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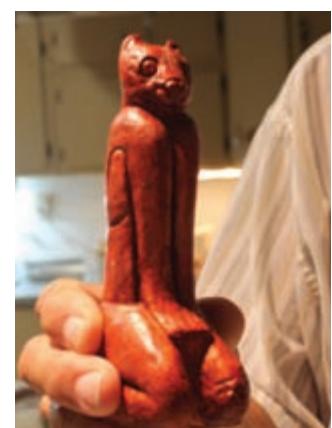
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BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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ON THE BEACH IN FRONT OF THE RITZ-Carlton Naples, there is no visible line drawn in the sand indicating what part of the beach is public and which is owned by the Ritz, even though officially one does exist.

For now, maybe, it doesn't matter.

The hotel accommodates both the public and its private hotel guests on both portions of the sand for most of the year. During the "35ish" busiest days each season, hotel staff sets up umbrellas or cabanas to mark its pri-

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Conservancy to move forward with catch and release tournament

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This tournament is a reminder of one of our region's greatest treasures: our water. Clean water is essential to the

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John Kukk shows off his snook from a recent charity tournament.



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COMMENTARY

Rubio comes calling

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A version of this column ran two years ago in July, during the "lost summer" of 2016. In Mr. Williams' view, little has changed.

What we don't want is for this to be a glimpse of the future.

But that's what we fear we're seeing this year: a fish-killing, people-sickening, tourist offending, filthy-water look at things to come. A glimpse of Atlantic and gulf beaches east and west of Lake Okeechobee so devastated by our effluent that few will want to live on them or fish off them, and visitors will pointedly avoid them.

Such a reality would mean huge economic losses and a widespread decline in the quality of life along Florida's southern coasts, both east and west.

That increasingly common fear — along with Sen. Marco Rubio's need to sympathize with it, and thus to garner votes for his 2016 Senate run — brought him last week to both coasts of Florida, where Gov. Rick Scott has declared a state of emergency.

I don't remember Sen. Rubio ever appearing on either coast before just to talk about the fight for cleaner water.

Warm and attentive in person — a dark-suited 6-footer with only slightly receding black hair and a talent for appearing comfortably focused in front of cameras

or small groups — water hasn't been one of his big-punch battles, after all. Those have included fights against Cuban communists, terrorists, gun-control advocates, illegal immigrants and his lost battle for the presidential nomination.

Those were his fights, rather than water.

But now, with fish dying and tourists changing their Florida plans and local commissioners encouraging more development and waterfront properties becoming harder to sell — and with even less regulation of water uses by industry, agriculture and construction than in past years — I went to see the senator.

He had traveled to a lovely old meeting house on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River, in downtown Fort Myers.

Out those windows we watched the turgid, mile-wide river bearing its filthy excess to the nearby gulf from the vast cattle populations along the Kissimmee south of Orlando, from Lake O. itself 50 miles east of Fort Myers, from the runoff of sugar and citrus operations, from suburban lawns, from a multitude of poorly regulated septic systems numbering in the tens to the hundreds of thousands. We watched all of it sliding silently west only 15 or so miles from its mouth near Sanibel Island, water released by the Army Corps of Engineers to protect an over-budget boondoggle of a dike repair job now years behind schedule.

I hadn't come to look at that river or its history, though. I wanted to stand near Sen. Rubio, who was pushing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. I wanted to look at him, to listen to him, and to study the people around him.

The meeting was closed to the public ("it was easier that way," a Rubio staffer told me), but not to mayors, county commissioners, state representatives, chambers of-commerce officials and a couple of environmentalists who joined him to express their concerns, with television and newspaper reporters looking on.

Was the senator finally getting serious? His personal water history wasn't promising but perhaps he'd changed.

Not long after he won his Senate seat, Sen. Rubio shrugged off our mounting water woes by joining the de-regulators in federal and state government. Not only did they include Gov. Scott, who eviscerated the state's water protection arm in 2011 by firing hundreds of state regulators in an effort to "downsize" government and its influence in our lives, but they also included David Vitter, the senior U.S. senator from Louisiana.

First, Sen. Rubio had applauded Gov. Scott's loosening of water regulations and his bid to stop the federal Environmental Protection Agency from stepping in to monitor and regulate Florida water: "I will continue working with my colleagues in Washington to prevent this EPA power grab from ruining Florida's economy," he said at the time.

Then, less than two years later, he signed a David Vitter letter with 30 other Republicans, stiff-arming cleaner-water proposals.

"If the EPA is allowed to move forward with this guidance," the letter said, "streams, lakes and wetlands in nearly all of our states are going to be overburdened with federal bureaucracy."

At the meeting last week, however, the senator agreed that the Everglades plan was only a first step in the very slow and much bigger process of real restoration — slow because leaders are not willing to suggest we spend more money, or to buy lands south of Lake Okeechobee en masse, where lake water can be released. One step at a time, he cautioned.

Standing near television reporters, I had a chance to talk with him. So, I asked: Has your opinion about the need to regulate water changed? Should the EPA be involved now?

"More regulations aren't the answer," he told me. And neither is the EPA. If you get them involved, he said, they can regulate you even if you have only "one little puddle" on your property.

Aside from further regulating Big Ag and Big Sugar, what about requiring everyone up and down both the Caloosahatchee and the St. Lucie to update their septic systems, I asked?

Too expensive, Sen. Rubio suggested, recalling how hard his family struggled in West Miami when residents were required to spend thousands updating their septic systems there.

"Not everybody has \$10,000 for new septic," he said.

But is it too expensive to save our water, our beaches and our economies by offering government help for those who can't pay? Is it too expensive to monitor what goes into the water from industries and agriculture with more discipline and caring? Is it too expensive to save what is now dying, and will die if we don't?

I didn't get to ask the senator those questions. So, I leave them to voters. ■



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OPINION

Raining on Trump's parade

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King Features



President Donald Trump was bitterly disappointed that he was forced to cancel his ego trip down Washington, D.C., streets. The parade of U.S. military units was to be his biggest display yet of people marching in lockstep, bigger even than any gathering of Republicans.

He really wanted to stand on a reviewing stand as the troops and hardware did their thing below — just like they do for Kim Jong Un, Vladimir Putin and the others he wants to emulate — but the disclosed cost of \$92 million for this Defense Department dog and pony show is indefensible. So, of course, he did what all spoiled children do when they don't get their way: He threw a tantrum — a Twitter tantrum.

"The local politicians who run Washington, D.C. (poorly) know a windfall when they see it," he pecked on his dumbphone. "When asked to give us a price for holding a great celebratory military parade, they wanted a number so ridiculously high that I cancelled it. Never let someone hold you up!"

The D.C. mayor jumped all over this with a tweet of her own: "Yup, I'm Muriel Bowser, mayor of Washington D.C., the local politician who finally got thru to the reality star in the White House with the realities (\$21.6M)

of parades/events/demonstrations in Trump America (sad)."

Did I mention that Mayor Bowser is running for re-election? Or that Donald Trump is wildly unpopular in the District of Columbia? According to her people, \$21.6 million would be the local share of the \$92 million total cost. Inflated or not, the expenditure would be a chunk of money that could go to more useful purposes.

President Trump wants a parade? Let's give him a parade. How about a marching band of all those veterans of the spy game who are raising such a ruckus over the president spitefully tak-

ing away national security clearances of those who dared cross him.

Notably absent would be Robert Mueller, the special counsel investigating the Russia connection. He's too busy raining on Trump's parade. Don't look for some of our other luminaries. Omarosa will be a no-show, for sure. She'll be there, but secretly taping conversations. She obviously took pointers from Michael Cohen, who is currently sharing his recordings as he spills his guts to all those involved in probing Donald Trump.

I wouldn't look for Stormy Daniels either, not even on a float. It's a shame that she didn't record her alleged encounter with Trump. We'll just have to take her word that he was quite boring in bed. We can only guess how much that bothers him, probably as much as the ridicule for his small hands.

The problem really is that we have a small person who has got huge toys, like an armed force that numbers more than 2 million. He's the commander in chief, so they have to humor him.

This time, the cost for his folly was so prohibitive that he did something he almost never does: He listened to his advisers, who gently suggested to him that paying \$92 million would be bad for his image. Nothing is more important to him than his image, not even a parade. ■

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



How to lose to Trump in one easy step

richLOWRY

King Features



John Brennan may not know it, but he is acting in a drama scripted and produced by Donald J. Trump.

As Eli Lake of Bloomberg perceptively observed, President Trump isn't trying to silence Brennan by revoking his security clearance, as the former CIA director's defenders insist, but elevate him as a foil.

Trump couldn't hope for a better poster boy for the so-called deep state than a former CIA director who immediately began to sound like a commentator for MSNBC upon leaving government — and, indeed, signed up as a commentator for MSNBC.

It has been the usual practice of former top intelligence professionals to keep their political opinions, and especially their wild-eyed rants, to themselves. They understand that, having been entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers of the United States government, they should show forbearance and restraint lest they undermine the reputations of their institutions.

Brennan has had no such compunc-

tion. Granted, he's acted under provocation. Trump has goaded him on Twitter and launched extraordinary broadsides against the work of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Trump often sounds like the guy popping off down at the end of the bar, and he's transformed Brennan into the guy down at the other end of the bar.

Advantage: Trump. The president always benefits from the fact that his brand depends on violating norms, whereas if his opponents are baited into violating norms in return, they diminish themselves and their cause.

In a notorious tweet, Brennan accused the president of "nothing short of treason" for his craven performance at a joint press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki.

This was the first time on record that a prominent elected official ever committed treason — which usually involves giving away the nation's secrets or compromising intelligence assets — at a public event extensively covered by the international media.

What did Brennan mean by his charge? He apparently doesn't know. Pressed by Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, Brennan explained, incoherently, that "I said it was nothing short of treasonous. I didn't mean that he committed treason." Oh. Asked point-blank if he thinks

that the president is serving the Russian government, he said that "I scratch my head a lot," not the usual standard for alleging that someone committed a capital offense.

Brennan's conceit has made him the ideal target for Trump, since even some of the former intelligence officials who oppose the revocation of his security clearance are uncomfortable with how he has conducted himself.

The president's adversaries may consider this unfair, but the institutions Trump targets are best-served by not responding in kind. If the president says that the press can't be trusted because it's so biased, the press should react by being less biased rather than more. If he says that he's being undone by a deep state conspiracy, former intelligence officials should be more restrained rather than less.

Brennan either doesn't understand this dynamic or doesn't care. He has threatened a lawsuit, and Trump has welcomed one. The president is happy for a war with the most unhinged representative of the intelligence community at hand, and John O. Brennan is playing his role flawlessly. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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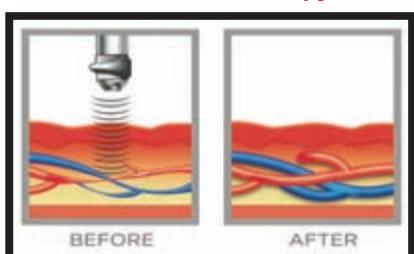
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tion and local fisheries. Tournament proceeds help the Conservancy:

■ Continue its 35-year Sea Turtle Monitoring and Protection program, which has given more than 285,000 hatchlings a chance at survival;

■ Advocate to restore natural water flows and minimize pollution;

■ Work with local leaders and decision-makers to understand the importance of clean water and its impact on Southwest Florida's overall economy and quality of life;

■ Evaluate the health of more than 17,000 area mangroves each year;

■ Support the production and distribution of the Estuaries Report Card to evaluate the condition of local waterways;

■ Protect environmental landmarks such as Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress, Estero Bay, the Cocohatchee Slough and the Caloosahatchee River.

"The supply of clean water is crucial to the condition of Southwest Florida's ecosystem and to the abundance of its wildlife, and it is up to our community to support organizations like the Conservancy that are working to preserve this valuable resource," said Mokey Shea, co-chairman of the RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament. "I am excited to be involved in this year's tournament and join the community in supporting such a noteworthy cause."

Caring for the environment will not only enhance quality of life for its inhabitants, but the community as well. The Conservancy invites all Southwest Florida anglers to take part in this three-day fundraising event and show support for the underwater environment by participating in the tournament. For more information about participating or sponsoring a team email Chanel McGregor ChanelM@conservancy.org, call 403-4200 or visit www.conservancy.org/redsnook. ■



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Southwest Florida ecosystem, and a lack of this commodity will threaten the region's economy, fisheries, sea turtles, wading birds and other wildlife. That's why the Conservancy has dedicated its RedSnook fishing tournament to protecting this valuable resource. "We are proud to celebrate 25 years of bringing the conservation and angling communities together to raise awareness and funding for clean, safe water," said Rob Moher, Conservancy of Southwest Florida president and CEO. "Given the current water crisis, this issue is more important than ever. Our annual RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament provides a fun way to get involved and protect our most precious natural resource, water."

Festivities begin Friday, Nov. 2, with the RedSnook Friday Night Kick-Off Party at the Conservancy Nature Center, featuring cocktails dinner, as well as a raffle and live auction for all participants. The kick-off party is open to the community, not just those participating in the tournament. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Fishing is all day Saturday and Sunday. The tournament will launch from three sites: Naples, Goodland and Everglades City. The weekend event will conclude Sunday evening with an awards reception.

"As an environmentalist and fisherman, I am proud to help support the Conservancy's clean water efforts," said Henley Shotwell, event co-chair. "We must come together as a community if we are going to fight this water crisis."

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— Jeffrey A. Klatzkow, Collier County attorney



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On the beach in front of The Ritz-Carlton Naples, there is no visible line drawn in the sand indicating what part of the beach is public and which is owned by the Ritz, even though officially one does exist.



COURTESY IMAGE
This scanned document shows a red line in front of The Ritz-Carlton Naples where the Erosion Control Line was drawn.

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vate property line and will ask people to leave that area, explained Ed Staros, vice president and managing director for Ritz-Carlton Resorts in Naples.

On those days, "I need every square inch of beach," Mr. Staros said.

Such informal understandings and agreements have worked well enough, in many parts of Florida, to prevent major public disputes. But a conflict between private beachgoers and commissioners in Walton County in 2016 set off new state legislation and a flurry of attention on where the lines in the sand are drawn.

There are 825 miles of sandy beaches in the Sunshine State. About 60 percent were estimated by the Department of Environmental Protection to be privately owned in 2005. Now, the DEP says it has no records showing a percentage, or whether it has changed.

In part because disputes have been relatively rare and businesses may not want to stir up conflict by drawing hard lines, the technicalities of just when and where someone is trespassing on a beach can be tricky to define.

But as Florida's population grows, beaches erode and sea levels creep higher, those valuable square inches of beach will be increasingly contested, said Alyson Craig Flournoy, a University of Florida professor who specializes in property and environmental law.

"It will only become more challenging and I suspect there will be more conflict,

not less, as the beach shrinks over time in different areas," she said.

The Walton County kerfuffle and the new related state legislation concerns Florida's "customary use" doctrine. Though it has not often been used in the Sunshine State, the doctrine allows local governments to declare private beachfront property open to public recreational use if it is generally accepted that the beach in question has nearly always or customarily been used that way.

Signed by Gov. Rick Scott, House Bill 631 went into effect on July 1. It requires counties and cities to ask for input from property owners and then prove the case to a judge if they want to declare a privately owned area of a beach available to the public under the "customary use" doctrine. Before, they would have only had to pass an ordinance with a commission or council vote on its own.

The new rule also eradicated Walton County's ordinance as of July 1, but grandfathered in past customary use ordinances. There are only two others on the books, in Volusia and St. Johns counties.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, and Rep. Katie Edwards-Walpole, D-Plantation. Sen. Passidomo did not respond to requests for comment.

Ms. Passidomo writes in a statement on her website, "The new law is a simple process bill that gives local governments the tools they need to provide customary use access to the public on private land adjacent to the public beach. There is nothing in the bill that authorizes anyone to block access to the beach... There is nothing in the bill that authorizes

law enforcement or mandates anyone to arrest or remove anyone from the beach. There is nothing in the bill that set forth a 'line' of where the public is allowed or not allowed to be. The bill doesn't in any way change the law of this state pertaining to customary use of Florida's beaches that has been in place since the beginning of statehood."

Walton County's declaration of customary use on all of its 26 miles of beaches is now also being challenged by a federal lawsuit brought by a beachfront homeowner there.

Even though few beaches in Florida fall under a customary use rule, it has been more broadly applied elsewhere to give the public greater access to what has long been considered a natural resource that should not be privately held.

"Some states, such as Oregon, Texas and Hawaii, have applied the doctrine broadly to the entire shoreline of the state," wrote the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association in an April 4 memo.

Public vs. private lines

This is how lines between public and private beachfront are typically drawn in Florida:

The most common and blanket rule falls under the Public Trust Doctrine. On tracts of private beachfront property ownership extends down to roughly the wet sand or more precisely the "mean high-tide line," the high-tide line averaged over 19 years (though the exact point shifts with the tides). On all 825 miles of beaches in Florida then, the public owns at least the wet sand on seaward for recreational use. That means that at high tide you'd technically have to walk through or be standing in the water to stay off private property. Then there are, of course, local, state and federal beachfront parks that are open to the public.

Then there are a few exceptions to the wet sand line, one being the customary use doctrine. The new legislation didn't fundamentally change the doctrine, legal experts say, but did create confusion and conflict among public and private landowners and misunderstanding about the effect and purpose of the bill.

"On one side you have property owners who feel House Bill 631 now gives them new property rights, the ability to build fences (on the beach)...," said David Cruz, an attorney and legislative council for the Florida League of Cities, representing the more than 400 cities in the Sunshine State. "On the other side you have the public, who feels that public beach access will now be more restricted and getting onto the beach will be more difficult if not impossible. Both of those statements are incorrect."

