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—“Trailblazers: The Perilous Story of the Tamiami Trail,” circa 1928 quote from the exhibit

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Travel through time to celebrate Tamiami Trail’s 90th anniversary

BY CHELLE KOSTER WALTON
Florida Weekly Correspondent

THE TRAVELING “TRAILBLAZERS” exhibit, now on display at the Collier Museum at Government Center in Naples, traces the rocky origins of the dream road that cost 13 years, \$8 million and countless lives to connect Tampa to Miami. Visitors can view the exhibit, which celebrates the 90th anniversary of the opening of Tamiami Trail, through April 27. It was originally created for the Coral Gables Museum, where it debuted in 1915.

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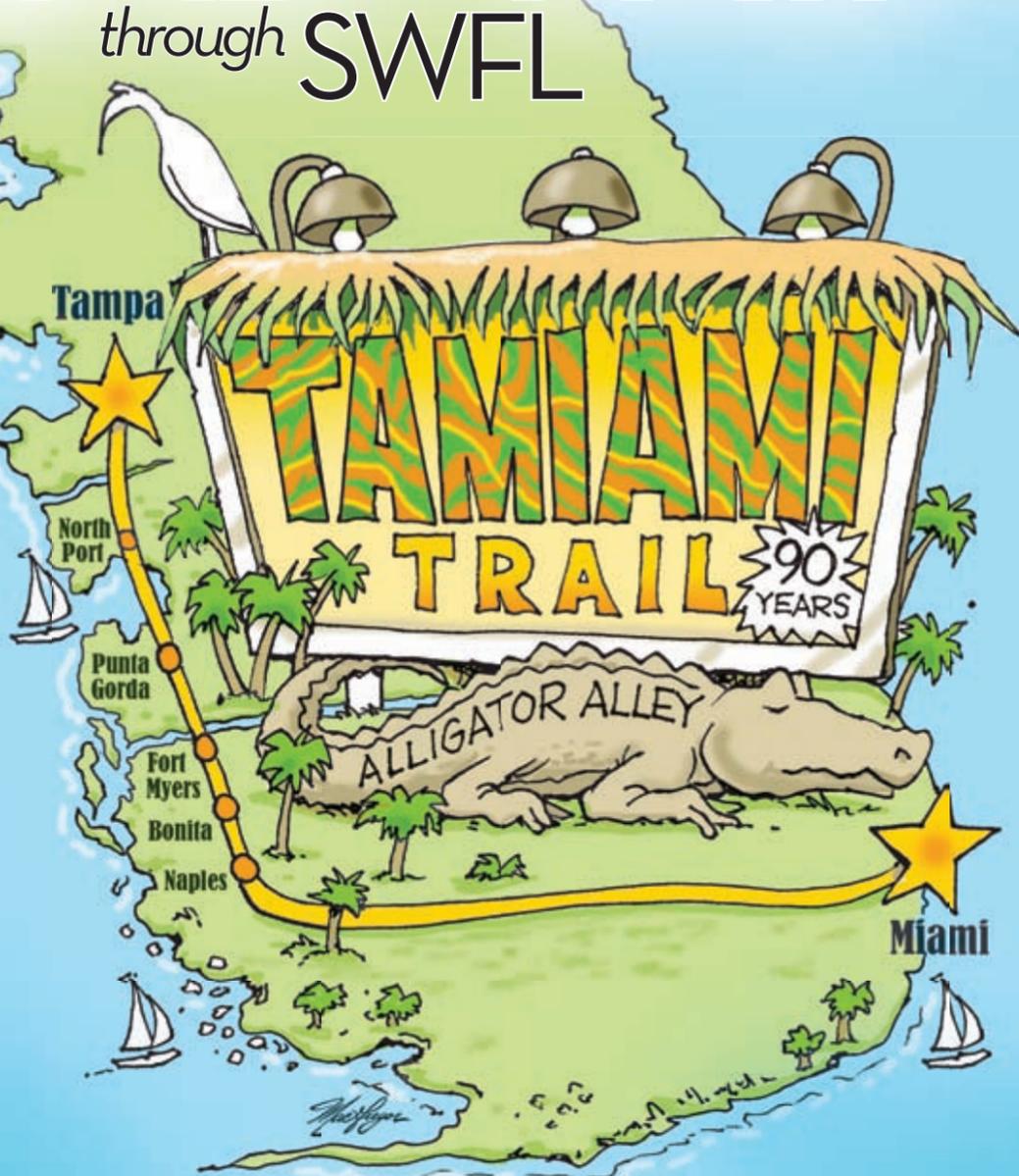
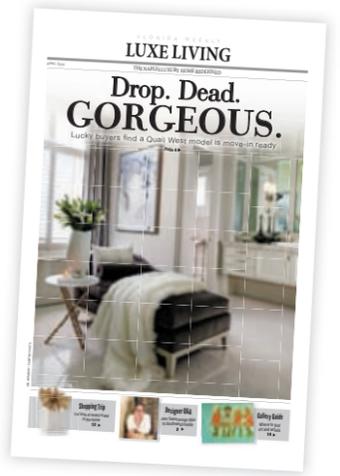


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Arts programs reeling from legislative funding cuts

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Florida's 2018 legislative session was a system test of sorts, a dramatic challenge to the state's 120 representatives and 40 senators who dealt with the tragic massacre at Majory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, on Valentine's Day. They had less than four weeks to explain to survivors and families how they would help prevent future school killings by taking action.

The session also tested the temperaments and tastes of individual legislators and the governor, who leaned toward tax cuts that put more money into the pockets of business owners, and budget cuts that reduced, for example, the already spare support of the arts in Florida.

By session's end two days late on March 11, the legislature passed 200 bills, the fewest since 2001 but with more multi-issue bills — not a good thing, according to ana-

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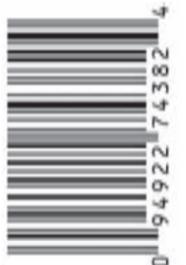
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COMMENTARY

Private property



For a long time now in our civilization, wealthy landowners have puckered up and howled every time some damn peasant steps on their property without permission. I'm a wealthy landowner myself, and you can hear me howling to the Florida-Georgia line.

Traditionally, either we'd shoot the peasant with our grouse guns, sick the dogs on him or send out the sheriff, who would hang him the next day in a public place for a week or two.

That was always fun.

Sometimes we climbed on our hunter-jumpers, the horses we kept to chase foxes, and rode down the offending bastards. In which case Oscar Wilde's comment about people who hunt foxes might just as well have applied to people who hunt peasants: "The unspeakable chasing the inedible."

Our attitude over the centuries hasn't changed in spirit, at least not in the spirit of Gov. Rick Scott.

A U.S. Senate hopeful, in March Gov. Scott signed a new bill, sponsored first in the Florida senate by Naples Republican Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, called The Possession of Real Property (HB 631). It's one of his final gubernatorial gifts to the people of the Sunshine State — at least a few of them who own beachfront.

Starting July 1, owners of beachfront will find it a lot easier to keep people off the sand in front of their properties, unless it's wet: owners like Gov. Scott himself, who has a lovely place on the Gulf in Naples, or Donald Trump, who has a garish place on the Atlantic in Palm Beach.

Under the new law, the burden now lies on local governments trying to keep open beaches long in use by the public to sue a private owner who shuts off access, and to prove in court a long-established "customary use."

In general, state and U.S. officials define the demarcation between public and private ownership of beachfront as the mean high-tide or high-water line. Sometimes in Florida they might call it the "Erosion Control Line" — a mean high-tide line that doesn't change once it's surveyed because public money from bed taxes or others pays for the sand used to buck-up private beaches from that line inland.

But you get the idea: Stay off their property.

So what if it's high tide and you're walking home about two miles from the nearest public beach access, a common phenomenon in condo-land? In some communities such as North Naples, for example, officials have energetically avoided establishing parking areas or beach access points for the public, so individuals have to walk a significant distance just to get to the beaches they still own as Americans. And then walk back. What do you do then?

Well, if you're Jesus, it won't be a problem. You can walk on water, which is still public. But if you aren't Jesus and a landowner has put up a "No Trespassing" sign starting July 1, you can either become a criminal, or get your feet soaked.

HB 631 will get its first test-drive in the Panhandle's Walton County. There, as it turns out, former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee with his pal Karl Rove, the advisor and Voldemort of the George W. Bush administration, both own beachfront homes.

Huckabee, Rove and company have done well in politics, apparently — even in local politics. A town ordinance that prohibits signs, chains, ropes and the like on the beaches will be scrapped come July 1. Beachfront owners will be able to fence off areas the public has customarily used, leaving the town or county with a single option if they don't like the sudden inaccessibility of their beaches: to sue the property owners.

That's expensive, it takes a lot of time and trouble, and the outcome is uncertain.

Since about 60 percent of Florida's 1,146 miles of beaches are attached to private property, according to the Environmental Protection Agency and state estimates, the potential for change is significant.

Private property rights historically are almost always sacrosanct in the United States. Almost, because when the public good is overwhelmingly restrained by private property rights, the government

can go to court, prove it and take away those rights — for a fair price. It's called eminent domain.

When Sen. Passidomo first sponsored a version of this bill, that was her logic, she said: If it's private property, nobody has a right to it unless they can prove, in a court of law, there's a compelling reason. To her, that means beaches or anyplace else.

I have a lot of sympathy for that notion, being a private property owner myself.

But unfortunately for private property owners of beachfront, there's also a longstanding American notion that certain places have to be public, always, no matter who wants to take possession privately.

Beaches are such places. And air is such a place. Surveying and selling off 640 cubic feet of atmosphere, for example — an acre of air — to a private owner who could legally fence it off from use by others, would be considered both greedy and foolish in the extreme. We share the air.

And we should share the beaches — not just the wet sand but enough dry sand so all Floridians and all Americans can enjoy them.

That's a lot of enjoyment, but there are a lot of Americans: Total beachfront in the United States and its territories amounts to 95,471 miles, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

And total Americans who should always own the beaches? About 327 million, at this point. ■



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OPINION

The 'vacation' disappearing act

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Does anybody know or care where Laura Ingraham is “vacationing?” Ingraham, who has been a mouthpiece for right-wing nastiness for decades, recently had gravitated to a perch at Fox News (where else?) to do the venomous schtick that has brought her fame and fortune. But then she crossed the teenybopper.

Not just any teenybopper. This is David Hogg, the extremely telegenic Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School senior and survivor of the shooting massacre there on Valentine’s Day. He’s a founder of the Never Again MSD movement and a leader of the outpouring of young people who are dragging adults into action on gun control. Hogg speaks for hundreds of thousands of people with a quick wit that Laura Ingraham cannot match. Those who get crazed every time someone even slightly wants to restrict their killing machines went bonkers about Hogg and a movement he leads that has spread out from Parkland to the world.

Unfortunately, the best slime they could find on him was that his applications had been rejected by a few colleges. (Never mind that he had been accepted by others.) That made him fair game for attack. Make that foul game. Ingraham became a loud voice of the Hogg trolls. What followed was a huge backlash. Hogg shot back with a call for an advertiser boycott, and he got one. Advertisers bailed on Ingraham faster than you can say “bottom line.”

Talk about hitting her where it hurts. Ingraham wasted no time going into grovel mode. She tweeted: “On reflec-



tion, in the spirit of Holy Week, I apologize for any upset or hurt my tweet caused him or any of the brave victims of Parkland.” Then she headed off to vacation. David Hogg rejected the apology.

One can only assume that she did not hightail it to the Mar-A-Lago bunker where Donald Trump was spending his time off as usual. It’s a welcome reprieve from an administration that is coming undone, to some extent. Those with even a molecule of experience in government are looking for an escape hatch, while those who are embarrassments are shoved aside, only to be replaced by others who are more embarrassing, grossly unqualified or card-carrying fanatics. For President Trump, the most qualified in his mind are those who are the least qualified, as long as they do good TV.

So Robby Jackson — the chief White House doctor who poked and prodded Donald Trump and then did an on-camera briefing on the physical, which

impressed Trump — is now his choice to head the severely troubled Department of Veterans Affairs. While Jackson is highly regarded as an M.D., he has no management résumé. With 360,000 employees, the VA is largely an unwieldy disaster that has defied the best efforts of several reformers who possess outstanding credentials.

Trump also has created quite the uproar by booting out H.R. McMaster as national security adviser and appointing John Bolton. Bolton is considered to be, how shall we say it, a warmonger.

Soon, he’ll be taking his hard line into foreign affairs, and soon, Laura Ingraham presumably will be taking hers back to Fox News. Don’t expect her to learn any lessons. As for Trump and his gang, the best lesson they can learn would be a smackdown on Election Day. ■

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Amazon isn’t a villain

richLOWRY

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President Donald Trump gets results. His attacks on Amazon have tanked the company’s stock.

It’s hard to think of a more pointlessly destructive act of presidential jawboning in our history. The online retailer is a jewel of our market economy that has delivered more choice and convenience at a lower cost.

The backdrop for Trump’s animosity is that Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post, which, like much of the major media, is unrelentingly hostile to the president. The bias of the Post is nothing new, nor should it be taken out on the underlying business of its owner.

Trump’s anti-Amazon jag can be put in the same bucket as his tariffs against China — Trump being Trump, unleashing in accord with his gut instincts and animosities.

The similarities end there. The difference is between targeting the Chinese regime and a great American company, between lashing out against mercantilism and against a capitalist success

story, between berating an adversary of the United States and an adversary of his own.

If there weren’t Amazon, someone would have invented it — or at least the basic model of leveraging new technologies to transform retail. Beginning in the late 1980s, the advent of big-box retailers brought a productivity revolution to the industry. Now, e-commerce is challenging the big-box retailers in their turn. This is how the American economy works.

Trump has two specific complaints about Amazon. One is that it is ripping off the U.S. Postal Service, costing the U.S. government billions of dollars. Perhaps a better deal can be extracted — a recent study by Citigroup concluded as much — but the Postal Service says its arrangement with Amazon is profitable. The second is that Amazon doesn’t pay sales taxes. This once was true, but Amazon now collects sales taxes in all states that levy them.

The larger case against Amazon is that it is killing off traditional retailing while accruing too much power for itself. While brick-and-mortar retail is in decline, less than 9 percent of retail sales are done through e-commerce, with Amazon accounting for less than half of that.

No one is forced to buy from Ama-

zon. Customers go there because they find it easy to use and cheaper than the alternatives. Amazon isn’t pocketing huge profits. Instead, it is doing what companies should do: innovating, then plowing the proceeds into more investments (Amazon is much more than an e-commerce company). Its fulfillment centers are wonders of productivity and hold the promise of as-yet-unforeseen transformations in other businesses.

Michael Mandel of the Progressive Policy Institute points out that online shopping saves consumers the time involved in driving to a store and looking for a product — and shifts all that (unpaid) labor to (paid) workers in its fulfillment centers and drivers. These jobs provide, he writes, “decent pay for a high school graduate, in a fast-growing tech-related industry, which requires a mixture of physical and cognitive skills. Many of them are full-time jobs with full benefits. They aren’t easy jobs, for sure — but neither are manufacturing jobs.”

In short, there are many scourges in American life. Amazon isn’t one of them. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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GUEST OPINION

Stomping on home rule in the state Legislature

It was a stunning development. Like a bolt from the blue, Collier County officials learned Tallahassee mandated that a performance audit was needed before the county could hold a sales tax referendum — like the one planned for November. And that audit must be completed 60 days before the referendum vote. That means by Labor Day. That, in turn, means the referendum is in jeopardy.



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This startling news came after 18 months of preparation by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and Collier County officials. Eighteen months of considering how to deal with a backlog of unmet needs, projects postponed by the recession. Eighteen months of figuring out how to fund those projects and how to present the case to the voters. Eighteen months of devising a referendum.

It could all be undone before the voters have a chance to weigh in.

Tallahassee has once again stomped on home rule.

Everyone knows local governance isn't easy. Providing police protection, clean drinking water, adequate roads and highways, trash pickup and all of the dozens of other things local government does to keep things running is never easy.

And we take it for granted. We are

forever criticizing officials for not doing enough, for building roads too slowly, for taxing us too much and on and on. Running city or county government is no task for the timid. In the best of times, it's not easy.

And these are not the best of times.

Tallahassee is seeing to that. Instead of helping, the state often throws up roadblocks. In the name of unifying county policies or just plain doing things better than the locals, Tallahassee has been undermining local government for years.

Last year was particularly bad. The 2017 legislative session had eight bills designed to usurp home rule, two of them sufficiently alarming to cause pushback.

House Bill 17 would have transferred to the state the right to regulate businesses, professions and occupations. The language was that broad. Tallahassee would have had the authority to decide where gas stations could be located, how new businesses could operate. Big Brother stuff.

The other troubling legislation, Senate Bill 1158, would have forbidden local government from enacting rules or ordinances that had an adverse impact on economic growth. What constituted "adverse impact" would have been decided in Tallahassee.

Fortunately, neither of these preposterous bills passed.



Will it restrict use of beaches in Collier County? At this time it's uncertain.

What's not uncertain is the mess caused by HB 7087, the legislation that jeopardizes the local sales tax. It's the latest assault on local government.

Any attack on home rule is tough to justify. The Florida Legislature meets a few months a year; local government meets 10-11 months. The Legislature has three representatives from our area out of hundreds from elsewhere in the state, hardly a good ratio for making local

decisions. City council members and county commissioners are easy to contact; state decision-makers less so. Most importantly, local authorities are close to the action and know their communities. Tallahassee bureaucrats, hundreds of miles away, do not.

What can we do about it? There is no easy solution. But if we believe the best government is the one closest to home, we can and must be vigilant in watching for and opposing attacks on home rule. And as voters, we can and must elect delegates who share this belief and get rid of those who don't. The ballot is a potent weapon. ■

But the anti-home rule sentiment continued in 2018. Seven bills threatening local control were defeated.

They included legislation (HB 17/SB 432) to set reporting standards and funding requirements for redevelopment agencies and bills (HB 773/SB 1400) that would have stripped the rights of local authorities to regulate vacation rentals, including licensing and fees — state overreach at its very worst. The good news is this legislation failed. The bad news is several troubling bills slipped through.

One of the worst jeopardizes access to our beaches, a blow to the very heart of Florida tourism. Passed and signed by Gov. Rick Scott, SB 804/HB 631 strips counties of the right to regulate traditional beach access through private property. Such matters must first be OK'd by the courts. Is that terrible?

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Members of The League Club's Community Involvement Committee make the final decision on grants that are awarded every year. See more photos on page C26.

League Club awards \$327,970 to 30 community agencies

The League Club awarded 30 community agencies a total of \$327,970 at its annual Briefcase Breakfast held earlier this month. With this year's gifts, the club surpassed the \$4.2 million mark of funds raised and contributed to 157 local agencies in Collier and Lee counties since it was founded.

"As the League Club celebrates our 31st year of service, our commitment to the community is stronger than ever," club President Liz Winebrenner said. "We thank our over 600 members, Circle of Friends supporters, community members who support our event and our business sponsors for their generosity. Working together we are able to make a difference in Collier and Lee counties."

The League Club has an in-depth vetting process for all grant requests. Member teams do on-site visits to all agencies requesting monies for specific programs that meet the club's funding priorities. The list is prioritized and the final candidates meet with the entire Community Involvement Committee for the last round of agency presentations.

2018 was a challenging year with the direct hit of Hurricane Irma.

"The devastation suffered by thousands of residents who lost their homes to Irma and needed immediate help humbled us all," club member Melissa McClayton said. "We were very privileged to have the resources to assist those in need by awarding a special \$43,000 grant to the Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund for those impacted by the disaster." League members also volunteered many hours to assist Meals of Hope at three meal-packing events to help ease the effects of the hurricane on area food banks, she added.

Here are the agencies that received grants this year:

- Able Academy
- Angels Undercover
- Baby Basics of Collier County
- Books for Collier Kids
- Boys and Girls Club of Collier County
- Catholic Charities
- Collier Child Care Resources
- Collier Comes Together
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Collier County Junior
- Deputies League of Naples
- Friends of Foster Care Forever
- Fun Time Early Childhood Academy
- Good Wheels
- Grace Place for Children & Families
- Guadalupe Center
- Guardian ad Litem Foundation
- 20th Judicial Court
- Habitat for Humanity Collier County
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- United Arts Council
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The League Club is an organization of women dedicated to strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy. Members are current or former members of The Association of Junior Leagues International. For more information, visit www.leagueclub.org. ■

Find out about summer jobs at the Y

The Greater Naples YMCA hosts a summer job fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, at the organization's main location, 5450 YMCA Road in Naples. Job openings include summer camp counselors (must be 18 to apply), lifeguards, water safety instructors and child watch attendants and more. Training and certifications for open positions will be provided.

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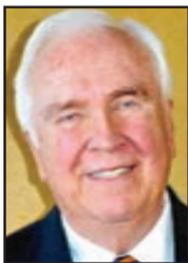
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Tom McCann was recently honored with the 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award, given each year by Greater Naples Leadership for exemplary service to the community. He is the latest of 17 recipients of the award.



MCCANN

An attorney and former executive of General Foods and Bristol-Myers Squibb, Mr. McCann has been active with a number of local nonprofit organizations, chairing the Community Foun-

ation of Collier County and Naples Botanical Garden boards of directors. He was also a director of Greater Naples Leadership, the League of Women Voters of Collier County and the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County.

Prior to coming to Naples in 2001, he was active in Westchester County, N.Y., and western Massachusetts government and served on the boards of several New England colleges and arts organizations.

He is currently a member of the Collier Citizens Council, the Collier County Coastal Advisory Committee and the Naples Planning Advisory Board.

Mr. McCann and his wife, Carol, married 53 years, reside in Moorings Park. They have three children and eight grandchildren. ■

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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 provided by Shred-It.

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The traveling "Trailblazers" exhibit, now on display at the Collier Museum at Government Center in Naples, traces the rocky origins of the dream road that cost 13 years, \$8 million and countless lives to connect Tampa to Miami.

TRIP

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its name, although it goes by different handles along the coast of Southwest Florida: U.S. 41, Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers, Ninth Street in Naples and "the original Alligator Alley" through the Everglades.

Here, we follow the trail's path through the heart of Southwest Florida as it pokes into downtowns, suburbs and commercial districts and crosses rivers, wetlands and raw wilderness. This road trip takes you through the history, culture and quirkiness the historical arterial traverses, starting at the northern threshold to Charlotte County and ending at the trail's most monumental achievement, the crossing of the Everglades. Along the way, we suggest places to enjoy views and the history of the trail, along with the Florida old and young it explores.



We begin at the most way-back juncture of local history at **Warm Mineral Springs** (12200 San Servando Ave., North Port; 941-426-1692, www.warm-mineral.com). Often touted as the Fountain of Youth Ponce de Leon sought, its historical value sinks much deeper. Seventy feet deep, to be exact: That's the depth where divers have found human remains dating more than 10,000 years old. Today, humans are still drawn to the springs, its waters known for their healing qualities.

"People from all over the world continue to be attracted to the waters of Warm Mineral Springs," said Erin Bryce, communications and outreach coordinator for the city of North Port, which maintains the site. "We average between 80,000 to 90,000 annual visitors. People truly enjoy soaking in the mineral water, which maintains between 85 to 87 degrees year-round."

Just three miles north of the turnoff to the springs, the trail crosses the designated wild Myakka River. If you're ready for lunch, dine on the water at the **Myakka River Oyster Bar Seafood Grill** (121 Playmore Drive, Venice; 941-423-9616, www.myakkariveroysterbar.com), a slice of old Florida cuisine and composure.

Heading south, the next river crossing happens at Port Charlotte and the Peace River. Tamiami Trail stabs through the heart of historic downtown Punta Gorda on the other side. Because of its river perch and the railroad, the town predates the trail with buildings dating back to the late 1800s.



Perch 360 at the Wyvern Hotel



Shell Factory

One of its newer buildings, however, provides the best view of the trail's bridges crossing the river. Check into the **Wyvern Hotel** (101 East Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda; 941-639-7700, www.thewyvernhotel.com) and head up to Perch 360, the rooftop bar and restaurant on the sixth floor. Later, walk around town and learn its history from a series of 29 murals.

Below Punta Gorda on the map, Tamiami Trail departs from cityscapes to skirt vast undeveloped acreage, including the **Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area (WMA)** (29200 Tuckers Grade, Punta Gorda; 863-648-3200, myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/lead/fred-babcockwebb), Florida's largest WMA, to the east. Explore its 79,000-plus acres by foot or bike along 37 miles of unpaved trails.

In North Fort Myers, the trail splits into 41 and Business 41. At the crotch of the intersection, the **Shell Factory and Nature Park** (2787 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers; 239-995-2141, shell-factory.com) hearkens to the region's earliest turn to tourism. Its roots reach back to a circa-1938 roadside attraction that burned down in Bonita Springs. Relocated to its present site, the Shell Factory has grown through the years from a glorified shell shop to a complex of stores, restaurants, amusements, museums, a dog park, a wildlife attraction and annual festivals. Look for the giant conch shell landmark.

Both roads cross the mighty Caloosahatchee River into downtown Fort Myers, where history is preserved in handsome buildings filled with res-



The SkyBar at Firestone Grill

taurants, bars, offices, galleries, shops and **Hotel Indigo** (1520 Broadway, Fort Myers; 239-337-3446, hotelindigo.com). From the hotel's rooftop bar, you get an Instagram view of downtown with the trail crossing the river in the background.

For another aerial view of the bridges, hit the **SkyBar at Firestone Grill** (2224 Bay St., Fort Myers; 239-334-3473, www.firestonefl.com). The SkyBar and **Ford's Garage restaurant** (2207 First Street, Fort Myers; 239-332-3673, www.fordsgarageusa.com) pay homage to two of the city's most famous snowbirds, Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford. They formed friendships with inventor Thomas A. Edison, who was the first of the three to discover Fort Myers.

Close to downtown, the **Edison-Ford Winter Estates** (2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers; 239-334-7419, www.edisonfordwinterestates.org) further commemorates Fort Myers' turn-of-the-century illuminati. Stop, too, at **Centennial Park** on the Caloosahatchee right off U.S. 41 and visit the "Uncommon Friends" sculpture of the three luminaries at leisure, as they were when they



Lakes Regional Park



Page Field



Ford's Garage burger and fries

famously camped the region's backlands.

Originally a Seminole War fortification, Fort Myers became the seat of a new county carved from Key West's Monroe County in 1887. Between 1920 and 1930, the population grew from 3,600 to 9,000, boosted by the completion of Tamiami Trail in 1928.

From downtown, the route goes modern. **Page Field**, still used for private aviation, however, recalls an era beginning in 1923 and most remembered for its World War II role as an advanced fighter training base.

As you drive through South Fort Myers, take note of Gladiolus Drive. In fledgling Lee County, this was once the epicenter of a mega-profitable flower-growing industry starting in the 1930s.

"If you came into Lee County on 41 or 31, they were the only ways into the county, they had that sign that said, 'Lee County Gladiolus Capital of the World,'" said Brady Vogt, author of the novel "Gladiolus Drive." "That referred to the efficiency of the growers. They got the most production per acre out of any place in the continental United States."

The flowers are gone, but take a breather on **Gladiolus Drive**, just off U.S. 41, at **Lakes Regional Park** (7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers; 239-533-7576, www.leeparks.org), where gardens, the eponymous lake, birds, a miniature railroad to ride and recreational opportunities make it worth your while, especially with kids in tow.

Another chapter of Southwest Florida history took a turn for quirky at the end of the 19th century, when Cyrus Teed dubbed himself Koresh (the Hebrew translation of his name) and founded a wannabe utopian community in Estero. Today's **Koreshan State Park** (3800



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Joe's Diner in North Naples



Mel's Diner in Bonita Springs



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Corkscrew Road, Estero; 239-992-0311, www.floridastateparks.org/park/kore-shan) preserves and recreates the structures, culture and gardens the cult built. The cult's most unusual religious tenet held that the world clung to the inside of a globe, like coconut meat to a shell. And then there was the whole thing about celibacy that finally effected the settlement's wipeout.

Today, besides visiting the historic settlement, visitors can hike, paddle the Estero River, camp and participate in a number of historic and nature activities from hikes and yoga to pioneer cooking demonstrations and ghost walks.

Modern golf courses and shopping plazas have filled in the spaces between Fort Myers, Estero and Bonita Springs, replacing the tomato fields and fishing villages of yore.

If you are looking for spots with old-time flavor for lunching, **Mel's Diner** in Bonita Springs (28601 Trails Edge Blvd.; 239-949-3080, www.melsdiners.com) and **Joe's Diner** in North Naples (9331 Tamiami Trail; 239-254-7929, www.joesdiners.com) will make you feel at home.

Also, in North Naples, **Artis—Naples** (5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.; 239-597-1111,



www.artisnaples.org) is the lifeblood of the town's highly reputed arts scene. Although its Baker Museum of art is still closed due to Hurricane Irma damage, its Hayes Galleries are open and exhibiting select works from the Baker collection. Artis—Naples touts a high-brow performing arts scene that ranges year-long from Broadway musicals to ballet, comedians to film.

As you head south into Naples, you sink deeper into local and Tamiami Trail bygones. At the threshold to downtown Naples, you pass one of what, by this time, seems like countless golf courses. This one to the west, however, holds the distinction of being Southwest Florida's first resort golf course, part of 70-year-old **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** (851 Gulf Shore Blvd., Naples; 239-361-2222, www.naplesbeachhotel.com). A fitting place to spend the night when touring history, it too predates the Tamiami Trail to a time when guests arrived by boat to the Naples Pier or by rail to the train station.

Today's resort embraces its old Naples charm and somewhat random characteristics. "There was no master plan," said Charles Mullins, a recent director of sales and marketing. "As (the Watkins family owners) made money, they added on." He also shared a bit of more recent history: Here on this golf course, Jack Nicklaus broke his own record as a child. In 2016, he returned to oversee the course's renovation.

Take in **Old Naples** before retiring to the hotel. Once a Seminole Indian trading post, it's top-chic today. Downtown still wears its history, however, in the grandeur of its vintage buildings. **Campiello** (1177 Third Street South, Naples; 239-435-1166, www.campiello.damico.com), a popular Italian restaurant, occupies one of the oldest, the Mercantile Building, circa 1919.

Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South, the latter of which intersects with Tamiami Trail, are Old Naples' two trendy dining and shopping destinations. Also check out humbler **Tin City** (1200 Fifth Ave. South, Naples; 239-262-4200, www.tin-city.com), once a tin-roofed cluster of docks along the trail, where it crosses the Gordon River.

At the eastern edge of downtown, that train station where guests the likes of Rose Cleveland (the president's sister) and actor Gary Cooper arrived, has morphed into the **Naples Depot Museum** (1051 Fifth Ave. South, Naples; 239-262-6525, www.colliermuseums.com). It explores all modes of transport that transitioned Naples from a frontier town to a sophisticated beach resort. The opening of Tamiami Trail gets its due, along with a 1922 Model T Ford converted for transporting Naples Beach Hotel guests from the depot.

Less than 10 minutes away, another county museum hosts this month's "**Trailblazers**" exhibit. It gets its name from an intrepid group called the Trail Blazers, who, in 1923, traveled the proposed route that would connect Tampa and Miami to prove it could be done. Mules, oxen and tractors helped the 10-car motorcade complete that first eight-day motorized crossing of the Everglades.

The exhibit not only explores Tamiami Trail's history and culture, but also its devastating impact on the Everglades, its habitat and its wildlife. The multimedia, interactive exhibit features photographs, historic documents, artifacts and film. It points out the role of Capt. James Franklin Jauden, a Miami businessman who planned to build a city in the middle of the Everglades, thus sparking interest in building a road.

"He wanted to make money off a city he planned at a tremendous environmental cost, and which we are still paying for today," said Jonathan Ullman, the exhibit's curator. "The overarching message is don't let greed destroy the environment."



Canoes ready for rental at the Collier-Seminole state park along Tamiami Trail in the popular Everglades.

Collier Museum also mounts a permanent exhibit called "Blazing the Trail," among a string of vignettes scanning county history. Both exhibits highlight the contributions of Barron Collier, a developer and streetcar advertising mogul who pledged to bankroll the completion of the stalled Trail across the Everglades. In return, he got a new county formed and named for him in 1923.

The Tamiami exhibits also tell the story of how specially built "walking dredges" weathered swampy Everglades conditions to facilitate the laying of a foundation for the paved road. You can see the last remaining dredge on display in a grassy field at **Collier-Seminole State Park** (20200 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 239-394-3397, www.floridastateparks.org/park/Collier-Seminole), right off 41. A garden memorial also in the park honors Barron Collier.

