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The lives they led

REMEMBERING SOME WE LOST THIS YEAR

BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

"May the works I've done speak for me.
When I'm resting in my grave,
There's nothing more to be said;
May the works (the works I've done)
Let it speak for me."

— Sullivan Pugh

THE LYRICS OF THIS SPIRITUAL ENCAPSULATE AN essential and unassailable part of our journey through this life. When our time is at an end, our words and deeds do, indeed, live on. Hopefully, they speak of a life well lived that enriched our fellow man, especially those whom we hold most dear.

As is the *Florida Weekly* tradition in the final week of every year, this week we present a glimpse into the lives of several area residents who left this world in 2015. Turn to page A8 to read about sterling examples of people whose good works will long be remembered.

SEE LIVES, A8 ▶

Presenters believe the market is ready for the return of the Luxury Home Show

BY KELLY MERRITT

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After a seven-year hiatus, the Luxury Home Show returns in January, with more than 100 exhibitors poised to welcome people back with the latest in products and design trends for the home. Presented

by Home & Design Magazine and Ronto Group, the expo takes place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8-9, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples.

A one-stop resource for the best of everything home related, it will cover every aspect of the design/build process. Whether they have a kitchen to remodel,

an office or guest wing to add on or a whole house to design, build and furnish, show-goers will meet architects, interior designers, builders, retailers and a host of other professionals who can help bring their luxury home visions to reality.

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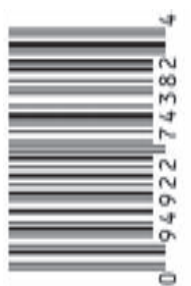
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COMMENTARY

Coloring (20) Sixteen



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White and red.

My wife says each numeral has its own color, and multi-digit numbers are composites of those colors.

Synesthesia, that's called, and in particular, color-graphemic synesthesia, "a neurologic phenomenon in which stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway leads to automatic, involuntary experiences in a second sensory or cognitive pathway," as a source describes it.

My wife Amy is a synesthete, in other words. That's why she sees this brand-spanking-new year, '16, as red and white.

I've asked her. I've suggested to her. I've questioned her, gently. I've even pleaded with her on my own behalf and yours to please take just one more synesthetic glance. Isn't there a little bit of blue in there somewhere, too? Isn't this year, '16, going to be Red, White and Blue all the way down the line?

Nope. White. And Red.

Fortunately, I am not a synesthete any more than I'm a wine critic. This is not how I see or taste the world, for example: "A brilliant red in color, pinot noir has a slightly spicy nose with hints of balsawood (balsawood?) as well as citrus notes and a soft lively fruitiness along with mellow tannins that leave a velvety (velvety!) finish in the mouth. As young wine it exhibits simple red fruit flavors such as

cherry, strawberry and raspberry (sure it does). As it matures it takes on a surprising complexity, with aromas of chocolate, venison (venison?) figs, prunes, truffles (those mushrooms that pigs like?), violets and even a touch of smokiness."

No, I don't do that.

I am, instead, a fancyesthete. And I fancy that '16 will prove to be as Red, White and Blue as, say, the years 1776 (Declaration of Independence) or 1865 (freed the slaves, saved the Union) or 1918 (won World War I, established world peace, sort of), or 1945 (won World War II, established world peace, sort of), or 2008 (our mostly white nation finally elected a black president) — no matter what my favorite synesthete says about its colors.

And why? Because Florida's two leading Red-White-and-Blue contenders for the White House — Donald Trump and Sen. Marco Rubio — will recognize that to make America great again they have to withdraw from the Presidential race this year.

Then they have to travel to Nepal, climb the highest mountain, and sit naked with a Tibetan monk until 2017 (White and Blue, says Amy), learning the art of responsible leadership.

If you're going to be a wine critic, a synesthete or a fancyesthete — any one of them — my advice is to go big. At least two of those vocations spring from traditions richly imbued with hyperbole, a word Donald Trump has used to describe a key tool in his version of good salesmanship.

As a go-big fancyesthete, therefore, I

now predict that Mr. Trump will begin this Red, White and Blue year by manfully, and patriotically, resolving to get right everything he has gotten wrong, so far. Which is a lot.

First, Donnie will admit that Mexican immigrants are not all rapists and murderers and the like; that he never saw thousands of Muslims cheering in New Jersey when the twin towers came down; that 81 percent of white homicide victims were not killed by blacks, as he said (about 85 percent are killed by other whites, according to the FBI); that there is no such thing as the Crime Statistics Bureau, which he cited as the source for his homicide statistics; that President Obama and his administration have no plans to bring in 250,000 Syrian refugees, a number Donnie got from a parody news site that pretended to quote a State Department official named Cathy Pieper. (There is no such person working at the State Department, according to the thorough reporters at Politifact.com, who chase down all Donnie's "facts," probably cackling and high-fiving each other all the way.)

Here's how I see it going down. Sometime in January, Donnie will announce his withdrawal from the race for the White House from the front porch of his Palm Beach estate accompanied by his grinning wife. (Can you imagine? A full year's reprieve from sex with the Don? You might be grinning, too). It will happen, of course, within full view of his 70-foot flag pole topped by a stars-and-stripes as big as New Jersey (that's hyperbole; it's only as big as a swimming pool).

As soon as this amazing event becomes international news, Marco will no doubt follow suit, struck by a pang or 10 of guilty conscience.

So he'll go home to his plain little house in the warren of West Miami's streets (mild hyperbole — it's one of the biggest homes in that community), stand on a front lawn about the size of Donnie's flag next to his plain little wife (hyperbole — and she will not be grinning), and quit the race flat out. But not until he's apologized to 20 million Floridians for not doing his job in the U.S. Senate, and for not looking out for their best interests.

In 43 U.S. Senate votes between 2011 and 2014, he'll acknowledge how wrong he was to vote against policies that would protect the environment 39 times (not hyperbole).

In 20 votes on environmental issues in 2015, he'll acknowledge that he missed 14 (not hyperbole), and that in the six he managed to cast, he voted to ignore toxic tar sands byproducts; to attack clean water provisions; to avoid even acknowledging climate change science; to drill for oil on public lands; to allow tar sands companies not to pay for their spills; and not to join in international efforts to limit climate change.

It'll take guts for these men to do what they have to do. But it will set an ethical standard not only among leaders but among all Americans for a generation to come.

And it will establish 2016, forever, as a year of Red, White... and Blue. ■

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OPINION

We aren't the world



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Special to Florida Weekly

To believe his critics, Donald Trump has ripped up the U.S. Constitution and sprinkled its shreds on the smoldering embers of what was once the Statute of Liberty.

He did this, of course, by proposing a temporary ban on Muslim immigration into the United States, which might be the most roundly and fiercely denounced idea in America since the British Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts (in 1774).

There is no doubt about it: Donald Trump's proposal is invidious; not all Muslims are a security risk. It is unworkable; among other things, airlines would have to screen travelers from Europe for their religion. It is imprudent; we don't want to send a message of generalized hostility to Muslims.

But it's not unconstitutional. Trump's detractors, and even some of his fellow Republicans, can't help making this charge, even though it betrays a misunderstanding, not just of the Constitution, but of the very nature of a sovereign

nation.

"We do not discriminate on people based on religion," Ben Carson said in response to Trump's proposal, "that's constitutional, that's in the First Amendment." Of course, he's right. Except the First Amendment isn't a free-floating grant of rights to all of mankind.

We are a sovereign country with the right to exclude whomever we want from coming here. In keeping with this basic attribute of nationhood, a long line of Supreme Court cases have upheld the "plenary power" of the political branches to set immigration policy in any way they please.

We have seen exercises of this plenary power in recent decades. During the hostage crisis, as FrontPage Magazine reported, Jimmy Carter ordered that all nonimmigrant visas from Iran be invalidated and that no more be issued, absent a compelling humanitarian reason. He also mandated that Iranian students in the United States report to the authorities, who queried them about potential radical sympathies. Some students were expelled. Jimmy Carter has not heretofore been known for his fascistic tendencies.

It is different, and less disturbing, to target the nationality of potential entrants, rather than their religion. It is the dif-

ference between Trump proposing, say, a temporary moratorium on visas for people coming here from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia — San Bernardino terrorist Tashfeen Malik was a Pakistani who spent a lot of time in Saudi Arabia — and a halt to all Muslims. Trump's ban would apply to an Iraqi interpreter who worked alongside U.S. troops, as well as to a harmless Ph.D. from Malaysia.

Still, the braying about the First Amendment from the left is rich. The implicit position of Trump's progressive critics is that the First Amendment doesn't protect all political speech, or cover people with religious objections to gay marriage, or prevent the Obama administration from forcing nuns to sign up for contraception coverage, but it extends to foreigners hoping to gain entry into the United States.

The embedded assumption is that migrating here is some sort of global civil right. Trump may be ignorant and bombastic, but his supporters believe that, if nothing else, he understands that the security and interests of Americans must come first. They know no such thing about his hysterical detractors. ■

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Hog heaven



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Once upon a time, a lighthearted conversation turned to the subject of bad country ham and gelatinous fruitcake. These are gifts often given during the holiday season by friends and families with the best of intentions.

My companion, a respected folklorist, mused that this cultural practice could be fertile ground for collecting stories of historic interest to future generations. There would be enough to fill a little volume, especially timely for release during the season of giving. It would be received with a smile of recognition. Who, after all, doesn't have such a story?

I thought it a marvelous idea, the perfect alternative to receiving or gifting the artifacts proposed as the subject of the book. The stocking stuffer would eliminate for both the giver and receiver the burden of an idea gone bad and serve as an acknowledgement of what good manners disallowed — to wit, only on rare occasions do such arrivals spark joy and thanksgiving.

For this reason, the cycle is naturally entrenched. We fall victim to a marauding spirit of generosity that begs we ignore the truth. Instead, we make well-meaning efforts to resurrect into the present something unique and storied rooted in our own memories. What better than a sumptuous slice of homemade heaven, made from recipes handed down from one generation to the next, steeped in arcane rituals known only to God and the cook?

Even Harry and David's \$10 apiece pears and Costco's tower of chocolates fail to dislodge these treasured foods traditional to many a southern house-

hold. Ode to joy is a "genuine" country ham, or a brick of a fruitcake redolent with lurid green and red maraschino cherries. It makes me swoon just to think of it.

As I marveled about all the possibilities inherent in the book project, my mind naturally turned to some stories of my own. The first that comes to mind is about the arduous pursuit associated with acquiring the perfect country ham, and then — spoiler alert — the tragedy that follows with the gradual disappearance of the ways and means.

Before I go further, let's be clear from the start: I am not talking about just any ole ham, and especially not the ham that arrives wrapped up like an inflated chunk of honey-baked candy. I am talking about the quintessential, salt cured, two-year-old country ham that has gone through the summer sweats, nursed toward its prime by a sage farmer who knew his way around a smoke house and a prime hog from a porky pig — and sorry, Virginia and North Carolina, but Kentucky wins this contest hands down.

Preparing this ham is a sacred trust, worthy of biblical instruction, but let it be known, every trusted recipe begins with the task of first finding the ham. It sounds simple enough but herein lies the difficulty. The ham that becomes the holy grail of pig parts must be first transformed by an old-fashioned method of curing over many months by an artisan incarnated as a farmer. There are only as many properly cured country hams as there are artisan farmers and believe me, among those who claim to be, few actually are. You have to eat a lot of bad ham to know the difference and by the time you figure it out, the master of kipper will probably have gone to his heavenly reward, your discovery made too late.

Only the hogs are jubilant regarding this change in circumstance.

Several stages must be navigated successfully over the course of your life-

time to be judged worthy of your own perfect ham. You begin as a humble novitiate. A spiritual guide first serves you a thin wafer of the sacred delicacy to test and educate your palate. The taste acquired and with groveling and displays of adoration, you are provided a few slices to take home. Your state of enlightenment deepens. This goes on for several years.

Finally, you confess your desire to recruit converts to this state of knowing. The elders give their blessing. You are initiated into the order of the ham. Your name is added to the coveted ham distribution list, but only after the Grim Reaper winnows a name or two so your turn eventually pops up. Then, one day, the inevitable happens, and the knowledge is lost that opens the door to the Shangri-La of porcine. The final stage? You are on your own.

Losing your ham connection can also happen by default based on a mistaken assumption that too much of a very good thing has got to be bad, and therefore regulated without mercy. That would be the posture of the U.S. government. A relentless bureaucracy put many a country entrepreneur out of business over health concerns associated with the old fashion practices used to achieve the perfect result.

Personally, death by country ham sounds like the perfect way to go, as long as it includes a hot, buttered biscuit and a puddle of grits. One can only dream. ■

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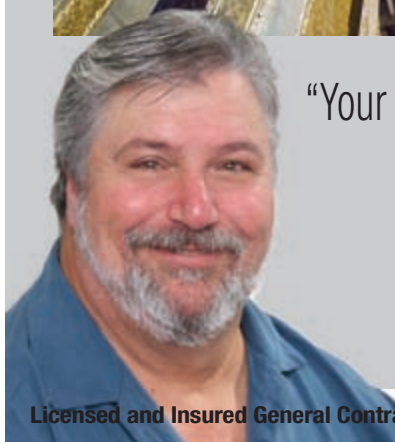
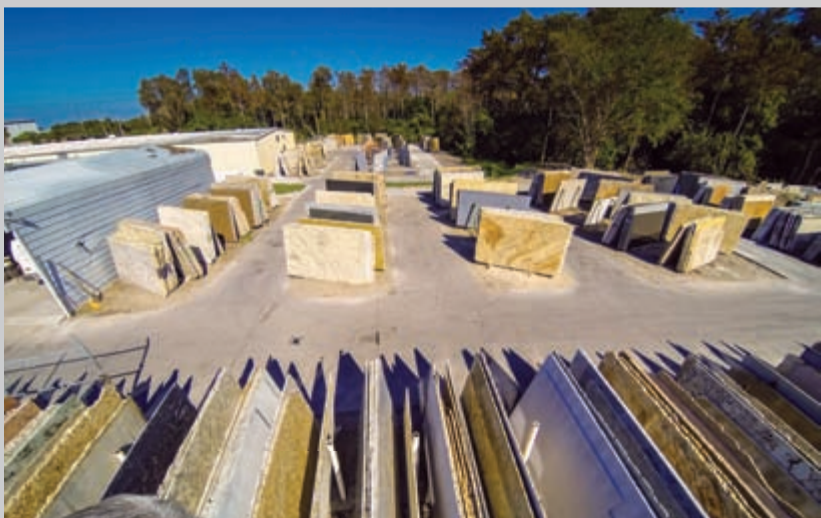
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- 1. "Evil Snowman's Cozy Cottage," first-place winner
- 2. "Ginger's Ale House," second place
- 3. "North Pole," third place
- 4. "Winter Wonderland," fourth place
- 5. Jahdea Gildin, Nicholas Goodman, Pyro Rodriguez and Ashley Okerstrom
- 6. Jayme Hilton and Mark Stalter from UltraCraft, winners of the "North Pole" gingerbread house
- 7. The Design Studio by Raymond demonstration kitchen

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FAMILY WAS EVERYTHING

Anne Wynn

Family was at the center of Annie Merle Echols-Wynn's existence. But her concept of family didn't just include those with whom she shared DNA; it also embraced the people in the communities she called home.

"No one could ever come into her house and leave hungry," said her son, Jerry Wynn. "Being a child of the Depression, without a mother, she went out of her way to make sure that no one left hungry. She was just a gentle, loving person. She wouldn't let anyone go without a phone call or a sympathy card if they lost someone. It was just the old Southern hospitality and making sure everyone was taken care of."

A longtime resident of Naples, Mrs. Wynn was 89 when she passed away last January, leaving behind five children, 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two sister, and, as two of her sons, Jerry and Tim Wynn, say, a legacy of treasuring the family unit and caring for those in need.

The Wynn brothers said it was no surprise that family was so important to their mother, given her difficult upbringing.

She was born in Montgomery, Ala., in 1925, one of seven children of William and Fannie Echols. Her mother passed away when she was 6 years

old, so along with two sisters and one brother, she was sent to Everglades City to live with an aunt and uncle. They lived in the laundry the couple operated, which is now home to the Everglades City Museum. After graduating from Everglades High School with five other students, she moved to Naples, where she worked at the electric power office.

Eventually, the entire Echols family moved from Alabama to Naples. "They were all about family. Everything in their entire life was about keeping the family together, whether it was for Thanksgiving or other holidays," Jerry Wynn said.

It was Mrs. Wynn's sister, Lurlene, who introduced her to her future husband, Don Wynn. They married in 1946 and their union lasted until Mr. Wynn's death in 2007. During that time, they not only raised a family, but were also made their mark among Naples' business community.

Mr. Wynn opened Naples' first modern grocery store in 1948. Wynn's Sunshine Super Market stood at the corner of Seventh Street and Fifth Avenue South, where the Wynn Building is today. He built a much larger store in 1953, further east on Fifth Avenue, that housed the grocery store and was the birthplace of the family's other enterprise, Sunshine Hardware.

In 1964, Mr. Wynn moved the businesses to a building he erected along Ninth Street in downtown Naples. They are still doing business there. The grocery store is now known as Wynn's Market. Tim Wynn oversees operations at that store and a location at Ocean Reef in Key Largo, along with Wynn's Catering in Naples.

Over the years, the hardware operation has expanded to Estero, Bonita Springs, Golden Gate, San Carlos Park, Marco Island, East Naples and Port Charlotte. Jerry Wynn served as the business' president for many years before turning over the reins to his nephew, Michael Wynn, in 2005.

Mrs. Wynn worked at the grocery store until the couple's third child, Jerry, was born. But despite a busy life as a homemaker, she still found time to make potato salad, cakes and pies for the store, even after a bakery was added. Her recipes for things such as coconut cake and hummingbird cake are still used there.

Cooking was both a passion and a talent for Mrs. Wynn, who prepared everything from scratch. Fried chicken, pot roast and strawberry shortcake were just a few of her signature dishes.

Whether it was making meals, cleaning or washing clothes, she also took time to impart to her children lessons in how to take care of home, the importance of family and respect and compassion for their fellow man.

"I grew up sitting on the kitchen counter watching Mom cook," Jerry Wynn said. "I learned from watching her and helping her around the house. We learned from watching. This all goes back to her gentle nature, and learning what family is and what it takes for families to get along."

Although she used a walker, Mrs. Wynn remained active and "sharp as a tack" until about two weeks



Don and Anne Wynn on their wedding day.



The Wynn family.

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before her death from a stroke, said Jerry Wynn. "If something was going on involving the family, she was there. Put her in the car and she was ready to go."

Her concern for others also remained strong until the end, his brother added. "When she passed away, I said she wanted to be the last person left alive on earth, not because she wanted to live that long, but because she wanted to make sure that there wasn't someone that didn't get a sympathy card or something, that there wasn't someone who didn't know how much she cared about them."



KIND AND NOBLE

Anthony La Paglia

"Be kind."

That plainspoken instruction is one Anthony LaPaglia emphasized with his four children throughout their lives

It's also something his children recalled when eulogizing their father at his Memorial Mass earlier this month in Rochester, N.Y.

"In my memory there is one particular guideline that I will never forget," said his son Steven, of Davidsonville, Md. "He told me before I got married to my wife Kim, be kind. He advised me when I was going to be a father, be kind. He coached me as a business leader, be kind. It's not a thing that I could ever be finished with — there isn't a finite end — but it's a goal worth always striving for. I think that I could do a lot worse than to be remembered for that. Thanks, Dad."

The dedicated family man, accomplished scientist and businessman, and mentor to struggling business owners passed away on Nov. 19 at his Marco Island home with Bernadette, his wife of 20 years, at his side. He was 85.

His widow recalled that same "gentle, noble demeanor" that first captured her heart remained very much intact throughout their marriage. "Even during the duration of his hospice, he was noble," she said.

"He was stunning, he was a perfect gentleman, he was kind," she said. "It just harkened back to that whole concept of being courted. He would send me flowers at work. Sometimes we would meet for breakfast. There was so much loveliness, caring, excitement and accomplishment."

The son of Sicilian immigrants, Mr. La Paglia was born in Rochester and educated in parochial schools before moving on to St. Bonaventure University. While earning a degree in biochemistry with aspirations of becoming a physician, he would also meet the first love of his life, Theresa Casper. Then he received his draft notice from the U.S. Army.

Following service as a drill instructor during the Korean War, he returned to his hometown in 1954, married and with a baby on the way. Eager to find employment, he was hired as a clinical chemist at Genessee Hospital. Later at Highland Hospital, Mr. La Paglia was part of a team that made breakthrough discoveries in two laboratory processes, which led to his being recruited by the analytical systems division of Rochester-based Bausch & Lomb.

He spent the rest of his professional career there, rising to vice-president of marketing, which required extensive international travel. He retired from the company as a division president.

"Even though he was everywhere with the market-



Bernadette and Anthony La Paglia

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ing initiatives, he never lost sight of being the family man that he was, the father that he was," Mrs. La Paglia said.

Cardiac issues forced Mr. La Paglia to take early retirement, but he kept busy by teaching a management course at the Rochester Institute of Technology for several semesters and helping small, start-up companies find their footing and beef up product lines and distribution channels.

In December of 1994, now widowed, he met Bernadette at a faculty reception at the University of Rochester, where she was attending graduate school. "When I was introduced to him, I thought this was the most handsome man I'd even seen," she said.

The new acquaintances began dating almost immediately. Just a few weeks later, on Christmas Day, he proposed and she accepted.

He had started coming to Marco in the 1970s for business conferences and it soon became a favorite family vacation spot, one that he shared with Bernadette after they married.

The couple moved to the island in 2002, leaving Rochester winters behind and enabling the athletic, 6-foot, 6-inch Mr. La Paglia to indulge in golf and tennis, year-round. He was active in those pursuits for several years, until beset by serious cardiac issues and then prostate cancer.

"In large part, our mutual interest were the arts, attending symphonies, we were both eager readers and we did some traveling," said Mrs. La Paglia, an artist, educator and registered nurse. "But perhaps my greatest gift to him was what would eventually emerge in my capacity as a caregiver," she added. "We were up against some really big health issues for him. Even in his vulnerability, he was still noble. Of course, in his last days, I was able to be his advocate and that was a privilege."



A RENAISSANCE MAN
Monte Lazarus

Monte Lazarus left his mark on Marco Island in myriad ways.

After moving to the city in 1989, the retired corpo-

rate attorney dedicated himself to a multitude of governmental and charitable pursuits.

For many years, Mr. Lazarus was a member of the Marco Island Planning Board, serving as chairman several times. Over time, he also served on the city's Code Enforcement Board, the Charter Review Committee and the planning committees for both Mackle Park and Veterans' Community Park.

At various times, he was also on the boards of the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation, the American Cancer Society, Greater Naples Leadership and several Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce committees.

Mr. Lazarus last served the community on Aug. 11, when he presided over the city's second ever code enforcement special magistrate hearing. Despite being weak from leukemia and the treatments for the disease, he was determined to fulfill his duties as magistrate.

"That was his dream, to become a magistrate, and he got to realize it," said his wife, Sandy Riedemann-Lazarus. "He enjoyed every minute of the time that he spent as magistrate. He was so sick that I think that was what kept him alive, to be a magistrate for the time that he was."