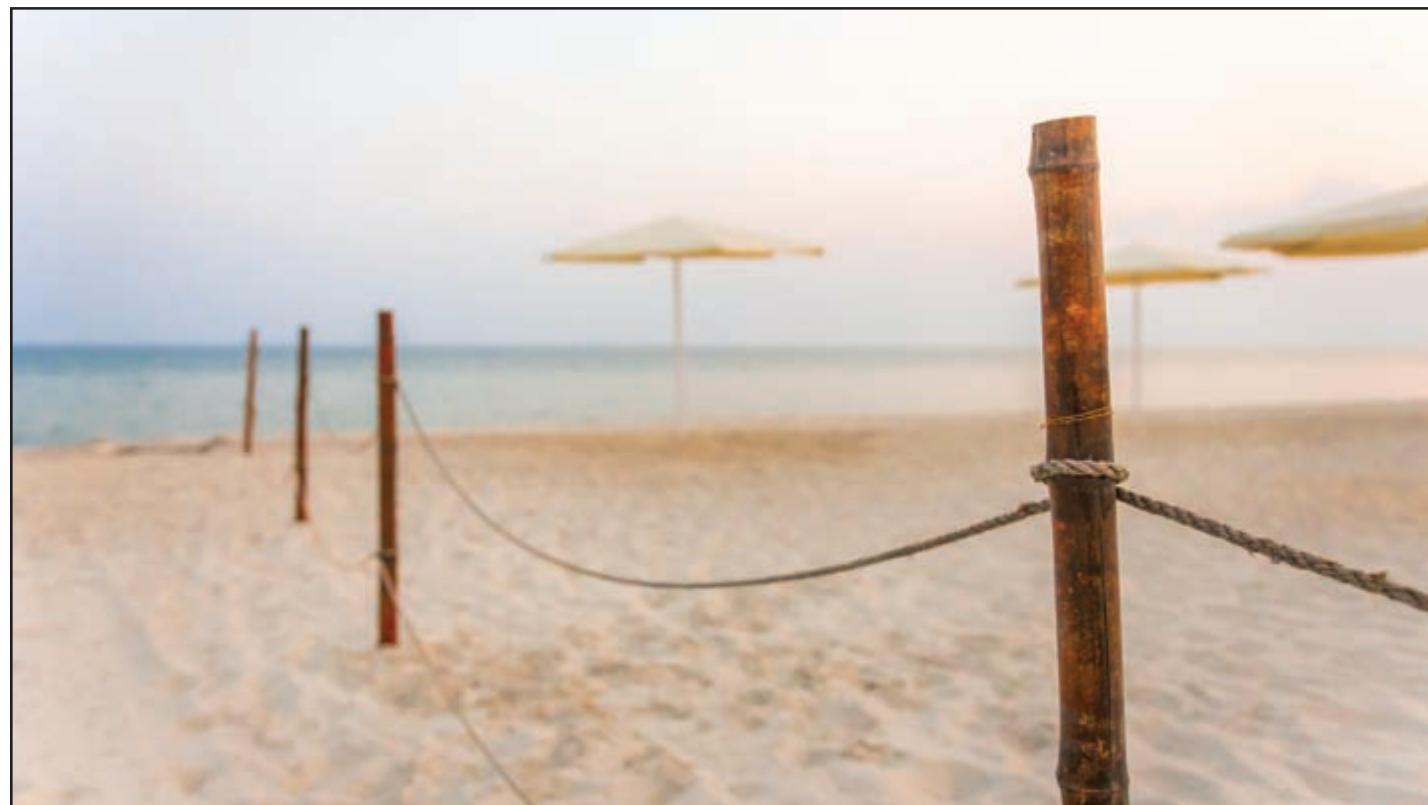
The bill alters how governments are able to declare customary use, but will have little effect on beachgoers rights, Professor Flournoy argues.

"The statute (put in place by HB 631) in fact did very little to alter the rights, the common law rights, that the public may have to use privately owned beaches," she said. "Those rights, which are based or grounded in the doctrine of customary use were not directly changed by the statute."

"What it did was change the process that local governments are required to use should they wish to adopt an ordinance codifying, modifying, whatever, customary use rights."

"But the underlying rights actually have not been changed. I think part of the reaction by property owners has been to claim victory where there was no victory. They are now more aggressively asserting the right to exclude the public although the statute did not give them that right."

Even if disputes bubble up occasionally, there have been no recent public spats or official lawsuits reported on beaches in Lee, Charlotte, Collier or Palm Beach counties by county attorneys, spokespeople or hoteliers contacted by Florida



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Keeping folks off your beachfront property can be a challenge, some say.

thrillers and romance novels, et cetera.

For his part, Mr. Staros has adopted what he calls his "good neighbor policy." He allows anyone to use the entire area of the beach — including the Ritz's portion — most of the year, except during those 35 or so especially busy days, typically major holidays when all of the 450 guest rooms are full, often with multiple guests.

"I want everybody to love the Ritz," he said. "I want them to come over here and spend their money. I want them to buy hamburgers here. I want them to have their weddings and Bat Mitzvahs here."

Effects of the new rule

Some said the new bill will have little effect on public or private access to beaches or that it's a non-issue in their county or city.

"This was not a big issue for Collier County," said county attorney Jeffrey A. Klatzkow.

He argues that it's already clear in Collier which beaches are public and which are private, and that hotels including the Ritz already share the beach harmoniously with the public.

"We've been sharing the beach with the Ritz for many, many years," he said. "The Ritz has just the same rights to that beach as anybody else. In fact, they're paying an awful lot of the money to replenish the beach when you come right down to it."

Money to replenish beaches comes from hotel bed taxes paid by guests, although that money is considered public funds, and is also used to promote tourism.

Mr. Klatzkow adds that he believes parking will be the greatest issue facing public access to beaches in the future.

"It might take the county acquiring property and demolishing it and creating parking garages," he said. "This is many years down the road but that's where your bottleneck is. Putting in beach shuttles might help."

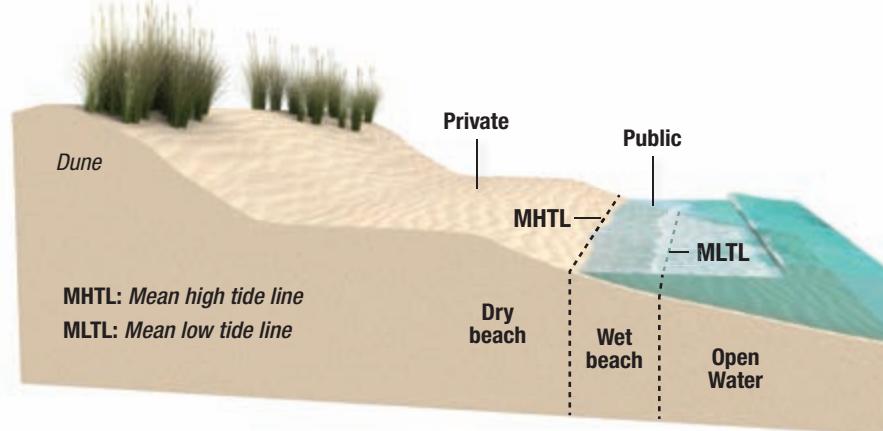
Public versus private beach access is a non-issue on Marco Island simply because the beaches are so wide, said city clerk Laura Litzan.

"So nowhere on Marco's shoreline are there conflicts with private upland property owners," she said. "The upland property owners have tons of space. The waters' edge where most people want to walk or be around is far away from the upland property owners. This is one of the problems we don't have."

Naples resident Mr. Ginsberg argued that even if there are no current public

Public beach access

The public has a right of access along the beaches and shorelines of Florida situated below the "mean high tide line," as stated in Article X, Section 11 of the Florida Constitution. This is commonly known as the Public Trust Doctrine. As part of the doctrine, beaches are essential public coastal recreational resources. Providing coastal recreational opportunities accessible to the public is a fundamental objective set forth in the state's Comprehensive Plan.



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notes issue. I don't care how they want to portray it."

On the other hand, in the past, a customary-use ordinance put in place by a government would have been open to legal attack from private property owners on the back end. With the new legislation, such an ordinance must already be approved by a judge, shielding it from further legal challenges.

Another more common exception to the wet sand line in Florida is the Erosion Control Line. If public money has been used to restore a private beach, effectively making it larger, the private property line is permanently moved up on to the dry sand area of the beach to where the high-tide line once was. This is then called the ECL, marking the area that was restored. This is the case with the Ritz in North Naples. An official ECL was determined there in 2009 by the Department of Environmental Protection after people complained about being ejected from the beach in front of the hotel.

Naples resident and real estate agent Graham Ginsberg, who has long been an advocate of public access to beaches, said that before the ECL was drawn at the Ritz, he and his children were kicked off the beach by its employees, even though they were playing close to the water.

"And I said, 'why?' And they said, 'well, you're on our property and you're trespassing,'" Mr. Ginsberg said. "So we left because I wasn't going to have an argument with my little kids there."

With the ECL drawn, the Ritz's private land extends for about 200 yards in width and 70 feet seaward, while the public is left with the 25-30 feet of property closest to the water for sunbathing, building sand castles, reading paperback

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conflicts, some beaches that have been renourished, including Hideaway on Marco, do not have sufficient public access points, effectively blocking their use.

The Ritz is located next to an official public access point and parking garage for Vanderbilt Beach, making it a cross-section of public and private activity. But areas like Hideaway Beach, or long stretches of beach choked by condos or private homes with few public access points make it difficult or unlikely they will be used or even recognized by the public.

The Lee County Attorney's Office declined an interview on the new rule, but deputy attorney Michael Jacob responded in an email asking how the new state rule will impact local beaches:

"The law doesn't preclude the public's access to a particular beach or portion thereof. It merely requires the county meet certain legal requirements to establish the public's rights to use private property. The ability to meet those legal requirements is dependent upon any number of factors that are to be analyzed on a case by case basis."

The Charlotte County attorney has fielded multiple inquiries about the new state rule, said spokesperson Brian Gleason. Mr. Gleason added that there has been no discussion on the County Commission on the issue and that an Erosion Control Line was already established for Charlotte's relatively small portion of beachfront.

"Charlotte County has taken no effort to establish customary use for any private beaches and we don't have any intent to," he said. "It's not really an issue

"It turns the burden of proof on to the people who may want to be using the dry sandy beach area ... So you have all the have nots proving there is customary use against a usually very rich person or group. So it's a haves versus a have nots issue. I don't care how they want to portray it."

— Robert Pritt, Naples city attorney

in Charlotte County."

In Palm Beach County, Mayor Melissa McKinlay asked the County Attorney's Office to investigate the meaning of the new state rule.

"She's hearing that some resort owners believe they have the authority now to build fences on their beachfront properties," wrote county attorney Denise Marie Nieman in an email on July 27. "... Apparently it's very controversial (Google exploded with articles when I inquired:-)."

Chief assistant county attorney Howard J. Falcon III said he is not aware of any conflicts between private beachfront owners and the county or public about beach access right now.

In an email to Ms. Nieman, Mr. Falcon described the meaning of the new bill (now under Florida statute 163.035) and pointed out that the Florida Supreme Court recognized the public's potential to acquire the right to public use of private land under customary use in City of Daytona Beach v. Tona-Rama (1974).

In that case the court said customary use could be established "If the recreational use of the sandy

area adjacent to the mean high tide has been ancient, reasonable, without interruption and free from dispute, such use as a matter of custom should not be interfered with by the owner."

Mr. Falcon wrote in his opinion, a judge would ultimately have been needed to establish customary use rights even before the bill. And he believes that a judge would find Walton County's now eradicated ordinance unlawful.

"The bottom line is the bill/statute does not significantly change existing law regarding the customary use doctrine and does not significantly change beach access and ownership rights," he wrote, "although it has certainly created a great deal of confusion and concern throughout the state."

In response to widespread confusion about the bill with some saying it was intended to restrict beach access, Gov. Rick Scott on July 12 issued an executive order intended to make clear that was not the case. The order doesn't stop action on the new bill but it did establish a temporary halt or moratorium on "executive state agencies adopting any rule or restriction to inhibit the public's access to Florida beaches, unless there is a

clear risk to public safety."

It "urges" local governments not to restrict beach access and for state attorneys to protect beach access rights already in place.

The order also directed the Department of Environmental Protection to be an advocate for public beach access and established a page on the DEP website where people can complain if they believe their beach access rights have been infringed upon. The DEP didn't respond to a request to provide information on any recent complaints.

No Florida cities had customary use ordinances on the books at the time the bill was passed. The League of Cities did not oppose House Bill 631, Mr. Cruz said, in part because of a lack of interest at the time.

But in response to the new bill, some local governments such as Naples and Collier County also quickly passed their own ordinances prior to July 1 that they say will protect their right to use "customary use" as an affirmative defense in court — just in case it should come up (and so far it has not).

House Bill 631 says it "does not deprive a governmental entity from raising customary use as an affirmative defense in any proceeding challenging an ordinance or rule adopted before July 1, 2018."

"We may be able to use that defensively in a lawsuit rather than bring it offensively," said Naples city attorney Mr. Pritt.

The Naples ordinance could help the city control access to beaches based on its own individual needs, said Naples city councilor Michelle McLeod.

"One size does not fit all here in the state of Florida," she said. "Every city is unique, and the state should not be taking away our jurisdiction from governing the unique residents (of) our town." ■





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- U.S. 41 North and Seagate Drive: Speeding
- U.S. 41 East and Outer Drive: Speeding

Tuesday, Sept. 4

- Pebblebrooke Drive and Immokalee Road: Speeding

- White Boulevard and Weber Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- Lely Cultural Parkway at Lely Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, Sept. 5

- Airport-Pulling Road and North Road: Red-light running
- Livingston Road and Pocket Lake Drive: Speeding
- St. Andrews Boulevard and Wildflower Way: Speeding



Thursday, Sept. 6

- Vineyards Boulevard at Vineyards Elementary School: Speeding

- Green Boulevard and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running
- Davis Boulevard and Market Street: Aggressive driving

Friday, Sept. 7

- Immokalee Road at Laurel Oak Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- Golden Gate Parkway and Livingston Road: Red-light running
- U.S. 41 North and 100th Avenue North: Aggressive driving ■

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The Immokalee Foundation to host annual fall gala and golf tournament

A hint that the summer heat may soon retreat occurs each year when The Immokalee Foundation warms up for its major fundraisers of the year — the Charity Classic Celebration gala and auction, scheduled at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, on Nov. 9, and the Nov. 12 Pro-Am golf tournament at Bay Colony Golf Club.

Foundation board members, staff, mentors, community partners, instructors, corporate sponsors and volunteers are working together in earnest to ensure that the events provide the financial support needed for the youth of Immokalee to have the resources needed to flourish.

Not only is the Charity Classic an important fundraising event, it's also a great deal of fun for those attending. The evening of fine dining and entertainment begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a "paddle raise" auction.

Barbara Morrison, a board member of The Immokalee Foundation, is chairing this year's celebration with her husband, Dale.

The cost to attend is \$550 per person, with underwriting and sponsorships available.

The Charity Classic Celebration provides opportunities to support students through Fund A Dream, a unique live bidding experience that enables donors to contribute to the future of Immokalee's children in specific and tangible ways. The Fund A Dream auction supports many important programs such as Immokalee Readers, career development opportunities, internships and scholarships for college and vocational programs designed to lead young people to professional careers and financial independence.

These programs generate amazing results: 100 percent of students in The Immokalee Foundation's programs graduate from high school, and 84 percent of those students graduate from college or post-secondary career programs.

The Immokalee Foundation's success stories include students like Daniel Trejo-Garcia, who is 15 and a rising sophomore at Immokalee High School. He was accepted into Take Stock in Children while in middle school. Take Stock introduced him to various careers, including the one he now wants to pursue, software engineering. "I've always loved technology and wondered how things work," he said.

Mr. Trejo-Garcia isn't yet certain which college he wants to attend, but he's definitely going to pursue a degree. And before his acceptance into Take



Stock, that wouldn't have been possible. "My parents make enough money to support our family, but not enough for a college education," he said. Trejo-Garcia's mother works on a cleaning crew, and his father is a construction worker.

Mr. Trejo-Garcia also has been involved in the foundation's Immokalee Readers program as a tutor, working with elementary school-age children who are not up to grade level in reading.

So has Sandra Soto, an incoming junior at IHS who is starting her third year as an Immokalee Readers tutor. She will be working with kindergarten students at Eden Park Elementary School. "They come in not knowing letter sounds or the alphabet, and we work one-on-one with them and practice," Ms. Soto said. "By the end of the year, they're able to write sentences. It's good to know you're improving a child's skills."

Ms. Soto's sister works with The Immokalee Foundation as an advocate for students. Her older brother went to Immokalee Technical College, a foundation partner, and he now works at Arthrex.

Families like these suggest that The Immokalee Foundation truly is forging pathways to success, not only for individual students but also their families.

The Immokalee Foundation's 2018 Charity Classic Pro-Am, chaired by Sunny Sapiente of Bay Colony Golf Club, will feature more than two dozen of



the world's greatest golfers — including headliners Annika Sorenstam and Bryson DeChambeau — who are paired with Southwest Florida's most philanthropic players for a day of camaraderie in support of the foundation's programs.

Foursomes of amateur golfers will learn which professionals they will be paired with for the first and second nine holes of play during an exclusive pairings party on Nov. 11 at The Old Collier Golf Club.

The Monday golf tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and golf demonstrations, followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun

start. Lunch and an awards presentation for golfers' feats in various categories, from lowest scores to closest to the pin and more, immediately follow the tournament.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about The Immokalee Foundation or to register for the upcoming events, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org. ■

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Study shows 1 in 15 Americans smell 'phantom odors'

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Imagine the foul odor of an ashtray or burning hair. Now imagine if these kinds of smells were present in your life, but without a source. A new study finds that 1 in 15 Americans (or 6.5 percent) over the age of 40 experiences phantom odors. The study, published in *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*, is the first in the U.S. to use nationally representative data to examine the prevalence of and risk factors for phantom odor perception. The study could inform future research aiming to unlock the mysteries of phantom odors.

"Problems with the sense of smell are often overlooked, despite their importance. They can have a big impact on appetite, food preferences and the ability to smell danger signals such as fire, gas leaks and spoiled food," said Judith A. Cooper, Ph.D., acting director of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

Donald Leopold, M.D., one of the study's authors and clinical professor in the Department of Surgery at University of Vermont Medical Center-Burlington, adds that patients who perceive strong phantom odors often have a miserable quality of life and sometimes cannot maintain a healthy weight.

The study was led by Kathleen Bain-

bridge, Ph.D., of the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Program at the NIDCD, which is part of the National Institutes of Health. Bainbridge and her team used data from 7,417 participants over 40 years of age from the 2011-2014 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The NHANES data were collected by the National Center for Health Statistics, which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; data collection was partly funded by the NIDCD.

Researchers used this NHANES survey question to determine whether participants had experienced phantom odor perception: "Do you sometimes smell an unpleasant, bad or burning odor when nothing is there?"

