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Barry Seidman, an internationally celebrated photographer with the rugged good looks of an Al Pacino and the hybrid wit of a Woody Allen-Jerry Seinfeld Jewish kid from New York, refuses to divulge his age. But he doesn't have to because he's fast, and he knows what any speed lover knows: You may have to get old, but you don't have to get slow. Especially if you're sitting at a stoplight

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Electric cars are (finally) catching on

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Barry Seidman and his Tesla S model P85.

Extended family finds home sweet Habitat home

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

In their new home, the Donis family is just steps away from Sugden Park, where they can ride bikes, take walks and have fun. In their last apartment, cars speeding through the jammed parking lot made it difficult to even walk outside.

Earlier this month the family moved into

the new home in East Naples that they built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity



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of Collier County. Now three generations of the Donis family — Jenny, 26, and her children, Jorge, 5, and Isabella, 3, and their grandparents, Marina and Jorge, have a fresh start. The family also was the recipient

of a portion of the proceeds of the Dec. 3 grand opening of the new Habitat

ReStore at 5430 Yahl St. in North Naples.

“Every day, I say ‘Thank God,’” Marina Donis said as she watched her grandchild

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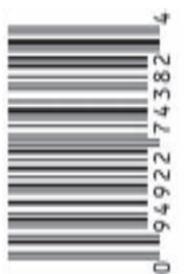
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COMMENTARY

Happy birthday to the Second A!



There are two kinds of gun owners: hunters, and people (good guys or bad) who prefer only punctuation, and no words.

To hell with a sentence, they say. Let's just put a period on this, forever.

In America, the right of punctuators to possess firearms is said to be guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which was ratified by Congress exactly 224 years ago, on Dec. 15, 1791.

Happy birthday, Second A, and lock 'n load!

Old Uncle Sam laid down the Second in 27 spare words: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

But those words weren't enough to satisfy Sam. So only five months after giving birth to the Second Amendment, he popped out its twin siblings — the Militia Acts of 1792.

They're Uncle Sam's offspring too, the kids the National Rifle Association never tells you about. Sam designed them to give their no-frills older brother, the Second, good manners and a purpose in life.

The Militia Acts together established three things: one, that the president could conscript all fit white male adults (amended in 1862 to include black males and rede-

fined in 1903 to mean the National Guard), if necessary.

Two, that militias exist only at the beck and call of the president to put down invasions "from any foreign nation or Indian Tribe."

And three, that militias exist only at the beck and call of the president to put down rebellions or insurrections that oppose or obstruct the laws of the United States and can't be handled either in a court of law or by marshals.

You can see what this means. It means that the Second Amendment was never meant to let Joe Blow buy assault rifles and high-capacity magazines without so much as a sniff at his militia duties. It was never meant to let students walk around on campuses armed to the teeth — college kids suddenly become pistoleros. And it was never meant to let beer-bellied gun merchants sell us thousands of rounds of ammunition, pistols and knock-off military assault-rifles from the backs of their pickup trucks or the booths of their gun shows.

None of that has anything whatsoever to do with the Second Amendment because it has nothing to do with militias.

When was the last time you saw a chest-thumping, anti-government gun bunny trained and prepared to respond with arms to the president's beck and call?

You haven't.

But for some reason — maybe unapologetic propagandizing by the NRA, which pays no taxes, reaped more than \$350 million in 2013, and pays its CEO, Wayne LaPierre, \$1 million a year — some people have the notion that the Second was designed to let them protect themselves

from the government.

Hey! You with all the guns and the NRA sticker. Get this: This is the United States of America. Here, you are the government. Unless you don't vote. Then you're the baggage.

I have a lot of sympathy for the gun bunnies, of course, since I am one. I used to love guns. The crack of a rifle in the still mountain air. The feel of its warm stock and cold-steel bolt saddled in a long barrel cradled by the polished forestock. The elegant tango of power and engineered grace seemingly at one with my movements and my (frequently murderous) intentions. The smell of gun oil. The smell of gunpowder.

The smell of napalm in the morning? Well, no. Many of us gun bunnies won't take it that far.

But some will; some will turn the tool on humanity, and try to burn us down.

That they will do so suggests the single greatest problem with gun rapture: our abject failure to regulate it.

If we had responded earlier, none of us would need to weep for San Bernardino or Colorado Springs or Roseburg, Ore., or Chattanooga or Charleston or Isla Vista, Calif., or Fort Hood, or Washington's Navy Yard, or Santa Monica or Newtown.

Remember? Newtown's Sandy Hook, where the casualty count was 27 killed and one, only one, wounded. And why? Because the weapons that shooter used were so devastating, there was nothing left for medics to do but carry away dead children and adults.

So how do we stop this riot of the ridiculous and tragic?

That's easy. Without taking away anybody's gun rights — even the rights of slackers like Wayne LaPierre who have never served in the militia or the military but insist on their right to bear arms — we can simply require background checks for every gun bunny, waiting periods to purchase any firearm and licensing arrangements similar to those mandated for automobiles.

None of that would even remotely violate the Second Amendment rights of citizens, and nowhere would "the government" propose to take away our guns.

When I asked one of the two remaining World War II combat veterans I know for his opinion, here's what Dr. Robert Hilliard told me, in a short note.

"There are more than 2,000 suspected terrorists on the U.S. no-fly list. We do not allow them on airplanes, but under U.S. laws — or lack of them — supported by the National Rifle Association, any and all of these and other potential terrorists can buy guns, especially at gun shows and from private dealers, no questions asked. If we really want to take a stand against terrorists shooting American men, women and children, we must urge our members of Congress to strengthen our laws by requiring more intensive and detailed background checks and a substantial waiting period for anyone wishing to buy a gun from any source. Many of us who support the Second Amendment may not wish to admit it, but if we don't strengthen our gun laws we are aiding and abetting terrorists to commit massacres in America."

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OPINION

They hate what we hold dear



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Special to Florida Weekly

The Paris attacks have occasioned a wide-ranging debate about what they mean and how to respond, involving Islam and its role, military strategy and, oddly enough, how Muslims in New Jersey reacted to Sept. 11 (thanks, Donald Trump). It's all very interesting and, for the most part, quite important.

At bottom, though, the import of the Paris attacks is not complicated: ISIS terrorists are enemies of our civilization.

In Paris, they chose their target well. They assaulted a city that dates back thousands of years and has been a leading Western capital going back to the Capetians, a place representing geological layers of Western civilization, and its glories and conflicts and follies.

To simplify crudely, the Western story began in the 5th century B.C. on an Athenian hillside where people sat and voted on public questions and, over the course of millennia — and with multiple, often clashing sources, from the

Romans to the Catholic Church to the Enlightenment — produced our current liberal dispensation.

The West respects the rule of law, which protects the individual from the caprice and degradations of the powerful. It divides church and state. It governs by the consent of the governed. It honors the dignity — and the conscience and the rights — of the individual. It celebrates reason, discovery and creativity, and gives a wide berth to commerce and entrepreneurial energy.

Obviously, this hasn't always been true, and the road to the adoption of these norms has been winding and bloody, sometimes spectacularly so, in great clashes within and among Western powers. But they have created the conditions for stupendous human flourishing.

It is represented in staggering artistic and literary expression, in awe-inspiring scientific, technological and medical advances, and in mind-boggling levels of economic development that mean the average Westerner lives like a sultan compared to the average person throughout most of history.

If we are inclined to take any of this for granted, we should have a renewed sense of its wonder and fragility when

it is under attack from barbarism. ISIS embodies a theocratic totalitarianism that seeks to subject the human spirit to its perverted dictates. It kills, in part, as an advertisement for its own vileness and brutality. It gleefully vandalizes ancient cultural treasures, and considers Paris “the capital of prostitution and obscenity.”

We are different, although we aren't ourselves responsible for that. The West is our windfall. None of us were at Runnymede in 1215 or Philadelphia in 1787. None of us contributed a brush stroke to a Rembrandt. None of us invented the steam engine or the iPhone. None of us discovered penicillin or the polio vaccine. None of us fought at Poitiers, and very few of us at Normandy.

If you are not thankful and humbled by all of this, you are an ingrate. Your freedom and material comfort depend on generations of sacrifice and effort before you. It is your privilege to enjoy all that our enemies — if they had the power — would wantonly destroy. If nothing else, Paris should be a reminder of that. What they hate, we should hold all the dearer. ■

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

Showtime



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John Sayles wrote and directed a movie in Florida some years ago called “Sunshine State.” He filmed on location on Amelia Island, a barrier island about 30 miles north of Jacksonville. Cumberland Sound and the St. Marys River flank the island to the west and north, the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The historic town of Fernandina lies south of the confluence of river and sea on the island's northern tip.

It shares the characteristics of many old Florida coastal communities. There you will find beautiful beaches and a necklace of dunes that protect the island's inner core. Coastal grasslands and hammocks flourish behind the dunes, and from there, a shallow blanket of earth begins to rise.

Ancient live oaks send their roots deep into the porous surface, their broad limbs heavy with shawls of Spanish moss. Thick stands of palmettos claim the spaces beneath the trees. They create habitat ideal for all kinds of exotic critters.

It is a perfect place to tell a Florida story, about a coastal community in search of its future. Along the way, it loses its identity and most of its historical past. Newfound progress takes an all too familiar trajectory. We know its ending — strip malls, condominiums, gated communities and franchise burger joints.

The film opens with a scene featuring a flowery-shirted version of a Greek chorus. The small troupe is teeing up on a newly minted golf course. A real estate wheeler-dealer steps forward from among the players and takes center stage. He throws his arms open to

embrace the scenery before him, not a hint of its primal past remains. He turns to his fellow golfers, extolling the virtue of easy money made by taming paradise for mass consumption. He recites the holy trinity of every Florida developers' brand: sunshine, orange groves and palms trees swaying in ocean breezes. He looks about him at the transformed landscape and remarks smugly to his companions, “We created this nature on a leash.”

Sayles tells the story that follows through the lives of the people whose roots are multi-generational in this place. They are destined in the film to become participants in and consumers of the irrevocable change that development will unleash on their quiet community. As so often happens, the locals are the first casualties of what is to come.

The intimacy in that moment of recognition is because we know the place in the film so well. The setting authenticates the film.

Sayles made “Sunshine State” in 2002, in the era before the Great Recession swamped the state. Florida was enjoying a heyday in filmmaking, a modern continuum of a legacy begun almost 70 years earlier. At the time “Sunshine State” was in production, the film industry was doing so well Florida ranked third in the country among all the states for revenue generated by filmmaking. Only California and New York did better. Our year-round sunny days and warm climate made Florida a slam-dunk as a place to crank out movies. The sites attracting the bulk of the activity were concentrated in South and Central Florida.

Being a native Floridian, I grew up seeing films with settings as familiar as my own backyard. The westerns of the day were, by comparison, an alien landscape. My first Florida-made movies included all the Tarzan, Jane and Boy films, and most certainly, every “Crea-

ture from the Black Lagoon” ever made.

Other favorite classics filmed in Florida include “Key Largo” (1948) and “The Yearling” (1946), among many more. Dozens of productions in the state recently include high profile flicks such as “Edward Scissorhands,” “Magic Mike,” “Get Shorty” and “Great Expectations.” Television series produced here are too numerous to name.

This is why it came as a surprise the state may choose to abandon its efforts to attract film productions to the state. The *Tampa Bay Times* reported the story recently. The industry group Film Florida says since 2013 Florida has missed business opportunities of more than \$650 million involving film and television projects.

The group alleges the reason is that Florida's state tax incentive and rebate program used up all \$296 million in industry tax credits two years ago. Business is going elsewhere. Georgia has its own tax credit program and boasts the Peach State has added more than \$800 million annually to the State Gross Product, supporting more than 11,000 full-time-equivalent jobs. That is a lot of popcorn.

Film productions in Florida will continue to decline absent further appropriations. Moreover, the program sunsets next July unless the legislature acts. That's “The End” for sure.

Meanwhile, Gov. Scott proposes the making of his own blockbuster, a \$1 billion tax giveaway to the private sector.

He wants to star as an over-the-top corporate welfare spendthrift.

If he gets what he wants, why not a few hundred million into promoting film productions in Florida?

I know a perfect setting to film a sequel to “The Yearling.” ■

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It was 2 a.m. Jennifer awoke to Jay's demand that she make him a sandwich. When she told him she was tired, he pulled her off the bed by her legs, climbed on top of her and began punching her in the face and arms. Nearby in his crib, their 3-month-old son awoke to the screams and began to cry. Jennifer struggled free, grabbed the baby and ran outside.

A neighbor heard her cries for help and ran out to see what was happening. Jay grabbed Jennifer by the hair and pulled her back into the house. He threw her on the couch and told her if she ever ran from him again, he would kill her. To drive the point home, he grabbed their cat by the neck and cut the terrified pet with a kitchen knife.

Jay had Jennifer pinned against the wall when sheriff's deputies arrived. They arrested him and told Jennifer about The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. She arrived hours later with her baby, her cat and a bag of clothes.

At the shelter, Jennifer received counseling and legal assistance. A judge granted her

a 10-year injunction for protection. She and her son began to heal. Today she is piecing her life back together.

Although the names have been changed here, Jennifer's story is true. She is one of thousands of survivors served by The Shelter since it began in 1989. She is among the one in four American women who suffer physical violence at the hands of spouses, intimate partners or family members during her lifetime. That's more women than are affected by breast cancer, ovarian cancer and lung cancer combined.

The Shelter is leading the Collier County community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change.

I've had the privilege of serving as emcee of the "Shelter from the Storm" luncheon for the last five years. In the process, I've learned to admire and respect the dedication and hard work of Ms. Oberhaus and her staff.

The youngest of nine children, Linda and her twin brother were born outside Boston and raised in Tampa. When she was in elementary school, she delivered newspapers in the neighborhood, earning \$1 a day. "I would purchase milk one day, cereal or bread the next," she says. "I considered it earning my keep."

In middle school she became involved in a work study program that allowed her to earn enough money for school clothes, personal care items, class pictures, etc. She considers herself fortunate to have been consistently employed ever since — including working two jobs for a period of time so she could go to college.

She earned both her undergraduate and



Talking points with Linda Oberhaus



Mentor: My grandmother.

What your mother was always right about: It's more important to be pretty on the inside.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A movie star.

High school job: I worked at Burger King and I loved it.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I think I'd be a life coach.

Guilty pleasure: The Food Channel.

Most recent vacation destination: Asheville, N.C.

One thing on your bucket list: To visit New Zealand, which was named one of the happiest places in the world.

Skill or talent you wish you had: The ability to sing.

Advice for kids: If you can dream it, you can do it.

Best thing about kids: They're like little sponges.

What makes you laugh: The "Dear Kitten" videos. They're priceless.

Last book you read: "The Weight of a Father's Shadow" by Shelly Stayer.

Something you'll never understand: Why human beings exploit one another.

Pet peeve: People who are dishonest or lack integrity.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I previously received a conditional appointment as a Special Agent for the FBI.

What are you most proud of? My children. They are my biggest accomplishment.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: I think the Paradise Coast is pretty close to perfect.

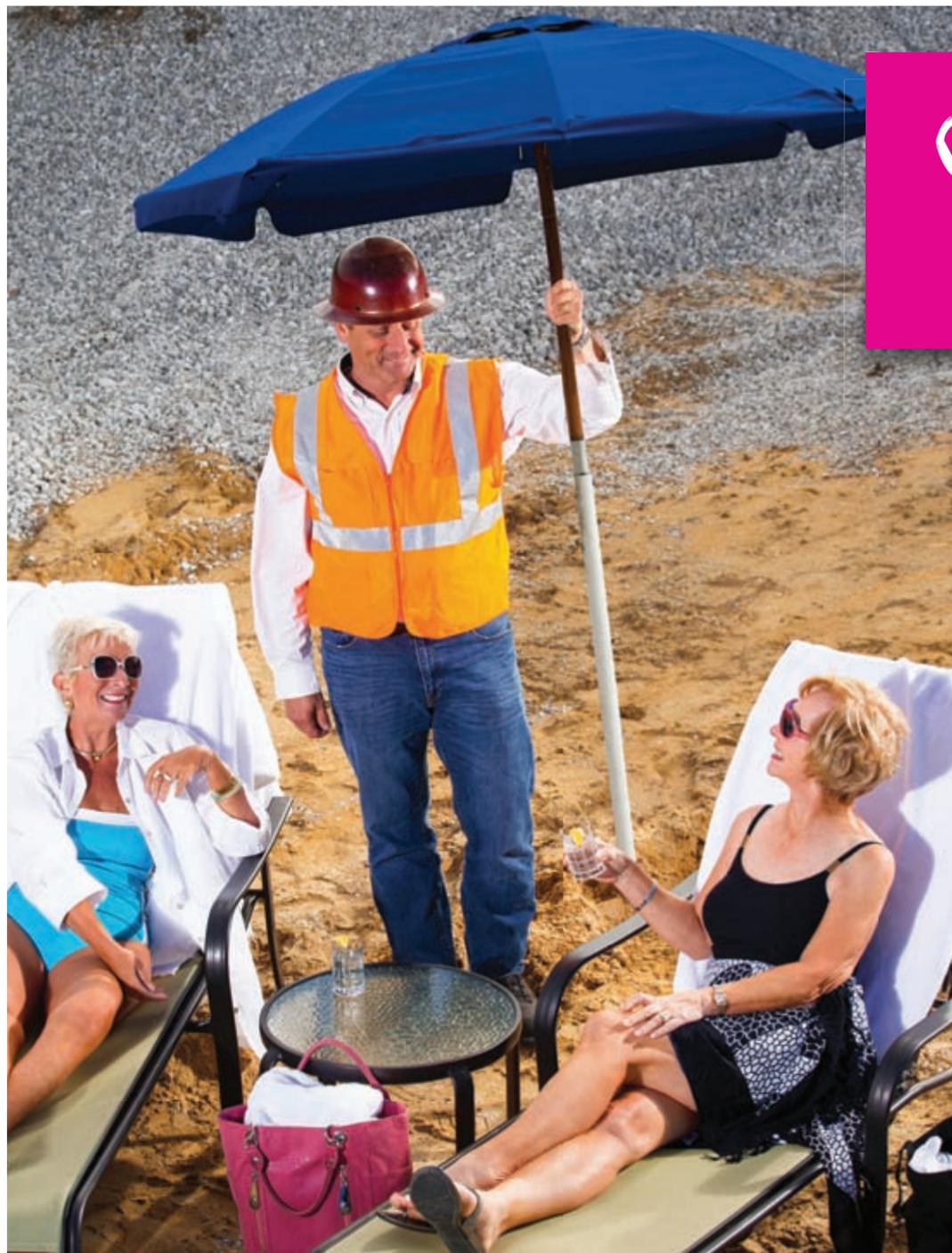
graduate degrees in social work at the University of South Florida. Since then, she has attended the Eckerd College Leadership Development Institute as well as executive education programs at Harvard.

While in college, she volunteered for the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay as a sexual assault crisis counselor. She also volunteered for a juvenile detention center for girls. "I have always had a passion for work that supported the advancement of women and girls," she says. Prior to her current position, she was the executive director

of a certified domestic violence center in Tampa.

Her son Christopher completed six years of military service, graduated from the National Aviation Academy and lives in Spring Hill with his wife and son. Daughter Brooke is a sophomore majoring in biology at Florida Gulf Coast University and hoping to attend medical school.

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in an electric car. More than 50 makes and models are now operating on Sunshine State roads, all of them with a lot of get-up-and-go. Those cars rely not on internal combustion — not on horsepower, per se — but on torque, which is simply the rotation of an object (axles and wheels, for example) caused by a force.

Here, *Florida Weekly* takes a look at the rapidly evolving electric-car market through the eyes of sellers, buyers and an engineer who thinks about ways to use energy without using it all up too quickly.

So how fast is Mr. Seidman these days? Faster than a 2016 Porsche 911 GT3 RS, for example. That internal combustion rocket delivers 500 horsepower at 8,250 RPMs, and weighs in at about 3,200 pounds. Thus configured, it can limp from 0 to 60 in about 3.2 seconds.

The cost for such a pleasure and privilege might leave some drivers wind-burned: You can take it off the Porsche lot for \$175,900, list.

But Mr. Seidman, a Palm Beach Gardens-based car aficionado, doesn't like to waste energy and time, or to get dirty (internal combustion is both dirty and inefficient). Nor does he want to spend more than he has to for speed and style.

So last year he bought a car named for one of the great geniuses of the early 20th century, the inventor of the alternating current in electricity, Nikola Tesla.

Which is faintly ironic, since Tesla's AC works so much better than direct current over distances and for most uses, but direct current — the DC that charges Mr. Seidman's shimmering Tesla S model P85, a 4,500-pound electric car equipped with a massive lithium-ion battery pack beneath the floor — was invented by Mr. Tesla's business-nemesis, Thomas Edison.

More than a century later, and more than a century after electric automobiles were put on the street and then trammed by the market forces of oil (as writer Myles Kornblatt explains in this issue), Mr. Seidman decided to do something new. Or old, depending on how much one knows about the history of electric cars.

Maybe because he remembers battery-powered toy cars so vividly from his youth in New York, and maybe because he's just a tad worried about the planet, he left behind internal combustion, he explains. (Not completely, though. He and his wife keep a BMW SUV for long trips when they don't want to worry about recharging.)

"Being somewhat green I thought about it — I've gone through BMWs, which I like, Corvettes, blah, blah, blah. SUVs are gas-guzzlers, they average between 15 and 25 miles a gallon. When gas was up to \$4.25 a gallon, and you're laying out \$60 or \$70 bucks for a tank, you're feeling it pinch a bit, right?"

Right. So?

"So, why not go out and spend \$120,000 on an electric car? Look at the money I'm saving."

That's still significantly less than the Porsche 911 GT3 RS, and he doesn't have to sit around twiddling his thumbs if he puts the pedal (not the gas pedal, remember) to the metal. He can reach 60 miles per hour in 2.8 seconds.

Many others like him are coming back to electricity in cars, too. And not just because electric cars are so clean in themselves, but also because a wide variety of models fall within reach of middle class budgets, ranging from as low as roughly \$20,000, up.



Nissan Leaf

Since Mr. Seidman's Tesla stands at the top of the list of electric cars for cost, speed, driving ease, luxury technologies and especially for range — the battery pack is so much bigger than those of other electric cars that it gets about three times the range, some 250 miles or more on a full charge — it is also a car meant only for opulent buyers.

Overcoming doubts, problems

A term of art in the electric vehicle world is "range anxiety," which is just what it sounds like.

Drivers worry, first, that the battery packs in their cars may not carry enough charge to get them there and home again unless they can find a charging station to plug in their cars. And second, they might worry about the amount of time required to recharge the battery.

They can be charged from a mere 110-volt outlet — but to put 60 or 70 miles of charge capacity into a car that way might take 20 or more hours.

Or they can be charged more quickly in 240- or even 440-volt systems in the case of Tesla, which continues to put up its own supercharger stations all over the country and the world, usually near shopping and eating venues, where drivers can pull in and get charged in an hour or less.

Some local governments have put public charging stations throughout their communities — on downtown streets, in library parking lots and the like — and so have private businesses such as hotels or restaurants.

And the energy used in the car is both clean and much more efficient than internal combustion, says engineering professor Joe Simmons, who holds the Backe Chair in Renewable Energy at FGCU.

"The electric motor has about three times the efficiency of internal combustion, which uses only about 20 percent of the power it can produce. In electric, it's 80 to 90 percent efficient." The



SIMMONS

lithium-ion battery packs, meanwhile, can be recharged and last many times longer than the traditional batteries used in electric golf carts, for example.

Both Mr. Tesla and Mr. Edison meet up every time drivers charge their cars.

"They talk about the charging device in your house or a charging station as the electric 'charger,' but that's not accurate," Professor Simmons explains.

"The electric charger is in the car, and every car comes equipped with one. All the devices do in the house or the charging station are provide a current and a certain voltage, say 240 volts and a high current of 30 or 50.

"So it's AC current going into your car, and your converter takes that and converts it into the proper current and proper voltage for your car, so as not to hurt the battery (AC can get hot; DC does not)."

Since Tesla uses a much larger battery system than anybody else, it has different voltages.

Cars rated for the most distance on a charge include such models as the KIA Soul EV with a 93-mile range and a \$33,700 sticker price; a Nissan Leaf with an 84-mile range and a \$29,010 sticker price; a Chevy Spark EV with an 82-mile range and a \$25,170 sticker price; a BMW i3 with an 81-mile range and a \$43,250 sticker price; and a Smart EV, with a 68-mile range and a \$25,750 sticker price.

Since many of these prices can be negotiated, and buyers can get a \$7,500 tax credit for putting an electric car on the road, the prices may go down.

But the ranges are arbitrary, too, and that makes electric cars more difficult to sell, especially in locations such as Charlotte County, where many residents count on driving to shopping and recreation sites miles away in other counties.

"Those ranges are contingent on a few things," says Paul Cleaver, manager of the Palm Automotive Group dealerships in Punta Gorda. "If you put some large people in



A public charging station in Boynton Beach.

the car, turn the air-conditioning on high and drive fast or uphill, the range won't be as advertised."

So you'll need to find charging stations more frequently — but that might not happen, especially in portions of the West Coast.

"Around here, we're going to Cape Coral and Fort Myers and Boca Grande and Sarasota all the time, so these cars don't work."

He tried them and he knows, he says.

"The only product we had that was totally electric is the Mitsubishi i-MiEV, and we had two or three in stock," he says.

"So we put in two charging stations, one inside and one outside, and those cars sat here for over a year. I never had a customer who was seriously interested in that vehicle."

"At one time Mitsubishi came out with a 12-month lease on the car that looked pretty attractive, but we ended up wholesaling those two or three cars to a dealer in Daytona Beach, close to the Villages. They work in places like that, or maybe Key West."

But apparently they're working in other places, too.

One year ago, state records showed more than 58,000 electric vehicles in Florida, including 7,576 in Palm Beach County, 1,653 in Lee, and 893 in Collier.

As of Dec. 1 this year, there were 8,601 in Palm Beach County, 1,838 in Lee, 931 in Collier, and 588 in Charlotte County. (A spokeswoman for the state Department of Motor Vehicles, Alexis Bakofsky, noted that neither sellers nor buyers have to report electric vehicle purchases, but most buyers do because they want the tax credit. So those numbers may skew a bit low.)

In the Naples area, the hybrids — the combination engines that burn fuel and harness electric power in tandem — remain the prominent choices for many environmentally conscious buyers, says Ahmad Suid, a salesman for



BMW i3



Tesla Model S

Germain BMW.

“Our i3 is all electric, but with a range of 60 to 70 miles, it isn’t as popular as the hybrid. The EVs are more popular in big-city settings, and the technologies are expanding, but people want the longer ranges.”

The expanding technologies, however, are appealing, or may become much more appealing as they evolve, for many. And so is the maintenance. No oil or fluid changes. No internal combustion parts to break down. Battery packs that come with long guarantees, and can be replaced years later for \$5,000 to \$10,000.

“You have zero maintenance costs for 50,000 miles or four years, other than the tires, and if you lease or purchase one and you drive out of town, Germain allows you to come in and get a regular (internal combustion) car from us — say you go to Miami for a long weekend,” notes Mr. Suid.

As for selling these cars, the battle is half won if the seller can get the customer in the car.

“That’s the biggest thing with these cars: Once they drive it, they get very interested. The BMW i3 can go from 0 to 45 and beat a car that has 560 horsepower. It’s just unbelievable torque right from the get-go.”

The future

Which is what appealed to Barry Seidman with the Tesla, too, he recalls.

“So we found ourselves in Boca, at the mall. They have a Tesla store there — a store, not a showroom. You buy these cars online. There’s a store for shoes, a store for dresses, a Tesla store... it blew my mind. I’m touching it, I swipe the screen with my finger. It goes, ‘Would you like to go for a ride?’ Yeah, I can do that.

“So we went out, it was a nice looking car. The technician said, ‘Go ahead, hit the gas.’ They still say gas, even though there’s no gas.”

He hit it.
 “It was, Oh, gee, Mama!”
 The car has an auto-pilot so sophisticated he can take his hands off the wheel, scare his passengers, and let it drive itself. And it has no buttons (except for the glove compartment), only screens. “The car has cameras, sensors, sonar, radar, maybe uranium, I don’t know... it’s got everything,” he marvels.

When he wants to drive somewhere, his GPS will route him in such a way that he can always find a Tesla charging station in easy range — from Marathon in the Florida Keys north to New

York City, he says.

But range, even for Mr. Seidman, remains the concern. This week he and his wife may let the Tesla take them to Asheville, N.C. — and after that, who knows where? Maybe the moon.

Professor Simmons and his students at FGCU are working on it.

Not only are they going to make sure that FGCU President Wilson Bradshaw’s parking space, with its own charging station since he drives a Chevy Volt, is powered completely with solar by the end of the school year, but they’re working on a super capacitor to extend the range of the lithium-ion battery systems significantly.

“Super capacitors don’t involve a chemical reaction like a lithium battery,” he explains. They’re just a big-charge storage device that lets you charge in and out quickly. A lot of carmakers are thinking about putting super capacitors into the battery systems and letting them leak the energy over time so it doesn’t heat up the battery and screw up the chemical process by doing it too quickly.

“I’m sure every carmaker is working on this, now,” he adds.

Which is good both for those worried about the environment, and for those who like lots of torque. But the next step will be deciding where the power to charge the batteries comes from.

According to a recent *Washington Post* story, in Holland, which may enjoy the largest per-capita use of electric cars in the world, three large new coal-fired power plants are coming on line to provide enough energy for all those vehicles and their batteries.

Which means that the nation’s total output of greenhouse emissions is not dropping all that significantly.

“At least people living in the cities won’t have to suffer from so much smog, though, since the coal plants are likely to be outside the cities,” Professor Simmons says.

Just as the horseless carriages of a century ago did, the current fleet of electric cars may provide a glimpse of life in a more mature 21st century, decades hence. Will that life and those societies be cleaner and greener because of electric cars, or might other technologies — hydrogen, propane, something else — emerge?

“Probably too early to tell yet,” the professor says. In the meantime, “I think the electric car is a fabulous device.” ■

in the know

Electric’s long history of losing out to petroleum

BY MYLES KORNBLOTT
 Florida Weekly Correspondent



A 1914 Detroit Electric

It might seem surprising, but electric cars are not a new idea. At the turn of the last century, gasoline, electricity and steam power were all on U.S. roads vying for public acceptance. In fact, the first few years of the 1900s saw many signs that battery power might have been the future of the automobile.

Cars were still a toy for the wealthy during this time. Starting an internal combustion engine required physical labor and mechanical knowledge, and after it finally got going, these crude motors made plenty of noise and soot. On the other hand, the early electric cars could be started relatively reliably and quietly. This made battery power the choice for the rich and the owners of taxicabs that wanted this upper-level clientele.

In an odd twist, another use for electricity contributed to unseating the electric car in these early years. A diminishing demand for kerosene because of electric lighting helped push gasoline, originally a refinery byproduct, into the forefront. Oil companies were now looking for a new path and eager to have automobiles powered by petroleum. While fuel was becoming more available, a patent taxing the internal combustion engine automobile ended. This encouraged mechanical entrepreneurs to refine these motors and make them more affordable.

Gas offered more power with no waiting time to recharge. Public favor shifted heavily to the internal combustion engine, and the first electric car revolution was over by the end of World War I.

Electricity was down but never completely out. One of the most amusing stories was about a woman named Helen Joy. Her husband

Harry Joy was a major shareholder and president of Packard Motor Car Company, but Helen didn’t drive her spouse’s cars. She drove the 1914 Detroit Electric seen on this page. Helen kept the license active on her personal battery-powered car until 1947, which is only about a decade earlier than Packard lasted. The car is now a feature in the Detroit Historical Museum.

Even after WWII there were experiments with electric cars. Detroit’s Big Three would occasionally showcase battery-powered technology, but what actually hit the road often came from independent manufacturers. The most popular were small wedge-shaped coupes called CitiCars (and later ComutaCars) that were produced in Sebring, Fla. These were closer to modified golf carts than full cars. Thus, as the urban name suggests, they were best used over short distances that didn’t require highways. There were only about 4,000 made in the 1970s and early ’80s, but that was enough to hold the title of America’s most mass-produced electric car until about a decade ago.

The electric car has been with us for more than a century. The difference today is that they are going further, faster and charging quicker than ever before. So, where once these were seen as an alternative to a real car, the modern ones are real cars under alternative power. ■



For lists and interactive maps showing charging stations, visit plugshare.com/# or teslamotors.com/supercharger

Experts on climate change and water shine in 'Moonlight on the Marsh' series

Some of world's most distinguished experts on climate change, invasive species and global water issues will share their knowledge during the 2016 Bernard and Susan Master "Moonlight on the Marsh" Distinguished Lecture Series presented by Florida Gulf Coast University at Naples Botanical Garden.

The fourth annual series sponsored by FGCU's Everglades Wetland Research Park runs from January through March. Admission is free, and all are welcome. All programs take place at FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Garden. The Everglades Wetland Research Park is dedicated to research on the wise management of freshwater and coastal ecosystems of Southwest Florida and the Florida Everglades and to the protection and enhancement of wetlands and water resources worldwide.

"The series features the best minds in environmental sciences — some real rock stars in the world of science," said FGCU Professor William Mitsch, director of the research park. "Because our relationship with freshwater and coastal water environments is so vital in Southwest Florida, these lectures offer valuable insight and solutions to problems we see around us." Here's the lineup for the new season:

■ **Thursday, Jan. 14:** "Climate Change: The Evidence, People, and Our Options," presented by two distinguished Ohio State University professors — Lonnie Thompson, Ph.D., from the OSU School of Earth Sciences, and Ellen

Mosley-Thompson, Ph.D., from the OSU Department of Geography, are affiliated with the university's internationally recognized Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 28:** "The Art and Science of Translating Ecological Indicators to Ecosystem Services for Wetlands, Streams and Riparian Corridors," by Robert Brooks, Ph.D. — Mr. Brooks is a professor of geography and ecology at Pennsylvania State University.

