is "through the roof."

With the new show, health is not a focus; one episode features an apple pie baked inside a cheesecake. Other dishes reflect healthier habits. At a fire station in Naples, the crew cooks up butternut squash lasagna; another guest prepares dishes based on a Paleo diet. His approach to the show is unique, he said, in a cooking show world full of "how-to" programs shot in a studio or cooking competitions. Mr. Kircher calls his an "eavesdropping" model or "honest television," a more casual approach designed to be like going to visit a friend.

"Do not get gussied up," he tells cooks



Chef Ruth Manchester, the show creator Rob Kircher and firefighters John Morrison and Trey Adcock taste a dish.

on the show. "Do not go to the hair dresser the day before the show... The other things is please, please, please, do not clean up your kitchen. And of course they always do."

The show is scheduled to run for 52

episodes, through 2019. It airs on 10 a.m. each Sunday on WFTX-TV Fox 4 (HD 434, Direct TV 36). Full recipes and earlier episodes can be found on Great-NeighborhoodCooks.com. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ Members and guests of the **Above Board Chamber** gather for the annual Spring Fling After Hours from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Bayfront Inn on Fifth Avenue. \$15 for members, \$25 for others includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, discounted drinks, music and door prizes. Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or email Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Hilton Naples for lunch and a program about ethics in business. Dawn-Marie Driscoll, emeritus execu-

tive fellow at the Hoffman Center for Business Ethics at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., will serve as emcee for a panel discussion among Michael A. Wynn, president and chairman of the board for Sunshine Ace Hardware; Garrett Richter, president, CFO and director of Florida First Integrity Bank; and Karen Conley, founder and CEO of Charity for Change. \$25 for members, \$30 for others who register by April 3; \$30 and \$35 after that. Sign up at www.aboveboardchamber.com or contact Jeanne Sweeney by calling 910-7426 or emailing Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com.

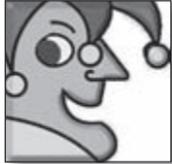
■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Hilton Naples. The annual post-legislative session update will include a panel discussion with State Reps. Byron Donalds and Bob Rommel and Kathleen Passidomo. Grace Advisory Group is the morning's sponsor. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Women's Council of Realtors Bonita Springs-Estero** invites the public to its inaugural casino night fundraiser Friday, April 13, at Mercedes-

Benz of Bonita Springs. Hors d'oeuvres by DeRomo's and a cash bar begin at 6 p.m. Gaming starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. RSVP at or call Michael Jackson at 919-6315 or email Michael@michael-jacksonsteam.com for more information.

■ The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** welcomes Ed Staros, vice president and managing director of The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Florida, as guest speaker at a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Randy Smith,

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For best results when evaluating, investing in and following stocks, you should know your way around the income statement (sometimes called the statement of operations), which summarizes sales and profits over a period of time, such as three months or a year.

Consider McDonald's income statement for 2017. At the top, you'll find net revenue (sometimes called sales). For McDonald's, it's \$22.8 billion. As you work your way down the income statement, various costs will be subtracted from revenue, leaving different levels of profit. The item you'll find just under revenue is "cost of goods sold" (sometimes abbreviated as COGS or called cost of revenue), representing the cost of producing products or services sold. For McDonald's, it's \$12.2 billion. Subtract the COGS from revenues, and you'll get a gross profit of \$10.6 billion.

To find the gross margin, which reflects the costs of production relative to revenue, simply divide the gross profit by revenue. Dividing \$10.6 billion by \$22.8 billion yields a gross margin of 0.46, or 46 percent. It's often illuminating to com-

pare the results with peers. For example, gross margin is 58 percent for Wendy's and 60 percent at Starbucks.

Next, the remaining costs involved in operating the business, such as support staff salaries, utility bills and advertising expenses, are subtracted, leaving the operating profit. McDonald's operating profit is \$9.6 billion. Dividing this by revenue yields an operating margin of about 42 percent. Crunching older numbers reveals that McDonald's operating margin is up from 28 percent two years earlier, reflecting great improvement. (Both Wendy's and Starbucks sport operating margins of 18 percent.)

Finally, after items such as taxes and interest payments are accounted for, we arrive at net income, near the bottom of the statement. McDonald's is \$5.2 billion. Dividing that by revenue yields a hefty net profit margin of 23 percent. This number reflects how many pennies from every dollar of sales McDonald's keeps as profit. (Wendy's net margin is 16 percent, and Starbucks's is 13 percent.) When it comes to profit margins, McDonald's is strong. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Holding On, Hopefully

So far the dumbest investing move I've made has been investing in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Israel's largest drug manufacturer and a specialist in generic drugs, right before its recent freefall. (I lost around 50 percent of my \$10,000 investment.)

Despite this, I decided to dig in and hold on. I still think it will eventually rebound, at least to more than I paid for it. I'm hoping the market overreacted, its new management will be effective and it will get some new medications approved.

— M.L., online

The Fool Responds: Teva has certainly been struggling recently, but plenty of investors remain hopeful about its future, some because they believe that generic drugs will be taking market share from non-generics in the coming years. You shouldn't be invested in the company, though, if you don't believe in its future — and especially if there are other stocks that you believe will perform better from this point on. Don't think about holding on just to gain back your losses. You can always do that via stocks in which you have more confidence.

Teva is still facing challenges, such as a heavy debt load due to acquisitions. It has also eliminated its dividend. On the other hand, it's still generating a lot of cash and has cut costs significantly, in part by shrinking its workforce. One interesting development is that Warren Buffett's company has recently been buying shares of Teva. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1972, when a guy founded me as a mail-order business to sell small telescopes. Over time, I offered more and more products for amateur astronomers. I'm known for innovation, such as my telescopes that feature auto-guiding systems to easily align on objects of interest. Today, based in Irvine, California, I'm the world's leading designer and maker of telescopes, and I offer many binoculars and optical accessories, too. In 2013 I merged with Sunny Optics, a subsidiary of a Chinese company. My brands include Coronado, SolarMax, LightBridge, LightSwitch, Wilderness and Astro. Who am I? (Answer: Meade Instruments) ■



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Ask the Fool

Low Price, High Dividend

Q I found a stock that's priced at less than \$1 per share, but it pays out more than \$1 per share in dividends. Good buy? Bad idea?

— E.P., Sacramento, California

A Bad idea. Stocks trading for less than about \$5 per share are penny stocks, which tend to be volatile and risky.

With dividend payers, you want them to be generating more in earnings per share than they're paying out in dividends so that their payouts are sustainable and unlikely to be reduced or eliminated. Hefty dividends are great, but a company needs to be strong enough to sustain them.

Q A stock I own nearly tripled in value before pulling back, leaving me with a double. Should I have sold it when I could have reaped that big gain and rebought it when the price dropped? Or am I right to just wait, hoping to gain more in the long run?

— O.M., online

A If you knew that it had temporarily peaked and was about to fall, then selling would have been a good move. But you can't know precisely what a stock is going to do.

When you buy a stock, you should have an idea of the degree to which it's undervalued. Ideally, you'll have estimated its intrinsic value. If the stock surges well beyond that value, then sell, because it's reasonably likely to fall from that point. If a stock keeps rising within reason, though, and the company remains healthy and growing, then over time its intrinsic value will rise, too — and you can do well by just hanging on for the long term. Measures such as P/E (price-to-earnings) ratios can give you a rough idea of valuation. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1955, when the United Business Services company, run by two Kansas City, Missouri, brothers, offered tax preparation services to its clients. Revenue more than tripled in a year. I started offering my services in cities where the IRS was discontinuing free tax prep services and soon adopted the franchising model. My services became more computerized in the 1980s, especial-



ly after I bought CompuServe. Now based in all 50 states and with about 12,000 offices and 70,000 tax pros worldwide, I've prepared more than 720 million tax returns. I offer tax-prep software, too. Who am I? Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

More Than a Phone Company

The days of seeing Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ) as just a phone company are long gone. It's now a telecom giant with the biggest network of wireless customers, and it's expanding its fiber-optic network and television services to increase value for customers.

Increasing competition in the U.S. wireless game has taken a toll on market leader Verizon, however, shrinking its stock price. But that offers an opportunity for value investors. While many Verizon subscribers jumped ship in early 2017 in favor of rivals' unlimited plans, Verizon reversed that trend by finally launching its own unlimited deal, which helped it add 1.2 million net customers in the fourth quarter.

The super-fast wireless 5G network

that Verizon is building out right now will drive the next phase of its growth, allowing consumers to connect home wireless devices to Verizon's network, enabling self-driving cars, and perhaps even making virtual reality a mobile platform. Verizon also started its Oath media business, including the assets of internet acquisitions AOL and Yahoo. Offering both connectivity and content could prove to be a winning combination for Verizon as it looks for revenue streams beyond wireless.

Telecommunications isn't a high-growth business, but it's a valuable and profitable one to be in for the long term. Verizon's dividend recently yielded about 5 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Verizon.) ■

MEETINGS

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CCLTA president, says the hotel's 1985 opening "... put Naples on the map" for tourism. Mr. Staros, who is one of the founders of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, will discuss how it has impacted the culture of Naples. \$33.72 (includes the \$30 luncheon cost plus an online registration fee via Eventbrite). Funds raised from this and other CCLTA events benefit scholarship students at Florida Gulf Coast University's School of Resort & Hospitality Management. For more information, call Beth Preddy at 404-5014 or email Beth@PreddyPR.com.

■ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** invites members and guests to Business After 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Marco Island Yacht Club. \$5 for members, \$15 for others. Follow the chamber on Facebook for more information or call 394-7549.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 12200 Tamiami Trail N. Cost is \$20 for chamber members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Vi at Bentley Village in North

Naples. Guest speaker Frank Cipolla, former longtime New York City television and radio reporter and anchor, will present "You and Your Business: As Seen on TV." Mr. Cipolla will share information on how to brand yourself as an expert in your industry, how to engage local and national media and how to improve your on-camera performance. \$30 for PRSA members, \$38 for others (\$25 for students). Reservations required by April 20 at www.gulfcoast-prsa.org.

■ **ABWA-Neapolitan Chapter** meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker and public relations professional Cyndee Woolley will discuss "The Importance of Developing Leadership and Instilling a Sense of Community in Our Next Generation of Female Leaders."

For reservations or more information, go to www.abwaneapolitan.org or email Linda Abedrabbo at lindaabedrabbo@gmail.com

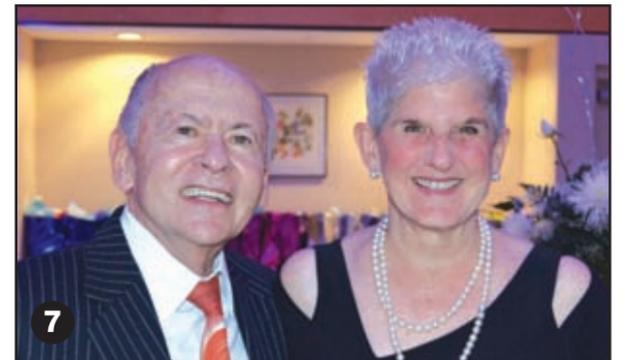
■ Consultants from the **Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ **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. ■

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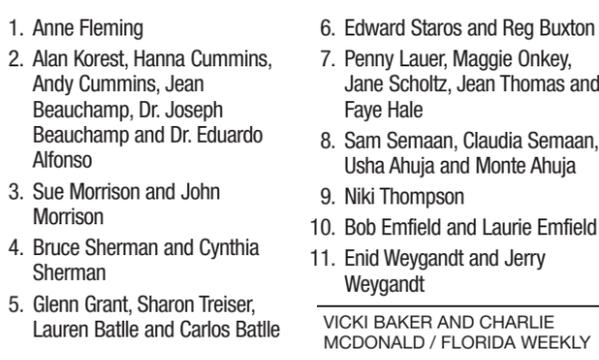
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Woods, Weidenmiller, Michetti & Rudnick, Attorneys at Law, invite real estate professionals throughout Southwest Florida to the firm's second annual WWM&R Realtor Assembly from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The following presenters will discuss an array of legal topics relevant to the day-to-day practice of real estate agents in the area:

■ Real estate attorneys Michael Michetti, Joshua Rudnick and Jay Caudill.

■ Litigation attorneys Casey Weidenmiller and Rachel Kerlek.

■ Estate planning attorney Emma Christmann.

■ Immigration attorney Donald Boyd. Registration for \$33.72 includes lunch and valet parking. Continuing education credits will be available. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com.

Sponsors include Movement Mortgage, First Florida Integrity Bank, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Clifton Larson Allen, KTS Group, Drath & Associates Home Inspections, Centennial Bank, Bonita Springs Estero Realtors and Hazelbaker Inspection Services.

CC Homes, a Codina-Carr company, has broken ground on the Club at Maple Ridge, a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse and pool for residents of the single-family home community in Ave Maria. The club will have a fitness center with aerobics studio, sauna and massage rooms; gathering spaces including billiards and card rooms; a sundeck; covered dining space with grills; and an exhibition kitchen. A playground, exercise field, bocce court and dog park are also part of the plan.

Maple Ridge, the largest neighborhood in Ave Maria, offers four collections of homes priced from the low \$200,000s into the \$500,000s. Floor plans range from 1,348 to 5,200 air-conditioned square feet. There are 14 designer-appointed models open daily.

The main entrance to Ave Maria is on Oil Well Road off Immokalee Road about 20 minutes east of I-75. For more information, call 305-915-7646 or visit www.mapleridgefl.com. ■



House Hunting

185 Tupelo Road

Elegance abounds in this estate home on more than 1 acre in Pine Ridge Estates. A true family compound, it has a main house with seven bedrooms, 9½ baths, six garage spaces, a media room and courtyard guest suite with morning kitchen and bedroom-bath. There are also two courtyard offices and an in-law suite or nanny quarters. With its unique accommodations and more than enough space for business and entertaining, it would make an ideal corporate retreat.

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Pending home sales snapped back in much of the country in February, but weakening affordability and not enough inventory on the market restricted overall activity compared to a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's pending home sales index, an indicator based on contract signings, grew 3.1 percent to 107.5 in February from a downwardly revised 104.3 in January. Even with the increase in activity, however, the index is 4.1 percent below a year ago.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the housing market has gotten off to an uneven start so far in 2018.

"Contract signings rebounded in most areas in February, but the gains were not large enough to keep up with last February's level, which was the second highest in over a decade (112.1)," Mr. Yun said. "The expanding economy and healthy job market are generating sizeable home-buyer demand, but the miniscule number of listings on the market and its adverse effect on affordability are squeezing buyers and suppressing overall activity."

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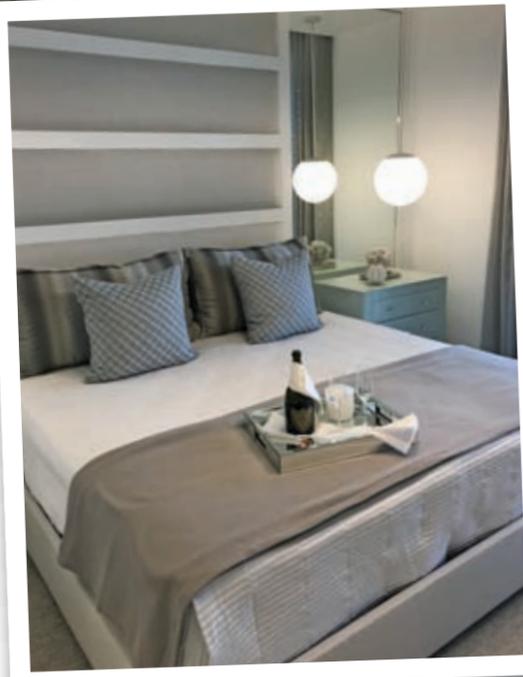
Remaining Seaglass residences to feature designer-selected finishes

With its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay on schedule for completion this summer, The Ronto Group announced it is finishing the building's remaining tower residences in high-end finish packages and color schemes selected by award-winning interior designer Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors. Seaglass features fully-completed residences with premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Three furnished models are open for viewing with a sales associate. Each residence includes two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages are available. Three open-concept tower floor plans range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet and are priced from the low \$1 million's. The tower residences will include dual private elevator foyers, island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan.

Gaddis has created three on-trend finish and color palette designs that will appeal to luxury homebuyers. The first design is anchored by a palette that features shades of grey. The wall tones will be a soft grey presented against plank style wood-look tile flooring in the living areas and on the terraces. Off-white kitchen counter surfaces with subtle grey speckles will contrast the design's darker grey cabinetry and sleek brushed nickel hardware. The cabinetry and counter surfaces will be repeated in the owner's bath where beautiful off-white tile flooring will include soft grey veining. The baths in the guest bedrooms will feature elegant charcoal grey cabinetry with contemporary hardware and topped by soft grey counters with delicate accents. The floors and shower walls will be finished with light grey tile with understated darker highlights.

Gaddis' second design features neutral cream tones that will compliment a diverse array of furniture selections. Light wall tones will bring softness to the look and play against creamy tile flooring in the living areas that will include delicate highlights. The den will showcase medium-toned wood flooring. In the kitchen, Gaddis has selected light creamy cabinetry with a uniquely shaped inset that will be topped with cream-toned counters with randomly shaped speckled accents and contemporary brushed nickel hardware. The owner's bath will feature dark-toned cabinetry contrasted by off-white countertops and ultra-soft cream tile flooring and shower walls with faint highlights. The guest baths will also showcase darker-toned cabinetry with speckled solid surface counters and darker cream flooring. Brushed nickel contemporary hardware will be used in all of the bathrooms.

The third finish and palette package will include flat finished Shark colored wall tones with semi-gloss white trim. Flooring in the living areas, including the elevator lobby, foyer, great room, dining room, kitchen, gallery, and powder bath will be 24 by 24-inch Bianco Coveland tile. Wood flooring will be featured in the den. The kitchen will showcase white cabinetry against Cement quartz countertops with an eased edge. The owner's bedroom will feature Frost carpeting. The owner's bath will also feature 24 by 24-inch



Top: The kitchen in the Seaglass tower residence 306 model presents a fresh clean aura with light countertops and a beautiful island that play against warm wood toned flooring. Above: The Ronto Group announced it is finishing the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise's remaining tower residences in high-end finish packages and color schemes selected by Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors. Left: Cinnabar Design's Diana Hall, ASID and Laurie Walter, ASID created a sophisticated, elegant interior design for the tower residence 605 furnished model in the luxurious Seaglass high-rise tower.

Bianco Coveland tile flooring, as well as 12 by 24-inch Bianco Coveland tile shower walls, six by six-inch Bianco Coveland tile shower flooring, cabinetry with a Cape Cod finish, and white Cararra marble countertops with an eased

edge and a four-inch backsplash. The bath will also include a soaking tub and polished chrome hardware. The guest bedrooms will include Frost carpeting, as well as bathrooms with 12 by 24-inch Marmo/Pietra Statuario flooring and

shower walls, six by six-inch Marmo/Pietra Statuario shower flooring, polished chrome fixtures, and vanity cabinetry topped by Cararra marble counters with an eased edge.

Gaddis also designed the tower residence 306 model, one of three furnished Seaglass models open for viewing with a sales associate. The tower residence 306 floor plan offers 3,421 square feet under air and 525 square feet of covered terrace space. The end-unit great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, a large island kitchen and dining area, and a private elevator lobby. The design includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar with wine storage. Gaddis has incorporated including ceiling and millwork details in the design. The design showcases timeless style with a contemporary edge. She incorporated a variety of wood tones, mixing light and dark for eclectic charm, with a color palette based on matte blue grays. The flooring is a warm wood tone with handsome coffered ceiling details throughout.

The wall tones in the open-concept living areas are clean gray. A ceiling design in the dining area and kitchen incorporates a double-step detail with drywall plastered beams. The dining area between the kitchen and the great room features an elongated rectangular table that comfortably seats eight. The kitchen presents a fresh clean aura with light countertops, including the enormous island. The great room features another ceiling detail and multiple seating areas. A clean-lined fireplace clad in marble provides the focus for the television viewing area. From the great room, pocketing sliders open to a wide terrace where the owners will enjoy the views and a fabulous al fresco Florida lifestyle. This generous space accommodates a grill zone with a large dining table and chairs for six people, as well as a conversation lounge area with an L-shaped sectional sofa.

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



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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and that you're continuing to enjoy our glorious winter season in Naples! As you've probably noticed in my weekly missives, I've discovered that life at Mediterra is all about choices. Think about it - lushly landscaped streetscapes, soothing water features, a majestic clubhouse, and luxurious residences set against golf course, preserve, and water views all reflect Mediterra's award-winning history. No wonder Mediterra has been named Recipient of The Collier Building Industry Association's Sand Dollar Award for Community of the Year Over \$1 Million 11 times over the past 15 years! That said, what I believe truly sets Mediterra apart is that it offers the very real possibility of living a healthy, active lifestyle. We all know how important that is. At Mediterra, it just seems like every aspect of life presents another opportunity to stay focused on improving my personal health and well-being.

