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BY CHELLE KOSTER WALTON
Florida Weekly Correspondent

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WWII pilot, 97, to receive national museum award

BY AMY WOODS
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Many a nonagenarian blessed to live so long likely has a story to tell about the days of old. But few can say they flew military aircraft during World War II as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Bernice “Bee” Falk Haydu did. The Sing-



HAYDU

er Island senior who flight-tested UC-78s and AT-11s from 1942 to 1944 will receive The National WWII Museum’s Silver Service Medallion to acknowledge the feat.

“There are actually many people today

who never knew women flew in World War II,” said Mrs. Haydu, the first WASP to earn the honor. “I will be accepting it not just for me but for all of the WASP.”

The American Spirit Awards takes place June 8 at the New Orleans museum, and the 97-year-old mother of three, grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of

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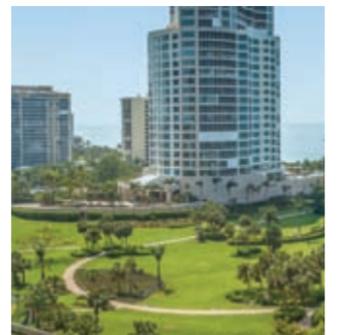
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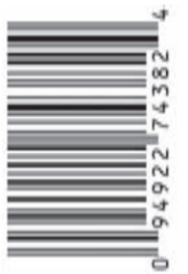
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COMMENTARY

Judgment Day



This will be the easiest column I ever wrote because I intend to dole out judgments, punishments and recriminations.

Typically a column takes me six or eight hours to write, and for very good reasons: First, I don't know what I'm talking about when I begin. Second, I observe the orthodox tradition in journalism, even in opinion writing, that insists on the use of facts.

And third, my wife isn't home. She's a lot more fun to engage than my own usually suspect opinions about anything.

Laying out your opinions each week is about as rewarding as staring in a mirror, for me. There is nothing in the world I would rather do less than stare in the mirror. But not out of virtue. On the contrary, I'll stare happily in any direction where beauty exists. In my case, that is not the mirror.

This is different. This came to me in a dream, or at least a state of dreamy wakefulness, with its voices and instructions and worries and epiphanies. Some people call that "God."

I suddenly realized: These people need to be judged, not merely discussed. And God's not here to do it — yet. So I'll have to.

You may know them: Donald Trump. Diane Feinstein. Michael R. Jordan. Rick

Scott. Scott Pruitt.

Let's not start with Mr. Trump, who delivered more than 2,000 false or misleading statements as president by the end of his first year in office alone — lies fact-checked and verified as lies (it's true, they're lies) by reporters.

No, let's start with one of his minions, the pastor of the New Era Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

Pastor Michael R. Jordan, you bring to mind the movie "White Men Can't Jump." You put this encouraging message on the sign in front of your church, recently: "Black Folks Need To Stay Out of White Churches." And, you probably figure, they need to stay out of white restrooms and restaurants. White folks need to stay out of "white" churches, too, pastor.

Judgment: Pastor, you will hereby be remanded to the custody of an all-black chain gang singing African-American hymns along Mississippi roads in summer heat in the year 1950, where you will work naked until you repent your sins, or you turn 95, whichever comes first. This means 1950 will be a long, long, long year for you, sir.

Diane Feinstein, Democratic Senator from California — since 1992. Previously, you were San Francisco supervisor (1970 to '78), and mayor of San Francisco (1978-'88).

Judgment: Sen. Feinstein, you are hereby ordered to serve 25 years doing nothing but sipping tea and nibbling cookies poolside in a country club that accepts only wealthy Republicans. You will listen carefully to what they have to say about

everything, especially cars, spas, golf and tax-cuts. Then you can come back to the Senate — that is, if you can learn not to tell Californians and Americans they have to have "patience" with Donald Trump.

Rick Scott, Florida Republican governor since 2011, and now U.S. Senate candidate: In 1997, you resigned as CEO from the hospital company you founded, Columbia/HCA, during a Justice Department investigation to which your company finally pleaded guilty of fraud, settling the case for two fines amounting to \$1.7 billion. While you were CEO you became very, very, very rich as your company wrongly billed Medicare, Medicaid and other programs; falsely diagnosed patients to increase payments to hospitals; pretended that marketing and advertising costs were community education and should be reimbursed; and billed the government for home health care visits to patients who didn't qualify for them.

Then you won the governor's race in Florida in 2010 with \$75 million of your own money, before throwing in another \$13 million to win a second term in 2014, leaving you at the end of last year with a paltry \$150 million or so, a wealth you built from your fraudulent company, Columbia/HCA.

Governor, you've denied climate change as a reality, fired hundreds of regulators and researchers who kept an eye on our degrading environment and water, and allowed it to degrade even further.

Judgment: You are hereby remanded to the custody of the Kansas City doughnut shop you founded at the begin-

ning of your career to wash the grease each evening from the doughnut deep fryers while earning minimum wage — which you have helped keep low — until you pay back American taxpayers and Columbia/HCA stockholders for the billions they lost during your tenure as CEO.

Scott Pruitt, chief of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and formerly attorney general of Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweeping down the plain: Mr. Pruitt, you have worked assiduously to cut regulations that prevent cars, trucks and coal-burning factories from pouring out more toxins; you have labored to bring fricking fracking to public lands and public lands into fricking private hands.

Judgment: You are hereby ordered to sit naked, tied to a tree, in Bears Ears National Monument in southern Utah until you have personally apologized to 15 or 20 hungry bears for not resisting the move to drill for oil in their backyard. Or until the year 2100, whichever comes first.

Donald Trump, 45th president of these United States: Enough said.

Judgment: For everything you have done, especially that thing with your orange hair, you are hereby remanded to the custody of NASA officials, who will launch you into intergalactic space by next week so America can become the first nation to claim a manned mission not just to Mars, but to the stars. Make America Great Again!

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OPINION

North Korea is acting up because Trump has it cornered



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Washington Post

North Korea's recent temper tantrum over U.S.-South Korean military exercises and its threat to pull out of its upcoming summit with President Trump are signs that Trump's North Korea strategy is working.

Over the past several months, Trump has boxed in Kim Jong Un. First, he ramped up economic pressure on Pyongyang while making clear that, unlike his predecessors, he was willing to take military action. Yet when Kim offered to meet face-to-face, Trump shocked everyone (probably including Kim) by reportedly accepting on the spot. Instead of rejecting the offer, or using it as a bargaining chip to elicit concessions, Trump said "yes" and put the two nations on a faster track to nuclear negotiations than anyone had anticipated.

Then, the president began shaping the parameters of an agreement — starting with making clear what kind of deal he would not cut. The North Koreans want a nuclear deal like the one President Barack Obama gave to Iran: sanctions relief up front, billions of dollars in cash, a weak inspection regime and sunset clauses on the back end. By withdrawing from the Iran deal last week, Trump sent Pyongyang a crystal-clear message: I don't cut deals like that.

He then used his senior officials to lay out the parameters of the kind of accord he would cut. Kim wants

to get paid for the promise of denuclearization. Appearing on "Face the Nation," national security adviser John Bolton played the bad cop and explained that that is not happening. Trump will only pay for actual denuclearization. The president, Bolton said, is looking for "a manifestation of the strategic decision to give up nuclear weapons (that) doesn't have to be the same as Libya but it's got to be something concrete and tangible it may be that Kim Jong Un has some ideas and we should hear him out."

While Bolton set expectations for denuclearization, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo played the good cop and held out the twin carrots of security and prosperity if Kim agrees. "If North Korea takes bold action to quickly denuclearize," Pompeo said, "the United States is prepared to work with North Korea to achieve prosperity on par with our South Korean friends." That stunning offer is deeply destabilizing for Kim. If he goes to a summit with Trump and refuses to accept a deal that provides his country with prosperity on par with South Korea, then he can no longer blame the West for the misery of the North

Korean people.

In other words, Trump and his national security team have put Kim in a corner, offering him peace, security and prosperity, but only if he first denuclearizes completely, verifiably and irreversibly. Little wonder that North Korea is lashing out.

Kim might be looking for a pretext to get out of his meeting with Trump, and the military exercises provide a perfect excuse.

He may also be testing Trump to see how badly he wants the summit. Or he may be trying to drive a wedge between the United States and South Korea in advance of the talks. He knows South Korean President Moon Jae-in is deeply invested in his "Sunshine Policy" with Pyongyang. If the North threatens a little rain, perhaps the South — which desperately wants the summit — will pressure Trump to cancel the military exercises or be more flexible at the bargaining table.

Trump needs to show Kim that he won't respond to threats by refusing to call off the exercises. Through back channels, he needs to reaffirm his willingness to provide North Korea with security and prosperity in exchange for immediate denuclearization but also

make clear that if North Korea refuses, the alternative is not the status quo. Sanctions will be ramped up, and military action is possible. Above all, Trump should take North Korea's recent outburst as a signal that Pyongyang is feeling the heat.

A cornered animal roars, precisely because it is cornered. Stand firm, Mr. President, and don't let up the pressure. ■



Donald Trump's Jerusalem triumph



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In the second century A.D., Jewish rebels who had stunned the Romans and liberated a portion of Judea overstruck imperial coins with images and a message of their own, "Year One of the Redemption of Jerusalem."

The leader of the Jewish rebellion, Bar Kokhba, was fired by a vision of a united Israel with Jerusalem as its capital, which had been the exception during the prior millennium, thanks to the depredations of the Assyrians and Babylonians, among others. But such was the power of the national idea — and his messianic zeal — that Bar Kokhba ventured all on regaining it.

And lost. Not for nearly another 2,000 years would the vision come to fruition. At a ceremony in 1982 burying bones of some of those long-ago rebels with military honors, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin declared: "Israel and Judea are reborn. We have redeemed Jerusalem."

King David conquered the city in 1000 BC and made it the capital of the kingdom of Israel. His son Solomon built the First Temple. But Jerusalem would repeatedly be captured and the Temple destroyed (first by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar and then by the Roman Emperor Titus).

The Jewish people never forgot. In one of the miracles of our age, after long centuries of exile punctuated by genocide at the hands of the Nazis, they re-established Israel in 1948, and then gained control of all of Jerusalem in 1967 (prior to that, when Jordan held East Jerusalem, Jews couldn't visit the Western Wall).

The notion that the City of David isn't the capital of Israel was an impolite fiction, honored by the U.S. and the West for fear of provoking Arabs hostile to the very idea of the Jewish state. Its prime minister, parliament and highest court are based there, and it's unimaginable that Israel would ever agree to any peace deal that didn't recognize it as the capital.

The tired, conventional arguments against it haven't held up well in the wake of President Donald Trump's decision to move our embassy. The Arab

street hasn't exploded. The West Bank has been relatively quiet. Arab capitals haven't erupted in outrage. The flashpoint has been in Gaza, the terror state-let ruled by Hamas. Israel pulled out of Gaza more than a decade ago and has been rewarded with constant attacks emanating from a territory where the infrastructure of mayhem and destruction — rockets, tunnels and the like — is the only growth industry.

Hamas has goaded rioters to storm the Israeli border, defended by Israeli soldiers who fire on them if necessary to protect local communities (more than 50 were killed on a recent Monday). This isn't "the caravan" that arrived at the U.S. border with peaceful migrants seeking asylum, but a violent provocation that is a function of Hamas' commitment to Israel's destruction.

For now, that poisonous ambition looks more fantastical than ever. Trump's move is an acknowledgment of reality. It is also a symbolic statement of permanence, that Menachem Begin was correct when he said at the ceremony for the Bar Kokhba rebels 36 years ago, "Glorious fathers, we are back and we will not budge from here." ■

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GUEST OPINION

The high cost of surviving

BY DAVE TRECKER

How much is a life worth? What about a pain-free life? How much is just surviving worth?

A dollar amount can't be affixed to any of those, because in our society health is considered inviolate. And it should be.

But when life-saving or life-extending medicines are discovered, we are quick to dollarize their value and complain when we feel their prices are too high. We are entitled to health, but loathe to pay for it. "New Drugs Inflict Sticker Shock," the headline reads.

And so the cause of the day — until hurricanes or war or the next election displaces it — is to beat down what are considered usurious drug prices. President Trump wants to "get tough on the drug makers." The Democrats decry "pharma's monopoly power and abuse." While we would never stand for price controls on home construction, trucks or underwear, the free market goes out the window when it comes to medicine. We set boundaries on the cost of survival.

What caused this brouhaha?

Several things, all involving progress: Advances in small-market disease treatment. Breakthroughs in high-value cancer medication. And remarkable progress in personalized genetic medicine.

Those advances come with hefty price tags. For full treatment regimens, Gilead



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Science charges \$373,000 for Yescarta (lymphoma) and \$84,000 for Solvaldi (hepatitis C). Novartis lists a new cell therapy (lymphoma) for \$475,000. Spark Therapeutics charges \$850,000 for Luxturna (retinal dystrophy).

A big contributor to these prices is the attendant treatment costs. You don't just pop a pill. For Yescarta's gene-based therapy, a patient's own immune cells must be extracted, modified and reinjected. A two-week hospital stay is not unusual. It's groundbreaking science, and it's very expensive.

But it's not just the exotic treatments that are costly. Drug prices in general have been rising. A panel from the National Academy of Sciences recently issued a scathing report claiming "Consumer access to effective and affordable medicines is an imperative that is not being served by the biopharmaceutical enterprise today." Drugs are just too expensive.

Perhaps. But let's be clear on one thing. Medicines don't fall from the sky. They are discovered, tested and developed at great cost. Back in the day, the litany was it took an average of 11 years and a cost in excess of \$1 billion to bring a drug to market. And only one in ten that entered clinical testing made it to the finish line.

Now the clinical trial success rate is almost 14 percent, but the cost of development is a staggering \$2.6 billion, according to Tuft University's Center for the Study of Drug Development. Between 1989 and 2011, the cost per patient of a clinical trial more than doubled. And it's



even higher today.

Make no mistake; the drug game is a costly, high-risk enterprise. A few winners have to pay for many, many losers.

To hedge bets, drug companies are acquiring and merging. Acquiring candidates already discovered, but not yet developed, and merging with smaller firms that offer specialized skills. This cuts research and development risk, but adds even more to drug cost.

In spite of these hurdles, big pharma continues to deliver. In 2017, the U.S. drug industry caulked up the most FDA approvals in 20 years. Forty-six new molecular entities were cleared for marketing, covering indications from Parkinson's to Type 2 diabetes.

What about the killer prices? Some progress is being made. The Trump administration plans to "begin a national dialogue," floating ideas like allowing

importation of lower-cost drugs from overseas, letting Medicare negotiate directly with drug makers and increasing rebates and discounts for Medicare enrollees.

To spur competition for generics, the FDA is offering incentives to manufacture 319 off-patent medicines. And a study is underway to evaluate how drug prices might be pegged to performance. How, for example, do you quantify Viagra's effectiveness?

Another idea is to extend patent lifetimes, allowing drug makers to lower prices while recouping costs over a longer period. Still another idea is to fast-track FDA review for a wider range of candidates.

None of these measures is free. Incentives and rebates take taxpayer money. Faster approvals require a bigger FDA. Expanded oversight of any kind means more bureaucracy.

But no matter how this plays out, the one thing we mustn't do is kill the goose that laid the golden egg. The U.S. pharmaceutical industry is the best in the world. Its scientific advances are legendary. Its productivity in terms of lives saved or extended simply cannot be measured.

You can't put a price tag on human life. ■

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Nissan's new Armada is on patrol



It's the beginning of rainy season in South Florida, and anyone who has ever encountered a well-worn mud trail has probably thought about a 4x4 SUV like this Nissan Armada.

The second-generation Armada has been with us for about a year now. It's not a new design, but it's new to us. This Armada is the Patrol SUV sold elsewhere on the international market. People who know 4x4 history will be excited about this news.

The Nissan Patrol is as well regarded in the international community as the Toyota Land Cruiser. The USA had an early opportunity to buy these off-road Jeep-like machines when Nissan/Datsun first appeared on our shores in the 1960s. After they stopped importing the Patrol, it followed a similar path of the Land Cruiser where it grew in size, but never lost the 4x4 ability that made them a go-to for the international community, including the United Nations relief vehicles. To bring that vehicle here gives the new Armada an instant respect that its Titan-based predecessor didn't earn.

While the new Armada looks nearly identical to the Patrol that has been available elsewhere in the world, it's distinct enough to carve out its own space in our market. It has the tall and

boxy stance that is good for a truck-like SUV, and the rear pillar has the kind of thick curve that BMW uses to show power. The only vehicle that looks similar is the Infiniti QX80, because it's the Armada's up-market sibling.

Inside, there are more premium connections to the Infiniti with nice standard features like an 8-inch touchscreen, woodgrain materials on the dash and separate climate controls for the driver, passenger and rear. Plus, as a tall three-row SUV, there's the underlying luxury of having enough headroom to make the driver feel like he/she owns air space.

This SUV needs to feel premium, because the base rear-wheel drive model starts at \$47,385. A leather-clad top-of-the-line Nissan Armada Platinum Reserve with full-time four-wheel drive costs about \$67K. That's about where the pricing begins for the slightly more powerful and more prestigious Infiniti QX80 4x4, so the overlap is minimal.

Where the Armada is going to find the most competition is with the capable SUVs from mainstream nameplates. The Chevrolet Tahoe offers similar interior features, and its dimensions inside and out are within a few inches of the Nissan. The base price difference is



the Toyota and Chevy are a solid axle that's often preferred for hauling large items, but the Armada actually has a slightly larger towing capacity. And its independent rear suspension is a favorite for those who spend more time on the road. Other IRS competition out there includes the Ford Expedition. That one can be optioned to have the largest towing capacity around, but not everyone likes its 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6.

Does all this competition start to feel confusing? It certainly is,

because these larger SUVs are bought by people who need to dial in the right mix of towing toys, going off-road, and carrying a basketball team worth of passengers. The new Nissan Armada rides in the middle of this class with decent power, size, and capability — all as standard. The few options it does offer are more about dialing up the level of luxury with multiple trim levels.

So, the salespeople at the Nissan lot probably won't have as many questions for you as Ford or Chevy. But they'll be able to talk about a history to rival the Land Cruiser, while offering more value-minded pricing. It's a fine line to walk, but selling capability in the rainy season should be easy. ■

even less than \$1,000.

The 394-horsepower 5.6-liter motor is the Armada's big advantage. It's a multi-valve V8 with dual overhead camshafts and variable valve timing. What this means in the real world is it has a big V8 grunt when needed for work duty, as well as decent acceleration in low-speed city traffic. The Chevy has a smaller 5.3-liter as standard, but it's lighter. It also has a larger V8 available in top trim levels that outprice the Armada.

We had mentioned the Toyota Land Cruiser as a historic competitor, but today, the Armada price tops out about \$16K before the Land Cruiser even begins.

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'Tween Waters Inn Island Resort.

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tioning doubly attractive with off-season and Florida-resident deals.

LAI D BACK ON SANIBEL ISLAND

NOTHING SAYS A RELAXED VACATION LIKE A barefoot beach cottage. Give that swimsuit a quick check to make sure our salty environment hasn't totally sprung the elastic. Now pack it and go. That's all you will basically need, but of course you're going to schlep along boogie boards, beach chairs and umbrellas, a ton of sunscreen, a good beach hat and some casual go-out-to-eat duds.

Beach cottages are the ultimate Sanibel staycation, and you can find a complete selection. Some, such as **Castaways Beach & Bay Cottages** at Blind Pass, scatter accommodations both

beachside and across the road. What's sweet about opting for non-gulfside at Castaways: easy access to the property's old-Florida marina — perfect for fishing types.

Fully furnished, self-catering cottages range from one to three bedrooms. Through Oct. 31 the property is offering a fourth night free. As a guest of the Sanibel Captiva Beach Resort group, which includes Castaways and **'Tween Waters Inn Island Resort**, nearby on Captiva Island, you also receive a valuable coupon booklet for drinks, meals, gifts, spa services and other perks.

If you'd rather flip-flop it to dinner, restaurants as casual as Lazy Flamingo and as fine-fared as the Mad Hatter are easy to walk to. Spend your days at Castaways fishing, boating, beaching and soaking up the healing sea waters. Fishing charters and boat rentals are available from the resort, or cast off the Blind Pass bridge, where the waters flush out bait fish and the fish chasing them. In the wake of summer storms, this is THE place to catch some surfing waves.

Mitchell's SandCastles and Forty/Fifteen Resorts also provides the option of beachfront or more affordable cottages within easy walking distance to the beach. Your schlepping list just got shorter: It provides guests with free use of kayaks, beach chairs, umbrellas, tennis racquets, two pools and bikes and helmets. Ten classic cottage-style accommodations sleep up to six.

Grab a bike and head down Sanibel's 25 miles of shared-use paths to go shopping on Periwinkle Way or exploring the environment at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife on Sanibel-Captiva Road. A short bike ride from Mitchell's, Sandbar Restaurant serves seafood and steak for dinner.

URBAN LIFESTYLE GETAWAY

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The Escalante's Florida Staycation Special is offered June through September, when a one-bedroom lanai suite with a private patio costs \$285 per night plus tax and resort fee, with a minimum two-night stay. The offer includes deluxe continental breakfast and butler beach service.

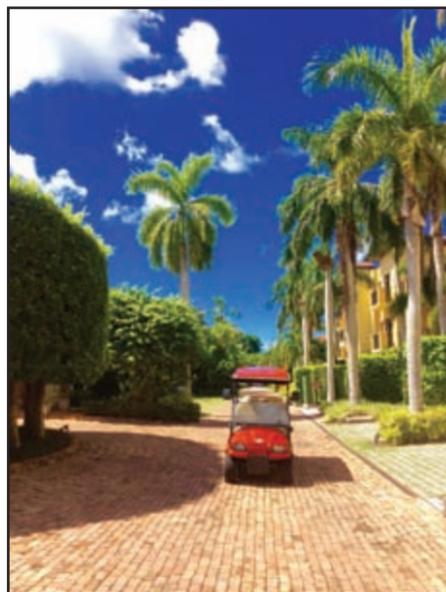
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The Escalante.

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The GullWing Beach Resort.

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Europe. For drinks, late bites, music and dancing, head down Third to The Continental.

Downtown Fort Myers' historic river district exudes a youthful vibe in restaurants and bars such as Downtown Social House, The Standard, The Lodge and the Sky Bar. Make **Hotel Indigo** your headquarters for easy access to the nightlife scene, which includes live theater by the Florida Repertory Theatre, at the Arcade, and even a hip kava bar. Shopping may not measure up to downtown Naples (look for fun buys

at the Franklin Shops), but three neighborhood historic sites are worth your visit: the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, IMAG History & Science Center and the Burroughs Home & Gardens.

Art lovers should check out the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for art exhibitions and musical performances. Plus, two nights each month, culture takes to the streets during Art Walk and Music Walk.

Friendly **Punta Gorda** packs a lot into its riverfront commercial district. Stay at the **Wyvern Hotel**, whose Perch 360 rooftop bar gives you the best view of the Peace River in town. And the best tapas.

From June through Sept. 1, the hotel is offering a special Florida resident discount of 10 percent off its best avail-

able rate. Reservations must be made directly through the hotel using the code FWSC and are subject to availability and additional fees and requirements.

Steps away from main drag Marion Avenue, the Wyvern is easily accessible to Punta Gorda's surprisingly sophisticated dining scene. The Perfect Caper has long wowed connoisseurs with its intimate feel and creatively crafted fare. Leroy's Southern Kitchen, on the other hand, has become the vanguard for up style Dixie cuisine.

By bicycle is a great way to explore the town further, and Punta Gorda runs a convenient bike share program. Cycle along the river and stop for waterfront cocktails at TT's Tiki Bar.

BEACH IT ON FMB

YOU CAN SPEND YOUR ENTIRE STAYCATION gulf-side in Fort Myers Beach and still get the flavor of the island and its uncomplicated brand of beach culture. Settle into a beach hotel — they range from the simplicity of the classic **Outrigger Beach Resort** to modern, home-away-from-home condo complexes such as **GullWing Beach Resort**.

Both offer amenities that keep you entertained on the spot. The tiki bar at Outrigger, for instance, makes for a lively entertainment venue next to the pool and with a view of the beach. Through Dec. 23, Outrigger offers a 10 percent discount Sunday through Thursday to Florida residents. In June,

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Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village.

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you can score a 20 percent discount during the same off-weekend days.

At GullWing, water sport rentals and beach volleyball satisfy spurts of solar-powered energy. Year-round, it offers a 15 percent discount to Florida residents with a valid ID.

Within walking distance of both, you can beach-hop to other gulf-front establishments for food, drink and people-watching. Head out in the morning for Times Square, FMB's hub of shopping and dining activity. On the way, stop for refreshment at any number of resort and other beach restaurants and bars such as Tuckaway Cafe for breakfast and Lani Kai Island Resort for beach-side partying that starts with DJ music at 1 p.m. All of this without leaving the beach, unless you opt to drive the four miles to Times Square.

Restaurants around the pedestrian square range from al fresco pizza joints to a Greek café and seafood havens where the local pink shrimp rules. Jutting out from the beach, the 600-foot Fort Myers Beach Fishing Pier anchors the plaza at the beach. Wet a line or hire a parasail ride for a sky-high view of the island.

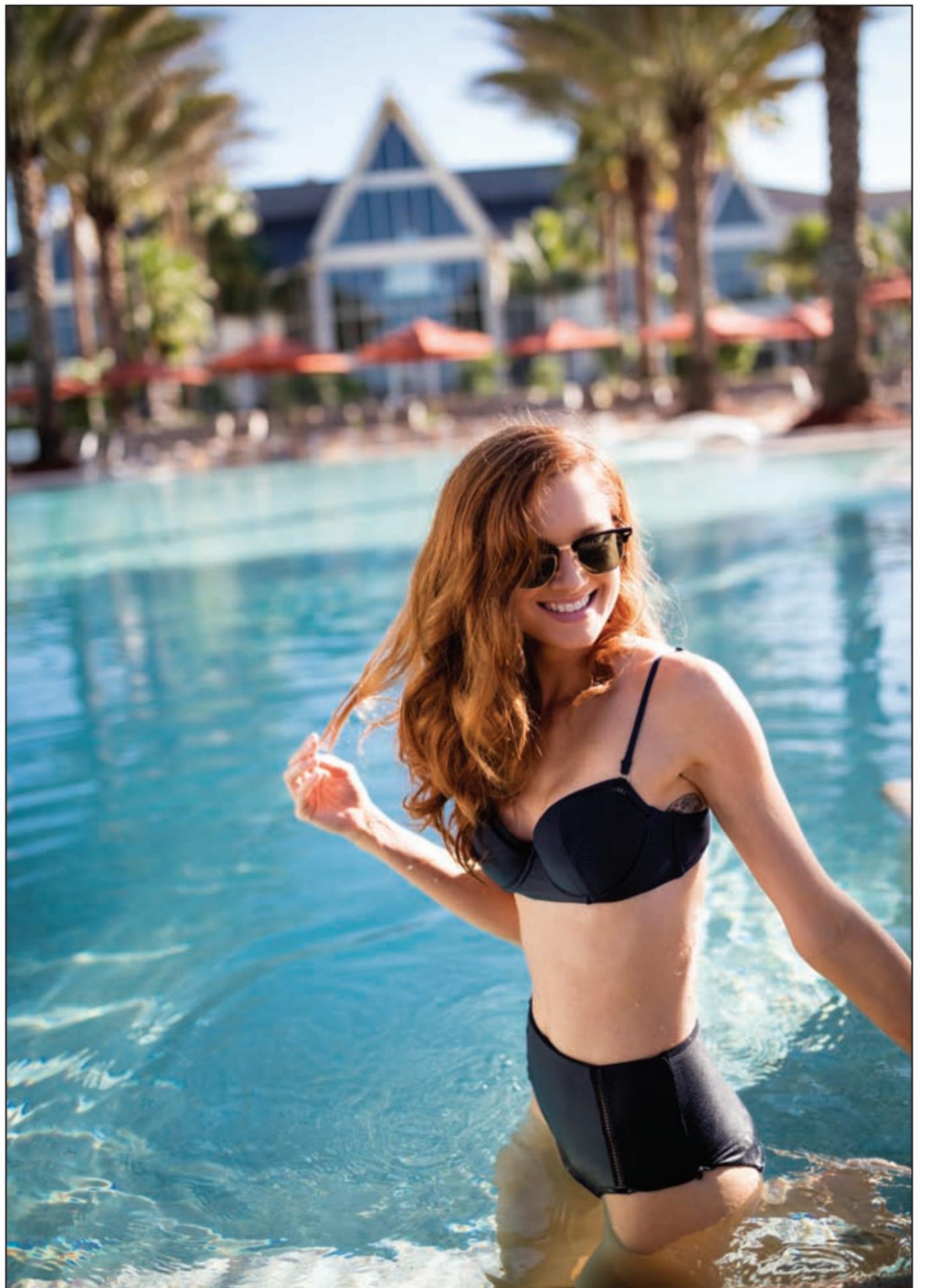
Lynn Hall Memorial Park appeals to families with its playground and gentle waves. Keep walking the beach northward to reach Bowditch Point Park, a natural beach with trails to hike at the island's end. Catch some rays and watch the boat traffic coming in and out of the pass. If the morning walk tired you out, no worries. Jump onto the free beach tram (through May 30) for the ride back to your hotel.

CAPE CORAL MARINA-SIDE LUXURY

Tucked into the mangrove waterways at Tarpon Point's yacht marina, the **Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village** sequesters guests in nautical luxury that feels miles and lightyears away from city vibes.

Spacious and fashionably designed rooms and suites overlook the marina, mangroves and the Caloosahatchee River and Gulf of Mexico beyond. The one- to three-bedroom suites come with full, gourmet-quality kitchens and all the standard Westin amenities from Heavenly Beds to Heavenly

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JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort.



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Palm Island Resort.

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Baths. Even pets get their own Heavenly Bed, meaning the family's best friend can come along on the getaway.

Here you can live the sailor's life, taking advantage of boat rentals, fishing charters, dolphin and sunset tours — and a complimentary water taxi to Fort Myers Beach, in case you're craving sand. Restaurants named Marker 92 Waterfront Bar & Bistro and the al fresco Nauti Mermaid Dockside Bar & Grill continue the seafaring theme with views of the marina. Nearby in the Marina Village, Gather is a new dining sensation.