After a long battle with leukemia, Mr. Lazarus, 85, succumbed to the disease on Oct. 3 at Avow Hospice in Naples, with his wife at his side. He was a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army during the mid-1950s, and his ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Lazarus dealt with his illness in a courageous fashion, said Mrs. Lazarus, who is executive director of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce. "He accepted it and he never complained," she added. "He wanted to beat it. He tried to beat it, but he was very stoic about it. He never said woe is me or why me? He accepted the fact that this was his fate."

Known for possessing a quick wit and a sharp intellect, Mr. Lazarus rose from humble beginnings to carve out a distinguished career in business before coming to Southwest Florida.

He was born in the Bronx in 1930. His father, Harry, was the neighborhood butcher; his mother, Rose, made hats that she sold on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. He worked two jobs to pay his way at the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a degree in economics. Then it was off to Yale Law School, where he graduated in 1954.

After his stint in the army, he was an attorney for the U.S. Aeronautics Board from 1956 until 1973, before moving on to United Airlines, where he worked until retiring in 1989. He was the company's vice president of public affairs for two years before becoming senior vice president of external affairs.

Mr. Lazarus played a key role at United, acting as its liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration, supervising the preparation of regulatory cases before the federal Civil Aeronautics Board and the U.S. Department of Transportation. He was also the airline's chief negotiator with foreign governments, and he devised the company's position supporting federal airline deregulation, which became law in 1978.

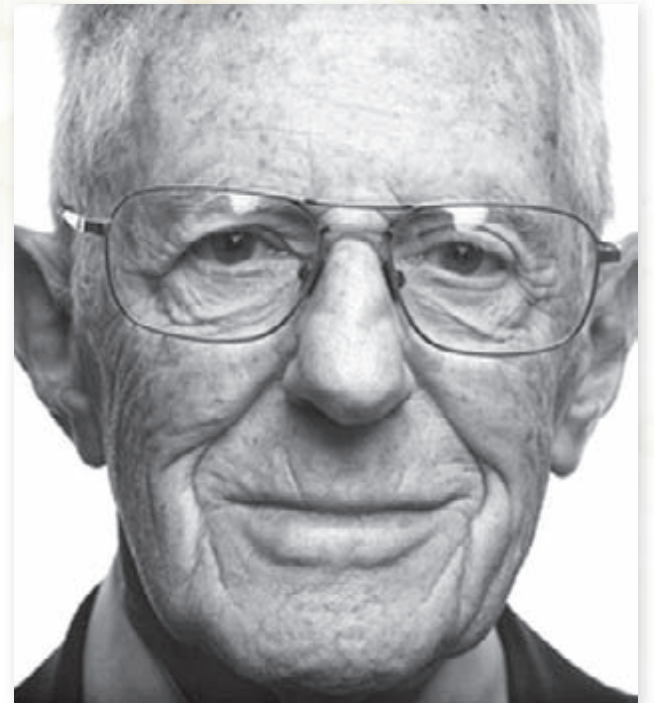
He received the William A. Patterson Award, United's highest honor, in 1979.

The then Sandi Riedemann met Monte Lazarus on Marco, through mutual friends. "His pick-up line was, 'Stick with me and fly free,'" because he still had flight privileges with United, she said with a laugh. They were together 17 years and married for 11.

"We had a lot of things in common," she said. "We both liked sports, football in particular. At that time, I'd wanted to start traveling. I was excited because I had a passport and he loved to travel. He loved to plan trips. He was always excited to show me things like the Eiffel Tower, London Bridge. He was really happy that he could show me things that I hadn't seen before. We also both had an interest in the community, so it worked out well."

Mrs. Lazarus described her husband as a renaissance man for his breadth of knowledge, and as someone who was humble, giving and forgiving, a loyal friend and intolerant of bigotry in any form.

"He opened the car door for me," she added. "He was very noble. He saw a lot in people that they didn't realize they had, that nobody else saw. Race, religion, that didn't matter to him. It was the person themselves."



A LIFE OF COMPASSION

Benno Benninga

Benjamin "Benno" Benninga's decency, compassion and respect for others were in sharp contrast to the treatment he and his family received while hiding from the Nazis during World War II.

The family — Mr. Benninga, his parents and his sister Mia — found sanctuary with two families in their home country, the Netherlands, as the Germans ravaged the populace and countryside and shipped thousands of Jews off to the hell of their concentration camps. But the Benningas' primary protectors eventually became their persecutors, heaping physical and mental abuse on the family during their stay.

Mr. Benninga died after a brief illness on Dec. 11 at Shell Point Retirement Community, where he and wife of 65 years, Carla, resided. He was 90 years old. Aside from his widow, the longtime Sanibel resident is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Gigi Benninga, and by his sister.

He was well known at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, where he occasionally gave lectures about his experiences during the war to students and community groups. He also brought many people to the museum so they could learn more about this dark period of history.

"Benno was a thoughtful, kind and gentle person," Amy Snyder, the museum's executive director, said, adding his absence has been felt by the museum staff and volunteers. "He had a kind word for everyone and had a gracious attitude toward all. His smile will certainly be missed."

He was born in Leeuwarden, Holland, and the Benninga family was prosperous during the pre-war years thanks to his father's shortening company. By 1942, they had moved to Amsterdam, where they shared a home with friends. Because of the family's business, they were exempted, but only temporarily, from the Germans' roundup of Jews. Later that year, they took shelter with Mr. Benninga's mother's seamstress, but the stay was cut short when the family's safety was compromised.

In exchange for a large sum of money, the family then hid out with a couple that agreed to take them in. But as the war stretched on, the wife began to threaten and abuse the family members during their two years in home. The situation was so dire that the family sought a new safe haven with a minister. The Netherlands was liberated by the Allies not long afterward.

After the war ended, Mr. Benninga met and married the former Carla Meijer, who'd also survived the Nazi pogrom by hiding. The couple immigrated to America.

Many years later, Mr. Benninga discovered his father's diary, which chronicled the family's travails during the war. He used the writings as the basis for a book he wrote detailing the experience. "In Hiding" was published in 2005.

"Each time a survivor shares his or her story, we get a better understanding of the breadth of experiences during the Holocaust," the museum's Ms. Snyder said. "Benno's story showed us that not all 'rescuers' were kind or altruistic, yet they still provided a safe haven during that time."



ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS

Robert Colantonio

Robert Colantonio was a mountain of a man — 6 feet 5 inches tall and about 250 pounds — whose physical size was far exceeded by that of his heart, his intellectual curiosity and his zest for life.

“He always did things for other people, and he was always helping others out,” said his wife of almost 13 years, Lesley Colantonio.

A Naples resident, Mr. Colantonio, 49, died last January from injuries sustained in a hit-and-run accident on I-75. He was riding his motorcycle. The Florida Highway Patrol is still seeking the driver who struck him from behind and left the scene.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by their three children and by his parents, brothers, sisters and a host of other family members and friends. They are left to treasure memories of a man who demonstrated a concern

for others in both his personal and private lives.

Norman Wedderburn, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, referred to Mr. Colantonio as “the gentle giant, because although he looked like he could be scary, he was quite the opposite,” Mrs. Colantonio, who is the senior events coordinator for the local Make-A-Wish office, said. “He had a great sense of humor and he was always so helpful.”

She recounted a simple story to illustrate her husband’s penchant for lending a helping hand: A friend had called to report she was stranded at a local mall because her car wouldn’t start. Mr. Colantonio came to her aid and determined the problem was a dead battery. “He just stayed with her to make sure AAA came and that her battery was charged correctly. That’s the kind of guy he was.”

Robert Colantonio was born in Rome, Italy, to Dominic and Brigitte Colantonio, natives of Italy and Germany, respectively, who now reside in Bonita Springs. His upbringing was nomadic, as his father’s duty stations with the U.S. Air Force shifted between various locales in Europe and America. After graduating from high school in Germany, Mr. Colantonio attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

While aviation was a lifelong interest, it was in the hospitality industry where he made his professional mark as a hotel general manager. He was overseeing both the Spring Hill Suites and the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Naples when he died.

He earned numerous awards during his professional career, while also showing himself to be the kind of boss employees appreciated. “He rarely had turnover because his employees respected him,” Mrs. Colantonio said. “After this happened, I heard from so many of them about how much he would be missed.”

The couple met in 1996 at an Orlando hotel where Mr. Colantonio was manager and Mrs. Colantonio was a sales coordinator. Both moved on to other jobs without getting to know one another, but they reconnected through their new jobs in 1998 and began dating.

Seven years her senior, he was quiet and reserved as compared to her outgoing personality. But they clicked and tied the knot in May of 2002.

“The more I got to talk to him — he was born in Rome, he was baptized in the Vatican — I was just fascinated,” his widow said. “He had traveled everywhere. His mother owned a successful tour travel company, and he would take people on tours to different countries. I think the fact that he was so worldly was what attracted me to him.”

She said he was wonderful father to Jonathan, Jennifer and Dominic, who were 19, 17 and 11 at the time of the accident. Mr. Colantonio was a Boy Scout and Cub Scout master while his sons were involved in local troops

“He was very into the kids,” Mrs. Colantonio added. “He took Jonathan and Dominic on all of their camping trips. He was very, very involved and loved to spend time with them. He was just a really, really great dad.”

Mr. Colantonio was known for being handy — he was building a plane in his garage — and he also enjoyed passing along his knowledge to his children to help foster their self-sufficiency.

He also found time for civic involvement, becoming active in Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish and Rotary, including the Rotary Club of Naples’s Gift of Life program that transports children from Third World countries for surgery in Naples.

He was making a short jaunt home after dropping off Dominick at a friend’s home when the accident happened. His wife first received a call from a friend who thought Mr. Colantonio might have been in an accident. Not long afterward came a knock at the door from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Their children are doing well in school (two are in college and the youngest in middle school) and for the most part, bearing up admirably in tragedy’s wake, Mrs. Colantonio said. As for herself, she is still adjusting.

“It’s definitely been challenging ... not having that other person to help with the parenting and to support you emotionally and financially,” she said. “I truly miss him every day.” ■

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Tony Spano, president of Home & Design Magazine, is excited to reintroduce the event.

"The local market is ready for us," Mr. Spano says. "The Luxury Home Show, is the perfect opportunity for people to see the area's leading home-related companies all in one location. We're bringing together the best in luxury



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home products and also service providers."

One of the biggest draws for the event is an appearance by interior design star and force behind the Thom Filicia Home Collection, Thom Filicia himself. Mr. Filicia will host a Q&A session from 1-2

p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Named among House Beautiful's Top 100 Designers, he is a celebrity designer in every sense of the word. His clients include Tina Fey, Jennifer Lopez, Peter Jennings, W Hotels and Delta Air Lines. He has appeared on TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," "Dress My Nest" and "Tacky House," among others, and he is the author of books including "Thom Filicia Style" and "American Beauty: Renovating & Decorating a Beloved Retreat."

After the Q&A, Mr. Filicia will sign copies of "American Beauty" in the Luxury Home Show booth for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, the charity recipient of a portion of book and ticket sales from the event.

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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Naples Chapter of the Americans United for Church and State and the ACLU of Florida-Collier Chapter** host a presentation by editor and author Rob Boston, director of communications for the national AUCS organization, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. All are welcome.

Mr. Boston is a nationally recognized authority on issues regarding the intrusions by church and state into individual liberties and institutions. His Naples presentation is titled "Are We a Christian Nation?" A reception begins at 6:30 p.m., and the program will be followed by a question-and-answer period. \$10 donation recommended but not required.

■ **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 Jan. 2 and 16. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **The Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Jan. 5. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organiza-

tions are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bitly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools.

Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ **The Naples Doll Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2900 County Barn Road in Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 6 and 20. Meetings and workshops are open to all who love and enjoy the beauty of dolls from antique to contemporary. For more information, call 530-0010 or email wlm34112@gmail.com.

■ **The Naples chapter of Ikebana International** meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in the FGCU Research Center at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. Admission is free. There will be a full ginza or marketplace with ikebana materials. Non-members are asked to email ikebananaples@gmail.com to RSVP. For more information about the organization, visit ikebananaples.com.

■ **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Jan. 6. The chapter also invites the public to a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. The next breakfast is Jan. 10. 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. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

■ Visitors who own or admire Corvettes are welcome to attend **Corvettes of Naples** meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Jan. 7. For more information, visit corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ **The Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Quail Creek Country Club. Guest speaker Kelly Stigliano will present "Messy Places." and Robert and Carole Leher will discuss their book, "Naples Beach Homes: Cottages, Castles, and the Families that Built Them." Music will be by the group Rejoice under the direction of Gordon Bleigh.

Cost is \$28. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 514-2207 or emailing cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ **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 Jan. 11. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnorthhoff@gmail.com.

■ **The Southwest Florida Wisconsin Club** welcomes current and former Wisconsinites and others to join members for

lunch at various places around Naples on the second Monday of the month. All are welcome, especially current and former Wisconsinites. The first luncheon of the New Year is Jan. 11. For more information, call 254-8812.

■ **The Florida Poetry Club** invites writers and admirers of poetry to its open mic programs from 4-5 p.m. at The Norris Center on the following Mondays: Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 14. Poets should bring three to five of their original poems. After the session, all are welcome to join the group for dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of the center. For more information, call (440) 554-1144 or email formulawriting@hotmail.com.

■ **The Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. For the Jan. 12 meeting, guest speaker Marsha Kreucher will present "A Game of Clues: Researching Adoptions," using a case study to provide practical advice on available resources and how to turn clues into proof of ancestry. The Feb. 9 program will be about historic documents from the Revolutionary War era, with guest speaker Jim Reis.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings begins at 7 p.m. Parking and entrance to the fellowship hall are in back of the church. Admission is free, and guests are always welcome. For reservations or more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit thegscc.org.

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■ **Jan. 7:** Judy White of Jade Orchids presents "Landscaping with Orchids." Ms. White and her husband, Dave, have operated their orchid nursery for more than 23 years.

■ **Jan. 14:** Joel Toledo of Green Door

Nursery presents "Spring Bloomers," about how to brighten your yard or lanai with colorful plants.

■ **Jan. 21:** Tom Becker, a horticulture assistant in the Charlotte County UF/IFAS extension office, presents "Water in Your Landscape: When Less is More."

■ **Jan. 28:** Master Gardener Chris Gilbert discusses "Design Principles of Landscaping." Mr. Gilbert was a production assistant for "The Victory Garden" on PBS and also produced and directed "The Joy of Gardening." He has worked with many "how-to" celebrities, including Bob Vila, Martha Stewart and Julia Child. ■



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Step out for the WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk

BY MARY WOZNIAK
Special to Florida Weekly

Tom and Dianna Skinner have let their feet do the walking for the Harry Chapin Food Bank for seven years, and they're not stopping now. They're going to join the thousands who will step up to fight hunger in Southwest Florida by stepping out to take part in the 2016 WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk.

The eighth annual walk, which sets out at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. This year's goal is \$330,000.

The Skinners will make the 2-mile trek around Miramar Outlets in Estero with their long-time team, The Heritage

Palm Striders from Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club in Fort Myers. Mr. Skinner, a retired engineer, serves as team captain.

"It's not for the exercise," he says about the family-friendly and pet-friendly event. "It's a social event that helps spread the word about a need in the community."

The Harry Chapin Food Bank provides food to a network of more than 150 agencies throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Of the 30,000 people it feeds per month, half are children and seniors.

Before they came down to Fort Myers for a visit, the Skinners contacted the Harry Chapin Food Bank and signed up to volunteer during their vacation. The connection continued after they moved here,



The 2-mile stroll draws a crowd of thousands to Miramar Outlets.

and the couple has worked at the food bank for three hours one day a week for the last 11 years.

"Hopefully we can help in some small

way to make sure people have some decent food to eat," Mrs. Skinner, a retired pre-school teacher, said.

When they first began to volunteer, the Skinners were surprised at the amount of need they saw in the Southwest Florida community. That same surprise is expressed by others who participate in the WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk.

"The area appears to be very affluent," said Dick Schweers, chairman of the Estero Fire Rescue Board. "But the number of hungry people here blows me away."

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Learn how prescribed wildfires benefit wildlife and people when Greg Curry, an environmental specialist at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, presents the next Lunch 'n' Learn lecture from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Education Center, 300 Tower Road off Collier Boulevard.

Because of the diversity of habitats and elevations, the proximity to developed land and associated changes in hydrology, the prescribed fire program at Rookery Bay is an important tool for preserving native biodiversity. The reserve, which encompasses 110,000 acres of coastal lands and

waters, includes a variety of ecosystems from mangroves and pine flatwoods to freshwater wetlands and rare xeric oak habitats in high relict dune ridges.

Cost is \$10 for Friends of Rookery Bay members, \$15 for others, and includes lunch from Carrabba's. The remaining lectures in the Lunch 'n' Learn series are:

- Feb. 2: "A Snapshot in Time: Trends in Coastal Habitats," by Kevin Cunniff
- March 1: "Changes in Estuarine Fish Nurseries," by Patrick O'Donnell
- April 5: "Deepwater Horizon: Five Years Later," by Gary Lytton

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 530-5972 or by visiting rookerybay.org. ■

WALK

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of food, the equivalent of about 15.3 million meals. In Lee County alone, 14.7 percent of residents, or nearly 93,000 people, often don't know where their next meal will come from, according to Feeding America's 2015 "Map the Meal Gap" study.

In Collier County, the statistics are 12.5 percent of residents, or about 41,000 people.

Mr. Schweers' team, the Firefightin' Irish, is co-chaired by Susan Lindenmuth, public information officer for Estero Fire Rescue. The team is composed of members of the Notre Dame Club (Mr. Schweers is past president), the United Irish Club and Estero firefighters (Estero Fire Rescue always has a truck stationed at the hunger walk).

For each donated dollar, the food bank can provide \$6 in food value to the community. This means the walk could provide nearly \$2 million in food if it reaches its \$330,000 goal. ■

— Mary Wozniak is the marketing and communications manager for the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

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One-man arsenal

According to the flabbergasted sheriff of rural Chesterfield County, S.C., "This has completely changed our definition of (what constitutes) an 'ass-load' of guns." Brent Nicholson, 51, had been storing more than 7,000 firearms (most of them likely stolen) in his home and a storage building on his property. Every room of the house was stacked with weapons, and it took

four tractor-trailer trips to haul everything away, with help of 100 law-enforcement officers. Mr. Nicholson also had 500 chainsaws, at least 250 taxidermied deer, elk and alligator heads, and more. No motive was obvious to deputies. (Mr. Nicholson would still be living in the shadows today if he hadn't run that stop sign on Oct. 21 with bogus license plates on his truck.) ■

Police report

The Human Fanny Pack: Brandon Wilson, 26, was arrested in November in Cedar Rapids, Iowa — his second bust of 2015 in which a substantial number of crack cocaine "baggies" were found in his rectum. Fifty-one were recovered

this time (counting the ones with marijuana), down from the 109 discovered in his February arrest. Police in November also found \$1,700 cash on him (but just in his pocket). ■

Leading economic indicators

■ Following the release of Apple's yearly financials in October (and based on sales of its iPhone 6), the company announced that, apart from other assets, it was sitting on \$206 billion in cash — about like owning the entire gross domestic product of Venezuela, but all in cash. Another way of expressing it: Using only its cash, Apple could buy every single NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL team, plus the 20 most valuable international soccer teams — and still have plenty left. Or, as the BGR.com blog also pointed out, it could instead simply give every man, woman and child in America \$646 (coincidentally, about what a new iPhone 6 sells for).

the CEO of the massive online retailer Overstock.com believes there is a "10 to 20 percent" chance of a world financial meltdown in the next few years, and he is arranging to be back in business in the aftermath. Patrick Byrnes told the *New York Post* in November he has stashed away enough food in a well-fortified facility in Utah's Granite Mountain to serve his 2,000 employees for "30 to 60 days," along with several thousand other emergency preparations and \$10 million in gold. But, he insisted, he's not a gun-toting "prepper"; the plan is only about tiding employees over until the Internet and banking systems are back up and running. ■

■ Even if Armageddon doesn't happen,

The continuing crisis

■ In November in Harare, Zimbabwe, Mison Sere, 42, was judged winner of the 4th annual "Mister Ugly" contest after showcasing his seemingly random dental arrangement (some teeth there, some not) and "wide range of grotesque facial expressions," according to an Associated Press dispatch. However, many in the crowd thought their favorite was even uglier and threatened to riot. "I am naturally ugly," said a jealous (former winner) William Masvinu; "He (Sere) is ugly only when he opens his mouth."

was charged with driving her daughter and several other minors around Riverdale, Utah, in August to facilitate their tossing eggs at 10 to 20 homes. Some damage was reported, but so far, Ms. Terry is the only one charged. (2) Mandy Wells, 32, told police that she thought "for a minute" that it was a bad idea, "but did it anyway" — she invited 10 kids (aged 12 to 14) to her home for a party and served beer and marijuana. Ms. Wells, of Springtown, Texas, said her daughter, 14, smokes marijuana because the girl (go figure) suffers from depression.

■ Cool Moms? (1) Jennifer Terry, 44,

Wait, what?

Kuala Lumpur International Airport took out ads in two Malaysian daily newspapers in December to find the owners of three Boeing 747-200Fs parked there for months (one for at least a year) and threatening to auction

them off in 14 days if not claimed. Two are white, and one is "off-white" (if the reader is checking his inventory). The planes' last listed owner said it sold them in 2008. ■

Updates

■ Russian artist Pyotr Pavlensky, 31, has devoted his career to getting on the government's nerves and succeeded once again in November. (News of the Weird last mentioned him in 2013 when he nailed his scrotum to the floor in Moscow's Red Square to protest police oppression.) In his latest event, he set fire to the front door of the headquarters of Russia's security service (the FSB, formerly KGB) and has been detained — though from his cell, he demanded his charge of "vandalism" be changed to "terrorism." A member of the Russian band Pussy Riot called the

door fire "the most important work of contemporary art of recent years." Mr. Pavlensky once sewed his lips together protesting arrests of Pussy Riot.

■ Following prosperous news reported here (from New York, the Czech Republic and Massachusetts), the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster of New Zealand announced on Dec. 10 that the country's official records now recognize the church as a legal sanctioner of marriages. The church must now nominate an "official marriage celebrant" (who will be known as "His Noodle Honour"). ■



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Adonis Autism invites community to learn about cohousing project

Adonis Autism Inc. invites South-west Florida families with young or adult children with autism or other disabilities to a presentation on plans to develop Osprey Village, a cohousing community designed with residents' current and long-term needs in mind. The program takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6926 Trail Blvd.



A conceptual rendering of the Osprey Village community center by HLevel Architecture.

Osprey Village in Collier County is envisioned as an eco-friendly community where parents with young or adult children with autism or other disabilities can raise their families in a multi-generational environment where they thrive personally and socially. Plans include providing opportunities for recreation, education and skills training as well as long-term care for parents and children with disabilities as they age.

Terry Kays, president of the Adonis Autism board of directors, says the goal is to keep families together and adds that cohousing communities across the country have demonstrated that such

environments provide a reinforcing and ongoing community of support for those who reside in them.

Mr. Kays says Osprey Village will present the opportunity to create a local solution to long-term housing problems faced by many of these families by allowing them to join together to develop and finance an affordable and sustainable cohousing community.