For example, whether I'm enjoying lunch or dinner at the community's clubhouse, or at the Beach Club on Little Hickory Island, The Club at Mediterra's menu offers options for maintaining a healthy diet. Carmen Mauceri is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, a winner of the American Culinary Federation Award of Excellence and has served as a Chef de Cuisine for a Presidential Dinner. Under his direction, the Club creates dining concepts that include a "doctor's orders" menu with healthy items. I love that! Of course, the clubhouse has turned into one of my favorite places. It has both formal and informal dining, the Tavern outdoor lounge experience that my new friends and I love, and an outdoor terrace with firepits that overlooks the community's golf courses. The clubhouse is never stuffy. It's a place with a relaxed atmosphere where informal attire is always welcomed. They're going to be expanding the clubhouse this year with 24,000 square feet of additional covered outdoor terrace and lounge areas and enhancements to 7,000 square feet of the existing clubhouse. What's amazing is these great things are happening without a member assessment.

Every amenity at Mediterra supports an active, health-oriented lifestyle. The Sports Club has a fitness center with all the newest equipment and offers fitness classes ranging from aerobics to Zumba, wellness programs, personal trainers, aesthetic services, three spa rooms, and a swimming pool with a sunning deck and smoothie bar. The tennis program includes a tennis pro shop and eight Har-Tru tennis courts. A lot of the tennis players I've met love cardio tennis. It's awesome! We run and hit tennis balls while listening to upbeat music. It's a cardio workout more than a tennis activity, but the ball striking lets beginners get more comfortable with the game while working on their fitness.

I'm looking forward to getting involved with Mediterra's new pickleball program. Three new pickleball courts have a Laykold masters' gel surface that reduces the force of impact by 17%. That's huge for older knees like mine. I'm also planning on being one of the more than 600 members who compete on the Club's bocce ball courts. Bocce has become a huge way of staying active and socializing. Walking is another great way of staying active. Mediterra's beautiful parks are connected by nearly eight miles of walking and biking trails. The peaceful parks will be a great place for some quiet "me time." Speaking of peaceful, they have group yoga sessions on the lawn in front of the



Above: Mediterra's private Beach Club offers an elevated swimming pool with an expansive sundeck. Swimming in the pool or Gulf, and paddle boarding through the surf are favored exercise activities. Right: Mediterra's three new pickleball courts have a highly forgiving, Laykold masters' gel surface that reduces the force of impact by 17%. Oversized perimeter areas allow each court to stand alone without interfering with play on adjacent courts. Below: More than 600 members enjoy competing on the Club at Mediterra's bocce ball courts and socializing at the Bocce Bar.



clubhouse during season.

You've probably read about my first golf experience at Mediterra. What a wonderful staff and the two golf courses designed by Tom Fazio are amazingly beautiful. The courses weave their way

along sparkling lakes, wetlands, and nature preserves. As beautiful as they are playable, each of the courses presents design characteristics and unique challenges for golfers of every skill level. There's also a Golf Learning Cen-

ter. They only allow 225 members per 18 holes, so there are plenty of tee times.

I've raved about Mediterra's private Beach Club many times. I love it and have never seen anything quite like it anywhere else. No other community that I've visited in Southwest Florida can match it. In addition to casual indoor and outdoor dining I've already mentioned, the Beach Club offers an elevated swimming pool, a huge sundeck, and cabana service for beach chairs and umbrellas that make it easy to enjoy the Club's beach and the Gulf of Mexico. Swimming in the pool or Gulf, and paddle boarding through the surf are terrific exercise activities. As part of a recently completed renovation, the Beach Club's bar area took on a sportier feeling with large screen televisions. It also morphed into a wine bar overseen by Mediterra's two sommeliers. An extensive wine list includes 20 wines for \$20 per bottle. The chefs vary the menu while keeping all the favorite healthy dishes, like seared ahi tuna with a glass-noodle stir fry, and a smoked-chicken pasta offering with sun-dried tomatoes. The place is beautiful and conveys "the magic of the beach" with soothing colors and a South Beach-style casual elegance.

You need to check Mediterra out for yourself. They're having a special Model Showcase event the next few weekends. It's a perfect opportunity for you to see why I love this place so much. Don't miss it!

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. Call (239) 298-7600. Visit Mediterra online at MediterraNaples.com. ■

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Naples Reserve's exclusive Passport to Parrot Cay block party



An exclusive block party, complete with model homes, dinner and entertainment under the stars, was enjoyed by 75 visitors during Naples Reserve's Passport to Parrot Cay, the community's custom home neighborhood that offers a blend of lake- and nature-views.

Starting from the high-\$700,000s, Parrot Cay offers homes by Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes that range from 2,811 to more than 3,507 square feet and feature flexible great room floor plans and expansive outdoor living spaces. Homebuyers have the option to choose from existing floor plans or start from scratch, and then work with Parrot Cay builders to customize their home design to reflect their own individual personality and lifestyle.

Two Parrot Cay homes were recently honored with 2018 Parade of Homes Awards by the Collier Building Industry Association in recognition of overall excellence in construction and design. The Newport, built by KTS Homes, was the winner in the \$1,000,0001 to \$1,500,000 category. The home design offers three bedrooms and two baths under 3,030 air-conditioned square feet.

Florida Lifestyle Homes' three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Siesta Key model was a merit award recipient in the \$1,000,0001 to \$1,500,000 category. The model offers 2,811 square feet of expansive living space.

One of South Naples' fastest-selling communities, Naples Reserve channels the ambience of Florida's old beach towns with Southern Coastal architecture and the spirit of Key West in a 688-acre community woven amongst 22 freshwater lakes – including the centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake.

In addition to Parrot Cay, Naples Reserve has five other distinctive neighborhoods with attached villa and single-family homes offered from Ashton Woods, D.R. Horton and Stock Signature Homes, priced from the high-\$200,000s to more than \$1 million.

Starting at 1,519 square feet, the homes offer up to four bedrooms, flexible great room designs, studies, private master suites, and large outdoor living areas



Top: KTS Homes Newport model pool in Parrot Cay at Naples Reserve. Above: Florida Lifestyle Homes Siesta Key model in Parrot Cay at Naples Reserve. Right: Caren and Ed Donnelly, Chris Tyson.

featuring kitchens and fireplaces.

With fresh designs by One of a Kind Design, Centro Stile by Ashton Woods, Soco Interiors, Nancy Peck Interiors, Pizzazz Interiors, and Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors, Naples Reserve's 17 models present the most current color palettes and the newest trends in home furnishings, fixtures and finishes.

Naples Reserve offers a vacation-every-day lifestyle with a variety of pursuits available both on- and off-water – close to all downtown Naples has to offer, plus the famous white-sand Gulf of Mexico beaches.

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 with cardio and strength training equipment, and a 5,160-square-foot community center featuring Latitudes Cafe – the ideal spot for casual dining.

At the Outrigger Center, Naples Reserve now offers another fun way to explore Eagle Lake: Hydrobikes. These high-performance, lightweight, easy-to-ride water bikes have quickly become a popular pastime for residents of all ages. In addition, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards are available for residents



to explore Eagle Lake, while a mile-long stretch of lakefront along the 76,000-acre Picayune Strand State Forest is ideal both for rowing and National Geographic-worthy photo opportunities.

Cruises on the community's two Duffy electric boats depart regularly from the center's floating docks to Eagle Lake's Kontiki Island.

Homebuyers can also add private floating boat docks to a limited number of available lots bordering Eagle Lake, for personal electric boat use, as well as boats with motors up to 2.5 horsepower.

Residents also enjoy some friendly competition 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.

Plus, 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. For more information, log onto www.naplesreserve.com. ■

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The Club at Maples Ridge breaks ground... CC Homes invites the public to Uncorked! on Saturday, April 14th

Top-ranked Southwest Florida builder CC Homes a Codina-Carr company— has broken ground on the Club at Maples Ridge, an upscale, 10,000 square foot clubhouse with resort style pool, parks and more, exclusively for residents of the Maples Ridge single-family home community in Ave Maria. As buzz builds around the construction news, CC Homes invites those interested in the community to attend- Uncorked, a wine tasting event serving as a taste of what's to come. Uncorked will be held in Maples Ridge's 14 model homes on Saturday, April 14th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Attendees must be 21 years or older to participate.

Maples Ridge at Ave Maria, located 30 minutes east of the Gulf Coast, features four collections of new homes priced from the low \$200,000's to \$500,000's. Twenty one or two-story floor plans range in size from 1,348 a/c sq.ft. to 5,200 a/c sq.ft. As the largest neighborhood within Ave Maria, these low-priced homes are part of the reason Metrostudy has ranked Ave Maria as the #1-selling community in Collier County for the past two years.

"Beautiful architecture, open spaces in every direction, affordability, these are a few of the many reasons people love Maples Ridge," said Diana Ibarria, Sr. Vice President at CC Homes. "The Club's comfortable, upscale design and its incredible pool are an exciting addition to a community already ripe with active lifestyle amenities... and best of all, our community is not age restricted, so grandparents and young families can share and enjoy the space with all of their loved ones."

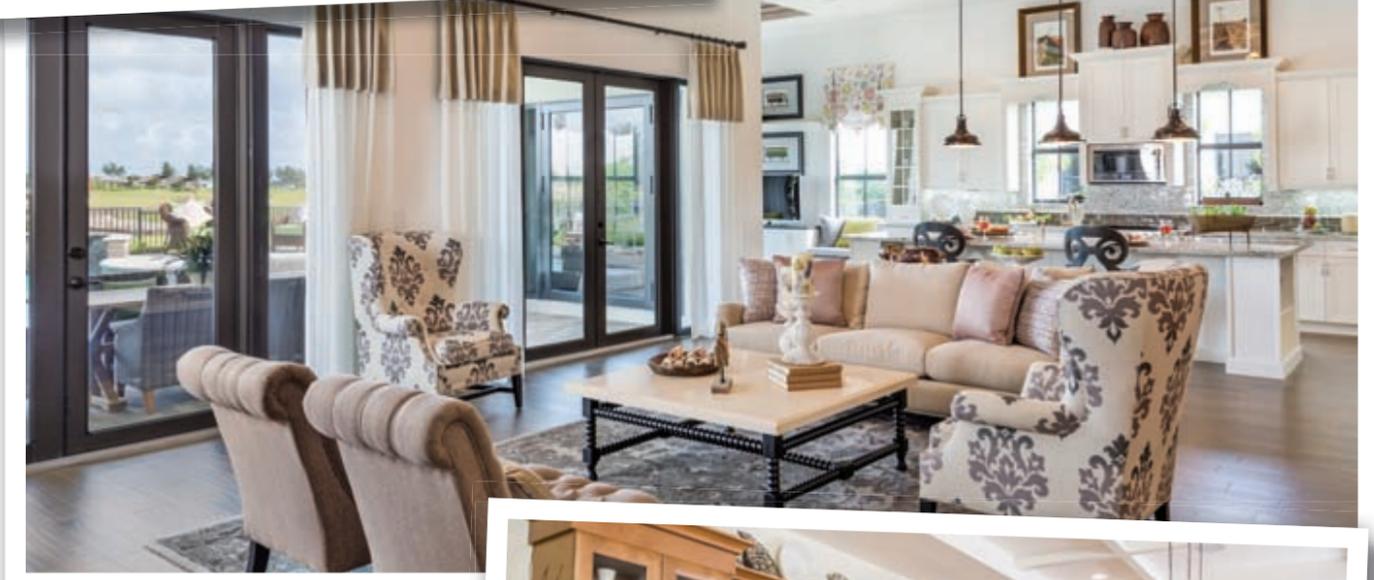
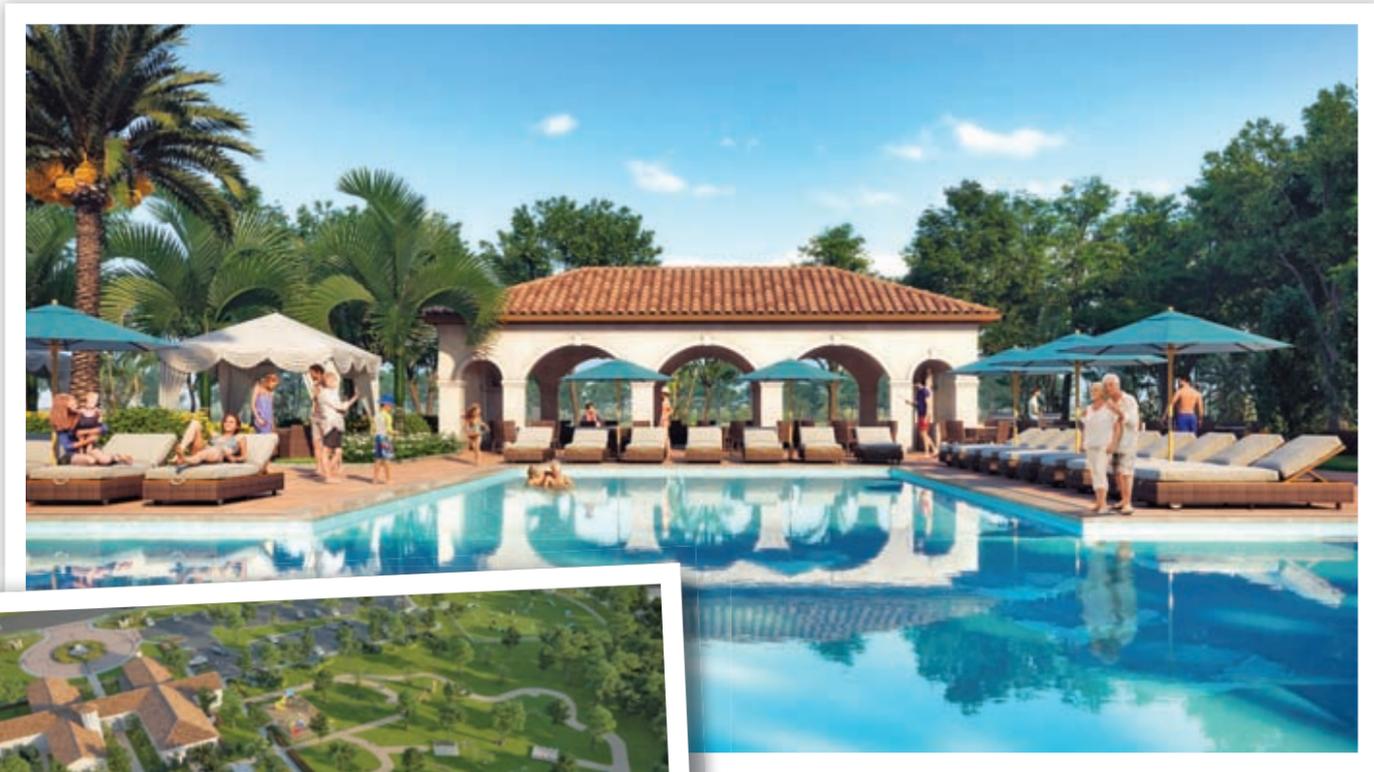
Within the Club at Maples Ridge there will be a fitness center with aerobics studio, sauna and massage rooms, as well as elegant gathering spaces such as billiards and card rooms and an exhibition kitchen. A calendar of community events is also planned for residents. Beyond the resort style pool with expansive sundeck and covered dining space with grills, there is also set to be a modern playground, exercise field, bocce court, a fully-enclosed dog park and much more.

With a variety of home designs and CC Homes' signature 5-Star package of luxurious, high-quality included features, Maples Ridge at Ave Maria has widespread appeal.

Modern kitchens include granite countertops, wood cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, Kohler faucets and overhead recessed lighting. Thoughtfully designed as central spaces for families and guests to gather, kitchens also feature large island countertops, convenient pantries, and open concepts that connect to great rooms and family rooms.

Powder rooms, en suites and jack-and-jill bathrooms are carefully designed according to the needs of today's buyers. Secondary bathrooms have granite or marble vanity tops, wood cabinetry and Kohler faucets, and master bathrooms have added elegance with all of those premium features, plus massive showers, double sinks and plenty of extra space.

Other luxurious spaces that make Maples Ridge homes comfortable and attractive include walk-in closets, laundry rooms, first floor master suites (per plan), covered terraces, and designer tile flooring in all main living areas as well plush carpet or hard wood flooring



options for bedrooms.

Ave Maria is home to Ave Maria University, a beautiful church, a farmer's market, Publix® grocery store, brewery, pub, as well as many other restaurants and boutique shops. Nature trails, tennis courts, soccer fields and a water park are other attractions that make the town appealing for active lifestyles.

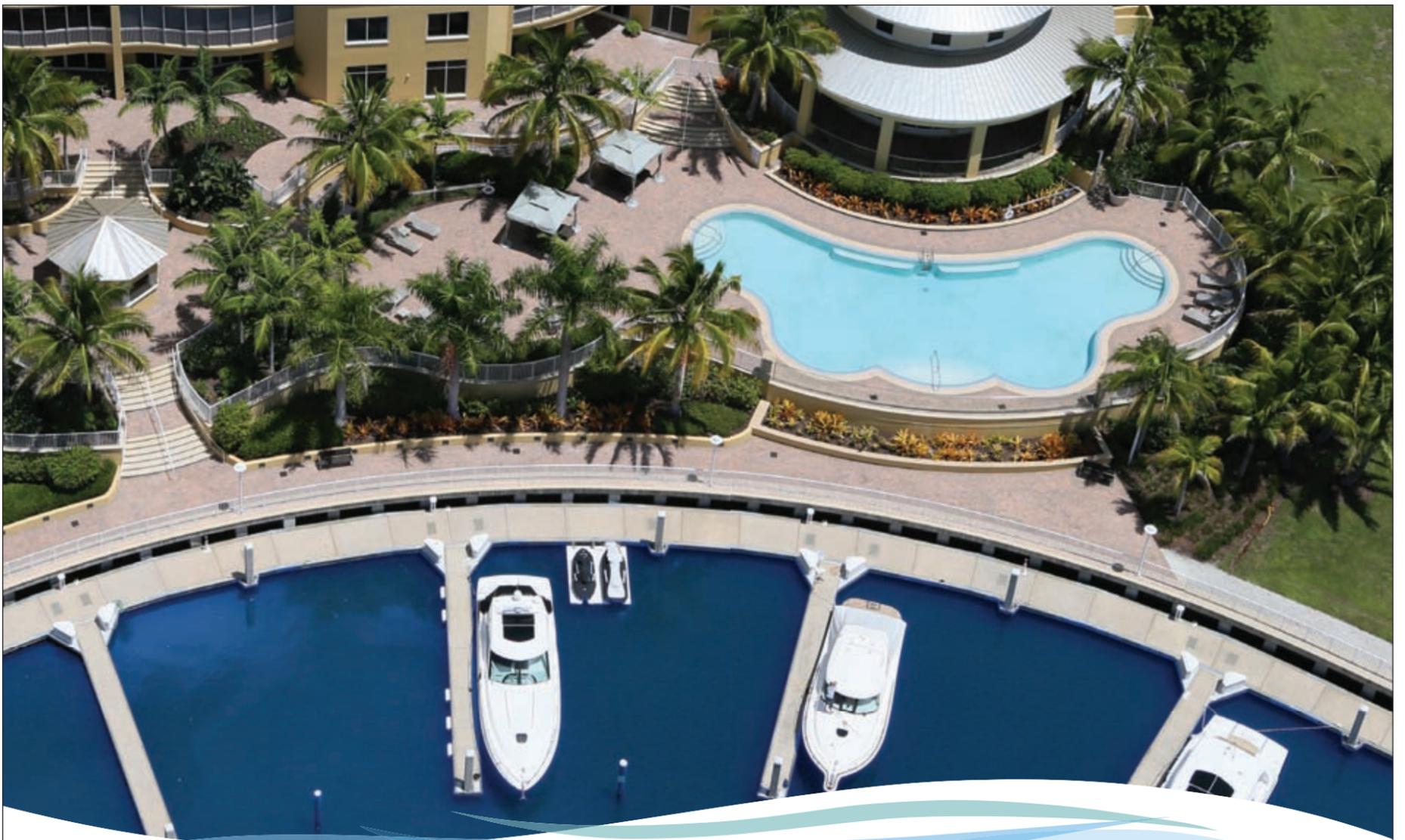
With projects throughout the state of Florida, CC Homes is ranked among the Top 5 Homebuilders in both South and Southwest Florida. CC Homes received recent recognition for aiding homeowners during the Hurricane Irma recovery even paying for clean up and repairs.

For prospective homebuyers who are looking for a home closer to the Gulf Coast, CC Homes has a second Collier County community, Fronterra, which is located on Davis Boulevard in Naples. Fronterra is a gated community of 154 homes priced from the \$270,000's. Three model homes were just opened in Fronterra this season, and floor plans can be viewed at www.FronterraFL.com.