Landside, Esterra Spa & Salon, three swimming pools, cabana rentals at the main pool, a fitness center, a kids' club, tennis, bike and kayak rentals, a nature trail and shopping round out a staycation that is equal parts plush and salty.

DELIGHTFULLY STRANDED ON PALM ISLAND

A morning beach stroll on Palm Island during a busy summer weekend: one yoga-stretcher, one snowy egret and one green heron shyly hiding back in the dunes and sea grasses. A quick car-ferry boat ride off the Placida mainland, **Palm Island Resort** takes "get-away" to a new, more secluded level. (You can also arrive by private boat to the resort's docks.)

Claiming two miles of beach within its confines, the resort attaches to Knight Island, Don Pedro Island and Little Gasparilla Island to the south for a total of 7 miles, if you're so inclined to walk that far. (The dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway in 1964 filled in the passes between the various isles to create one long, continuous flow.)

By foot, bicycle or golf cart is the way to get around the resort, because guests are required to park their cars outside the gate. Kayaks and powerboats are other ways to travel, and the resort rents both.

Its privately owned island villas and

cottages are set up for families and long stays with full kitchens, one to three bedrooms and lots of spreading-out space.

Five swimming pools and whirlpools, two playgrounds and 11 tennis courts mean uncrowded recreation. For the kids, Red Beard the Pirate leads family shows, story times and crafts. Tennis competitions, scavenger hunts and fishing and boating charters fill hours not spent lazing on the wide, soft beach and playing in the gentle waves.

The island's main dining venue, Rum Bay Restaurant, serves lunch and dinner at remarkably reasonable rates, considering it's the only game on the island, other than ultra-casual Coconut's Cafe. Baby back ribs and Hawaiian shrimp and pineapple fajitas are signature dishes at Rum Bay. Its congenial bar and competent staff make this the hub of island social life. Another resort restaurant, Leverock's, lies a short boat shuttle away on the resort's mainland component, where there are more villas for vacationers to rent.

Allotted a free round-trip ferry pass, guests too may want to consider a short drive to historic Boca Grande for dining, shopping and sightseeing for a day.

Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, Palm Island Resort offers a special \$35 off rooms and golf cart rentals per night through June 15. A two-night minimum applies; and the offer is subject to availability. Guests can add on lunch for two for \$35 plus tax and gratuity.

FAMILY BONDING ON CAPTIVA ISLAND

A destination all its own, **South Seas Island Resort** on Captiva Island fulfills every child's vacation fantasy. Gated from the rest of the world at the far reaches of the island, it provides opportunity to spend family time without life's intrusions.

Their eyes will pop at the first glimpse of the slides at the H2WHOA! water park. Not to mention the resort's long stretch of beach and 20 swimming pools. Water, water is everywhere and the resort encourages little ones to take advantage

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Fishing off a pier near Blind Pass, Sanibel & Captiva Islands.
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and even learn about the sea and land.

At the resort's T-dock, which juts into the pass at the north end, staff holds Go Fish! catch-and-release programs. Sanibel Sea School gets them sea-immersed with tours and day camps that teach about sea turtles, shells, manatees and other local creatures.

More kid places include the Ocean Discovery Center, Skully's Family Interactive Center and Scoops & Slices, named for those two all-time favorite family food groups — ice cream and pizza. Explore the resort's 330 acres with purpose on the ScoutAbout scavenger hunt and arrange for a family portrait on the beach. Golf, tennis, kayaking, boating, or just beaching: South Seas gets the family active and outdoors for a staycation that bends the rules and bonds the family.

Through September South Seas offers its Summer Getaway deal: Stay three nights and get your fourth night free. Kids 12 and under eat free at breakfast and guests receive a coupon book with more than \$250 in savings at resort outlets.

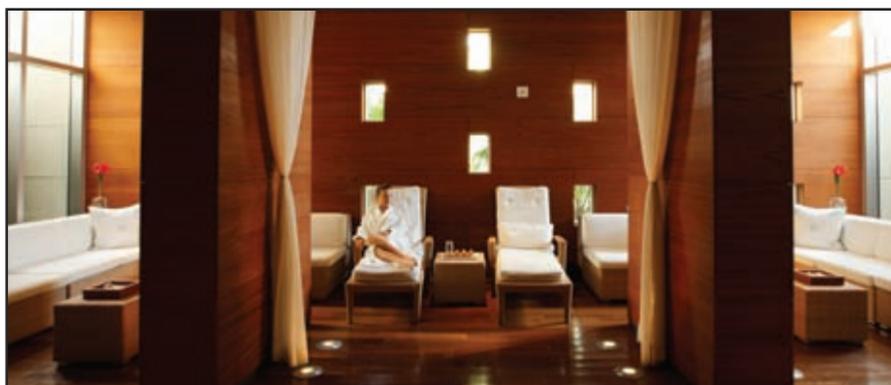
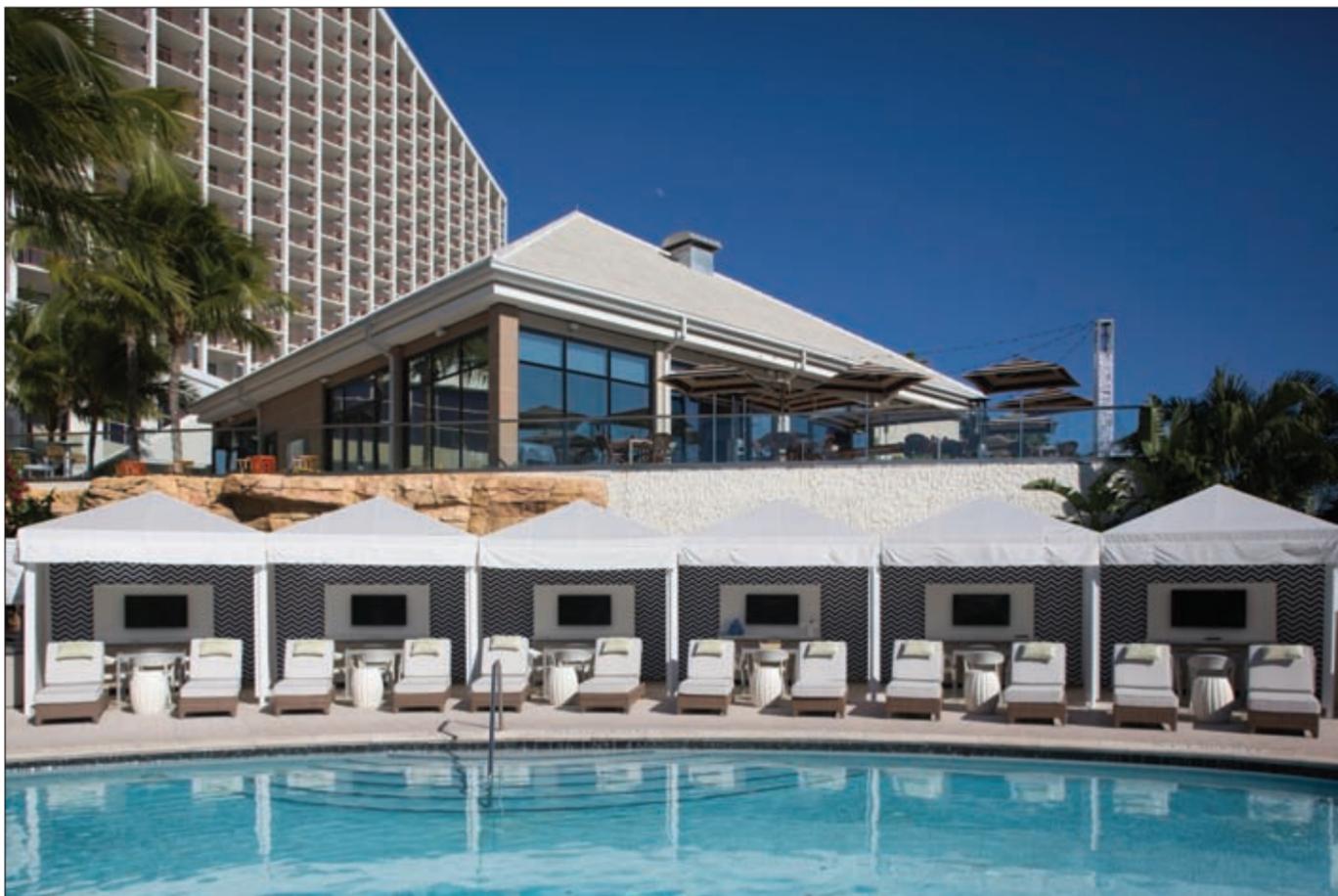
GOLF MECCA NAPLES

Naples counts among the nation's top destinations for golf and was recently voted by USA Today readers at number five on the 10 Best Golf Destinations in the World list. You could in theory golf a different course in the Naples area every day of summer.

In practicality, you may find it more rewarding to spend a vacation at one golf resort. **The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort** makes a good case for such a strategy. The resort includes Tiburón Golf Club, which offers two award-winning 18-hole courses designed by Greg Norman.

Through Aug. 30, the resort offers three packages with accommodations and unlimited same-day continuous golfing. In addition to the long list of deluxe amenities the golf resort avails, guests are given access and may shuttle to the beach, restaurants, spa and other facilities and services at The Ritz-Carlton Naples beach resort. To celebrate that hole-in-one, make reservations at The Grill, the beach resort's fine steak and seafood restaurant. (Note: The Ritz-Carlton Naples beach resort will be closed June 25 through Sept. 3 for exterior restoration.)

In contrast to the luxury and glamor of the Ritz, the **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** wears an air of relaxed, classic golf vacationing. Opened in 1946



Naples Grande Beach Resort.

as one of Florida's first golf resorts, it recently completed a \$50 million renovation of its 18-hole, par-71 golf course. The renovation was led by Jack Nicklaus, which is fitting since he golfed the course as a youth and broke his own record there.

Naples Beach Hotel combines the best of all staycationing worlds with a beach at its front door, a golf course at its back, and restaurants, swimming pools, a spa and tennis courts in between. From June 4 through Sept. 30 the resort offers a "Stay 2 Nights and the 3rd Night is Free" promotion. Apres-game, plan on sunset cocktails at Sunset Beach Bar & Grill followed by a seafood dinner at HB's on the Gulf.

SUNSET CENTRAL

We have the west coast advantage here in Southwest Florida: We get to watch Ol' Sol's final curtain call each evening with the promise of a green flash and orange parfait afterglows. Three of our favorite vantage points hail from the shores of Collier County, with restaurant and guestroom views from beach-level to soaring vistas that are dizzying with beauty.

JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, which in the past couple of years has undergone a major renovation and rebranding from its original Marriott status, favors guests with two beach restaurants in tropical motif. Quinn's on the Beach greets sunset each evening with a fire dancer show. Or celebrate sunset with a rum flight at Kane Tiki Bar & Grill.



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The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

In the past few years, the property has upgraded to its JW branding via a \$320 million makeover and expansion. New, fashion-forward restaurants, accommodation enhancements and a spa facelift have been completed. Still in the works: a new adults-only accommodations tower with a celebrity chef (to be announced) rooftop restaurant.

Guests can receive a \$50 nightly resort credit for rooms booked by May 31 for stays before July 31.

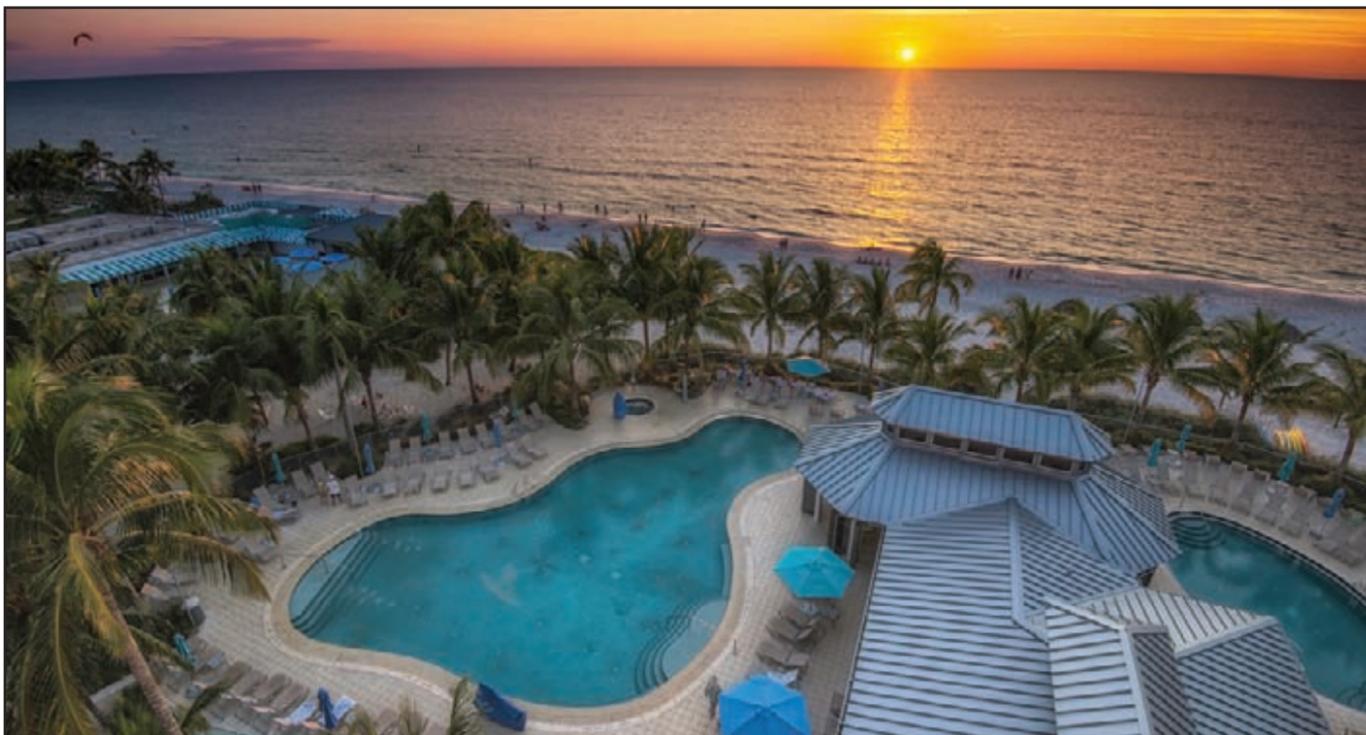
Naples Grande Beach Resort lives up to its promise of grandeur with a side of sunset. Watch it from the Clam Pass Park beach, at the end of the resort's boardwalk through the mangroves. To see it from your accommodations, book on floors six and higher. The signature gulf view guestrooms, on floors 12 through 18, present the best views.

Closed through Dec. 14 following Hurricane Irma, Naples Grande emerged with a refreshed look in its garden villas and the new pan-Asian Mantra lobby restaurant.

Year-round, the resort offers Florida residents 20 percent off nightly rates, which translates into prices as low as \$167 per night from June through August, and \$135 in September.

Northernmost, **LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort** introduces you to the beach at ground level and its uber-romantic BALEEN restaurant, where you can even order up a toes-in-the-sand table-for-two, waterside. Newly renovated, its lobby draws you into the waterfront bar and out to its grotto pool, bar and grill and Thai-inspired spa — all at sea level. Its 15-floor Gulf Tower boutique-style accommodations include eight one-bedroom suites with whirlpool tubs that have a view of sunset — the perfect time and place for a little bubbly. The Beach House holds guestrooms at sand level, while the six-floor Bay Tower presents different waterfront views.

LaPlaya offers discounts of 5 to 20 percent (based on supply and demand) to Florida residents with valid identification. Its website also lists a number of special golf, sea turtle season, wellness and other packages. ■



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Ringling Museum photographer to speak at Naples Art Association function

A notable photographer will share his knowledge with Naples residents at an upcoming Naples Art Association lecture.

Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at the Ringling Museum of Art, will visit Southwest Florida on Thursday, May 31, to discuss his take on modern photography. Dubbed "Rethinking Photography: Analogue Experience in the Digital Age," the lecture will be preceded with wine and appetizers beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the lecture slated to begin at 6 p.m.

The Naples Art Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and advancing education, interest and participation in the visual arts in Southwest Florida. The upcoming lecture

coincides with their mission; Mr. Jones will discuss his unique outlook on how photography should be viewed by enthusiasts and experts alike moving into the age of new technology.

"From its inception photography was never a single, unified practice," Mr. Jones said of his views. "Instead, it has always been a continuously evolving set of aesthetics and ideas in dialog with technology."

His lecture will be followed with questions and answers. There is a \$10 voluntary donation at the door and the event is free of charge for Naples Art Association contributors.

As associate curator of photography at The Ringling Museum of Art, Mr. Jones

oversees photography, new media and the works on paper collection. Since arriving at The Ringling in 2012, he has curated many exhibitions for The Ringling's photography program, including Territories: Photography, Space, and Power; Builder Levy: Appalachia USA; Unfamiliar Realities; In the Streets: Photographing Urban Spaces; and Witness to War for which he received the 2013 Outstanding New Professional Award from the Florida Association of Museums.

Prior to the Ringling, Mr. Jones was assistant curator of prints of photographs at the University of New Mexico Art Museum, where he co-curated exhibitions such as "Altered Landscapes: Photography since the Sixties," and "The

New World's Old World: Photographic Views of Ancient America." He has also worked as an art collections manager for galleries and artists' estates. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida in the history of photography, and received his master of arts from the University of New Mexico in modern and contemporary Art.

The Naples Art Association is located at 585 Park Street in downtown Naples and is open to the public at no charge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (Monday through Friday from May through October). For more information about the Naples Art Association, visit www.NaplesArt.org or call 262-6517. ■

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The traffic leader in April was Delta Air Lines with 194,114 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Southwest Airlines (182,003), American (135,119), JetBlue (130,437) and United (105,034).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 8,049 aircraft operations, a decrease of 13.8 percent compared to

April 2017. Page Field saw 8,007 operations, an 18.4 percent decrease from April 2017. In addition, nearly 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in April 2018.

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Young Naples composer wins national award

Apparently age is just a number when it comes to composing an orchestra. Just ask 12-year-old Naples resident Frazar Henry, who received the Morton Gould Young Composer Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers earlier this year, according to Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.

The Mastersingers Festival Orchestra premiered his winning work, "In Exordium for orchestra," in April 2017. Mr. Henry studies music composition with Dr. Jason Bahr, himself an accomplished composer and the bass section leader of the Mastersingers.

According to the ASCAP website, this national award is given "... based on the significance and overall artistry and compositional elements of the musical work..." The competition is only open to composers who have not yet reached their 30th birthday. At age 12, Mr. Henry was the youngest winner this year.

Jeff Faux, artistic director of the Mastersingers, described the origin of the piece.

"Last season our focus was 'The Future of Music.' We added to our organization the City of Palms Youth Choirs, and our big performance was the world premiere of Jason (Bahr)'s Symphony No 2. As Frazar is a student of Jason, we thought this was the perfect occasion to

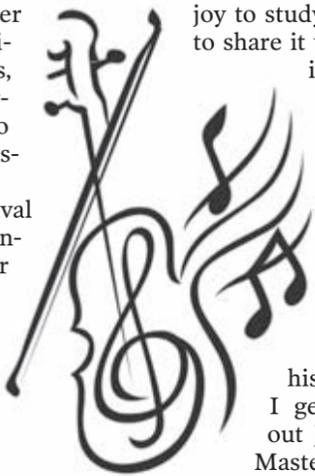
include a new work by him."

"I am thrilled to see Frazar receive such a significant honor for this piece," Mr. Faux said of the award. "It was a joy to study the work, conduct it and to share it with our audiences. There is surely more great work to come from this young man."

"I am so lucky to have support from people like Jeff (Faux) and the Mastersingers who gave me the amazing opportunity to compose a piece for full orchestra," Mr. Henry said of his work. "It's not something I get to do everyday. Without Jeff, Jason (Bahr) and the Mastersingers, I would not have earned such a great award for my composition."

"I'm very proud of him," said Mr. Bahr of his student. "He is quite a talent and this award is well-deserved."

Although the "Future of Music" season has ended, the Mastersingers continue to support new music with the initiation of the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Prize in Choral Composition. This national competition seeks out newly composed music for choir. The winning work will be performed by the Mastersingers in their 2018-19 season, and the winning composer will be present for the performance. For more information, visit www.newmusicengine.org, search categories, and click on the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Prize in Choral Composition. ■



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one will don her uniform and represent the band of sisters who served their country at more than 120 bases across the United States.

“Of course, I’m extremely honored to have been chosen,” Mrs. Haydu said, noting that the uniform she will wear belonged to another WASP member, as hers has been on display at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum since 1969. “I’m kind of a little overwhelmed at all of the honors that are being given.”

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots with a Congressional Gold Medal. Mrs. Haydu was in the Oval Office to witness the signing. In 2014, she accepted the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by the Federal Aviation Administration for achieving 50 years of flying experience. She has 54. In 2015, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology in Flushing, N.Y., presented her with an honorary doctoral degree. She sported a cap and gown and tossed her tassel.

“It brings to light who we were, and what we did. We were not a really well-known secret.”

The biggest honor of them all precedes the others by decades. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter approved legislation recognizing all who belonged to the WASP as veterans 33 years after Congress dissolved the program. She led the effort.

“We all anticipated being able to stay in service, and here we were being pushed out. We wanted to serve our country, but we wanted to serve it as pilots.”



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Bernice “Bee” Haydu, a Women Airforce Service Pilot, or WASP, during World War II, stands next to an AT-6 Texan at Page Field in Fort Myers on Feb. 20, 2016.



COURTESY PHOTO
Bernice “Bee” Haydu prepares to fly a Stearman Kaydet during flight training at an auxiliary field near Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, in 1944.



WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA
President Barack Obama signs S.614 in the Oval Office at the White House, July 1, 2009. The bill awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to veterans of the Women Airforce Service Pilots.



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Paul Garber, historian emeritus of the National Air and Space Museum, discusses Women Airforce Service Pilot history with Bernice “Bee” Haydu, a Women Airforce Service Pilot, or WASP, veteran, while S. Paul Johnson, director of the museum, looks on, March 24, 1969. Mrs. Haydu donated her complete uniform, which is still on display.

WASP's beginnings

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, pilots were in short supply. Not only were they needed to fight the war but also deliver advanced trainer planes to flight schools in the South. Twenty-eight female aviators volunteered to take those ferrying jobs, forming the country’s initial WASP squadron. More than 1,000 would join the program during its two-year lifespan, operating out of Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas.

They flew every aircraft in the arsenal. In addition to ferrying, they towed gunnery targets, transported equipment and shuttled nonflying personnel to points of destination, as well as flight-tested aircraft that had undergone repairs. Seven months of take-offs and landings were required for the women to get their wings.

“I guess the hardest things were the check rides,” Mrs. Haydu said. “That was the worst part because, naturally, you get very nervous, and you hope you’re giving them a good ride so you get a passing grade.”

The battle to succeed was an uphill one.

“A lot of the men did not want women

flying airplanes. This was their thing.”

Hooked on flying

The Montclair, N.J., native, who grew up during the Great Depression, graduated from high school in 1938 and financially was unable to go to college. She landed a job as a secretary instead. Bored and “always feeling very sorry for myself,” she decided to attend night school and enrolled in an aviation course. Then she took a flying lesson.

“I loved it. I was just hooked the first time I was up in the air.”

She obtained her private pilot’s license in Martins Creek, Pa. Following her service in the WASP, she returned to New Jersey, became a flight instructor, part owner of a flight school and eventually ran a Cessna dealership with her late husband, Joseph, also a pilot. The couple moved to Florida in the late 1970s and throughout the years owned 14 different types of single- and twin-engine planes.

“We would fly to California. We would fly to the Bahamas for a game of golf and come back the same day.”

She quit driving last year after injuring her arm in a fall from a treadmill.

But that does not seem to have slowed her down. She spends her time speaking to the nation’s youth and enlightening them about her life’s work, which includes authoring “Letters Home: 1944-1945,” a book that chronicles her time in the WASP through the letters she wrote to her mother while on duty.

“I love to talk to these young people. I tell them, ‘If you have a desire to do something, go ahead and pursue it. Don’t let them say girls don’t fly. Just don’t listen to them. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and keep right on going.’” ■



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Dress collection parties for Love That Dress! take place at various locations through the summer. Here's when and where: June 8, Seminole Immokalee Casino; June 20, Clive Daniel Home; July 31, during Raise the Roof Family Fun Day at Trouvaille Medspa; Aug. 2, Purely You Spa; and Aug. 12, at the Gratitude Glam Magical Unicorn and Rainbow Tea Party at the Hilton Naples. Email Ms. Martin for details.

■ The 29th annual **Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation** awards banquet takes place Thursday, 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 its debut in 1986 and 1990. Now 63, he is a

member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Each of the public and private high schools in Collier County nominates its best senior scholar-athlete for the Winged Foot award. 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.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by dinner and the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$275. For more information, call Brooke Hornbeck at 280-3270 or email Brooke_Hornbeck@ajg.com.

■ **Drug Free Collier** holds its next **Community Awareness Breakfast** from 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Monte Stiles, former federal prosecutor and a nationally recognized expert on drug policy, law enforcement and safe communities, will present "The Impact of Marijuana," a discussion about studies detailing the effects of marijuana on the developing brain and the community impact of legalization. Continental breakfast will be served.

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■ **Path2Freedom** hosts a benefit screening of the new documentary "American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us" from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Hilton Naples. Director Ben Brothers and Executive Producer John Carter will be in attendance. The film focuses on the complex nature of sex trafficking and the efforts of social advocates, law enforcement agencies, legislators and victims-turned-heroines to eradicate the subversive system. Tickets for \$50 include a reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar after the screening. To buy tickets or for more information, visit www.path2freedom.org.

■ **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.

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its **2018 Sandollar Awards** gala, "The Secret Garden: Unlocking Naples' Finest," the evening of Saturday, Sept. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Ticket sales begin June 1 at www.cbina.net. ■

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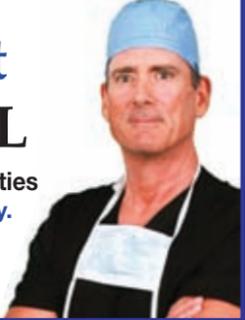
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Male depression might lower pregnancy chances among infertile couples

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Among couples being treated for infertility, depression in the male partner was linked to lower pregnancy chances, while depression in the female partner was not found to influence the rate of live birth, according to a study funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Published in *Fertility and Sterility*, the study also linked a class of antidepressants known as non-selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors to a higher risk of early pregnancy loss among females being treated for infertility. SSRIs, another class of antidepressants, were not linked to pregnancy loss. Neither depression in the female partner nor use of any other class of antidepressant were linked to lower pregnancy rates.

"Our study provides infertility patients and their physicians with new information to consider when making treatment decisions," said study author Dr. Esther Eisenberg of the Fertility and Infertility Branch at NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which funded the study.

Citing previous studies, the authors noted that 41 percent of women seeking fertility treatments have symptoms of depression. In addition, a study of men seeking IVF treatments found that nearly 50 percent experienced depression. The authors conducted the current

study to evaluate the potential influence of depression in couples seeking non-IVF treatments.

The researchers combined data from two previous studies funded by NICHD's Reproductive Medicine Network. One study compared the effectiveness of two ovulation-inducing drugs for establishment of pregnancy and live birth in women with polycystic ovary syndrome. The other study compared the effectiveness of three ovulation-inducing drugs at achieving pregnancy and live birth in couples with unexplained infertility. In each study, men and women responded to a questionnaire designed to screen for depression. Only the women were asked whether they were taking any antidepressants.

From the two studies, the researchers analyzed data for 1,650 women and 1,608 men. Among the women, 5.96 percent were rated as having active major depression, compared to 2.28 percent of the men.

Women using non-SSRIs were roughly 3.5 times as likely to have a first trimester pregnancy loss, compared to those not using antidepressants. Cou-



Depression is one of the most prevalent and treatable mental disorders and is regularly seen by a wide spectrum of health care providers, including mental health specialists, medical and surgical subspecialists and primary care clinicians.

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development conducts and supports research in the United States and throughout the world on fetal, infant and child development; maternal, child and family health; reproductive biology and population issues; and medical rehabilitation. For more information, visit www.nichd.nih.gov.

ples in which the male partner had major depression were 60 percent less likely to conceive and have a live birth than those in which the male partner did not have major depression.

The study did not include couples who underwent in vitro fertilization because the authors thought that this procedure could potentially overcome some possible effects of depression, such as reduced sexual desire and lower sperm quality.

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America's hospitals are transforming to meet patient needs



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America's hospitals and health systems are continually transforming to meet the changing needs of our patients and our communities. As we innovate, we continue to protect resources dedicated to quality care and fight to preserve the coverage gains vital to keeping our communities healthy. This thought was shared last week at the annual Washington, D.C., meeting by Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the American Hos-

pital Association, of which I am privileged to be a board member.

NCH was recognized for its careful preparation and robust response to disasters, with Hurricane Irma as our most recent challenge. As such, I was given the honor of chairing a panel where leaders from Sunrise Hospital, LBJ Hospital, and Santa Rosa Regional Hospital shared their responses to a hail of bullets, a deluge of flooding, and an inferno of fire, respectively, followed by comments from the assistant secretary of health and human services who emphasized how important collaboration is to minimize the effects of catastrophes.

We also celebrated Hospital Week and Nurses Week, simultaneously recogniz-

ing all of the outstanding colleagues who make a difference every day for those we serve. In addition to thanking folks who have been with us for 40 years and for five-year increments down to five years, we also had 355 deserving nominees, with 13 receiving special recognition as nurses of the year, technicians of the year, secretaries of the year, outstanding mentors and rising stars.

Advanced Practice Professional Vanessa Russino, Nurse Physician Partnership Dr. Tamara Rodriguez and Nurse Leader of the Year Kristin Miller were also awarded for excellence by their colleagues.

Florida Sen. Kathleen Passidomo attended the event and shared her

thoughts and warm wishes mid-week, noting that with one voice we can have a powerful impact on policy and change at the legislative level.