■ **Thursday, Feb. 11:** "Expecting the Unexpected: Pandora's Box of Paradox in an Upside-Down Estuary," by Evelyn Gaiser, Ph.D. — Ms. Gaiser is executive director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society at Florida International University in Miami. She is also the lead principal investigator of the Florida Coastal Everglades Long-Term Ecological Research Program at FIU.

■ **Thursday, March 3:** "When Nature Bites Back: Solving the Budget-Busting Invasive Species Epidemic" by David Lodge, Ph.D. Mr. Lodge is a professor of biological sciences at the University of Notre Dame.

■ **Thursday, March 10:** "The Hitchhiker's Guide to Global Water Issues" by Philippe Van Cappellen, Ph.D. — Mr. Van Cappellen is a professor in the department of earth and environmental sciences and the department of biology at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ont.

All lectures start at 7 p.m. Although admission is free, reservations are recommended and can be made by calling

Speakers Assembly starts New Year with former Florida Gov. Bob Graham

Bob Graham, former U.S. senator and governor of Florida, will address the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida at its first luncheon of the New Year on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

A two-term governor of Florida and three-term senator, Mr. Graham retired from Capitol Hill in January 2005. He then spent the 2005-06 academic year as senior fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In 2007, Mr. Graham, who earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Florida, created the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at UF to train future political leaders. He currently serves as chair of the board of overseers of the center.

Mr. Graham is a member of the CIA External Advisory Board and in 2010 was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as co-chair of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

He has written three non-fiction books ("Workdays: Finding Florida on the Job," "Intelligence Matters" and "America: The Owners Manual") and in 2011 published his first novel, a thriller titled "The Keys to the Kingdom."

Doors open for the Speakers Assembly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The after-



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noon includes a 30-minute question-and-answer session with Mr. Graham. For tickets or more information, call 948-7909 or visit speakersassembly.com. ■

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■ **Champions Club box seats:** \$2,000 per day, \$5,000 for the week -Includes 12 reserved box seats (four per day, Friday-Sunday) and access to a reserved table and seats for four in the front row of the Champions Club suite. Champions Club ticketholders also enjoy a meet-and-greet with a Champions Tour player after tournament play, valet parking and a full food and beverage bar with wait staff. Four Taste of Southwest Florida tickets are also included (limited availability).

■ **The Talon Club:** \$150 daily, \$400 weekly - The Talon Club is an open-air hospitality suite on the 18th green. Television coverage is provided to ensure ticketholders don't miss a minute of the action on the course.

■ **Ultimate Golf Experience Book:** \$120 - The book provides discounted rates to 25 area courses. Buyers receive two weekly general admission tickets to the ACE Group Classic and two meal vouchers redeemable at any tournament concessions stand. Purchasers are also entered for a chance to win a

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Parking is \$5 daily in advance, \$7 week of tournament or \$20 weekly in advance, \$25 week of tournament.

Kids 17 and younger enjoy free admission to the tournament when accompanied by a ticketed adult. The ACE Group Classic also provides free general admission to all active and retired military personnel and their families (valid military ID required).

For more information, call 593-3900 or visit acegroupclassic.com. ■

GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ The Hardwig Family hosts the third annual **Scramble for Sarah** on Sunday, Dec. 13, at Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The day begins with lunch followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds benefit Lighthouse of Collier Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Registration is \$150. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ Girls on the Run of Collier County hosts the second annual **Reindeer Run 5K** starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Community School of Naples. Holiday attire encouraged. Participants will be greeted with hot cocoa, candy canes and Santa Claus at the finish line. Registration is \$5-\$30. Call 777-3720 or visit gotrcc.org.

■ The seventh annual **Baby Basics Walking Challenge** sets out Saturday, Jan. 23, at North Naples Regional Park. Participants can choose routes from 1.5 to 6 miles. Brunch will be served after the walk. Onsite registration starts at 8:30 the day of the event. For more information or to sign up now, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org.

■ Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida hosts the **2016 WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk** on Saturday morning, Jan. 16, at Miromar Outlets. The 2-mile, non-competitive family and pet-friendly walk is the organization's biggest fundraiser to feed children, families, seniors and others through the food bank's network of 150 partner agencies. Supporters are encouraged to form teams to raise money for the cause. Same-day registration is at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ TD Bank Naples hosts the 10th annual **Bike, Brunch & Family Festival** at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Lowdermilk Park. The event features several bike rides, a walk down Fifth Avenue South, a dog parade, kids activities and more. Several registration types are available, including a family package that is \$70-\$85. Registration for rides is \$40-\$60 and the parade is \$15-\$20. Proceeds benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition. For more information or to register, call 777-7718 or visit naplespathwayscoalition.org.

■ Humane Society of Naples' 10th annual **Run for the Paws 5K** sets out at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Naples Municipal Airport. Dogs with up-to-date vaccinations and cats in strollers are welcome to participate with their owners, but retractable leashes are not allowed. Same-day registration starts at 7 a.m. at the Civil Air Patrol building. Pet supply donations are encouraged. Registration is \$25. For more information or to register, call 643-1555 or visit hsnaples.org.

■ Make-A-Wish Southern Florida hosts the sixth annual **Walk for Wishes 5K Walk/Run** on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The certified, timed 5K will be followed by family activities at 9 a.m. with food, face painting, a rock wall, games, exhibits and more. Pre-registration is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children 13 years and younger. Event-day registration, which starts at 7:30 a.m., is \$30, \$20 and \$15. For more information or to register, call 992-9474 or visit walkforwishes.net. ■

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\$1 million gift leads to renaming of Avow administration building

The administration center on the campus of Avow has been named the E&L Smith Administration Center in memory of Elizabeth and Leonard Smith. A dedication ceremony earlier this month celebrated the naming that was made possible by a significant estate gift to Avow.

"Elizabeth Smith was touched and inspired by the loving and compassionate hospice care her husband Leonard, and other members of her family, received through Avow," the Smiths' estate attorney, Bradley Rigor of Quarles & Brady, said. Mrs. Smith was particularly impressed with Avow's nursing and spiritual care, he added.

Avow provided hospice care for Mr. Smith in 2003 and for Mrs. Smith's mother-in-law and brother in subsequent years. Ultimately, Mrs. Smith was cared for by Avow before she died in 2010.

Mrs. Smith was the sole heir to L.C. Smith Pet Supplies in Delmar, N.Y., which she and her husband founded more than 50 years ago. The Smiths' \$1 million gift is earmarked to advance Avow's hospice care program.

The E&L Smith Administration Center, one of three buildings on the Avow campus at 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, was built in 1993.

Avow was founded in 1983. Its non-profit companies provide palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness as well as hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults. Avow also offers concierge care management services. To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 261-4404 or visit avowcares.org.



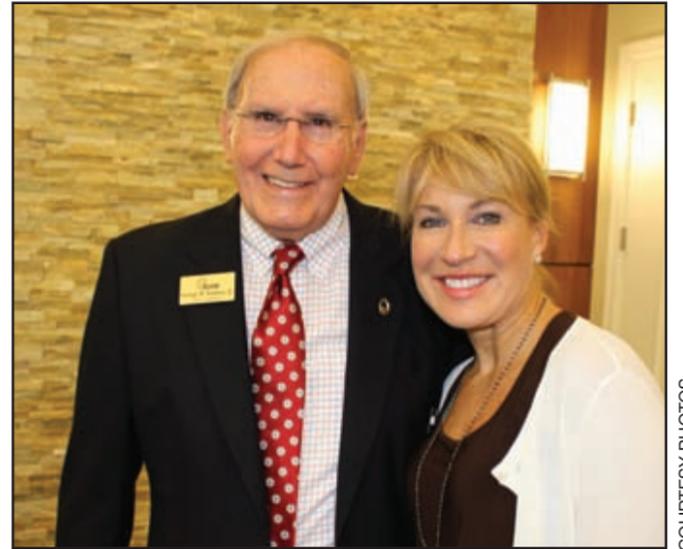
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The entrance to the E&L Smith Administration Center.



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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Wait, what?

After certain takeoffs and landings were delayed on Nov. 7 at Paris' Orly airport (several days before the terrorist attacks), a back trace on the problem forced the airport to disclose that its crucial "DECOR" computer system still runs on Windows 3.1 software (intro-

duced in 1992). DECOR's function is to estimate the spacing between aircraft on fog-bound, visually impossible runways, and apparently it must shut down whenever the airport scrambles to find an available 3.1-qualified technician.

Cultural diversity

Weird Japan (continued): Sony manufactured a robot dog ("Aibo") from 1996 to 2006 for a legion of pet-fanciers, but now that supplies of spare parts and specialized repairers are dwindling, many of the beloved family "canines" are "dying" off. Not to worry, though, for many "surviving" owners are conducting elaborate, expensive — and even

religious — burials with widely attended funerals for their Aibos. (A March 2015 Newsweek report offered a dazzling photographic array of Aibo funerals.) Aibo support groups proliferate online because, said one repair service director, "(W)e think that somehow, (Aibos) really have souls."

Leading economic indicators

■ Art Basel, the annual weeklong festival for "One-Percenters" in Miami Beach last weekend, featured among its many excesses the sale of on-demand caviar, available by text message, to be delivered in person within the hour, at \$275 for a 125-gram tin. *Miami New Times* calls Art Basel "ComicCon for the world's moneyed elite," and among the extravaganzas is an "exotic dance club sheltered inside a greenhouse." Four thousand artists, from 32 countries, participated.

■ New World Order: "Crowdsourcing" start-ups (such as GoFundMe and Kickstarter) raise money online for projects such as underappreciated

entrepreneurial ventures or families needing help with medical expenses. Day-trading dabbler Joe Campbell went online in November to beg for assistance after being crushed by a bet of the type that many say wrecked the U.S. economy in 2007-08. He held a pessimistic "short" position in his account on KaloBios Pharmaceuticals — hoping to exploit traders overly optimistic about the company. However, overnight NASDAQ trading awakened him with news that KBIO's price had skyrocketed in frenzied trading and that Campbell now owed his broker \$131,000 — and Campbell's new GoFundMe post stoically asks strangers to please help him pay that off.

Government in action

■ Charles Smith, 62, is set to drive municipal buses for Broward County, Fla., until he retires in 2020, even though his record includes 14 accidents in a recent five-year period (not enough for discipline, in that, according to contract rules, not more than four were labeled "preventable" in any two consecutive years). The bus drivers' union president told the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* that he "can't figure out why" some drivers just get into more accidents than others. Elsewhere in transit news, notorious serial New York "joydriver" Darius McCollum, 50, commandeered yet another bus and was arrested on Nov. 11. He faces jail time, just as he has already served for more than two dozen bus-and-train-"borrowing" incidents. (Based on news reports of Mr. McCollum over

the years, he nonetheless might be a better bus driver than Charles Smith.)

■ The federal government confiscated more property from citizens (through "civil asset forfeiture") in 2014 than burglars did, according to FBI figures publicized by the independent Institute for Justice (and that did not count state and local government seizures, which are not uniformly reported). None of the governments is bound by law to await convictions before exercising seizure rights. (Some of the seized assets must eventually be returned to private-party victims, but news reports abound of suddenly enriched police departments and other agencies being "gifted" with brand-new cars and other assets acquired from suspects never convicted of crimes.)

More things to worry about

(1) Carrie Pernula, 38, was arrested in Champlin, Minn., in October after a perhaps too-aggressive strategy for quieting raucous neighbor kids. According to the police report, Ms. Pernula, at wit's end, apparently, wrote the kids' parents by mail: "(Your) children look

delicious. May I have a taste?" (2) Robinson Pinilla-Bolivar, 24, was arrested in Midland, Texas, in November, accused of threatening a woman at knifepoint because (according to the police report) she would not "smell his arm pit."

People with issues

Author Richard Brittain, 28 (and a former champion at the popular British Scrabble-like "Countdown" TV show), pleaded guilty in Scotland's Glasgow Sheriff Court in November for his 2014 response to an unfavorable literary review by an 18-year-old supermarket worker posting on an Internet site. Mr. Brittain had acknowledged some criticisms of his book "The World Rose" in

a blog, but said other critics had compared him to Dickens, Shakespeare and Rowling. However, he confessed, when he read the clerk's review, he searched for her online, found where she worked, traveled 500 miles to the store and knocked her out with a wine bottle to the back of the head. (She was treated and released at a hospital.) ■

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Traffic deputies are on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of Dec. 14-18:

Monday, Dec. 14

U.S. 41 East and Catalina Drive: Aggressive driving
Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Red-light running
Livingston Road and Marsala Way: Speeding

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Immokalee Road and Palm River Boulevard: Red-light running
U.S. 41 North and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Grand Lely Drive: Speeding
Airport-Pulling Road and Estuary Drive: Aggressive driving
Collier and Cedar Hammock boulevards: Speeding



Thursday, Dec. 17

Livingston and Pine Ridge roads: Red-light running
Immokalee and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running
Sunshine Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Speeding

Friday, Dec. 18

Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
U.S. 41 North and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shore Drive: Aggressive driving

Tune up your driving skills for the New Year

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 14: St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples. 273-6317.

Monday, Jan. 18: Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd, Naples; 596-6007.

Thursday, Jan. 21: Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3105.

Friday, Jan. 29: Golden Gate Senior Center, 4898 Coronado Parkway, Naples; 732-5310 to register.

Consumers beware old, new holiday scams and cheats

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Santa isn't the only one keeping track of who is naughty and who is nice. The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to beware of these common holiday scams.

■ **Look-alike websites:** When shopping online, make sure to use only legitimate websites. Watch out for URLs that use the names of well-known brands along with extra words.

■ **Fake shipping notifications:** These can have attachments or links to sites that will download malware on your computer to steal your identity and your passwords. Don't be fooled by a holiday phishing scam.

■ **E-cards:** Electronic cards can be great fun, but be careful. Two red flags to watch out for: The sender's name is not apparent and/or you are required to share additional information to get the card.

■ **Letters from Santa:** Several trusted companies offer charming and personalized letters from Santa, but scammers mimic them to get personal information from unsuspecting parents. Check with bbb.org to find out which ones are legitimate.

■ **Grandparents scam:** Seniors should be cautious if they get a call from a grandchild claiming to be in an accident, arrested or hospitalized while traveling in another country. Never send money unless you confirm with another family member that it's true.

■ **Phony charities:** Everyone is in

a generous mood at the holidays, so scammers take advantage of that with fake charity solicitations in email, on social media sites, and even by text. Check out charities at give.org before donating.

■ **Temporary holiday jobs:** Retailers and delivery services need extra help at the holidays, but beware of solicitations that require you to share personal information online or pay for a job lead. Apply in person or go to retailers' main websites to find out who is hiring.

■ **Unusual forms of payment:** Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay for holiday purchases using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers, third parties, etc. These payments cannot be traced and cannot be undone. Use a credit card on a secure website; look for https in the address (the extra "s" is for "secure") and the lock symbol.

■ **Free gift cards:** Pop-up ads or email offering free gift cards are often just a ploy to get your personal information that can later be used for identity theft.

■ **Social media gift exchange:** It sounds like a great deal; buy one gift and get 36 in return. But it's just a variation on a pyramid scheme and it's illegal.

To find out more about scams or to report one, see bbb.org/holidayscams.

Check out bbb.org to look up a business, file a complaint, write a customer review, report a scam and read tips.

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The Mercedes CLS63 AMG S-Model is a car with the power, poise and flair that easily appeals to both sexes. But to understand its full allure, you need to recognize the kind of woman some men find irresistible.

It starts with the way she dresses — a little bit flashy and different from the rest of the highbrow crowd, but with enough Saturday night elegance that it makes others jealous. It is this same disregard for tradition that a sleek four-door is unashamed to be called a coupe. It is even in the details with the tailpipes that stick out a little further from the rest and have AMG tattooed on each rounded end.

Where many of her peers might be vain, she has a lot going on underneath the skin. She can individually take care of up to four people with the personal kind of luxury in a way that only standard bucket seats front and rear can. But because you are the person who truly drives her life, you can opt for a chair where she massages you on demand.

She is the perfect companion for a night on the town. You know how to push her buttons, and she immediately responds with an iconic raspy tone that reminds you of Kathleen Turner and Lauren Bacall.

She'll allow you to take it slow, but with 577 horsepower from her 5.5-liter twin turbo AMG-tuned V8, she really is begging to get into a little mischief. And if you oblige, she'll reward you with power as immediate as a shotgun and an adaptive sport suspension that's as accurate as a rifle. It is a feeling where time has almost stopped and you keep control even after leaving legal speeds well behind. You love how much of a daredevil she is, and when it comes to top speed, you know you'll flinch well

before she does.

The two of you dance perfectly together. The 4Matic all wheel drive and Pirelli P Zero tires allow you to slide across any surface with a level of confidence you never had before on your own. You know she's the dance professional, but you still get to be the one in ultimate control by tailoring the traction and mechanical interference. It's this freedom she allows that makes you think you are a better driver, and in return, you are playfully searching for the best places to go out and have a great evening together.

She lets you know if you are not giving her enough attention. If you stay in the slow lane too long, she will give you a kick in the pants that your passengers will feel, too. This is just the begrudging

shift into a cruising gear, and it is the price you pay for having an automated manual transmission that can handle serious speed. Really you just take this as a reminder of all the potential you two have together, and so even the way she publicly embarrasses you is kind of cute.

Just like any other relationship, life together is not 100 percent perfect. You might think her navigation screen is too big or she gripes sometimes when having to engage her all-wheel drive. But these are items you dismiss quickly because it might ruin the best relationship you've ever had.

She has expensive tastes. The base price for this special model is \$107,475, and that's before back massages or leather accessories. She only drinks premium fuel, and on a good night out,

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution** holds a lunch meeting on the second Thursday of the month at the Club at Longshore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way. The program for Dec. 10 will be about the U.S. Constitution. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting starts at noon. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602, email naplesSAR@gmail.com or visit naplessar.org.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Dec. 10. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The men of **Sigma Chi Naples/Marco Island/Fort Myers alumni chapters** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Club Pelican Bay in Naples. Guest speaker Steve Pracht, senior director of development for the Sigma Chi Foundation, will discuss the organizations education fund Bell Chapter program. Guests are asked to bring a \$10 gift card from either Wal-Mart or Publix for distribution to needy families. Cost is \$25 for dues-paying chapter members, \$30 for others. Call 293-5239 to RSVP. For more information, visit naplessigs.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** holds its holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Hodges University. For more information, visit aauwgnb.org.

■ The **Naples Buckeyes** invite alumni and friends of Ohio State University to the club's annual Naples Bay Christmas Boat Parade the evening of Saturday, Dec. 12, aboard the Double Sunshine. Cost is \$40 and includes food and fund. Registration and advance payment are required and can be completed at naplesbuckeyes.com.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** invites the public to a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career.

The local EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Jan. 6. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eal1067.com.

■ Local alumni of the **University of Massachusetts** have reserved a block of seats for the UMass vs. Florida Gulf Coast University basketball game Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at FGCU's Alico Arena. All UMass fans and alumni are welcome to attend a pre-game reception to built excitement before the Minutemen meet the Eagles on the court. Tickets are \$10. For reservations or more information, email Diana Scandifio Nevin at diananickle@comcast.net.

■ **Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta** in the Naples area meet for lunch and conversation on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Dec. 14. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com.

■ The **Southwest Florida Wisconsin Club** holds its holiday luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Vanderbilt Country Club. Pianist Jodie DeSalvo, who performs at Artis—Naples in the winter season and at Birch Creek Music School in Door County, Wis., every summer, will entertain. All are welcome, especially current and former Wisconsinites.

Admission is \$28. Reservations are required by Dec. 7 and can be made by calling 254-8812. The club meets on the second Monday of the month at various locations. New members are always welcome.



■ The **Alliance Francaise de Naples** holds its Fete de Noel holiday dinner Monday, Dec. 14, at Escargot 41 French restaurant. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for socializing and a cash bar before the three-course meal. A gift exchange will be part of the evening. Cost is \$60 for club members, \$65 for others. Menu choices are at afnaples.org.

Reservations and payment must be mailed to P.O. Box 110075, Naples, FL 34108 to be received by Dec. 11. For more information, call Denyse Jenkins at 592-0447.

■ Women readers searching for a book club are welcome to visit the **Jewish Congregation of Marco Island** at its regular meetings starting at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at JCMI. The book for discussion Dec. 15 is "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Meetings will continue through April. There are no membership dues, although donations to JCMI are welcome. JCMI is at 991 Winterberry Drive on Marco Island. For more information, call 642-0800.

■ Money raised by the **Naples Garden Club** has supported the preservation, protection and beautification of almost all publicly used institutions in the greater Naples area. In 2015 the club has awarded grants to Avalon Elementary School for its Global Garden, the David Lawrence Center, Jewish Family and Community Service, Naples Botanical Garden and Camp Wekiva.

Grant applications for 2016 are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 16. Visit naplesgardenclub.org for more information.

The club's 2016 House & Garden Tour is set for Saturday, Feb. 6. For more than 60 years, the perennially sold-out



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event has showcased unique homes and inspiring gardens in Naples while raising funds that support scholarships and community projects. For information about general admission tickets, which are \$125, email tours@naplesgardenclub.org or visit naplesgardenclub.org.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Dec. 19 and Jan. 2. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is Dec. 19. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is Dec. 21. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island** are invited to attend the Naples (Area) Alumnae Club's year-round activities. For more information on luncheons and evening meetings, social mixers and interest groups, and/or joining the group, call Barbara Craig at 908-7301, email bhc9514@gmail.com or visit pibetaphi.org/naplesac.

■ **Coastal Chess clubs in Naples and Marco Island** welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@kellerpublishing.com or visit chess7.net.

■ The **Bridge Club of Naples** has its home at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church at the northeast corner of Airport-Pulling and Orange Blossom Roads. Duplicate games begin at 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday throughout the year; novice games are played weekly through April. All games are ACBL sanctioned. For more information, call head teacher and club director Guy Germer at 910-4205 or email guygermer@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples Model Yacht Club** welcomes all who love to race radio-controlled model sailboats following the Racing Rules of Sailing that are used by full-scale boats. Membership in the American Model Yacht Association is required. Many club members are former owners of sailboats who still love to race, but don't want the hassle of maintaining a full-sized boat. Club headquarters are at North Collier Regional Park, at the pond just south of Sun 'n' Fun Water Park. The club races five classes, each on its own day of the week. Monthly membership meetings also take place at the pond. For more information, visit naplesmyc.org.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** offers free weekly workshops for writers of all levels from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at St. John The Redeemer Church, 625 11th Ave. N. (in the Claussen Family Center, which is the third building on the campus). Attendees should bring 10 copies of one page of fiction, non-fiction, memoir or poetry for critique. For more information, call Gary Melhart at 949-3621 or email gwmelhart@gmail.com.

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

Bonita Toastmasters: 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Laura Arbree at 272-7587.

Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters: 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Barbara Miller at 594-7018 or email barw@msn.com.

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FGCU inventors combine perspiration and inspiration

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In a spectacular demonstration of selling brilliance and engineering savvy, 125 students lit up FGCU's Sugden Ballroom last week with prototype models of inventions they'd conceived, designed and built in competing teams.

"Welcome to our chaos," said Professor Sandra Kauanui, director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and chair of the management department, introducing the annual Eagle Biz Awards.

Developing real products, business students put their minds together with engineering students beginning last August. In effect, communicators were working with scientists, a notion FGCU educators have aggressively promoted in recent years.

Team ideas became market research became blueprints became production models — some of them produced for the first time by the University's 3D printer from sophisticated designs.

The Aeolus custom carbon-fiber tripod, for example, is a baton-sized creation that will allow photographers, videographers and the like to make precise adjustments to all three legs of a tripod simultaneously, rather than spending five or 10 minutes trying to fine-tune the adjustment on each leg.

The Shade-It-Up, a handy-seeming beach umbrella anchor, is lightweight and no larger than a volleyball, designed to ensure that your umbrella never blows away.

The GillOtime, a hand-held polyurethane device about the size of a hand fan, will allow cast-netters to scrape clean their nets in seconds, avoiding tangles and tears.

From problem to market-ready

One 3D-printed invention, the PUSHGO locking mechanism for GoPro cameras, was the brainchild of a team of engineers and marketing wizards that included senior business management majors Minah Abdelmasih and Sarajane Evans.

The idea was born when Mr. Abdelmasih, traveling in Greece, tried to attach his Go-Pro camera to a camera stick and lost the little screw and nut — a two-piece locking mechanism no longer than a match that could be hard to handle in wind or water. Instantly, the camera-stick combo was rendered useless.

So the team of four engineers and five business students conceived a new way of attaching the camera by using a one-piece lever tension mechanism "that completely eliminates the risk of losing the screw," Mr. Abdelmasih explained.

Which may not sound like much until you realize the GoPro market is huge, a \$5.9 billion industry that sold 16.25 million units averaging \$375 apiece between 2011 and 2015, he said.

"For the competition, we had to come up



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The PUSHGO team: Sarajane Evans, Mina Abdelmasih, Chase Hilderbrand, Maikol Brito, Joanna Nicholson, Matthew Wittock, Luke Middaugh, Logan Spradling and Peter Godley

with a problem, then a solution," explained Ms. Evans, who has put herself through school in part by starting and managing her own business, Sunny and Southern, a personalization boutique set to open a retail store in South Fort Myers next month.

"The engineers came up with five designs that we liked, but we had to do market surveys, talking to people on the street. We put customers in categories: those who use the GoPro all the time, those who use it once in a while. We were trying to understand the market, and their needs."

Then the team defined a more selective market — avid users between ages 18 and 34.

"We said, 'What does this customer want, and what could we provide?'"

"So the engineers came back with a design, we tweaked it, and then they did another design on SolidWorks, an engineering software program. From there, they measured all the mounts to get the exact dimensions, took it to the 3D printer, and printed it."

But their work wasn't complete.

"At that point the engineers saw some flaws in their design," Ms. Evans noted. "So they made it just a little longer, so the pressure and tension (of the mechanism) was just right. And then they printed it again, and they also made the 400 percent scale model to show people."

Then the team went out and located ProtoLab, a Minnesota-based production company that will produce the object for them if they decide to go forward with capital. A patent is pending, team members said.

All that might have been enough for this team to win the competition — but they didn't.

"I think the judges were a little older — they didn't really know what GoPro was,"

Ms. Evans said. "So we had to start by explaining that to them."

The judges liked cleanliness, too, apparently, and applications that could promote health and even save lives, in the case of the team winners, who created IlluMitize.

Seemingly simple but ingenious, their invention will secure the door of any hospital room from absent-minded staff members or visitors who forget to wash their hands when they enter.

Those who fail to press the hand-sanitation container affixed to the door will encounter the sudden flaring of red lights around the frame, warning them to get clean.

Since infections resulting from not washing have been shown to cost both lives and perhaps billions of dollars per year in efforts to save infected patients (or defend against malpractice lawsuits), the device could have huge value.

And Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare system based in Naples, has agreed to try it in his hospitals, students said.

The second-place team winner, also promoting health, offered a folding cutting board designed to help cooks, hosts and chefs avoid bacterial threats when preparing food. The tripod-producing team won third place, in the judges' nod to practical ideas.

There were no losers and not a bad idea in the house, last week. But winners of the Eagle Biz competition came away with additional support to carry their ideas forward — Visa cards and free memberships in the new Rocket Lounge, a promoter of business start-ups that can provide both expertise and investor contacts.

That's the final step in the perspiration-inspiration formula for talented young inventors and marketers, perhaps: the investor. ■

Nominations sought for 2015 FGCU alumni awards

The Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its annual alumni awards for 2016: Alumnus of Distinction and the Soaring Eagle awards.

Since 2004, the association has recognized outstanding alumni for their professional accomplishments and dedication to their communities and FGCU. Deadline for the 2016 nominations is Monday, Jan. 4. Winners will be announced Friday, Feb. 19, during the Alumni Awards Celebration in the university's Cohen Center Ballroom.

Alumnus of Distinction, the association's most prestigious award, recognizes one graduate each year for exceptional personal and professional achievements as well as outstanding community engagement. Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman, a 2004 graduate of the FGCU College of Arts and Sciences, was the 2015 recipient.

The Soaring Eagle award recognizes recent graduates — typically one from each of FGCU's five colleges — who have earned degrees within the last decade and have excelled in their professions.

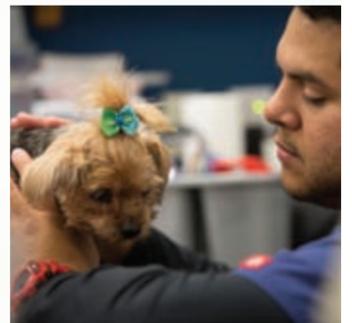
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dren settle into their new home.

Before the move, the Donis family was one of many families in Collier County paying an average of \$1,200 per month for housing that is in poor condition, crowded and often in unsafe neighborhoods. Unfortunately, Habitat Collier has funding to build one home for every 15 families who apply for a house.

The Donis family had been paying



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New homeowner Jenny Donis, center row left, with her children, Jorge and Isabella, and her parents, Jorge and Marina, in front of their Habitat for Humanity home.

between \$1,000 and \$1,400 in rent, a payment that was very difficult to make on Jenny's salary as a teacher's assistant. It was at her job at Grace Community School where she met a co-worker who was a Habitat homeowner. After visiting the home, Jenny knew she had to find out more.

"Rent was getting higher and higher. I couldn't do it," she said.

With her co-worker's encouragement, she went to Habitat headquarters and began the application process. After completing the paperwork, going through the interviews and the home visit, she was approved to buy a Habitat home. An interest-free mortgage and a secure place to live for her family were in the works.

"I was so happy, you can't even imagine," she said.

But at the same time, the family was dealing with a very serious health crisis. Jorge Donis was seriously ill and needed a liver transplant. After living in New York for many years, Jenny's parents went back to Guatemala but soon decided to return to the states and stay with Jenny for medical care. "I was dying," Mr. Donis said.

After starting treatment in Naples, he was transferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Five days after the Independence Day holiday, the family's prayers were answered. A donor match was found.

About a week before surgery, the Donis family learned they had been approved for Habitat's interest-free, \$655 monthly mortgage. The plan was in place. The family began working on their 500 "sweat equity" hours and got ready to make the big move.

"That was in my mind the whole time I was ill," Mr. Donis said. "I was so happy for Jenny to get the house."

The family visited their new home every weekend before they officially moved in. Jenny's parents took walks around the neighborhood. Her mom picked out plants



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Opening day at the new Habitat ReStore generated a \$1,000 gift certificate for the newest Habitat for Humanity family in Collier County to help furnish their home.

for the landscaping and planned to cook big, healthy meals in their new kitchen. Her dad thought about furnishings and planned to get back to work.

Jenny said she couldn't have done it without the work of the Habitat staff, educating her, supporting her and getting her the information she needed to build a future.

"This home is something that is going to be mine," she said. "A place for my kids to grow up."

The new Habitat ReStore joins the popular Habitat Home Store at 11127 Tamiami Trail E., where shoppers find gently used donated furniture and home furnishings for re-sale to the public. Sales from both stores provide much-needed funding for the building of Habitat for Humanity homes.

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To get a sense of how quickly technology is advancing in health care, consider the transformation taking place in the microbiology laboratory at NCH. Robin Williams, our microbiology manager, provides an update on two recent committee meetings on infectious disease and pharmacy/therapeutics.

At most health-care systems in the U.S., it can take two or more days to identify the infectious pathogen and find an effective antibiotic based on cultures of wounds, blood or other body fluids. Consequently, physicians who suspect an infection will often start treatment empirically, hoping their choice will control the presumed infection without side effects.

But at NCH, the recent addition of the Bruker MALDI Biotyper System enables us to identify the infection-causing organisms 24-48 hours sooner than traditional biochemical/enzymatic methods. It uses specific bacteria markings or fingerprints to positively identify an offending organism.

Intensivist Dr. Doug Harrington explained how this new system saved the life of a patient recently admitted to the ER with a severe leg wound. A swab specimen from the wound was sent to the microbiology lab at 7 a.m., and the next day the culture was identified as *Vibrio*, a potentially life-threatening pathogen that requires rapid, aggressive surgical debridement with targeted antimicrobial therapy. The fact that the MALDI technology allowed experts to diagnose the pathogen more quickly than at most hospitals saved the patient from the high mortality rate and risk of limb loss associated with *Vibrio*.

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A family tree for health

Gathering your medical history and sharing it with your clan is good for your health

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A family health history is a written record of a family's health. The history contains information about a family's medical conditions, lifestyle habits (for example, whether anyone in the family has smoked) and where and how family members grew up.

Much like a family tree for health, you can use it to see if you, your children or your grandchildren might face an increased risk of developing serious health problems, from common issues such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes to less common diseases that are passed from one generation to the next, such as hemophilia or sickle cell anemia.

People cannot change the genes they inherit from their parents, but they can change things like diet, physical activity and medical care to try to prevent diseases that run in the family. This is good news, because many diseases result from a combination of a person's genes, lifestyle and environment.

A health-care professional can use a family health history to help assess a person's risk of certain diseases. The professional might recommend actions — eating healthier foods, exercising more, getting certain medical tests or taking certain medicines — to reduce the risk of disease. For example, a son with a family history of diabetes might be told to lose weight and exercise more. A daughter who is considering having a baby might get tested to see if she carries a gene for a rare condition that runs in the family.

For older adults, a family health history might help explain why you have developed certain health conditions. But it is important to know that simply getting older increases the risk of many diseases, too.

Creating and sharing your family health history with your health-care professional can help you be healthier. But perhaps the biggest benefit is providing information that may help your children and grandchildren live longer, healthier lives.

The first step in creating a family health history is to talk to your blood relatives. The most helpful information comes from "first-degree" rela-



tives (parents, siblings and children). Information from "second-degree" relatives (nieces, nephews, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents, aunts, and uncles) as well as less close blood relatives can also be used.

What to ask

To start, make a list of relatives to contact. See if there are any existing family trees, charts or baby books. Important questions to ask your blood relatives include the following.