The developer set up headquarters in **Everglades City**, the first county seat. Here's where Tamiami Trail culture grows thick as the mosquitoes that beleaguered builders in those days. Take the pilgrimage off Highway 41 south along Route 29 to walk in the footsteps of Collier and his crew. The developer set up housekeeping at today's **Rod & Gun Club** (200 Riverside Drive, Everglades City; 239-695-2101, www.everglades-rodandgunclub.com), where in modern times you can enjoy a meal of frog legs, stone crab, catfish, gator tail, grouper and other Glades fare with a view of the Barron River. The club also rents out simple cottages for over-nighters.

A short walk away, Collier established a laundry house for his highway-building operation. The sweet little clapboard structure now holds the **Museum of the Everglades** (105 West Broadway, Everglades City; 239-695-0008, www.evergladesmuseum.org), another under the umbrella of Collier County Museums.

Its exhibit "Building the Trail" again underlines the importance of the completion of the Tamiami Trail to the development and economy of Collier County. As part of the 90th anniversary celebration, it is hosting a temporary exhibition about the trail's history and hosting a special event on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature a parade, re-enactors, live music, barbecue and guest speaker Jonathon Ullman.

Back on 41, as you continue east along the swamp-taming trail, you travel into **Big Cypress National Preserve** (33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee; 239-695-2000, www.nps.gov/bicy) and past such quirky



The Naples Pier



Naples Depot Collier County Museum



Campiello in Naples

roadside attractions as **Wooten's Everglades Airboat Tours** (32330 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee; 239-695-2781, www.wootenseverglades.com) and the **Skunk-Ape Research Headquarters** (40904 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee; 239-695-2275, www.skunkape.biz). The fun and funk continue clear to the other side, before you reach Miami, with swamp buggy, airboat, alligator and other wildlife attractions.

Thirteen years in the building, the Tamiami Trail was met with euphoria and a grand parade when it was completed in April 1928, opening communities to land travel, trade and tourism. Today, the trail strings together the region's oldest towns and cities, as newer communities have grown up around it.

With the extension of parallel I-75, the Tamiami Trail has lost its role as the sole intercoastal land lifeline. Nonetheless, it remains the backbone of the Southwest coast. Probing both metropolitan interiors and rural vistas, it provides rich glimpses of a cross-section of life — as it was and as it is — in Southwest Florida. ■



BEHIND THE WHEEL

Alfa Romeo Stelvio knows what we want



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This is the cheat sheet to automotive success: Take an interesting brand, utilize the most popular body style and then price it to be premium but obtainable. So the Alfa Romeo Stelvio doesn't even need to be good to be attractive, but they went ahead and did that anyway, too.

There is a mystique around this Italian brand. Just mentioning Alfa Romeo gives most Americans images of sports cars and romantic weekends escaping to ancient coastal towns. It's this kind of fantasy that can sell cars all on its own.

So even if the closest Naples is in Florida, Alfa is quite content to inject that Mediterranean attitude. That's why in the era where the trend is to name vehicles with initials and numbers, this crossover gets the very Italian "Stelvio" moniker. It makes the mainstream crossover feel like a weekend adventure with a mysterious stranger.

While the Stelvio does hit at the heart of the commuter crowd with one of the most popular body styles around, it is far from pure vanilla. It's a close relative to the Giulia sedan, and it borrows handsome lines with the deep V-shaped grille and wing-like headlights. But it does get a few beefier lines to keep the crossover crowd happy. The result is a family resemblance that looks distinct everywhere outside of the Alfa Romeo dealer lot.

Inside, the connection to the Giulia is even stronger. The view from the driver's seat is nearly impossible to tell the difference between the controls for the sedan and the crossover. That's not necessarily a bad thing. After all, most crossover owners like a sporty car but need the cargo space of a station wagon.



Alfa Romeo highlights how they are focused on the driver by locating nearly all the controls on the steering wheel. Everything from the volume controls to the start/stop button is just a thumb swipe away.

With this much attention around the driver, it gives more room around the

center console area than other premium crossovers. Everything is well laid out, but it may feel a bit spartan. The way to combat this is to get the right interior colors.

Leather comes standard on the Stelvio. Our test car had the full black interior, which was premium but unin-

spired. Adding the available red or chocolate two-tone to this setup really brings out the Italian style — and none of it costs extra.

In fact, Alfa Romeo seems to be quite mindful about the Stelvio's pricing. The base model starts at about \$43,000 with all-wheel drive as standard. Not only is that right on top of main competitors like the BMW X3 and Jaguar F-Pace, but also it's also nearly identical to the Giulia sedan with the AWD option.

It's a pricing strategy to make the mystique of Alfa Romeo feel more obtainable. But more than just having the look of charisma, it also has to deliver a spirited driving experience, too. This crossover is named after one of the best and winding mountain roads in the world, and so it should be capable enough to enjoy the Stelvio Pass.

We were big fans of the Giulia sedan's road manners, and many of the same ingredients were mixed into the Stelvio — including the 2.0-liter turbocharged motor. The lightweight construction combined with 280 horsepower make this feel like a peppy machine.

The sports car steering of the Giulia is toned down for the Stelvio. Plus, the extra ground clearance allows for a softer ride. This is an acknowledgement that the crossover has a more common purpose.

However, Alfa Romeo doesn't completely domesticate its crossover. The standard DNA System (Dynamic, Normal, All-weather) is a selector that allows drivers to dial in a little more of what they want. In the case of the Stelvio, the steering gets tighter and the exhaust makes some extra rumble. It's enough of a change to make owners feel proud to be first in line for school pickup.

Alfa Romeo is pandering directly to our desire to have style in everyday life. The Stelvio is full-on Italian flair wrapped around popular packaging. There's a whole lot right with that. ■



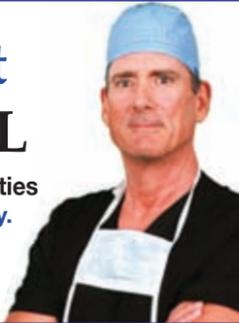
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Know where to watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic duty the week of April 16-20:

Monday, April 16

- Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 North and Audubon Boulevard: Speeding
- Airport-Pulling Road at Pelican Marsh Elementary School: Speeding

Tuesday, April 17

- Pine Ridge and Livingston roads: Red-light running
- Hunter Boulevard: Speeding
- Rattlesnake Hammock Road and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding

Wednesday, April 18

- Golden Gate Boulevard at Big Cypress Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- Collier and Davis Boulevards: Red-light running
- U.S. 41 East and Shadowlawn Drive: Aggressive driving

Thursday, April 19

- Sunshine Boulevard and Sunset Road: Speeding
- Radio Road and Devonshire Boulevard: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Woodshire Lane: Aggressive driving



Friday, April 20

- Naples Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road: Red-light running
- Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Speeding
- Immokalee Road and Logan Boulevard: Speeding

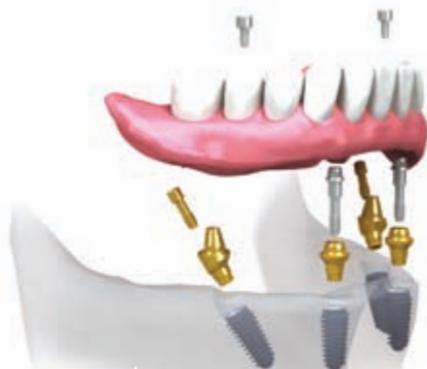
Brush up on driving skills at AARP class

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

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

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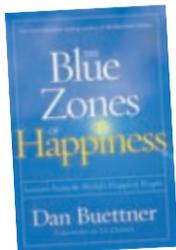
FGCU welcomes Blue Zones co-founder

New York Times bestselling author, National Geographic fellow and Blue Zones Project co-founder Dan Buettner will share lessons from the world's most extraordinary people and their secrets of longevity at Florida Gulf Coast University's Alico Arena at 6 p.m. Monday, April 16. Doors open at 5 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome.



BUETTNER

Following the program, Blue Zones Project will celebrate National Walking Day by hosting an optional short walk. Attendees will receive a free Blue Zones Project T-shirt, sample plant-based food tastings and win prizes including more than \$1,800 in restaurant gift cards.



Copies of Mr. Buettner's new book, "Blue Zones of Happiness," will be available for purchase.

RSVP at www.wellbeingsswfl.eventbrite.com.

Help for patients and caregivers

The Parkinson Association of SWFL Inc. has classes and support groups for those at various stages of the disease as well as their caregivers. Sessions meet 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.

The next monthly Lunch Bunch is set for 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.



The Y wants families at Healthy Kids Day

Summer's coming, and youngsters shouldn't laze it away

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As spring comes to an end, the Greater Naples YMCA hosts its annual Healthy Kids Day as a reminder not to let children idle away their summer days. Instead, adults need to help the youngsters in their lives awaken their imaginations so they can explore new activities and healthy habits for their minds and bodies.



Healthy Kids Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, features active play, fitness classes, food demonstrations and various educational activities designed to motivate families develop healthy routines at home. Also in attendance will be representatives from the Collier County Sheriff's Office, North Collier Fire Rescue District, Collier County EMS, Humane Society Naples' mobile adoption unit, food trucks and more. Admission and activities are free.

Celebrated at more than 1,600 YMCAs across the country, Healthy Kids Day works to get more kids moving and learning, creating habits they continue all summer long.

When kids are out of school, they often face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows that without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically.

This summer learning loss is more pronounced among children from low-income families.

Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year.

"When a child is healthy, happy, motivated and excited, something amazing inevitably results," says Ivan Torres, Youth Development Program director at the Naples Y. "We believe in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves."

"A child's development is never on vacation." In celebration of Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits:

- High five the fruits and veggies - Make sure kids get at least five servings a day, the minimum number nutritionists

recommend to maintain healthy childhood development. And to keep kids' taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.

- Foster an early and ongoing passion for books - Read to and with your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.

- Team up for athletic events - Set a family goal of great health by teaming up for community or charity events like races, walks, fun runs, bike rides, etc.

- Volunteer together - Find a cause that matters to the kids. Open their eyes to a world beyond themselves and the rich rewards that come from making a difference.

- Make sleep a priority - Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, learning and other vital functions. Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and seven to eight hours per night for adults.

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But more helping hands are always welcome, and HSN makes it easy to get involved.

Two volunteer recruitment meetings take place monthly for those who want to learn more about making a difference in the lives of animals and people throughout the community.

Kids ages 12-15 and the parent or guardian who must accompany them whenever they volunteer can sign up for the Feline Fan Club. Orientation/recruitment meetings for the club take place from 10-11 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month. The next one is April 14. Anyone age 16 or older who wants

to learn about being an HSN volunteer should attend a session from 10-11 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. The next meeting is April 21.

Student/youth volunteers who are 16 years old can volunteer independently without a parent or guardian's supervision. Volunteering for HSN is a great way to log student hours for class, graduation or scholarships. There are a few restrictions on duties that can be performed before the age of 18.

There is no upper age limit for being an HSN volunteer.

Helping out is not all cuddling kittens and playing with puppies, however; some areas of the shelter can be quite physically active and busy, so are not suitable for the skills and abilities of some individuals. Find out more at one of the monthly orientation sessions.

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Animal law

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People are generally supportive of strong laws to protect animals, but in some states, laws haven't caught up with societal attitudes.

Where does your state rank in terms of legal protections for animals? If you live in Iowa, Wyoming, Utah, North Dakota or Kentucky, you might be dismayed to learn that those states have the weakest protections for animal welfare, with Kentucky in last place for the 11th consecutive year. That's based on annual review of state laws by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, which recently published its 12th annual rankings report.

States with low rankings may have passive flaws, such as outdated language or not keeping up with changing attitudes toward companion animals, livestock and wildlife, but others prohibit actions that could help animals. In Kentucky, for instance, it's illegal for veterinarians to report abuse and neglect without a court order, subpoena or client waiver.

"Veterinary reporting is a really important part of any animal cruelty investigation," says Lora Dunn, director of ALDF's criminal justice program. "Veterinarians are sometimes the only humans besides the perpetrator who actually witness the abuse or neglect."

Poor definitions of care, weak or nonexistent penalties, and limited or no restrictions on ownership for people convicted of cruelty can also put states at the bottom of the pack.

Defining standards of care, such as the terms "adequate food," "potable water" and "living space," helps law enforcement officials determine whether a crime

has been committed. When those criteria are not spelled out, neglect and cruelty become a matter of opinion.

States with low rankings often label cruelty, neglect and abandonment as misdemeanors, not felonies. In the bottom five states, humane officers lack broad law enforcement authority.

To determine its rankings, the organization looks at 15 categories of animal protection: general prohibitions; penalties; exemptions; mental health evaluations and counseling; protective orders; cost mitigation and recovery; seizure/impound; forfeiture and post-conviction possession; non-animal agency reporting of suspected animal cruelty; veterinarian reporting of suspected animal cruelty; law enforcement policies; sexual assault; fighting; offender registration; and "ag-gag" legislation, which are laws that punish whistleblowers revealing abuse on factory farms.

Top dogs in animal protection laws are Illinois, which has held first place for

the past 10 years, plus Oregon, California, Maine and Rhode Island. Illinois ranks highest for such provisions as felony penalties for cruelty, neglect, fighting, abandonment and sexual assault. The top five states have a full range of statutory protections, require mental health evaluations or counseling for offenders, and restrict ownership of animals after a conviction. With the exception of Rhode Island, those states permit animals to be included in domestic violence protective orders.

In the past five years, more than half of all states have made improvements in their laws, Dunn says. Improvements there included a new felony provision for first-time offenders of aggravated animal cruelty, including torture, and granting civil immunity to veterinarians who report suspected animal abuse.

One nationwide trend is "hot cars" laws addressing "reckless endangerment" of pets. In more than 25 states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, Nevada and Oregon, it's now illegal to leave an animal in a vehicle in certain conditions and temperatures. The laws may also offer civil or criminal immunity to people who remove animals from vehicles, if they meet criteria such as seeking the owner or calling law enforcement before doing so.

"The majority of states have updated and improved their animal protection laws over the past 12 years, and that is a direct reflection of the public's demand for change and for better protection of animals and animal victims," Dunn says. ■

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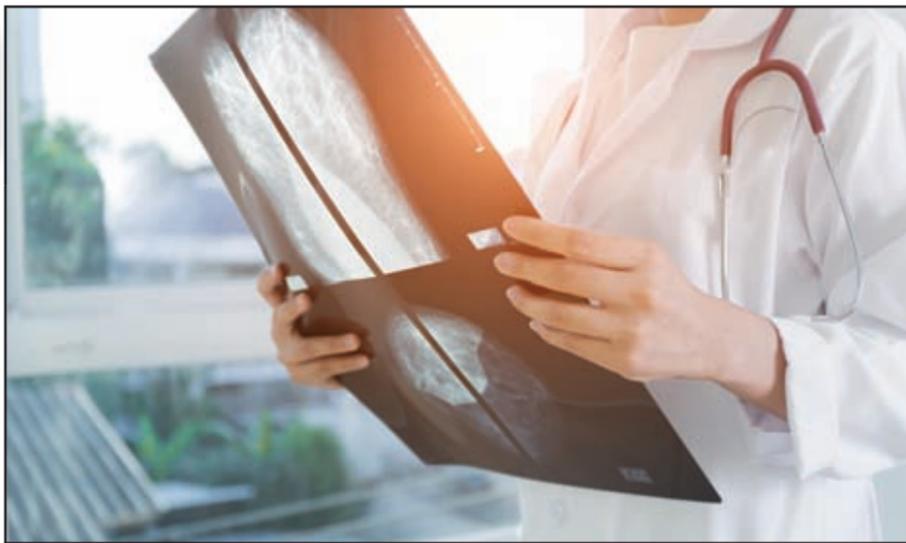
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Microscopic concerns lead to a month of roaring stress

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You know how they say that March comes in like a lion? Mine definitely roared in when I sat down with a doctor who told me my latest mammogram looked suspicious.

Spoiler alert: I'm fine. But the month of March was a rollercoaster of emotions, rarely without stress, and sleep was fleeting.

It started, believe it or not, with a visit to a gastroenterologist for a colonoscopy screening — and if that's T.M.I., you should probably stop reading now because there's more. I've reached that age where doctors recommend a routine colonoscopy, and as much as I dread the idea, I'm not one to mess around with my health.

About a week before that appointment, I'd had my annual mammogram. I hadn't heard anything back and assumed all was well — until the gastroenterologist peered at his laptop and said, "Looks like you had a recent mammogram and the results are in ..."

"And ... ?" I asked.
He sighed and took off his reading glasses, "I have to be the one to tell you, huh?"

My blood ran cold. "YES, YOU DO."
He was able to tell me there were concerns, but because he was dealing with a totally different part of my body, he recommended I call my ob-gyn for details on the results. Rather than call, I got in my car and drove to my ob-

gyn's office, shaking the whole way. The office was closed for lunch.

And that's pretty much how March roared on — growling and hissing the whole way through.

When my doctor and I connected, he told me that my right breast had microcalcifications. These are tiny specks of mineral deposits, barely the size of a grain of salt. Doctors can't feel them in a breast exam — mammography is the only way a woman will know if she has them. They're relatively common — but sometimes, like in my case — they look "suspicious."

As a result, the doctor ordered a digital mammogram. When you have to go in for a digital mammogram (which is basically the same as a regular mammogram except the machine looks more expensive), the radiology staff is extra nice to you and they offer you coffee and cookies — you even get your results

right away — no waiting.

While chewing my cookie, I was told that I would need to have a stereotactic needle biopsy. Then I was also told right away that the next available appointment wasn't for 20 long days.

Twenty days of Googling, 20 days of sleeplessness, 20 days of imagining the worst.

The statistics were in my favor: 80 percent of microcalcifications turn out to be benign. But I could only concentrate on the 20 percent that were not benign — even though I couldn't bring myself to say the word cancer out loud.

The day of the biopsy finally came and I was led into a sterile room and onto a metal table covered in pink vinyl. Toward the top, there was a hole. I was told to lie on my stomach, so that my right breast would hang through the hole where it would be secured with a sort of vise. I had to be completely still,

barely breathing, for around 45 minutes. One radiology tech uses mammographic imaging to try to pinpoint the microcalcifications, which is grueling, because remember: tiny grains of salt. After that, the radiologist comes in and gets underneath the table where she uses a needle to numb the site (fun fact: super anxious people are difficult to numb — and guess who's super anxious?). Then she makes a small incision in the breast and guides a vacuum-powered instrument that pulls tissue into a needle to be biopsied.

I whispered f%@k over and over again in between prayers. The procedure felt prehistoric and torturous, but as the radiologist gently explained, technology had come a long way. In the past, this sort of biopsy would mean major surgery. When I left, bandaged, bruised and bloody, I reminded myself that this pain would be nothing compared to what I would have to go through if the results were not in my favor.

An agonizing six days later, the results came back: A closer look proved that my grains of salt were not suspicious — the pathologist ruled them innocent. After the phone call with my doctor, I actually fell to my knees and sobbed. March had been an agonizingly long year.

The respect and admiration I have for cancer survivors, those battling cancer and loved ones that cancer has taken, is huge. They're strong, they're warriors. All through March I wondered, if I had to, could I be as brave and fierce as them? No, I don't believe I could.

April brought good news and relief, and as difficult as March was, it might have made me a tiny bit stronger — I suppose that's what lions do. ■

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lysts at Florida Taxwatch, because legislators may accept some legislation they wouldn't otherwise approve in order to pass other measures.

And they put their stamp on the largest budget in the state's 173-year-old history, \$88.7 billion — that was more than the House or the Senate recommended to the governor and \$3.8 billion or 4.4 percent more than current spending, analysts say.

The challenge legislators faced following the Parkland tragedy was compounded by the fact that many have received both campaign money and A ratings from the National Rifle Association. Led by Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, the District 27 Republican who heads the rules committee (she has an A+ rating from the NRA), they chose not to ban military-style assault weapons or high-capacity magazines. Sen. Benacquisto and her committee voted 7-6 not to pass that bill proposal onto the Senate floor for a full vote.

But they took other actions, legislating to ban bump stocks; increase spending for mental health counseling; increase the age required to purchase weapons, including pistols, to 21; and allow some teachers to carry guns in school, the most controversial legislation of the session.

The NRA sued the state of Florida anyway, claiming some measures violate 2nd Amendment rights.

The new budget did not include the additional \$400 million for school safety, \$123.5 million for higher education including Bright Futures, and \$53.7 million for fighting the opioid epidemic added to total planned spending next year.

Tax cuts will include reductions in corporate income tax, in the business rent tax (from 5.8 to 5.7 percent), in property tax, in the documentary stamp tax, and in both fuel and sales taxes. Sales tax will come with increased sales tax moratoriums both before the school year begins for three days, and for seven-day periods of disaster preparation prior to events such as hurricanes.

How the arts are funded

Arts apologists and artists around the state said legislators either ignored or failed to understand strong data that demonstrates a powerful economic value to communities that have the arts.

Numbers from Florida's own Division of Culture and regional arts organizations show that \$1 invested in the arts returns between \$5 and \$11 to communities.

Elected leaders did not take advantage of that fact this session.

While parceling out the \$2.7 million awarded for all arts in Florida this year, Gov. Scott also approved \$2 million more for three arts organizations alone — this was money outside the budget proposals — including \$750,000 to the Bill Edwards Foundation in St. Petersburg.

Other arts organizations, the ones that submitted detailed applications and qualified for arts grants, received little or no money — and none more than \$10,000 from the state.

Of the 650 organizations that applied for money to the state's Division of Cultural Affairs this year, 489 met the minimum qualifying standards for grants — they could have received money.

The qualifying requirements are rig-



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orous and based on merit, said Jim Brock, a professor of English at Florida Gulf Coast University and the founder and producing director of Ghostbird Theatre in Estero.

"The grant applications are submitted to discipline-specific panelists, experts in a chosen field," he explained.

Applications include budget reports, detailed plans for past and future years, outreach details, outcomes in previous efforts, and what can be measured in terms of success, along with quarterly financial reports and half-year full reports.

It's a lot of work for applicants, and for the bipartisan panels of experts, arts managers say.

Those experts recommended some \$55 million in grants this year (that would bring a minimum of more than \$250 million back to communities in the state). Most of that money must be matched dollar for dollar by private donors.

But of the \$2.7 million finally awarded, Ghostbird, although it qualified in the top third of all applicants, will get none. Many others in the region, including Artis—Naples, will receive either no money or significantly less than they qualified for this year, as well.

"The Division of Cultural Affairs affects the Sidney & Berne Davis Center, the Florida Rep, The Laboratory Theater and others that are now so important a part of our community and region," said Lydia Black, Alliance for the Arts executive director.

"It's a huge, an enormous opportunity to invest in capital we can't earn on our own. The Alliance was approved for \$90,000 by the Division of Cultural Affairs, and that's basically zeroed out. We'll get \$6,000."

But the Bill Edwards Foundation qualified at 404 out of 489, earning one of the lowest scores required to get any state money — it prints arts programs for schoolchildren seeing shows at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg, explains Jim Brock.

It also qualified for a state grant of \$25,000, which would have been less than \$1,700 after the cuts, Professor Brock said.



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But Bill Edwards has donated more than \$5 million to Republicans and to Gov. Scott since 2012, records show.

"Since Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto was a senator on the appropriations committee that oversaw the budget for the arts, (she was partly responsible) for the cuts," Professor Brock noted.

Florida Weekly asked Sen. Benacquisto by phone and email why she chose to cut the arts budget so deeply in a year of greatly increased spending. She did not respond by press time. But several Florida legislators have said that the events at Parkland and the demands it placed on the budget necessitated the cuts.

Professor Brock, however, calls that excuse problematic.

"Before the tragedy at Parkland, the senate had already cut that budget, cut some of the state grant programs to zero. They cut \$3 million of grant money for projects or supporting programs (at nonprofit arts centers). They cut the Cultural Facilities grants, which are about building, over \$6 million; and they cut Cultural Endowment grants, roughly \$3 million. All of those were cut to zero by the senate, before Parkland."

State arts funding isn't just about staged theater or painting or even music, "but also historical societies, military museums, the shell museums, museums dedicated to race cars ... it's not just opera. It's woodcutters and ballet dancers. It runs the gamut."

Until about six years ago, Florida was considered an enviable state when it came to arts funding. And communities like the southwest coast became richer and stronger as their arts and cultural communities grew.

The state's Division of Cultural Affairs encouraged that process to the benefit of everyone, numbers show, providing matching grants to nonprofit and cultural institutions in four categories: for operating expenses, for projects and events, for renovations, and for capital campaigns. Most grants require dollar-for-dollar matches.

The declines in state funding and interest started about 2014-15, when legislators granted \$42.8 million to the arts, followed by \$34.8 million, \$32.5 million and \$24.5 million the next three years.

And now for the 2018-19 fiscal year legislators agreed to give \$2.6 million to divide among the many arts organizations (489) that qualified.

But that money will go only to those

applying for Cultural and Museum matching grants; the others have been eliminated for the year.

In the case of the Ghostbird Theatre, "We go to different places — we went to Koreshan State Park and played there, and we were approved at this grant cycle to do something at the 1926 train depot in Fort Myers. We're still going to do that, but we won't be able to pay our artists."

The arts may have to rely on volunteers, in large part. ■

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Dr. Sandra Kauanui, director of Institute of Entrepreneurship at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Entrepreneurs abound at FGCU

The school's new entrepreneurship major and a business incubator for all students at the university reveal an 'interdisciplinary' approach to fostering creative startups.

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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From a pop rock musician aiming for stardom to the founders of a website that helps college students find roommates, Florida Gulf Coast University students who have created businesses in the school's fast-growing entrepreneurship program displayed their products and services at an Expo in the student union on March 28.

It highlighted the range and diversity of businesses that students have created through a growing number of programs lead by Dr. Sandra Kauanui, founder and director of the Institute of Entrepreneurship at FGCU.

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“We have some students that have been quite successful with their startups and our new degree program is growing beyond our expectations,” she said.

In the fall of 2014, 200 students enrolled in entrepreneurship courses at FGCU. This year, 1,080 students elected to take them. By the beginning of April, 173 students had declared entrepreneurship as a major — which the school began offering in fall 2017 — and 175 as a minor course of study.

Jakub Adamowicz, an FGCU senior, switched his major from engineering to entrepreneurship last semester. He

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is a founder and CEO of RoomDig, a website and app which is dedicated to helping students only, at any college or university, find housing.

“So if somebody wants to sign up (on RoomDig) at Harvard right now, they can, but if you’re not a student you can’t get in,” he said.

Nearby, FGCU senior and musician Matt Walden was playing an Ed Sheeran song on his guitar. Although he’s been performing for a number of years, and released a full-length album in 2016, his entrepreneurship major is a way to learn the business side of an industry that’s notoriously difficult to break in to.

“I’m ready to take it to the next level and I think this can make it happen,” he said.

Another group of juniors — Andrew Morgan, Trent Capaccio, and Kenneth Hornig — were featuring a “social entrepreneurship” company, Nature’s Purification. It aims to clean up unsanitary water in poor communities, including one in the small neighborhood of Charleston Park in Southwest Florida, with a solar-powered device that transforms dirty water into clean, drinkable water.

“Two-hundred-fifty people live there and they have such a lack of access to clean water,” Mr. Hornig said. “We want to bring it to them at no charge and help these people out.”

These are only a few of the startups that FGCU’s leadership wants the school to be known for. In 2016, FGCU’s Board of Trustees declared entrepreneurship one of the school’s five “pillars,” the other four being student success, academic excellence, health sciences and community engagement.

“We believe entrepreneurship courses will lead to creating a stronger university, delivering to our students a program that’s going to be attractive to them, offers them insight into career opportunities, business opportunities for them, and so it’s something we believe is going to grow and expand,” said FGCU provost Dr. James Llorens.

Creating a culture of entrepreneurship at FGCU and with community partners will also help strengthen Southwest Florida’s economy with start-up businesses, Dr. Kauanui said.

“We’re trying to change our economic model to be more of a startup community and our kids wanting to stay here. And this is an important part of creating a thriving economy.”

Originally from Virginia Beach, Va., Dr. Kauanui is an entrepreneur who founded and ran a financial services firm for more than 20 years before selling it and making the shift to academia. She moved to FGCU’s program from California State Polytechnic University in 2007.

One of the unique parts of FGCU’s new entrepreneurship major is its “interdisciplinary” approach, meaning that students are required to take classes outside the school of business in whatever areas they choose, be it theater, engineering, music, biology or any other discipline.

“We want them to choose other things,” besides business courses, Dr. Kauanui said. “Because again, typically that’s how you get the creativity and innovation.”

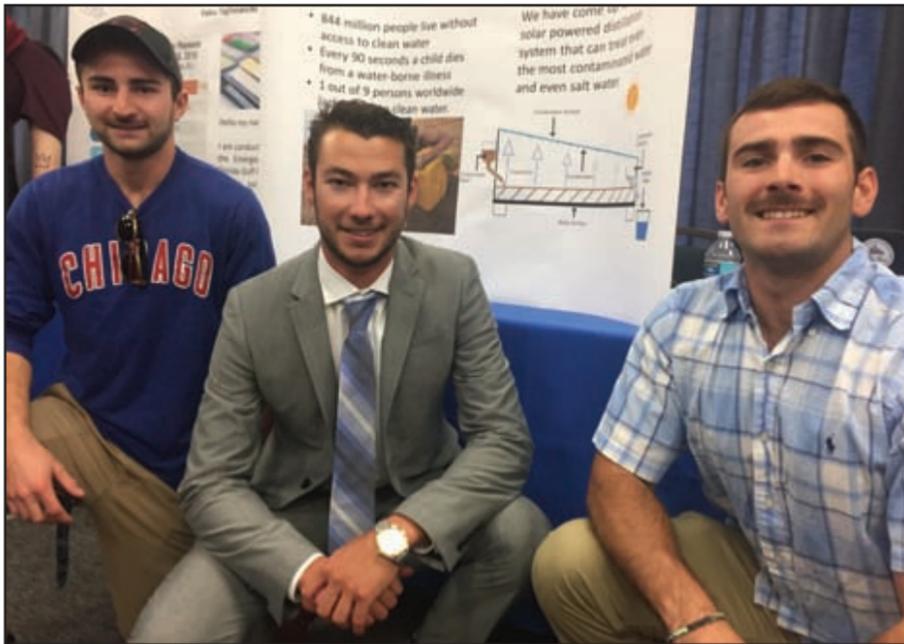
The major also requires core courses on subjects such as how to start a business, marketing, social media and venture capital. The school has enlisted retired executives to mentor students and made connections with local venture capital forums.

In one of Dr. Kauanui’s capstone classes last semester, in which students identify a problem and a business solu-



Jakub Adamowicz, Jace Yawnick and Fabiana Solano of RoomDig.

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Andrew Morgan, Trent Capaccio and Kenneth Hornig of Nature’s Purification.



Matt Walden is a singer/songwriter.



Madi Clarke and Kenyon Flint of Shield Shorts.

tion to bring to market, seniors Kenyon Flint and Madi Clarke created Shield Shorts. The board shorts for men are designed for comfort while also including a waterproof pouch that protects phones, keys or other items that typically can get lost or ruined at the beach. Surprisingly, there’s not a lot of competition out there for such a pair of shorts.

“Ziploc bags are one of the biggest ones, which I think is pretty funny,” said Mr. Flint.

FGCU’s entrepreneurship outreach is not just limited to students taking a major or minor. It is also leading a state program to boost startups owned by veterans.

Army veteran Sissy Smith created Gifted Coin, a “profit and purpose” company whose website helps connect people with organizations and causes that they want to donate to.

“I believed it was time to change the status quo,” Ms. Smith said.

At another booth, Army veteran Mark Fenton and his business partner Oswaldo Russian were showing off samples of microgreens from their company Farming Fresh Corp.

Any students enrolled at FGCU can get help starting a business through the Institute’s Runway Program, an incubator based at the school’s Emergent Technologies Institute that began in 2016. It allows them to develop a business plan over the course of a semester.

At the end, after completing a launch plan and 120 hours working on their business, they have the chance to pitch for equity-free seed funding from a pool of donor and grant money overseen by local angel investors.

Sean Evans, an FGCU junior who is majoring in nursing with a minor in entrepreneurship, is a founder of Card Box, which plans to pitch for about \$10,000 in startup funds.

Card Box provides custom-made greeting cards instead of the mass-pro-



Sissy Smith of Gifted Coin.

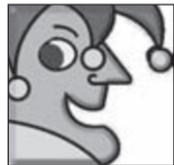


Greg Gottfried of ATA Imaging.

duced variety. The company aims to set up kiosks at places such as CVS or a hospital where people can create their own unique messages.