The senior team interacted in many forums on both campuses focusing on making decisions together. The impact of everyone's collectively sharing views that influence, innovate and inspire leads to continued success.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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The naked truth

Letitia Chai, Cornell University class of 2018, arrived at her "Acting in Public: Performance in Everyday Life" class on May 2 ready to present a trial run of her senior thesis wearing a button-down shirt and cutoff denim shorts. Professor Rebekah Maggor was displeased, however, and asked Chai, "Is that really what you would wear?" She referred specifically to Chai's "too short" shorts and told Chai that her clothing choices would distract "men's attention" from the content

of her presentation. Chai left the room, but soon returned wearing just her bra and panties and delivered the entirety of her presentation. On May 5, she returned to the classroom to officially present her thesis and stripped down again, with more than two dozen others in the room joining her in bras and panties or boxers. Chai posted on Facebook about the incidents, telling The Cornell Daily Sun she wanted to raise awareness about this "huge societal issue."

Try the decaf

In Hudson, Brandon Donald McCray, 47, came unglued on May 1 after discovering two of his socks missing. When suspicion fell on his roommate, Frank Smith, 53, McCray attacked him with a sword, according to WTVT. The attack continued as McCray also struck and

injured two women living at the home. Pasco County Sheriff's deputies said Smith nearly lost several fingers trying to defend himself. Deputies arrested McCray at a neighbor's house on charges of attempted homicide and battery.

Being Millennial

As finals were ramping up at the University of Utah at the end of April, one student's class project went viral: Senior Nemo Miller created a stand-alone closet, placed in the J. Willard Marriott Library, where stressed-out students could go for a good cry. KSL TV reported The Cry Closet (#cryclosetuofu) caught on quickly; even with

a suggested 10-minute limit, @Gemini tweeted, "I stayed 11 mins but feel so much better thank you to whoever built this. Can we add a box of tissues please?" Miller filled the closet with stuffed animals and soft materials. "I think everyone just needs a safe space sometimes," she said, "even if it's in a very public place." ■

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PET TALES

Top pet traumas

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Our dogs and cats hate to let us know when they're not feeling well. It's instinctive for them to hide illness and even injuries if possible.

Some emergencies are obvious, though, and an emergency, by definition, requires immediate treatment. Any time your pet experiences one of the following conditions, you need to get him to the veterinarian on the double, whether it's noon or nighttime, weekend or holiday.

■ **Hit by car.** Even if your pet appears to be OK, he could have serious internal injuries.

■ **Falling out a high window.** Cats have a reputation for surviving high falls, but that doesn't mean they don't sustain injuries.

■ **Blood gushing from an artery or bleeding from the mouth, nose or rectum.**

■ **Loss of consciousness.**

■ **Difficulty breathing, which can indicate choking, poisoning or heart failure.**

■ **Sudden collapse or paralysis.**

■ **Bloody vomiting or diarrhea.**

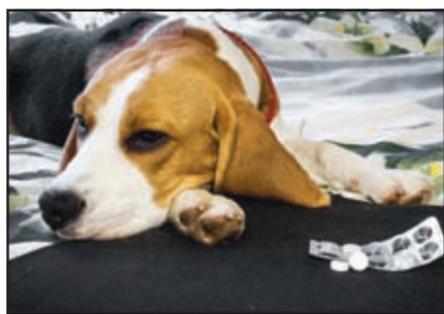
■ **Broken bones, difficulty walking or reluctance to put weight on a limb.**

■ **Gums that are pale instead of a healthy pink.**

■ **Seizures, tremors or staggering, which can indicate poisoning or neurological problems.**

■ **Known ingestion of antifreeze, Easter lilies, rat poison, items containing xylitol or other toxic substances.**

Some pets are more prone to certain types of emergencies than others. Cats, for



Many foods and over-the-counter medications that humans can take safely can be dangerous or fatal to pets.

instance, love to nibble on plants and can develop fatal kidney failure from eating any part of a lily, even small amounts of pollen.

In male cats, straining to urinate can signal an obstructed urinary tract. When that happens, toxins build up quickly and can kill the cat if the blockage isn't relieved rapidly. Cats who strain to defecate should also be seen right away.

Dogs, especially males but sometimes females, can also develop urinary obstructions from bladder stones or prostate disease. Breeds at higher risk include Dalmatians, bulldogs and black Russian terriers.

An enlarged stomach accompanied by drooling, panting and retching without bringing anything up is a sign of gastric dilatation volvulus, commonly known as bloat and often seen in deep-chested dogs. Never "wait and see" if your dog shows these signs.

Dogs are notorious for eating anything they run across, which leaves them open to ingesting toxic foods and pharmaceuti-

cals. Take your dog in if he eats grapes or raisins, fungi such as mushrooms or toadstools, dark chocolate, any food containing the sweetener xylitol, or drugs such as Tylenol, nasal spray or eye drops.

Another common pet emergency is severe vomiting and diarrhea accompanied by appetite loss. Those signs may be early indicators of life-threatening disease or gastrointestinal obstruction. Pets left untreated, especially cats or toy-breed dogs, can quickly become weak and dehydrated.

Pets with flat faces such as bulldogs, pugs and Persian cats are prone to heatstroke. If these pets are restless, have a rapid pulse, have trouble breathing or are panting or drooling, it's an emergency.

Cat and dog breeds such as Maine coons, ragdolls, Persians, American shorthairs and cavalier King Charles spaniels are at risk for congestive heart failure. Signs include unusual inactivity, tiring quickly, restlessness, panting, difficulty breathing, crackly breathing sounds and pale gums.

A pet who has trouble walking may have a spinal cord injury. Dogs or cats with long backs such as dachshunds or munchkins are susceptible to ruptured intervertebral disks.

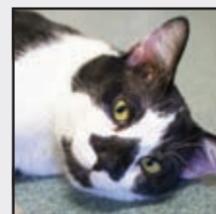
If your pet experiences an emergency, the best thing you can do is to stay calm in the moment. Have your veterinarian's phone number and that of the nearest emergency clinic on speed dial, and call to let them know you're on the way and what the problem is.

Most important, know your pet's normal behavior. Noticing changes early can help you catch problems before they turn into emergencies. ■

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Embracing humidity as a ‘comforting cloak’



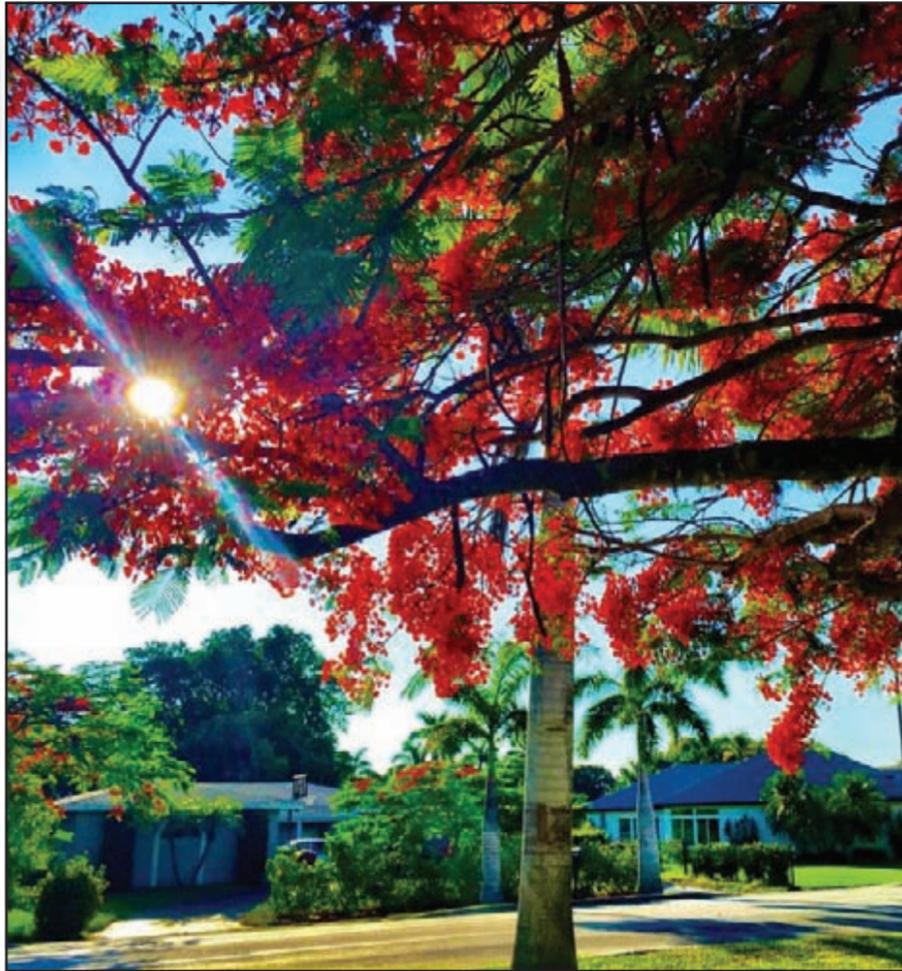
It’s about that time of year when I start feeling seasonal affective disorder. Some folks in colder climates get SAD as winter approaches — I get SAD as summer starts to rear her hot, humid, dank head like a heavy, slimy Medusa from the bathwater-warm, salty, brown Gulf of Mexico.

I struggle with it every year (I’ve been in Southwest Florida for over 40) and every year, I vow it will be different. I try to force myself into embracing the heat and reveling in the humidity, but it never works. By August, I’m a miserable, melted, old crone using up so much of my energy to be angry at, of all things, the weather.

But, a few days ago, a good friend who used to live here and now lives in Tennessee texted me, “I’ll bet the poinciana trees are starting to bloom. I miss them so much! I’m feeling homesick — will you send me a picture?”

And sure enough, later that day, as I was driving around my neighborhood, I looked up and there they were — those fabulous, flaming scarlet petals starting to spread across the edge of the trees’ branches. Some of the poinciana trees I noticed were thick and fluffy with vibrant flowers. Others were scant but getting there fast. Poinciana season, though brief, is just beginning. I snapped a photo for my friend.

A few days before, when I was com-



STEPHANIE DAVIS / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Lovely poinciana trees are beginning to bloom in Southwest Florida, a harbinger of hot, sweaty days to come.

plaining about the heat on Facebook, another friend made me think of it dif-

ferently. She wrote: “If you spent much of your earlier life in a state that could

at times take your breath away with the cold, freezing your nose hair and rendering you a clenched mass of protoplasm, you could embrace the humidity and find it a comforting cloak.”

Usually when I bitch about the heat, friends tell me to “get over it” or ask me, “then why do you live here?” But, the idea of the humidity being a comfortable cloak was intriguing — menopause notwithstanding, could I try to feel the heat differently?

I dug out my old DVD copy of “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” and watched Elizabeth Taylor on a veranda in a sexy white slip fanning herself with a handkerchief and sipping on a tall glass of ice cold sweet tea. She made summer in the south look steamy and sizzling, not droopy and devoid of life. Could heat be seductive?

It seems like hope for my SAD is coming through a variety of channels. I was talking with another friend recently who lives in a great old Florida house built way before air conditioning — and it still doesn’t have AC. “The house has great cross ventilation and an enormous old attic fan that I turn on at night. It’s actually very comfortable and my electric bill is low.” I looked at him wide-eyed, unbelieving. But, the more I thought about it, I wondered if accepting the heat could be freeing.

The vivid beauty of the poinciana trees, humidity as a “comforting cloak,” warmth as romance, and thinking of the heat as freeing. Maybe it’s not about forcing myself to embrace summer in Southwest Florida to avoid SAD — and instead, just letting summer be summer and enjoying its offerings, all the while turning SAD into Zen. ■

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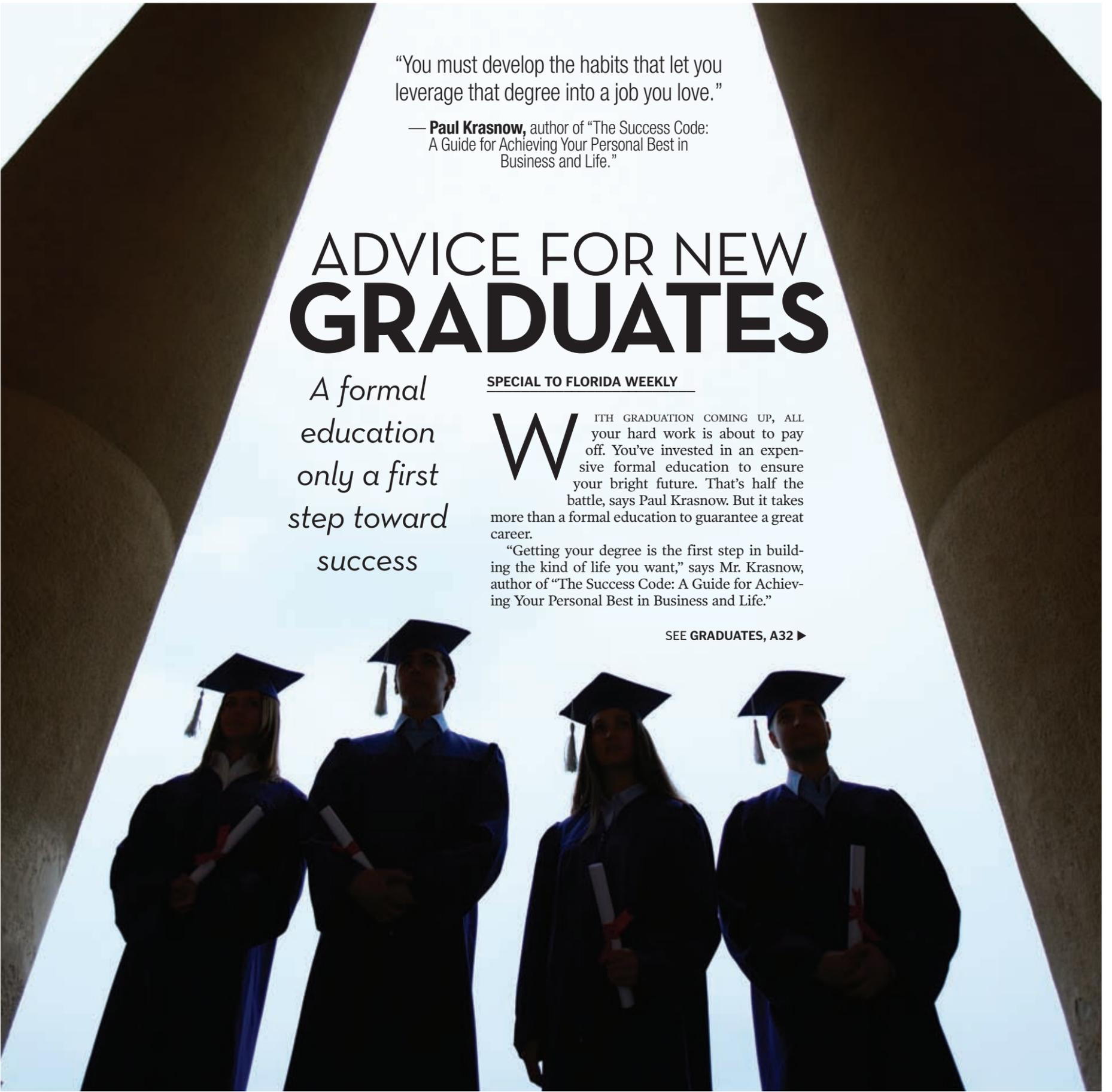
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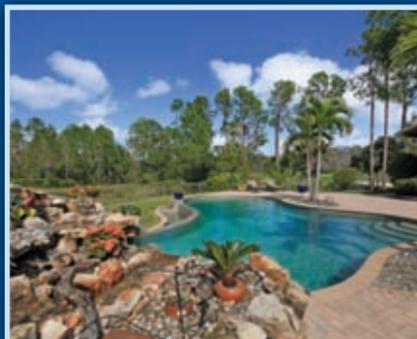


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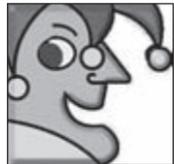
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Don't Let Health Care Costs Derail Your Retirement

You may be saving for retirement and assuming you'll be fine, but there's a certain cost that many people underestimate or don't include in their retirement planning: health care.

According to new data from the Nationwide Retirement Institute, health care costs are keeping roughly a quarter of current retirees from living the lives they expected. Furthermore, 80 percent said that health problems snuck up on them sooner than anticipated. Of course, there's no getting around the need to pay for health care in retirement, but you can do your part to ease the burden by knowing your costs in advance, buying the right insurance and saving for the bills that lie ahead.

The amount you ultimately spend on medical care in retirement will depend on a number of factors — primarily, your health. But according to HealthView Services, a medical cost-projection software provider, the average 65-year-old male today will spend \$189,687 on health care in retirement, while the average 65-year-old woman will spend more (because

women tend to live longer) — \$214,565.

Worse, those averages don't even account for long-term care, which is something that 70 percent of seniors 65 and over are likely to need. According to Genworth Financial's 2017 Cost of Care Survey, the average assisted living facility in the country costs \$3,750 per month, or \$45,000 on a yearly basis. The average nursing home, meanwhile, costs \$235 per day, or \$85,775 per year, and that's only for a semi-private room.

What should you do, given all that? Well, aim to save aggressively for retirement, investing your money effectively. Consider taking advantage of tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs and 401(k)s, too. Learn more about Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans in order to see which will likely keep your health care spending as low as possible in retirement.

Read up on ways to save money on health care in retirement, too, whether it's getting ahead of medical issues before they escalate by eating well and exercising or by being savvy about prescriptions. ■

My Dumbest Investment

An Unhealthy Scam

My dumbest investment was a company out of Bainbridge Island, Washington, many years ago. The marketing was brilliant, with a sign at Safeco Field, Shaquille O'Neal wearing the company hat at an NBA championship celebration and more. It seemed to be a successful high-tech health business, aiming to combine fitness and health services under one roof. I toured the facilities, met staff and was impressed.

I invested \$10,000 in the company, but it turned out to be a scam. I can't recall management's names, but they should be getting out of prison soon.

— S.O., online

The Fool Responds: You weren't alone — that was cited as the largest stock fraud case in Washington state history. It's easy to get excited about fascinating and promising businesses you run across, but you should aim to dig into them deeply before investing — even more so when they're small and/or young.

Hearing management's rosy outlook isn't enough, and touring the premises isn't necessary. Look into the history and track record of management. Look into their books to see whether they're turning their great ideas into profits. Look into current and possible future competitors, and weigh all risks facing the company.

Even if you do all that, a company could still surprise you by imploding. Thus, it's smart to protect your money by spreading it across a bunch of companies (or a simple and low-fee index fund) and not just a few. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back 200 years, to the 1818 opening of my first haberdashery in New York City. My early tagline was "Makers and Merchants in One." I introduced the innovation of ready-made suits in 1849, button-down polo shirts in 1896 and a pink shirt for women in 1949. I made a uniform for Teddy Roosevelt and a coat for Abraham Lincoln. Unlike many other companies, I extended credit to my customers during the Great Depression. My logo is the Golden Fleece. I boast more than 280 stores in the U.S. and more than 700 internationally. Who am I? (Answer: Brooks Brothers) ■



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Ask the Fool

Watch That Watch List

Q How should I go about creating and using a stock watch list?

— M.S., Warren, Ohio

A Start by jotting down the names of companies you read or hear about that seem like promising investments. You could do so on paper, but maintaining a list online is easier. You can set up an online watch list or "portfolio" full of stocks of interest at sites such as finance.yahoo.com, morningstar.com, marketwatch.com and others. You might pretend that you bought one or more shares of each at the stock price at which you first noticed the company.

Meanwhile, research and follow the companies on your list and get to know them well. When you're ready to buy, you'll be familiar with a bunch of companies and will have a sense of which are strongest, growing most briskly and priced attractively.

Monitoring your list will also help you notice when a company of interest falls in price significantly, presenting a possibly great buying opportunity. When that happens, do further research to make sure any problems it's facing seem temporary and not protracted.

Q What's "window dressing," financially speaking?

— T.D., Watertown, Wisconsin

A Window dressing is a not-so-great practice employed by some mutual fund managers. Since fund managers have to report regularly on their funds' holdings and they want to impress existing and potential shareholders, some will sell poor performers and replace them with popular stocks before the reporting period ends. That will make a good impression on someone reviewing their list of holdings as of the end of the quarter.

You might avoid being taken in by window dressing by favoring funds with low turnover ratios, which reflect relatively infrequent trading activity. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1906 and a family that bought the Batesville Casket Company and started a hospital furniture company. I've grown over the years, in part by acquiring other businesses. Today, with a market value recently near \$3 billion, I have two focuses: I design and produce engineered industrial equipment, and I'm also a top North American death-care company. My businesses include Red Valve flow control products, ABEL pumps, Coperion industri-



al equipment, Rotex screeners and Terra-Source Global, with its Pennsylvania Crusher, Gundlach Equipment and Jeffrey Rader brands. My ticker symbol is very friendly. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Some Pep for Your Portfolio?

If you're in the market for stable, established companies with track records of solid dividend growth, consider PepsiCo (Nasdaq: PEP).

In addition to its namesake Pepsi line, the company boasts 22 brands that generate more than \$1 billion apiece in annual revenue, including Gatorade, Mountain Dew, Tropicana, Quaker, Lay's, Doritos and Cheetos. Currently, PepsiCo dishes out \$0.805 per share quarterly, with its dividend recently yielding 3.25 percent. The company has increased its dividend annually for 45 consecutive years (through 2017), and further increases are likely.

PepsiCo's wide moat, featuring intangible assets, cost advantages and brand power, keeps competitors at bay. And it boasts strong

relationships with distributors and retailers.

One challenge facing PepsiCo is that consumer tastes in the U.S. are trending toward healthier products. In response, PepsiCo is adding healthier items to its lineup, such as Tropicana Essentials Probiotics, while promoting existing healthier options such as its juices and aiming to reduce the sodium content in its foods. Meanwhile, international demand for much of PepsiCo's offerings is growing.

PepsiCo is cutting costs by increasing automation, recently implementing robotic truck loaders at shipping centers and automating some packing processes. With a solid dividend and some underappreciated growth catalysts, PepsiCo is worth considering for your long-term portfolio. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **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.

■ **Business Networking International goal setters and networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Moorings Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information.

■ **Business Networking International goal setters and networkers** meet at 8 a.m. every Wednesday at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road. Call Ted Fitzpatrick at 910-7994 for more information.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, 3555 Kraft Road in Naples. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** hosts its annual Real Estate Industry Panel from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Hilton Naples. Panelists for "Building Confidence" are: Rick Armalavage of Armalavage & Associates, Mike Assaad of Waterside Builders, Rob Carroll of Investment Properties Corp. and Brian Keller of Taylor Morrison. John Wiseman of CORE Construction will moderate the discussion. B-Squared Advertising is the event's main sponsor; tabletop sponsorships are available and include

two tickets to the event. Admission is \$20 for CBIA Sale & Marketing Council members, \$30 for CBIA and NABOR members, \$50 for others. Sign up at www.cbina.net or email nancy@cbina.net.

■ The **CBIA Sales & Marketing Council** hosts "FANtastic Marketing," a breakfast program with Meredith Oliver, president and creative director of a Raleigh, N.C.-based digital marketing agency, from 8:30-10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, at Quail West Golf & Country Club, 5950 Burnham Road in Naples. The public is invited. "FANtastic Marketing" will address website design and content management, search engine optimization and paid search marketing, social media marketing, online lead generation and conversion best practices, digital marketing trends and new marketing platforms. \$20 for S&MC members \$30 for CBIA mem-

bers, \$40 for others. Registration closes June 1. To sign up or for more information, call the CBIA at 436-6100, email nancy@cbina.net or visit www.cbina.net.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Hilton Naples. Chamber President Michael Dalby will facilitate a discussion about the Collier County sales tax ballot initiative with panelists Scott Burgess, CEO of David Lawrence Center; Nick Casalanguida, deputy county manager for Collier County; and John Schmieding, senior vice president and general counsel of Arthrex Inc. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

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GRADUATES

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But after walking the walk, he adds, "You must develop the habits that let you leverage that degree into a job you love."

These habits, along with a strong work ethic, are your most valuable skill set and the real differentiators that fuel your career.

It's also important to hit the ground running after graduation. There's no better time to set a path toward financial success than right now, when you've got youth on your side.

Mr. Krasnow's habits are what helped him build a career from the ground up. Following early success in the clothing industry, he experienced a financially devastating bankruptcy that forced him to rebuild his life from scratch. He went on to join Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he has been a top producer for 40 years and won many Top Agent titles.

In "The Success Code," he lays out the no-fail formula that took him to the top of his industry. Keep reading to learn his best practices that will bring you unprecedented success for years to come.

■ Fuel yourself with motivation - Mr. Krasnow says one advantage of being young is that you have hunger and "the spark." Hunger is the drive that pushes you to work hard; "the spark" is the excitement, energy and anticipation of fulfilling your dreams. Seize this motivation and let it fuel your ambitions, he urges new graduates.

And speaking of ambitions: If you haven't done so already, figure out exactly what you want to accomplish in your life and write up a description of the vision you would like to bring into fruition. Let this vision motivate you to strive for exactly what you want for your life, and accept nothing less.

■ Solidify your work ethic now - Today more than ever, you must have an iron-clad work ethic to succeed in your career. This means being punctual, professional, responsible, self-disciplined and productive. Be honest with yourself about which of these qualities you already possess and which you need to work on developing. Don't feel discouraged if you fall short in some areas — they can take time to master. Instead, commit to sharpening each of these qualities to the best of your ability. People will start taking notice.



KRASNOW

■ Fine tune your focus - Today's employees have greater responsibility and less time to complete their work. This forces them to multi-task — something most people are terrible at doing. Plus, they are constantly interrupted by email, text messages and social media. Mr. Krasnow says success often comes down to your ability to tune out all of this "noise" and get focused.

"Get rid of distractions and temptations until your work is finished," he advises. "Turn off media, remove clutter from your desk and limit office chitchat anytime you have a task to complete. This creates an environment that best allows you to serve your clients and get your work done."

■ Engage with your clients - Building and nurturing solid client relationships is the cornerstone of any successful business. Mr. Krasnow says fostering engagement requires your commitment to a personal code of integrity to ensure clients that you will work hard for them and that they are in good hands.

"Strive to be honest and authentic with your clients and your associates," he says. "People will always be able to tell if you're

being friendly just to make a sale or establish a connection ... Get to know your clients and show genuine interest in their lives, and check in even when you have nothing to sell them."

■ Get some grit - From time to time, you will inevitably fail, lose or experience some kind of a professional or personal setback. When this happens, deal with the loss and move on. There's no benefit in wallowing or succumbing to fear or anger.

"You have to believe that you can overcome anything, and then put that belief into practice," Mr. Krasnow says. "Take a short amount of time to mourn your losses and process your emotions — just don't dwell on them. Next, take responsibility for where you are today and resolve to address any behaviors that need to be changed. Finally, get back to your normal routine with resolve to do it better than ever."

■ Work smarter, not harder - Learn to prioritize your daily goals. Create a to-do list and divide your tasks into three categories: critical, high-priority, and low-priority. Tackle each task in order of priority.

"Another good rule of thumb is to stop reinventing the wheel," Mr. Krasnow adds. "Make a habit of reusing and modifying resources already at your disposal."

■ Never stop competing ... with yourself - Mr. Krasnow recommends using a practice he calls "the push-up principle" to achieve personal goals by starting at your current skill and ability level and consistently moving up from there. This process naturally leads to self-improvement through small, manageable steps.

"If you can do only five push-ups today, try doing six push-ups tomorrow," he says. "The principle is incredibly simple, but it can create a long legacy of achievement. Set some reasonable goals and immediately start working to achieve them. Once you've proven to yourself how simple it is to execute your goals, your confidence level will begin to rise, and you can continually build on this momentum."

■ Hone an ideal image - Your appearance should reflect the quality of your services, says Mr. Krasnow. Therefore, it pays to think of your health and wellness as an investment in your success. Without a strong, fit body, it's difficult to have the stamina to do your best at work.

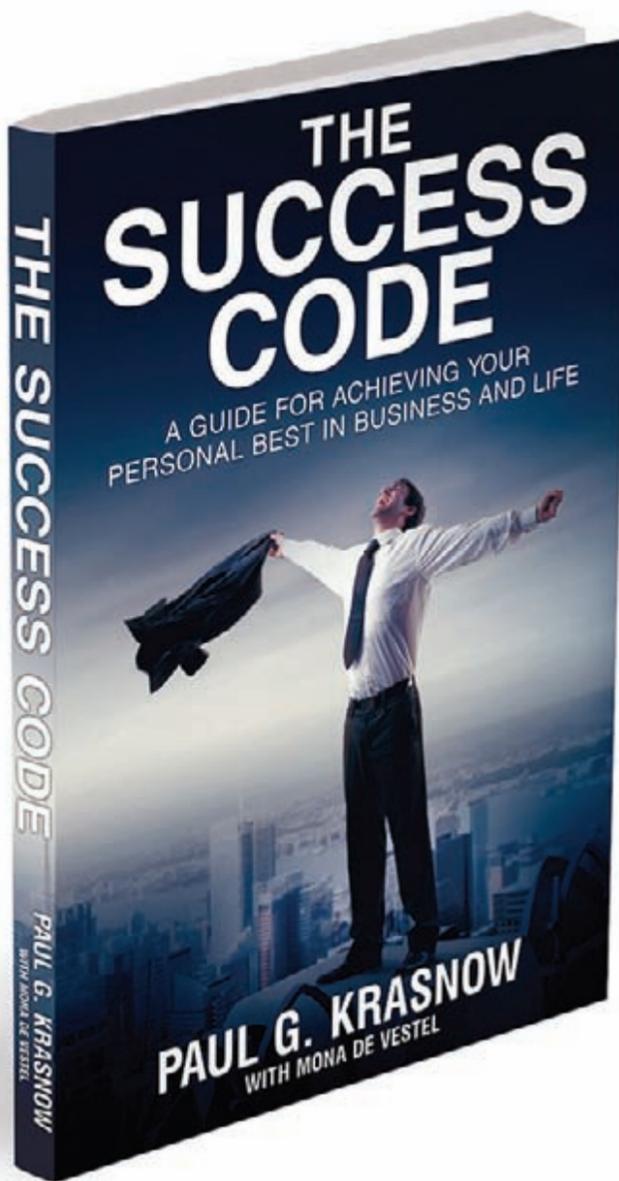
"Be sure you are getting enough sleep, eating healthy, exercising regularly. Give up smoking or excessive drinking." Once you've got your health under control, he says, build a wardrobe that communicates the exact message you want to send to clients and associates. "You don't have to spend a fortune," he stresses. "But your clothing should fit well, and your eyewear, briefcase, purse, phone and other accessories should be stylish and contemporary. Remember, everything matters."