There is no charge to attend the Jan. 9 presentation, but reservations are requested. Call 450-6060 or visit adonisautism.org. ■

Scholar presents 'Life in the Shadow of Islam'

The Jewish Federation of Collier County and the Zionist Organization of America presents Mordechai Kedar and "Life in the Shadow of Islam" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Chabad Jewish Center of Naples, 1789 Mandarin Road.

A pre-eminent Israeli scholar of Arabic literature, Mr. Kedar is a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, where he holds a Ph.D. in Islamic history and culture. His presentation will highlight the condi-

tions to which Jews and Christians have been mandated to live under Islamic suzerainty from the time of Mullah Omar and how those depredations have continued under the resurgence of Islamic radicalism.

Admission is \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door (\$7 for students). Make checks payable to ZOA/SWFL and mail to 4003 Upolo Lane, Naples, FL 34119. For more information, call (914) 329-1024. ■

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Naturalist Linda Koreny leads the new Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Tour.

Discover the strand with help from Friends of Fakahatchee

This January, you can experience the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve four different ways. Wet or dry, walking or riding, it's your choice with the Friends of Fakahatchee adventures scheduled throughout the month.

Most visitors to the 85,000-acre park east of Naples find the Ghost Rider Tram Tour the best introduction to Florida's largest and most remote state park. A naturalist leads each 2½-hour outing and points out interesting aspects of the park. The tour includes a 15-minute walk down an old logging path to see air plants, a variety of ferns and seasonally blooming orchids. Tours begin at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

The new Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Tour features high-tech headsets that let participants hear the story of this natural wonder clearly. The 2,300-foot boardwalk north of the Tamiami Trail is sheltered by bald cypress trees, many of them hundreds of years old. It

passes an active eagle nest and ends at an occupied gator pond. The 90-minute tour begins at 9 a.m. every Thursday.

The Fakahatchee Tram Tour and Swamp Walk combines a guided tram tour of the park's main road with a 90-minute swamp walk. Many participants enjoy the wet portion of the adventure so much that they return for the park's longer swamp walk. This adventure is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Many Florida visitors list the Original Fakahatchee Swamp Walk as one of their most memorable experiences. This five-hour adventure takes participants into the strand wading in knee-deep water, surrounded by a profusion of air plants and orchids. It sets out at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 16.

For details and required reservations, visit orchidswamp.org and click on "Tours and Events." ■

Shipwrecks and alligators are focus of upcoming Marco museum lectures

Marine archaeologist Jeff Moates returns to the Marco Island Historical Museum, this time with "Dispatches of the Deep," an exploration of Spanish shipwrecks off the Florida coastline, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Spanish ships have navigated Florida waters for more than 500 years. Mr. Moates' lecture will highlight the evidence underwater archaeologists have uncovered of failed colonies, far-ranging trade networks and the treasure or plate fleet (from the Spanish "plata" meaning silver) doomed to a watery death by hurricanes, coastal reefs, shallow shores and pirates.

Many of these wrecks have been discovered in waters shallow enough to be explored. Mr. Moates has been involved in several of these important finds and has trained other divers in the art of underwater research. He is currently the director of the West Central Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network in Tampa. Prior to his association with FPAN, he was an underwater archaeologist for the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research in Tallahassee and also was a curator with the Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez. He earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's in history/historical archaeology at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Also coming up

You see them sunning themselves along the highway or hear about them visiting a neighbor's pool, but what do you really know about the Florida alligator? Master Naturalist Bob McCo-



Marine archaeologist Jeff Moates

nville focuses on the habits and habitat of the formidable reptile as guest lecturer at the museum Wednesday, Jan. 13. Guests will be able to get up close and personal with a live gator accompanying Mr. McConville. Be sure to bring your camera.

A member of the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, Mr. McConville is the founder of Stepping Stone Ecotours, a group of environmental scientists, naturalists and biologists who conduct boardwalk tours at Big Cypress National Preserve. He is also an avid nature photographer, whitewater rafter, hiker and mountain climber. He returns to the museum for lectures about other Florida wildlife on March 16 and April 13.

Admission to the above lectures at the Marco Island Historical Museum is free for members of the Marco Island Historical Society and \$5 for others. The museum is at 180 S. Heathwood Drive on Marco Island. For more information, call 389-6447 or visit theMIHS.org. ■

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Community invited to groundbreaking at Avow campus

Avow invites the community to the celebratory groundbreaking for its newest building, The Lyon Palliative Care and Hospice Center, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, on the Avow campus at 1095 Whippoorwill Lane in Naples. Guest speakers include Drs. Diane Meier and Sean Morrison, national leaders in the field of palliative care, and Avow benefactress Thelma Lyon.

The center will serve as the new home for Avow's palliative care and hospice clinical teams and its community bereavement programs. It will be adjacent to the Ispiri community center on the southeast side of the campus.

Mrs. Lyon has been engaged in the national conversation about palliative care for many years, and her generosity has made the new center at Avow possible.

"Thelma is extremely passionate about advancing this new kind of care in our local community," AVOW President and CEO Jaysen Roa said. "She also helped us secure the guest speakers for our groundbreaking ceremony."

Drs. Meier and Morrison are co-directors of the Patty and Jay Baker National Palliative Care Center at Mount Sinai in New York. Both are published, award-winning physicians who have appeared many times on television and in print media, Mr. Roa added.

The Lyon Palliative Care and Hospice Center, an interdisciplinary facility, will be built with ongoing community support garnered through the Promise 2 Give Campaign for Avow, which is dedicated to growing palliative care programs for adults and children and sustaining hospice services at Avow.

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Annual survey shows drug-use trends remaining stable or declining among teens

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The 2015 Monitoring the Future survey shows decreasing use of a number of substances, including cigarettes, alcohol, prescription opioid pain relievers and synthetic marijuana. Use of other drugs, including marijuana, remains stable, with continued high rates of daily use reported among 12th graders and ongoing declines in perception of its harms.

The MTF survey measures drug use and attitudes among eighth, 10th and 12th graders. Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, it has been conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor since 1975.

For the first time, daily marijuana use exceeds daily tobacco cigarette use among 12th graders. Daily marijuana use for this group remained relatively stable at 6 percent, compared to 5.5 percent reporting daily cigarette smoking (down from 6.7 percent in 2014).

"We are heartened to see that most illicit drug use is not increasing, non-medical use of prescription opioids is decreasing, and there is improvement in alcohol and cigarette use rates," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of NIDA. "However, continued areas of concern are the high rate of daily marijuana smoking seen among high school students, because of marijuana's potential deleterious effects on the developing brains of teenagers, and the high rates of overall tobacco products and nicotine containing e-cigarettes usage."

Other highlights from the 2015 survey:

- Use of many illicit drugs has trended down. Among high school seniors, 23.6 percent report using an illicit drug in the past month, with 7.6 percent reporting they used an illicit drug other than marijuana.

- Perception of marijuana use as risky continues to decline, with 31.9 percent of seniors saying regular use could be harmful, compared to 36.1 percent last year.

- Past year use of synthetic marijuana is at 5.2 percent for 12th graders, down significantly from 11.4 in 2011, the first year it was measured in the survey.

- Past year use of heroin, typically



very low among teens, is at an all-time low at 0.3 percent for eighth graders and 0.5 for 10th and 12th graders.

- Use of MDMA (also known as Ecstasy or Molly), inhalants and LSD is generally stable or down. In 2015, 3.6 percent of seniors reported past year use of MDMA, compared to 5 percent in 2014.

- Non-medical use of the prescription amphetamine Adderall, typically given for ADHD, remains high at 7.5 percent among 12th graders.

- Use of prescription opioids continues its downward trend, with 4.4 percent of high school seniors reporting non-medical use of Vicodin (hydrocodone and acetaminophen), down from a peak of 10.5 percent in 2003.

- Most teens abusing prescription opioids report getting them from friends or family members. However, one-third report getting them from their own prescriptions, underscoring the need to monitor teens taking opioids and to evaluate prescribing practices.

- Cigarette smoking rates have greatly declined among teens in recent years. For example, among 10th graders, there has been a 54.9 percent drop in daily smoking in just five years, reported at

just 3 percent this year compared to 6.6 percent five years ago.

- More than 75 percent of high school seniors view smoking a pack or more a day as harmful, compared to 51.3 percent in 1975, the first year of the survey.

- Roughly twice as many boys as girls report using e-cigarettes (21.5 percent to 10.9 percent).

- Alcohol use continues its gradual downward trend among teens, with significant changes seen in the past five years in nearly all measures.

- Binge drinking (described as having five or more drinks in a row within the past two weeks) is 17.2 percent among seniors, down from 19.4 percent last year and down from peak rates in 1998 at 31.5 percent.

- 37.7 percent of 12th graders say they have been drunk in the past year, compared to 41.4 percent in 2014 and 53.2 percent in 2001, when rates were highest for that group.

Overall, 44,892 students from 382 public and private schools participated in the 2015 MTF survey. Additional information on the survey can be found at samhsa.gov/data/population-data-nsduh. ■

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Registration for the winter 2016 spiritual intensive program based on the teachings of Eckhart Tolle ("The Power of Now") is underway. Facilitated by Linda Allen, who has been a student of Mr. Tolle for 13 years, and managed by Donna Carty, the six-week program with the theme of "Living from the Depths of Being: If Not Now, When?" meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 28-March 3, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way.

Each session will begin with a guided meditation and continue with a DVD

selection of Mr. Tolle's teachings that build on his words: "To know yourself as the Being underneath the thinker, the stillness underneath the mental noise, the love and joy underneath the pain, is freedom, salvation, enlightenment."

Registration is \$35 for the series. Attendance is limited to the first 50 people who sign up by sending a check or money order (payable to Ms. Carty) to 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34110. Include your name, email address and phone number. For more information, call Ms. Carty at 784-7734 or email journeypresence@gmail.com. ■

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Krieg Architects. Construction will be facilitated by Deangelis Diamond Construction.

The new facility will be the fourth building on Avow's 15-acre campus. The E&L Smith Administration Center was built in 1992. The Frances George-Hospice House inpatient unit was built in 2003, and the Ispiri community center was added in 2010.

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In fact, all cats are. They love to lurk and prowl and chase and pounce. An indoor cat doesn't have the opportunity to go after real prey (unless you have mice in your home), but he still has strong hunting instincts. This genetic coding doesn't disappear just because he lives a royal lifestyle in your home and has his meals delivered on the feline equivalent of a silver platter.

When a cat's need to hunt isn't fulfilled with live action, he turns to the next best thing: feet moving beneath the covers, hands dangling at an owner's side, arms, legs, you name it. Instead of letting a kitten believe your body parts are fair game, provide him with toys that will satisfy his urge to hunt as well as save your skin.

It's all too easy to accidentally encourage kittens to bite or scratch in play, but this type of aggressive behavior can turn into a big, painful problem as the kitten gets bigger. Never "arm wrestle" with a young cat, and keep some distance between you through play with toys that don't involve direct contact with the kitten. When kitten teeth or claws touch human skin, screech loudly and immediately walk away. Kittens learn fast that



Keeping kittens and cats busy with toys will help them learn not to play rough with family members.

playing rough ends the game, especially when there are other things to play with.

Cats like toys they can stalk, chase, pounce on and bite. Turn your home into an indoor hunting ground with perches for watching the outdoor world go by (such as a window-box bird feeder), scratching posts for paw marking and nail maintenance, cat trees for climbing, resting and observing, and an ever-changing assortment of toys, toys, toys.

Puzzle toys are particularly good for giving your cat an outlet for his hunting instincts and ensuring that he keeps his sleek, sinewy physique. Wands with feathers or other dangly bits and wind-up or battery-operated toys that move on their own excite a cat's chase instinct. Balls inside a track let him paw for "prey," just as if he were exploring a mouse hole. The fast, erratic motion of laser pointers

and flashlights increase a cat's ability to think and move quickly. (Direct the beam up and down the stairs to give him a real workout.) And don't forget the classic catnip-filled mice for rolling and rabbit-kicking under the influence.

To keep your cat interested in his toys, change them out every few days. If he sees the same ones over and over again, he'll get bored and look for something new to play with. Cats being who they are, it will probably be something expensive or fragile that you don't want him to treat as a toy.

Those laser pointers, flashlights and wand toys have especially high value to cats because they are just so darn much fun. Bring them out less often than other toys, and limit the amount of time your cat is allowed to play with them. For some cats these toys are addictive, and they will stand in front of the closet where the laser or wand is stored and yowl plaintively until they are brought out.

Remember, if you give in even once, you have just taught your cat exactly how to manipulate you. To help soften your cat's disappointment when these favorite toys go up, reward him with a treat afterward or give him another favorite toy, like a catnip mouse.

The word "toy" just doesn't seem to cover how important these items are to our pets, especially an indoor cat. Indulge your pet with the gift of play, and you'll both be happier for it. ■

Pets of the Week



>>Eva is a sweet and affectionate 2-year-old, 45-pound terrier bully mix. A real wiggle-butt, she loves to play and go on walks.



>>Hunter is a handsome 1-year-old terrier bully who weighs about 43 pounds. He loves everyone and is eager for training.



>>Suzy Q is an awesome, well-mannered 2½-year-old domestic short-hair who loves to be held and petted.



>>Syrus is a friendly 2-year-old domestic shorthair who wants to find his forever family.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit colliergov.net/pets.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Here's to a hangover-free New Year's Day



There was a time when your Diva just adored New Year's Eve — sparkling in a too-tiny \$14.99 dress from the juniors rack at Ross Dress for Less and teetering in towering heels that would have tormented my tootsies had it not been for several glasses of champagne creating a comfortable numbing effect.

Add to the picture of festiveness some big hair, big jewelry and even bigger expectations, and you've got the '80s and '90s New Year's Eve party version of moi.

I remember one sunny New Year's Day when I was working at a tiki-type restaurant on Fort Myers Beach. We had to be there by 7 a.m. despite our New Year's Eve shenanigans at a ladies-drink-free dance club the night before. I was 25 and feeling quite peppy, ready to greet the first day of 1989, as I happily tied on my apron, whistling a little tune. My party partner from the night before, Karen, who was in her 40s, was moving slowly and groaning as if in pain.

"What's wrong, Karen?" I chirped (probably too loudly). "Last night was a BLAST. You're not coming down with something, are you?"

"I'm so hung over. Please be quiet, child," she rasped.

To which I innocently responded, "What's 'hung over'? What does that mean?"

It's a miracle that Karen didn't kill me that morning.

It wasn't until I began to age that I understood her misery. Karen only had a few glasses of cheap chardonnay at the club, but it didn't matter, because it seems the older you get, the harder you hang. I know. The couple of Cosmos that used to give you a little headache the next morning now infect you with full-on Vodka Flu for two days afterward. It is, obviously, not fair. But neither are colonoscopies — something else that most 25-year-olds have never heard of.

So, as we prepare to welcome 2016, it's time for your Diva, as a public service to her dear readers, to roll out her annual list of New Year's Eve preventive measures and New Year's Day hangover cures. Some revelers will need a little bit of each, I'm certain.

■ **Don't drink. Forgo the grape and offer instead to be the designated driver.** I've always maintained that there's a special place in heaven for designated drivers — and not just for ensuring safer roads for all, but for putting up with obnoxious drunk people. Also, it is fully within your rights to hold blackmail photos/videos of your friends' party antics and post them on Facebook should they ever dare cross you. Biggest advantage: No hangover.

■ **If you do imbibe, eat a hearty meal before the party.** I'm not talking

about sushi or salad. You can start your diet on Jan. 1. I'm talking about REAL FOOD, food that soaks up alcohol — a bacon double cheeseburger and fries, perhaps, or macaroni and cheese and a loaf of bread, or an entire tuna noodle casserole with spaghetti on the side.

Eat, people, EAT. Drinking (even a little) on an empty stomach will make you tipsy in a New York minute and might even make you feel like you were roofied the next morning (you weren't roofied, I promise — you just forgot to eat).

■ **Between each festive beverage, enjoy a refreshing glass of ice water.** Because hangovers are mainly the result of dehydration, water is your friend.

■ **Never mix, never worry.** If you've been sipping white wine all evening, don't switch to a chocolate martini at 9 p.m. To avoid regrets the next day, dance with the one that brought ya' all night.

■ **If you find yourself ringing in 2016 with a vengeance and forget to follow any of my experienced advice, then before you stumble into bed, take 500 milligrams of vitamin B complex with a BIG glass of water and two Advil.** It's my personal home remedy that heads a hangover off at the pass — or at least it did before I turned 40. It actually doesn't really work as well anymore. Sorry.

■ **And, finally, whatever you do: Don't drink and drive, not even a short distance, under any circum-**



stances. There are lots of serious reasons not to, but here's some extra motivation: There's usually plenty of checkpoints all over Southwest Florida on New Year's Eve, and if you've only had a "couple glasses of wine," you're probably not going to pass a breathalyzer test, and if you refuse to take the test, you spend the night in the pokey anyway. So, plan ahead. Seriously.

Also, local media outlets post online photo galleries of DUI mug shots — and nobody looks festive in orange jail garb under bad fluorescent lighting.

Please stay safe and have a divalicious New Year's Eve! And if you're in your 20s, please save this column for New Year's Eve 2032. Trust me, you'll need it. Cheers! ■

— A version of this column originally ran on Dec. 31, 2014.

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

“They don’t have to go to a car wash and wait for hours ... or have to come back and pick up the car. It’s a lot easier for them to call us and we go right to their spot and take care of everything.”

— Alex Lopez, Shiny Apple Mobile Auto Detailing



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Shiny Apple brings the car wash to you.

To your doorstep

South Florida businesses take the show on the road

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Navigating busy roads may be near the bottom of your list of good ways to spend time. If only that yoga instructor or gourmet chef or car detailing place could come to you. Well, in many cases, they can. Mobile business in the age of convenience is full of variety. Here are nine examples, South Florida businesses that capitalize on convenience, and provide a service for people who are homebound or not terribly mobile themselves. They show up on your doorstep or in the case of one new smartphone app, find vetted professionals who can. So pay yourself a dividend, pour yourself a double, kick your feet up on the coffee table with a tin of chocolates this holiday season, and just phone it in.

Auto detailing

Shiny Apple Mobile Auto Detailing has been coming to homes for 15 years now with a wide range of washing and detailing services for cars, boats, RVs, motorcycles and airplanes throughout Southwest Florida. Co-founder Alex Lopez and his business partner Alex Ballesteros survived the lean years of the Great Recession and the business lately has been on the upswing.

“It seems like it’s time to grow,” said Mr. Lopez, who is looking at expanding into the West Palm Beach area in 2016. “We’re getting old customers back and getting new customers from the website.”

Based in Cape Coral, Shiny Apple with its three-van fleet travels to homes and businesses in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties.

“They don’t have to go to a car wash and wait for hours,” Mr. Lopez said, “or have to come back and pick up the car. It’s a lot easier for them to call us and we go right to their spot and take care of



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Angel Black airbrushes a bronze topcoat on a client.

everything.”

Prices range from \$35 for a basic wash, wax and interior cleaning to a complete three- to five-hour detail for around \$150 depending on the size and condition of the vehicle.

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minds, perhaps only health and time itself ... thank you for all you do each day, for your patience, your guidance, and your care. Thank you so very much to the thousands of seasonal and full time residents I have worked with and represented over the years who in so many direct and indirect ways have contributed to the privilege of working as well as earning a living for my family in our Naples community. Thank you to the staff, co-workers, associates, receptionists, attorneys, paralegals, title insurance companies, Naples Area Board of Realtors staff, building contractors, architects, interior designers, marine contractors, assistants, surveyors, fellow Realtors, security personnel, graphic designers, advertising representatives, landscaping services, painting contractors, company management, inspectors, building management service personnel, photographers, and so very many others with whom I work throughout each and every year. Every best wish for each of you in the New Year as well as to our Naples community ... the place we all call home ... thank you again. With gratitude, a thank you to all for your help, your time, and for the work you do for others. There is so very much to be grateful for in so many ways. All the very best wishes for health, safety and prosperity ... see you in New Year.

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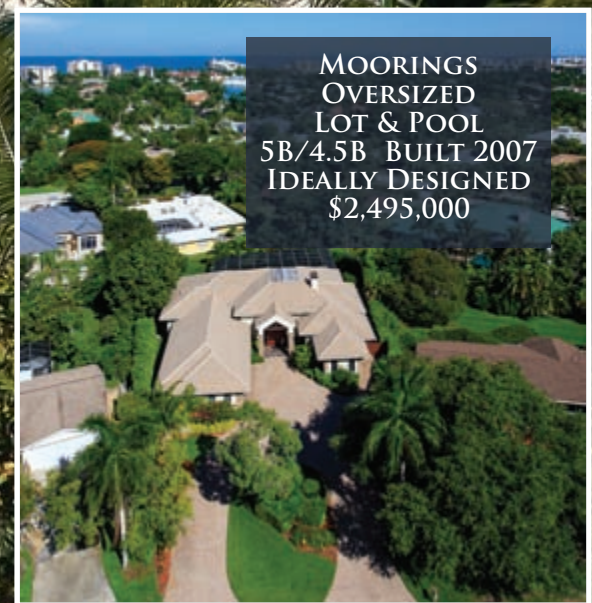
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New retail paradigm chips away at store profits

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I think my 7-year-old twin boys had a pretty darn good Christmas. After all, they live in the same town as their grandparents and great aunt who love to spoil them. They also have three uncles and two aunts who love to shower them with gifts during the holidays. So needless to say, several large trees were sacrificed in order to wrap the seemingly countless presents bestowed upon them during Christmas. But despite the Bretan family's contribution to the cause, it seems like retailers did not have a great season at all. Early numbers point to a shopping season far below expectations earlier this year. But is this surprising considering how the fundamentals of retail shopping have changed over the past few years?

If you wanted to buy a new TV or pair pants or bicycle 40 years ago, you probably headed down to main street in your local community and bought it from a locally owned small business. And those businesses bought their products from a regional wholesaler who bought his products from the manufacturer. And they charged consumers whatever the local market would support. After all, the only way for you to know if you were getting a great deal on that TV would be

to drive to another town and see what the local electronics store was charging there. But then the first major retail revolution occurred, the evolution of the "big box" retailer. First it was J.C. Penney and Sears, then Macys and Dillards, and now Target and Walmart. These massive companies eliminated middle-men and bought products in huge volumes, putting pressure on prices. They could often sell goods below a local mom-and-pop store's cost, resulting in tens of thousands of businesses going belly up. But consumers were a huge benefactor with these highly efficient stores selling at razor-thin margins.

But even with the advances made by the "big box" retailers in lowering prices, retail shoppers still were constrained by a major factor — geography. There may be a retailer in another city, another state, even another country that would be willing to sell a better product at a cheaper price but how would the buyer and seller connect? Of course, the Internet fixed that problem. Now in the convenience of a shopper's home, she could compare prices between dozens of stores in seconds. Who cares if a local store was running a "sale" on TVs if another store in California was selling the same TV at a lower price?

So with these two retail revolutions, is it

any surprise that holiday season sales numbers continue to disappoint? After all, big box and Internet retailers already operate with extremely thin margins and really can't offer the discounts that consumers expect during this time of the year. And luxury brands are hesitant to taint their names with clearance prices. So really it is the mid-range retailers (like Gap, Macys, JCrew, etc.) now that cater to the holiday season sale mania these days and slash margins to drive traffic. But every year another one of these companies closes its doors as newer or more nimble online or large competitors eat away at their margins and business.