To explore the correlation between phantom odors and participant characteristics, the researchers looked at participants' age, sex, education level, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, certain health habits and general health status.

The ability to identify odors in the environment is known to decrease with age. This study found that the prevalence of



phantom odor perception also decreases with age and, interestingly, is not related to individuals' ability to correctly identify odors. One previous study, using data from a community in Sweden, showed that 4.9 percent of people over the age of 60 experience phantom odors, with a higher prevalence in women than men. The present study found a similar prevalence in the over-60 age group, but in examining a broader age range, found an even higher prevalence in ages 40-60. The study also found that about twice as many women as men reported phantom odors, and that the female predominance was particularly striking for those under age 60.

Other risk factors for the onset of phantom odors include head injury, dry mouth, poor overall health and low socio-economic status. Researchers hypothesized that people with lower socio-economic status might more commonly be exposed to environmental pollutants and toxins, or have health conditions that contribute to phantom odors, either directly or because of medications needed to treat their health conditions. ■

Great stories

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We receive great stories of people helping people — clinical and non-clinical — with the common themes of altruism, self-motivation, compassion and competence. The following is lightly edited for privacy and length.

Deon Thomas, RN and recent mentor nurse of the year, was caring for a post-op spinal surgery patient on 6 South Baker Hospital. Deon called neurosurgeon Dr. Mark Gerber, thinking the patient had a hematoma because the patient's leg sensation and strength were decreased. A

half hour later, Dr. Gerber drained the large hematoma, a known complication, and said Deon deserves a big award, subsequently nominating Deon for a Daisy Award. The patient had an excellent recovery. Learn more about the Daisy Award at www.daisyfoundation.org.

Jessica Barnes, RN, MSN, wanted to recognize an environmental service colleague for her rapid response to a family needing emergency care. Kathleen Brown from EVS was vacuuming by the bridge between the parking garage and the Schick Center. She noticed a young couple with their baby in their arms trying to get into the building. Kathleen went down to the door to see what they needed, and she let them know where the ED was. She realized verbal instruction may be confusing and decided to run with the family to the ED so they would not get

lost. The child was having an emergency that could be addressed rapidly because of the responsiveness and kindness of Kathleen to recognize the serious need and take the family to the appropriate area. We are very appreciative that Kathleen is a part of our NCH team.

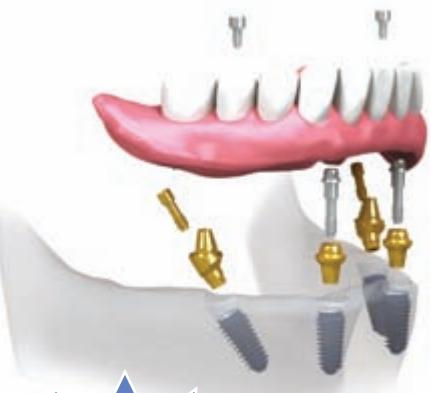
The spouse of a recent patient of speech pathologist Susan O'Neill shared the following: I wanted to let you know that my 59-year-old husband is doing awesome! You helped us in May 2017 when he was in North Collier Hospital. He was going through treatment for oral cancer, lost his ability to swallow due to radiation treatment, and had a feeding tube. You came to see us in his room and also in the ICU after his feeding tube was inserted. It took a few days to get his white blood count up so that he could have the surgery.

I wanted you to know that you were my

ray of hope and the start of his recovery. All I saw was my husband going downhill, in severe pain, not swallowing anything, losing weight, and dwindling fast. You came into our room and what I thought I heard or at least remember now is the optimistic thought, "Don't worry, I can teach you how to swallow again." When we were in ICU after his tube was put in and you had him swallowing ice chips, all I could do was cry with relief. We were at rock bottom, but with that monumental task, I knew we were going to climb back up. You gave us exercises and we did them every day. He was able to have his feeding tube removed in September 2018.

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Hope Hospice expands doula services

For nearly 40 years, Hope Hospice staff and volunteers have served as doulas to support people throughout their end-of-life journey. Now, as this role becomes more recognized, Hope's doula program has expanded in size and scope to offer even more support to families during the final days and hours of life.

More than 30 Hope volunteers have completed a specialized hospice doula educational program, where they learned about creating and maintaining a sacred space by using sound, touch, color and other sensory experiences to alleviate pain and anxiety. Doulas can also offer legacy projects that serve as emotional touchstones and family keepsakes.



"Much in the same way a doula helps a new mother navigate childbirth, end-of-life doulas help enhance Hope's holistic, personalized approach by facilitating a gentle, tranquil and meaningful passing, whether in a hospice house, the hospital or at home," Samira Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare, said.

Hope Hospice honors each person's beliefs about life, death or the afterlife. Doulas are non-denominational and work with all faith traditions, as well as with those who are not religious. Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.HopeHCS.org. ■

Save with Labor Day sales at Hope Chest resale stores

Hope Chest resale stores in Bonita Springs and North Fort Myers celebrate Labor Day by offering shoppers 50 percent off the price of most items purchased Saturday, Sept. 1, and Monday, Sept. 3. No coupons are necessary for the sale, and some exceptions may apply.

Hope Chest stores have clothing and accessories, furniture, sporting equipment, household items, antiques and collectibles. The North Fort Myers store recently added 7,000 square feet of retail space designated for home décor that includes lighting, silk flowers and artwork.

Proceeds from Hope Chest benefit

unfunded programs and services of Hope Healthcare, which provides end-of-life care and support to individuals and their loved ones.

Hope Chest resale stores are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Hope Chest at The Crossings is at 28520 Bonita Crossings Blvd., off U.S. 41 just south of Bonita Beach Road. Hope Chest in North Fort Myers is at 13821 N. Cleveland Ave., just north of the Caloosahatchee Bridge.

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About this time last year, many Wall Street analysts declared that traditional retailers were "dead" and that Amazon would knock every other brick-and-mortar store out of business until it was the only one left standing.

A year later, it turns out that the analysts' thesis was half right. Many retailers, such as Toys-R-Us, Brookstone, Bon-Ton and Nine West, have filed for bankruptcy and others like JCPenney and Sears are on life support. However, there are a number of traditional retailers that are experiencing a resurgence in foot traffic, revenue and stock price. One of these standout companies is Target, which released gangbuster earnings last week. How did Target defy expectations and thrive in today's Amazon-dominated retail world?

Target is the second largest retail store in the U.S. with over 1,800 locations. The company employs almost 350,000 people and has annual sales of \$71 billion. However, the company hit hard times in 2016 and 2017 on multiple fronts.

First, many of the company's stores were dated and the company faced supply chain issues keeping popular items on its shelves. Second, the company had major issues ramping up its grocery business, which is a key driver in



increasing foot traffic. And most significantly, the company was seen as not having a coherent strategy to take on larger rival Walmart or Amazon.

Many analysts and investors believed that Target was beyond saving and would continue to decline. However, management believed that they could turn around the giant retailer. CEO Brian Cornell spent aggressively to improve its online and e-commerce presence. The company also developed and rolled out new smaller stores in major metropolitan areas to attract younger customers. In addition, Target focused its energies on creating new

and innovative in-house brands that attracted a wide range of new fashion-conscious customers. And finally, the company spent billions remodeling over 1,000 stores with hundreds more slated to be remodeled this year.

All of these initiatives paid off for Target in the latest quarter. Internet sales were up a massive 40 percent. Within physical stores, foot traffic and sales grew over 6 percent, the largest growth rates seen in over 13 years. Overall revenue and profits were much higher than both the year before and higher than analyst expectations. The CEO stated, "We are seeing a great con-

sumer response ... unprecedented traffic. As we go back and look, we've never seen traffic like this ... I've been doing this a long time and this is the healthiest environment I have ever seen."

The markets have rewarded Target shareholders with shares up more than 50 percent in the last 12 months. But I believe that the retailer's good fortunes will continue. The company is still cheap from a Price/Earnings perspective at 18 compared to its closest peer, Walmart, at 32 and Amazon at 173. Target pays a nice dividend of around 3 percent, which I believe will increase as the company continues to grow its profits. From a competitive perspective, Target should be able to win over Toys-R-Us customers due to its focus on kids clothing and toys.

Target also recently purchased Shipt, which it hopes will enable the retailer to provide same-day deliveries to some of its customers. It is also rolling out curbside pickup for online orders at many of its locations. Target's grocery products are improving and as it completes its store modernization efforts, its customers are shopping more often and purchasing more per trip. Therefore, even after its recent run, I still believe Target stock is a good investment which should continue to reward investors. ■

— 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

Out with the old, in with the new

BY SUE ZUMSTEIN

Years ago, college admissions were entirely based on the numbers. GPA, class rank, ACT and SAT scores. All these metrics led to a black and white admissions landscape where students who met certain thresholds were destined to attend to their corresponding colleges. Students with stellar scores attended prestigious institutions and often the next tier of students found a place in lower level universities.

Today, what colleges want in an applicant has changed. Not only is it exponentially more competitive to get into top universities, but schools are also shifting their criteria for what it means to be that "top-notch student." This year, Florida State University had 51,000 applicants for 6,600 spots in the freshman class. How can your application stand out in the thousands of others college admissions officers review? The answer: by being yourself.

As executive director of Quest For

Success, I just returned from visiting 11 colleges in four different states, and the daunting nature of the college admissions process was evident on the faces of the parents and students on campus. What may have otherwise seemed a marathon whirlwind of academia, revealed a tremendous amount of information concerning recent changes to today's competitive college application process.

Admissions officers repeatedly emphasized that acceptances are not simply based on numbers. Nowadays, colleges are looking to build a campus patchwork of diverse talents, abilities, and backgrounds. They want students who bring something unique to the campus and they especially do not want students that are carbon copies of the same resumes and applications. The word I kept hearing was "compelling." We want to read a "compelling" application. In other words, some of the pressure has been taken off the numbers and instead has been redirected to building dynamic student bodies.

Quest begins working with students on day one of high school, teaching effective study skills and mindful habits to help freshmen mature as they enter high school. We also pay close attention to our students' personalities, outlooks and ambitions to help them hone in on their interests and passions.

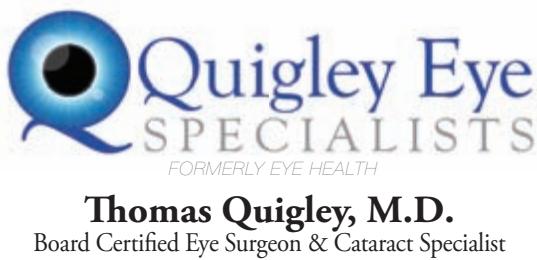
Throughout sophomore and junior year, we focus on building each student in the crucial process of becoming a "compelling" applicant. Alongside test preparation, interview practice, and resume building, we aid them in discerning their future goals and creating resumes that truly reflect them as a person, not just a number.

Senior year is wholly dedicated to ensuring the student is a strong applicant to the colleges that are a good fit for his or her goals, all while providing plentiful financial aid and scholarship advice throughout the process. It is easy to become overwhelmed by the thousands of colleges to choose from, but at Quest we comb through each of them to pinpoint the

ones that will most contribute to our students' future success and prosperity. Our senior students have been incredibly successful in gaining admission to top-ranked schools for a fraction of the price. In fact, this year's class of 2018 earned over \$27 million in scholarships and financial aid.

Students at Quest succeed because of their enthusiasm in embracing the new approach to college: one where numbers are not everything, hard work and dedication are practiced daily, and individuals are treated as such. College admissions are getting more and more selective. Quest cultivates students who can be competitive "by the numbers," and also bring to the table what no college has seen before: their unique self. ■

— Sue Zumstein is a Penn State alumna. She has served on boards for several Collier County schools and is executive director of Quest For Success, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing resources to send hard-working students to four-year colleges and universities.



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— Dr. Sandra Kauanui, director of FGCU's Institute of Entrepreneurship

Digital pay



Will the growth of spending apps lead to the end of cash?

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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TIM CARTWRIGHT, AN ANGEL fund founder and entrepreneur based in Naples who has a master's degree in business from Northwestern University, uses them.

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DIGITAL

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fessor and associate director of the Institute of Entrepreneurship at Florida Gulf Coast University — he uses them, too.

To the uninitiated they are techies taking advantage of relatively new technology — two decades old, beginning with the advent of PayPal in 1998. But digital wallets, as they call them, have now evolved to let individuals transfer relatively small amounts of money from one to another via cellphone, or with any almost effortless internet transaction that essentially ends the need for cash.

They could make society cashless if the trend continues, the experts say. Or not.

"These cash apps — they're so easy you type in a number and hit send. The only problem is if you add an extra zero. Then that is what goes out (from yours to the other account)," says Professor Sandra Kauanui, director of FGCU's Institute of Entrepreneurship.

Suddenly you're not sending \$50, you're sending \$500, gone in an instant.

Not only that, says Professor Arseneau, making society cashless could mean threatening a way of life for many small service-based companies that have relied on cash transactions and managed to avoid paying taxes on some of them for many years.

"There is this world of small transactions for service-based businesses in the U.S. that's carried on through cash for decades or more — services like walking the dog, or putting on shutters or mowing lawns or whatever — and now we're moving into an area where these transactions could leave a digital trace," he explains.

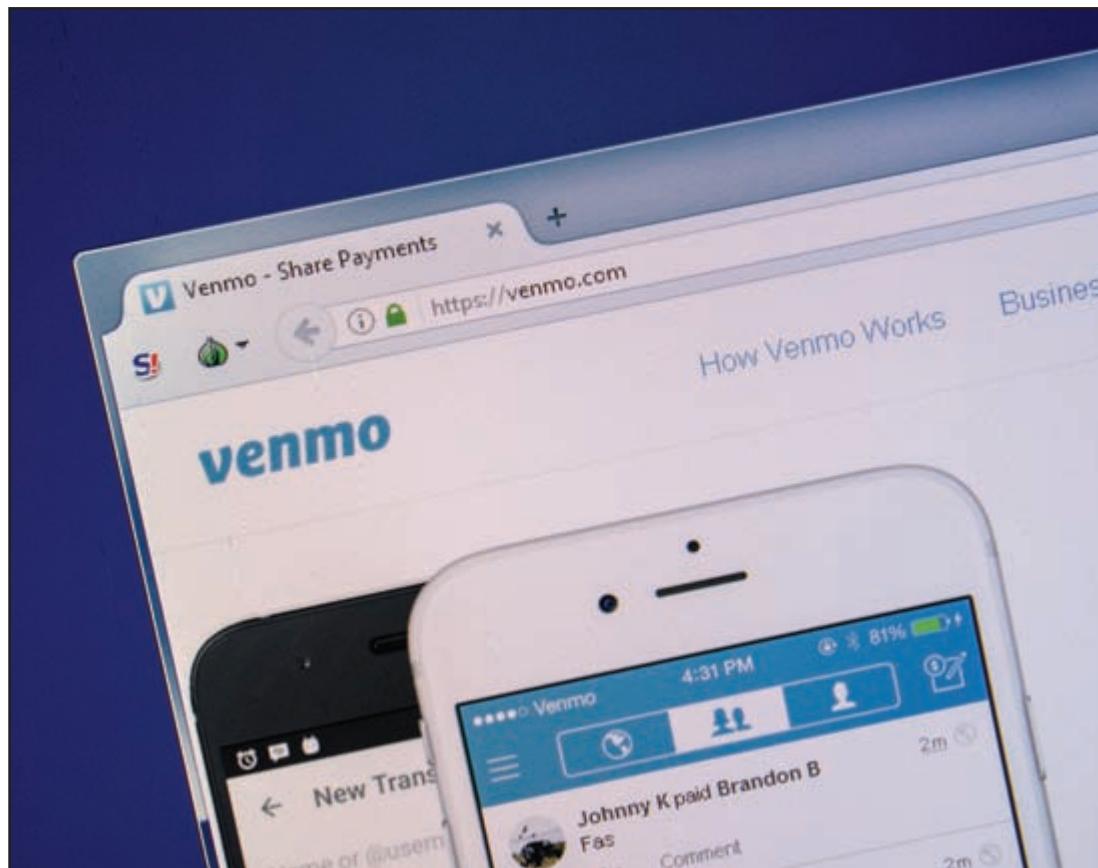
Some see it as a downside, adds Professor Kauanui. "If the IRS gets ahold of that there's unreported income they've never been able to track, that could now be far more traceable."

Which doesn't phase people like Mr. Cartwright.

For free (or as low as 25 to 50 cents with some transactions in some apps, or 3 percent if a user is linked to a credit card and not a debit card), his daughter can sit in a restaurant in Washington, D.C., with student friends, put the bill for a group of 10 or 15 on her credit card, and have each person use the app to transfer his or her share of the bill from their accounts to hers, on the spot,



ARSENEAU



he says.

"She'll say, why don't you other 14 people Venmo me \$10? It's like a debit card in the cloud."

To set it up, "you log in online, you register your bank account, and you authorize it to either put money in or take money out," he explains.

At Venmo, a subsidiary of PayPal whose company name has become a verb — "to venmo" money — you can make and share payments with family or friends, according to company literature on line. Or you can "connect with people ... split dinner, share a birthday gift or just say hello."

You can also make purchases and pay in mobile apps, and you can move money from Venmo to your bank account.

Finally, "when you send money using our Venmo balance, bank account, debit card or prepaid card, we waive fees so it's free," the advertisements proclaim.

"Our standard 3 percent fee applies to credit cards. Receiving money and making purchases in other apps is always free."

All of this is called the digital wallet.

There are competitors, of course: Apple Pay Cash, allowing you to send and receive funds using the Messages app on your iPhone; or Square, a Jack Dorsey enterprise (Mr. Dorsey founded Twitter), or even Affirm.

A new company, "Affirm appears to be essentially an alternative to a credit card," explains Professor Arseneau. "They float you money at a discharger rate. I use the float, they charge interest,

and they make money on that."

Some business models will rely on huge numbers of users — 10 million or 100 million who might pay a quarter for a transaction — and others may aim to link personal use and the enterprise side of transactions, taking unstated advantage of consumers and data.

"They might get consumers using the personal model first, and use that account, data from that account, to get to the enterprise side. So I download the cash app, I get used to the money going where it needs to be, then in my business life I recommend using the company — Square, for example — because there are perks."