“Kind of like a Redbox (video rental) model,” he explained.

Last semester, 27 student-started businesses pitched for money and eight received \$65,000 in total funds, from about \$3,000 to \$12,000 each. ■



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Bonds, Explained

Stocks have outperformed bonds over most 20-year and 30-year periods, and between 1802 and 2017, stocks averaged annual post-inflation gains of 6.8 percent, while bonds averaged just 3.5 percent. Despite that, you might include some bonds in your portfolio for diversification, especially if you're in or near retirement. First, though, be sure you understand what bonds are.

Bonds are essentially long-term loans. If a company or government issues bonds, it's borrowing cash and promising to pay it back at a certain rate of interest. Bonds sold by the U.S. government's Treasury Department are called Treasuries. State and local governments issue municipal bonds, while businesses issue corporate bonds. Companies on shaky ground attract buyers with high-interest-rate "junk" bonds.

If you buy a \$1,000 bond with a "coupon rate" of 5 percent, you'll receive \$50 per year in interest payments. When the bond "matures," you'll be repaid your principal (the sum you originally loaned, the bond's "par value"). Most corporate

bonds have a par value of \$1,000, while government bonds can run much higher.

Sometimes a company will "call" its bond, paying back the principal early. All bonds specify whether and how soon they can be called. Federal government bonds are never called.

Investors don't necessarily buy a bond when it's first issued and then hold it to maturity, for several years or decades. Bonds are often traded among investors, with their prices rising and falling in reaction to prevailing interest rates. When rates fall, people tend to bid up bond prices. After all, if banks are offering 2 percent, a 5 percent bond will be appealing. When interest rates rise, newer bonds with higher interest rates will be more appealing than older bonds with lower rates.

Bonds can make sense for your portfolio, but if you're looking for investment income, consider dividend-paying stocks as well. To see many stocks we have recommended, some of which offer dividends, try our "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" newsletter via fool.com/services. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Guy Who Gessed Wrong

When I got back into the stock market in 2009 after inheriting some money, I made the mistake of listening to this guy who guessed wrong a lot. As a result, I lost money with some bad investments. Now I listen to him less, while listening more to The Motley Fool and a few others I trust.

Oh, the guy who guessed wrong a lot over the last eight years or so? Me.

— R.L., Cincinnati

The Fool Responds: We're glad that you trust us, but don't sell yourself short so quickly. A big problem in the scenario you described can be boiled down to one word you used: gessed. The less guessing you employ in investing, the better your results are likely to be.

Sure, no one knows exactly what a given stock or the entire market is going to do in the next day or year, but the more you know, the fewer surprises you'll likely encounter. If you study a company you're interested in, learning about how it makes its money, what its competitive advantages are, how financially healthy it is and what its growth potential is, you can make an educated estimate of its value and its attractiveness as an investment.

Remember, too, that you'll never be perfect in your investment decisions. We've made our share of regrettable calls, and the world's best investors have erred, too. ■

Last week's trivia answer

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, especially 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? (Answer: H&R Block) ■



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Ask the Fool

Stocks or Car Loan?

Q Should I use some extra funds to pay off my car loan or invest in the stock market?

— K.M., Fort Wayne, Indiana

A If you have any high-interest debt, such as from credit cards, pay that off first. Otherwise, compare your car debt with your alternatives.

Say your car loan interest rate is 5 percent. If you invest in the stock market, the average annual gain in that over many decades is roughly 10 percent, but that's just an average and far from certain. The stock market can be volatile, especially over short periods. So consider your risk tolerance and decide whether you'd rather save a definite 5 percent or hope for a 10 percent gain.

It can be worth paying a little in interest while aiming to earn more through stock appreciation. Just make sure you're investing for the long haul.

Q What's a leveraged buyout?

— L.B., Hendersonville, North Carolina

A Sometimes referred to as an LBO, a leveraged buyout is when a company is bought out by another entity (or entities), using a lot of debt. Private equity investors are typically involved, borrowing lots of money without using much of their own, and often using the acquiree's assets as collateral.

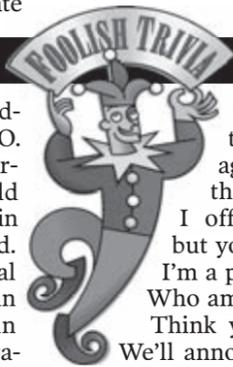
The acquired company is generally taken private, no longer trading publicly on the stock market. It's likely to go public again later, after some changes have been made (such as layoffs, the selling of assets or dividend increases or decreases).

While some LBOs are executed by members of management, others are hostile, executed by outsiders and not welcomed by their targets. Many LBOs don't end well for the company or its shareholders (there are substantial interest payments due, after all), though the acquirers often do well. ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Biotech Bargain?

Not long ago, biotech company Celgene (Nasdaq: CELG) was a darling in the investment community. That's no longer the case. Over the past six months, Celgene stock has plunged some 40 percent.

What went wrong? A once-promising Crohn's disease drug flopped in a late-stage clinical study, Celgene's fast-growing psoriasis drug Otezla is facing competition and slowing growth, and the company lowered its financial outlook for 2020.

The market seems to think Celgene is in horrible shape, but the biotech still claims a compelling growth story, with adjusted earnings per share expected to increase by more than 19 percent annually on average over the next few years.

Celgene's current lineup, featuring

blood cancer drugs Revlimid and Pomalyst, continues to perform well. Those two drugs contributed nearly \$10 billion to the company's roughly \$13 billion in sales last year. Celgene also markets the blockbuster cancer drug Abraxane. Thanks to label expansions, growing demand and price increases, the company's sales grew 16 percent year over year in 2017. Meanwhile, many expect Celgene's multiple sclerosis drug ozanimod to be approved and reach blockbuster status.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently in the single digits, Celgene's stock seems a bargain for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Celgene.) ■

Nominees announced for Southwest Florida entrepreneurial awards

The Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University has announced 23 nominees for the 2018 Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida awards. Three winners will be honored at a dinner from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Bonita Bay Club.

The Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year award will be presented to a business owner who demonstrates "innovative and cutting edge approaches to corporate culture, employee programs, and integrated new technologies."

The Small Business Advocate of the Year award will be made to a business owner who "volunteers their time and resources throughout the Southwest Florida community to inspire, encourage and mentor other small business owners

in helping them grow their business."

And the Distinguished Innovator of the Year award will go to a business owner who has "adopted or created their own technologies or cutting-edge approaches resulting in accelerated business growth and profits."

"We celebrate the business owners who took an idea, grew that idea into a business and created a positive impact on the economy in the Southwest Florida community," said FSBDC Regional Director Lois Knox.

Here are the 2018 nominees:
Dwayne Bergmann, Dwayne Bergmann Interiors
Reema Bhatia, Stickboy Creative
Michelle Borders, Naples Network Services

Scott Fischer, Scott Fischer Enterprises
Javier Fuller, Fuller Online Solutions
George Garner, Next Plumbing
Rochelle Graham-Campbell, Black Onyx World
Jennifer Gratz-Whyte, Fort Myers Brewing
Jim Henderson, Willam C. Huff Company
Gary Israel, Estero Life Magazine
Amanda Jaron, A.JARON Fine Jewelry
Misty Kinzel, Misty's Sunshine Cleaning
Batya Maman, Social Connect
Lora McCann, Peace of Mind Patient Advocacy
Beverly Milligan, Myerside, LLC
Jesse Morgan, Morgan Manufacturing

James Nolte, Nolte Wealth Management Group Wells Fargo Advisors
Dan Puleio, Cape Cleaners
Connie Ramos-Williams, CONRIC PR & Marketing
Jeff Poirier, AXI International
Bjorn Rosinus, Endeavor Innovative Workspaces
Curtis Sheard, Big Boi's BBQ
Jim Wheeler, Argo Trak
Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co, P.A., is the major sponsor of the awards celebration for the seventh year. Tickets are \$75; sponsorship opportunities are available from \$500 to \$3,000. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit at www.fsbdcswfl.org, call the FSBDC office at 745-3700 or email sbdc@fgcu.edu. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Leadership Bonita** alumni are invited to an alumni breakfast hosted by Lisa Portnoy, class of 2014, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Bank United in the Riverview Center. Admission is free, but registration is required. Sign up at www.bonita-chamber.com/events or call 992-2943.



■ **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, 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 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **The Mortgage Bankers Association of SWFL** welcomes State Sen. Kathleen Passidomo as guest speaker at its monthly meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Seasons 52 in North Naples. BB&T is the sponsor. \$25 for members, \$35 for others. Sign up at www.mbaswf.org.



■ **The Southwest Florida Harmony Chamber of Commerce**, an LGBTQ and ally organization, holds its first Collier County open house from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Preferred Travel of Naples, 801 Laurel Oak Drive. Created a year ago this month, the chamber has more than 80 members and is growing steadily. The open house is free, but RSVPs are requested and can be made at www.swflhcc.org.



■ **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.

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce** invite members and others to

"From the Top," a CEO panel and luncheon from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers. Panelists William Barker, president/publisher of the Naples Daily News and The News-Press; Danielle Dyer, president/owner of Right at Home; and Kevin Johnson, president/CEO of Suncoast Federal Credit Union; will discuss how they overcame obstacles, built relationships and made business decisions that propelled them ahead of their peers. \$35. Sign up by April 13 by calling 992-2943 or visiting www.bonita-chamber.com/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.gulfcoastprsa.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.

■ Members of the **CBIA** are invited to mix and mingle from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at PLC Closets, 1408 Railhead Blvd. No walk-ins will be accepted. Sign up for \$20 at www.cbia.net or for \$25 by phone or mail. Call 436-6100 or mail to CBIA, 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples, FL 34105. There are a few more spots for golfers to join the CBIA annual spring tournament Friday, May 11, at Tiburon Golf Club. Call the above number for more information.



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

■ **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

— Email business meeting announcements to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

NETWORKING

Grand opening and open house celebration at ABN Law



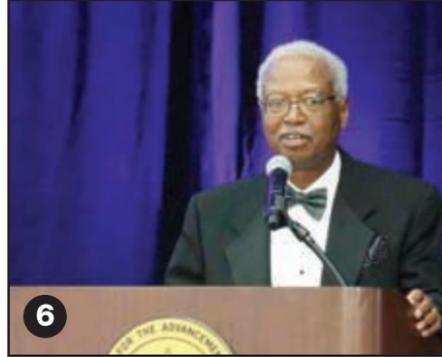
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NETWORKING

The Freedom Fund Banquet for the Collier County NAACP



1. Diann Keays, Stephanie Spell and Vincent Keays
2. Bill Barnett and Chris Barnett
3. Curtis Artis and Harold Weeks
4. Jo O'Reilly and Tom O'Reilly
5. Collier County alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta members Darlene Jackson, Cynthia Cockrel, Cynthia Powers, Della Burt-Bradley, Jennifer Williams, Pamela Wilkins, Rhonda Burns, Michelle Brice, Diane Haynes and Kim Artis
6. Keynote speaker Mamon Powers Jr.
7. The Zig Zag Girls from the Immokalee Casino
8. Concert pianist Joshua Ross
9. Royal Tucker and Delores Tucker
10. Vincent Keays, Cynthia Powers, Mamon Powers Jr., Rhonda Burns and Diann Keays
11. Ruby Dudley and Ed Dudley
12. Tonya Lowe
13. Vincent Keays and Kamela Patton



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Premier Sotheby's International Realty announces its Naples region achieved \$2.18 billion in total sales volume in 2017, with an average sales price of \$1 million. The company was recently ranked the No. 35 real estate firm in the U.S. in sales volume, according to RISMedia's 30th Annual Power Broker Report. The annual REAL Trends 500 survey ranked the firm No. 36 on its list of the top U.S. residential sellers by volume. Across its footprint in Florida and North Carolina, Premier Sotheby's International Realty achieved a total sales volume of \$4.1 billion.

Significant 2017 sales included a \$17.7 million estate on 3750 Rum Row, the highest sale price in Naples for the year. Other notable transactions were a \$16 million residence at 1100 Fifth Ave. S., a \$14.75 million home at 840 Admiralty Parade, a \$13.07 million property at 3550 Gordon Drive and a \$12 million estate at 10241 Gulfshore Drive.



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MARRA

Jay Cartwright and **Ron Marra** have joined Rockford Construction as project managers. Mr. Cartwright has more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry, including more than \$600 million in projects for municipal, civil, health care, commercial, retail and residential clients. He holds a degree in construction administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mr. Marra also has more than 30 years of construction experience, including 20 years in the industry in Southwest Florida. His previous roles, most of which were in the commercial construction sector and some of which focused on education projects, include project manager, building code administrator, general contractor and estimator.

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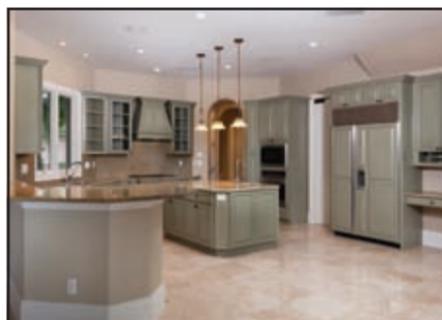
House Hunting

3871 Isla Del Sol Way, Fiddler's Creek

Positioned on a golf course site with western lake and golf views, this four-bedroom estate home offers an elevator, four wet bars, butler's pantry, two fireplaces and two dens. Entertain with ease with outdoor living areas encompassing a screened lanai with fireplace and summer kitchen and an open infinity pool with spa and water features. Architectural details include crown moldings, coffered ceilings, arches, tile and wood flooring, surround sound and a tile roof plus many built-ins throughout. The

island kitchen has granite countertops and backsplash, a pantry and stainless-steel appliances including a wall oven and gas stove. The master suite has a wet bar, attached den, dual closets with built-in shelving and bathroom with granite vanity, walk-in shower, separate jetted tub and two water closets.

Michelle Thomas of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$1,700,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 860-7176 or email michelle.thomas@premiersir.com. ■



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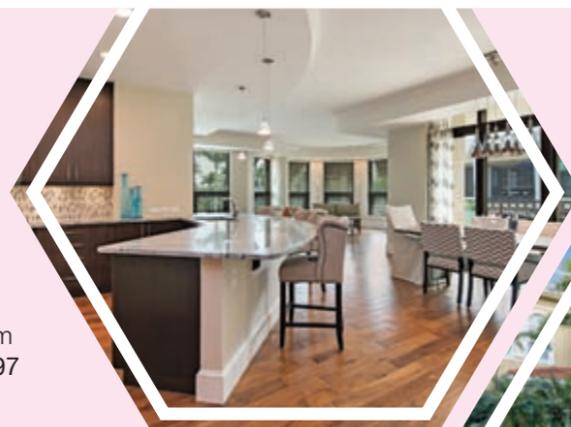
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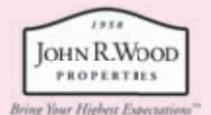
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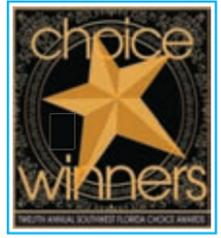
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tor. He is also a LEED-accredited professional and a member of Florida's Green Building Council, as well as a member of the American Concrete Association and the American Association of Cost Engineers. He earned a bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from the University of Vermont and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. Rockford Construction is currently working on Fusion Academy in Miami and Boca Raton, Rainbow Child Care Center in St. Augustine and Jacksonville, and Poinciana Gardens

in Key West, as well as the renovation of Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers.

Eric Chien has been named president of Robb & Stucky, a promotion from his prior position as vice president and CFO of the company that is owned by the family of Samuel Kuo, chairman of Samson Holding. Mr. Chien spearheaded the 2011 acquisition of the Robb & Stucky brand, with responsibilities including finance, operations, real estate and store expansion, and has led its sales, merchandising and marketing teams over the past year.



CH IEN

Mark Stuart has been promoted to vice president of merchandising for Robb & Stucky, where his previous title was creative director. Mr. Stuart has more than 25 years of experience in the furniture industry. Prior to joining Robb & Stucky, he was creative director for then North Carolina-based Hendricks Furniture. Before joining Hendricks, he was director of visual merchandising and store planning for Indiana-based Kittles Furniture.



STUART

For the past five years he has been general manager and director of sales and training for the company. He managed stores with the former Robb & Stucky and was regional manager for six Drexel Heritage stores owned by Hendricks Furniture.



EVANS

Matt Evans has been promoted to vice president of sales at Robb & Stucky.

Sarah Webb has joined Clive Daniel Home as an interior designer in the Naples showroom. Ms. Webb has more than 30 years of experience in custom residential design and remodeling and owned her own firm in Chicago, where

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ADVERTORIAL

Construction of Ronto's Seaglass high-rise progressing as planned

Construction of The Ronto Group's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay continues to progress as planned. The crane on the north side of the tower has been dismantled. Contractors BCBE Construction and Stiles Construction have poured curbs near the building's south entrance and the remaining columns for the porte cochere have been formed. Custom cabinetry and countertops are being installed in numerous units. The first finish coat of paint has been applied in the guest suites. The building's generator has been installed and elevators one and two are ready for temporary use. Installation of the remaining elevators is progressing. General site work is ongoing, and windows are being installed on the penthouse levels. Drywall hanging has started on level 27. Finish work is continuing through level 26. Framing of the common area on level 28 is also underway.

Sales contracts worth nearly \$150 million have been processed and the tower is more than 63% sold. Seaglass will feature fully-completed residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence includes two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages are available.

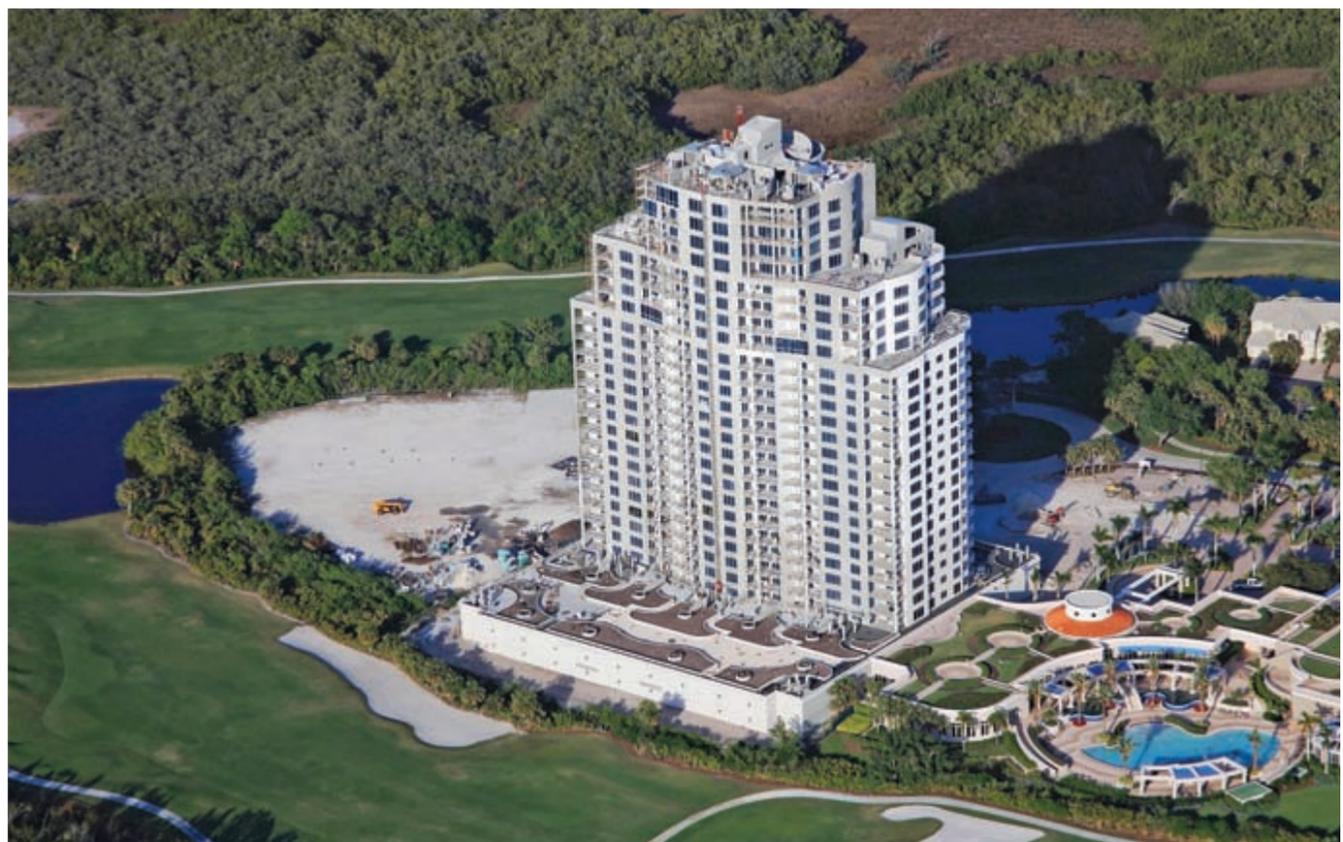
Three 2,889 to 3,421 square foot tower floor plans are priced from the low-\$1 million's. The tower residences will include dual private elevator foyers, island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan. Three furnished models are open for viewing with a sales associate.

With full golf and sports membership opportunities available, the attractions of the Bonita Bay Club will be available to residents of Seaglass. The three-story, 60,000 square-foot Lifestyle Center includes a 20,000 square-foot Fitness Center, a 9,000 square-foot spa and salon, and the Wave Café. The Lifestyle Center contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America.

The Bonita Bay Club's golf operation 25 PGA Professionals. An instructional program includes private and group lessons, golf schools, and clinics. Three on-property Bonita Bay West courses were designed by Arthur Hills. Two Tom Fazio designed courses at the nearby Bonita Bay Club Naples provide a pure golf experience on over 1,000 acres that includes preserved wetlands but no residential development.

Located on the Gulf of Mexico, Bonita Bay's residents-only beach park is on Little Hickory Island just 10 to 15 minutes from the community. Residents and their guests may enjoy swimming, sunning, shelling, bird watching, and surf-fishing at this attended park surrounded by the white sands and clear waters of the Gulf. Picnic pavilions, grills, beach chair and umbrella service, showers, and restrooms equipped with infant changing stations. Personal chairs, umbrellas, and other beach items are welcomed. Residents also enjoy Bonita Bay's network of on-property biking and hiking paths. A kayaking and canoeing lodge offers additional recreational possibilities.

The availability of a full-service on-site marina with access to the Gulf of Mexico



Top: The Ronto Group announced construction of its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay continues to progress as planned. Three completed furnished models are available for purchase and for viewing with a sales associate. **Above:** Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors, created the interior for the Seaglass 306 model. Gaddis's design showcases a classic, timeless style with a contemporary edge for a chic, clean-lined look. **Left:** The Bonita Bay Club's Lifestyle Center includes a 9,000-square foot spa and salon, a 20,000-square foot fitness center that is the premier Technogym facility in the United States, and the WAVE Café.

allows Bonita Bay residents to enjoy every aspect of Southwest Florida's tropical lifestyle. The Bonita Bay Marina is located on the Imperial River at the south end of Estero Bay, just minutes from the open waters of the Gulf. Owned exclusively by the residents of Bonita Bay, the Marina accommodates a variety of watercraft with a maximum draft of thirty-six inches. The wet slip lifts can hold vessels up to 16,000 pounds and the dry storage can fit boats up to 32-feet long from the rear of the engine or platform to the front of the anchor or pulpit. Trailer loading and unloading service is available for most boats. Charts, bait, tackle, and other items are available at the Ships Store.

Bonita Bay Club's new Tennis and Aquatic Center includes an 8,000-square foot Sports Center positioned between the

tennis complex and the aquatic area. The Sports Center features a tennis pro shop with racquet services, a retail shop, a lobby area, and dedicated tennis locker rooms. A covered patio overlooks a new Championship Court and provides a prime viewing location. A kitchen offers casual fare, and an open-air bar under roof offers post-match or poolside beverages. Outdoor dining options and a breezeway are located on both the tennis side and the pool side of the building. A multi-purpose room is available for meetings and events.

The Club has completed a redesign of the kitchen and dining areas in the clubhouse. The redesign incorporated a 40-foot long buffet station in the dining space. The former golf pro shop was transformed into the 55th Hole, a high-end casual bar experience. The design creates a captivating indoor/outdoor venue. A patio hosts the largest fire pit in Florida.

Backwater Jack's at the Bonita Bay Marina is a favored gathering place for waterfront dining. Bonita Bay's Naples Club facility on Immokalee Road includes a Club Room within the clubhouse that offers additional dining options.

The Seaglass tower's second floor will connect to an award-winning amenity complex previously designed by architect Santiesteban & Associates. Amenities already in place include a theater, guest suites, card and club rooms, a fully-equipped fitness facility that features men's and women's spas with steam and massage rooms, a large resort-style walk-in pool and spa, and a deck with a covered cabana that includes a bar and grill.

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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ADVERTORIAL

Kalea Bay's Clubhouse a hit with residents

Tower 200 surpasses \$100 million in sales

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 café 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."

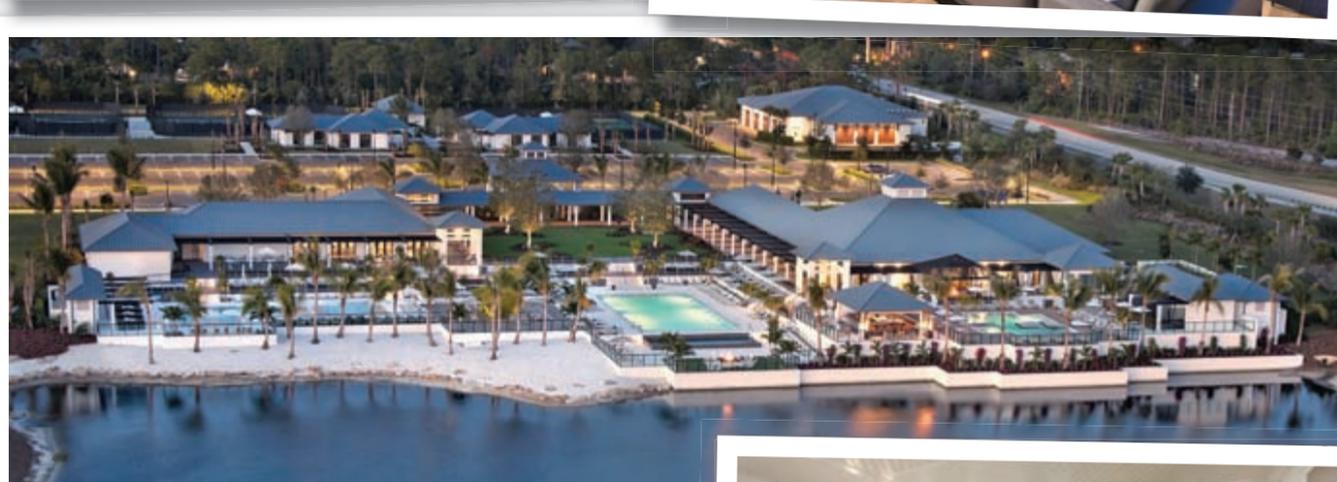
The completion of the main amenity area at Kalea Bay coincided with the completion the community's first residential tower, which is sold out.

"For the past four months, the sales effort at Kalea Bay has been focused on the community's second residential tower. To date, it has recorded over 50 sales and surpassed the \$100 million mark in sales volume," said Lodge.

Like Tower 100, Tower 200 has 120 residences. It's also 22 stories in height and 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



Top: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. Middle Left: Residents of Kalea Bay have indoor and outdoor dining options. Middle Right: The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower (shown) will be very similar of those on the second tower. Above: Kalea Bay's main amenity area includes the clubhouse which features three separate pools, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, fitness center, open-air bar and Internet café. Right: Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans.

wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

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

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

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

"Master suites, kitchens and main living areas in most units have direct views to the

water and preserve.

They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Lodge said.

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

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

Tower 200 will also feature a rooftop pool, open-air fitness center and sky lounge.

"Whether lounging poolside or enjoy-

ing the company of friends in our community room, the views from the rooftop can only be described as spectacular," stated Lodge. "We had very high expectations for our 'sky amenities' in our first tower and I must admit that those expectations have been exceeded on every level."

Prices at Kalea Bay currently start at \$1.4 million.

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

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Surpassing the \$140 million mark, Naples Reserve continues to lead South Naples home sales. There's no doubt that the community's awesome amenities, nestled amongst 22 freshwater lakes, fulfill homebuyers' desires for a casual lakefront lifestyle. Extremely affordable homeowner association fees are another added bonus!

With more than 275 homes spoken for within six of its distinctive neighborhoods – offering a selection of residences ranging from 1,519 to more than 3,500 square feet of living space, including move-in ready homes with limited-time builder incentives – Phase I is more than 55 percent sold.

Homes in Egret Landing are ideal for entertaining with open floor plans designed for easy Florida living. The neighborhood, offering lake- and nature-view single-family homes, has maintained its lead as Naples Reserve's most popular neighborhood. Ashton Woods and D.R. Horton homes starting from the mid-\$300,000s offer up to four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths.

Naples Reserve's newest neighborhood of two-bedroom, two-bath attached villa homes, Coral Harbor offers flexibility for new homebuyers and snowbirds alike. The D.R. Horton neighborhood made an extremely strong debut last year, with lake- and preserve-view homes starting in the high-\$200,000s.

Just a short stroll from the community's Island Club, Savannah Lakes is another sought-after neighborhood that features fresh designs – including homes with extended lanais, outdoor kitchens and fireplaces. The neighborhood's one- and two-story homes offer three to four bedrooms and up to four-and-a-half baths priced from the high-\$300,000s.

A select number of move-in ready lakefront homes with limited-time builder incentives are available within the Sparrow Cay, Savannah Lakes, Egret Landing and Mallard Point neighborhoods.

Homebuyers can add private floating boat docks to a limited number of available lots bordering the community's centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake, where residents can enjoy electric boats, as well as boats with motors up to 2.5 horsepower.

"Homebuyers are attracted to Naples Reserve's distinctive home designs, quality construction and well-planned amenities," said Don Mears, vice president/land and development with iStar. "Plus, our location offers a truly unique lakefront lifestyle that homebuyers have embraced with open arms."



Top: Naples Reserve Island Club. Above: Naples Reserve Outrigger Center. Right: Naples Reserve Island Club and Welcome Center.

Naples Reserve resident Tom Marquardt and his wife, Sue, lived in Annapolis, Maryland, for 36 years prior to moving to sunny Naples Reserve a year ago. They selected the Minorca, a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath Ashton Woods home in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood. With 2,663 square feet of living space, there is plenty of room for entertaining family and friends.

"I swear I heard Jimmy Buffet when I walked through the model!" said Marquardt.

A mile-long stretch of lakefront along the community's northern edge, perfect for paddling, borders the Picayune Strand State Forest, a 76,000-acre state park with protected pinelands, cypress swamps, marshes and abundant wildlife.

With a full social calendar planned by Naples Reserve's lifestyle and fitness director, residents find there is always something fun to do in the community!

Naples Reserve's \$7 million Island Club social center features a 5,160-square-foot clubhouse and an adjacent 3,500-square-foot fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and a movement studio for spinning, Zumba and yoga. An expansive, resort-style, zero-entry pool offers a tropical waterfall and dedicated lap lanes, while the lakefront Match Point tennis and pickleball complex awaits your best game.

Nearby, you'll find bocce ball courts and a white-sand beach for lounging under the Southwest Florida sun. New friends can gather for casual beverage and dining options both indoors and alfresco at the lakeside fire pit, Chat 'n Chill Tiki Bar and Latitudes Cafe.

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.

Prefer to let someone else do the paddling? Cruises on the community's two Duffy electric boats depart regularly from the center's floating docks to Eagle Lake's Kontiki Island.

Tennis – or pickleball – anyone? The lakefront Match Point complex offers residents access to five tennis and pickleball courts. And nearby, the Walk & Wag dog park offers four-legged friends the perfect place to play.

An additional dog park, Paws Awhile, is planned, as well as the Kid's Cove playground and picnic area and a meandering linear park for biking, hiking and jogging. Navigating a loop road circling Naples Reserve, the park is designed to engage residents with their natural

environment and provide an alternative mode of transportation throughout the community.

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

Homebuyers seeking inspiration can visit Naples Reserve's 17 decorated models, built by Southwest Florida's premier homebuilders including Ashton Woods, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes. Homes are priced from the high-\$200,000s to more than \$1 million.