So what is the future of Christmas retail sales? I believe retail is following the same path as media where content is

king. People don't care if they pay monthly fees to Comcast or Netflix or Hulu, they just want their favorite TV shows and movies and are willing to pay anyone to give it to them. In the future, retailers aren't going to win by price because there will be total price transparency in the market. They will only win by carrying the products that people want. That puts power in the hands of the manufacturers of these high-demand goods. So for me, I would definitely not be owning stocks of mid-range retailers who I think are a dying breed. Instead, I would own the companies that make the products that we buy every day. But I am not a big fan of a company like Amazon at this point, which I think will be hard pressed to expand its margins or grow meaningfully given its huge market share already. Plus, companies like Walmart and Target are finally starting to see the return on the huge investments they have made in their Internet sales platforms, eating into Amazon's main business. And with people like Papa Rick and Gaga Jan spoiling the Bretan grandchildren, they have a very bright future in front of them indeed. ■

— 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.



ON THE MOVE

Milestones

Brian Holley, executive director at Naples Botanical Garden since 2005, has announced plans to retire at the end of 2016. Mr. Holley was hired as executive director when the Garden's 170-acre



HOLLEY

property was a former strip shopping mall with much of its acreage populated by invasive, alien plant species. Today the Garden has more than 21,000 varieties of plants and is home to the National Plumeria Collection. It hosts some 220,000 annual visitors. Under Mr. Holley's leadership, the Garden saw the development and implementation of its original master plan, the first phase opening in November 2009 and the final phase completed in October 2014. Mr. Holley says he intends to stay in Naples but looks forward to spending more time with friends and family in Canada, travelling and pursuing his hobbies that include birding, writing, hiking and golf. He began his career in public gardens in 1977 at Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario. In 1994 he was named executive director of Cleveland Botanical Garden, a position he held until coming to Naples. The Garden will conduct a national search for his successor.

ed from more than 600 CIT-trained officers in Collier County. For the past three years he has been a youth relations deputy assigned to Gulfview Middle School. The CIT program was designed to improve the way law enforcement and the community respond to people experiencing a mental health crisis. Originally established as collaboration between NAMI in Memphis, Tenn., and Memphis police, the training is now offered in 2,800 communities in 45 states. The Collier NAMI chapter has had more than 900 CIT graduates, including more than 600 CCSO deputies.

Greg Ulrich, founder and president of KGT Remodeling, was named 2015 Remodeler of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association. A Philadelphia native, Mr. Ulrich moved to Naples in 2001. He founded KGT Remodeling in 2005 after years of work experience with major builders including Ulrich Homes in Pennsylvania, Centex Homes, Arthur Rutenberg Homes and Toll Brothers. He served as the CBIA president in 2014 and continues to contribute today as a member of the CBIA leadership team.



ULRICH

Board Appointments

Michael Wynn has been appointed to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Miami Branch for a term running Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2018. Mr. Wynn has served as board chairman and president of Sunshine Ace Hardware in Naples since 2005 and has held various positions there since 1992. He is a member of the boards of direc-

tors of Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce (immediate past chair), Leadership Collier Foundation (chair-elect), Moorings Park Institute and Partnership for Collier's Future Economy. He is a member of the Opportunity Naples steering committee and is a former trustee of the YMCA of the Palms. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida and an MBA from Florida Gulf Coast University. He was a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2014.

Construction

Matt Carland has joined Suffolk Construction as regional virtual design and construction manager for the company's Southwest Florida operations team. Prior to joining Suffolk, Mr. Carland worked on dozens of commercial projects across the Mid-Atlantic region, including office and medical complexes as well as residential high rises.



CARLAND

Nonprofit Organizations

Arlene Feddo Knox has joined Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida as senior director of philanthropy for Collier and Lee counties. She is responsible for sharing information about the range of services provided by Planned Parenthood, fundraising and furthering relationships with donors and the community. Ms. Knox earned a master's degree in nonprofit organizations/management and a bachelor's degree

in communication from the University of Georgia. A resident of Southwest Florida since 2005, she most recently served as senior director of development for the Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation. She has also worked as director of relationships for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and development director with American Red Cross of Lee County. She serves on the board of directors of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

Veterinary

Brenda Feller, a member of the surgery team at Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida, has been recertified by the Academy of Veterinary Technicians Anesthesia and Analgesia. Ms. Feller graduated from one of the first accredited veterinary technician colleges at Michigan State University and earned a veterinary technician specialty in Indianapolis. She serves on the AVTAA board of regents and on the editorial board of Today's Veterinary Technician, a journal published by the North American Veterinary Community. AVTAA requires three to five years of licensed practice with more than 6,000 hours of experience, including 4,500 hours devoted to anesthesia. Candidates must submit more than 50 case logs for review and earn more than 40 hours of continuing education credits. Re-credentialing is required every five years.

Talent Agency

Kia Rosado has joined Talent Ventures LLC as marketing manager, as of November 2015. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication/public relations from Florida Gulf Coast University. ■

Awards & Recognition

Cpl. Stephen Crafton of the youth relations department of the Collier County Sheriff's Office has been named Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year by the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Cpl. Crafton was select-

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the bronze in Lee and Collier counties. She started her Naples-based mobile service eight years ago after a tanning salon where she worked went out of business.

"At the time, people didn't really want in-home service," she recalls. "It was something they hadn't heard of unless they lived in the city."

As airbrushing became more popular as a healthy alternative to UV-ray tanning, people started to get comfortable with home visits. As the economy improved, business grew. Now, although she has a studio as well, her mobile service is more in demand. This time of year she's mostly booked.

She works in most any environment: homes, hotel rooms even the occasional RV. Besides individuals and weddings, often she'll arrive at a party someone is hosting to give guests an airbrushing. The cost for one can range from \$65 to \$100. She also offers group discounts. Five people ends up being about \$50 each.

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The luxury hoteliers behind Relax & Order interview dozens of local professionals who are ready to come to your home — be it a musician, bartender, massage therapist, yoga instructor, chef, lawyer, handyman, car detailer, hair stylist or even a firearms concierge who will give you a private lesson on how to protect yourself with a gun.

"We won't send anyone to someone's home unless we would also hire them to work at a four- or five-star resort," co-founder and president James Ayers said.

Available as a smartphone app in the Apple App Store or on Google Play, customers in the Naples and Tampa metro areas are able to find what they want literally by lifting a finger and tapping on colorful bubbles with animated symbols. Vendors are then alerted on their phone and customers can view their bios and other information. Using GPS, the app notifies you on the day of the appointment as soon as the vendor shows up.

Relax & Order is planning to expand in 2016 into the Miami, Broward and Palm Beach County areas, as well as other large metropolitan areas in the United States, Mr. Ayres said. Massage has been the most popular service so far. Prices for a car wash start at \$35 while a deluxe auto detailing can be as much as \$340. A meal prepared by a personal chef ranges from \$30 to \$90 per person. An in-home concealed weapon training course ranges from \$200 to \$300 per person.

— relaxandorder.com

Yogi

Grace Ballenger has been a yoga instructor for a decade, but recently sold the Southwest Florida studio where she practiced.

"I just took my show on the road," she said, in Lee and Collier counties.

Now students call her to schedule a time to practice at home. She tailors each



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Yogi Grace Ballenger makes house calls.

private class to their needs whether they seek strenuous exercise, a calm session to relax and unwind after a hard day's work, or relief from an illness such as Parkinson's to help with flexibility and strength. She also does group classes, anywhere with a space to teach. The cost varies depending on the location, length of the class, and its size. It's usually in the \$70 to \$90 range for an hour and a half.

"The main thing of yoga is to be able to find peace in your life," Ms. Ballenger said. "Peace, greater awareness. To be able to deal with all the changes that are always happening and just to be able to flow with it and find some inner happiness and contentment."

— flowingwithgrace@earthlink.net or 821-8400

Hair stylist

After Stephen Anthony moved to Palm Beach County a few years ago, one of his loyal clients who used to drive down to Fort Lauderdale to have her hair done suggested he stop by her house instead.

"She said, 'since you live near me now, would you mind coming to my house?'" Mr. Anthony said. "I thought no, that would be great."

Then she referred a few friends.

"It became something I'm slowly starting to build and promote, basically kind of through word of mouth at the moment," Mr. Anthony said.

A hair stylist and artist with 25 years of experience in cutting, coloring and hair cosmetics, his clientele include men and women from the Florida Keys to Orlando. He works for Tracy Carroll salon in Wilton Manors and offers house calls in the Palm Beach County area. His clients include stay-at-home moms and families who enjoy the convenience. Some clients who work from home can even continue working away on their computer while he does their hair.

His prices range from the normal charge at Tracy Carroll to a \$100-per-hour fee for longer distance drives.

— tracycarrollsalon.com or (954) 564-2323

The vet

A combination of old-fashioned veterinary house call service and high-tech

diagnostic and treatment abilities, Dr. Andrea Bivens arrives at your house in the Medi-Waggin', a dog-and-cat clinic on wheels. After operating a busy Charlotte County clinic for 14 years, Dr. Bivens found that her clients and their pets benefited from a smaller, more personal mobile service in a number of ways. That includes the uninterrupted, one-on-one attention she can provide. Treating the pet at home lessens anxiety, and she can tailor more individual care by seeing where the dog or cat lives. She treats the occasional goat, skunk or rabbit, but not reptiles or large animals. Many of her clients also own older, sometimes arthritic pets who have a hard time traveling.

"Either the pet is older and not mobile or the owner is older and not mobile. Both situations are reasons why they call me," Dr. Bivens said.

Her service covers parts of Charlotte and Lee counties, though not Punta Gorda or a 15-mile radius from the city since she has a non-compete clause with a clinic there. There is a \$75 per trip charge while costs for treatment are about the same as going out to a clinic.

— mediwaggin.com or 850-VETS

Massage

Stressed out or in pain? Want to get calm as a cat? Scott Helm brings expert therapy to homes and offices in and around the Lee County area. He incorporates 17 years of experience and continuing education in numerous techniques such as heat therapy or energy work that he tailors to each individual.

"Everybody that you work on is different," he said. "Every person that you work on, the same person, it's different every time you see them."

Mr. Helm relieves pain and restores freedom of movement by working on your muscles, circulatory and nervous system, creating blood flow to dysfunctional areas of the body, loosening tight joints, and tightening loose joints. It can even improve your skin tone. And he probably does as much as just about anyone to reduce road rage.

"Some people just like having the massage at home so they don't have to get all stressed out by driving to the studio," Mr.

Helm said, adding that others prefer to come to his studio to get some personal time away from a crowded household.

While clients appreciate the convenience of his mobile service, for some it may be a necessity.

"Some people can't get out," Mr. Helm said. "The guy I'm going to right now, he's in a wheelchair. It's easier just to go over there with my table, transfer him to my table and do the massage right there."

A 90-minute massage is \$95.

— helmhands.com or 823-8892

Dog grooming

After 20 years in the business of pet grooming, Jason and Charlotte Palm decided to go mobile. In 2015 they started

a grooming service for dogs called Pups 'N Suds.

"That's the way the industry's going," said Ms. Palm "The dogs love it. The customers love it. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

Covering the city of Cape Coral exclusively, business has been so brisk they were booked up through Christmas. They offer a "wash and go" service, basic grooming or a full groom with haircut and nail trimming. They arrive with "The Rig," equipped with everything they need including a bathtub and hairdryer.

Providing the service at home lessens the anxiety for both owners and their dogs, who get one-on-one attention and don't have to endure a trip to get clean and fluffy and smelling good. It also makes the Palms' lives easier, since the mobile business requires that they groom fewer dogs every day.

"Financially, you're taking a hit, but the stress that it saves you is worth it," Ms. Palm said.

Haircuts and baths range from about \$50 for small dogs to around \$100 for an extra-large dog.

— capecoralpetgrooming.com

Private chef

Chef Moira A. Douglas creates and serves the dishes her clients love in their own kitchens in Palm Beach County.

"Most of them the reason they've hired me is they're very busy," Ms. Douglas said. "Typically I create a menu a few days before I'm going to go cook for them. And usually once I've cooked for them for a few weeks I know what they like."



DOUGLAS

Her personal chef service, The Silver Spoon, provides a wide range of meal plans. That includes elaborate dinner parties, regulars who count on her for healthy dinners they don't have the time or knowledge to prepare themselves, and one-time romantic occasions. Being a personal chef allows her to practice the culinary arts with a business model that doesn't require the hassles of a typical restaurant kitchen.

"Cooking has always been my first love," she said. "Being a personal chef and cooking in clients' kitchens means you have a very, very low overhead."

Some clients request the same dishes each week such as curry chicken salad with mangos and cashews, or her turkey meatballs.

"But it really is what the client wants," she said. "Most people are looking for comfort type food."

Her prices are all inclusive, including shopping. For some clients she'll prepare meals in advance that they can freeze. A typical charge for a day's cooking often runs about \$300 plus groceries for five or six entrees and soup or salad. A romantic four-course dinner for two starts at \$400.

— thesilverspoon.org or (561) 358-0367 ■

Nominations invited for eighth annual Southwest Florida technology awards

Nominations are open for the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership eighth annual Innovention, Transformation and Woman in Technology awards. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11. Nominations — including self-nominations — can be submitted by individuals, organizations and companies to info@swfrtp.org.

The Innovention Award is presented to a local organization that has invented, improved or demonstrated a technology solution or product that created business worth by saving money,

improving efficiency or reworking a business process or that generated a completely new way of doing business.

The Transformation Award is presented to an organization that has achieved success through the application or implementation of an existing technology in an innovative manner to overcome a business challenge.

The Woman in Technology Award recognizes the success and contributions of a woman to the technology industry of Southwest Florida through professional expertise and leadership. The recipient will

exemplify the commitment of the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership to a vibrant community of technology professionals and opportunity for all.

The awards ceremony and dinner will take place Wednesday, April 13, at the Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers. Registration, sponsorship opportunities and additional details are available at swfrtp.org.

About the partnership

Chartered in 2008 and dedicated solely to the growth of the technology clus-

ter in Southwest Florida, the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership is comprised of technology companies and technology users, economic development groups and higher education institutions. Through its strategy to "catalyze, cultivate and connect," the partnership produces educational seminars, forums and networking events and represents the interests of the regional technology sector before federal, state and local government agencies. For information about membership, visit swfrtp.org. ■

It's time for high-school students to apply for Youth Leadership Collier

The Leadership Collier Foundation is accepting applications for the Class of 2016 Youth Leadership Collier program, a summer program for high-school students designed to develop ethical leaders committed to community involvement.

The program takes place June 11-17, beginning with a weekend of team-building activities and continuing with daily sessions that give participants first-hand experience in different aspects of the community, from local government and health care to business and the arts.

While empowering students to become effective leaders, Youth Leadership Collier also showcases the local community in hopes of encouraging

students to consider coming back to their community to begin their careers and families.

Tuition is \$500. The deadline for applications is Feb. 3. Applications can be found at napleschamber.org/chamber/leadership_programs.

Youth Leadership Collier is a program of the Leadership Collier Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation with the mission to build a broad-based network of community leaders who enhance their leadership abilities and skills through continuing education, shared perspectives and community involvement in order to enable them to work toward solutions in the



public interest. In addition to the week-long session for high-school students every summer, the foundation oversees Leadership Collier, Growing Associates

IN Naples, Campaign for Leadership and Leadership Institute.

Through the work of the Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association, graduates continue to build alliances and foster goodwill and civic trusteeship that will strengthen Collier County through nonprofit organizations, local government boards and schools while enhancing relations with other like-minded, influential community leaders.

For more information, contact Amanda Beights, vice president of the foundation, by calling 403-2903 or emailing amanda@napleschamber.org. ■



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Intro to Capital Structure

It's important to understand companies' "capital structure" if you want to better evaluate them as investments. A company's capital structure reflects the components of its value and how it finances operations — via cash, debt financing (borrowing from a bank, and/or issuing bonds), and/or equity financing (selling a chunk of the company and/or issuing shares of stock).

Imagine a company financed with debt. If it's paying 5 percent interest on its debt and is growing its earnings by an annual average of 10 percent, it can probably make its payments, so the financing is effective.

The interest rates that companies can borrow at are influenced by their credit ratings, with highly rated companies enjoying lower rates. If a company is carrying a lot of debt at high interest rates and is growing slowly, that's a red flag. Fluctuating earnings can also be problematic, as interest payments can sometimes completely wipe out profits.

Imagine another company now, one that raises needed funds by issuing more stock. This is an appealing option during

bull markets. If the company's shares are trading at steep prices and buyers are plentiful, cash can be easily generated.

The downside to equity financing, though, is that the value of existing shareholders' stock — their stake in the company — is diluted every time new shares are issued. This is OK only if the money raised creates more value for the company (perhaps by funding a smart acquisition or building a new factory) than the value eroded by dilution. Eventually, many great companies grow so profitable that they can routinely buy back shares, boosting value for existing shareholders.

Finally, imagine a company financing its operations on its own, fueling its growth with cash generated from operations. The advantage of internally financed growth is that it forces a company to plan and budget carefully as it creates value for the company's owners. This can be a slow process, though, and risky if competitors are effectively issuing debt or stock to fund more rapid growth.

Many companies use a combination of these financing methods. ■

My Dumbest Investment

3-D Goes Flat

My dumbest investment was getting caught up in the hype of 3-D stocks. I had \$1,000 to invest and was torn between shares of carmaker Tesla and 3-D printing specialist 3D Systems. 3D pulled back from its all-time high near \$100 per share to \$88, so I decided to put half my money into 3D and the other half into Tesla, which had also pulled back.

Tesla stock surged from that point, while 3D plunged. Luckily, my Tesla gains made up for my 3D losses, but I learned my lesson about getting caught up in hype without really looking into why something was going up or down.

— Eric, online

The Fool Responds: 3D Systems has crashed badly over the past two years, in part due to increased competition, supply-chain problems, soft demand, an aggressive acquisition strategy and a price that got unreasonably high — leading many to "short" (bet against) its shares. It's not doomed, though, and may still reward patient believers over the long haul — when demand picks up, if it can lower its expenses, and if its heavy investments in research and development pay off.

You're right to be wary of hype, though. It's especially important to be careful with emerging technologies such as 3-D printing, where it's not yet clear how big the market will be, and which companies will be the most successful. ■

Last week's trivia answer

You probably don't know my name, but you've likely been on a bunch of my many websites, as they draw more than 2.5 billion visits each month. Based in New York City, I'm a major media and Internet company, and I dominate the online dating realm, with brands such as Match.com, OkCupid, Chemistry.com, Twoo and Tinder. I also have a few other online businesses you may have heard of, such as About.com, Ask.com, Dictionary.com, Vimeo, The Daily Beast, CollegeHumor, HomeAdvisor, ShoeBuy, Investopedia, PriceRunner and Tutor.com. I also own The Princeton Review, which offers a variety of educational services. Who am I? (Answer: IAC)



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Taxes and Inherited Stock

Q Will I be taxed on gains from stocks that I inherit?
— S.W., Norwich, Connecticut

A Yes — when you sell the shares. To calculate your gain then, you'll need to know your "cost basis," which is different for inherited stock than for gifts of stock. With a gift of appreciated stock or property, your basis is the same as the giver's original basis. You'll need to try to trace the cost all the way back to when the giver bought the asset, which may be hard.

The situation is usually better with an inheritance. You'll get a "stepped-up" basis, which is the fair market value of the stock on the donor's date of death. The estate's tax return should disclose the value of the stock at date of death.

Alternatively, if you know the date of death, you can find the historical stock price online at various sources, such as finance.yahoo.com. You might even call your broker or the company's investor relations department and ask. Once you find the value, save documentation of it in some form in case the IRS audits your tax return one day. Learn more at tax.fool.com and irs.gov.

Q How are stockbrokers paid?
— G.T., Gresham, Oregon

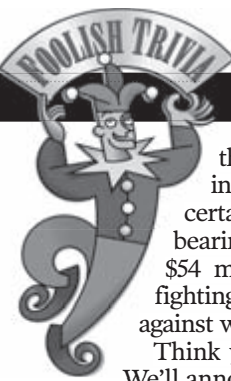
A They're generally paid by salary, commissions on sales, or a combination of the two, depending on the company they work for. It's good to find out how your broker is paid, as those who depend heavily on commissions can encourage a lot of trading in your account, often needlessly. That's called "churning," and it can cost you.

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1963 and a 500-square-foot beauty shop opened in Dallas. Today I'm a giant in beauty, with 3.5 million independent beauty consultants worldwide generating about \$4 billion in revenue annually. I launched my Career Car program in 1969, and more than 144,000 sales team members have qualified or requalified for one, logging close to 4 billion miles. Some 6,000 vehicles are on



the road today, including about 1,300 ones of a certain color. A foundation bearing my name has given \$54 million to organizations fighting cancer and violence against women. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Biotech Powerhouse

You may not have heard of Gilead Sciences (Nasdaq: GILD), but it's a biotech powerhouse, with a market value recently near \$150 billion. Gilead has become the dominant player in both the HIV and hepatitis C drug markets, gobbling up smaller biotechs and biopharma companies and then leveraging its vast resources to accelerate the development of their most promising product candidates. The results have been spectacular.

After acquiring Pharmasset in 2011, for instance, Gilead quickly built a formidable position in the lucrative hepatitis C space by bringing Sovaldi and Harvoni to market in rapid succession. These two drugs have helped Gilead's free cash flow top \$17 billion over the past 12 months, enabling manage-

ment to initiate a dividend payment (recently yielding 1.7 percent annually) and significantly amp up its share buyback program.

Gilead's top line is expected to stagnate over the next year, but it should still generate staggering amounts of free cash flow that could be used for a variety of value-creating activities, such as paying off debt, buying other drugmakers with approved products already on the market, or simply increasing the dividend. With its recent and forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios in the single digits, well below historical levels, Gilead is attractively priced and worth consideration for the portfolios of patient investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Gilead Sciences.)

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **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

■ **The Above Board Chamber** holds its first luncheon meeting of the New Year from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the Hilton Naples. To sign up or for more information, visit aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** host a Wake Up YP networking breakfast from 8-9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at DeRomo's Gourmet Market & Restaurant in the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or going to bonitaspringschamber.com/events.

■ **The Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road. The next meeting is Jan. 5. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgrea.com for more information.

■ **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 infor-

mation, 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 guest 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.

■ **The inaugural FastBreak Marketing in the Morning** session for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:15-9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in the Leadership Collier Foundation meeting room at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Patterned after the chamber's Accelerated Networking luncheon, Fast-Break attendees will enjoy a rapid-fire, lead-producing session following a light breakfast. \$20, limited to the first 60 registrations. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events. ■

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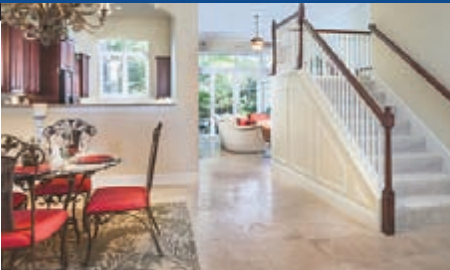
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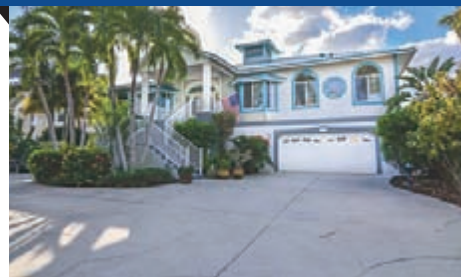
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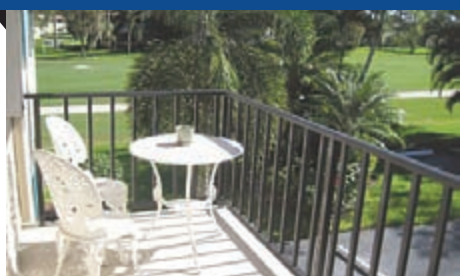
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NABOR numbers indicate likeliness for market stability

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The November 2015 number from the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island), showed many performance similarities to the report from November 2014. And those similarities left broker analysts who review the report with a sense of satisfaction because they predicted a continuation of market stability in November 2014. If history is any indication of future performance, then activity reflected in the November 2015 report indicates a market that is poised to enjoy stable activity in the coming months.