Once people have established a significant digital footprint in their transactions — and most transactions are under \$100, says Professor Arseneau — "now they have your name, your email and other personal information."

When you hit 100 transactions or so, "They may send you an email. 'Use Square.' So they may leverage that free consumer side to build up the enterprise side."

One of the fears held by many consumers is the loss of privacy; another is the threat of hacking and stealing.

As for hacking, these digital wallet companies are good at security — but nothing is perfectly secure, experts always acknowledge. Big banks or companies like Equifax may be more vulnerable than business models that don't have data stored in one place but work computer-to-computer, says Professor Arseneau.

A call to Suncoast Credit Union's Tampa headquarters asking if the bank had official concerns about the use of digital wallets by its customers, or if it planned to offer such a service itself, was not returned.

With data collection, companies offering free or nearly free apps, says Professor Kauanui, always work on the basis of one reality: "When something is free, you're the product, basically. The customer is the product. That's an issue." They get your information, your shopping and living habits, and that's worth money, eventually.

Venmo, for example, probably works this way, but that's the nature of the beast these days, for Mr. Cartwright. When it comes to privacy and the collection of information about you, he says, "the horse is out of the barn

on that."

"Anybody who is worried about a company collecting data on them, I would ask them a simple question: 'Do you have an Alexa in your house?' That sits there 24 hours a day and monitors your conversation. It's listening to you all day, all night, every day of every week and month. Can you imagine someone would hack into to your internet and use that?"

Personal privacy is an important concept, he concludes, but digital wallets represent the milder forms of invasion, and their uses are many.

"They give you speed, the communication of one to many, and payment of many to one." ■

in the know

Advice for those with digital wallets:

"My advice: First off, limit the amount you use. There is no reason to have a large amount of money in those accounts. They're not insured by the FDIC. So, use them in small amounts."

"And, I know few do this, but audit yourself. Keep a ledger of what you're spending and why. As a society we're turning away from balancing our checkbooks to this: 'If there's money in my account I spend it.' There are applications for keeping track of your money. Do it manually or pair (the digital wallet) with one of these."

— Eric Arseneau, professor and associate director of the Institute of Entrepreneurship, Florida Gulf Coast University

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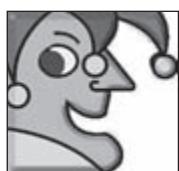
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A Bad Kind of Churning

Churning doesn't just refer to the production of butter. It's also a financial term, referring to when financial professionals engage in excessive trading — buying and selling securities. They typically do so on behalf of their clients, generating commissions for themselves in the process — and usually not serving those clients well. This churning results in billions of dollars lost each year.

The problem exists because some stockbrokers are paid based on the number of trades they make in your account, not how well that account performs. (This explains brokers who cold-call you, trying to sell you on supposedly terrific investments.) Even if your broker is good and has you invested in growing companies, he or she might still be frequently moving you out of one good company and into another. Each transaction can result in a gain for the brokerage — regardless of how it does for you.

Study the statements you receive from any money managers to see how often they're placing trades. Remember that big bucks are typically made in great

stocks when you hold on for many years.

Churning is also a problem in the mutual fund industry, where fund managers can be so pressured to beat the market over short periods that they can't afford to be patient with solid holdings that just need more time to perform. A fund with a high "turnover rate" reflects intense trading activity, and funds with the highest turnover rates often underperform their less-active counterparts. After all, lots of buying and selling generates lots of commission expenses, which are borne by shareholders.

Churned investors also get a tax hit. Gains from stocks you've held for more than a year are taxed at the preferable long-term capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most people. Short-term gains are taxed at your ordinary income rate, which can be more than twice as much.

Even we individual investors can sometimes engage in churning, if we have short attention spans or are just impatient. Be aware of churning, and aim to avoid it. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Burned by Volatility

My dumbest investment was in Sierra Wireless, which fell from near \$50 per share to the mid-teens, costing me a lot of money.

— B.B., online

The Fool Responds: When investing, it's important to remember that not every investment will play out as you expect or hope. Even the best investors regret some of their moves.

It's also critical to understand that no stock will move up in a straight line. There's always some volatility, and it can be especially so with young companies and ones in fast-changing industries. As long as you maintain long-term faith in a company, it's often best to just hang on.

Sierra Wireless, in the business of making wireless chips and modules that are used in wearable devices, connected vehicles, smart cities and more, topped \$30 per share about nine months after you wrote us, but it was recently in the teens again, though seemingly heading up.

It's focused on the promising Internet of Things market, which enables items such as cars, health care devices and even home appliances to communicate using Bluetooth and cellular signals.

We can't know how Sierra Wireless will perform in the future, but there's plenty to be hopeful about. Its shares surged 19 percent recently, when it posted strong second-quarter results, featuring revenue growing 16 percent year over year and bullish projections from management. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Sierra Wireless.) ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1936 and a guy selling peanuts out of his car in Los Angeles. Over the years, I've been involved in businesses as diverse as publishing and child care, but today, based in Philadelphia and with a market value recently topping \$9 billion, I'm a major food service company. I employ 270,000 people worldwide and regularly serve more than 5,400 dining locations, 2,000 health care facilities, 1,500 colleges and schools and 100 million sports fans at various venues. I've served at many Olympics, Super Bowls, FIFA World Cups and more. Who am I? (Answer: Aramark) ■



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Ask the Fool

Can Return on Equity Be Too High?

Q If a company has a return on equity above 100 percent, is that good or bad?

— E.M., Rochester, Minnesota

A It requires a closer look. Return on equity (ROE) reflects the productivity of the net assets (assets minus liabilities) that a company has at its disposal. It's determined by dividing net income by shareholder equity. (Net income is found on a company's income statement, while shareholder equity is found on the balance sheet and is what you get when you subtract liabilities from assets.) In general, the higher the ROE, the better.

Note, though, that some ROEs are artificially high because the company has taken on a lot of debt or has bought back a lot of shares. These actions shrink shareholder equity, driving up ROE.

Q What's "the accrual method"?

— S.L., Maryville, Tennessee

A It's one of many accounting concepts worth learning to help you understand companies' financial statements.

In the accounting world, "revenue" (sales) doesn't necessarily represent the receipt of cash in a sale. Many companies are required to book sales when goods are shipped or when services are rendered. But others can record sales when cash is received, or incrementally, as long-term contracts proceed through stages of completion. With the accrual accounting system, the revenue on a company's income statement may not have actually been received by the company.

Imagine, for example, PieMart Inc. (ticker: GOBBL). With the accrual method, if it has shipped off a thousand pies but hasn't yet been paid for them, those sales still appear on the income statement. The checks in the mail are reported as "accounts receivable" on the balance sheet. (When receivables are growing faster than revenue, that can be a sign of trouble.) ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1920s, when two brothers in Germany started making shoes in their mother's laundry room. Jesse Owens won gold in the 1936 Olympics with my shoes. The brothers parted ways in the 1940s, with one setting up the Puma brand and the other registering my name as a brand — and patenting a striped logo, too. My lightweight soccer shoes with screw-in studs helped German



ny win the 1954 World Cup. I introduced track suits in 1967 and bought Reebok in 2006. I produce more than 900 million items annually. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Shopping for Shopify

Shopify (NYSE: SHOP) helps more than 600,000 businesses sell their products online. It offers more than 100 website templates to help customize the experience, and it can provide services such as invoicing, order tracking, payment processing and shipping integration, too. The recurring revenue that's generated should help Shopify prosper for years to come.

Shopify has been so successful catering to the needs of small- and medium-sized merchants that it has added enterprise-level options for larger companies, which tend to spend more than their smaller counterparts. It's also focusing on international growth, as currently most of its customers are located in the United States.

The company has chosen to forgo

profits (for now) in exchange for a rapid expansion (its second-quarter revenue soared 62 percent over year-earlier levels). That's not uncommon for young and fast-growing companies, and increasing sales and more recurring revenue should eventually deliver earnings. Meanwhile, Shopify's stock price has soared more than 700 percent over the past five years.

Management forecasts revenue of about \$1 billion for the full year, which would be a 48 percent jump over last year. With its massive international opportunity and the paradigm shift to e-commerce that is just getting started, Shopify is a promising portfolio candidate for risk-tolerant long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Shopify.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ SCORE Naples hosts a social media series for business owners workshop from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 and 23 and Nov. 6, at the Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road. Attendees will learn about the importance of email marketing. \$30. Sign up by calling SCORE Naples at 430-0081.

■ Reservations close Sept. 1 for the Collier Building Industry Association's annual Sand Dollar Awards gala that takes place Saturday evening, Sept. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. \$150. RSVP by emailing Nancy@cbia.net.

■ Applications are due Sept. 4 for the 2018 Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award. Sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Com-

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■ The Leadership Collier Foundation and Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce present the Naples Children's Business Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Gulf Coast High School. Local children ages 6-17 are invited 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 Sept. 10. Visit

www.napleschamber.org/childrendsbusinessfair for more information.

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

■ 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.

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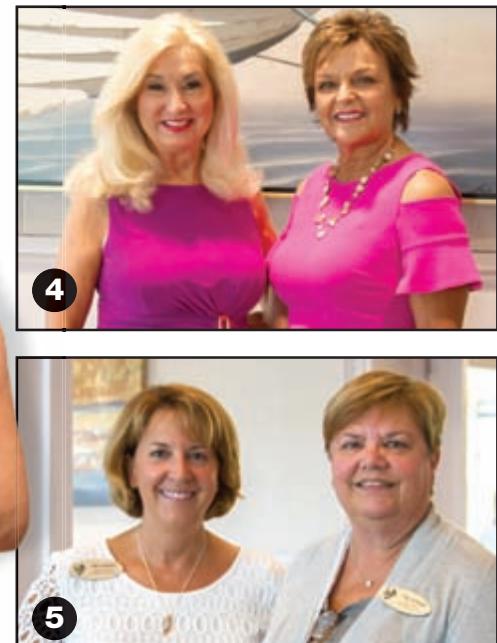
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House Hunting

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Meticulously renovated and remastered, this charming cottage is quintessential Old Naples. Offered turn-key furnished, the cozy and romantic interior is the epitome of "beach house chic," complete with new wide-plank wood floors throughout, vaulted ship-

lap ceilings and whitewashed brick gas fireplace. There are four bedrooms, including a guest casita, and a southern exposure pool. The brand-new patio has a linear fire pit, outdoor shower, summer kitchen with grill, three wine coolers, quartz countertops and bar seating

for eight. The extra-large lot is landscaped to ensure privacy. The inside kitchen is open to the living areas and has a Thermador gas cooktop, oven and warming drawer and Bosch dishwasher. Watch the sun set from the huge front porch and enjoy the short walk to the

beach and Fifth Avenue shopping and restaurants.

Krista Fraga of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$2,995,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 877-6745 or email krista.fraga@premiersir.com. ■



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Gains in home prices lead to reduced demand

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Existing-home sales subsided for the fourth straight month in July to their slowest pace in more than two years, according to the National Association of Realtors. The West was the only major region with an increase in sales last month.

Total existing home sales — completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops — decreased 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.34 million in July from 5.38 million in June. With last month's decline, sales are now 1.5 percent below a year ago and have

fallen on an annual basis for five straight months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the continuous solid gains in home prices have now steadily reduced demand.

"Led by a notable decrease in closings in the Northeast, existing home sales trailed off again last month, sliding to their slowest pace since February 2016 at 5.21 million," he said. "Too many would-be buyers are either being priced out, or are deciding to postpone their search until more homes in their price range come onto the market."

The median existing-home price² for all housing types in July was \$269,600,

up 4.5 percent from July 2017 (\$258,100). July's price increase marks the 77th straight month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of July decreased 0.5 percent to 1.92 million existing homes available for sale (unchanged from a year ago). Unsold inventory is at a 4.3-month supply at the current sales pace (also unchanged from a year ago).

Properties typically stayed on the market for 27 days in July, up from 26 days in June but down from 30 days a year ago. Fifty-five percent of homes sold in July were on the market for less than a month.

"Listings continue to go under con-

tract in under a month, which highlights the feedback from Realtors that buyers are swiftly snatching up moderately-priced properties," Mr. Yun said. "Existing supply is still not at a healthy level, and new home construction is not keeping up to meet demand," he added.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage decreased to 4.53 percent in July from 4.57 percent in June. The average commitment rate for all of 2017 was 3.99 percent.

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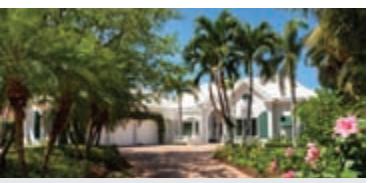
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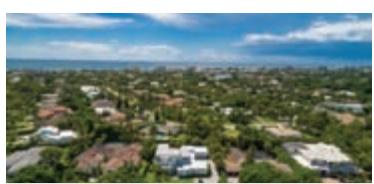
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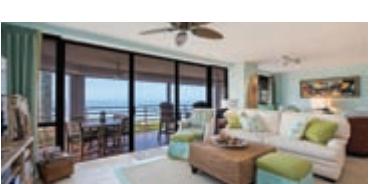
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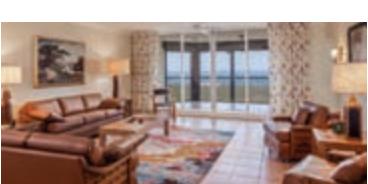
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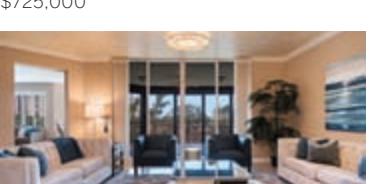
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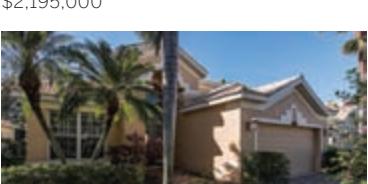
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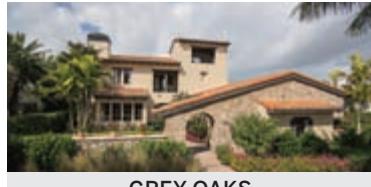
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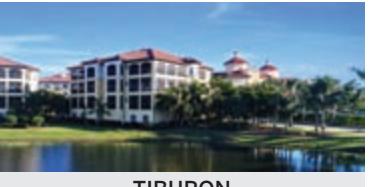
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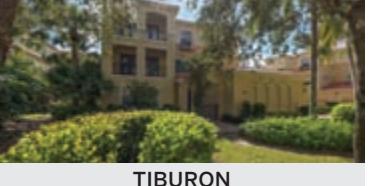
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Kalea Bay's second tower hits the \$138 million sales mark

Club Amenity Center popular with residents

The construction of the second tower in Kalea Bay, the gated, luxury high-rise community located in North Naples, is now well underway. Currently, three construction cranes are onsite as work continues on the lower floors.

As the footprint for Tower 200 begins to take shape, sales in the high-rise building have remained extremely strong.

"We originally launched our sales effort for our second tower in July 2017," said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "Since then, we have sold 65 of the tower's 120 residences. That represents a total sales volume of \$138 million."

Like its predecessor, Tower 200 is also 22-stories with 120 residences. Specifically, 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5 are 4-bedroom/4.5 bath plans with 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans with 3,919 total square feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prices in Tower 200 begin at \$1.4 million.

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

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

She added, "Purchasers in Tower 200 can start using the club and its amenities the day they sign their contracts, affording them an unprecedented



Above: Kalea Bay's second tower is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. **Right:** The rooftop amenities include a negative-edge pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge. **Below Left:** All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. **Below Right:** The custom kitchens feature Wolf and SubZero appliances and an oversized island. **Bottom:** Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans.



opportunity to utilize this amazing \$25 million world-class amenity center."

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

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

Expansive sun decks and lounge chairs separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

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

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

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts. Guest suites can be reserved by mem-

bers to accommodate overnight guests and are located on property.

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

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

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Mangrove Bay

Many exciting things are happening this summer at Mangrove Bay! Come by our Sales Office to learn more about this fabulous new construction waterfront community in the heart of Old Naples.

We are pleased to announce Lots 5, 6, 12, and 16 along with the Amenity Center are **UNDER CONSTRUCTION!** Additionally, construction is now completed on the seawall and boat ramp.

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.

Have you heard about our **SUMMER INCENTIVES?** Running until the end of September, for each new home purchased, over \$100,000 in upgrades will be a complimentary inclusion. Upgrades include items such as outdoor kitchens, outdoor fireplaces and electric roll-down screens.

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. Soon to break ground is the Gulfshore Playhouse, a cultural icon in Naples which will be a wonderful complement to the Mangrove Bay community. 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.

The Amenities Center will have a private on-site concierge to cater to every

resident's needs which can include recommending and making arrangements for comprehensive property management services. The center will also include state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and ground level storage area for resident's kayas, paddle boards and jet-skis. Additionally, a multi-purpose room will be housed there which can be utilized for entertaining, fitness classes and much more. 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.

Mangrove Bay offers many flexible floor plans for Old Florida living. 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, 2.5 bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,514 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

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, 3.5 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.