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From the lush, tropical canopy at its approach, to its streets winding through majestic preserves and past manicured fairways and pristine lakes, Quail West is unmistakably unique to the real estate marketplace.

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

The project also includes a new golf pro shop, the Market Café, and an expansive indoor/outdoor seating area.

Enhancements to its two beautiful 18-hole championship golf courses was also part of the incredible changes that took place in Quail West.

The complete restoration of the Lakes and Preserve courses, by J. Drew Rogers, ASGCA, included designing new tees, greens, bunkering and a new irrigation system. Greatly enhanced practice facilities and a new pro shop were also part of the comprehensive renovation. The result is two distinctively different golf experiences – and much more variety for the members to choose from and enjoy.

Behind the privacy gates of Quail West, a number of unfurnished inventory homes by Stock Signature Homes are available for immediate purchase.

The Windsor III is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,155 square feet under air and 6,573 total square feet, including an impressive outdoor living area. It is priced at \$2,249,925.

The Gardenia II is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,000 square feet under air and 5,876 total square feet, including a three-car garage and two covered lanais overlooking the pool. It is priced at \$1,874,205.

The Muirfield V is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 3,375 square feet under air and 4,943 total square feet, including a three-car garage and expansive outdoor living area. It is priced at \$1,399,990.

The Muirfield VI is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 3,443 square feet under air and 5,327 total square feet, including a two-car and a separate single-car garage.

It is priced at \$1,371,495.

In addition to the unfurnished inventory homes, a number of furnished estate homes are also currently available in Quail West, and all were built by the area's finest luxury homebuilders including Emerald Homes, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Custom Homes.

Emerald Homes' Ventalo model is a three-bedroom plus bonus room/three-bath floor plan with 3,131 square feet under air and 4,092 total square feet. The home, located at the end of a cul-de-sac, is priced at \$989,187, without furnishings. An optional furniture package is available for \$62,000.



Top: Emerald Homes' Ventalo model features a spectacular gourmet kitchen. Above: The unfurnished Gardenia II inventory home has a lakefront homesite. Right: The Collier Building Industry Association honored Stock's Cristale model with a 2018 Merit Award during this year's Parade of Homes. Below Left: The unfurnished Muirfield VI inventory home is priced at \$1,371,495. Below Right: McGarvey Custom Homes' Southampton model features four bedrooms plus a study.



McGarvey Custom Homes' Southampton estate home model is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,475 square feet under air and 6,661 total square feet, including a side-entry, three-car garage. It is priced at \$3,750,000, including furnishings.

McGarvey's Beechwood is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,076 square feet under air and 6,927 total square feet, including a side-entry, three-car garage. It is priced at \$3,250,000, including furnishings.

Two furnished models currently available in Quail West are part of the Stock Custom Homes' collection.

The Cristale, which was just honored by the Collier Building Industry Association with a 2018 Merit Award during this year's Parade of Homes, is a

four-bedroom plus library/four-and-a-half-bath home. It has 4,427 square feet under air and 7,190 total square feet, including two, two-car garages with a porte-cochere and motor court. Cinnabar Design's Laurie Walter, CEO, and Diana Hall, President, were responsible for the home's interior design. It is priced at \$3,580,105, fully furnished.

The Normandy II is a four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,124 square feet under air and 6,034 total square feet, including three-car garage. The home showcases an interior by Clive Daniel. It is priced at \$2,249,990, fully furnished.

Additional spec homes and future models, by a number of builders, are in various phases of construction throughout the community and will be ready for

occupancy in 2018.

One of those homes is the Cortona II by Stock. This four-bedroom plus study/four-and-a-half-bath plan has 4,159 square feet under air and 7,822 total square feet including two two-car garages connected by a porte-cochere.

Highlights of the plan include a living room with fireplace and wet bar, a family room off the kitchen, a spectacular master retreat, and an expansive outdoor living area.

The Cortona II is priced at \$2,985,880.

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Back by popular demand, Mediterra Model Home Showcase starts Sunday

After hosting literally thousands of visitors during February's Model Home Showcase, Mediterra is putting its spectacular collection of furnished models on display starting this Sunday, April 15th. The special Model Home Showcase event will continue next Sunday, April 22nd, and conclude on Sunday, April 29th. Showcase hours each Sunday are noon to 5:00 p.m. Mediterra is a 1,697-acre gated community located two-miles north of Immokalee Road on Livingston Parkway in North Naples. The Model Home Showcase presents seven furnished models by London Bay Homes that feature interiors by Romanza Interior Design. Covered lanais overlooking Mediterra's tableau include outdoor kitchens and dining and conversation areas. Custom pools by London Bay's Acquatico Pools showcase paved decks and fire and water features.

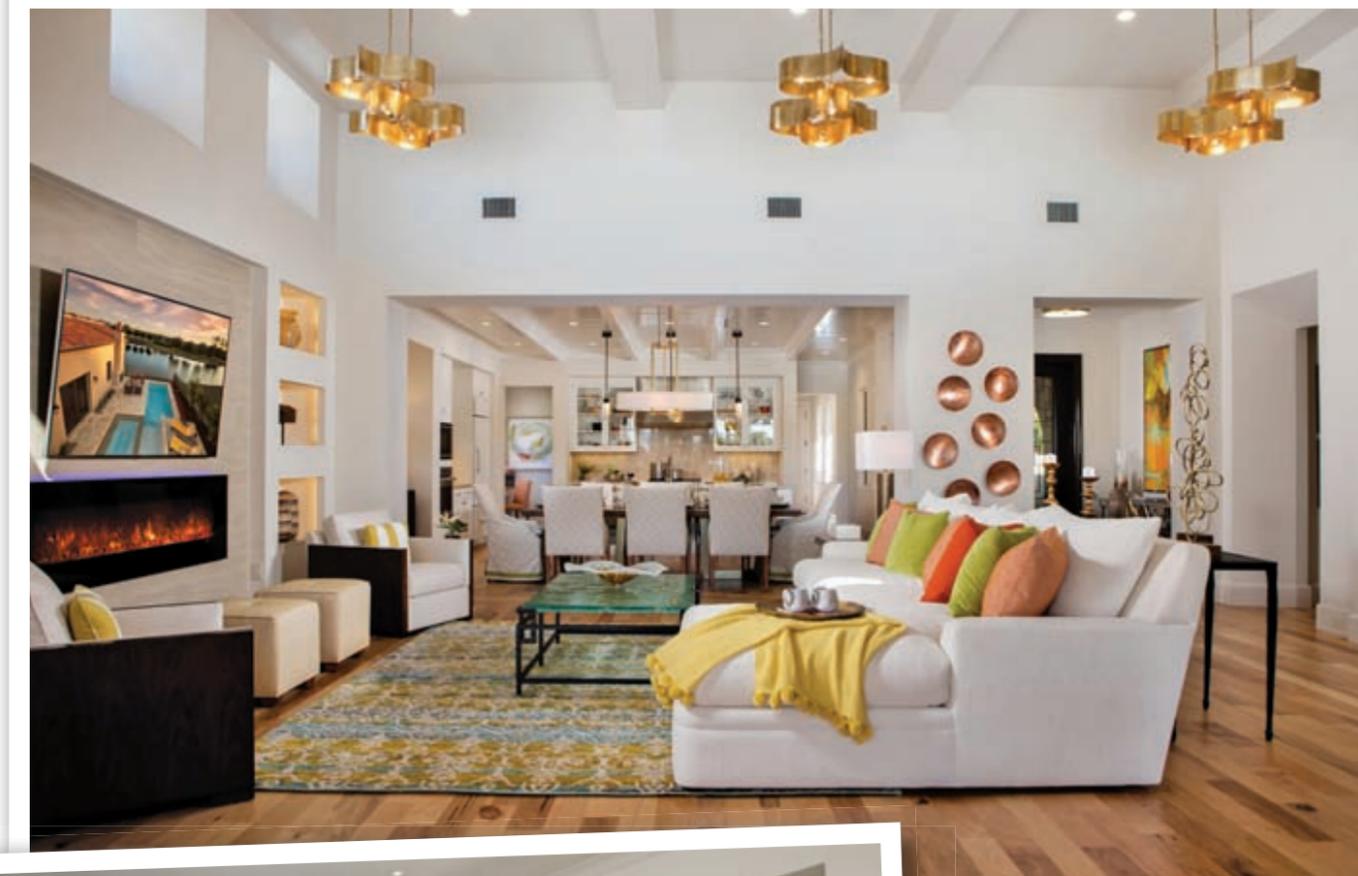
More than 60 purchase opportunities remain available at Mediterra, including London Bay's models and home sites with water and preserve views. Purchasers of homes by London Bay may secure a full golf membership immediately rather than being placed on the membership waiting list. London Bay, an award-winning homebuilder and developer in the Southwest Florida luxury home market for more than three decades, manages all new home construction sales and marketing for Mediterra.

The Sonoma model is being featured in Mediterra's Caminetto neighborhood, an enclave of single-family villas from the high \$1-millions to the low \$3-millions. Priced at \$3,125,000 fully-furnished, the two-story, 4,414 square-foot Sonoma features a great room, a gourmet-inspired kitchen, a dining room that opens to a covered terrace, and an outdoor living, dining and kitchen area. A bonus room also opens to the outdoor spaces. Double-doors in the master suite lead to a patio overlooking a pool with a sun shelf and spa. A garden shower is accessible from the master bathroom and the pool patio. The second floor offers a lounge with a wet bar and a guest suite.

The Bettina and Clara models in Mediterra's Cabreo neighborhood are also being featured. Cabreo presents single-family villas from 2,800 to 3,200 square feet priced from \$1 million. Priced at \$1,960,000 furnished, the four-bedroom, four-bath Bettina villa offers 3,110 square feet. The Bettina presents an open plan with a great room, dining room, and an island kitchen with a pantry and a cafe area. The outdoor living space includes an outdoor kitchen.

The Clara model features 3,369 square feet. The three-bedroom, three-and-one-half bath residence is Cabreo's largest floor plan. The family room, living room, and master suite open to an outdoor living area with a pool and spa. The Clara is priced at \$1,995,000 furnished.

London Bay's Lucarno neighborhood presents lakeside villa homes from 2,900 to over 4,000 square feet priced from \$1.5 million. Priced at \$2,885,000 fully-furnished, the two-story Capriano model's 4,402-square-foot plan features a great room with a linear fireplace, a wine bar, and a library with pocketing sliders that open to an outdoor living and kitchen area. The home offers views of a custom pool, a lake, and Mediterra's



Above: London Bay Homes' furnished Capriano model in Lucarno at Mediterra reflects the contemporary designs the luxury homebuilder is introducing within the community. **More than 60 purchase opportunities remain available.** **Left:** The Sonoma model in Caminetto at Mediterra features an organic contemporary interior design that showcases numerous natural materials. **Below:** The Bettina model's open-concept floor plan includes 3,110 square feet under air and offers an exceptional level of livability. The Bettina is one of seven models being featured during Mediterra's 2018 Model Home Showcase.

Parterre Gardens. The master suite features a bathroom with glass partitions and views of a water feature from the freestanding tub. An open staircase ends at a wet bar positioned to serve a second-floor lounge and a guest suite with a balcony, and a sun deck offering lake and garden views.

A second Capriano model and The Catalina model are being presented in Cortile, an estate and single-family villa home neighborhood. Priced at \$3,675,000 fully-furnished, the four-bedroom, four bath Capriano's 4,493 square-foot under air floor plan includes a great room, a wine bar, and a library that opens to an outdoor living and kitchen area. A large custom pool includes a cascading waterfall fountain and spa. A fire pit offers a perfect gathering spot. An open staircase ends at a wet bar positioned to serve a second-floor lounge and a guest suite with a balcony, while a sun deck offers a view of the pool and a preserve.

Priced at \$4,250,000 furnished, the two-story, 5,288 square feet under air, Catalina model features a great room, an island kitchen, and a café. The café opens to an outdoor space with an outdoor kitchen, an island bar, and ample seating while overlooking a resort-style pool, spa, and fire pit. The master suite's sliding glass doors open to a private trellis



and patio, while the master bath features a garden shower. The first floor offers a formal dining room, bonus room and two guest suites. The second floor includes a loft, wet bar, a third guest suite, and a sunset overlook with a fireplace.

The two-story, four-bedroom Isabella model offers 4,285 square feet under air in Mediterra's Serata neighborhood. A second-story covered balcony overlooks an outdoor living area, pool and spa. The model's great room plan also includes a formal dining room, study, large master suite, and an outdoor kitchen. The model is priced at \$2,895,000 furnished.

A leading homebuilder and developer in the Southwest Florida home market for nearly three decades, London Bay

Homes has earned more than 300 industry awards. Its brand promise of Private Label Living ensures quality, attention to detail, and homes that are a unique expression of their residents' distinctive tastes. The company builds new luxury custom and multi-family homes priced from \$1 million to more than \$10 million in many of the region's most exclusive neighborhoods and communities. For information about London Bay Homes, visit LondonBay.com.

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 MediterraNaples.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



Avenue, Ave Maria FL 34142. For home plans, pricing and more information please visit www.MaplesRidgeFL.com or call 305.644.HOME. ■

PARK SHORE



665 FOUNTAINHEAD WAY, NAPLES
 • Tranquility, a Contemporary Zen Design
 • Over 9,000 S.F. Indoor/Outdoor Living Space
\$3,550,000 MLS 217029954
 Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

QUAIL WEST



4213 BRYNWOOD DR., NAPLES
 • Unique Courtyard Villa
 • 5 Bedrooms, 6.2 Bathrooms + Den
\$3,299,000 MLS 218016888
 Pam Olsen 239.464.6873

BAYFRONT GARDENS

NEW PRICE



187 BAYFRONT DR., BONITA
 • Homesite w/Panoramic Bay & Canal Views
 • Double Gated Community
\$2,250,000 MLS 217053693
 Ed Biddison 239.218.7444

MEDITERRA

NEW PRICE



29110 POSITANO LN., NAPLES
 • 4 BR, 5.5 BA + Den Magnificent Luxury Villa
 • Private Lanai w/Peaceful Long Lake Views
\$1,995,000 MLS 217069720
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

BONITA BAY - AZURE

NEW PRICE



4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #501, BONITA
 • The Jewel of the Towers
 • Over 4,000 S.F. Under Air
\$1,795,000 MLS 216067104
 Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

MARCO BEACH



786 ORCHID CT., MARCO ISLAND
 • Long & Wide Converging Waterway Views
 • 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Wraparound Lanai
\$1,450,000 MLS 218010046
 Liz Appling 239.272.7201

NAPLES BAY RESORT



1530 5TH AVE. S. #C-213, NAPLES
 • Boater's Paradise in the Heart of Naples
 • Furnished 3 Story Townhome, Private Elevator
\$1,274,000 MLS 217046718
 Dodona & Ornela, The Roboci Team 239.776.8123

SAN CARLOS ESTATES



25380 BUSY BEE DR., BONITA
 • Swiss Engineered & Energy Efficient
 • 10" Aerated Concrete Walls
\$1,200,000 MLS 218010016
 Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

PELICAN ISLE



445 DOCKSIDE DR. #204, NAPLES
 • Gorgeous Waterfront Views
 • Beautifully Renovated by BCB Homes
\$1,193,250 MLS 217074759
 Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES



1948 IMPERIAL GOLF COURSE BLVD., NAPLES
 • Large 3 BR, 2 BA, Pool Home
 • Freshly Updated w/Neutral Palette
\$569,000 MLS 218067742
 Loretta Young, Team LaVita 239.450.5022

PLAN OF RIVERSIDE



27285 & 27291 S. RIVERSIDE DR., BONITA
 • 130' Along Imperial River - Gulf Access
 • 3 BR, 2 BA, Charming & Fully Renovated
\$450,000 MLS 218026866
 Loretta Young, Team LaVita 239.450.5022

STONEBRIDGE

NEW LISTING



1670 WINDING OAKS WAY #2-102, NAPLES
 • 1st Floor Condo w/Lake & Golf Course Views
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, Great Investment Opportunity
\$349,000 MLS 218024273
 Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

TWIN EAGLES



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

12021 COVENT GARDEN CT. #2701, NAPLES
 • 2nd Floor End Unit, 2,045 S.F. Under Air
 • Beautifully Updated, Full 2 Car Garage
\$289,000 MLS 217021512
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

BRECKENRIDGE

NEW PRICE



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4239 TEQUESTA DR., ESTERO
 • Waterfront End Unit Townhome, Enclosed Lanai
 • 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Car Garage, Open Floor Plan
\$255,000 MLS 218001693
 Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9621 SPANISH MOSS WAY #3812, BONITA
 • Ground Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA + Den
 • Spacious Split Bedroom Design
\$199,900 MLS 217070123
 Bradford Bateman 239.273.8842

SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



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

WILDCAT RUN



20261 COUNTRY CLUB DR., ESTERO
 • 18th Fairway of Arnold Palmer Golf Course
 • 3 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms + Office
\$565,000 MLS 218007317
 Carol Jones 239.250.4310

COQUINA SANDS

NEW LISTING



1065 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #213, NAPLES
 • Beautiful Beachfront Condo
 • 1 BR, 1 BA + Den, Totally Remodeled
\$420,000 MLS 218024577
 Sean Smuk 239.220.4040

COLONY AT HAWKSRIDGE



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

2515 TALON CT. #4-402, NAPLES
 • Pristine!
 • Well Located
\$339,000 MLS 218007287
 Steve Suddeth & Jenn Nicolai 239.784.0693

VILLAGES OF BONITA

NEW PRICE



9381 LAKE ABBY LN., BONITA
 • Single Family Home, in Quiet Gated Community
 • 2 Bedrooms + Den, 2.5-Car Garage
\$289,000 MLS 218015112
 Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

VASARI - MATERA



28442 ALTESSA WAY #202, BONITA
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1,616 S.F., Turnkey Furnished
 • Beautiful Lake View w/Southern Exposure
\$249,900 MLS 218004534
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

WINTERPARK

NEW PRICE



4260 JACK FROST CT. #3, NAPLES
 • Fully Remodeled 1st Floor Condo
 • 2 BR, 2 BA, Resort Style Amenities
\$189,900 MLS 218020654
 Sean Smuk 239.220.4040

TIBURON - CASTILLO



2834 TIBURON BLVD. E. #102, NAPLES
 • 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,400+ S.F., Furnished, 2 Car Garage
 • Open Floor Plan, East & West Facing Lanais
\$755,000 MLS 218007398
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

LELY RESORT



6750 BENT GRASS DR., NAPLES
 • Lakefront Pool Home w/Large Lanai
 • 3 BR, 2 BA, Dining, Living & Family Rooms
\$544,000 MLS 217078415
 Liz Appling 239.272.7201

ROOKERY POINTE



9681 RAVEN CT., ESTERO
 • Waterfront, Islamorada Model
 • 2 Master Suites, 3 BR, 3 BA, Pool
\$389,000 MLS 218017662
 Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

PALMIRA GOLF & CC



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

14071 TIVOLI TER., BONITA
 • Lake & Golf Course Views
 • Great Room Design w/Wide & Open Kitchen
\$329,000 MLS 217020785
 The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

BERKSHIRE VILLAGE

NEW PRICE



1419 MONARCH CIR. #B-5.1, NAPLES
 • Fully Renovated Villa
 • Rarely Available 3 BR, 3 BA, 2-Car Garage
\$284,995 MLS 218012097
 Sean Smuk 239.220.4040

FEATHER SOUND - THE STRAND

NEW PRICE



5681 HERON LN. #203, NAPLES
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1,490 S.F. Under Air
 • Beautiful Golf Course & Fountain Views
\$249,000 MLS 218003177
 Jenn Nicolai & Steve Suddeth 413.773.9247

CEDAR HAMMOCK - TERRACE V



3770 SAWGRASS WAY #3424, NAPLES
 • 2nd Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey, Elevator Access
 • Lush Views of Greens & Large Lake
\$175,200 MLS 217049974
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BONITA BAY



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4520 RIVERWATCH DR. #101, BONITA
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 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage
\$375,000 MLS 218019387
 Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.272.1196

LIGHTHOUSE BAY



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23820 SAN MARINO RD. #201, ESTERO
 • Bright 2nd Floor End Unit, 2,354 S.F.
 • Bonus Room Over 2 Car Garage
\$329,000 MLS 218022912
 The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

HAWTHORNE



26449 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
 • Quiet Sanctuary Preserve View
 • Immaculate 2 BR + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$277,900 MLS 218010712
 Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

STRATFORD PLACE - COVENTRY



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1280 HENLEY ST. #1607, NAPLES
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• Completely Remodeled w/Modern Look
\$695,000 MLS 218020940
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



10331 AUTUMN BREEZE DR. #201, ESTERO
• Oak Hammock, Elevator, Turnkey 3 BR, 3 BA + Den
• 2,948 S.F., Quiet Lake View, S. Facing Lanai
\$595,000 MLS 217069413
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

INDIGO LAKES

NEW PRICE



14475 JEKYLL ISLAND CT., NAPLES
• 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms + Bonus Room
• Close to Schools & Amenities
\$539,000 MLS 218012064
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

RESERVE II BANYAN WOODS

NEW PRICE



5025 BLAUVELT WAY #201, NAPLES
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage
• Tons of Entertaining Space, 3,022 S.F.
\$469,900 MLS 217077373
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LELY RESORT - CALDECOTT



6509 CALDECOTT DR., NAPLES
• Lush Tropical Oasis
• Small Gated Enclave
\$459,900 MLS 217051894
Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

OLDE NAPLES



800 S. GOLF DR. #N-105, NAPLES
• 1st Floor Condo, Minutes from the Beach
• Rare 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey Gem, Pet Friendly
\$360,000 MLS 218016634
Steven Fenttman 239.777.2341

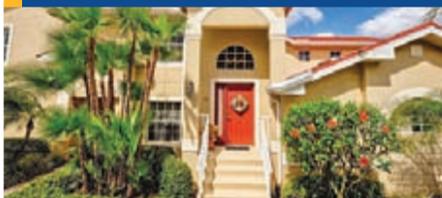
GLEN EAGLE GOLF & CC



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324 HARVARD LN., NAPLES
• 1 Story Home with 2 Car Garage
• Wood Floors, Cherry Kitchen
\$359,900 MLS 217052021
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GRANDEZZA GOLF & CC



20290 CALICE CT. #1003, ESTERO
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, Elevator
• Stunning Lake & Golf Course Views
\$359,500 MLS 218014256
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HEITMANS



9921 ALABAMA ST., BONITA
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• Fenced Backyard w/Flood Lights
\$350,000 MLS 217078197
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SHADOW WOOD - MORNINGSIDE



22901 ROSEDALE DR. #101, ESTERO
• Cul-De-Sac, Lake View, 2 BR, 2 BA + Den
• Glass Slider Enclosed Lanai, SE Exp.
\$315,000 MLS 218008846
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

GLEN EAGLE - MONTCLAIR PARK



OPEN 4/14 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1059 MARBLEHEAD DR. #0-3, NAPLES
• Golf Membership Included
• Four Miles to Downtown & the Beach
\$300,000 MLS 218005692
Mark Semeraro 239.370.2455

SPANISH WELLS

NEW LISTING



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9181 LAS MADERAS DR., BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA, Attached Turnkey Villa
• Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
\$295,000 MLS 218024948
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

WILDCAT RUN - CYPRESS COVE

NEW LISTING



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

20691 WILDCAT RUN DR. #201, ESTERO
• 2nd Floor, Former Model
• 3 BR, 2 BA + Den, Enclosed Lanai, 2 Car GA
\$289,900 MLS 218023642
Carol Jones 239.250.4310

TARPON BAY - NEPTUNE BAY

NEW LISTING



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1720 TARPON BAY DR. S. #202, NAPLES
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage, 1,669 S.F.
• Granite, Crown Molding, SS, Gas Available
\$274,500 MLS 218024360
Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

COUNTRY CREEK



OPEN 4/14 1:00PM - 4:00PM

21179 BUTCHERS HOLLER, ESTERO
• Lake & Golf Course Views
• 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 2 Car Garage
\$269,000 MLS 218007593
Jim Griffith, The Boeglin Team 239.322.2409

GRANDEZZA GOLF & CC



20201 CALICE CT. #2903, ESTERO
• Gorgeous Lake & Golf Course Condo
• Endless Views, Beautifully Maintained
\$268,500 MLS 218007593
Anabelle Miller 239.565.0146

HAWTHORNE - CHESAPEAKE COVE

NEW PRICE



26407 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
• Peaceful Preserve View from Lanai
• 3 BR, 2 BA, 1,747 S.F., 2-Car Garage
\$265,000 MLS 218012111
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

HACIENDA VILLAGE

NEW PRICE



27870 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #202C, BONITA
• 2 BR, 2.5 BA Townhouse in Great Location
• 2 Pools, Tennis, Bocce, Gated Community
\$225,000 MLS 218014683
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

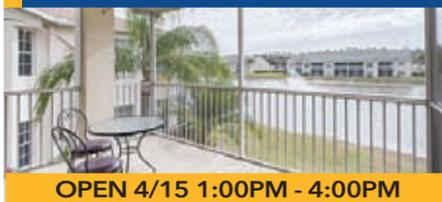
LIGHTHOUSE BAY



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23891 COSTA DEL SOL RD. #101, ESTERO
• 1st Floor End Unit w/Carport
• 3 BR, 2 BA, Western Exposure
\$223,900 MLS 218006006
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

VILLAGES OF BONITA



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9660 VILLAGE VIEW BLVD. #201, BONITA
• Beautiful Fountain Views, 2 BR, 2 BA + Den
• Open Great Room Style Floor Plan
\$223,000 MLS 218010346
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

VILLAGES OF BONITA



OPEN 4/15 1:00PM - 4:00PM

25756 AMELIA WAY #203, BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA, 2nd Floor, Remodeled Condo
• Spacious Living Area & Open Kitchen
\$199,900 MLS 217072418
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

GARDENS OF BONITA SPRINGS

NEW PRICE



27123 MATHESON AVE. #205, BONITA
• 3 BR, 2 BA, Tile Floors Throughout
• Open Great Room Floor Plan
\$173,500 MLS 218026124
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

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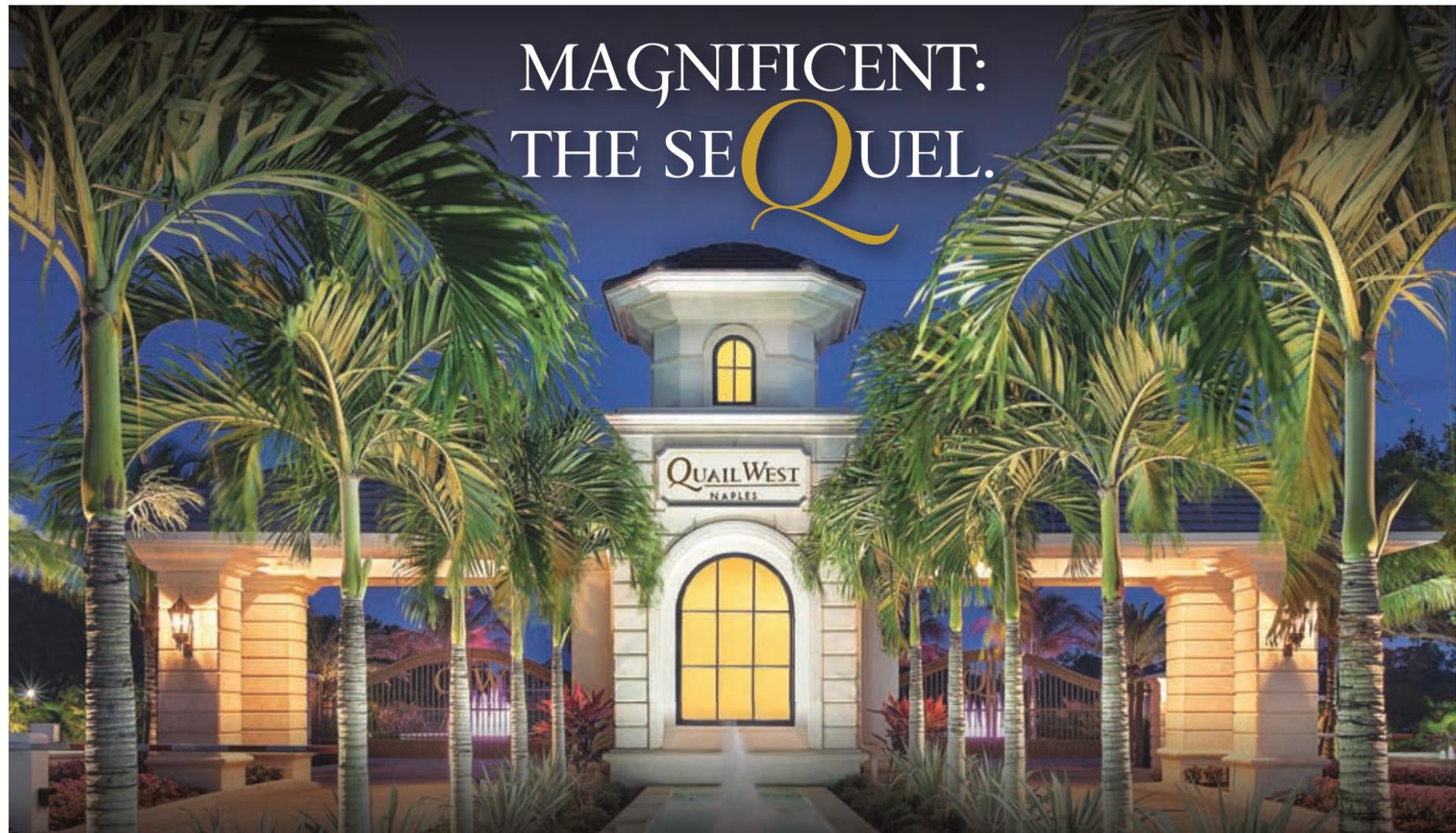
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Top: AQUA offers buyers an opportunity to create a custom home overlooking a private marina, Wiggins Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Left: AQUA at Pelican Isle sets a new standard for luxury waterfront living as the finest boutique marina-front condominium in Naples. Below: Only two private marina cabanas, designed to enjoy the outdoors with the comforts of the indoors, remain available for purchase at AQUA.

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Expanded amenities enhance Talis Park's new-fashioned aesthetic

Since purchasing Talis Park in 2011, Kitson & Partners' mission to redefine the traditional country club experience continues to emerge at Talis Park.

Anchored by its award-winning Vyne House clubhouse and the lakes and fairways of one of only two Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf courses worldwide, Talis Park's quality of life conveys a deeper, more meaningful idea of luxury.

The newest addition to Talis Park's array of amenities is The Beach Runner, its exclusive Mercedes-Benz Sprinter shuttle. Each day, the Beach Runner whisks members away to the white sands of Vanderbilt Beach on the Gulf of Mexico. Trips begin around 10am, with the last trip back to Talis Park departing the beach approximately a half-hour after sunset.

"Naples is well-known for its gorgeous beaches and legendary sunsets," said Milt Flinn, Chief Operating Officer of Talis Park, "and our Beach Runner makes it easy and convenient for Talis Park members to enjoy them."

The Beach Runner is stationed at Talis Park's Vyne House clubhouse, adjacent to the Great Lawn at Talis Park's Grand Piazza. Vyne House epitomizes the community's new-fashioned aesthetic, with a variety of comfortable outdoor spaces, lushly-landscaped walkways and courtyards, and other entertainment areas.

Vyne House includes 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space. Its centerpiece is Vyne Court, a point of entry and a social space for events. Vyne House's upper level includes formal and casual indoor and outdoor dining, market café, multiple covered terraces, multi-purpose room, fitness studios, wine room, board room, and spa. A resort-style pool with spacious pool deck and cabanas is also included, as well as a rotunda that features a two-sided fireplace and overlooks the 18th green. The lower level hosts the golf pro shop and locker rooms.

Vyne House received First Place and Best of Show honors in the New Construction/Private Club category in Golf Inc.'s 2016 Clubhouse of the Year competition and received CBIA's 2016 Sand Dollar Awards for Best Clubhouse Exterior and Best Clubhouse Interior Design.

Located on Talis Park Drive, the golf club's driving range is also home to Casa Cortese, a sports pub-style lounge with billiards, shuffleboard, darts, golf simulator, and multiple televisions.

At the south end of the community and adjacent to the Corsica and Viansa neighborhoods, Talis Park's Sports Complex offers six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with pavilions, pro shop and clubhouse, four bocce courts, lap pool, playground, and landscaped areas. An enchanting green space provides a social gathering area reminiscent of the Great Lawn. Tree-lined streetscapes offer an ideal setting for walking, jogging, and biking while nature trails provide an opportunity to experience nature on a more intimate level.

