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Primary voting registration deadline approaches; security top priority

BY KRISTINE GILL

Florida Weekly Correspondent

New security measures are in place as the Collier County Supervisor of Elections prepares for the primary election in August.

"What happened in 2016 was an attempt and nothing was compromised," said Trish Robertson, communications coordinator for the supervisor's office. Still, Ms. Robert-

son said federal funding has covered integration of the Albert network, a federal project protecting government agencies from cyber attacks. And the Supervisor's office plans to work with an outside vendor for the upcoming general election in November. Staff is undergoing training for the systems in the meantime.

The primary election in Collier

County will be held on Aug. 28 with early voting spanning eight days from Aug. 18 to Aug. 25. The deadline for primary voting registration is July 30.

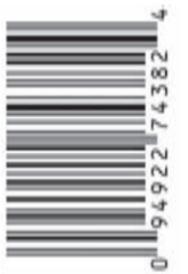
Ms. Robertson is expecting a turnout of about 25 percent of eligible voters for the primary election. That's a slight uptick from the 21 percent of vot-

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COMMENTARY

Senior discounts



Just suppose you were old and living in a socialist society where they give you free stuff.

Okay, that's enough supposition. Now let's get to the facts. If you plan to accept your social security check from the government or rely on Medicare when you hit 65; if you expect reckless drivers to get pulled over on the road and accident victims to get plucked from near death on the highway then stabilized by EMTs and saved 30 minutes later in a trauma center 50 miles away; if you expect your kid to attend public school 12 years running with little more skin in the game than a vaccination; if you expect the library to be open, the pot-holes to be filled, the state and national parks to be accessible, the bridges to hold up and the U.S. Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force to cover your posterior while you act superior in an air-conditioned interior — why son, you're a socialist. You, too, sister.

No doubt about it, we live in a socialist society, a democratic republic called the United States where 320 million other socialists have agreed: This is how we do it. We contribute a little and get a lot back.

It's a massive agreement, one hardly ever laid out in simple terms like this, and it shows just how profoundly we support each other. All of us contribute something (even poor people pay taxes, starting with sales tax), and all of us get a return on our investment that surrounds us 24/7, all our lives. That's socialist living. Only a few citizens question its basic premise. Most do not, on the left or the right, especially when they become seniors.

Do we get back what we put in? Some do, perhaps. Most probably don't — they may get more than they put in, especially if they live a long life as so many more Americans are doing today. Endless haggling takes place to determine who isn't paying their fair share, of course, or who is paying too much. Since we're human, we have to put up with our best selves and our worst selves — with users and takers and greedy folk, and with hard-working honorable souls who insist on doing their fair share. Both.

Before the 20th century, nothing like this had ever existed or been attempted on a large scale over time, especially a scale that incorporates so many people from so many different cultures, religions and all the races — e pluribus unum. It's new. We have a lot of finetuning and adjusting to do. But it works.

I began to think about this the other day when I was standing in line to pay

a restaurant bill. An older man adorned in a big square jaw, a MAGA hat and a pleasant smile asked the cashier if the establishment offered any price breaks to those 65 or older — about 4 million of us live in Florida and more than 46 million in the nation, a figure that may reach 98 million by 2060. "Do you have a senior discount here?" he said boldly.

Maybe he thought age made him more deserving than, say, the young mother with two little kids standing behind him; or perhaps he just figured it's a stupid system anyway, they give a lot of stuff away, why shouldn't I take advantage when everybody else is?

A senior discount, though, is entirely different than social security or Medicare, for example. Those are not giveaways, any more than public education, police and fire protection, or public libraries and parks are giveaways. People put money into those programs all their lives, and they get back some of it, or all of it, or more than they put in, in the end. Contributions, through taxes, are not strictly voluntary. That's our American agreement.

But what compels a senior citizen, especially one well off, to expect a "senior discount" from a private business?

There are many senior discounts here and there. I've never figured out if businesses offer them to bring in senior

money, or if they do it to be respectful, or both — a way of saying thank you for maintaining our socialist society all those decades before you retired, you old fool. Spend your social security check here!

I just don't know. But I do know that I dislike being asked, myself. Why should I get a break that other people don't — because I have lines in my face?

"Hi, how are you? (A brief pause for an eyeball inspection.) Would you like the senior discount, today, sir? It's 5 percent off!"

Roger 1: "No, I would not like the senior discount. I'll bet I can run your little rear into the ground, or outwork you, or outlast you, or outthink you, or all of the above. Senior, hell. I may have to get old, but I don't have to get mature, as a pal says. See?"

Roger 2: "Sure, thank you. And do you have any old stale bread you're not going to use, or maybe the rest of that steak the dude at table 4 isn't going to finish? You could just give me a doggie bag. Throw in the leftover fries, too, and some of that wasted salad on table 6."

Roger 3: "That's it? Only 5 percent? I am a senior! I am very old! I have lived a long time and suffered a great deal and helped make America great again! I've gone to work every day of my life, except when I didn't, to raise a family — and did I mention making America great? I want 15 percent, at least!"

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GUEST COMMENTARIES

Planet Earth is still surviving

BY DAVE TRECKER

It's been a little over a year since President Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate accords — an unpardonable sin in the eyes of tree huggers the world over.

What's happened since then? Is the planet doomed? Are we on our way to environmental hell?

Probably not. In fact, even without the accords, the U.S. is doing more than its share to reduce carbon emissions.

■ Our greenhouse gases, including CO₂, are continuing to fall, largely due to replacing coal with shale gas.

■ Solar and wind, heavily subsidized, are growing at an unprecedented rate.

■ Four states are raising requirements for renewables.

■ In Florida, utilities continue to shutter coal plants, replacing them with solar and natural gas.

■ California is mandating solar panels on all new homes.

■ Battery improvements are spurring electric car sales, driving auto emissions to new lows.

Meanwhile, other countries are polluting like crazy. Stung by soaring energy costs, China and greener-than-thou Germany are re-upping on coal. Both subsidize renewable energy and offset ridiculous electricity costs with cheap coal. A study by RWI Leibniz Institute for



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Economic Research found 61 percent of Germans object to paying even modestly higher energy bills to fund renewables.

China, the world's biggest polluter, is living up to its Paris promises by building coal plants at a frantic pace. And, as reported by the Wall Street Journal and to no one's surprise, other countries are finding big investments in wind and solar must be paired with equally big investments in gas plants for when the wind isn't blowing or the sun isn't shining.

And nature isn't cooperating. Massive wildfires in California and elsewhere have pumped vast amounts of CO₂ into the atmosphere, undoing years of green measures. Volcanic eruptions are doing the same in Bali and Sicily. Kilauea in Hawaii has poured out greenhouse gases for months and shows no signs of stopping. Buying electric cars doesn't stop Mother Nature.

We're learning the Paris accords have no meaning anyway. Even with the U.S. curtailing emissions, the world is about to blow past the Paris goal of holding the temperature rise from preindustrial levels to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2100.

British scientists recently forecast warming of 1.0 to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2022, four years from now. That follows a report in Nature Geoscience predicting temperature increases at twice the rate previously thought. An earlier study published in Nature Science Change reported a 90 percent likelihood the earth will be warmed by 2 to 4.9 degrees Celsius by the end of the century in spite of a 90 percent reduction of carbon emissions. David Vic-

tor of UC San Diego said, "There's no scenario under which temperature rise could be contained below 2 degrees."

But none of this may matter, because all forecasts are now suspect. The U.N. International Panel on Climate Change admitted it couldn't narrow projections further than 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Celsius. The U.K. Center for Ecology & Hydrology squeezed the range to 2.2 - 3.4 degrees. The journal Nature says the issue is "stubbornly uncertain." The fact is nobody knows.

What we do know is there has been little temperature change since 2000. We know loss from the Greenland ice cap has been minimal and, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations, damage from major storms has remained constant. The Journal of Hydrology reported a study showing major floods have not increased in the past 80 years.

Peter Wood, head of the National Association of Scholars, is quoted as saying, "The whole discipline of climate change is a farrago of unreliable statistics, arbitrary research techniques and politicized groupthink."

Faced with this uncertainty, the planet keeps perking along. Trump is in synch with the great majority of Americans who worry about jobs, the economy and overseas threats, but waste little angst on climate change. ■

— A chemist and retired Pfizer executive, Trecker serves on a number of local boards in Southwest Florida. Follow his blog at www.theresidentscorner.com.

Everyone pays more

BY RICHARD HOFFMAN

The North Collier Fire District wants to implement a new Fee for Fire Services that distributes cost based on historical demand. With the new fee, each residential unit will pay an extra \$254. This is in addition to the ad valorem tax we already pay; and there are new first-time charges for commercial property, industrial/warehouse property, institutional property and vacant land. Everyone pays more.

The Fee for Fire Services Referendum will be on the August 28 ballot as:

AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS TO FUND FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

A little history is important to make sure we don't repeat the mistakes of the past.

In 2014, voters were asked to approve the merger of the North Naples and Big Corkscrew Island fire districts. At that time the Fire Commissioners promised us that the merger would yield \$2.3 million in hard cost savings during the first five years and the millage rate for fire services would decline.

However, by 2017, both promises were broken. The merged fire departments heaped lavish pay hikes on their employees, purchased new fire engines and added new personnel. Incredibly, our elected commissioners managed to turn projected savings of \$2.3 million into

an annual deficit of \$2.7 million; and increased our millage by 5 percent to help balance their budget.

Now the NCFD still wants more money and is trying to persuade us to approve a new Fee for Fire Service Referendum.

The new Fee for Fire Service, combined with the ad valorem taxes we already pay, will increase our taxes by about \$3.5 million more each year, going forward. The charge for Fee for Fire Services is also adjusted and recalculated annually.

Not mentioned and not included in the \$3.5 million is that "based on the Property Appraiser's preliminary values, the ad valorem revenue will increase by another \$2 million if the millage rate remains static" for the following budgetary year of 2019-2020.

According to the State, the ad valorem tax rate "can be no higher than 1 mil, or \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value in the North Naples Fire District (NNFD), and no higher than 3.75 mils, or \$3.75 for every \$1,000 of taxable value in the Big Corkscrew Fire District (BCFD)."

In 2017, NCFD raised the ad valorem tax rate 5 percent for fire services to .95 mils in NNFD and to 3.65 mils in BCFD. NNFD and BCFD have reached their legal taxing limit and the recently merged NCFD needs to find additional sources of revenue. The real reason for the Referendum is to increase the amount of tax revenue we pay to the NCFD.

With the current ad valorem tax system in place, citizens get an exemption based on need or special circumstances. Exemptions or reduction from the Fire Service Fees does NOT apply to property owners with disabilities, senior citizens, or those

of us who get a homestead exemption.

Also, Fire Service Fee (non-ad valorem tax) is not deductible on your income tax return, whereas ad valorem taxes are deductible.

Remember, after the merger of North Naples and Big Corkscrew Fire Districts, the fire commissioners broke almost all of the promises they made to us. Don't let the NCFD and their fire commissioners fool us again.

They are counting on the fact that citizens won't spend the time to carefully evaluate their proposal: We will believe whatever the Fire Chief tells us or we will do whatever we are told by the firefighters at the polling locations.

It's your tax dollars and your decision whether to vote for or against the ballot referendum. ■

— Richard Hoffman was a commissioner with the North Collier Fire District from November 2014 to December 2016.

in the know

The North Collier Fire District has scheduled town hall meetings and informational seminars prior to the Aug. 28 vote:

>> **Thursday, July 26:** 6:30 p.m. at Collier County Public Library Headquarters, Orange Blossom Drive.

>> **Tuesday, Aug. 7:** 7 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

>> **Thursday, Aug. 9:** 7 p.m. at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

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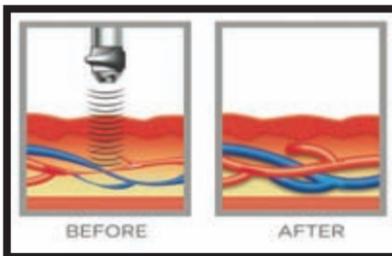
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REGISTRATION

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ers who turned out for the last local primary in 2014. There were about 208,000 registered voters in the county as of July 21.



ROBERTSON

During early voting for the national general election in 2016, a greater turnout was anticipated and so early voting took place for more than eight days.

"We saw quite a jump in early voting in 2016," said Ms. Robertson. That was also when the Supervisor's office added a new voting location with the opening of its new building on Enterprise Avenue in East Naples. That new location will remain open during early voting next month.

A similar uptick is expected compared to the 2014 general election, which brought in 61 percent of voters. The office is expecting around 65 percent of voters this November.

A trend has emerged in recent years of more voters taking advantage of early voting and voting by mail. Ms. Robertson said it will be interesting to see which method wins out, as most seasonal residents will be out of town during the primary this year.

"Of course we want more people to vote and we're doing everything we can to achieve that," Ms. Robertson said.

The general election in November will have a long ballot with 14 amendments and referendums. In Florida, primaries are closed meaning you can only vote for contenders in your own registered

political party for the primary election. As such, there are two universal primary elections this year, meaning that voters of either political party will get to choose between members of the same political party who are running in those races and the winner will be chosen before the general election. The two universal primaries are for the Board of County Commissioners District 2 seat and the countywide Clerk of Courts position. Winners of those primary elections will not have to face voters in November.

County judge and Collier County Public Schools board positions are also on the ballot. For a full list of each race and their candidates, visit www.colliervotes.com.

Be sure to bring an acceptable form of photo ID with you to your voting location along with a signature. ■

in the know

Early voting locations

The following is a list of early voting locations:

- >> **Collier County Government Complex** – 3311 Tamiami Trail E, Naples
- >> **Everglades City Hall** – 102 Copeland Avenue N., Everglades City
- >> **Golden Gate Community Center** – 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples
- >> **Immokalee Community Park** – 321 N. First St, Immokalee
- >> **Library Headquarters** – 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples
- >> **Marco Island Library** – 210 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island
- >> **Norris Center** – 755 8th Ave. S., Naples
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The nomadic year of being crowned Miss International 2017

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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For Kelsey Craft, a 26-year-old who lives in Estero and is a physician assistant at Gulfstream Urology in Fort Myers and Bonita Springs, it has been the year of being crowned Miss International. Since then her life was “flipped upside down.” It was the year of visiting all 50 states and six foreign countries as a Miss International spokesperson for her chosen platform: to decrease preventable diseases, including obesity and heart disease, through healthy choices.

It was a year of ups and downs in planes and sometimes on the ground: the year her grandfather died, of getting stuck in London because of Hurricane Irma, of keeping her belongings in a storage locker in Bonita Springs and living out of a suitcase, and the year of graduating with a master’s of medical science degree from Nova Southeastern University.

The Miss International organization sets itself apart from other beauty pageants in that besides beauty, community service is emphasized, specifically the winner’s reigning year of promoting whatever message she chooses.

“It isn’t all about the glitz and glamour,” she said, “It’s about, what do you want to do with this year?”

Contestants are scored most heavily on personal interviews with judges and on fitness, evening gown, and fun fashion wear events (there’s no swimsuit competition). Miss International started 30 years ago, according to the organization’s website, and the rules include that



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Kelsey Craft is crowned Miss International 2017 on Aug. 5, 2017 in Charleston, W.Va.

a contestant must be age 19 to 30, single, without children and “of good health and moral character.” Ms. Craft also had to win the Miss Florida International statewide competition before moving on to compete for the highest crown.

The prize package is worth upward of \$10,000, she said, including a travel allowance, wardrobe and makeup sponsorships and other odds and ends such as luggage. During her travels she represented American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women, attending Heart

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and why we share those images around the world via Facebook and Instagram.

This year's Florida Weekly Pet Lover's edition drew more than 800 photo entries from across Southwest Florida and included some of the sweetest canines and felines imaginable, plus some more exotic critters who have worked their way into their owners' hearts and homes.

Each photo was beautiful, or funny, or interesting or surprising — all spoke to the loving connection between pet and human.

In our heart of hearts, we wish we could have awarded first place to each entry. It was tough to choose, and, alas, not everyone could be a winner. Here are this year's favorites, chosen by our unapologetically pet-loving editors:

■ **First place:** Shakespeare, Karma, Sir Effengton and Henri, beloved fur babies belonging to Alisa Coccari and David Paddick of Bonita Springs.

Ms. Coccari submitted the picture on July 6, the day her husband snapped it in their home. It is the only one that exists of all four family pets together.

Shakespeare, an 11-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, died July 8 after a two-year fight with lymphoma; Henri, a 10-week-old chocolate English Labrador, had been introduced to the family just two weeks prior. Karma, a black Lab who Ms. Coccari describes as "the house manager and wise old soul," and Sir Effengton, a rescue cat "who THINKS he's a dog," complete the picture.

When she learned it was the winning photo, Ms. Coccari broke down and cried.

"It hit me that this is our only image of all of them together in that magical flash of time," she says, adding she had completely forgotten about entering the Florida Weekly contest.

Ms. Coccari rescued Karma 13 years ago from an organization in South Carolina, where she lived at the time. After a move to Boston, she adopted Shakespeare through a Connecticut rescue agency. The three spent several years together in the Cayman Islands before Ms. Coccari moved to Naples to be near her father.

Karma, Shakespeare and Ms. Coccari met Mr. Paddick (who volunteers with Hollywoods Greyhound Rescue & Adoption in Bonita) while out on a walk about five years ago. "He treated us all to ice cream, and we've been together ever since," she says. The very un-catlike Sir Effengton, who plays fetch and "just wants to hang with the



WINSTON - Amy Blanco



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NELLIE - Alyssa Mosca



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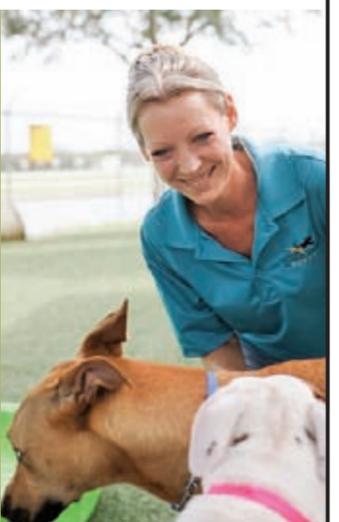
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dogs," joined the fray two years ago. Henri, who hails from champion English and Finnish bloodlines, completes the canine crew.

While everyone in the house is heartbroken over the loss of Shakespeare, the new pup "is helping all of us move forward with his boundless energy, pure joy and the hilarious laughter he brings forth into the house while we are all grieving," Ms. Coccari says.

Learning their photo had won our contest, she adds, "was like Shakespeare tapping us on the shoulder."

■ **Second place:** Lilly and Crosby, senior feline siblings who divide their time between Naples and Somerset, Pa., with Kim and Chris Hindman and their teenage son, Dezi.

It took Lilly (short-haired, blue eyes) and Crosby (long-haired, one green eye and one blue eye) about 18 months to come out from under the bed after they were adopted from the Somerset Humane Society five years ago.

"They had been horribly abused and were frightened and very unfriendly," Ms. Hindman, who estimates the grand dames are 16-18 years old. "Now, though, they are finally secure and it gives us all a sense of purpose to have given them peaceful elderly years."

The cats share their space with the Hindmans' 14-year-old Labradoodle.

"It has been a humbling experience to keep cats that had been abandoned," Ms. Hindman adds.

■ **Third place:** Harley, a Yorkie-

bichon mix whose favorite thing to do is give owner Leslie Kern "facials."

Even though Harley "is not the brightest bulb in the pack" of three pampered pups who go back and forth between Naples and North Potomac, Md., with Ms. Kern and her husband, "she is absolutely the most loving and joyful creature to ever grace this planet," Ms. Kern says.

"Harley finds joy in everything, as evidenced by her tail, which wags 24/7," she adds.

The Kerns got Harley from a friend's litter 10 years ago. Their other dogs are Tucker, a 13-year-old Shih-tzu, and Lexi, a 4-year-old Maltese.

"We can't imagine life without a dog," Ms. Kern says.

We hope you enjoy the winning photos printed here along with as many others as we could fit on these pages.

Every entry can be viewed on our Facebook page: Florida Weekly. The photo album is named "2018 Pet Lovers Photo Contest Entries." We encourage everyone who entered to find their pet, tag the photo and post a comment.

After all, they're not just pretty pictures — they're portraits of love.

Enjoy! ■

— Extra treats for Florida Weekly's Megan Roberts, who kept track of 800-plus Facebook entries, and organized them in a massive spreadsheet that allowed editors to look at each entry, pick favorites and then vote for the three winners.