- What is your age or date of birth?
- Do you have any chronic conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma or high blood pressure?
- Have you had any other serious illnesses, such as cancer or stroke? (If you know of a specific disease or illnesses in your family, ask about them, too.)
- How old were you when you developed these illnesses?
- Have you or your partner had any problems with pregnancies or childbirth?
- What countries did our family come from? (Knowing this can help because some heritable diseases occur more often in certain population groups. Also, different diets and living environments can influence the risks of developing certain diseases.)
- Has anyone in the family had birth defects, learning problems or developmental disabilities, such as Down

syndrome?

■ What illnesses did our late parents or grandparents have? How old were they when they died? What caused their deaths?

Tools that can help

Free print and online tools can help you create a family health history. One good one is My Family Health Portrait from the U.S. Surgeon General (family-history.hhs.gov). You can download and print out a version and use it to record information about your family's health. Once you fill in the information, you can keep it for your records, share the completed form with your health-care professional or share it with family members. You can also refer to it as you enter information into the online version of My Family Health Portrait.

The online version of My Family Health Portrait organizes your information into a chart that resembles a family health history tree. All information submitted stays private. It is not shared with the government or anyone else. It is best to gather information about your family health history beforehand so that you will have it easily available when you need to enter it.

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colorectal cancer.

You can also just use a blank sheet of paper to draw your own family health portrait.

Things to keep in mind

Your relatives will probably want to know why you want information about their health. You can explain that knowing what diseases run in the family can help family members take steps to lower their risk. Offer to share your health history when it is done, and encourage relatives to create their own health histories. The online version of My Family Health Portrait makes sharing family history with relatives easy.

It's important to find the right time to talk about family health. Family get-togethers like holidays, vacations and reunions might be good opportunities. Some people might prefer to share health information privately, in person or by telephone. You can also contact family members by mail or email. Be sure to take notes or record the conversations with a tape recorder or video camera to help you remember.

Don't worry if you cannot get com-

plete information on every relative. Some people simply might not want to talk, and others might be unable to remember information accurately. That's okay. Whatever information they can provide will be helpful.

To get reliable information about relatives who have died or who have mental health problems, you might have to talk to other family members. Death certificates, obtained from a state or county vital statistics office, can often confirm the cause of death. Funeral homes and online obituaries also might have this information.

What if you adopted a child? A family health history can help adopted children, but the information they can get might be limited. Adoptive parents and adoption agencies may have some health information about birth parents, but many states have laws that protect this information. A local health or social service agency might be able to help.

One alternative for adopted people is to start a brand-new family health history for the benefit of their biological children and grandchildren.

As children are born and family members develop illnesses, add that information. It may take a little time and effort, but this lasting legacy can improve the health of your family for generations to come. ■

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— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

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PET TALES

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Need tension relief at family holiday gatherings? Bring a dog

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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The conventional wisdom during the holidays is that pets tend to raise blood pressure rather than lower it, but under the right circumstances, they can be tension relievers. We discovered this some years ago when several of us traveled to Oklahoma in an attempt to persuade my mother-in-law to move nearer to one of us while she was still healthy and able. Wanda was not especially a dog person, but my dog Harper was a puppy then, and I brought her along for some advanced socialization in the form of air travel, thunderstorms, staying in someone else's home and meeting more new people.

What we ended up getting, I think, was some advanced canine family therapy.

Now, all of Harper's new acquaintances on that trip tolerated — and in some cases, even liked — dogs, but certainly not to the extent that we do. There was no objection to Harper's presence, and I crossed my fingers that she wouldn't have any housetraining accidents in Wanda's house — that definitely wouldn't have gone over well.

I didn't need to worry. Not only did she behave perfectly and charm everyone, she acted as a source of tension relief. Any time things got stressful, there was Harper to be walked, Harper to throw a ball for, Harper to feed, Harper to pet. Her presence was a natural barrier to rising voices.



A dog helps to break the ice, keep conversations going and inject a little humor into the holidays.

Of course, there are rules to being a good guest, especially during the holidays. Following them is the best way to ensure that your dog's visit will reduce tension, not heighten it.

■ Ask about house rules for pets — and follow them. If your hosts don't want pets on the furniture, abide by their wishes. It's a good opportunity for your pet to practice the "stay" and "go to your place" commands. If they are OK with pets on furniture, reward their kindness by having a clean dog or covering the sofa or bed with a sheet or other covering you brought from home.

■ Enforce good manners. Stealing food is a time-honored pet holiday tradition, and it's your responsibility to

keep it from happening. Take the initiative to place food or trash cans out of canine reach.

■ Let your hosts know what your dog is allowed and not allowed to do or have so they don't allow him to jump up on them, feed him from the table or offer him forbidden treats such as cooked bones, fatty or salty foods or liquor- and raisin-laden fruitcake.

■ If your hosts have pets, ensure that your dog behaves politely toward them. Keep him on his leash until you're sure he gets along with their dog or cat. Never let him chase other pets or otherwise give them grief.

■ Bring your pet's crate so he has a little bit of home where he can go to relax. Confine him to it when you aren't around to supervise so he doesn't get into trouble in a strange place.

Are you a pet owner hosting a visiting pet? Even if they are buddies, having another animal in the house, combined with the chaos of the holidays, may be stressful for pets. Give your own pets, especially cats, a safe room where they can retreat when things get too crowded or noisy. It can be a bedroom or home office — any place that your pet is comfortable staying for long periods. Stock it with everything he needs: food, water, toys, a comfortable bed and, for cats, a clean litter box.

That applies even if your pet is normally a social butterfly. Even outgoing animals can get overstimulated from too much handling and require a timeout. ■

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Once it's on Facebook, it's always out there — somewhere



It's 10 o'clock on a Wednesday night. I'm snuggled on the couch with a glass of sauvignon blanc and a bowl of Cheetos, ready to watch Lady Gaga on "American Horror Story: Hotel," when suddenly my iPhone chimes with a text message.

I don't even have to look. At this time of night it's inevitably a screenshot from a friend alerting me to some whackadoodle thing that a mutual friend posted on Facebook. Come morning, it most likely will be gone. Whoever posted their private business in the dark of night will realize their error, react in terror and quickly delete it as they add some seasonal Peppermint Mocha International Delight to their coffee.

But it's too late; the screenshot remains and the texting will continue to be shared.

Gossip is no longer whispered; these days, we just tap "send."

As a public service, especially during this festive time of year, when our trips to Total Wine & More are more (and more) frequent, I think it's important for Facebookers to understand that everything you put out there — even if it's only for a few minutes before you delete it — is actually forever.

My rule of thumb is this: You're at a crowded cocktail party with everyone



you know, including your coworkers, your family, plus a few hundred acquaintances and even more strangers. If you wouldn't get up on a table with a microphone and shout out something for all to hear in that setting, then keep it off the Book of Face.

Lately though, indiscreet/overly emotional/drunken Facebook posts have been running rampant. And we can't help but screenshot them, text them to each other and discuss them later over happy hour. I blame December.

Often, the posts are about relationships or complaints about this or that;

sometimes, they're just funny. Other times, they've been serious enough that I've reached out in a private message to make sure the poster is OK. We have to pay attention and listen in case someone is truly in trouble.

All in all, though, I think the safest bet is simply to put your device out of reach after 10 p.m. — especially if you've been enjoying adult beverages, because honestly, a crazily worded political rant complete with misspelled words and bad grammar — "Donald Trump are bester man to lead teh country of USA. All borders closed yes, build WALLS!!!!"

TRUMP is a patroit cuz he loves us. Obama BAD" — (disclaimer: This was an actual status from a "friend" I've not had contact with since seventh grade who may or may not be my cousin) — is not going to be amongst your finest hours on Facebook. And even if I don't see these cringe-worthy moments, other friends always catch them and share them.

Truly, I believe it's a product of our generation. We think Facebook is like writing a note you can later tear up. Younger people, however, understand that there's no such thing as a trashcan in cyber space, which is why they've all wisely abandoned Facebook for Snapchat and left us middle-aged folks to make fools of ourselves on Facebook.

A Snapchat post, whether it's a video or photo, only lasts for a few seconds before it's deleted forever from the server. Teens and 20-somethings are so much smarter than we are.

So, here's the thing: If it's late at night and you need to get something off your chest, step away from your smartphone, tablet or computer and call a friend. Don't let everybody know your business. Because even if I've never met you, your post is probably going to be texted to me and everybody else in town. The only other solution I have for indiscreet social media posters is to sign up for Snapchat, which will make the 19-year-olds run for the cyber hills. ■

— Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week...

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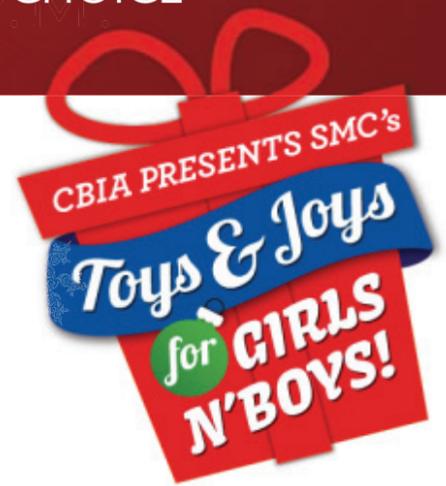


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Paragon Flight School co-owners Jeff Wolf and Chris Schoensee.

VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Flights climb

More student pilots are signing up for a change in perspective

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Jean Lewis motored the small plane — a Cessna 172, the industry standard for flight schools that use them for training — onto the runway at the Punta Gorda Airport. A quick takeoff and soon its shadow raced across a wide green field dotted with black specks — cows.

A co-owner of Harborside Aviation, Ms. Lewis has been teaching students



Jean Lewis pilots her Cessna 172.

to fly for more than three decades. She offered to take a reporter and photographer up for a pilot's-eye view, a literal and

often figurative change in perspective that attracts many students who want to fly for recreation, the backbone of the general aviation industry.

Ms. Lewis flew out over Charlotte Harbor toward Boca Grande Pass. The brown water merged with the turquoise Gulf of Mexico and stretched out to the horizon where shape, color and distance dissolved into a luminous mid-morning haze. It's a great place for student pilots to fly, Ms. Lewis said, because the airspace isn't too busy and the water makes it easy to find your way back.

Landing the plane, however, is often the

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I have learned a lot about human nature watching my 7-year-old twins interact with their peers. One thing I found very interesting is how bullies tend to behave. These are kids who like to do whatever they want to do and don't really care about the rules. They don't listen to teachers, they push kids around, they talk when they want and they have no regard for other's feelings. That is until someone slights them, even in a minor way. Then they are the first ones to run to a grownup to complain and demand immediate action.

Wall Street is kind of like that. It likes to behave like it is the last bastion of free markets until something goes wrong. Then it is the most adamant that the government help it out. Understanding this dynamic is important in understanding much of the market volatility in recent weeks.

In a true free market, there would be no Federal Reserve. Markets and the financial system would operate without government intervention or regulation. However, after the stock market crash and resulting depression in the early part of the last century, people demanded that the government take a more active role in the financial strength of

the country. The modern Fed was born with the task of maintaining price stability and maximizing employment. Today, that task has morphed into maximizing economic growth. And its primary weapons in this undertaking are manipulating interest rates and the monetary supply, both of which the Fed has utilized in the past few years as the economy has struggled to recover after the Great Recession.

But today the economy has recovered much of what was lost during the financial implosion. Markets should be focused on improving corporate revenue growth, higher consumer spending and earnings improvement. Instead, headlines are dominated by whether the Fed will or will not increase rates by a quarter of a percent. The stock market rises or falls by hundreds of points based on a comment by a Federal Reserve governor.

And unfortunately, this thinking is not limited to just the U.S. Recently, financial markets plunged around the world as the European Central Bank disappointed the market. The ECB announced that it would extend its Quantitative Easing program (where it would buy government debt in order to push rates down and inject cash into the



economy) from 2016 to 2017. However, many investors were disappointed that it didn't actually increase the amount of money devoted to this program despite the fact that many believe that the ECB was actually running out of European bonds to buy.

So what should the average investor think of these headlines? In my opinion, the market is obsessing about Central Bank policy and is ignoring market fundamentals. Every sign is indicating that the economy is on solid footing. Corporate profits are climbing. Dividends and stock buy backs are at all-time highs, returning massive sums of money to investors. So who cares if the Fed raises rates by .25 percent? I think any market sell-off due to Fed or ECB rumors or movements is a

great buying opportunity.

I do not mean to imply that Central Bank movements are inconsequential to the markets. Interest rate policies will have a significant affect on banks, for example. If the Fed truly will begin to normalize rates at its next meeting, banks will be a huge beneficiary as they will make greater profits due to a steepening yield curve. Therefore, I would like to own bank stocks. On the other hand, increasing interest rates in the U.S. should result in a stronger dol-

lar versus most other currencies. This would hurt U.S. companies that rely on international sales, as U.S. goods would be more expensive for international customers. So although there will be small pockets of winners and losers due to the Fed, as a whole I do not believe that Central Bank policy will make or break the economy. So sit back and hold the course. Let Wall Street pout about how it still needs the Fed or the economy will crash and burn. I don't think it will. ■

— 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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most challenging part for students who spend roughly \$8,000 to \$10,000 to get a private pilot's license, depending on how quickly they learn. The Federal Aviation Administration requires at least 40 flight hours, though most students need 50 to 70 to pass flight tests and a written exam.

"Especially landing is the hardest thing and some of 'em have no idea where the ground is," said Ms. Lewis, whose students recently have ranged in age from 16 to 80. "Most of 'em eventually get it."

South Florida flight schools that saw a decline in students when disposable income for the luxuries dipped during the the Great Recession are seeing the numbers climb again as the economy and tourism improve. Schools like Harborside and Paragon Flight at Page Field in Fort Myers cater to locals, snowbirds from the northern U.S., as well as customers from Europe, South America and elsewhere, some of whom come to Florida specifically for flight school tourism, to take a vacation in the subtropics and get their wings, too. Avoiding the hassles of commercial travel is one of the best bonuses of flying your own plane.

"Most people just do it because it's fun and it's also something that's really useful," said Chris Moser, program manger for flight training initiative for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Although recreational flyers make up the largest segment of students, the fastest growing group sees it as a career track because of widely publicized reports that airlines are preparing for a pilot shortage. For them a private pilot's license is just one step toward flying a commercial or corporate jet.

"Clearly for the next good number of years there's going to be career opportunities for people who want to fly professionally," said Gary Quill, executive director of the Charlotte County Airport Authority. "If I was a young person in my 20s I would look very hard at doing that."

Career track pilots

A West Palm Beach school, Platinum Aviation, changed its focus to career track pilots with a new streamlined training program in the last few years.

"It's a big shift for us," said James Foster, Platinum's chief flight instructor. Although the school prides itself on catering to the weekend hobbyists as well, he said, "we are also evolving into a professional flight training environment."

In the last few years business soared in that niche, with students at Platinum logging roughly 3,000 flight hours last year compared to 6,000 through early Decem-



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Jean Lewis, a co-owner of Harborside Aviation, pilots her Cessna 172 after taking off from Punta Gorda Airport.

ber this year. The company nearly tripled its fleet of planes to 18 and flight instructors to 15 (including part time).

"We can't find enough airplanes and we can't find enough flight instructors just right now," Mr. Foster said.

The Veterans Association also helps pay for vets to become commercial pilots, and students who stay on track are virtually guaranteed a job with an airline, he said. While the jobs can be lucrative and secure for the long term, the downside is becoming a professional pilot often costs around \$100,000 for the training while starting salaries at airlines are only in the mid-\$20,000s. That's one reason why flying private corporate jets is also a popular career choice that Platinum trains students for.

Corporations, also, are starting to send executives on private planes more often, said Kevin Cooke, a corporate pilot with Rectrix Aviation in Sarasota.

"As companies started to pull out of the economic downturn they've got money to spend on corporate aviation or charter airplanes," he said.

At Naples Air Center flight school, president and CEO Richard Gentil also fills an industry niche, training career-track pilots who come here from Europe to train before going back home to fly for airlines there. It takes less time and money for them to earn a license in the U.S., but when they return to Europe they also are offered higher paying positions as pilots.

"They look at people in that position with a little bit more respect than then they do here," Mr. Gentil said, pointing out that getting a loan for flight school is more difficult in the U.S. than in Europe.

NAC has trained about 12,000 students since he bought the business in 1994. The school was started in 1975.

For love of flight

Recreational flying remains the largest source of business for schools like Paragon Flight in Fort Myers, which in addition to a standard private pilot's licenses offers sport licenses that have more restrictions but take fewer hours and less cash to obtain.

The school has about 100 students enrolled at any one time and has garnered national awards for its customer service, facility and instructors, from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Some fly for pleasure while others are business-minded professionals, or both.

"We have lawyers that have depositions all over the state of Florida and they fly for meetings," said co-owner and chief flight instructor Jeffrey Wolf.

Some are retirees who put "learn to fly" on their bucket list. Some are flight school tourists who come from all over the world, even one student from Madagascar. The company can set them up at vacation rentals in the River District or out on the islands.

"We really try to sell the Fort Myers experience," co-owner Chris Schoensee

said.

A map of Florida on the wall at Paragon highlights some of their favorite spots to visit such as Texas Cattle Company restaurant in Lakeland and Sloppy Joe's in Key West. The Bahamas is about an hour-and-a-half away and Tallahassee roughly two hours or less while driving could take six hours.

Learning to fly for some is a lifetime dream. It has been on Todd Carrell's mind since he was a kid. But earlier this year, said Mr. Carrell, who is 48 and works for Food Innovations in Bonita Springs, "(I) finally got to the point that it was something I wanted to pull the trigger on and do."

Since then he's taken lessons from Ms. Lewis with Harborside, whose experience, calm and patience he appreciates, especially after he experienced teaching his daughter how to drive. Even after landing 250 times so far, it's still a maneuver he continues to refine and hone.

"Getting in the right position and getting the plane down at the right angle and the right speed is definitely the thing to practice," he said.

To complete his license, Mr. Carrell still has a few more tests to complete including flying cross-country at night and taking a written exam before he gets his license.

"I've got a cousin just outside of Pensacola who will probably be my first trip up to do lunch or spend the night up there," he said. ■

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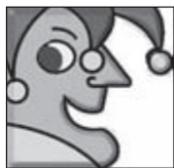
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Buffett Likes Dividends

Warren Buffett's investing success is legendary: He has increased the per-share book value of his company, Berkshire Hathaway, by an annual average of more than 19 percent over 50 years — and part of his strategy is dividends.

Buffett loves companies that churn out gobs of cash regularly and has bought many cash-generating companies outright while also investing in the stock of dividend payers and non-payers alike. In Berkshire Hathaway's 2014 annual report, Buffett notes that the four biggest stock holdings — American Express, Coca-Cola, IBM and Wells Fargo — generated \$1.6 billion in dividend payments to Berkshire in 2014.

His investment in Coca-Cola is instructive. He began buying shares in 1988 and had 400 million at the end of 2014. Early on, Buffett saw Coke's powerful brand as a formidable competitive advantage, and he has long praised the efficiency of its capital-light business model, which spits out tons of cash. That cash has allowed the company to consistently raise its dividend and, in the process, build wealth for long-term shareholders. Coca-Cola has raised

its dividend by 9 percent annually, on average, over the past 20 years. In his 2010 letter to shareholders, Buffett explained:

"Coca-Cola paid us \$88 million in 1995, the year after we finished purchasing the stock. Every year since, Coke has increased its dividend. In 2011, we will almost certainly receive \$376 million from Coke, up \$24 million from last year. (In 10 years) I wouldn't be surprised to see our share of Coke's annual earnings exceed 100 percent of what we paid for the investment. Time is the friend of the wonderful business." (Indeed, Coke is currently paying Berkshire more than \$500 million annually in dividends.)

Dividends can be quite powerful, especially if they grow over time, as those from healthy companies tend to do. You don't need billions of dollars to invest in dividend-paying stocks, either, so consider keeping some in your portfolio. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and recommends Berkshire Hathaway and Wells Fargo and has recommended American Express and Coca-Cola.) ■

My Dumbest Investment

Patience, Stockhopper

As a new stock investor, I watched Netflix climb to more than \$300 per share in 2011. Then I watched it begin to fall. I bought some shares at around \$125 apiece. The next week, Netflix announced the decoupling of its video streaming and DVDs-by-mail services, and the stock plummeted further.

Over the next few months, I watched my investment plunge in value, and I read articles about how CEO Reed Hastings had hurt the company with his moves. Finally, after tiring of seeing it fall and having all that red lettering on my scorecard, I sold at around \$60 per share. Given where the stock is now, I should have had more patience!

— Bob, online

The Fool Responds: You did lose out on quite a gain. Netflix shares fell to \$60 and below in 2012, only to recover to more than \$700 per share in mid-2015, before the company executed a 7-for-1 stock split. Had you hung on, you would have increased the value of your investment sixfold.

Netflix has not been a good stock for those averse to volatility, but the company, still led by Hastings, has been performing well. Its last earnings report showed the company having grown to more than 69 million members worldwide, with the company expanding into Japan, Spain, Italy and Portugal. Netflix has had great success with its original programming and has been able to hike its prices, too. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1886, when coffee with my name on it was prepared for a luxury hotel in Monterey, California. A few years later, canned peaches were branded with my name, too. My popular stewed tomatoes debuted in 1955. In 1973, I became the first major food processor in the United States to include nutrition labels on my products. Today, based in Florida and with a market value topping \$2 billion, I'm a top global producer, marketer and distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables. I also produce and distribute prepared foods outside the U.S. Who am I? (Answer: Fresh Del Monte Produce) ■



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Shifting Funds

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— L.W., St. Joseph, Michigan

A If you opened an IRA at a brokerage, you should be able to move your assets between various funds and stocks. You won't be taxed on any gains when you do so, but you'll likely pay trading commissions.

If your IRA is with a mutual fund family, you can probably switch between its own funds at little or no cost, but you might not be permitted to invest in individual stocks at all. (You can always transfer your IRA to a brokerage. Learn more about brokerages at broker.fool.com.)

Q What's the S&P 500?

— P.C., Victoria, Texas

A Launched in 1957, it's an index of 500 of America's biggest companies, selected by financial services company Standard & Poor's and updated regularly. Though the U.S. stock market encompasses thousands of companies, these 500 together make up about 80 percent of the market's total value.

More than half of the companies sport market capitalizations topping \$17 billion. The index includes names such as 3M, AT&T, Alcoa, Allstate, Amazon.com, Apple, AutoZone, CVS Health, Campbell Soup, Caterpillar, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Clorox, Coach, Costco, Delta Air Lines, Estee Lauder, Expedia, Facebook, FedEx, Gap, Garmin, Harley-Davidson, Hershey, Kellogg, Kohl's, Kroger, Marriott, Mattel, Molson Coors, Netflix, Nordstrom, Oracle, PepsiCo, Pfizer, PriceLine, Ralph Lauren, Sherwin-Williams, Sysco, Target, Texas Instruments, Tiffany, Under Armour, UnitedHealth, Viacom, Visa, Western Union, Whirlpool, Whole Foods Market and Xerox.

You can invest in the S&P 500 easily via an index fund such as the low-cost Vanguard 500 Index (VFIX) or the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY). Learn more about index funds at fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm. ■

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Name That Company

I was formed in 2008 by the merger of an entertainment software specialist founded by former Atari employees and a company that had been part of a French conglomerate. Today, based in Santa Monica, California, I'm the world's largest interactive gaming company, with hits such as "Guitar Hero," "Call of Duty," "Skylanders," "Destiny," "World of Warcraft," "StarCraft," "Diablo" and "Hearthstone." I'm proud of hav-



ing many No. 1 games and having earning multiple Game of the Year awards. My online-gaming service, Battle.net, featuring millions of active players, is one the world's biggest. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Chipping Away

A major semiconductor chipmaker has been struggling lately, with its stock down more than 20 percent over the past year. The company is Qualcomm (Nasdaq: QCOM), and if you can stomach some risk, it's priced attractively.

Qualcomm generates revenue (more than \$25 billion annually) from the sale of chips and from licensing fees. (It licenses its CDMA technologies and earns 3 to 5 percent of the wholesale price of every 3G/4G smartphone shipped worldwide.) The company's recent Snapdragon 810 chip was bypassed by Samsung in various mobile devices, dealing a blow, and licensing fees have been soft largely due to problems collecting its due in China. Indeed, in its latest quarter, revenue shrank by 18 percent.

It has fixes in the works, though. Its new Snapdragon 820 chip is reportedly 50 percent more powerful than some key rival offerings and is expected to be in some upcoming smartphones. Meanwhile, licensing agreements are being hammered out with major mobile device makers in China.

Patient believers in Qualcomm's future can collect a dividend yield recently near 3.7 percent while they wait for the company's performance to improve. That dividend payout has been increased annually over the past 12 years. Qualcomm is not a slam-dunk investment, but its upside potential seems to outweigh its downside risks. (The Motley Fool owns and has recommended shares of Qualcomm.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **Collier County Lodging and Tourism Association** holds its holiday mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Hilton Naples. \$10 for CCLTA members, \$15 for others. Reservations required by Dec. 4. Email Lisa Carney at lisa.cclta@gmail.com or visit cclta.org.

■ The **Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** holds its holiday party and toy drive from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Pelican Larry's on Pine Ridge Road. Guests are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots. Sign up at chbpnaples.org/events or email secretary@chbpnaoles.org to RSVP.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual holi-

day party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Hilton Naples. Guests are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for distribution to children by the Greater Naples Fire & Rescue District. Reservations required by noon Monday, Dec. 14. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Young Professionals of Naples** members and guests meet for Coffee Club at 7 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at varying locations. The next meeting is Jan. 12. For more information, email pr@ypnaples.com, visit ypnnaples.com or follow Young Professionals of Naples on Facebook.

■ The first **Wake Up Naples** of the New Year for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce

takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office will present "Are You Vulnerable? The Need to Safeguard Your Business against Financial and Identity Fraud in the 21st Century." Reservations are required by noon Jan. 8. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Sandalwood Village, new 55-and-older gated apartment community at 3511 Vanderbilt Beach Road. \$10 for chamber members/\$25 for others. Reservations required by noon Jan. 18. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ A **Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit napleschamber.org.

■ **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. ■

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A GUIDE TO THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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Local agency joins forces with auction company

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Naples Realty Services Inc. has formed an affiliation with the national real estate auction firm Fine & Company, LLC, to provide auction services to Naples Realty Services clients in the Naples and Southwest Florida markets.

Auctions of trophy residential properties are one of the fastest-growing phenomena of the real estate auction business. Why? Because these properties tend to languish on the market for longer periods of time and have substantial costs (e.g., interest expenses, taxes, maintenance, etc.) associated with them.

John Steinwand, principal broker of Naples Realty Services, says the agency's research shows numerous newly constructed and existing homes lingering on the market, in many cases for more than a year, in order to achieve the sales result the seller seeks.

"We believe that by combining our local expertise and listing services with a national real estate auction marketing company, we can offer a unique service to owners of luxury level homes that have failed to sell via traditional MLS marketing efforts or who wish to control the timing of their sale from the start," Mr. Steinwand says.

Selling property at auction is the preferred process in Australia, he adds.

Luxury homes are often built with highly personalized features, making it more difficult to correctly price the property. Such properties often linger on the market through a protracted period of price reductions, Mr. Steinwand says. And if the price is reduced too quickly, the seller may end up selling for less than market value, he adds.

Michael Fine, principal of Fine & Company, Chicago, says the auction process allows the seller to "take control and set the timing of the sale, the terms under which the property will be sold and the date they can expect to close and move ahead with their life plans. After all," he says, "they have earned that right."

The auction process provides a predetermined timeline with an intensive marketing blitz, a limited schedule for

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COURTESY PHOTOS

House Hunting:

15939 Roseto Way

Harwick Homes won the lottery and had first choice of estate lots in Mediterra to build this 6,600-square-foot former model that is now available for purchase. At the end of a cul de sac and with no homes across the street, the four-bedroom house has western exposure at the rear, with long lake views over the first hole of the recently renovated South Course. There is a second-floor office, five full and two half-baths, a 500-bottle wine cellar, a 55KW generator with 500-gallon buried back-up tank, automated lighting system, koi pond, four air-conditioned garage spaces, premium stone countertops and flooring, custom wood work and elegant ceiling work throughout. Collins & Dupont Interior Design was involved in the design and furnishing from start to finish. Multiple levels of membership are available at Mediterra Golf & Beach Club.

David William Auston of Amerivest Realty has the listing for \$5,495,000. To arrange a showing, call 273-1376 or email David@DavidNaples.com. ■



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22 lakes are at the heart of Naples Reserve lifestyle

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Construction of Naples Reserve's 22 lakes, including the 125-acre Eagle Lake with a secluded island, has been completed by iStar. The community's 245 acres of open water provide opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding on the water and scenic sites for homes and amenities along the water's edge.

Eagle Lake offers a mile-long stretch of waterfront nestled against the Picayune Strand State Forest, with its 76,000 acres of state-protected pinelands, cypress swamps, marshes and abundant wildlife. The lake also serves as the backdrop for planned homes and amenities, including a tennis and bocce ball complex and the Lakeshore Club. Under construction now, the club will have two swimming pools and a 4,700-square-foot community/fitness center.

Naples Reserve residents receive complimentary one-year social memberships at Naples Harbour Yacht Club with its marina along the Gordon River, indoor storage for 600 boats and two waterside restaurants.

iStar has completed the initial amenities in Naples Reserve, including the gatehouse, an elevated cobblestone entry bridge, a large tiki hut on Eagle Lake's Lost Island and the new Outrigger Welcome Center, evocative of Key West with its wraparound porch overlooking the lake and floating docks.

Neighborhoods throughout Naples Reserve offer sweeping vistas across



Naples Reserve's 22 lakes cover 245 acres of the community's 688 acres.

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water with sites for 1,154 lakefront homes. iStar has partnered with Southwest Florida's premier homebuilders to create residences that appeal to a variety of homebuyers and capture an inspired waterfront lifestyle.

Furnished homes by Ashton Woods are now open for viewing, and several models are under construction in Parrot Cay, a neighborhood bordering Eagle Lake and encircling a seven-acre lake. JRW Developer Resources represents Naples Reserve's preferred custom homebuilders: Florida Lifestyle Homes of Fort Myers, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development and McGarvey Custom Homes.

Naples Reserve is off U.S. 41 East, 1.5 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 15 minutes from I-75, Exit 101. Visit the Outrigger Welcome Center at 148891 Naples Reserve Circle or find more information at naplesreserve.com. ■

Single-family estate home sites released for sale in Raffia Preserve

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

WCI Communities has released 15 estate home sites with lake and nature preserve views at Raffia Preserve, the company's 184-acre community of 363 single-family homes in North Naples. Home sites average approximately 1/4 acre and can accommodate any of 10 estate home designs ranging from 2,312 to nearly 4,500 air-conditioned square feet. Plans have three to six bedrooms; two-story designs have a bonus room on the second floor.

Two oversized sites — one with a lake view and one with a preserve view — are nearly 1/2 an acre each and are ideal for Raffia Preserve's largest two-story estate homes: the five-bedroom, four-bath Monte Carlo, with 4,073-air-conditioned square feet; and the Portofino, with six bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths in 4,457 square feet of air-conditioned living space. Both homes have three-car garages.

Estate homes in Raffia Preserve start at \$409,990.

In addition to the estate home designs, the community has seven executive home designs with three or four bedrooms, dens, great rooms, two-car garages, and 2,053 to 3,604 square feet of air-conditioned living space. Executive homes start at \$374,990.

Two estate homes and two executive home models are open for viewing in Raffia Preserve. With interior design by Winter Park-based Kay Green Interiors, the models showcase the extensive selections and finishes available at WCI's Design Studio. Designer finishes in each home include granite kitchen counter-



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The Corsica is one of 10 estate home designs available in Raffia Preserve.

tops and 18-by-18-inch ceramic tile flooring in select rooms. Owner's suites have walk-in closets and bathroom vanities with dual sinks, private water closets and glass-enclosed showers.

Each home design also offers three architectural elevations and options that include arched and triple-arched entry towers, decorative paneled garage doors, metal accents, columns, crown molding and louvered shutters.

For homebuyers ready for immediate or near-immediate move-in, WCI has a selection of Raffia Preserve "Dream Ready" homes available. The community's 7,400-square-foot clubhouse and fitness center has a clubroom with fireplace, catering kitchen and freestanding bar, and a separate fitness center with a weight room. Residents are now enjoying yoga classes in the exercise studio. The 2.4-acre clubhouse campus also has a pool with lap lanes and a beach entry, poolside and patio lounging areas, a playground, full basketball court and grassy play field.

Raffia Preserve is on Collier Boulevard between Immokalee and Vanderbilt Beach roads. For more information, visit the Raffia Preserve sales center, call 598-2370 or go to raffiapreservewci.com. ■

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Iberiabank and Henry Johnson & Associates, PA, Attorneys at Law, finish out the season's lunch-and-learn series with a presentation about board member and officer responsibilities for condominium and homeowners associations from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Iberiabank branch office at 2150 Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples.

Before anyone agrees to serve in a leadership position for his or her association, it is imperative that he or she understand both the procedural and substantive duties and responsibilities associated with officer and board positions. Attorney Henry Paul Johnson will discuss the duties of board officers compared to board members and how these differences relate to potential pitfalls that can cause an association governed

by a board to be sued. He will also discuss corporate liability as opposed to individual liability.