Talis Park's golf experience is second to none. The Norman/Dye-designed course includes 133 acres of carefully manicured Sea Dwarf Paspalum



Top: Talis Park's Vyne House clubhouse. Above Left: Casa Cortese at Talis Park. Above Right: The Beach Runner, Talis Park's exclusive new beach shuttle. Right: Talis Park Golf Club's Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course. Bottom: Talis Park's Sports Complex.

turf. The tees, fairways, roughs and greens, are 100 percent Paspalum at varying heights. The course measures 7,025 yards from the championship tees. A picturesque landscape allows for uphill and downhill holes while providing a setting similar to the valleys of Tuscany, Italy.

The golf course provides a backdrop for Talis Park's neighborhoods which include showcase estates, single-family residences, resort-style coach homes, penthouse-style condominiums and terrace homes from the high-\$600's into the millions. Furnished models are available for viewing seven days a week.

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. Program information is available by calling (239) 292-0846.

For information or a personalized tour, visit the Garden House Information & Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Rd., call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com. ■

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6 penthouse residences available at Ronto's Eleven Eleven Central

The Ronto Group announced six Phase I penthouse residences remain available at its new Eleven Eleven Central walkable/bikeable community located on Central Avenue between 10th Street and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Three of the remaining penthouses face the community's courtyard amenity deck and three provide views of the surrounding neighborhood. The Phase I offering includes five light-filled two-bedroom, two-bedroom plus den, and three-bedroom open-concept floor plans ranging from 1,407 to 2,297 square feet of total living space, including covered outdoor balconies. Pre-construction pricing starts in the mid-\$500's. Permitting for Phase I construction is in process.

Phase I reservations worth more than \$23 million have been processed at Eleven Eleven Central. Reservations that will hold a residence of the buyer's choice and introductory pricing can be secured for a \$25,000 reservation payment that is applied to the purchase price. Half of the Phase I building has been reserved and three out of the four Phase I furnished models have been reserved.

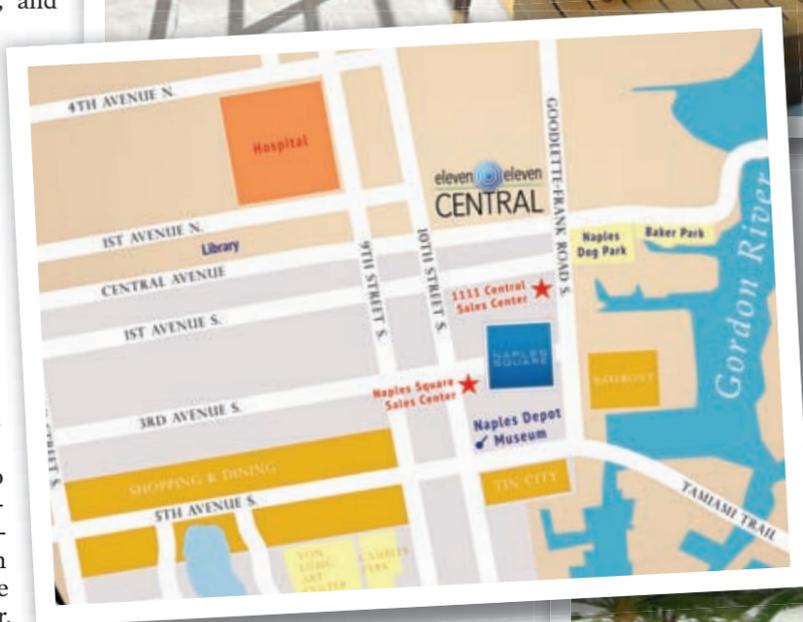
The remaining penthouse residences feature Ronto's Belair, Collins, and Duval floor plans. Two Belair penthouses are available, one facing the courtyard and one facing the neighborhood. With 1,741 square feet of living space and 1,561 square feet under air, the Belair plan features a great room that opens to a covered balcony, a dining area, and an island kitchen. Base-priced at \$665,000, the plan includes two bedrooms, two full-baths, a den, and a separate laundry room. Walk-in closets are featured in the owner's suite. A furnished Belair model priced at \$766,465 is available with a leaseback.

One courtyard-facing and two neighborhood facing Collins penthouses also remain. The two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath Collins plan includes 1,947 square feet with 1,757 square feet under air. The spacious living area opens to a covered balcony and includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen. The owner's suite features walk-in closets, a bath with his and her's vanities, and a bedroom with a sitting area. The Collins plan is base-priced at \$765,000.

One courtyard-facing Duval penthouse base-priced at \$990,000 is available. The three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath plan features 2,297 square feet with 2,045 square feet under air. The guest bedrooms include private baths and one of the guest bedrooms opens to the covered balcony. A wide gallery hallway and two walk-in closets are included in the owner's suite. The living area features a great room, dining area, and an island kitchen wrapped by perimeter cabinetry and counter surfaces. The great room and dining area open to the covered balcony. A large separate laundry room is also included.

In addition, just one residence featuring the Phase I Avalon floor plan remains available. The two-bedroom, two full-bath Avalon provides 1,736 square feet with 1,476 square feet under air. An L-shaped 260 square foot balcony offers conversation and dining areas. The great room and owner's bedroom open to the balcony. Walk-in closets are included in the owner's suite. The plan includes a kitchen, dining area, and a separate laundry room. The Avalon plan is base-priced at \$615,000.

Three residences presenting Ronto's



Above: Every Phase I Eleven Eleven Central floor plan includes an outdoor balcony with views of the amenity courtyard or the surrounding neighborhood. Left: The Ronto Group has established two downtown Naples sales centers that represent both Naples Square and Eleven Eleven Central. One is located in unit 101 of the Naples Square Phase I building at 1030 3rd Avenue South. The other is situated at 100 Goodlette-Frank Road South. Both sales centers are open daily. Below: Scheduled for completion in Phase I, Eleven Eleven Central's approximately 60,000 square foot courtyard amenity deck will feature a massive 3,200 square foot resort style pool with a beach entry and two 90-foot lap lanes.

Phase I Atlantic floor plan also remain available for reservation. Base-priced at \$540,000, the Atlantic floor plan features 1,407 square feet of living space, including 1,265 square feet under air. The two-bedroom, two full-bath residence includes a spacious island kitchen, dining area, and a great room that opens to a covered balcony measuring 142 square feet. Two walk-in closets are featured in the owner's suite. The plan also includes a separate laundry room.

While Eleven Eleven Central's record setting reservation pace has been remarkable, what is even more noteworthy is the diversity of those who are planning on enjoying life at the new community. Forty-something professionals, empty nesters, and retirees have all been captivated by Eleven Eleven Central's floor plans, the community's proximity to 5th Avenue South and the Design District that has emerged along the 10th Street corridor, and its unprecedented array of amenities that no other downtown Naples community can offer.

Eleven Eleven Central will offer a nearly 3,500-square foot clubroom with a bar, billiards tables, card tables, large screen televisions, and a catering kitchen. A fitness center also measuring nearly 3,500-square feet will include a functional movement area, exercise equipment, massage rooms, and rest rooms. Resident storage areas and bike storage areas will be included. Six furnished community



guest suites will be provided for visitors.

A 60,000 square foot courtyard amenity deck scheduled for completion in Phase I will feature a 3,200 square foot resort-style pool with a beach entry and two 90-foot lap lanes, chaise lounges and poolside tables, two spas, outdoor showers, poolside cabanas, grills, a cabana bar and grilling area with large screen televisions, fire pits with built-in seating areas, a hammock lawn, a life-sized outdoor chess set, a yoga stretching area, and two bocce ball courts. The outdoor amenities will be expanded during Phase II to include a 20,400-square foot Courtyard Park.

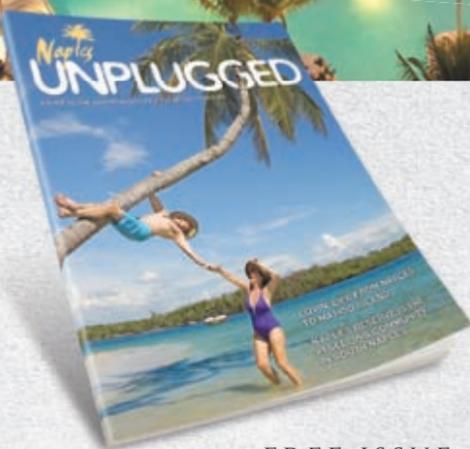
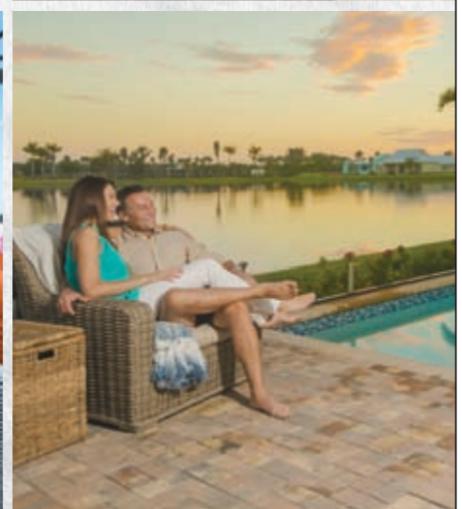
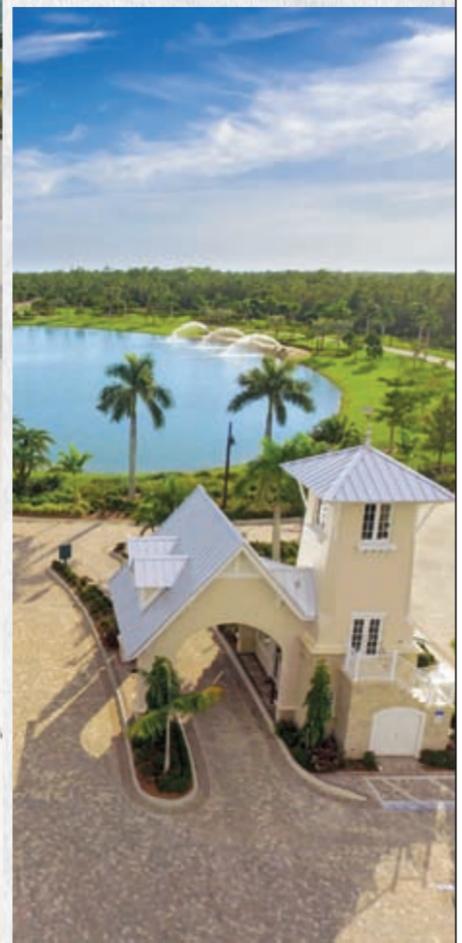
Eleven Eleven Central residents will

enjoy immediate access to downtown Naples' shopping, dining, and entertainment attractions. The beach is three-quarters of a mile from the community via the sidewalks and bike lanes on Central Avenue or a short ride on the planned community beach shuttle. The community provides ready access to Baker Park and the Gordon River Pedestrian Bridge and Boardwalk that connects Central Avenue and downtown Naples to the Gordon River Greenway.

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Nine Tower-03 residences left at Ronto's Omega high-rise



Just nine tower residences featuring the spectacular 03 floor plan remain available for reservation at the luxurious 27-story Omega high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group within Bonita Bay. The remaining 03 residences are priced from \$2.5 to \$4.6 million. The Omega tower is the final high-rise tower to be built at Bonita Bay and will feature 67 residences, including 63 tower residences and four penthouses. With reservations worth nearly \$80 million already processed, the Omega tower has captivated homebuyers. Omega's architectural style presents a modern perspective on luxury. Because the design takes advantage of innovative construction methods and materials that span greater distances and allow the use of more glass, the Omega tower floor plans offer the square footage and width found in estate homes on 110-foot home sites. The residences will feature larger, wider, open living spaces with tall windows offering views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Tower residence pre-construction pricing starts at \$2.150 million. The four Omega penthouses have been reserved.

The sheer size of the Omega tower residences is unlike any high-rise residence previously built in Southwest Florida. Ronto created the building based on preferences expressed by potential purchasers who indicated view corridors and open floor plans with large living areas, large owner suites and secondary bedrooms, big outdoor living areas, private garages, and readily accessible storage space were all critical to the living experience. Rather than wanting to downsize in a condominium with less square footage than in their single-family estate homes, the potential purchasers wanted to simplify their lives in a maintenance-free environment without sacrificing space or livability. Ronto created a three unit per floor approach that allowed the residences to be wider and more spacious than typical high-rise condominiums. As a result, the Omega tower plans offer the square footage and width found in estate homes on 110-foot home sites.

The 03-tower residence floor plan epitomizes Ronto's approach. The plan offers 4,645-square feet under air, an astounding 1,005 square feet of outdoor terrace space, and 75 square feet of private air-conditioned storage space on the same floor as the residence. The plan features



a massive great room, an elegant dining area, a comfortable family room, and an island kitchen that combine to create the spacious, open living area preferred by potential purchasers. The great room and owner's bedroom fully open to a huge west and northwest facing terrace with multiple conversation areas, a dining area, and an outdoor kitchen with a gas grill. A clean-lined linear fireplace is included in the great room. The double-island kitchen offers an additional gathering place when entertaining. The plan also includes a den, four-and-a-half baths, and three large guest bedrooms. The den and all three guest bedrooms open to another large terrace that offers sunrise views. The owner's suite features a huge walk-in closet, and a bath with separate vanities and separate water closets.

Three tower floor plans are available. The living spaces, owners' suites, and some of the guest bedrooms will open to outdoor terraces with 42-inch high glass railings. Except where dropped, ten-foot four-inch volume ceilings will create a sense of space. All three of the tower plans present huge open-concept living areas with a spacious great room, an island kitchen with a large walk-in pantry, and a dining area. Every tower residence comes with a private elevator lobby, a private air-conditioned storage space on the same floor as the residence, and a private enclosed two-car garage. Tower residents will also enjoy a roof-top amenity deck.

Flooring in the living areas of the fully-completed Omega residences will be wood, stone, or porcelain tile. The island kitchens will feature designer selected cabinetry, quartz or granite countertop selections, a 36-inch SubZero refrigerator and 18-inch freezer, Wolf gas ranges and ovens, a Miele dishwasher, and Dornbracht plumbing fixtures. The bathrooms will also feature designer selected cabinetry and quartz or granite countertops, Dornbracht plumbing fixtures, and Toto toilets.

Omega residents will enjoy 18,000 square feet of interior amenities, including a billiards room and bar attached to a clubroom, a catering kitchen, a spacious fitness center, a conference room, and three guest suites. Outside, plans call for a single level amenity deck surrounded by glass railings that will include a resort-style pool and spa, a 40-foot by 40-foot pool pavilion with a bar and dining tables, a hot tub, shaded areas, a cabana party area, fire pits with built-in seating, and six cabanas that are available for purchase and include a kitchenette and bathroom.

Omega residents can take advantage of membership opportunities available through the Bonita Bay Club. The Club's amenity offering includes three on-property and two off-property golf courses, as well as a 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center with a 9,000 square-foot spa and salon,



Top: The tower residences at The Ronto Group's Omega high-rise will feature wider, open living spaces with tall windows offering views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Above Left: The Omega 03-tower residence floor plan features a massive great room, an elegant dining area, a comfortable family room, and an island kitchen that combine to create the spacious, open living area preferred by luxury homebuyers. Above Right: A massive pool with a beach entry, and two sun shelves that will each include six chaise lounges and built-in benches will serve as the centerpiece of the Omega high-rise's outdoor amenity deck.

a 20,000 square-foot fitness center, and the Wave Café that features healthy menu selections. A new Tennis and Aquatic Center has been completed. A new Sports Center includes a tennis pro shop, as well as dedicated men's and ladies' tennis locker rooms. The Bonita Bay Marina is just minutes from the Gulf. Bonita Bay's residents-only beach park is just 10 to 15 minutes from the community. Residents also enjoy Bonita Bay's network of biking and hiking paths. A kayaking and canoeing lodge offers additional possibilities.

Visit the Omega Sales Center at 26951 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Call 239-301-4940 for a sales appointment. ■



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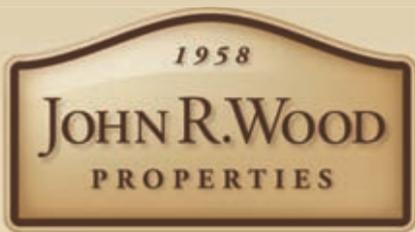


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Phase 1 pre-construction pricing ending at Moorings Park Grande Lake

Two-Day Open House Planned



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 two-day event.

The public Open House will be held on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day with light refreshments being served.

“Moorings Park Grande Lake is going to be a spectacular community,” stated Daniel Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc. “We hope the public will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about London Bay Homes’ luxurious design and Moorings Park’s commitment to Simply the Best® qualities, services and amenities.”

According to Lavender, the event also marks the 10-day countdown to the end of the Phase 1 pre-construction pricing, which won’t be offered after April 30.

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,” said Lavender.

“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



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



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.

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

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 liv-

ing 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

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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.

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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.

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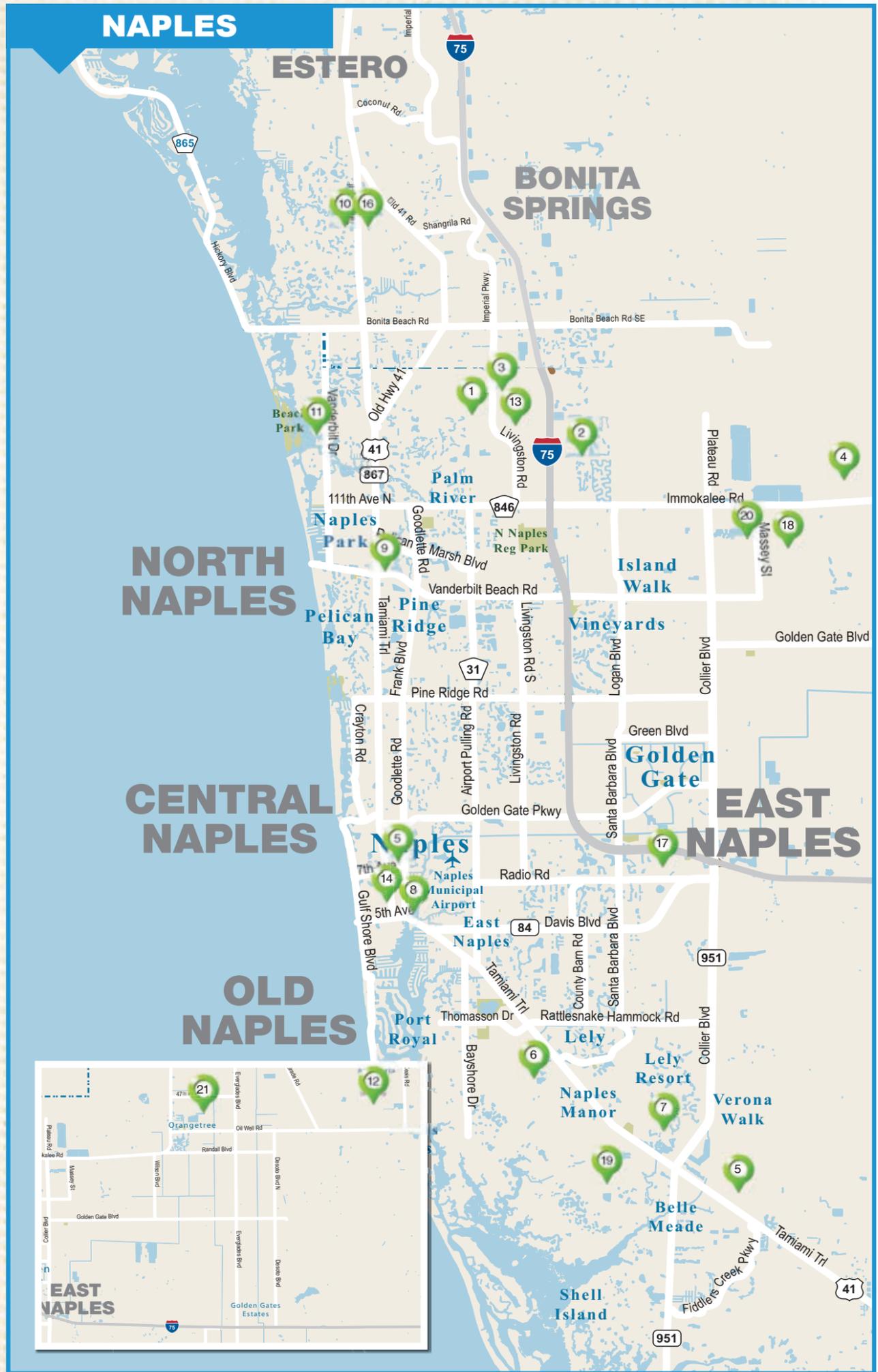
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by Karen Kauffman

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We arrive from as near as Naples, Ft. Myers, Sarasota and Tampa. We make our way from Georgia, New Jersey, New York and New England, from across the Midwest and New Mexico, Montana, Washington, Canada and the United Kingdom.

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here for months, or maybe decades, all are welcome.

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NEWSMAKERS

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she managed, created and executed high-end interior and exterior design projects, staging assignments and feng shui projects. She is a licensed realtor in Florida and Illinois. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Marquette University and an AA in design from the College of Dupage. She is also a personal lifestyle coach/trainer, certified in individual and group personal training to provide nutritional and fitness consultation.



WEBB

Rick Tucker has been named top sales associate and Phil Rice and Jim O'Neil top sales team in Florida at Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT. Mr. Tucker, who sells commercial investment properties throughout Florida, has more than 20 years of experience in the real estate industry. He holds an MBA from the University of Baltimore. Mr. Rice and Mr. O'Neil sell commercial real estate and large businesses in Southwest Florida and have extensive experience in the U.S. Small Business Administration loan program and strategic investment.

Royal Shell Real Estate announces the following top performers in March:

Naples Parkshore office - Top listing producer team, The Boeglin Team; top listings producer individual, Deborah Viglas; top sales producer team, The Roboci Team; and top sales producer individual, Pamela Olsen.

Naples Fifth Avenue office - Top listings producer team, The Smuk-Ekovich Team; top listings producer and top sales producer individual, Liz Appling; and top sales producer team, The Taran-to Team.

Bonita Springs office - Top listings producer team, The Vahle Team; top listings producer individual, Jamie Lienhardt; top sales producer team, the Lummis Team; and top sales producer individual, Sue Ellen Mathers.

Sanibel-Captiva office - Top listings producer and sales producer team, The McMurray & Nette Team; top listings producer individual, Cindy Sitton; and top sales producer individual, Cathy Rosario.

Fort Myers office - Top listings producer and sales producer team, The Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team; top listings producer individual, Tina Tusack; and top sales producer individual, Patti Testa.

Cape Coral office - Top listings producer team and sales producer team, Koffman & Associates; top listings producer individual, Marc Wozny; and top sales producer individual, Ron Cotorakas.

CC Homes reports 44 sales of new single-family homes for the first quarter 2018 in neighborhoods in Ave Maria including Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve and Coquina at Maple Ridge. The builder offers 20 one- and two-story designs that range from 1,348 to 5,200 air-conditioned square feet. Prices are from the low \$200,000s into the \$500,000s. Fourteen models are open daily.

CC Homes has broken ground on the Club at Maple Ridge, a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse with pool, parks and more.

The Maple Ridge sales and model center is at 5000 Avila Ave. in Ave Maria. For more information, call 305-915-7646 or visit www.MapleRidgeFL.com.

Amber Cory has joined Florida Lifestyle Homes in a sales and marketing position at Naples Reserve, where the builder will soon unveil its newest model, the three-bedroom, 3½-bath Key Largo. Naples Reserve recently surpassed the \$125 million mark in home sales.

Judy Gietzen and **Gina Turkel** of Elite Realty of SWFL have received top producer awards for 2017 from the Women's Council of Realtors Bonita Springs-Estero. Ms. Gietzen, broker/owner with The Gietzen Group, earned the platinum distinction in recognition of \$10 million-plus in closed sales. She also received a Golden Bear award for closed sales from the Bonita Springs-Estero Realtors Association. Ms. Turkel earned silver recognition from WCR for closed sales between \$3 million and \$5 million.

BUILD has started the second phase of renovations at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Designed by McWard Architects and Wegman Design Group, the clubhouse is undergoing an addition and remodel to the main dining room, private dining, entry lobby, locker rooms, men's and women's lounges and the office area. This is the third project by BUILD at Pelican Marsh, having previously completed an expansion and remodel of the main kitchen and the complete remodel of the grillroom and bar. ■

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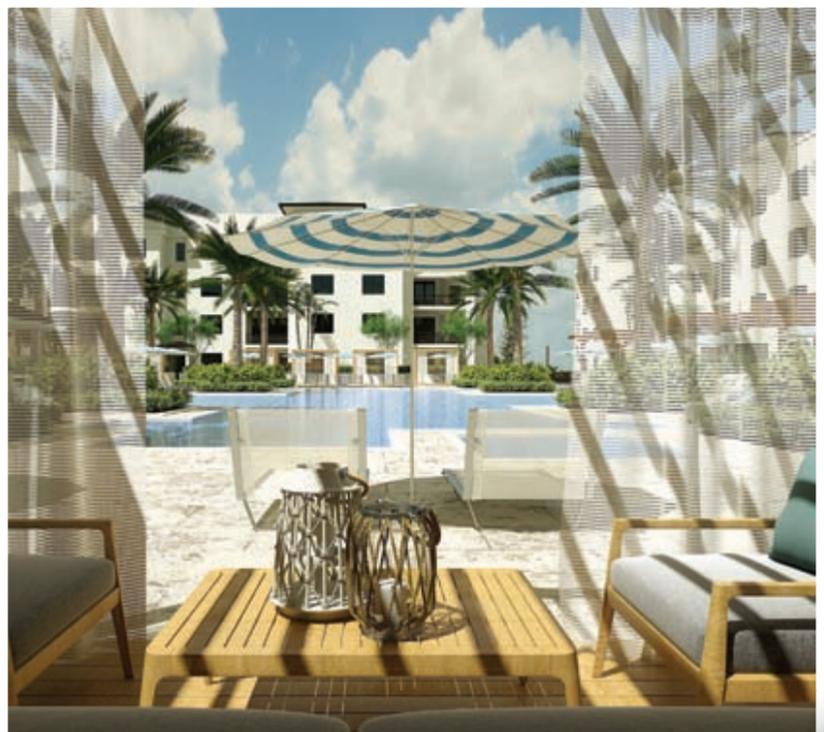
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ART FOR ALL

Famous for his prolific output and paintings sold at thrift-store prices long after his work started being shown in galleries around the world, Steve Keene's new exhibit at Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW in Fort Myers is one of his largest-scale projects to date

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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JUST TWO WEEKS BEFORE A major exhibition at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery in Fort Myers, Steve Keene still had not produced any actual art for it. Which is not to say he was unprepared;

SEE ART, C4 ►

Steve Keene

COURTESY PHOTOS

Life's still a 'Cabaret' for 87-year-old Naples resident

BY NANCY STETSON
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Jean Packard is beautiful. You know it's true because Joel Grey proclaimed it from the stage of The Broadhurst Theatre on Broadway every night as the Emcee of "Cabaret."

"...even the orchestra is beautiful," he'd declare. And Ms. Packard would be pushed onstage on a little dias as part of a quartet.



PACKARD

She sat at the upright piano, the trombonist perched saucily on top. She wore a low-cut outfit, black with red trim, and black fishnet stockings. On her head: a blonde wig with sausage curls, topped with a white sailor hat.

It was far from the elegant gowns she wore when playing Gershwin, Cole Porter and all the standards on the piano in hotels around Manhattan. This was back in the 1960s, and though she accompanied singers when they auditioned for Broadway roles, she had never aspired to the Great White Way herself.

"I'll tell you how it happened," the 87-year-old resident of Naples says.

SEE CABARET, C20 ►



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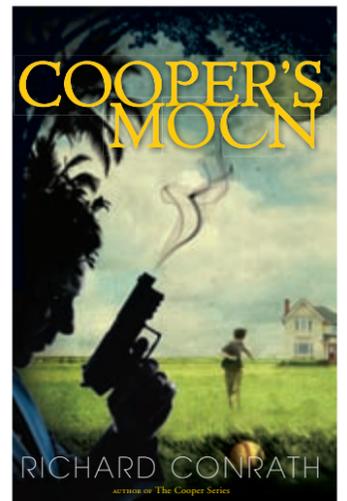
Jean Packard on the piano during "Cabaret" in the 1960s.

INSIDE



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Food, wine and fun, and more to-dos around town. **C25-31** ►



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Book critic Phil Jason says he looks forward to more tales with South Florida PI. **C2** ►



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FLORIDA WRITERS

Series debut focuses on predators who kidnap and sell children

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■ **“Cooper’s Moon”** by Richard Conrath. Gulf Shore Press. 400 pages. Trade paperback, \$14.99.

“Cooper’s Moon,” the gripping first novel in a projected Cooper series by Richard Conrath, deals with timely issues and delivers elaborately painted South Florida settings, a strong protagonist and haunting horrors that will keep readers engaged and on edge.

Cooper is a driven man. Seven years before the story’s point of attack, he and his wife Jillie suffered a marriage-destroying tragedy: Their young son Maxie was inexplicably gone from their lives, probably kidnapped from the neighborhood of their rural Ohio home. Their local searches go nowhere. The marriage collapses under the weight of mutual recriminations.

Seeking a fresh angle on finding his son, Cooper leaves his college teaching job and moves to Miami, where he has connections. He settles in a commu-

nity called Oceanside and becomes a homicide detective in the Miami Police Department.

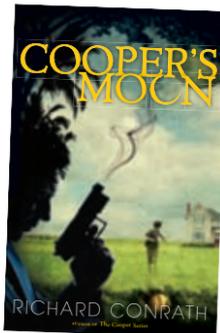
Readers meet him seven years into his second career, working a case involving the shooting of a 12-year-old boy. Soon after, he gets involved in a case about a teenage girl, Tamara Thompson, whose corpse was found in a cemetery. It’s easy for Cooper to be sympathetic with Tamara’s parents.

Cooper’s lack of progress on the hunt for his son’s fate and his frustration with police bureaucracy lead him to leave the police department and become a private investigator. He manages to hold onto some of his police friends, including his former partner, Detective Tony DeFelice, but they never let him forget that he “copped out” on them.

Soon enough, Cooper learns there are several unsolved child murders in or near his Oceanside community. And other children are missing. Even though leads are scarce, the road to information leads to a seminary whose candidates for priesthood are also trying to save area youths from lives of crime or from other kinds of danger. Cooper’s first case as a PI leads him there, where he finds the leaders to be either closed-mouthed or speaking with false, forced sincerity.

Mr. Conrath has taken us into the

hideous world of human trafficking. Innocent kids are for sale via an international marketplace where their abductors compete for goods for which there is an insatiable demand. Is the seminary a cover operation? Who’s ultimately pulling the strings?



The strength of the book lies in the author’s vivid descriptions of place. We travel with him through various Florida communities, following every twist in the road and seeing every landmark. On some occasions description is overdone, but the overwriting does not interfere with the narrative’s suspenseful action.

The closing chapters present the pursuit by Cooper and his comrades across coastal water to overtake the traffickers’ boat. These high-tension passages rival similar stretches found in Randy Wayne White’s novels in which effective boat handling and knowledge of waterways is raised to an art form, and elevated prose is raised to poetry.

Once again as in Mr. White’s fictional world, Mr. Conrath’s characters engage with an assortment of vividly described weapons — guns, bow and arrow, baseball bat, whatever does the job. It’s all in a day’s work.

If you like vigorous adventure blended with high profile issues, this book

— and most likely the series — is for you.

About the author

Richard Conrath was once an ordained Catholic priest. After leaving the priesthood, he taught philosophy for 16 years and also worked as a freelance journalist for the daily edition and The Sunday Magazine of the Cleveland Plain Dealer as well as for other newspapers, magazines and journals.

He earned a Ph.D. at Kent State University in 1976, his dissertation inspired by the university riots of May 1970. After earning his degree, he left teaching for administration, taking jobs as the president of several community colleges and head of a school in Tarsus, Turkey.

He returned to the United States in 1996 and opened a consulting firm. In 2004 he took a full-time position teaching educational leadership at Saint Leo University north of Tampa.