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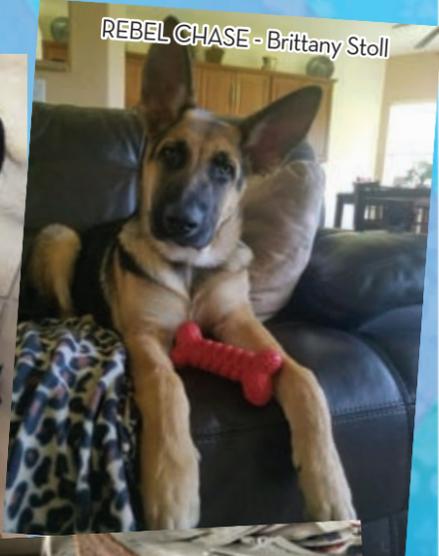


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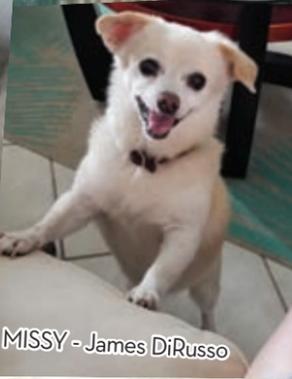
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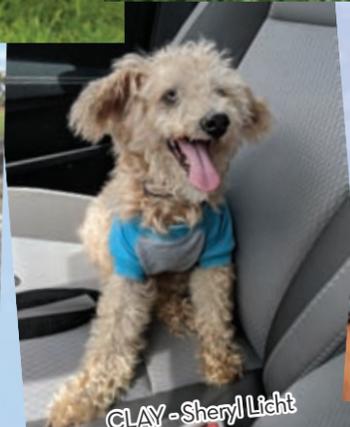
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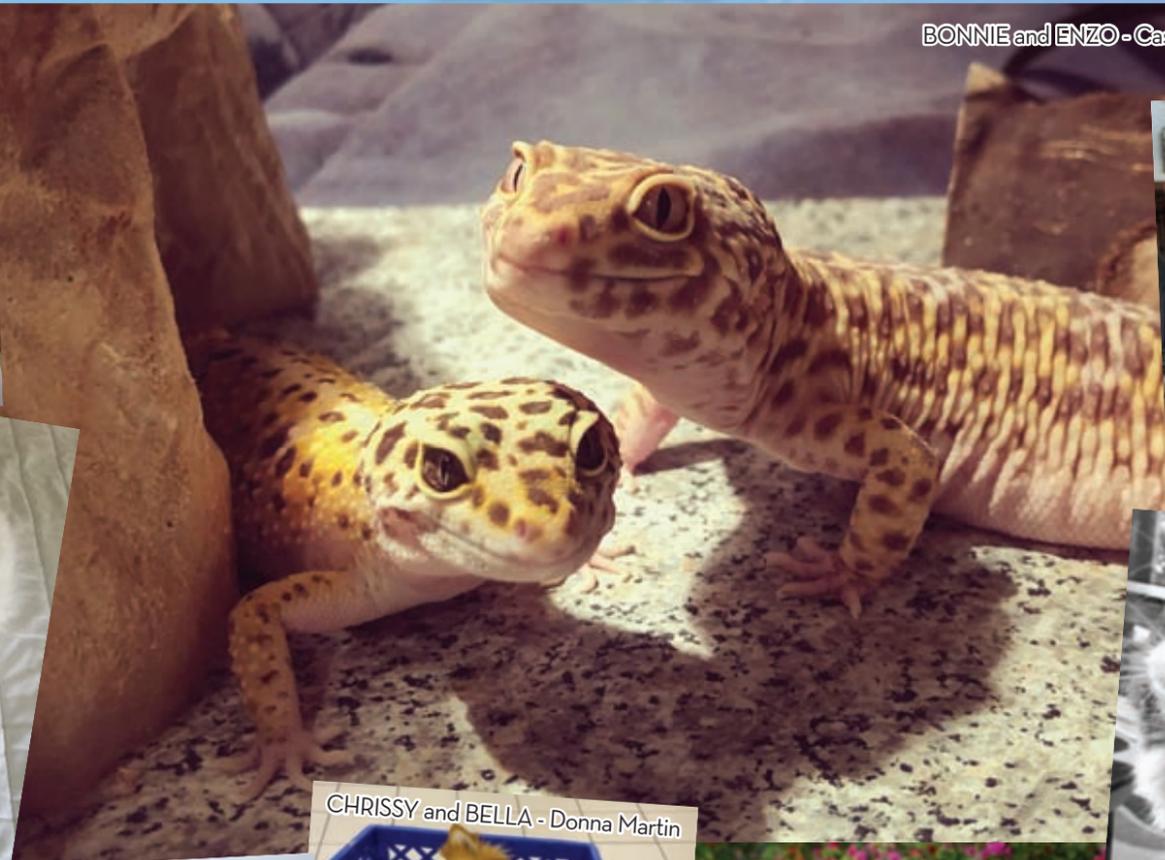
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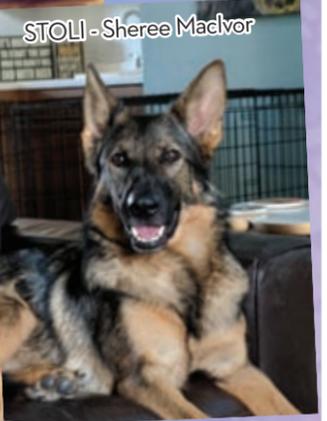
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PIERRE - Jean Wilkinson



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LOUIE - Mary Koralewic



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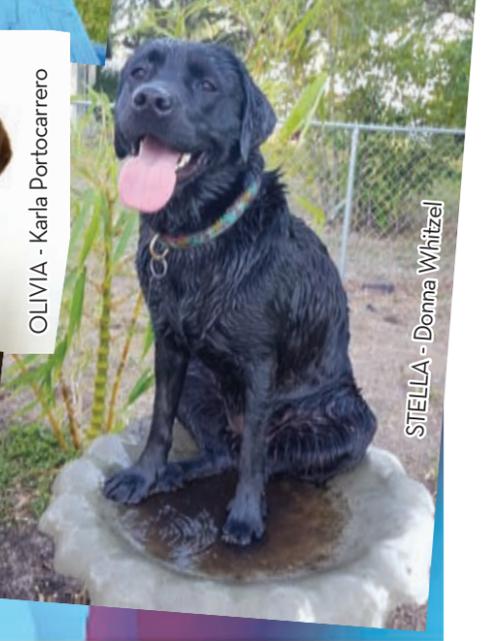
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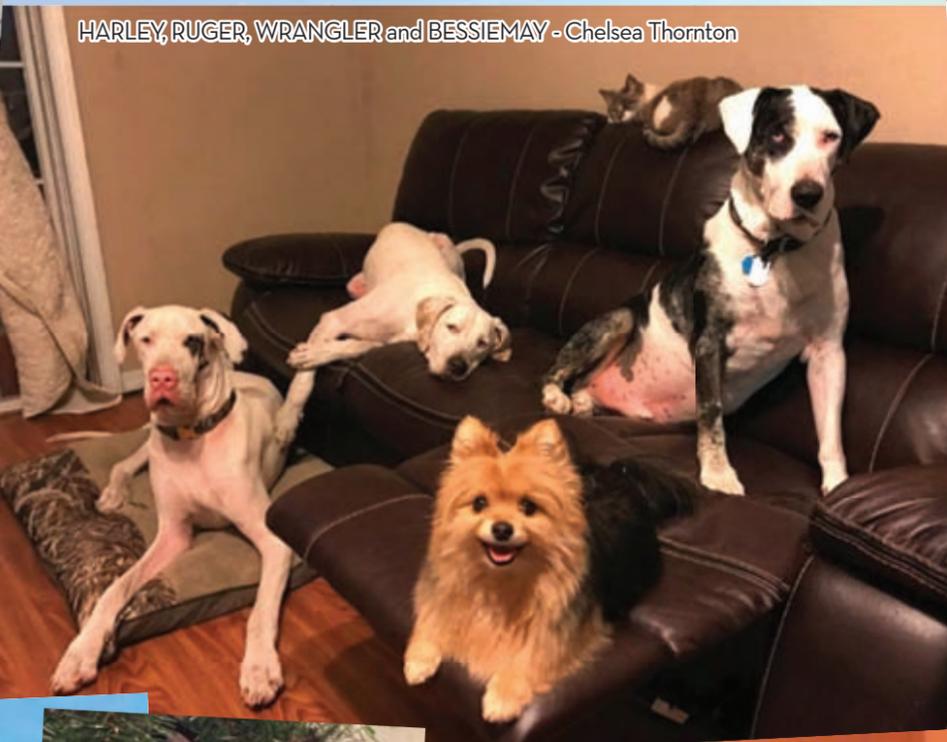
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COMMENTARY

Karl Wickstrom fought for environment

BY RAY JUDAH

We should all mourn the recent passing of marine conservationist Karl Wickstrom, founder of Florida Sportsman magazine and inspirational leader in the effort to restore our rivers, estuaries, Everglades and Florida Bay from the ravages of polluted water released from sugar cane fields in south Florida.



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Like many of us, Karl was heartbroken over the destruction of our marine ecosystem due to the mismanagement of water releases from Lake Okeechobee and politicians at all levels of government unwilling or incapable of "getting the water right" because of their allegiance to Big Sugar's self-serving interest.

Our coastal estuaries are in peril due to irresponsible government oversight on the timing and volume of water released from Lake Okeechobee and excessive nutrients, sediments and toxic brew of insecticides, pesticides and fungicides released from sugar cane fields

resulting in fish kills, increase frequency and duration of red tide, massive harmful algae blooms and destruction of marine habitat.

Karl frequently talked about the importance of our estuaries as vital nursery habitat for over 70 per cent of our commercial and recreational fisheries. He always used to lament the fact that those working to restore our rivers and estuaries were on a 50-year losing streak in trying to influence public policy to prevent the demise of a once bountiful and healthy marine ecosystem.

Karl was a kind and gentle man but maintained a firm resolve to fight the corruption and injustices in the political arena to focus public attention on providing responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources.

The most meaningful way to honor Karl Wickstrom's incredible legacy is to hold your elected officials accountable and work to implement public policy in support of restoring and conserving our marine resources for future generations. ■

— Ray Judah, now retired, is a former Lee County commissioner.

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Teenage drivers are eight times more likely to be involved in a collision or near miss during the first three months after getting a driver's license, compared to the previous three months on a learner's permit, suggests a study led by the National Institutes of Health. Teens are also four times more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as rapid acceleration, sudden braking and hard turns, during this period. In contrast, teens on a learner's permit drove more safely, with their crash/near crash and risky driving rates similar to those of adults. The study appears in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

"Given the abrupt increase in driving risks when teenagers start to drive independently, our findings suggest that they may benefit from a more gradual decrease in adult supervision during the first few months of driving alone," said Bruce Simons-Morton, Ed.D., M.P.H., senior investigator at NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and one of the authors of the study.

The study is one of the first to follow the same individuals over time, from

the beginning of the learner period through the first year of independent driving, while continuously collecting information using software and cameras installed in the participants' vehicles.

The study also evaluated parents' driving in the same vehicles, over the same time, on similar roads and under similar driving conditions as their children. Near-crash events were those requiring a last-moment maneuver to avoid a crash, while crashes were physical contact between the driver's vehicle and another object.

The study enrolled 90 teenagers and 131 parents in Virginia, and the data collection system was developed by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, Blacksburg.

Overall, the study found that the crash/near crash rate for teenagers did not decline over the first year of inde-



pendent driving, while the rate of risky driving modestly declined. According to the researchers, if teenagers were learning from their experiences, one would expect that the driving risks would consistently decline over time.

Teenagers also had a higher risky driving rate under favorable conditions — daytime or dry roads — compared to less favorable conditions — nighttime

or wet roads. This finding implies that teenagers may be more careful and less inclined to take risks during unfavorable driving conditions.

When comparing male and female teens, the study team found that the risky driving rate did not differ by gender during the learning period. However, when teenagers entered independent driving stages, males had a higher risky driving rate. This rate did not consistently decrease over time for males but did decrease for females. The crash/near crash rate was similar

across genders and driving periods.

"During the learner's permit period, parents are present, so there are some skills that teenagers cannot learn until they are on their own," said Pnina Gershon, Ph.D., the study's lead author. "We need a better understanding of how to help teenagers learn safe driving skills when parents or other adults are not present." ■

Striving for patient satisfaction



Health care is changing and so must NCH in order to continuously improve patient satisfaction, quality and safety as well as our colleagues' engagement, satisfaction and efficiency.

With the above mandate, our team led by CNO Jon Kling, chief administrative officer Zach Bostock, chief experience officer Gary Tomcik, chief medical officer Frank Astor and a group of others including physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists, case managers, social workers and therapists of all types, have started a pilot project on 4 North of the Baker Hospital. This 47-bed, high-volume unit has challenging patient satisfaction scores gleaned from very sick elderly patients. The goal is to decrease hospital-acquired complications while improving patient satisfaction.

Traditionally, 4 North cared for cardiac telemetry patients whose physicians were either hospitalists from a few different groups and/or independent physicians. Typically, these hospitalists cared for patients across many in-patient units with wide ranges of illnesses and an understandably unpredictable schedule. Thus, patients, families and nurses caring for these patients could not easily schedule meetings, discussions, queries or other necessities with the attending hospitalist.

Face-to-face communication, open dialog among all the caregivers twice a day and full-time geographically dedicated physicians are just some of the early changes and attributes of NCH's new nursing unit model on 4 North led by nurse managers Teresa Deviese and Lauren Vernieri. In speaking with patients, families, physicians, nurses, social workers, case managers, therapists, pharmacists and others, the following comments and facts emerged.

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Dr. Luigi Querusio said of his hospitalist Dr. Shannon Davis, "She spends a lot of time with me, always on the floor and available." Not surprisingly, the patient also recognized RN Lindsay Dec: "She is very good — I love her. The food is also outstanding." Even post-op, the patient was looking forward to his next meal.

Another patient's adult daughter shared that their hospital visit was the first that they had experienced that she, the daughter, didn't feel it necessary to stay overnight to guard her mom. Patient, husband and daughter agreed everyone was kind, and the environment was very clean and neat.

Our RNs and clinical techs also experienced a change in culture as they migrated from a mostly cardiac telemetry floor to now include patients with many other conditions including strokes, post-surgery recoveries and general medical-surgical illnesses. We all understand this model is new and will continue to evolve and grow.

As I witnessed these conversations, I had a third-year medical student, Lacie-

Turnbull, from the University of Central Florida with me, also showing that NCH has embraced a culture of learning. Lacie had been with our academic team earlier in her rotation, so she had a chance to catch up with her attending, Dr. Brian Pulford.

The results thus far are impressive. The aim of every hospital is to discharge patients safely and early; most patients agree. Unfortunately, our average discharge time has been about 6 p.m. With our new system, we now have 84% of patients discharged before 1 p.m. This earlier time obviously frees up beds, creating the equivalent of about 33 extra beds. Everyone commented on fewer phone calls among caregivers as communication became face-to-face with higher patient and family satisfaction. Moreover, problems and concerns are addressed quickly.

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Inexplicable

San Diego photographer Mike Sakasegawa prides himself on seeing the beauty in mundane objects, The Washington Post reports. But something about his latest subject took social media by storm. On July 11, as Sakasegawa returned home from his morning run, he noticed a round, yellow object rolling down the street. "I thought it was a tennis ball or something," he said, but in fact it was a lemon. So he did what any self-respecting photographer would do: He captured video of the fruit as it

continued its journey to the bottom of the hill, then posted his 1.5-minute documentary to Twitter. Within 24 hours the video racked up more than 2.5 million views. "I post stuff that's similar to this all the time," Sakasegawa said. "Most of the time, it floats on by." By the next day, the lemon video had gained more than 100,000 likes, was retweeted tens of thousands of times, and a literary agent had contacted Sakasegawa, wondering if he'd like to make the lemon into a children's book.

Least-competent criminals

■ Rye Wardlaw, 40, chalked up a big FAIL on July 8 at NW Escape Experience in Vancouver, Wash., when he broke into the business in the pre-dawn hours. According to The Washington Post, Wardlaw tried and failed to enter through a back door using a metal pipe, then knocked a hole through the wall. After climbing through, he knocked over a set of lockers. Then, carrying a burrito and a beer he nicked from the company's refrigerator, he wandered into the "Kill Room," an escape room dressed to look like a serial murderer's hideout. Among the blood-spattered walls and fake cadavers, Wardlaw got scared, but he couldn't ... escape. So he called 911 (four times) and pleaded for help. Clark County Sheriff's officers accepted his confession and charged him with second-degree burglary.

■ In Mesa, Ariz., two troopers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety were surprised to find themselves being pulled over on State Route 51 by a black Dodge Charger on July 11. The troopers were in an unmarked Mustang and had spotted the Charger behind them sporting law enforcement-style emergency lights, reported ABC15 Arizona. A registration check revealed the car was registered to a private citizen, who soon activated his flashing lights and pulled the troopers over. When the (real) troopers approached the Charger, they found 44-year-old Matthew Allen Disbro of Mesa wearing a security uniform and a gun belt with a handgun, cuffs and pepper spray. The car also contained a siren box, police radio and a vest with a baton and knife. Disbro was arrested for impersonating an officer.

Awesome

Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo isn't going to spend her summer sitting in a stuffy office. Instead, she announced on July 14 that she is holding summer office hours at state beaches, beginning with Scarborough State Beach in Narragansett. She and members of the Office

of Constituent Services, who will help connect residents with state services, started their new schedule on July 16. The governor told the Associated Press she looks forward to hearing directly from residents while visiting some of the state's most popular destinations.

Hey, it's Florida

■ Indian River County sheriff's officers stopped Earle Stevens Jr., 69, on June 27 after another driver called 911, complaining that Stevens' Mercury Grand Marquis kept tapping her bumper in a McDonald's drive-thru lane. The officers noted "a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath ... His speech was slurred and his eyes were red and glossy." He also had an open bottle of Jim Beam bourbon in a brown paper bag on the passenger seat. Stevens, of Vero Beach, struggled to produce his ID and said he's never had a valid Florida driver's license, according to Treasure Coast Newspapers. He also explained he was not drinking while driving, only when he stopped for stop signs and traffic signals. After failing several field sobriety tests

and a breath test, Stevens was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a license.

■ Florida Highway Patrol officers pulled over a Nissan sedan on May 16 on I-95 after observing erratic driving, reported the Miami Herald. Indeed, Port St. Lucie resident Scott Allen Garrett, 56, smelled of alcohol, had an open bottle of 92-proof Sailor Jerry Spiced Rum on the passenger seat, was slurring his words and had "red, very glassy and bloodshot eyes," according to the police report. Garrett then told officers his dog had been driving — which would have been notable on its own, but was particularly interesting considering there was no dog in the car with him. Garrett was charged with DUI. ■

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Immokalee Readers gets a big boost from NCEF

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Robert Webster has a favorite series of books — they're about Pete the Cat. Like many of his classmates in The Immokalee Foundation's Immokalee Readers program, Robert was behind his grade level in reading and needed extra help to catch up. In fact, when he began second grade last fall, he was reading at an early kindergarten level and wouldn't have been able to find out about Pete and his excursions — like the fact that Pete goes to the beach and doesn't like the water.

Students such as Robert will continue to learn in the after-school Immokalee Readers program thanks to a strategic initiative partnership award of \$358,550 from the Naples Children & Education Foundation. The award fills "fundamental gaps in children's services," according to the wine festival foundation's criteria and comes from money donated during the Naples Winter Wine Festival auction in January.

Immokalee Readers helps about 650 students in kindergarten through fifth grade in all five Immokalee elementary schools by matching them with high school-age tutors — 113 this school year. Supervised by teachers, the tutors meet with their young counterparts after school three or four days a week to supplement their classroom instruction and improve their reading skills.

Students at Lake Trafford Elementary, like Robert, meet four times a week. "Robert has worked hard in both his regular classroom and Immokalee Readers," said Marisol Sanders, Immokalee Readers coordinator. "He has made great strides in just a couple of months,

and his test scores will likely show that he is now reading at grade level."

Ginette Rincon chooses the reading programs for the Immokalee Readers based on students' needs and interests. At Lake Trafford, young readers use the LitArt program to boost their reading comprehension, writing skills, oral language skills, phonemic awareness and vocabulary.

The young readers aren't the only ones who benefit from the Immokalee Readers program.

High school students involved in The Immokalee Foundation's programs can apply to be tutors. If accepted, they are trained and then supervised by certified classroom teachers.

Often, the older students learn something about themselves — and may even discover a career path at the same time.

Nohemi Vasquez did. "Working with the younger students made me realize I wanted to be a teacher," she said. Ms. Vasquez enjoys tutoring the little kids so much she feels as if "it's not really a job."

"Working as a tutor opened a lot of doors for me, too," said Ms. Vasquez, who recently graduated from Immokalee High School. "One of the teachers told me about a four-year college scholarship, the Homegrown Teacher Scholarship." With the scholarship assistance, Vasquez will attend Florida SouthWestern State College for two years then Florida Gulf Coast University for two years, after which she plans to teach at



Robert Webster

a Florida public school.

Meanwhile, she enjoys her time after school with young readers. "Whenever I miss a day they ask, 'Where were you, Miss Nohemi?' And they say they're going to throw me a going-away party when I go to college. They say they'll miss me. Watching them grow from where they started is amazing — and to think we did that together!"

Each tutoring day, the kids meet in the school cafeteria and have a snack before going to classrooms. The tutors help them with their homework first "and then we do activities," Ms. Vasquez said. "We make things. The other day we read a book about the Earth, and then we made an Earth with a balloon and papier mache. Then they read. They pick books the teachers supply — both fiction and nonfiction — and we help them read."

Tutors apply for the Immokalee Readers job like any other, said Ms. Sanders. "They turn in a resume and are interviewed, which is great experience for them," she said. "They have to maintain a 3.0 GPA and remain drug- and crime-free. We do drug screens and background checks, too. And as tutors, they get to participate in career panels, ACT and SAT preparation. These are the kids who want to enrich their lives and those of the little ones who need their help."

In addition to Immokalee Readers, the Naples Children & Education Foundation award benefits The Immokalee Foundation's Junior Academy.

The Junior Academy grant will pay for supplies for students and teachers, contract services, snacks and the curriculum, said Amber Barr, after-school program coordinator for The Immokalee Foundation.

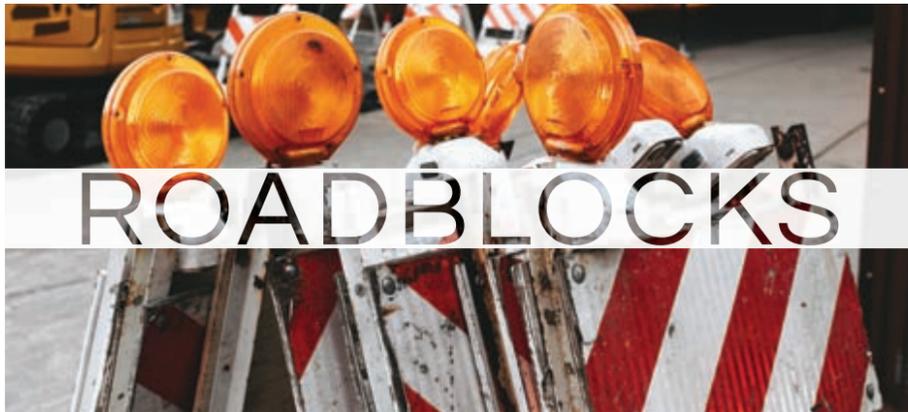
Immokalee Middle School students — usually those in fifth and sixth grades — who want to be in the Junior Academy apply and are interviewed, as are their parents. The students' grades, behavior and attitude toward school must be good, Barr said.

If accepted, the students stay after school three days a week to do their homework and participate in lessons about world affairs, leadership, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), and college and career exploration.

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, supports effective, disciplined charitable programs that significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. For more information, visit www.NaplesWineFestival.com.

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Forty new scholars earn spots in The Immokalee Foundation's scholarship program

The Immokalee Foundation recently welcomed 40 new scholars into its Take Stock in Children program.

"You will not walk this path alone," said Joyce Hagen, board chairwoman, in a message printed on the program for the celebration. As Ms. Hagen welcomed the students, they were surrounded by supportive family members, community and business representatives, mentors and foundation staff.