Built by Lotus Construction, LLC the exclusive General Contractor for Mangrove Bay, these waterfront homes are available and won't last long. This remarkably distinguished location makes Mangrove Bay a rare jewel indeed. ■

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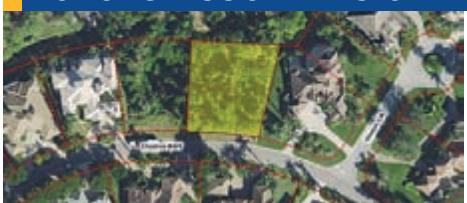
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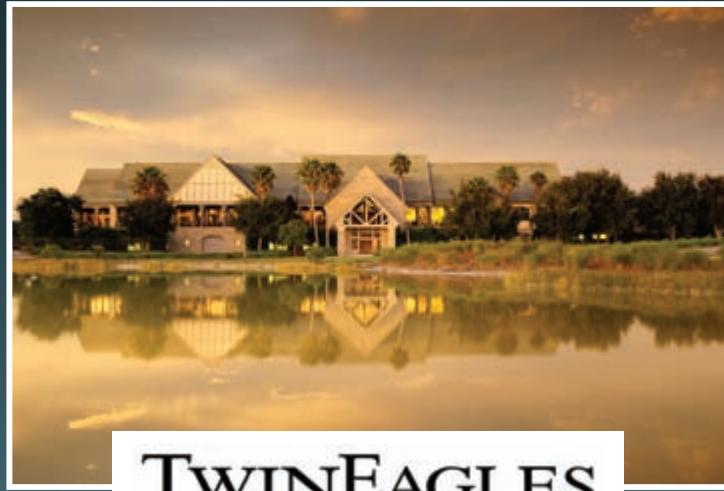
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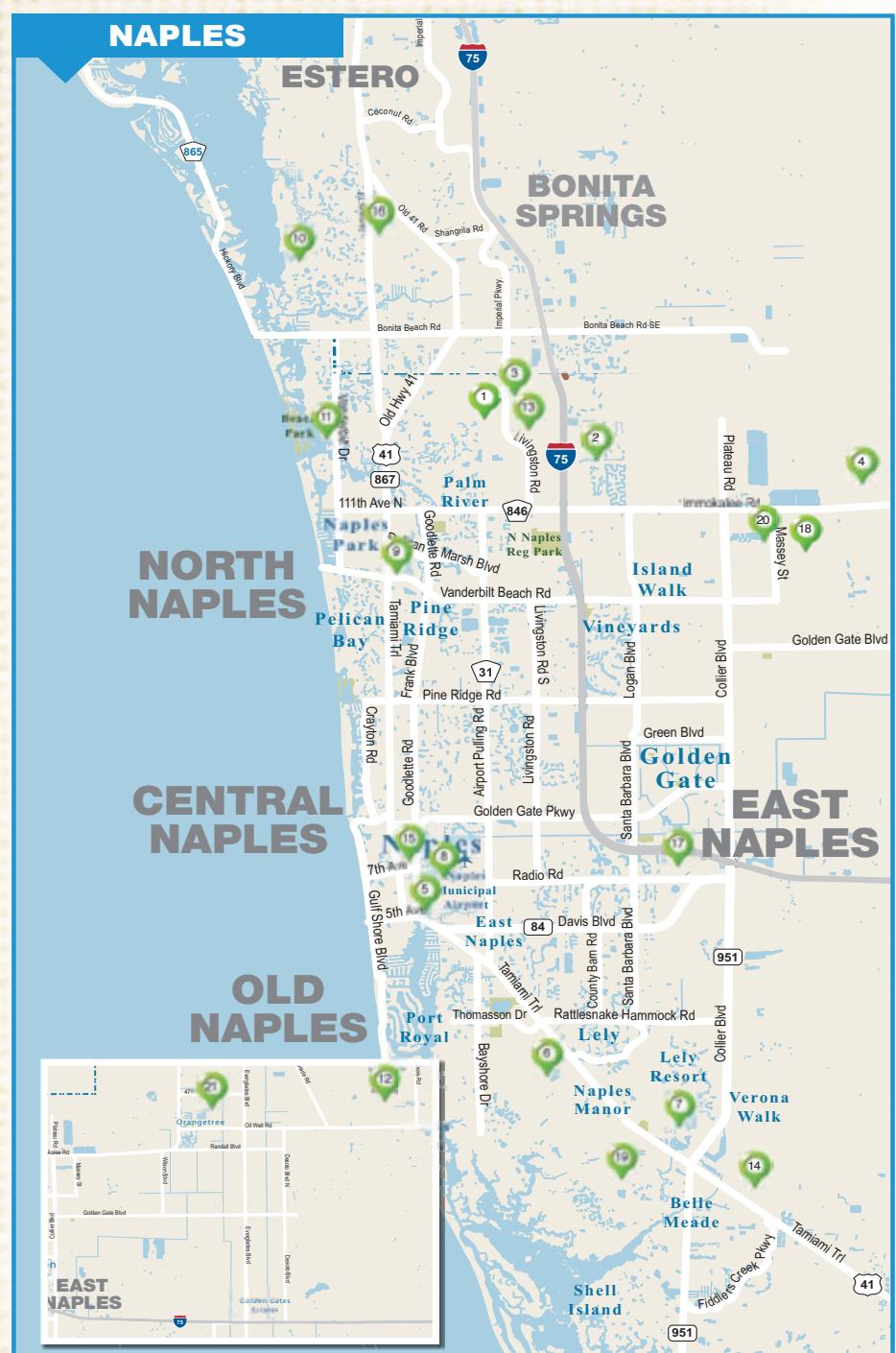
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SEAGATE	5110 Starish Avenue	\$2,695,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Erik David Barber 323.513.6391	Sunday 1-4pm
QUAIL WEST	6320 Burnham Road	\$2,500,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
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PINE RIDGE	149 Caribbean Court	\$2,495,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Whitney Casement 239.253.6125	Sunday 1-4pm
THE PENINSULA AT TREVISO BAY	9938 Montiano Drive	\$2,399,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209	Daily 10am-5pm
THE MOORINGS	475 Putter Point Drive	\$2,295,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
THE MOORINGS	441 Wedge Drive	\$2,250,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Sheila Lytle 239.293.5040	Sunday 1-4pm
LAKE PARK	1187 10th Avenue North	\$2,049,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Melinda Gunther 239.297.2155	Sunday 1-3pm
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QUAIL WEST	6530 Highcroft Drive	\$1,790,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Joanne MacLeod 239.272.7679	Sunday 1-4pm
PARK SHORE	534 Parkwood Lane	\$1,500,000	John R Wood Properties	Emily K. Bua & Tade Bua-Bell 239.595.0097	Sunday 1-4pm
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PARK SHORE - THE TERRACES	4751 Gulf Shore Boulevard North #1206	\$1,295,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Polly Himmel 239.290.3910	Sunday 1-4pm
SIENNA RESERVE	14726 Reserve Lane	\$1,225,000	Premier Sotheby's International Realty	Jackie Spahl 239.738.8504	Sunday 1-4pm
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BONITA BAY - TAVIRA	4851 Bonita Bay Boulevard #804	\$2,495,000	Royal Shell Real Estate	Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507	Sunday 2-4pm
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Developers, government leaders and real estate experts will address the trends and impacts of shifting growth patterns at the **2018 Real Estate Symposium** set for Thursday, Sept. 13, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The event is presented by the Real Estate Investment Society in partnership with the Lutgert College of Business at FGCU and the Calusa Chapter of the Florida Planning & Zoning Association.

Sean Ellis, Esq., of Roetzel & Andress will moderate the panel discussion.

"Southwest Florida is adapting to new market trends and economics, and REIS is pleased to provide a forum with knowledge and ideas that will help our members and our community leaders succeed in this dynamic environment," says Bev Larson, REIS president.

The symposium begins at 8 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast; the program takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$35 for members of REIS or FPZA, \$45 for others (FGCU students can attend at no cost). Seating is limited and reservations are required by Sept. 11. AICP credits are pending approval. Reservations can be made at www.reis-swfl.org.

Roetzel is title sponsor of the event, with additional sponsors including Morris-Depew Associates, Busey and d3 creative studio.

Compass Florida has been tapped to handle sales and marketing for SoCe Flats, a mixed-use project comprised of 18 hotel residences and 4,500 square feet of commercial space at 101 Eighth St. S. in Old Naples. Walking distance from the beach, luxury shops and fine dining, the project is being developed by Mike Assaad from Waterside Builders Inc. and designed by Matthew Kragh of MHK Architecture & Planning.

"This evolving neighborhood we are promoting as SoCe, South of Central, is going to feel like an extension of Fifth Avenue within the next few years," said Joe Belz, a founding agent of Compass' Naples location and the agent representing this development.

SoCe Flats construction is expected to commence in early 2019 with completion slated for 2020. Pricing will start at \$575,000. One- and two-bedroom options will range from 610 to 1,220 square feet. ■

HOME PRICES

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evident that the quick run-up in mortgage rates earlier this spring has had somewhat of a cooling effect on home sales,” Mr. Yun said. “This weakening in affordability has put the most pressure on would-be first-time buyers in recent months, who continue to represent only around a third of sales despite a very healthy economy and labor market.”

First-time buyers were 32 percent of sales in July, which is up from 31 percent last month but down from 33 percent a year ago. NAR's 2017 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, released late last year, revealed the annual share of first-time buyers was 34 percent.

Despite first-time buyers struggling to achieve homeownership, Realtors in most areas say demand is still the strongest at the entry-level segment of the market, said NAR President Elizabeth Mendenhall, a sixth-generation Realtor from Columbia, Mo., and CEO of RE/MAX Boone Realty.

"For prospective first-timers looking to begin their home search this fall, it is expected that competition will remain swift," Ms. Mendenhall said. ■

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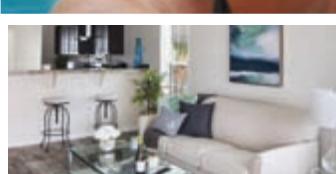
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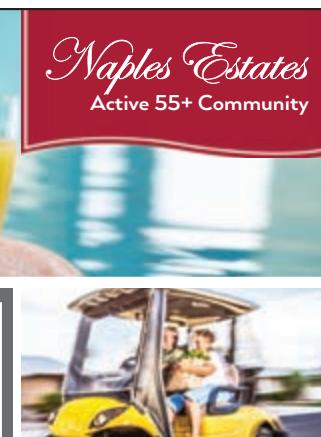
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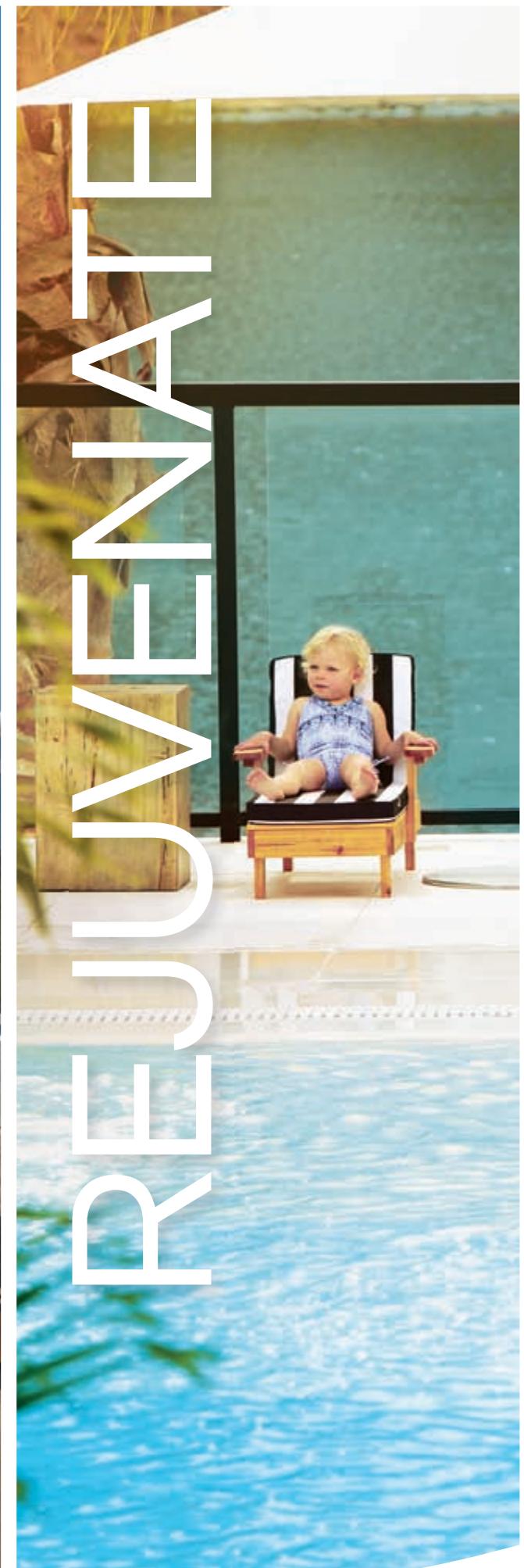
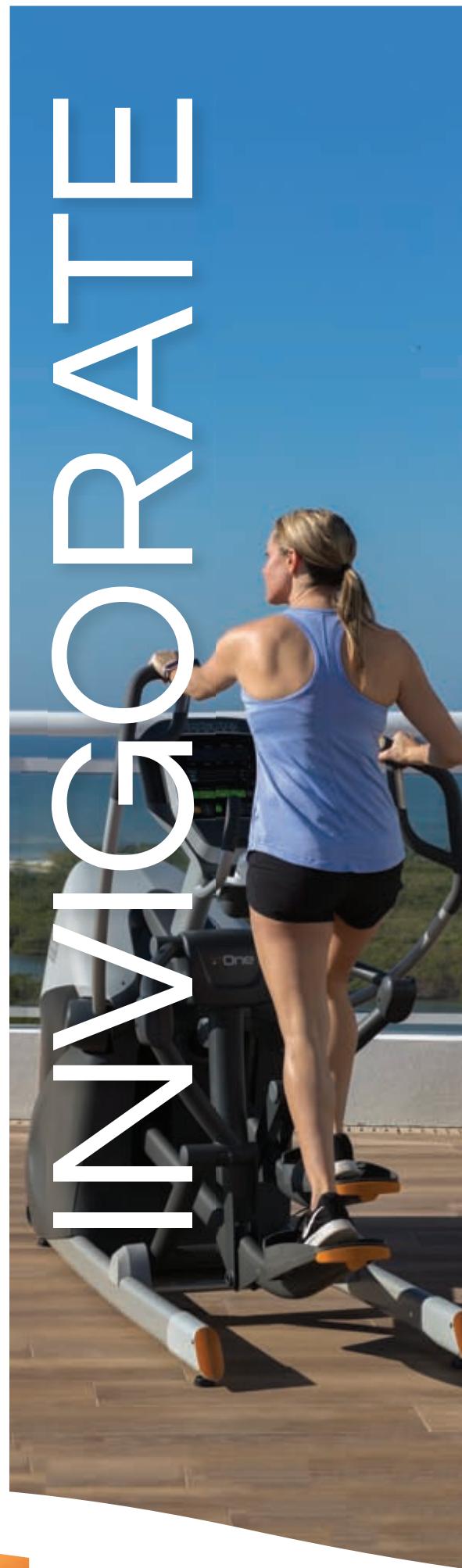
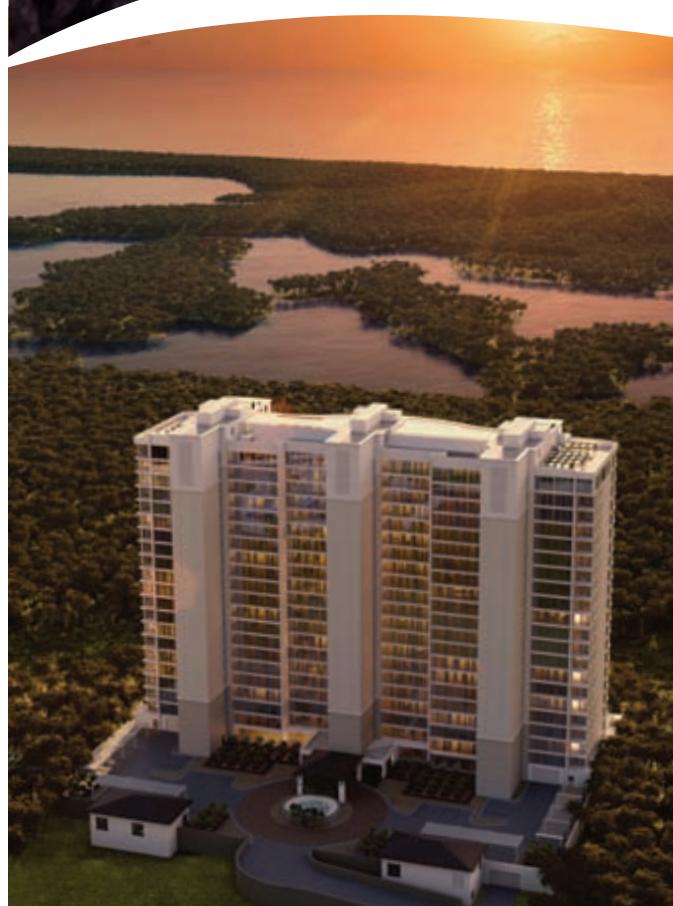
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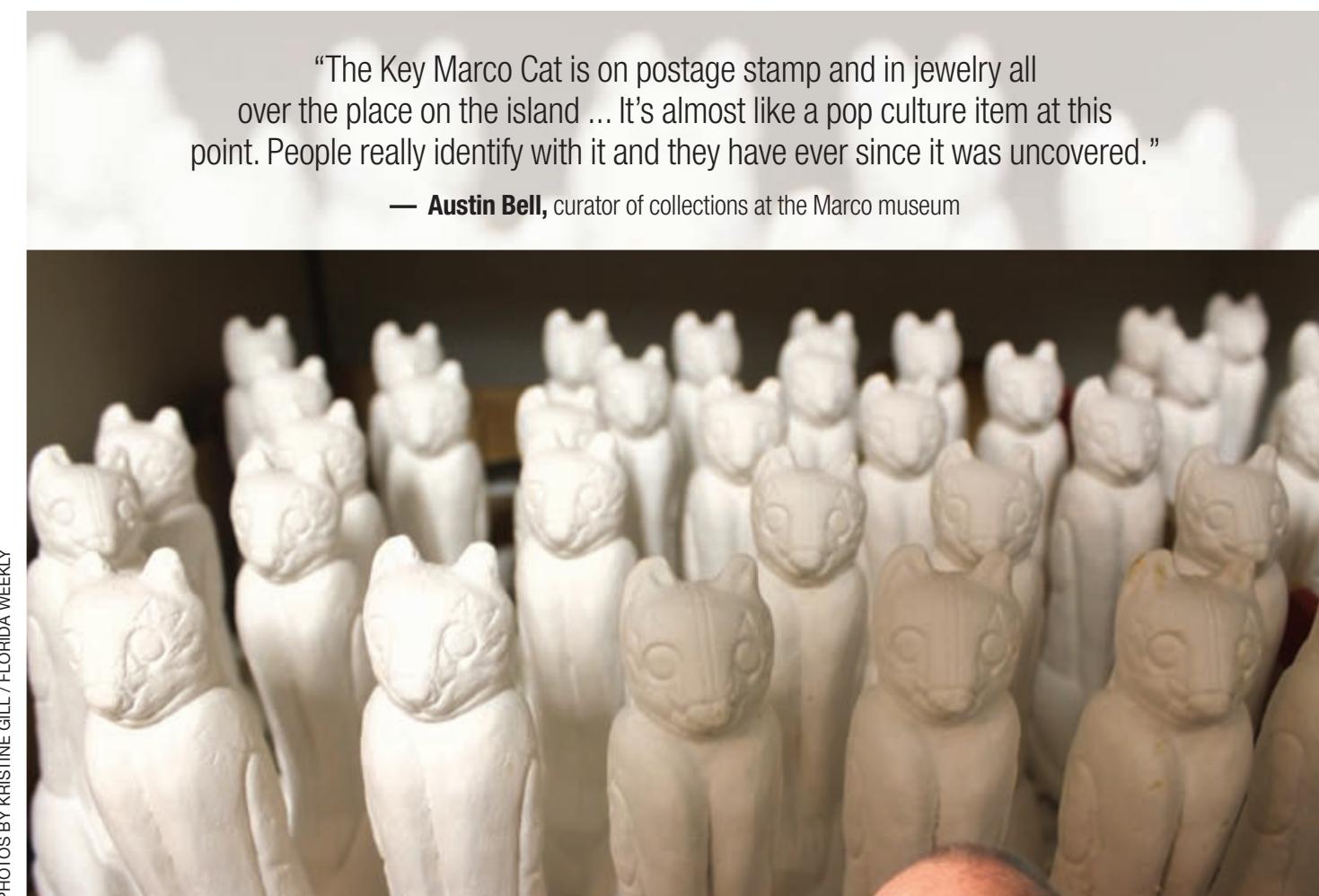
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"The Key Marco Cat is on postage stamp and in jewelry all over the place on the island ... It's almost like a pop culture item at this point. People really identify with it and they have ever since it was uncovered."