Mr. Johnson has specialized in working with condominium and homeowners associations in Southwest Florida for more than 30 years. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology, a guest lecturer at Florida Gulf Coast University and chairman of the education committee for the Collier Building Industry Association. He graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Miami and a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

The seminar is open to the public. Seating is limited. Reserve a seat by calling 403-6670. ■

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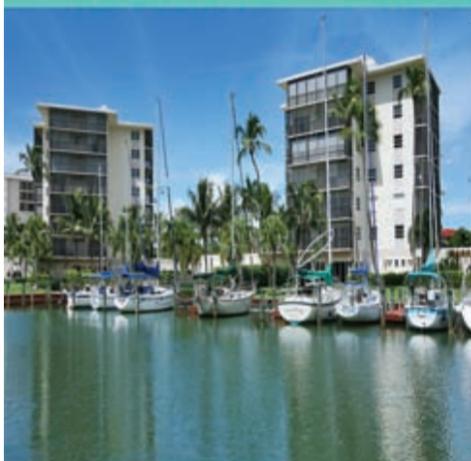
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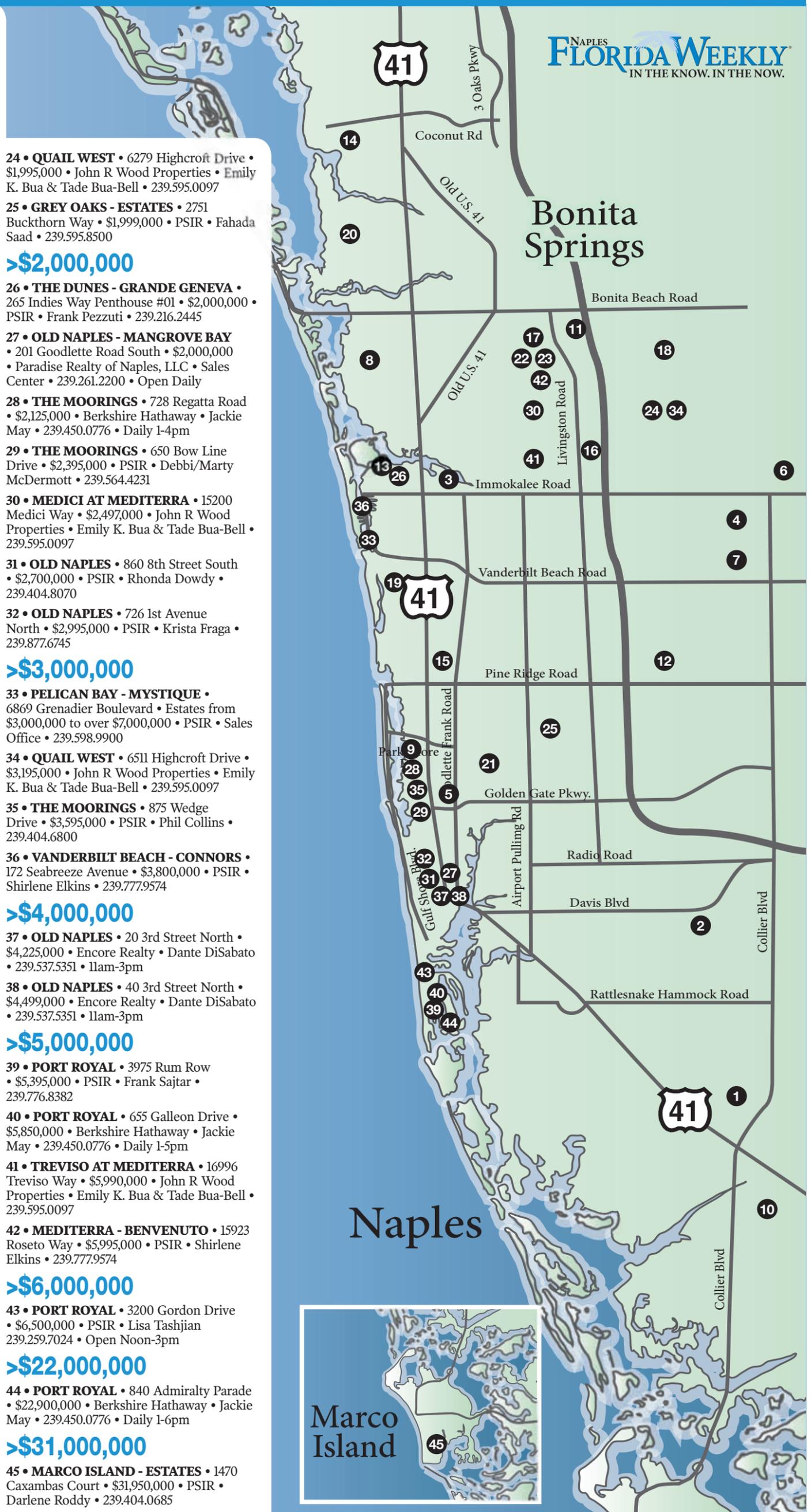
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



LOCAL ARTISTS THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX FOR ALLIANCE'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

BY NANCY STETSON
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If McGyver were an artist, these are the kind of Christmas wreaths he'd likely make, cleverly crafted from whatever happened to be at hand: coffee stirrers, forks, bits of wire, beer cans.

This year, for its Recycled Holiday Wreath Roundup exhibit, the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers challenged its members to create wreaths out of unusual objects. The theme, they said in their call for artwork, was "recycled, found objects, SEE WEIRD, C4 ▶

Newest Stars in the Arts added to the galaxy

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The United Arts Council of Collier County has announced three individuals and three organizations as recipients of the 2016 Stars in the Arts awards. The winners are: Muffy Clark Gill, Judy Evans, John McKerrow, Gulfshore Playhouse, the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Naples Ballet.

The United Arts Council introduced the Stars in the Arts program 10 years ago to recognize individuals and organizations for leadership in the arts. This



year, 40 nominations were submitted by the public. Here's a bit about each of the

winners:

■ **Judy Evans:** Ms. Evans is a long-time Collier County resident who developed, implemented and continues to direct of the pre-K violin/music literacy program called MusicScores! that enables children from



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Great gift idea

Book reviewer Phil Jason says "Naples Beach Homes" is perfect for the coffee table. **C5 ▶**



An American story

Film critic Dan Hudak lauds "Brooklyn" for its straightforward simplicity. **C15 ▶**



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Student-built gingerbread houses on display, and more on the local culinary scene. **C32-35 ▶**

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Last month, I drove to Miami to hear a talk given by Elizabeth Gilbert, author of “Eat, Pray, Love” and other books. In her talk, Mrs. Gilbert spoke about wholeheartedness — a term she borrowed from Brene Brown — a concept that revolves around living the best and most authentic lives we can.

“Studies have shown,” Mrs. Gilbert told the audience, “that one of the ways to achieve wholeheartedness is through group singing.”

Group singing? I shuddered.

Mrs. Gilbert was explaining her recent obsession with karaoke and how her weekly karaoke nights with friends had opened up her life in a way she never expected. Unfortunately, for me, karaoke is high on my will-not-do list. I’m a truly terrible singer. So, did that mean I could never live a wholehearted life? Wasn’t there some other way?

I was still wondering — and worrying — when I got a call from my friend Johnny in New York. Johnny plays guitar in a rock band with its own cult following. He wears tight black jeans and has sexy hair. One of his favorite activities on the planet is dancing.

“I’ll be in town for Thanksgiving,” he told me. “We should go out.”

“We absolutely should,” I said while secretly thinking, *I hope he doesn’t*

mean dancing.

Many years ago, I loved to dance. My girl friends and I would get dressed up and go to a nightclub not to be hit on by sleazy guys (although that certainly happened), but for the sheer bliss of it. There’s something about moving to

good music that, I believe, opens the soul.

Yet at a certain point — was it when I turned 30? — I decided that dancing wasn’t for me. I’m too old, I thought, too serious. Dancing is for kids.

Johnny, though, is almost 40, and he

clearly doesn’t agree. Because when he came down for Thanksgiving, there was no discussion about what we would do.

“Find us a place with R&B music,” he said. “Top 40 is fine.”

I reluctantly agreed.

But on the night we were scheduled to meet, I stood in my closet wringing my hands. What does a woman in her 30s wear dancing? I haven’t owned a miniskirt in a decade. And forget high heels. My back would never recover.

So I wore what makes me feel best: jeans, a white T-shirt and the Converse sneakers I bought in Paris. For good measure, I put on red lipstick. *I’m 35*, I thought. *I can wear whatever I damn well want.*

By the time Johnny and I reached the bar, the DJ was already pumping dance tunes. I had one brief moment of hesitation. *What was I doing? Hadn’t I outgrown this?*

But then my favorite radio track came through the speakers. My body started to move on its own, and I was on the dance floor before I knew what was happening. I smiled to myself, delighted. How had I gone so long without the pure joy of dancing, the way the music works into your muscles and you suddenly feel part of something grander?

Here was the wholeheartedness I’d been searching for.

And I didn’t even have to sing. ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.

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whatever your imagination can dream up!"

What they wanted — and what area artists delivered — was the unexpected: wreaths made out of toy soldiers, forks and camera film; shiny beer can lids in a large circle; spray-painted tree branches; thin copper wire.

The show is a "buy-off-the-wall exhibit," which means if you see a wreath you like, you take it off the wall, pay for it and walk out the door with it. (Prices range from \$25 to \$225.)

In previous years, the Alliance invited its members to make tree ornaments.

"This year, we decided to do something different," says exhibition coordinator Krista Johnson. "We liked the idea of making them from recycled items. I felt the artists put a new eye to the wreaths. We've had a great response to the show."

■ "X-Mess Wreath"

Marilyn Frank

"I knew I wanted to do something with unusual materials," says Marilyn Frank. "I found these toy soldiers and thought they were Christmas green. I also found the little red lips, so red and green ... OK."

But when she was arranging the plastic soldiers around the wreath, she ran out of them. She had some silver plastic utensils left over from a dinner event at her Cape Coral condo. "Those forks look like branches, kind of," she says. "So I finished it off with that."

For a bow, she went to a box of film negatives.

"I have absolutely no idea what's on them," she says. "I traveled extensively all over the world in my career for a government agency, and I took loads of photos."

"I was just trying to do something out of the ordinary."

But some people don't know how to respond to it. She received a text from a neighbor who'd been to the show. It read: "You must tell me what in the world you were thinking with the 'X-Mess.'"

"The lips are like a love thing, something good and sweet mixed with the soldiers," the artist explains. The negatives, she adds, are snapshots of the world, in all its negativity.

"We're hoping war can maybe serve a purpose, to bring about a peace." She wanted to use her soldiers "not for war, but for something that's a symbol of love."

■ "I Love Beer!"

Paul David Adamick

The "I Love Beer!" wreath that Paul David Adamick created out of 75 crushed Yuengling Amber beer cans was the first wreath to sell. (Though sold, it's still on exhibit.)

The man who bought it said to Mr. Adamick at the opening: "Oh, my God, can you believe this wreath? I drink that beer! I'm from that town in (Pottsville) Pennsylvania (where they brew it). When I saw this wreath, I had to have it."

Mr. Adamick used chicken wire as a base, wiring the cans to it and adding an occasional wine cork.

"People say, 'Man, you had a heavy weekend!' I say, 'No, that was one night!'" he jokes.

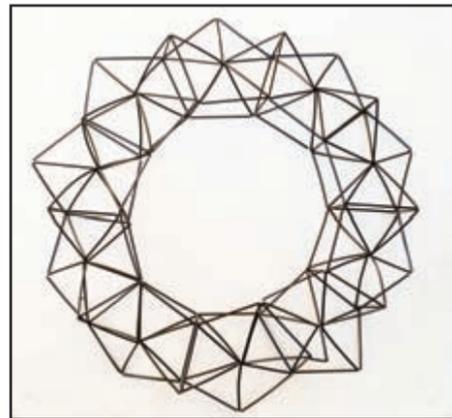
Actually, he started collecting the cans a month and a half before the show.

"I have a macho beer-can crusher in my garage," he says. "Every time I had a Yuengling, I crushed it and put it in a special box until I had enough."

The orange mesh bow came from two bags of oranges.



"I Love Beer" by Paul David Adamick, \$70



"Copper Wreath" by Louis Ford, \$45



"Plastic Wreath" by Lily Hatchett, \$40

A fellow artist liked the wreath so much he has commissioned Mr. Adamick to make one with cans of Miller Light. Mr. Adamick agreed — but only if the customer supplies the empties.

■ "Copper Wreath" and "Coffee Stirrer Wreath"

Louis Ford

Matlacha artist Louis Ford created two futuristic-looking wreaths using recycled



"Wreath Recycled" Barbara Yeomans, \$125

refrigerant copper wire and plastic coffee stirrers. (He also created a third wreath out of white PVC piping, but that one sold and went home with the buyer.)

"I like to do things that are very stylized," Mr. Ford says. "They are very geometric. When you're making them, you start with a triangle, then you thread two more, making another triangle."

The copper wreath has approximately 135 pieces, while the straw one has 150.

The copper wreath is sturdy. "You could pick it up and play Frisbee with it," he says. "Unless you run over it with your car, it'll keep its shape."

The coffee stirrers came from Starbucks. They were originally white with red stripes, which seemed Christmas-y, but he painted them black.

"The black was more striking against the white walls," he says.

■ "Wreath Recycled"

Barbara Yeomans

The recycled wreath challenge was right up Barbara Yeomans' alley, as she used to make non-traditional Christmas

decorations.

The base of her abstract wreath is a bent coat hanger decorated with a plastic Slinky. She made coils by braiding the plastic sleeves newspapers are delivered in.

"And then the stamps, I rescued them from the mail from a friend of mine from London. They have some sort of Christmas-y images. One's a Madonna and child, one is an angel and the other is a millennium star, which seemed appropriate. And the key to my heart is hanging in the center."

"With us crazy artists, we save all this junk," Ms. Yeomans says. "When you're making things — and I do like making things — it's fun to make it out of recycled stuff and find a new use for things."

■ "Away in a Manger"

Stephanie Hughes

When Stephanie Hughes was cleaning out her garage, an oval mirror frame fell off a shelf, hitting her on the head.

Her reaction? "I bet that would make a great wreath."

Then when she had a dead branch trimmed from a tree in her backyard, she told the man she wanted to keep it.

"The wreath took shape on its own, with the cool branches I found," she says. "I like the branches. They were curvy and full, thick. It had so many nice weird shapes. I didn't want it to be too dangerous, but almost as if the branches were too big. A little drama, jutting out."

The wreath is at least 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide, she estimates.

She spray-painted the branches gold. She found the hand in an industrial dumpster in Fort Myers.

"There was a whole dummy, but I just took the hand, because it was what I could carry," she says. A gold ornament hangs from the hand at the top of the wreath, as well as two small felt sacks with tags that say "frankencense" and "myrrh."

"It was really fun," she says. "I wanted to see everybody else's wreaths. I like it when there's one theme, to see how many different ways people are going to take it, and make something interesting out of things that were found." ■



"Away in a Manger" Stephanie Hughes, \$250

in the know

The Recycled Holiday Wreath Roundup

>>When: Through Jan. 2
 >>Where: The Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers
 >>Cost: Free admission; wreaths can be purchased for \$25-\$250
 >>Info: 939-2787 or artinlee.org

FLORIDA WRITERS

A coffee-table tome covers the cottages and castles of Naples



■ **“Naples Beach Homes: Cottages, Castles, and the Families That Built Them” by Robert and Carole Leher. Cuddy Cove Press. 252 pages. Oversized hardcover, \$65.**

This nearly 5-pound book is many things at once. It is a glorious homage to the spirit of Naples and the enterprise and good taste of its residents. It is a well-scribed, delightful history of the once-sleepy little Gulf Coast town. It is a huge and astounding color gallery of vintage and recent photographs and — more amazingly — paintings by Paul Arsenault, the man who could be called the painter laureate of Naples.



Robert and Carole Leher

It is also a fundraiser, as Robert and Carole Leher have determined to donate

all net proceeds from the book to the Naples Historical Society.

It will be a collector’s item and, I’m sure, a popular holiday gift.

While I’m enjoying a copy from the second printing, a confident run of 2,000, I understand that a third printing has been ordered for January delivery.

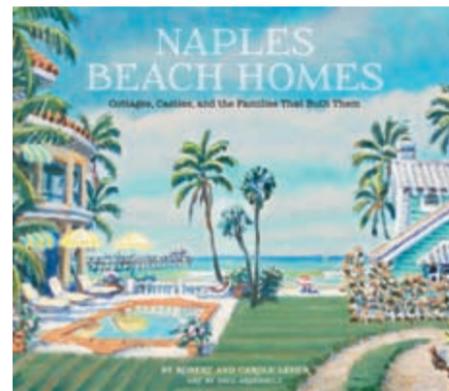
The book, which focuses on residences in two adjacent communities — Port Royal and the Gulf Shore Boulevard environs — tells and shows a story of families and generations. It’s fascinating to discover how an address has been attached to several residences, passed from one owner to another. Sometimes the successive owners have honored the original design; on other occasions, they have begun anew. Changes in style and size mark the comings and goings of original builders, relative newcomers and returnees who left Naples but just had to come back. Or perhaps their children or grandchildren made the return.

Often, though I won’t name-drop here, we discover the prestigious accomplishments of neighborhood residents, both before and during their Naples sojourns. It’s a who’s who, to be sure. The authors do a fine job of describing distinctive, colorful personalities and of capturing in words the special architectural details of note and giving a sense not only of individual homes and families but also the larger picture of community evolution.

In fact, it’s clear that they envisioned this project as a safeguard against the disappearance of what has made these

neighborhoods special. What’s special is lovingly preserved in this handsome book.

Nostalgia is mixed with an upbeat, even whimsical tone that is captured well in many of the chapter titles: “From



Coconuts to Easter Eggs,” “The Friends That Made Milwaukee Famous,” “Off to the Mad House,” “Once Just a Fish Camp” and “A Contract on a Cocktail Napkin” are invitations to charming tales packed with information.

The inclusion of a generous number of Mr. Arsenault’s paintings in his unmistakable style provides a continuity and elegance to the text and photographs. He, too, is a preserver of the past — and of the present that must recede into the past.

The pulse of constancy and change through stories and images gives “Naples

Beach Homes” its abundant energy.

The front-matter accoutrements include a foreword by Elaine Reed of the NHS, an authors’ statement by the Lehers and an artist’s statement by Mr. Arsenault as well as a fine prologue by local history guru and veteran realtor Lodge McKee.

A carefully prepared index, list of art and photo credits and acknowledgments of assistance complete the attractive volume. These additions help other lovers and would-be historians of Naples who need to follow their curiosity in order to learn more about this amazing town.

If your coffee table is sturdy enough, you should obtain a copy.

Where you can get it: Aldecor Custom Framing, Arsenault Gallery, Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, BRuno, Collier County Museums, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Deb’s Touch of Florida, Mel’s Diner, the Naples Area Board of Realtors, Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples Grande Hotel, Naples Historical Society at Palm Cottage, Ooh La La!, Paper Merchant, Regatta, Summerfields, Tory’s Hair Salon, Traditions and online at NaplesHistoricalSociety.org. ■

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

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THEATER

The Foreigner – By The Naples Players through Dec. 20 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Nutcracker Goes Pop! – By KidzAct of The Naples Players on select dates through Dec. 13 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Mr. Burns, The Post Electric Play – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates through Dec. 12 at the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

The Seafarer – By Florida Repertory Theater through Dec. 13 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

A Christmas Story – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 20 at the Arcade Theatre, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

A Wonderful Life – Through Dec. 26 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Plaid Tidings – Through Dec. 26 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol – By Gulfshore Playhouse Dec. 12-20 at The Norris Center. 261-7529 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Gift of the Magi – By The Marco Players Dec. 18-20 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.org.

The Producers – At Artis—Naples Dec. 26-28. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

THURSDAY 12.10

Kids' Art – Thomas Riley Studio on Fifth Avenue South hosts an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. for an exhibit of mixed media art by the children at Youth Haven. Proceeds benefit the shelter's art program. 687-5155 or shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

Student Art – United Arts Council of Collier County and Collier County Sheriff's Office invite the public to the opening of a children's art exhibit celebrating "Turtles on the Town" from 5-6:30 p.m. 3319 Tamiami Trail E. 254-8242 or uaccollier.org.

Art Lecture – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a lecture at 5 p.m. titled "Dance of the Muses from Las Vegas to the Louvre." \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

Holiday Pawty – Top Dog Kitchen and BKS Yoga host a toga party for pooches from 6-7:30 p.m. Free puppy treats and human refreshments. Reservations required. 2900 Tamiami Trail N. 213-9276 or info@bksyogastudio.com.

Tales & Tea – Storytellers spin holiday yarns while guests take a tisane from 6-8 p.m. at Brambles English Tea Room. \$28. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7894 or bramblestearoomnaples.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs with guest conductor Joshua Weilerstein at 8 p.m. tonight and Friday, Dec. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

A Stand-Up Guy – Bob Zany ("Joe Dirt," "The Informant") performs at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight through Sunday, Dec. 13. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 389-6901 or offthehook.com.



Trouper the blind raccoon will greet guests at Naples Preserve when they arrive for holiday festivities from 4-7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 11-13. naplesgov.com.

Studio Session – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided painting session at 6:30 p.m. featuring a holiday-inspired project. Guests can bring their own wine or beer. \$36, reservations required. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vintrospicasso.com.

FRIDAY 12.11

Farmers Market – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church hosts a market with fresh produce, seafood, arts and crafts from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 625 111th Ave. N. expol@comcast.net.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Gardens presents a program about Naples beach homes from 2-3 p.m. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Wild Holiday – Naples Preserve hosts a holiday open house 4-7 p.m. today through Sunday, Dec. 13. Families will enjoy live entertainment, animal ambassadors, holiday trees, seasonal refreshments and more. Free. 1690 Tamiami Trail N. 261-4290 or naplesgov.com.

Sidewalk Jazz – Jazz guitarist Mason Williams plays outside Mercato's Second Cup from 5-8 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Corkscrew After Hours – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary stays open late for its monthly after hours event from 5:30-9 p.m. Florida black bears get special attention this month in a presentation by wildlife photographer and naturalist Ralph Arwood. Regular admission applies. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

SATURDAY 12.12

Farmers Market – Take a stroll along one of Naples' most celebrated thoroughfares and shop for locally produced fruits and veggies and artisanal products at the Third Street South Farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

For the Birds – Go birding at Naples Botanical Garden from 7:30-10 a.m. with expert Bill Overton. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Breakfast with Santa – Rusty Bucket in Mercato welcomes the Jolly Old Soul from 8:30-10:30 a.m. 260-4152 or myrustybucket.com/naples.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hold a fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. Free. naplesartcrafters.com.

Tree Talk – Take in a lecture about the elaborate system of cypress trees from 10 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. A corresponding field trip departs at 1 p.m. Program is \$5 for Garden members, \$10 for non-members; excursion is \$15 and \$20. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Pug-ly Pets – Pucci & Catana Pet Boutique hosts an ugly sweater contest and adoption event with Humane Society Naples from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 263-9663 or pucciandcatana.com.

Critic's Choice – Book critic Elaine Newton leads a discussion about Lily King's "Euphoria" at 10 a.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Holiday Market – Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary holds its second annual holiday market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Nature Festival – Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park host Nature Fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with interactive and educational activities and exhibits. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or delnorwiggins.org.

Teddy Bear Tea – Teddies and their tots are invited to The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort for hot chocolate, sweet treats, story time and a visit from Santa from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check website for additional dates. \$59. 598-3300 or ritzcarlton.com/naples.

Boat Parade – The Marine Industries Association of Collier County hosts its Christmas Boast Parade in Naples Bay from 6:15-8:30 p.m. 682-0900 or miacc.org.

Klezmer Concert – The Naples Klezmer Band performs at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$22-32. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

SUNDAY 12.13

Beach Combing – Search for tidal treasures at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in December at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Cars on Parade – Naples Big Wheels hosts a car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Florida Sports Park to benefit Bikes for Tykes. See hot rods, vintage autos, muscle cars and more. \$7 or donation of a usable bicycle. Children 12 and under admitted free. (781) 718-1438 or bikesfortykes.org.

Beware the Dark Side – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a "Star Wars" movie marathon starting at 10 a.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. \$15. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

BYOB – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided painting session with a Van Gogh masterpiece as inspiration starting at 12:30 p.m. \$36, reservations required. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vintrospicasso.com.

Klezmer Music & A Movie – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island presents klezmer music at 1:30 p.m. followed by a screening of "Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem." 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.

Concert in the Park – The Gulf Coast Big Band performs at 2 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. Free. 877-6090 or gulfcoastbigband.com.

String Sing – Miró String Quartet performs works by Schubert and Mendelssohn at 3 p.m. today and Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Film Screening – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida screens "I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Weisenthal" at 4:30 p.m. Free, but reservations required. 4760 Tamiami Trail. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

Hitmaker – Pianist turned 1960s hitmaker Neil Sedaka takes the stage at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Live Band – Latin band ODAS will play an acoustic set from 9-11 p.m. at Bar Tulia. 213-2073 or tulianaples.com.

MONDAY 12.14

Book Discussion – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a discussion of Simon Weisenthal's "The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness," at 10 a.m. Free, but reservations required. 4760 Tamiami Trail. 293-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

Lovely Bunch o' Coconuts – Learn the basics of coconut palms in a class from 10 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. \$35 for Garden members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Sunset Yoga – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a session on the beach at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park from 4:45-5:45 p.m. each Monday in December. \$5, plus park entry fee. Reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkeyyoga.com.

Swingin' Holidays – The Naples Players present William Noll and his Big Band in concert at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. featuring traditional Christmas tunes and the stylings of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Duke Ellington. \$50. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a movie starting at 5:30 p.m. with a pasta buffet and followed by a screening of "Cose Dell' Altro Mondo" (Italy, 2012). An imaginative look at what life would be like without immigrant workers. \$15, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Bingo! – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts bingo every Monday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a kosher hot-dog dinner included with admission. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.

Brass Concert – Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

TUESDAY 12.15

My Little Minions - Mercato presents a free outdoor screening of "Minions" starting at 5:45 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

WEDNESDAY 12.16

Local History - Naples Historical Society hosts a walking tour of Old Naples setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. \$10 members, \$16 non-members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Christmas Party - Naples Italian American Foundation hosts its holiday party and concert at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and a performance by The New Chorale of Southwest Florida. \$30 for members, \$35 for others. Reservations required by 6 p.m. Dec. 15. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Meet the Artist - Harmon-Meek Modern invites the public to meet American realist painter William Entriakin from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Entriakin's work will be featured in the gallery today through Jan. 9. 382 12th St. S. 262-2699 or harmonmeek.com.

COMING UP

Tortoise Talk - Learn about Florida's tortoises from rangers at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Free with park entry fee. 596-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Carolers' Tea - Sip a good, strong cuppa while enjoying holiday songs from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Brambles English Tea Room. \$30. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 272-7894 or bramblestearoom.com.

Tuba Tunes - The 20th annual "TUBA Christmas" concert takes place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Sugden Plaza. 692-8436 or fifthavenue-south.com.

Flamenco Puro - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts master flamenco dancer Clarita Filgueiras at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. \$30-40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Holiday Stomp - The Steampunk Stompers perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Koreshan State Park. \$15. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

New Plays - The Naples Player's ETC ... Readers' Theater presents its 12th annual evening of one-act plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, at the Sugden Community Theater. \$10. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

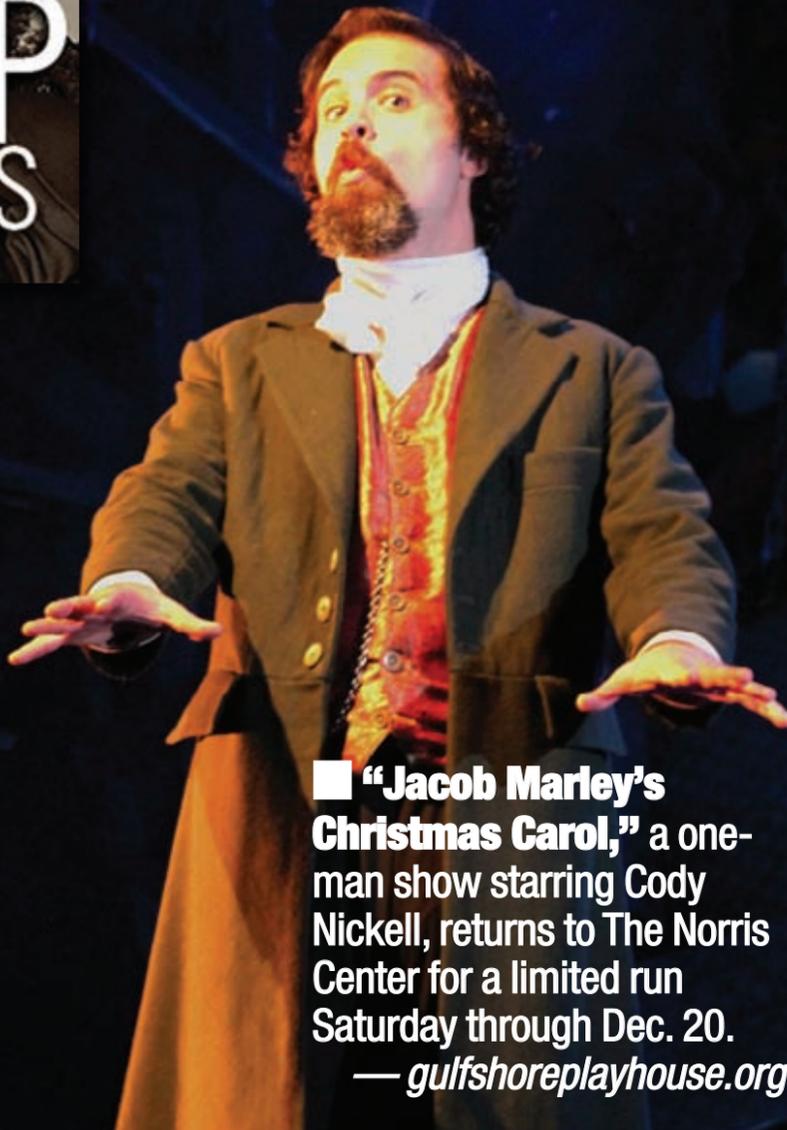
Santa Paws - Naples Zoo hosts breakfast with Santa and some furry friends at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20. \$65, includes all-day admission and a boat cruise. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

Sweet Santa - Meet Santa Claus and Willy Wonka from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Mercato. Guests can enjoy a deejay, stilt walkers, sweet treats and a meet-and-greet with the family of beloved children's author Roald Dahl. Free. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Art Lesson - Local artist Marjorie Pesek leads a class in her layered imagery technique from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$55. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.



12.12-20



■ **"Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol,"** a one-man show starring Cody Nickell, returns to The Norris Center for a limited run Saturday through Dec. 20.
— gulfshoreplayhouse.org



■ **Teddies** and their tots are invited to The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort for hot chocolate, sweet treats, story time and a visit from Santa from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Check website for additional dates.
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■ The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents a screening of "I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Weisenthal" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Free, but reservations required. 4760 Tamiami Trail. 263-9200
— holocaustmuseumswfl.org



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■ Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary holds its annual holiday market featuring gifts made by local artisans from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.
— corkscrew.audubon.com

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Plant Walk – Learn about the native plants of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, during a ranger-led hike. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Moonlight Ride – Take a guided, nighttime canoe trip through Collier-Seminole State Park setting out at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25-26. \$35. 20200 Tamiami Trail East. 394-3397 or floridastateparks.org.

Celebrate! – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a white party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, with milonga until midnight. \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Reservations required by Dec. 18. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablorepun-tango.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Look at Me” (France) at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28. A French girl gifted with a great voice has a complex about her weight and appearance. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Ten Tenors – The Ten Tenors perform works ranging from the Beatles to Bocelli at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Light Show – City of Naples hosts a New Year’s Eve fireworks display on the beach at the Naples Pier starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. 213-1000 or naplesgov.com.

Art Fair – The Naples Art Association hosts the 20th annual New Year’s Art Fair on from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 2-3, in Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Bluegrass Show – Bluegrass guitarist Jack Lawrence stops by The Norris Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. \$20. 213-3058 or naplesgov.com.

Meet the Composer – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a multimedia presentation about the life and work of Mozart from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. \$20-\$25. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Dance – Paul Taylor Dance Company performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

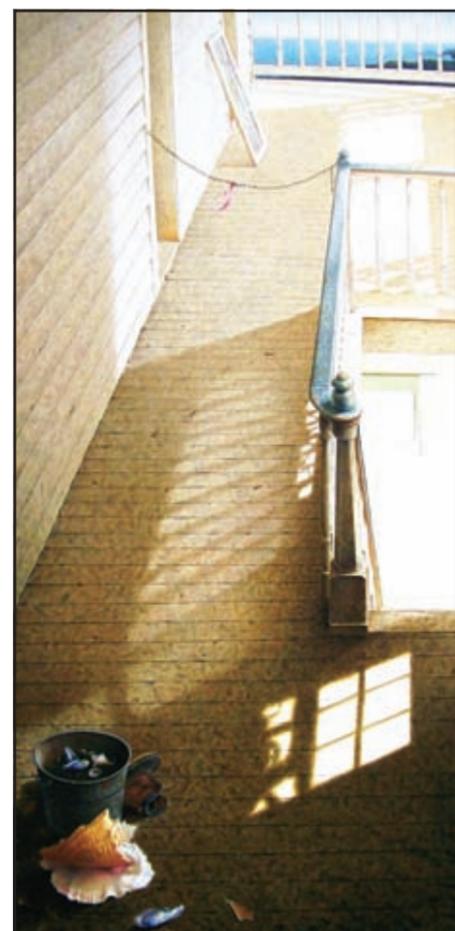
Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a talk about its prescribed fire program from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5. Includes lunch from Carrabba’s Italian Grill. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios in Naples Art District behind Airport and Pine Ridge Roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. Free. 580-7999.

Free Concert – The Applesseed Collective performs at Mercato at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Sibelius, Nielsen and Rautavaara with violinist Baiba Skride at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, and Saturday, Jan. 9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

BBQ Fest – Collier County Fairground kicks off its Big Swamp Smoke Off at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, with live music on the main stage. The festival continues Saturday, Jan. 9 with barbecue competitions and tastings from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5, children 12 and under free. 455-1444 or colliercountyfair.com.