Joel E. Guerrero, who will be in ninth grade in the fall, learned about The Immokalee Foundation and what it could mean to his future as early as sixth grade, when he was accepted into the nonprofit's Junior Career Development Program - now called the Junior Academy.

Since then, Mr. Guerrero has been determined to maintain the good grades and character it takes to earn a spot as a Take Stock student. He had another goal: to overcome his nervousness about speaking in front of a group. He accomplished this by writing answers to questions prompted by his Jr. CDP instructor, reading the answers aloud and talking about them with other students.

He isn't sure yet where he will go to college but has narrowed down his choice to the dental field, which is respected, he said, and should allow him the flexibility to maintain commitments to "God, family and church."

Melanie Gomez Trejo is a new Take Stock in Children student who also plans a career in dentistry as an orthodontist.

Like Mr. Guerrero, Ms. Gomez Trejo



40 students were inducted into The Immokalee Foundation's Take Stock in Children program.

was familiar with The Immokalee Foundation's programs before earning a place in Take Stock. She was in the foundation's Career Development Program for high school students and a tutor for the young students in its Immokalee Readers program.

Ms. Gomez Trejo, who will be a senior at Immokalee High School in the fall, hopes to be the first in her family to attend college and has her sights set on Florida State University.

Adriana Trejo attended the Take Stock in Children induction ceremony with her daughter. "It was such an exciting day for both of us," Melanie Gomez Trejo said. "My mom was proud of me for being able to be part of this scholarship program. She has been my motivation to work hard at school."

Ms. Gomez Trejo has three younger sisters who are 15, 13 and 10. She hopes to be a good role model for them.

"The families enjoyed the opportunity to see the students introduced

and to meet their mentors," said The Immokalee Foundation program events coordinator Victoria Grimaldo. "A lot of times, the mentors get to meet their mentees and their mentees' families for the first time at this event."

The evening's student speaker, Maria Plata, a former Immokalee Foundation Take Stock student, attended Florida Gulf Coast University. After graduating, she traveled to Thailand, Dubai and elsewhere. She's returned to Immokalee, working on her career and post-secondary opportunity by helping out in her home community as the foundation's career and internship coordinator.

"To hear Maria talk about her post-secondary career path - having known her as a high school student, young adult and now my colleague - was a real highlight," Ms. Grimaldo said.

Other speakers at the induction ceremony represented all aspects of the Take Stock students' support system. Dolores Sanchez was the parent speaker; Eliza-

beth O'Donnell spoke on behalf of the mentors and Joyce Hagen represented the foundation board of directors.

Following the student, parent and mentor speakers, each group stood and took a pledge. The students promised to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, to remain crime- and drug-free, to be a positive role model to other students, to perform community service, and to meet with their mentors regularly. Parents and mentors promised to support of the students' goals and to do their part to encourage their success, including asking for help on their behalf, if needed.

The new Take Stock in Children students are: Martin Alvarado-Macareno, Anna Astreide, Marthe S. Auguste, Rebecca L. Aviles, Ruth Bellevue, Ruthamar Bellevue, Yuridia Calihua-Panzo, Eduardo A. Chavez Interiano, Christina D. Colin, Mariceliah K. Cruz, Lilia M. Delarosa, Adriana K. Delgado, Nicole E. Diaz-De La Cruz, Meguine Duvert, Fabian Estrada, Pedro Francisco, Araceli Garcia, Diego A. Garcia, Melanie Gomez Trejo, Rosa L. Gregorio Matias, Joel E. Guerrero, Leoncio Jimenez Ramirez, Ashley L. Juarez Morales, Ariana Lugo-Trejo, Paola Martinez, Teonna A. McCullum, Aileen Navarro, Mauricio Perez Jr., William Plata, Julian Plata Jr., Alison D. Quintero Cerritos, Yuridia Reyes-Merida, Stephanie M. Robert, Alondra C. Salazar, Liliانا V. Salazar Juarez, Gabriel Sanchez, Azael Simon-Quirino, Jasmin Torrijos, Alexis S. Velasco-Santos and Aracely E. Velasco-Santos. ■

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Walk events, and teamed up with the Blue Zone Project, which advocates for health initiatives that increase longevity.

Last year was the third time Ms. Craft entered the Miss International pageant after moving to Florida following the completion of her bachelor's degree in Idaho.

Ms. Craft was born in Alaska. This year she returned there, finally taking a small plane into Tuluksak, where her dad lives. But she grew up in Longview, Wash., with an older brother, raised by a single mom who worked as a phlebotomist. She misses Washington state's beautiful landscapes. She doesn't miss the rain.

She is also quite tall. Even in middle school she wore pants that didn't fit, as if she'd rolled them up to walk through a deep puddle.

"I was nicknamed High Waters Girl at one point because I couldn't afford pants that were long enough," she said.

This year she made appearances at her old high school, at Girl Scout meet and greets, at Florida Gulf Coast University, at her old sorority. She served meals at a homeless shelter, and let a little girl try on her crown. Across the U.S., she pointed out that heart disease could be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices such as diet, exercise and mental health. She talked about "the simple things we can take control over" such as regularly checking your blood pressure, body mass index, blood sugar and cholesterol.

On the road, she found that the other pageant contestants, who had won vari-



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Miss International at a Heart Walk in Washington D.C.

ous Miss International state contests, were gracious.

“The women I competed against, or with, they were my biggest fans this year,” she said.

“It isn’t all about the glitz and glamour. It’s about, what do you want to do with this year?”

— Kelsey Craft, Miss International

She took a day trip through six Northeastern states with Miss Vermont, attended the Southern New England Heart Walk with Miss Rhode Island, visited the 9-11 Museum with Miss New York, and stayed with Miss Hawaii for a week on the island of Oahu. Miss

Arizona introduced her to her favorite barbecue place in Phoenix, Bobby-Q.

And still, the year of her reign is not quite over. Ms. Craft was awarded the crown on August 5, 2017 in Charleston, WV., and will soon leave to crown next year’s pageant winner. Then it will be time to resume “the simple life” — full-time work, repaying student loans, reconnecting with friends. But for a few more weeks she’s the Miss International of healthy choices, armed with information aimed at living longer as well as better: stress relief, sleep, and a sense of purpose are among the Blue Zone Project’s Power 9 fundamentals. And, heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, but some 80 percent of those deaths are preventable.

Her nomadic 26th year wasn’t always easy, but it was also the year that she chose, with her passion for travel. It was a year that added to her thirst for visiting other places more than quenching it.

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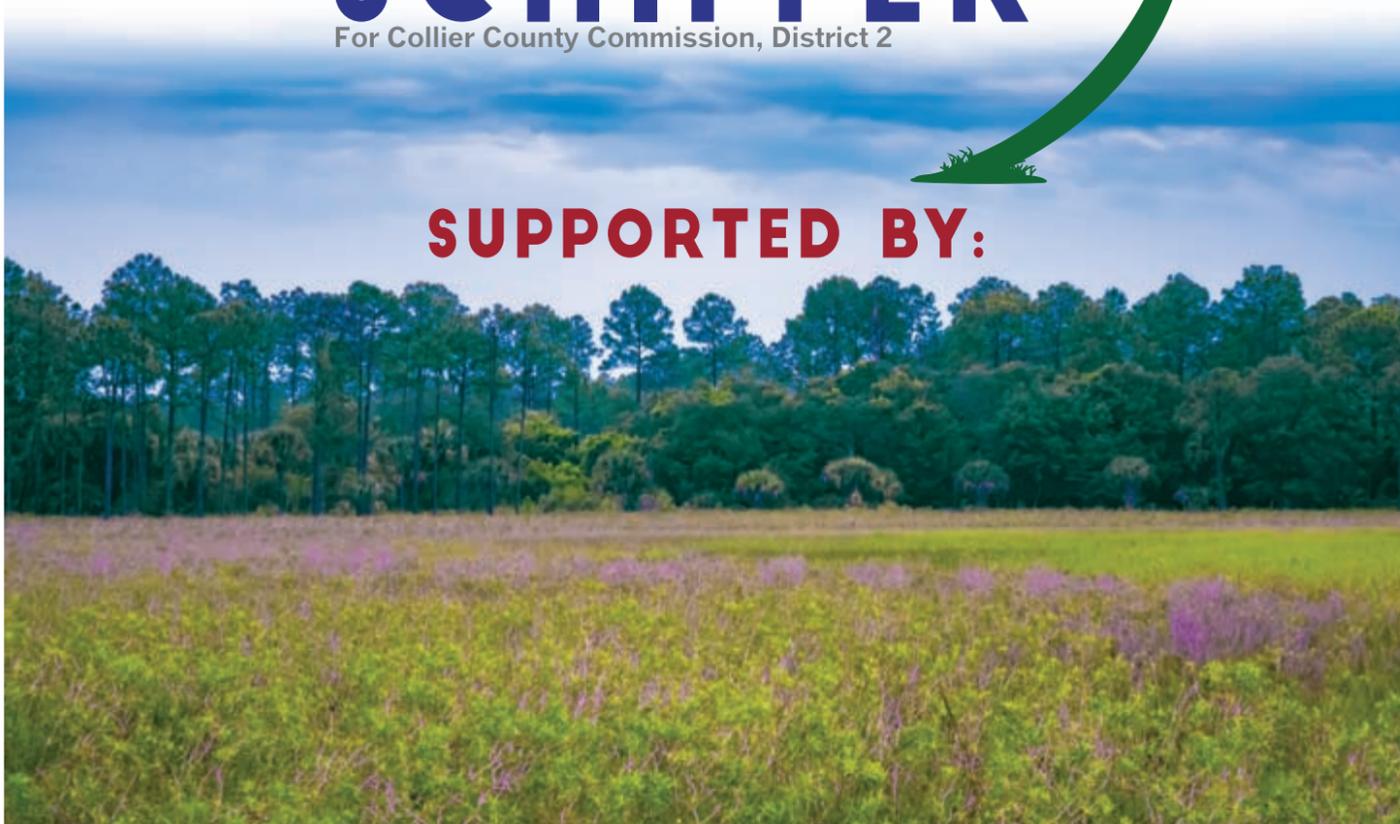
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BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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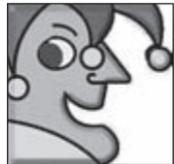
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Renting is ideal for those who don't want to be responsible for maintenance issues, which can consume a lot of time and, often, money. Pipes can burst in the winter, while roofs occasionally need to be repaired or replaced. If you're not handy, you may pay a lot just to have a leaky faucet fixed.

Buying a home, on the other hand, can allow you to build equity with every mortgage payment — unless, of course, your home's value falls, in which case you can end up "underwater," owing more than the home is worth. Over long periods, though, you're likely to build equity, and if property values in your area rise

over time, you can eventually sell your home and reap a tidy profit. (Having considerable home equity can also allow you to consider getting a reverse mortgage in retirement, which can provide much-needed income.) Of course, renters can build wealth by investing in stocks and other things.

Homeowners can also benefit from tax breaks, such as the deductibility of mortgage interest paid. That deduction is especially lucrative in the early years of a mortgage, when the bulk of payments are going toward the interest portion of your loan, as opposed to its principal. In addition, you can deduct your property taxes on your return up to a certain point. The property tax deduction used to be unlimited, but for at least the next seven years, it's capped at \$10,000 annually.

Finally, owning a home provides stability. Rents can go up each year, but a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage demands the same monthly loan repayment amount for decades. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Bitter Coffee

My dumbest move was definitely investing in Jammin' Java. Stupid me.

— Joe E., Oak Lawn, Illinois

The Fool Responds: Jammin' Java was a terrible investment for many others, too. In fact, it was a great example of the classic "pump-and-dump" scheme, and it even ended up being charged with that by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

These schemes involve dastardly sorts buying shares of a company's stock and then hyping up the company online or in mailings, often fraudulently. That causes gullible investors to buy shares, driving up the price. The hypesters then sell their shares at a profit, triggering a collapse in the share price that wipes out many investors. In this case, they touted the success of other coffee-centered companies such as Starbucks and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (later Keurig Green Mountain and now Keurig Dr Pepper after a recent merger), suggesting that Jammin' Java might perform similarly well.

Alas, Jammin' Java had no profits and its stock was trading in penny-stock territory (that is, for less than about \$5 per share) — dangerous ground. Penny stocks are often speculative enterprises, without solid track records of rising revenue and earnings. Jammin' Java at one point had a market value north of \$400 million — and while posting less than \$100,000 in revenue, at that! To play it safe, just avoid penny stocks, and with any other portfolio candidates, research them well and favor profitable and growing companies. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1980, when I was formed as a result of a legal settlement, succeeding a subsidiary of Coastal States Gas Corp. I entered the retail gas business after that, and am now the world's largest independent petroleum refiner and a premier ethanol producer and fuel marketer. Based in San Antonio, I employ about 10,000 people and oversee 15 petroleum refineries with a combined throughput capacity topping 3 million barrels per day, and 11 ethanol plants with a combined production capacity of 1.45 billion gallons per year. My market value was recently \$47 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Valero Energy) ■



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Ask the Fool

Priced for Perfection

Q Can you explain the term "priced for perfection"?

— C.P., online

A It suggests that a stock's price is rather high, with investors expecting perfect performance from it and a correspondingly high valuation. It also hints at riskiness, because if the company makes some mistakes or there's some bad news, the stock price could take a significant hit.

It's best to stick to "value investing," where you seek healthy, growing companies whose shares are selling for significantly less than you think they're worth. That gives you a margin of safety to minimize your downside risk.

Q Does a stock price of \$60 per share reflect a company that's financially healthier than one with a \$20 stock price?

— L.G., Greenwood, South Carolina

A A company's share price alone reveals very little. It has meaning mainly when you consider other numbers, such as how many shares there are (many companies have millions, and others have billions) and how much income the company is earning per share. You can assess the company's health by examining its financial statements to see how much cash and debt it has, how rapidly its revenue and earnings are growing, and how fat its profit margins are.

If a company has taken on a lot of debt and its sales have been shrinking, it's likely not an appealing investment at any price. If a company is growing rapidly, increasing its profit margins, gaining market share in its industry and has a stock price that seems to be below its intrinsic value, it's likely a solid investment — no matter its price.

Remember: A \$2 stock can really be worth \$0.10, while a \$500 stock might be worth \$1,000 — and be headed there, too. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to both a chemical company founded in Korea in 1947 that began making cosmetic creams and an electronics company formed in 1958 that introduced the first radios, TVs, refrigerators, washing machines, elevators and more in Korea. The former was eventually known as Lucky, while the latter went by Goldstar. (Remember Goldstar electronics such as TVs and CD players?) Today my name reflects



both companies and my motto is Life's Good. Based in Seoul, I boast annual sales over \$9 billion, and my market value recently topped \$13 billion. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Banking on This Bank

Unlike investors in most big U.S. banks, Goldman Sachs' (NYSE: GS) shareholders will not be getting a dividend increase in 2018, nor will the bank increase its buyback. The Federal Reserve's annual "stress test" found that Goldman's capital levels would barely remain over the minimally acceptable level during a severe global recession, and as a condition of their capital plans being conditionally approved, the bank's capital return over the next 12 months will not increase.

However, it's important not to let this temporary headwind steal the spotlight. For starters, the reason for the poor stress test result in the first place is recent tax reform — which will ultimately be a positive catalyst for the bank. The big (but one-time) tax hit Goldman took, which

reduced its capital levels, was largely due to the deemed repatriation of its foreign earnings.

In addition, Goldman has a lot of good things going for it. The initial public offering (IPO) market is the most active it's been in years, mergers and acquisitions activity is strong, and thanks to market volatility, Goldman's trading revenue has been picking up. Plus, the company's commercial banking ambitions are starting to produce a significant and rapidly growing revenue stream that has tremendous potential. Indeed, in its first quarter 2018, Goldman grew revenue from its fixed income, currency and commodities trading by more than 20 percent year over year, compared to flat to negative performance by its biggest rivals. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **SCORE Naples** will host a small business academy workshop from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 18 at the Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road. The seminar will discuss the new role email marketing plays and how to take advantage of its new capabilities. There is a \$30 charge for the workshop.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation** and **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** will bring the Naples Children's Business Fair to Collier County on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Gulf Coast High School. The Chamber invites local children ages six to 17 to apply for a vendor space, where they can showcase and sell their original products and services. Registration for booth space is \$15 and closes on September 1. Visit www.napleschamber.org/childrensbusinessfair for more information.

■ **Collier Child Care Resources** will be the beneficiary of a free networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21 at Season's 52, 8930 Tamiami Trail North. The event will be hosted by CCCR Business 100, an exclusive group of philanthropic businesses helping local children through CCCR's mission and programs. To secure a ticket, visit www.collierchildcare.org/free-networking-event-seasons-52.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** will hold its next networking event at 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 9 at BurgerFi restaurant at 12712 Tamiami Trail E. The association meets on the second Thursday of each month to cultivate new business contacts in the area.

■ **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 Mooring 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.

■ Applications are open for the **Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award**, sponsored by BB&T - Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank. The award recognizes a small business

that has overcome adversity to achieve success. Finalists and the winner will be selected by an independent panel and announced at a Nov. 1 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

To be eligible for the award, applicants must be a for-profit business, based in Lee, Collier or Charlotte county, that has overcome obstacles to achieve success. Businesses must employ between four and 500 people and have been in operation for at least three years.

Applications are due Sept. 4. They are available at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita Springs. Interested businesses can also request an application from BB&T - Oswald Trippe and Company at (239) 433-7189 or smercado@bbandt.com. ■

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“The 72-year-old billionaire (Stephen Adams) rarely talks to the media,” Danika Fears wrote in Yale Daily, ...

ADAMS

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World and RV dealerships, has over the last five years pursued an aggressive program of snapping up daily and weekly community papers across the United States. The family's patriarch, Stephen Adams, is also well-known in part for a 2005 donation to the Yale University School of Music for \$100 million, at that time its largest gift, Yale Daily News reported.

His son, Mark Adams, founded Adams Publishing Group in 2013 and is CEO. His father is chairman of APG's board, which also includes his three brothers. In five years, they have acquired at least 27 daily papers, 100 weekly and non-dailies, along with other media-related businesses in 15 states, APG's website says.

APG's latest acquisition of Sun Coast is its first in Florida. It includes some 300 employees along with Sun Coast's west coast papers: The Venice Gondolier, The Arcadian, The West Villages Sun, The Englewood Sun, The North Port Sun, The Charlotte Sun and The Charlotte Sun Times.

CEO Mark Adams and the Adams family's newspaper broker, Cribb, Green & Cope, who were quoted in a press release about the buyout, did not respond to Florida Weekly phone calls and emails seeking interviews. Sun Coast Media Group's former publisher David Dunn-Rankin could also not be reached for comment last week. The terms of the deal have not been disclosed.

The Adams family has also, over the years, been more secretive about its business and philanthropic activities with The Adams Family Foundation than outspoken, reported the Yale Daily News in 2009 and Poynter in 2017.

“The 72-year-old billionaire (Stephen Adams) rarely talks to the media,” Danika Fears wrote in Yale Daily, “preferring instead to maintain a low profile despite the enormous success he has achieved. Adams, a devout Christian, conducts business in the same way he does philanthropy: under the radar, blowing as few trumpets as possible.”

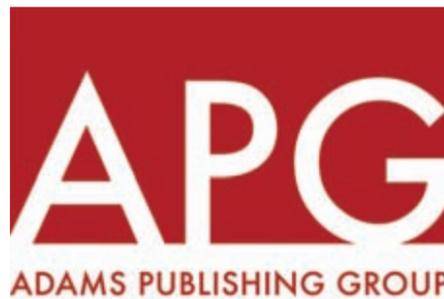
Mr. Dunn-Rankin was quoted in the press release as telling his employees, “After 42 years of family ownership, the Dunn-Rankin family has regretfully decided that the time has come to entrust Sun Coast Media Group to another family.”



DUNN-RANKIN

“Since the loss of our dad two years ago, we have realized that several members of our family have financial needs that can only be met if the company is sold. So, it is with genuine sadness that we made that difficult decision.”

APG's board chair Stephen Adams said, “We are extremely excited to have the Sun Coast Media Group and its associates join the Adams Publishing Group family. The SCMG newspapers are located in one of the great newspaper markets in the United States, with a solid employee group we are eager to welcome aboard our team.”



A PowerPoint presentation by Mark Adams in 2016 for Inland Press Association outlined APG's plans. Mr. Adams has also posted on APG's Facebook page short videos in which he speaks briefly about the new company.

“In terms of why we've invested in newspapers and digital products in smaller communities,” Mr. Adams says in one video, “we think there's a great, exciting and viable future in local community publishing.”

The PowerPoint presentation shows the company is owned equally by the four Adams siblings and their father. The board consists of those five family members plus two family friends.

Their acquisitions started in March 2014, buying out three of four divisions of American Consolidated Media. Among APG's other buyouts are Washington Post Southern Maryland Newspapers and Wyoming Newspapers Inc.

APG's operating philosophy is to maintain a profit margin of 15 percent before EBITDA (interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), to keep corporate expenses at just 1.25 percent of revenue and to participate in “local community investment and engagement.”

Why newspapers? the PowerPoint poses.

For one, Adams is a third-generation media family. Mark Adam's grandfather, Cedric Adams, was a radio celebrity in Minneapolis and a newspaper columnist. The PowerPoint also suggests that APG can acquire local papers at a bargain, or “out-of-favor local media with compelling purchase attributes.”

The newspapers already come with “seasoned management” and are a “strong local brand with connection to the community.”

The newspapers also allow the Adams family to “diversify existing investments.” ■

in the know

Who owns local newspapers?

Adams Publishing Group recently purchased the Sun Coast Media Group. Here are owners of some other newspapers in Florida.

- >> **The News-Press and Naples Daily News** — Gannett Co., Tyson's Corner, Va.
- >> **Cape Coral Breeze** — Ogden Newspapers Inc., Wheeling W.Va.
- >> **Florida Weekly** — Florida Media Group LLC, Fort Myers
- >> **Palm Beach Post, Palm Beach Daily News and Sarasota Herald-Tribune** — GateHouse Media, Fairport, N.Y.
- >> **Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, and Orlando Sentinel** — Tronc, Chicago
- >> **Miami Herald** — McClatchey Co., Sacramento, Calif.
- >> **Tampa Bay Times** — Times Publishing Company, which is owned by The Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg

MONEY & INVESTING

Precious metals a bright investment over the long term

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The second quarter of 2018 has not been kind to investors and buyers of precious metals such as gold, silver or platinum. Having started the year at close to multi-year highs, these metals have plummeted in value over the last few months. Some analysts see this move as only the beginning of a further drop while others anticipate higher prices in both the near and short term. So why have these metals fallen and what will affect price movements in the short and long terms?