■ Become a whole person - Mr. Krasnow believes your success — and ultimately, your happiness — lies in your ability to become a "whole person." This means having a balanced and rich life in all areas of your existence. No matter how much fulfillment you get from your career, you still need to expand your life and enjoy all it has to offer.

"When you are happy in life, it shows in your confidence and in your work performance," he says. "Make time to be present with those around you. Develop a few hobbies outside of work and find some ways to enjoy the fruits of your labor. If you want to give something back, do some volunteer work."

Whatever you do, he cautions, "Don't make the mistake of just getting a job."

"The people who did that without considering the consequences of their decisions early on are now entering their second careers. Instead, develop the habits that lead to success and use them to build a career. When you realize your potential now — and not years down the road — you can put it to work starting today." ■





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ON THE MOVE

Nonprofit Organizations

Shangri-La Springs recently announced the promotion of **Rachel Ward** and the hiring of **Andrea Weidemeyer**. Ms. Ward has been promoted to spa supervisor from esthetician, where she is now responsible for the day-to-day operations of the on-site spa, managing the spa staff and delivering superior customer service. Ms. Weidemeyer joins the team as administrative manager, where she is responsible for providing clerical support to enhance the efficiency of Shangri-La Springs' accounting and human resources operations. She spent the last three years in hospitality, managing administrative duties for several local hotels, most recently Hilton Garden Inn.

Dr. Ami Desamours has been named Florida South-Western State College Foundation's new chief financial officer. She brings more than 15 years of nonprofit financial leadership experience in South-west Florida. Dr. Desamours was previously CFO of the Lee County School District. In her new role at the FSW Foundation, she will be responsible for operating the foundation budget, financial accounting and procurement, as well as communication to stakeholders regarding how funds are used and impact of funds donated to the foundation. Dr. Desamours earned her bachelor of science and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Florida, Gainesville. She then earned her doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale.



DESAMOURS

Michelle Avola-Reese has returned to the Naples Pathways Coalition, resuming her role as executive director. Ms. Avola-Reese originally joined Naples Pathways in 2006, a year after the organization began. In her first seven-year tenure she helped raise awareness of safety issues facing pedestrians and cyclists. Her efforts led to the city of Naples adopting a pedestrian and bicycle plan being adopted and funded. Her new initiatives will include advocating for Complete Streets and educating the public so all road users can share the roads, including promoting a don't text and drive campaign.



AVOLA-REESE

Professional Advancement

Adriana Sanchez, certified veterinary pain practitioner with Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida and 24-hour Emergency Room, has received the CVPP designation from the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management as well as the certified canine rehabilitation practitioner certification from the University of Tennessee. These designations allow her to properly ensure patients are as comfortable as possible after surgery or trauma, and offer the best opportunity to recover through physical rehabilitation. Ms. Sanchez received her bachelor of science in veterinary technology from Mercy College in 2009.



SANCHEZ

Mitch Clark has been promoted to manager for building products distributor ABC Supply Co. Inc's Naples location. Mr. Clark began working for ABC Supply in 2016 at its Mundelein, Ill., location, then moved to Cape Coral before joining the Naples location. Mr. Clark graduated from the company's branch management training earlier this year; he graduated from the University of Dayton in 2004 with his bachelor's degree, then in 2017 from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management with an MBA. As manager of the Naples location, he will oversee daily branch operations, and offer Naples-area contractors the tools and expertise they need to succeed.



CLARK

The local affiliate of Direct Travel has brought in **Ann Harrison** to boost its luxury travel division. Ms. Harrison is an independent affiliate of Direct Travel Vacations, joining in 2016 after more than two decades as a business owner in New England. She is a Tauck certified specialist and has a passion for helping the community. She is a member of the League Club of Naples and the Shelter Guild of Naples Shelter for Abused Women and Children.

An Idaho product has joined the Clive Daniel Home design team. **Robyn DeZego** of Pocatello, Ida., brings a multitude of corporate operational and personnel management and



DEZEGO

development experience. She earned an MBA and a master of international business administration from the University of Maryland University College and a BA from Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. At High Point Market Authority in North Carolina she served as senior market advisor, working with attendees and exhibitors at the famed Furniture Market, gaining additional knowledge of furniture vendors. She was a top performing sales associate at Furnitureland South in Jamestown, N.C.

Optimal Male Performance Center has announced its new medical director, **Dr. Richard D. Freier**. Dr. Freier received his treatment from Michigan State University, graduating as chief resident in 2011.



FREIER

As director, Dr. Freier will focus on development and oversight of treatment protocols and oversee, direct and perform patient procedures, as well as confirm optimal results for a host of medical services focused on men.

Wilson Creative Group recently added **Katherine Jones** to its team as an account manager. Ms. Jones, a New York native, left her last post as a project support specialist before relocating to Naples to be near her retired parents. Her role with WCG will include supervising the production of ad campaigns and acting as a liaison between the agency and its clients, as well as writing creative briefs and formulating marketing strategies. She double majored in marketing and management at Fairfield University in Connecticut. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Things to review before you purchase an Exchange Traded Fund

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If you have been reading this column over the past few years you know that I am a big fan of Exchange Traded Funds. These are investments that trade like stocks but enable an investor to gain exposure to an entire sector of the market. Typically, these funds track and mimic the performance of a certain index like the Dow Jones or NASDAQ technology. But today there are over 5,000 ETFs traded on major exchanges across the world so how do you pick the right one to invest in?

Clearly the most important criteria to use when selecting an ETF is the index or sector that the fund tracks. There are ETFs that focus on bonds, stocks, international securities, commodities and currencies. These funds can be as broad as tracking the entire Russell 1000 stock index to as narrow as focusing on small capitalization biotech stocks. And some ETFs use options and other more complex securities to magnify or invert the performance of a sector. For example, you can buy an ETF that returns double the movement of the technology sector or another that goes up when gold prices go down. You need to know exactly how the fund you are selecting will perform given a certain movement in the market.



Second, I like to look at an ETF's expense ratio. This is the amount of fees that the ETF will charge you to pay for the administrative costs of the fund expressed at an annual percentage of your investment. So, if the expense ratio is .15 percent, that means that if the index that the ETF tracks goes up by 1 percent in a year you will only get a .85 percent return. Expense ratios vary wildly, from just .03 percent for the SPDR Large Cap Stock ETF to 3.5 percent for Breakwave Dry Bulk Shipping ETF. Generally speak-

ing, the more "vanilla" the index, the less the expense ratio will be. But even ETFs that track the same index can have dramatically different expense ratios, so I like to buy funds that have the lowest expenses. A .1 percent subtraction from your return every year can make a big difference if you are a long-term holder of the security.

The third aspect of an ETF I look at before buying is the top holdings of the ETF. Recently, I wanted to purchase an ETF that focused on high dividend U.S.

stocks, so I selected two or three of the most popular. To my surprise, each had different stocks that made up its portfolio and even commonly held stocks did not make up a similar percentage of their respective overall funds. I would stay away from funds where just a few stocks make up a very large percentage of the overall ETF unless that is what you are looking for. I would also look at the top 20 securities and see if you feel comfortable owning them.

Finally, before I purchase an ETF, I see if there are any red flags that would make me cautious in purchasing it. For example, I see how large the fund is. If it is very small, this may give me pause because it may have low illiquidity or may not perform well with significant market movements. Also, I look to see how long the manager of the fund has been the manager. With index funds this is not an issue but if the fund manager is being called on to make investment decision, a change in management may be a warning sign. And lastly, I look at the historical performance versus the benchmark index that the ETF is tracking. If the fund underperforms the index over long periods of time, I would be hesitant to buy that fund unless there was a reason for that underperformance. ■

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

NETWORKING

Leadership Collier 2018 graduation



**Amanda Beights,
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and Trista Meister**

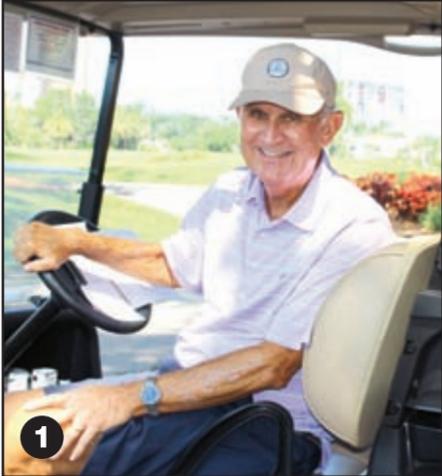
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- 7. Pat O'Connor, Brenda O'Connor, Michael Wynn and Scott Hamblen
- 8. Teri Evans and Scott Sherman
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The Founders Fund's Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament

The Founders Fund, a local nonprofit that provides financial assistance to students in Collier County in pursuit of higher education, raised \$640,000 at its Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet. More than 270 guests attended and almost 200 golfers teed off in the tournament.



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| 3. John Purchase and Brandon Huskins | 7. Eddie Mihalovich and Tom Butz |
| 4. Meryl Anapol, Pat Chadwick and Charlotte Calgin | 8. Jim Brennan, KC Collins and Brennan Collins |
| 5. Jim O'Brien, Ellen O'Brien, Juliana Phillips and | 9. Carol Stram, Beth Rubino, Seth Fogelman and Kathryn Osborn |

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

The Wounded Veterans Relief Fund will benefit from two local Realtors this Memorial Day. And every day, for that matter.



Gordie Lazich and Mark Maran

Longtime local realtors **Gordie Lazich** and **Mark Maran** of Premier Sotheby's International Realty donate 15 percent of their commission from home sales or purchases to the Relief Fund, which focuses on helping Florida veterans in need. Established in 2009 and based out of Lake Park, Fla., the fund helps eligible veterans with housing, rent and mortgage assistance, emergency auto repairs, payments and insurance, assistance with utilities and veteran resource referrals, activities and events.

Nearly 87 percent of funds donated go directly to assisting veterans. For more information, visit www.WVRF.org.

Diamond Custom Homes

added **Tim Scarsella** as a new project manager. He is a licensed general contractor in Florida and brings more than 30 years of homebuilding experience to the team. Prior to joining Diamond, Mr. Scarsella was a project manager for another luxury homebuilder, and a superintendent with DR Horton. He began his career as a field manager for Centex Homes, spending 14 years with the company. Mr. Scarsella attended Youngstown State University in Ohio before relocating to Bonita Springs.



SCARSELLA

The **Bonita Springs-Estero Realtors** recently elected Jerry Murphy as their new director. Mr. Murphy, managing broker of Downing-Frye Realty

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House Hunting

4255 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Residence 905

Bay Shore Place is an eye-catching jewel from the sand and offers a sophisticated, stately presence from the "The Boulevard." A youthful 28 years young, this low-key, friendly building is state-of-the-art while on its third common area renovation. The breezy, coastal contemporary renovations will keep the building, with its signature floor-to-ceiling windows and higher ceilings, very competitive with new construction. It is complete with two guest suites, a fabulous outdoor space and pool, a warm and functional clubroom, a nicely equipped fitness room and a tasteful boardroom. Long-time maintenance staff and a live-in manager complete the package.

Move-in ready, Residence 905 boasts views of the emerald green gulf as a backdrop to beautifully appointed interiors. The newly renovated kitchen offers ample storage, custom pullouts

and lovely wood cabinetry. The light and bright living area has a nook that can convert to a den, a guest suite with a Murphy bed and built-ins, and a lovely master suite with remote shades and a newly renovated bath. And it's all just steps from the beach and an easy stroll to world-class Venetian Village shops and dining.

Ann Renner of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$960,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 784-5555 or visit www.renners2.com. ■



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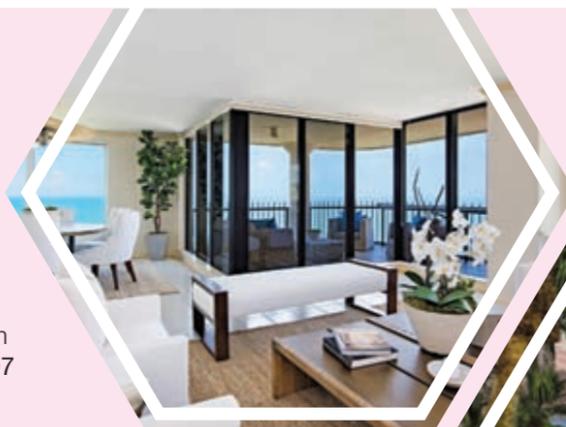
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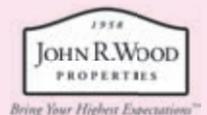
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NEWSMAKERS

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in Bonita Springs, is also the chairman of the media committee. He sports two decades of experience in real estate and commercial banking, notably owning his own realty company that at one time housed more than 300 agents. Mr. Murphy will serve in his new post until 2020.

Clifford "Chip" Olson was awarded the Commercial Achievement Award from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. He was honored based on his contributions to the practice of commercial real

estate; as CEO and owner of REI Advisor, LLC, Mr. Olson provides services for clients new to the real estate industry, consumers who already own property, those inheriting real estate and individuals and companies considering transition options. The Wisconsin native moved to Florida 33 years ago. For more information about REI Advisors, visit www.REIAdvisor.com or call 280-0733.



OLSON

Clive Daniel Home will host a "Wine, Dine and Location" event on Thursday, June 7, to show homeowners

and real estate professionals what they need to know about remodeling a home. This free informational event will be held at CDH's Naples location, 2777 Tamiami Trail North, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is open to any real estate agents or individuals hoping to learn about creating dream home options in prime real estate locations. There will be wine, appetizers and networking opportunities with local experts in design, remodeling, funding and insurance processes.

Speakers will include:

■ **Ann Del Pero**, an interior designer and CAPS specialist of Clive Daniel Home, will share trends, tips and expertise on how to prepare a home for evolving lifestyle changes.

■ **Greg Ulrich**, owner of KGT Remodeling, will discuss the three stages of remodeling, plus tips for saving time and money.

■ **Karen L. Kohler**, president of Access Title Agency, LLC, will share trade secrets about issues that impact marketable titles and face values of insurance that keep on track with home improvements.

■ **Lisa Rudy**, mortgage loan officer for PNC Bank, she will discuss options for financing renovations.

Access Title Agency, KGT Remodeling, PNC Bank and Clive Daniel Home are making this free event possible. Reservations are required; To register, email RSVP@KGTRemodeling.com or call 992-2300. ■

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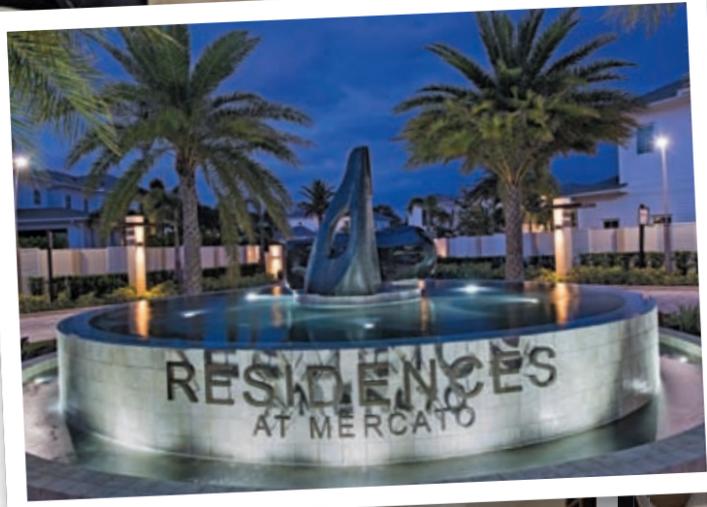


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Residences at Mercato hosts Model Home Tour May 26-27



Discover a carefree lifestyle with the grace of a single-family home in Residences at Mercato, The Lutgert Companies' exclusive enclave with easy pedestrian access to the amenities of Mercato. Tour three luxury model homes during a special Memorial Day weekend event, Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 from 12 - 4 p.m. Now through June 30, an options and upgrade incentive of \$60,000 is available with the purchase of a single-family home.



The Residences at Mercato is over 70% sold out and only 10 homesites remain for your selection and personalization.



Maintenance-free living in this gated community of 46 coastal contemporary homes includes everything from lawn care and pool cleaning to exterior window washing, pressure washing, pest control and painting in the association fees. Basic cable, internet, water and sewer are also included.

Just minutes from Naples' award-winning beaches and countless cultural offerings, the model homes at Residences at Mercato are open daily. Visit the Le Ciel, Enclave and Le Rivage models to experience the ease of indoor-outdoor living, privately positioned within cosmopolitan Mercato.

Tour the Le Ciel, the newest model home within Residences at Mercato. The 3,075-square-foot, two-story detached residence features three bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths. Le Ciel boasts a new coastal style with a fresh color palette of warm backgrounds. The open floor plan makes it ideal for entertaining. A special feature is a flexible cabana space - with its own en-suite bath - ideal for a home office or guest room.

Explore the Enclave, a 2,924-square-foot, three-bedroom-plus-den, three-and-a-half-bath residence with a coastal contemporary vibe. Its two-story great room with natural gas fireplace transitions seamlessly to an expanded outdoor living space. A covered seating area is

styled with a second fireplace and integrated retractable roll-down screens. The summer kitchen, al fresco dining space, pool with LED-lit waterfall and spa are accented by stone, silver travertine and white glass tile. With interior design by Jean Losier of Clive Daniel Home, the use of natural wood showcases effortless elegance throughout the residence.

Step inside the exquisite Le Rivage model, which includes a Clive Daniel Home furnishings package at no additional cost. The five-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bath residence is designed with sophisticated finishes of oak, marble and glass throughout its 3,558 square feet of living space. Transitioning from the easy flow of the home's interior, an inviting outdoor space features a pool with a cascading waterfall fountain and spa. Interior design was created by Charlie Hansen of Clive Daniel Home. Le Rivage received the Collier Building Industry Association 2017 Award for Overall Excellence in Construction and Design in the \$2.251 million to \$2.5 million category.

Situated on 11 acres, Residences at Mercato is a gated neighborhood accentuated by custom open-air living spaces



designed to emphasize year-round outdoor leisure. Winding paver roads, lush landscaping and coastal inspired facades showcase urban living at its finest.

The luxury amenities of Mercato continue to evolve with exciting new offerings throughout 2018. Saratoga Sundress has recently opened, with Southern Tide and Rocco's Tacos scheduled to open soon. The Hampton Social, a Chicago-based restaurant by the Parker Restaurant Group, will also debut later this year in the former McCormick & Schmick's

space. The Hampton Social will feature a wide array of seafood including a raw bar, more than 50 rosé wines and live music. Last but not least, exercise enthusiasts will delight in the arrival of Cycle Bar, part of the world's largest network of indoor premium cycling studios.

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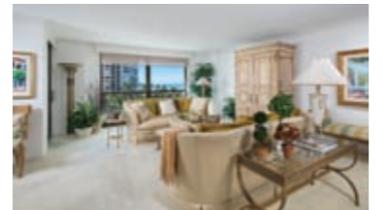
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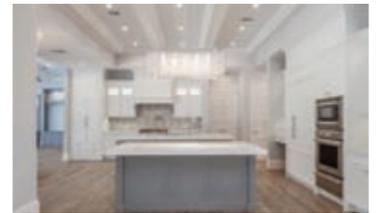
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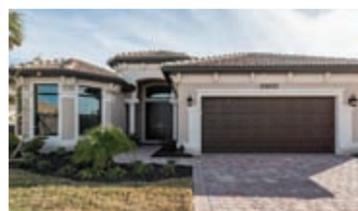
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Public invited to informational luncheon at Moorings Park Grande Lake

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

The informational luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 31, at 11:30 a.m., at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, by calling 239-919-1620.

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

“Moorings Park Grande Lake is going to be a spectacular community that offers exceptional healthcare services,” 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.”

Building upon the foundation that has made Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks the preferred choice for Life Plan (CCRC) 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 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. Assisted Living, Memory Care and Physician Services are included.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is a pet-friendly campus and has been designed to take advantage of the views of a 28-acre lake and the picturesque golf course beyond.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

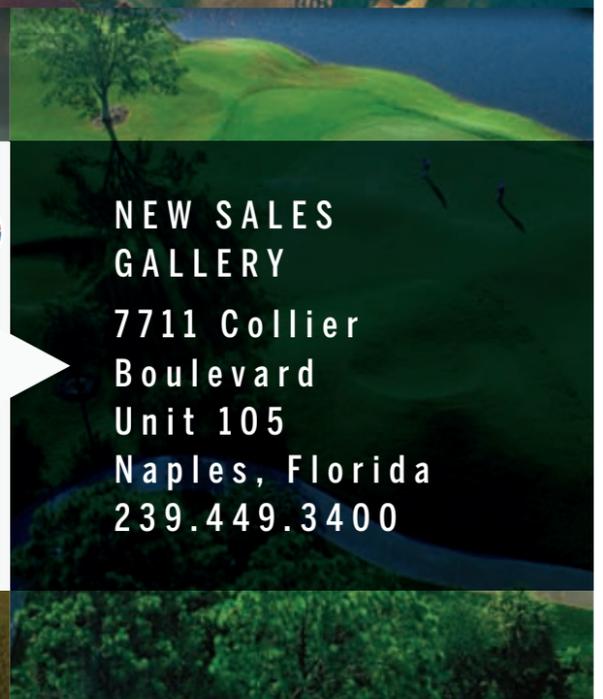
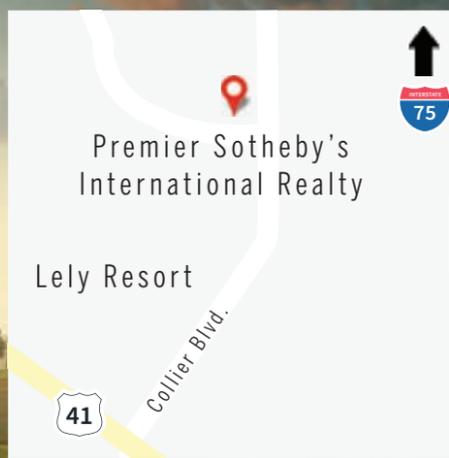
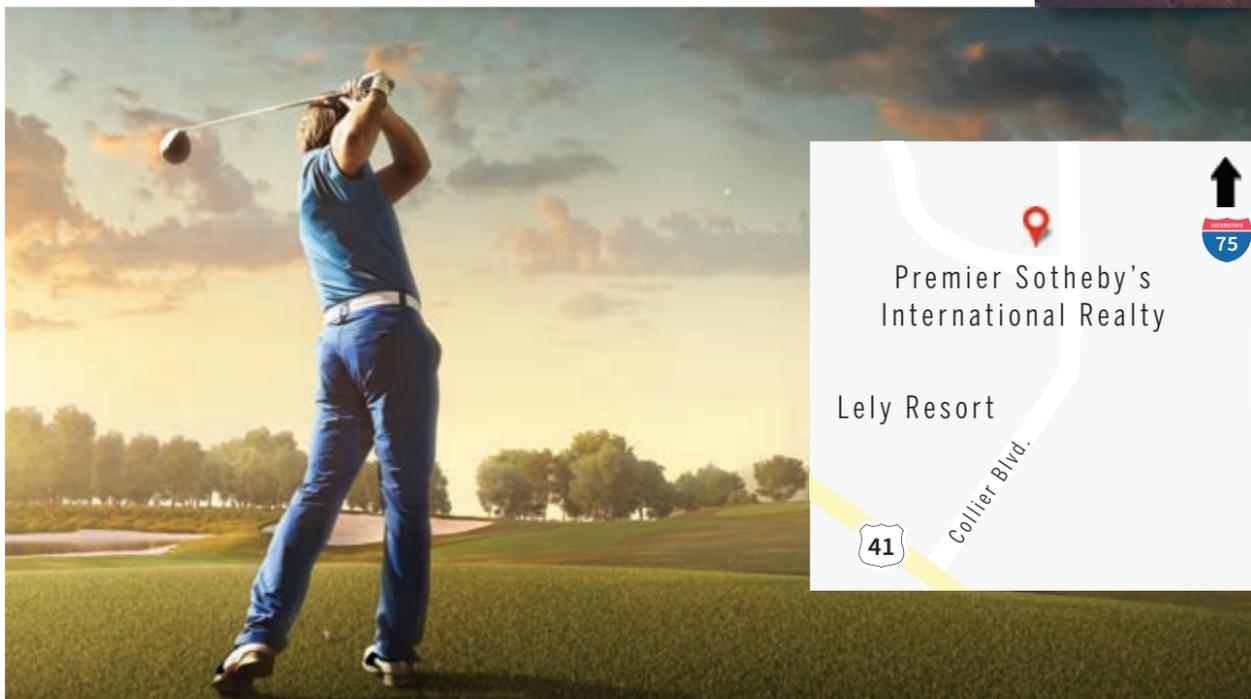
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The DIVCO design studio: built for customer convenience

DIVCO Custom Homes recently opened a new Design Studio at its company headquarters located at 6628 Willow Park Drive in Naples.

According to Alan Foster, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for DIVCO Custom Homes, "In keeping with our customer-focused DESIGN-BUILD business model, in which all aspects of the building process from architectural plans and interior design all the way through completed home construction are conveniently managed by one dedicated team for each customer, our fully integrated Design Studio provides home buyers with one central location for all of their interior and exterior selection needs."

Foster worked in tandem with Kathleen Scanlan of Kathleen Scanlan Interiors to update the studio. "The new Design Studio is all about customer convenience," said Scanlan. "It has been planned in minute detail. The comprehensive array of interior selections provides enhanced opportunities for discerning customers in one beautiful facility."

Anchored by a conference area, featuring a large interactive high-definition big screen, customers are able to review a wide range of available products for the customization of their new home.

"The interactive component is invaluable," said Foster, "Customers can peruse multi-media options, for not only the interior, but also on outdoor living spaces. This includes outdoor kitchens, pool and spa designs and landscaping features. DIVCO will continue to enhance and improve the customer

selection process and experience."

Adjacent to the Design Studio's conference area are a series of spaces and alcoves featuring a wide range of samples and displays including colorful floor and back splash tiles, granite and quartz counter tops, carpet options, hardwood flooring samples, faucets, plumbing and bath fixtures, and custom cabinetry in countless styles.

"DIVCO Custom Homes' DESIGN-BUILD process is based on very close interaction with our clients," said Foster. "The Design Studio is integral to the process by allowing the customer to immediately experience many of the finishing materials available to them in their new home."

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Top: DIVCO clients can select finishes from floor to ceiling in person. Above Left: A variety of fixtures are available to peruse and experience firsthand. Above Right: Kathleen Scanlan at the DIVCO Design Studio.