Maples Ridge at Ave Maria has 14 designer-appointed model homes to tour and the community is open daily to visitors. The Maples Ridge Sales and Model Center is located at 5000 Avila



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Award-winning interior designer Jerilyn Antonacci, president of Antonacci Design Group created the contemporary interior design of model 301, inspired by the curves of the building and the views of the water.

"The view is what we are always striving for, so we kept the open floor plan and created a palate of modern colors," explains Ms. Antonacci. "The open floor plan appeals to people moving from a single-family home to a maintenance-free waterfront lifestyle," she adds.

The stunning and spacious 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 finishes.

"Finishes are important," she adds. "We brought in different metals. Golds have become very popular. Mixing metals has become very popular."

This contemporary model spans 4,171 square feet under air and includes three bedrooms, a den and three-and-a-half bathrooms and is priced at \$2.545 million.

The model has a great room, kitchen and living room that line up against large windows overlooking the nearby marina. Design elements are very modern: a table with a center cutout, black coffee tables in three layers with smaller black tables, shimmering wallpaper and a linear fireplace.

The master bedroom overlooks the water, so Antonacci boosted the view with a large oval mirror over the bed to reflect that scenery. She used lots of white and gold colors, and unique design ele-

ments. The wall behind the bed features a wallpaper starburst. Modern artwork is placed throughout.

"Textured artwork and a little bling has been popular," Ms. Antonacci says.

The master bathroom features a two-person built-in tub nestled against a big picture window that overlooks the water.

A silk hand-knotted throw by Ann Gish styles the bed in one of the guest rooms. The second guest room is a blush pink. The den has a long built-in desk and cubbies nestled in the wall.

Everything in the residence features texture and the textures are varied: smooth glass flooring next to marble flooring, warm wood floors in the bedrooms, and wallpaper of various textures.

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 to \$2.545 million, these floor plans range between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den.

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.

Designed for homeowners who desire extra shade or sunshine, AQUA marina cabanas offer nearby living area with comfortable seating, air conditioning, a wet bar with refrigerator and microwave, and a full bath. One marina cabana remains available for sale.

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 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 spa-

cius 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.

Contracts for AQUA Tower II are ongoing, with Naples-based PACT Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent. One furnished model is available for purchase and open daily for viewing.

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 or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110. ■

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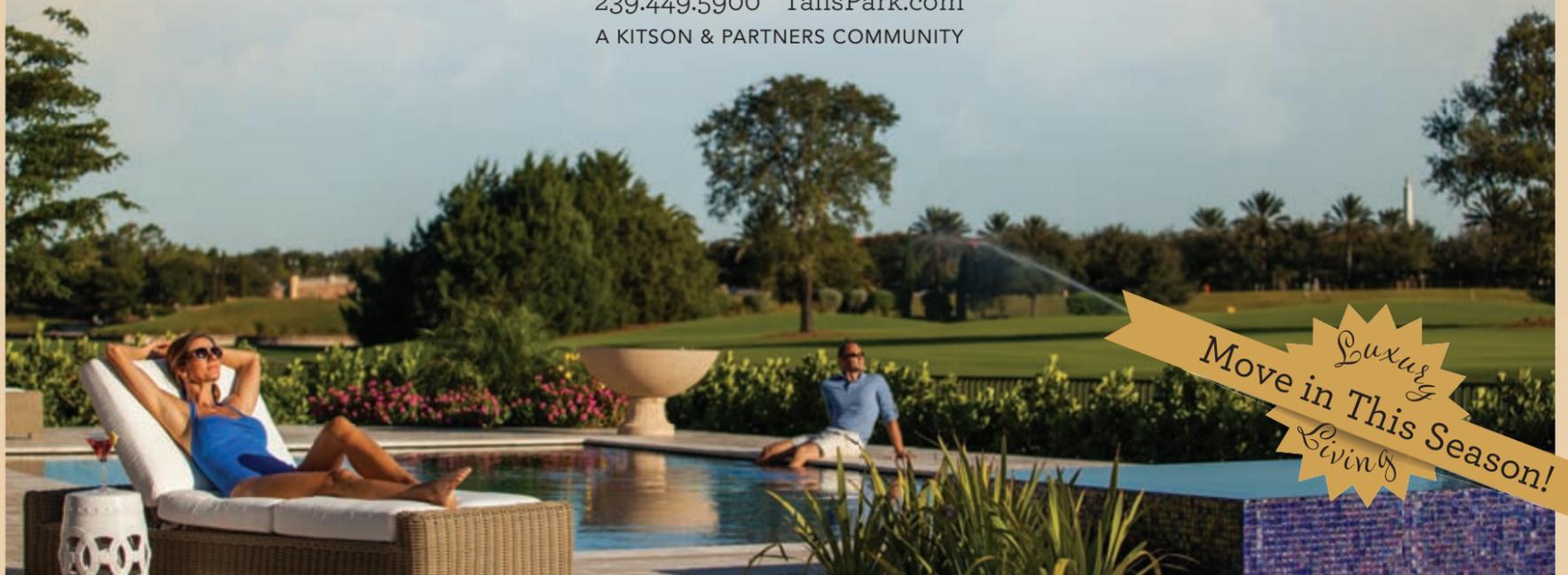
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Even more to love at London Bay Homes' second Port Royal estate model



Above: The Port Royal estate showcases mesmerizing displays of luxurious water views of Cutlass Cove.

Speechless.

I can't even tell you how many times my husband and I just stood in silence taking in the views or only simply could get out the word "wow" as we toured London Bay Homes' custom estate model at 4375 Gordon Drive in Port Royal. It started the moment we stepped inside and saw right out to the glistening water of Cutlass Cove, the mangroves of Keewaydin Island and the picturesque foliage-framed pass that provides quick access to the Gulf of Mexico.

"Hello, boat," I thought as I walked up to the great room's floor-to-ceiling windows, my eye diverted to the pool's shimmering mosaic gray tile. I imagined the parties and overnight guests we could host throughout its 6,394 square feet – either in the formal dining room or on the large patio, which has an outdoor kitchen. Then, I followed the steps down to a secluded firepit, my husband and Toby Cloutier, our London Bay Homes sales executive, trying to keep up.

I soaked in the view then turned to look at the pool, noticing the two water features on each side of the steps and three water spouts in the wall above the pool. All finished in the same beautiful mosaic tile. Although the model is under construction, I could easily envision the calming sight and sound of the water.

Toby pointed out the rounded tiled edges of the spa bench. "It's very comfortable," he said. I marveled at that obvious attention to detail – something I've never seen before – and how the pool's water will be flush with the deck surface.

Inside, we discovered more features and finishes we've come to recognize as an enhanced luxury of a London Bay home, with interior design by Romanza. Details like an opaque glass window between the dining room and floating staircase, light ash wood flooring, lacquered kitchen cabinets, and the sheen of gold subway tiled walls in one guest shower and the blue in another.

Our love affair with Naples has reached the point where we're very serious about buying a new home, and London Bay is



Above: The five-bedroom estate features a custom pool, spa and expansive outdoor living areas as well as a private dock that can accommodate a boat up to 37 feet.

our first choice. We've been exploring the many opportunities offered by its Naples Collection, which features fully furnished custom models and the option to build on a homesite of our choice. London Bay's downtown estates were just a quick stroll to Fifth Avenue South and our favorite bartender at Bar Tulia.

Then, Toby introduced us to the two models on Gordon Drive, near the southern point of Port Royal and our vision became even grander. At 4375 Gordon Drive, we'd have membership eligibility at the beachfront Cutlass Cove Beach Club and a larger private dock for a 37-foot boat.

This estate has four guest rooms on its second floor and amenities that would accommodate our many visitors – an elevator, loft and lounge sitting areas, a wet bar and a terrace overlooking the pool and cove. One VIP suite has a large bay window with glorious cove views; another is a guest apartment with its own morning bar. Each has a resort-style bathroom.

The first-floor master suite is also



Above: London Bay Homes' new custom estate located at 4375 Gordon Drive features statement-making interior finishes by Romanza Interior Design and world-class architecture by Stofft Cooney Architects.

incredible, and the bedroom has a floor-to-ceiling bay window overlooking the cove. There are also two large walk-in closets with plenty of room for my new designer outfits from Marissa Collections on nearby Third Street South, a lovely shopping and dining district we recently discovered.

The estate also has a study for my husband to work from home, although he recently confessed he's rethinking that plan.

"There's just so much to do in Naples I don't think I could concentrate. I can't let you have all the fun," he joked.

Ah, so the plot thickens: It looks like we'll be buying a home pretty soon.

To schedule a visit and learn more about London Bay Homes' exclusive downtown Naples opportunities, call Toby Cloutier at 239-280-7367 or visit LondonBay.com. ■

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28729 MEGAN DR., BONITA
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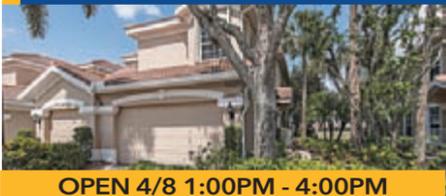
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14071 TIVOLI TER., BONITA
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21179 BUTCHERS HOLLER, ESTERO
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23891 COSTA DEL SOL RD. #101, ESTERO
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 • 3 BR, 2 BA, Western Exposure
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VILLAGES OF BONITA



OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25756 AMELIA WAY #203, BONITA
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9084 WINDSWEEP DR., ESTERO
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• Golf & Lake View, Large Great Room, 2 Car GA
\$749,000 MLS 217070986
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7209 ACORN WAY, NAPLES
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• Upgraded Kitchen/Breakfast Bar
\$529,000 MLS 218003021
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27291 S. RIVERSIDE DR., BONITA
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• 3 BR, 2 BA, Charming & Fully Renovated
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4425 DOVER CT. #603, NAPLES
• Sunsets & Stunning Lake Views
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25200 GOLDCREST DR. #521, BONITA
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• Well Maintained, Attached 2-Car Garage
\$399,000 MLS 217031479
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VANDERBILT LAKES

NEW PRICE



28616 CLINTON LN., BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, Near Beaches
• Open Floor Plan, Newer Kitchen
\$389,000 MLS 217064795
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BONITA BAY



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4520 RIVERWATCH DR. #101, BONITA
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• SS Appliances, Silestone Counters, Island
\$350,000 MLS 217064080
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PALMETTO RIDGE



9231 PALMETTO RIDGE DR. #101, ESTERO
• 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, 2-Car Garage w/Built-in Cabinets
• Nicely Furnished, Turnkey
\$349,000 MLS 218023408
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TWIN LAKES

NEW LISTING



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NEW PRICE



26407 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
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\$265,000 MLS 218012111
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NEW LISTING



12824 MAIDEN CANE LN., BONITA
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• Golf Included! Furniture Negotiable
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\$174,500 MLS 217067046
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• 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 1st Floor Condo
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4851 BONITA BAY BLVD. #804, BONITA
• Visit Tavira804.com for Details
• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$2,495,000 MLS 218002029
Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507

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786 ORCHID CT., MARCO ISLAND
• Long & Wide Converging Waterway Views
• Sold Partially Furnished, Close to Beach
\$1,450,000 MLS 218010046
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

BONITA BAY - MONTARA



OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3368 MONTARA DR., BONITA
• 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath + Den, 2 Story Villa
• Glassed-In Lanai, Private Southern Exposure
\$575,000 MLS 218004659
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

BONITA BAY - LAKESIDE



OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4081 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage, 2nd Floor
• Southwest Corner, Turnkey Furnished
\$539,000 MLS 217069250
Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.292.4044

BONITA BAY - BAY HARBOR



OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

27025 SHELL RIDGE CIR., BONITA
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4213 BRYNWOOD DR., NAPLES
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• Furnished, Transitional Style Courtyard
\$3,299,000 MLS 218016888
Pam Olsen 239.464.6873

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29110 POSITANO LN., NAPLES
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PARK SHORE



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• 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bathrooms, 2 Car Garage
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OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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Sylvie Hall, Westerfield Group 239.300.3828

BONITA BAY



OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25961 NESTING CT. #101, BONITA
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• Glassed-In Lanai, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage
\$515,000 MLS 217027383
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA

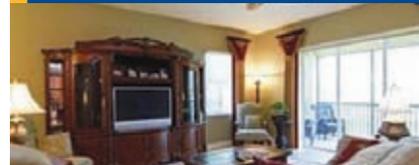
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OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9844 TREASURE CAY LN., BONITA
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OPEN 4/8 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4112 BAYHEAD DR. #201, BONITA
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Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

MOORINGS



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Public invited to informational luncheon at Moorings Park Grande Lake



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

The informational luncheon will be held on Friday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m., at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, by calling 239-919-1620.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28-acre lake and the picturesque golf course beyond.

The physical environment presents an innovative and resort-style blueprint that provides for seamless physical and visual experiences. It also maximizes the beauty and appeal of waterfront living combined with high-end materials and services.

Consistent with other Moorings Park campuses, Moorings Park Grande Lake will include common areas that promote social interaction, which will allow and encourage residents to choose from indoor and outdoor activities year-round.

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

were designed so the family members and friends of our residents could join in the various activities, which could include events such as outdoor concerts.

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

Also located in the clubhouse will be The Center for Healthy Living. The center is home to rehabilitation services, as well as the Care 360 concierge healthcare program, which was developed in partnership with NCH Healthcare System.

The Care 360 program offers a higher level of personalized primary care. Services are available to residents of Moorings Park with no additional fees, other than typical co-pays. The Care 360 concierge physicians are accessible by appointment, plus 24/7 access via phone, text or email.

Should the need arise, Moorings Park Grande Lake provides its residents world-class Assisted Living and Memory Care in existing centers of excellence, at no additional cost.



Top: Moorings Park Grande Lake consists of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses. Above: The Clubhouse includes casual and fine dining venues and a long curved bar. Left: The buildings at Moorings Park Grande Lake feature a coastal-inspired architectural design. Below: Gorgeous golf course and lake views are available from every residence.

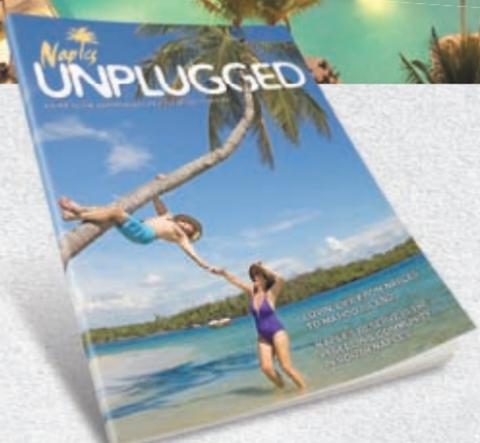
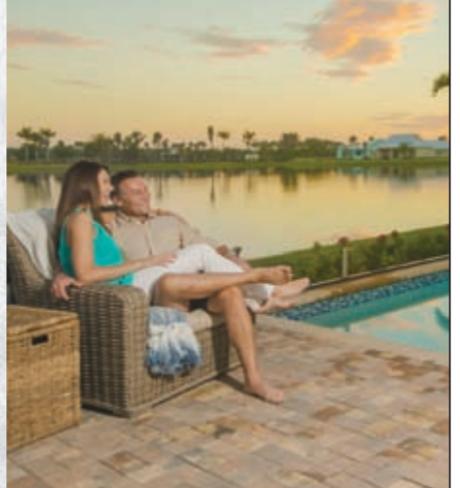
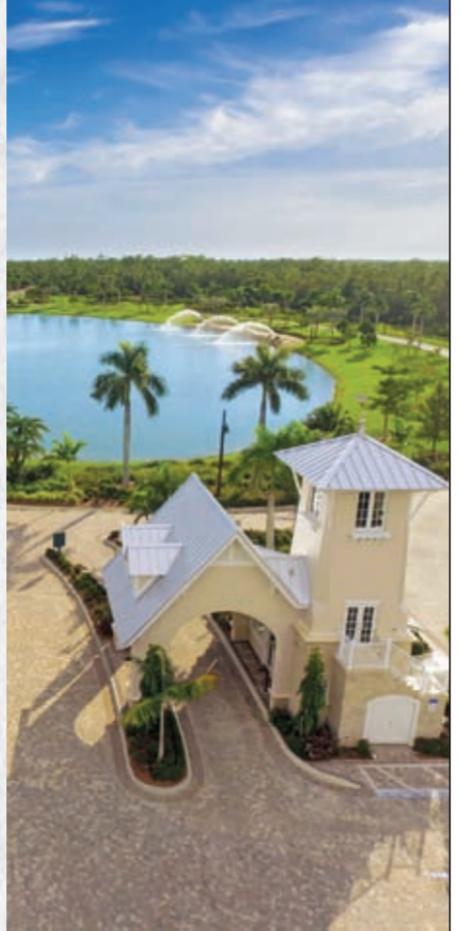
"As you can tell, this is going to be a spectacular community," concludes Lavender. "Please visit us and learn more about London Bay Homes luxurious design and Moorings Park's commitment to Simply the Best® qualities,

services and amenities."

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Saturdays and Sundays. For additional information visit MooringsParkGL.org. ■

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Kalea Bay's clubhouse a phenomenal amenity

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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 fitness center, 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 spectacular," 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



Top: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. Above Left: Kalea Bay's main amenity area includes the community's clubhouse which features three separate pools, an indoor/ outdoor restaurant, fitness center, open-air bar and Internet cafe. Above Right: The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower are completed, including the pool and furnished sun deck. Left: Residents of Kalea Bay have indoor and outdoor dining options. Below: Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans.

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. ■

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

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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 approx. 2,514 sq. ft. 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 2,514 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

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LOT 12 - COQUINA I
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1364 1st Avenue South
2,514 sq. ft.

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



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LOT 13 - COQUINA II
3,232 sq. ft.
LOT 25 - COQUINA II
3,232 sq. ft.

LOT 26 - AMELIA I
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Custom estates, acre+ home Sites available in Talis Park

The award-winning Talis Park community, developed by Kitson & Partners in North Naples, features a diverse collection of custom single-family estate homes and home sites. Priced from \$1.515 million, residences are designed and built by preferred homebuilders including Distinctive Communities, Frizone, Gulfshore Homes, Harbourside Custom Homes, Ironstar Luxury Homes, M Development, McGarvey Custom Homes, and Sunwest Custom Homes.

Talis Park's combination of property and amenities is what attracted residents Tom and Laina Kennedy. "We wanted some land, which is hard to find in Naples," Laina explains. The property is just over an acre, and it's near the amenities center. It feels like you are on vacation. There is so much to do."

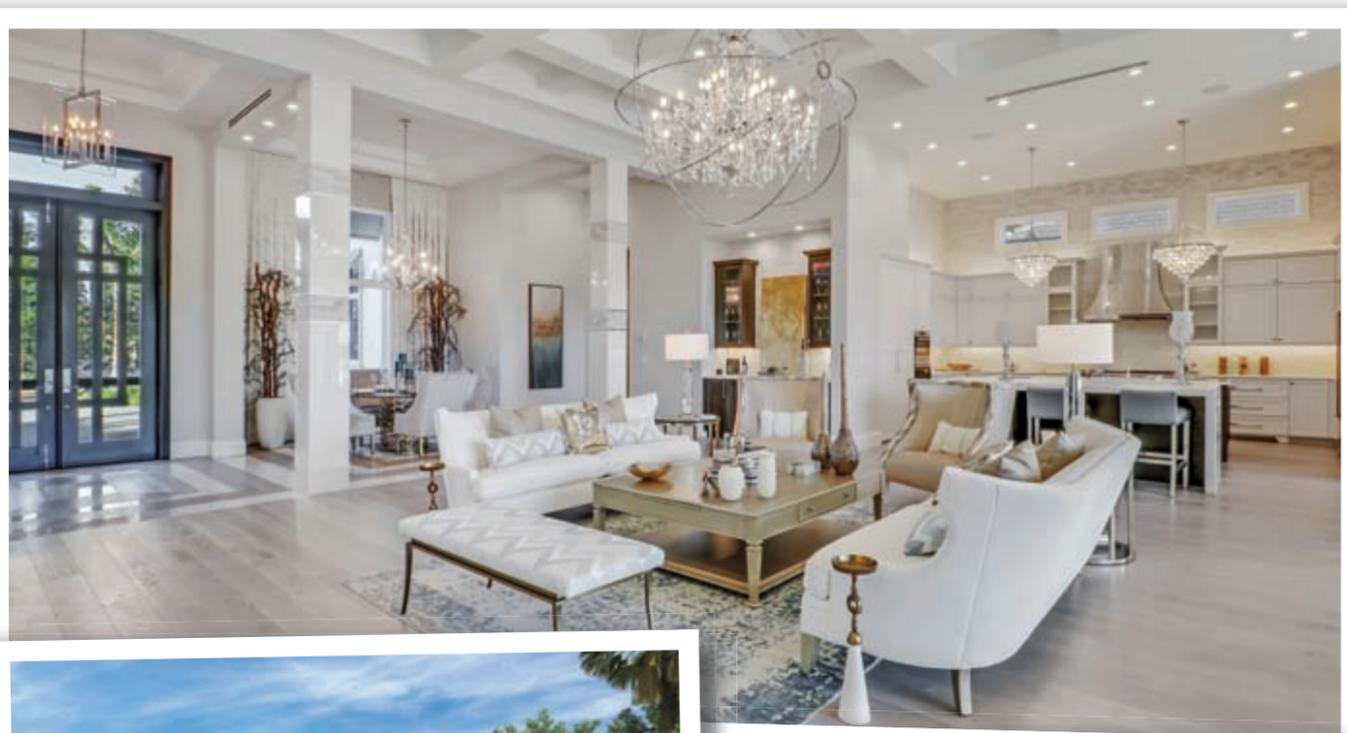
Three developer-owned home sites and two builder-owned home sites from \$1.725 million are available in the gated, park-like Firenze, a custom estate enclave with only 13 sites.