Precious metals such as gold have long been used as a form of money or to store wealth. As early as 600 B.C., gold coins were created as currency. Gold, silver and platinum are relatively rare, malleable, stable, and do not easily react with other substances. This makes them an ideal material with which to create coins. While countries today do not issue precious metal currencies, these metals are still regarded as extremely valuable and are a universal form of money.

Precious metals today are traded on an exchange just like any other commodity, such as corn or oil. The largest exchange that trades these contracts is the CME group. Here, people from around the world can buy or sell contracts that enable them to either receive or sell a



troy ounce of these metals. The price of these settlements is posted, and that is how the current price of gold or silver is set. Jewelers, miners, investors and industrial users of precious metals all buy and sell contracts on a daily basis.

Because the price of precious metals is set via daily trading, any shift in supply or demand will move the price. Over the long run, supply is set by mining companies and demand is set by physical users of the metals. Over the short term, however, investors and speculators move the market by buying and selling the contracts without ever taking possession of the physical metals. It is these players whom most analysts believe have caused the prices of gold, silver and platinum to fall so dramatically over the last few months.

Financial investors are selling precious

metal futures, and thus pushing the price down, for three main reasons.

The first reason is the rise in interest rates. As rates rise, there is a greater incentive to own income-producing assets such as bonds or even bank CDs, and less of an incentive to own assets that do not produce a return — such as gold or silver. With the Federal Reserve already increasing rates and indicating that it will continue to do so, many investors are opting to replace their gold holdings with a higher-return security.

Second, the strength of the dollar has depressed gold prices. The recent increase in global tariffs and speculation regarding a possible trade war has resulted in many investors pulling their money from less-developed countries and transferring it to the most stable economy,

the United States. This has caused the demand and price for the U.S. dollar to rise. And because precious metals are priced in dollars, a stronger dollar means it takes fewer dollars to buy an ounce of the metal, and the price in dollars drops.

And finally, the lack of “fear” in the market has resulted in people selling precious metals. Investors buy gold and silver often as a safe haven for wealth in times of turmoil. But with stocks at historical highs and a lack of serious geopolitical events, many investors do not currently see a need for this protection.

Going forward, interest rates and the strength of the dollar will certainly play key roles in how well gold, silver and platinum prices stabilize from these levels over the coming weeks and months. While I cannot predict how this will play out in the short term, I am bullish on precious metals over the long term. If the global economy continues to grow, demand for precious metal jewelry will drive prices higher. If the global economy crashes, precious metals will be a safe haven as stocks or bonds falter. In addition, anticipated higher inflation going forward should drive gold and silver prices higher as investors demand something that will be a constant store of value for them as prices and currency levels fluctuate. ■

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

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Housing and economic diversity — It matters to millennials

BY JACOB WINGE

There's been a lot of talk and little action during the reign of this current county commission. Every day we pay for another study and hire another team of consultants and then three or four months later we get an action plan to solve some issue and then totally reject it and go back to the cycle of hiring attorneys, consultants, and planners. One issue in particular, is "Affordable Housing." The term is only used by county leaders to skew the number of housing units in commission districts where the current county staff and Habitat for Humanity leaders either own land, want to buy land, or have alternative sites (parks) available to turn to housing.

This does not take into respect other sources of market housing that is affordable. In an analysis of zip codes 34104, 34105, 34112, 34113, and 34114, it was determined that East Naples has over 50 percent of dwellings valued \$250,000 or less as compared to Collier County. Spread throughout the county, there are at least 1,440 approved homes Habitat has built in East Naples than is represented by the plan; it is only safe to surmise that other commission district numbers have been swollen or suppressed to support staff's recommendations over the betterment of our community.

There is all of this focus on building "affordable housing" in East Naples, particularly in the Bayshore Arts District and on the East Trail. Yet, the one thing that stands out is the lack of economic diversity. There are no jobs in these areas: storage

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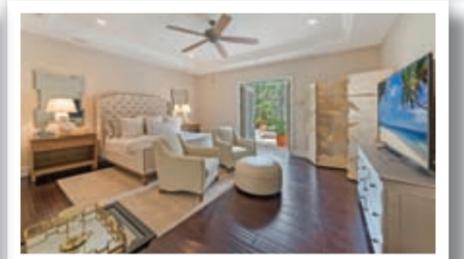
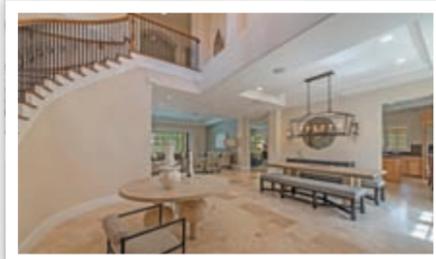
House Hunting

2954 Tiburon Blvd. E.

This turnkey furnished, 4-bedroom-plus-den villa in the private gated community of Serafina at Tiburon overlooks the third green of Tiburon's Gold Course. A fountain courtyard welcomes guests to the covered entry that opens to a grand foyer and sweeping staircase. The home and décor/furnishings have been redesigned for today's more open, contemporary lifestyle. Features include hardwood and marble floors, crown molding, custom cabinetry, lighted niches, fireplace, wet bar, outdoor kitchen and pool with spa and tankless hot water heaters. The chef's kitchen with island, two dishwashers and

breakfast bar adjoins the family room. The first-floor master suite has French doors leading to the large screened lanai. Upstairs are two en-suite bedrooms, an expansive office/bonus room and a screened balcony overlooking the lanai and golf course. The guest cabana has hardwood floors and a full bath.

Karyn and Rowan Samuel of John R. Wood Properties have the listing for \$1,950,000, which includes a transferable Tiburon "Signature" membership. For more information or to arrange a private showing, call 298-3555, email rowan@lovingnaples.com or visit www.lovingnaples.com. ■



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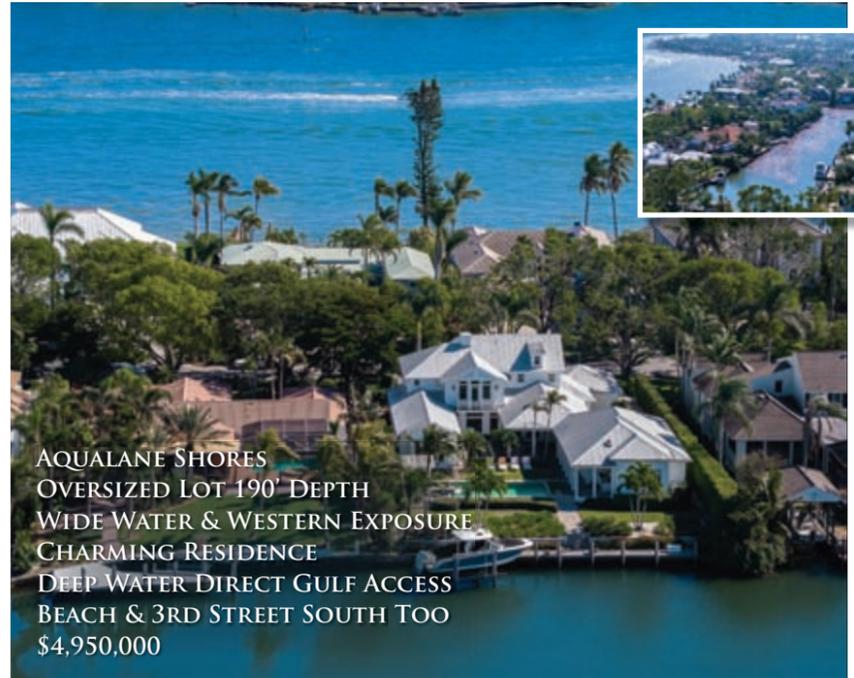
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units, a few small auto repair shops, and some minor outlying retail areas. There are no hotels, no business complexes for new industry, just blighted, empty old shopping centers decaying away along with the infrastructure in the area, beckoning for the return Kelly Road and the impoverished and crime-riddled area surrounding it.

County leaders should focus on housing. But they should focus it where the jobs are. Where people can have shorter

commutes and not clog up arterial roads for half hour-to hour-long commutes on US 41, SR 951, Pine Ridge and Airport Roads. We have some great business sectors in North Naples, with a job density ratio over twice that of similar areas in East Naples. North Naples doesn't have housing that is affordable and neither does the City of Naples. This forces the majority of northbound traffic on US 41 and westbound traffic on Pine Ridge throughout the day as many workers have shifts, which create multiple work traffic times on these roads. If there was workforce housing in North Naples and in the City of Naples, we would see an immense shift in traffic problems. Incentivizing the growth of mixed income around activity centers

should be encouraged only where the needs of economic diversity, infrastructure, and commercial resources are met to support the increase in population.

Unfortunately for the citizens of Collier County and for young families and workers, the Board of County Commissioners have ganged up to keep a NIMBY mentality of keeping housing that is affordable out of certain districts and piling it up all in one area; 52 percent of it exists in East Naples, while the overwhelming majority of the jobs are located miles and miles to the north.

For the sake of our infrastructure, county leaders must shift the focus of taxpayer dollars, particularly over one million dollars of community redevelopment grants, away from multi-million

dollar nonprofits who only buy land and build low-income communities that teachers, firefighters, EMS, and small business owners do not qualify for, and instead use those funds to redevelop business and commerce zones in East Naples, build up a world-class Bayshore Arts District and create an environment for economic diversity and, in time, housing that is affordable for those workers. ■

—Jacob Winge is a member of the East Naples Civic Association Board of Directors.

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

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

■ World-class amenities inspired by Collier history

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

■ Waterfront Bar and Grill now under construction

Rising along quiet waters in the community is the Overlook Bar and Grill, brimming with the authentic Old Florida charm that pervades the community. Now under construction, the venue is sure to be the new heart of social life at The Isles of Collier Preserve. Residents can gather for cocktails with friends or casual dining, while enjoying vistas of vibrant sunsets over the Cypress Waterway.

■ Home choices to meet every lifestyle

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

For a limited time only, Minto is offering up to \$60,000 in purchase incentives



on select move-in ready coach homes and up to \$50,000 in savings on select single-family and villa homes.

■ Visit 16 furnished models

Sixteen furnished models include nine single-family homes, four one-story villas, and three award-winning coach homes. Single-family homes range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air, and are priced from the high-\$400s to over \$1.5 million. Designed for entertaining, homes feature gourmet kitchens with large seating and serving islands, open floor plans, private guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with nature and water views.

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-\$400s to \$600s. All include two-car garages. Two-and-three-

story coach homes also include private elevators. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto's distinctive luxury touches.

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

■ An award-winning master planned community

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including the 2016 Best in American

Above: The Isles Club resort-style pool, lap pool, shaded cabanas and sandy beach area provide the ultimate environment for relaxation and socializing. The Isles of Collier Preserve is an award-winning master-planned community. Available coach homes offering up to \$60,000 incentive. Above Left: The Overlook Bar & Grill will have the feel of an Old Florida waterside restaurant and honor the area's early fishing history. Above Right: The restaurant will include a large u-shaped bar, and dining table seating. Tiki torch gas lighting will enhance outdoor dining in the evening. Left: Available single-family and villa homes offering up to \$50,000 incentive.

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

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

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

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

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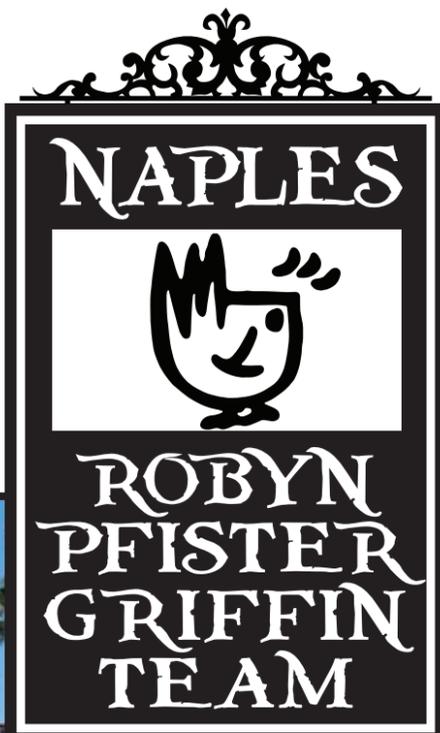
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Resort ambiance meets value for families and retirees at Orange Blossom Naples

New single-family homes priced from the \$200's are now available at Orange Blossom Naples, a resort style gated community on Oil Well Road in North Naples. The combination of Orange Blossom's comprehensive array of amenities, attractively priced beautiful residences, K-12 schools located within one mile, and immediate proximity to retail shopping provides unprecedented value to working families and retirees intent on enjoying a resort lifestyle at a Naples address. No other gated community in Naples can offer the level of amenities and new residences from the \$200's price point available at Orange Blossom.

Everything in One Place

From its new, richly landscaped gated entry feature, to its massive, thoughtfully designed amenity complex, Orange Blossom has been created to provide opportunities for fun throughout the day. The setting offers an ideal environment for working families with children and for retirees who enjoy an active, healthy living experience. Two huge resort-style pools and a spa surrounded by palm trees and green spaces serve as the centerpiece of Orange Blossom's amenity offering. Chaise lounges line the expansive pool decks. Tiki huts and cabanas provide shady places to relax, or to enjoy a beverage from the outdoor bar. Two full-length basketball courts, a pair of tennis courts adjacent to the pool complex, a beach volleyball court, bocce ball courts, shaded picnic areas, children's playgrounds, a fishing pier at one of the community's sparkling lakes, and spacious lawns offer additional possibilities for outdoor fun. A poolside Community Center includes a well-appointed social room for gatherings with friends and neighbors, a catering kitchen, and a fully equipped fitness center. The Community Center also features large covered outdoor terraces for enjoying opportunities to socialize with neighbors, family members, and guests.

The combination of Orange Blossom's comprehensive array of amenities, affordably priced new residences, and its location provides an unprecedented value to working families and retirees intent on enjoying a resort lifestyle while residing at a coveted Naples address. K-12 schools are situated within one mile of the community. Retail shopping venues, a Publix grocery store, family restaurants, bars, a public golf course, and a planned regional park are literally just minutes away. For working families, particularly those with school-age children, the day to day convenience afforded by Orange Blossom's location is yet another valuable amenity.

Lennar Model Homes

Lennar's fourteen models showcase the award-winning homebuilder's Executive, Manor, and Villa home collections. One and two-story residences ranging from 1,417 to 3,857 square feet under air and have lakefront home sites available for all of the home types.

Lennar's Everything's Included™ pledge provides thousands of dollars in luxury extras and upgrades at no additional charge. Some of those features include brick paved driveways and patios, tile roofs, granite countertops in the kitchen areas, GE stainless steel appliances, tile in the wet areas, and crown molding in the living areas.

Lennar's Executive home collection includes six distinctive floor plans base-priced from the \$200,000's to the mid-\$300's. These splendid residences provide 1,677 to 3,231 square feet under air with three to five bedrooms and two or three baths.

The Manor home collection features six



expansive floor plans ranging from 2,244 to 3,867 square feet under air with pricing from the low \$300's to the low \$400's. These beautifully designed residences provide breathtaking retreats within Orange Blossom's fully amenitized ambiance. The floor plans offer four to six bedrooms, two to four baths, and two and three car garages. Lakefront home sites are available for all of the home types.

The Twin Villa homes are from the low \$200s, ranging from 1,417 to 1,564 under air square feet. Whether you're looking for two beds with a den, or three beds, both offer 2 baths and 2 car garages that come with a simple, easy lifestyle that is attached to many bells and whistles inside and outside the home.

To schedule your private tour, contact an Orange Blossom New Home Consultant at 877-45-LENNAR or visit www.lennar.com for more information.

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Pulte Homes at Orange Blossom Ranch offers 9 Life Tested® single family home designs starting from the upper \$200's to the low \$400's. Pulte's one- and two-story consumer-inspired floor plans range from 1,674 to 4,262 square feet of living space, with 2 to 6 bedrooms, 2 to 6 bathrooms and 2- to 3-car garages. Two professionally decorated models are available for viewing daily – the Canopy and Dockside – each showcasing beautiful design selections such as a super owner's suite, tray ceilings and spacious lanais with pools.

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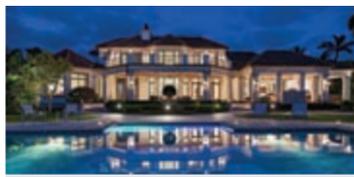
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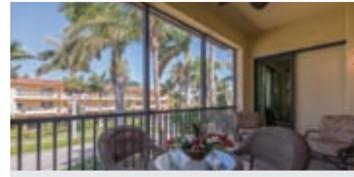
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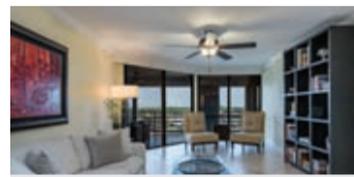
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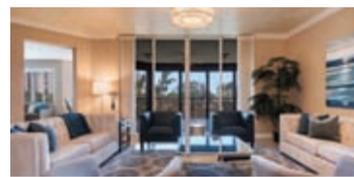
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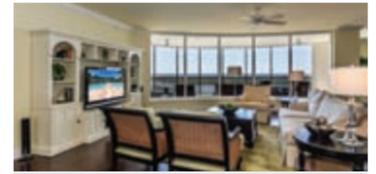
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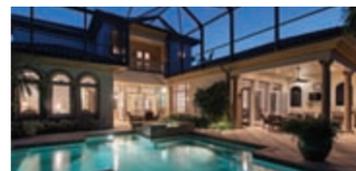
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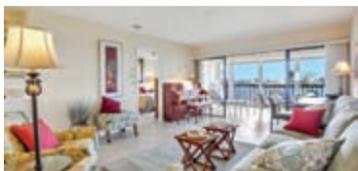
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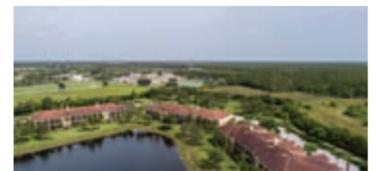
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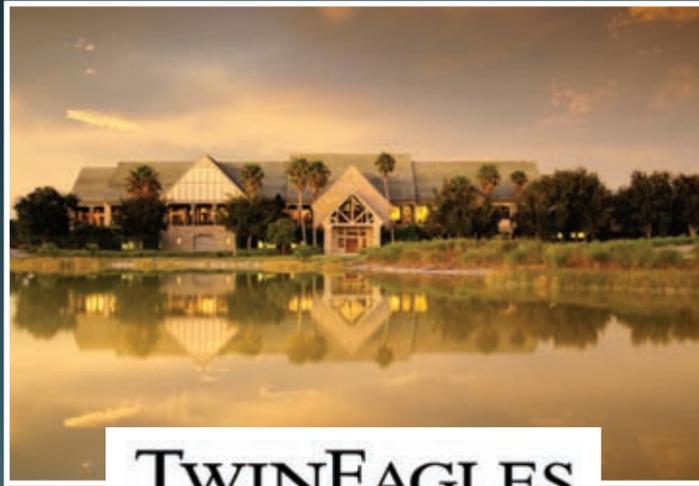
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4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1403, BONITA
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\$1,975,000 MLS 218035663
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\$1,695,000 MLS 218041276
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PARK SHORE



502 WHISPERING PINE LN., NAPLES
 • Single Family w/Pool & Lake Views
 • For Sale at Less than Appraised Value
\$1,599,000 MLS 217044781
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ISLES OF COLLIER PRESERVE



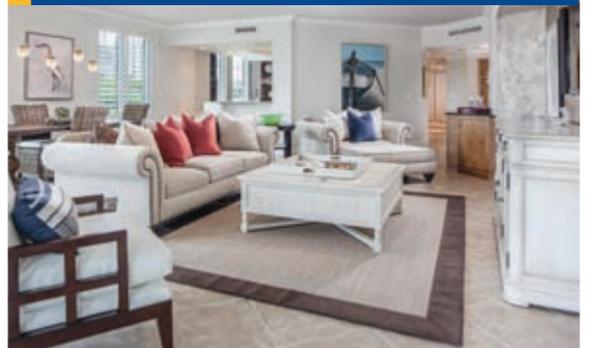
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26448 BRICK LN., BONITA
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 • 3 Bedrooms + Den, Pool/Spa
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4851 BONITA BAY BLVD. #804, BONITA
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• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$2,495,000 MLS 218002029
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BONITA BAY



4329 SANCTUARY WAY, BONITA
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\$949,000 MLS 218028065
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9415 GULF SHORE DR. #301, NAPLES
• Spectacular Gulf Views, Beachfront Condo
• 2 BR, 2 BA, Furnished & Pet Friendly
\$849,000 MLS 217063949
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



9084 WINDSWEPT DR., ESTERO
• Hawthorne, Bardmoor Model, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den
• Golf & Lake View, Large Great Room, 2 Car GA
\$734,000 MLS 218027638
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BRENDAN COVE



27141 BRENDAN WAY, BONITA
• Island Style 3 BR, 3 BA w/Cabana
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\$598,000 MLS 218037519
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

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NEW LISTING



348 CHANCERY CIR., NAPLES
• Over .5 Acres on the Golf Course
• Owner can Build to Suit
\$575,000 MLS 218044880
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LELY RESORT



6750 BENT GRASS DR., NAPLES
• Lakefront Pool Home w/Large Screened Lanai
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CEDAR CREEK



9230 CEDAR CREEK DR., BONITA
• Direct Gulf Access Dock, Pool/Spa
• 4 BR, 3 BA, 3 Car Garage, Large Yard
\$539,000 MLS 218013981
Darlene Rice 239.325.3537

FAIRWINDS



10218 AVONLEIGH DR., BONITA
• Lake View, Entertaining Family Home
• 3 BR, 3 BA + Den, Home Theater
\$525,000 MLS 218025207
Jim Westerfield, Westerfield Group 239.287.6617

BONITA BAY - WATERFORD



3331 GLEN CAIRN CT. #204, BONITA
• 3 BR, 3 BA, 2nd Floor Condo
• Glassed-In Lanai w/Southern Exposure
\$524,000 MLS 218028761
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BLACK BEAR RIDGE



7209 ACORN WAY, NAPLES
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, 3 Car Garage
• Upgraded Kitchen/Breakfast Bar
\$519,000 MLS 218003021
Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

SPANISH WELLS



9844 TREASURE CAY LN., BONITA
• Outstanding 2 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, Pool/Spa
• 2,021 S.F. Under Air, 4,063 S.F. Total
\$499,000 MLS 218024461
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COLONIAL SHORES