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4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1001, BONITA
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\$2,560,000 MLS 218014385
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

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9865 MONTIANO CT., NAPLES
 • Quick Delivery Burano Home, Water & Golf View
 • 4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms, 3 Car Garage
\$2,099,000 MLS 218021048
 Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

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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

PENINSULA AT TREVISO BAY



9946 MONTIANO CT., NAPLES
 • Quick Delivery w/Optional Furniture Package
 • 3,196 S.F., 3 Car Garage, Outdoor Kitchen
\$1,925,000 MLS 218031835
 Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

MEDITERRA - BELLEZZA



14906 BELLEZZA LN., NAPLES
 • Luxury Residence w/Tranquil Lake View
 • Infinity Edge Pool & Spillover Spa
\$1,497,500 MLS 216069611
 Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

MARCO BEACH



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

ISLES OF COLLIER PRESERVE



5718 CLARENDON DR., NAPLES
 • 3 BR, Flex Room, 3 Car A/C Garage
 • Brand New, Prime Lakefront Home
\$1,349,000 MLS 217031403
 The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW



4811 ISLAND POND CT. #1203, BONITA
 • Penthouse
 • 2,382 S.F. Under Air
\$1,100,000 MLS 217041042
 The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

BONITA BAY - ANCHORAGE



27540 RIVERBANK DR., BONITA
 • Gorgeous 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den, Updated Villa
 • Rare 3 Car Garage, Wide Scenic Lake Views
\$1,050,000 MLS 218031434
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

BONITA BAY - LAUREL RIDGE



3061 LAUREL RIDGE CT., BONITA
 • Visit 3061LaurelRidge.com for Details
 • 3 Bedrooms, 3 Full Bathrooms + Den
\$999,000 MLS 217027476
 Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507

BONITA ISLES

NEW LISTING



9260 ISLA BELLA CIR., BONITA
 • 4 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, Bonita Isles' Largest Model
 • Beautiful Lake View, Southern Exposure
\$575,000 MLS 218026884
 Loretta Young, Team LaVita 239.450.5022

FAIRWINDS



10218 AVONLEIGH DR., BONITA
 • Huge Media Room/"Mancave"
 • 3 BR, 3 BA + Den, Hurricane Windows/Doors
\$549,000 MLS 218025207
 Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

LELY RESORT



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

MEDITERRA - PORTA VECCHIO



17025 PORTA VECCHIO WAY #201, NAPLES
 • 3 BR, 3 BA + Den, 2nd Floor Coach Home
 • Expansive Golf Course & Lake Views
\$529,000 MLS 217034458
 Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

SPANISH WELLS



9844 TREASURE CAY LN., BONITA
 • Outstanding 2 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, Pool/Spa
 • Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
\$508,000 MLS 218024461
 The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BONITA BAY - BAY HARBOR



27025 SHELL RIDGE CIR., BONITA
 • Stunning, Remodeled, New Floors & Kitchen
 • Beach Club, Pickle Ball, Bocce & Marina
\$459,000 MLS 217071134
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

LELY RESORT - CALDECOTT

NEW PRICE



6509 CALDECOTT DR., NAPLES
 • Lush Tropical Oasis
 • Small Gated Enclave
\$449,900 MLS 217051894
 Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

BONITA SHORES

NEW PRICE



86 7TH ST., BONITA
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Vaulted Ceilings
 • Upgraded Kitchen, Granite Countertops
\$434,000 MLS 218029417
 Danni Jones, The Martinovich Group 239.325.3507

PELICAN MARSH



1520 CLERMONT DR. #H-304, NAPLES
 • Southern Views of Golf Course
 • Updated Wood Flooring
\$430,000 MLS 218027857
 Ed Biddison 239.218.7444

COLONIAL OAKS



9929 COLONIAL WALK N., ESTERO
 • 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Car Garage
 • Private Pool w/Southern Lake Views
\$395,000 MLS 217041994
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

NAPLES BAY RESORT



1035 SANDPIPER ST. #F202, NAPLES
 • Resort Style Living, Minutes to 5th Avenue
 • 2nd Floor 2 BR, 2 BA Unit
\$395,000 MLS 217024424
 Roger Stening 239.770.4707

ROOKERY POINTE



9681 RAVEN CT., ESTERO
 • Waterfront, Islamorada Model
 • 2 Master Suites, 3 BR, 3 BA, Pool
\$375,000 MLS 218017662
 Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

EL DORADO ACRES



4536 SANTIAGO LN., BONITA
 • Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA, No HOA Fees
 • Hurricane Windows, New Hot Water Tank
\$369,000 MLS 218029755
 Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

HAWTHORNE



10349 FLAT STONE LP., BONITA
 • Water View, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage
 • Tile & Wood Floors, Granite, SS Kitchen
\$359,000 MLS 217055701
 Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

HEITMANS



9921 ALABAMA ST., BONITA
 • Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 BA on Dead End Road
 • Fenced Backyard w/Flood Lights
\$350,000 MLS 217078197
 Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

SPANISH WELLS



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

GREENS AT BONITA



25160 GOLF LAKE CIR., BONITA
 • New Roof & Lanai Impact Slider April 2018
 • Open Plan, Vaulted Ceilings, Tile Floors
\$289,900 MLS 218031817
 Tom Crea 239.315.1111

TWIN EAGLES



12021 COVENT GARDEN CT. #2701, NAPLES
 • 2nd Floor End Unit, 2,045 S.F. Under Air
 • Beautifully Updated, Full 2 Car Garage
\$279,000 MLS 217021512
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

GLEN EAGLE GOLF & CC



1059 MARBLEHEAD DR. #0-3, NAPLES
 • Golf Membership Included
 • Four Miles to Downtown & the Beach
\$275,000 MLS 218005692
 Mark Semeraro 239.370.2455

STERLING OAKS

NEW PRICE



15059 STERLING OAKS DR., NAPLES
 • 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms + Den
 • Attached Villa with 2 Car Garage
\$250,000 MLS 218024241
 The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BRECKENRIDGE



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

BONITA BAY - GREENBRIAR



4130 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA
 • Furnished, 3 BR, 2 BA, Glassed-In Lanai
 • Dramatic Golf Course & Long Marsh Views
\$250,000 MLS 218032280
 Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

BERKSHIRE VILLAGE

NEW PRICE



1407 MONARCH CIR. #B-2.1, NAPLES
 • Large Split Bedroom Villa
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms, 2 Car Garage
\$249,900 MLS 218021758
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4329 SANCTUARY WAY, BONITA
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• Granite & Custom Cabinets in MBR & Kitchen
\$949,000 MLS 218028065
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

THE COLONY - FLORENCIA



23850 VIA ITALIA CIR. #406, ESTERO
• 3 Balconies w/Spectacular Views
• 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom + Den High Rise
\$885,000 MLS 217064749
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



23307 FOXBERRY LN., ESTERO
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, Pool Home
• Lake & Golf Views
\$699,000 MLS 218028636
Gary Ryan 239.273.6796

SAN CARLOS ESTATES

NEW LISTING



25483 LUCI DR., BONITA
• Newer 2,686 S.F. Home, 3 BR + Den, 2-Car Garage
• Large Wooded Lot, Serene Setting, No HOA Fees
\$537,200 MLS 218032147
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

WILDCAT RUN



20261 COUNTRY CLUB DR., ESTERO
• 18th Fairway of Arnold Palmer Golf Course
• 3 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms + Office
\$535,000 MLS 218007317
Carol Jones 239.250.4310

FIDDLER'S CREEK - VARENN



9202 MUSEO CIR. #201, NAPLES
• Stunning Southern Lake View
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms + Den
\$529,000 MLS 217061971
Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

BONITA BAY



27167 OAKWOOD LAKE DR., BONITA
• Lake & Golf Course Views
• Remodeled Kitchen w/High-End Appliances
\$449,000 MLS 218031813
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA



28180 ROBOLINI CT., BONITA
• Outstanding Lake, Golf Course & Preserve Views
• Furnished 4 BR, 2 BA w/Pool & Spa
\$449,000 MLS 218000302
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BONITA BAY - GREENBRIAR



4112 BAYHEAD DR. #201, BONITA
• Spectacular Lake, Golf Course & Marsh Views
• 3 BR, 2 BA Coach Home
\$439,000 MLS 218012847
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

PALMIRA GOLF & CC



28646 SAN GALGANO WAY, BONITA
• 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Pool/Spa
• Beautiful Golf & Sunset Views
\$435,000 MLS 217014059
Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

LIVINGSTON LAKES



15209 BUTLER LAKE DR. #101, NAPLES
• Large 1st Floor End Unit
• 2 Car Garage
\$389,900 MLS 218002362
Trisha Kent & Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

VANDERBILT LAKES



28616 CLINTON LN., BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, Near Beaches!
• Open Floor Plan, Newer Kitchen
\$389,000 MLS 217064795
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

SORRENTO GARDENS



1188 POMPEI LN., NAPLES
• 2 BR, 2 BA Home w/Large Backyard
• Great Investment Opportunity
\$385,000 MLS 217061277
Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

SHADOW WOOD - CYPRESS HAMMOCK

NEW LISTING



9520 CYPRESS HAMMOCK CIR. #102, ESTERO
• 1st Floor Former Model, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2-Car Garage
• Enclosed A/C Lanai, SS Appliances, Breakfast Bar
\$379,900 MLS 218034778
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

PALMETTO RIDGE



9231 PALMETTO RIDGE DR. #101, ESTERO
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, Offered Turnkey
• 2 Car Garage w/Built-In Cabinets
\$339,000 MLS 218023408
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

COLONY AT HAWKSRIDGE



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

MEADOWS OF ESTERO



3620 LANSING LP. #202, ESTERO
• Expansive Lanai w/Long Lake View
• Oak Staircase w/Wrought Iron Railing
\$335,000 MLS 218005211
Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

OLDE NAPLES SEAPORT, SLIP #17



1001 10TH AVE. S., NAPLES
• One of the Few Live Aboard Slips in Naples!
• 70' x 18.5' Slip - 15 Mins./2 Miles to the Gulf
\$317,000 MLS 217066664
Steve Suddeth 239.784.0693

HAWTHORNE

NEW PRICE



26449 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
• Quiet Sanctuary Preserve View
• Immaculate 2 BR + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$274,900 MLS 218010712
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

TARPON BAY - NEPTUNE BAY



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

SPANISH WELLS - LAS BRISAS



8990 PALMAS GRANDES BLVD. #102, BONITA
• 1st Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1 Car Garage Condo
• Beautiful Lake & Water Feature Views
\$269,900 MLS 218017846
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

FALLING WATERS BEACH RESORT



6620 BEACH RESORT DR. #3, NAPLES
• Beautifully Kept 2 BR, 2 BA Condo
• Amenity Rich Community
\$263,000 MLS 218030253
Sean Smuk 239.220.4040

THE STRAND - FEATHER SOUND

NEW PRICE



5681 HERON LN. #203, NAPLES
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1,490 S.F. Under Air
• Beautiful Golf Course & Fountain Views
\$239,000 MLS 218003177
Jenn Nicolai & Steve Suddeth 413.773.9247

IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES



1240 SARAH JEAN CIR. #M-106, NAPLES
• Sought After 1st Floor End Unit, 3 BR, 2 BA
• Beautiful Lake Views from Lanai
\$229,900 MLS 218029900
Robin Bennett & Denny Koesters 239.734.0373

SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA



9621 SPANISH MOSS WAY #3812, BONITA
• Ground Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA + Den
• Spacious Split Bedroom Design
\$195,900 MLS 217070123
Bradford Bateman 239.273.8842

WINTERPARK



4260 JACK FROST CT. #3, NAPLES
• Fully Remodeled 1st Floor Condo
• 2 BR, 2 BA, Resort Style Amenities
\$179,999 MLS 218020654
Sean Smuk 239.220.4040

PORT ROYAL



OPEN 5/25 - 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1201 GALLEON DR., NAPLES
• <http://royalshell.me/galleondrive>
• Extraordinary 5 BR, 6 BA Estate, Over 9,700 S.F.
\$13,875,000 MLS 217020067
Call for Details! 239.213.9100

QUAIL WEST



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

5889 SUNNYSLOPE DR., NAPLES
• 4 Bedrooms, 6 Bathrooms, 4 Car Garage
• Saltwater Pool, Game & Wine Rooms
\$3,300,000 MLS 217054229
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

BONITA BAY - TAVIRA



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4851 BONITA BAY BLVD. #804, BONITA
• Visit Tavira804.com for Details
• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$2,495,000 MLS 218002029
Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507

TARPON POINT MARINA



OPEN 5/26 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6081 SILVER KING BLVD. #701, CAPE CORAL
• Shows Like a Model, Never Lived In
• 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den, River Views
\$792,750 MLS 218016590
Tina Tusack 239.634.3810

TARPON LANDINGS



OPEN 5/26 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6021 SILVER KING BLVD. #205, CAPE CORAL
• Luxury Waterfront Condo
• Turnkey, 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den
\$599,900 MLS 217006636
Joe Francis 612.759.9995

MOORINGS



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

2500 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #S9, NAPLES
• On Moorings Bay & West of 41
• Quiet Private Location, Steps to Beach
\$419,000 MLS 218015799
Deborah Viglas 239.215.2035

CAUSEWAY KEY



OPEN DAILY 12:00PM - 4:00PM

13401 CAUSEWAY PALMS CV., FORT MYERS
• On-Island Lifestyle, Off-Island Pricing
• Luxury Villas Just Off the Causeway
\$350,000 MLS 217072603
Scott Allan 239.333.3635

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OLDE NAPLES



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

150 13TH AVE. S., NAPLES
• One Block to Beach & 3rd Street Shopping
• Timeless Architecture, Wood Flooring
\$4,475,000 MLS 217053800
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

PENINSULA AT TREVISO BAY



OPEN DAILY 10:00AM - 5:00PM

9938 MONTIANO DR., NAPLES
• Burano Model Home
• Leaseback Opportunity
\$2,697,900 MLS 216077530
Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

PARK SHORE



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4916 CRAYTON RD., NAPLES
• Totally Remodeled 3 BR, 2 BA, Pool Home
• Large Lanai w/Outdoor Kitchen
\$1,725,000 MLS 217064146
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

PARK SHORE



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

502 WHISPERING PINE LN., NAPLES
• Single Family w/Pool & Lake Views
• For Sale at Less than Appraised Value
\$1,699,000 MLS 217044781
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

ROSE GARDEN/TARPON POINT



OPEN 5/26 12:00PM - 4:00PM

5731 SW 9TH CT., CAPE CORAL
• Spectacular Location, Gulf Access
• Stunning 4 BR + Den, 5 BA, Pool
\$1,249,000 MLS 217078905
Jim Peterson 239.470.2353

TARPON POINT MARINA



OPEN 5/26 & 5/27 11:00AM - 3:00PM

6021 SILVER KING BLVD. #902, CAPE CORAL
• Waterfront Condo Featuring Sunrises & Sunsets
• 2 Terraces w/Views of Sanibel & the Gulf
\$759,000 MLS 217050582
Ron Cotorakas & Marc Wozny 239.560.1406

TARPON POINT MARINA



OPEN 5/26 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6081 SILVER KING BLVD. #605, CAPE CORAL
• Turnkey Furnished
• Resort Living
\$749,000 MLS 218009296
Joe Francis 612.759.9995

DESIRABLE SURFSIDE AREA



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

2550 SW 27TH PL., CAPE CORAL
• Island Style Florida Retreat
• Gulf Access, 4 BR, 4 BA, 3,100+ S.F.
\$629,900 MLS 218032506
Jim Peterson 239.470.2353

MEDITERRA GOLF COMMUNITY



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

17055 PORTA VECCHIO WAY #101, NAPLES
• 1st Floor, 3 BR + Den, Natural Preserve View
• Volume Ceilings w/Grand Foyer
\$559,000 MLS 218023488
Navarro Group 239.689.9339

TARPON POINT MARINA



OPEN 5/26 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6061 SILVER KING BLVD. #103, CAPE CORAL
• Never Lived In, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Den, 2 Car Garage
• High Ceilings, Granite Countertops
\$552,000 MLS 218016644
Tina Tusack 239.634.3810

BONITA BAY - WATERFORD



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3331 GLEN CAIRN CT. #204, BONITA
• 3 BR, 3 BA, 2nd Floor Condo
• Glassed-In Lanai w/Southern Exposure
\$524,000 MLS 218028761
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

LEGENDS GOLF & CC

NEW LISTING



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 3:00PM

14353 DEVINGTON WAY, FORT MYERS
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage, Furnished
• Heated Pool w/Golf Course View
\$379,900 MLS 218034754
Debby Welsh 239.292.8839

BONITA BAY



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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

OLDE NAPLES



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

800 S. GOLF DR. #105, NAPLES
• Less Than a Mile to Beach
• Rare 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey Condo
\$354,900 MLS 218016634
Steven Fentiman 239.777.2341

MEADOWS OF ESTERO



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

21524 TAFT CT. #201, ESTERO
• Private Elevator, Panoramic Waterfront Views
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$330,000 MLS 217065655
Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

LIGHTHOUSE BAY



OPEN 5/27 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

HUNTERS RIDGE CC



OPEN 5/27 1:00PM - 4:00PM

12601 FOX RIDGE DR. #5201, BONITA
• 2nd Floor End Unit, 3 BR, 2 BA
• Large Screened Porch, 2 Car Garage
\$244,000 MLS 218032222
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

ADVERTORIAL

Mangrove Bay under construction with more Palm Cottages!

Furnished models are on the way! Homes on lot 13 (Coquina II), lot 25 (Coquina II), lot 26 (Amelia I), lot 31 (Useppa with bonus room) and lot 41 (Keewaydin I) are currently being furnished with luxurious features and state-of-the-art appointments in the coastal transitional style. Remarkably designed with spacious and open floor plans, these homes inspire coastal luxury living at its finest.

In new construction news, lots 1-6 will soon be Under Construction with more Palm Cottages! These desirable homes won't last long - lot 6 is already sold!

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

The Amenities Center will soon be breaking ground which will have a private onsite concierge to cater to every resident's needs, comprehensive property management services, state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and Yoga studio, a private boat ramp, as well as ground level storage area for resident's kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and jet-skis. Completion is scheduled for Spring 2019.

2 furnished model homes at 1315 1st Avenue South (Coquina I) and 1394 1st Avenue South (Coquina II) are ready for sale and tours are available Monday-Fri-

day 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm or by appointment.

The Coquina II, at 3,232 square feet, is under construction at lot 13 and lot 25. These charming three bedrooms, two story cottage style homes are designed to maximize privacy and functionality in an exquisite floor plan.

Located on lot 26, The Amelia I with 3,098 square feet will exemplify open concept living with an expansive master suite, two guest bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a den on a single story.

The Keewaydin I on lot 41 will feature exquisite Old Florida architecture at 3,272 square feet. The second story features a loft living area allowing for picturesque views.

The largest and most versatile floor plan, the Useppa I will be located at lot 31. At 3,488 square feet (modified), the Useppa is offered in three different elevations.

Additional floor plans include the single story Palm Cottage offering 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,514 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

The single story Captiva floor plan features an attractive open concept design with soaring vaulted ceilings and expansive outdoor living space. It offers 2,586 of luxurious living space.

Each waterfront home has an optional guesthouse with a full bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette and sitting area. These guest accommodations add approximately 500 square feet of living space.

Mangrove Bay is conveniently located



near many exciting areas of Naples including Bayfront, with its colorful European architecture perfect for strolling in this upscale oasis. Nearby, Tin City's waterfront shops harken to times gone by and feature unique boutiques and restaurants.

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

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QUICK DELIVERY FURNISHED MODEL HOMES FOR SALE



COQUINA I - LOT 7
1315 1st Avenue South
2,664 sq. ft. - 3 BR/3.5 BA's
Fully Furnished Model
\$2,373,000



COQUINA II - LOT 18
1394 1st Avenue South
3,232 sq. ft. - 4 BR/3.5 BA'S
Fully Furnished Model
\$2,695,000

THE FOLLOWING HOMES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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

AMELIA I - LOT 26: 3,098 sq. ft.
USEPPA I - LOT 31: (Modified) 3,488 sq. ft.

KEEWAYDIN I - LOT 41: 3,272 sq. ft.



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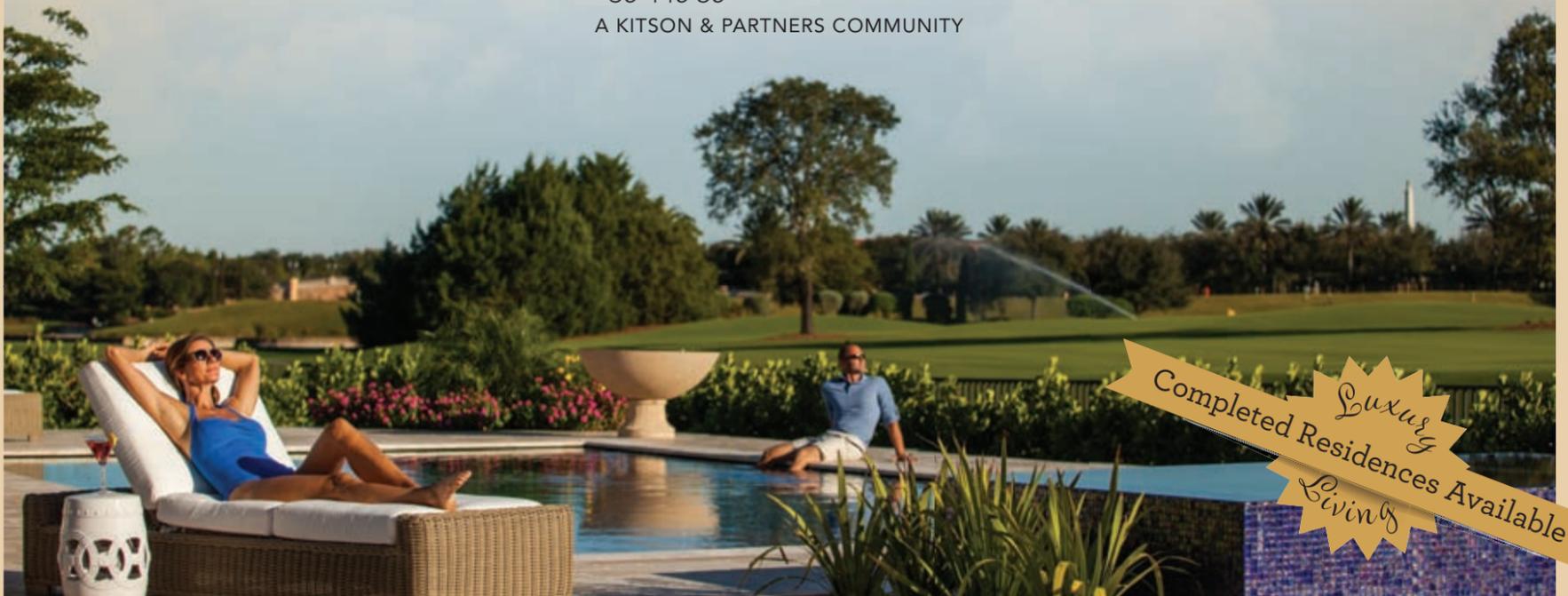
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Au revoir Naples, au revoir Mediterra, au revoir my dear new friends

I love the French expression “au revoir.” It means “until I see you again.” And now it’s time to say au revoir to Naples, to Mediterra, and to all the dear new friends I’ve made thanks to my Mediterra Sales Executive, Lisa, and all the professionals at the Club at Mediterra. I’m heading north for the summer. This has been the most fulfilling Winter Season I’ve ever spent in Naples. As I did my new home search, I discovered Mediterra. I’ve absolutely fallen in love with the place, so much so that I’ve purchased a home site in the community’s Caminetto neighborhood and will be building a home with London Bay Homes’ Carmela floor plan. London Bay has been an award-winning homebuilder and developer in the Southwest Florida luxury home market for more than 25 years and manages all new home construction sales and marketing for Mediterra.

There are so many things I want to do before leaving. I want to get my new girlfriends together for a round of golf and some lunch. I’ve sworn to myself that I will become a good golfer! Mediterra’s the perfect place to finally do that. Tom Fazio designed two courses that are as beautiful as they are playable. They weave their way through lakes, wetlands, and preserves and present challenges for golfers of every skill level. I’ve been taking lessons at the Club’s Golf Learning Center that has the latest swing analysis technology and offers personalized instruction. The best part is that because I’m purchasing a home by London Bay, I’ve been able to get a full golf membership immediately instead of being put on the membership waiting list as a Limited Golf Member.

Lots of choices for lunch. We could lunch on the verandah at Mediterra’s 25,000 square-foot clubhouse. Informal attire, including jeans, is always welcomed. The verandah and the open-air terrace and Tavern outdoor lounge overlook the 18th holes of the two golf courses. The Club will be starting a 24,000 square-foot expansion of the covered outdoor terrace and outdoor lounge areas this year. Seven thousand square feet of existing clubhouse space will also be enhanced. It’s all being done without a member assessment. The Club’s dining options include a “doctor’s orders” menu with a selection of healthy items.

We could also have lunch at Mediterra’s Beach Club that’s just a few minutes away on Little Hickory Island. I haven’t found another community in Southwest Florida that can match the Mediterra beach experience. It conveys “the magic of the beach” with sand and water colors and has an elegantly casually South Beach vibe. The bar area has a sporty feeling with large screen televisions and there’s a wine bar overseen by Mediterra’s two sommeliers. In addition to casual indoor and al fresco dining, there’s an elevated swimming pool with a big sundeck and cabana service for beach chairs and umbrellas. The entire setting is stunning, and it’s become one of my favorite places.

I want to take another walk on the community’s trails that offer glimpses of the lakes and fairways on the two golf courses. Along the way, I’ll stop for a moment or two of quiet time at one of the parks located throughout the community. I’ll miss my “me time” at the parks this summer. I love tennis. It’s



Top: Mediterra features a golf pro shop with PGA professionals who oversee the community’s two Tom Fazio golf courses and an instructional program for golfers of every skill level. Above: Mediterra’s themed parks and water features are connected by nearly eight miles of walking and biking trails. Right: The private, residents only Mediterra Beach Club is 10,000 square feet with a full indoor dining room and outdoor dining overlooking the Gulf, a bar area, an elevated swimming pool with a sundeck, and valet service for beach chairs and umbrellas.

a way to exercise and socialize. Maybe after my walk, I’ll play a match with my new neighbors. Mediterra has an awesome tennis program acknowledged as one of the top programs in the country. There’s a dedicated tennis pro shop and eight Har-Tru tennis courts, including a spectator court. Have you heard of Pickleball? In a lot of ways, it’s a lower impact form of tennis that has become incredibly popular. Three new pickleball courts with a forgiving, Laykold masters’ gel surface that reduces the force of impact by 17% opened this season and have perimeter areas that allow each court to stand alone without interfering with adjacent courts.



I’ll confess that I need to stop by the fitness center at Mediterra’s Sports Club. The fitness center is huge. It’s outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and offers fitness classes, wellness programs, and personal trainers – everything I’ll need to stay healthy and in shape. The Sports Club also features aesthetic services, three spa rooms for a post workout massage, and a swimming pool with a sunning deck. I definitely want a great workout or two and an awesome massage before I leave.

In the early evening, I’ll venture over to the bocce ball courts and join the fun. The bocce courts are the place to be. More than 600 residents are members of bocce ball teams that compete on a regular basis. It’s so popular there’s

even a dedicated bocce bar. It’s been a great way to socialize and get to know people.

I’ll be ending my last couple of days on the terrace at the Clubhouse. A glass of wine, a bite to eat, conversations and laughs with my new friends around the fire pit, what could be better? A perfect end to a perfect day.

Thanks so much for letting me share my amazing experiences at Mediterra with you. Have an awesome summer. I’ll be back with you in September.

Visit the Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Road two miles north of Immokalee Road. The Sales Center and model residences are open daily. Call (239) 298-7600. Visit online at MediterraNaples.com. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Second tower under construction at Kalea Bay

Community's Club Amenity Center popular with residents

Just months after the successful sell out and move-ins of all developer units in Kalea Bay's first tower, construction on the second tower in the gated, luxury high-rise community located in North Naples is well underway.

"We've had record-breaking sales in Tower 200 during the first quarter of 2018," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "To be more specific, from January to May we sold 24 residences in Tower 200 totaling more than \$52 million. However, since launching sales in July 2017, we have sold more than 50 percent of all residences in the tower for a total of \$120 million."

Like its predecessor, Tower 200 is also 22-stories with 120 residences. Specifically, 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 are 4-bedroom/4.5 bath plans with 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans with 3,919 total square feet.

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

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

Like the first tower, Tower 200 will also have rooftop amenities including a pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge.

Prices in Tower 200 begin at \$1.4 million.

The residents of the first tower, along with their family members and friends, are already enjoying the community's Club amenity center. It opened in early January and is now the social and recreational centerpiece of the community.

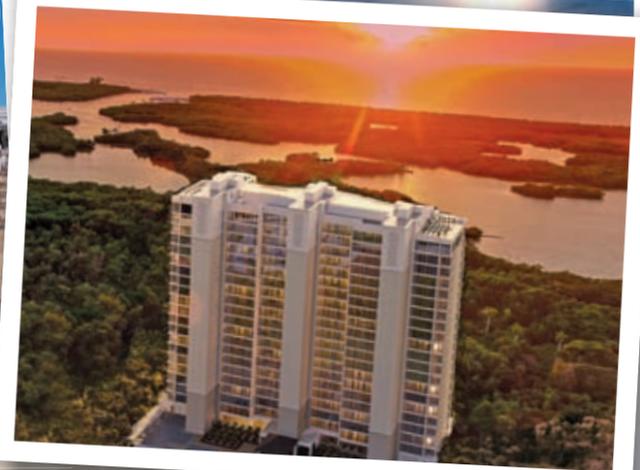
"The 88,000-square-foot club amenity center is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance," stated Lodge. "Not only is it a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it's now the envy of every community in the Naples area."

She added, "Purchasers in Tower 200 can start using the club and its amenities the day they sign their contracts, affording them an unprecedented opportunity to utilize this amazing \$25 million world-class amenity center."

The clubhouse itself 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



Above: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. **Right:** Kalea Bay's Club amenity center includes the clubhouse which features three separate pools, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, fitness center, open-air bar and internet café. **Below Left:** The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's second tower will include a pool, open-air fitness center and sky lounge. **Below Right:** Kalea Bay's second tower is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. **Bottom:** The high-rise residences have very open floor plans.



bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, bistro, a fitness center, and lakeside fire pit.

"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 and lounge chairs 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 can be reserved by members to accommodate overnight guests and are located on property.

Residents also have a shuttle service that originates from the clubhouse, and

takes them to the beach.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Enhanced amenities heighten Talis Park's new-fashioned appeal



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

Anchored by its award-winning Vyne House clubhouse, long lakes, and the fairways of one of only two Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf courses worldwide, Talis Park offers a more meaningful way of life which emphasizes the things that matter most: family and home.

"Talis Park is more about a whole lifestyle than just a place to live," explains resident Laurie McArdle. "There's always something to do. People are friendly, and the surroundings are beautiful. What's not to like?"

Talis Park's newest amenity is The Beach Runner, its exclusive beach shuttle. Each day, the Beach Runner whisks members away to the pristine Vanderbilt Beach on the Gulf of Mexico.

"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 members to enjoy them both."

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 is the center of life in Talis Park, with its various dining options, comfortable outdoor spaces, lushly-landscaped walkways, and courtyards.

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 social space. Its upper level includes formal and casual indoor and al fresco 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 with 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

Above: The Vyne House at Talis Park. Right: The Beach Runner, Talis Park's Mercedes-Benz beach shuttle. Below: Talis Park's Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course.



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 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 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 for two consecutive days, including one round of golf at the member-guest rate. For more information, call (239) 292-0846.