Since leaving his position as a university professor, Mr. Conrath has been a full-time writer. He lives in Miromar Lakes with his wife, Karyn, and their Maltese dog, Kikki. He loves spending time with his family, playing tennis and basketball, walking and reading. ■

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



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ARTS COMMENTARY

A hymn of praise for libraries during National Library Week

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They are wonderful, whatever their shape: giant metropolitan complexes guarded by twin marble lions, suburban buildings, little one-room rural oases, roaming libraries on wheels.

Give thanks for:

The shelves that hold King and Kingsolver, Seuss and Sendak, Augusten Burroughs and William S. Burroughs.

The aisles that house Connelly and Hiaasen and the full alphabetical thrillers of the late great Sue Grafton, containing the adventures of that spunky, slow-to-age Kinsey Millhone from A to Y.

The comforting prose of Elizabeth Berg, like a hot cup of tea on a rainy day, with one cat on your feet and another on your lap.

The genius of Elizabeth Strout, who populates her books with complex, broken people in rural Maine and downstate Illinois.

The quiet, heartbreaking prose of Ken Haruf, and the courage and overwhelming loneliness of a widowed next-door neighbor.

Truman Capote's precise prose about two men who murdered four members of a Kansas family in cold blood.

L. Frank Baum's fanciful novels that give us hope that there is indeed life outside of Kansas.

Bald-headed Harold creating an entire world with a purple crayon.

Curious George escaping the Man With the Yellow Hat and getting into mischief.

Buck-naked Mickey crowing "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" and proclaiming, "I'm in the milk and the milk's in me!"

Harriet sneaking around, spying on people, writing everything down in her notebooks, trying to make sense of the world.

Be grateful that the sun also rises while a tree grows in Brooklyn where anything is

possible.

We can read about Frank's wife, Bosch, Olive Kitteridge, Anna Madrigal, Kay Scarpetta, Idgie and Ruth, an unremarried widow, a gentleman in Moscow.

We can visit Halsey Street, the Turner House, Mansfield Park, Peyton Place, Mystic River, Darktown and Station Eleven.

We can learn how to fix a sink, ballroom dance, cook healthy meals, ace a job interview, tell knock-knock jokes, visit Italy on a budget and be a more attentive husband.

We can read poetry and Civil War letters, see photos of jazz greats and listen to their recordings.

I know Grace Slick and the Jefferson Airplane weren't thinking of books when they

urged us to "Feed your head," but books — and libraries — certainly do that.

Libraries are just the most incredible places. You walk in, show sufficient identification and proof of residence, and you get a library card. And then you can walk out with books — everything from classics to bestsellers — as well as DVDs or Blu-rays and CDs.

You can download an e-book from the comfort of your own home. You can listen to audio books. When I was a little girl and learned about libraries, I was dumbstruck. To me, it was akin to walking into a toy store and being allowed to take whatever you wanted.

And there's more. You can call the reference line and get your questions answered. No query too trivial, too strange or too esoteric; they'll try their best to find your answer.

You can attend the annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival, where not only does each child receive a free book, but you can hear your favorite author speak, followed by a question-and-answer period. And after all *that* you can speak to the authors one-on-one and get your books signed.

Paradise on earth!

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 8:30 P.M.

In Principle

A "conservative-oriented talk show" that takes its cue from William F. Buckley's "Firing Line."

SATURDAY, APRIL 14,

10:30 P.M.

Downton Abbey: Season 1,

Part 3

Matthew brings out the bitter rivalry between sisters Mary and Edith. Servants Thomas and O'Brien scheme against Bates.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 9 P.M.

Unforgotten: Season 1, Part 2

Cassie and Sunny dig deeper into Jimmy's murder, which involved torture. Father Rob

remembers Jimmy fondly. So does Eric. Questioned about past gangland ties, Sir Phillip refuses to cooperate.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 10 P.M.

10 Towns that Changed America

Ten towns designed from the ground up by architects, corporations and citizens.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 9 P.M.

Civilizations: Part 1

The Second Moment of Creation

Examine the formative role of art and the creative imagination in the forging of humanity itself. Images and artifacts found in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and South America testify to the urge to develop civilizations. Liev Schreiber narrates.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 10 P.M.

POV

Bill Nye: The Science Guy

Once the host of the popular kids' show, Bill Nye seeks to change the world through science. He's shedding the "Science Guy" costume with the goal of creating a more scientifically literate world. ■

“To me it’s about the democratization of art.”

— Jade Dellinger, Rauschenberg Gallery director



COURTESY PHOTO

Brooklyn-based artist Steve Keene at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW in Fort Myers paints images for a large-scale installation that opens on April 12.

ART

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this, of course, was the plan. When he arrived in town on Good Friday from his home in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the gallery already had 50 sheets of plywood ready for him to begin a massive commissioned installation, “57 Miles or 455 Furlongs,” made up of hand-painted duplicate images that stretch 8 by 200 feet in length.

The exhibition opens with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, and runs through June 9.

This is hardly unfamiliar territory for Mr. Keene, born in 1957, an internationally known artist who estimates that he has “sold or given away” more than 300,000 paintings in the last 35 years. It’s impossible to verify that astonishing number, but he has also suggested that he views installations made up of thousands of paintings or even his career as a single work. He has been dubbed “World’s Most Prolific Painter” as well as in 1998 in Time magazine the “Assembly-Line Picasso.” At one stint at the Santa Monica Museum of Art in 2000, he flew through 10,000 paintings in two months. The name of this installation in Fort Myers indicates the 57 miles he estimates his work since the 1990s would take up if placed end to end.

Mr. Keene’s works have also filled numerous indie-rock album covers and tour posters for groups such as Pavement, Soul Coughing and the Dave Matthews Band. He is energized by the idea that many of his paintings have been sold for the price of a used record album, \$5 or \$10 or less, and could go “directly from studio to Salvation Army” — that you could find his paintings amidst the junk, beautiful and cheap. Most artists do end up in obscurity and even though Mr. Keene has not, his work remains an



COURTESY PHOTO

Artist Steve Keene insists, “The images aren’t that important.”

homage to the unsung, with many of his individual pieces in the hands of the far-flung masses, and maybe a few thrift stores as well.

With his machine-like prolificacy, he calls to mind Andy Warhol (whose work he called “liberating”) as much as Picasso. But unlike Warhol, who is known for screen-printing, Mr. Keene paints each duplicate by hand, his strokes fast and sure, seemingly engrained in his muscle memory after decades of repetition. And unlike nearly every artist whose work has made the leap to museums and galleries, the paintings he produces on a daily basis out of his studio in Brooklyn, done in the same hand-painted manner as this installation, have remained resolutely cheap.

During a 12-minute documentary showing him in 1998 in New York, a cardboard sign advertising his work reads: “If you do not buy it now it will be a lot cheaper by the end of the month.”

These days he likes to finish his paintings ASAP and get them in the mail right away; a recent special on his

website advertises a “randomly selected” assortment of six paintings for \$70 (including shipping).

“To me it’s about the democratization of art,” said Rauschenberg Gallery Director Jade Dellinger.

The rise of the internet accelerated that idea, though Mr. Keene has championed it for decades — work that embraces art as a mass-produced entertainment instead of rarified, exclusive objects.

So, by April 3 at the Rauschenberg Gallery on the Florida SouthWestern State College campus, his installation was rapidly taking shape as students now and then passed by for a look.

Mr. Keene was up to his usual rigorous workday routine, in painting after painting layering bold colors that popped off and danced across the plywood.

The site-specific images were taken from an old art book he’d found in the Rauschenberg Gallery office when he got here; the name of a 19th century Western landscape painter, Albert Bierstadt, appears on many of the paintings.

But he insists, “The images aren’t that important.”

He’s more interested in the color patterns and to a larger extent losing himself in the process of painting, the “physical and mental rhythm” of churning out one after another.

After changing out of his painting clothes for an interview, he took a reflective glance at what he had painted, looking both mildly unsettled and happily in wonder as he observed that the “line” and stroke of his paintings has remained essentially unchanged for decades, years that have carried him to exhibits from New York to Los Angeles, London to Melbourne.

Mr. Keene grew up outside Washington, D.C. and attended Yale University.

His childhood was “fine,” he says.

As for Yale and how his experience there may have affected his work, he

shrugged.

“You get out of it what you put in to it.”

(He also admits he’s not a big talker).

Among his influences and inspirations, he is at least as enthusiastic about his youthful job as a restaurant dishwasher, the hard labor and repetitious rhythms it required, as he is about minimalist mid-20th century works of artists such as Agnes Martin and Sol LeWitt. Mr. Rauschenberg is also an artist he admires.

“It’s just amazing that I’m here in a place that had important exhibits of his work,” he said.

The title of Mr. Keene’s installation, “57 Miles or 455 Furlongs,” is an homage to Mr. Rauschenberg’s old retrospective “The ¼ Mile or 2 Furlong Piece,” which premiered here at the same gallery in the 1980s.

Mr. Keene recalled the year he turned 19, one of his first close encounters with Mr. Rauschenberg’s work. He attended a retrospective in Washington, D.C., where he viewed one of the late artist’s famous early “combines.”

“Monogram” featured a stuffed Angora goat that Mr. Rauschenberg had bought at a second-hand store encircled by a rubber tire.

“I remember I went up and blew the fur on the goat with the tire around it,” Mr. Keene said. ■

in the know

>> **What:** “Steve KEENE: 57 Miles or 455 Furlongs”

>> **When:** Through June 9

>> **Where:** Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers

>> **Details:** Opening to the public with a reception for the artist from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12

>> **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

>> **More information:** 489-9313

Naples Art Association awards \$54,000 in Jade N. Riedel Scholarships

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Art Association recently presented its Jade N. Riedel Scholarships for 2018. The competition, a partnership with the NAA, the Naples Woman's Club and the Ringling College of Art and Design, is open to Collier County high school students in grades 11 and 12.

"We are once again thrilled to work with the Ringling College of Art and Design to present scholarships to these deserving young artists," said Jack O'Brien, NAA curator and manager of the Jade N. Riedel Scholarship Program.

The scholarship recipients are:

■ Patricia-Faith Ferretti of Seacrest Country Day School - Ms. Ferretti won a \$20,000 four-year Ringling College of Art and Design Scholarship for her painting titled "Einstein."

■ Allison Wright of Naples High School - Ms. Wright won a \$20,000 four-year Ringling College of Art and Design Scholarship for her painting titled "Duality."

■ Lindsey Martinez of Palmetto Ridge High School - Ms. Martinez won the \$5,000 NAA Scholarship for her work titled "Benny and Me."

■ Tiffany Shadden of Palmetto Ridge High School - Ms. Shadden won the \$2,500 NAA Scholarship for her piece titled "Reflection of a Dream State."

■ Olivia Clubley of Naples High School - Ms. Clubley won a \$2,000 Naples Woman's Club Scholarship for Art Supplies for her work titled "Peanut Butter & Jelly."

■ Mia Hayes of Gulf Coast High School won a \$2,000 Naples Woman's Club Scholarship for Art Supplies for



Patricia-Faith Ferretti, winner of a four-year Ringling College of Art and Design Scholarship, with her winning painting, "Einstein."

"The Premature Burial."

■ Vanessa Scott of Gulf Coast High School - Ms. Scott won a \$1,000 NAA Scholarship for "Sloth."

■ Alyssa Rausch of Naples High School - Ms. Rausch won a \$1,000 NAA Scholarship for "Pink Tide."

■ Alysia Turke of Gulf Coast High School - Ms. Turke won a \$500 NAA Scholarship for "Pride."

About the judges

Scholarship judges included award-winning painter, teacher and bluegrass musician Patrick Morrison and Ringling College of Art and Design President Larry Thompson.

Mr. Morrison assigned the NAA and Naples Woman's Club scholarship awards. He started his 35-year career with Collier County schools in 1968 and was the first art teacher on staff at



Tiffany Shadden, winner of a Naples Art Association scholarship, and Elle Young, NAA development manager.

Naples High School. Many of his students participated in the NAA scholarship program, earned college degrees and have achieved success as working artists, college art professors, advertising agency creative directors and multimedia animators.

Mr. Morrison earned a master's degree in education from Murray State University in Kentucky and a bachelor of fine arts from Ringling College of Art and Design. He and his wife manage Morrison Graphics, a photography restoration business.

Dr. Thompson, who has served as Ringling's president for 19 years, assigned the Ringling College of Art and Design scholarship awards. He also serves as president of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design and treasurer of the President's Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida.

Dr. Thompson earned his juris doctorate summa cum laude from Ohio State University and practiced law for a number of years. He has a master of science in educational administration and counseling from California State University, Los Angeles.

About Jade Riedel

Jade Riedel was an artist and instructor who taught art courses and workshops for the NAA and the Art League of Marco Island during the 1980s and '90s. She came to the United States in 1974 from New Guinea, where she worked as a freelance illustrator and photojournalist.

Ms. Riedel earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Adelaide in Australia and an instructor's degree from the Department of Technical Education in Papua, New Guinea. She studied portraiture at the Slade School of Art at London University and was an original member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

She moved to Naples in 1980 and began exhibiting her paintings throughout Southwest Florida. She served as chair of the NAA scholarship program and was its chief fundraiser for many years. Following her death in 1996, the association chose to honor her memory and named the scholarship program after her.

The winning works by this year's scholarship recipients are on display at the NAA at 585 Park St. through April 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.NaplesArt.org. ■

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Kalamazoo – By The Naples Players through April 27 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.

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 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.

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 4.12

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.

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.

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. \$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 perform at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Free. 625 111th Ave. N. 566-8740 or www.saintjohntheevangelist.com.



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. www.assuagecenters.com



Andrey Boreyko conducts the Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Chorus in a program of works by Tchaikovsky, Chopin and Part with pianist Benjamin Grosvenor at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday at Artis—Naples. www.artisnaples.org

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

FRIDAY 4.13

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 111th 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.

Free Concert – Neon Summer performs from 6-9 p.m. tonight as part of Miramar Outlet's Friday Night Concert Series. 948-3766 or www.miramaroutlets.com.

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

SATURDAY 4.14

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.

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

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$18-\$24. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Guitar Hero – Classical guitarist Pablo Sainz Villegas performs with the Southwest Florida Symphony at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. \$29-\$92. 418-1500 or www.swflso.org.



The Naples Players have extended the run of "Kalamazoo," the story of two baby boomers who bravely venture into the world of modern dating, through Friday, April 27. Pictured here are Debi Garnett and Jerry Rannow as Peg and Irv. www.naplesplayers.org

Art After Dark – Stroll through Crayton Cove from 6-9 p.m. and make a point to visit the neighborhood galleries to see the latest works by numerous artists. Participating galleries are: Earth and Fire, Guess-Fisher Gallery, Phil Fisher Fine Art, Random Acts of Art and Vintage Charm.

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

SUNDAY 4.15

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.

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.

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.

Art Show – Left Bank Art Fest presents works by juried artists in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

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

Many Moorings Organists – Eight church organists take turns at the magnificent Marjorie Sterritte Family Organ from 4-5:30 p.m. 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. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. \$46. 1225 Piper Blvd. www.seraphicfire.com.

MONDAY 4.16

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.friendsofloverskey.org.

It's In the Cards – Start with a free kosher hot dog dinner at 5:30 p.m. and settle in for Bingo starting at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0880 or www.marcojcmi.com.

Rising Stars – The Opera Naples Renata Scotto Academy students perform operatic arias and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. 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. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

TUESDAY 4.17

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.

Free Film – Mercato screens Disney-Nature's "Born in China" at 8 p.m. on the lawn. Free, bring lawn chairs. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

WEDNESDAY 4.18

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.

Dance the Night Away – Enjoy happy hour prices and dancing to live music by The Manhattan Connection duo from 5-7:30 p.m. at Off the Hook Comedy Club. No cover. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.off-thehookcomedy.com.

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

Good Bones – The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society presents "The Science and Art of Reading Bones," a lecture by FGCU associate professor Heather Walsh-Haney, at 7 p.m. at the Collier County Museum. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. jffurey@charter.net or www.fasweb.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Celebrity Startender – Belly up to the bar at Barbatella from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and order your libation of choice from a local celebrity with tips to benefit Make A Wish Southern Florida. 1290 Third St. S. Call 992-9474, ext. 24, to RSVP.

COMING UP

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.

RV Show – Hit the road to the Lee County Sports Complex/Hammond Stadium in South Fort Myers for the 23rd annual RV SuperSaver Show hosted by the Florida RV Trade Association from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20-22. Free admission. www.frvta.org/shows.

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.

The Right Keys – Impressionist Jimmy Keys shows off his many faces and sounds from 9:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Barbatella. Reservations recommended. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or www.barbatellanaples.com.

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 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.naplesgoy.com.

Bluegrass Concert – The Barefoot Movement performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Centers for the 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.



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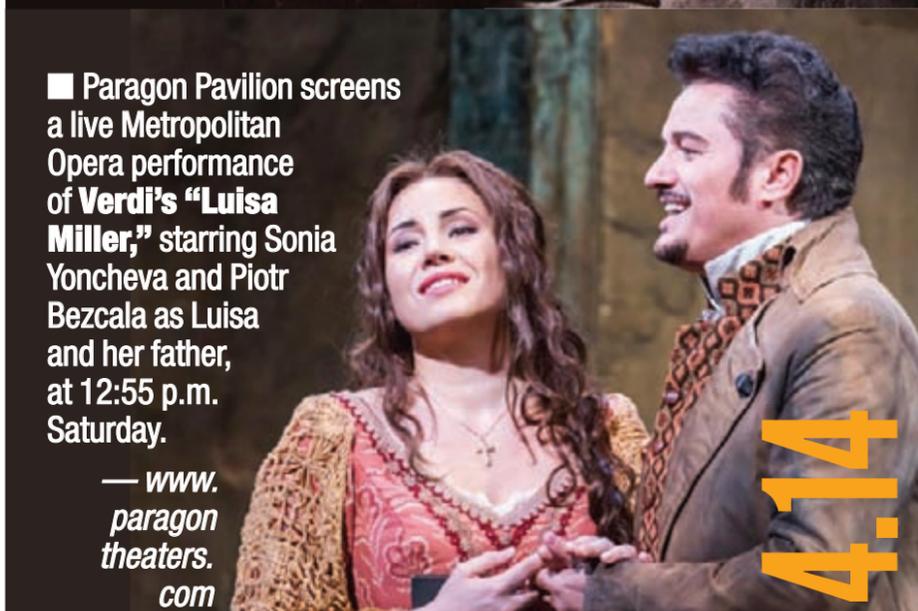
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■ Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of **Verdi's “Luisa Miller,”** starring Sonia Yoncheva and Piotr Bezcala as Luisa and her father, at 12:55 p.m. Saturday.
— www.paragontheaters.com

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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 from 6-9 p.m. 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.paragonteaters.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 seashells, creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 29. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

First Bite – The First Bite Menu Release Party at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs kicks off Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, April 29. \$105 for VIP admission at 5 p.m., \$65 for general admission at 6 p.m. 14610 Tamiami Trail N. Tickets at www.eventbrite.com. Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week takes place May 31-June 13.

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.

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.

N'awlins Jazz – Steve Delauderanty and Dennis Miller perform New Orleans jazz at 6 p.m. Friday, May 4, at South Regional Library. \$37. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 390-2788 or www.stayinmay.com.

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.



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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.bramblestearoom.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 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. Thursday, May 17, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.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.paragonthaters.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.

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Solo Night – Guitarist and bandleader Sean Chambers performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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 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 Pemahtv Emahaky Charter School on Thursday, June 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or ahtahthiki.com.



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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 ahtahthiki.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.

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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. ■



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.

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Mistaken identity

Around 4:30 a.m. on March 22, High Point, North Carolina, 911 dispatchers received a surprising call from a man informing them he had broken into a business. "Yes, this is Jesus Christ, and I just broke into the Pizza Hut," claimed 46-year-old Richard Lee Quintero of Greensboro, according to WFMY TV.

"Jesus is here, he's back to Earth. I just broke in and had a pizza. I'm Jesus," Quintero told dispatchers. "Because I'm Jesus, I can do whatever I want." He also complained that "everybody's been treating me mean." High Point police officers arrested Quintero and charged him with breaking and entering and larceny.

Extreme measures

Shannon Dean Egeland, 43, of Kuna, Oregon, was found guilty Feb. 28 in an elaborate scheme to delay a prison sentence and collect insurance. The Idaho Statesman reported that shortly before Egeland was to begin a 10-year jail term in 2014 for his role in a \$20 million housing scandal, he took out a disability insurance policy and talked his then-17-year-old son into shooting him in the legs with a 20-gauge shotgun, which would delay his prison term — not to mention let him collect on the new insurance policy. After the teenager

shot him, Egeland called police and said he'd been assaulted, but police became suspicious when they found Egeland's wallet and BMW were still at the scene. U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown tacked three years and 10 months of additional time onto Egeland's original sentence. Egeland, who eventually lost his left leg, stood before the judge on his prosthetic leg and said he'd had a lot of time to reflect on his crimes and realized he needs mental health counseling. Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Bradford called him a "menace to society."

Just can't get enough

It's been a twisty, U-turny road for Brittany Ann Koerselman, 19, and her first (soon-to-be second) husband, Jeremie Rook, 24, of Little Rock, Iowa. The two originally married in 2014, when Koerselman, then 15, was pregnant with Rook's child. But they divorced when she was 18. "He just wasn't ready to be all of that," Koerselman told Metro News. "The parent, the husband, the responsible person. He just wasn't ready

for that." She said she and Rook have gotten back together and split up seven times since their divorce, but they can't stand being apart, so they're planning a "f-ing princess wedding" for this summer. "The last time I got married, I got swollen on the way to Missouri — it's six hours (drive), so my shoes didn't fit," Koerselman recalled. "We're reusing (the) old engagement ring. He's different this time," she told (herself).

Least-competent criminals

■ When an intoxicated man arrived at the Delaware State Police Troop 1 station in Wilmington on March 20, looking for a ride home, officers thought he seemed familiar. Turns out he was Christopher McDowell, 34, a suspect in a Feb. 22 shoplifting incident at a local Kohl's store, according to the News Journal. McDowell was charged with shoplifting and arraigned, then released on \$1,000 bail. After he made a phone call to a friend for a ride home, his Kohl's accomplice, April Wright, 48, showed up — and she too was arrested and charged.

■ John Silva and Derrick Irving thought they had a foolproof plan to

cover their tracks after breaking into a mutual acquaintance's apartment on March 13 in DeLand. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office told News 6 the men stole appliances and a flat-screen TV from the home, then stopped before leaving to set a pot of spaghetti sauce on a hot burner and place a washcloth nearby so it would catch fire and destroy evidence. The victim had been alerted to the break-in by security cameras and called police, who stopped the two and found among the stolen goods in their car an empty jar of Ragu spaghetti sauce. Both men were charged with unarmed burglary, grand theft and arson. ■




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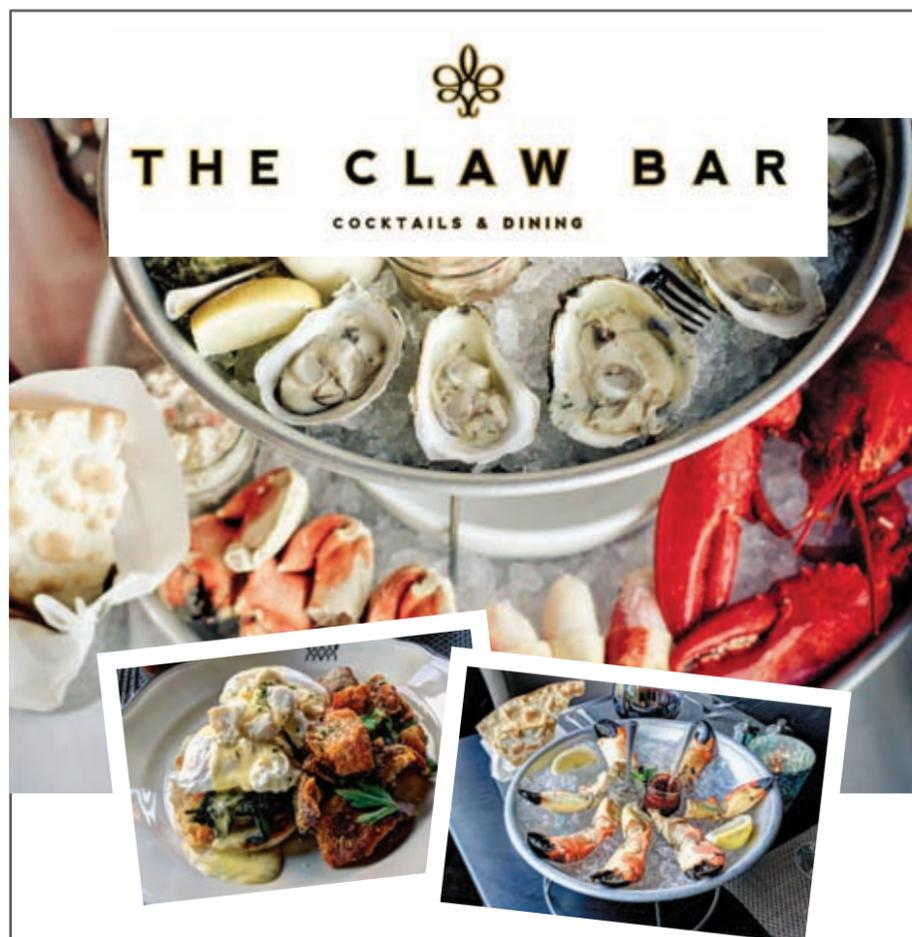
Amazing Things Adventure 5D Theater, a 16-seat micro-theater that screens short films, has opened in Suite 323 at Miromar Outlets. Immersive technology captures the audience with 3D viewing, moving seats and ambient theater effects. Movie themes range from brief roller-coaster simulations to mid-length space adventures and extended nature documentaries.

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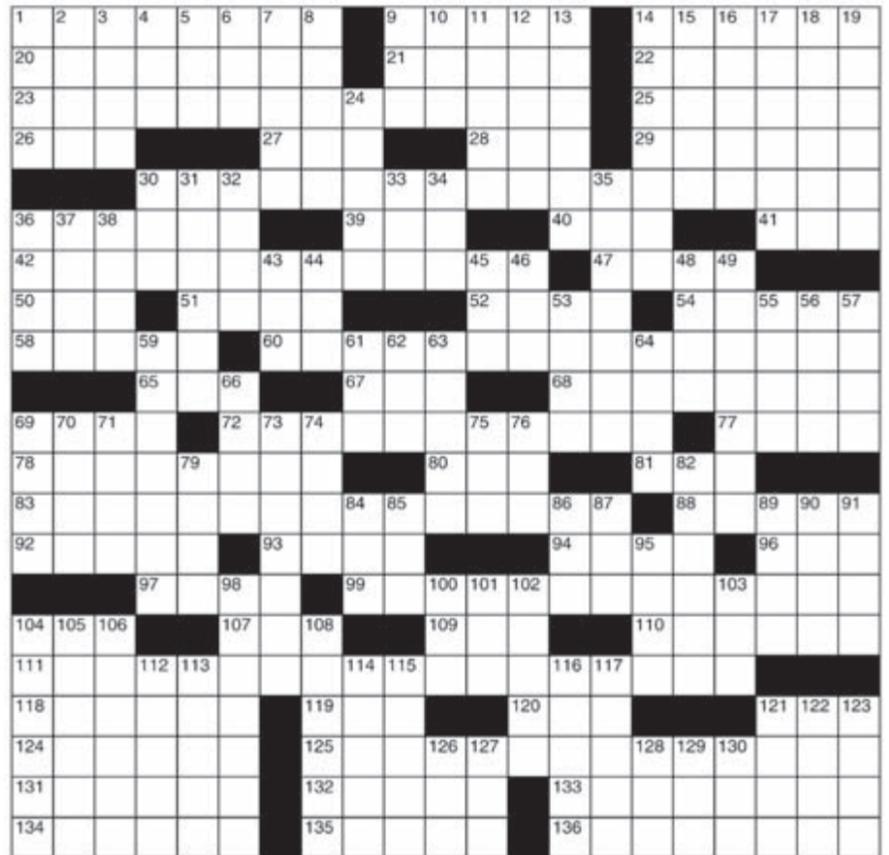
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 - 121 Zero in
 - 124 Ink-squirting creatures
 - 125 Whoopi Goldberg film that's apt for this puzzle
 - 131 Israeli money
 - 132 "St. — Fire"
 - 133 Least quiet
 - 134 Albanian city
 - 135 Jr.-year exams
 - 136 Singers Frank and Nancy
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Nile vipers
 - 2 Skewer
 - 3 Proceed on, as one's way
 - 4 Green prefix
 - 5 Enkindled
 - 6 Multiple-PC system
 - 7 Knock for —
 - 8 Expertise
 - 9 Pester
 - 10 NHL's Bobby
 - 11 Civil rights org.
 - 12 Robert Browning's "— Passes"
 - 13 Unclogs
 - 14 Ill feeling
 - 15 Circular gasket fitting
 - 16 Old crime boss Frank
 - 17 In error
 - 18 Dion of song
 - 19 Like a single-person band
 - 24 Do a spit-take, say
 - 30 Noted period
 - 31 Peter out, as a trail
 - 32 Present
 - 33 "— will not!" (firm refusal)
 - 34 "Mazel —!"
 - 35 Made do
 - 36 Intend (to)
 - 37 Ireland, to the Irish
 - 38 Ovid's 552 goddess
 - 44 "Be quiet!"
 - 45 Invite
 - 46 Maui garland
 - 48 Verbalized
 - 49 No longer edible
 - 53 City of central Sicily
 - 55 Appeal
 - 56 For fear that
 - 57 Kin of -kin
 - 59 Tackles, e.g.
 - 61 Gun, as an engine
 - 62 Suffix with opal
 - 63 Tropical tern
 - 64 Signs made by winners
 - 66 Runner
 - 67 Zatópek
 - 69 Chooses
 - 70 Qatari capital
 - 71 With
 - 77-Across, not closing early, as a store
 - 73 Inn in France
 - 74 Employs
 - 75 Taper off
 - 76 Gulager of "The Killers"
 - 79 Unblemished
 - 82 Flattop, e.g.
 - 84 Sharp knock
 - 85 Karel Capek sci-fi play
 - 86 Aves.
 - 87 "For — a jolly ..."
 - 89 Voodoo —
 - 90 Hype up
 - 91 Measures of resistance
 - 95 Gallivant
 - 98 French "Presto!"
 - 100 Atop, in odes
 - 101 Jewish cry of disgust
 - 102 Architect
 - 103 Alehouse
 - 104 Maximally
 - 105 Overly stylish
 - 106 Person camping out, often
 - 108 Foot part
 - 112 "Don't — gift horse in the mouth"
 - 113 Quaking tree
 - 114 Writer Roald and actress
 - 115 Stalk swelling
 - 116 City south of Dijon
 - 117 "Vive —!" (French cry)
 - 121 Imitator
 - 122 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 123 Citi Field baseballers
 - 126 Folding bed
 - 127 Old spy org.
 - 128 Lapel insert
 - 129 D.C.'s land
 - 130 Slowing, in music: Abbr.



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Stream your playlist if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-

related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture — no matter how well intended — to your good deed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace. ■

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Difficulty level:



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By Linda Thistle



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CONTRACT BRIDGE

South has a problem to solve

BY STEVE BECKER

One of the chief purposes of a pre-emptive bid is to deprive the opponents of the ability to exchange information at a low level. It is therefore not surprising that a partnership often will fail to arrive at its best contract after a pre-emptive bid by the opposition.

Take this case where North-South would have been much better off at three notrump than the inferior contract of five clubs they reached after West's opening three-heart bid.

Declarer had a lot of work to do to make five clubs. He took the opening heart lead in dummy and returned the club ten, winning the finesse. Another trump finesse disclosed that East had started with three to the king, which in turn meant that South's third heart could not be safely ruffed in dummy. Two diamond losers also appeared certain, since West was very likely to have the ace for his vulnerable three-bid.

The outlook was bleak, but declarer found the answer. After drawing East's last trump, he cashed the A-K of spades and ruffed a spade. He then played his last two trumps, reducing himself to the K-x of both red suits. On the last trump, West had to choose a discard from the J-10-9 of hearts and A-10 of diamonds.

If West discarded a heart, South would then play the king and another

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A K 7 6		
♥	A 3		
♦	J 8 3 2		
♣	10 9 5		
WEST			
♠	10 4 3		
♥	Q J 10 9 7 6 4		
♦	A 10		
♣	7		
EAST			
♠	Q J 9 8		
♥	8		
♦	Q 9 7 6 5		
♣	K 8 2		
SOUTH			
♠	5 2		
♥	K 5 2		
♦	K 4		
♣	A Q J 6 4 3		

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣		

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

heart, compelling West to lead a diamond. And if West discarded the ten of diamonds instead, a low diamond play would convert declarer's king into a trick. Either way, the jig was up.