“The only big difference between November 2014 and November 2015 was inventory,” said Brenda Fioretti, managing broker at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty. She added overall inventory in November 2015 increased in three of the five price segments reported.

Overall inventory decreased by 1 percent, from 4,136 homes in November 2014 to 4,095 homes in November 2015. This is compared to a 10 percent decrease in inventory from November 2013 to November 2014, Ms. Fioretti said. The newest report indicated inventory is on the rebound in the single-family home market, which showed a 5 percent increase from 2,217 homes in November 2014 to 2,319 homes in November 2015, she said.

Ms. Fioretti also pointed out that overall closed sales for the 12-month period ending in November 2015 reflected nearly the same number of sales as the 12-month period ending in November 2014. Overall closed sales increased 1 percent, from 9,724 homes in the 12 months ending November 2014 to 9,800 homes in the 12 months ending November 2015. Interestingly, closed sales in the 12 months ending November 2013 to November 2014 dropped 2 percent.

Overall pending sales for all price categories above \$300,000 increased in November 2015, with the \$1 million to \$2 million

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House Hunting:

554 Riviera Drive

On a tree-lined street in the Moorings community, this newly constructed, single-story, southern-exposure home was penned by Stofft Cooney Architects and built by the Knauf Koenig Group. There are four bedrooms (each with en-suite bath) plus a den in approximately 4,200 square feet of air-conditioned living area. The outdoor area features a gas fireplace, a heated saline pool suitable for lap swimming, a shower and a full outdoor. The home has a three car garage, and one of the bays has been fully finished with air conditioning, cable and electrical.

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We watch their antics on TV and in the tabloids, curious about where they go, what they wear and how they spend their down time. TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is especially interested in the places celebrities call home. Here are some favorites that were available this year from Beverly Hills to St. Tropez to New York City.

■ **Johnny Depp's French village:** The actor bought an entire French village on 37 acres north of St. Tropez in 2001. He spent millions renovating the buildings during his 11-year relationship with French actress and singer Vanessa Paradis. When the couple called it quits, the compound went on the market. It sold this year for \$25 million.

■ **Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch:** Before the estate went on the market earlier this year (asking price: \$100 million), it was renamed Sycamore Valley Ranch and restyled back to the home that had been built and designed in 1982 by Robert Altevers for William Bone. The main house has 12,000 square feet; there is also a four-bedroom guesthouse, a two-bedroom guesthouse and several barns and corrals

■ **Bob Hope's UFO house:** Bob and Dolores Hope asked John Lautner to design their dream home in 1973. At 23,000 square feet, it was the largest private residence Mr. Lautner ever designed. Originally listed in 2013 at \$50 million, it's been available for \$25 million for the past year.

■ **Miley Cyrus' Tuscan mansion (sold for \$5.995 million):** The home in Toluca Lake, Calif., is where Miley spent her teen years while filming "Hannah Montana." She put it on the market after moving back to Tennessee this year. At 8,700 square feet on just under an acre, it has six bedrooms and seven baths.

■ **Bing Crosby's California retreat:** Bing Crosby's ranch-style home in the Coachella Valley was built in 1957 and has six bedrooms and six baths in 6,700 square feet. An attached two-bedroom casita was named for President Kennedy (after he stayed there, as legend goes, with Marilyn Monroe). Having undergone a complete restoration, it is still for sale at \$5 million.

■ **President Obama's vacation home:** Martha's Vineyard is a favorite destination for the president and his family at the end of every summer. The contemporary design of this 10-acre compound on Chilmark Pond is similar to the Obama winter vacation rentals in Hawaii. Originally listed at \$22.5 million, it has been reduced to \$19.125 million.

■ **Lauren Bacall's Central Park apartment:** The Dakota in New York City has a long history of some of the world's most powerful names in business, sports and entertainment. The sultry Lauren Bacall bought this apartment in 1961 for \$48,000 and lived there for 53 years. The nine-room, three-bedroom, four-bath home was put on the market in 2014 for \$26 million then reduced last spring to \$23.5. It recently sold for \$21 million to Oaktree Capital managing director Ronald Beck.

■ **Jeff Bridges' Montecito estate:** Jeff Bridges and his wife of 33 years are selling the 19.5-acre estate where they raised their three daughters. The 9,593-square-foot main house has five bedrooms, six baths and expansive rooms for formal entertaining with banks of French doors opening to ocean and garden views. It's available for \$29.5 million.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Tyler Perry's Atlanta mansion



Johnny Depp's French village



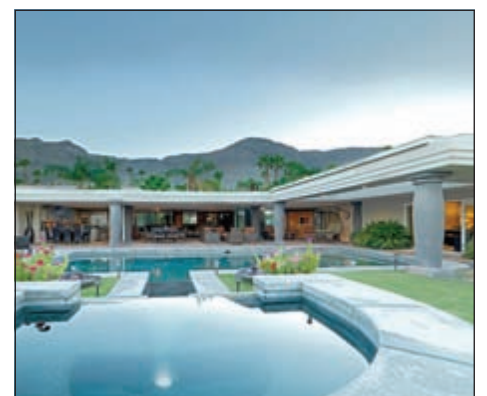
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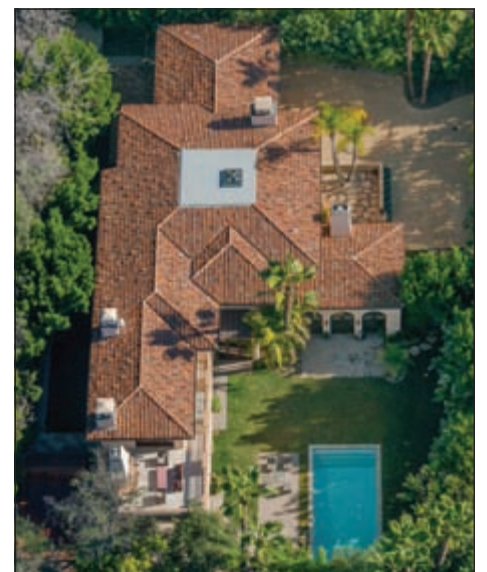


Lauren Bacall's Central Park apartment

■ **Tyler Perry's Atlanta mansion:** Focusing on the Atlanta area where he lives and where he found most of his success, filmmaker Tyler Perry has acquired 1,000-plus acres for a new home and put his palatial Buckhead residence on the market for \$25 million. The French provincial mansion perched atop 17 acres overlooking the Chattahoochee River has seven bedrooms and 14 baths in 34,688 square feet. It is still listed at the original price of \$25 million.

■ **Danny Thomas' Beverly Hills mansion:** In the late 1960s, Danny Thomas bought 2½ acres on a private promontory in Beverly Hills' Trousdale Estates and several years later built this 18,000-square-

foot mansion with a Moorish flair. His children sold the property for \$5.764 million in 2012. The current owner, who put it back on the market this year at \$135 million, undertook a total restoration and renovation. ■



Miley Cyrus' California mansion



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category showing the largest growth: 27 percent, from 45 homes in November 2014 to 57 homes in November 2015.

“Homes under \$300,000 are going fast,” said Kathy Zorn, broker/owner at Florida Home Realty. “Days on market for that segment dropped 11 percent, from 57 to 51 days, which doesn’t leave a lot of time for serious buyers to shop around.”

Mike Hughes, vice president/general manager of Downing-Frye Realty, recommended buyers looking in this price category should “move faster when submitting an offer to get ahead of other potential buyers who might be looking at the same property.” Competition in the under-\$300,000 category is coming from first time homebuyers, boomerang buyers and retirees living on a fixed income, Mr. Hughes said, adding the low end is also popular with investors.

Overall inventory in the \$300,000 and below price segment decreased 20 percent, from 1,372 homes in November 2014 to 1,103 homes in November 2015. Yet since November 2013, inventory in this price segment has dropped 42 percent, from 1,917 in November 2013 to 1,103 in November 2015. This segment also represented 50 percent of all closed sales in the 12 months ending November 2015.

Foreclosures are the lowest they’ve ever been since NABOR began tracking activity, Bill Coffey, broker manager of Amerivest Realty Naples, said, citing just 34 foreclosures and eight short sales in the November report.

The NABOR November 2015 market report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. It can be found at naplesarea.com. Among the findings:

■ Overall pending sales decreased 3 percent, from 825 homes in November 2014 to 804 homes in November 2015.

■ Overall closed sales increased 1 percent, from 9,724 homes in the 12 months ending November 2014 to 9,800 in the 12 months ending November 2015.

■ Closed sales for single-family homes in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 category increased 23 percent, from 1,163 homes in the 12 months ending November 2014 to 1,430 homes in the 12 months ending November 2015.

■ Closed sales for condominiums in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 price category increased 32 percent, from 734 condominiums in the 12 months ending November 2014 to 968 in the 12 months ending November 2015.

■ Overall median closed price increased 15 percent, from \$265,000 in the 12 months ending November 2014 to \$305,000 in the 12 months ending November 2015.

■ Overall median closed price for homes \$2 million and above increased 10 percent, from \$2,950,000 in the 12 months ending November 2014 to \$3,250,000 in the 12 months ending November 2015.

■ Overall inventory decreased 1 percent, from 4,136 in November 2014 to 4,095 in November 2015.

■ Single-family home inventory increased 5 percent, from 2,217 single-family homes in November 2014 to 2,319 in November 2015.

■ There is a five-month supply of inventory.

■ Average days on market decreased 1 percent, from 78 days in November 2014 to 77 days in November 2015.

■ Days on market in the \$2 million and above category increased 124 percent, from 99 days in November 2014 to 222 days in November 2015. Inventory in this category increased by 21 percent, from 401 homes in November 2014 to 484 homes in November 2015.



■ Days on market for all other price categories decreased. However, days on market by geographic location were more varied as shown in areas including the Naples beach and North Naples, which both saw increases of more than 20 percent. ■

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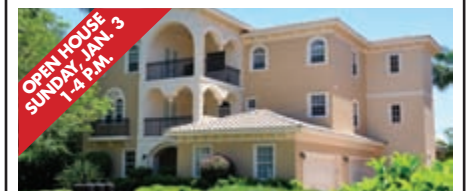
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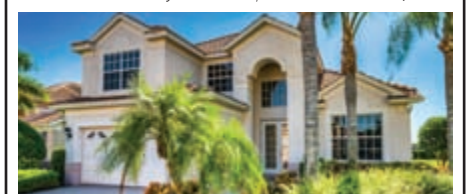
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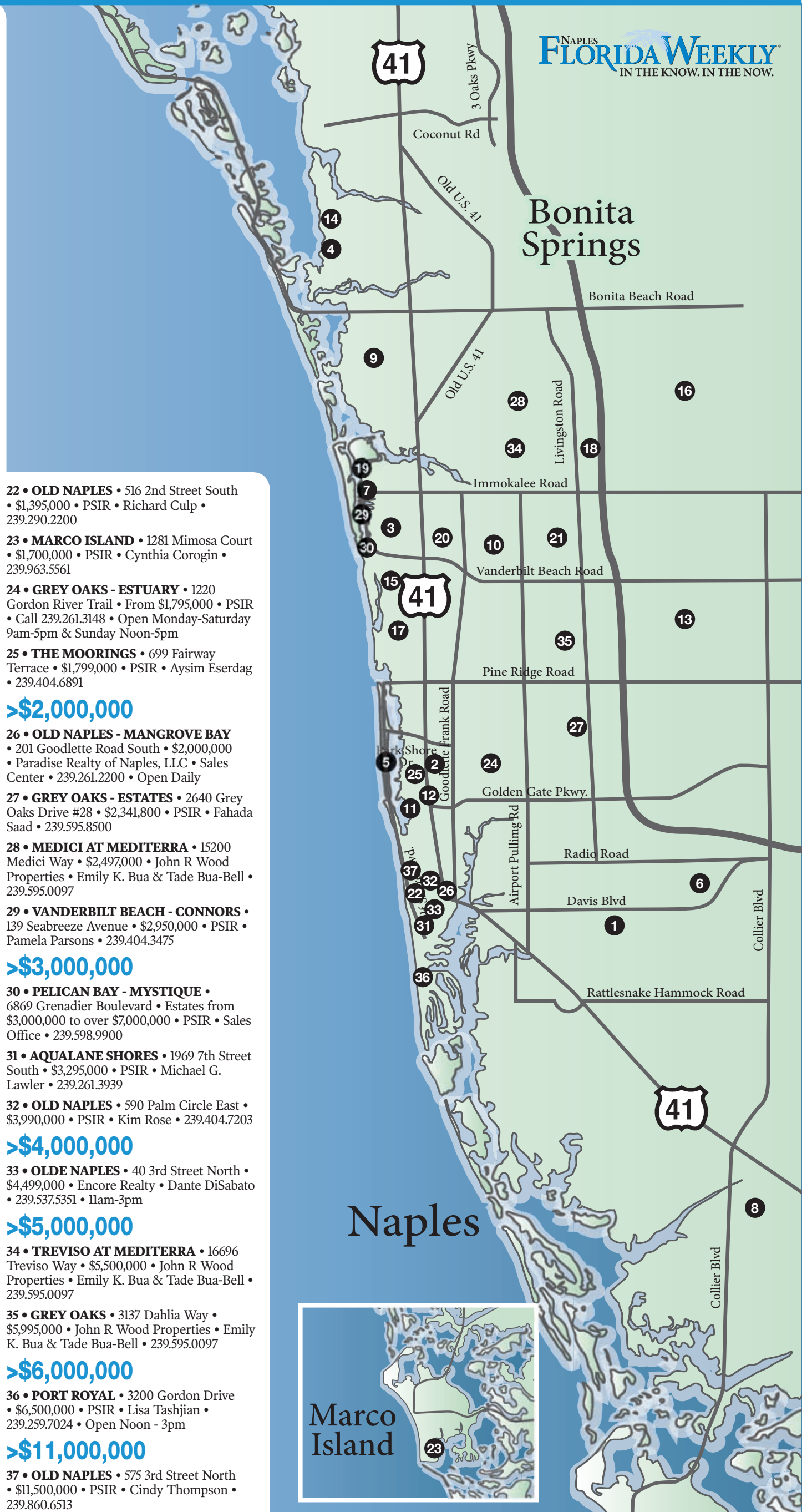
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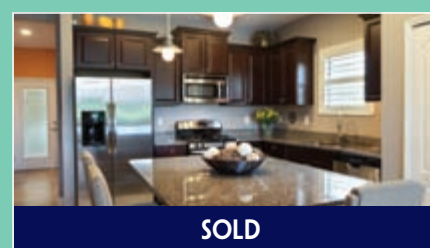


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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



The Appleseed Collective combines old jazz, soul, funk and bluegrass for a singular Americana sound

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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The Appleseed Collective makes two local stops to perform its singular Americana blend of folk and rock styles for Southwest Florida audiences. The first show is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Mercato in North Naples; the second is at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Point Ybel Brewing Company in Fort Myers. Admission to both

▲ Andrew Brown, Brandon Smith and Eric Dawe of The Appleseed Collective.

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Yzgreve (pronounced ez-grev) is Bulgarian for sunrise, and the name conveys that the group brings light to a spectrum of high-energy music that will be a new experience for audience members. The

evening's program will feature the Trout Quintet, the popular name for the Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667, by Franz Schubert specifically written for the unique instrumentation of piano, violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Members of The Yzgreve Quintet are: Daniela Shtereva, violin; John Posadas, viola; Adam Satinsky, cello; Bjorn Holm-vik, double bass; and Alexandra Carlson, piano.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and children, and \$40 for VIP seating and meet-the-artist reception. To



purchase tickets or for more information, call 775-2800 or CAPACenter.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Also in the series

Coming up in the Spectrum Series are The Perez/Willis Duo, Jan. 22; Rebecca Richardson, Feb. 5; Musica Bella, Feb. 19; and Chrysalis, March 25. The CAPA Spectrum Series is sponsored by eBella Magazine, Sudie Geier, Jay & Toshiko Tompkins and Steve and Priscilla Kutler.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Saying what we mean



I recently sat at a cafe having brunch with my friend Laura. We were — predictably — talking about men. I'd like to tell you we were hashing out international politics or delving into heavy literature, but the truth is we were agonizing over our latest love interests. Sometimes I think it would be easier to deliver a comprehensive plan for world peace or to write the definitive treatise on "Moby Dick" than to figure out what's happening in a man's brain.

"In one breath he tells me he wants to get married," Laura told me about the man she's dating, "and in the next he says he wants to see other people. What the hell is going on?"

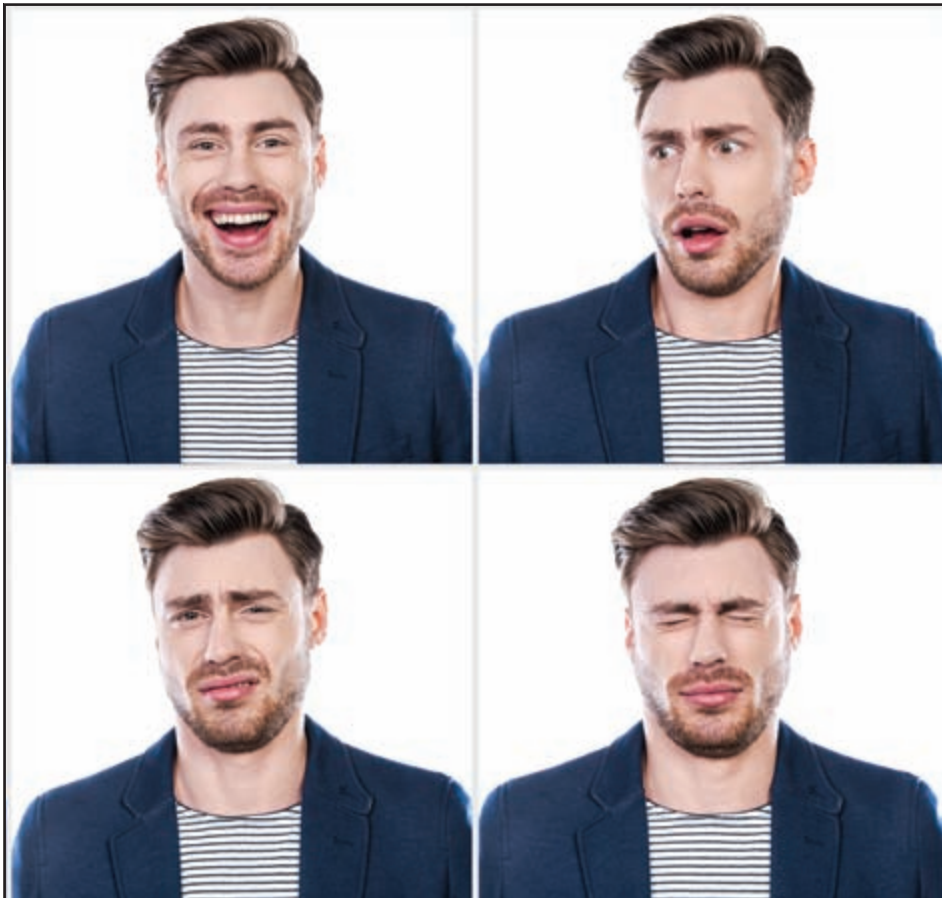
I shook my head as I spread jam on my toast. "I wish I knew."

"But does he like me or not?" she wondered aloud.

I shrugged. When it comes to men, it can seem like there's no way of knowing.

Later in the week, when I asked my wise friend Ken about this problem, he advised me to pay attention to a man's behaviors, not his words.

"If he texts you, he's interested," Ken said. "If he calls you, he's interested. If he asks you out, he's interested. It's that simple."



It was good advice, and it made me think of something I'd read a while ago in my favorite dating guide: Steve Harvey's "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man."

"Women love to sit and talk for no

apparent reason but to talk," Mr. Harvey writes, "but we men, we're just not cut out to chatchat for the sake of chitchat. We don't have time for it. We men are very simple people: If we like what we see, we're coming over there. If we don't

want anything from you, we're not coming over there. Period."

He's right, of course, and if I could just remember this counsel I sense I'd be better off. But I get distracted by the sometimes misleading things men say. Why can't they just be clear?

Then, out of the blue, I got a text message from a man I had known years ago in New York.

"I'm thinking about you naked," it said.

My jaw dropped. I reread the text. And then I started laughing. I was shocked. Scandalized. And tickled more than I wanted to admit. Here was a man I hadn't heard from in a long time, someone whose mind I never thought I crossed. Rather than trotting out the "How have you been?" routine — you know, the one that confuses so many women and has us conferring with our girlfriends over brunch — he let me know exactly what was on his mind.

To tell you the truth, it was a relief.

I find all the dissembling in dating exhausting. Why not just come out with it? Why don't we tell the people we're interested in what we're really up to? I think we might surprise ourselves if we admit our own truths. We'd certainly surprise the people around us.

And maybe then we could all get back to hashing out world affairs. ■

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

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Clockwise from top left: Andy Wahlberg, Captain Joe and The Bottom Feeders, Bob Zottola, Russ Morrison and Lil' Eddie.

Cluster Pluckin' brings nine acts to the local stage

Neapolitan Russ Morrison says you've never been to a pluckin' until you've been to the Neapolitan Opry's Cluster Pluckin', a bluegrass/folk/Americana/jazz concert that Mr. Morrison organizes and promotes under the auspices of the Florida Fish Hook Tour.

For its eighth annual program, Cluster Pluckin' moves from The Norris Center to the new David and Cecile Wang Opera Center on Saturday evening, Jan. 9. Structured much like an old-fashioned radio show out of Nashville, Tenn., Cluster Pluckin' bring nine acts to the local stage. Each group plays for approximately 18 minutes, and then there's a brief commercial for one of the sponsors (less than five minutes) while the next act sets up.

"It's everything from jazz and harp guitar to Delta country blues and steel drums," Mr. Morrison, himself a bluegrass guitarist, says. Some of the acts, he adds, "defy classification." All of them, he promises, are expert musicians

whose highly entertaining performances are suitable for all ages, "from the young 'uns to grandma and grandpa."

This year's Cluster Pluckin' lineup consists of:

Andy Wahlberg on the harp guitar, Bob & Lucia, The Bug Tussle Ramblers, jazz trumpeter Bob Zottola, Captain Joe and The Bottom Feeders, Cypress Hollow, Frank Corso, J Robert and Ryan Bladen (aka Lil' Eddie).

Also coming up

Three more concerts are coming up early in the New Year as part of the Florida Fish Hook Tour season at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center:

■ 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24: Bluegrass banjo player, singer, bandleader and radio host Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers make their first appearance in Southwest Florida.