— Austin Bell, curator of collections at the Marco museum

COOL CAT

Local artist marks Key Marco Cat return with his 1,000th replica

BY KRISTINE GILL

Florida Weekly Correspondent

ONE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S most notable artifacts will return to its home island at the end of the year. When the Key Marco Cat ventures from the Smithsonian Institution National

SEE CATS, C4 ▶

Above: Unfinished plaster cats line the cupboards at the Sottong's East Naples home where the couple has a side business recreating the Key Marco Cat. At left: Peter Sottong holds a replica of the Key Marco Cat, which he made in his East Naples home.

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Part 3: The Florida Weekly Writing Challenge

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

"I always feel like I should have really interesting answers to questions about my writing process. One day I'll make something up involving goat bones and virgin's blood, but the truth is, I get up, make coffee, I sit down and I start writing."

— Alistair Cross

More than 54 writers submitted entries in Part 2 of the 2018 Florida Weekly Writing Challenge, which ended Aug. 26. This photo of the horse and trap is the third prompt of four that

will make up this year's contest. Writers have until midnight Sunday, Sept. 9, to submit their short fiction inspired by the photo. We'll print a final prompt and the submission deadline for Part 4 on Sept. 13.

Here are the rules:

- If you submitted something for Parts 1 and/or 2, great. Thank you. You are also welcome to take us up on Parts 3 and 4 of the challenge. But please limit your output to one per prompt.
- Keep your narrative (no poetry) to 750 words.
- Give it a title and run it through SEE WRITING, C3 ▶

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The empty nest. Something to celebrate? Or mourn?

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Now that it's back-to-school time, I've learned that a parent's age can be determined by how sad — or happy — they are to have an empty nest.

For the past couple of weeks, my social media feed has been a constant string of parents taking their kids to college.

The parents who are in their late 30s and early 40s seem to be thrilled beyond belief. One friend is already remodeling her daughter's room into the home office of her dreams. Another said she couldn't wait to start having girls' nights out now that she no longer has to rush home and make dinner for her son. And all of my younger friends with kids going into college are celebrating not EVER having to sit in another car line again.

On the other hand, my friends who are older parents are inconsolable. They're posting sad, pouty selfies and documenting every moment before the big drive to Gainesville or Tallahassee: "Emma's last breakfast at home" accompanied by a photo of homemade chocolate chip pancakes. Or the friend who told me he and his wife would be driving to USF in Tampa every weekend to see their son. I wanted to tell him that their kid at college would much rather spend his weekend evenings with friends instead of at Applebee's with his parents who only live two hours away



— but I held my tongue, because after all, as you age, time becomes so much more precious.

I was still in my mid-30s when my

son graduated from high school and went up north for school. I was excited for my Florida-born and bred only child to experience the wonder of winter,

spring, summer and fall. I couldn't wait for him to meet new people and walk the streets of a historic city.

And, yes, I did buy a desk and move my laptop into his room to create a lovely home office. After work, I would hit happy hour and enjoy my newfound freedom with friends — that is, until I went to Publix for the first time after he left and pushed my cart down the Pop-Tart aisle. That's when it hit me: My boy had left the nest and I had no one to buy Pop-Tarts for. At that moment, I felt lost and sad, and even though my whole future was splayed out in front of me, I wondered what my purpose was now that my nest was empty.

I broke down in the Pop-Tart aisle.

Maybe older parents are so reluctant to see their children move on because they waited so long to have them, or because they tried for so long to become parents. Life seems to crawl by when you're young, but as you approach 50, it begins to fast-forward at a dizzying pace. And as our children grow away from us, it's a reminder that 18 years really isn't all that long. It's understandable to want to preserve and share every moment. Even if it means posting a picture of your new college freshman hugging the family cat goodbye (the same cat he or she will see at Thanksgiving in a couple of months). It's still a moment, and as time marches on, we realize how precious those little moments were.

It's been a dozen years since my son moved out and I still get a little melancholy at times. But trust me, every time he comes to visit, I happily buy a jumbo box of frosted strawberry Pop-Tarts with sprinkles. And I always will. ■



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Our editors look forward to reviewing the entries and selecting one winner, whose author will receive a ticket to

the 13th annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference (value: \$500). With keynote speaker and New York Times bestselling author Ann Hood ("She Loves You Yeah, Yeah, Yeah," "An Italian Wife," "Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine," "An Ornithologist's Guide to Life" and "The Obituary Writer," among others), the conference is set for Nov. 8-11 on Sanibel Island.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 30, 8 P.M. **The British Beat (My Music)**

PBS revisits the time when the nation's airwaves grooved to the swinging sounds of London. Petula Clark is host.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31, 8 P.M. **Washington Week**

The longest-running primetime news and public affairs program features a group of journalists participating in a roundtable discussion of major news events.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 8 P.M. **The Best of WGCU Pledge**

Tune in for a re-air of one of the most popular shows on WGCU.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2, 9 P.M.

The Roosevelts: An Intimate History The Rising Road (1933-1939)

FDR brings the same optimism and energy to the White House that his cousin Theodore displayed in this installment of the Ken Burns series.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3, 8 P.M.

The Roosevelts: An Intimate History The Common Cause (1939-1944)

Eleanor Roosevelt shares her husband's desire to ready the country for war. But events overseas do not distract her from the importance of domestic reforms, and she continues to be the spokesperson for those who cannot speak for themselves.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4, 8 P.M.

Mark Twain: Part 1

In his time, Mark Twain was considered the funniest man on earth. Yet he was also an unflinching critic of human nature, using his humor to attack hypocrisy, greed and racism. Followed at 10 p.m. by Part 2.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, 8 P.M.

Nature

Nature's Perfect Partners

The program offers examples of how partnerships between unrelated species, such as lions and lizards, work. ■

CATS

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Museum of Natural History to its new state-of-the-art home at the Marco Island Historical Society, it will relieve its long-time stand-in: a replica by local artist Peter Sottong.

The hand-painted plaster re-creation bears all the notable cracks and imperfections of the original, which was excavated from a site just north of the end of Marco Island by archaeologist Frank Hamilton Cushing in 1896. And like the original, the imitation is just six inches tall: A cat on its knees, shoulders arched, eyes round with a tail running the length of its back.

Unlike some of the other artifacts dug up that same day, which warped and shriveled after hitting oxygen, the cat has maintained its shape and the favor of museum patrons, history buffs and lovers of SWFL.

Austin Bell, curator of collections at the Marco museum, said experts believe the cat was treated with a type of animal fat that helped preserve it.

"The Key Marco Cat is on postage stamp and in jewelry all over the place on the island," Mr. Bell said. "It's almost like a pop culture item at this point. People really identify with it and they have ever since it was uncovered."

The cat could be anywhere from 500 to 1,500 years old, Mr. Bell said, but because carbon dating wasn't around at the time of the dig, it's hard to know.

Mr. Sottong had not heard of the cat when he first came to Naples and saw some of the Calusa masks on display at a Realtor's office. Mr. Sottong carved a few, hoping to sell them as a fundraising item for the future Marco museum.

"Someone asked me, 'Do you think you could do a cat?'" he recalled. "I said, 'What cat?'"

Mr. Sottong, a retired microbiologist and self-taught wood carver, got his start making decoy ducks while observing the fowl at his home in Annapolis, Maryland.

Cold winters invited boredom up north, so Mr. Sottong began carving the ducks he saw. And because he used poplar from the yard instead of carving wood from the store, he settled with crude versions of the decoys hunters used to make for practical reasons, not art. His had fissures and imperfections.

"It kept him out of trouble and away from other women," joked his wife, Melinda Sottong.

Together, the pair now runs a steady side business churning out plaster replicas of the "original" Key Marco Cat carving by Mr. Sottong. They sold their 1,000th Key Marco Cat this summer.

The Sottongs have been perfecting



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Above: Two unfinished Calusa masks wait for their paint job on a table in Peter Sottong's East Naples home. The masks are among 17 replicas the Sottongs make, commemorating artifacts found during a dig on Key Marco in 1896.

their process since they made their first cat back in 2006. Now, they can make a dozen cats at a time, with a series of latex molds. It takes just a few hours for a cat made with a gypsum cement called Hydrocal to cure. Once solid, Ms. Sottong removes them from their molds. Minor imperfections from the white casting are fixed and Mr. Sottong goes to work hand painting each before adding two protective finishes. The bottoms get felt feet and a Sottong signature with the number and year. They're sold wholesale to seven museums throughout the state, which sell them in gift shops. They are sold online www.keymarcocat.com for \$45. Sales have been on the rise this year in anticipation of the cat's return.

The cat might be the most popular replica, but it's just one of 17 items the Sottongs re-create in their East Naples home.

There's the pelican head, dug up during the same dig in 1896. There are a number of masks painted both to recreate their condition when they were excavated and their original coloring imagined by the Sarasota artist Ted Morris, who detailed his visions in a book the Sottongs use with his permission.

There's also the shell magnet depicting a little drawn man inside, the Calusa



One of Mr. Sottong's replicas is currently on display at the Marco Island Historical Society in place of the original artifact, which will replace it temporarily beginning in December when it is on loan from the Smithsonian.

alligator and the Calusa deer, the "little man" figure and a painted wooden tablet of some type of bird experts have never quite agreed on.

"Southwest Florida is a pretty interesting place," Mr. Sottong said. "But when people visit they go to the beach, restaurants and back home and don't think of the history we have here."

The Key Marco Cat has been housed at the Smithsonian since its excavation as part of an arrangement with the University of Pennsylvania, which headed the dig. It has made two trips to Marco Island since, for short stints in 1995 and then 1999.

"They kind of used the momentum from the visit in '99 to 2000 to kick off the initiative to raise funds to build museum," Mr. Bell said. "It's a big milestone for us in getting this exhibit complete."

Having sold thousands of their wares, the work can be repetitive for the Sottongs, but Mr. Sottong said he likes to appreciate the history and culture of the pieces he re-creates. He spends a few hours each evening after his job at the YMCA and before dinnertime, putting the finishing touches on cats and pelicans in his garage or bedroom, where he has his paints set up.

"I admire the art in it," Mr. Sottong said. "It's a responsibility, too. It's a labor of love in the end. And it's something we both enjoy doing."

"You have to or else you'd die of boredom," his wife quipped. "We're just two little old people trying to make replicas."

When they aren't making replicas, the Sottongs attend art shows around the state, selling Mr. Sottong's original works: large wooden sculptures with a metal finish depicting Florida wildlife from snook and red snapper to manatees and mermaids. Ms. Sottong handles the customers while he works on other pieces, often some of the masks.

It was at one of these art shows that William Marquardt, of the University of Florida and a leading Calusa expert, happened by their tent.

Mr. Sottong had wandered from the tent and noticed the visitor from afar. Working up the courage, he sidled up alongside Mr. Marquardt who asked who made the masks. Tentative, Mr. Sottong took credit, but Mr. Marquardt was floored.

"That's the best replica I've ever seen," he said. ■

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

There's nary a lemon in this batch of linens

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When I was around 18 months old, my parents decided that my mother should return to the University of Florida to complete her education degree.

My dad, who had dropped out of college shortly before I was born, went to work for a Belle Glade heavy equipment company, operating the draglines and cranes that built many of the condos you now see along A1A in Palm Beach.

And I lived with my maternal grandparents in Fort Myers.

Grandma, who was around 50, reveled in the job — I think my grandfather did, too, if only because he got to tease me.

I'd spend my days digging in the driveway, riding a trike in their fenced-off carport and exploring their house.

It had been a long time since there'd been a babe in the Bolender household, and there was much to see.

The dining room buffet held the Lenox china — off limits to me, especially on those terrazzo floors.

And the hall closet? The shelves were loaded with boxes.

I asked Grandma what was in them. "Linens," she replied.

To this day, I'm sure I heard "lemons."

She took one box down and revealed a set of damask napkins and a tablecloth

— the boxes were labeled according to size: "damask — 3 yards" and "banquet — 4 yards." Everything was ironed crisp. At the time, I was so disappointed.

It was only later that I learned to appreciate the feel of fine Irish linen damask — shiny, smooth, heavy and silky with all manner of designs that reminded one of illustrations from the Book of Kells.

I love the sound a large tablecloth makes as it flaps in the breeze on a clothesline — that's the best way to dry linens. Take them down and they smell of the sun.

Grandma always ironed her tablecloths and napkins damp, pressing the top first, then flipping them and ironing the backs to make the designs stand out.

I think of Grandma when I iron. Her heavy wooden ironing board is just the right height for smoothing everything from hand towels to tablecloths.

And, according to the penciled-in price on the bottom, it only cost \$1.29 when she bought it around 1940.

I'd say she got her money's worth.

But the present can teach the past a lesson — my Rowenta steam iron eliminates the need for dampening linens, smoothing them to crisp perfection.

Unlike Grandma, I'll skip ironing the print tablecloths and napkins I use for everyday — they're casual, right?

And as for those damask tablecloths? A half-century after I conducted my initial investigation at my grandparents' house, they're still beautiful, with nary a lemon in sight. ■



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THE FIND: A set of 10 linen cocktail napkins

Bought: Avow Treasures Resale Shop, 3601 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 1, Naples; 239-649-0201.

Paid: \$4

The Skinny: The drawers at my house are bursting with tablecloths and napkins of all sizes, styles and colors, so I really didn't need these.

Then my friend Richmond pointed out that this set of fine linen napkins cost only a little more than good quality disposable napkins, so I bought.

They date from the 1940s or '50s and probably were made in Ireland. The

daintily embroidered and appliqued grape motif is classic, and it reminds me to raise a glass to good design.

Don't forget

The West Palm Beach Antiques Festival

Early buyer is noon-5 p.m. Aug. 31. Regular show hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 1 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 2. It's at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Cost: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$10 for early buyer and \$10 for two-day admission. Info: 941-697-7475 or www.wpaf.com. ■

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I'll Eat You Last – By The Studio Players Oct. 5-21 at Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

In Flight: The Story of Sabine Van Dam – By Gulfshore Playhouse in collaboration with Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the church. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 455-6553 or www.uunaples.org.

An Iliad – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 20-Nov. 4 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Rehearsal for Murder – By The Marco Players Oct. 24-Nov. 11 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.org.

THURSDAY 8.30

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

FRIDAY 8.31

Dukes Up – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation on John Wayne from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Summer Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "The Natural" (1984) at 2 p.m. An unknown comes out of nowhere to become a legendary baseball player with almost divine talent. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Fresh & Local – Golden Gate Community Center hosts a farmers market from 2-7 p.m. each Friday. 206-4339 or www.coliergov.net.

Blues Concert – Selwyn Birchwood performs at 8 p.m. at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

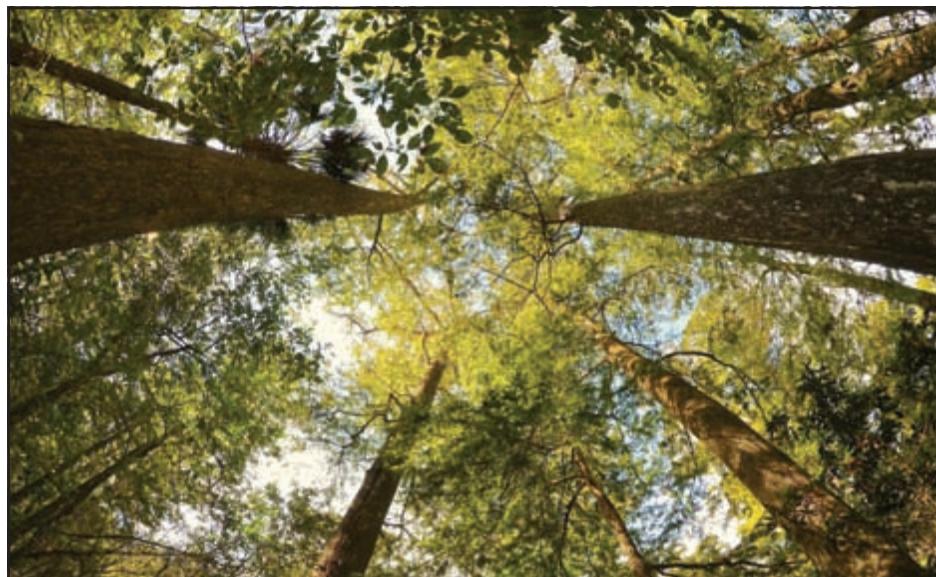
Survivor's Remorse – Comic actor Mike Epps performs tonight and Saturday, Sept. 1, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 9.1

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.

Om in the swamp – Spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez hosts an outdoor meditation session at 9:30 a.m. in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater. \$20. 349-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.



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All Aboard – Volunteer docents from the Naples Train Museum are on hand at the Naples Depot Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to help visitors of all ages enjoy the outdoor and indoor trains. Corner of 10th St. S. and Fifth Ave. S. www.naplestrainmuseum.org.