The Prato neighborhood, limited to 24 custom estates, offers a captivating ambiance with open golf course, lake and orchard views. Gulfshore Homes' Dorado model has 8,862 total square feet in an open floor plan with study, four bedrooms, and four-car garage, offered at \$4.975 million furnished. Sunwest Homes' Santa Barbara Grande model, priced at \$4.495 million, has 9,200 square feet with a great room, island kitchen, summer kitchen, pool bath, and custom pool and spa. The master suite and two guest suites are on the first floor, while the second floor offers a master suite with covered terrace and sun deck. M Development's two-story, 6,272-square-foot under air Villa Cipriani model sold in March.

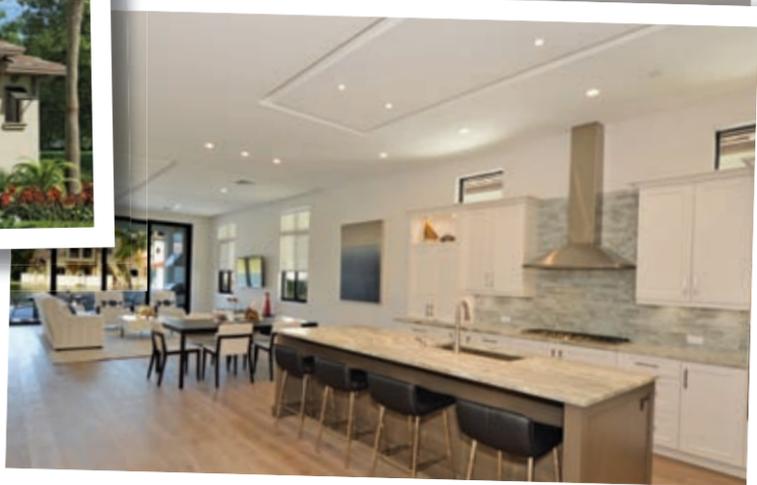
In the Fairgrove neighborhood, Frizone's 5,847-square-foot Villa Ferrari residence, priced at \$3.99 million, is a four-bedroom, five-and-a-half bath great room plan with double-island kitchen, formal dining room, second-floor game room, and covered terrace. Villa Ferrari offers golf course, lake and nature preserve views. Iron Star Luxury Homes' 3,983-square-foot Villa Lago model sold in March.

Only three builder-owned home sites are available in the Corsica neighborhood. Harbourside Custom Homes offers two resident-ready homes in the neighborhood. The 2,971-square-foot Aviano II is a three-bedroom plus den floor plan with three-and-a-half baths, offered at \$1.995 million. An unfurnished, 3,101-square-foot Villa Adriana III residence with three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths is also available, offered at \$1.995 million. M Development's 4,625 square foot Marlowe I floor plan is also available in Corsica. Priced at \$2.6 million, the residence offers four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths with a dining area, island kitchen and great room that opens to a covered patio and solana with an outdoor kitchen and outdoor shower. The owner's suite will feature dual walk-in closets, a bedroom with a sitting area and double doors opening to the covered patio, and a bathroom with separate vanities, a stand-alone tub, and a large glass-enclosed shower. The plan also includes a portico entry and a three-car garage.

Distinctive Communities' Berolina detached single-family villa is available in the Watercourse neighborhood. Offered at \$1.515 million, the 2,979-square-foot three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath home features over \$100,000 in upgrades, and purchase includes a Talis Park Sports Membership. Only three choice home sites are available in the neighborhood's final



Top: Iron Star Luxury Homes' 3,983-square-foot Villa Lago model in Talis Park's Fairgrove neighborhood. **Above:** Harbourside Custom Homes' 2,971-square-foot Aviano II luxury estate home in Corsica. **Right:** Distinctive Communities' Berolina detached single-family villa model in Watercourse at Talis Park.



Above: Sunwest Homes' Grand Santa Barbara model in Talis Park's Prato neighborhood. **Left:** Frizone's 5,847 square feet, two-story Villa Ferrari residence in Fairgrove.

offer views of Talis Park's Lake Il Corso and are across the water from the Toscana neighborhood, with its authentic Amalfi Coast-inspired architecture.

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. (north of Immokalee Rd.). For details, call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com. ■

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CC Homes

CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet and priced from the high \$100s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods:

Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. Customize your dream home with several options including outdoor oasis with pool, kitchen, and cabana bathroom or an extra bedroom or flex room above the garage.

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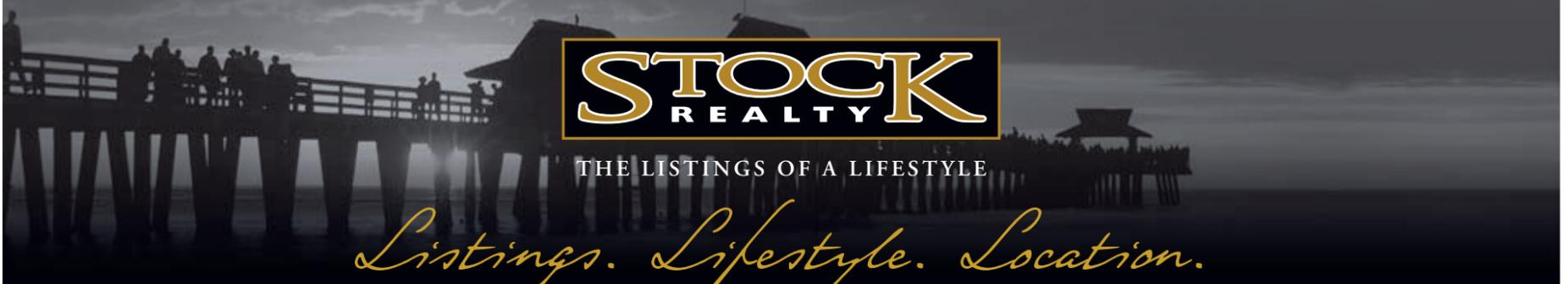


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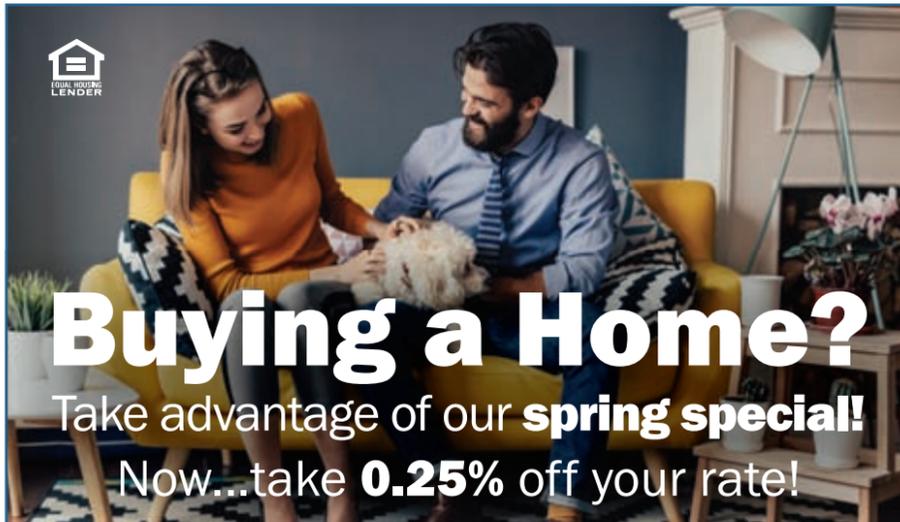
With the spring buying season in full swing, Mr. Yun believes that one of the top wild cards for the housing market in coming months will be how both buyers and potential sellers adjust to the steady climb in mortgage rates since late last year. Prospective buyers continue to feel the strain of swift price growth — up 5.9 percent so far in 2018 — and the higher borrowing costs will only add to the pressures placed on their budget. Meanwhile, more would-be sellers deciding to balk at listing their home for sale out of uneasiness of losing their low mortgage rate — especially if they refinanced in recent years — would not be good news for any alleviation of the ongoing supply shortages in much of the country.

“Homeowners are already staying in their homes at an all-time high before selling, and any situation where they remain put even longer only exacerbates the nation’s inventory crunch,” Mr. Yun said. “Even if new home construction starts picking up at a faster pace this year, as expected, existing sales will fail to break out if these record low supply levels do not recover enough to meet demand.”

Mr. Yun forecasts existing-home sales for 2018 to be around 5.51 million — flat from 2017. The national median existing-home price is expected to increase around 4.2 percent. In 2017, existing sales increased 1.1 percent and prices rose 5.8 percent.

The pending homes sales index in the Northeast surged 10.3 percent to 96.0 in February, but is still 5.1 percent below a year ago. In the Midwest the index inched forward 0.7 percent to 98.9 in February, but was 9.5 percent lower than February 2017.

Pending home sales in the South rose 3 percent to an index of 125.7 in February this year, which was 1.5 percent lower than last February. The index in the West climbed 0.4 percent in February to 96.9, but was 2.2 percent below a year ago. ■



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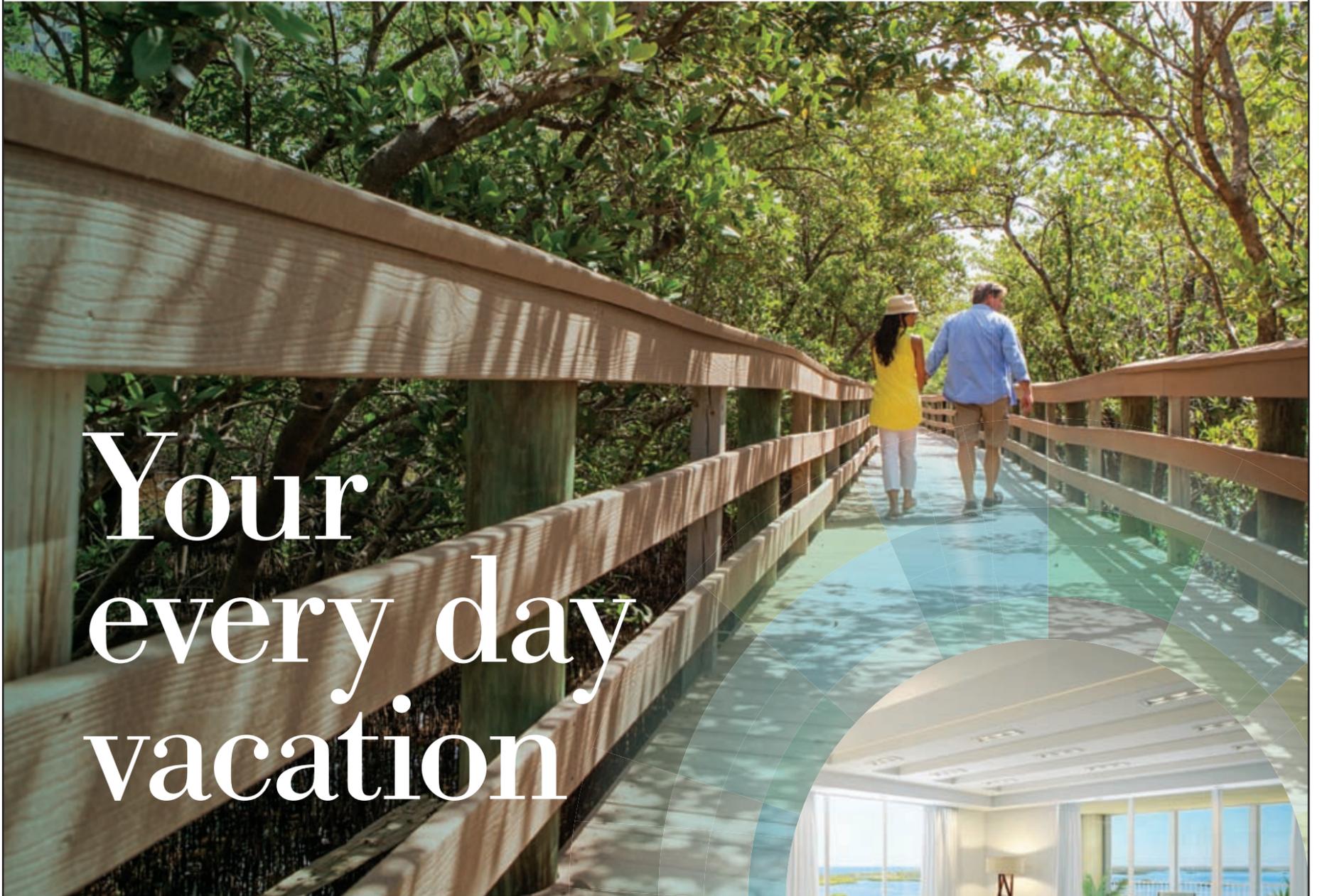
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A WEIGHT



WORTH CARRYING

Former member of The Band and others with close ties carry on the Americana legacy

BY NANCY STETSON
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GEOERGE HARRISON called The Band “the best band in the history of the universe.”

Eric Clapton said its album “Music from Big Pink” “changed my life” and “changed the course of American history.”

Dylan chose the group to record and tour with him, creating the famous “Basement Tapes.” The band also played on his “Planet Waves” album.

Time magazine put it on a cover, touting it as “the new face of country rock.”

Its music still lures, like sirens singing. “The Weight,” “Up on



Top: The Weight Band

Above: The band's new album

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Artist John Long delivers ‘humor with teeth’

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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In this age of intense partisan divide, can’t we all find something to laugh about? How about ourselves and our country’s general lack of self-awareness in these trying times? Lucky for us, Naples artist John Carroll Long has created something that might just save us from ourselves in his new book of illustrations, “Adorables and Deplorables: A Creative Look at the World.”

Drawing mostly in Prismacolor pencils, Mr. Long compiled 230 images featuring 50 characters that call out how

silly our current attitudes are about a variety of topics. It’s up to the viewer, however, to decide whether each character is either an “adorable” or a “deplorable.”

“I decided to take on all the subject matter no artists in their right mind wouldn’t want to take on, like the NRA, bigotry, religion. The characters are actually waiting to be judged,” he said.

But this is not heavy-handed stuff. By blending surrealism, frenetic movement, jokes and poems, Mr. Long’s goal of pointing out the absurdity of modern attitudes results in only a gentle ribbing or sympathetic nod that he doesn’t pro-



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Tedeschi Trucks Band now a well-oiled unit

BY DAVE GIL DE RUBIO
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Automobile magnate Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." And while this may be an odd source to reflect how far the Tedeschi Trucks Band has come, understand that since Susan Tedeschi and her husband, Derek Trucks, decided to join creative forces in 2010, they've attained quite a number of milestones.

Since merging their bands, the TTB has blossomed into a 12-piece group, released three studio albums, two live albums and had its 2011 debut album, "Revelator" land a 2012 Grammy for Best Blues Album. The group plays April 12 at Barbara B. Mann in Fort Myers.

At a time when the music industry is fragmented and the current trend seems to be about minimizing and having an artist's output be more singles-driven, the idea of being a large touring outfit very much committed to recording complete albums can be a scary proposition.

And Trucks admits he and his wife received plenty of cautionary advice when they decided to join their bands after watching the 1971 rock documentary "Mad Dogs and Englishmen."

"I remember seeing that, thinking about having a horn section and saying we should give it a shot. Our manager and all the people that are our devil's advocate asked if we were sure and if we wanted that many people on the road," Trucks recalled with a laugh, during a recent phone interview. "We decided we

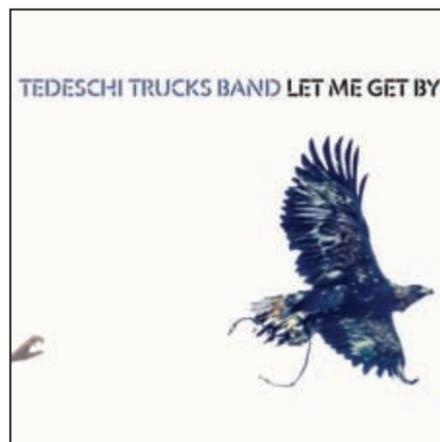


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were going to do it and we did. There were some headwinds for the first few years because I think people wanted it to be her band or my band. For the first few years, we avoided songs from her catalog or my catalog. We did tunes that the band was writing or tunes that we had not played before. We wanted it to stand on its own and sink or swim. And if we got through those first few years, the momentum would hopefully start carrying it."

Suffice it to say, the Tedeschi Trucks Band has evolved into a well-oiled unit that fuses Tedeschi's bluesy playing and soulful phrasing with Trucks' biting slide work and extended jamming that's on full display on "Live From the Fox Oakland," the recently released 2-CD/1-DVD set that is also the band's second live outing. Not unlike the aforementioned Mad Dogs set, this Tedeschi



Trucks set mixes in originals, while also pulling from the canons of a wide array of artists including Sleepy John Estes, Miles Davis, The Beatles, Santana, and in a nod to that other Joe Cocker live

double-album, a riveting reading of Leonard Cohen's "Bird On a Wire." For Trucks, it's an accurate reflection of the current state the band.

"The band was in a great spot late last year. There had been some personnel changes over the last handful of years and it had evolved into this place where the music was getting more exploratory," he said. "We were starting to hit on things that we hadn't hit on before and maybe some of the tunes had started to open up. Originally we were just going to film it and then we decided to record the whole tour and do a live record as well. We happened to catch a great night on film that we thought should also be a record. I thought it was nice that it all lined up."

Interestingly enough, the Tedeschi Trucks Band took the inspiration behind that legendary 1971 Cocker caravan tour that nearly destroyed the late singer and went so far as to re-create a substantial amount of "Mad Dogs" in September 2015 at Virginia's Lockn' Festival. And while Cocker was originally supposed to participate, he pulled out in 2014, eventually succumbing to cancer in December of that year.

The show became a tribute to the late English vocalist, and included a number of musicians that had participated in the initial "Mad Dogs" tour, including keyboardist Leon Russell, keyboardist Chris Stainton and singers Rita Coolidge and Claudia Lennear. Trucks admitted uncertainty about how things were going to go, but felt better once Russell was on board.

"When we were asked about doing it as a Cocker tribute, we didn't know at

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Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi fuse Tedeschi's bluesy playing and soulful phrasing with Trucks' biting slide work and extended jamming.

first," Trucks said. "But then we reached out to Leon Russell and once he was in then it felt right and all of the original cast was gung ho. That was a special few days of rehearsal and then the show."

With both Tedeschi and Trucks having so much material from which to draw, fans can expect a rich mix of songs from different points of the duo's musical journey in the group's current live show. The group is also working up material for a new studio effort that could quite possibly emerge by year's end.

"We recently got back from about a month in Europe and had a little break," Trucks said. "At some point, the band is going to stay in the studio to revisit about eight or 10 tunes that are floating around in various states of completion. But we're going to go in and keep writing because everybody's mind is on the next studio record right now. At this point (in

our live shows), we feel like this band is now a part of our history and musical life to the point where we'll play tunes from her catalog or mine. Or even an Allmans tune (Trucks was a member of the Allman Brothers Band from 1999 to 2014) here or there — things that we've been a part of. We don't have to keep it all separated. For us, it's this is what we're doing. It's all fair game." ■

in the know

Tedeschi Trucks Band

- >> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12
- >> **Where:** Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers
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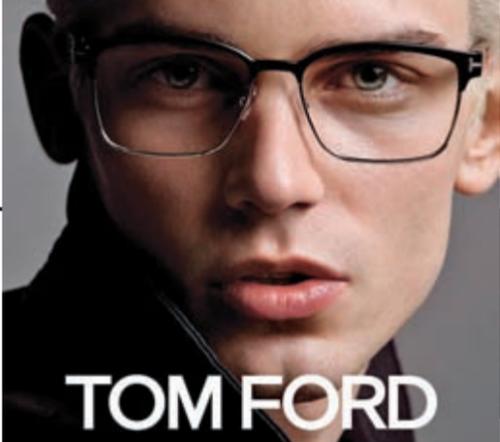
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The Band in 1985: Garth Hudson, Levon Helm, Jim Weider, Rick Danko and Richard Manuel.

WEIGHT

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Cripple Creek,” “Rag Mama Rag,” “Stage Fright” “The Shape I’m In” and “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down” — all are songs intricately woven through the fabric of our individual and joint histories.