South certainly gets full credit for his excellent play, but West has to get an assist for having made it possible to test declarer's mettle. ■



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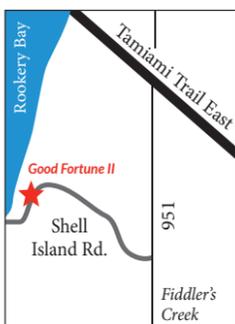


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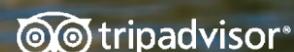
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War-torn Beirut, Lebanon, in the early '80s saw tanks driving on beaches as kids played nearby. Hotels rooms had notes that insisted, in the event of an emergency, that guests stay in their rooms and "DO NOT ATTEMPT to take photographs." Palestinian and Israeli discord, in addition to a decent-sized Christian population, made Beirut so unpleasant and hostile that it was more than unsafe — it was potentially fatal to be there if you didn't have to be.

With such a setting numerous dramatic opportunities abound, and "Beirut" taps into a good one: An alcoholic former U.S. diplomat named Mason Skiles (Jon Hamm) returns to Beirut to negotiate the release of his old friend Cal (Mark Pellegrino), who's been taken hostage by terrorists. Skiles' checkered past in Beirut (his wife died there and his adopted Lebanese son was kidnapped and is still missing), coupled with the simmering tension omnipresent in the seedy underbelly of the city, makes for a compelling premise.

But director Brad Anderson, using a script by Tony Gilroy ("Michael Clayton"), doesn't do much with it. One of the issues is that the audience only knows what Skiles knows. When he discovers something, we discover something. This is a problem because he doesn't want to be there. At times he even resists information that would be helpful, even though we in the audience want to know. So we're often frustrated. This also means the payoff needs to be darned good in order to make the audience's patience worthwhile.

But the payoff is nothing special. It's competent. A bit predictable. And no real twists or surprises — at least not enough to satisfy after all the reluctant buildup.

What's more, you'd think the CIA agents who coerced him to go to Beirut — Sandy Crowder (Rosamund Pike), Don Gaines (Dean Norris) and Gary Ruzak (Shea Whigham) — would be more insistent that Skiles have more information. They are not. It's a "need to

know" situation, which makes no sense. Why fly someone across the world and ask him to deal with terrorists in a hostage negotiation but only tell him the bare minimum he needs to know? Knowledge and leverage are powerful tools in any negotiation, and in "Beirut," Skiles has neither.

Tonally this plays like a drama, though there's certainly action along the way. The story tries to keep you guessing and entertained; it succeeds at the former because it gives you no choice, but it lacks in terms of entertainment due to languid pacing. It's also yet another



lackluster big screen performance from Hamm, though in fairness the script gives him little to work with. Same goes for Pike, whose career hasn't exactly taken off after being an Oscar nominee for "Gone Girl" (2014). She, too, has tried a variety of dramatic roles with nominal success.

Who can be trusted? Is Cal even alive? It's a bad sign that you won't really care either way. Everything about the city of Beirut is so awful that you sense this little problem is one of many, and clearly of little consequence to anyone not directly involved. So pardon me for not caring so much about an alcoholic former diplomat who was easily duped into returning to the one place he swore he'd never return to. "Beirut," much like the city itself, leaves a lot to be desired. ■

Did you know? >> "Beirut" was shot in Morocco, and archival news footage of the real conflict there is seen in the end credits.



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FILM CAPSULES

Chappaquiddick ★★★

(Jason Clarke, Kate Mara, Ed Helms) In July 1969, Senator Ted Kennedy (Clarke) drives his car off a small bridge, killing passenger Mary Jo Kopechne (Mara) and putting his political career in turmoil. What happened, how, and the cover up that followed makes for compelling drama that presents the information as objectively as possible. Based on a true story. Rated PG-13.

The Death of Stalin ★★★

(Steve Buscemi, Simon Russell Beale, Jeffrey Tambor) Following his death in March 1953, Josef Stalin's underlings scheme for control of Russia in this highly effective farce. It's silly, absurd and biting, and as darkly, morbidly funny as it aspires to be. Rated R.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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), aka 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. ■

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CABARET

From page 1

"I was playing piano in New York City for 13 years, in different places: The Ritz-Carlton, the Ambassador Hotel, the Edison Hotel. I was playing at Club 133 on East 33rd, across from Macy's and Gimbel's."

When Club 133 was going to close, she says, a waitress there who was friends with John Kander and Fred Ebb told her the Broadway composer and lyricist team was looking for a pianist for "Cabaret."

Ms. Packard called the conductor, Hal Hastings, to inquire about the opening.

"He said, 'Well, we don't want any cocktail music. We want 1930s-type of music for the show.'"

So she went out and found a Fats Waller recording of Hoagy Carmichael's "Georgia on My Mind" and learned how to play stride piano by listening to it. It helped that she already had a strong jazz background.

Then she auditioned for "Cabaret" — and got the gig as one of four musicians who were the show's Kit Kat Klub Kittens. Ms. Packard played piano and accordion; the others played trombone, drums and alto saxophone.

The plan was for Ms. Packard to fill in for the pianist for two weeks and then be part of the premiere national tour. She went to see the show before her first performance and didn't realize the Kit Kat Klub Kittens played through intermission. When Act I ended, she went out to the lobby and missed the whole entracte.

"When I came back, Hal Hastings said, 'What did you do? You missed it!' I didn't know I was supposed to stay."

The Kittens, she adds, played all during the show, in every scene, in the background or in the foreground.

Backstage stories

Ms. Packard is reminiscing about her "Cabaret" days more than usual lately, having been at opening night of Florida Repertory Theatre's production of the classic musical. (It runs through April 14.)

Introduced during the pre-curtain speech, she was warmly applauded by the audience. And at the afterparty, cast members flocked to meet her and shake her hand. Some took photos with her.

Ms. Packard had brought a black-and-white 8-by-10 publicity shot of herself with the Kit Kat Klub Kittens. She also had some snapshots of herself as Sushi, in a black wig and Japanese kimono, from when she stood in for an actress. (That role has since been eliminated from the show.)

"I had a yen on each nipple," she says. "The Emcee would take one yen off and say, 'I have one yen!' Then he'd take the other one off and say, 'I have two yen.' Then he would turn to the audience and with a leer say, 'Do you have a yen?'"

Amazingly, the show at Florida Rep was only the second non-Broadway production of "Cabaret" she has ever seen.

"It was just great. It was exciting. The musicians were excellent."

Performing in the original "Cabaret" in the late '60s was exciting, too.

"I'd go in to play and I'd see this gorilla coming down the stairs," she says. "We went bowling as a cast. We had all kinds of fun. And there was Joey Grey; Lotte Lenya, the wife of Kurt Weill; and Jack Gilford, who was in those Cracker Jack commercials."

She had Mr. Gilford sign "a box or two" of Cracker Jacks for her niece and nephew.

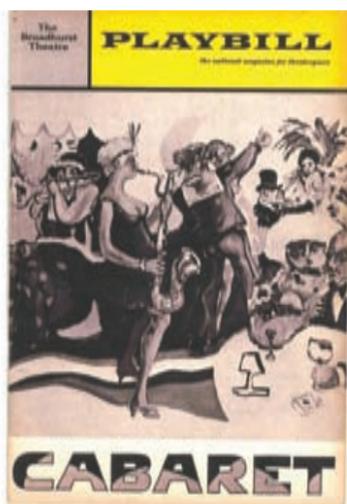
"He said, 'This is unusual. I don't think I've ever been asked to sign a Cracker Jack box before.'"

The national tour, which started in November 1968, was also great, she says. They went to California, Texas, Florida, Washington, D.C. They played Chicago and Toronto. They spent 16 weeks in Los Angeles. When they opened in New Haven, the original pianist in the Broadway production sent her a congratulatory telegram reading: "Don't get your appendages caught in the bellows!"

She has plenty of backstage stories from her two-year national tour, some too risqué to be printed in a family newspaper.

The actors playing Fraulein Schneider and Herr Schultz couldn't stand each other, she says: "Off the stage, they hated one another, but on the stage, they had to be lovers. They didn't get along at all."

Then there was the New Year's Eve party they were asked to play in the restaurant of the New Haven hotel they were staying in right next to the theater. After the show, they rushed to change into evening gowns and get to the restaurant.



COURTESY PHOTO
A playbill from a performance of "Cabaret" at the Broadhurst Theatre.



COURTESY PHOTO
Jean Packard playing Sushi in "Cabaret" in the 1960s.



COURTESY PHOTO
Jean Packard (at piano) played a Kit Kat Klub Kitten.

"By this time, it was almost midnight," she recalls. "People were getting drunk. They were anxious and angry and started throwing desserts at us."

"So I said, 'Everyone off the stage!' And everybody got off, except the drummer. She stayed on the stage because she was drunk with the rest of them. And she kept on playing."

At the end of the tour, her cast mates gave Ms. Packard a prize for "Leader of the Band."

"One time in Texas, instead of getting booed, everybody applauded the guy who played the Nazi," she says, still amazed. "Little right-wing Texas. He got a rave review!"

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the show was playing in Washington, D.C. The theater closed for a week or so and the cast was sent back to New York until things calmed down. And when they played in Los Angeles, they were just down the street from where Bobby Kennedy had been killed.

"Those things are still on my mind," she says.

When the national company folded in Philadelphia, Hal Hastings called her and asked if she'd be interested in continuing on with the next tour.

"I said no thanks. Two years on the road was just enough for me."

It wasn't a bad life, she adds.

"We stayed in the best places, the best hotels. We were being paid for being actresses on the stage and we got paid with the musicians' union."

She met her husband, Ken Mabuchi, after the run, when she was playing at the Washington Hilton.

"He had a motorcycle," she recalls, "and I'd ride on the back of it, with a helmet and my gown on" to her gigs at the Hilton.

The two have been married 41 years. Mr. Mabuchi is a retired aeronautical engineer.

They lived on a sailboat in Newport, R.I., for seven years, and Ms. Packard played in a jazz society at the Treadway Inn with musicians such as Zoot Sims, Al Cohn and Stan Getz. (Mr. Getz gave her a backhanded compliment, she says, telling her, "You play pretty good for a girl.")

She played at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan for 11 years under the leadership of Bob Snyder. The Joe Lacina Saturday Night Dance Party, a national radio show, would broadcast their dance numbers. (Towns across the U.S. that were too tiny to have their own dance band would play the radio show and hold dances.)

The couple moved to Naples 30 years ago.

Ms. Packard still plays. It's in her blood.

Now she plays at Chez Boet restaurant on Sundays during season and year 'round with the Naples Jazz Society's Naples Dixieland Jazz Band; they'll be at River Park Community Center from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and starting June 2, they'll be at The Norris Center from 2-4 p.m. Saturdays.

In 2016 the society named her Jazz Person of the Year.

YouTube has a video clip of Ms. Packard and a drummer performing with the society's Jazzmasters. Seated behind the piano, she plays a medley of tunes from "Cabaret" and then sings the title song. The other musicians listen attentively, unable to keep themselves from tapping their toes.

For Ms. Packard, life's still a cabaret, and she's still at its keyboard. ■

in the know

The Naples Dixieland Jazz Band

>> **When:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at River Park Community Center; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Cambier Park; and 2-4 p.m. Saturdays starting June 2 at The Norris Center

>> **Info:** www.naplesjazzsociety.com

The Wine Store: A unique blend of curated vintages, classes and more

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

There were just two things Bruce Nichols had not experienced after almost four decades in the wine industry: being a vintner-winemaker and running his very own, brick-and-mortar wine shop.

Last November, that list was shortened by half when Mr. Nichols opened The Wine Store at 1200 Central Ave. in Naples. Step inside the doors and you'll find meticulously curated, limited-production, artisan-crafted wines from family-owned vineyards, worldwide, that rely on their grapes' unique qualities for each vintage, rather than manipulation in the winery.

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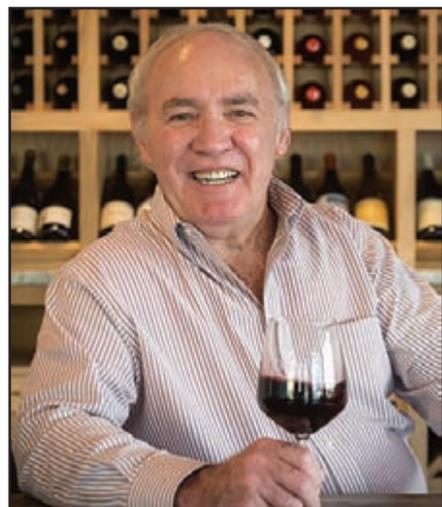
Wines can be sampled before purchase and prices range from \$12 to \$500 a bottle.

"One of the things I tell people is that just because a wine is produced by an artisan winemaker that doesn't mean it has to be expensive," Mr. Nichols says. "We have 30 to 40 wines, at any given time, that are in the \$20 price range. Whatever price point the customer is looking for, I can deliver the absolutely highest quality product."

The Wine Store's focus on education includes:

■ Tasting and learning opportunities for consumers and professionals.

■ Interactive personal enrichment and professional learning experiences



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for novices and connoisseurs.

■ A regularly scheduled guest-speaker program featuring vintners, master sommeliers, authors, and industry related professionals.

For serious collectors, The Wine Store offers storage in its 23 secure, private, climate-controlled wine lockers.

"What we're trying to do here is provide a full-service operation, so anything to do with the purchasing of wine, wine education and wine storage is offered under one roof," Mr. Nichols explains.

His passion for wine began at age 16, in the late 1960s, when he became a waiter in a restaurant and began drinking in knowledge about vino. In the early 1970s, he moved to the San Fran-

SEE WINE, C21 ►



Lights, camera ... get ready for film, TV career workshop

SON Studios pulls back the curtain for those interested in a career in film and television production at a daylong conference Sunday, April 15, at Wyndmere Country Club. "Introduction2Production" attendees will meet professionals who have worked on the crews for movies and TV shows including "Waterworld," "Burn Notice," "Ballers," "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," "Six Days Seven Nights," "The Hours," "2 Fast 2 Furious" and "CSI: Miami," among others.



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The conference will cover each department involved in a full-scale production: production management, art direction, camera operations, electric operations, grip operations, production sound, craft services and wardrobe, makeup and hair.

Lunch will include a keynote presentation by six-time Emmy Award-winning producer Robert Sofia ("Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune"). The day wraps up with a screening of SON Studios' own "The Neapolitan," shot on location in Naples last fall.

SON — the Spirit Of Naples and Southwest Florida Inc. — is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to create mainstream relevant media that has a positive impact on society. Conference registration is \$149 (\$75 for just the lunch and keynote presentation). To sign up or for more information, visit www.son-studios.org/category/events/. ■

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cisco area, where he worked in restaurants and hotels, and took advantage of proximity to northern California's wine country. His background in the hospitality industry also includes global corporate food service management.

He is a past national president of the wine division of Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the international food and wine society; an honorary trustee of the Naples Winter Wine Festival; and the founder and owner of the consulting firm Naples Wine Solutions and the online newsletter "A Nichols Worth of Wine." Originally from Philadelphia, he and his wife, Jill Backman, have resided in North Naples residents since 2004.

For more information about The Wine Store, call 234-6625 or visit www.thewinestorenaples.com. ■

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

How I picked an orange-pattern plate with a pedigree



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It was turning out to be a visit without promise to my local thrift shop.

I'd scanned the aisles twice and was ready to head out the door when something caught my eye near a stack of dreaded 1990s collector plates.

It was an orange-themed plate marked TV France, with a bell, and T&V France.

The marking stands for Tresseman and Vogt, one of the hundreds of porcelain manufacturers from the French city of Limoges.

Collectors often get excited when they see something marked "Limoges." But I always joke that the city is known for its porcelain and that half the restaurant dinnerware and toilets of France are made in Limoges.

I don't know whether that's the case, but the city has produced millions of pieces of porcelain for export over the past couple of centuries.

This plate is among them.

At first glance, it's typical of the period. A handpainted design accents the top of the plate, which has a gilt border.

But what makes it special is its connection to Florida.

Though this plate is not marked as such, the northeastern Florida jewelry store of Greenleaf & Crosby sold this pattern to

Henry Flagler and other hoi polloi at the turn of the last century. The jewelry store Greenleaf & Crosby also had outlets in Palm Beach and Miami that sold the china in sets and by the piece — Henry Flagler reportedly bought a set as a wedding gift for his personal secretary. That set was donated to the Flagler Museum by the secretary's daughter.

So, Flagler himself could have nibbled cake from this 7-inch plate, which somehow landed on the shelf of a thrift store for me to find at the end of the day.

Think about the world of a century ago and more.

Oranges and other citrus were considered exotic — my great-grandmother remembered their "Santy Claus" at Christmas in 1890s South Georgia consisting of an orange and a small toy. It was the orange they prized most, she said.

This little plate represented all that — even for the wealthy of the day.

It was only after a devastating freeze in 1894-95 wiped out the citrus groves of North and Central Florida

that Julia Tuttle was able to persuade Flagler to extend his Florida East Coast Railway south, putting Miami on the map.

The rest is history.

As for the plate, it's delicate, it's beautiful and it provides a link to a Florida that was. ■

THE FIND:

A Tresseman and Vogt orange-pattern plate

Bought: World Thrift, 2425 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth; 561-588-4050.

Paid: \$4.95

The Skinny: My mother is convinced that glassware breeds when I enter a thrift store or antiques shop.

I think I could say the same for china.

This plate was sitting amid piles of 1980s and 1990s collector plates — Bradford Exchange and Franklin Mint pieces that are worth a few dollars and nothing more.

How a dealer or collector did not spot it before me will remain a mystery.

It had a wire plate hanger on it (I carefully removed it — the pressure from those hangers can damage plates), but it was in good condition despite being around 120 years old and having sat on a thrift shop shelf.

The orange plate was all I harvested from World Thrift that day.

And I will take quality over quantity any time. ■

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This orange-pattern plate was made by the French firm of Tresseman and Vogt around the turn of the last century.



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CLUB NOTES

■ 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.

■ **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 13 meeting place is Bice, followed by Old Naples All American Sports Bar on April 20. 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 13 place to be is T-Michaels Steak and Lobster House, followed by 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.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae chapter of Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs holds its end-of-season luncheon at noon Saturday, April 14, at The French at 365 Fifth Ave. S. RSVP by calling Cindy Slavin at 259-8919 or emailing cslavinc@comcast.net.

■ 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.

■ **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.

■ **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 **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 649-4145, email info@gulfcoastorchidalliance.com or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ 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.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next gatherings are April 21 and May 5. 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.

■ **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 24 and May 8. All are welcome. For more information, call 293-6369 or 352-2827.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island are invited to socialize over sunset Wednesday, April 25, at Pelican Bay Beach. Arrive by 5:30 p.m. to board the Marker 36 parking lot beach tram; BYOB and a snack/appetizer to share. Alumnae are also invited to the final gathering of the season from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Painting with a Twist, 13500 Tamiami Trail N. Attendees will create their own paintings. Cost is \$40, and prepaid reservations required. For reservations or more information about either event, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is May 2. Members also serve a \$5 buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome, with proceeds

benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is May 13. The Naples chapter is one of approximately 1,700 EAA chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaal067.com.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the Club at Longshore Lake, 11399 Phoenix Way. Cost is \$28 (\$14 for first-timers). For reservations or more information, call 591-3797 or email cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** welcomes guests to its meeting Tuesday, May 8, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. Carol Rooksby-Weidlich of the Lee County Genealogical Society will discuss genealogy wikis, which are tools for finding information about subjects and records that may have been generated about one's ancestors. Attendance is free and all are welcome. For more information, 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. ■

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■ **Champions For Learning** hosts the annual **Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers** dinner from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Five Golden Apple winners will be honored from among this year's Teachers of Distinction representing more than 50 Collier County schools. Tickets for \$250 are available at www.championsforlearning.org. For more information, call Jason Kurek at 643-4755 or email jkurek@championsforlearning.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.

■ Enjoy a sneak peek at (and taste of) what more than 25 area restaurants will serve during **Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week** at the Sizzle First Bite Menu Release from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs. VIP tickets for \$105 include 5 p.m. entry, doors open at 6 p.m. for \$65 general admission ticketholders. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com. Sizzle SWFL Restau-

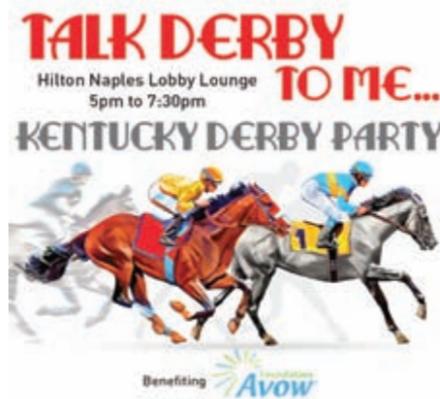
rant Week takes place May 31-June 13. For more information, visit www.swflrestaurantweek.com.

■ **Girls on the Run of SWFL** welcomes two-time Olympic gold medalist and FIFA Women's World Cup champion Abby Wambach as guest speaker at "**Carousel After Dark**" from 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Venue Naples. The evening will include a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and a seated dinner.

Ms. Wambach is dedicated to advocating for equality and inclusion. Her memoir titled "Forward" is a New York Times bestseller.

A 10-week program for girls in grades 3-8, Girls on the Run inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident through a curriculum that integrates running. Participants attend 20 sessions with coaches who guide and mentor them in exercises that encourage teamwork, community service and self-respect.

Tickets for \$100 are available at www.getswfl.org. For more information, call Christine McConneelee at 777-3720 or email Christine.mcconneelee@girlsontherun.org.



■ The **Naples Junior Woman's Club** holds its ninth annual **Derby Dash** from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Naples Botanical Garden. Guests will celebrate the "greatest two minutes in sports" with friends, sponsors and supporters of the NJWC Scholarship Fund housed at the Community Foundation of Collier County.

Tickets start at \$75 and include a mint julep upon arrival, unlimited beer and wine during the event, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, betting games and a silent auction. For tickets or more information, visit www.naplesjuniors.com.

■ "**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. For more information, call Jeff Jerome at 659-3176.

■ 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.

■ 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 receive in Collier County.

Each of the public and private high schools nominates its best senior scholar-athlete. Finalists receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The winner, selected by a panel of Winged Foot Committee members and local citizens, earns a crystal trophy and a \$10,000 scholarship.

Major sponsors of the 29th annual Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation awards banquet include Barron Collier Jr. Foundation Inc., IBERIABANK, Grant Fridkin Pearson, PA, Dr. Charles Karpas, Premier Sotheby's International Realty, The Lutgert Companies and Gallagher Lutgert Insurance. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

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.

■ **Young Executives of the David Lawrence Center** host the seventh annual **Sunset Cruise** for DLC on Thursday, June 14, aboard the Naples Princess. Boarding begins at 6 p.m. The festive cruise from 7-9 p.m. will feature music, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and, of course, a beautiful Naples sunset. Guests are encouraged to get into the Flag Day spirit by wearing casual red, white and "nautical" blue attire. A prize will be awarded to the most patriotic outfit. Tickets range from \$45 to \$65 through June 5 and go up \$5 after that. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds benefit the mission, operations and expansion of DLC's community-based prevention and treatment programs that help the one in every four local children and adults who experience psychological and substance use challenges. For reservations or sponsorship information, call Emily Budd at 304-3505, email emilyb@dlcmhc.com or visit www.davidlawrencecenter.org.



■ **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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5. Kathleen Tyrrell and Edward Tyrrell
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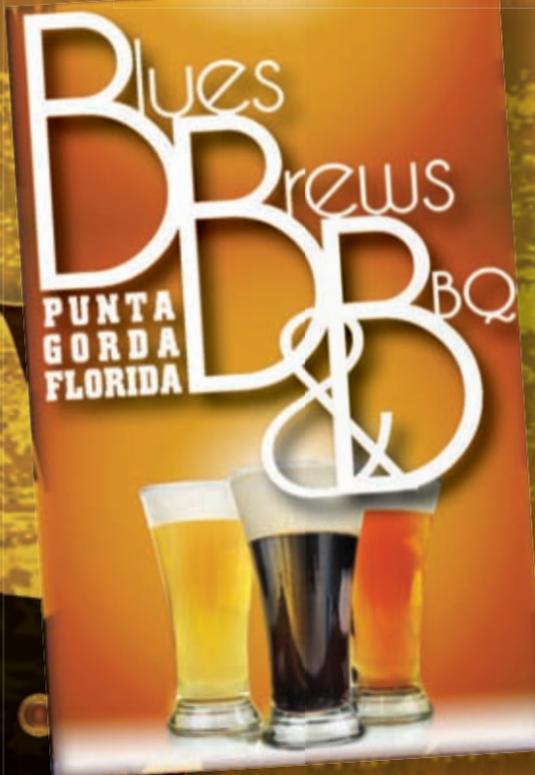
Abby Sinberg, Toni Rhodes and Eric Johnson



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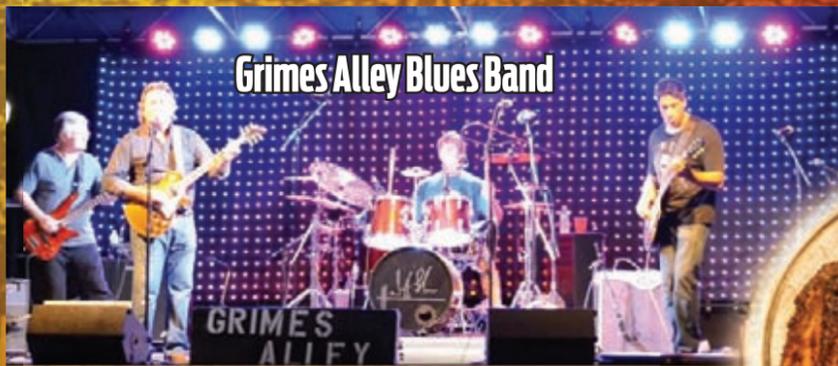
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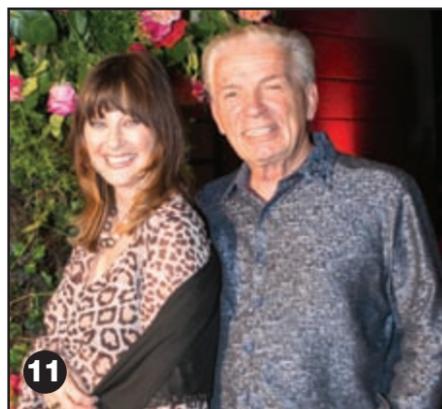


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Enjoying an 'Art Reveal' at The Arlington



1. Vicki Tracy and Miranda Isabelle
2. Carol Musser and Russ Musser
3. Gloria Hamilton, Rick Locastro and Gail Cacciola
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5. Michael Davidian and Sharon Davidian
6. Heather Dam and Harlan Dam

Diamond Volunteer reception for the Stroke Recovery Foundation



1. Dr. Angel Brana-Lopez and Kelly Capolino, founder of the Diamond Volunteer Award program
2. Debbie Mandell and Bob Mandell, founder of the Stroke Recovery Foundation
3. Linda Blackman, Nancy Dagher and Hope Daley
4. Jovanna Giordano and Holly Haas
5. Christine Friese, Dr. Rikhil Patel and Shelley Monteiro
6. Barbara Langdon and Rick Perry

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Fleet Review and Blessing of the Fleet at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club



1. Lynn Martin, Jana Thomas and Dennis Hidlebaugh
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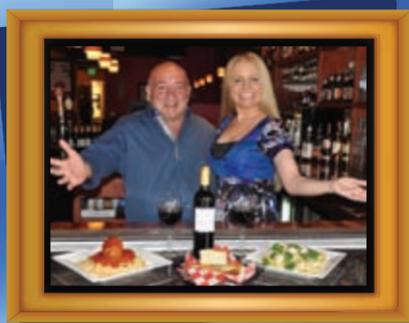
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“We are extremely grateful for the many accolades that Café & Bar Lurcat has earned over the past 15 years for its progressive menu of sophisticated American comfort food, beautiful décor and superb service,” said Richard D'Amico, co-owner of D'Amico & Partners.

“Parking availability along Fifth Avenue South has not kept pace with the district's tremendous growth and cannot support the influx of guests and workers, and the valet at the west end has been full most weekends this season,” Mr. D'Amico said in a release. “With no solution to this situation in sight, we decided to free up our resources to develop a new concept in the Naples market. We are thankful for the support that Naples has provided over the years. We are firmly committed to the community and helping the city build recognition as a culinary leader.”

The restaurant will remain open until the end of its lease on Saturday, May 5, and continues taking reservations. It's at 494 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 213-3357 or visit www.lurcatnaples.com.

The **Wine Store of Naples** hosts an evening with winemaker Mike Farmer of Euclid from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 13. In addition to hearing Mr. Farmer speak about his journey of grape-to-glass with his label, guests will also enjoy sips of Euclid vintages that are usually only available by mail-order. Free, but reservations required. 1200 Central Ave. 234-6625 or info@thewinestorenaples.com

Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week hosts its First Bite Menu Release, when the organization will announce participating restaurants in its summer edition, from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs. In addition to previewing bites from the upcoming event's prix-fixe menus, which will be available May 31-June 13, guests can participate in a raffle to benefit the Sizzle SWFL FGCU Food & Beverage Scholarship fund. \$65-\$105 in advance, \$85-\$125 at the door. www.swflrestaurantweek.com.

Taste of Collier returns to Bayfront for its 38th year with samples from local restaurants, live entertainment and chef presentations from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Entry is \$5, with food purchased by tickets. www.tasteofcollier.com.

Venue Naples debuts its new charitable initiative, Crave for a Cause, on Tuesday, May 8. The series aims to provide funds for local nonprofits by offering health-focused events. Guests at the inaugural three-course, plant-based dinner will hear from cardiologist Brian Taschner about his focus on food as medicine. \$150, with proceeds benefitting the American Heart Association. Please note that while the menu is dairy- and gluten-free, it is not vegan. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venueinaples.com.

Seminole Immokalee Casino Hotel recently finished a renovation of its Ee-To-Leet-Ke Grill that includes a theater-style kitchen, private dining areas and a capacity of 220 guests to showcase its contemporary regional cuisine, which also features new menu items in



Timeless—An MHK Eatery celebrates National Grilled Cheese Day by offering three sandwiches for lunch. Pictured here is the French onion grilled cheese. Also available: a fried green tomato and bacon selection and smoked bacon with cheddar cheese on rye.



Cardiologist Brian Taschner is the presenter at Venue Naples' inaugural Crave for a Cause event, where he will talk about his focus on food as medicine.

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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.thelocal-naples.com.

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 tenth 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. on 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. on 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.

Kareem's Lebanese Kitchen and 21 Spices by Chef Asif will team up to provide an Indo-Lebanese buffet on Sunday, April 22, 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.aplant-baseddiet.org. Diners can make reservations by calling 919-8830 or emailing michel@21spicesdining.com.

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. ■

THE DISH



The Dish: Dumpukht Goat Biryani

The Place: 21 Spices
4270 Tamiami Trail E.

The Price: \$25

The Hours: 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; bar and lounge area from 4 p.m. to close daily.

The Menu: www.21spicesdining.com

The Details: If you're anything like me and have watched "Bizarre Foods" host Andrew Zimmern (a man I desperately wish could be my Durian fruit-hating uncle) gamely tasting a variety of bugs, fermented meats and plant matter, you too lament the lack of protein diversity our culture embraces. So with the image of Mr. Zimmern taking down a rancid dish of Moroccan goat and eggs,

I knew I was in far better hands at 21 Spices when I spied the same cloven-hoofed mammal on the menu.

The dish was visually impressive and since I was expecting a plate of rice, I got all worked up when the biryani arrived encased in a thick crust. After piercing the seal, an aromatic blend of mystery spices, rosewater and saffron hit my nose. The dish at this point was already such an extraordinary sensory experience I would have been satisfied I had my money's worth — and then I took a bite. The goat and rice mixture was rich and heady in a way that I've never experienced.