NEW LISTING



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15979 CUTTERS CT., FORT MYERS
• Short Bike Ride to the Beach
• 5 BR, 3 BA, Pool & Lake View
\$475,000 MLS 218047066
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• Located Between the Beach & Mercato
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\$459,000 MLS 217071134
Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

BELLA TERRA



20734 TORRE DEL LAGO ST., ESTERO
• Charming 2 Story Pool Home
• 5 BR, 3 BA w/Private Preserve Views
\$449,999 MLS 218041010
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

COLONIAL OAKS



9929 COLONIAL WALK N., ESTERO
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Car Garage
• Private Pool w/Southern Lake Views
\$389,999 MLS 217041994
Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

BELLA TERRA



20283 TORRE DEL LAGO ST., ESTERO
• Former Model, Canterbury Floor Plan
• Move-In Ready, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage
\$389,000 MLS 218029931
Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

NAPLES BAY RESORT



1025 SANDPIPER ST. #E105, NAPLES
• Resort Style Living, 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey
• 5 Minute Walk to 5th Avenue
\$389,000 MLS 217033486
Roger Stening 239.770.4707

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NEW LISTING



13721 SOUTHAMPTON DR., BONITA
• Remodeled, 3 BR, 2 BA, Pool, 2 Car Garage
• Gated, Bundled Golf & Tennis Community
\$387,500 MLS 218046816
Robin Bennett & Denny Koesters 219.789.0099

LIVINGSTON LAKES



15209 BUTLER LAKE DR. #101, NAPLES
• Large 1st Floor End Unit
• 2 Car Garage
\$369,900 MLS 218002362
Trisha Kent & Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

MOORINGS



2500 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #N6, NAPLES
• Condo w/Boat Dock on Moorings Bay
• Across the Street from the Beach
\$369,000 MLS 218034158
Deborah Viglas 239.215.2035

HAWTHORNE



OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

10264 COBBLE HILL RD., BONITA
• Peaceful & Serene Lake View
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths + Den
\$358,900 MLS 218041619
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

SPANISH WELLS



9340 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA
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• Pool/Spa & Outdoor Kitchen
\$2,399,000 MLS 216077530
Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

BONITA BAY - AZURE



OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1403, BONITA
• Breathtaking Bay & Gulf Views
• \$25,000 Credit for Addtl. HOA Fees Due to Irma
\$1,975,000 MLS 218035663
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OLD NAPLES - MODENA



380 10TH ST. S. #204, NAPLES
• Beautiful 2 BR, 3 BA + Den Townhouse
• Bright & Airy Floor Plan, 1 Car Garage
\$997,000 MLS 218009698
Galietti Team 239.826.5897

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

TALL PINES



5801 WAXMYRTLE WAY, NAPLES
• 3 Miles from the Beach
• Walking Distance to Shopping & Dining
\$689,000 MLS 218029139
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



21970 LONGLEAF TRAIL DR., ESTERO
• Upgraded, Custom 4 BR, 3.5 BA, Kingfisher Model
• S. Exposure, Water & Island Preserve Views
\$599,900 MLS 218045170
Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

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OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

17055 PORTA VECCHIO WAY #101, NAPLES
• 1st Floor, 3 BR + Den, Natural Preserve View
• Volume Ceilings w/Grand Foyer
\$539,000 MLS 218044066
Navarro Group 239.689.9339

SAN CARLOS ESTATES



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



OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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

BONITA BAY - LAKESIDE



4081 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage, 2nd Floor
• Southwest Corner, Turnkey Furnished
\$529,000 MLS 217069250
Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.292.4044

COCONUT CREEK



OPEN 7/28 & 7/29 12:00PM - 3:00PM

12593 COCONUT CREEK CT., FORT MYERS
• Lakefront Pool Home w/S. Exposure
• 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,243 S.F., Near Beaches
\$499,000 MLS 218043422
Stacey Glenn 239.823.1343

AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB

NEW LISTING



228 CHESHIRE WAY, NAPLES
• One of the Few Remaining Parcels
• Natural Preserve
\$495,000 MLS 218044893
Roger Stening 239.770.4707

NAPLES PARK



517 92ND AVE. N., NAPLES
• Walking Distance to the Beach
• Short Bike Ride to Shops & Restaurants
\$489,900 MLS 218023197
Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS

NEW LISTING



9083 FALLING LEAF DR., ESTERO
• Beautiful 3 BR, 2.5 BA Home
• Upgraded Kitchen, Quartz Countertops
\$479,000 MLS 218047061
Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

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 - WEDGEWOOD



OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

26891 WEDGEWOOD DR. #202, BONITA
• Spectacular Lake & Preserve Views
• 2nd Floor, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Car Garage
\$442,000 MLS 218044253
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NEW PRICE



28646 SAN GALGANO WAY, BONITA
• 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Pool/Spa
• Beautiful Golf & Sunset Views
\$419,900 MLS 217014059
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VINEYARDS - MONTELENA



6120 MONTELENA CIR. #2201, NAPLES
• Golf Views, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den
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Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

SHADOW WOOD - CYPRESS HAMMOCK



9520 CYPRESS HAMMOCK CIR. #102, ESTERO
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\$379,900 MLS 218034778
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

PELICAN - ROSE GARDEN

NEW LISTING



OPEN 7/27 - 7/30 11:00AM - 3:00PM

5202 SW 2ND AVE., CAPE CORAL
• 3 BR, 3 BA, Sailboat Access, Pool
• Remodeled w/Open Air Floor Plan
\$379,000 MLS Call for Details!
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BONITA BAY



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

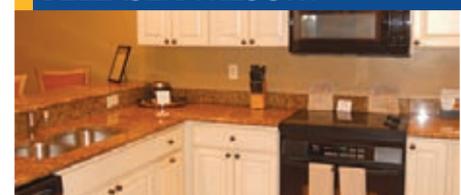
ROOKERY POINTE



OPEN 7/29 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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

BELLASERA RESORT



221 9TH ST. S. #307, NAPLES
• 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
• Sold Turnkey
\$335,000 MLS 218036349
Tina Tusack 239.634.3810

LIGHTHOUSE BAY



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

COCONUT POINT - RAPALLO

NEW LISTING



8621 PIAZZA DEL LAGO CIR. #106, ESTERO
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den or 3rd BR, 1 Car GA, 1,706 S.F.
• Beautiful End Unit w/Private Lake View
\$312,500 MLS 218046588
Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

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26510 LUCKY STONE RD. #201, BONITA
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\$309,000 MLS 218044270
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SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS
NEW LISTING



10422 AUTUMN BREEZE DR. #201, ESTERO
• Oak Hammock, Fabulous Views
• 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Large Lanai
\$305,000 MLS 218044910
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

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

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

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NEW PRICE



4600 WINGED FOOT WAY #8-202, NAPLES
• 3 BR, 2nd Floor Carriage Home
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\$274,900 MLS 218010712
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MOORINGS



820 KETCH DR. #2, NAPLES
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• Tile Throughout, SS, Laundry in Unit
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NEW PRICE



1059 MARBLEHEAD DR. #0-3, NAPLES
• Golf Membership Included
• Four Miles to Downtown & the Beach
\$260,000 MLS 218005692
Mark Semeraro 239.370.2455

HACIENDA VILLAGE



27911 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #217D, BONITA
• Rare in Hacienda, 2 Bedrooms + Den
• New Carpet, Tile & Paint, Offered Furnished
\$255,000 MLS 218018789
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

VASARI - MATERA



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

WILDCAT RUN



20130 GOLDEN PANTHER DR. #3, ESTERO
• Furnished Townhouse, 3 BR, 3 BA
• Lake, Preserve, Golf Course View
\$242,500 MLS 217067983
Carol Jones 239.250.4310

TARPON BAY
NEW LISTING



1886 TARPON BAY DR. S. #1-205, NAPLES
• Resort Style, Preserve Views
• Centrally Located
\$199,000 MLS 218044747
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FAIRWAYS AT EMERALD GREEN



992 WOODSHIRE LN. #D-309, NAPLES
• Charming 2 Story, 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo
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CEDAR HAMMOCK - TERRACE V



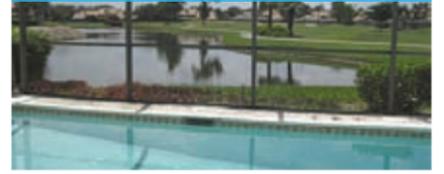
3770 SAWGRASS WAY #3424, NAPLES
• 2nd Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey, Elevator Access
• Lush Views of Greens & Large Lake
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Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

GOLF VIEW MANOR



5651 RATTLESNAKE HAMMOCK RD. #C-105, NAPLES
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• Freshly Painted w/New Water Heater
\$165,000 MLS 218008784
Sylvie Hall, Westerfield Group 239.300.3828

QUAIL CREEK VILLAGE
NEW LISTING



11724 QUAIL VILLAGE WAY, NAPLES
• 2 Story Pool Home
• 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms + Den
\$299,000 MLS 218047646
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

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

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
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The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BONITA BAY - GREENBRIAR



4130 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA
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• Dramatic Golf Course & Long Marsh Views
\$250,000 MLS 218032280
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

HACIENDA VILLAGE
NEW PRICE



27870 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #202C, BONITA
• 2 BR, 2.5 BA Townhouse, Great Location
• 2 Pools, Tennis, Bocce, Gated Community
\$220,000 MLS 218014683
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

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NEW LISTING



416 TUDOR DR. #3, CAPE CORAL
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• Breathtaking Sunrises & Waterfront Views
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TIDES AT PELICAN LANDING



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Stock's best homes available this summer: luxurious move-in ready homes throughout Southwest Florida

This summer, Stock Signature Homes has put in place an amazing showcase of luxury homes in beautiful neighborhoods. These include new inventory homes and the release of a new upscale neighborhood in Fiddler's Creek.

"We have one of the largest selections of homes available in the area with a wide range of price points," said Léger-Wetzel. "These homes are available in three series of exceptionally designed homes: Stock Classic Homes, Stock Signature Homes and Stock Custom Homes."

Stock Signature Homes' has a spectacular Marigold inventory home open in the Isles of Collier Preserve.

The Marigold's superb floorplan includes 3,578 square feet under air plus a covered lanai measuring 1,000-plus square feet. It features a great room with an optional built-in entertainment center, a large gourmet island kitchen and breakfast area and a formal dining room.

There are four bedrooms (or three bedrooms plus an optional bonus room), a study and four and one-half baths. The master suite features twin walk-in closets, a soaking tub and a large walk-in shower. The home is priced at \$1,300,655.

Lely Resort is home to three spectacular championship golf courses and four clubhouses and is the eight time recipient of the Collier Building Industry Association's Community of the Year Award.

Coach homes have been selling quickly. These residences are available in Signature Club and Tasori, priced from just the \$300's and a furnished model is open.

The Tasori neighborhood is located within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely's three championship golf courses. It also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes.

An on-site sales center is located in Signature Club. It showcases the coach home residences of both neighborhoods.

Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features a selection of amazing lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course.

Stock also has furnished models open at Naples Reserve, including three models from the recently introduced Stock Classic Homes Collection. Stock is building in Naples Reserve's Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay neighborhoods.

The Classic Series models include the Plantation II with an interior design by Soco Interiors, the Marathon II with an interior design by Pizzazz Interiors and the Siesta II with an interior design by Robb & Stucky. All are being built in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood. They are base priced from just \$429,990. Floorplan details can be found at www.stockdevelopment.com.

Stock has also released a new luxury home neighborhood at Fiddler's Creek.

"Capistrano is a spectacular enclave of 33 luxury homes offering five brand new floorplans, featuring a variety of spectacular golf course views," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Stock Development. "Most of the homes offer views across the beautiful fairways of the championship golf Creek Course.



Above: The Malibu on Marco Island. Right: The Plantation II at Naples Reserve. Below Right: The Mayfield Grande at Capistrano. The Marigold at Isles of Collier Preserve. Bottom: Tasori at Lely Resort.

The floorplans also give homebuyers an amazing array of choices."

The uniquely designed single and two-story floor plans range from 2,627 to 3,702 square feet under air. They offer extraordinary flexibility with options that give the homes a range of three to six bedrooms. There are from three and one-half baths in the smallest home to four full baths and two half-baths in the largest plan.

All of the homes include large great rooms that open to a screened and covered lanai, which features outdoor kitchen and pool bath options. Inside, homeowners may choose a formal dining room, a formal study or extra bedroom suites.

The two-story plans include a large loft with a wet bar option and a bath. In each, a bedroom may also be included. All homes include a three-car garage. Stock has released introductory pricing from the mid-\$500's in Capistrano.

On spectacular Marco Island, Stock Custom Homes offers the two-story Malibu. This five-bedroom, five and one-half bath great room style home has 3,629 square feet under air and a total of 5,283 square feet, including a spectacular outdoor living area and an attached two-car garage. The features a formal dining room and expansive master suite downstairs, while upstairs the home offers three full bedroom suites, one of which has a covered balcony. Priced at \$2,499,000, the Malibu features and interior design by Vogue Interiors.

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ADVERTORIAL

Kalea Bay residents love the community's amenities

Tower 2 now under construction

A clubhouse should be the social and recreational centerpiece of a community, and at Kalea Bay, the gated, luxury residential high-rise community currently being developed on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, that couldn't be more true.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Lodge. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant serves incredible meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts. Guest suites that can accommodate overnight guests and family members are also located nearby.

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

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

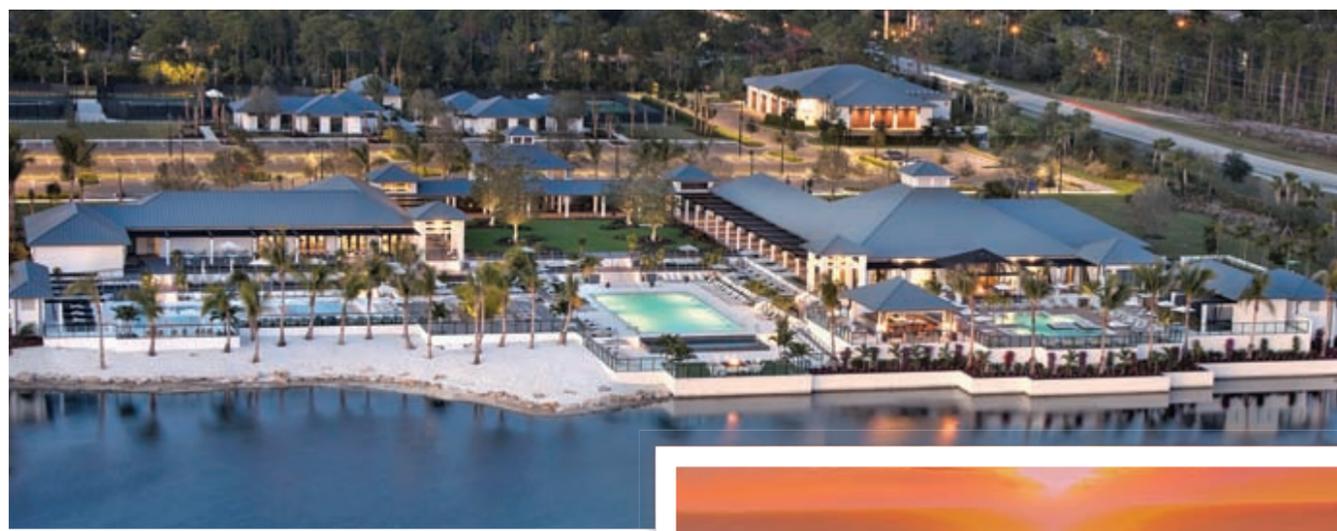
The completion of the main amenity area at Kalea Bay coincided with the completion of the community's first residential tower, which is sold out.

"That's why in May construction began on the community's second tower," said Lodge. "As of early July, that tower has surpassed the 50 percent sold mark."

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.



Top: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite end of the lake. **Above:** Kalea Bay's main amenity area includes the community's clubhouse which features three separate pools, an indoor/ outdoor restaurant, fitness center, open-air bar and Internet cafe. **Right:** Tower 200 at Kalea Bay is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. **Below Left:** The second tower's rooftop amenities will include a pool, open-air fitness center and sky lounge. **Below Right:** Residents of Kalea Bay have indoor and outdoor dining options.



The custom kitchens have Wolf and Sub-Zero 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.

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. ■

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Mangrove Bay

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.

Mangrove Bay offers a choice of one- and two-story, Old Naples cottage-style luxury single-family homes complete with private pools and individual boat slips. 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 unequaled residence and lifestyle.

Mangrove Bay will be breaking ground on The Amenities Center which will have a private on-site concierge to cater to every resident's needs, comprehensive property management services, state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and ground level storage area for resident's kayas, canoes, paddle boards and jet-skis. Residents may choose from a wide range of fitness activities that include public and private golf and tennis nearby. In addition, residents will enjoy easy access to the new 20+/- acre Baker Park and bridge accessing the 120+/- acre Gordon River Greenway Preserve with trails immediately adjacent to the community. This remarkably distinguished location makes Mangrove Bay a rare jewel indeed.

The Captiva II floor plan features an attractive open concept design with soaring vaulted ceilings and expansive outdoor living space. A vast master suite as well as two en suite bedrooms flow seamlessly from the breathtaking light filled great room and kitchen.



The single story Palm Cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,514 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

Step into The Coquina, a charming three bedroom, two-story cottage style home, and prepare to be impressed. This home is designed to maximize privacy and functionality in an exquisite floor plan. The alley entry with two-car garage paves the way to a beautifully situated outdoor area complete with pool and covered living space.

The Amelia floor plan exemplifies open concept living with an expansive master

suite, two guest bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and a den on a single story. Perfect for entertaining, the great room seamlessly flows to a partial covered charming outdoor space.

Old Florida architecture is exemplified in the brilliantly crafted Keewaydin floor plan. The second story features a loft living area allowing for picturesque views as well as two guest bedrooms giving the first floor master and open concept living space privacy and functionality.

The most versatile of Mangrove Bay's waterfront homes, the Useppa is offered in three different elevations varying in

square footage. The largest of the three is a true two story old Florida masterpiece of architectural innovation. With the exception of Palm Cottage, all floor plans may include a second-story guest suite.

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- Living Area: 3,272 sq. ft.
- With Guest Suite: 3,757 sq. ft.
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AVAILABLE LOTS 1 - 18



PALM COTTAGE

- Living Area: 2,514 sq. ft.
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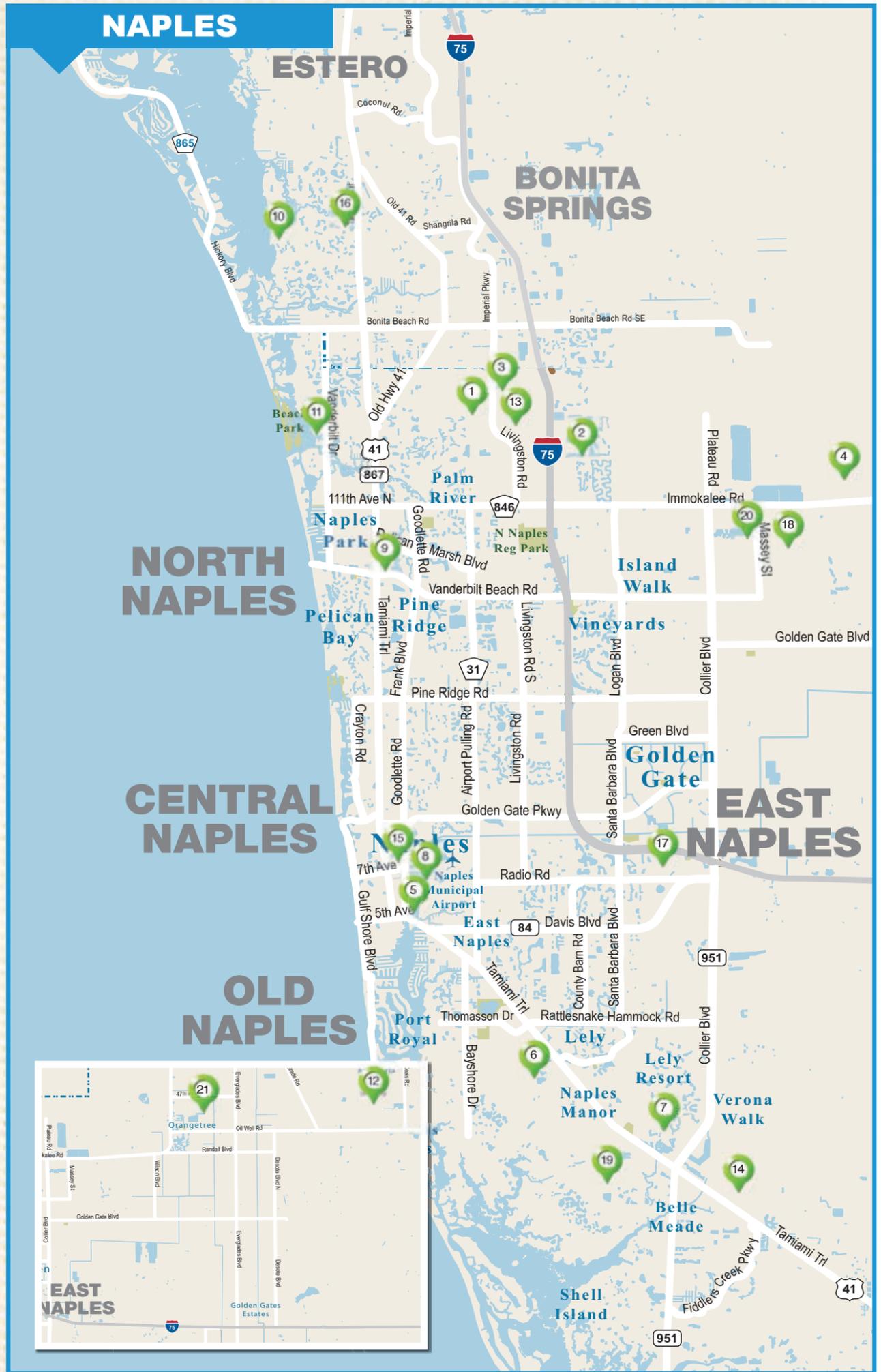
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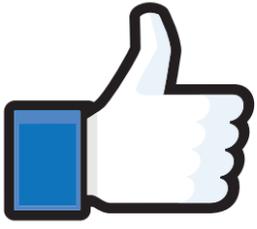
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A lost art continues to thrive, one stitch-in at a time

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
Florida Weekly Correspondent

IT'S A FAMILIAR TABLEAU: A LOVELY lady bent over the top of an embroidery hoop by fire-light, engrossed in the womanly art (or chore) of stitching or mending. She could be draped in a veil and stitching an intricate design in silk threads while attended by a crew of ladies-in-waiting, or a harried housewife repairing her family's tattered togs attended only by her family. But only when such tasks were outsourced to the textile mills did needlework gain recognition for the skilled art

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It's time for hysteria in The Keys — mini-lobster season

BY LAURA RICHARDSON
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Attention, lobster lovers everywhere: Christmas in July isn't just a ploy designed by the Hallmark Channel to recycle its cloying made-for-TV holiday movies. Replace the Christmas tree with the glassy surface of the ocean and, here in the Florida Keys at least, the "gifts" underneath take the form of those scrumptious creatures born to satisfy all your crustacean cravings: succulent, juicy, spiny lobster.