So you can’t blame Jim Weider for wanting to continue the legacy of The Band.

He and The Weight Band will do so in a concert Saturday night, April 7, at the Center for the Performing Arts in Bonita Springs.

Weider, a master of the telecaster guitar who also plays a killer mandolin, joined The Band when it regrouped in 1985, replacing Robbie Robertson as lead guitarist. (Robertson and organist/accordionist/saxophonist Garth Hudson are the only original members of The Band still alive. Drummer/mandolin player Levon Helm, bassist/fiddler Rick Danko and keyboardist/percussionist Richard Manuel — are gone.)

“We worked hard on the road, constantly,” Weider recalls. “It was night after night. We never stayed in the same city. We drove. We did some flying. Mostly it was just a lot of hard road work, and great times, too — a lot of laughing, a lot of war stories in the back of the bus. Those guys were always about the music.”

At the end of the night, while on the road to the next city, they’d listen to how they had sounded that night, having recorded it. The experience, he says, was inspiring.

“It was always about playing 110 percent.”

Weider’s first tour with The Band was with Crosby, Stills and Nash. The group also played with Dylan, Mavis Staples, Roy Buchanan, Lonnie Mack, Emmylou Harris, Steve Winwood.

Any stories?

“A few I could probably tell that’s legal,” he says with a grin.

Helm, he says, was “just a down-to-earth guy. He took the time out to talk to the local carpenters or butchers and other musicians. He was really generous

with his time and always had your back. You didn’t have to worry.

If you had a problem, you could say, ‘This is not working, really. Can we fix it?’ He had amazing strength of character ... He was very kind and took the time for everybody.”

Continuing

A year after Helm’s death in 2012, Weider and his bandmates began performing The Band catalog around the country, wanting to keep the music going because there had always been such a positive response to it.

The Weight Band is not a cover band or a tribute band, Weider stresses, adding each of its members — Marty Grebb (keyboards, sax and vocals), Albert Rogers (bass, vocals), Brian Mitchell (keyboard, vocals) and Michael Bram (drums, vocals) — has a deep connection to The Band. Weider played with The Band for 15 years; between them, the others have played in The Band, the Levon Helm Band and the Rick Danko Group and the Garth Hudson Band.

Bram has also played at Levon Helm Studios in Woodstock, N.Y., drumming with an offshoot of Helm’s band, The Barnburners.

As The Weight Band, the five trade off vocals, and many of them play multiple instruments.

“We mix up the music the way The Band did,” Weider says. “We have the raw rock ‘n’ roll thing The Band had, and the vocals and the harmonies.”

The fathers of Americana

Ironically, though The Band is known for playing roots Americana music, the original line-up consisted of four Canadians and a lone American (Helm, who was from Arkansas.) And though the group longer exists, Weider saw a need for its music to continue.

A native of Woodstock, where he still lives, he remembers the first time he heard The Band perform.

“It was at New Paltz (a state university in upstate New York.) It was about ‘67 or ‘68 ... They were fantastic. They were my hometown heroes. They lived here (in Woodstock), Dylan and The Band. And when they made a record, ‘Music from Big Pink,’ it was great. I loved it. I

in the know

The Weight Band in concert

>> **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7

>> **Where:** Center for the Performing Arts, Bonita Springs

>> **Cost:** \$38-\$48

>> **Info:** 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org

would see them around town once in a while. Then I actually got to see them perform at the Woodstock Festival.

“I got to see my favorite bands of the time. What a period of music, from Joe Cocker to Sly Stone to The Who to The Band to Hendrix. Those people laid the groundwork. Nothing’s come close to surpass it; they’re just copying it.

“The Band is Americana. They started it. They’re the fathers of it.”

Its rootsy sound, a gumbo of gospel, country, folk, blues and rock, has influenced many of today’s bands, including The Lumineers, Mumford & Sons and the Avett Brothers.

“They’re a little slicker,” Weider says of those groups. “The Band was that raw, really raw live musical sound.” In addition to guitars, drums and bass, its instrumentation included organ, accordion, saxophone, mandolin and fiddle, creating an organic sound not commonly played on rock radio.

‘The Weight’

The Weight Band, of course, takes its name from the classic song by The Band. “It’s like a comfort zone,” Weider says about “The Weight.”

“When we play it, everybody sings along. I’ve been playing it for almost 45 years, if not longer. It means help your brother out, take a load off and help each other out. It’s a positive tune with very smart lyrics.” The Anna Lee mentioned in the song was good friends with Levon, he adds. “She’s from Arkansas too.”

Though the opening line — “I pulled into Nazareth, I was feeling ‘bout half past dead” — sounds biblical, songwriter Robbie Robertson has revealed in interviews that it’s really a reference to Nazareth, Pa., where Martin guitars are made.

More than 100 others have record-

ed “The Weight,” including The Staple Singers, Aretha Franklin, Joe Cocker, The Chambers Brothers, Jackie DeShannon, Cassandra Wilson, the Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and Diana Ross and Supremes with the Temptations.

Originals and classics

At the upcoming concert in Bonita Springs, The Weight Band will play original songs from its new “World Gone Mad” album as well as classics by The Band.

“We wanted to write an album that sounds like The Band, so we could transition from Band songs into our songs,” Weider says. “The whole idea is to sound like The Band, and we play like that (naturally.) In our shows, we do the classic songs, then we go into our new tunes off the album.

“It’s like wearing an old shoe. It’ll be comfortable, it won’t be like it’s a totally different thing.”

As the Chicago Sun-Times has said, The Weight Band “carries on where The Band left off.”

Its album’s title song comments about the craziness of today’s world: “Lions and elephants running around/Looks like the circus is back in town/Screaming and hollering like chimpanzees/Fighting one another on my TV/Living in a world gone mad.”

Another tune, “You’re Never Too Old to Rock and Roll,” stresses that, though somewhat older, the musicians don’t plan on stopping: “Your hair turns silver/Your teeth turn gold/Come on, get up, get out of control/You’re never too old to rock ‘n’ roll.”

“Every night I go out to play, I try to play the best I possibly can. That’s one of my drives,” Weider says.

And as long as he can play, he’ll keep performing.

“I have to practice a little more, to keep my hands in shape,” the 66-year-old confesses. “You have to keep your muscles in shape.”

So far, so good.

“When people hear us, they’ll say that there’s no doubt that these guys were in The Band,” he promises. “We’re carrying on the legacy.” ■

LONG

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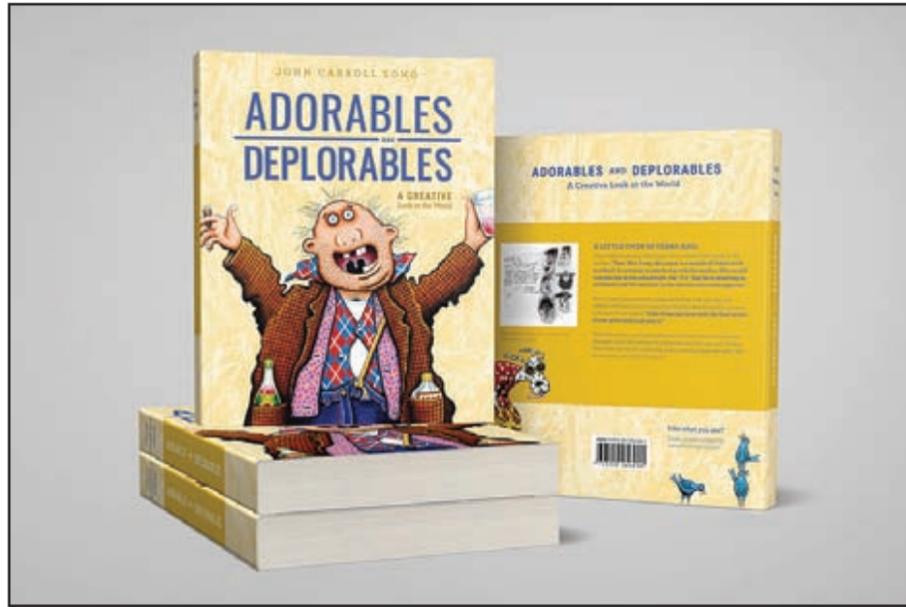
vide, but provokes. Perhaps it's his experience as a syndicated cartoonist that lends him his knack for observing the absurd, but in his mind, humor is one of the best vehicles for communicating with viewers. He's an accomplished fine artist who works in many mediums, from painting to installations to photography, but books of his illustrations give him an outlet for his fun side while still allowing him to tackle serious subject matter.

Combining the two sides requires that Mr. Long is educated on all the topics he wants to tackle, which isn't easy. Many artists take a facile approach to topics they present, but he puts in the work to have an understanding of science, religion and politics so his works have the intended effect.

"My interests aside from art are science, physics, religion's ethical aspects and humans' need for it," he said. "You've got to know your subject. And when I do humor, I like it to have some teeth."

And his illustrations do nibble at the edges of viewer's natural attitudes. For instance, in "Adorables and Deplorables," Smoggy the Clown says whatever he wants and it's just a part of his character. Viewers don't have to like him, but he's also a useful vehicle for letting it rip, Mr. Long said. Another character, a bum based on a person the artist knew when he lived in Detroit, has moments of insight in one illustration and goes off the rails in his next appearance.

"Smoggy's very bright," he said. "But the bum can be smart sometimes and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Often described as a Renaissance man or polymath artist for his wide variety of mediums, John Carroll Long has released a book of humor illustrations titled "Adorables and Deplorables: A Creative Look at the World."

whacked out other times."

He peppered the book with people

who are close to him, like his brother

and mother, or characters everyone is

familiar with, like Einstein.

"There are representatives of all walks of life," he said. "There's a politician I love that's just a cutout board. And there's a cow — gotta have a cow, I love cows. And Darth Mickey, he's an interesting character."

Despite Mr. Long's long career as a cartoonist with King Features where he made regular appearances in illustrious publications including the Chicago Tribune and The Washington Post, he doesn't consider these drawings to be cartoons.

"It's not a giggly, goofy, silly cutesy kind of thing," he said about "Adorables and Deplorables." "If it's not heavy on one page, you turn the page and it is. Some of these characters could be pulled out of the book, painted life-size and be shown at a museum."

The silver lining

Damages delivered by Hurricane Irma in September forced the temporary closure of Up Art & Design Contemporary, the downtown gallery/studio Mr. Long and his architect wife Andrea Clark Brown shared. The closure allowed him the opportunity to work on "Adorables and Deplorables," which he plans to follow up with a sequel and a book of poetry.

In the meantime, Mr. Long's fine art projects are on exhibit at Artis—Naples. Visitors can see "Unlimited: the Multi-Faceted Work of John Carroll Long" through Saturday, April 21.

To obtain a \$45 copy of "Adorables and Deplorables," make an inquiry on Mr. Long's website at www.johnlongartist.com or send an email to upartanddesign@yahoo.com. ■



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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

One-Act Play Festival – By ETC ... Readers Theatre of The Naples Players April 7-8 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Kalamazoo – By The Naples Players through April 22 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Miss Keller Has No Second Book – By Gulfshore Playhouse through April 15 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. See review on page C12.

Nanna's Naughty Knickers – By Island Theater Company through April 14 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

The Music Man – By The Naples Players through April 8 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Beautiful: The Carol King Musical – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall through April 8. 13350 FSW Pkwy. 481-4849 or www.bbman-npah.com.

The Taming of the Shrew – By KidzAct of The Naples Players April 14-15 on the outdoor stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Cabaret – By Florida Repertory Theatre through April 14 in the historic Arcade Theatre. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Mamma Mia – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through April 7. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Bakersfield Mist – By The Studio Players April 18-29 at the Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9192, info@thestudioplayers.com or www.thestudioplayers.org.

Ripcord – By The Naples Players April 24-May 20 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Baby – By TheatreZone April 26-May 6 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

THURSDAY 4.5

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

Load 'em Up – South Regional Library hosts an indoor/outdoor book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday-Saturday. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

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

Hollywood Talk – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about famed director John Ford from 10-11:30 a.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20-\$25. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.



In Gulfshore Playhouse's "Miss Keller Has No Second Book," running through April 15 at the Norris Center, a notoriously reclusive one-and-done novelist deals with a series of unwanted visitors. Pictured here are Alex Grubbs as Jackson Keller and Amy Van Nostrand as his estranged sister, writer Agnes Keller. See review on page C12. www.gulfshoreplayhouse.com.

Songwriters at Sunset – Friends of Lovers Key host a beach barbecue and performance by local singer/songwriters Chuck Williams, David and Carolyn Stanley, and Joe Virga at 5:15 at the state park. Free with park entry fee. 463-4588 or www.friendsloverskey.org.

Vocal Concert – Gulfshore Opera presents founder and soprano Steffanie Pearce and the company's emerging artists in concert at 5:30 p.m. at Marco Island Center for the Arts. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Tea for Two – Brambles Tea Room and Storytellers of the Round Table team up for an evening of tall tales and a full tea from 6-8 p.m. \$35. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7894 or www.bramblestea.com.

Free Concert – Slide guitarist Kraig Kenning performs from 6-9 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

FRIDAY 4.6

Farmers Market – Find fresh local 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. today 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.

Flamingle Fridays – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a cocktail hour and lecture about hummingbirds and tropical gardening with wildlife author and photographer Roger Hammer at 5 p.m. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or zuliana@evergladeswondergardens.com.

Art Reception – ARTANA Gallery hosts an opening reception for wildlife painter John Costin's exhibition, "Wings of Splendor," from 5-7:30 p.m. 462 Tamiami Trail N. 228-6286 or www.artanagallery.com.

Free Concert – The Honey Creepers perform on as part of Miromar Outlet's Friday Night Concert Series. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Magical Mysteries – Illusionist Rick Thomas performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$38-\$68. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swfliventcenter.com.

Stars on Ice – Professional figure skaters Nathan Chen, Ashley Wagner, Maia and Alex Shibutani and many more who gained fame and acclaim at this year's PyeongChang Winter Olympics perform at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena. \$28-\$153. 948-7825 or www.germanarena.com.

Funny Guy – Comedian Jeff Dye ("Better Late Than Never," "I Can Do That") takes the stage at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight through Monday, April 9. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 4.7

To Market, To Market – Stock up on fresh produce and locally made goodies at the Third Street South farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Church Garage Sale – Moorings Presbyterian Church holds its annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't even think about shopping early. 791 Harbour Drive.

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.

Take a Hike – CREW Land & Water Trust leads a guided walk focused on butterflies from 9 a.m. to noon \$15-\$25. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

Butterfly Release – All are welcome to Avow's annual butterfly release and community remembrance ceremony from 10 a.m. to noon at Cambier Park. 261-4404 or www.avowcares.org.

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

Rag Mama Rag – The Weight Band, a tribute ensemble to The Band, performs at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$38-\$48. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org. See story on page C1.

SUNDAY 4.8

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.

Fresh Produce – Take your grocery list to the Naples Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner Pine Ridge and Livingston roads.

Blues and Bloodys – Build your own bloody Mary and dig live blues from noon to 7 p.m. in the Center Bar at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. The Betty Fox Band plays from 1-4 p.m. followed by The Hector Anchondo Band at 4:30 p.m. www.promenadeshops.com.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about sea shells, creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Throwback Cinema – Silverspot at Mercato screens "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Anxious about his future after high school, an Italian-American teenager in Brooklyn escapes his bleak family life by dominating the dance floor at the local disco. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Fireworks Wednesday" (Iran, 2006) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. A young betrothed woman's notions about marriage are challenged with she accepts an assignment cleaning the home of an affluent married couple about to leave on vacation. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 4.9

Beach Yoga – Stretch and breathe with Friends of Lovers Key and Naples Yoga Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Lovers Key State Park gazebo and continuing weekly through the month. \$10, plus park entry fee. 592-4809 or www.friendsloverskey.org.

Aesop Knows – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about why "Aesop's Fables" are still relevant in the 21st century from 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Family Night – Bring the kids and help kick off National Library Week at family night from 5-6:30 p.m. at the East Naples Branch Library. Guests will enjoy crafts, games, snacks and stories and can learn about the library's many resources. All are welcome. Free. 8787 Tamiami Trail E. 775-5592 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Piano Concert – Pianist Jodie DeSalvo performs works by great American crooners at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Eagle Huntress" (2016) at 7 p.m. A teenaged girl trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her nomad family to become an eagle huntress. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 4.10

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.

Nature Walk – Koshan State Park hosts a gopher tortoise walk in honor of National Tortoise Day at 10 a.m. Free with park admission. 3800 Corkscrew Blvd. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

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Foreign Film – South Regional Library screens “Gloria” (Chile, 2013) at 2 p.m. A story set in Santiago and centered on Gloria, a free-spirited older woman, and her whirlwind relationship with a naval officer. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Kind of Blue – Sea Salt hosts a reception for artist Amy Moglia’s exhibition, “Kind of Blue” with wine and hors d’oeuvres from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free, but reservations required. Proceeds from sales will benefit the Guadalupe Center. 1186 Third St. S. 434-7258 or www.seasaltnaples.com.

A Truth Foretold – Chez Boet hosts medium Francesca Kimpton to provide messages from the spirit world at 8:30 p.m. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. 755 12th Ave. S. 643-6177 or www.chezboet-naples.com.

WEDNESDAY 4.11

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.

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.

Cruise More – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts an open house to celebrate the opening of sales for Regent Seven Seas’ newest ship, Seven Seas Splendor, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 801 Laurel Oak Drive. (800) 523-3716 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Luau – Friends of Lovers Key host a luau with a Hawaiian-inspired dinner, drinks, dancing, contests and more from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the state park. \$50 plus park entry fee. (708) 359-0466 or events@friendsofloversonkey.org.

Chamber Concert – Violinist Chee-yun Kim, cellist David Requiro and pianists Catherine Lan and Tao Lin perform works by Tchaikovsky and Arensky at 7:30 p.m. at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$20-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

COMING UP

Ahhhhh – Assuage Spa offers chair massages and skin consults, wine and hors d’oeuvres to benefit Path2Freedom, a nonprofit that raises awareness about human trafficking, from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 12. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 1201 Piper Blvd. RSVP required. 333-1450 or www.assuagecenters.com.

Heck Yeah – The Dan Miller/Dan Heck Quartet performs at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Free. 625 11th Ave. N. 566-8740 or www.saint-johntheevangelist.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Part, Chopin and Tchaikovsky with the Naples Philharmonic Chorus and pianist Benjamin Grosvenor at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, and Saturday, April 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Free Concert – Neon Summer performs on Friday, April 13, as part of Miro-mar Outlet’s Friday Night Concert Series. 948-3766 or www.miomaroutlets.com.

Tortoise Day – Naples Preserve celebrates National Tortoise Day with animal exhibits, presentations, crafts and more from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14. Free. 1690 Tamiai Trail N. 261-4290 or www.naplesgov.com.



■ ARTANA Gallery hosts an opening reception for “**Wings of Splendor**,” an exhibit of works by wildlife painter John Costin, from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday. Shown here is Mr. Costin’s “Roseate Spoonbill in Flight.”

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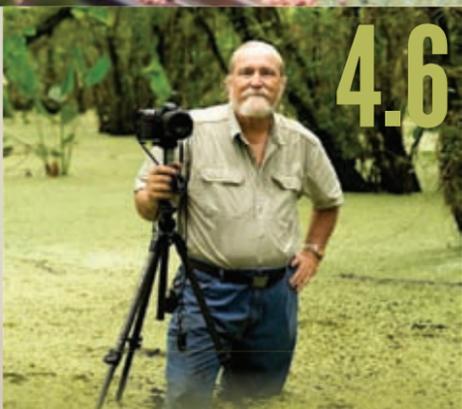
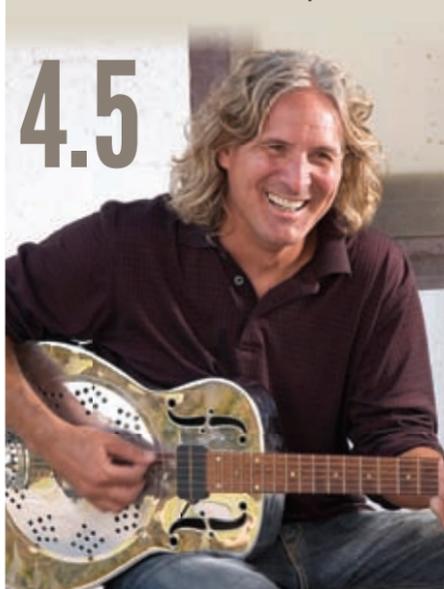
■ Volunteer model train enthusiasts help visitors of all ages enjoy an extensive indoor layout of vintage miniature locomotives and also take them out for rides on small-scale replicas of steam and diesel engines from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday at **Naples Train Museum** in the Naples Depot. — www.naplestrainmuseum.org



■ Medium **Francesca Kimpton** receives messages from the beyond to help her give guests detailed counsel at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Chez Boet in downtown Naples.