SUNDAY 9.2

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.

Flashback Cinema – Silverspot screens "American Graffiti" (1973) at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. A couple of high school grads spend on final night cruising the strip before they go off to college. \$11.80-\$15.50. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Musical Moments – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts concert featuring the works of five 19th century Russian composers at 3 p.m. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

MONDAY 9.3

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Love Is All" at 7 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 9.4

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 9.5

Meditation Event – The Gypsy Sea Witch hosts a crystal bowl meditation from 7-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Koreshan State Park. \$20, registration required. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 754-444-9779 or www.thegypsyseawitch.com.

COMING UP

With Love – PACE Center for Girls hosts its eighth annual Love That Dress! sale, where fashionistas can purchase new or gently used dresses while enjoying hors-d'ouevres and cocktails, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Naples to support the organization's efforts to provide opportunities to local, at-risk teenaged girls. \$35-\$150. 842-5406 or www.lovethatdress.org.

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 Jenkins Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. \$15.4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

Wind Concert – FGCU's Wind Orchestra performs works at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Exhibition – Artist Michaela Castaldi hosts an exhibition of her newest watercolor paintings Oct. 1-31, at her gallery in Naples Art District. 6240 Shirley St. 272-6383 or www.artworkbymichaela.com.

Meet The Artist – Artist Morris Herstein greets guests for an illustrated walk through of his photo exhibition at Naples Art Association at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Free. 850 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.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.

Om in the swamp – Spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez hosts an outdoor meditation session at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater. \$20. 349-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Chamber Concert – The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs works by Haydn, Bach and Perogolesi at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Meet the Authors – Authors Steve and Kathy Doocy present their newest book, "The Happy Cookbook: A Celebration of the Food That Makes America Smile" at noon on Sunday, Oct. 7, at Barnes & Noble. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Blues Concert – Damon Fowler performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Chamber Concert – The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs works by Leonardo, Hensel and Farrenc at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Reception – Marco Island Center of the Arts hosts a reception for its current exhibitions from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. \$10 donation suggested. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Folk Concert – Penn Johnson performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Marco Island center for the Arts. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Gross – Collier County Fairgrounds hosts its annual Halloween Gross House on select dates between Oct. 12-27, with a haunted house, hay rides and more. 455-1444 or www.coliercountyfair.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Swamp After Hours — Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts an evening of live animals, discovery stations, crafts exhibitors and more from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Free for children under 18 who are accompanied by an adult, \$14 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Early Birds — Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a birding walk from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

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.

Live And Local — The Alex Lopez Express performs at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Artis—Naples' Daniels Pavilion. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Show — Members of Naples Artcrafters host an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Brew for You — Mercato hosts the seventh annual Brew-Ha-Ha Craft Beer Festival with samples of over 60 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.

Chamber Concert — The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs works by Dvorac, Poulenc, Chopin and Saint-Saens featuring pianists Christina and Michelle Noughten at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Don't Think Twice — Bob Dylan performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. \$69-\$129.50. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.org.

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.

The Elders — Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a boardwalk tour of its stand of old-growth bald cypress from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 25. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Cinephilia — The Naples International Film Festival kicks off with an opening night party and film at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at Artis—Naples. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres, screening of the event's opening night film and a Q&A with the filmmakers. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Tile Time — Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a mah jongg tournament Friday through Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at the organization's headquarter. Call for more information. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or www.niafoundation.org.

An Evening to Forget — Comedians Steve Martin and Martin Short team up for a variety act titled "An Evening You'll Forget For The Rest Of Your Life" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org. ■

— 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.



DRESS IT

■ PACE Center for Girls hosts their eighth annual **Love That Dress!** sale, where fashionista can enjoy cocktails and light bites while shopping new or lightly used dresses, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Naples.

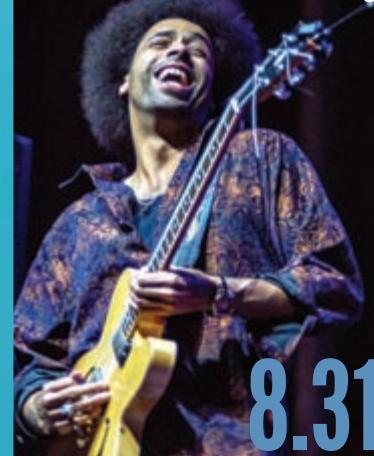
— www.lovethatdress.org



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■ **Selwyn Birchwood** performs at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road.

— www.artcenterbonita.org



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LAUGH IT

■ Comic actor **Mike Epps** ("Jumping the Broom," "Nina") performs Friday through Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, at Off The Hook Comedy Club.

— offthehookcomedy.com

MEDITATE IT

■ Spiritual guide **Bethanny Gonzalez** hosts a meditation session in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

— corkscrew.audubon.org



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SCREEN IT

■ The Fort Myers Film Festival hosts **Thank God for Indie Mondays (TGIM)** Sept. 3 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Screenings start at 7 p.m.

— www.sbdac.com



■ Naples Art Association showcases the cool artwork their summer camp kids accomplished at their **ARTScool Exhibition 2018** through Thursday, Oct. 18. Pictured here is 11-year-old Valentina Askar's "The Question."

— naplesart.org



■ Got a thing for reptiles? **Naples Zoo's** newest animal encounter lets you get to know (and pet!) Bones, the zoo's black and white tegu, at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Some local first responders do the 9/11 Memorial Stair Run dressed in full gear.

The Greater Naples YMCA holds its annual **9/11 Memorial Stair Run** on Sunday morning, Sept. 9, at the Y at 5450 YMCA Road. The event is in remembrance of the 343 firefighters, 63 police officers and eight EMTs who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Sept. 11, 2001.

Starting in the east parking lot, participants will head toward and climb up the east staircase (by the main entrance), run across the rooftop, back down the west staircase and around the campus. The race consists of eight laps, and participants can choose to run or walk one lap or all eight laps. Opening activities at 9 a.m. will include a Ringing of the Bell ceremony by the North Collier Fire Rescue District, a flyover by the Collier County Sheriff's Office and singing of

the national anthem. Registration is \$20 per person, \$40 for a family. Proceeds will benefit the Collier County 100 Club. To sign up or for more information, call Danny Soto at 963-3769 or email danny@greaternaplesymca.org.

Registration is open for fifth annual **Docs and Duffers golf tournament** and raffle hosted by The Foundation of Collier County Medical Society. The tournament tees off at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. An awards luncheon will follow the game.

Registration is \$175 per person, \$650 per foursome. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for students pursuing degrees in health care will help fund local health-care programs in need. A limited number of sponsorship and underwriting packages are available starting at \$550. Golfers and all others can participate in tournament raffles to win TVs donated by Perfect Solutions and a variety of other prizes. For more information, call 435-7727 or visit www.ccmsfoundation.org.

The inaugural **Pan-Florida Challenge for Hungry Kids golf tournament** tees off Saturday, Oct. 20, at the TPC Treviso Bay Golf Club with a shotgun at 8:30 a.m. Registration opens at 7:30 and includes a continental breakfast, greens fees and cart, lunch, prizes, and silent auction. Registration is \$125, and numerous spon-



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My heartfelt thanks goes out to all who attended my Birthday Party. It was a Circus! I never knew turning 90 could be so much fun! The cards, the letters, the donations to my charities; all exceeded any expectation. And so many flowers... the house looks like a funeral parlor!

Special thanks to my family and to Seth Minso and his wonderful team at the funeral home for their continued caring and dedication. It would make Earl proud.

With my sincere love
and God's blessings,
Thelma Hodges



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sorship packages are available.

The tournament is the newest event on the Pan-Florida calendar, joining its signature fundraising event, the Pan-Florida Challenge Ride for Hungry Kids, a bicycle ride that originates in Naples and gives riders the choice of routes from 10 to 200 miles long. PFC is a Naples-based nonprofit dedicated to ending childhood hunger by providing nutritious, kid-friendly meal packs to 2,500 elementary school children at 37 schools and aftercare sites in seven Florida counties. To register for the golf tournament or for more information, go to www.panfloridachallenge.org.

Place of Hope in Haiti holds its inaugural **Drive for Hope golf tournament** on Friday, Oct. 26, at Vineyards Country Club.

Players will enjoy a continental breakfast and silent auction before the 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration for \$250 includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, continental breakfast, refreshments and an awards luncheon. Hole sponsorships and other underwriting opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, visit www.PlaceofHopein-Haiti.org.

The fifth annual **Chip in for DLC golf tournament** to benefit the David Lawrence Center takes place Friday, Oct. 26, at Quail Creek Golf & Country Club. Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. Tee-off for the 18-hole scramble is at 1 p.m. Golfers will also be able



to take part in raffles, skills challenges and a putting contest. Registration for \$250 includes green fees and a cart, lunch and an awards cocktail reception. Non-golfers can attend the reception for \$50.

Chip in for DLC is hosted by David Lawrence Center in partnership with David Lawrence Center Young Executives. Co-chairs are Peter Michaels and Joseph Stusek. Presenting sponsors are Cigna and Brown & Brown Insurance. Other sponsors to date are Cummings & Lockwood, Gulf Coast Construction, Florida Insurance Trust, DeAngelis Diamonds, IPC, Peninsula Engineering and Chad Commers of SVN®|KOVA Naples. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

To sign up or for more information, call 354-1445 or visit www.ChipInforDLC.org.



The **2018 Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament** to benefit The Immokalee Foundation takes place Monday, Nov. 12, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Golfers are also invited to the pro-am pairings party on Sunday evening, Nov. 11, at The Old Collier Golf Club and the Charity Classic Celebration gala on Friday night, Nov. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.immokaleefoundation.org. ■

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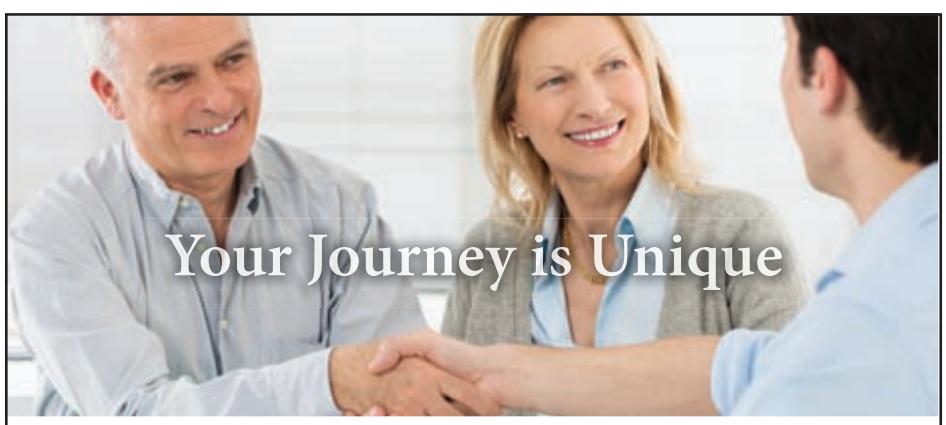
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PET TALES

Litter log

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

Andrews McMeel Syndication

Remember when there was just one kind of cat litter? Before 1947, the rare cat who lived indoors might have a box filled with sand, ashes, sawdust or soil, which it then tracked through the house, no doubt to the dismay of fastidious housekeepers. In 1947, businessman Edward Lowe handed a bag of granulated clay to a woman who was complaining that her cat tracked ashes through the house. The clay worked, the woman came back for more and the cat litter industry was born.

Now cat lovers might feel as if they're in a golden age of cat litter. Beyond granulated clay, which remains popular, there is sandlike clumping litter, silica gel crystals, and litter made from recycled newspaper, recycled pine scraps, corn, wheat, walnut shells and grass. For both humans and cats, there's a litter type for every concern: low tracking, low dust, attractive scent, no scent, low odor, low price and environmental friendliness. Some litters even indicate that a cat may have a urinary tract infection or other condition.

The anonymous woman who sparked the development of granulated clay litter was concerned about tracking, and that remains an issue for many cat owners. While many litters are marketed as being low-tracking, sometimes a larger litter box can also help to



Cats need large litter boxes that give them plenty of room to move around and dig.

solve the problem. Rosemary George of Falls Church, Virginia, says, "I have four cats, so I use cheap clay litter from the grocery store. There are two really large litter pans out on the enclosed sunporch. I scoop them once a day and change them entirely once a week. Once I got huge litter pans, there stopped being so much litter on the floor."

Cats like what they like, though, and their preferences can win out over an owner's desire to not have litter tracked through the house. Tery McConville of Mount Vernon, Washington, uses a clumping pine litter. "It gets everywhere," she says, "but it's what Princess likes, and it smells nice."

Humans and cats with asthma benefit from dust-free or low-dust litter. Dust irritates the respiratory tract and can contribute to coughing, wheezing and difficulty breathing when cats kick it up as they dig in the litter box. Litters made from wheat, recycled paper,

wood and silica gel crystals, as well as some clumping litters, tend to be low in dust. Unscented litters are also good choices when a person or pet in the home has asthma. Anna Wright uses a wheat-based litter, saying, "It's expensive, but my health and happiness are worth it. It doesn't give me headaches or trigger coughs for me like so many other products do. I think the cats like it for the same reasons."

Older cats may have special needs when it comes to litter. When her cat Shadow was in renal failure, Gail Parker of Philadelphia found that replacing litter with newspaper helped prevent him from urinating outside the litter box. She believes the paper was softer on his paws and found that her other cats preferred it, too. Parker puts sections of newspaper in the cats' boxes and removes them as soon as they are used.

No litter can replace a veterinary visit, but some litters are made to indicate the need to visit the vet. Coated with a safe, nontoxic pH detector, porous silica gel granules change color when acid, alkaline or bilirubin levels change, suggesting possible infection or illness.

But whatever you look for in cat litter, what your cat prefers is what counts. Offer an assortment of litters to see which one he likes best, and go with that. Provide an extra-large box, and fill it with three to five inches of litter for your cat's digging pleasure. Scoop it once or twice a day, clean the box and change the litter every week or two, and you'll have a happy cat. ■

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>> **Toby** is a 1-year-old domestic shorthair mix. He can be shy at first, but give him time to open up and he will be your best furry companion. His adoption fee is \$55.



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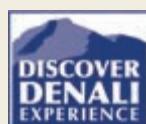
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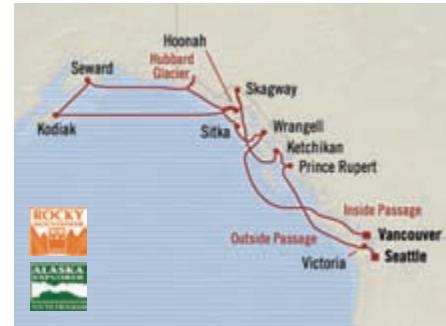
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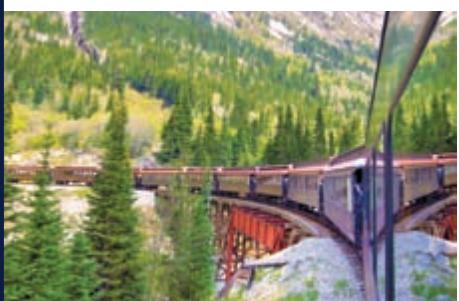
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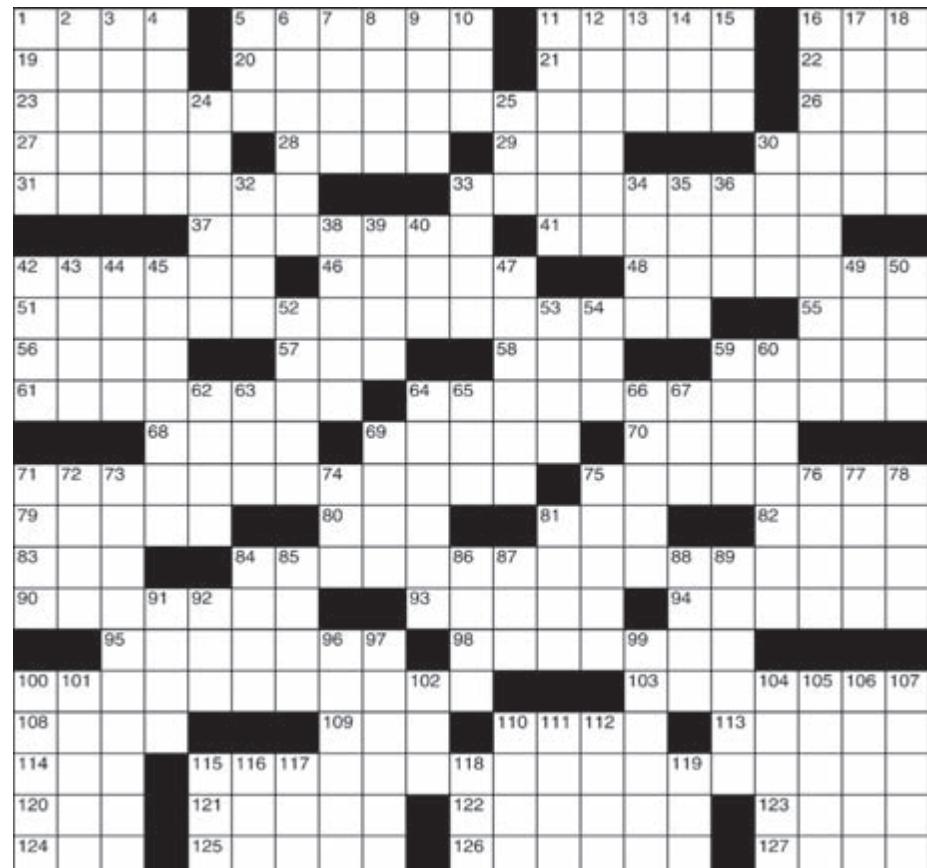


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HOROSCOPES

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life — on both personal and professional levels — this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that

job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist. ■

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By Linda Thistle

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A false sense of security

BY STEVE BECKER

Assume you're in four hearts and West leads a spade. There seems to be nothing to the play, so let's say you win with the ace, ruff a spade in dummy and cash the A-K of trumps. West shows out on the second trump, and you suddenly realize you're in serious trouble.

You continue with the queen of trumps and then, trying to make the best of a bad situation, play the A-K-Q of clubs. Unfortunately, East ruffs the third club, cashes the king of spades and continues with a spade, and you subsequently lose two diamond tricks to go down one.