■ 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30: Guitarist Richard Smith and special guests

including Mr. Wahlberg and George Worthmore ensure an evening of great music and comedy combined.

■ 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20: The Gibson Brothers make their first appearance in Southwest Florida along with their band. The Gibson Brothers were voted 2013 Entertainers of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. The duo's "They Called It Music" won Song of the Year that same year, and Eric Gibson was named Songwriter of the Year.

Tickets for each concert are \$28 and are available at floridafishhooktour.tix.com.

The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center is at 2408 Linwood Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and Service by Jordan will have food and drink available for purchase. The music begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Morrison at 287-2035 or email bluewaterbg@gmail.com. ■

QUINTET

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About the artists

■ Daniela Shtereva, violin, was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, into a family that has preserved musical traditions for five generations. Critics have described her performances as "spine-tingling" and "shot through with fantasy and fire."

■ John Posadas, viola, has worked closely with many of today's leading contemporary composers and has performed world premieres at the Aspen Music Festival, Tanglewood, the Chautauqua Music Festival and Deer Valley Music Festival, among others.



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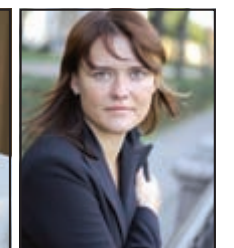
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■ Adam Satinsky, cello, believes that music is for exploring the balance between spontaneity and precision, personal expression and communication. He has attended master classes with cellists including Yo-Yo Ma and has developed a uniquely warm and personal style of cello performance.

■ Bjorn Holmvik, violin, performed 19 years with the Oslo Philharmonic. He arranged and performed with Naples

Orchestra and Chorus the cello solo part of Joseph Haydn's "Missa in Tempore Belli" on his double bass — the first time the piece was ever performed on a double bass.

■ Alexandra Carlson, piano, excels as a chamber musician and soloist. She has won prizes at the Maria Yudina International Piano Competition in Russia and in the "Hopes, Talents, Masters" competition in Bulgaria. ■

FLORIDA WRITERS

Sanibel author applies a fresh premise to the old race-against-time plot

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■ **“Pursuit of the Weapon from Hell” by William Hallstead. BluewaterPress LLC. 214 pages. Trade paperback, \$17.95.**

Set in the 1990s, some years after the First Gulf War, William Hallstead’s Domsday techno-thriller is a real nail-biter. Based on abandoned U.S. nuclear weapon plans from the 1950s, the novel imagines a cadre of Islamic terrorists discovering the location of the relic hardware and transporting it to an Air Force base in Tucson, Ariz., and then relocating it to a site in nearby Mexico, where a launch base is constructed (disguised as an oil-drilling operation) and the warheads are installed.

One of Mr. Hallstead’s many achievements is his presentation of the technology, making it convincing and accessible. We learn, as well, that the U.S. had abandoned this program — called Project Pluto — for a reason that is irrelevant to those who have now stolen it and intend



HALLSTEAD

to aim it toward Los Angeles.

The author employs the tried and true technique of alternating perspectives to build his suspenseful plot. This alternation, by and large, consists of bad guy scenes (the terrorists) and good guy scenes (the U.S. military personnel who attempt to thwart the terrorist scheme). It’s the old race-against-time plot applied to a fresh premise.

Chief among the villains is “the man from Khash,” Sayyid Zul-Junnah, a hulking fellow and a true Jihad believer who commands stridently and micromanages desperately. Zul-Junnah’s hate for the Great Satan stems from U.S. support of the Pahlavi regime in Iran. This proud militant is in regular conflict with his mission’s construction chief, Nasr Ilahi.

Chief among the protagonists is Steve Gammon, a reserve Air Force captain promoted, for this mission, to lieutenant colonel. He is at the bottom of a chain of command headed by Brig. Gen. Oliver Madden, who has charged Major Pete Pappas with discovering who stole the

Project Pluto remains and for what reason. Pappas recommends Gammon as the agent of action.

The author builds Gammon into a courageous, skilled and fully sympathetic character who pursues his responsibility with cleverness and fortitude. He is assigned a partner, the attractive Air Force Capt. Laura Gorcy, whose intelligence skills exceed his own. The two pose as a married couple on a Mexican vacation in the Hermosillo area. The tension between them, as well as the attraction, is palpable.

Just how and when will the adversaries collide?

The expertise for advancing the terrorist scheme comes from two highly capable individuals. One is Dr. Cornelius Joiner, part of the original Project Pluto team, now kidnapped with his wife to serve the terrorist mission of activating the nuclear weapon. After more than 30 years of waiting, Dr. Joiner is anxious to validate the weapon that had been set aside. Muzzaver Ghavam, an MIT-trained Iraqi nuclear physicist, is forced to help rebuild and fuel the Pluto

weapon. The terrorist leaders have kidnapped his sister to insure his cooperation.

These are the major players, the moving parts of the action. Mr. Hallstead has further populated the story with underlings and functionaries that flesh out the plot. His handling of the various locations is convincing, and the pacing is sure-handed. The author provides engaging, persuasive descriptions of how the key objectives are analyzed, how decisions and adjustments are made and how mental and physical challenges affect his characters.

Not as effective are the frequent abrupt shifts in point of view from first person to third person and vice versa. These create stumbling blocks for the reader. All in all, however, Mr. Hallstead, a Sanibel Island resident, has produced a vivid, satisfying and original thriller.

It is the 31st book he has brought into print. Before and beyond his book writing efforts, he has had a varied career in the military, highway design, public relations and information services. On Sanibel, he helped develop the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, having served as board chairman for five terms and having worked with Raymond Burr on fundraising and site acquisition. ■

— 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 Cocktail Hour – By Florida Repertory Theatre Jan. 5-27, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

Same Time, Next Year – By The Marco Players Jan. 6-24 at the Marco Players Theater. 642-7270 or themarco-players.com.

Sweet Smell of Success – By Theatre Zone Jan. 7-17 at G&L Theater Building at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

KAYAK – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates Jan. 7-23 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

Informed Consent – By Gulfshore Playhouse Jan. 9-31 at The Norris Center. (844) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Other Desert Cities – By The Naples Players Jan. 13 through Feb. 7 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Showboat – Through Feb. 14 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

THURSDAY 12.31



FRIDAY 1.1

Beachcombing – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a volunteer-led talk about beach treasures setting out at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Free Concert – Rick Howard and The Speedbumps perform from 7-9 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Fort Myers Art Walk – Galleries and shops throughout the River District of downtown Fort Myers stay open until 10 p.m., and live entertainment goes into the wee hours at various restaurants and bars. fortmyersartwalk.com.

SATURDAY 1.2

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.

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

Another Art Fair – The 17th biannual Estero Fine Art Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, Jan. 3, at Miromar Design Center. Free admission, but a \$5 donation appreciated. (941) 755-3088 or hotworks.org.



Works by local photographer Jennifer Semro are on display Jan. 2-Feb. 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10.

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

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts buffet dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by a screening of "Blame It on The Bellboy" (Italy, 1992). A bellboy's actions cause a hilarious case of mistaken identities among three hotel guests. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or nia-foundation.org.

Bluegrass Show – Bluegrass guitarist Jack Lawrence takes the stage at The Norris Center at 7 p.m. \$20. 213-3058 or naplesgov.com.

SUNDAY 1.3

Cruisin' – Specialty cars of all makes and models cruise in to the parking lot at Miromar Outlets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Public Performance – The Music Makers Show Band performs at 2 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. 263-1113 or naplesdixielandjazzband.com.

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

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

MONDAY 1.4

Om in the Garden – Join a walking meditation session at Naples Botanical Garden from 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 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. \$5, plus park entry fee. Reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkeyyoga.com.

Art in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden presents a lecture titled "What if ... Art Turned the World Upside Down" from 1-3 p.m. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

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TUESDAY 1.5

Flower Power – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about floral design from 9:30 a.m. to noon. \$50. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a talk about its prescribed fire program from noon to 1 p.m. \$10 for Friends of Rookery Bay members, \$15 for others. Includes lunch from Carrabba's Italian Grill. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

Author Signing – Helen Klein Ross stops by Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops at 7 p.m. to sign and discuss her book, "What Was Mine." Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

WEDNESDAY 1.6

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 for NHS members, \$16 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Exhibit Opening – The Naples Depot Museum hosts an opening reception for "Dream State," an exhibit of new works by plein air artist Lily Prince, from 6-8 p.m. Free. The exhibit will be on display through January. 262-6526 or colliermuseums.com.

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

COMING UP

History Lecture – South Regional Library hosts a presentation about the military tribunals at Nuremberg at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

Free Concert – The Applesed Collective performs outdoors at Mercato at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com. See story on page C1.

Comedy Show – Tim the Dairy Farmer and BC Murphy perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Old Naples Comedy Club. \$20. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. 455-2844 or oldnaplescomedyclub.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.

Luxe Life – Home & Design Magazine presents the Luxury Home Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8-9, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Exhibitors include more than 100 high-end home product and service providers. \$15. 598-4826 or homeanddesign-magazine.com. See story on page A1.

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 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, with barbecue competitions and tastings. 455-1444 or colliercountyfair.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 Yzgreve 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. See story on page C1.

Rasta Night – Roots reggae band Rebelution performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Germain Area. \$25-33. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Starry Night – Country music star Lorrie Morgan performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Seminole Immokalee 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.

Book Talk – Critic Elaine Newton leads a discussion about Emily St. Jean Mandel's "Station Eleven" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.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.

Season Opener – The Naples Orchestra & Chorus performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Naples High School. 298-7111 or naplesorchestraandchorus.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Art Reception – Friends of the Museum of the Everglades hosts a reception from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, for an exhibit of large-scale wildlife photography by Tommy Owen. Free. 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. 695-0008 or colliermuseums.com.

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.

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

Documentary Screening – South Regional Library presents a screening of "I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Weisenthal" at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Free, but registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

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.

Comedy Competition – Seminole Immokalee Casino kicks off its annual four-part Comedians Ball competition at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. Check website for details. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

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

Comedy Troupe – Chicago City Limits performs at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 14-15, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Irish History – The Naples St. Patrick Foundation presents a program about the role Ireland's national press played during the country's revolutionary period at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Naples Woman's Club about. \$20. 570 Park Ave. 227-5350 or naplesparade.com.



■ The **Paul Taylor Dance Company** takes the stage at Artis—Naples at 7 p.m. Sunday.

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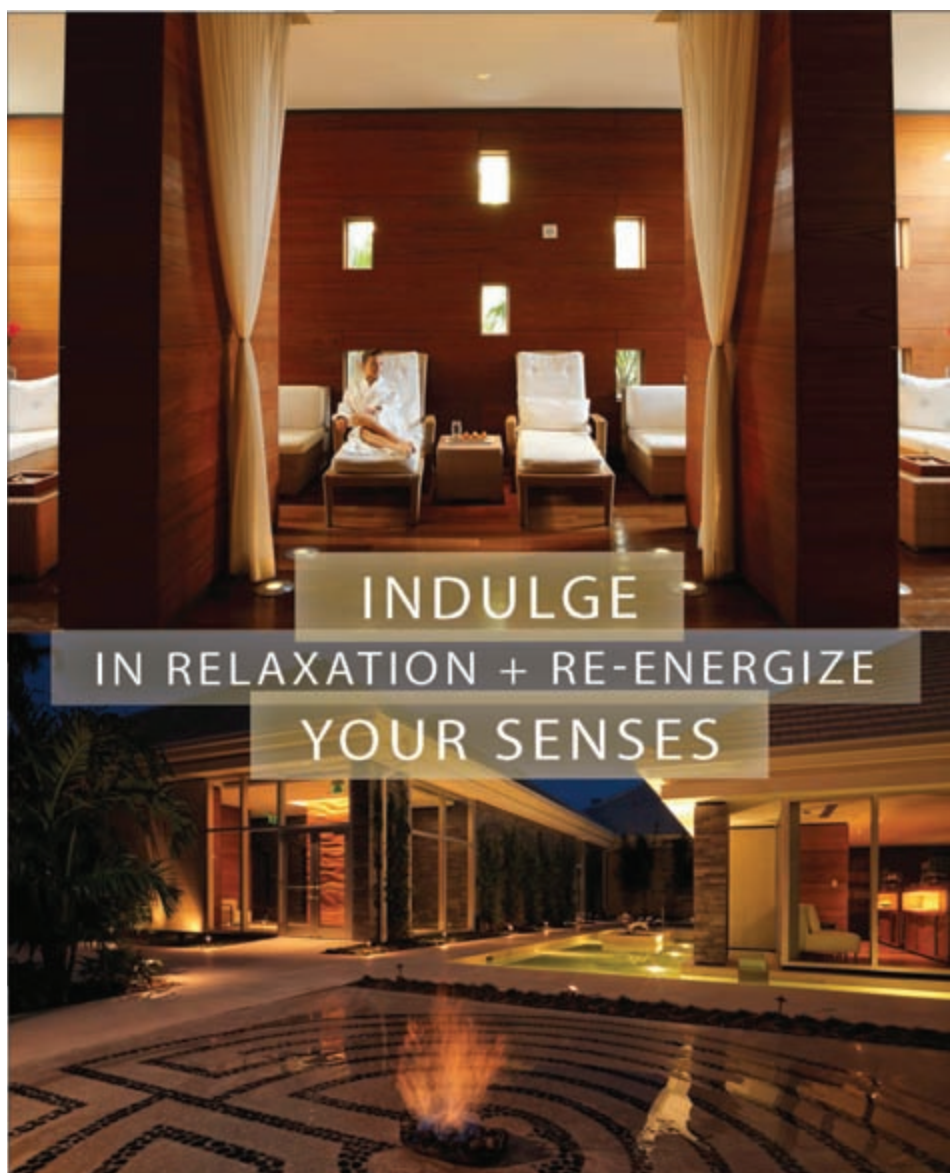
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Operatic Evening – Opera Naples presents Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 16, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$65-99. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org. See story on page C16.

Naturally Fun – Rookery Bay hosts the 12th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival all day Friday through Sunday, Jan 15-17. Registration required for field trips that are offered at a variety of price points. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

All Dolled Up – Naples Doll Club holds its annual show and sale with more than 50 vendors from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at New Hope Event Center. 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 Renegade Profit," at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Free. 992-0311 or floridastatepark.org.

Wild Art – Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass host the 18th annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the park. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.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.

Samba Fusion – The Brazilian jazz ensemble O Som Do performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

One-Man Show – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a performance of "Southern Gothic: A One-Man-Show" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Actor Frank Blocker portrays 17 characters from a small town in Mississippi. \$20-\$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

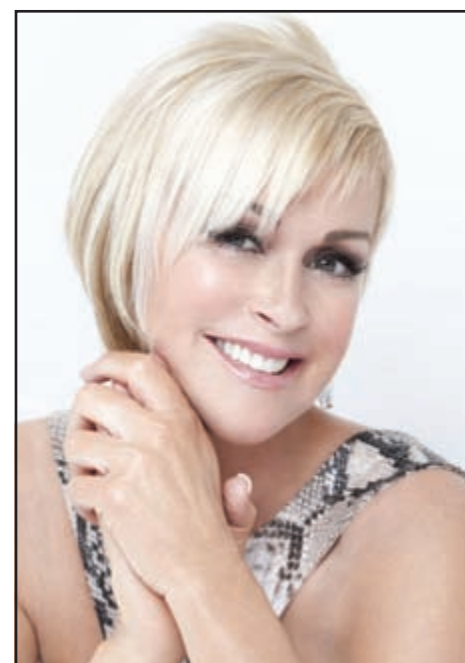
Bluegrass – Larry Cordle and Trinity River Band perform at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

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

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Belle Epoque" (Spain, 1992) at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. A young soldier deserts from the army and is hosted by a farmer with four daughters. \$10. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

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

Strings Sing – Marco Island Foundation for the Arts hosts a performance by Serafin String Quartet from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. \$50. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandarts.com.



Country star Lorrie Morgan ("Five Minutes" and "Something in Red," among other hits) performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Seminole Casino Immokalee. [seminolecasinoinnokalee](http://seminolecasinoinnokalee.com)

Pig Tales – Nick Jr.'s Peppa Pig delights preschoolers with a live show at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Germain Arena. \$28-48. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

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 Immokalee 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 artisnaples.org.

Stone Soup – Fill up with a handmade bowl full of steaming, restaurant-sourced soup during the 10th annual Empty Bowls lunch to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Cambier Park. 591-8848 or emptybowlsnaples.com.

Art in the Park – Fleischmann Park hosts the 19th annual Art Fest Naples from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24. The juried show presents works by 140 artists all media. Proceeds benefit the Special Needs Children's Fund. 634-2337 or artfestnaples.com.

Yoga for Scribes – Women are invited to stretch and write with yoga teacher Jane Erlbaum and writing coach Chivas Sandage from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at NCD Yoga & Pilates. \$50-55. Registration required. write-likeariver@gmail.com.

Jazz Concert – The Bob Zottola Jazz Trio performs from 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandarts.com.

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

WHERE TO GO

Abruzzo Night – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and live music from Dino Valle and the Neapolitans and The Manhattan Connection at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. \$50 for members, \$60 for others. Reservations required by Friday, Jan. 22. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Jazz Concert – Jazz saxophonist and clarinetist Ken Peplowski recreates the sound of Benny Goodman at 7 p.m. Sunday, 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 young woman found dead in a small town in Northern Italy. \$5. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Jewish Cardinal” (France, 2013) at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25. The true story of a cardinal who maintains his Jewish identity after converting to Catholicism and rising through the ranks of the church. \$10. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Chickee Chat – Naples Historical Society presents “From Fish to Pheasant” with hunters, fishermen and part rangers at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the garden at Historic Palm Cottage. Bring chairs. Free for NHS members, \$5 for others. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsocty.org.

Light Show – Seminole Immokalee Casino hosts a fireworks show, high-school band performances and food trucks from 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Bring a lawn chair. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Motown Melodies – Uptown Express performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at The Norris Center. \$22. 213-3058 naplesgov.com.

Jazz Tribute – Naples Jazz Orchestra hosts Grammy-nominated composer and trombonist Steve Weist at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, as he performs a send up to Maynard Ferguson at Golden Gate High School. \$30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

Jazz Festival – CAPA brings the Dan Heck Trio, Steve Uscher’s Tropical Jazz Group, Mudbone and the Dan Miller Quintet to the lawn at Mercato from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. Free. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Foreign Film – The Italian Cultural Society hosts a screening of “Shun Li and the Poet” (Italy, 2011) at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com. ■

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

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Brandon Smith, Andrew Brown, Vince Russo and Eric Dawe make up The Appleseed Collective.

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Founded in 2010, the band is an eclectic group of musicians who specialize in wide-ranging and often obscure genres and instruments, like Indian classical music and mandolins. Its sound is comprised of complementary and contrasting elements including pre-1940s jazz, funk, bluegrass and soul.

Having released two studio albums, “Baby to Beast” in 2012 and “Young Love” in 2014, the band has spent the better part of the last year on tour.

“It’s hard for us sometimes to define exactly the type of music we play,” guitarist Andrew Brown said. “I like to jokingly refer to it as ‘pre-World War II fusion with a modern songwriting tilt.’”

As a guitarist, Mr. Brown draws heavily from pre-World War II jazz; violinist and mandolinist Brandon Smith grew up playing old-time fiddle music; percussionist Vince Russo lets funk, jazz and rock influence his washboard style; and vocalist/upright bassist Eric Dawe has a choral background and studies Indian classical music.

In addition to enjoying songs that grab elements of several styles developed in the United States, concertgoers can look forward to a lot of three- and four-part harmonies and modern sensibilities.

“We draw on the sort of music that dates back to the 1920s,” Mr. Brown continued. “While we do have a lot of musicality that is based in those traditions, we really try to bring it forward with elements of modern songwriting.”

For these reasons, The Appleseed Collective finds its performances attract a broad range of music fans.

“Whether you’re 5, 10, 15 or 50 years old, you’re going to recognize a lot of the styles of music we play,” he said. “I think one of the things that the younger crowd really likes is that we’re doing something new with it. We’re mixing genres and making our own sound.”

The band’s latest release is a live album recorded at The Ark in their hometown of Ann Arbor, Mich. Titled “Live at The Ark,” it’s particularly special to band members because they were playing to a hometown crowd. The energy from the audience was palpable, Mr. Brown said, and only increased with a set list that featured barnburners, old soul jazz and mood pieces.

“We’ve always been more of a live band, and I would say that ‘Live at The

Ark’ captures the energy of that live show,” Mr. Brown said. “That differentiates it from our other album.”

The Collective is working on another live recording, “The Tour Tapes,” which will be a collection of songs performed during their yearlong 2015 tour. There’s no release date yet, Mr. Brown said, adding the record will include several new songs and will have “a more mature aesthetic.” The band has grown over the years in terms of songwriting and musical capability, he continued, and “The Tour Tapes” will reflect it.

“(The songs) are moving in a more progressive direction and featuring more two- and three-part harmonies,” he said. “The music has matured in the sense that it’s not really afraid to get dark if it needs to get dark. A lot of it is dealing with very human emotions and other things that have more depth. It’s a little bit less black and white — a little more gray.”

The songs deal with more complex issues and musically are “a lot richer,” he said. “Our abilities have started to catch up to our taste, which is always evolving to loftier goals.”

Also on the docket is an effort to incorporate the involvement of local farms into the band’s tour stops. The Appleseed Collective endorses the loca-

in the know

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- >> **What:** An Americana band
- >> **When:** 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, outside at Mercato in North Naples; 8-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Point Ybel Brewing Company in Fort Myers
- >> **Cost:** Free
- >> **Info:** theappleseedcollective.com

vore lifestyle, which promotes utilizing nearby food sources and avoiding the corporate supply chain that moves food thousands of miles from where its produced.

“We are big fans of people doing their own thing and really being empowered,” Mr. Brown said. “We want to present people with the local food movement everywhere we go.”

The performance is part of the Mercato Nights music series of free monthly concerts on the lawn at the shopping center in North Naples. Guests should bring their own seating and leave coolers and outside refreshments at home.