— www.chezboetnaples.com

■ Award-winning slide guitarist **Kraig Kenning** performs a free concert from 6-9 p.m. Thursday on the lawn at Mercato. — www.mercatoshops.com



■ Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts **Flamingle Fridays**, a cocktail hour and lecture about hummingbirds and tropical gardening with wildlife author and photographer Roger Hammer at 5 p.m. Friday. 27180 Old 41 Road.

— www.evergladeswondergardens.com

■ Start your Sunday off right with a \$5 buffet breakfast at from 8-11 a.m. in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Members of the **Experimental Aircraft Association** serve everything with a smile to benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career.

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Metal Health – Metal band Quiet Riot performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Southwest Florida Event Center. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflevntcenter.com.

Disney on Ice – Disney on Ice presents “Reach for the Stars” Friday-Sunday, April 13-15, at Germain Arena. 11000 Everblades Parkway, Estero. 800-745-3000 or www.disneyonice.com.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Verdi’s “Luisa Miller” at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, April 14. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$18-\$24. 596-0008 or www.paragontheatres.com.

Guitar Hero – Pablo Sainz Villegas, one of classical guitar’s brightest stars, performs with the Southwest Florida Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. \$29-\$92. 418-1500 or www.swflslo.org.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about sea shells, creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 15. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Art Show – Left Bank Art Fest presents works by juried artists in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at The Esplanade on Marco Island. Free. 290-7927.

Sunday Funday – Mercato hosts lawn games, Bloody Marys, mimosas and music by Mudbone from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 15. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Organ Concert – Church organists perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 791 Harbour Drive. 261-1487 or www.mooringschurch.org.

Seraphic Fire – The Miami-based vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire concludes its “Parables of Passion” series with a program that filters medieval sounds through an Eastern Orthodox aesthetic at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. \$46. 1225 Piper Blvd. www.seraphicfire.com.

Rising Stars – The Opera Naples Renata Scotto Academy students perform operatic arias and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$20-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Jazz Concert – Trumpeter Chris Botti performs at 8 p.m. Monday, April 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Free Film – Mercato screens DisneyNature’s “Born in China” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, on the lawn. Free, bring lawn chairs. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

More Jazz – Trumpeter Randy Brecker performs with the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Good Bones – The Southwest Florida Archeological Society hosts a lecture titled “The Science and Art of Reading Bones,” presented by FGCU associate professor Heather Walsh-Haney, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Collier County Museum. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. jffurey@charter.net or www.fasweb.org.

Classical Concert – The Naples Philharmonic performs Western music’s most beloved overtures at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Free Concert – The Bill Coletti Music Group performs on Friday, April 20, as part of Miromar Outlet’s Friday Night Concert Series. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Strings Sing – Yo-Yo Ma performs with a diverse group of longtime collaborators at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Discovery Days – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum celebrates Earth Day with tours of its boardwalk, an overview of hunting traditions with Seminole tribe member Daniel Tommie and an opportunity to try archery on Saturday, April 21. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or www.ahtahthiki.com.

Tropic Winds – The FGCU Wind Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Funny Guy – Comedian Tim Cavanaugh performs from 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at The Norris Center. 213-3049 or www.naplesgov.com.

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Bluegrass Concert – The Barefoot Movement performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Bluegrass Concert – Greg Cahill and Special Consensus perform at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 287-2035 or www.bluewaterbg@gmail.com.

Chamber Concert – Musicians from the Naples Philharmonic perform works by Mendelssohn and Schumann at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Masquerade – Swiss theater troupe Mummenshanz performs its stunning large-scale mask and acrobatics show “you and me” at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

A Good Yarn – Storytellers of the Round Table present their third annual showcase storytelling event, “The Elephant II,” from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Sugden Community Theater. \$20. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Interlude – Cuban tenor Anibal Cruz performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.

Artfully Naples – Artists Paula Brody, Sandy Kozlow, Christine Otis and Susan Alexander Shipman demonstrate their unique techniques while interpreting scenes at Naples Historical Society's headquarters at Historic Palm Cottage at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26. \$15, free for Naples Art Association members. 137 12th Ave. S. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

No Dummy – Comedian/ventriloquist Jeff Dunham brings his “Passively Aggressive” act to Germain Arena at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26. \$50.50. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Free Concert – Electric Lipstick performs on Friday, April 27, as part of Miromar Outlet's Friday Night Concert Series. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Bump You Up – Stay in May hosts a performance of roots jazz and street blues by Bumper Jacksons at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the auditorium at Moorings Park. \$35. 120 Moorings Park Drive. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Science Saturday – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a day of family activities themed around the science of sand from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Free with admission. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Birthday Party – Friends of the Museum of the Everglades hosts a parade, live music, family activities and more in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28. FME_98@hotmail.com or www.evergladesmuseum.com.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of “Cendrillon” at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, April 28. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$18-\$24. 596-0008 or www.paragontheatres.com.

Stay in May – Select artists in Naples Art District offer classes in a variety of mediums at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28. \$20-\$30. 265-0912 or www.stayinmay.com.

Rising Stars – Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about sea shells, creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 29. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Best Shorts – Stay in May hosts a short film fest kicking off at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Moorings Park and continuing Wednesday, May 2, and Sunday, May 6. \$15 per event. 120 Moorings Park Drive. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Out Loud – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs stages 10-minute plays at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29. \$12. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Stress Less – Stay in May hosts a workshop on conquering stress with licensed mental health counselors Angela Sanders and Meredith Dee at 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs. \$25. 27750 Old 41 Road. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Havana Modern – Caribbean-colonial design expert Michael Connors leads a presentation on the Cuban and West Indian aesthetic at 4 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Jett Thompson HOME. \$5. 393 Broad Ave. S. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

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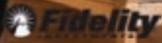
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Chamber Concert – Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra performs with harpist Dickie Fleischer and flautist Travis Jones at 8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Sugden Community Theater. \$40. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Coffee, Tea & Broadway – Actor's from TheatreZone's "Baby" perform show tunes and Broadway standards with a continental breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 2. \$35. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Rising Stars – Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Classical Concert – The Naples Philharmonic performs Beethoven's "Eroica" at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 3, and 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jazzy – William Noll Jazz Ensemble performs with special guests Glenn Basham at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Bentley Village. \$25. 810 Retreat Drive. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

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Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Vladigerov, Prokofiev and Beethoven with pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez hosts a meditation at Corkscrew Audubon Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 5. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Come one, Come all – Artis—Naples hosts a free community day with youth performances, kids' activities and access to all museums and galleries starting at noon Saturday, May 5. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Sunday Funday – Mercato hosts lawn games, Bloody Marys, mimosas and music by the Betty Fox Band from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 6. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Sweet Jazz – Wycliffe Gordon and Lew Del Gatto perform at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at North Naples United Methodist Church. \$35. 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Fire in your Soul – Renowned vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire performs "Shakespeare: Music and The Bard" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. \$30. 1225 Piper Blvd. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Art and Big Band – The Naples Big Band performs while artist Melinda Trick paints in Art Deco style at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$32. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

We've Got Pipes – Stay in May hosts an "organ crawl" where guests will check out the organs at several local churches with host Michael Barone starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at First Presbyterian Church. \$37. 250 Sixth St. S. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Tea for Two – Brambles Tea Room and Storytellers of the Round Table team up for an evening of stories about moms and a full tea from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10. \$35. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7894 or www.bramblestea.com.

Opera Night – Opera Naples presents "The Marriage of Figaro" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Artis—Naples. \$25-\$115. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Musical Wellness – Musician Glenn Estrin and mindfulness instructor Angela Sanders lead a demonstration in using music as mind medicine at 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at Bentley Village. 810 Retreat Drive. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Whole Lotta Shakin' – Stay in May hosts tribute band One Night in Memphis as they perform music by famed Sun Records artists Elvis Presley, Jonny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and more at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Naples Zoo. \$37. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

Flamenco – Flamenco Puro, featuring master dancer Clarita Filgueiras and her troupe of performers, take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$26-\$36. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

All That Jazz – The Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs the music of Miles Davis at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Interlude – The Alex Weitz Jazz Ensemble performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.

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Yo-Yo Ma performs with a diverse group of longtime collaborators at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Red, White & Awesome – Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Chorus perform patriotic works with youth singers and the Gulf Coast High School dance team at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Author Appearance – Author Bret Baier presents his book “Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire,” at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Sensorily Speaking – Paragon Pavilion hosts a lights-up, sound-down screening of “Show Dogs” for children with sensory disorders at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Magic Carpet – Artis—Naples hosts an up-close concert for kids featuring woodwind instruments at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Summer Spectacular – The Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra perform side-by-side the works of Brahms, Sibelius, Tchaikovsky and more at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez leads a meditation at Corkscrew Audubon Swamp Sanctuary’s natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Solo Night – Guitarist and bandleader Sean Chambers performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



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Interlude – Cabaret singer Abby Yetter performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Show Biz Kids from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

'til Touchdown Brings Me 'Round – The Rocket Man Show featuring Elton John impersonator Rus Anderson performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Creative Arts – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts an arts and crafts exhibition of works created by students at the Seminole Tribe’s Pemyatv Emahaky Charter School on Thursday, June 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. (877) 902-1113 or ahtathiki.com.

War Remembrance – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum commemorates the Seminole Wars with a special display, war games and more on Saturday, July 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or ahtathiki.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Late Night Brass from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by TBone Hamilton’s Big Easy Revue from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Pocket Change from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com. ■

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'Miss Keller' a 'precious commodity' at Gulfshore Playhouse

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When Stephen King wrote about fictional author Paul Sheldon held captive by his No. 1 fan, who chops off one of his feet and demands he write more books in the series she loves, readers were horrified. (The novel, "Misery," was later made into a movie starring Kathy Bates and James Caan.)

But what fan hasn't wished their favorite author would just write the damn books faster? They might not consider going as far as the captor in "Misery" does, but might have fantasized about housing the author in the attic or a spare bedroom to churn out books for their personal pleasure. After all, not every writer is as prodigious as Joyce Carol Oates or Alexander McCall Smith, who seem almost superhuman with the speed with which they write.

"Game of Thrones" fans are clamoring for George R.R. Martin's next book, and the TV series based on his novels surpassed his storyline in print. And what lover of "The Catcher in the Rye" wasn't upset when JD Salinger became a recluse and refused to keep publishing?

Fans can even grow perturbed if they feel their favorite authors (or musicians or actors) are being stingy with facts about their personal life, as if we need to know or "own" everything about them.

So you can't blame author Agnes Keller for wanting her privacy in "Miss Keller Has No Second Book," the humorous and insightful play enjoying its world premiere at the Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples, where it was originally a reading (and audience favorite) in the professional company's 2016 New Works Festival.

Fifty years ago, Agnes (a delightfully curmudgeonly Amy Van Nostrand) wrote a book that achieved worldwide fame. But the novel also caused her to be alienated from her family, with the exception of her younger sister Ramona (Maureen Silliman), who has faithfully stuck by her side over the years.

Agnes and Ramona share a house in Iowa. Ramona is the one who takes care of their bills, gets the groceries and interacts with the outside world. She deals with the business side of Agnes' writing career and also serves as her editor/sounding board/cheerleader. She protects Agnes from unwanted intrusions.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Keller sisters: Agnes (a delightfully curmudgeonly Amy Van Nostrand, left) and Ramona (the good-natured and helpful Maureen Silliman) in the house they share in "Miss Keller Has No Second Book." Gulfshore Playhouse presents the world premiere at The Norris Center.

Ms. Silliman plays this role perfectly, sunny and good-natured, thoughtful and helpful. The actress imbues her character with a basic, simple goodness that almost shines. She is as endearing as Ms. Van Nostrand is prickly and off-putting, the sugar to her sister's salt.

These two actors have a chemistry together and it's easy to believe they're sisters.

As Agnes, Ms. Van Nostrand is as welcoming as a porcupine, quills out at the slightest hint of provocation. And, I admit, it's wildly entertaining to see a character of a certain age just boldly speak her mind and say what she thinks. (She says "New Yorker" as if it's a curse word.) Ms. Van Nostrand doesn't overplay the role and also allows us to see Agnes' vulnerability.

Agnes is obsessing over her second novel, wanting every paragraph, every sentence, every word, to be right.

She cowers from the world, peering at it occasionally from behind her curtained door.

When outsiders show up on the doorstep, demanding her time, not even Ramona can help her.

Alex Grubbs plays Jackson, a relative who returns to the nest, trying to make amends. Full of ambiguity and struggle, Jackson has not made the best decisions in life.

Hannah Mae Sturges plays a neighbor,

19-year-old Katelyn, full of herself but ignorant of how little she truly knows. Like many her age, she lives her life on social media and doesn't understand or respect others' need for privacy.

James Lloyd Reynolds rounds out the cast as Darryl, a slick New York literary agent. He tells Agnes he's there to help her, but he's condescending and as self-centered as Katelyn.

It is difficult to talk about this play without giving away its many surprises.

Playwright Deb Hiatt knows how to seesaw between humor and pathos, reveling in the quirkiness of humans while also showing us their heartache.

She raises the question: What does an artist owe her public, if anything? She also manages to address the themes of forgiveness, familial and literary obligation and dealing with change.

In addition, her play examines the contrasting worlds of various generations, and the difference between those raised on print and those born into a digital society.

With the exception of Agnes, she gives each character one or more monologues throughout the play, little snapshots into their personalities.

The only negative note I have is that I wish some of the characters had been fleshed out more. But perhaps I just wanted to spend more time in their company.

Director Emilie Beck stages this play creatively with many magical moments, putting her innovative mark on this brand new offering.

David L. Arsenault's set is a typical writer's house, filled with piles of books and notepads. The backdrop is a wall of boxes, books and filing cabinets. Mr. Arsenault somehow manages to make it simultaneously minimalist and crowded.

Lighting designer Jimmy Lawlor makes creative use of light throughout the play, ending some scenes in a way that made the audience gasp.

"Miss Keller Has No Second Book" is one of those rare things in theater: a new play that works on all levels, has a superlative cast and grabs your heart and won't let go.

It reminds us that time is our most precious commodity.

I'm glad I spent some of my "most precious commodity" with "Miss Keller." ■

in the know

'Miss Keller Has No Second Book'

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And that's not all. He has performed with jazz stars Ira Sullivan, Simon Salz and John Blake and recorded and produced jazz CDs, most recently on the Naxos label.

Hear Mr. Basham perform on the violin and share stories about his performance career at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Temple Shalom. All are welcome. Cost is \$25 for Sisterhood members, \$28 for others. Sponsorships are available for \$50. RSVPs are required and can be made by calling 405-1141. ■

'Wondering Jew' memoirist concludes Jewish Book Festival

The concluding event in the 2017-2018 Collier County Jewish Book Festival brings Abigail Pogrebin to Beth Tikvah of Naples on Monday afternoon, April 9. Ms. Pogrebin will discuss "My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew," her friendly exposition on the Jewish holidays and memoir of her quest to enhance her Jewish literacy. The book will be available for sale and signing, and the author will answer questions.

Ms. Pogrebin worked for Mike Wallace at CBS as a producer on "60 Min-

utes." Her other books are "Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish" and "One and the Same: My Life as an Identical Twin." Her work appears in such periodicals as Newsweek, New York magazine, The Daily Beast, the Forward and Tablet.

The event, sponsored by the Collier/ Lee chapter of Hadassah, will run from 2:30-4:15 p.m. Tickets for \$15 are available by calling the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples at 263-4205. If space permits, admission will be \$20 at the door. ■



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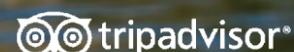


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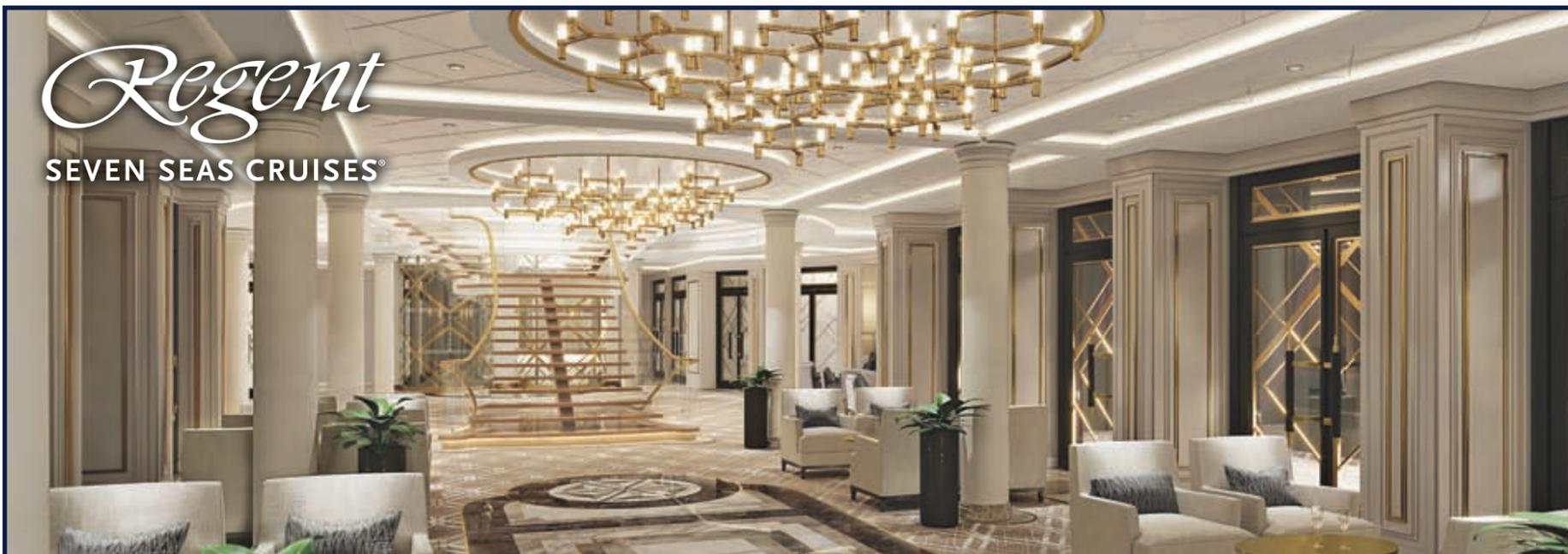


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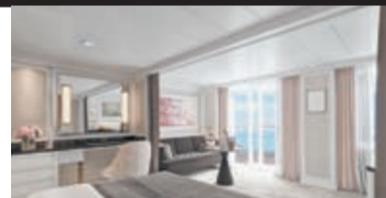
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little woolgathering is OK. But don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an

apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and

sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge. ■

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By Linda Thistle

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Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

This deal, from the 1956 U.S.-Italy world championship match, became famous not because it was brilliantly played, but because it wasn't.

The American team gained 750 points when it bid and made a grand slam in diamonds while the Italians stopped in a small slam. Both declarers made all the tricks on identical lines of play, but the fact is that they each missed the correct way to try to score 13 tricks.

At both tables, declarer won the club lead with the ace and cashed five diamonds and five spades, leaving South with just the Q-10 of hearts. On the last spade, West, who held the queen of clubs and K-8 of hearts, had to discard in front of dummy's A-9 of hearts and jack of clubs. Both Wests discarded a heart, and declarer won the last two tricks with the ace and queen of hearts.

This line of play succeeded only because West, who was marked with the queen of clubs, also had the king of hearts. However, a method of play was available that would have succeeded even if East had the king.

The best chance for 13 tricks is to win the club, ruff a club, cash the K-Q of diamonds and ruff another club. Declarer then leads a spade to the jack and ruffs dummy's last club with the ace. A heart to the ace followed by the jack of trumps allows declarer to discard the heart ten and then run his spades to make seven.

The recommended play works whenever the diamonds break 3-2, a 68 percent probability. The approach adopted

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 10 7

WEST

♠ 4 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K Q 9 8 5 2

EAST

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 10 9 7
♣ 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ Q 10
♦ A 6 4 3 2
♣ 6

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
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| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♣ | Pass | 6♦ | Pass |
| 7♦ | | | |

Opening lead — king of clubs.

by both declarers wins only when West has the heart king, a 50 percent chance, and is still available if the diamonds divide 4-1.

At this level of competition, it is surprising that neither declarer found the line of play that offered the maximum chance of scoring 13 tricks. Even world-famous experts, it appears, have blind spots. ■



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Ready Player One ★★★½

(Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn) In 2045, people use avatars to search for an "Easter Egg" in a virtual reality world. Director Steven Spielberg's latest delivers great visuals and action, but the retro pop culture references, along with the classic rock soundtrack, are what make this an absolute blast. Rated PG-13.

Unsane ★★½

(Claire Foy, Joshua Leonard, Amy Irving) A woman (Foy) moves to a new town to avoid a stalker (Leonard), but soon finds him working in the mental hospital to which she's involuntarily committed. It's the first time director Steven Soderbergh has ventured into psychological thriller territory, and the results are creepy enough to call it a success. Rated R.