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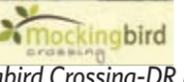
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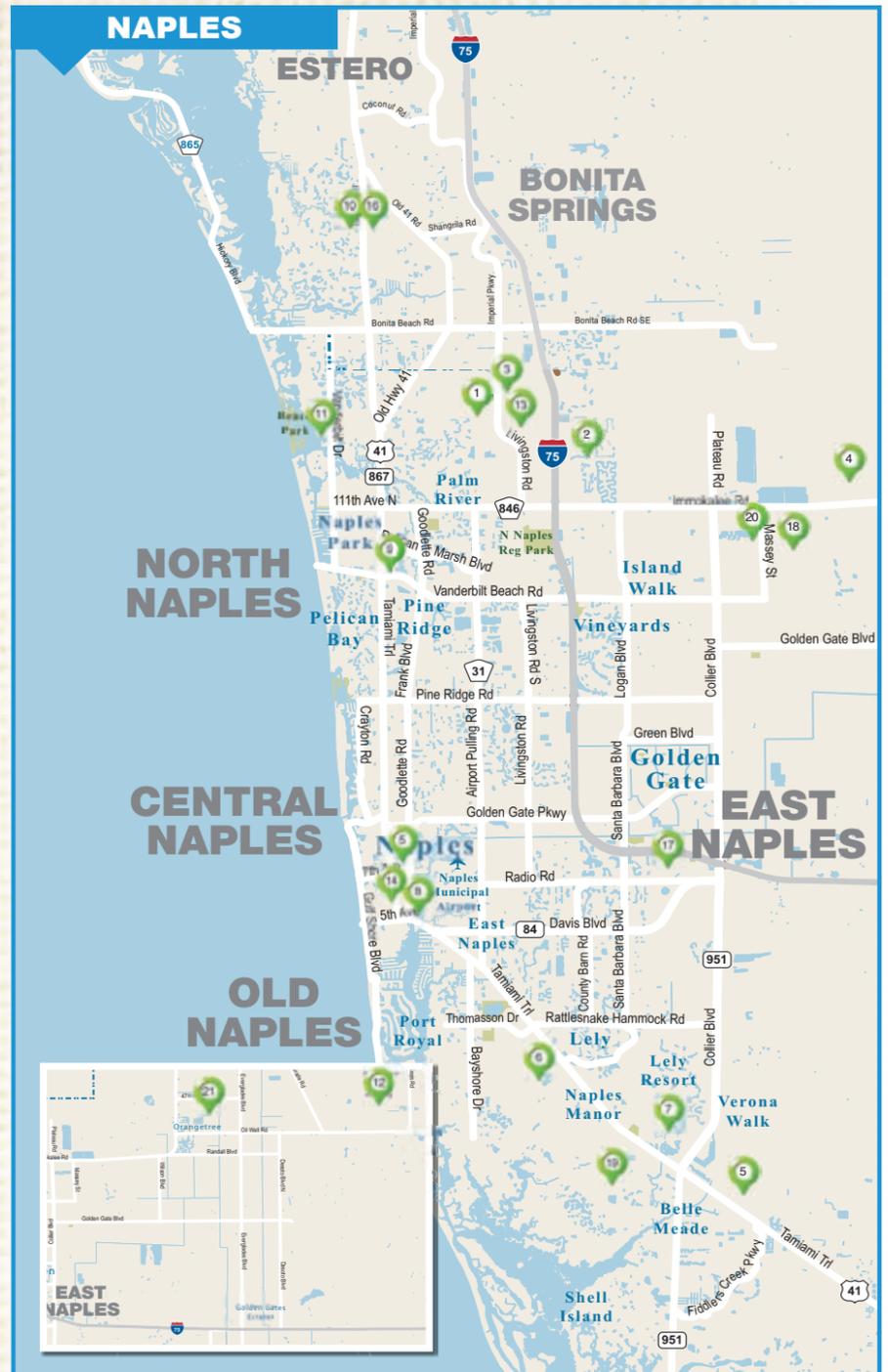
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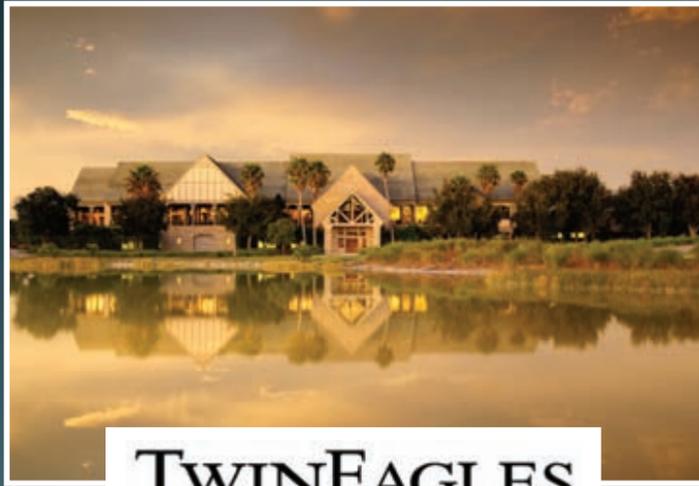
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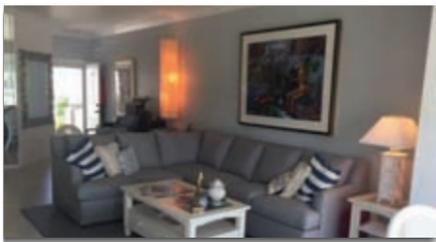
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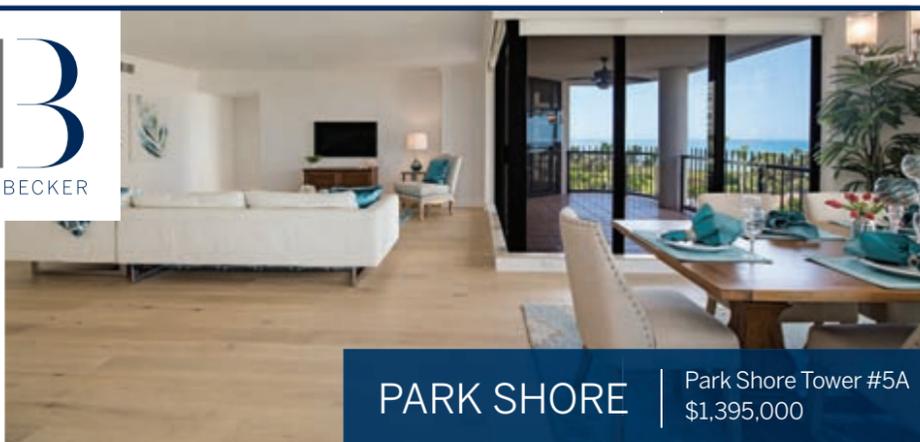
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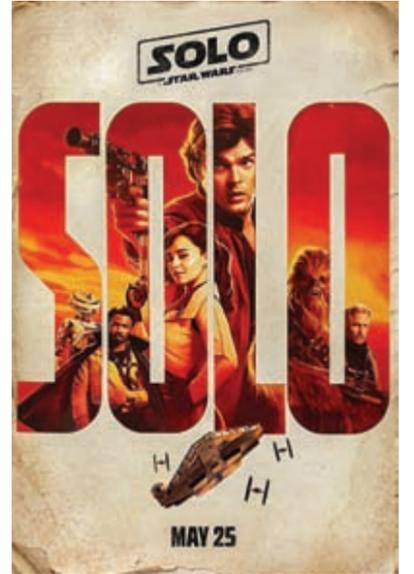
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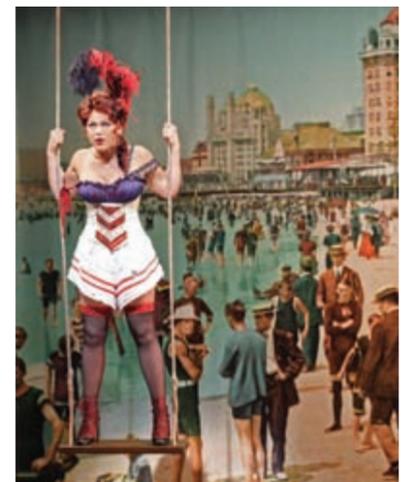
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Before you make your list, check out Elaine Newton's recommendations

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YOU CAN CHOOSE TRASHY BEACH READS ON YOUR OWN. For more engaging reads that will spar with your intellect, there's Elaine Newton's annual Summer Reading List. Or, as Ms. Newton likes to call them: "Books you can sink your teeth into." The Critic's Choice lecturer at Artis—Naples provides a list at the end of every season for attendees and other avid readers to consider. The 30 or so titles — some so new they're just on the verge of being published — provide a reading guide for those looking for memorable summer reading. From her summer list, Ms. Newton picks half a dozen that she'll lecture on during the upcoming

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'Home grown' Rock Pack show rolls into Fort Myers

BY ALAN SCULLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Kevin Demers may have been in Costa Rica, where he now has a second office, and his ongoing package tour, the Rock Pack, may have visited venues as far away as Mexico and Central America, but both Demers and the Rock Pack continue to keep their roots in Southwest Florida.

"I'm home grown. I actually started in Punta Gorda. Now I'm in Fort Myers," Demers said, noting his KDIM Enter-



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FLORIDA WRITERS

Almost down for the count, Kirk McGarvey rebounds to outdo the bad guys

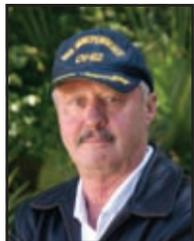
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■ **“Flash Points” by David Hagberg. Forge, 320 pages. Hardcover, \$25.99.**

This electrifying thriller continues the battle between David Hagberg’s continuing hero, Kirk McGarvey, and the shrewd, highly skilled freelance assassin introduced in “Tower Down” (reviewed in these pages). Let’s call that man, who has several identities, Kamal. He has roots in Saudi Arabia, but easily blends into Western environments. For sale to the highest bidder, he has his own agenda.



HAGBERG

At the top of Kamal’s list is the murder of Mac, his nemesis. Not only must he cleanse the world of this CIA operative and former director, Kamal needs to see Mac suffer, and maybe Mac’s girlfriend as well. Mac had foiled Kamal’s plan to bring down a second Manhattan skyscraper in “Tower Down.”

However, what’s making Kamal a very wealthy man is his agreement to put Mac out of the way for other reasons. Groups

with opposing attitudes toward the new U.S. president want Mac out of the way because he is the person most likely to detect and foil their plans.

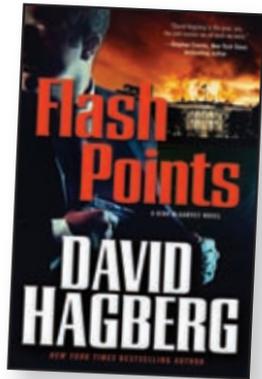
The group wishing to discredit the commander in chief is bankrolling a series of terrorist catastrophes meant to undermine the stature of the inexperienced, ill-equipped president. He will, so goes the scheme, inevitably blunder in ways that will make his replacement inevitable. This group’s leaders have put Kamal on their payroll.

The cadre that supports the president wishes to use similar schemes to opposite ends. They will be manipulating events to make him look good; not only will the outcome assure solidifying his base, but also expanding it.

“Flash Points” opens with an explosion meant to destroy Mac’s car and him with it. Although it was planned by Kamal, a hireling’s misplacement of the explosive material lessens the impact. Nonetheless, Mac loses a leg. The CIA leadership thinks it best for him to recuperate in secret and for the word to get out that he has been killed.

While Mac gets used to his peg leg and recovers from other wounds, he participates in the planning that will draw out the crafty Kamal.

The author alternates the center of consciousness so that readers switch back and forth between following Kamal’s thoughts, emotions and actions and following Mac’s. The tradecraft and courage of each is well displayed, as is their sharp contrast in values. Suspense builds higher and higher as the inevitable confrontation draws closer and closer.



One major difference between these sections is that, since Kamal is a lone wolf with no meaningful attachments, his character is isolated from normal human relationships. The sections that follow Mac are alive with his memories of his late wife and daughter, his love for girlfriend and co-worker, Pete, and his care for and camaraderie with several friends who are, in most cases, partners in the business of defending their nation.

Many of his fans have noted that Mr. Hagberg’s novels are fresher than yesterday’s news. He seems to anticipate near-future events and build premises on suppositions that come true before his books hit the marketplace. Of course, the president characterized in “Flash Points” is a stand-in for our current president — and he’s a fine imitation.

Mr. Hagberg’s descriptions of how the CIA works, how missions are designed and carried out, and the physical dimensions of his vivid characterizations con-

tribute greatly to reader appeal. While it might seem superfluous for the author to inventory Kamal’s wardrobe so many times, it becomes clear that this vain killer’s concern for his appearance is connected to his disguise of normality, his need to fit in. He is always playing a part. Choosing the outfit is part of the tradecraft; but beyond this, Kamal enjoys looking good and spending his money with taste.

To put it more plainly: David Hagberg is a man of many words, but he does not waste them.

This is another fine political thriller from an acknowledged master.

About the author

David Hagberg is a former U.S. Air Force cryptographer who has traveled extensively in Europe, the Arctic and the Caribbean. He speaks frequently at CIA functions. Mr. Hagberg has published more than 70 novels of suspense, many of them bestsellers. These include “Allah’s Scorpion,” “Dance with the Dragon” and “The Expediter.” He makes his home in Sarasota and, with his wife, enjoys sailing the west coast of the state and the Florida Keys. ■

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“School of Rock – The Musical” comes to the Naples Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 25.

Rocking out: NPAC unveils first production at new campus

The Naples Performing Arts Center recently announced its first production at its new campus. “School of Rock – The Musical” will open Friday, May 25, featuring all local talent. A live band will accompany the high school and middle school age actors who will play instruments live throughout the show.

NPAC Founder and Artistic Director Lori Oliver saw her dream of a permanent home theater realized. Ms. Oliver and her team of instructors moved the organization to 1048 Castello Drive off U.S. 41 south of Pine Ridge Road.

The new campus features a 300-seat auditorium, 100-seat black box theater, two choreography rooms, a multimedia television production room and classroom space for private and group instruction.

Ms. Oliver, who will be director of the

upcoming production, said her husband, local NBC2 news anchor Chad Oliver, might just make a cameo appearance in “School of Rock.”

Based on the film of the same name, “School of Rock - The Musical” tells the story of wannabe rock star Dewey Finn, who poses as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. When he discovers his students’ musical talents, he enlists his fifth graders to form a rock group and conquer the Battle of the Bands.

“School of Rock - The Musical” opens at 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, with subsequent shows at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

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Critic's Choice season. She'll announce those novels later in the summer.

Her lectures are so popular, she has to give each one twice: once in the Daniels Pavilion on a Thursday morning, and then again in the larger Hayes Hall two days later.

This past season, she sold out the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall when she lectured on Amor Towles's bestseller "A Gentleman in Moscow," about a man who's confined to a luxury hotel for the rest of his life. The lecture included an interview with the author. Tickets were at such a premium that Ms. Newton was receiving three or four requests daily for them after they'd sold out.

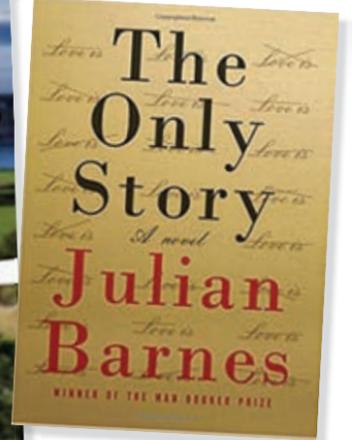
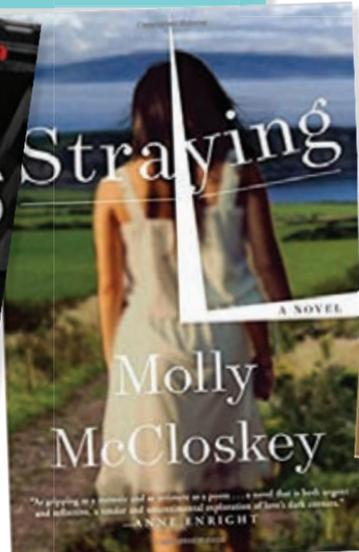
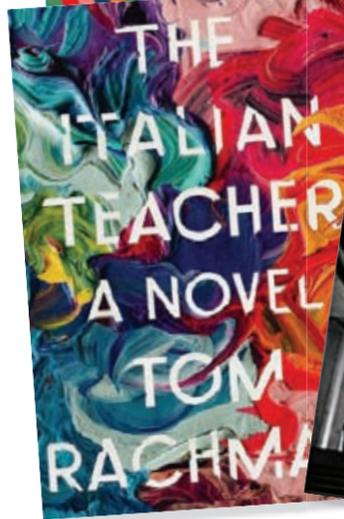
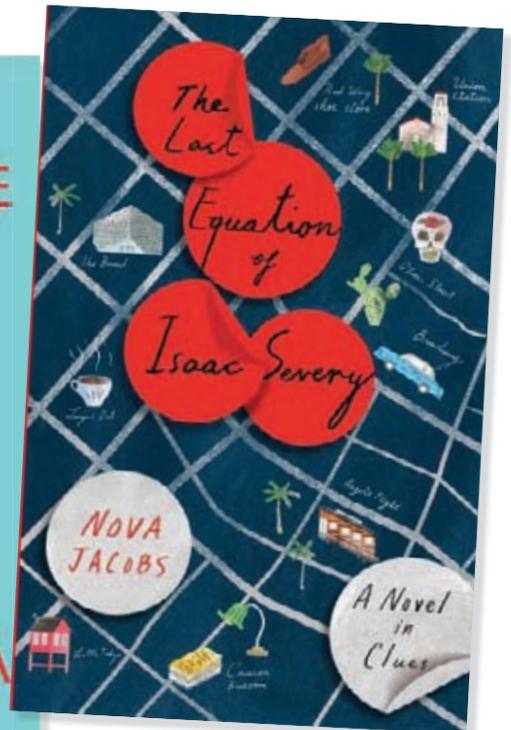
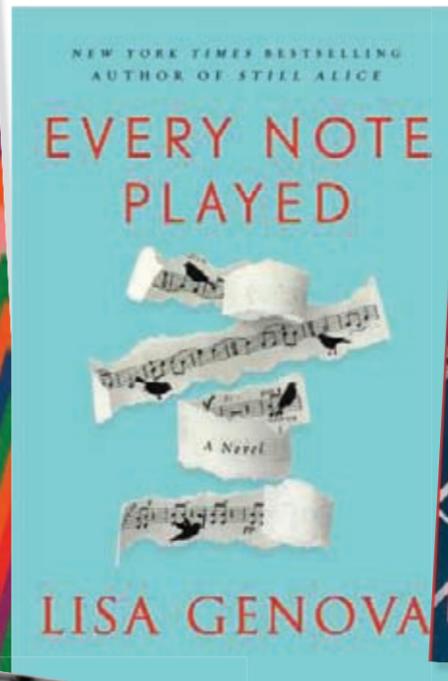
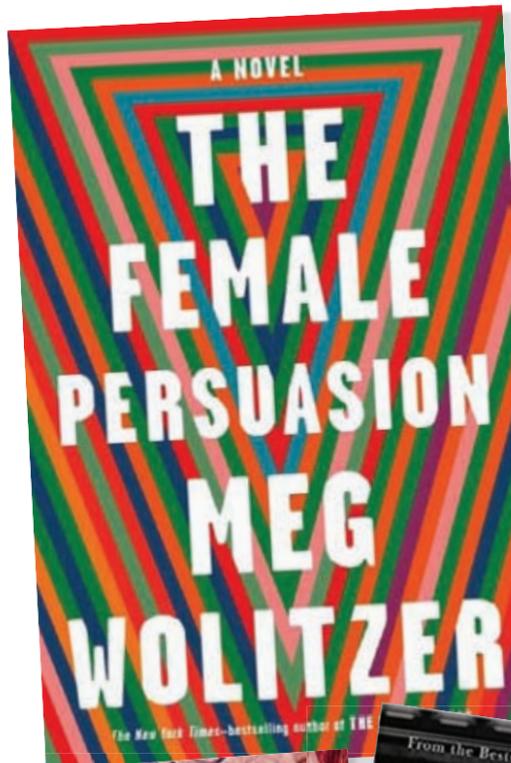
Ms. Newton knows her stuff. She is a professor emeritus of humanities at York University in Toronto, Ontario, and was book critic for the Toronto Globe and Mail for more than 10 years.

You think you've read a book carefully and thoughtfully, yet when Ms. Newton lectures, you see threads and facets you hadn't even considered before. With wit and insight, she unwraps the book for you: characters, scenes, themes, sentences. She deconstructs novels skillfully and then, with a magician's skill, weaves it all back together for you at the end.

Her Summer Reading List is so popular that people bring it on vacation with them, share it with friends and even post it on Facebook. Some try to guess which six she'll pick to lecture about. Often, the books she picks go on to win prestigious awards.

Here is this year's list, in alphabetical order by author:

"The Only Story" by Julian Barnes
 "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin
 "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan
 "Every Note Played" by Lisa Genova
 "The Few" by Hakan Gunday
 "Promise" by Minrose Gwin
 "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah
 "Munich" by Robert Harris
 "Asymmetry" by Lisa Halliday
 "Paris in the Present Tense" by Mark



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 "The Sparsholt Affair" by Alan Hollinghurst
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 "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones
 "The Leavers" by Lisa Ko
 "I Was Anastasia" by Ariel Lawhon
 "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai (available June 19)

"Straying" by Molly McCloskey
 "A State of Freedom" by Neel Mukherjee
 "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
 "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen
 "Warlight" by Michael Ondaatje
 "The Overstory" by Richard Powers
 "Alternate Side" by Anna Quindlen
 "The Italian Teacher" by Tom Rachman

"Home Fires" by Kamila Shamsie
 "Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler (available July 10)
 "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea
 "The Neighborhood" by Mario Vargas Llosa
 "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward
 "The Force" by Don Winslow
 "The Female Persuasion" by Meg Wolitzer ■

A critic looks at the list

I'M JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER BOOK LOVER; I can't wait for Elaine Newton's Summer Reading List.

I peruse it to see what books she names that I've already read, what ones I've read about but haven't consumed, and what ones I've never heard of that I can experience the joy of discovering.

Part of the fun is trying to guess what six books Ms. Newton will pick to lecture on next season for her Critic's Choice series at Artis—Naples. There's really no way of telling, but it's fun to speculate.

This year, I've already read five of the titles listed and am in the middle of a sixth — "The Female Persuasion" by Meg Wolitzer. (Ms. Wolitzer was a Critic's Choice special guest a couple seasons ago, interviewed by Ms. Newton about her novel "The Interestings.") So far, "The Female Persuasion" seems to be about a Gloria Steinem-like figure and her protégé, a young writer fresh out of college. Ms. Wolitzer, who writes the most delicious similes, also has a killer sense of humor.)

Another handful of books on this year's list are sitting by my bed, waiting to be devoured — "Munich" by Rob-

ert Harris, "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones, "The Leavers" by Lisa Ko and "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea.

In looking over the list, I learned there's a new Ann Tyler coming out ("Clock Dance" on July 10), and that Michael Ondaatje has another novel out ("Warlight"). Mr. Ondaatje, a Sri-Lankan born Canadian, has appeared on Ms. Newton's lists before (most recently, "The Cat's Table"), so it's possible she might chose that as one of the six books for next seasons' lectures.

And Julian Barnes, who starts the summer list, has been on it multiple times, most recently with "The Sense of an Ending" and "The Noise of Time." The latter book, about the Russian composer Shostakovich, was a lecture choice in 2017.

Of the five books I've already read, three worked for me, while two didn't. "The Immortalists," about four siblings who are each given the date of their death by a woman who can see the future, was entertaining in its early chapters, but about halfway through it took a turn and became disappointing. And Jennifer Egan's "Manhattan Beach,"

about a young woman who gets a job as a professional diver at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during WW II and becomes involved with a gangster, didn't thrill either, though it received rave reviews.

Lisa Halliday's "Asymmetry" was an odd little book that just stayed with me long after, haunting me. It consists of two seemingly unconnected novellas and a coda. The first novella is about a young woman who has an affair with a famous, older novelist who sounds very much like Philip Roth. (The author herself had an affair with the famous author when she was even younger. This would typically make me run from a book, but her sentences are so wonderful, so well crafted.) The second novella is about an Iraqi American detained at the London airport.

"Asymmetry" is a captivating book about power and perception, about the various imbalances in life.

"The Force," by Don Winslow, was an entertaining read. Set in New York City, it tells the story of Dennis Malone, a corrupt New York City police detective on the city's most elite unit, the Manhattan North Special Task Force. Denny is not above taking the law into

his own hands, deciding who should live and who should die. Think of it as a gritty, modern-day Greek tragedy, set in the City That Never Sleeps.

This fast-moving novel was sold to Hollywood, as was "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

Like Mr. Winslow's novel, it starts with a climatic ending (in this case, a house fire) and then brings us back to the events leading up to it.

In Ms. Ng's novel, an artist mother and her daughter move into an apartment next to the ideal family living in the prosperous Shaker Heights, Ohio. The two families couldn't be more unlike. Things come to a head when an abandoned Chinese baby is adopted by a white couple.

Ms. Ng deftly deals with the themes of race, class, motherhood, privilege and following the rules vs. artistic freedom. The novel will be adapted for an eight-episode TV miniseries starring Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington, who are also executive producers.

But read the books first. The books are always better. ■

— Nancy Stetson

ON THE WATER

Yacht crew sailing local waters in 1884 found 'lonely coast'

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

The crew of a yacht named the Walloway experienced Southwest Florida in a way nobody alive today can.

It sailed our waters in 1884, from Charlotte Harbor south to Cape Sable. The crew's experiences were recounted in Harper's New Monthly Magazine in an unsigned travel piece in its January 1885 issue.

Florida was thinly populated in 1884, the year before Thomas Edison first visited Fort Myers. Lee, Collier and Hendry counties did not exist. All that land was then part of Monroe County.

Florida's population was 269,493 in 1880. That's less than half of Lee County's current population.

The article's author estimated no more than 300 people resided between Punta Rassa and Cape Sable. Southwest Florida was then a remote outpost, not yet reached by rail service.

As the writer noted, "It is a lonely coast, and unfrequented sea."

Although he was not given a byline in 1885, a check of Harper's website reveals that his name was Barnet Phillips.

Mr. Phillips started his piece detailing a quest that countless millions have followed in the 134 years since his adventure.

"In January and February last year the mercury in New York thermometers forsook the stems and shrank into the bulb of those instruments," Mr. Phillips wrote.

He and two friends left behind what he called "New York Spitzbergen."

Their Gulf Coast adventure began well north of Southwest Florida in what the writer called "Cedar Keys."

That's where, Mr. Phillips noted, "We were there to victual the ship." He described the Walloway as a "little schooner of 17 tons."

"She was not a very neat or jaunty craft," Mr. Phillips wrote. "Her white paint was dingy; still she seemed stanch and serviceable."

The Walloway was chartered for three weeks. Maps of Florida were, he noted, nailed on the sides of the cabin.

This adventure came before GPS, radio and Coast Guard helicopters. They had to navigate on their own and had no way to communicate from the schooner. If the Walloway wallowed there weren't helicopters available to rescue Mr. Phillips.

Modern anglers have likely never seen what Mr. Phillips witnessed.

".... In no waters are fish so abundant, even beyond the wildest dreams of the most advanced of the ichthyophagous."

Ichthyophagous? One definition of that \$10 word is "fish eating."

Mr. Phillips went on to write about the fish.

"Sharks splash around you," he wrote. "There is the gigantic devil-fish, that



Archeologists in the 21st century likely fantasize about visiting Pine Island in 1884, before it was developed.

"It was hard digging in a blazing sun with inefficient tools," Mr. Phillips wrote. "Machetes were plied, and a grubbing hoe was used. ... We soon struck potsherd, then found a bone or so, and presently a good skull was discovered. We took three fine skulls after an hour's work and carried them off."

Mr. Phillips apparently sensed what would happen in the next century when more people discovered Southwest Florida.

"Punta Rassa or Sanybel Island would make the most delightful of winter resorts," he wrote of the place we now know as Sanibel.

Although the fish were abundant and formed part of the crew's diet they supplemented that with game.

"On the Caloosahatchee we killed a fine buck," Mr. Phillips said. "It was good while it lasted, but in this warm climate, where meat spoils rapidly, a fair supply of canned meat is a necessity."

What Mr. Phillips and others on the Walloway experienced on their cruise may sound familiar 134 years later.

"We all came home bronzed with the sun," Mr. Phillips wrote in the article's conclusion, "hands punctured with mosquito bites, but with our memories filled with the many enchanting hours spent on this delicious coast." ■

looks as if it covered a half-acre, with porpoises swimming in every lagoon."

Far south of Cedar Key the Walloway reached the Ten Thousand Islands.

"There are not 10,000 islands, there must be a million of them, and more to spare, almost all of them covered in mangroves," Mr. Phillips wrote. "To describe them was a difficult task. ... Island after island appears emerging out of these blue bays. ... It is an endless archipelago, all green and smiling."

The Walloway stopped at Pine Island. In 1884, its Indian mounds were likely largely untouched.

"Here on Pine Island was an Indian mound, and the party, with strong archeological tendencies, scrambled through thickets, and found an ancient tumulus," Mr. Phillips wrote.

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School of Rock – By Naples Performing Arts Center May 25-27. 1048 Castello Drive. 597-7622 or www.naplesperformingartscenter.org.

Ring of Fire – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre May 24-June 23. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Heathers: The Musical – By Florida Repertory Theatre's Education Conservatory through May 26 in the historic Arcade Theatre. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.FloridaRepEducation.org.

Agnes of God – By The Studio Players June 15-July 1 at Joan Jenks Auditorium. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

Chicago – By The Naples Players June 28-July 29 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

THURSDAY 5.24

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.

FRIDAY 5.25

Farmers Market – Find fresh local produce and more at the St. John Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 625 11th Ave. N.

Frothy Fun – Soapfest 2018 returns to Marco Island with community events like a sunset cruise, parties and more with soap stars from shows like "Days of Our Lives," "Young & The Restless," "General Hospital" and "The Bold & The Beautiful" today through Sunday, May 28. www.theateronmarco.com.

Go Daddy-O – Swing revival band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy performs at 8 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$34-\$60. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-entcenter.com.

The Right Notes – Musical comedian Jimmy Keys performs at 9:30-11 p.m. at Barbatella. Call for reservations and pricing. 263-1955 or www.barbatellanaples.com.

Funny Guy – "America's Got Talent" Season 8 runner-up Taylor Williamson performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight and Saturday, May 26. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 5.26

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.

Sail Away – Naples Model Yacht Club hosts radio-control model sailboat racing at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday behind Dick's Sporting Goods. 5955 Naples Blvd. www.naplesmyc.org.

Magic Carpet – Artis—Naples hosts an up-close concert for kids featuring woodwind instruments at 10 a.m. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



Don't miss the dinos! Naples Botanical Garden's animatronic dinosaurs leave the garden on June 3, so grab a ticket for a sneak peek into the Mesozoic era with ten large-scale models that move and growl. www.naplesgarden.org

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 to help visitors of all ages enjoy the outdoor and indoor trains. Corner of 10th St. S. and Fifth Ave. S. www.naplestrainmuseum.org.

SUNDAY 5.27

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.

Summer Lovin' – Silverspot at Mercato screens "Grease" (1978) at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. A good girl and a greaser fall in love over the summer and may rekindle their romance when they unexpectedly attend the same high school. \$11.80-\$15.50. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

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. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

MONDAY 5.28

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Skin I Live In" (Spain, 2011) at 7 p.m. A brilliant plastic surgeon creates a synthetic skin that withstands any type of damage and uses a mysterious and volatile woman as his guinea pig. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 5.29

Free Concert – Naples Philharmonic Chamber Musicians perform works by Thomas, Haydn and Shostakovich at 7 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. 1225 Piper Blvd. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

WEDNESDAY 5.30

Chamber Concert – Members of Naples Philharmonic perform from 3-4 p.m. at Naples Regional Library. Free. 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.collierlibrary.org.