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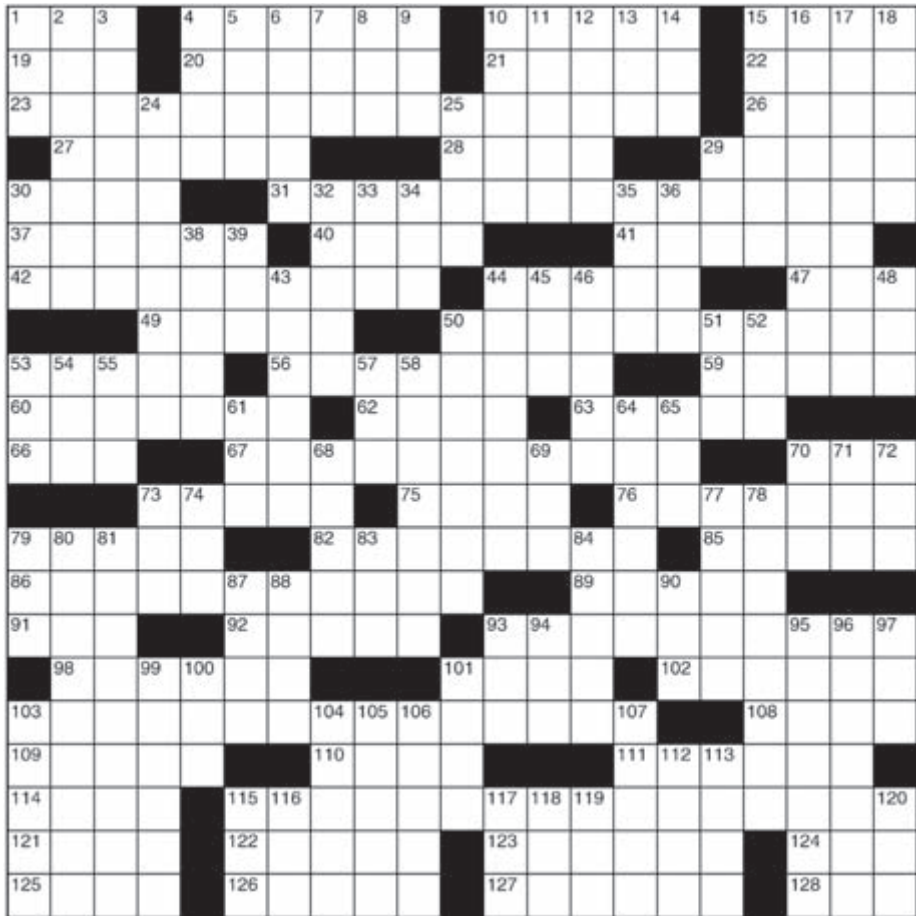
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 - 10 Year the U.S. declared war on Iraq
 - 15 Store lure
 - 19 Perfecta, e.g.
 - 20 Residence-based
 - 21 Vital vessel
 - 22 Pastry decorator
 - 23 Easily seen contrast
 - 26 March Madness gp.
 - 27 Musical inaptitude
 - 28 Poet's Ireland
 - 29 Near-etermities
 - 30 — Kong
 - 31 Encore elicitor
 - 37 Ominous last words
 - 40 Frizzy dos, for short
 - 41 No longer fazed by
 - 42 "Blondie" or "Beetle Bailey"
 - 44 Italian for "friends"
 - 47 A Gabor sister
 - 49 Very easy, as a job
 - 50 Absent looks
 - 53 Transferable design
 - 56 Upsized or downsized
 - 59 Iraq's only port city
 - 60 "Anne of —" (1909 novel)
 - 62 English composer
 - 63 "Would that it were true!"
 - 66 Nation south of the U.S.
 - 67 Jack or king
 - 70 Tree with red berrylike fruit
 - 73 River ducks
 - 75 Garr of "Oh, God!"
 - 76 Adopt
 - 79 Pickle juice
 - 82 Brisket dish
 - 85 Toll rds.
 - 86 War fronts
 - 89 Pale yellow
 - 91 LPs' supplanters
 - 92 Indiana basketballer
 - 93 Weapon used with a quiver
 - 98 Lay siege to
 - 101 Nickname of Israel's
 - 102 Corals, e.g.
 - 103 Incorrect inference
 - 108 Not many
 - 109 Really vexed
 - 110 Watched
 - 111 Like some 53-Acrosses
 - 114 — II (razor brand)
 - 115 Theme of this puzzle
 - 121 Undertaking
 - 122 Emerson's middle name
 - 123 Off the mark
 - 124 "El —" (1961 epic)
 - 125 1974 CIA spooft film
 - 126 "— right with the world!"
 - 127 Take care of
 - 128 Hospital trauma ctrs.
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Alphabet starter
 - 2 "Traffic" co-star Benicio
 - 3 "Ms." co-founder Gloria
 - 4 Pit stop item
 - 5 "Shave — haircut ..."
 - 6 Bake in a shallow dish, as eggs
 - 7 Urgent call
 - 8 911 VIP
 - 9 Maui gift
 - 10 Lens used for close-ups
 - 11 Dominant theme
 - 12 Sister in "Three Sisters"
 - 13 "What am — think?"
 - 14 007 creator Fleming
 - 15 "Nothing Compares 2 U" singer
 - 16 Provides with furnishings
 - 17 Stoops
 - 18 Rub off
 - 24 Like many a British bishop
 - 25 Beatty and Romero
 - 29 "Pale" brew
 - 30 Ad — committee
 - 32 Agatha Christie's "A Pocket Full —"
 - 33 Geller of spoon-bending
 - 34 Trio after M
 - 35 Hockey disk
 - 36 Frat letters
 - 38 Kind of oar
 - 39 Twisty path
 - 43 Person held in bondage
 - 44 Quickly, in a score
 - 45 Alluring West Jaipur locale
 - 46 Jaipur locale
 - 48 Tight — drum
 - 50 Flags
 - 51 Conan O'Brien's network
 - 52 Ooh and —
 - 53 Beaver's construction
 - 54 Night before
 - 55 Racing boat steerer
 - 57 Articulate
 - 58 Beastie
 - 61 MPG-rating org.
 - 64 Unfortunate sort
 - 65 Photo badges, e.g.
 - 68 Jellied dish
 - 69 Covert U.S.
 - 70 Laugh loudly
 - 71 Siam or Japan suffix
 - 72 Film director Craven
 - 73 It blasts
 - 74 Slippery fish
 - 77 Lead-in to dactyl
 - 78 Nashville amusement park of the 1970s-'90s
 - 79 Programme broadcaster
 - 80 Police setup to catch speeders
 - 81 1977 Linda Ronstadt hit
 - 83 Smackeroo
 - 84 Prefix with economic
 - 87 Grand tale
 - 88 French composer
 - 90 Cool, to a 1940s cat
 - 93 Sue Grafton's "— for Alibi"
 - 94 Baseball stat
 - 95 Via coercion
 - 96 Alfresco
 - 97 Nashville-to-Memphis dir.
 - 99 Mini-meals
 - 100 G-man, e.g.
 - 101 Good friends
 - 103 Bulb units
 - 104 Playwright Eugene O'—
 - 105 Singer Lauper
 - 106 Kids' bricks
 - 107 Battery type
 - 112 Angry talk
 - 113 Savvy about
 - 115 It had a hub at JFK
 - 116 "Into the Wild" actor
 - 117 Holbrook
 - 118 Cuprite, e.g.
 - 119 Tea vessel
 - 120 Dict. entries

HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you

appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Quantitative analysis

BY STEVE BECKER

Declarer frequently holds up an ace in notrump play, but there are times when it is much wiser to take the ace at once. The issue can be resolved only if declarer carefully weighs the merits of each case separately.

Consider this deal where West leads the spade six against three notrump. Should South play low from dummy at trick one, or should he play the ace?

When the deal occurred, declarer ducked, and East won the trick with the queen. Back came a spade, covered by the nine and ten, and declarer ducked again. A third spade then drove out the ace.

South had no choice but to try the diamond finesse, and when West won the ten with the king and cashed his remaining two spades, the contract went down one.

Subsequent analysis revealed that declarer would have made the contract had he played the ace of spades at trick one and then tried the diamond finesse. With the spades blocked, East-West could not have run the suit, and South would have scored nine tricks. The question, therefore, is whether South erred by holding up the ace initially.

The answer lies in which play — going up with the ace or ducking it — offers the better chance for the contract in the long run.

South should reason that, assuming West's six is his fourth-best spade, East has only one card higher than that — the

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
East Pass South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

seven, ten, queen or king. Presumably it is not the seven, since with a combination including the K-Q-10, West would have led the king rather than the six. Therefore, East's high spade is either the ten, queen or king.

Declarer can gain by ducking at trick one only if East's high spade is the 10. But if East has either the queen or king, playing the ace assures the contract. The odds are thus 2-to-1 in favor of playing the ace, making it by far the better play. ■



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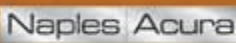
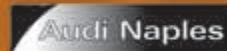
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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Have a seat, and a history lesson while you're at it

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

The Windsor chair was first made in the late 17th century in England and about 1730 in America. The chairs are similar, but the English chair legs are less splayed and only the English chair has a splat (a shaped piece of wood) as part of the back. American chairs are made with spindles for the back and to hold the arms. There are many kinds of Windsor chairs with descriptive names like brace back, hoop back, arrow back, fanback, bow back, low back, comb back and scroll back. And some have added parts like rockers or writing arms. Early chairs usually were painted because several types of wood were used. "Brown furniture" from the 18th and 19th centuries is selling for low prices today. The best have original paint, but watch out for repaints. The chair with a nine-spindle back probably is older than one with four spindles. The more spindles on an antique Windsor, the earlier and better the chair. Brunk Auctions in Asheville, N.C. sold a comb-back Windsor with some repairs in 2015 for \$1,003.



Q: I'm hoping you can shed some light on a floor lamp I have. The base is stamped "Miller Company" and one of the parts is stamped "Miller U-Dezine." The base and column are made of pot metal or bronze. Can you give me any information about this lamp and its maker?

A: Edward Miller founded this lamp company in Meriden, Connecticut, in 1844. Candlesticks, lamps and other products were made. A metal rolling mill was built later. A 1930 ad for Miller's "U-De-Zine" read "You design the lamp you want," and called it "The Lamp That Is Made In Separate Parts For You To Put Together." There were several ways to assemble the parts. A table lamp could be changed to a floor lamp, or a floor lamp to a bridge lamp. In 1985, the lighting division was sold. The company was bought by an affiliate of Diehl Metall, a German company in 2000.

Q: My Lane cedar chest pictures Molly Pitcher firing her husband's cannon after he collapsed. The serial number is 2575150. Can you tell me when it was made?

A: You can find out when your Lane chest was made by reversing

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Q: I have a Stereo Realist viewer in a green case that's 14 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 2 inches deep. It has two snaps to keep it closed. What is it worth?

A: The Stereo Realist was made from 1947 until 1972. It was designed by Seton Rochwite, who worked for the David White Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The camera originally sold for \$160 and the viewer for \$20. Stereo Realist viewers sell online today for \$40 and up.

Q: While going through my 93-year-old mother's things, I found two teaspoons, one with Gloria Swanson's picture and signature and another with Norma Talmadge. Both are in good shape. Do they have any value?

A: Souvenir spoons were popular collectibles from the 1890s into the 1920s. Your spoons are two of a set of 12 silver-plated spoons featuring silent film stars of the day. They were made by Oneida Silversmiths for Hearst Newspapers, and used in a 1925 advertising campaign in Photoplay, one of the first American film fan magazines. Each spoon has a facsimile signature of an actor or actress on the handle and a raised portrait on the tip. Besides your two, other stars represented were Marion Davies, Richard Dix, Douglas Fairbanks, Thomas Meighan, Mae Murray, Pola Negri, Ramon Novarro, Mary Pickford, Norma Shearer and Lois Wilson. Oneida was formed as a utopian com-

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Q: I'd like to know the value of a carved-wood picture of Heidelberg Castle and the old bridge over the Neckar River in Germany. The roofs of the buildings are painted red. On the lower corner it reads "Carved by R. Bergner" and "7964." I bought it at a garage sale.

A: R. Bergner did carved- and burnt-wood pictures in the 1950s. The number on your picture probably indicates that it was part of a "limited edition." A picture similar to yours, numbered 7955, sold recently for \$40. Other burnt-wood pictures by Bergner have sold for \$30.

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Italian opera and Aspen String Trio start the new year for Opera Naples

Opera Naples kicks off 2016 with a comic look at the road to marital bliss in "Don Pasquale" and an evening of classical and gypsy music by the Aspen String Trio. The opera takes place Thursday and Saturday, Jan. 14 and 16, and the trio performs Friday, Jan. 29. All performances start at 8 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center.

Plans for an arranged marriage and the threat of disinheritance won't stand in the way of a young couple in love in Gaetano Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," one of the most popular Italian comic operas of all time. Filled with schemes, pranks and alluring music, ON's new production stars baritone Steven Condy, acclaimed for his creative portrayals of the great "buffo" roles, in the title role as an arrogant old man bent on marrying his nephew off to a bride he deems suitable. When Ernesto refuses, Don Pasquale then plans to marry a young woman himself and disinherit his nephew.

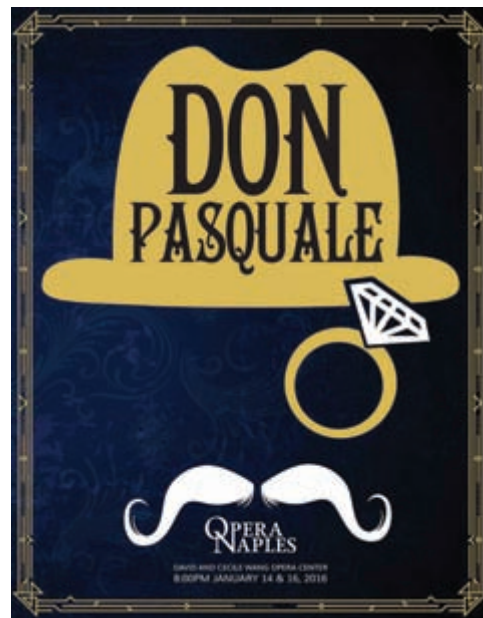
Tenor William Davenport makes his role debut as the defiant Ernesto in

this production. Soprano Hailey Clarke makes her debut with ON as the object of the title character's amorous attentions. Baritone Jonathan Beyer sings the role of Dr. Malatesta, Don Pasquale's scheming physician and Ernesto's friend.

With its graceful and melodic score, the music of "Don Pasquale" incorporates a layer of sophistication that matches the humorous plot. Ramon Tebar conducts the Opera Naples production.

The Aspen String Trio, founded by internationally renowned and locally based concert pianists Tao Lin and Catherine Lan, performs the evening of Jan. 29 as part of Opera Naples' inaugural season of the Beaux Arts Chamber Series. On the "Classical & Gypsy" program are works by Richard Strauss, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johannes Brahms.

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Former student returns home for her professional acting debut

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Naples native Lana Neuman makes her professional acting debut as the innocent and morally upstanding Susan Hunsecker, the young sister of the sinister New York columnist J.J. Hunsecker, in TheatreZone's production of "Sweet Smell of Success." Based on the 1957 film noir, the Tony-award winning musical opens the company's 11th anniversary season. Performances are Jan. 7-17 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.

As a student at CSN, Ms. Neuman performed in the school's annual "Showtime" extravaganza and played the role of Sally Simpson in "Tommy," both under the direction of Mark Danni, who is the founding artistic director of TheatreZone.

"She's a true triple threat," Mr. Danni says about his former student's singing, dancing and acting talents. "We've been waiting for her to be available to perform at TheatreZone for a long time."

Returning to her hometown for her debut as an Equity actress "feels like the stars are aligned," Ms. Neuman says.

"I love working with Mark. A big reason why I chose a professional career in musical theater is because of him and his wife Karen (Molnar) along with music director Charles Fornara and his wife actress Dawn (Lebrecht Fornara)," she adds. "They're my team."

Ms. Neuman studied at the University of Florida for two years before moving to New York City to pursue her acting and singing dreams. She earned a



Lana Neuman

certificate from the American Musical & Dramatic Academy and then spent a couple of years traveling the world while working as Princess Ariel for Disney Cruises. Upon returning to New York, she performed in several regional shows and Off Broadway readings and showcases.

About her character in "Sweet Smell of Success" for TheatreZone she says, "Susan may start off as an ingenue, but she gets tough ... It's similar to my re-

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Marco Players present romantic comedy

The Marco Players start the New Year with "Same Time, Next Year" the Tony Award-winning romantic comedy by Bernard Slade that ran for four years on Broadway. Richard Joyce directs the local production that plays out the saucy romance and hilarious habits of two people who have an affair each year for 24 years while married to other people.

"What makes this show both entertaining and nostalgic is that George and Doris' one-night stand grows into a lifetime of one-night stands," Mr. Joyce says. "Even though it's 'naughty,' you'll enjoy watching their relationship grow, which



is so nice."

The pair is played by Naples residents Jim and Michelle Langlas, who have been married in real life for 40 years. It is the first major role for Mr. Langlas, a professor of English at Florida SouthWestern State College. Mrs. Langlas has appeared in several local productions.

"Same Time, Next Year" is on stage Jan. 6-24 at The Marco Players Theater in Marco Town Center Mall. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for \$25 and \$28 are available by calling 642-7270 or going to themarcoplayers.com. ■

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cation to New York City. I had to get tough, too."

Joining Ms. Neuman in the production are Equity actors Gerritt VanderMeer ("Whistle Down the Wind," "Grand Hotel" and "Next to Normal") as the self-righteous and combative Mr. Hunsecker and Daniel Schwab ("Little Women," "Grand Hotel" and "110 in the Shade") as his sycophantic protégé, the power-hungry flack Sidney Falco. Tim Russell is Dallas, the slandered jazz musician, and Carolann Sanita ("High Society") returns to TheatreZone as

Rita, Falco's long-suffering girlfriend with a past.

The ensemble cast consists of Brent Kuenning, Dave Thome, Adolpho Blaire, Josh Kolb, Pierre Tannous, Megan Jimenez, Juliet Jewett, Kayley Stevens and Alana Ferraro. ■

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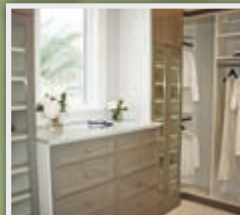
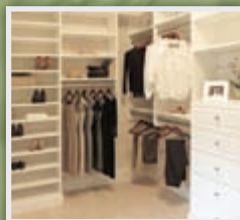
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FILM CAPSULES

The Revenant ★★1/2

(Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Will Poulter) Fur trapper Hugh Glass (Mr. DiCaprio) is left for dead by his fellow hunters after he's mauled by a bear. The cinematography is fantastic and DiCaprio and Hardy give standout performances, but there's a harsh unpleasantness about it that makes you feel like you need a shower when it's over. Rated R.

Joy ★★

(Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro, Bradley Cooper) With her personal and professional life a mess, Joy (Ms. Lawrence) invents a "Miracle Mop" that becomes a huge sensation — if her family doesn't screw it up for her. Writer/director David O. Russell ("American Hustle") usually imbues his movies with a flair that makes them burst with life and energy, but that's oddly missing here. Rated PG-13.

Carol ★★1/2

(Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, Kyle Chandler) In the 1950s, Carol (Ms. Blanchett), who's about to divorce her husband (Mr. Chandler), finds herself attracted to a department store clerk (Ms. Mara) who's unsure of what she wants. The performances, costuming, production design and musical score make this one of the best films of 2015. Rated R.

The Big Short ★★1/2

(Ryan Gosling, Steve Carell, Brad Pitt) The mortgage crisis and succeeding 2008 economic collapse are given

fresh insight and explained clearly and comically in co-writer and director Adam McKay's wonderful adaptation of Michael Lewis' book. An absolute treat, it should be a Best Picture Oscar nominee. Rated R.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens ★★1/2

(Daisy Ridley, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher) With Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) missing, General Organa (Ms. Fisher) sends a pilot (Oscar Isaac) to find him, only to bump into the villainous Kylo Ren (Adam Driver), who wants Luke dead. The visual effects and action are pretty standard, but the story goes in logical directions. Frustratingly, though, too much is left unexplained. Rated PG-13.

Sisters ★★1/2

(Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph) Sisters Kate (Ms. Fey) and Maura (Ms. Poehler) throw one last grand party in their old house before their parents sell it. It's not consistently funny, but fans of Ms. Fey and Ms. Poehler will find it amusing enough. Rated R.

Brooklyn ★★1/2

(Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Jim Broadbent) Irish teenager Eilis (Ms. Ronan) moves to Brooklyn, N.Y., and doesn't settle into American culture until she meets Tony (Mr. Cohen). It's a straightforward drama that's wonderfully told and acted, especially by Ms. Ronan, who deserves an Oscar nomination. Rated PG-13. ■

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Reviewer's note: This review is for the 70 mm "Roadshow" version of "The Hateful Eight" that opened Dec. 25 in 44 cities and includes a musical overture and intermission and runs 182 minutes. A digital theatrical version that runs 168 minutes without the overture and intermission opens nationwide Dec. 31.*

Someone needs to tell Quentin Tarantino it isn't 1956.

Back then, after black-and-white televisions first entered American homes and color and widescreen movies were becoming the norm, it was commonplace for large-scale productions to begin with an overture, include an intermission and run longer than three hours. Filmmakers, critics and moviegoers were swept away by the grandeur and excess of it all, and the box office responded in kind. But by the late '60s, American culture changed, color TVs entered the fray and the grandiose cinematic fad passed.

Just don't tell that to Mr. Tarantino, whose worst enemy has always been himself. For as great as some of his movies ("Pulp Fiction") are, there are times when he overwrites and under-edits.

Giving him the canvas of a '50s epic — as The Weinstein Company has done with "The Hateful Eight" — just encourages him to overdo everything. And not surprisingly, that's exactly what he does here.

After a lengthy Ennio Morricone ("The Untouchables") orchestral overture, the first two hours of the 182-minute film are all talk. First inside a stagecoach travelling a snowy road in frosty Wyoming, then inside a cabin in which our protagonists are trapped while waiting out a snowstorm. The dialog is clever and witty and long-winded, but it is wholly original — with the exception of Mr. Tarantino's inexplicable comfort with the N-word, which now feels trite in his movies rather than bracing.

The story is set a few years after the Civil War, and inside the stagecoach is

a motley assortment of folks you'd walk to the other side of the street to avoid. They include: Bounty hunter John Ruth (Kurt Russell) and his fugitive, Daisy Domergue (Jennifer Jason Leigh), former union soldier turned bounty hunter Major Marquis Warren (Samuel L. Jackson) and Chris Mannix (Walton Goggins), a loose cannon who claims to be the nearby town's new sheriff.

With the blizzard closing in they stop at Minnie's Haberdashery, a log cabin motel of sorts, for lodging. They're greeted by four unfamiliar faces: Bob (Demian Bichir), who's taking care of Minnie's while she's visiting her mother; Oswaldo Mobray (Tim Roth), a hangman; cowboy Joe Gage (Michael Madsen); and Confederate General Sanford Smithers (Bruce Dern). Naturally, no one is to be trusted and things are not as they seem.

After a 12-minute intermission the film takes a different tact: Through the last hour the plot moves quickly, the violence is grisly and unexpected, there's a flashback and Channing Tatum appears out of nowhere. Similar to how the two halves of "Kill Bill" were different in tone and style, "The Hateful Eight" embraces extensive exposition in the first act only to have it all come to a swift and brutal resolution in the second. More balance between the two acts would've allowed it to feel coherently structured, which would result in the resolution meaning more.

Everything about "The Hateful Eight" — the running time, dialog, musical score, violence, you name it — feels excessive. And yet there's something about it that's deliciously appealing and cinematic. Perhaps it's Mr. Tarantino's clear love for his subject matter shining through. Or the fact that his style always allows for a rare and unique movie-going experience, and there's value in that at a time when homogeneity is the norm.

Regardless, "The Hateful Eight" is both three hours at the movies that you will not soon forget and three hours you'll never want to relive. ■



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Film: The Worst of 2015

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It takes a special movie to genuinely piss you off in the span of two hours. Here are the 10 worst movies of 2015 in no particular order, except one: I saved the worst for last.

■ **No. 10:** "The Boy Next Door" – Jennifer Lopez as a schoolteacher? Yes please. Trapping her in a second-rate thriller in which she has to fight off a teenage stalker? Do better than that.