The Hurricane Heist ★

(Maggie Grace, Toby Kebbell, Ralph Ineson) A U.S. Treasury officer (Grace) must stop a \$600 million heist as a Category Five hurricane hits the fictional town of Gulfport, Ala. The action is merely adequate, and there are ample gaps of logic and reality. It's not even so bad it's good, which makes it even worse. Rated PG-13.

Black Panther ★★★

(Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o) King T'Challa (Boseman), a.k.a. the Black Panther, must defend his country against Erik Killmonger (Jordan), who has a mysterious tie to T'Challa's past. The action is creative, the story is solid, and it's darn fun. Why can't all Hollywood blockbusters be like this? Rated PG-13.

The Party ★★

(Kristen Scott-Thomas, Patricia Clarkson, Timothy Spall) A seven-person dinner party goes awry when long held secrets are exposed. The solid cast does what it can with the material, but there's too much going on in the scant 71-minute running time for any of it to register. Rated R.

7 Days in Entebbe ★★

(Rosamund Pike, Daniel Bruhl, Eddie Marsan) Terrorists hijack an Air France flight to Tel Aviv in the hope of embarrassing the Israeli government in negotiations. Sadly, there's little suspense and it's almost always dull. Rated PG-13.

Peter Rabbit ★★½

(Voices of Margot Robbie, James Corden, Daisy Ridley) Peter Rabbit (Corden) likes to steal food from poor old Mr. McGregor (Sam Neill), but Peter gets more than he bargained for when McGregor's nephew (Domhnall Gleeson) moves into the house. Will children enjoy it, and will parents find it tolerable? The answer for both is: More than you'd expect, but not as much as you'd like. Based on the stories of Beatrix Potter. Rated PG.

Happy End ★★½

(Isabelle Huppert, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Mathieu Kassovitz) In the northern French city of Calais, the Laurent family struggles with business and one another in writer/director Michael Haneke's ("Amour") latest. It's intentionally confounding at times, but it's also a fascinating look at the good and bad of life and the secrets we keep hidden. Rated R. ■

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Edward "Ted" Kennedy was the youngest son of business tycoon Joseph Kennedy, a man who valued money, power and the prestige of the Kennedy name above all else. Ted no doubt felt immense pressure to follow in the footsteps of his highly successful (and tragically assassinated) older brothers John and Bobby, and to his credit, Ted was a United States senator for more than 47 years before he died in 2009.

And yet in his father's eyes, Ted was a disappointment.

"Chappaquiddick" tells the story — and tells it well — of how it all went wrong for Ted.

In July 1969, he got into a car accident in Chappaquiddick, Mass., and lost two things: the life of his companion in the car, Mary Jo Kopechne, and his chance to become president of the United States. What happened, how it went down and who was responsible for Mary Jo's death forms the core of "Chappaquiddick."

It's a solid drama that wisely doesn't take sides. Instead, director John Curran presents the events that led to Mary Jo's death in a way that feels straightforward given all we could possibly know without being there, which is as much as we could ask.

July 1969 is roughly a year after Bobby's assassination, and Ted (Jason Clarke) misses his brother dearly. Already a senator, Ted is letting the pressure of a possible presidential run in '72 get to him. He's drinking, and it's implied he's womanizing as well. As the story begins, he invites a bunch of his buddies, including his cousin Joe Gargan (Ed Helms) and former U.S. Attorney Paul Markham (Jim Gaffigan), to Chappaquiddick for the weekend. He also invites "Boiler Room" girls, women who worked on Bobby's '68 presidential campaign who just happen to be single. The cover story is that they're

there for a sailing competition, but really it's just an excuse for debauchery.

Fair enough as long as all are willing participants, and that appears to be the case.

Late one night, and after too many drinks, Ted takes Mary Jo (Kate Mara) for a drive. He speeds down a dark dirt road, loses control of the car and goes over the side of a small bridge, flipping the car in the process. Ted escapes, Mary Jo does not; he insists he went back to try to get her out multiple times. We can only take his word for it.

With the help of Taylor Allen and Andrew Logan's thoroughly researched script, Curran assembles the clearest and most likely version of events based on what we know as facts. Obviously, only two people really know what happened that night, and they're both dead.

What's fascinating is not just the circumstances surrounding the events, but also the extent to which Ted uses the power of the Kennedy name, his status as a senator and his

father's team of experts to create, and subsequently manipulate, the narrative to suit his benefit. To his credit, Clarke plays Ted as a lost soul in need of guidance, and in doing so elicits sympathy at a time when what he's doing (distorting the truth, and perhaps his responsibility for, an innocent woman's death) is really quite evil.

There's a fascination with the Kennedy family that pop culture can't seem to escape. They've been called the closest thing to royalty the United States has ever had. The tragedy that has befallen the family is, arguably, equal to the scandal and melodrama that have also impacted its legacy. This wasn't just a rich and powerful family; it's also three generations of high profile headlines for the media.

"Chappaquiddick" tells only one such tale, but here's hoping it will lead to more of the same. ■



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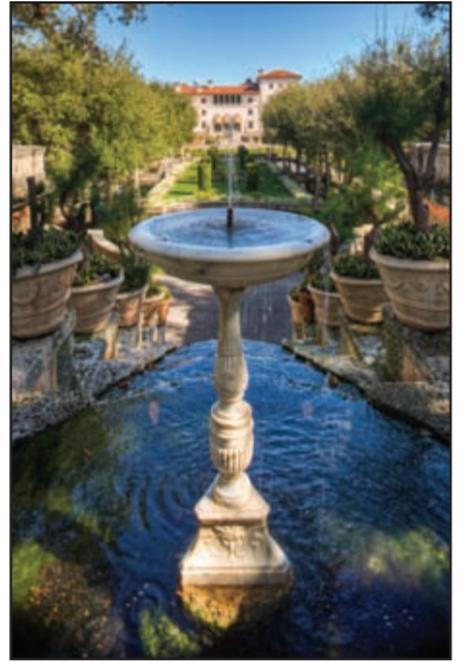
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By land

The trip to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami is Thursday, April 12. Guests will leave WGCU Public Media on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University at 7:30 a.m. for a ride in an air-conditioned coach to the estate to see its 34 rooms full of European artifacts and American art and its lovely gardens. Lunch is a sandwich and salad buffet. Arrival back at WGCU is expected at about 5:30 p.m. The all-inclusive cost is \$195.

Built between 1914 and 1922, Vizcaya stands tribute to the nation's Gilded Age, a time when wealthy industrialists built lavish estates. Owner James Deering, the retired vice president of International Harvester, lived in the Italianate mansion on the waterfront less than nine years before he died and left it to heirs. After damage in a hurricane in 1926, Vizcaya was restored and eventually conveyed to Dade County along with the extensive art collection it housed. Still today, it contains one of the most significant collections of Italian furniture in the United States. In its gardens are exquisite sculptural works spanning centuries, from antiquity to Renaissance and baroque periods and the modern era as well.



Vizcaya Museum & Gardens is a National Historic Landmark in Miami.

And by sea

Kayakers need only drive as far as Sanibel to paddle on a trip from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 5, with the Tarpon Bay Explorers. Participants should be able to get into and out of a kayak unassisted and paddle for a couple of hours for this adventure with Jerry Jackson, Ph.D., Southwest Florida's renowned ornithologist and host of WGCU's "With the Wild Things." The cost is \$65.

For reservations, go to www.give2wgcu.org/events or call 888-809-9809. For more information about going "On the Road" with WGCU Public Media, call Jennifer Denike at 590-2514 or Anne Stavelly at 590-2329. ■



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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 11 P.M.
Soundbreaking

Part 6: The World Is Yours

Take a look at the art of sampling and the musical revolution it inspired.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 10:30 P.M.
Downton Abbey

Season 1, Part 1

Mary entertains three suitors and Bates risks his health to remain valet.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 9 P.M.
Unforgotten

Season 1, Part 1

Nicola Walker ("Last Tango in Halifax") and Sanjeev Bhaskar ("Indian Summers") star as police officers investigating the cold case murder of a boy whose diary implicates four seemingly unconnected couples.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 10 P.M.
10 Homes that Changed America

See 10 architecturally adventuresome homes that elevated living to an art form.

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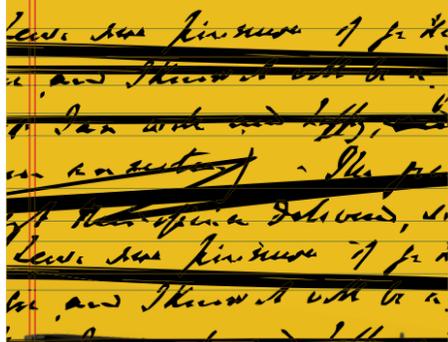
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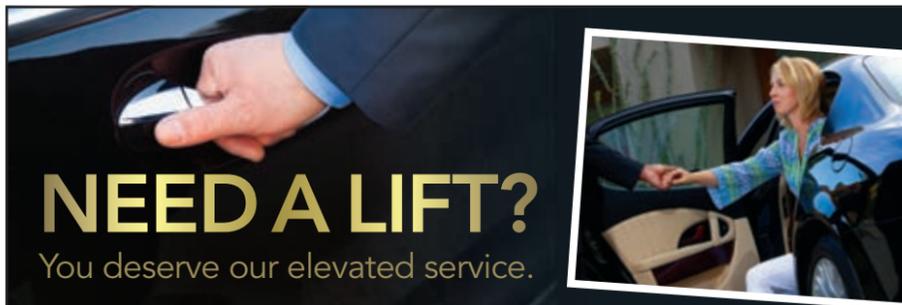
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■ The Women's Council of Realtors Bonita Springs-Estero hosts its inaugural Casino Night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs, 14610 Tamiami Trail N. Admission is \$50. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com.

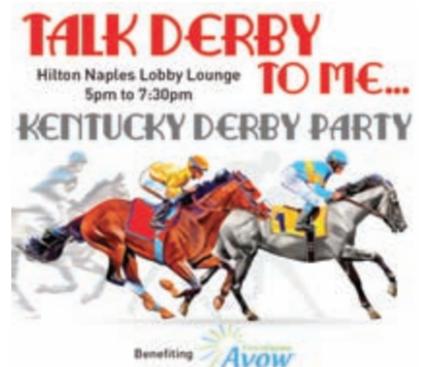
■ Gulf Coast Charter Academy South holds its fourth annual gala and silent auction from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Foxfire Country Club. The evening's fun and games are Mardi Gras-themed. Tickets for \$35 are available by calling 784-1539 or emailing wstaros@gccas.org. Sponsorships are available, and auction donations are welcome. For more information, call or email the above.



■ The 10th annual Barristers Bash to benefit Legal Aid Service of Collier County takes place Thursday, April 26, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are \$125, and sponsorship packages begin at \$500. The evening celebrates and honors those who have demonstrated leadership and outstanding pro bono service through Legal Aid by assisting the poorest and most vulnerable members of the community to gain access to justice. For reservations or more information, call 775-4555 or visit www.legalaid.org.



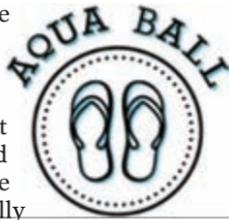
■ The Southwest Florida Office of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association hosts the 14th annual SWFL Go Red For Women Luncheon Friday, April 27, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Amy Sanford, her mother Cathy Canterna and sister Lauren Canterna co-chair the afternoon that focuses on mindfulness, health and prevention of heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 and No. 5 killers of all Americans. Major sponsors to date are Arthrex, Lee Health and The Canterna Family in memory of Dorothy Paffrath and Margaret Teixeira. For more information, call Monica Seif at 495-4903 or email Monica.Seif@heart.org.



■ "Talk Derby to Me," a Kentucky Derby party to benefit Avow, takes place from 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Watch the race and enjoy a welcome mint julep, heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment after the Run for the Roses. A prize will be awarded for the Best Derby Hat. Tickets for \$75 include a \$25 gift card to Shula's. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com. For more information, call Jeff Jerome at 659-3176.

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■ The **Greater Collier Kiwanis Club** holds its annual **Aqua Ball** from 5-10 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Hilton Naples. Guests will enjoy dancing to the sounds of Music by Mobile Sound Entertainment and will be able to bid on an array of silent auction items and also enter a raffle for an 18-bottle, fully stocked wine chiller. Door prizes throughout the evening will include a cash prize. Admission for \$75 includes two drinks and heave hors d'oeuvres. All funds raised will go toward the club's efforts to prevent childhood drowning. For reservations or more information, call 919-2001 or 293-0901 or visit www.greatercollierkiwanis.org.



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The event begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. with the dinner and awards presentation at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$275 per person. For more information, call Brooke Hornbeck at 280-3270 or email Brooke_Hornbeck@ajg.com.



■ The 29th annual **Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation** awards banquet takes place Thursday evening, May 24, at Artis—Naples. Guest speaker Curtis Strange was one of the leading players on the PGA Tour in the 1980s and was the winner of consecutive U.S. Open titles in 1988 and 1989. Mr. Strange spent more than 200 weeks in the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking between their debut in 1986 and 1990. Now 63, he is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

The Winged Foot Scholar Athlete Award began in 1990 at the Collier Athletic Club as a vision to recognize the top senior scholar athlete from each of the high schools in Collier County. The first award was presented to Terry Dean of Barron Collier High School at a banquet featuring sportscaster Dick Vitale. The Winged Foot Scholar Athlete Award has become the most prestigious award a high school student can

■ **Path2Freedom** holds its third annual **Red Gala** on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Hilton Naples. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner by Shula's Steak House, dancing and luxury live and silent auctions.

Oscar Blandi, honorary chair of the event, is a celebrity stylist whose looks are featured on red carpets and runways and in magazines and television shows. The mission of Path2Freedom is to create hope and healing for child victims of human trafficking by providing safe environments and long-term programs for recovery. Red Gala tickets for \$175 (\$1,500 for a table for 10) are available at www.path2freedom.org. Visit the website or email events@path2freedom.org for more information. ■

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 3. Felipe Marie, Christine Marie, Scott O'Dell and Jennifer O'Dell
 4. Jeff Mitchell, Peter Mitchell and Maryann Mitchell

5. Elisabeth Devik, Hannah Reeves, Alex Scech, Bryan Gantwarg, Miranda Shafto and Harrison Rogers
 6. Carol Donahue and Lois Thome
 7. Bob Beauregard and Carol Beauregard
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'Triumph 2018' at Club Pelican Bay for the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL



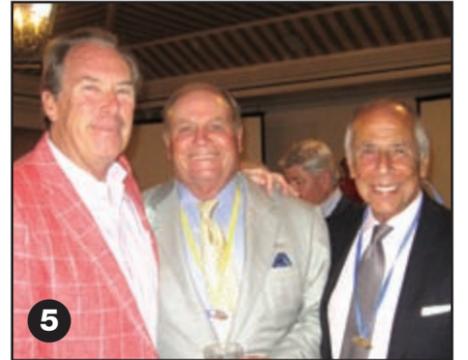
1. David Eisenhower
 2. Golden Gate Middle School Principal Mason Clark; Michelle Lee and David Bell, "Out of the Ashes" co-creators; Susan Suarez of the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL; Kamela Patton, superintendent of Collier County Public Schools; and Herb Berkeley, chairman of the museum board of directors
 3. David Eisenhower and Lori Mayer, founding curator of the Holocaust Museum and Education Center
 4. Phil Jones and David Eisenhower discuss the legacy of Dwight Eisenhower
 5. Richard Grossman, Rissa Grossman and Jeffrey Grossman



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SOCIETY

'Thanks a Million' celebrating a Books for Collier Kids milestone



1. Karl Wyss and Joanne Wyss
2. Jennifer Siegal-Miller, Marcie Charles and Donna Eskra
3. Front row: Lisa Lefkow, Peg Redlinger, Vicki McLoughlin, Penny Piper, Alicia Melchionni, Susan Dalton and Kathy Pavlish. Back row: Tom Rush, George Piper, Bill Melchionni, Jack Pavlish, Don Redlinger and Tom McLoughlin.
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6. Dave Eskra, John Kolmer, Mary Henrikson and Emily Watt
7. Veronica Kalich, Ray Kalich, Joe Charles and Marcie Charles
8. Ellen Spencer, Noreen Morrell, Maureen Sperin and Mary Polizzotto
9. Sue Hester, Joanne Halstead, Tom Schneider, Pat Schneider and Connie Messner
10. Lisa Lefkow and Kamela Patton



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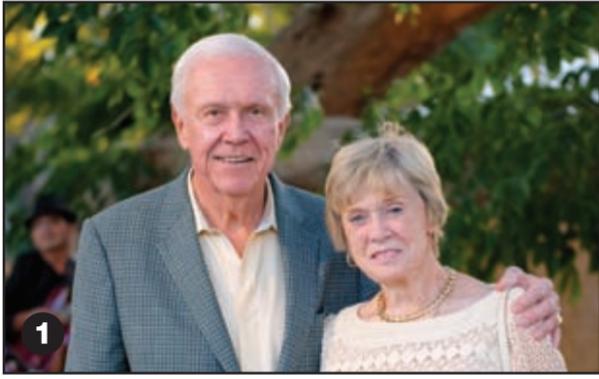


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CUISINE NEWS



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Behold The Hampton Social's lobster roll, one example of its quintessentially New England fare, and its Route 27 cocktail made with gin, blood orange puree, lime and rosemary syrup. Sometime this summer, the Chicago-based restaurant is taking over the Mercato space formerly occupied by McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant.

McCormick & Schmick's is out, **The Hampton Social** is in. Taking over the prime Mercato location, the steak and seafood house formerly occupied is a Chicago-based, Northeastern seacoast inspired spot that promises seasonal coastal cuisine and an East Coast "classy-chic" atmosphere that will arrive this summer. With two popular locations in the Chicago area, The Hampton Social is making its East Coast debut at Mercato.

"Mercato is honored to have been chosen as The Hampton Social's first East Coast location," said Valerie Cope, the center's marketing director. "The restaurant's sophisticated, fashionable atmosphere is a perfect match for Mercato's visitors and a welcome addition to our tenant mix."

Amid off-white Adirondack chairs and sparkling chandeliers, operators promise a diverse selection of seafood, a raw bar and eclectic dishes like chicken and donuts, lobster rolls, wood-fired pizzas, specialty cocktails and more.

"The Hampton Social's refined nautical décor combined with our carefully crafted food and drink selections offer our diners an authentic Hampton's experience no matter where they live," said Brad Parker, founder and CEO of Parker Restaurant Group, which owns and operates the restaurant. "With pristine beaches and trendy atmosphere in Naples, Mercato offers us the perfect location for our first ever actual East Coast location."

Diners who are interested in learning more about the upcoming opening can find more information at www.thehamptonsocial.com.

Purple Spoon offers a farm tour of 12 Seasons Farm in North Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Guests will learn about the owners' sustainable farming practices and commitment to supplying only local vendors. The day concludes with a three-course vegetarian lunch using the farm's produce. Selections may include tomato and zucchini salad with pecorino cheese and sherry vinaigrette, gazpacho and strawberry crisp.

Kareem's Lebanese Kitchen and 21 Spices by Chef Asif will team up to provide an Indo-Lebanese buffet where both chefs will prepare a variety of ethnic dishes using only plant-based ingredients and no oil to promote plant-based diets. \$19.99 per person, with \$2 benefitting www.aplantbasediet.org. Diners can make reservations by calling 919-8830 or emailing

michel@21spicesdining.com.

The Local celebrates Earth Day by offering a free vegan gluten-free coconut brownie with any purchase of \$10 or more on Sunday, April 22. 5323 Airport-Pulling Road. 596-3276 or www.thelocalnaples.com.

Tony's Off Third hosts a wine tasting featuring vintages from Domaine Carneros and will feature an appearance by winemaker T.J. Evans, who knows his way around a good pinot noir. Free, but registration required. 1300 Third St. S. 262-7999 or www.tonysoffthird.com.

Chef Asif Syed teaches a class in "The Art of Making Biryani" starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at his 21 Spices by Chef Asif restaurant. \$50. The restaurant is at 4270 Tamiami Trail E. Reservations are required for the class and can be made by calling 919-8830.

Nathan's Famous hosts the Florida qualifier for the annual Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Hammond Stadium at the Century Link Sports Complex in South Fort Myers. The top male and female finishers will qualify for a seat at the Nathan's Famous contest in Coney Island on July 4, where they will face reigning champions Joey Chestnut and Miki Sudo. Mr. Chestnut marked his 10th win in 2017 by eating 72 hot dogs, while Mr. Sudo managed to eat 41 dogs.

Local celebrities are taking over the bar at **Sea Salt** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida.