Harmon-Meek Modern invites the public to meet American realist painter William Entriokin from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Mr. Entriokin’s work, including “Seabreeze,” above, will be featured in the gallery through Jan. 9. 382 12th Ave. S. harmonmeek.com.

Vocal Concert – Soprano Giorgia Fumanti performs with baritone Ed Pember and the Naples Philharmonic Chorale at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. \$55, includes wine reception. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

CAPA Concert – The Yzgev Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$40 for VIP, \$30 for adults, \$10 for students. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.com.

Starry Night – Country music star Lorrie Morgan performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$40-\$50. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Birding Basics – Rookery Bay naturalists teach beginners the basics of bird watching from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

Art Festival – More than 200 artists display and sell their work at the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9-10, at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. \$5 admission donation appreciated. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Cluster Pluckin’ – Russ Morrison’s Florida Fish Hook Tour presents the eighth annual Cluster Pluckin’ bluegrass and acoustic guitar concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$28. 2408 Linwood Ave. 287-2035 or bluewaterbg@gmail.com.

Full of Glee – Chirpy Broadway powerhouse and “Glee” star Kristin Chenoweth takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Sinatra at the Sands – The Naples Jazz Orchestra celebrates the 50th anniversary of Frank Sinatra’s landmark album at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Golden Gate High School. \$30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

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Foreign Film – The Italian Cultural Society screens "Benvenuti al Nord" (Italy, 2012) at 6:45 Monday, Jan. 11, at The Norris Center. \$5. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

Art Awareness – Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships hosts an opening reception for an exhibit of children's artwork interpreting human trafficking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at The von Liebig Art Center. Free, reservations appreciated. 415-3625 or info@humantraffickingawareness.org.

Native Yards – The Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society presents a lecture about native landscaping at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Naples Botanical Garden. Free. 597-7222 or bjrochel@comcast.net.

Art Reception – Thomas Riley Studio hosts an opening reception from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, for an exhibit featuring the work of paper artist Matthew Shlian and metal sculptor Harley Valentine. Free. 26 10th St. S. 529-2633 or thomasrileystudio.com.

Forgive or Forget? – Local clergy present overviews about how their denomination views forgiveness from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at North Collier Regional Park. They will answer questions posed by moderator David Prager, a representative from the Simon Weisenthal Center, and the audience. Free, but reservations required. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumsfwl.com.

Operatic Evening – Opera Naples presents Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 16, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$65-99. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

Hey, Doll – Naples Doll Club hosts a show with more than 50 vendors from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at New Hope Event Center. \$3-8. 7675 Davis Blvd. 530-0100.

Jitterbug – Kate Davis and The Ladybugs, a traditional jazz vocal group known for their intricate harmonies and experimental arrangements, performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Table seating available. 2301 First St., downtown Fort Myers. 333-1933 or sbdac.com.

Author Talk – Koreshan State Park hosts Lyn Millner as she reads from her new book about the park's founders, "The Allure of Immortality: An American Cult, a Florida Swamp, and a Rengade Profit," at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Free. 992-0311 or floridastatepark.org.

Beach Chat – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts beachcombers Blair and Dawn Withering from 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

Stand-Up Classic – Bob Newhart works the stage at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisanaples.org.

Divine Diva – Opera and Broadway star Renee Fleming performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisanaples.org.

Amazing Adventures – Rookery Bay hosts former journalist Carl Kelly at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, as he relays a typical day on safari in South Africa. \$10-15. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

Cool Winter Nights – Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family activities from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Immo-kalee Sports Park. Free. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org.

CAPA Concert – The flute and guitar duo Gerardo Perez and Wendy Willis perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$40 for VIP, \$30 for adults, \$12 for students. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic Chorus Women perform "A Symphonic Midsummer's Night Dream" with conductor Hans Graf at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisanaples.org.

Classical Concert – The Cleveland Orchestra performs works by Tchaikovsky and Schumann at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisanaples.org.

Jazz Concert – Jazz saxophonist and clarinetist Ken Peplowski recreates the sound of Benny Goodman at 7 p.m. Jan. 24, with The Naples Jazz Orchestra at Golden Gate High School. \$30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.org.

Foreign Film – The Italian Cultural Society screens "La Ragazza del Lago" (Italy, 2007) at 6:45 Monday, Jan. 25, at The Norris Center. A detective from the nearby city is called to solve the mystery of a dead young woman found in a small town in North Italy. \$5. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.org. ■

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All I want for Christmas is a Red Ryder carbine action 200 shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and 'this thing that tells time'

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You'd have to be a Grinch to not enjoy "Jean Shepherd's A Christmas Story" at Florida Repertory Theatre.

This good-natured holiday play unabashedly wears its heart on its sleeve and reminds you what it was like to be a kid, your entire world ruled by grown-ups.

Set in 1938 in fictional Hohman, Ind., it transports us back to a simpler time when kids listened to radio programs, read kids' magazines and handwrote theme papers for school using No. 2 pencils.

Bullies would twist your arm behind your back or wash your face with snow. Friends would double-dog-dare you to do something reckless. And girls ... girls were still a mystery.

Ralphie Parker (Henry Crater), age 9, anxiously looks forward to each day's mail deliveries (this is back when there were two a day: morning and afternoon); he's waiting for his Little Orphan Annie Secret Decoder ring. But what he really wants for Christmas, is a Red Ryder carbine action, 200 shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and "this thing that tells time" (a sundial).

But all the adults in his life, from his parents to his teacher to even (gasp) Santa Claus, think that's a terrible idea. "You'll shoot your eye out!" they tell him.

Philip Grecian adapted this play from the 1983 cult movie that was based on various stories written by Jean Shepherd.

I grew up listening to Mr. Shepherd tell his tales on the radio; his bemused, avuncular style was like hearing a guy at a bar tell a really engaging story. His genius was in remembering what it was truly like to be a kid: the fantasies, the hopes and wishes, the crazy, illogical kid logic. He'd talk about his adventures with his pals, Schwartz and Flick.

It's all here in "A Christmas Story": the kid brother (Landon Maas) who likes to hide under the sink or behind the couch, the argument over whether a tongue can freeze to a metal pole in winter, the internal debate over whether Santa really exists or not, but ultimately choosing to believe because, after all, you don't want to be overlooked at Christmas.



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Top: Kaatja Veldhuyzen Van Zanten, Annabel Crater, Henry Crater, Landon Maas, Calvin Waldau and Chase Clark in "Jean Shepherd's A Christmas Story."

Left: Rachel Burttram, Landon Maas, Brendan Powers and Henry Crater as the Parkers.

Michael Scott as the adult Ralph narrates the play, becoming, at times, various characters in the action (Red Ryder, a Christmas tree salesman, a deliveryman). But he also shadows the young Ralphie in scenes, commenting on the action, explaining but also reacting, as he relives his childhood.

Mr. Scott seems a little young for the role (he'd be 86 in 2015), but his easy-going, genial style wins you over and helps anchor and structure the play.

Conversely, the kid Ralph seems older than 9 (his playbill bio says he's 13), but he does a good job delivering a wide range of emotions.

The set by Jim Hunter is a mixture of

realism and a stylized outdoor winter scene. The Parker home, in the center of the stage, is an oasis of warm earth tones surrounded by giant white fir trees with oversized snowflakes printed on them.

Rachel Burttram and Brendan Powers play Ralph's parents: his mother efficient and knowledgeable and loving, his dad ("the Old Man") slightly gruff and more than a little goofy and easily distracted.

Ms. Burttram made me laugh with her moments of exasperation that she hides from her husband; she also has a great moment as a scary flying monkey from "The Wizard of Oz." Mr. Powers had the audience laughing with his perpetual cluelessness and his G-rated curs-

ing that sounds R-rated but isn't. (As the adult Ralph says about the Old Man: "He worked in profanity the way other artists might work in oils or clay. It was his true medium; a master.")

The two (who are a couple in real life) share a sweet moment as they slow dance to Christmas music in their living room.

Viki Boyle, as Ralph's schoolteacher, seems underutilized. There were some lighting problems that often left her character in the shadows.

Director Jason Parrish does a good job with this production, but it falters at times when the kids seem too Disney sweet, more "adorable" rather than funny and real. And on a few occasions, the young actors don't seem like kids at all, but more like an adult's idealized version of what they think a kid is like.

The kids in Mr. Shepherd's tales were never like that, which was their wide appeal and instant recognition: They were genuine, authentic kids.

(Dillion Everett, as Scut Farkas, is a bully through-and-through, edgy and mean.)

"A Christmas Story" isn't sappy, but light, sweet and funny. It made the audience laugh, but also spurred them to reminisce at intermission about their own childhoods.

If you love the movie, you will likely enjoy this staged version. It is somehow soothing, like hearing a familiar bedtime story over and over again.

There's a strange, yuletide comfort in knowing that Flick's tongue will stick to the frozen pole, that the Parkers' furnace will act up and belch smoke, that the Old Man will win a lamp whose base is in the shape of a woman's leg in a fishnet stocking (and Mrs. Parker will feel it's in bad taste).

We'll never be 9 again, but "A Christmas Story" transports us back to how it was, at least for a couple hours. ■

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'Jean Shepherd's A Christmas Story'

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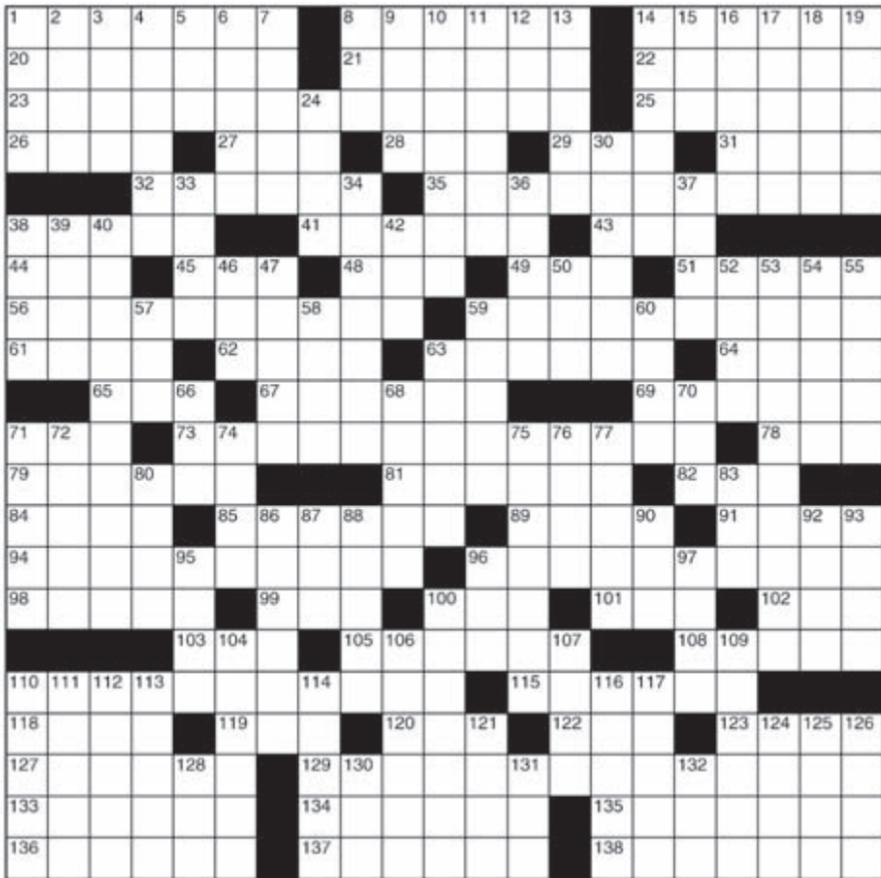
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■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you

deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them. ■

By Linda Thistle

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BY STEVE BECKER

The importance of planning the play can never be overemphasized. To play first and think later is to put the cart before the horse, and all too often a declarer who plays mechanically will have reason to regret a hasty play made earlier.

For example, take this deal where West led a heart against three notrump. Dummy's nine won the first trick, and declarer led a spade to the queen, which also won. The next spade lost to East's ace, and he returned a heart.

South played the jack, won by West with the king, and the heart continuation was taken by South's ace. At this point, declarer found himself staring forlornly at dummy's three good spades, and with no way to reach them, he eventually finished down one.

Declarer's undoing can be traced to his play at trick one. He should have assumed the opponents would not cooperate by winning the first round of spades, and then sought a solution before proceeding.

Had he done that, he would have found a simple way to make the contract. All he had to do was to win the opening lead with the ace of hearts and force out the ace of spades. Dummy's Q-10 of hearts would have constituted an absolutely certain entry to dummy to cash the established spades, and declarer would have finished with an overtrick.

Superficially, it may seem absurd to win the first trick with the ace of hearts

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K J 10 9 4
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 6 2
♣ 6 4 3

WEST

♠ 7 2
♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ J 7 4
♣ Q 10 5

EAST

♠ A 8 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH

♠ Q 6
♥ A J 4
♦ A K 8 3
♣ A K 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — five of hearts.

when you can win it with the nine. But when you consider the hand as a whole, it becomes clear that winning with the ace is right and winning with the nine is wrong. Although most of the time you win a trick as cheaply as possible, that doesn't mean you always do so.

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FILM CAPSULES

Creed ★★★

(Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson) From the "Rocky" cinematic universe, Apollo Creed's son, Adonis (Mr. Jordan), asks the retired Rocky Balboa (Mr. Stallone) to train him and help his fledgling boxing career get started. It features many familiar tics from the first "Rocky" (1976) and lacks a bit of originality, but Mr. Jordan and Mr. Stallone are solid together and the script is well written. Rated PG-13.

The Good Dinosaur ★★★

(Voices of Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand, Raymond Ochoa) In a world in which dinosaurs didn't go extinct, a baby Apatosaurus named Arlo (Mr. Ochoa) gets lost away from home and befriends a human boy. It borrows freely from "The Lion King" and isn't as inspired as other Pixar ("Toy Story") efforts, but the animation looks phenomenal. Rated PG.

Secret In Their Eyes ★★★

(Nicole Kidman, Julia Roberts, Chiwetel Ejiofor) Investigator Ray (Mr. Ejiofor) thinks he's found the murderer of his former co-worker's (Ms. Roberts) daughter, so he returns to L.A. in the hope of reopening the case. Unfortunately, it's neither tense nor suspenseful. What a shame, considering the notable cast. Rated PG-13.

Spotlight ★★★★★

(Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams) Investigative report-

ers at The Boston Globe uncover shattering truths about local Catholic priests repeatedly committing sexual abuse against minors. The acting is superb, and the drama patiently develops to make this one of the best films of 2015. Rated R.

The 33 ★★★1/2

(Antonio Banderas, Juliette Binoche, Rodrigo Santoro) Based on real events, 33 miners are trapped underground in Chile for more than two months after a mine collapses. The performances are strong, the comic relief is welcome and the solid film honors the 33 men who endured the unthinkable situation. Rated PG-13.

Spectre ★★1/2

(Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Monica Bellucci) James Bond (Mr. Craig) learns more about his past and pursues the man (Mr. Waltz) behind all the treachery Bond has faced thus far. It's a downgrade from the last entry, "Skyfall," but is salvaged by a solid ending loosely taken from "The Dark Knight." Rated PG-13.

Our Brand Is Crisis ★★

(Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton, Anthony Mackie) Political strategist "Calamity" Jane (Ms. Bullock) travels to Bolivia to assist in a presidential campaign. The story wants to make strong social points, but flounders when it should thrive. Rated R. ■

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

What a lovely film. We're so conditioned to movies about immigration focusing on organized crime, forbidden romance, deportation or some other conduit to melodrama that the pure, straightforward simplicity of "Brooklyn" is its greatest strength.

Set in 1952, it tells the story of Eilis (Saoirse Ronan), an innocent girl raised in the Irish countryside whose sister Rose (Fiona Glascott) arranges for her to move to Brooklyn, N.Y.

With the help of Father Flood (Jim Broadbent) in Brooklyn, Eilis has a place to live at Mrs. Kehoe's (Julie Walters) boarding house and a job at a department store. Later, and also with help from Father Flood, she takes college courses for bookkeeping.

This is what the American dream is supposed to be: Come to the United States, work hard, prosper.

But director John Crowley ("True Detective") and screenwriter Nick Hornby ("About A Boy"), working from the novel "Brooklyn" by Colm Toibin, aren't interested in pandering to Americana. Instead the focus is always on the ups and downs of Eilis' life.

The movie thrives through Ms. Ronan's fantastic performance. When Eilis (pronounced Aye-lish) leaves Ireland she's shy and naïve, unaware of how to dress for dances, wear lipstick or even eat Italian food. The poor girl gets horribly seasick crossing the Atlantic, then horribly homesick in Brooklyn. But she's lifted by the kindness of strangers, success at school and most of all by her boyfriend Tony (Emory Cohen), a plumber and lovable nice guy. Through these positives, Eilis

comes out of her shell and blossoms into a dynamic, happy young woman who is eager to take on the world.

Ms. Ronan's body language, voice and overall demeanor as Eilis take us through this evolution, allowing us to feel her ups and downs right along with her. She also has affable chemistry with Mr. Cohen; note the little smiles each gives when the other offers a compliment, or the comfort they show when gazing into one another's eyes and falling in love without so much as kissing. It's sweet and genuine without being saccharine.

If the film falters at all, it's in the third act. An event in Ireland makes Eilis unsure of her future: What she should do seems obvious, and the alternative seems foolhardy, yet it remains a gut-wrenching decision. Throughout, however, Ms. Ronan never falters while taking us through Eilis' experiences; she deserves an Oscar nomination for her work.

At its core, "Brooklyn" is an immigration movie about assimilation, which is something we can all relate to. Anyone who's moved to a new city, started a new job and/or a new school understands the vacant feeling of first not fitting in but then slowly meeting people, making friends and settling down.

Eilis may be a simple Irish girl in Brooklyn, but she's also everyone. She doesn't face discrimination, and she isn't taken advantage of. The movie gives her a fair shake, and by avoiding excessive drama — and therefore allowing her story to play out organically — it keeps us firmly entrenched in her journey. With Ms. Ronan's phenomenal performance leading the way, it all makes for a pretty tremendous movie. ■



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>> **Saoirse Ronan**, 21, was born in New York City to Irish parents and moved to Ireland when she was 3 years old. She holds dual citizenship from Ireland and the United States.

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Naples Winter Wine Festival announces 2016 featured artist

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Michele Oka Doner has been announced as the featured artist for the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival. Represented by the Marlborough Gallery in New York City, Ms. Doner is best known for her public art commissions, including "Radiant Site" at New York's Herald Square subway station, "Flight" at Reagan International Airport in Washington, D.C., and "A Walk on the Beach" at the Miami International Airport. The latter consists of 9,000 bronze and mother-of-pearl sculptures lining a 1.25-mile concourse, one of the largest public artworks in the world.

The artist has donated a custom chandelier to the NWWF, which takes place Jan. 29-31.

"The chandelier I'll create for the winning bidder will be both work of art and symbolic gesture, as it is my intention to add more light to a community that ennobles itself with continuous generosity," she says.

Ms. Doner is designing the costumes and sets for George Balanchine's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the Miami City Ballet, which will debut concurrently with her solo exhibition at the Perez Museum of Art Miami in March 2016.

She was awarded a 2011 honorary doctorate in fine arts from The New School of Interior Design in New York City. Her decades of work have garnered numerous awards and grants, and her artwork is featured in major museums and private collections throughout the United States and Europe, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chi-



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A chandelier created by Michele Oka Doner, who has donated a custom piece to be auctioned at the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival.

cago, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs at the Louvre and the Whitney Museum of American Art, among many others. Her public art projects can be found in U.S. courthouses, public libraries, hospitals, museums and universities.

In addition to bidding on Ms. Doner's custom chandelier, NWWF guests will be able to vie for one-of-a-kind travel experiences, limited-edition cars, and unique wine lots. Since its inception, the festival has raised more than \$135 million to support its founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, whose annual grants have provided more than 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel.

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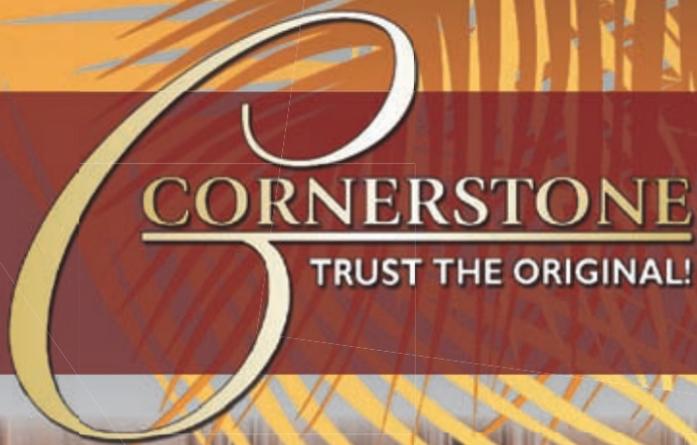
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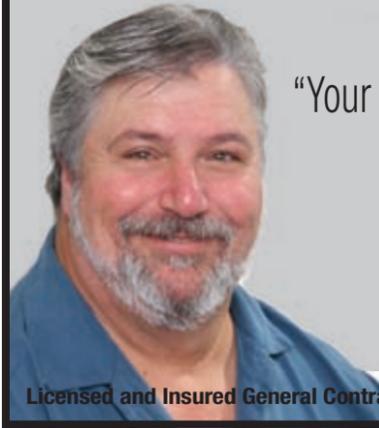
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'Swing Ye Noel' brings big band tunes to town

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Community Theatre. Two shows will be presented at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Mr. Noll is known locally mainly for his performances of the music of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. But he's also well versed in the big band repertoire. "My big band in Atlanta played three sold-out holiday concerts every year in Spivey Hall," he says, adding he has assembled an ensemble of musicians from throughout Florida for "Swing Ye Noel!"

The program will reflect unique arrangements of holiday melodies along with traditional tunes from the collections of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Duke Ellington. It will also include arrangements commissioned and recorded by Mr. Noll.

Tickets for \$50 can be purchased by calling the box office at 263-7990 or online at naplesplayers.org. ■

Opera/pop soprano picks Naples to start her 2016 season

International singing sensation Giorgia Fumanti launches her 2016 season with a concert Friday, Jan. 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Hosted by the Italian Cultural Society of Naples, the



FUMANTI

evening is the opera/pop soprano's only scheduled concert in the United States thus far this season.

Ms. Fumanti is often compared to Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman for the clarity of her voice and her compelling emotional expression. Her distinctive style is born of her creative interpretations of composers from Sting to Bach, as well as her own compositions.

The Naples Philharmonic Chorale and popular Naples baritone Ed Pember will join her on the program that includes seven solos ("I Have a Dream" and "What a Wonderful World") two duets with Mr. Pember and five numbers with the Naples Philharmonic Chorus. Mr. Pember will perform "Besame Mucho" as a solo number.

Tickets for \$55 include a wine reception following the concert. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert is at 7 p.m. To purchase tickets by credit card, visit italianculturalsociety.com. Check or cash (no credit cards) will be accepted at the door. ■

STARS

From page 1

ronments to master skills required for kindergarten.

■ **Muffy Clark Gill:**

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CCSO created the CommUNITY Gallery in 2010 with one intention: to highlight the agency's partnership with nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for Collier County residents. The gallery provides an opportunity for nonprofits to showcase their services to the community. In many instances, the featured artwork serves a therapeutic purpose for the clients.

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Here's next season's lineup of Saturday road trips:

- Vincenzo Bellini's "Norma," Jan. 30
- Mieczysław Weinberg's "The Passenger," April 9
- Gaetano Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," May 14

Season tickets for the rear orchestra are \$600; mezzanine seats are \$500. Single tickets are \$165 and \$140, respectively. To save your seat, send a check made out to Naples Opera Society to: Ron Bowman, 2485 Crayton Road, Naples FL 34103.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Gambone vases differ like father and son

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Guido Gambone (1909-1969) was an important Italian ceramic artist in the 1950s and '60s. His colorful vases in modern shapes with almost comic-strip-shaped animal figures were very different from designs by earlier Italian makers. He used thick glazes that left a rough surface. Although he lost his leg in 1934, he became director at Industria Ceramica Salernitana in 1935, and in 1943, he started his own pottery in Vietri. In 1950, he moved again and worked at his own pottery with his son Bruno (1936-present). After Guido died, his son took over the company and today makes and sells minimalist vases in muted colors, very different from the colorful abstract and playful works of his father. Guido Gambone marked his pieces with the name "Gambone," a donkey and the word "Italy" for many years, but some later work is signed only "Gambone, Italy." Bruno signs all his work Gambone, Italy.

Q: We have a mission-style rocking chair with a metal tag that reads "Karpen Guaranteed Upholstered Furniture, Chicago - New York." It has a removable cushioned seat. What can you tell me about the maker and age of this piece?

A: S. Karpen & Bros. was founded by Solomon Karpen in Chicago in 1880. Within a few years, all of his eight brothers were involved in the business. By 1899, the company was the world's largest maker of upholstered furniture.

Tables and other non-upholstered furniture were also made. A showroom opened in New York in 1905, a factory in Michigan City, Indiana, in 1916, and a factory in Los Angeles in 1927. The company was sold and became part of International Furniture in 1952. The Karpen name was used on furniture for several years. Your rocker was made between 1905 and 1916.

Q: I'd like some information on "Happy Boy," a Royal Worcester figurine of a child lying on his back with his knees up and his hands under his head. It's stamped on the back "Happy Boy, modeled by F.G. Doughty" and has what I think is the date stamp for 1941 and the number 3010. One source I found reads "model No. 3010, Happy Boy, was made by F. Gertner."

A: "Happy Boy" was modeled by Freda Doughty and was produced from 1932 to 1948. Freda and her sister both worked at Royal Worcester. They were born in Italy and moved to England as children. Freda made figurines of children while her sister did large bird figurines. Happy Boy was reported as worth over \$1,000 a few years ago, but the value of figurines has gone down and it may not sell for as much today.

Q: I have an old silver serving spoon marked with two crossed tools and the letters "K" above and "B" below. One of the tools is a hammer. Can you tell me who made this spoon?

A: Krider & Biddle used this mark



A pair of Guido Gambone vases with high looped handles and a yellow and purple geometric design sold at auction in 2015 for \$4,012.

between 1860 and about 1870. Peter L. Krider was in business in Philadelphia about 1850. John W. Biddle became a partner in 1859 and the name of the business became Krider & Biddle in 1860. The company made flatware, hollowware, and medals. It was sold to new owners about 1870 and the name was changed.

Q: I have an old iron bank. The base is a 5 1/8-inch square and it's 7/4 inches high. There are doors pictured on each side with the words "Columbia Bank" over each door. The bottom is marked "Made by Kenton Hdwe. Mfg. Co., Kenton, Ohio, USA." The bank has a combination lock. Is there any information you can give me? I don't plan on selling it, but I'm curious as to its value.

A: Collectors call your bank the "Columbia Bank." It was made by the Kenton Hardware Manufacturing Co., which started as Kenton (Ohio) Lock Manufacturing Co. in 1890. Kenton began making toys in 1894 and changed its name. The company's earliest known "still" banks (as opposed to "mechanical" banks that have moving parts) are the Columbia series, cast-iron banks that depict the Administration Building at the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 in four different sizes. Some are painted. Original cast iron banks are popular with collectors. Your 7-inch Columbia bank was made between 1893 and 1904. They have sold for \$350 to \$1,100, depending on condition, especially the amount of paint still intact.

Tip: Leave a small air space between the wall and the back of a painting to allow air to flow. "Bumpers" to put on the back of pictures are available at frame shops. ■

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Ricky Gervais returns to 'Golden Globes'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me when I can catch the Golden Globes? It's always the best.

— Paul T. via email

A: The 73rd Golden Globe Awards will air at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. And my favorite host of all time, Ricky Gervais, will be back to enlighten, entertain and do a little celebrity roasting.



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GERVAIS

A: "American Crime" is going the way of "American Horror Story" in that each season will tackle a different storyline and subject matter, while retaining many of the original actors in entirely new roles. Season two of "American Crime," which premieres Wednesday, Jan. 6, on ABC, will see the return of Felicity Huffman, Timothy Hutton, Regina King, Elvis Nolasco, Richard Cabral and Lili Taylor, all playing different roles in an equally dramatic and intense storyline as season one.

Season two focuses on Taylor Blaine (played by "Falling Skies" alum Connor Jessup), with issues of sexual orientation and socioeconomic disparity coming to a roil when lurid photos of him are posted on social media following a high-school party. Circumstances become more complicated when Taylor accuses two players on an elite private high-school's championship basketball team of drugging, assaulting and then posting the pictures of him online. While the two schools at the center of the story are worlds apart in status, the lives of the students and teachers at both become inextricably linked. ■

Q: Can you tell me when my favorite CW shows will be back? I've been waiting patiently for "The Vampire Diaries" and "The 100" to return.

— Nancy G., via email

A: The CW recently announced the premiere/return dates for four of its dramas: "DC's Legends of Tomorrow" will premiere Thursday, Jan. 21, along with the season premiere of "The 100." "The Originals" and "The Vampire Diaries" return from winter hiatus on Friday, Jan. 29.

Q: I was reading that "American Crime" would be back for another season, but I was wondering how, since the miniseries wrapped up its story with the first season.

— Pilar T., Hartford, Conn.

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.



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A Planned Parenthood leader and activist for decades, Ms. Zdravecky will update guests on Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida in light of an eventful summer. Tickets for \$55 can be purchased through Dec. 8 online at ppswcf.org/events or by calling (941) 365-3913, ext. 1167.

■ **Jewish Family & Community Services** of Southwest Florida and the Naples Senior Center host An Evening for Better Tomorrows on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For more information, call 325-4444 or visit jfcsswfl.org.



■ The 10th annual **Wishmakers Ball** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place Saturday, Jan. 9, at Quail West Golf & Country Club. Rick

and Brenda Brown of the Brown Realty Group at Downing-Frye are this year's chairs. The evening includes cocktail hour, dinner and live and silent auctions. Tickets for \$250, and sponsorship packages start at \$2,500. Call Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474, ext. 22, or email lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ The **Aqua Gala** to benefit the Guadalupe Center takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, contact Megan Becker by calling 657-7124 or emailing mbecker@guadalupecenter.org.

■ The **Shelter for Abused Women & Children** holds its 16th annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$350. For more information, contact Susan Utz by calling 775-3862, ext. 261, or emailing sutz@naplesshelter.org.

■ The **Jewish Federation of Collier County** hosts its annual Power of Community dinner and show Saturday, Jan. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Comedian Freddie Roman will headline "A Return to the Catskill Mountains." Tickets are \$150. For more information, call Jeffrey Feld at 263-4205 or email jfeld@jewishnaples.org.



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■ **Hope for Haiti's** 2016 gala, "Back to Our Roots," takes place Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while watching the sunset over Naples Bay. Dinner and dancing to live music by Paradise will follow. The 2016 JoAnne M. Kuehner Heart of Gold Award will be presented to Arthrex in recognition of its tremendous and storied support of Hope for Haiti over the years.

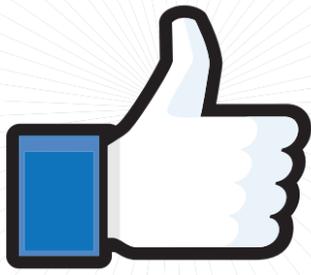
Tickets are \$250, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For reservations or more information, call 434-7183, ext. 203.



■ The sixth annual **Home, Hope & Healing** luncheon to benefit Youth Haven takes place Wednesday, Jan. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker is Jeanette Walls, whose memoir "The Glass Castle" has been a *New York Times* bestseller for more than six years. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to Ms. Walls' story and has cast Jennifer Lawrence to star in the movie.

Luncheon chairs are Jill and Steve Miller. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Shelly Long at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or emailing shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

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■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** hosts "Between the Covers with Elaine Newton: How to be Your Own Book Critic," a luncheon and program Thursday, Jan. 28, at Stonebridge Country Club. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

■ The **2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Great Expectations"** takes place Jan. 29-31. Ticket packages are limited to 580 guests and start at \$10,000 per couple. A \$25,000 package includes reserved seating for a party of four at a vintner dinner and under the grand auction tent. To inquire about tickets, contact Barrett Farmer by calling 514-2239 or email barrett@napleswinefestival.com.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida** welcomes funny and frank sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer as guest speaker at the 12th annual Choice Affair gala set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The radio and TV personal-

ity with the distinctive accent follows other entertaining and well-known people at the podium for previous Choice Affair evenings including Gloria Steinem, Ellen Goodman, Jane Fonda, Kathleen Turner, Anna Quindlen, Ashley Judd and Lawrence O'Donnell.



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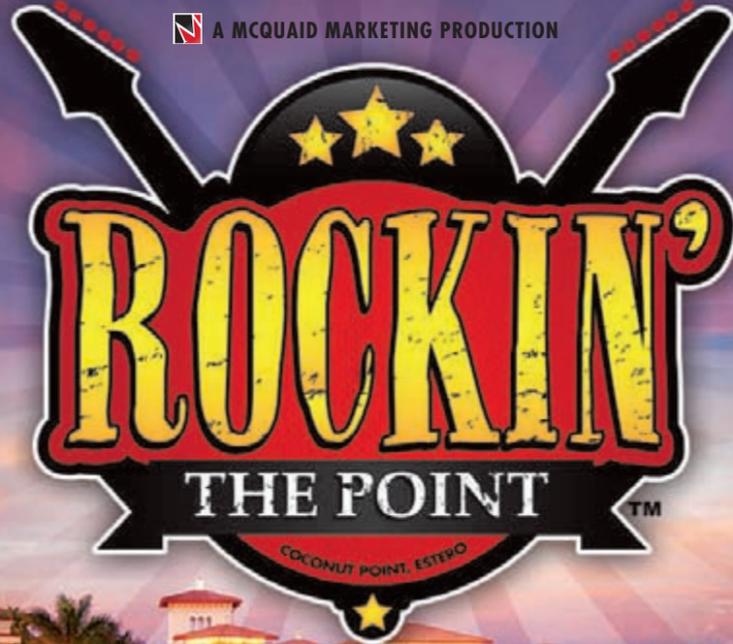
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■ The **United Arts Council of Collier County** hosts the 10th annual Stars in the Arts luncheon and awards presentation Wednesday, Feb. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Mally Khorasanchi and Jane Borders are co-chairs. For more information, call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

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at 495-4912 or email kaleigh.rodden@heart.org.