The last Wednesday and Thursday of July have been designated as lobster mini-season since 1975 when, in an attempt to reduce tensions between professional and hobbyist bug-hunters, the Florida legislature enacted a bill establishing a 48-hour

recreational lobster sport fishing season before the official opening of the commercial season. It was, in short, a success.

Mini-season this year is July 25-26, when 48 hours translate into a veritable hysteria out on the reefs, with more than 50,000 people in the water at any given time. Last year's estimates posit an increase of more than 900 times the usual density of boat traffic across the reef system. To be clear, that's a lot of boats out on the water — and even more bodies underneath them, poking around, often without the proper equipment in the water or dive flags overhead.

It's a tumultuous, exciting, dangerous time for anyone out on the water. And for

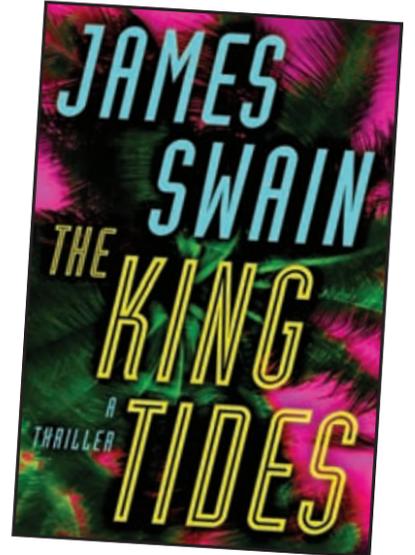
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It is recommended that lobster mini-season participants have an adequate amount of snorkeling experience.

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Dear Readers: Thank you for writing



My inbox is currently overflowing with 7,341 unread emails. I realize those of you who suffer from OCD are rolling on the floor in pain as you process this news, but I can't help it — I don't delete.

There's a plethora of the usual SPAM ("Dear Miss Davis, Please wire \$5,000 to my bank account blah, blah, blah"). And since I'm a columnist, there's also a ton of press releases about folks getting promoted at their jobs, art festivals accepting submissions and new restaurants opening.

I can't bear to delete any of it.

Call it "email recipient guilt."

I also get what seems like a bazillion offers to try new products — and, of course, write about them. There are the magical hangover pills: "Take two before drinking and wake up feeling GREAT!" And the incredible whitening toothpaste: "Your friends will be blinded by your smile!"

One PR firm wants to send me a case of cabernet to review, in which case I'll need the magic hangover pills and the whitening toothpaste to get rid of the morning headaches and the red wine stains on my teeth.

But the good news is that among those 7,341 emails are some from my readers. These are the messages I love getting and that I relish reading. After all, feedback, be it good or bad, is what we journalists thrive on.

When I wrote about my recent colo-

noscopy, I heard from Julie in Naples: "Your column was delightful. I so much enjoyed reading it and have shared it with others. I am preparing for my second colonoscopy. Thank you for making me laugh and helping me get through this next procedure with a smile (I hope)."

While my colonoscopy was not exactly delightful, I'm glad my column about it was. Good luck on your procedure, Julie of Naples. And remember: That concoction you drink as prep is best poured into a martini glass and gently sipped. Cheers!

After my column about the algae and red tide plaguing our local waters was published, Jeff of Fort Myers Beach weighed in with this: "We know what happened. Overpopulation, out-of-con-

trol building, along with big sugar are to blame for the death of Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel. These things have poisoned the water. The building of the area dikes around Lake O will do nothing but store more poisoned water. It must be stopped at the source, big sugar. The realist in me knows that will never happen and our beaches of old are never coming back."

I so hope Jeff of Fort Myers Beach is wrong and that there is hope for the future of our beaches. That said, I strongly believe our power over politicians who accept campaign dollars from big sugar exists in just one place: the voting booth.

A few months ago when I wrote about standing up for what you believe in, I mentioned Karen Cooper of Sani-

bel who "married" a tree in a Fort Myers city park that was in danger of being destroyed in order for a house to be built on the neighboring lot. She emailed this: "Thank you for understanding my 'marriage' to a tree. I know it was unconventional, but I would do it all over again if I thought that tree was again in danger of being destroyed because of development. Yours words were kind while many weren't. This is what's wrong with our world ... I'm 60 and it was tough to handle all the bullies who know nothing of me."

Thank you, Karen. Trust me, though, that not everybody likes it when I my column skirts politics.

When I wrote about giving up watching the evening news because I was weary of hearing the latest about Donald Trump, Bill F. was decidedly not delighted: "I take offence (sic) to your bashing our President. What a cheap shot. Try to come up with facts as to why you think Pres. Trump is not good for this country. Does putting America first disturb you? Guess what? Pres. Trump will win a second term. That should make you dizzy."

Well, Bill F., the thought of Mr. Trump being in office for two terms doesn't necessarily make me dizzy — terrified, yes — but not dizzy.

Still, I love that Bill F. reads my column and was moved to voice his opinion. And even though he wasn't happy with my words in this particular case, I'd much rather read what he has to say than skim through an offer for hangover pills. Because no matter what, listening to one another is what can get us through most everything — especially these days. ■





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form it really is. Now that we rely less on women to clothe their bodies and beautify their homes, it's clear that needlework is more than just women's work. It's a profoundly time-consuming and gratifying art that has extended beyond the realm of female domesticity.

To that end, the members of the Neapolitan chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America recently gathered in a cozy Marco Island sitting room for one of their twice-monthly stitch-ins, an opportunity for them to make progress on a current project with the camaraderie of like-minded friends — and experts who have become friends and are happy to lend advice and resources to those who are stretching their skills to the limit.

"That's one of the nice things about this group, is being able to expand and being pushed outside my limits," said Sandra Baer, who hosted the gathering; she was diligently stitching a small group project in University of Michigan's blue and yellow. "I have all these people I can draw on and give me advice."

Today the group is in the company of two expert needle workers. At one end of the arc of sitters placed on barstools and chairs is Terry Hanway, an Irish part-time resident from County Wicklow who is also a member of the Guild of Irish Lacemakers. She's working on a beautiful white work piece in the Mountmellick technique. This type of Irish embroidery gained popularity during the Great Famine that started in 1845 when girls could earn some income for their families, she said.

"Mountmellick was started by the Quakers in the famine and they taught the girls so they could sell them," she said. "There was often no other way to make money."

Luan Callery, the other accomplished needlewoman in the group today, is sitting at the opposite side of the room in an armchair. She is an award-winning needle worker and designer who favors stumpwork, a three-dimensional embroidery technique, and threadpainting, a surface embroidery technique that uses only one strand at a time of embroidery floss to create wonderfully detailed and dimensional pieces. She often designs her own work and today is creating embroidered leaves with wire and floss for a stumpwork piece.

Existing examples of embroidery, which includes any craft that requires a needle to apply thread or yarn in decorative patterns, stretch back to 30,000 year ago to Cro-Magnon Russia and are believed to have originated in Asia and the Middle East. Traditions in Western culture are traced to ancient Greek mythology and were largely viewed as a female domestic skill, along with other fiber arts, such as spinning and weaving. Experts have noted that while there's little change through time in the types of materials used, the craft results in remarkable sturdy and refined work. Most needle



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Dragon stumpwork by Diana Hutchinson.

workers still use the traditional silk, cotton and wool threads their forbears plied millennia ago. The techniques, however, vary throughout the world, and lavishly embroidered clothing and household goods became a visual signal of wealth, with many noble families employing an in-house embroiderer for personalized and singular service. Nuns, particularly in France and Italy, were often viewed as masters of the craft and employed their skill in the service of the Catholic Church.

Unsurprisingly, several of the ladies at the stitch-in were introduced to embroidery by their mothers and grandmothers. Sometime in the 15-16th centuries, materials and techniques became more accessible and a girl's facility with a needle became a marker of femininity, indicating her ability to provide clothing and linens for her future family. In colonial America, girls began work on samplers as early as six years of age in order to learn basic stitches, letters and numbers — useful for keeping track of linens — followed by skilled pictorial work that often conveyed the values and traits of the girl and her family as she approached a marriageable age.

Kathy Egan, whose current project is



"Girl with the Pearl Earring." Needlepoint by Lillianne Rivera.

a white-on-white needlepoint pattern, said her mother was always very patient with her as a child learning to manage a needle.

"My mom had seven kids, and she would stop what she was doing to help me," she said. "I got really good at French knots because of her."

Now with time, space and a desire to express their creativity, they've circled back to those elementary skills to build upon them. It's common, Ms. Hanway said, to turn to more utilitarian needle arts like sewing and knitting while raising a family and pick up the pretty techniques again when that phase of life has passed. For many of the women, it's a relaxing and productive pastime that can lift them out of their daily stress because they have to focus intently on their work.

"If you have a stressful day, if you sit down and stitch, your stress melts away," Ms. Hanway said.

Ann Smith, who worked on a needlepoint project, agreed and said her needlework was very therapeutic when her husband died. Ms. Egan also echoed the sentiment, acknowledging its calming effect during challenging periods of her life.

"During the most stressful times of



Smocking by Kathy.



In stumpwork, a three dimensional technique, shapes are formed by layering stitches around wires and cutting them out of place on the work's surface material. Here, Luan Callery stitches stumpwork leaves.

my life I was the most prolific," said Ms. Egan.

The relaxed atmosphere and intimate group are benefits of the summer season, when the frenetic pace set by the guild's snowbird members eases once they return home. Only about twenty active members remain in place during the hot months, whereas the group swells during winter to a size that requires a public place for gatherings such as this one. The calendar is packed with stitch-ins, meetings, field trips — this year took the group to St. Petersburg for shopping at Silk Road Needle Arts and Andersen's Bead rooms — and classes from visiting experts.

This past season, in addition to a full roster of events, the group also presented its biennial show of member works to the public. In addition to showcasing their skill to the public, the group also provides demonstrations, awards, a boutique and more.

"The public is amazed because they have no idea," said Luan Callery. It's a big undertaking, but the guild also has other community outreach initiatives to manage. For example, their chapter began a program in the 1990s to provide a stitched Habitat for Humanity logo for each local family occupying a house provided by the organization. More than 2,000 pieces later, the program has spread throughout the national guild.

The Neapolitan Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America is open to needle artists of all skill levels and people who are interested in the group may contact the group to attend a stitch-in. To join, guests are invited to contact Maria Genovine at mtgiovine@yahoo.com for information. Membership applications are also available on the website. The annual cost is \$57-\$69. Plural memberships are available for a reduced rate. For more information about the group, visit www.embroiderynaples.com. For more information about chapters around the country, visit Embroiderers Guild of America's website at www.egausa.org. ■



Ann Smith, Lillianne Rivera and Luan Callery working on their projects at a recent stitch in.

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Nicki's father, Dr. Nolan Pearl, has a difficult time thinking Lancaster is the right man to track down his daughter's tormentors. His wife is even more reluctant to trust rough-hewn Lancaster. But they succumb to his credentials and his self-confidence. They are in a panic, especially since two creeps attempted to abduct Nicki at a nearby mall. When Lancaster sees a video of the mall scene, he can tell the men are professionals.

I might be giving too much away by saying that Nicki is being mistaken for someone else — someone in porn videos designed and circulated to attract and trap degenerates. The actress is Beth Daniels, an FBI agent who turned to crimefighting after surviving abduction in her college years.

Daniels is also Nicki's aunt who is estranged from the family. Now she and Lancaster join forces to save Nicki and to protect other potential victims as well. While Daniels, whose career has been one of frustration, must play by the rules, Lancaster is rule-free. It's an unlikely pairing, but perhaps it has a future.

Mr. Swain, who lives in the Tampa area, takes readers through greater Fort Lauderdale, especially the city's seedy and sordid locations. Readers discover

how bad people can flourish in bad neighborhoods, which turn out to be good hiding places. While taking us on the tour and deeper into the case, the author brings readers inside the

feels responsible for what's happening to Nicki, as her age-regressed videos have put her niece at risk. Lancaster even tells her what a bad idea it was to use a version of herself as bait.

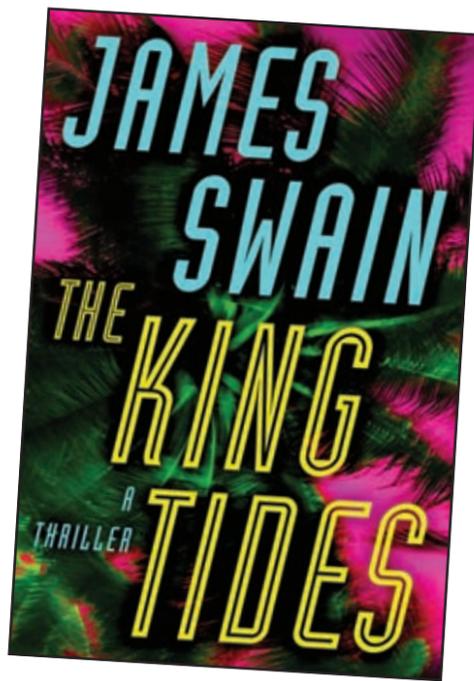
In working out the plot, Mr. Swain peels the onion skin over and over, revealing new — if transient — understandings of who might be guilty and with what motivations. Suspense is built out of this layering of revelations.

We have here a new dimension and a new flavor in Mr. Swain's mature career. The narrative prose seems especially fresh, the dialogue particularly crisp and engaging. The writer seems exhilarated with his new direction, this new trick up his sleeve. So is this reader.

About the author

James Swain has written 20 national bestselling novels and has also worked as a magazine editor and screenwriter. His books have been translated into 12 languages and chosen as Mysteries of the Year by Publisher's Weekly and Kirkus Reviews. He has received a Florida Book award for fiction and the prestigious Prix Calibre '38 for Best American Crime Writing. When he isn't writing, he enjoys performing close-up magic. ■

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



world of the depraved characters whose survival skills are as estimable as their addictions.

While his portrait of Lancaster is fully dimensional and most laudable, Mr. Swain's portrait of Daniels is spell-binding. The pressure she has put herself under is tearing her apart. She

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

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

Annie - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Aug. 11. 1380 Colonial Blvd. Show times and ticket prices vary. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

High School Musical, Jr. - By The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 11-12 at Hinman Auditorium. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

THURSDAY 7.26

Head Count - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary invites the public to assist in the North American Butterfly Association Summer Count to identify and record all the butterflies within the preserve's territory from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$3, registration required. 375 Corkscrew Road. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Symphonic - FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation about the origins of the classical symphony from 1:30-3 p.m. at Brooks Commons Club. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 9930 Coconut Road. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

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.

Love That Dress! - BouTeak by JM hosts a dress collection party as part of PACE Center for Girl's annual Love That Dress! fundraiser from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music. \$10, or donate a new or gently used dress. 5187 Tamiami Trail N. 778-8952 or www.bouteakbyjm.com.

Painted Posey - Naples Art Association hosts a two-part beaded jewelry series with wine kicking off from 6-9 p.m. with a subsequent class on Aug. 23. \$50 per class. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Tabletop Battles - Barnes & Noble invites guests to play Monopoly and other board games at 7 p.m. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

FRIDAY 7.27

Free Fun - Rookery Bay offers free admission or reduced admission to kids from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with themed activities each Friday through summer. This week's theme: reptiles! \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12 and free for little ones five and under. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Baseball Film - FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Field of Dreams" (1989) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. An Iowa corn farmer hears voices and follows their command to build a baseball diamond in his field. Once he does, the 1919 White Sox arrive. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Hard Funny - Comedian Christopher Titus performs tonight and Saturday, July 28, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.



SATURDAY 7.28

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.

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.

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

Paws for the Cause - The Humane Society's Paws Around Town bus will visit Weichert Realtors Premier Properties with adoptable animals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also available are mini-sessions with pet photographer Michelle S. Wood for \$25, who will donate \$20 from each purchase. 378 Fifth Ave. S. 643-1555 or www.hsnaples.org.

Concert in the Garden - Kelly & Mason Duo perform at Naples Botanical Garden from noon to 2 p.m. Free with admission. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

The Boy Who Lived - Naples Regional Library celebrates Harry Potter's birthday with themed activities and refreshments at 6 p.m. 650 Central Ave. 252-5135 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Laugh-In - Stage 2 Improv performs at 8 p.m. at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. \$15.4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

LBD - Blue Martini hosts its annual Little Black Dress Party, where women are invited to wear their favorite black dress and enjoy champagne specials, live entertainment and designer giveaways, at 8 p.m. \$10-\$25, proceeds will benefit Dress for Success SW Florida. www.eventbrite.com.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY 7.30

Free Concert - Stardust Memories Big band performs at Cambier Park's band shell from 7-9 a.m. each Monday. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Hula Girls" (Japan, 2006) at 7 p.m. Young women in a small Japanese town revive their home's declining fortunes by building a Hawaiian village tourist attraction. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

TUESDAY 7.31

Panther Encounter - Naples Zoo lets guests get up close and personal with Uno, a rescued Florida panther, each Tuesday at 9 a.m. \$55 for members, \$65 for others. Check website for additional animal encounters. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.1

Castles in the Sand - Children's Museum of Naples hosts its sixth annual Castles for Kids sand sculpting competition for families at La Playa Beach & Golf Club. 514-0084 or www.cmon.org.

COMING UP

Free Concert - Little Eddy & The Fat Fingers performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Get Up There - United Arts Council of Collier County hosts a day with spoken word artist Jeanette Hickman as she leads a writing and performing workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 4, followed by an open mic night from 7-9 p.m. at the organization's headquarters. Free, but registration required. 953 Fourth Ave. N. 254-8242 or www.uaccollier.org.

Improv Night - Square One Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Naples Performing Arts Center. \$12-\$15. 1048 Castello Drive. 597-6722 or www.naplesperformingartscenter.com.

Future Returns - Psychics, mediums, astrologers and more perform readings from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Unity Church of Bonita Springs. 28285 Imperial Pkwy. 947-3100 or www.unitybonita.org.

Musical Moments - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a musical tour of the 1920's at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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.paragontheaters.com.

Spa Day - The Spa at Naples Grande hosts an open house to introduce its new offering with select spa services, light hors d'oeuvres and samples of its exclusive haircare line from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. Free, but reservations required by Aug. 1. 375 Seagate Drive. 533-1363 or www.naplesgrande.com.

Blues Guitar - Guitarist Kenny Wayne Shepherd performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$50-\$87. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-eventcenter.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.

Art Reception - Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an opening reception for its exhibition "Power It Up: The Energy of Art" from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Featured artists are Hope Atwood Dayhoff, July Chinski, Ginny Mueller, Betty Newman, Joe Parisi, Vera Ripley, Jo-Ann Sanborn and Karen Swanker. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.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.

Improv Night - Square One Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Naples Performing Arts Center. \$12-\$15. 1048 Castello Drive. 597-6722 or www.naplesperformingartscenter.com.

Free Film - Mercato screens "Lion" at 8p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Doodle Night - Naples Art Association hosts wine with class on doodling from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. \$50. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

SoCal Sound - Singer/songwriter Chloe Caroline performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$20-\$40. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-eventcenter.com.

Rock Concert - Poetry Thieves perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$15-\$35. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-eventcenter.com.

Senior Prep - Leadership Coalition hosts a seminar entitled "Advanced Planning: Getting Your Affairs in Order" on Thursday, Sept. 13, at South Regional Library. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 687-3156 or www.collierseniorresources.org.

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 www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Terrifying Funk – Here Come The Mummies performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$32-\$55. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swfleventcenter.com.

Party in the Estuary – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center celebrates the 40th annual National Estuary Day with guided tours, paddleboard demonstrations, presentations and much more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Free, \$25 for VIP. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Laugh-In – Stage 2 Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. \$15. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.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, Oct. 3. Look for the magenta and white art flags to locate participating galleries. Free. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Free Concert – Rockin' Horse performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Free Film – Mercato screens "The Nightmare before Christmas" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Brew for You – Mercato hosts the seventh annual Brew-Ha-Ha Craft Beer Festival with samples of over sixty craft beers, live music, silent auction, competitions and more from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald Charities of Southwest Florida. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Wine for You – Naples Gulf Shore Sunset Rotary hosts a wine walk through Mercato from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, to benefit local charities. \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the event. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Trick-or-Treat – Mercato hosts a Halloween extravaganza with store-to-store trick-or-treating, a pumpkin patch, a deejay, face painting, stilt walkers and more from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Free Concert – Mudbone Fingers performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Art Wear – Naples Art Association hosts its second annual runway show and reception featuring wearable works of art, "Scene to Be Seen" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, followed by an after-party at 8:30 p.m. \$100-\$200. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Free Film – Mercato screens "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

All Lit Up – The Jewish Federation of Collier County hosts a Hanukkah celebration with a candle lighting, live music, children's activities and more at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.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.