Rick Locastro and Vicky Tracy of The Arlington will serve up drinks from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, while Amanda Beights of the Leadership Collier Foundation and Michael Wynn of Sunshine Ace Hardware will test their mixology skills from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. Fifty percent of bar sales and 100 percent of each evening's tips will be donated to Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. Sea Salt is at 1186 Third St. S. Reservations for the celebrity bartender evenings are required and can be made by calling 992-9474 or emailing esumpmann@sflawish.org.

Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week, formerly known as Naples Restaurant Week, launches its summer edition May 31-June 13 with special prix-fixe menus from local restaurants all priced at \$25 or \$35. www.sizzleswfl.com. ■

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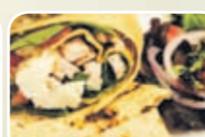
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Terroir refers to everything that can affect winemaking



Terroir. It's a word from the wine world, and like most of them, it's French. And like most French words, it means more than just the limited definition of earth, land or dirt.

In wine-speak, terroir refers to the specific place where the grapes are grown. But, as mentioned above, it's much more than that. In the widest sense, it means everything about that specific place: the soil, elevation, drainage, the direction the vineyard faces, how the fog from the ocean keeps the grapes cool in the morning and what time it burns off. And in a way, even the winemaking traditions of the particular area.

In many regions, the soil is very site-specific. My vineyard may have a vein of limestone running beneath it, which imparts certain qualities to the grapes grown there. My neighbor's vineyard, just a few feet on the other side of the cart path, doesn't have any limestone. That's why I get \$5,000 a ton for my grapes, and he has to sell his for only \$2,000.

The concept of terroir varies in importance and significance depending on the country and region. In France, Spain, Italy and Germany, it's critical. Grapes

grown in a certain region, vineyard and even a particular part of a vineyard are carefully — and precisely — classified. In fact, wine is the very first product in history to establish and promote geographic indications. We don't do it with broccoli or asparagus. In Florida, we do it with oranges.

But there's some indication that the idea of giving winegrowing regions specific geographical indications is more a marketing ploy than a designation of quality. According to a recent article in Forbes magazine, this whole idea of a link between location and quality is a big sticking point in international trade disputes. The question is, should we, as wine lovers, care about this? Yes, we should.

As far back as 1756, in Portugal, wealthy vineyard owners lobbied for special designations of quality — for their own properties, of course. From this, regulations were established about which grapes could be grown where and how the wine must be made. Today, it's much more complex than that.

In Europe, and especially in France, there are government ministries, like wine police, that decree which vineyards are in the "St. Julien" appellation, for example, and why the vineyards 100 feet away across the cart path aren't. And these decrees are strictly enforced. In the U.S., the delineation of American Viticultural Areas is controlled by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. This gives me the giggles every time I think



Phillipe Guigal and Marcel Guigal

about it.

Nevertheless, knowing where your wine comes from can be important. Certain grapes grow best in certain areas, and it makes a difference (especially in the price) whether your Cabernet Sauvignon comes from Napa or Noplace. It's the climate, the fog off the river or ocean, the kind of yeast that grows on the grapes — it's everything.

Here are some new favorites. **Guigal Côtes du Rhône Blanc 2015 (\$10)** — The Guigal family doesn't make every single wine in the northern Rhone, it just seems like it. This value-priced white is the traditional blend of Viognier, Roussanne and Marsanne. Hugely aromatic, with fla-

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Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q: I've heard that a coffee filter can remove sulfites from wine. Is that true?

— Steve N., New York

A: Sorry, no. Sulfites occur naturally as a byproduct of fermentation, so you'll find them in all wines. Winemakers often add more sulfites as a preservative, and in fact only about 1 percent of the population is actually allergic to them. More people experience headaches or other discomfort from histamines in wine, and of course from the alcohol. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is wine director of the international Direct Cellars wine club. His book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website. Read his other writings at www.wine-whisperer.com.

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CUISINE

Reap the charms of al fresco dining at Garden Café



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Many's the time I've turned south onto Old 41 Road where it veers off from "new" U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs and glanced over at the Bernwood Centre on the right, where a curtain of potted plants shields the umbrella-shaded tables of The Garden Café. One of these days I'm going to try that place, I've told myself year after year.

That day finally arrived, sunny but cool, perfect for dining al fresco, one of the coveted pleasures of living in Florida. Not that patrons have a choice at Garden Café — all of the dozen or so tables sit outside on the café's paver-lined patio. Indoors is a warren of catering equipment and supplies — the owners have 30 years of experience in the business — where they might squeeze in a few tables during inclement weather.

We seated ourselves under a red umbrella and immediately noticed that the sounds of traffic faded into the background, thanks to that buffer of greenery. Then we noticed that the breakfast and lunch menus differ significantly from those posted on the restaurant's pretty basic website. Updating the online information with new dishes and better pictures would be a smart marketing move, but I got the feeling over the course of our meal that the folks behind Garden Café have better things to do with their time and budget. Such as sourcing the finest ingredients, perfecting new iterations of breakfast and lunch classics and generating an ambience of gracious hospitality.

Can't argue with those priorities. Mugs of steaming water and a selection of Tazo teas (\$1.95 each) with a cute mini mason jar of honey arrived quickly, as we wrestled with the difficult choice of ordering breakfast or lunch. The former entails enticing prospects such as eggs benedict with pork belly or fried chicken, buttermilk biscuits with gravy, eggs in purgatory or Dr. Seuss's green eggs and ham — featuring a hollandaise sauce verdantly tinted by spinach and fresh herbs. Lighter fare includes a smoked salmon frittata, "anyway you like it" omelets and a fresh berry parfait.

If you opt for lunch instead, selections include homemade soup of the day



The Garden Café has about a dozen tables under umbrellas.



The creamiest of cheddar grits with Cajun shrimp and gravy.

and salads ala chicken with caramelized pears and Grand Marnier-glazed salmon over greens. Craft sandwiches are on trend: short-rib sliders garnished with cherry compote or shrimp po' boy sliders with pineapple slaw; mahi tacos with jicama-mango slaw. Sides include pesto truffle fries and crispy potato tots.

We noticed quite a few plates of fried chicken with waffles (\$13.50) coming out, so we took that as a hint. I've never really understood the popularity of this combination, but I'm beginning to appreciate it. Boneless planks of buttermilk chicken breast sat atop crisp triangles of golden Belgian waffle, all of it glazed with a delicious bourbon caramel sauce and crumbled bacon. The booze and the salty bacon helped mitigate the sweetness of the sauce, and the chicken was lightly battered and moist within. My pepper-sensitive dining companion appreciated the fact that it was mildly seasoned, too. She chose fresh fruit as her side and was served a good plate of ripe melons and berries.



Fried chicken and waffles are glazed with bourbon caramel sauce.

From the salad section, we shared the crab-avocado martini (\$11), a sumptuous cocktail of sweet blue crabmeat, creamy avocados and diced tomatoes dressed with fresh lemon juice and diced scallions. The simplicity of the combination allowed the quality of the ingredients to shine, and they really don't skimp on the crab, either — and it's the pricey jumbo lump grade. We remarked on it to the chef when he stopped by our table, and he said that it's picked and prepared fresh as it's ordered.

For some of the creamiest grits you'll ever spoon into your mouth, try the Cajun shrimp and grits (\$12.50 full order, \$9 half). The corn porridge is enriched with cheddar cheese and gets a mild kick from poblano chilies. About a half-dozen jumbo shrimp were tossed with bits of Andouille sausage, bell peppers and onions, all of it enveloped in a highly seasoned Cajun gravy. For my side, I upgraded (\$1) from hash browns to chorizo-Gouda hash, which was simply hash



Jumbo lump blue crab is the star of this refreshingly simple cocktail.

browns with bits of sausage and a slice of cheese on top that didn't melt; it would have been better if they had run it under the broiler long enough to liquefy the cheese and crisp the potatoes, but this is a minor quibble — and the only one we had about Garden Café.

We never got around to inquiring about desserts, but check the chalkboard menu that features daily smoothie flavors and other specials.

And make a point to discover this not-so-secret garden now before the daily rains and sweltering temperatures of summer tarnish the charms of dining outdoors. ■

in the know

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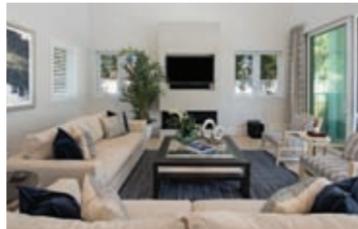
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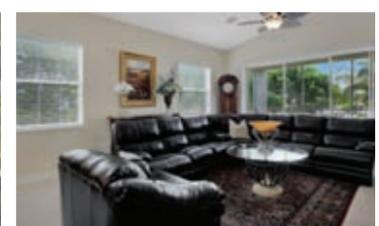
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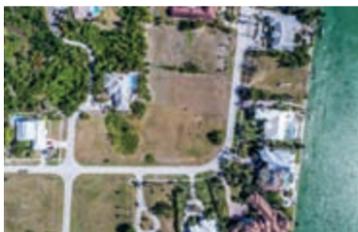
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1-866-657-2300 800NA002321.

CAPE CORAL



Located in the Beautiful Surfside Area
Better than new...3 bedrooms plus office/den, 2 baths, 3 car garage, salt water pool, assessments paid!
\$419,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC072246.

ESTERO



Gated Community
5 bedroom, 3 bath home with almost 3,000 sqft of living space!
\$412,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA006988.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access
Beautiful 4 bedroom gulf access pool home!
\$399,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC018569.



CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access
4/2.5 Gulf access pool home!
1-866-657-2300

\$399,900
800CC011977.

FORT MYERS



Rural Perfection
This upgraded beauty has what you want. Starting from the upgraded interior of a 3 bedroom ranch style home.
1-866-657-2300

\$399,500
800LE073784.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home
Four bedroom gulf accessible pool home split plan, centrally locating in South Cape.
1-866-657-2300

\$390,000
800CC021195.

FORT MYERS



Enchanting Riverfront home
Tropically landscaped acre and a quarter on the Orange River. This home built in 1948 is a meticulous 4/3.
Appt only.
1-866-657-2300

\$389,900
800FM079447.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home
3/2 gulf access pool home with over 1800 sqft of living space.
1-866-657-2300

\$379,900
800CC021824.

FORT MYERS



4 Bed 3 Bath Lakefront Pool Home-The Wil-lows off Plantation
Incredible views and desirable Southern exposure. Modern, roomy home with 2534 sqft under air and built in 1998.
1-866-657-2300

\$375,000
800FM011788.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Home
3 lot site gulf access home. 3 bedroom 3 baths with split bedroom floor plan.
1-866-657-2300

\$369,900
800CC021746.

NAPLES



Limitless Possibilities with This House on Almost 3 Acres
Large 4 bedroom plus lots of extra rooms with a ground floor separate entrance sitting on almost 3 acres!!
1-866-657-2300

\$365,000
800NA051439.

ESTERO



Best Priced Home in Bella Terra
Home in Bella Terra 4/2 pool home! Over 2300 sqft of living area. Resort style community, low HOA's.
1-866-657-2300

\$349,900
800NA073154.

BONITA SPRINGS



2 Bed 2 Bath Turnkey Direct Access Condo w/ Boat Dock
Luxury turnkey waterfront condo, with with boat slips and direct access to the Gulf of Mexico in minutes.
1-866-657-2300

\$348,500
800FM049844.

CAPE CORAL



Almost One Acre Pool Home
Almost one acre of land (.85) with an over 2300 sqft home nestled in the center. Lots of room! New kitchen and roof.
1-866-657-2300

\$339,900
800CC076160.

ESTERO



Corkscrew Shores
Beautiful new home at Corkscrew Shores 2/2/2 + sun room. Located in Estero. Low HOA fees! Resort style living!
1-866-657-2300

\$339,000
800NA068379.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed 2 Bath Pool Home / 2 Car Garage - Whiskey Creek
Discover great value here! Well-kept and well-maintained home with many recent improvements and so much to offer.
1-866-657-2300

\$335,000
800FM016834.

FORT MYERS



Rare Waterfront Property
Rare waterfront dock 4 bed 3 bath home. All wood floors and tile. Stainless steel appliances. Unique enclosed.
1-866-657-2300

\$329,900
800FM012928.

CAPE CORAL



Move In Ready
This 2,013 sqft 3/2 pool home is bright and airy great room floor plan will not disappoint!
1-866-657-2300

\$324,900
800CC020024.

BONITA SPRINGS



Spectacular Villa for Sale
Amazing villa for sale in this Beautiful Divota built community. Tons of amenities. close to airport, shopping, beaches.
1-866-657-2300

\$320,000
800FM060919.

FORT MYERS



Attached Villa at Colonial Country Club
Great lake view in this move in ready attached villa.
1-866-657-2300

\$319,000
800FM016377.

FORT MYERS



Huge Generational Home
This home built in 1920 will charm you in so many ways. It can be a generational home, AirBnb.
1-866-657-2300

\$300,000
800FM019815.

CAPE CORAL



Magnificent 2 Story 3 Lot Site
2 master suites 2 1/2 Bath den formal living & dining. Family room 2 1/2 Car garage Many upgrades alarm system salt water pool.
1-866-657-2300

\$299,900
800CC055707.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed/2 Bath Lakefront Home off of McGregor
This beautiful 3 bed 2 bath lakefront home is located off of McGregor in the desirable Las Palmas neighborhood.
1-866-657-2300

\$299,900
800FM017162.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Pool Home
Inviting 3 bed / 2 bath Gulf Cove home with a pool and outbuilding.
1-866-657-2300

\$299,000
800CH250470.

FORT MYERS



Looking for your Next Home near the Sandy Beaches?
Look no further! This 3 bedroom and 2 bath home is located in the beautiful gated community.
1-866-657-2300

\$290,000
800LE070673.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2/1 on a Saltwater Access Canal in Gulf Cove
Move in ready 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home on a Saltwater access canal in the quaint fishing community of Gulf Cove.
1-866-657-2300

\$269,900
800CH250168.

LEHIGH ACRES



Olympia Point
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 4 bath home in a great gated community close to everything. Easy commute to Fort Myers.
1-866-657-2300

\$269,900
800FM049590.



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CAPE CORAL



Assessments Paid
Beautiful corner lot with many fruit trees. 3/2 with salt water pool. **\$250,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC016651.

FORT MYERS



Beautiful 4/3/3 Home in Lehigh
Beautiful Adams Home built in 2006. This 4 bed/3 bath/3 car garage home includes LCEC Good Cents Package. **\$250,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM014146.

FORT MYERS



Townhouse
3/2.5 single car garage townhome in Summerlin Place. **\$249,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC022261.

ESTERO



Island Club at Corkscrew
Single family 2 bedroom, den with French doors, 2 bath, 2 car garage home. **\$240,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE014718.

FORT MYERS



Silver Lakes at Gateway Home
Gorgeous 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home in Silver Lakes at Gateway. Convenient location. **\$239,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM072695.

BONITA SPRINGS



Cute 3/2/2 in Bonita Springs
Cute 3/2/2 in Bonita Springs built in 2006. **\$229,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA011981.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car Garage - The Meadows in Parker Lakes
Discover the Meadow at Parker Lakes. Updated 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage home. Many recent improvements and upgrades. **\$230,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM018212.

FORT MYERS



Beautiful Coach Home with a Garage. Over-looking a Lake
This pristine coach home has a beautiful great room with vaulted ceilings that leads to a large screened lanai. **\$229,990**
1-866-657-2300 800FM069067.

CAPE CORAL



Nice Duplex
Each unit has 2 bedrooms with a den, 2 baths and a 1 car garage. Tenants on month to month leases. **\$229,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC010646.

CAPE CORAL



Pool Home with Southern Exposure
Updated heated pool home with all utilities in and paid! Very open floor plan with french doors out to a large pool area. **\$225,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC054262.

FORT MYERS



2 Bedroom+ Den/ 2 Bath Condo in Whiskey Creek
Shows like a model home! Over \$15k in renovations that include: new AC, new appliances, kitchen remodel, guest bath. **\$220,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM015360.

BONITA SPRINGS



Gated Community
Minutes from the beach, don't miss this 2/2+den condo in excellent condition! **\$217,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA021091.

LEHIGH ACRES



Ready for a New Owner
Spacious 4 bedroom house with formal living & dining rooms that have privacy doors on each side. **\$215,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE004994.

LEHIGH ACRES



This Huge Home is Ready to Move In and Priced to Sell
A spacious floor plan with tile throughout and carpet in the secondary bedrooms. Formal and informal dining-rooms. **\$215,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE005925.

LEHIGH ACRES



Lovely 3 Bed + Den w/ 2 Bath and 2 Car Garage
This 3/2/2 is waiting for you, located close to shopping centers, schools, 1-75, SR 82, Ft. Myers & Lots More. **\$200,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE020809.

CAPE CORAL



Recently Renovated Home
Gorgeous property offers 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, den and lots of upgrades! **\$199,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC017805.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2 Pool Home
So many newer features, do not let this one pass you by. Well priced 3/2/2 with a den and heated pool. **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CH250362.

CAPE CORAL



Great Family Home in North East Cape Coral
Wonderful 3 bed, 2 bath home in perfect, quiet Cape location. Easy access to A+ schools, hospitals, doctors, shopping. **\$189,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM017929.

FORT MYERS



2/2/2 Home in Beautiful Daniels Park
Daniels Park is a wonderful, private, gated community that is close to everything, yet feels off the beaten path! **\$184,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM014162.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Condo
2/2 gulf access condo with open kitchen and private 1 car garage. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC015377.

NORTH PORT



Charming Home
Charming 4 bedroom 2 bath home on a 1/2 acre lot in North Port with mature landscaping. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH249905.

CAPE CORAL



Split Floor Plan
3/2 home built in 2005 and has been immaculately maintained. **\$174,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC017131.

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Fully Furnished, Turnkey Condo
Set in the beautiful Casa Di Fiori, a gated community with resort style pool, tennis courts, fitness center and clubhouse.
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC075119.

CAPE CORAL



Nice 3/2 SE Cape Coral Great Location
Convenient location in a wonderful neighborhood located in SE Cape Coral. Large corner lot. Split floor plan design.
\$172,999
1-866-657-2300 800CC070706.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa w/ 1 Car Garage in Section 12
Wow, desirable Whiskey Creek Villa available at an affordable price! This 2 bed 2 bath villa has a 1 car garage.
\$172,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM013695.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access 1st Floor Condo With a Fantastic Canal View
Close to shopping and downtown Cape Coral. Beautiful remodeled kitchen, oversized lanai, and a nice complex.
\$170,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC021389.

NORTH PORT



Absolutely Beautiful Dollhouse on the Water
This house is a must see! On the Jeffery waterway, this house does not disappoint!
\$162,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH249988.

FORT MYERS



Pristine Townhouse with Lake and Preserve Views
Offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 1 car garage in gated community! Lots of amenities!
\$157,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA016734.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Gulf Cove
This 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage home in the lovely fishing community of Gulf Cove is over 1400 sqft under air!
\$150,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH250264.

LEHIGH ACRES



Pool Home, 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage
Pool home, 3 bedrooms 2 baths, 2 car garage. As-is, no repairs or warranties on anything.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE007210.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful Villas of Bethany Trace
2 Bedroom, 2 bath, with den/office and 2 car garage with screen enclosure. City water and sewer.
\$129,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE061530.

MOORE HAVEN



Weekend Gateway in Moore Haven
Manufactured home on .55 acre. Corner lot, extra buildings, screened in spa/lanai, motor home barn and plant nursery shed.
\$125,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE079391.

FORT MYERS



Location Location Location
Townhouse in Cypress Landing located in the heart of everything! 2 bedrooms 2.5 bath gated community!
\$124,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA021996.

FORT MYERS



2 Bed 2 Full Bath - Regency Condo
Fantastically priced, gorgeous second floor unit overlooking the golf course. Beautifully updated kitchen.
\$119,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM021445.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Affordable Freshwater Cottage
2/2 canal home is in a quiet area close to shopping and parks.
\$115,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH249418.

FORT MYERS



Upgraded with a European Flair and Own your Land
Truly one of a kind and you own the land! The sellers have spared no expense to provide every upgrade imaginable.
\$114,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM016080.

FORT MYERS



Furnished Condo
1 bed 1 bath, Turnkey with lovely updates.
\$94,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM021245.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tons of Potential
Cute 2/1 CP home in the heart of Port Charlotte ready for your personal touch!
\$89,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH250699.

LEHIGH ACRES



Location with a View
This beautiful and well maintained condo is priced for an immediate sale.
\$82,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE007937.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Great Buy - 2/2 Well Maintained
Pet friendly section of 55+ community. Own the land; cathedral ceilings. Low maintenance fees. Heated pool overlooks lake.
\$72,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC017238.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Grab your Suitcase & Sunscreen! Lazy Days Village Awaits You
Honey stop the car! This price is one of the lowest you will see in this community for a turn key home.
\$65,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM016061.

FORT MYERS



Condo in Fort Myers Florida For Sale
Very nice condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, fully renovated. Please call with any questions.
\$45,999
1-866-657-2300 800FM020925.