Sometime later, it dawns on you that you should have made the contract. Rather than simply assume that the missing trumps would be divided 3-2 — in which case you'd wind up with two overtricks — you should have allowed for the possibility that the trumps might be divided 4-1 (a 28 percent possibility). Had you considered that, you might have seen that you could guard against a 4-1 trump break by playing the three of trumps from your hand at trick two.

This seemingly ridiculous play has much more merit to it than at first meets the eye. After the opponents win the trick, they cannot stop you from scoring the 10 tricks — four hearts, five clubs and a spade — you started with.

The deal demonstrates once again

that a declarer should always try to arrange the play to cater not only to the most likely distribution of a suit, but also to a less likely one. The chief danger in this deal is that the trumps might split 4-1 instead of 3-2, and declarer should take the necessary steps to guard against that eventuality. ■

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Both sides vulnerable.

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

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South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
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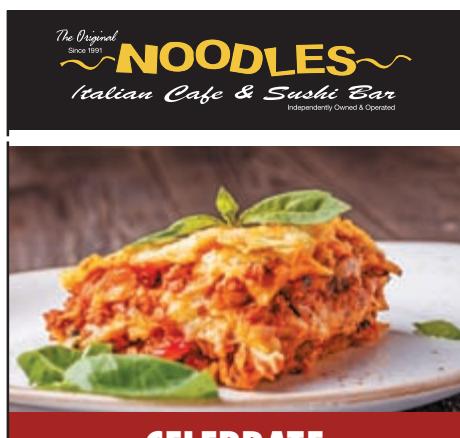
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Martin has announced it will build 25 examples of the DB5 coupe, complete with 007-style gadgets.

Continuation cars are not new to the industry. After all, it feels like the Shelby Cobra never left production, and Aston's rivals at Jaguar recently began neo-classic D-type and E-type racers. What makes the DB5 continuation cars so special is the pedigree that comes with them.

These 007 Astons are built with the blessing of EON Productions, the company that produced all of the James Bond films. Plus, while the hidden machine guns likely won't fire real bullets, the gadgetry will be developed by Chris Corbould. He has been involved in the special effects of 14 James Bond films, including "Goldeneye," "Tomorrow Never Dies," "Casino Royale," "Skyfall" and "Spectre" — all of which featured the famous silver DB5.

For true enthusiasts, the most important aspect of these cars is where they will be built. Aston Martin has a factory dedicated to special projects at its modern home in Gaydon, England. However, the continuation car will be produced about 40 miles away at the Newport Pagnell. This is the site of the Aston Martin Works official restoration facility and the factory where the original DB5s were built by hand.

These "new" classic coupes will be built in the same tradition as the original. That will likely mean a 4.0-liter

DOHC straight-six motor, leather-clad interior, and alloy panels formed over a tubular steel skeleton. Aston Martin did mention a few "sympathetic modifications" to the car seen in "Goldfinger." That might include 007's nifty map-based tracking system in the radio replaced by a regular GPS system that has emerged during more than a half-century of progress.

There are 25 DB5s up for grabs; deliveries are set to begin in 2020. Not coincidentally, this is also about the time for the 25th James Bond film to premiere. In fact, the real production number will be 28, with one car going to a charity auction and both Aston Martin and EON Productions retaining an example.

This limited availability of the movie cars is a nice nod to one of the most exclusive rides around. The original gadget-filled DB5 (actually a DB5 prototype) disappeared from the Boca Raton Airport in 1997 and hasn't been seen since. A second car used for the film's beauty photos survives today. It was sold for \$4.6 million in 2010.

The new continuation cars are slightly more affordable, but still priced for the very select few. Each will go for £2,750,000 (currently about \$3.5 million).

There's also a catch that goes beyond the exclusive price. None of these examples will be road legal.

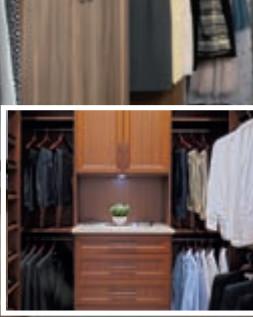
Aston Martin is building examples that are exceptionally faithful to the original, and that go well beyond revolv-



ing license plates. Cars assembled to 1960s standards but with 2020 build dates will not meet regulations in most developed countries. Aston Martin could get around this by purchasing original DB5 chassis, stripping them, and completely rebuilding the coupes. Thankfully, they have enough reverence for their own history to not repurpose classic beauty for the sake of new profit.

These new James Bond DB5s can be enjoyed on tracks and private roads. Those who can afford the privilege also likely have the funds to locate a closed circuit for secret agent time. Of course, at this level of price and prestige, some will really see the 2020 delivery date as a head start to building a worthy sitting room around rolling silver-screen art. ■

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Alpha ★★

(Kodi Smit-McPhee, Natassia Malthe, Leonor Varela) Believed dead by his tribe while on a hunting expedition, teenage Keda (Smit-McPhee) forms a symbiotic bond with a wolf dog. The exposition drags, and though there are some impressive visual sequences, the story is never engaging enough to overcome the sluggish start. Rated R.

BlacKkKlansman ★★★

(John David Washington, Adam Driver, Topher Grace) In the early '70s, an African-American police officer (Washington, Denzel's son) in Colorado

Springs infiltrates the Klu Klux Klan with the help of his white Jewish colleague (Driver). Director Spike Lee's film is a bit long at 135 minutes, but it's also nicely acted and well told. Rated R.

Generation Wealth ★★½

(Limo Bob, Tiffany Masters, Florian Homm) Documentarian Lauren Greenfield examines society's obsession with wealth, image and material possessions in this cautionary doc that raises more questions than it can answer. Still, it's an intriguing watch for its naked honesty, especially from those who greatly desired wealth, had it, lost it, and now understand it didn't make them happy. Rated R. ■

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Henri "Papillon" Charriere must have been the most honorable criminal in history. According to "Papillon," he's practically a saint. He is introduced as a safecracking thief in the early moments, but that's literally the only bad thing he does before telling his girlfriend (Eve Hewson) he wants to provide a good life for her and is being framed for murder.

It's a rushed first 25 minutes, followed by a labored remaining two hours in which Papillon (Charlie Hunnam) is sent to prison in French Guiana in South America. There he plots his escape with a weakling counterfeiter named Louis Dega (Rami Malek); in exchange for the money he'll need to escape, Papillon will protect Dega from the other inmates (and guards). An unlikely alliance forms (how couldn't it when both of you keep the same wad of money in your backside at different times?), and with it comes tedious monotony and head-scratching moments that don't register as genuine.

For example, there's a scene in which Papillon and Dega are carrying a corpse through the jungle. The guard starts physically and verbally harassing the frail Dega, at which point Papillon picks up a rock and smashes it onto the guard's head. Yes, Papillon has sworn to protect Dega, but we must consider two things: 1) The guard wasn't going to kill Dega, and 2) Papillon knows the penalty for striking a guard is two years in solitary confinement. If you think this through, Papillon sacrificed two years of his life — two years in which it would be impossible to escape — just because a guard was being mean to Dega. The action simply doesn't justify the consequence Papillon knew would come; worse, he would've been executed if the guard died.

To its credit, the fight scenes are grit-

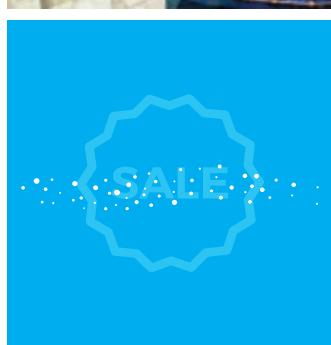


the movie is because he wrote the book on which it is based, the real Papillon himself admitted only 75 percent of the book is true, an assertion historians have come to believe is generous.

The real criticism here, then, belongs to director Michael Noer and screenwriter Aaron Guzikowski, who failed to take the story and craft the best movie possible from it. Thus if you're looking to explore the story of "Papillon," (re)watch the 1973 version. ■

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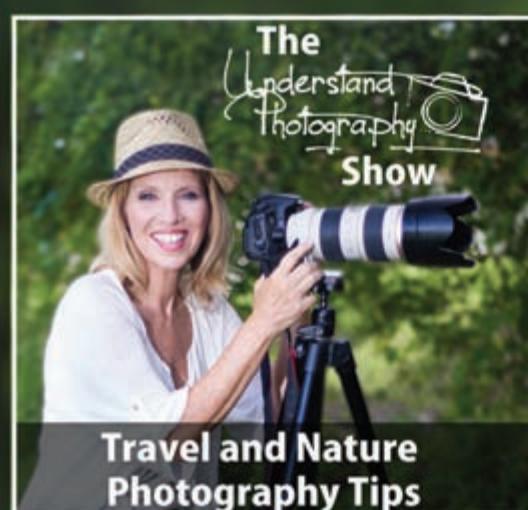
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Local food photographer **Nicole Nixon's** work has been hired by Rock Shrimp Productions to shoot the work of Floridian chefs Asif Syed (21 Spices, Naples) and Bernard Caramouche (Muddy Waters, Orlando) to be featured in the Food Network show "Beat Bobby Flay."

Nixon's work has appeared in several local and national publications like Town & Country, The New York Times, Garden & Gun and more. Her work for the episode of "Beat Bobby Flay" featuring Chef Asif Syed airs at 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, on The Food Network. More information about Nixon can be found at www.nicolenixon.net.

Campiello Naples will be closed Sept. 10-13 for bar renovations and to repair some damage caused by Hurricane Irma last fall. The restaurant and patio will reopen at 5 p.m. on Sept. 14 with a limited menu offering that will run for about a week to 10 days. The lounge and bar will remain closed and curtained off while work in those areas continues. A service bar will be set up in the courtyard to provide limited beverage service until the bar project is completed. As a result, the restaurant's summer progressive champagne pour promotion will end until next year, and its regional Italian specials will not be offered in September.



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This bar project was originally scheduled to be part of the restaurant's overall décor refresh that took place last fall, but was put on hold as the storm and recovery time affected project sched-

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1 THE COUNTER

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This place knows how to satisfy youthful palates and those of more mature clientele at the same time. The youngsters can tear into a pair of mini burgers with cheese and pickles, (or PB&J or grilled cheese, plus a side and drink) while the adults can choose from a variety of burgers — beef, bison, turkey, vegan, the meatless Impossible Burger — and all manner of preparations. In addition, there are regular and sweet potato fries (you can order half and half, if you like), plus veggies, and shakes or floats can be enhanced by a shot of your favorite adult beverage. Or just order the cocktail and skip the shake. No one beefs about a meal here.

2 RIB CITY

9191 N. Tamiami Trail, 591-3500
3871 E. Tamiami Trail, 417-9090
www.Ribcity.com

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3 SPANKY'S SPEAKEASY

1550 Airport-Pulling Road, 643-1559
www.Spankysnaples.com

This institution dates to 1984 although the memorabilia in the themed dining room stretches back far earlier to the days of "Spanky and Our Gang." There's plenty of eye-catching décor to keep the kids interested until the food arrives and there's also a rarity these days — a salad bar — that gets the meal started quickly. For kids, there's a soup and salad bar option for \$6.95 as well as a half-dozen other choices, all priced between \$4.95 and \$7. The kids' menu also doubles as a game/coloring page. And there's a full bar for the adults' amusement. ■

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CUISINE REVIEW

Menu, look ever-changing at laid-back 7th Avenue Social

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Since my last visit to The Social, the place has changed hands and chefs. It's also added a fittingly larger-than-life mural on one wall of renowned chef, food journalist and world traveler Anthony Bourdain.

The mural, painted by area artist Marcus Zotter, has Mr. Bourdain looking straight out at the crowd. He is surrounded by steaks, fruits and veggies and some of his pithy quotes: "I said before...Your body is not a temple, it's an amusement park, so enjoy the ride." And "You learn a lot about someone when you share a meal together."

Those are sentiments that owners Jerry Alajanian and Dayle Westover along with Chef Everett Fromm clearly embrace. The casual and eclectic dining room and bar are designed to bring people together, to encourage them to stick around while live music fills the room. And the menu is filled with food that isn't likely found on any weight-reduction plan.

But never mind that. "Enjoy the ride." Mr. Bourdain has spoken.

We were fortunate enough to sit to the right of his countenance with David Bowie situated over my right shoulder. It was a comfortable place in which to consider the inventive craft cocktail list and the creative menu that changes on a regular basis.

First up — adult beverages. My companion was pleased with her Gold Spark (\$13), a blend of Four Roses Bourbon, lemon, honey, bitters and prosecco. It was a pleasant concoction, but even better was my Mezcal Mule (\$12.50), a smoky mix of Xicaru Mezcal, lime juice, Fever Tree ginger beer, passion fruit puree, cucumber and agave nectar.

The Social, as it's fondly referred to, is a place in which you can nibble on a small plate or two (or three), chow down on tacos (there are seven varieties), savor a sandwich or go whole-hog and head for the full-sized entrees. There are also four substantial salads for those attempting to be virtuous. Good luck with that.

My recommendation is to go hungry and graze your way through a number of the chef's interesting concoctions.

His fried green tomatoes (\$10), for example, were three thick slices of toma-



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A larger-than-life-sized mural of Anthony Bourdain, painted by Marcus Zotter, watches over the dining room at 7th Avenue Social.



Social Loaded Yucca is a delicious dish that resembles nachos, but with yucca, barbacoa and queso.



The Joyce Farms airline chicken breast is pan roasted with potatoes, grapes and mushrooms.

to well coated and fried to a perfectly crisp golden hue then topped with red pepper jam, house farmers' cheese, with dollops of romesco and poblano crema on the side, making for a sweet and zesty combo that jazzed up what can be a bland dish. These were excellent.

Even better was the Social Loaded Yucca (\$15), wedges of fried yucca topped with savory barbacoa beef, queso sauce and pico de gallo. The yucca was firm and lightly crisp, the meat tender with the cheese and pico adding layers of flavor and moisture. A side note: This dish and a salad would make a satisfying meal.

The spicy chicken sando (\$16) called to my companion. The plate contained a basket of crisp fries and a large bun into which was layered a good-sized fried chicken breast, lettuce, red onion, garlic mayo and honey hot. This dish was disappointing. The sandwich was oversized and hard to handle. The chicken had a thick coating — perhaps

cornflakes? — that was heavy and overpowered the aforementioned heat. The Hawaiian bun was flat and didn't do a great job of carrying the load. On the plus side, the house-made pickles were delicious, as were the fries.

I, too, ordered a chicken dish, this one from the entrees list. The Joyce Farms airline chicken breast (\$27) is a recent addition, our server told us, and it's a good one. It's pan roasted and set atop red grapes, Yukon gold potatoes, shiitake mushrooms then topped with watercress, with caramelized honey jus and herbs. The chicken was moist and well seasoned, the potatoes and mushrooms cooked just right.

Operating under Mr. Bourdain's "amusement park" theory, we wisely ate just half of our entrees in order to save room for dessert. One towering carrot cake (\$12) and one torrejas (\$8), please.

Both desserts were suitable for sharing and both were exceptional.

The torrejas consisted of two thick slices of Cuban bread soaked in honey egg wash then deep fried and served with vanilla ice cream, dusted with cinnamon and anise. The warm bread and cool ice cream with the dusting of spices was an inspired combination.

The carrot cake was among the best I've had. Four thick, moist layers had great flavor and just enough cream cheese frosting. Candied walnuts added satisfying crunch. We took most of the cake home and it was just as good the next day.

Our server was warm and attentive through most of the meal, getting progressively scarcer as the room filled up and she got busier. We had to flag her down for the bill, but that's not all that unusual in most restaurants once you no longer have dishes coming out of the kitchen. With a musician playing songs from the '60s on up, we weren't in a rush to leave either.

There's clearly passion in the team that runs this offbeat and endearing spot. Seeing it packed to the gills on an August night proves that a restaurant need not be fancy or break-the-bank expensive to make it here. ■

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7th Avenue Social

849 7th Ave. S.,
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Ratings:

Food: ★★★★

Service: ★★★½

Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

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4-9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday,
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>> Reservations: Accepted

>> Credit cards: Accepted

>> Price range: tacos, \$5-\$7;
small plates/salads, \$11-\$18;
sandwiches, \$16-\$18; entrees, \$26-\$35

>> Beverages: Full bar

>> Seating: Banquettes, conventional tables,
at the bar, outdoor tables

>> Specialties of the house: Modern
Southern dishes and craft cocktails

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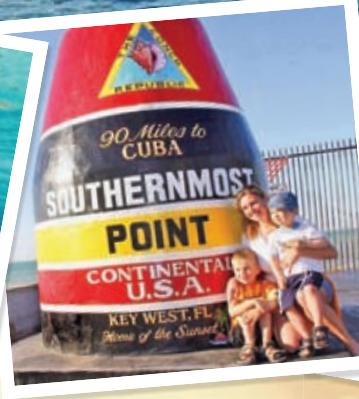
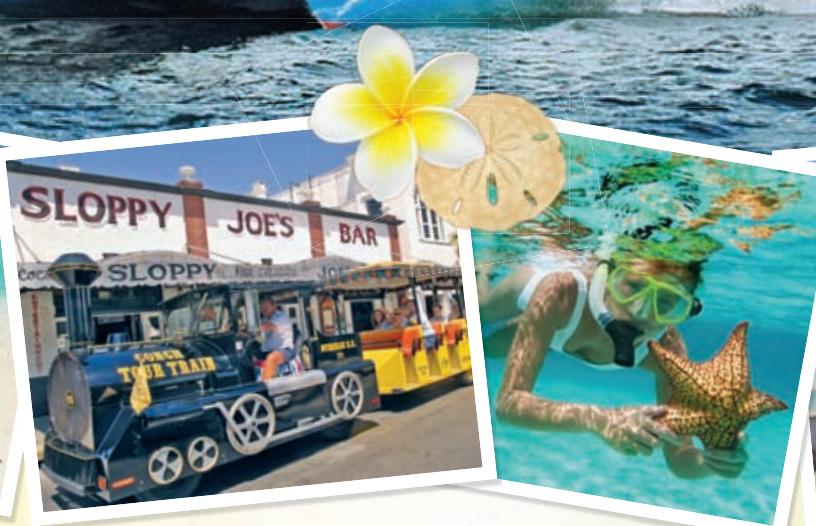
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