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#LOVE IT

■ Count the butterflies as they flutter by with Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary as it participates in the annual **North American Butterfly Association's Summer Count** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26. The organization's survey territory is the only one in Collier County, so they need help!
— corkscrew.audubon.org

■ Make the kids ditch Fortnite and pass a few unplugged hours at **Barnes & Noble** playing board games at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26. — bn.com

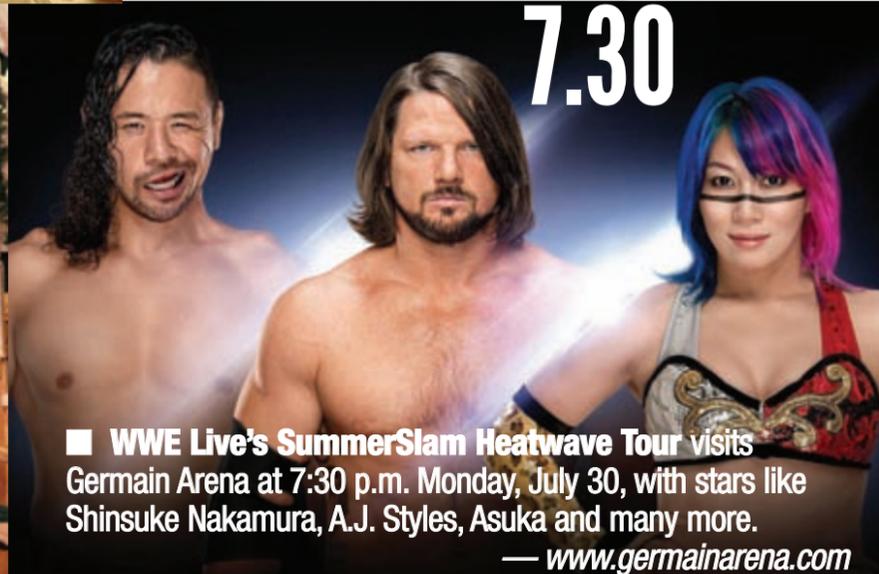


#LAUGH IT

■ Naples Regional Library celebrates **Harry Potter's birthday** with themed activities and refreshments at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28.
— www.collierlibrary.org



■ Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents "**Annie**" through Aug. 11. 1380 Colonial Blvd. Show times and ticket prices vary. Pictured: Piper Sobon as Annie, Peyton as Sandy, Melissa Whitworth as Grace and Victor Legarreta as Oliver Warbucks. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422.
— www.broadwaypalm.com



■ **WWE Live's SummerSlam Heatwave Tour** visits Germain Arena at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 30, with stars like Shinsuke Nakamura, A.J. Styles, Asuka and many more.
— www.germainarena.com



■ Belly laughs abound when **Stage 2 Improv** performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park.
— www.thestudioplayers.org

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LOBSTER

From page 1

those looking out from land, the view is often unbelievable.

Since its inception 43 years ago, mini-season has grown to become one of the most well attended and fiercely competitive events in Florida. Thousands of tourists from across the country fly into the Keys days beforehand, filling up hotels, RV parks, marinas and the guestrooms of generous friends and family. It's a huge event for recreational fishers, for the hospitality industry and especially for charter boats, which can sell out months in advance.

Families, couples, singles and strangers jostle together, all fighting for a spot on the most coveted boats, many of whom have honed their list of secret dive spots over the course of decades — a list so protected you're more likely to learn the Colonel's proprietary blend of 11 herbs and spices.

Charter customers are outfitted with the necessary gear, whether for SCUBA-diving or skin-diving, and led out onto the reefs to try their luck with a tickle stick. (Yes, that's a real thing. No, you can't get one at Fairvilla.)

By the book

The laws are strict: A legal bug must have a carapace (that's the middle part) of at least 3 inches and weigh at least 1 pound. Anything smaller, lighter or bearing eggs (females can carry as many as 2 million neon orange eggs on their bodies at a time) gets thrown back.

In Monroe County, the legal limit is six lobsters per person, per day, with the possession limit on the water equal to the daily bag limit. Rule-breakers who are caught get punished, hard: fines, jail time, their mug shot splashed across the daily sheriff's blog.

For those venturing out with a legal charter, a good captain will provide equipment, instruction and a strongly enforced environment of safety — for both passengers and the reef. Capt. Steven P. Lamp, who runs Dream Catcher Charters, has seen firsthand how over-enthusiastic and under-prepared tourism can wreak havoc on the delicate reef system that surrounds Key West. He makes sure each of his charters implements safe diving practices as well as environmentally conscious anchoring, the absence of which can cause mass destruction.

"I can't tell you how many hard groundings we see out there, smashing into the flats with boats that really should not be in the backcountry and anchors that flip over coral heads pulled by folks who power out

"If you don't know, ask a local. We at Dream Catcher Charters are always ready to help a person who is misguided out there, (in order) to help save our shallows."

— Captain Steven P. Lamp



SEASQUARED CHARTERS / COURTESY PHOTO

Lobster mini-season is a huge day for recreational fishers, the hospitality industry and especially for charter boats, which can sell out months in advance.

to get the anchor up," he says.

Keep it fun

It's vital that people take the time to do things safely, not just for their own well-being, but so they can enjoy themselves. According to Lamp, sometimes people get so wrapped up in the frenzy of the season, they forget to have fun on their vacation.

"I think many folks that come here for the bugs in mini season are under a ton of stress. They try to do the whole vacation thing in three days," he explains. "It's pricey. Weather can do anything. Spots are overloaded with people ... many come here and enjoy the night life, which makes them careless that night and cranky the next day."

Lamp has been in the business for more than a decade, and his charters are some of the most highly reviewed in the Keys. He's seen it all, and nowadays, business is

good enough that he only takes a limited number of charters out on one of the two days of mini-season. A living practitioner of the old "teach a man to fish ..." adage, he does everything possible to ensure that it's the customer who bags his or her bug, not the captain.

"Lobstering for first-timers can be difficult," he says. "We teach the best way we can without harvesting them ourselves."

He urges his customers and anyone visiting the island to be respectful of the island's residents, who invite visitors to enjoy the open waters surrounding their home alongside them. More often than not, he says, locals are willing to offer help or guidance.

Even if you're not a paying customer, Lamp is adamant that divers should feel comfortable asking for help when they need it — especially when it comes to protecting the reef. "If you don't know, ask a local," he says. "We at Dream Catcher

Charters are always ready to help a person who is misguided out there, (in order) to help save our shallows."

Safety first, always

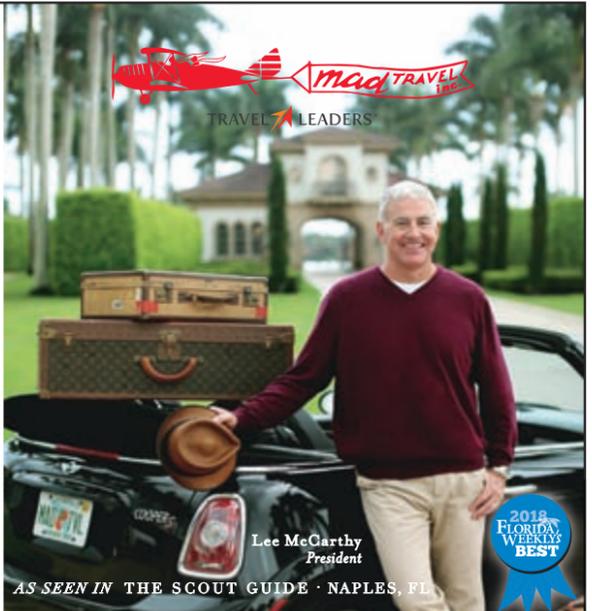
You don't have to be Michael Phelps to enjoy a full day's worth of lobstering, but it is recommended that participants have, at the very least, an adequate amount of experience with snorkeling. Tides can change, and with so many bodies in the water it's important to always have a partner nearby. Diving alone — never recommended — has had deadly consequences in mini-seasons past; just a couple of years ago, 22-year-old Joseph Grosso had wrapped up a successful day of diving with his brother when he decided to go back down, alone, for one more dive. It's unclear whether Grosso became tangled in his dive rope or simply misjudged the amount of air he had left in his SCUBA tank. He sur-



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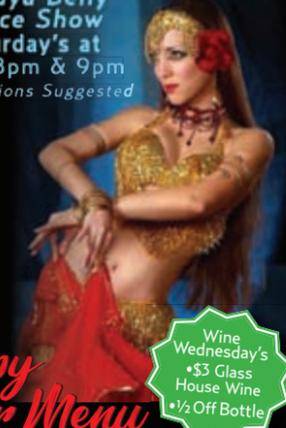
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faciated unconscious, and despite resuscitation attempts, died of suffocation.

The drive to catch just one more has proven fatal in a number of other instances, which is why so much of the marketing surrounding 2018's mini-season seems to be focused on safe diving practices.

For Christy and Chris Johnson of Sea-Squared Charters (and yes, it's a pun on their C-squared names), it's important that none of their customers waste precious energy diving at fruitless spots. Though the duo has amassed hundreds of GPS lobster hole locations over the course of their 13 years in the charter business, they still make sure a crewmember on one of their four boats jumps in first to make sure the hole is "live." After ensuring lobsters are present, they offer in-water lessons on how best to locate the bugs and tickle them out of their holes.

Like Lamp, it's important to the Johnsons that their customers are taught how to catch lobsters themselves, rather than sit back and watch their booty be netted for them.

"They don't do the work for the guests, but they're there to coach them for success," says Chris, whose company hosts family-friendly charters for a variety of sport fish year-round.

"With families, it's all about quality time together without the interruption of electronics or the everyday business of life," he explains. "Providing them with a charter experience that exceeds their expectations. Showing them the beauty and wonder of our coral reef. Making sure they laugh and have fun."

This precise emphasis on the enjoyment of and reverence for nature has become pervasive amongst most charters operating out of the Keys. For the Johnsons, focusing their charters on less-crowded spots a few miles out into Florida Bay ensures their customers are not so bogged down with other bodies that they lose sight of the purpose of the trip: to have fun and, hopefully (but not at risk of one's life), to bring back a bug or two for dinner.

If you must strike out on your own — guideless — through the vast blue void, at least rent a boat from a legitimate outfit. We recommend the good folks at Spencer's Boatyard. At the bottom of the Palm Avenue Bridge, Spencer's has everything from a 17-foot Boston Whaler to a 22-foot Panga or a 26-foot deck boat, so pick your favorite and Godspeed, mighty bug-hunt-warrior.

The secret of success

And now to the good stuff: how best to snag a bug during the mad rush to the reef.

First, understand your prey. The spiny lobster is most often found hiding under coral heads, though they can also be spotted walking slowly forward across the ocean floor. When startled, their leisurely

stroll turns into a disappearing act; if they catch even a hint of danger, bugs will flex their tails and jet backward at shocking speed, usually into a deep hole from which extracting them is very difficult. This, friends, is where you want to grab your tickle stick (or your neighbor's, if you're into that sort of thing).

Gently tease the back of the lobster, which should cause it to amble forward. Once it has emerged from its hidey-hole, you're in position to place your net behind its tail.

Take advantage of the creature's built-in defense mechanism by moving your tickle stick to its front. If you've done your job correctly, your bug will be frightened enough to zoom backward ... right into your net.

It might sound easy. But it isn't.

Lobster can be fiendishly difficult to coax from their protective caves, and any murkiness in the water can make visibility impossible. You are not allowed to spear them, and if you're lucky enough to find one, you might also find yourself elbow-to-elbow with someone who swears they spotted it first.

More importantly: Before you can remove a lobster from the ocean to put in your boat, you must measure it to ensure it meets the legal limits. Hundreds of bugs have been lost to those sorry souls who gleefully manage to snare their first one after hours of trying, only to find out it's a hair too short.

While there are those who swear by the lobster snare method, purists maintain the only real way to catch a bug is by using your own two (gloved) hands. Whichever method you choose, be conscious and wary of other ocean creatures that might make their home alongside a lobster in its hole, including moray eels, stingray, fire coral and lionfish.

Steer clear of commercial lobster traps and of protected waters, including the Dry Tortugas and Everglades, too.

Make sure your dive gear has been checked recently and that you are in good enough shape to tread water twice as long as you might think.

Make sure you have your dive flag, that you never dive alone and that you avoid accidentally snaring someone's head instead of a lobster.

Protect yourself from the sun (contrary to popular belief, clear water is not the same as SPF 50) and have plenty of provisions in your boat, including a radio.

Be kind to the reef, and to your fellow hunters.

But above all else, before you set out for what promises to be another record-breaking, heart-pumping, lobster-snatching mini-season: Make sure you have plenty of butter in the fridge back home. Oh, and a pot big enough to hold those tasty suckers. ■

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WHEEL

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kind of stretched profile that looks like it wants to own the asphalt.

So the first impression is out to be one of extravagance than of the frugal machine within.

While the base CT6 starts at \$55K, this hybrid is a \$76,090 machine. Cadillac makes up that difference by giving it plenty of standard features that would otherwise be upgrades. There's a head-up display, Bose 10-speaker surround sound stereo, 360-degree parking camera, power sunshade, cooled seats, dual rear entertainment screens and a night vision camera.

Even with all these amenities, buyers need to be mindful about a very specific option: The all-black interior has nearly no color distinction, and all the plastic pieces have a similar sheen to the leather. In fact, one person thought he was in a rental car. Luckily for Caddy fans, there are two no-cost color options for a far more premium experience. (The gas-only versions of CT6 go one step further with a platinum package that's worth every penny, as it upgrades the interior colors and materials to world-class. It's not available on the Chinese-built hybrid model, though.)

Yes, this Caddy came from China. A legendary American brand importing a flagship sedan from the Far East isn't blasphemy; it's just economics.

All the fully gas-powered CT6s are proudly built in Detroit, but the hybrid version comes from the other factory where the car is far more popular. The Chinese government is making a heavy push away from fossil fuels; in fact, some

major cities such as Shanghai have areas where combustion engine cars are not allowed. That makes a plug-in luxury hybrid a true asset in China compared to just a personal statement in the U.S. It would likely be unprofitable for the Detroit factory to tool up for this version, so GM's only real choice for us was to import or to not offer it at all.

What really matters in the eco-car world is what's under the hood. There's a 2.0-liter turbocharged gas engine with two electric motors sandwiched between it and the transmission. The batteries are larger than those of competitors. This eats into the trunk space, but the good news is the CT6 plug-in has a pure electric range of up to 31 miles. That's impressive in the luxury hybrid world.

And this green machine is no slouch. The turbo gas motor makes 265 horsepower, and the electric power brings the total rating to 335 horsepower. When driven for sport instead of economy, the instant torque of the electric motors makes it quick off the line before adding gas power under heavy acceleration.

The motors are constantly looking for the ideal balance of gas and electricity, including braking regeneration and battery charging. This causes the car to rev higher in odd situations like idle and low-speed driving. It doesn't feel like the driver is losing any control, but it does give the impression the vehicle is constantly doing high-level math in the background.

Cadillac is not alone in going after the narrow, but distinct, high-class hybrid market.

Earlier this year we reviewed the BMW 740e full-size plug-in. On paper, the Cadillac is the instant winner. As a pure electric vehicle, it delivers more than double the 14 miles of the German-made Beamer. The Cadillac has 10 more horsepower in pure gas form, and 13



more total horsepower than BMW. Plus, the base price of the CT6 plug-in is \$15,875 less than the 740e. The gap is even a bit wider for owners, because the Cadillac's larger range makes it available for a \$7,500 tax credit — nearly \$3,000 more than offered for the BMW.

But unlike its more expensive com-

petitors, it takes a mindful eye to properly dial-in the CT6 plug-in's luxury-level experience. And that's important, because once the kudos for going green die down, flagship cars are more about flaunting premium than value. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Looking for a sign? Here it is.



If you're looking for a sign in your life, take a drive down McGregor Boulevard.

Just outside downtown Fort Myers, at the intersection of McGregor and Altamont (a street name that always makes me think of the Stones), you'll likely find one outside Custom Fitness.

Owner Karen Goldberg has made a tradition of putting inspirational quotes on a sandwich sign for all to see. Sometimes the sign is on the sidewalk, easily readable from the street as you drive by; sometimes it's facing out, propped up against the gym's glass wall.

She has only five lines to work with, with room for 10 or 11 characters on each line. That's even fewer characters than a Tweet.

They're so short, they sound like Zen koans, or things Yoda might say.

The quotes have to do with fitness, but like Nike's "Just do it" slogan, many can apply to other areas of life, too.

For example, a recent one: "Fear not going slow. Fear standing still."

While you can apply it to the act of getting fit, you can also apply it to so many other things, such as relationships or your career; sometimes progress is made in incremental steps and growth can only be seen in hindsight.

Ms. Goldberg, who also acts and directs at Theatre Conspiracy and is a founding member of the company based at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, likes to approach things creatively.

She was inspired to start using signs at her boutique gym after seeing one outside a chiropractor's office.

"It had to do with a Mother's Day special," she says. "It said something like, 'Your Mother called. She wants to feel great,' or something like that. I liked the concept. It didn't just say, 'Come in for three free sessions.'"

"It was fun. And you know what? It made me read the sign."

When she needed a sign for the gym, she knew it would have to be creative.

So she wrote: "Your Mom called. She wants better balance."

"Like all the great artists, I copy," she jokes. She'll find quotes online and use them or reword them for her own purposes.



Her favorite? "Our heaviest weight is our front door."

"It's an old trope; if you open that door, you've made the commitment to be there," she says.

During the annual Edison Festival, she cleverly put a couple of Thomas Edison quotes on the sign. "There is no substitute for hard work" was one. Then: "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration."

She's also quoted hockey player Wayne Gretzky: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

"I stole one from a gym in France," she allows, adding, "Sometimes I write them. And sometimes I amend ones I find online, as they're too long for my sign."

She did have a client suggest one: "Blame it on the Bosu." (A Bosu is a half-sphere piece of balancing equipment.)

"I thought it was hilarious," Ms. Goldberg says. "Most people won't get the bossa nova reference (to the old Edye Gorme song), but I do."

Some have a sly humor to them, such as the one that read: "Running late for work doesn't count."

Others include:

"Excuses don't burn calories, our sauna does."

"Wake up, kick ass, sleep, repeat."

"Sweat is just your fat crying!"

"These weights aren't going to lift themselves."

"Sweat, smile and repeat."

"The body achieves what the mind believes."

"Just do it. Then do it again."

"Be stronger than your excuses."

"If you can text, you can lift."

"Whether you think you can or can't, you're right."

"The only bad workout is the one you didn't do."

"Today is another chance to get it right."

"Push yourself. No one else will."

"Muscles look good on you!"

"Sweat or regret. Choose wisely."

"Healthy looks good on everybody!"

"You can't finish what you don't start."

"See what happens when you don't give up."

"Fitness. The gift that keeps giving!"

"Good things come to those who sweat."

"Don't be average. Be awesome."

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

"I want my signs to be inspirational," Ms. Goldberg says, "and sometimes I just plain out want funny. And if I find something that's a cross between fitness and funny, that's my favorite."

She changes the message frequently.

"I get bored easily," she says. "I don't want a sign that says the same thing all the time." If it did, she explains, the sign would just blend into the landscape and people would stop noticing it.

People enjoy them, and often tell her what their favorites are.

"I do hope to inspire," she says.

And, of course, she adds, "I hope it gets them in the door."

Or, gives them a nudge in the direction they need to go. ■

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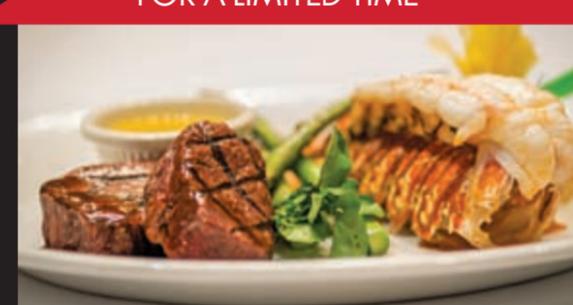
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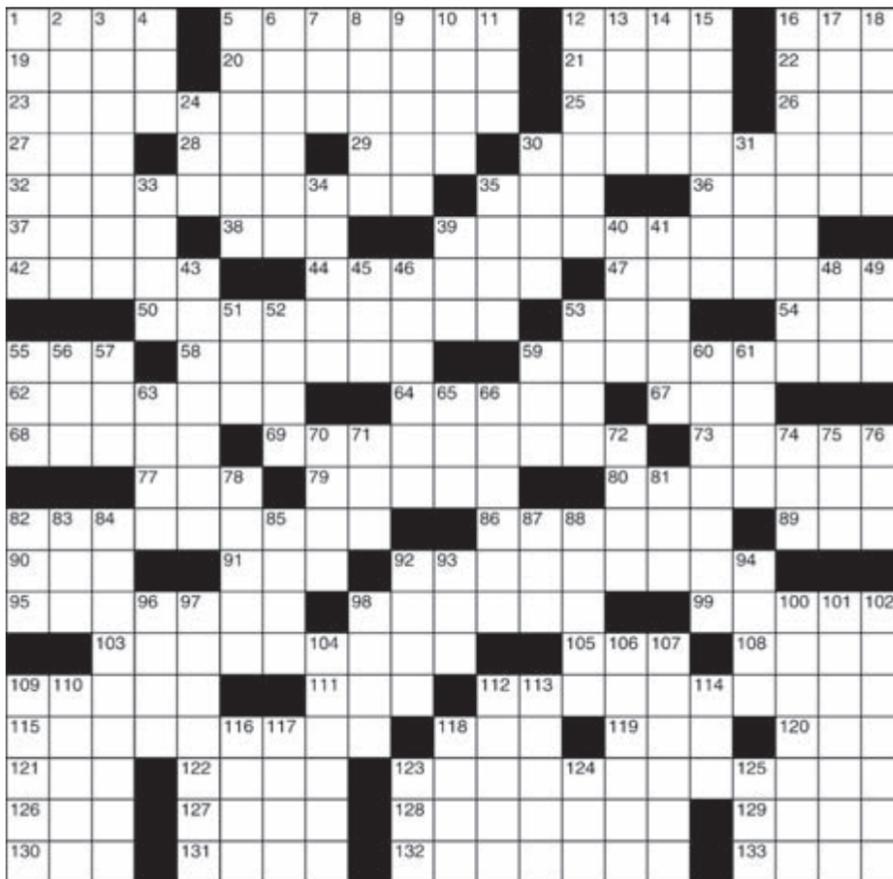
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 - 5 Significance
 - 12 Wee bits
 - 16 Pine- —
 - 19 Bi- + hexa-
 - 20 "My —" (Willa Cather novel)
 - 21 Panache
 - 22 Kin of mono-
 - 23 Very hot shrubby wasteland?
 - 25 Law firm aide, in brief
 - 26 Mutt's threat
 - 27 Stuff making a big bang
 - 28 Harem room
 - 29 45s' cousins
 - 30 Average desert drainage basin?
 - 32 Reaction to inhaling element #2?
 - 35 Without a — (very poor)
 - 36 Painful things to touch
 - 37 They may hold gold
 - 38 Big blue body
 - 39 Goldfish doing a funny circus act?
 - 42 Literary critic Connolly
 - 44 "C'mon, help me out here"
 - 47 Accept an insult humbly
 - 50 Paunch from overdoing it on Mexican food?
 - 53 Hellenic "T"
 - 54 Brit's lav
 - 55 "You, over there!"
 - 58 Jersey's largest city
 - 59 Mink coat taken by a thief?
 - 62 Vamoose
 - 64 Actor Mueller-Stahl
 - 67 Vast time span
 - 68 Plains home
 - 69 One given a water shaft as a gift?
 - 73 Sports show summary
 - 77 Jackie's Onassis
 - 79 Waterfall nymph
 - 80 Tasty bits
 - 82 Steers a ship's front right or left?
 - 86 Otter cousin
 - 89 Yalie's nickname
 - 90 '50s prez
 - 91 Grafton's "— for Alibi"
 - 92 Twisted wit used by a film's actors?
 - 95 Character
 - 98 Dressed like many a Scot
 - 99 Small ducks
 - 103 Forward thrust in water polo?
 - 105 U.S. soldiers
 - 108 "I cannot tell —"
 - 109 "Need —?" (driver's query)
 - 111 Dads
 - 112 Fine dishes that have been split?
 - 115 Brush off a bishop's hat?
 - 118 Nanny's cry
 - 119 Gold, in Peru
 - 120 Chill (out)
 - 121 Pal, to Pierre
 - 122 Norse god
 - 123 Message spelled out by the 12 added letters in this puzzle
 - 126 Mil. rank
 - 127 Feat of skill
 - 128 Winds off a spool
 - 129 "— boy!" ("All right!")
 - 130 H.S. subject
 - 131 See 75-Down
 - 132 Brand of Irish cream
 - 133 Sonnet, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 After this, to a logician
 - 2 Set design
 - 3 Country's — Brothers
 - 4 Black gunk
 - 5 Little candies with shells
 - 6 Hold the interest of
 - 7 One "A" of NCAA: Abbr.
 - 8 Festive 53-Downs
 - 9 Like many smartphone game purchases
 - 10 Tiny peevish
 - 11 Exclamation of frustration
 - 12 Indiana university
 - 13 Jai follower
 - 14 Comic Roseanne
 - 15 Is testy with
 - 16 Many a placebo
 - 17 One way to eat pastrami
 - 18 Former Italian coins
 - 24 Debtor's slip
 - 30 Hoodwink
 - 31 Byron, e.g.
 - 33 "That so?"
 - 34 Limerick's rhyme scheme
 - 35 Do in
 - 39 Mil. rank
 - 40 In the vicinity
 - 41 Reason
 - 43 Advice-giving Ann
 - 45 Perpetually, in verse
 - 46 Acid's counterpart
 - 48 Small deer
 - 49 Boatload
 - 51 Co. biggie
 - 52 Repetitive cry of pain
 - 53 Song
 - 55 Prez elected in '48
 - 56 Wring (out) puppy's bark
 - 59 Bill with Abe
 - 60 Major rainfall
 - 61 Bills with Washington
 - 63 College VIP
 - 65 Nutrition amt.
 - 66 Unassuming
 - 70 Seth's eldest son
 - 71 Edict
 - 72 Islamic chief
 - 74 Third letter
 - 75 With 131-Across, listening intently
 - 76 Tire inflation abbr.
 - 78 Toothpaste brand of old
 - 81 Yoko —
 - 82 Advice tidbit
 - 83 Short guitar, for short
 - 84 Lifting again
 - 85 Iranian cash
 - 87 U.S. 10, e.g.
 - 88 Gnat relative
 - 92 Smokes
 - 93 Heady quaff
 - 94 "You betcha"
 - 96 Carpet area meas.
 - 97 Make obsolete
 - 98 Trunk knot
 - 100 Aware of and interested in
 - 101 Striped
 - 102 Big name in whiskey
 - 104 Topples
 - 106 "I wish that were true!"
 - 107 Accent
 - 109 Maxim
 - 110 Unit of light
 - 112 Island off the Italian coast
 - 113 Jacket flap
 - 114 Bovine beast
 - 116 Mind product
 - 117 Arena part
 - 118 "Munich" star Eric
 - 123 Nerve center
 - 124 "— -hawl!"
 - 125 Talk noisily