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** holds a fashion show featuring the latest fashions from Petunia's on Thursday, March 10, at Olde Cypress Country Club. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

■ The annual **Pet Lovers Gala** to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hsnaples.org.

■ The students of the **Florida Gulf Coast University School of Resort and Hospitality Management** will host the 27th annual Wanderlust travel-inspired auction and gala Saturday, March 19, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. This year's African safari-themed evening includes dinner, wine and silent and live auctions filled with travel packages aimed to thrill even the most avid travelers. Tickets are \$200. Table and event sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships and auction item donations are also being accepted. For more information, visit fgcu.edu/wanderlust.

■ **Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation** hosts its biennial Time to Remember gala, a celebration of those who are surviving and thriving after a cancer diagnosis, Saturday, April 16, The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Patty Baker is chairing the event, proceeds from which help the foundation assist adult cancer patients with immediate, non-medical living expenses while they are undergoing treatment. The evening includes cocktail hour, dinner, a live auction and a live performance by Martha Reeves and The Vandellas. Tickets are \$600. Underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call (941) 677-7181 or visit foundation.flcancer.com/time.

■ The eighth annual **Barristers Bash** to benefit Legal Aid Services of Collier County takes place the evening of Thursday, April 28, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$125 include cocktail hour, a three-course dinner and one glass of wine, silent auction, live auction and a community awards ceremony. For tickets or more information, call 775-4555. ■

— Email details about your charity gala or fundraising soiree to [Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com](mailto:CindyPierce@floridaweekly.com).

■ The eighth annual **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, 2016, in private homes from Naples to Captiva Island and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Pitbladdo Holdings LLC is the title sponsor for the festival that benefits Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida as well as the pediatric nursing program at Florida South-Western State College and the music therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University. The 2015 event raised more than \$3.3 million. For ticket information, call 513-7990 or visit swflwinefest.org.

■ **Magic Under the Mangroves**, the signature annual gala to benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, takes place Thursday, March 3, at the Conservancy. Visit conservancy.org/magic for details about tickets and reservations.

■ The **2016 Imagination Ball** to benefit the American Cancer Society on Marco Island takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Dick and Debra Shanahan are chairing the gala, themed "Wash Away Cancer" this year, for the fourth year. BMO Private Bank is the presenting sponsor. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions in a pavilion on the beach. Bill and Karen Young will be presented with the Grado Award in honor of their many years of leadership and service to ACS. For information about tickets or sponsorships, call Nikkie Sardelli at 642-8800, ext. 3894, or email nikkie.sardelli@cancer.org.

■ The second annual **Flip Flop Ball** to benefit Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida takes place Saturday, March 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, visit komenswfl.org.

■ The 2016 **Southwest Florida Heart Ball**, a benefit for the American Heart Association serving Lee and Collier counties, takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. For tickets or more information, call Kaleigh Rodden

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Naples Jazz Orchestra starts 2016 with 'Sinatra at The Sands'

Frank Sinatra's landmark album, "Sinatra at The Sands," celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2016 and is the inspiration for the kickoff of the Naples Jazz Orchestra's seventh season.

The opening concert starts at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, in the auditorium at Golden Gate High School and features vocalist Walt Andrus, a singer well known for capturing the essence, timbre, nuance, phrasing and emotion of the Chairman of the Board.

"Sinatra at The Sands" is a 1966 live album for which Mr. Sinatra was accompanied by Count Basie and his orchestra. Conducted and arranged by Quincy Jones, it was recorded at the Copa Room of The Sands Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

"If I were stranded on a desert island, this is the album I would want to have. Two copies in case I wear out the first," says Bob Jones, NJO musical director.



jazz composer/trombonist Steve Wiest and high-note trumpeter Ryan Chapman join the NJO as guest artists.

■ **Feb. 21: "The Music of Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington"** - Many of Mr. Strayhorn's arrangements were made famous by bandleader and composer Mr. Ellington.

■ **March 6: "Tribute to Glenn Miller"** - Guest vocalists Michelle Amato, Walt Andrus, Michele James, Suzy Park and David Pruyun join the NJO for this program that includes "Perfidia," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "I Know Why," "Elmer's Tune," "Serenade in Blue," "Pennsylvania 6-5000" and "Kalamazoo."

■ **March 20: "The Essential Buddy Rich"**

■ **April 3: "Chuck Redd and Terry Gibbs' Dream Band"**

■ **April 19: "The Great American Songbook"** - The NJO performs modern arrangements by great American composers from the early 20th century, including George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Johnny Mercer and Richard Rodgers.

■ **May 8: "Henry Mancini Favorites"**

Tickets to individual concerts are \$30; a season's subscription is discounted 5 percent. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 207-8299 or visit naplesjazzorchestra.com. ■

The season continues

The NJO lineup continues at 7 p.m. every other Sunday through May. 8 Here's the schedule:

■ **Jan. 24: "Ken Peplowski Plays Benny Goodman"** - In 2014, Mr. Peplowski was the recipient of the Sarasota Jazz Festival's Satchmo Award in recognition of his "unique and enduring contribution to the living history of jazz."

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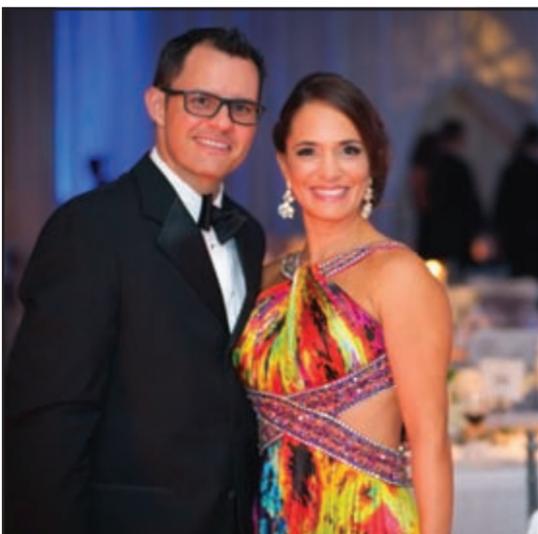
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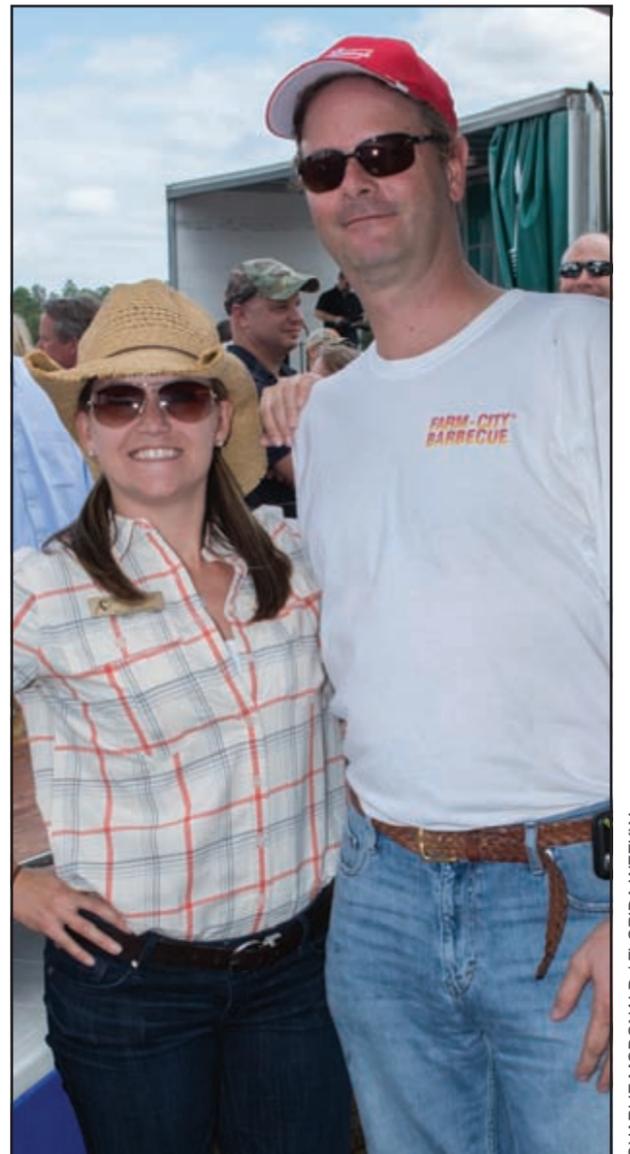
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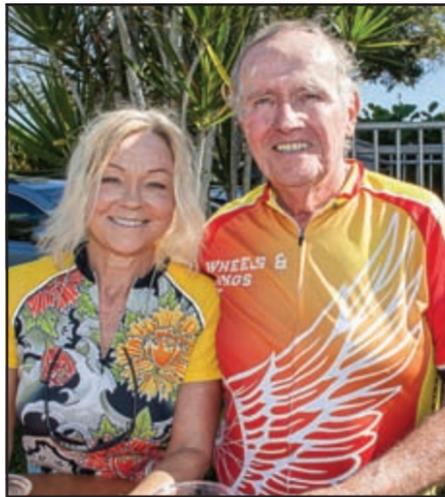
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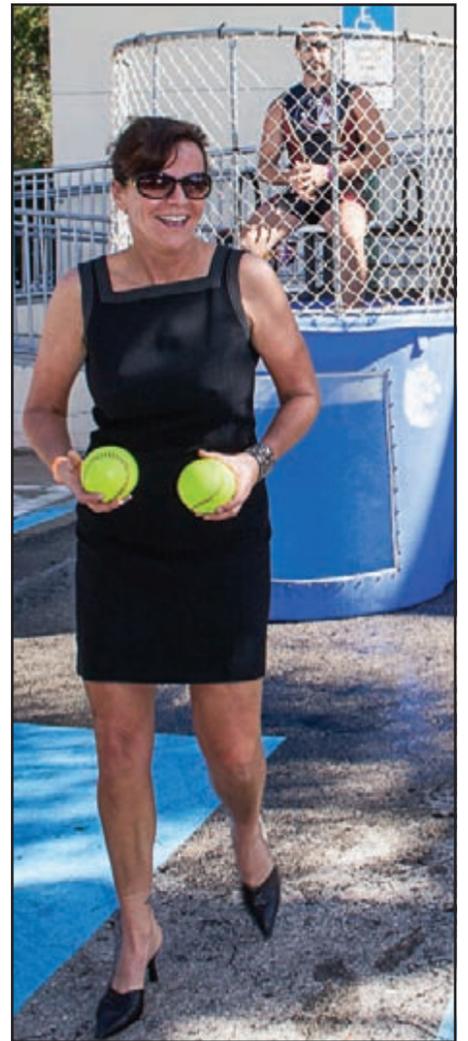
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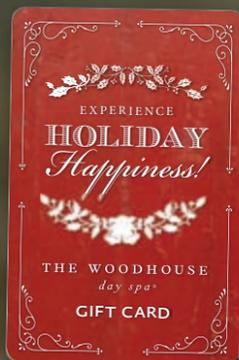
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CUISINE NEWS

Design Studio by Raymond presents student gingerbread house creations

BY LINDSEY NEWSMITH
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As if an enormous fantasy gingerbread house at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort weren't festive enough, the Collier Building Industry Association is hosting its second annual Holly Jolly Gingerbread Challenge. Design Studio by Raymond will have the confectionary creations on display Monday through Saturday, Dec. 14-19.

The gingerbread houses are being created by three teams from Barron Collier High School with the guidance of chef Rick Wilkey from Palmetto Ridge High School. Proceeds and toy donations from the challenge will benefit Toys & Joys for Girls 'n' Boys.

"We are excited to work with the CBIA to make a difference in the lives of children in Southwest Florida," Jimmy Martin, vice president of operations for Design Studio by Raymond, says. "Our inaugural event was a blast, and there truly is no better way to ring in the holiday season than to see students who are dedicated to making a difference in our community."

The students are mostly ninth and 10th graders who are taking first-level culinary arts courses or are members of culinary clubs. Mr. Wilkey provided the teams with recipes and basic gingerbread house plans to jumpstart their design process.

"What we're working on is team building, following recipes and things like that," Mr. Wilkey says. "They derive a lot of their ideas from the Internet, of course. The creativity is amazing. Sometimes you can really see some artistic talent from some people. The architecture is only one part of it; you have to decorate it as well."

Visitors to the design showroom can purchase raffle tickets and use them to vote for their favorite structures. Winners for both the raffle and gingerbread competition will be announced Saturday, Dec. 19, a day packed with family activities such as chef demonstrations, culinary crafts and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A full schedule of events will be posted on the studio's website by the end of the week. Admission is free. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one, \$25 for three, \$40 for five and \$75 for 10.

Design Studio by Raymond is at 990 First Ave. N. For more information, call 278-1334 or visit designstudiobyraymond.com.

Take Note:

■ **Tony's off Third** hosts its 17th annual Merry Champagne & Sparkler Tasting from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Guests will sip vintages including Moët Chandon Imperial, Veuve Clicquot Brut Rose, Taittinger Brut La Française and many more. \$25 admission includes \$10 toward a purchase of one of the night's featured selections. Registration required. 262-7999 or tonysoffthird.com.

■ **Alexander's Restaurant** hosts a cooking class with Executive Chef/owner Alexander Bernard starting at noon Saturday, Dec. 12. On the menu are courses for an elegant holiday meal, including gravlox with pumpernickel and mustard sauce, oyster stew, roast goose with sauce à l'orange, braised red cabbage, sweet potato flan and pear tart tatin. \$65 includes demonstration, lunch, beverage and a recipe booklet. 4077 Tamiami Trail N. 262-4999 or alexandersnaples.com.

■ **Paradise Wine** launches its monthly wine pairing and dinner series from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. Five vintages selected by the store's sommelier team



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Student entries for Collier Builders Industry Association's second annual Holly Jolly Gingerbread Challenge will be on display Dec. 14-19, at Design Studio by Raymond. Last year's "Peppermint Palace," above, was created by chef Christina Gray from A Spoonful of Sugar.

will be served with a five-course dinner prepared by Crave Culinaire's Brian Roland. This month's highlights include Piedmontese wines and rustic European fare. The evening includes remarks from Mr. Roland and Italian wine specialist Marcello Palazzi. \$95, reservations required. 8695 Tamiami Trail N. 687-3155 or paradisewinellc.com.

■ **Barbatella** hosts an opera dinner featuring a performance by tenor Livio Ferarri and a special chef's menu at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. \$50. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

■ **Campello** presents its annual Natalizie menu of Italian seasonal favorites to celebrate the holidays through Wednesday, Dec. 30. Guests can enjoy apple and taleggio pizza, lamb chops with vegetable gratin, squid ink bucatini with diver scallops and Panettone bread pudding with orange-butter sauce. For reservations or more information, call 435-1166 or visit campello.damico.com.

■ **Naples Green Scene**, a wellness community that promotes plant-based diets, holds its Green Gala on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Kensington Golf & Country Club. On the menu: vegetable crudité with roasted tomato hummus, roasted winter beet carpaccio, wild mushroom stew and a caramelized carrot and date parfait with grape nut raisin crunch. \$58, reservations required. Email lindaverson@gmail.com or visit meetup.com/Naples-Green-Scene-A-Plant-Powered-Community/.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some **cooking classes** on the front burner:

■ **The Good Life of Naples**, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com - Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine: Friday, Dec. 11 (\$65); Herbs & Spices: Thursday, Dec. 17 (\$60).

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True story, though with less stomping and more pleading.

To set my sad, hungry girl to rights and teach her the importance of carb loading while marathon shopping, we hopped across the street from Waterside Shops to Rosedale Brick Oven Pizza for a lunch that would please us both. My pizza was a potent concoction of San Marzano tomato sauce, prosciutto, fresh mozzarella and gorgonzola cheese. That mixture combined with the perfectly chewy and lightly charred crust created a pizza that was a briny flavor bomb I was happy to take home and share with the other adult in our house. No kids on this pizza. The answer is no.

One more thing: The kids' macaroni and cheese is made with real cheese and cream, a highly unusual find on a children's menu. ■

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Ted Seghesio is one of those. His wine-making heritage in Sonoma County goes back to his great grandfather, and even though Zinfandel isn’t the only wine his family makes, it’s the varietal that does it for me.

Let’s be honest, you don’t lay Zinfandel down in the cellar for 30 years and you probably won’t break out a bottle to celebrate your 50th anniversary. But for barbecues, cookouts, tailgate parties and spicy, flavorful foods, it’s what you want. It’s a fun wine, so big and red and bold it can turn your teeth purple. Generally, it’s packed with fruit and when it’s well balanced even relatively generous levels of alcohol are undetectable.

Mr. Seghesio and his family started out generations ago growing grapes and selling bulk wine to other producers. When he rejoined the business in 1983, he saw the need to produce a group of wines that could compete in what he calls “a highly competitive business environment.”

“One wine,” he says, “was produced by our neighbors, the Rafanellis. It was the model we aspired to.” The Seghesios were impressed by the “clarity, concentration and complexity” of Rafanelli Zinfandel. “Those are the three attributes we strive to exhibit in our wines today.”

The winery is located in northern Sonoma County, where a relatively warm climate allows full ripening of the grapes. “We accentuate ripening, waiting as long as possible to harvest and not a day later,” Mr. Seghesio says. “The key is good acidity, which allows the fruit to retain its aromatic freshness.” And, by the way, the right amount of acidity offsets and balances the sugar and alcohol content. Ask any winemaker the most important quality of a good wine, and they’ll all say the same thing: balance.

One of the things I always ask winemakers in an interview is what they think about

wine ratings from critics and consumer wine magazines. A rating of 90 or more points on the 100-point scale can do a lot to drive sales. A bad rating can leave you with a lot of bottles that will never sell.

“Wine ratings help validate our efforts in the vineyards and winery,” Mr. Seghesio says, “but we don’t consider them that important. We care much more about our five generations of growing grapes and making wine that tells the story about how special Sonoma County is.”

And he’s right. We sampled several of his family’s efforts with impressive results.

■ **Seghesio Cortina Zinfandel 2013** – In general, zins are relatively straightforward, fruity wines, but there’s nothing straightforward about this one. It offers layer upon layer of fruit, earth and spice, a bit of white pepper and soft tannins. WW 95. About \$40.

■ **Seghesio Home Ranch Zinfandel 2013** – There’s just a touch of petite sirah in

this blend, which helps give it some of that herbal, brambly character that the French call garrigue. It’s full of blackberry notes and would be a sensational complement to rich beef dishes. WW 92. \$58.

■ **Seghesio Venom 2012** – I have to admit that this wine was new to me, but what a discovery. It’s not your typical California red — it’s 100 percent Sangiovese with a California accent. Fruit forward, it gave us some cherry and dark fruit, with definite aromas of violets. I’d pair it with traditional red sauce dishes. WW 92-93. About \$53.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

I’ve seen the word “meritage” on red wine labels. Is it just a blend or is there something special about it?

— Bruce R., Fort Myers

When a winemaker puts the word “meritage” (rhymes with “heritage”) on the label, it’s not just a blend of any old red wines. There is actually a Meritage association, formed in 1988, and the term is licensed to member wineries. The “meritage” designation indicates that the wine is a blend of at least two classic varietals found in Bordeaux wines: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec and petite verdot. Sometimes the back label will tell you that, and sometimes not. ■

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CUISINE Q&A

Carving a living out of ice for special events



In light of the fact that many of us have a jam-packed schedule of swanky soirees, we decided to eschew our usual chef profile (just this once!) and shine a spotlight on someone else on the culinary scene who elevates the tone of an event.

Bill Ervin, owner and operator of Cold Cuts Inc. in Naples, is a seasoned and very busy ice sculptor who has created some truly amazing pieces for events around town. Some readers might recognize him from local demonstrations; he's been known to shine at Taste of Collier and Third Street South's Festival of Lights. Read on for some rare insight on the world of ice artistry thanks to one of the area's premiere practitioners.

FW: What is your culinary background and training?

BE: I did my first ice sculpture when I was 19. I was a line cook at a country club. I didn't have any formal or informal training, but I saw someone do a carving with a six-prong chipper and thought it was cool when another cook broke a piece in two. I took the pieces and made two smaller sculptures. I always liked to create things, and ice gave me ample opportunities, especially because you are always doing something different.

FW: Could you give us a quick run-down about how ice sculpting works and the tools you use?

BE: Ice sculpting has changed immensely since I first started. The blocks are frozen in large cans inside a large tank. The first ice I used was machine-made in two days, weighed about 300 pounds per block and had a big white core and two holes in the bottom from an automated harvester. The sculptures were usually done inside the 10-by-20-by-40-inch dimension of the block. The carvings had the white core inside them and were pretty rough.

Today's ice blocks are close to 500 pounds, take about five days to freeze and are almost perfectly clear. Most sculptures require welding the ice to the dimensions of whatever it is I am making. If a sculpture is too large to be moved, it is done in pieces and assembled on site. A finished sculpture can look like a piece of crystal.

I use a constantly evolving set of tools: chainsaws, band saws, die grinders with



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Bill Ervin at work.

bits from a 1/16 of an inch to more than 6 inches long and many custom chisels made for ice sculpture. I use large plates of metal to weld the ice together and have many homemade drill bits for boring clean holes and decorating the ice.

FW: Do you have a signature style? What are your typical projects?

BE: I guess my style would be considered old school, since I still do all the sculptures by hand, scratching a design onto the ice and going from there. I do use paper templates when I do a sculpture that has lettering such as a logo for a corporate event or a couple's name for a wedding.

I carve everything from individual sorbet holders to full-size, functional bars and everything in between. A lot of the pieces are done for seafood buffets or holiday decorations. I did more than 50 pieces for Thanksgiving. I've also recently done a fire-breathing dragon, two elephants standing on drums, a sailfish, an angelfish, a seahorse and a few luges. The luges are very popular for martinis or shots.

FW: What is the most extravagant sculpture you've accomplished? What about the wackiest?

BE: I made a 20-foot-long, 7-foot-tall sea life sculpture that took more than 35 hours to carve and about three hours to setup. As far as wacky goes ... use your imagination. You can sculpt anything out of ice, and there are all types of people in the world.

FW: How would you characterize ice as a medium?

BE: Ice is a great medium to work with (except for the obvious drawbacks of working with something that melts in Florida's heat). There is no dust and it cleans up easily, you can watch a cut go through as you are doing it, and it can be welded into any size needed.

FW: What is it like working with an ephemeral medium?

BE: A finished piece set up has its own life: It starts as one thing and immediately starts transforming. The cut lines smooth over and details disappear, but the basic shape stays the same and it just becomes

very smooth and clear.

If people enjoy it, then it serves its purpose. It keeps me very busy and it's job security. I enjoy watching pieces melt.

FW: Who are your clients? What kind of events are you usually commissioned to do?

BE: Most all the work I do is for clubs and hotels. I also do a couple of demonstrations a year.

FW: What are your favorite resources, or where do you find inspiration?

BE: I find inspiration everywhere, from others' art and sculpture to nature and the beauty around us. I believe we live in a paradise in Naples, and I feel very blessed to be here and do what I do. I am lucky to have the people around me who helped me along the way, from a chef who gave me opportunities when others might not have, to having some of the best hotel companies and country clubs in the world in our town. Also, friends and family have always supported and helped me and continue to do so. ■

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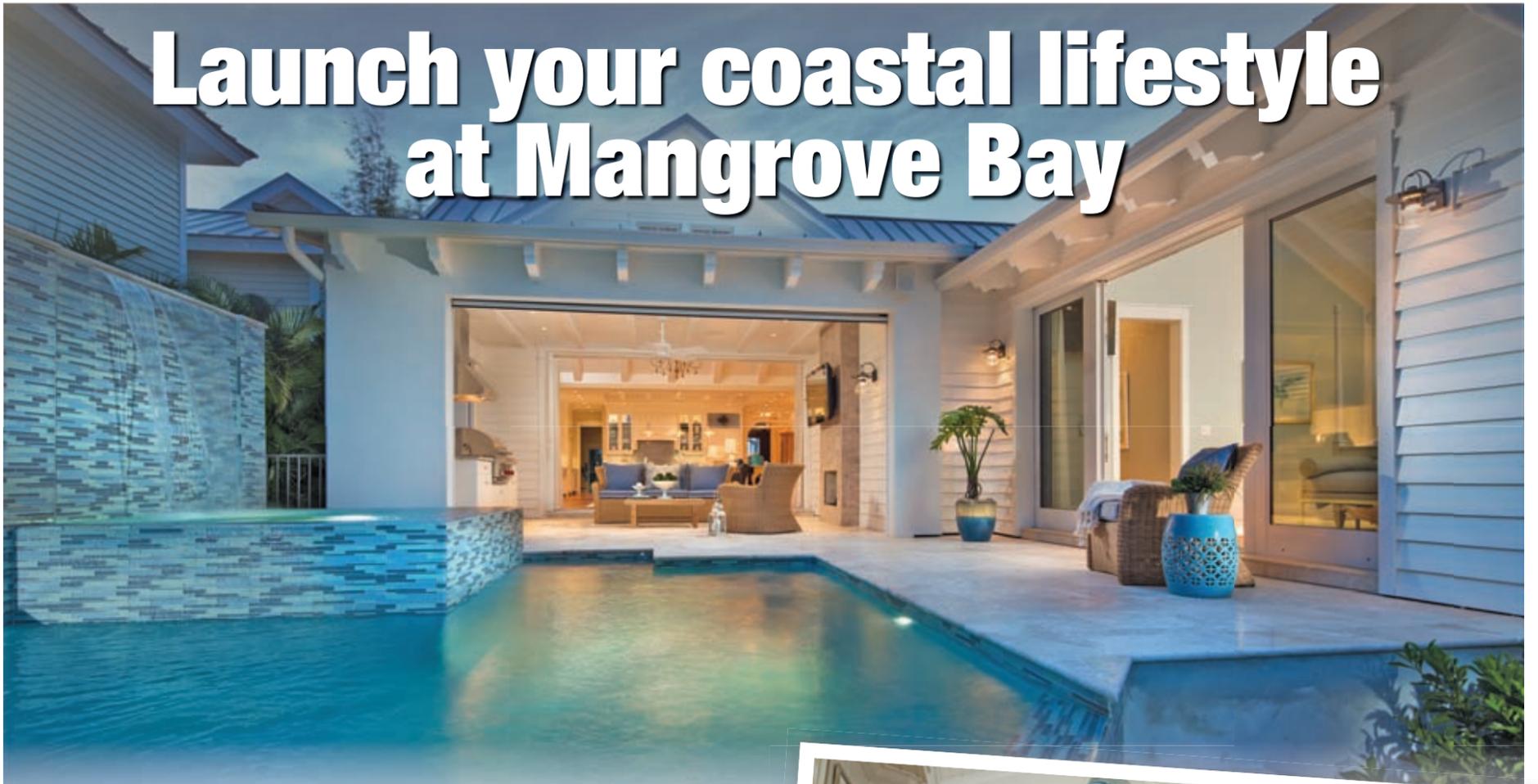
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There are currently three Courtyard Residence floor plans available, each with multiple elevation options. Ranging in size from approximately 3,277 square feet to 3,561 square feet under air, all Courtyard plans feature a private-entry guest house above the garage.

There are four Waterfront Residence floor plans available, each with multiple elevation options, and four new Cove Residences scheduled to be unveiled this season (several of which will feature a private boathouse garage). Ranging in size from approximately 2,586 square feet to 4,056 square feet under air, the current Waterfront Collection features both one- and two-story designs, optional private-entry guest cottages, airy ground-floor master suites, and tropically landscaped outdoor living areas with private pool.

Three decorated model homes are now open at Mangrove Bay, elegantly appointed by Freestyle Interiors. The overall aesthetic of “coastal chic” perfectly befits the one-of-a-kind lifestyle offered in these

spacious, open-plan residences designed by MHK Architecture & Planning.

The Amelia III Waterfront Residence—which is also now the Mangrove Bay Sales Center—is a four-bedroom plus den, four-and-½ bath home with all primary living spaces (including the master suite, two guest suites and a private den) located on the ground level and a private-entry guesthouse above the garage. At approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model evokes a classic seaside cottage, with intricate trim details, a grand beamed, tongue-and-groove ceiling in the great room, and built-in upholstered bench seats flanking its white-washed stacked stone fireplace. The décor is “upscale cottage,” done in shades of navy, teal, and sand. Other key design elements include authentic hard pine floors, traditional bead board accents, bench seat reading nooks, and stacked stone for the second fireplace in the outdoor living area. The Amelia III’s guest cottage features a generous sitting room, scaled-to-fit kitchenette, private bedroom and bath area, and private balcony. An attractive lease-back program is available.

The Keewaydin II Waterfront Residence model, with a total of four bedrooms and four-and-½ baths, a second-floor loft area, and a private-entry guest house, offers over 3,700 SF under air, in a “coastal sanctuary” interior style washed in soft water hues. Its soaring two-story living room with a unique nickel gap wood ceiling has a focal point fireplace balanced by a built-in bar at the opposite end. The ground-floor master suite offers an oversized sitting area with corner-pocket sliding doors which open to stunning views toward the Gordon River.

The Sanibel III Courtyard Residence model offers a four bedroom, four-and-½ bath design with approximately 3,331 SF under air, including a spacious private-entry guest cottage above the garage,



Above: Amelia III outdoor living space. Right: Sanibel III great room. Below: Keewaydin II island kitchen. Photos by Tim Gibbons Photography

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ground-floor master suite, and tropical pool and spa area with water feature. The Sanibel features a unique beach aesthetic that mixes dark, light, and weathered wood appointments with a cool color palette, perfectly complementing its limed oak wood floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, and custom moldings and cabinetry throughout the residence. An attractive leaseback program is also available.

Life at Mangrove Bay in Old Naples is designed to be relaxing and luxurious. In addition to the lavish appointments found inside and outside of these spacious single-family homes, homeowners have the benefit of resort-style living with an on-site Concierge Center complete with three Guest Suites,

London Bay Homes expands buy now opportunities with 15 new model homes in Mediterra

Fifteen opportunities to buy a move-in ready model home await homebuyers at Mediterra, Naples' nine-time Community of the Year.

London Bay Homes is planning luxury single-family custom estate and villa model homes on a portion of the remaining homesites in the 95 percent sold-out community. And should history continue to repeat itself, most or all of the models will sell within the next year.

"For the past two years our model homes at Mediterra have sold during construction or soon after completion," said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes. "Models provide instant gratification for many buyers who like the idea of moving right in and enjoying Mediterra's amenities and lifestyle. These 15 model homes are planned to showcase a variety of our floor plans with luxury interior design. Several will also feature exciting Coastal Contemporary architecture."

Construction has already commenced on seven models with the others expected to begin in February and March 2016. The first will open in January, followed by the completion of six additional models shortly after.

London Bay Homes has also translated six of its floor plans at Mediterra into luxurious model homes currently open for viewing. The homes provide visitors a true sense of home and community and feature professional interiors by Romanza Interior Design.

The new models will feature at least three or four bedrooms and elegant, inviting interior design by Romanza. Several will overlook rolling golf course fairways, sparkling lakes and lush nature preserves in the Serata, Cortile, Lucarno, Cabreo and Terrazza neighborhoods.

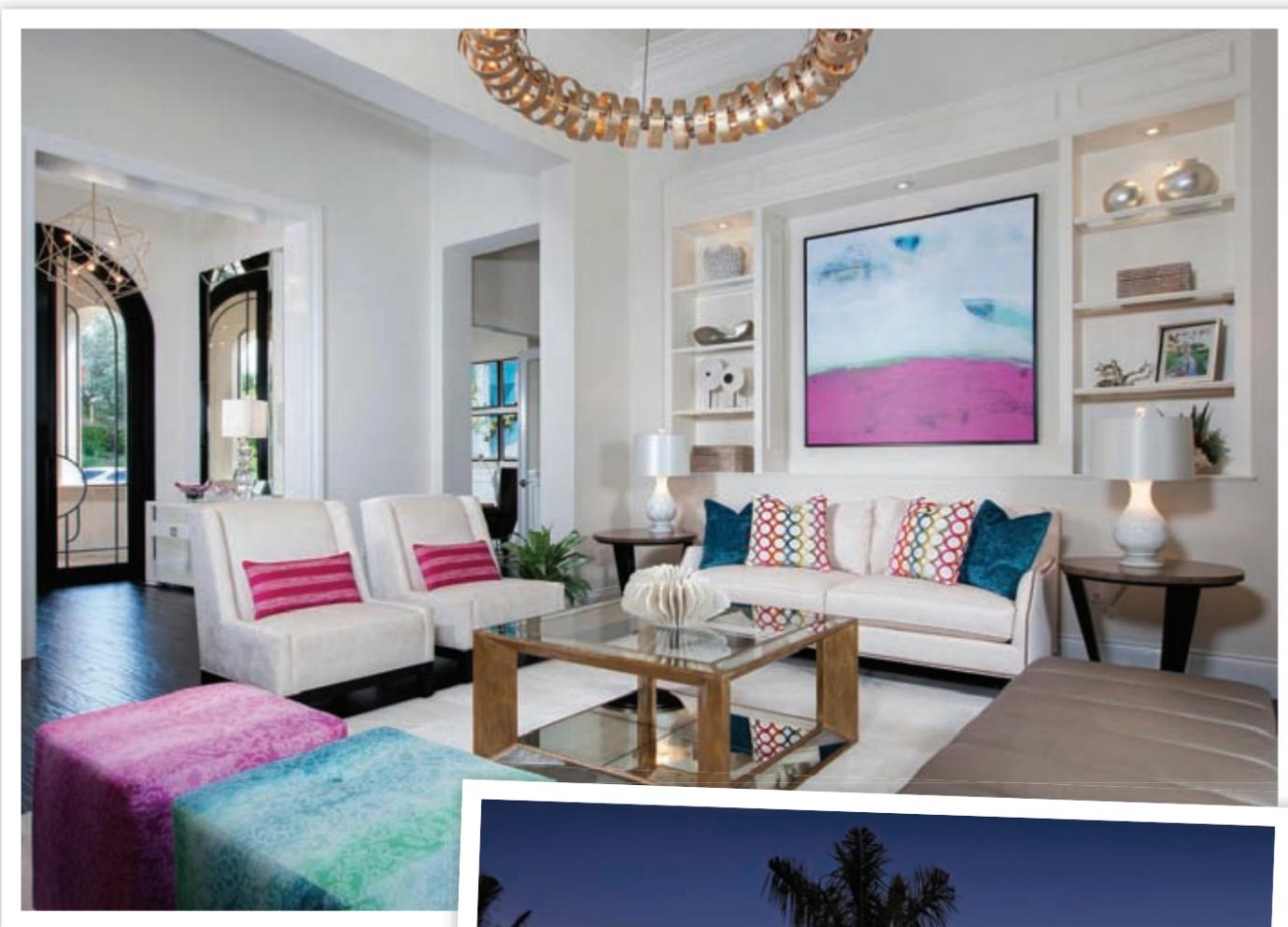
"Visitors walk into a model home and everything is done," said Amy Nease, a sales executive with Mediterra Realty who has worked with several recent model buyers. "They love the furniture, the fresh direction of Romanza's interior design, and they get to skip the construction process to own a new home. It's easy and they can move in without having to select furnishings or think about updating anything."