Now I'm afraid 21 Spices has ruined all other attempts at goat I may undertake. If only I could thank Mr. Zimmern for helping me find the nerve. ■

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Bonita Brunch, 26381 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 405-7415

When you open the menu, the numbers are overwhelming: 25 omelets, six eggs benedicts, five burritos, six skillet. And that's just the breakfast menu. The lunch list is equally staggering: 14 salads, 13 wraps and stuffed pitas, eight sandwiches, 15 burgers and melts. We sampled just a fraction of the all-encompassing menu, including an impressive Crab Eggs Benny and a plate-sized waffle smeared with Nutella. A corned beef hash was less noteworthy, but all of our food clearly was made to order with fresh, quality ingredients and served in generous portions. Service is efficient and exceedingly warm. Soft drinks only.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed May 2017

Dorona, 2110 Tamiami Trail N.; 529-2819

First came Sea Salt, then Barbatella, now chef-owner Fabrizio Aielli and his wife, Ingrid, have opened Dorona, a modern Italian steakhouse. While more casual than its siblings, it offers top-notch food, including steaks (aged or not), pasta, seafood, charcuterie, table-side Caesars, bar fare and great sandwiches. (It also has free parking, a big plus.) The blue crab cake and capelli with lobster cappuccino is a hearty and satisfying starter. Also delicious was a nightly special caprese salad with pur-

ple and yellow tomatoes and spectacular imported mozzarella. Faroe Island Salmon with Peruvian Dust and Orange Nectar was nicely executed. It came with cavatelli but was even better with a side of burrata whipped potatoes. A dry-aged New York strip steak was tender, juicy and richly flavored and it came with a potato, avoiding the customary a la carte nonsense so prevalent at steakhouses. Grilled prawns went nicely with the steak. A slice of nine-layer chocolate cake made a spectacular finish to a flawless meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed March 2018

Martin Fierro Argentine Steakhouse, Marquesa Plaza, 13040 Livingston Road; 300-4777

When you're feeling carnivorous but don't want to go to a fancy steakhouse, consider trying Martin Fierro's, where the atmosphere is more laid-back and so are the prices. There are moderately priced wines, comforting empanadas (we liked the ham and mozzarella but there's also beef, chicken and just-plan mozz), and Argentine Provoleta, a large skillet of melted cheese with tomatoes, basil, garlic and wine just right for dipping a piece of bread (plan to share). You can have pasta or even seafood but steaks are the stars, specifically parilladas, or grilled meat medleys. We tore through one containing beef short rib, churrasco steak, pork tenderloin, chicken breast, chorizo and two sides. I'd suggest sharing this bounty, too. All

the meat was tender and well flavored, the mixed veggies lightly dressed in balsamic vinegar and the yucca crisp like French fries. A platter of lamb chops was excellent, too. For dessert, try the dulce de leches crepes, two tender crepes rolled around sweet caramel finished with whipped topping. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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The Rooster Food + Drink, 600 Goodlette Road, Naples; 228-5973

Much like its namesake, The Rooster's big personality is contained in a small package. The cozy little spot with the farmhouse feel is headed up by Chef Bryan "Bubba" Sutton (of Veranda E at Hotel Escalante and Tropical Reef) along with Lisa Resch (Carolina Catering Co.) and Colleen Connolly. Breakfasts and lunches are imaginative and well executed, featuring savory items by Mr. Sutton and baked good by Ms. Resch. I can highly recommend the jumbo lump crab enchiladas with cilantro rice and salsa verde as well as the Anson Mills grits with slow-cooked pulled pork and a fried egg. A house-made biscuit was light and buttery and a fluffy pancake came with real maple syrup. Have dessert. Both the chocolate and hummingbird cakes were first-rate. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed February 2018

Timeless - An MHK Eatery, 90 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 331-4325

Just a bit north of downtown with its own parking lot, the stylish Timeless - An MHK Eatery features the creative cuisine of Chef David Nelson served in the stylish setting designed by architect Matthew Kragh. The Old Florida style with fresh clean lines is an appealing space in which to dine on Mr. Nelson's comfort fare such as smoked, coal-fired lollipop wings with sweet and spicy barbecue sauce, chili-garlic gremolata and smoky blue cheese dressing or a house salad filled with power greens, vanilla-cinnamon infused apples, goat cheese and frosted spiced pecans. Cedar-planked salmon came with a cup of creamy smoked tomato butter for dipping and grilled potato and kalamata salad. A white clam pizza with Asiago cheese, herbs and garlic and a thin crust was satisfying, too. An apple strudel pizza was an extremely sweet version of this classic treat. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
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CUISINE REVIEW

Another season, another concept at Naples Bay Resort's 1500 South



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It's déjà vu all over again. And again. And again, I thought as we walked into 1500 South on a recent Saturday evening.

The restaurant at the Naples Bay Resort is lovely and, on a night when the weather cooperates, even affords al fresco dining waterside where you can admire some impressive vessels that bob in their moorings at the marina.

The interior is attractive as well, with white-washed walls, plush booths and chairs, an open kitchen that provides a show while you dine (if you land the right table) and soothing music playing in the background.

The website touts it this way: "Under the culinary direction of Chef William Conroy, the new 1500 SOUTH restaurant at Naples Bay Resort pairs Southern American Food with Italian accents to deliver a one-of-a-kind restaurant menu with a lot of surprises."

Hmmmm. Southern American with Italian accents. That does sound surprising, to say the least.

And while I typically don't return to a restaurant more often than once every three years or so, I've been to this location almost annually over the past six years as it's changed management and concepts. From Olio (Italian) to Le Orient (Chinese) to Mereday's Fine Dining (elegant American), to Art Smith's 1500 South (Southern American) to 1500 South.

It's clearly a destination restaurant and one that's risen and fallen like the tides. All have had promising starts, only to fall victim to one misfortune or another. Corporate squabbling. Mismanagement. Financial distress. Drastic seasonal fluctuations. Location, location, location.

There's no disputing that the restaurant tucked into the Naples Bay Resort faces challenges. If you don't know it's there, on the side of the resort that does not face the road, you are apt to pass by without noticing it.

Suffice it to say it's a destination spot and even at that, it takes some know-how to get there. But once you do, it's a relaxing space that seems far removed from the bustle just yards away on U.S. 41.

It was quiet as we entered a bit on the early side for a Saturday night. We



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The open kitchen at 1500 South lets customers watch as the culinary team conjures up course after course.

declined a smaller table for two seeing that there were so many empty tables and asked for a booth with a view of the kitchen. (Rule No. 1 of being a customer: Ask nicely and you will often receive.)

The somewhat limited wine list was made more attractive by the fact that most bottles were discounted 50 percent. On the downside, they were out of quite a few, including the first one we chose. We settled on another, and when it arrived a bit on the warm side, our server quickly brought over an ice bucket and chilled the bottle.

With a Culinary Institute of America grad at the helm what first surprised me about the menu was the multitude of spelling errors — a half-dozen on a single page. In an age in which menus can be easily reprinted, this spoke to a lack of attention to detail.

So did the fact that our server delivered bread but no butter or oil until the couple at the next table asked for it.

My concerns were somewhat alleviated when the appetizers arrived. A large crab cake (\$18) was almost all crab, nicely browned and perched atop a pool of piquant Key lime aioli and accompanied by a mound of arugula salad. This dish possessed an appealing diversity of flavors and textures, as well as a well-executed crab cake.

Even more impressive was the Southern panzanella salad (\$17), artfully composed on a black plate and consisting of a mound of creamy burrata surrounded by grape tomatoes of various colors, shreds of pickled onion, a smoky avo-

cado spread and delightfully crunchy croutons made of fried grits. It was finished with a spritz of balsamic and crunchy microgreens.

An 8-ounce filet (\$35) was properly cooked although the crust was on the salty side. Whipped potatoes and a mild roasted shallot demi helped mitigate the sauce. The plate was finished with five asparagus spears.

The oven-roasted snapper was a smallish fillet that was properly cooked and served on a mound of rock shrimp in a somewhat sweet Key lime sauce studded with rock shrimp. Rice completed this dish.

While our entrees came with sides, we felt compelled to try the gouda mac and cheese (\$6), which was served in its own little skillet. We were happy we ordered it as it was creamy and cheesy and very good.

Desserts are not a strong suit here. There are five rather ho-hum selections, none of which are made in-house. The Key lime pie (\$9) was creamy and not too sweet, dressed up a bit by some diced pineapple and kiwi. Other options included chocolate genoise, flourless chocolate cake, raspberry cheesecake and chocolate trilogi. Sorbets and gelsatos are available, too.

Chef Conroy appears to have the chops to make this the kind of place people would go to the trouble of patronizing. My sense is that he isn't being permitted to do all that he is capable of. With his full measure of talent, a bit more attention to detail in the



Key lime pie with pineapple and kiwi on the side is one of the desserts available.



Snapper served atop rock shrimp and Key lime sauce is a good choice for fish lovers.

front of the house and an upgrade on desserts, this incarnation of 1500 South might just stick around a while. ■

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1500 South Restaurant

1500 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 774-1500

Ratings:

Food: ★★★★★

Service: ★★★

Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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>> **Specialties of the house:** Southern American with Italian accents

>> **Volume:** Moderate

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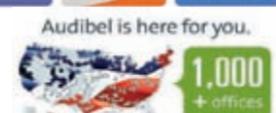
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JOHN TWEET

... of Clive Daniel Home makes interior design an art

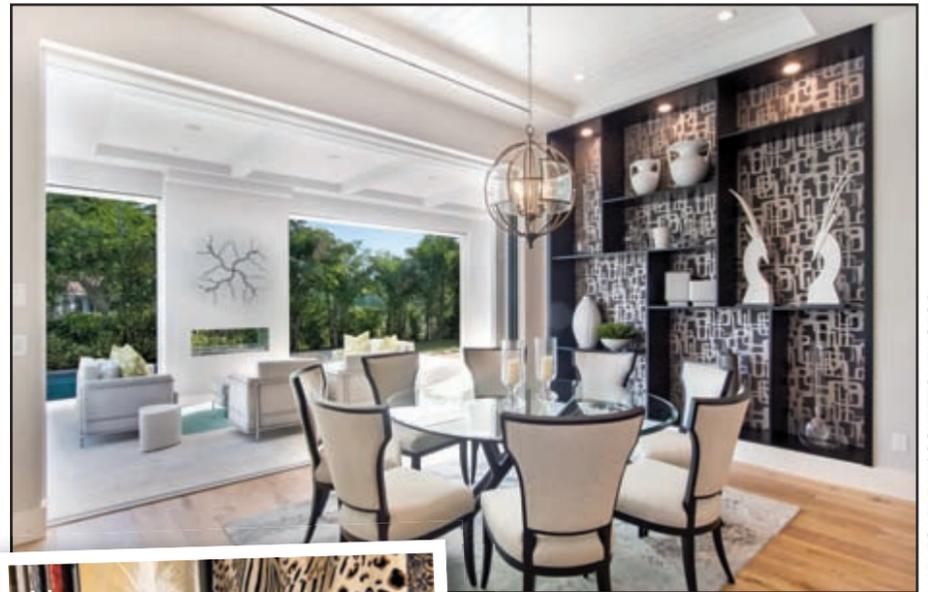
John Tweet of Clive Daniel Home works in interior design the way others might work in clay or oils, creating a finished product that brings joy to his clients and anyone else who is lucky enough to spend time at one of his projects. Luxe Living's Michael Korb spoke with Mr. Tweet about his work and how he approaches it.

Q: When did you first realize you wanted to be a designer?

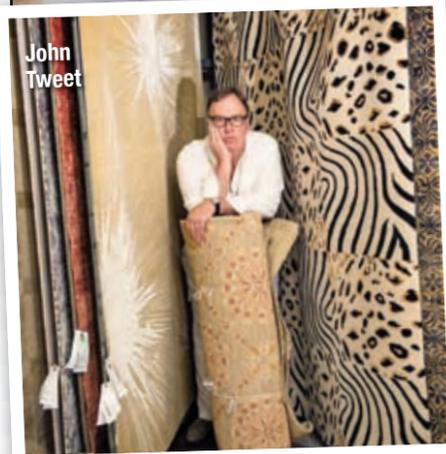
A: For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a designer. I started in clothing and then moved to home decor about 10 years ago spurred by three neighbors looking for help. It brings a great deal of satisfaction to have a client say thank you or tell you, 'Wow, I really love what you have done.' To me it means I understood what they were looking for while staying in their financial requirements. That is most satisfying.

Q: Where did you learn your craft?

A: I learned my love of fabric in the mills: in Hong Kong while living there for five years and four times a year going to Italy. Unlike most, I start my design projects with textiles, be it fabric or rugs. Perhaps that's because I started as an apparel buyer. It amazes now how many principles overlap between apparel and home design. There is definitely a common skill set.



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John Tweet turned this spacious dining room into an artsy area that looks fantastic and feels comfortable and fresh.

Q: Do you have a formula for how you create a space?

A: I should, but I don't. I find it more important to get into the client's thought process. I like to follow that with space planning followed by

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color flow. It is essential that I understand what the client is asking for. Ultimately, practicality and livability win hands down.

Q: What do you ask your clients to help you get inspired?

A: I have a list of 20 questions. I did not set them up to inspire me but rather to help me understand how they will live in the space I am working on for them. It is especially helpful if they are new clients or are in town for short periods of time. Listening is the first necessity followed closely by trust and rapport.

Q: Is there a design trend that you're excited about (or that you hope disappears ASAP)?

A: I'm excited by all trends. I believe they each have their place. Some last a little too long and others not long enough. I believe each has a reason and is important to either assist, lead or follow up with a different one. Right now the trend is in black and white. And watch for very hot broiler brights. ■

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Mr. Tweet blends the indoors with the outdoors whenever possible. Top and far right: The blue lit pool and the lanai running the entire length of the home are perfect for the Naples lifestyle. The master bedroom, inset, and a guest suite bath, left, are luxurious in their minimalism.



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Lucky buyers find a Quail West model is move-in ready

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When shopping for a new home, it's easy to get jaded in Naples. After all, we are blessed with some of the most beautiful residences you could ever hope to see.

Yet often, when you walk through a model home, you note one or two (or more) things you would have to change in order to make it perfect. Not so for the new owners of this Magnolia model in Quail West; they found it perfect as-is.

Built by Diamond Custom Homes, the \$3.695 million fully-furnished, two-story home features a West Indies architectural design by John Cooney, AIA, president and owner of Stofft Cooney Architects, with interior design by Lou Shafran, principal designer/CEO of Pacifica Interior Designs. Landscaping was handled by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design.

The four-bedroom, 4½-bath home is 5,541 square feet under air and 8,063



With a blend of West Indies and low-country styles, this new Quail West home is a perfect example of modern Naples homebuilding. Diamond Custom Homes built the Stofft Cooney designed residence as a model and had interior designer Lou Shafran of Pacifica Interior Designs turn it into a showstopper. It quickly sold to a professional golfer on the PGA Tour.

square feet under roof, including a three-car side-entry garage and additional space for golf cart storage (which comes in especially handy for the new owner, who happens to be a profes-

sional golfer on the PGA Tour — and prefers to remain anonymous).

An interesting mix of styles with its massive porch and elegant columns framing the entrance, the structure is a

balance of Southern charm and modern West Indies in an up-to-date package.

“Naples is on fire with the West Indies bent,” says Mike Diamond, CEO of Diamond Custom Homes.

“And there’s a huge spectrum as to what can be considered West Indies,” he adds. “Basically it’s that contrast of the dark woods with the white tones, certain overhangs, lots of corbels, etc.”

“But the Magnolia is a departure beyond that because it has this low-country feel as well.”

Of course, that’s just on the outside. Inside it’s an entirely different story.

Ms. Shafran blended modern features — a state-of-the-art media room, bar with wine storage, Pompeii quartz counter tops and a custom parsons table crafted from recycled glass, among them — with traditional touches of distressed hickory wood floors and bold, detailed woodwork throughout the home and floor-to-ceiling pocketing sliders opening to the outdoor living area with custom pool and spa. With natural light spilling into every room, the home is, in short, stunning.



The designer selected timeless finishes, furnishings, fixtures and accessories intended to last for years. Elements of traditional Southern elegance blend beautifully with clean, transitional touches. Hand-planed dark espresso wood floors set off a palette of crisp whites, pale olive gray and deep royal blue. Meanwhile, an eclectic mix of accent pieces includes silver lamps, wood tables, heavy linen and breezy silhouette draperies sprinkled throughout.

"We decided very early on to go with gray as our color," Ms. Shafran says. "A lot of people think it's a cold color, but we see it as more dimensional and gracious, streamlined and sophisticated."

The open-concept first floor plan includes a great room complete with 10-foot tongue-and-groove ceilings accentuated by beautiful wooden beams. Luxurious details include a full wet bar with wine refrigeration, a professional-grade coffee lounge with Miele dual coffee/espresso machine, custom-built cabinetry, a dining area, gourmet island kitchen, and a lounge area. The great room and lounge both open to an outdoor living area with a year-round kitchen, a covered loggia and the pool deck with a fire pit.

A white contemporary sofa accented with blue velvet pillows and flanked by silver leafed tables with faceted crystal lamps anchors the Magnolia's great room. A dark wood built-in holds the television and displays framed black-and-white art. The glossy white tray ceiling features a pair of nickel chandeliers with sunburst charms.

The custom dining table features a round wood pedestal base and a glass top filled with reflective shattered glass material that sparkles when lit from above. A full bar sits nearby.

The kitchen's custom bar-height table has a lighted translucent white glass top and gray-and-white chrome leg bar stools. Off the kitchen, a morning lounge area offers a wall of lighted cabinetry with mirrored backs and a



Opposite page, top: A white contemporary sofa accented with blue velvet pillows and flanked by silver leafed tables with crystal lamps helps ground the great room.

Top left: The glamorous master bedroom is fit for a movie star thanks to luxurious soft greys, lush textures and mirrored side tables.

Top right: The outdoor living area has seating for a crowd.

Above left and right: The entryway incorporates massive mirrors and a herringbone marble flooring detail that give guests a hint at what's to come.

Right: Mirrors reach to the ceiling over the sink in the downstairs guest suite. Two more bedrooms are upstairs.

Below left: The custom-made dining table has a glass top that sparkles when lit from above.

Below right: The kitchen's bar-height table seats eight.



wet bar featuring a mirrored backsplash. A round metal white-topped coffee table anchors four skirted gray swivel chairs.

Both the master suite and a VIP suite are on the first floor. The master suite highlights expansive his-and-her walk-in closets and includes a personal study. A white marble herringbone pattern floor grounds the master bath. The free-standing tub sits next to a charcoal gray upholstered chaise. Floating vanities are under-lit beneath white cabinetry with rhinestone-detailed nickel hardware. The modern sconces sparkle in nickel and Lucite. The countertops and the shower are in classic white marble.

The glamorous master bedroom features a bed upholstered in charcoal gray velvet accented with chrome nail heads. Dressed in pale gray silk charmeuse, the bed is flanked by faceted mirror nightstands with crystal lamps. A gray-and-white rug rests underneath. A custom 9-foot dresser in dark wood with silver hardware sits below a contemporary faceted silver mirror with vases of cherry blossoms on each side. The chandeliers in the bedroom and bath are matching draped beaded crystal.

Upstairs holds a library, two guest bedrooms en-suite with walk-in closets and additional space with a television viewing area and billiards room, both of which open to outdoor terraces.

It's as close to a hole-in-one as most of us will ever come. ■

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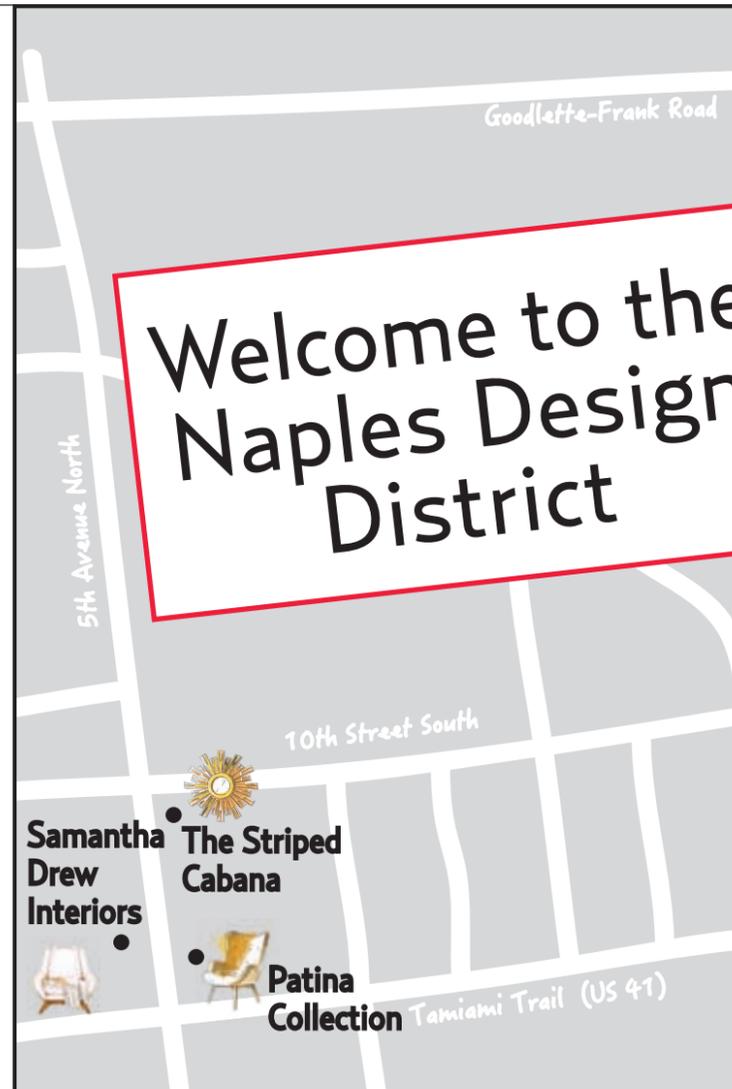
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Shannon Green Co-op

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BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When friends decide to set up shop side-by-side it's a pretty good indicator of a happy working environment. And when Shannon Green, Julie Magardino and Pam Elder decided to join forces and create a co-op that would feature each of their individual strengths, it was a dream come true — for shoppers.

Known for her fine jewelry boutique featuring constantly rotating curated collections of jewelry designers from around the globe, Ms. Green (Instagram: Shannongreenjewelry) specializes in particularly covetable pieces that more often than not are priced to allow for the perfect splurge. Her portion of the co-op space carries a lot of European jewelry designers (such as Anatol) and some Turkish ones along with designers from New York (such as Suzy Landa).

"I'm strictly jewelry, but always wanted to have someone come in (the location) with me," Ms. Green says.

Enter Ms. Magardino and Ms. Elder. Their wares fill one side of the Shannon Green Co-op at 65 12th St. S., while Ms. Green fills the other side.

"Our section of the shop it's very homey and eclectic," Ms. Magardino (Instagram: Elizabethjulesdesigns) says about the side of the co-op she and Ms. Elder share. "We have neat pieces of furniture and awesome art — I

create the art — on canvases of all sizes."

Her art tends to be very happy and whimsical interpretations of sea turtles, flamingos and goats, or beach scenes in uplifting colors. Some of the smaller pieces make perfect hostess gifts and are priced at around \$100. She's also a potter and has some of those works available as well. In addition, she also creates jewelry with a modern twist using vintage Chanel buttons and pendants, some sourced from vintage shops while traveling in Europe and others repurposed from her own collection of Chanel accouterments.

"I've always loved Chanel," she says.

For her part, Ms. Elder (Instagram: Kelderdesigns), who happens to be a successful interior designer, sells her popular one-off orchid and succulent arrangements as well as garden and home accessories. The arrangements have become legendary as dinner party gifts and run for a very reasonable \$55 to \$225, considering they come in custom planters.

"The neat thing about our shop is that we really only have one or two of each thing so once they're gone, they're gone and so we refresh the space with a new vibe," Ms. Elder says.

"We've all lived in so many parts of the country and the world that we've each picked up our own likes and loves from those different places," Ms. Magardino says by way of explaining the interesting



With a wonderful selection of art, accessories and furnishings, Shannon Green Co-op is much more than the gorgeous jewelry Ms. Green is known for. Pam Elder's custom orchid arrangements and Julie Magardino's pendants made with vintage Chanel pieces are among the offerings.

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variety of things available at the co-op.

The building features striped awnings and a small courtyard that draws attention, while charming wood floors beckon shoppers to come on in. Ms. Green's side is a bit art deco.

"It feels like a hidden gem you might find in New York City," adds Ms. Magardino.

There are comfy couches and chairs, and normally at the end of the work week wine tends to flow (although bottled water and cappuccino are readily available all the time).

"We're always having lunch here," says Ms. Elder. "It's a hangout spot for sure."

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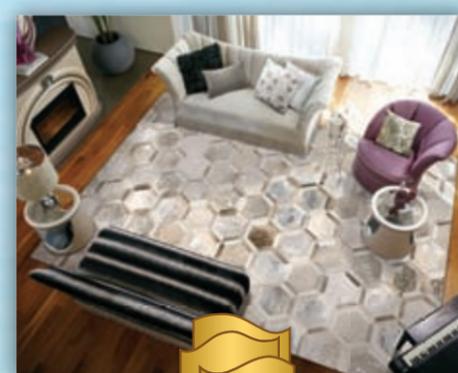
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Friends Julie Magardino, Shannon Green and Pam Elder, right, joined forces to create a co-op that's a one-stop shop for curated jewelry from designers in Europe and New York as well as original art and orchid and succulent arrangements that make perfect hostess gifts. Ms. Elder, who is an interior designer, also adds furnishings and accessories to her portion of the space.



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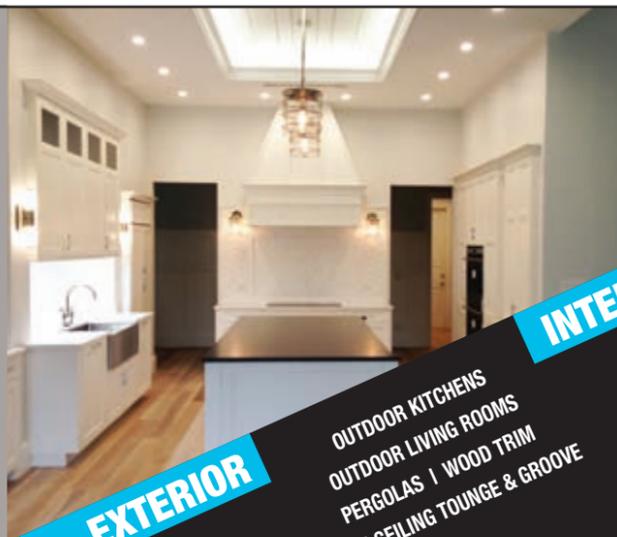
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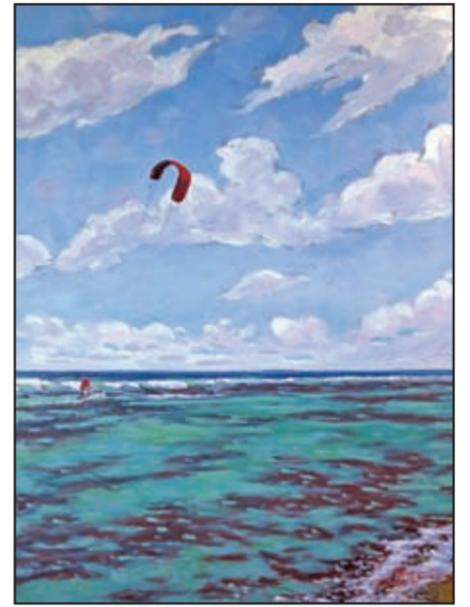
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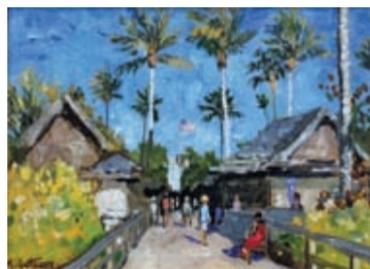
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The Collective:

A new home for sophisticated design

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It wasn't that long ago that you had to drive to Estero in order to find everything you needed to complete the design of your home. But over the past few years Naples has become the region's hotspot thanks to the ever-increasing number of design stores and professionals calling the city's Design District home.

That transformation will be complete with The Collective — a 68,000-square-foot lifestyle concept destination comprised of expansive, light-filled spaces complemented by curated retail shops, an urban café and exclusive design showrooms at the corner of First Avenue South and 10th Street South.

Naples Mayor Bill Barnett recently took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the project. The Collective's stunning architecture and unique mix of shops and spaces will cement the eclectic and posh Design District neighborhood as Southwest Florida's premier destination for style.

Scheduled to open in time for season 2018-19, the complex is being developed by John Abell and Randy Kurtz, with design by Stofft Cooney Architects and construction by DeAngelis Diamond.

An urban café will anchor the main level and bring with it a unique, fresh concept in which visitors can grab a cup of coffee or a glass of wine to enjoy while exploring the stores and showrooms. Four to six tenants will occupy



The Collective, a 68,000-square-foot design center, will anchor the Naples Design District at the corner of First Avenue South and 10th Street South.

each of the first two floors, pending specific square-footage requirements. The third floor is fully leased with four tenants. The space will house a maximum of 16 tenants.

So far, committed tenants for the site include Kurtz Homes Naples; Patina Collection/Patina Design, a furniture, accessories and design showroom specializing in a European aesthetic with a decidedly neutral palette; Stofft Cooney Architects; AlliKriste Fine Cabinetry; Premiere Systems, which masters the complexities so clients can control audio, video, lights, shades and security with the swipe of a finger; and Casa Italia/Minotti, a showroom of exquisite contemporary furnishings from Italy.

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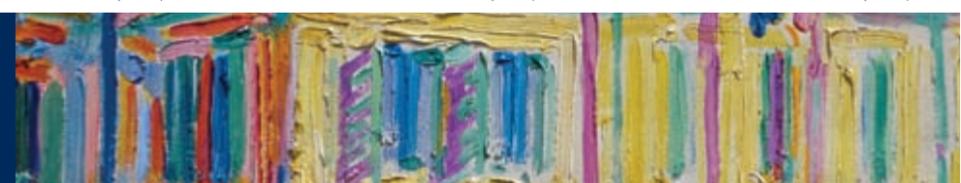
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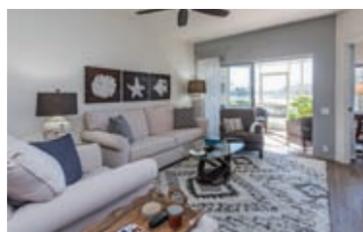
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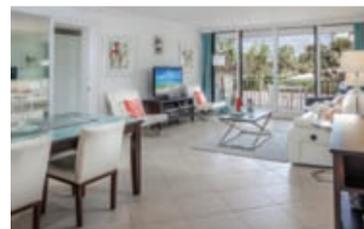
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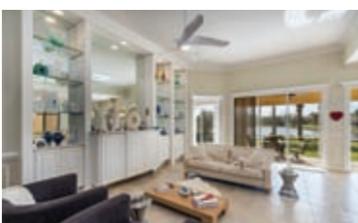
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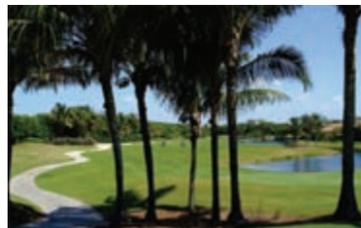
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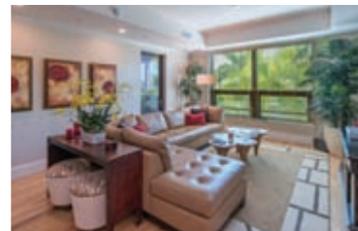
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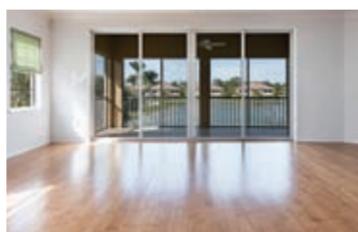
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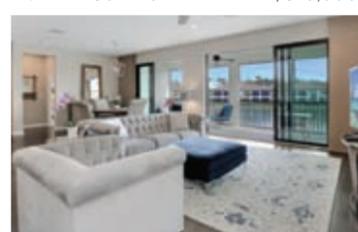
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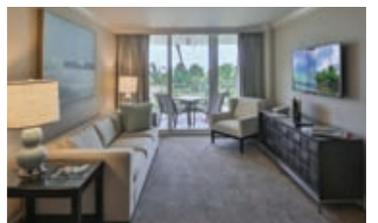
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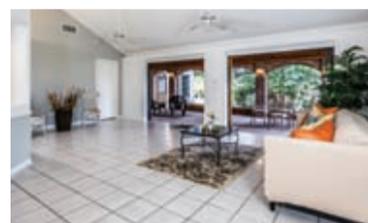
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