COMING UP

Free Concert – Naples Philharmonic Chamber Musicians perform works by Telemann, Molenhof, Thieriot and Mozart at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Concert – Patty Smyth & Scandal perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$30-\$60. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-entcenter.com.

Photo Expert – Naples Art Association hosts a reception and presentation by Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at The Ringling Museum of Art, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31. Free for members, \$10 for others. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Art Reception – United Arts Council of Collier County hosts an opening reception for "Parallel Harmonies: Art & Nature," an exhibition of works by Paul Arsenault, Cesar Aguilera, Juan Diaz and Katia Miranda from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The exhibition runs through Oct. 26. Free. 300 Tower Road. 254-8242 or www.uaccollier.org.

Doc Screening – Path2Freedom hosts a screening of "American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us," a film about efforts to eradicate sex trafficking in the U.S., at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Hilton Naples. The film will be followed by a cocktail hour with hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar. \$50. www.path2freedom.org.

Blues Notes – Blues guitarist Sean Chambers performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Center for the Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez leads a meditation at Corkscrew Audubon Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Pride of Place – The second annual Naples Pride celebrates the LGBTQ community with live entertainment, refreshments and business vendors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Cambier Park. 213-3058 or www.naplespride.org.

Dance Recital – Naples Dance Conservatory presents its spring performance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Opera Naples. \$25, tickets can be purchased at the door or by phone. 2408 Linwood Ave. (305) 321-7797 or www.ndcballet.com.

Musical Moments – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts performances of cinematic masterpieces, including selections from "Jurassic Park," "Star Wars" and "Doctor Zhivago" at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District, the area west of Airport-Pulling and north of Pine Ridge roads, open their doors to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 6. Look for the magenta and white art flags to locate participating galleries. Free. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Travel Talk – Preferred Travel hosts a talk with Insight Travel about their escorted tours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7. 707b Gulf Park Drive. 523-3716 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Grand Piano – Korean pianist HyeJin Kim performs works by Bach, Ravel, Schuman and Kapustin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Yes, And? – Improv Tonight! performs at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 8. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Rainforest Art – Venue Naples hosts an evening with woodcarver Nancy Koerner and her exquisite collection of rosewood burl pieces from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, with live music by Ray Cerbone. \$35, includes hors d'oeuvres and a glass of champagne. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venue Naples.com.

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

Bridal Blast – Naples Bridal Expo brings together the area's best wedding professionals to help couples plan their nuptials from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Hilton Naples. Free for brides who register, \$5 for others. 272-8477 or www.naplesbridalexpo.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens "The Croods" (2013) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 12-14, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Blues Concert – Four-time Grammy Award winner Keb' Mo' performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$47-\$149. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-entcenter.com.

Ancient Ones – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a guided walk to its stand of old-growth bald cypress from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 13. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.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.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Friday Fun – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers themed activities each week through summer, starting with mammals from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 15. Free, but admission limited to three children per adult. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookery-bay.org.

Red High Heels – “American Idol” alum Kellie Pickler performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$45-\$125. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-entcenter.com.

Dad’s Day Out – Venetian Village celebrates Father’s Day with an antique car show, complimentary photos and more from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16. 261-6100 or www.venetianvil-lage.com.

Nerd Alert – SWFL SpaceCon celebrates comic and science fiction culture illustrious personalities from comic book, film, and book industries, as well as professional cosplayers, vendors, game demos, drop-in games, tournaments and much more Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, at Lee Civic Center. \$5-\$10. 11831 Bayshore Road. Nexus9s-wfl@gmail.com or www.swflspacecon.com.

Looky-Loo – Miromar Outlets hosts a grandfather/father/son look-alike contest at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, in honor of Father’s Day. 948-3766 or www.miro-maroutlets.com.

Eclipse – Pink Floyd tribute band Brit Floyd performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Germain Arena. \$31-\$50. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Breakfast with the Birds – Shorebird expert Adam DiNuovo hosts a lecture with breakfast pastries and refreshments from 9:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 19-21 as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Love That Dress! – Clive Daniel Home hosts a Love That Dress! collection party with live music, wine, hors-d’oeuvres and silent auction to benefit PACE Center for Girls from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 20. Guests should bring a new or lightly used dress. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 261-4663 or mollie.martin@pacecenter.org.

Grand Cello – Cellist Sophie Shao performs works by Bach, Dvorak and Chopin at 7:30 Thursday, June 21, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Family Funday – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts kid-friendly activities and educational opportunities on Friday, June 22. Free for kids under 18. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Easy to Love – Reggae singer Maxi Priest performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$30-\$50. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-entcenter.com.

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.

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■ **Southwest Florida Restaurant Week** kicks off Thursday, May 31, with prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus from over 70 local restaurants, all priced between \$16-\$36. — swflrestaurantweek.com





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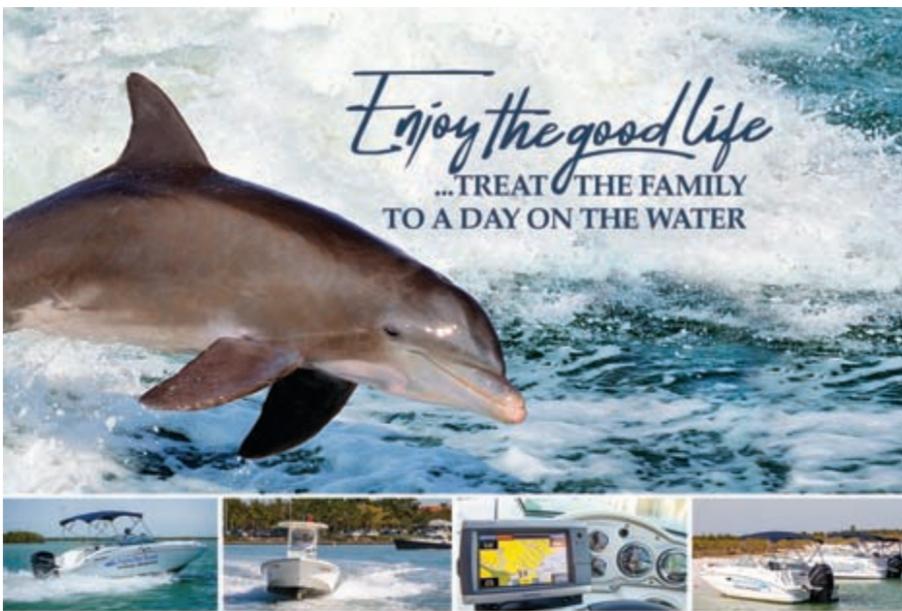
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WHAT TO DO

Get Your Spam On – Little Bar Restaurant on Goodland celebrates its kookiest celebration, Spammy Jammy, from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 23, with Spam sculpture competitions, pajamas, live music, crazy games and more. 205 Harbor Place. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.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 Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “Captain Underpants” (2017) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 26-28 as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Creative Arts – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts an arts and crafts exhibition of works created by students at the Seminole Tribe’s Pemaivt Emahakv Charter School on Thursday, June 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or ahtaththiki.com.

Independence Party – Everglade City hosts its annual Independence Day celebration with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. at City Hall, followed by a parade and family activities at MacLeod Park and concluding with a fireworks show at 9 p.m. 695-3781 or www.evergladehistorical.org.

Americana Night – The Americana Community Music Association hosts an evening of performances by local songwriters like Ray Cerbone, Joe Virga, Carlene Thissen and many more from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation in Fort Myers. \$10-\$15, tickets available at the door. 2756 McGregor Blvd. www.americanaacma.org.

Red, White & Awesome – Celebrate Independence Day downtown with the city of Naples’ annual 4th of July Parade as it processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4. 213-1000 or www.naplesgov.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “Trolls” (2016) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 10-12, as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Skate du Soleil – Cirque du Soleil takes the ice at Germain Arena with its frozen acrobatic spectacle, “Crystal,” Thursday through Sunday, July 12-15. \$48-\$133. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.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.

Breakfast with the Birds – Shorebird expert Adam DiNuovo hosts a lecture with breakfast pastries and refreshments from 9:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “Kung Fu Panda 3” (2016) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 17-19, as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Interlude – The Brennan Yetter Jazz Trio performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.



Korean pianist HyeJin Kim performs works by Bach, Ravel, Schuman and Kapustin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Grand Piano – Pianist Eric Lu performs works by Brahms and Chopin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “Ferdinand” (2017) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26, as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

War Remembrance – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum commemorates the Seminole Wars with a special display, war games and more on Saturday, July 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or ahtaththiki.com.

Summer Smash – WWE Live’s SummerSlam Heatwave Tour visits Germain Arena at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 30. \$23-\$98. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens “Prince of Egypt” (2015) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 7-9, as part of its free kids’ movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonthaters.com.

Breakfast with the Birds – Shorebird expert Adam DiNuovo hosts a lecture with breakfast pastries and refreshments from 9:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by TBone Hamilton’s Big Easy Revue from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Pocket Change from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

All The Best Ones – Emmy and Golden Globe winner Jane Lynch (“Glee”) performs a concert entitled “A Swinging Little Christmas” with Kate Flannery (“The Office”) and Tim Davis (“Glee”) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$43-\$65. 11515 Bonita Beach road. 245-9910 or www.swflevntcenter.com. ■

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



Naples Dance Conservatory to put on spring performance

Who says it isn't spring? Not the Naples Dance Conservatory.

The local dance studio is putting on its annual spring performance on Saturday, June 2, at Opera Naples.

The show will feature selections from "La Bayadere" and "Le Corsaire," two vintage ballet acts with French inspiration. Abdel Roque is artistic director, while Patricia Perez will provide dance instruction. Professional ballet dancers Maikel Hernandez and Didem Saglam will join the Naples Dance Conservatory's aspiring dancers in their performance.

Maikel Hernandez is an Artist in Residence with the Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theater as well as an instructor at the Feijoo Ballet School in Dickinson, Texas. Mr. Hernandez has traveled the world, even performing internationally with the National Ballet of Cuba. His repertoire includes Swan Lake, La Leyenda de Agua Grande and soloist in Tiempo de Danzon. Ms. Saglam is a ballet teacher at the Feijoo

Ballet. Her repertoire includes productions of "Don Quixote," "The Sleeping Beauty," and "Le Corsaire."

Mr. Roque founded the Naples Dance Conservatory in 2010. He received his training at the Professional School of the Arts in Camaguey, Cuba, before launching a career as a principal dancer in roles such as La Corsaire, Don Quixote, La Fille Mal Gardee, Coppelia, and Paquita as well as a variety of contemporary and modern work. He began teaching ballet in 2004. His students have been recognized regionally with awards, scholarships, and gone on to pursue professional ballet careers.

Opera Naples is located at 2408 Linwood Avenue in Naples. Tickets for the spring performance are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or by phone at 305-321-7797. For more information about Naples Dance Conservatory, visit www.NDCballet.com. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

The magical lure of 'Ragtime' at the Asolo Repertory Theatre

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Before "Ragtime: The Musical" opens each night at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, we're presented with a striking, singular image: a simple, wooden grand piano and stool sitting in the spotlight on a bare stage.

It symbolizes so many things: the jaunty, syncopated music of ragtime that weaves its way throughout the show (music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens), the hopes and dreams of a Harlem musician and the possibilities presented by a new, 20th century.

It also represents the show itself: a sparse, minimalist presentation.

However, this doesn't mean the Asolo Rep has stinted on the talent or cut corners. Far from it.

This "Ragtime" is spectacular, superb. It is theater at its finest.

Director Peter Rothstein originally conceived this production for Theater Latte Da in Minneapolis, which he describes in the theater program as a venue that has "reimagined large scale musicals in intimate spaces."

And that's exactly what he's done here.

When this Tony Award-winning musical first hit Broadway in 1998, it had an \$11 million budget.

"Ragtime" could be challenging for any theater to produce, with a large cast and action that takes place in a variety of locales, including ships, Atlantic City, Harlem, a garden, a workers' hall, a baseball field, a political rally and Henry Ford's automotive plant.

But this production is magical. The grand piano does triple duty, as not only a musical instrument, but as a model T and a coffin. A garden in New Rochelle, N.Y., is suggested by a giant, overarching branch. Much is done with just a suggestion, thanks to Michael Hoover's scenic design and the magic of Duane Schuler's lighting design and Justin Shaw's complementary sound design.

The musical's book by Terrence McNally (based on E.L. Doctorow's best-selling 1975 novel), tells the story of three groups: immigrants from Eastern Europe, African-Americans, and a well-off white family living in New Rochelle.

Celebrities make appearances too, including JP Morgan (Bret Shuford), Henry Ford (Hugh Hastings), Booker T. Washing-



The cast of Asolo Rep's production of "Ragtime."

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ton (Rod Singleton), Emma Goldman (a feisty Leslie Becker) and Harry Houdini (Benjamin Dutcher), who loosed the chains of being an immigrant before he learned to escape from physical ones. There's even a celebrity whose fame comes from being a famous man's mistress (Billie Wildrick as the chipper and wry Evelyn Nesbit, known as "The Girl on the Velvet Swing." She shot to fame when her abusive husband killed her lover, the architect Stanford White.)

Characters from these three groups (four, if you want to count the celebrities) cross paths and intertwine. At times, they narrate the story while also acting it out.

With such a large cast (and three actors playing double roles), it's impossible to single out everyone in this superlative production. They are all excellent actors and singers.

Jared Joseph is strong in his role of Colehouse Walker Jr., a proud black man who plays ragtime in Harlem and tries to woo back his woman, Sarah (Danyel Fulton). Mr. Joseph brings down the house with "Make Them Hear You," and the two share a nice duet of future possibilities in "Wheels of a Dream." Ms. Fulton is every bit his equal, vocally.

Sasha Andreev shows great vulnerability



Billie Wildrick as Evelyn Nesbit.

and charm as Tateh, a new immigrant to America.

And it is impossible to take your eyes off Britta Ollmann as Mother, the wealthy white woman who continually surprises, taking in an abandoned black baby and showing kindness to a new immigrant. She's the embodiment of our better natures but is never saccharine.

The musical score provides plenty of ragtime, including the rollicking "Gettin' Ready Rag," an explosion of song and dance. There are also vaudeville-sounding tunes and gospel-flavored songs plus a humorous number set at a baseball game that demonstrates just how uncivilized this gentlemanly pastime can be.

One song talks of ragtime as new music "breaking my heart/op'ning a door,/Changing the world."

And this is what "Ragtime: The Musical" offers us: an American filled with beauty and ugliness, endless opportunity and unspeakable oppression, lurid sensationalism and small, life-changing acts of kindness.

It is a sad commentary that some of these things — discrimination against immigrants, violence against African-American men without justice, company owners making millions while their workers struggle — are still relevant. Though set over 100 years in the past, it is shockingly timely.

The staging is creative, and, at times, unexpected, each scene a delight to be carefully unwrapped and savored.

For example, Tateh, the newly arrived immigrant, tries to make a living by selling silhouettes on the street. And the musical itself offers us the entire cast, in silhouette, across the rear of the stage.

This production delights our senses, challenges our pre-suppositions and moves our souls. It is epic in scope, yet personal and intimate.

It may be the very end of the season, but the Asolo Rep has obviously saved the best for last. (It's so popular, in fact, they've added an extra show on May 27.)

If you haven't seen "Ragtime," you should. This production is simply too good to miss. ■

in the know

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Making a case for mixing styles



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If there's one thing I've learned after more than 40 years of traipsing through markets and antiques shops across the United States and in Europe, it is this: Objects of good design go together, regardless of origin.

I was chatting with a friend, antiques dealer Jeffrey Burgess, of James & Jeffrey Antiques in West Palm Beach and commenting on the range of furniture styles he had for sale during a warehouse sale.

For whatever reason, an Eames chair never looks out of place in a Victorian house, while many pieces of Victorian furniture never really look good, even in their own elements.

It's funny how that works.

And that's why I placed a 1940s Heywood Wakefield rattan chair next to an ordinary Victorian chest that my grandmother Dorothy painted an aqua color in the 1940s or '50s.

She always told me I should strip the piece and return it to its original state, but her 60- or 70-year-old paint has made the ordinary interesting, especially as the paint has mellowed, crackled and acquired a patina.

Those pieces in turn sit across from a set of 1820s English Regency-style chairs that are refined and elegant, with

curving backs and legs that evoke Greek klismos chairs of a few millennia before. Isn't funny how good design keeps repeating itself?

And that was what I was faced with as I stared at a Biedermeier chair.

Jeffrey told me I should buy it to use with a black lacquer midcentury desk inspired by the great Paul McCobb.

I think they will work well together in the new home office I am creating.

After all, McCobb's midcentury modern desk is all about clean lines, as is that Biedermeier chair. And the black lacquer matches.

The Biedermeier design movement, which lasted roughly from 1815 to 1848 in Central Europe, drew inspiration from the French Empire designs of Napoleon, which in turn had drawn inspiration from motifs in ancient Rome. It also drew on the neoclassical lines of English Georgian furniture of the 18th century.

But Biedermeier was different from French Empire and English styles in one key way — its clean, sensuous lines were crafted in locally sourced woods — cherry, oak and ash — and without a lot of ornamentation.

It enjoyed a resurgence at the turn of the last century and inspired a new round of creation.

That reminds me that the

axiom of "what goes around comes around" still rings true for antiques and collectibles.

And at my desk. ■



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This Biedermeier-style chair dates from the early to mid-19th century. It was made in Europe — probably in what is now Germany or Austria. It would have been part of a larger set.

THE FIND: A Biedermeier chair

Bought: Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store, 1635 Old Dixie Highway, Jupiter; 561-253-2290 or www.palmbeach.habitatrestores.org.

Paid: \$30

The Skinny: I was tempted to buy this chair on a Thursday afternoon, then left it because it was pouring and I figured I'd never get it into the car in the rain.

I had second thoughts on Saturday and drove the 20 miles to Jupiter to buy it.

Once again, it was pouring, and the staff generously wrapped it in plastic for me.

The chair is an honest-to-goodness 19th-century piece, according to antiques dealer Jeffrey Burgess, who has a pair that matches. It has a black lacquer top rail and a fruitwood frame.

It has had a repair to the curving back, just about the seat on one side. That's common for these chairs and it seems sturdy enough to use. ■

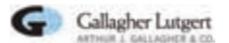


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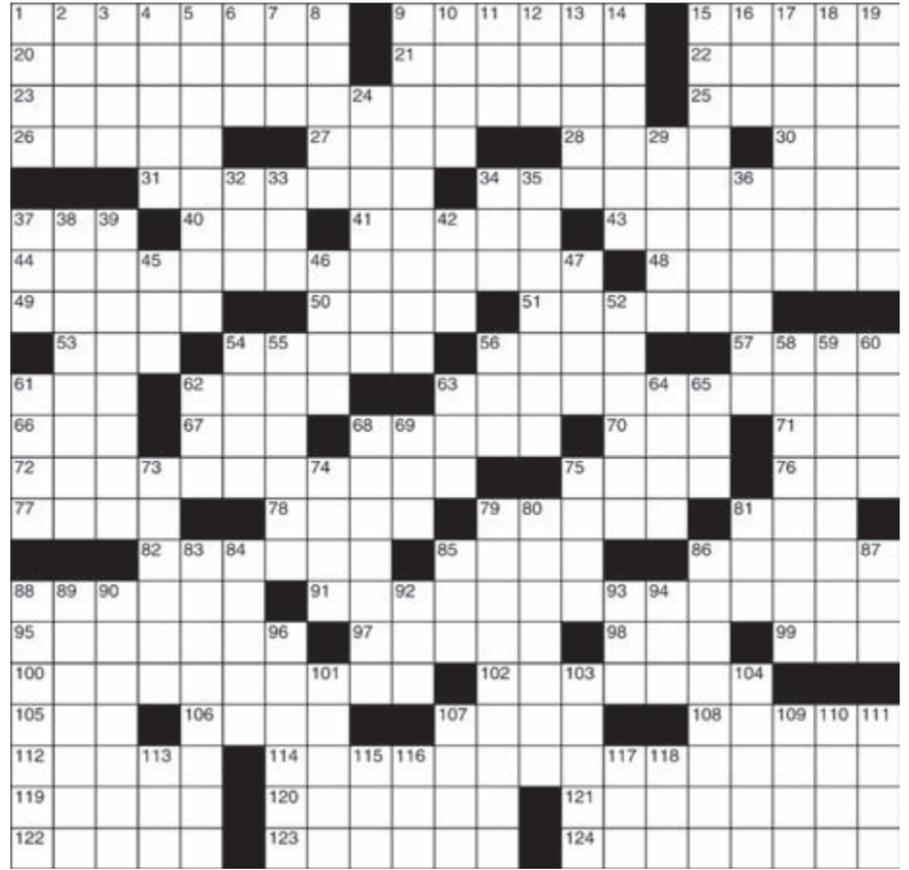


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| 88 Very strong | 46 Rob violently |
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| 97 Gallery stand | 49 Attention |
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| 99 Mao — -tung | 51 Prefix with plop or flop |
| 100 Brand of flavored balms in tubes | 52 Glowers |
| 102 Tower atop a mosque | 53 Frank topper |
| 105 Hack (off) | 54 Of birth |
| 106 Kitchen lure | 55 Redcap at work, often |
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SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that

you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to keep the faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in your ongoing pursuit of your goals. You might now want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving peo-

ple you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. Time to stop making excuses and to start moving ahead toward your goals.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You would not only be a fine artist, but also a successful one. ■

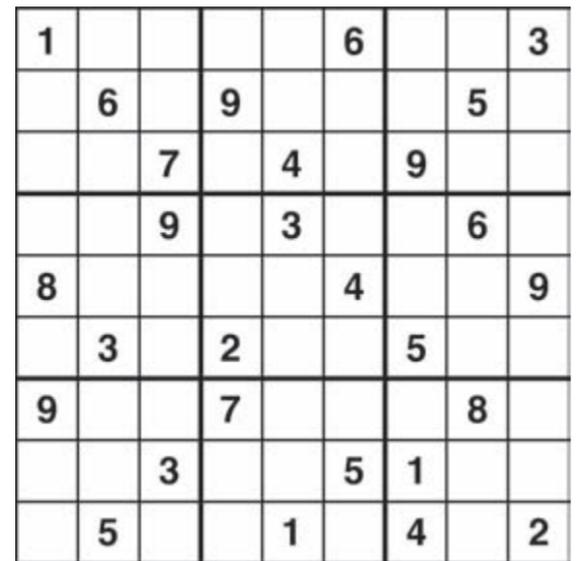
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By Linda Thistle



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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Keep your eye on the ball

BY STEVE BECKER

This remarkable deal occurred in a match between Italy and the United States in 1983. What happened at the two tables might seem incredible, but the plain, unvarnished truth is that everything took place precisely as described below.

At the first table, with Italy North-South, the bidding went as shown, and the U.S. West led the king of clubs. East overtook with the ace and returned his singleton heart.

The Italian declarer won with the ace and led a trump to the ace, on which West unexpectedly showed out. This development apparently caused something to go wrong with declarer's think tank, since his next play was a low diamond to the king.

At this point, the hand collapsed. West took his ace and led the queen of hearts. East ruffed dummy's king, returned a low club to his partner, and West administered the final blow by cashing the jack of hearts to put the contract down two.

At the second table, with a U.S. pair now North-South, the Italian West likewise led the club king against four spades. Here also, East overtook with the ace and shifted to a heart.

The U.S. declarer's play now varied slightly when he played the heart ten at trick two, covered by the jack and king. When South then cashed the ace of trumps and West discarded a heart, he suddenly found the contract could no longer be made regardless of what he did next. Eventually, he lost two clubs, a diamond and a heart for down one.

West dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
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Opening lead — king of clubs.

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Deadpool 2 ★★★

(Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Julian Dennison) After a horrible personal tragedy, Deadpool (Reynolds) tries to protect a young mutant (Dennison) from a futuristic soldier (Brolin) out to kill the kid. Brash and meta wit are on satisfyingly full display amidst all the action, but an underdeveloped villain makes it a weaker film than the 2016 original. Rated R.

Life of the Party ★★★½

(Melissa McCarthy, Matt Walsh, Molly Gordon) After her husband (Walsh) leaves her, Deanna (McCarthy) returns to college — where her daughter Maddie (Gordon) is a senior — to get her degree. You'll think it's going in predictable directions, but it is delightfully surprising and funny. Rated PG-13.

RBG ★★★

(Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Steinem, Bill Clinton) The life and career of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg takes center stage in this revealing tell-all documentary. We learn about RBG both personally and professionally, and by the end it's hard to not have immense respect for her accomplishments. Rated PG.

Avengers: Infinity War ★★★

(Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Josh Brolin) The Avengers and the rest of the Marvel Cinematic Universe unite when villainous Thanos (Brolin) tries to take over the galaxy. Be prepared for anything, MCU fans — and rest

assured the action, effects and humor are all top notch. Rated PG-13.

Godard, Mon Amour ★★★

(Louis Garrel, Stacy Martin, Berenice Bejo) The late '60s personal life of famed French director Jean-Luc Godard (Garrel), including his marriage to a young actress (Martin) and social activism, is chronicled in this nudity-filled drama. Director Michel Hazanavicius ("The Artist") has crafted the most unflattering homage to a great director that one could imagine, to the point that Godard is easily the least likeable character in the film. As a result, there's not much to enjoy. Rated R.

I Feel Pretty ★★★½

(Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams, Tom Hopper) A woman with low self-esteem (Schumer) bangs her head and now views herself as beautiful even though she looks the same to the rest of the world. It's got a great message and will be perfect for a group of girl friends to enjoy together, but it's not consistently funny for the rest of us. Rated PG-13.

Truth or Dare ★★★

(Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey, Sophia Ali) College seniors enjoy spring break in Mexico, but return to school cursed to play Truth or Dare; if they don't play, they die. It's a fun idea to put real life-or-death stakes on a game so many of us have played, but the filmmakers don't do quite enough with it to keep us entertained throughout. Rated PG-13. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

You know "Solo: A Star Wars Story" is off to a bad start when you have to read an essay before it begins. Not in the form of scrolling text, as is normal for an "Episode" film in the Star Wars franchise, but in staid blue text, appearing after we're reminded the story takes place "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away." It's a set up for what's to come, but none of it is relevant: Names of places, objects being smuggled, etc., are MacGuffins, and easily discerned from the opening moments without the aid of the literary information preceding it.

Spoon-feeding the audience isn't necessary, but this is what the "Star Wars" movies have come to: catering to "everyone" and taking few artistic risks along the way.

This movie is enormous, ugly and dull, an all-out disappointment that no one asked for in the first place.

It's also too long at 135 minutes, but straightforward: On his crime-ridden home planet, young Han Solo (Alden Ehrenreich) does what's necessary to survive. He's in love with Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke) but has to leave, vowing to return to rescue her. He joins up with smugglers Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and Val (Thandie Newton), believing a big score will let him return home. Along the way he meets Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo) and Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover), among others — and yes, one of the few pleasures of "Solo" is seeing these relationships take shape.

Director Ron Howard ("A Beautiful Mind") took over, and presumably brought on a more serious approach, after comedy directing tandem Christopher Miller and Phil Lord ("21 Jump Street") were fired while the film was in production a year ago. There's no denying Howard's ability or accomplishments, but the tone is notably dark here, with a color palette of muted browns that does little to liven things up. Add this to a script by father-son writing team Lawrence and Jonathan Kasdan that lacks any sense of fun and wonder,



and the whole thing equals a laborious drag.

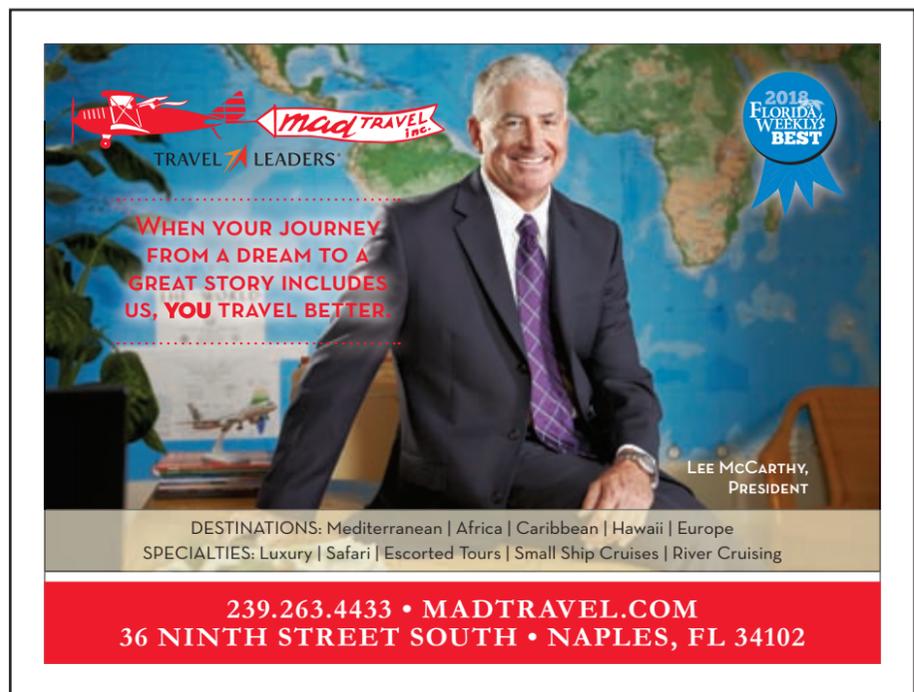
What's more, Ehrenreich doesn't have the boyish charm of the original Solo, Harrison Ford, meaning his casting in the title role feels misplaced. Although he has adequate screen presence, Ehrenreich reminds more of a young Jack Nicholson than he does a young Ford. Ansel Elgort ("Baby Driver") would have been the better choice as young Solo. There are loose connections to the "Star Wars" canon as well, including a surprise cameo late in the film that feels chronologically out of sync and cheap.