SEE ANSWERS, C13

HOROSCOPES

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22

to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question

for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest. ■

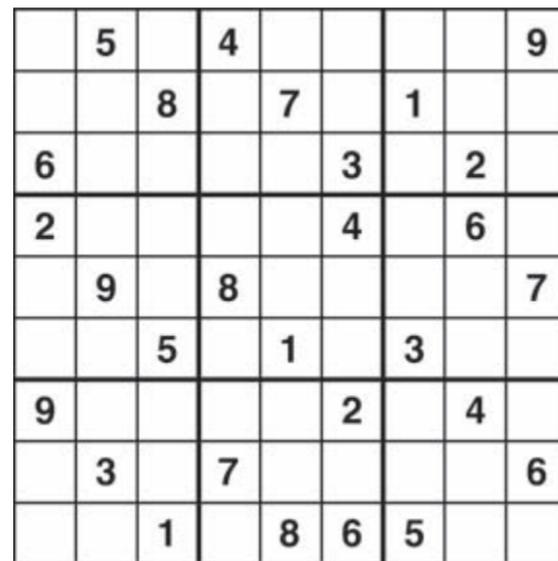
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Difficulty level:



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Reducing the luck element

BY STEVE BECKER

In many hands that appear to depend on the success of a finesse — ordinarily a 50-50 proposition — declarer may be able to increase his chances by adopting a different method of play that avoids or at least delays the finesse. For example, he may establish a side suit or devise an endplay, and in so doing raise his chances of making the contract to better than 50 percent and possibly as high as 100 percent.

The same general idea applies to cases where a favorable suit break is involved. In today's deal, let's say East wins the spade lead with the queen and continues with the ace, which South ruffs. If South then draws two rounds of trump and plays the ace and another club, hoping for a 2-2 split, he goes down.

But this would be the wrong way to play the hand. What he should do after ruffing the spade is lead a heart to the eight, ruff a diamond, cross to the king of hearts, cash the ace of diamonds and ruff dummy's last diamond.

With all the spades and diamonds eliminated from dummy, South now leads a low club and plays low after West produces the queen. West is then forced to return a diamond or a spade, allowing South to discard a club from dummy while he ruffs in his hand and so make the contract. East cannot save his partner by overtaking the queen of clubs with the king, since he would have

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥		

Opening lead — four of spades.

to return a spade or a club, either of which also hands declarer the contract.

This method of play caters not only to the clubs being 2-2, but also to a 3-1 division with West holding a singleton honor. Similarly, if West should happen to follow low to the first club lead, the nine would then be played from dummy, endplaying East if he started with a singleton club honor. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Leave No Trace ★★★

(Ben Foster, Thomasin McKenzie, Dale Dickey) A father (Foster) and daughter (McKenzie) live off the grid in Oregon, but things change when he is arrested for living on public land. It's a minimalist, fascinating study of an unusual but healthy father-daughter relationship that features solid performances from Foster and McKenzie. Rated PG.

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ★★

(Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, James Cromwell) Claire (Howard) and Owen (Pratt) return to the setting of "Jurassic World" to evacuate the dinosaurs when a volcano threatens the island. The premise may be a bit different, but not much feels new, or fresh. It's a downer when you spend 128 minutes watching a movie and leave feeling like you've seen it before. Rated PG-13.

American Animals ★★★½

(Evan Peters, Blake Jenner, Barry Keoghan) Four college students steal rare books from a university library in 2004. Watching these normal guys plan and execute a heist, and wrestle with their consciences along the way, is a fascinating exposé of otherwise good people doing a bad thing. Rated R.

Incredibles 2 ★★★

(Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson) When Elastigirl (Hunter) is given an assignment,

Mr. Incredible (Nelson) has to stay home with the kids in this sequel to Pixar's 2004 hit. This is the 20th Pixar movie and it's not among the studio's best, but it is quite satisfying. Rated PG.

Ocean's 8 ★★

(Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway) Debbie Ocean (Bullock) and her team plan to steal a \$150 million necklace during the Met Gala in New York City. A spinoff of the male-dominated "Ocean's II" movies, this female-led dramedy lacks the wit, clarity and ingenuity to keep us interested. Rated PG-13.

The Seagull ★★

(Annette Bening, Saoirse Ronan, Elisabeth Moss) Based on Anton Chekhov's renowned play, the adaptation follows a group of mismatched lovers at a Russian summer estate in the early 1900s. Some of the humor and drama connects, but too often it's too listless to ignite the screen. You're left with the feeling that you'd rather see this extraordinary cast perform the play on stage. Rated PG-13.

Solo: A Star Wars Story ★½

(Alden Ehrenreich, Donald Glover, Joonas Suotamo) Young Han Solo (Ehrenreich) meets Lando (Glover) and Chewbacca (Suotamo), and flies the Millennium Falcon for the first time, in this "Star Wars" story. Ehrenreich doesn't have Harrison Ford's boyish charm in the title role, which is a shame. Worse, though, is the labored story and murky color scheme. Rated PG-13. ■



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'Skyscraper'

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★★★★

Is it worth \$10? Yes

In the marketing blitz prior to the release of "Skyscraper," Dwayne Johnson released two "vintage" posters for the film, one an ode to "Die Hard" and the other paying homage to "The Towering Inferno." The choices are appropriate, as "Skyscraper" is very much in the mode of those action classics. And to its credit, it's a fun watch in its own right.

This is not a movie for the faint of heart or the altophobic.

Johnson stars as Will Sawyer, a safety and security expert hired to inspect the new tallest building in the world, called the Pearl, in Hong Kong. The former FBI agent with a prosthetic leg takes his wife Sarah (Neve Campbell), daughter Georgia (McKenna Roberts) and son Henry (Noah Cottrell) along for the trip.

Things are fine until Will is double-crossed by his ex-partner (Pablo Schreiber) and framed for setting the 220-story building on fire.

Will is across town when the fire begins, which means he needs to get back into the building above the fire line on the 96th floor to save his family, all while being pursued by police. This leads to him climbing up a 100-story crane, rotating it around, swinging its hook to break a window and then jumping from the crane into the building. It's astonishing. The scene is in the trailers and on the film's main poster, and it has inspired a good deal of derision for its unlikelihood and ignorance of science. I daresay that if you're worried about the science in an action movie about a tall building on fire starring a former professional wrestler once known as "The Rock," you're missing the point.

Which is, of course, to have fun with the ride writer/director Rawson Marshall Thurber takes us on.

For good measure, Thurber has Johnson walk outside the tower a la Tom Cruise in "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol." He also uses a hall of mirrors in the climax, a gimmick that so

many movies ("John Wick 2," etc.) have utilized that it's been parodied by Key & Peele. Overall, the action is exciting, nicely edited and highlighted by death-defying leaps at ridiculously high heights. In other words, you've seen this kind of thing before, just not quite like this.

The dialog is clunky and often expository, and the villains are stock characters who lack motivation. "Skyscraper" does one thing that surprises, though, and it's a better movie because of it. The role of the hero's wife is often minimal in these types of films, but not here.



Campbell's Sarah is a surgeon who did three tours of duty in Afghanistan, so she kicks butt as well. And just when you think Sarah's been written out about halfway through, you suddenly learn the story isn't done with her. Good for Thurber for writing the character this way, and for Campbell for playing it with conviction. A strong woman in an enjoyable male-dominated summer action movie is more than enough reason to give this a chance. ■

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>> Dwayne Johnson and director Rawson Marshall Thurber previously collaborated on the dreadful "Central Intelligence" (2016).

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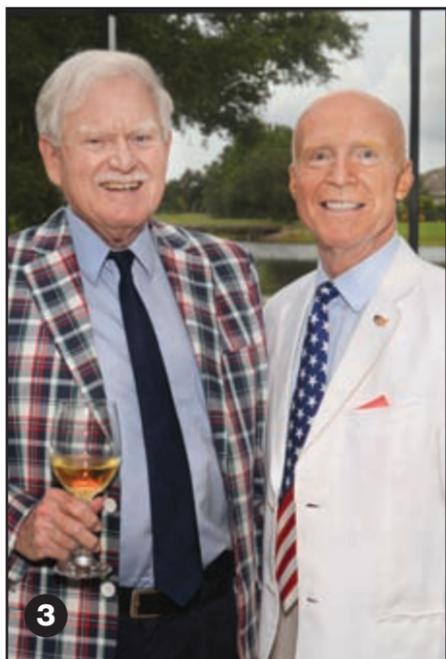
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CUISINE NEWS



Students working in the Bonita Bay Club kitchen under the direction of Chef Richard Brumm.

Under the guidance of Bonita Bay Club director of culinary operations, Richard Brum, Estero High School students Freddy Figueroa, Amy Halifax, Kaitlyn Jacobson and Angel Jimenez participated in the club's third annual Culinary Bootcamp. The intensive experience allowed the kids to immerse themselves in the daily life of a professional chef. Brum and his team introduced the aspiring culinarians to practical kitchen management skills such as ordering, receiving and food safety before moving on to techniques such as sauce work, vegetable fabrication, garde manger and platter creation.

"Now, they can see firsthand what working in the field is like and learn what to expect in terms of career progression," said Mr. Brumm.

The camp is also a useful recruiting tool for the club, which hired three participants from the program's inaugural year. Mr. Brumm will continue to mentor Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Halifax, Ms. Jacobson and Mr. Jimenez as they progress through their culinary studies into the professional arena.

"It's amazing to see young students discover their passion for the profession," said Mr. Brumm. "We're so happy to be able to help cultivate that talent at Bonita Bay Club — it's truly rewarding."

For more information about the program, call 949-5061 or visit www.bonitabay.com.

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Take Note:

Crave Culinaire hosts a five-course craft beer dinner featuring brews from Bone Hook Brewing Co. at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Featured beers include the brewery's Sandbar Surfer (Kolsch-style beer), Honey Hole Hefeweizen (German pilsner), Ladies' Night (cherry stout), Dirty Dave's (IPA) and Chocolate Putin (Russian Imperial Stout). \$65 per person. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 252-1529 or www.venueinaples.com.

Purple Spoon hosts a dinner featuring goods from North Fort Myers' Asbury Acres that includes an opportunity to meet owners Shane and Dee Sieg from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. On the menu are duck egg fritattas, lemon-braised chicken, pork spiedini and apple-pecan bread with bacon. \$78, includes wine pairings. 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purple Spoonfl.com.

The French celebrates **National White Wine Day** all week with a featured vintage Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, ending with a tasting on Saturday, Aug. 4. The roster of showcased wine includes Domaine Jean-Marc Brocard's Chablis St. Claire (Monday), Maison Louis' Jadot Chardonnay (Tuesday), Domaine Girard Sancerre's La Garrene (Wednesday), J Adam's Riesling Les Natures (Thursday) and Domaine Francois Chidaine's Sauvignon Blanc. Price per night varies according to each wine, \$10 for Saturday's tasting. 365 Fifth Ave. S. 315-4019 or www.thefrenchnaples.com.

La Moraga has partnered with aplantbaseddiet.com to host a vegan, Mediterranean-inspired dinner to benefit the organization on Saturday, Aug. 18. Featured dishes include cherry gazpacho topped with tofu snow, Moroccan stew, grilled kebob marinated in piri-piri and served with tahini sauce, miso-baked tofu and a wine poached pear with chocolate and crushed peanuts. \$26, reservations required. 3936 Tamiami Trail N. 331-3669 or www.lamoragarestaurant.com.

Sea Salt hosts a prix-fixe wine dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, with dishes such as shrimp grits and wagyu flat iron steak. \$65 per person. 1186 Third St. S. 434-7258 or www.seasaltnaples.com.

21 Spices hosts a beer pairing event on Thursday, July 26, where guests will enjoy dishes such as lamb galoti kebobs, paneer tikka kebobs, chicken vindaloo, Maine lobster tail and pistachio kulfee paired with beers from Founders Brewing Co. \$45 per person. 4270 Tamiami Trail E. 919-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com.

The Continental offers a lunch version of its popular Craftsman bar series from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, where bartenders will offer a four-course cocktail and food pairing featuring vinegar-laced shrubs. \$45 per person. 1205 Third St. S. 659-0007 or visit www.damicoscontinental.com.

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The Details: Did you know that Whole Foods has its own sit-down restaurant? I'm talking about past all those tasty lunch items, past the baked goods counter and even beyond the dizzying array of wines. Nestled in the back right corner of the store is High Tide Bar & Grill, a culinary concept in place for a little over a year as the Mercato Whole

Foods underwent a multi-million renovation process. They have breakfast items priced as low as \$5 and a great mix of lunch and dinner options made to order. I went with a shareable dish, the burrata caprese with prosciutto. The cheese was light and creamy, with plenty of tomatoes, bruschetta bread and prosciutto to pair for a delightful, light lunch.

One More Thing: Though they do have a wine list guests can choose from, you should be able to buy essentially whatever you want from the store and bring it over to High Tide to pair with your meal. Also an open secret of Whole Foods itself — you can try anything in the store. They will open up a full box of whatever goodies catch your eye so you can get a taste-test. Give it a try! ■

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CUISINE REVIEW

Namba offers a delicious sojourn through Japanese-style gastropub



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The term izakaya may be new to you, but if you've been to Namba Ramen & Sushi, you have experienced this Japanese version of a gastropub.

It has a relaxed, informal vibe, with mellow music wafting through the tranquil space filled with muted hues – bamboo lanterns, pale green walls and lots of light wood – and a cozy 36 seats.

Presiding at the bar is chef/owner Pitak “Koko” Hermkhunthod, aka Chef Koko. He is the creative force who helped launch Zen Asian Bistro to great acclaim. In January, he opened Namba in the Marketplace at Pelican Bay, on the southwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and U.S. 41.

Originally from Thailand, Chef Koko trained in Japan for 5 years, learning the fine art of sushi creation, then headed to New York City and two years with famed Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto. Next was Miami before he landed in Naples. I hope he puts down roots here because his ramen is magnificent, his sushi is a study in elegant simplicity and the small plates we tasted were superb.

(A note: The chef returns from a vacation in Thailand and Japan on Aug. 3. While the restaurant is open, there will be no sushi until Monday, Aug. 6.)

Know first that because of its diminutive size, Namba (named for a district in Osaka, Japan) takes no reservations, so be prepared for a wait unless you get there at an off hour. That's what we did, arriving for a late lunch on a Saturday afternoon.

The result was that the two servers had plenty of time to cater to our needs and did a fine job of it.

There are standard wines available, but we chose sake, which seemed fitting on a blazing summer day. The Ozeki Junmai Daiginjo Sake Platinum needed a bit more chilling when it arrived, but our server quickly brought over an ice bucket. This California sake was smooth and not overly sweet, with subtle fruit and floral notes that complemented the food.

As befits an izakaya, there are several small plates that are meant for sharing. We tried the Brussels sprouts (\$9), grilled shiitake mushrooms (\$8), rock shrimp tempura (\$12) and Berkshire



These deep-fried Brussels sprouts will make a believer out of even the most confirmed non-sprout eater.



Rock shrimp tempura come with house-made mayo laced with lime and cilantro.

pork belly buns (\$12).

The pork, which is braised for 8 hours, was moist and exceedingly tender, tucked into an equally tender steamed bun that also contained pickled cucumber, lettuce, cilantro, hoisin sauce and a touch of what I think was house-made mayo. There were two of these little treasures and, luckily for me, my companion eats no meat. I devoured every bit.

Nothing else could measure up, I thought. I was wrong.

The Brussels sprouts were halved, lightly fried, tossed in a light citrus miso dressing then topped with bits of bacon and candied walnuts. Brussels sprout lovers will swoon over these tender-crisp, slightly sweet morsels and those who don't think they like them will change their minds.

The grilled shiitakes were brushed with grapeseed oil, tossed in wafu (a blend of soy sauce, rice vinegar, mirin and oil) seasoned butter then topped with red shiso. I secretly wished I'd ordered my own dish.

Less exotic but also good were the rock shrimp, which were lightly battered and expertly fried to a golden crisp then tossed in seasoned lemon butter.



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Berkshire pork belly buns are standouts on a stellar menu at Namba.



Sushi is another star here. Pictured are, top, the dynamite crab roll, bottom from left, the yellowtail aburi-style sushi and blue fin tuna sushi.

They came with a saucer of house-made mayo that was enhanced with lime and cilantro.

From the selection of ramen (seafood, classic, beef and vegan), I settled on the beef hayashi (\$14), adding fried red onions (\$1) and wood ear mushrooms (\$1) to the voluminous assortment of goodies already floating in the broth that cooks for 17 hours. Tonkotsu base broth is made from pork marrow bones that are simmered until they virtually dissolve, making the broth somewhat creamy in texture.

To this rich liquid Chef Koko adds thin-sliced Black Angus sirloin, ginger, half a Jidori egg (specially bred, free-range eggs raised in California), bean sprouts, shiitake mushrooms and corn. What a symphony of flavors and textures! It was a feast I couldn't finish after all those small plates. Leftovers were even better the next day.

My seafood-loving companion enjoyed blue fin tuna sushi (\$6), aburi style Hamachi yellowtail (\$12), which was partially grilled then topped with fresh uni (sea urchin) pureed with butter, black tobiko and yuzu skin. He also tried the dynamite baked king crab hand

roll (\$12).

The yellowtail looked delicious but disappeared before I was able to taste it. The same thing happened with the tuna, but we ordered another round. I realized why he'd wolfed it down when I tasted it. If you think that all blue fin tuna sushi is the same, try Namba's version. It will set the bar high for all others. I suspect it is the quality of the tuna Chef Koko selects, but it was one of the best I've ever tasted. The crab roll, with its bounty of real crab, was excellent as well.

As I said earlier, the servers were charming and attentive. One would bring a dish and announce, “May I present the pork buns!” This occurred with each dish and although it was amusing, I came to realize that each dish was a star that deserved such fancy presentation.

Dessert? I've heard great reports about the green tea crême brulee, but I'm going to have to go back to try it. We could not eat another bite.

After one stellar meal here, it's easy to see why Namba is almost always full and why no one seems to mind waiting for one of those prized seats. ■

in the know

Namba Ramen & Sushi

Marketplace at Pelican Bay
8847 Tamiami Trail N.,
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Ratings:

Food: ★★★★★½

Service: ★★★★★½

Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

>> **Hours:** Lunch served 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; dinner served 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. (Closed Sundays through Sept. 2.)

>> **Reservations:** Not accepted

>> **Credit cards:** Accepted

>> **Price range:** small plates, \$5-\$18; sushi, \$5-\$15; ramen, \$12-\$16

>> **Beverages:** Wine and beer served.

>> **Seating:** Tables and a few seats at the sushi bar

>> **Specialties of the house:** Ramen and sushi

>> **Volume:** Low to moderate

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