Nease said many clients also have recognized the urgency of buying a model now, whether they plan to move in immediately or in 18 months. "Buying during construction lets them lock in current home prices and opt for a leaseback if they're not quite ready to relocate. One recent buyer recognized home construction prices are continuing to increase and wanted to buy at today's prices even though he and his wife might not be moving in for a while. Homeowners will buy a home now as a leaseback investment. Buyers are also realizing these model homes are the last opportunities for new construction, a fully furnished home with prime location and ultimate views in Mediterra."

The 15 new luxury models will feature a combination of popular floor plans as well as several new introductions.

In Serata, the four-bedroom, five-bath Isabella Two-Story is expected to open in March 2016. Romanza designers Jennifer Stevens and Luann Powers Gliwski will introduce mixed antique and polished metals, accents of black and light blue against white and neutral gray backdrops, and a mix of distressed and amarone-hued wood tones in the Isabella Two-Story. Two additional custom models are planned in the nearly sold-out neighborhood.

London Bay is planning four models in Cortile, including the popular Capriano, an award-winning single-family villa floor plan scheduled for completion in July. "The Capriano really captures the way people envision living in Southwest Florida and Mediterra," said Wilson. "It has a



Above: The Delfina features interiors by Romanza Interior Design. Right: The two-story Capriano is located in the Lucarno neighborhood at Mediterra. Below: Eloro villa model in Lucarno neighborhood at Mediterra. Members enjoy two Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses.



years as Southwest Florida's leading luxury homebuilder, was one of only two companies named America's Best Builder in 2008 by Builder Magazine.

Home designs in Mediterra include single-family estate homes and single-family maintenance-free villas priced from \$1 million to more than \$7 million.

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large great room that easily connects to the outdoor living areas, plus adjoining rooms for entertaining and private spaces for guests and owners."

Two additional Capriano models will be located in Lucarno, a lakefront maintenance-free neighborhood reminiscent of a European village. The Belita Two-Story, also located in Lucarno, will open in January and offer three-bedrooms, a study, formal dining room and a gourmet-inspired kitchen with a freestanding island breakfast bar and adjoining café, home office and walk-in pantry.

Four additional single-family villas planned for Cabreo and the final two homesites in Terrazza will also showcase the ease and luxury of maintenance-free living in Mediterra's remaining villa neighborhoods. Designed for a stay-and-play, lock-and-leave lifestyle, these homes are popular with active buyers desiring the community's resort-inspired amenities.

Two models will also be completed this season: the Bettina and Clara, both located in Cabreo. Situated within 3,102 square feet of living space, the three-bedroom Bettina will offer an open floor plan with a great room, dining room, and kitchen with an island, pantry and café area.

With 3,248 square feet of interior living, the Clara is the largest of the three floor plans in Cabreo. The home will offer formal living and dining rooms, a family room, den, three full baths and a powder room.

"These new models are definitely going to create even more excitement and urgency to buy in Mediterra this season," added Wilson. "We're offering an array of luxury custom estates and villa homes that will appeal to a variety of lifestyles."

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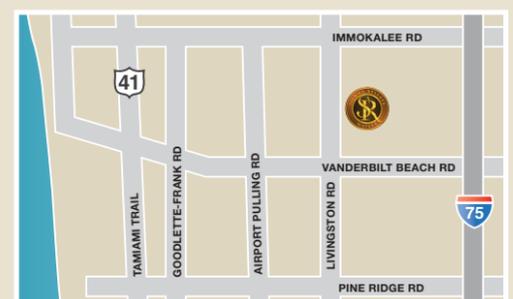
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Naples Square changing the look and feel of downtown

As 73 Phase I residences and the 3rd Avenue South streetscape that will bisect the community draw ever closer to completion, the impact The Ronto Group's Naples Square development will have on downtown Naples is becoming increasingly evident. Ronto is developing Naples Square at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road. An eclectic mixture of Bermuda, British West Indies, and Coastal Contemporary architectural styles created by Matthew Kragh, AIA, owner of MHK Architecture & Planning, will bring a timeless flavor to Naples Square. Kragh's site plan ties Naples Square into the fabric of the Old Naples street grid system and into current and future plans of the Naples Pathway Committee and the City of Naples. Paved streetscapes and sidewalks within the community will embrace and transform existing city streets to create a cohesiveness that will unite every element of downtown by connecting 5th Avenue South to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic will flow from 10th Street to Bayfront on a redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South between 10th and Goodlette-Frank Road within Naples Square. Naples Square's residents, visitors, and residents elsewhere in Old Naples will enjoy more immediate access to shopping, dining, and entertainment venues throughout the entire downtown district from Bayfront west to the beach.

At the same time, Kragh and MHK Architectural Project Manager Erik Young have created a visually appealing design that maintains the integrity of the residential units' view corridors. Naples Square's u-shaped residential buildings will be situated with their open ends facing one another. The juxtaposition of the buildings allowed Kragh to create amenity courtyards over each building's parking level and to design residences with long-range internal courtyard views. The courtyard amenity decks feature a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundeck, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating. Each building will have its own pool and club room and there will be two fitness centers.

The majority of Naples Square's residences have views of the community's internal amenity courtyards, fountain features, and landscaped streetscapes designed by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design, Inc. Andrea's amenity deck landscape design incorporates green spaces, Asian Jasmine ground cover, raised-planters with date palms, and arbors with vine plantings to create a garden-like effect. Additional planters provide a colorful note of separation between the terraces of the garden level residences and the edges of the plaza.

Andrea's design will bring a park-like ambiance to Naples Square. The design merges paved roadways, entry water features, and fountain roundabouts with Washingtonia and Medjool Date palm trees and a mix of plantings. Oak trees will create a canopy to provide shade and further soften the building mass. Plantings will include Clusia, Variegated Dwarf Schefflera, and Bougainvillea. Asian Jasmine, a carpet-like ground cover, will be used in the pedestrian areas. Naples Square's intersections, crossings, and building entries will be identified by palms. Building corners adjacent to the community's signature roundabouts will be softened by scattered height Washingtonia palms.

The visual impact and shade created by Andrea's design will create a welcoming feeling. Naples Square's streetscapes will be lined with soaring palms interspersed with flower beds, strips of green, and landscaped areas separating the sidewalks and buildings. The fountains at each of the round-



The fountains at each of Naples Square's roundabouts will provide soothing white noise and have a cooling effect. The landscaping design will evoke feelings of comfortable familiarity and a sense of place that is rarely found when walking or biking through typical downtown building corridors. Paved streetscapes and sidewalks within Naples Square will embrace and transform existing city streets to create a cohesiveness that will unite every element of downtown by connecting 5th Avenue South to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Naples Square's courtyard amenity decks feature a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundeck, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating. Each building will have its own pool and club room and there will be two fitness centers.

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Naples Square's residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists who take advantage of the connectivity 3rd Avenue South affords will enjoy the convenience of a separate commercial component fronting Goodlette-Frank Road to the east of Naples Square's residential buildings. A green space will separate the residential and commercial components. The separation will contribute to Naples Square's sense of place that belies its location less than a five-minute walk from downtown's most popular attractions. Naples Square's landscape design will play a major role in furthering

efforts to transform Goodlette-Frank Road into a corridor lined with greenways and pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. A dedicated public access linear park easement will stretch along the entire eastern edge of the Naples Square site and front Goodlette-Frank Road. The linear park will contribute to Naples Square's grand sense of entry and reinforce the community's lifestyle that is focused on walkability and the freedom to enjoy walking and bicycling in the heart of downtown Naples.

Now under construction, Naples Square Phase II will include 73 luxurious residences. With binding and pending sales contracts worth \$34 million already processed, Phase II is nearly 50% sold. Nine floor plans, three of which are sold out, are included in the Phase II offering.

As sales at Phase II indicate, Naples

Square's walk-able lifestyle and the availability of one and two story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans from over 1,200 to over 3,800 square feet under air with open-concept living areas, open-air terraces, and controlled access under-building parking priced from the \$600's continue to hold strong appeal for homebuyers. Seventy-one binding Phase I sales contracts worth nearly \$60 million have been processed and just two Phase I residences remain available. Three previously sold, designer-decorated, furnished Phase I model residences are expected to be open for viewing by late December.

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Over \$100 million in sales recorded at Kalea Bay



The construction site is extremely busy at Kalea Bay, the high-rise community being developed by Soave Real Estate on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples. The onsite sales center is also very active as potential buyers discover what the gated, resort-lifestyle high-rise community has to offer.

According to Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing, sales have been phenomenal.

"In just a 10-day period in early November we sold 5 residences," said Wilson. "That brings our total sales volume at Kalea Bay to over \$100 million."

Construction on the first of five towers began earlier this summer with land clearing, followed by test pilings and then the drilling of the permanent pilings. As of early December, the tower's first floor is visible from Vanderbilt Drive with crews currently working on the second floor, the lobby level.

"I'm also happy to report construction is ahead of schedule," stated Wilson. "That means the first tower at Kalea Bay is slated to be completed in the Summer of 2017."

Kalea Bay is an impressive chapter in the real estate history of Southwest Florida. The exquisitely designed 22-story tower, with 120 luxury residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,755 total square feet.

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"Residents, no matter which floor they choose, will be able to enjoy views of the Gulf of Mexico and nature preserve," said Wilson. "That's because the building's amenities are located on the roof. They include an open-air fitness center, sky lounge and incredible rooftop pool."

The residents and their guests will have quite a view from the tower's roof. Not only will they see the Gulf of Mexico, but two of the best beaches in the country. They include, Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which is ranked #9.

In addition to the first tower's rooftop amenities, Kalea Bay will also have a first-class clubhouse area which surely will be the recreational and social center of the community.

"The main amenity area is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance," said Wilson. "It will include a clubhouse with three individual pools, a pool deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar and an Internet cafe."

But that's not all. Nearby will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted tennis courts and 24 guest suites. There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse area, to a designated Gulf beach.

"In addition to our first tower construction has also started at the site of the community's clubhouse," said Wilson. "The first order of business was excavating the locations of the three pools."

According to Wilson, Kalea Bay's main amenity area will be ready for the community's first residents to enjoy



Above: Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a pool and fitness center. The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, has 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. **Below:** Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings.

immediately upon them moving into their new homes.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the award-winning, onsite

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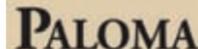
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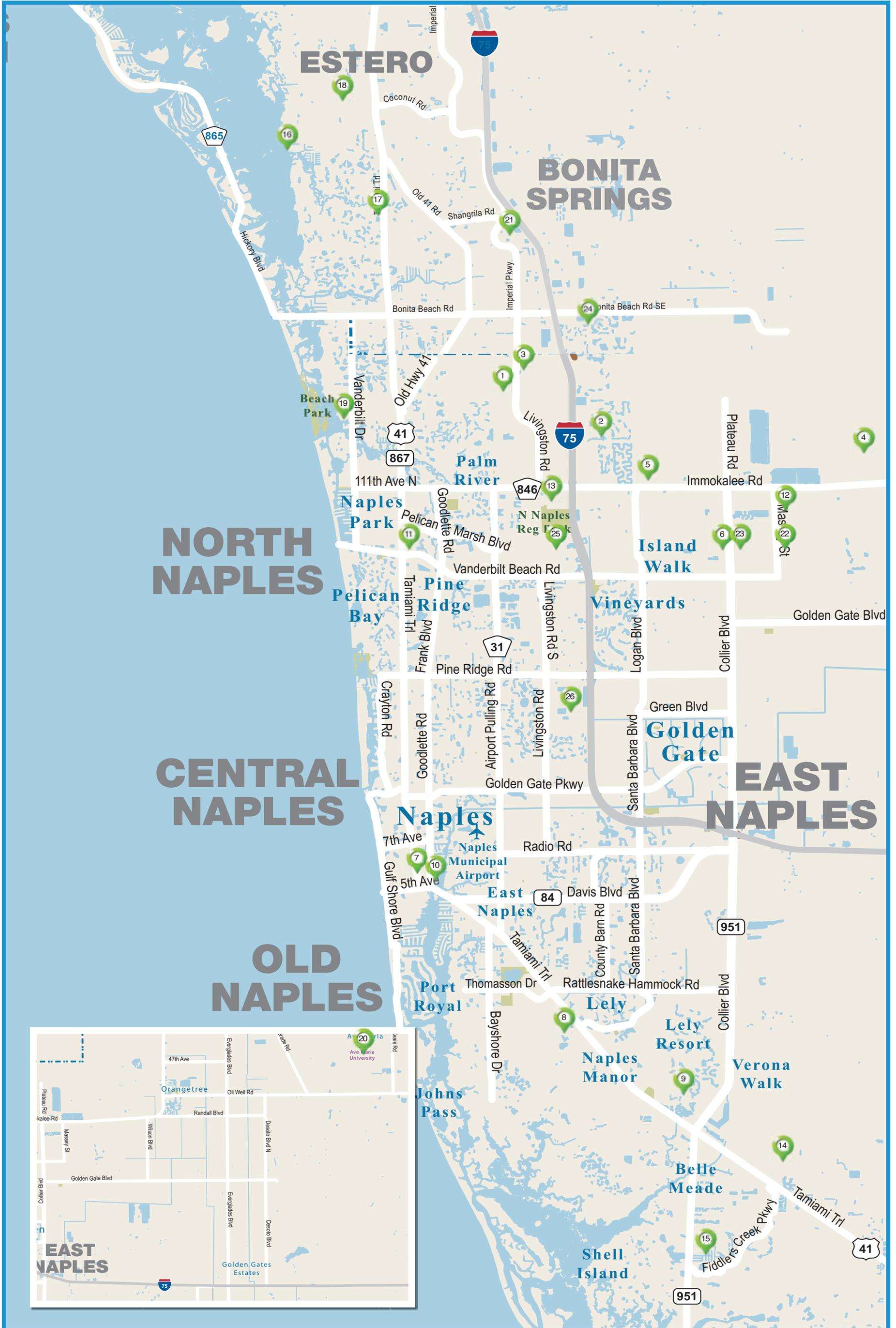
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Stock Development readies 10 new furnished models at Lely Resort:

Inventory homes available in the Community of the Year

Stock Development has transformed Lely Resort into Naples' most successful country club community with world-class championship golf courses, sensational clubhouses and Naples' widest selection of luxurious homes, many of which are move-in ready.

Stock is coming off another terrific year of sales in 2015. The company registered nearly 450 new home sales worth more than \$350 million. Lely Resort had a particularly strong year with more than 150 sales across a wide range of multi-family and single-family designs.

Lely Resort was again named Community of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association – the 7th time it has earned the award. Now, the final phase of offerings is about to take center stage at Lely as Stock puts the finishing touches on a sensational series of ten new furnished models at Lely and has added move-in ready residences.

"We have overseen the development of more than 3,000 homes and two clubhouses at Lely Resort," said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort. "For Lely's grand finale we are showcasing the latest releases of homes in a series of spectacular furnished multi-family and single-family models. Four coach home models debuted recently. Six more furnished models in other designs will be opening in the next few weeks."

The new coach home models are located in the Signature Club and Cipriani neighborhoods. These luxurious coach home neighborhoods are situated on two superb sites. Signature Club is adjacent to the award-winning Players Club & Spa, while Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely's three championship golf courses.

Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The new neighborhood features a selection of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Pricing for these stunning coach homes begin at \$454,990.

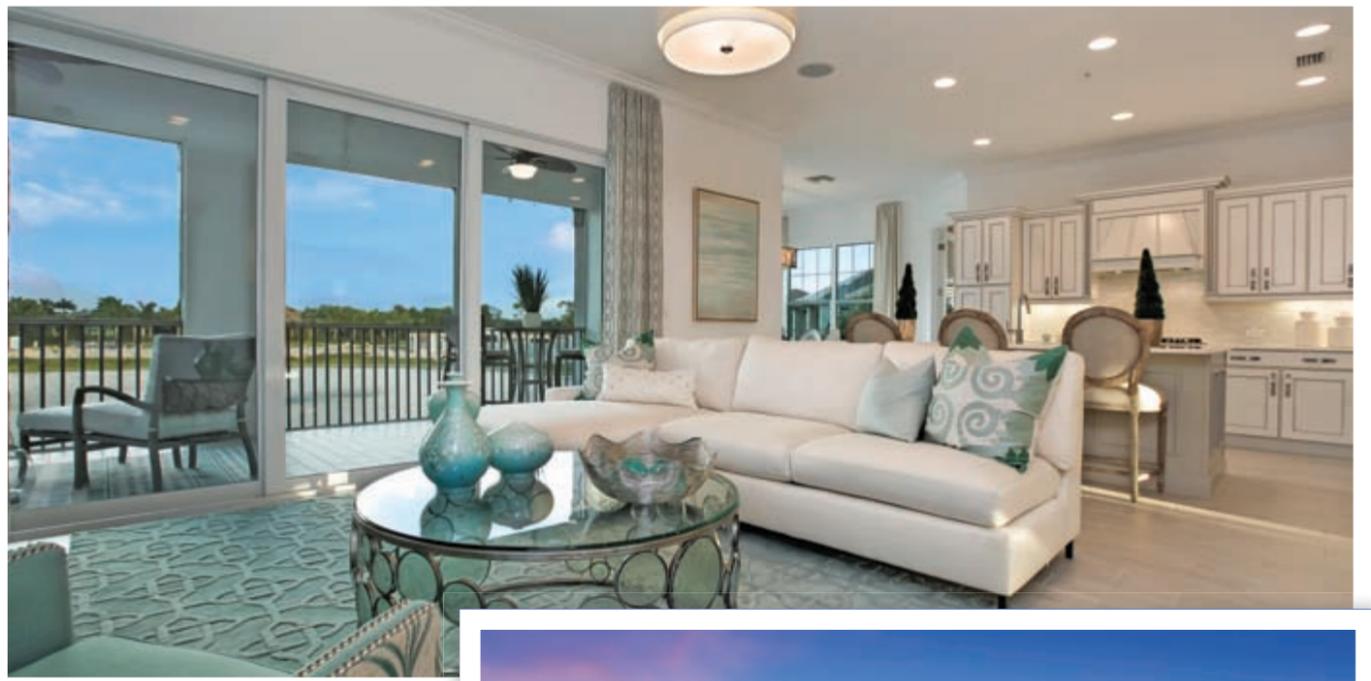
Cipriani also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. Inventory coach homes are priced from \$359,990.

Beautiful inventory homes are also available at Olé. Flats and townhomes are found in floor plans ranging in size from 1,227 to 2,084 square feet and priced from just the \$280s.

Olé is built around some of Naples' most spectacular amenities. The 20,000 square foot Village Center amenities include a full-service concierge, a bistro, an ice cream parlor, a pub, an internet café, a coffee shop, a business center, library and a 90-seat movie theatre with a projection room and comfortable elevated seating.

In Lakoya, Stock offers a wide variety of single-family homes. This exclusive 242-acre enclave has a private guarded and gated entrance, sculptured landscaping, classical gardens, spectacularly choreographed fountains and elegant paved walking paths. Beautifully furnished models are open in the neighborhood and these floor plans have exceptional standard features packages.

Lakoya is surrounded by subtropical woodlands and The Classics 18-hole championship golf course, which features gentle undulations and tree-lined fairways. An elaborate series of lakes have been crafted throughout the neigh-



borhood, giving the homes a spectacular array of water, golf course and nature preserve views.

Lely Resort was named the 2015 Community of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association, the seventh time it has won that honor. Its stellar amenity package continues to impress homebuyers and industry experts alike.

"Lely Resort residents have access to the most comprehensive amenities package in Naples," said Brian Stock, CEO of



The St. Andrews at Signature Club. Cipriani exterior view. Players Club & Spa pool. Lely has three championship golf courses. Olé's Village Center pool.

outdoor café.

Lely Resort offers five distinctive neighborhoods, priced from the \$200s, and inventory homes are available in several styles of multi-family and single-family designs. These move-in ready homes and the past two cold, snowy winters up north have fueled incredible sales numbers in the community and new home opportunities will not last forever.

Please visit Lely Resort and see why it is Naples it has been named Community of the Year seven times!

The Lely Resort Sales Center is located at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and C.R. 951. From I-75 take exit 101 (C.R. 951) south five miles to Grand Lely Drive. For more information call (239) 793-2100 or toll-free (866) 392-2100 or visit Lely on the web at www.lely-resort.com. The Players Club & Spa is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/LelyPlayersClub>. ■

Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort.

"Our amenities include The Players Club & Spa, The Olé Village Center, three championship golf courses designed by legends of the game Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player and Lee Trevino, as well as two golf clubhouses within the community."

The Player's Club & Spa is a stunningly beautiful 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse and features an opulent new dining wing that has been enlarged with seating for over 200 guests.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exer-

cise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a "spin" room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

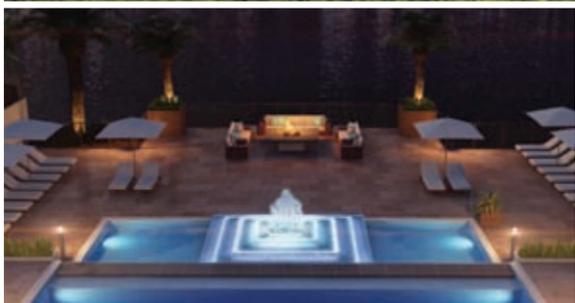
The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

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Andalucia: Naples' most sought-after address

FrontDoor Communities has some exciting news to share with potential buyers: its Andalucia community located in the heart of Naples has six beautiful inventory homes available for purchase. At Andalucia, buyers will find the perfect location and amazing amenities all in one. Add in the fact that these are some of the final homes remaining in Andalucia, and that they have an incredible price point not found elsewhere in Naples, and these six homes won't be on the market long.

The available inventory homes at Andalucia have everything today's home buyers desire, including an affordable price. FrontDoor Communities' beautiful homes are priced from the low \$400,000s through the \$500,000s. However, that affordable price doesn't mean that buyers will have to sacrifice luxury finishes or sought-after features.

"We've worked very hard to offer new home buyers a quality-built but affordable home here at Andalucia," said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. "We've been able to incorporate all of the great features our buyers are looking for, as well as fantastic resort-style amenities, into this community. Plus, it's in the perfect location near everything that makes Naples such a desirable place to live. With all of that combined, plus homes that start at \$419,000, we can offer something no other builder in Naples offers."

Showcasing three different floor plans, including the award-winning Seville and Cordoba plans, the inventory homes range from 1,850 to more than 3,900 square feet, and feature one- or two-story layouts complete with two-car garages. In addition, the inventory

homes offer the choice of a lake or preserve view home site.

The exterior architecture is absolutely breathtaking at Andalucia. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the homes include tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interior features are also impressive and include tile floors, granite countertops, tile backsplashes, stainless steel appliances, beautiful master suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

Andalucia is in the center of it all, just minutes from boutiques and shopping, top beaches, and several of the top golf courses in Florida. Plus, the community is included in the excellent Collier County School District. However, homeowners aren't required to leave home to enjoy fantastic amenities and recreation opportunities. Amenities found within Andalucia include a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment, a heated lap pool and a whirlpool spa. In addition, the community has a resident's clubhouse with an open gathering room, game room and kitchen, as well as a children's playground with basketball court.

Andalucia offers everything buyers need, from a convenient location to an affordable price point. With limited opportunities remaining, now is the time to buy! ■

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Sienna Reserve already 50 percent sold Prices begin in the low \$600s

This is an exciting time at Sienna Reserve, a gated, single-family community being developed by Zuckerman Homes on Livingston Road in North Naples.

Currently at Sienna Reserve three models are in various stages of construction with the first due to open in January. More than 10 residential homes are also under construction. The entire road system is in. The freshwater lake has its fountain centerpiece. The perimeter landscaping has been installed. And one of the fountains in the center of a brick paved roundabout is operational.

"There's activity taking place from one end of the community to the other," stated Andy Zuckerman, President of Zuckerman Homes, a fourth-generation, family-run, custom homebuilding company which started in 1924.

Sienna Reserve will only have 45 homes upon build-out. The first model hasn't even opened yet and already the community has hit the 50 percent sold mark.

"Our North Naples location, combined with the community's offering of only 45 luxury custom homes, has really caught the imagination of families in all age groups," said Zuckerman. "Our purchasers also like the fact that only 14 of Sienna Reserve's 30 acres will actually be developed. The remaining 16 acres will be comprised of a freshwater lake and a pristine, untouched nature preserve."

Of the eight floor plans offered at Sienna Reserve three will be available to tour as models.

The first model to be completed will be the Hibiscus. It's a single-story, three-bedroom plus study/three-bath home with 2,566 square feet under air and 3,378 total square feet including a side-entry, two-car garage. The study can be converted into a fourth bedroom.

The two other models are the Magnolia Flex and the Rosewood.

The Magnolia Flex is a two-story, four-bedroom plus game room and media room/three full-bath/two half-bath home with 4,004 square feet under air and 4,855 total square feet including a two-car garage. This plan is extremely popular because the master suite is the only bedroom on the first floor and has its own laundry room off the luxurious master bath.

The Rosewood is a two-story, five-bedroom plus study and club room/five-and-a-half-bath home with 4,971 square feet under air and 5,997 total square feet including a side-entry, three-car garage. In this floor plan the first-floor study can be converted into a parlor.

The five remaining floor plans include the Hibiscus II, the Jasmine I and II, the Magnolia and the Poinciana. The one- and two-story homes range in size from 2,344 to 4,135 square feet under air and have either three, four or five bedrooms with the majority also having a study. Some larger homes also offer a game room, a media room or a clubroom - with one offering a game room and a media room. All homes can be customized to fit an owner's lifestyle.

Prices at Sienna Reserve begin in the low \$600s.

All purchasers at Sienna Reserve will be eligible to receive complementary access to Tiburon Golf Club amenities on the same basis as a Medallion Member while their home is being built. Those future residents, upon moving into their new home, then have the option to purchase a Tiburon Golf Club Membership.

The fact Sienna Reserve is a small community has been a major selling point according to Zuckerman.

"In many cases bigger is not always



better. Our research indicates buyers are looking for a more intimate community to call home. A place close to the city, yet in harmony with nature. A place where neighbor knows neighbor. That's exactly what we deliver," he said.

He continued, "Our buyers are a diverse group, but they have at least one thing in common - they like the fact Sienna Reserve offers eight floor plans with sixteen different elevations, all of which can be fully-customized."

Zuckerman Homes welcomes their future residents to customize their home - something usually only offered in communities priced much higher. A fact that makes Zuckerman Homes very unique.

"Everyone's lifestyle is different. They have different needs. They have different interests. They have different tastes," said Zuckerman. "As a family-run building company no one knows



Designing homes with open floor plans is a hallmark of Zuckerman Homes. The two-story Rosewood has 4,971 square feet under air. All purchasers receive complementary access to Tiburon Golf Club while their homes are under construction. The Hibiscus will be the first of three models to open at Sienna Reserve.

that better than we do. So, we'll do everything we can to customize a home to our buyer's specifications."

Sienna Reserve's locations has been another major selling point. It is close to downtown Naples and its world-renowned shopping districts of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South.

It's also within minutes of Mercato, one of the most popular upscale shopping centers in Southwest Florida.

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west Florida International Airport.

Sienna Reserve is also an enjoyable walk from one of the premier parks in the county, the North Collier Regional Park.

"It has walking trails and boardwalks for wildlife viewing, fishing lakes for catch and release, a fitness center complex, a world-class children's museum, soccer and softball fields, an interactive playground and a fossil dig play area for children," explained Zuckerman.

Sienna Reserve is located on Livingston Road, between Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road in North Naples.

The Sienna Reserve sales center is open Monday - Saturday, 10 am to 5:30 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 5:30 pm. Additional information is available by calling (239) 643-4333, visiting SiennaReserve.com, or sending an email to info@zuckermanhomes.com. ■

Minto's The Isles of Collier Preserve named master-planned community of the year

nears completion of the highly anticipated The Isles Club

Minto Communities has received many national, regional and local awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples, including most recently the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year awarded by the Florida Home Builders Association and the Southeast Building Conference, part of the National Association of Home Builders. The Isles Club, the new clubhouse and amenity center at The Isles of Collier Preserve, is nearing completion and is projected to open January 2016. The addition of The Isles Club adds yet another outstanding amenity to this award-winning, eco-friendly community.

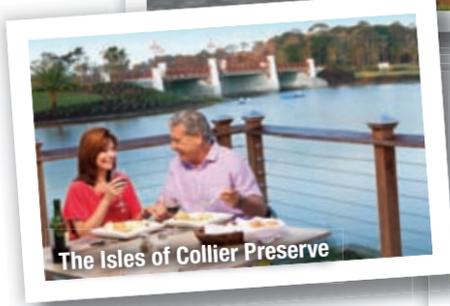
The design of the 16,500 square-foot Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888. The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch and will be the social hub of The Isles of Collier Preserve. Residents and friends will gather at The Isles Club for dining and social functions, swimming and sunbathing, tennis, bocce ball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. An event courtyard, yoga lawn, resort-style swimming pool, lap pool and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation. Over half of the reserves connected by a network of biking paths, kayak trails, and recreational trails with exercise stations and nature observation areas.

A rustic Overlook Bar and Grill with views of the Cypress Waterway will be added in the future.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid \$300s to over \$1 million. The community currently offers 15 fully furnished model homes for touring.

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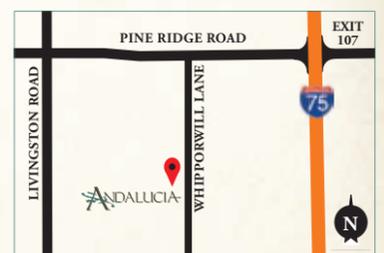
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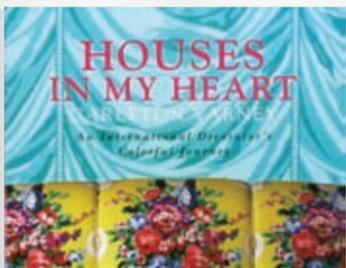
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'Houses in My Heart'

Carleton Varney has written dozens of books, but perhaps the one that stands out as a recurring favorite of his readers is his autobiography, the personal memoir "Houses in My Heart — An International Decorator's Colorful Journey," about what he calls his life through decorating adventures.

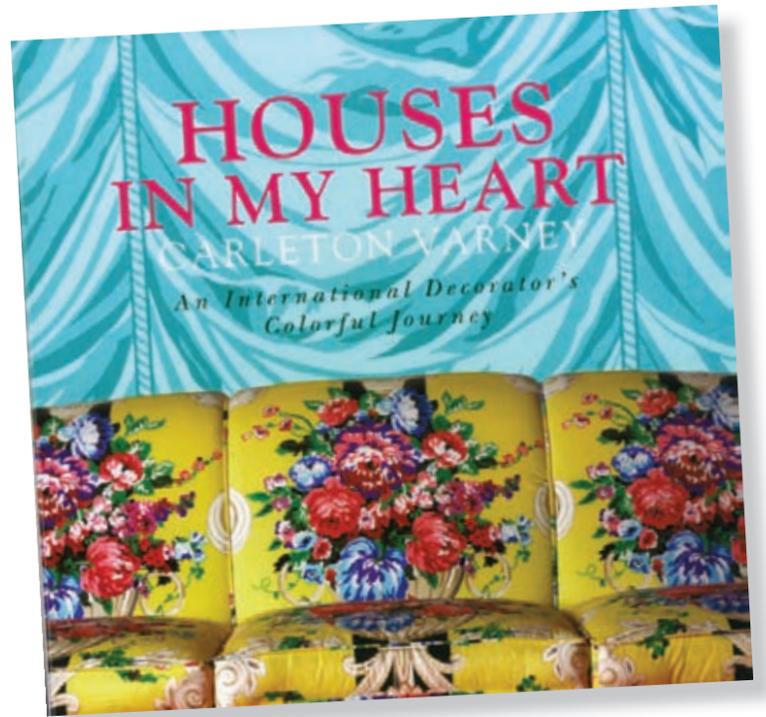


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most designers can only imagine. Famous for marching to the beat of his own drum, Mr. Varney is also known for designing for the senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch. His love of color is evident throughout the pages of his memoir, as is his penchant for sharing his knowledge.