In a nutshell, "Solo: A Star Wars Story" encapsulates the issues hindering each new franchise film since Disney acquired "Star Wars" parent LucasFilm Ltd. in 2012: We have filmmakers trying so hard to jam pack the movies with action, visual effects and connections to the first trilogy that they never tell a story well enough for it to stand on its own. Everything is catered to, and minimized for, the largest possible audience, and as a result, the movies lack conviction and integrity.

George Lucas' original and prequel trilogies certainly weren't flawless, but at least their flaws weren't as egregiously pandering as this. ■

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>> "Star Wars: Episode IX," allegedly the last "Episode" film, is set for release Dec. 19, 2019.



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ROCK

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tainment company is still headquartered there. “So I am home grown in Fort Myers. I know a lot of the people in Fort Myers. That kind of keeps me wanting to do one event a year in my back yard.”

The Rock Pack show, which brings together singers from various rock bands to each perform several of their hits, was introduced in November 2015 at Germain Arena in Estero with a lineup that included Robin Zander of Cheap Trick, Mickey Thomas of Starship, Steve Walsh (formerly of Kansas), Fee Waybill of the Tubes and Bobby Kimball (formerly of Toto). That inaugural show also featured John Payne of Asia, who served as musical director and host for the singers and also performed that evening.

The show has since returned to Germain Arena (with a different lineup of talent and show format) and also been held in a scaled-back version at The Ranch in Fort Myers. Now the Rock Pack show is back for a May 26 show at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. The lineup this time features a return appearance by Kimball, as well as John Elefante (singer in Kansas from 1981 to 1985 and vocalist on the hit tunes “Play the Game Tonight” and Fight Fire with Fire); Bill Champlin (a key member of Chicago from 1981 to 2009); Randall Hall (guitarist/backing vocalist in Lynyrd Skynyrd from 1987 to 1994 and leader of his own band); and Kevin Chalfant (briefly a member of Journey and later front man for the Storm, a band that also included Gregg Rollie, Ross Valory and Steve Smith of Journey).

These singers are part of a growing roster of vocalists Demers has available to mix and match for Rock Pack performances. In addition to the performers on the Barbara B. Mann bill, Demers also works with, among others, Fran Cosmo (formerly of Boston), Brian Howe (formerly of Bad Company), Chuck Negron (of Three Dog Night), Denny Laine (of the Moody Blues and Paul McCartney and Wings) and Henry Gross. He said several factors tend to determine the lineup of artists for any Rock Pack show.

“A, the price tag, B, who’s available, and C, who’s got the greatest hits from back in the ‘70s and who wants to be part of a show,” Demers said, ticking off the main considerations. “The (goal on the) business side is to make it affordable for people.”

Not only is the Rock Pack concept working for Demers, it’s becoming quite popular with some veteran vocalists who are in the market for work.

“Amongst the industry, the artists themselves are really talking up the show, that this is a successful show and Kevin does a great job,” Demers said, before offering a recent example. “I got a call from Dubai with David Bickler, the guy from Survivor. So he called me wanting to get in because while he was in Dubai, Bill Champlin, ex-Chicago, and Bobby Kimball, formerly of Toto, were with him in concert. And you know, they all talked, they hang around and they talked me up. And David called me. He said ‘I’d love to get involved in your show.’”

The Rock Pack show, Demers noted, is well suited to veteran rockers, some of whom have reached a point where long tours and singing upwards of 15 to 20 songs in a concert have become an issue for their health and their voices, or are not finding the same demand for their services as in years past.

“They can’t go out on the road like 20 days in 25 nights. Their doctors would



John Elefante, singer in Kansas from 1981 to 1985, will perform as part of the Rock Pack show set for Barbara B. Mann on May 26.

shoot them. The doctors basically give them (orders saying) you can’t do this,” Demers explained.

“So then a show like mine comes along where they can come out on the stage, sing five songs, belt it out, do the best they can, not hold back for 15 songs,” he said. “So it’s hit after hit, and it’s like going to five, or in this case, six concerts for the price of one.”

The number of songs each artist will perform during a Rock Pack show is one of the big changes Demers has made since the first show at Germain Arena.

That initial show featured an unusual component involving Asia singer Payne. Using talk shows like “Late Night with David Letterman” as inspiration, seating was set up for the performers on stage and Payne conducted brief interview segments with the artists before they sang a few of their hits.

Demers never liked that talk show component, and after that first show at Germain Arena, he parted company with Payne and scrapped the interviews. This has freed up time for the singers to go from performing three songs to five or six selections during Rock Pack concerts.

“I told Mr. Payne I didn’t like this idea of the ‘David Letterman’ thing because it took away from what people wanted to go see,” Demers said, noting the show is about seeing and hearing hit music. “We want to go chill out, have a few drinks, and just relax and have fun with our friends and our loved ones, everybody just party and have a good time.”

The situation with Payne is one of the few drawbacks and dramas that have come with the Rock Pack. Demers said he and the singer are currently in the midst of a legal dispute over ownership of the Rock Pack name and concept.

Payne, on his own Rock Pack website, claims he created the concept for the show and has been involved in performances in Westbury, N.Y.; St. Charles, Mo. (near St. Louis); Canada; the Miami area; the Salt Lake City area; Hollywood, Fla.; and Trinidad.

Demers, who has staged a pair of Rock Pack shows in Mexico (and has three more dates in that country set for later this year), as well as Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, expressed confidence that he will prevail.

“John Payne did not launch any of this. John Payne was hired by me as my



Bobby Kimball, who sang with Toto, is one of the rock veterans in the Rock Pack.

and my acts.”

Otherwise, the Rock Pack project appears to be doing well for Demers, who has Rock Pack shows scheduled in June in New York City and El Paso, Texas. He doesn’t plan to turn the Rock Pack into a full-scale tour and in fact is already doing about the number of shows he’d ideally like to schedule per year.

“I’d like to do one a month,” he said, noting that opportunities such as the upcoming three-show run in Mexico fit that framework. “I’ve been averaging one and a half (shows) a month. One a month is a safe harbor.” ■

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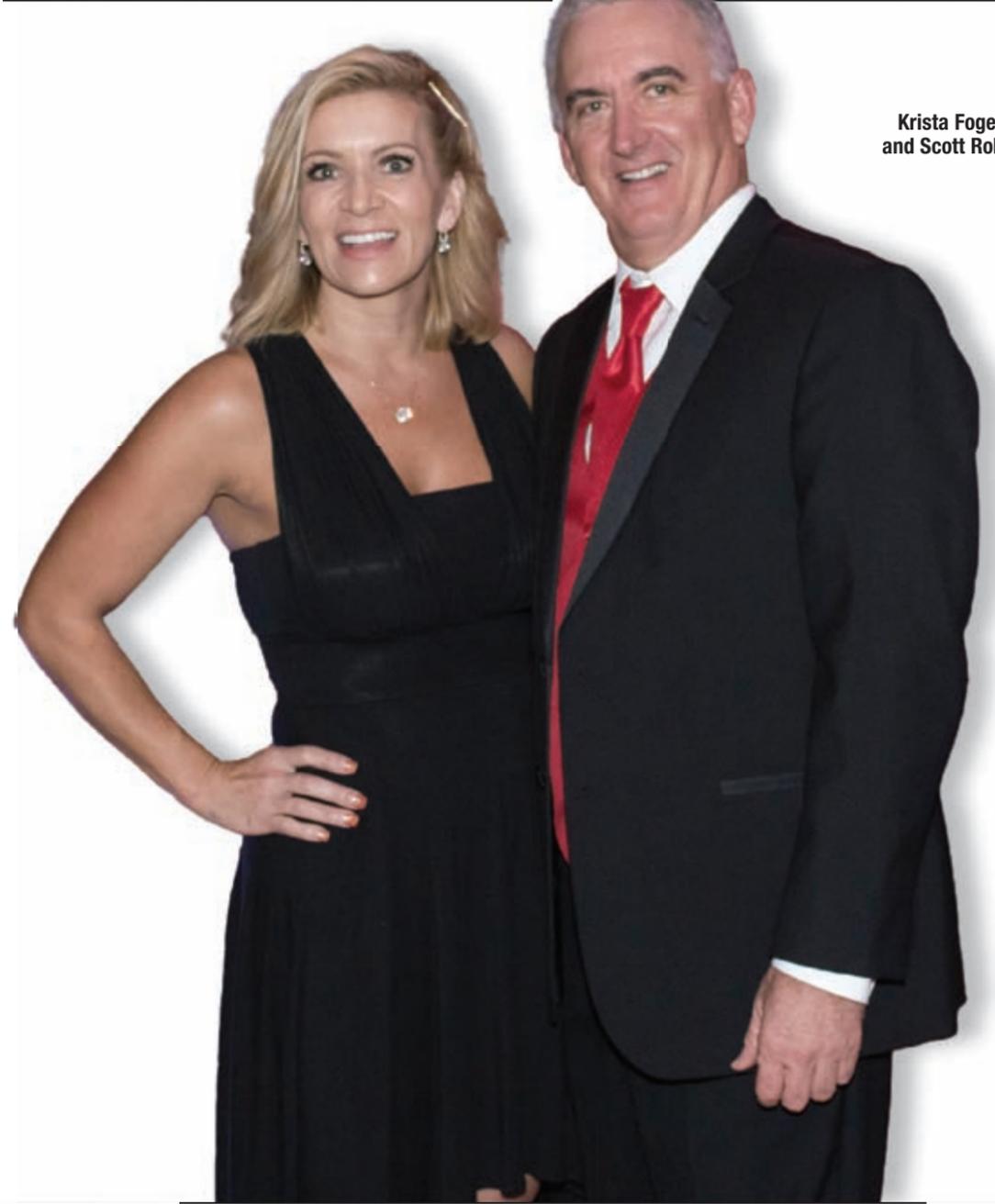
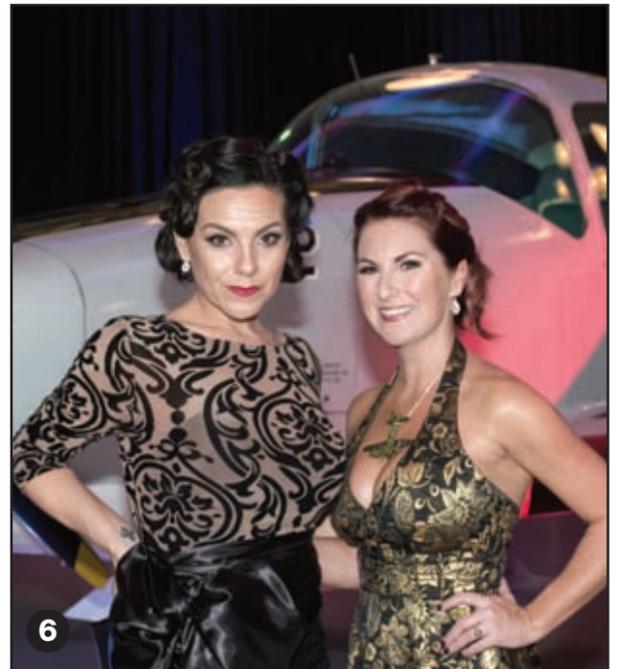
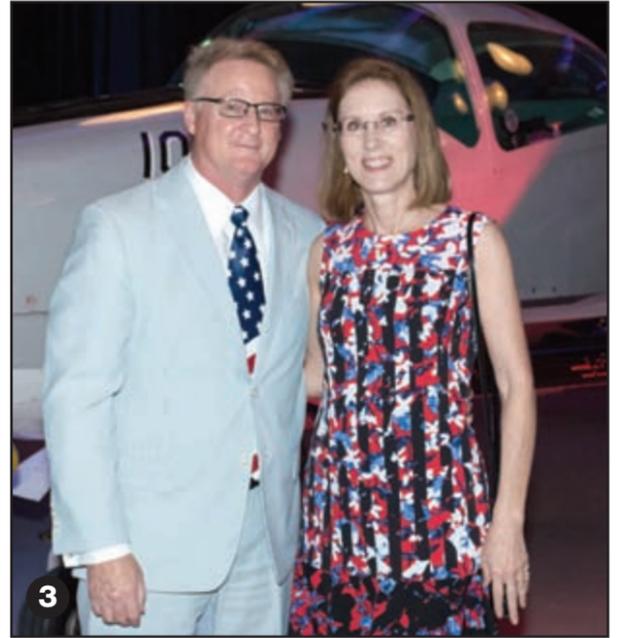
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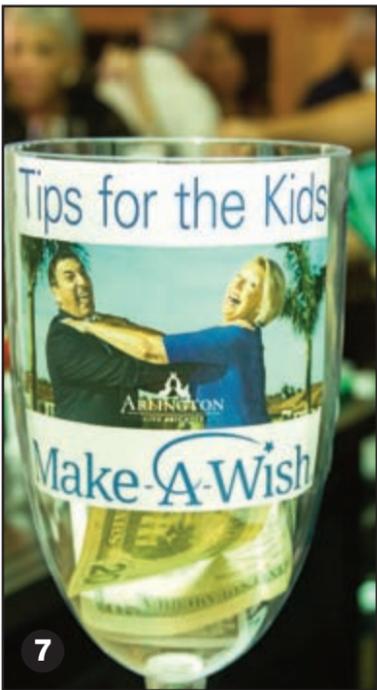


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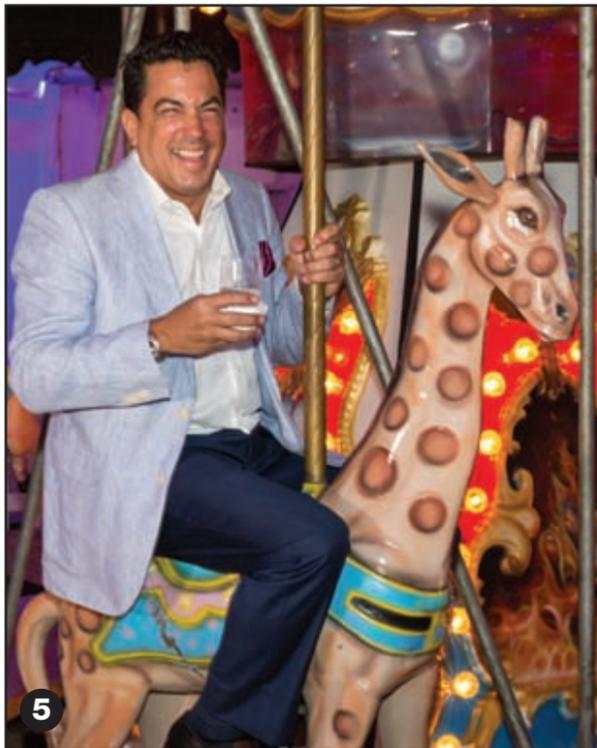
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Blind tasting and the sommelier showdown



One of the most difficult and humbling events in the wine world is called a blind tasting. This is where someone puts a glass — or two or six — of wine in front of you and says, “OK what is it?” You’re supposed to tell, just by seeing, sniffing and sipping, the grape varietal, what country and region it’s from, and whether it’s an older or more recent vintage. It isn’t easy, and even the most experienced tasters sometimes get it wrong. I happen to be terrible at it.

If you decide you want to be a sommelier and you pursue an official certification in the field, the ability to taste blind — and nail the answers — is a major part of the final exam. So, I was pleased to be invited to a new event staged by the Naples Wine Collection.

They’re calling it the Sommelier Showdown. The idea is that every Tuesday afternoon through May and June, two wine directors from clubs and restaurants in the area go head-to-head and blind taste four wines, attempting to identify them. Paying guests taste along and test their own skills against the pros.

The first showdown was held on May 1, pitting Eric Blais, wine director at the USS Nemo restaurant, against Scott Manard, food and beverage manager at the Bonita Bay Club. Along with those

two experts, there were about 20 of us trying our luck at the two whites and two reds that were set before us.

There’s a method to this. First, a professional certifying organization like the Court of Master Sommeliers gives you a document specifying the probable wine varietals and regions that are fair game for the test. For example, if they give you a Sauvignon Blanc, it will be either from the Loire Valley in France, or from New Zealand. They’re not trying to fool you with some almost-extinct varietal from an obscure region in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

Second, there’s an evaluation sheet (they call it a tasting grid) you fill out that classifies all the qualities of the wine you’re guessing at: color, fruit and non-fruit flavors; structure, like acidity and alcohol levels; and finally, your determination of the primary grape, including where it comes from and the type of climate. As if.

Well, as it turns out, Eric and Scott, while they didn’t get every single one right, did better than the rest of us. I did the worst, but that doesn’t stop me from listing some of my latest favorites, which I did not taste blind.

Charles Krug Sauvignon Blanc St. Helena 2016 (\$14) — Fermented completely in stainless steel, the wine preserves the varietal’s characteristic and bold grapefruit and pineapple aromas and flavors. However, it’s very round on the palate and not at all acidic. Very true to type. Watch for those lime and



COURTESY PHOTO
Scott Manard, left, and Eric Blais competed in the weekly Sommelier Showdown, staged by the Naples Wine Collection.

passionfruit flavors to kick in on the finish. WW 89.

Grgich Hills Estate Zinfandel Napa Valley 2013 (\$36) — This Zinfandel departs from the traditional flavor profile in a delightful way. Not a typical fruit bomb, there are notes of white pepper, spice, leather, blackberry and about 3 percent Petite Sirah thrown in for complexity and structure. More complex than many Zins and a refreshing newer style. WW 89-90.

Olema Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma 2014 (\$23) — Another favorite of ours, this wine has 3 percent Petite Sirah blended in for structure. Complex notes of black cherry, smoke, vanilla and

tobacco — the layers of flavor just go on and on. WW 92.

Scala Dei Garnatxa 2016 (\$20) — A fresh aroma of ripe red berries with underlying mineral hints. Red berries on the finish and pleasant, well-balanced mouthfeel. WW 91.

Nipozzano Riserva Chianti Rufina 2013 (\$24) — A brilliant, clear scarlet red in the glass, with a complex nose of flowers, blackberry and blueberry. Some nutmeg and coffee in there as well. The tannins are fine grained, and there’s a nice long finish. WW 90-91.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. I’ve just become aware of a region in New Zealand called Central Otago. I know that New Zealand produces killer Sauvignon Blanc, but what is Central Otago known for?

— Nathan S., West Palm Beach

A. Central Otago, at the south end of the South Island, has become justifiably well known for the quality of its Pinot Noir. In fact, many Sauvignon Blanc producers from Marlborough and the North Island are now trying their hand at this difficult varietal in the region. ■

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CUISINE NEWS

Ken and Grace Evenstad, local residents and owners of Domaine Serene Winery in Oregon and Chateau de Cree in Burgundy, will share their illustrious vintages when they team up with Chef Vincenzo Betulia for a five-course, French inspired wine dinner on Wednesday, May 30, at The French on Fifth Avenue South.



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Local residents and winery owners Ken and Grace Evenstad share a few of their select vintages at a wine dinner hosted by The French on Wednesday, May 30.

Since their first vintage in 1990, the Evenstads have produced award-winning, world-class wines. Most recently, the Domaine Serene 2010 Evenstad Reserve Pinot Noir and the 2014 Evenstad Reserve Chardonnay were placed in the top three Wines of the World by Wine Spectator Magazine, marking the first time both a red and white wine from the same producer have been held in such high esteem by the publication. Additionally, Domaine Serene was awarded top Pinot Noir in the World in 2016 for their Winery Hill Pinot Noir, taking Platinum Best in Show at the Decanter World Wine Awards.

The couple came full circle in their passion for great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay when they purchased the respected Burgundy wine estate, Chateau de la Cree, in April 2015.

“Owning and farming legendary vineyards in Burgundy is a dream come true for us,” said Mr. Evenstad. “We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make our own wines from famous vineyards like Morgeot in Chassagne-Montrachet, Clos des Angles in Volnay, and La Garenne in Puligny-Montrachet, where world class wines have been made for centuries.”

Dating back to the 15th century, Chateau de la Cree is located in Santenay, Burgundy and includes seven rare Premier Cru blocks in the Côte d’Or, home of some of the most renowned pinot noir and chardonnay wines in the world. By employing biodynamic farming practices to encourage optimal terroir expression and ensure the health of the soil and vines, the estate features a two-to-one varietal ratio of pinot noir to chardonnay, with forty percent of all plantings in premier cru sites.

The Evanstads will be in attendance at the dinner to share and discuss selections like Evanstad Reserve Chardonnay 2016, Santenay Premier Cru Gravier 2013 and Evanstad Reserve Pinot Noir 2014. The French is located at 365 Fifth Ave. S. and tickets are \$125 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call 315-4019 or visit www.thefrenchnaples.com.

Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week, formerly Naples Restaurant Week, returns May 31 through June 14 with a record 71 participating restaurants offering incredible savings on their best dishes. For the uninitiated, the promotion offers a 14-day opportunity for diners to enjoy prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus, which benefits the organization’s FGCU Food & Beverage Scholarship. Restaurant Week includes dining spots from Marco Island to Cape Coral, with lunch menus priced from \$16 to \$21 and dinner menus from \$26 to \$36.

One of the event’s goals is allowing diners to sample restaurants that would normally be out of their price range. It’s also a great opportunity to hit all the hot spots, at a reduced cost, that are typically out of reach during season.

To participate, diners can log onto the event’s website to see the restaurants’ menus before making a reservation or walking in to request ordering from the Restaurant Week menu. For more information or to read the menus, visit www.swflrestaurantweek.com.

Take Note:

Purple Spoon hosts a three-course dinner and discussion on medical marijuana with nurse practitioner Deborah Post from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 25. Dishes include sprouts and microgreen salad, beef and bison over wild rice and a seasonal fruit crisp. Preparation will be demonstrated by Chef Kristina San Filippo. \$68. 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

Burntwood Tavern at Mercato currently offers seasonal soft shell crab items like Cajun-prepared crabs, po’ boy sandwiches and more alongside seafood items like shrimp Cobb salad, crab and corn chowder and more through Sunday, May 27. 631-8964 or www.burntwoodtavern.com.

Agave Naples hosts a buffet-style pig roast on Wednesday, May 30, where guests can enjoy mini-margaritas, pozole, slow-roasted pork, yucca fritters, stuffed jalapeños, tamales, street corn and much more, including desserts like sopapillas, maple-glazed bacon and ice cream. \$65 per person, reservations required. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 598-3473 or www.agavenaples.com.

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Here are some capsule summaries of previously restaurant reviews:

Jimmy P's Butcher Shop & Cafe, 25010 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs; 221-7428. Jim Pepper is a third-generation butcher and restaurateur specializing in prized Wagyu beef, hard-to-find heritage Berkshire pork and exotic game meats as well as less mainstream cuts of lamb and veal. The latest addition to the Pepper family food empire is this smokehouse/café/deli serving all-day brunch items, sandwiches, salads and more. Basic breakfast items like French toast are good, but Jimmy P's is truly hog heaven for meat lovers. From the revelatory pea bacon to the juicy Wagyu burgers to the stellar house-cured pastrami that is amazingly fresh, tender, moist, smoky and not overwhelmed by salt or spices, Jimmy P's is a carnivore's delight.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed October 2017



marinade and cilantro crème fraiche, was less spicy than most, but flavorful nonetheless. The Maryland blue crab soufflé was full of lump crab, lightly browned and crisp on a pool of sweet corn puree. Troll king salmon encrusted in pumpkin seeds came atop a stellar sweet potato gratin and the zinfandel braised short rib was fork tender and devoid of fat, made even better by a wild mushroom veal jus. Parsnip-laced mashed potatoes and Brussels sprouts were perfect accompaniments. For dessert: house-made chocolate ganache with wild berry coulis was rich and just right for two. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed February 2017

KC American Bistro, Pavilion Shopping Center, 885 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 566-2371. Never mind that you can't see this place from the road, concealed as it is on the side of a shopping center that's not the center of the Neapolitan universe. KC American Bistro has a loyal following and for good reason: Chef/owner Keith Casey is talented and creative and runs a first-class restaurant that's only gotten better in the eight years since he opened. Dishes are grouped by the region of the country from which they originate and it's fun to mix and match. The Florida fresh ceviche, consisting of black grouper and yellowfin tuna with corn and bell pepper in a citrus

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CUISINE REVIEW

Once word gets out, food lovers will flock to Catch of the Pelican



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There are some great things going on at Naples Grande these days and, if you haven't been there in a while, I suggest you visit soon.

Both the management and chef changed this winter, and the changes are definitely for the better.

Let's start with the complimentary valet parking, which was especially nice on a rainy night such as Saturday when we visited.

Our first stop was Mantra, the stylish lobby bar, where a friendly bartender whipped up two tasty cocktails — an Asian Sensation (\$13), a delicious blend of Hendricks gin, mango tea, sake and fresh kumquats, and a Mai Tai (\$14), made with Wicked Dolphin rums, fresh lime, curacao and amaretto.

The bar menu boasted a tempting array of tidbits, including sushi, dumplings, shrimp tempura, banh mi, Korean barbecue beef tacos and a yakitori platter. Knowing we were headed for a large meal, we split one Naples Blue sushi roll (\$16), a stellar blend of sushi rice, blue crab, cucumber, avocado and sesame seed. Real crab in a sushi roll is a rare treat and it adds both flavor and texture that surimi can't.

It was but a short walk to the restaurant, where the management changes became clearer still. Marcus Thompson — formerly of The Turtle Club — is the food and beverage manager. It was he who greeted us at the door and showed us to our table.

Andy Phillips, who studied at the Art Institute of San Diego and specializes in New American, Asian fusion and farm-to-table cuisine, is the executive chef.

It was evident early on that they know and enjoy what they are doing. The front of the house staff was also uniformly professional, welcoming and seemed to be enjoying themselves as well.

We arrived a bit early, so Mr. Thompson had time to talk with us. Upon learning that my companion ate only seafood, he headed to the kitchen to ask the chef for something to start off our meal. (No, he didn't know I was reviewing the dinner. He was just being nice.)

He returned with the Key West shrimp cocktail (\$16), three plump, per-



Well-crafted drinks are served at the stylish lobby bar Mantra. Pictured are Mai Tai on the left, Asian Sensation on the right.



Fried chicken with collards and a buttermilk biscuit is a classic southern treat.

fectly cooked shrimp served atop cocktail sauce that had a bit of coconut milk mixed in to give it a richer, less astringent flavor. They were topped with mango relish and tangles of crunchy wakame.

A little loaf of fresh warm bread had three segments, one each of pumpernickel, whole wheat and white. Served with butter topped with a bit of salt, it was difficult to limit ourselves to a small portion.

A crab cake galette (\$17) looked as if it had two floors or had been consuming copious amounts of steroids. The thing was gigantic and was as delicious as it was large. The crab had just enough filler to hold it together and there were flecks of red pepper and perhaps celery that gave it a slightly crunchy consistency. Wilted spinach beneath added a soft texture, microgreens on top more crunch and a grain mustard emulsion added a pleasant sharp finish.

A bowl of steamed mussels (\$15) contained more than two dozen shellfish bathed in a rich Philipino adobo broth with crisp garlic chips served with toast points for soaking up the sauce. They, too, were excellent.

Appetizer portions were so generous we could have stopped here and been



The nightly fish special was pan-seared Florida grouper over seasonal succotash.



The crab cake galette is so large it could be a meal unto itself.

satisfied. Nonetheless, we soldiered on, heading into entrees of the Florida catch — pan-seared black grouper (\$37) — and Southern fried chicken (\$26).

Not every kitchen can handle grouper, but this one can. It was thick, moist and flaky, seated on a fried green tomato and succotash, topped with a lemon verjus butter. The dish was plated beautifully and tasted as good as it looked.

The chicken consisted of two large pieces fried in bread crumbs and served with collard greens and a buttermilk biscuit. The chicken was crisp but still moist within, and the biscuit was everything it should be — tender, flaky, but-



A Key lime tart is made in-house and is topped with whipped cream, fresh berries and chocolate shaped into a delicate leaf.

Only the collards disappointed — too salty perhaps, because the copious amount of pork they were cooked with might have been saltier than usual.

We wrapped things up with a well-composed Key lime tart that began with a graham crust that held a creamy filling that was neither too tart nor too sweet, topped with fresh berries, a leaf fashioned from dark chocolate, whipped cream and dollops of raspberry sauce. Despite the fact that we were full, we managed to finish every last bite.

Let me not forget to mention our very able staff, particularly our server, Curtis, who was charming, personable, well informed about the menu and who made sure our wine and water glasses never ran dry, dishes came and went on time and our meal was pleasurable from start to finish. He was assisted by at least two other servers who were also smiling and nurturing.

Now that the winter rush is over, I urge you to try this one out. With Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week running May 31 through June 13, the restaurant has put together a three-course, \$36 menu that is a real bargain (check it out at swflrestaurantweek.com). You can also take advantage of 50 percent off selected bottles of wine during that time.

This one's a catch indeed — and not just for pelicans. ■

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- >> **Price range:** appetizers, \$10-\$17; entrees, \$20-\$42
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Seating:** Booths, banquettes, conventional tables, high top, private room
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Steaks and locally sourced seafood
- >> **Parking:** Complimentary valet service
- >> **Website:** www.naplesgrande.com

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★★★ Good
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CHEF BILL'S LUNCH SPECIALS • SERVED 11-4

(Lunch items may not be split)
Chicken Stir Fry Special - \$9
With fresh vegetables and served over rice with a sweet teriyaki sauce
Baked Haddock Atilla - \$13
Topped with shrimp scampi and melted mozzarella cheese served with rice and veggies
Bass Ale Battered Fish & Chips - \$12
Served with fries and coleslaw

Super Saver Lunch Specials

• Teriyaki Salmon Special - \$10
• Homemade Seafood Salad Finger Sandwich - \$8
• Burger Special - \$10

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY FEATURE • SERVED ALL DAY

Twin Lobsters - \$27.99 2 one-pound Maine lobsters served with corn on the cob and drawn butter

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CHEF BILL'S WEEKLY FEATURES • SERVED ALL DAY

Surf & Turf Dinner For 2 - \$109.99
32oz Bone in Tomahawk steak served with 2 one-pound Maine lobsters served with chowder, salad, baked potato and veggies

Twin Lobsters - \$39.99
Two one-pound Maine lobsters served with a cup of NE clam chowder, corn on the cob and drawn butter

Lobster Dinner For 2 - \$119.99
Two 2½-pound Maine lobsters served with chowder, salad, corn on the cob and baked potatoes

Sun-Thu 6-9pm

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Fri-Sat 6:30-9:30pm

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