Readers of "Houses in My Heart" will learn much about how to decorate a home or any space, including his philosophy about color, which includes how a room should look decorated and designed before any furniture is placed in it. To purchase the book or to learn more about this legendary man, visit carletonvarney.com. ■

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... shares why Isles of Collier Preserve is so special

BY KELLY MERRITT

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When The Isles of Collier Preserve debuted in Naples, necks craned along Tamiami Trail like so many wading birds along the waterways. Up went charm, natural elements and authenticity; down went pomp and circumstance. And with the Isles Club at The Isles of Collier Preserve opening in January, it's creating more buzz.

Part of the Minto Communities family

of developments, senior vice president William Bullock oversees land acquisition and development of such pristine places as well as working with communities. Perhaps what makes Mr. Bullock so understanding of what means the most to residents is that he lives in this area, too. He resides in Marco Island with his wife, Wendy, and their children, enjoying the Southwest Florida lifestyle along with the rest of us. Here he is with a glimpse of why active, natural communities are in hot demand.

Q: Most of us know the Isles of Collier Preserve is an outstanding place to live. But for those who don't know about it, why is it special?

A: The Isles of Collier Preserve is a one-of-a-kind, 2,400-acre, eco-friendly community bordered by some of the most spectacular lands and waters found anywhere — Rookery Bay to the south, Naples Botanical Garden to the north and Dollar Bay to the west. More than half of The Isles of Collier Preserve land is preserved in its natural state, and connected by a network of recreational trails with exercise stations and nature overlooks, bike paths and waterways for kayaking. Every aspect has been planned to create a sustainable community in harmony with nature. Home designs include contemporary coastal-styled coach homes, villas and single-family homes from 1,600 square feet to the ultra-luxurious Tamarind Grande with 4,037 square feet under air.

Q: The Isles Club at The Isles of Collier Preserve opens in January. What can we expect?

A: Like all other aspects of this community, The Isles Club reflects the magnificent natural surroundings and pays tribute to historical aspects of Collier County. Its design was inspired by a significant piece of Naples history — the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888. Its charming coastal architecture invites relaxation and enjoyment of amenities that include a state-of-the-art fitness center, resort-style



swimming pool, lap pool, poolside cabanas, tennis and bocce ball courts, fitness lawn, event courtyard, and kayak and paddleboard launch.

Q: What do you see as a key trend in home design?

A: Today's homebuyers are seeking healthy, active, outdoor-oriented lifestyles. When we purchased the property for The Isles of Collier Preserve, we asked Realtors and consumers what their ideal community would encompass. They wanted an active lifestyle including walking trails, water access and a club facility with a focus on wellness.

Q: Is that trend present in any of your other communities?

A: Yes. Minto's other communities, such as our private island community, Harbour Isle in Bradenton, provide environments for living that encourage wellness and interaction with nature.



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The Tamarind Grande features include two guest casitas that open directly onto an 1,100-square-foot interior courtyard with an outdoor kitchen, pool, spa and fountain feature.

Q: What do you wish new homeowners would keep in mind when purchasing or building a new home?

A: There are many factors for prospective homeowners to keep in mind as they go through this process. Minto has developed a "Road to Home Ownership" program that informs and guides our customers through the buying process from selections of homesite, floor plan and finishes to financing and construction through final closing.

Q: If any, what are architecture/design build books or magazines you read/recommend?

A: None of them, really. We gain our inspiration from our customers and spend time out in the marketplace. Great ideas and design come from within Minto. We depend on our own internal team to create our innovative ideas, floor plans and home designs.

Q: What was the most challenging project you have ever done?

A: The Isles of Collier Preserve presents one of the most exciting and comprehensive opportunities to thoughtfully and responsibly create a community in a one-of-a-kind setting that truly embraces and protects the natural environment that surrounds it.

Q: What is the most over-the-top luxury space you have developed?

A: I would have to say Minto's new Tamarind Grande model at The Isles of Collier Preserve. The home's design takes every opportunity to maximize the panoramic views of the surrounding preserves and blueways, as well as provides both indoor and outdoor living spaces that are connected and flow seamlessly for a living environment that is perfectly suited to this community. ■

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Pelican Bay homeowners see the light after renovation

BY KELLY MERRITT
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Against the backdrop of the gorgeous Georgetown neighborhood of Pelican Bay, a remodel that almost seemed impossible took place. The renovation was led by David Valladarez, director of London Bay Homes Renovation and Design and his team, London Bay residential architectural design director Raul Garnil and Romanza Interior Design senior design director Jennifer Stevens.

“The home was very dated with original finishes and a floor plan that included a small internal garden court surrounded by sliding glass doors on four sides placed in the center of the formal entry and living areas, which bisected the home and created an obstacle for spatial flow,” says Mr. Valladarez. “It also obstructed views outward to the pool area and golf course beyond, so a re-space plan and schematic study was undertaken to reorganize the plan and remove this undesirable element that was part of the old floor plan.”

The makeover also included the pool, resurfacing the deck with shell pavers. Mr. Valladarez and his team also installed high-efficiency impact-rated windows and doors and conducted a complete exterior wall surface rehabilitation. What many homeowners may not realize is the complexity such a remodel can bring to a project — including working within challenging building codes, something at which London Bay Homes excels.

“Renovations can be quite complex under today’s Florida Building Code, as significant changes to an existing home can trigger full compliance with this mandatory building code,” says Mr. Valladarez, who is quick to point out some of the benefits of compliance. “They include significant reductions in insurance premiums for items such as window and door replacement, energy performance in reducing utility bills, and higher air quality and improvements with other health-related aspects of a dwelling environment.”

Romanza design director Ms. Stevens says there were some structural considerations, such as a ceiling that was quite high in relation to the existing window opening heights, plus structural elements that presented challenges in designing new ceilings in the kitchen/family room. Her favorite part of the makeover was the master bath.

“Although small, we made maximum use of available space and the quality of finishes was high, resulting in a beautiful bath,” she says. “The kitchen was the most dramatic change, going from small, cramped and dark to light, bright and very functional for cooking, gathering and casual dining, and the added hutch at the side wall provides storage space for the owner’s collectibles.”

Before the remodel, the kitchen was more like a wood maze than a cozy gathering space, with obstructed views and monotone woods as far as the eye could see. The small meal preparation space didn’t allow for the cook to socialize



bath floors and walls and custom basket-weave rug detail on the floor and shower floor features along with accents of Ming green marble and custom gray glaze cabinetry,” she says.

Mr. Valladarez has a few pointers for homeowners embarking on a remodel of this magnitude or any size, including reading and researching as much as possible when selecting an architect, interior designer and builder.

“Check the quality of their work, visit their model homes and references, talk to people that have used their services before and establish that they have a solid reputation and stand behind their products,” he says. “Additionally, make certain that there are open lines of communication, real trust and a true fit with the people you are undertaking a remodeling venture, because these professionals will be your guide through a challenging process and make it seem easy and entirely rewarding.”

Ms. Stevens encourages homeowners to have a realistic idea of budget and assume there will be surprises — she suggests adding 20 percent for those.

“Have a handle on your priorities, but get pricing on everything on your wish list and choose which items you do based on longevity of those expenditures, as well as return on investment,” she says. “Hire a professional that can guide you to make decisions that best combine your personal taste, existing architectural constraints and current trends.” ■

easily with guests and a hawking overhang/counter structure cut the room in half. The old design kept light out, which didn’t allow for the large window to shine as it should.

Ms. Stevens used a combination of the clients’ existing and new furnishings to outfit the space, but her design talent is evident throughout the house in the polished mahogany floors, bright new kitchen and griege tone porcelain tile floors in the family living area. She used grasscloth walls to warm up the space and add contrast to what she calls crisp flooring and cabinetry finishes.

“We used statuario marble in master

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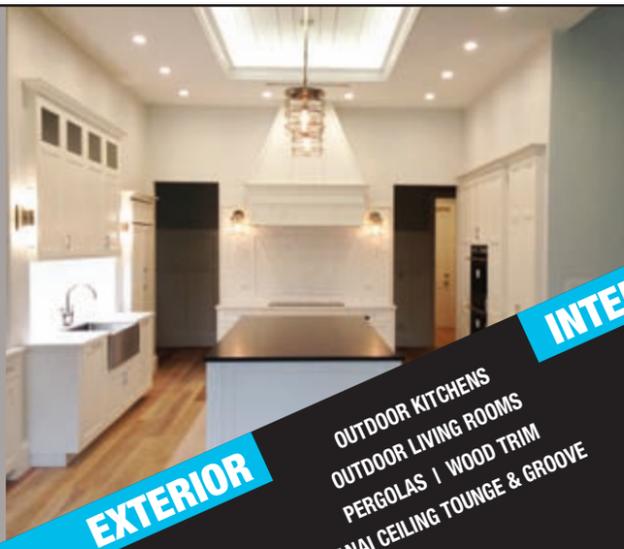


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Design pros know how to present the perfect present

With the holidays here and the joyful mood the season brings, we felt it would be rather festive to ask local designers featured in Luxe Living issues past to put their creative and artistic talents to work and wrap up a passel of presents.

The artful results will surely inspire the most reluctant of gift-wrappers among us.

Happy wrapping — and unwrapping! ■

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Abbie Joan Sladick
Abbie Joan Fine Living

Abbie Joan Sladick's design skills are reflected in homes from Port Royal and Pelican Bay to Wyndemere and Grey Oaks and beyond. Together with the creative team at Abbie Joan Fine Living and Third Avenue Design, the design group created the gift box above as an homage to life on the shore. The team used the Benjamin Moore Color of the Year for 2016, titled Simply White OC-117, chosen for its similarity to Naples' sand along with hints of garden greens in the form of dragonflies so often spotted around Naples. "We tried to do it as all-natural as possible, which included the burlap and seashells to make it a real beachside holiday package," she says. "We used tiles to accent the gift box which came from beachfront pool elements we designed."

— Abbie Joan Fine Living; abbiejoan.com



Peggy Oberlin
Peggy Oberlin Interiors

For Peggy Oberlin, the holiday season is a magical time — especially since she has the ability to take creative gift-wrapping to an entirely higher level. Using her own photograph blended with an owl and flora, she has evoked a mystical, wintry feeling. "I love to take something simple and natural and add glitter or sequin to it and also to give ornaments as gifts. It's fun to tie them to the front of a present. My love of wildlife photography and interior design have merged recently into fabrics, wallpapers and gift wrap created from my own pictures," says the designer, who is making famous the design philosophy of interior design for your health, wealth and happiness. Ms. Oberlin offers free consultations and relishes answering design questions.

— Peggy Oberlin Interiors; peggyoberlininteriors.com

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Wilfredo Emanuel and Rhett Josey
Clive Daniel Home

It's hard to imagine how the duo of Clive Daniel Home designers Wilfredo Emanuel and Rhett Josey could outdo the miniature room gift boxes they constructed last year, but this year in their globe gift box, they are celebrating the Naples connection with nature. To brainstorm, they walked along the shore and thought of what Naples means to them. "Immediately when we put our feet on the sand, we decided to create a gift of everything Naples gives to us, including these beautiful beaches, blue water and shells." The box includes the colors associated with coastal life, all those naturals that contribute to the casual feel for which Naples is known. Naples is further represented by letters assembled inside the globe and they added a little Christmas tree that lights up. It's not surprising they wrapped the gift box in burlap, the hottest trend in wrapping this year — both Mr. Emanuel and Mr. Josey have helped pioneer the marriage of fashion and design in Southwest Florida.

— Clive Daniel Home; clivedaniel.com



Pam Durkin
Pamela Durkin Designs

Pam Durkin's gift is designed to capture the joy of the season. She created it with a custom fringed wrapping and classic red-and-white color

scheme — simple, classic and representative of the holidays. "Too often we get caught up in the stress of the holidays, but I think we should slow down and remember what a joy the season is and how thankful we are to spend extra time with family and friends," says Mrs. Durkin, whose goal is to make the places where her clients live and work inspiring. "We want our clients to enjoy the process, help them dream big, go outside their comfort zone and create spaces beyond their wildest imaginations."

— Pamela Durkin Designs; pamela-durkin.com



Christie Heeb
Vogue Interiors

Christie Heeb of Vogue Interiors brings artistic aptitude and attention to detail to every project she embraces, so it's no wonder that when she tackled the gift box challenge, she responded with a package brimming with joy. In her cardinal and snow houndstooth package, she shares her love of juxtaposition of color, texture and pattern. She loves to add personal flair and expression to her gift wrap, citing nature as her inspiration for interior design projects. "Textiles also serve as a major source of inspiration for many projects as fabrics have become available as an unlimited design trade resource, evidenced by Vogue Interiors' extensive studio and library," she says of the crystal sheer fabric that served as inspiration for fresh fallen snow. "My creativity snowballed into this fun and colorful finished design — happy holidays from all of us at Vogue Interiors!"

— Vogue Interiors; vogueinteriors.com



Alex Farber
Romanza Interior Design

When Alex Farber of Romanza Interior Design, an affiliate of London Bay Homes, designed her festive gift box, she wanted it to expand on the vision of Romanza, inspired design attributes that reflect each homeowner's personal style. Romanza is a full-service, boutique design firm with an award-winning team of interior design and architectural experts who use innovative ideas and techniques to capture the spirit of each homeowner. Whether creating a new dream home, updating or customizing an existing residence or simply adding finishing touches, Romanza delivers on the details. This gift box represents how Romanza designers use the company's fabric library to inspire those important details that go into making selections for the finishing touches of a home.

— Romanza Interior Design; romanza.com or londonbay.com



Andrea Clark Brown
UP ART and DESIGN GALLERY
Andrea Clark Brown Architects

Architect and curator of UP ART and DESIGN GALLERY, Andrea Clark Brown looks at every project with an outside-the-box perspective. Consistently seeking content and meaning in her architectural designs, her approach to most every challenge is to break the mold while bringing humanity, history and delight to each design undertaking. "With this transparent gift box, the decorative red bow is found inside rather than out, wrapping the actual gift, which is Peace Offering," she says. "A bird is cradled in a gilded open hand framed by symbolic conical holiday trees that lean away from the hand as if to make room for the gift to be more readily approached." With the hand serving as a wrap of its own, hollowed into the hand's cuff is the safe embrace of Mother Nature.

— Andrea Clark Brown Architects, P.A., and UP ART and DESIGN GALLERY
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Michelle Lee
Socially Inclined Design

When Michelle Lee of Socially Inclined Design is your designer, you know things are going to sparkle and shine. She covered her holiday gift box in smoky charcoal-colored natural mineral mica and cork flake wall covering, tying it with a silvery white chiffon polka-dot bow. "The package is given the finishing touches of a holiday sparkle with the custom-created embellishment, with layers of glimmer made of silver glittered holiday trimmings, mini holiday ornaments, white iridescent snowflakes, a beautiful silver sparkled butterfly and topped with a mini silver pearl flower," she says of the package that mingles innovative interior materials with glistening holiday décor.

— Socially Inclined Design; SociallyInclinedDesign.com



Jackie Drake
Norris Furniture and Interiors

Jackie Drake of Norris Furniture & Interiors was inspired by the excitement of a child waiting for the big day and seeing clues that Christmas is almost here. Her gift wrapping is meant to build the anticipation: a snowman's hat, a pretty package, a big red ribbon and, of course, Santa's suit, showcasing a palette of green, red and the festive designs that for Ms. Drake celebrate all things Christmasy. She has been a designer for 25 years, helping clients create the rooms of their dreams in places such as Pelican Bay, Grey Oaks, Port Royal, The Belize, Vera Cruz, St. Raphael, St. Nicole, The Colony and other luxury communities. Norris Furniture & Interiors offers residential design services, interior and outdoor furnishings, unique accessories, heirloom rugs and complete window and wall treatments, and white-glove, red-carpet delivery service with showrooms in Naples, Fort Myers, Sanibel and Sarasota.

— Norris Furniture and Interiors; distinctlynorris.com



Roxanne Werner
Party Rox

It's a little-known fact that many brides select Christmas weddings for the festive nature of their nuptials. Roxanne Werner points out that another reason so many couples decide to marry around Christmas is that it affords families the opportunity to also celebrate a wedding anniversary surrounded by friends and family already gathered for the holidays. Mrs. Werner designs and executes some of Naples' most gorgeous weddings and her enthusiasm for all things silver and gold is reflected in her gift box. "Weddings are always a special time, but when you have the added magic and ambience of the holidays, it's even more memorable."

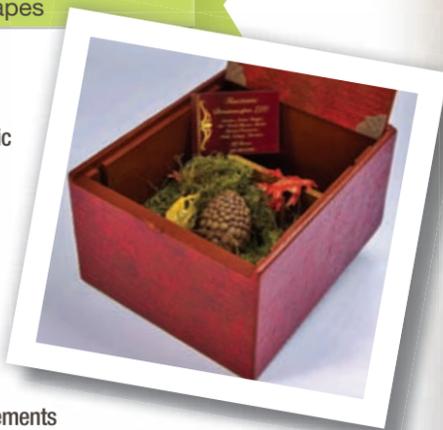
— Party Rox; partyroxnaples.com



P.J. Hoover
Fauxtastic Dreamscapes

P.J. Hoover is one of Naples' most creative faux finish artists. Recognized repeatedly for her Fauxtastic Dreamscapes out-of-the-box thinking, she often is asked to surprise her clients with entire rooms, sight unseen by them until she's completely finished. For her enterprising gift box, she used a wine box obtained from Dr. Desmond Hussey and his wife, Jennifer, two of Naples' most astute wine collectors, who were featured in an early LUXE cover story. Mrs. Hoover used the wine box and filled it with natural elements including moss, holiday-colored leaves, a red bow and a twist only an artist could conceive: a dragon egg to symbolize a year with magical things to come.

— Fauxtastic Dreamscapes; pjhoover.net



Kirsten Workinger
Little Palm Design Group

The designers at Little Palm Design Group are known for working miracles of the makeover variety, amassing numerous remodels that both beautify and make functional even the most challenging of spaces. Kirsten Workinger used the tools of her trade — wallpaper and trim — to wrap her package. The rope, gold and crystal tassels and red bead trim are all commonly found on soft goods and upholstery, items such as pillows and furnishings. Then she adorned the package with a beautiful feathered angel, which she embellished with the same materials she uses to help make her clients' homes angelic places. Ms. Workinger looks forward to welcoming people to the Little Palm showroom, which is known as one of Naples' finest design spaces with enough joy to share all year round.

— Little Palm Design Group; littlepalmdesigngroup.com



Diane Torrissi
Diane Torrissi Designs

Diane Torrissi says half the pleasure of the holidays lies in the preparation, which includes embracing the color theme for your tree and gift wrapping. "This year I was inspired by the Bohemian vibe I see in fashion and in fabrics, so this gift box is wrapped in wallpaper from Mulberry Home, available at Kravet. It's called Bohemian Romance and is embellished with ribbon and silk flowers from Sweetgrass — notice the adorable raspberries. May you succumb to the sumptuousness of the season." Ms. Torrissi, an award-winning designer who has spent much time in Europe, is known for merging American practicality with European flair. Her office is located in the Miromar Design Center.

— Diane Torrissi Designs; dianetorrisidesigns.com



Barbara Dale
Jinx McDonald Interior Designs

Most Neapolitans would agree with Barbara Dale of Jinx McDonald Interior Designs that there is nothing better than being home for the holidays. She wrapped her gift box in a map with decorative ribbons and a vintage car ornament to represent traveling home for the holidays. "At Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, we are fortunate to have the pleasure of creating beautiful and welcoming homes," says Mrs. Dale, who believes a home is defined by the warm feeling encountered when entering the front door.

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Above: The pool area at Hotel Escalante is perhaps Naples' best-kept secret escape. Below: Every room in the hotel and some of the patios received a makeover.

Hotel Escalante

Naples' most private luxury lodging gets an update

BY KELLY MERRITT
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Guests who come to the Hotel Escalante in Naples rarely stay just one night. In fact, some stay for months. And who can blame them?

This ultra-private escape has a storied history and some of the area's best dining. In addition to housing Veranda E restaurant, Naples' only fine-dining restaurant with a sustainable organic garden on premises, Hotel Escalante is Naples' only boutique luxury hotel. It's known for its poolside courtyard fountains, tropical gardens and private patios.

If you're not looking for it, chances are you drove right by it. For Hotel Escalante, its hideaway nature is a blessing and one of many reasons people return each year and spend tens of thousands of dollars to stay here.

Just about every detail, every accent and every furnishing in each of the recently remodeled rooms was selected by Mary Brandt, owner of the hotel. She recently completed the update of all 10 oversized rooms and suites. Each one has a unique look.

“A year ago last September, I knew it was time for each room to be refreshed. They were predominantly the same flooring, paint, art, furniture and lamps, but I wanted each room to have its own personality and unique space,” says Ms. Brandt, who had a small window of time to pick what could be achieved before the busy season hit. “I have always wanted our guests to have that ‘wow’ feeling when they walk into their villas and not want to leave.”

Ms. Brandt, who became the sole owner of the old-world, Mediterranean-inspired property in 2012, spent months collecting new artwork and furnishings. Her search led her to two distinctive beds: one an antique, bamboo, four-poster, king-sized bed, resulting in a renaming of the room to “Bamboo”; and also in the Bamboo room, she added a custom, white-leather day bed, a sitting

nook for two and a crystal-and-silver chandelier. On top of the mirrored credenza, a blue-and-brown Asian statue presides.

Her other favorite bed find was a white-leather contemporary bed in what's now named “The King Suite” after a repeat guest who makes The Escalante her home for almost three months out of the year. Orange is the color of the moment in The King Suite, accented by a crystal-and-acrylic chandelier.

“I searched for chandeliers with a personality and found 15 of them, but then ran out of time, so the designing had to be put on hold until season ended,” says Ms. Brandt, who couldn't get back into the rooms to do anything major until mid-August. “In the meantime, we worked on the reception area, focusing on making it unexpected and making our gardens and patios more lush than ever.”

Little time for makeovers

Unlike so many area properties that struggle in the off-season, Escalante was full for most of the summer, so Ms. Brandt had until Oct. 1 to make all the rooms just so. She was on a mission to have the rooms feel new. She had each room painted in various shades of grays, ivories and whites and installed new flooring in the rest of the villas.

“We sourced fabrics for custom draperies, bolsters, bed scarfs and European shams, new furniture we purchased or reupholstered and had six new beds custom-built with the intent to add as much drama as possible with platforms,” Ms. Brandt says. “Furniture was mirrored to bring in more depth and brightness along with rugs with patterns for sitting rooms and runners next to the new beds.”

In the two-room Black Iris villa, which is just over 550 square feet, the color scheme is cream, black and gold with luxurious fabrics, geometric shapes and a herringbone sofa, above which hangs an antique, gold-brushed mirror. A cream-leather headboard in the bedroom is flanked by two mir-



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rors, while aged lion-head chairs draw attention to patterned rugs and a wood-and-crystal chandelier.

“The Red Lotus Villa is approximately 1,200 square feet and has two bedrooms, and this one is Asian-inspired and transitional with reds, blacks, taupe and grays while the floors are stone and hardwood,” Ms. Brandt says. “There is also a Chinese raised-panel wall with overstuffed ivory linen chairs in the living room, tiger-eyed contemporary wall unit and curved, red-textured linen sofa.”

It’s not unusual for guests to ask to buy various accents in their favorite rooms. Ms. Brandt gets many requests for the glass jellyfish in the showcase in the Red Lotus Villa, plus aged sculptured art. In one bedroom, the linens include red, black and silver accents, while the second bedroom has a queen bed covered with accents of gray, taupe, red and cream. The two works of art in the room say “peace and happiness” in Chinese.

Each room has a personal patio and garden space, including two villas with flowering vine-covered pergolas and cus-

tom outdoor lighting hanging above the table for private dinners. Large pots with cascading greenery and flowers add drama and intrigue to each patio. Ms. Brandt describes the private pergola patio adjacent to the largest villa as having a very Zen feeling, and at night, a magical aura.

“Two of our very special villas are tucked away in the most private part, located on the west side of the property with lush private patios for the ultimate private experience,” Ms. Brandt explains.

She says it was all made possible by a team of very special people. “Every member of The Escalante team, but special thanks go to Tack and Hammer upholstery, Alexandra Hutchinson for fantastic fabrics, custom draperies and bedding by Boca Bargoons, and Premiere Liquidations for one-of-a-kind finds and Kay Kahle for her eye and support.” ■

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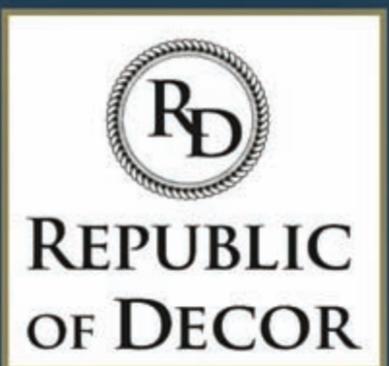


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Merry Manhattan

For architecture buffs, New York City is a holiday treat

BY KELLY MERRITT
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Between hundreds of hotels, thousands of activities and restaurants, New York City never fails to pull out all the stops any time of year. But Manhattan during the holidays is extra-special when wreaths, lights and all manner of festivity adorn anything that stands still. Architecture lovers have an abundance of reasons to celebrate the season in this energized city.

Neck-craning skyscrapers aside, there are too many architectural wonders to name, but one genre of construction is not to be missed: grand historic theaters of Manhattan. Begin with the legendary Belasco Theater, where long-deceased David Belasco himself is reportedly still in residence. He is said to have used a 10-room duplex as his living quarters and offices. Some say his ghost still haunts the theater.

The landmark building opened in 1907. Its Tiffany lighting and ceiling panels are among the highlights, along with Everett Shinn murals.

Next, take a stroll to see the ornate Corinthian columns of the Lyceum Theatre, New York City's oldest theater. Don't miss the older sibling to Radio City Music Hall, the Upper West Side's Beacon Theatre. Lastly, stop by the front desk of the Millennium Broadway and ask to take a peek into the Hudson Theater. The man who built this Beaux-Arts beauty, Henry B. Harris, perished aboard the Titanic but his wife, Irene



The view from the balcony, above, and inside The Andaz, right.

Harris, was the first woman theatrical producer in New York City. A century later, under a hundred years of paint and spackle, restoration experts uncovered Louis Comfort Tiffany mosaic tiles.

No architectural tour of Manhattan would be complete without the literary legend that is the New York Public Library. The recent exterior restoration exceeded \$50 million, including the

exterior marble, which is a foot deep. Built on the site of the city's Croton Reservoir on Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, the lions guarding the entrance exceed 11 feet tall and the structure also includes ornamentation of birds, dolphins, rams, snakes, oxen and other

wildlife.

It just so happens the best place to stay is right across the street from the library. The Andaz Hotel is like the Mary Poppins of Manhattan hotels. It's centrally located near much of the city's mammoth architecture, luxurious but not pretentious, with outstanding cuisine and crazy-cool cocktails. The rooms are upscale contemporary with ultra-relaxation and astounding city views in mind. Appointments include Asian-inspired spa touches and sleek, streamlined bedding and furnishings. Smart storage and closet placement allows for more room to spread out and put up your feet.

Andaz's restaurant, The Shop, and its darkened bar, simply named The Bar Downstairs, are exceptional. The bar menu features flavorful tapas created from local producers paired with spices and sustainable proteins. After a day of architecture-hunting, grab a cocktail with small-batch liquor prepared by Manhattan's inventive bartenders under the guidance of head mixologist Shane McGowan. Best bet? Let your bartender surprise you. The Shop menu is where executive chef Daniel Mowles brings shades of genius to the plate. It's a blast to hang out in the lobby and in The Shop in full view of the library and holiday streetscapes.

Just around the corner from The Andaz is a structure often taken for granted because of its role as the transit hub of the city, Grand Central Station.

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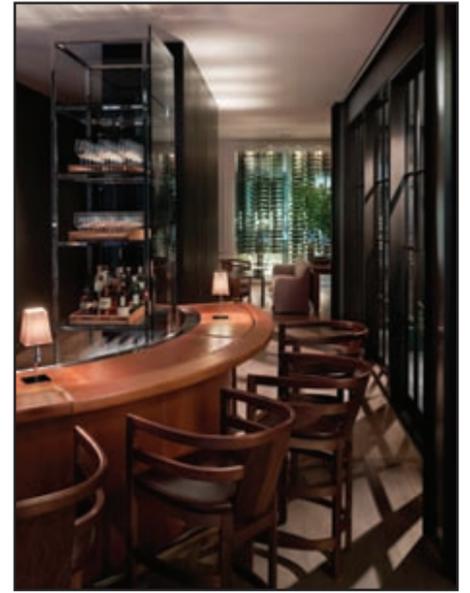
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Perhaps no other building has such rich architecture. Take extra time to walk through the terminal and be sure to look up. One of the city's most impressive works of art is on the ceiling. Contact the stationmaster to lobby for a tour of the secret presidential train tracks, ghostly rail car and ask your guide about the terminal's role in World War II history.

Midtown is overflowing with amazing architecture, but Downtown Manhattan is equally alluring. And there are a few supplemental activities you can't miss — particularly around the holidays. It may seem irrational to base your lodging choice on a cup of hot chocolate, but once you've tasted a cup of Fika's cocoa elixir, you'll understand why. This Scandinavian-style coffeehouse serves among Manhattan's most underrated coffee and hot chocolate. It's a bustling place, perfect for a break between visiting the Freedom Tower (site of the former World Trade Center) and Trinity Church. Steps from Fika's cocoa and each of these architectural wonders is the sister to the Andaz 5th Avenue hotel, the Andaz Wall Street. The rooms at the Wall Street location are also contemporary. The award for coolest attribute goes to the massive window seats that stretch across the room, allowing for plenty of space for holiday packages. The hotel staffers have holiday plans for guests, including treats to accompany in-room at turndown and activities such as ice skating for Andaz Wall Street guests.



There's always room at The Andaz for a happy hour gathering.

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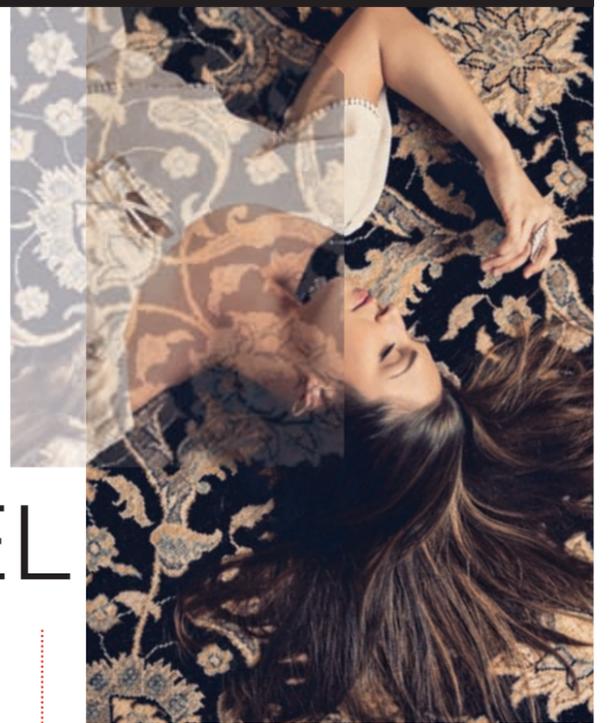




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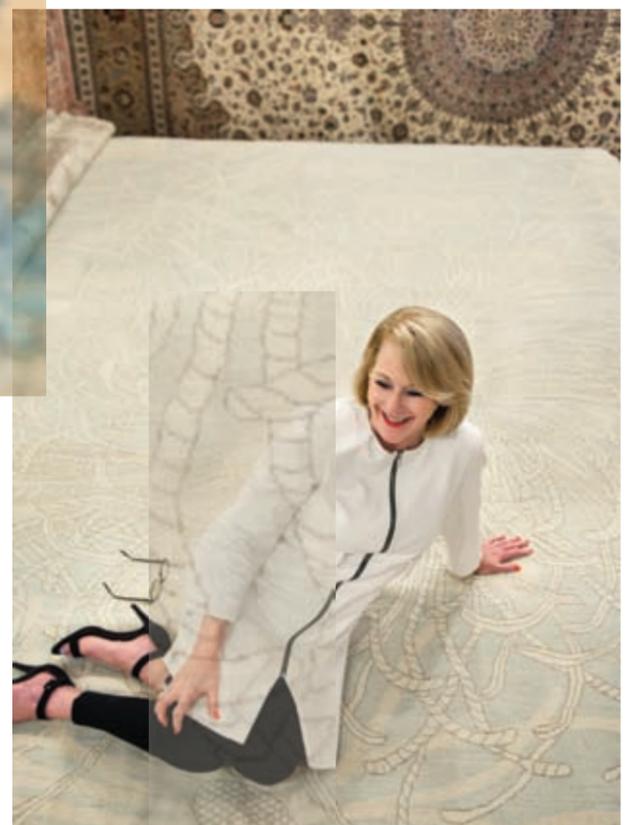


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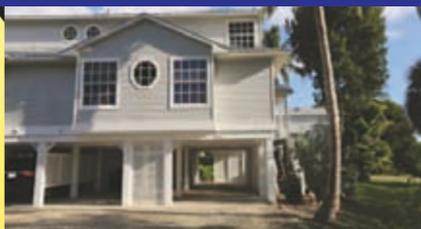
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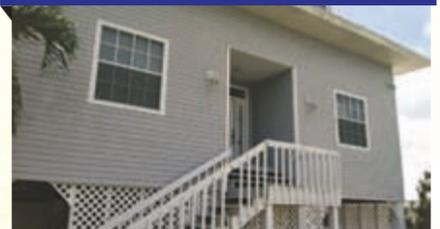
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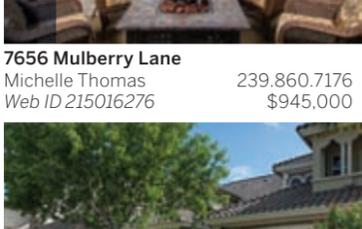
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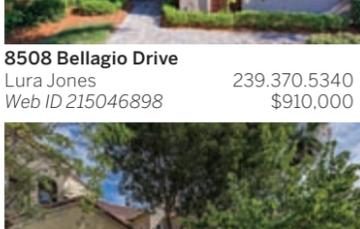
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