■ **No. 9:** "Beyond The Reach" – Apparently character motivations and a decent script were "Beyond The Reach" for this Michael Douglas/Jeremy Irvine drama set in the Mojave Desert. If you see it, you'll regret it.

■ **No. 8:** "Tomorrowland: – George Clooney was all over the poster and trailer but then was nowhere to be found for the first 50 minutes of the movie. I found "Tomorrowland" especially disappointing, however, because it was co-written and directed by Brad Bird, who was so tremendous with "The Incredibles" and "Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol."

■ **No. 7:** "The Gunman" – Sean Penn teamed with Javier Bardem in an attempt to see how soundly they could put people to sleep. They succeeded. There's a hit man, a rival and a girl they both love, and yet the movie never gets off the ground to be even the least bit interesting.

■ **No. 6:** "The Gallows" – Found-footage horror movies need to die. And I'm not talking one of those fake horror movie deaths; I'm talking a real, permanent death to this gimmick that's been played out for years. In this instance, teenagers are trapped inside their high school overnight. I was rooting for them

to die so the movie would end and I could leave.

■ **No. 5:** "Fantastic Four" – The sad thing is you could actually see the potential here, but this \$120 million mistake from 20th Century Fox (it grossed \$56 million domestically) got caught between director Josh Trank's "body horror" vision and something more commercial. The result was something that didn't work for either.

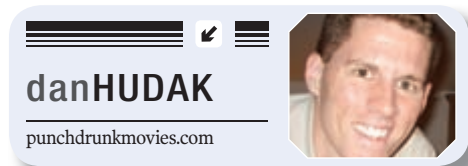
■ **Nov. 4:** "Rock The Kasbah" – Bill Murray as a louse music manager looking for a star in Afghanistan sounded like it had potential, but the story ended up taking him on a series of misguided and unfunny adventures, all of which failed to land the social message the film felt obligated to deliver.

■ **No. 3:** "Pan" – The ridiculous make-up and costumes were one thing, the hammy performances another. But ruining the story of "Peter Pan" was the biggest sin of all.

■ **No. 2:** "Suffragette" – If you're going to have a main character (played by Carey Mulligan) lose her family, job, possessions and everything else while petitioning for women's right to vote, here's an idea: At least allow that woman to express why the right to vote is important to her. This should have been an Oscar contender, and instead it was just a joke.

■ **No. 1:** And finally, the absolute worst movie of 2015: "The D Train" – I left this one feeling sorry for Jack Black and James Marsden. Mr. Black plays a Pittsburgh loser named Dan who flies to L.A. to try to get a former classmate-turned-actor (Mr. Marsden) to come to their high school reunion. At no point did Dan show any dignity or self-respect, or give us anything to root for. He's a loser for a multitude of reasons, and worse, as the protagonist he provided nothing for us to enjoy about the film. ■

Film: The BEST of 2015



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1950s Brooklyn, N.Y., in this beautifully shot drama from director John Crowley (“Intermission”). It’s about the heart being torn between homes new and old, and the invigoration and conflicts that come with falling in love. Ms. Ronan gives the performance of the year as she takes us through the heroine’s journey. In theaters now.

No studio in the history of the film industry has enjoyed a better year than Universal Pictures had in 2015 — and it accomplished the feat in only seven months.

Ample critical acclaim for its movies is one thing, but the box office numbers (which are what really matters in Hollywood) are mind blowing. The studio commanded a nearly 24 percent market share of all box office grosses, which totaled nearly \$2.4 billion domestically, and seven of its 22 films grossed more than \$100 million.

What’s more, having “Jurassic World” (\$652 million), “Furious Seven” (\$353 million), “Minions” (\$336 million) and “Pitch Perfect 2” (\$184 million) be such runaway hits makes up for the disappointments of “Crimson Peak” (only \$31 million) and “Steve Jobs” (a paltry \$17 million).

But enough about numbers and studio bragging rights. This wasn’t a great year for movies, but the films that stood out seem more a reflection of our times than any year in recent memory. Here are my picks for the Top 10 movies of 2015:

■ **No. 10:** “Mad Max: Fury Road” – At a time when action movies readily objectify women but rarely let them be heroes, this film — for all its non-stop action, crazy stunts, memorable characters, morbid storyline and bold visual choices — made Charlize Theron’s Furiosa arguably the strongest, most butt-kicking character of all. The entire movie is a stylish two-hour action scene that’s pure adrenaline. Available on home video.

■ **No. 9:** “Best of Enemies” – The best documentary of 2015 chronicles the war of words in televised debates between the liberal Gore Vidal and the conservative William F. Buckley during the 1968 presidential conventions. Civil political discourse this is not; it’s a treat to watch these heavyweight windbags sadistically go at it, and scary when we realize this is par for the course with TV pundits today. Available on home video.

■ **No. 8:** “The Walk” – I think I’m still sweating from the finale, which shows Frenchman Philippe Petit on a high wire between the World Trade Towers in the summer of 1974. Joseph Gordon-Levitt is captivating as Petit, and when the visual effects put you on that wire 110 stories above the New York City ground, hold on tight. What an experience. Available on home video Jan. 5.

■ **No. 7:** “Carol” – A beautiful love story, beautifully told. Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara are superb as women in 1952 who fall in love and yearn to be together in a society that doesn’t know how to accept homosexuality. In theaters now.

■ **No. 6:** “Straight Outta Compton” – Musical biopics have a way of hitting the same beats (pun intended), but this story about pioneer hip-hop group N.W.A. resonated at a higher level. It clicked with a racial tension still felt in some parts today and then hit you with an emotional ending you don’t see coming (unless you already know the story). If only all musical biopics were this good. Available on home video Jan. 19.

■ **No. 5:** “Brooklyn” – Saoirse Ronan is outstanding as an Irish émigré in

■ **No. 4:** “Infinitely Polar Bear” – This one came and went too quickly over the summer, which is a shame given Mark Ruffalo’s standout turn as a bipolar father of two daughters who’s left to care for them when his wife moves to New York City. Funny, sweet and poignant, it’s a genuinely inspiring heart warmer that deserves to be seen. Available on home video.

■ **No. 3:** “The Big Short” – Great star power, surprising humor and masterful direction headline this superb work from director Adam McKay, heretofore best known for Will Ferrell comedies. When you go to the movie you may not be familiar with the housing market crisis of 2008 or understand why the economy crashed shortly thereafter, but you can be darn sure it’ll all make sense by the time you leave. Explaining everything so clearly is a masterpiece by Mr. McKay. In theaters now.

■ **No. 2:** “Spotlight” – No-frills storytelling at its absolute best, co-writer and director Tom McCarthy’s film rarely resorts to histrionics for effect. This is about *The Boston Globe’s* investigation into sexual abuse by Catholic priests, and the pursuit for the truth provides all the tension and suspense we can handle. The more we learn, the more eager we are for the reporters to “nail these scumbags,” as Mark Ruffalo’s intrepid reporter passionately emotes. In theaters now.

■ **No. 1:** “The Martian” – In a year full of crazy extravaganzas, this was the most extravagant of all. Matt Damon gives the performance of his career as astronaut Mark Watney, a botanist who’s left behind on Mars after a storm causes his crew to evacuate. Director Ridley Scott deftly balances Mark’s survival, NASA’s rescue attempts and Mark’s crew as they travel back to earth in a way that logically builds tension and looks absolutely fabulous. It’s an altogether spectacular movie that in a just world will be an Oscar nominee for Best Picture. Available on home video Jan. 12. ■



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■ 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@jewish-naples.org.



"A Night of Motown Magic" takes place Saturday, Jan. 9, at Vineyards Country Club to benefit Jewish Family & Community Services.

■ **Hope for Haiti's "Back to Our Roots"** gala 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. For reservations or more information, call 434-7183, ext. 203.

■ **Friends of the Collier County Museums** celebrate the 30th anniversary of the museums on Saturday evening, Jan. 16, at Windstar on Naples Bay. The gala will recognize and benefit all five museums in the county system: the main museum at the Collier County Government Center, The Depot Museum, Roberts Ranch in Immokalee, Marco Island Historical Museum and Everglades City Museum.

The evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with re-enactors in historical costumes and an array of auction items. A three-course dinner and dancing to hits from the 1950s, '60s and beyond will follow. Tickets for \$120 area available at foccm.com or can be purchased by sending a check to Friends of the Collier County Museums, 3331 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL 34112. For more information, call (410) 258-5227 or visit FOCCM.com.

■ 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.

■ **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine** hosts its inaugural gala, "Evening of Vision - Under the Stars," Friday, Jan. 22, at the new Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Naples. Alan Korest is honorary chair of the event that includes a cocktail reception, building tours, dinner, dancing and an auction. Entertainment includes the University of Miami Frost School of Music Stamps Live Quintet and a performance by Glenn Basham, professor emeritus, also from the Frost School. Tickets are \$250, with proceeds to benefit the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute ambulatory surgery center set to open in Naples in 2016. For reservations or more information, call 659-3986.



■ The **David Lawrence Center** hosts "Live Life in Color!" on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Naples Botanical Garden. Rather than transporting guests to a faraway land, as has been the gala's signature tradition for many years, the 2016 fundraiser focuses on life right here in paradise. William and Pat Barton are honorary co-chairs; Polly Keller and William and Kathleen O'Neill are co-chairs. Performance artist, entertainer and speaker Michael Israel will paint to live music, with the resulting artwork to be auctioned off after dinner.

Tickets are \$500 (\$1,200 for VIP privileges). For more information, visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

■ The **"Meow Masquerade,"** an evening of dinner, dancing and silent auction to benefit the Naples Cat Alliance takes place from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Windstar on Naples Bay. Raffle tickets for a \$5,800 getaway for three nights in New Orleans will also be sold (\$20 each, with a maximum of 300 sold). Tickets for \$85 are available by calling Pam Reed at 370-2437.

■ "I Only Have Eyes for You," the second annual **EyeBall Soiree** to benefit the Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic, takes place from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at The Club at Mediterra. BMO Harris Bank is the title sponsor. The evening includes cocktail hours and dinner, live entertainment, mystery and live auctions and awards to two doctors who donate their time to the clinic. For tickets or sponsorship information, call Trish Leonard at 398-9999, email trish@trishleonard.com or visit eyeballsoiree.com.

■ **Naples Music Club** holds its annual gala the evening of Monday, Jan. 25, at the Bonita Bay Club. This year's theme is "Exploring Cole Porter." Music will be by String Theory Plus, featuring Glenn Basham, Kevin Mauldin, Rebecca Richardson and Dan Heck. Tickets for \$150 are available at naplesmusicclub.org or by calling 384-9205.


■ **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.

■ **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 personality 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.

Tickets start at \$350 and include cocktails, a silent auction and dinner. For more information, call (941) 365-3913, ext. 1167, or email events@myplannedparenthood.org.

■ 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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two very pretty steamed buns stuffed with savory roasted duck, cucumbers, scallions and hoisin sauce, both artfully displayed in a bamboo steamer. I quickly forgot that I had to eat this for science — meaning this column — and dug in before I practically grabbed my mom's bun out of her hand for a photo (sorry, Mom).

It was so good I had to scan the menu to see if Araya offered it as an entrée. Alas, I was distracted by the sushi selections.

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CUISINE NEWS

Here's to a sparkling new year, plus updates on area eateries

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Ready to up your sparkler game? Quench sophisticated palates on New Year's Eve with this carrot and cardamom flavored champagne cocktail courtesy of Whole Foods Market. Feel free to juice some carrots if you're feeling fancy.



Cardamom-Carrot Sparkler courtesy of Whole Foods Market

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Pour 1 TBS syrup into each of two sparkling wine glasses or other small glasses. Divide carrot juice and sparkling wine between the glasses and serve.

Take note

■ **21 Spices by Chef Sayid**, a progressive Indian restaurant with Chef Asif Rasheed Sayid in the kitchen, is open for business. Guests to the new spot in Sugden Park Plaza in East Naples can enjoy subcontinental specialties inspired by Mr. Sayid's Muglai heritage such as



Chef Asif Rasheed Sayid



Chef Asif Rasheed Sayid's shahi tukda, a dessert with Muglai origins that is reminiscent of bread pudding, at 12 Spices by Chef Sayid.

Meen Moilee Grouper prepared with coconut milk, cashew paste, signature spice blend, mustard seeds and curry leaves. Mr. Sayid is the former executive chef at the Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort and is a two-time winner of the Tampa Bay International Curry Festival. For more information, call 919-8830 or follow 21 Spices Dining on Facebook.

■ **Café Lurcat** has introduced a new menu based on brasserie favorites. Chef Mike Mueller researched the theme with a trip to France and returned with items such as escargot with bone marrow gratin, black grouper bouillabaisse and duck cassoulet. The menu is available through February. For reservations or more information, call 213-3357 or visit cafelurcat.com.

■ **The Local** hosts a cooking class with proprietor and chef Jeff Mitchell from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 3. Guests will learn to prepare new healthy options for the New Year and enjoy a sit-down lunch with a glass of wine. \$50. Reservations must be made by Saturday, Jan. 2. 5323 Pine Ridge Road. 596-3276 or thelocalnaples.com.

■ 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 goodlifenas.com - Appetizers & Finger Foods: Wednesday, Jan. 6 (\$55); A Bounty of Seafood: Friday, Jan. 8 (\$65); French Country Cooking: Thursday, Jan. 14 (\$60); Comforting Casseroles: Friday, Jan. 15 (\$60)

■ **Sur La Table**, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com - Croissants from Scratch: Thursday, Dec. 31 (\$69); Date Night New Year's Eve Celebration: Thursday, Dec. 31 (\$85); Perfect Spanish Paella: Friday, Jan. 1 (\$33.96); Date Night Flavors of Italy: Friday, Jan. 1 (\$69); Healthy Cooking for the New Year: Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$33.96); Date Night Chef's Table: Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$79); Giada's Deliciously Healthy Meals: Sunday, Jan. 3 (\$69); Perfect Pizza from Scratch: Sunday, Jan. 3 (\$69); Girls' Night Out Deliciously Healthy: Sunday, Jan. 3 (\$33.96); Tasty Thai Favorites: Monday, Jan. 4 (\$69); Eating Healthy in the New Year: Tuesday, Jan. 5 (\$69); Essential Skills Every Cook Should Know: Wednesday, Jan. 6 (\$69). ■

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■ **Benja Thai, 6438 Naples Blvd., Naples; 591-1122**

From the creators of Thai Udon Cafe comes a second little charmer, this one tucked between CenturyLink and Chick-Fil-A near the Hollywood 20 movie theaters. Like its older sibling, Benja offers well-executed Japanese and Thai dishes, but it also has a spacious sushi bar. From the sushi menu, a standout was the blue crab roll made with authentic flaky crab, spicy mayo, tempura flake, cucumber and tobiko. The yellow dragon roll (crunchy tempura shrimp, asparagus and avocado topped with raw salmon) was also first-rate. Skip the hamachikama (grilled yellowtail cheek), which had an overly strong taste, and try the curry-laced crab Rangoon instead. The chicken volcano could have used a more vibrant sauce, but the pumpkin curry with shrimp was zesty and full of calabaza and shellfish. Service was attentive throughout the meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed June 2014

■ **DeRomo's Gourmet Market & Restaurant, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 325-3583**

A combination of fresh food market and 250-seat restaurant makes DeRomo's it a prime destination for foodies and Italo-philes. Start with a taste of Nonna's Beefy Meatballs, which strike

a delicate balance between dense and light and are tucked into a luscious pool of "Sunday gravy" with dollops of remarkably creamy ricotta (made on the premises). The house-made pastas are a must-have. Our intensely flavored Cavatelli DeRomo consisted of tender rolled tubes of pasta tossed with sautéed broccoli rabe, sweet Italian sausage made in-house and chewy sundried tomatoes. This dish had a real wow factor. The Vitello Schantinella took a similar approach, combining three proteins (tender veal medallions, sliced thickly, browned lightly, yet still pink and juicy within; jumbo shrimp; and plump sea scallops so perfectly done they're barely cooked-through) tied together with a basil-scented golden sherry cream sauce. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed December 2014

■ **HobNob Kitchen & Bar, 720 Fifth Ave., Naples; 580-0070**

Well-known restaurateur Michael Hernandez (Aqua, Bistro 821, Bistro 41 and Zoe's, among others) and Executive Chef Tony Biagetti (formerly of Handsome Harry's) have created a spot that appeals to all of the senses and offers a casual setting yet takes no shortcuts with food, drink or service. From the list of creative cocktails, I loved the Watermelon Fresca (organic cucumber vodka, watermelon juice, cucumber and mint). The by-the-glass wine list has some great choices. An octopus and white bean appetizer was a superb blend of flavors and textures. Grilled artichoke

hearts were tender and delicate, served with a lemon aioli. While the Snapper in Crazy Water sounded more exotic than it turned out to be (the sauce made of coconut water, tomatoes and basil), it was nonetheless tasty. The rotisserie chicken was perfectly cooked, served with mushrooms, fingerling potatoes and onions. For dessert: Bonaffee pudding, a toffee pudding with bananas. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed February 2014

■ **Inca's Kitchen, Pavilion Shopping Center, 8955 U.S. 41, Naples; 631-5954**

The Peruvian food conjured up by chef/owner Rafael Rottiers is so good no one minded traveling to Golden Gate for it, but now he's opened a stylish Naples establishment as well. The second Inca's has an ambience similar to the original, with warm earth tones and Peruvian art. And the food is equally stellar. A Piscojito (made with Peruvian pisco liquor) goes well with any of the 11 varieties of ceviche and seven types of tiradito (a Peruvian style sashimi). The Mar y Tierra was a luscious blend of octopus, shrimp, aji limon (a Peruvian pepper), spices, tiger milk, crab, potato and corn. Sushi rolls — one with tuna pepper and sesame oil, the other built around barbecued tenderloin — were delicious, too. Mancora sea bass with quinoa, scallops, mussels and clams tasted as good as it looked. A 10-ounce tenderloin with spicy red sauce and tri-colored potatoes will satisfy any carnivore. And don't

skip dessert — order whatever sweet features the caramel-flavored lucama fruit.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed December 2014

■ **Ridgway Bar & Grill, Third Street South and 13th Avenue South, Naples; 262-5500**

Chef/owner Tony Ridgway has been offering great food and service in stylish setting for 37 years at a variety of top-notch restaurants. Ridgway Bar & Grill combines some of the best features of all that came before (Truffles, Chef's Garden and Villa Pescatore, among them). The wine list is exemplary, and all of the baked goods are made in house. A goat-cheese tart with ratatouille was superb and big enough to share. Mussels arrived in a hot cast-iron skillet and were perfectly done in a flavorful broth. Whether you want chicken potpie or pan-roasted Florida shrimp with a sweet corn grit cake, Scottish salmon filet with braised lentil and leeks, a simple steak or a vegetable plate selected from 13 options, it is all available. And don't skip dessert. The Truffles carrot cake is always a good bet. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
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CUISINE REVIEW

Another Broken Egg breaks out of the ho-hum breakfast box



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The buzz about Another Broken Egg has been good. There was excitement evident in social media circles before the chain even opened its Naples location in August.

I didn't rush to try it. Having witnessed the anticipation that other chains new to the area have evoked, only to be terribly disappointed when I tried the places, I was dubious.

Then I took a look at the online menu and realized this could be something entirely different.

Sure, traditionalists can order their two eggs with country potatoes and sausage. But the sausage patties will be house made. Or you can substitute Andouille sausage.

For those who wish to venture further afield, there are selections such as the Crabcakes Cavallo, jumbo crab cakes topped with poached eggs and Andouille-infused Hollandaise, diced red peppers and green onions; or the Black Bean Benedict, featuring black bean cakes, grilled tomatoes, poached eggs, chipotle Hollandaise and fresh cilantro.

Omelette options include lobster and Brie; roasted red peppers, portabello mushrooms and caramelized onions with feta, shaved Parmesan and fresh basil; or sausage, bacon, sautéed onions and mushrooms with cheddar Jack.

A feature I particularly like is the appetizer section of the menu, allowing for a shared plate for the table before the main attractions arrive. Choose from Biscuit Beignets, Blackberry Grits, City Grits (with roasted garlic, onions, smoked Gouda, bacon, tomatoes and green onions), a monster cinnamon roll, fried green tomatoes or the Baked Brie Delight.

And there are all kinds of interesting side dishes, including turkey sausage links, biscuits and gravy, rustic-cut vegetables, chipotle jicama slaw and black beans.

Do you see what I mean? This isn't your typical diner breakfast.

I'd expected to wait for a table on the day after Christmas, but the dining room had plenty available, including the roomy booth that we chose.

On our way to it, three staff members, including the manager, welcomed us.



Baked Brie Delight is a breakfast or lunch appetizer that's ideal for sharing.

A capable hostess led us to our booth in the cheerful room painted in a fall palette of burnt orange, olive green and mustard yellow. There's an inviting bar in the front with a couple of TVs for sports aficionados.

There's also a good-sized patio on the side of the restaurant that's dog friendly (pups receive their own water bowls while there).

My hungry party of three started things off with one of the restaurant's signature dishes (noted on the menu with a broken egg): the Baked Brie Delight (\$10.49), a large plate with a generous slab of warmed brie accompanied by lightly sautéed apples, raisins and pecans in Grand Marnier butter sauce accompanied by lots of toasted French bread. Even with three of us it was more than we could finish if we wanted to eat our entrees, but it took the edge off and was delicious, the brie creamy and soft, the apples still retaining some texture and the butter sauce adding just a hint of sweetness rather than drowning out the rest of the flavors.

We also enjoyed a signature dish from the healthy section of the menu: a bowl of granola, fruit and quinoa (\$10.99). The big bowl contained a generous amount of house-made honey-roasted granola, blueberry quinoa, strawberries, blueberries, bananas topped with toasted coconut, vanilla Greek yogurt and a side of coconut milk. What a terrific mix

of textures and flavors. It was so delicious that it was a good thing they told you it was healthy because it seemed a decadent indulgence.

From the omelettes, both the Bacquezo (\$10.69) and the Hey, Lucy! (\$11.49) were winners. The former contained cream cheese and bacon with chorizo, Monterey Jack and green onions in tender eggs, while the former blended avocado, chorizo, sautéed onions, green chiles and Cheddar Jack (with sides of salsa and sour cream). My companion who eats no gluten was able to substitute two small gluten-free pancakes for the English muffin. The pancakes looked and tasted like the real thing, especially when she poured real maple syrup (\$1.25) on them. My other companion enjoyed his crisp, hot Belgian waffle (\$6.99) with the same maple syrup.

A Bellini (\$6.99) with peach puree and sparkling wine, and mimosas (\$6.99) with orange juice and sparkling wine were festive accompaniments to an excellent and hearty meal.

Another Broken Egg is not a one-trick pony, either. It appears to handle lunch with the same aplomb with which it serves breakfast. Consider a kale and salmon salad; a turkey, brie and pesto sandwich; a fried green tomato BLT; one of several burgers; or brunch selections that look as appealing as the breakfast offerings.



Those who like to eat a healthy breakfast will revel in the flavors of the granola, fruit and quinoa bowl.

Service was excellent, from the friendly greetings we received as we arrived right through to the end of our meal. The staff is well trained and eager to please.

To sum it up, Another Broken Egg is everything it was cracked up to be. We'll be back to sample more of the imaginative offerings. ■

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Another Broken Egg Café
670 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 300-0696

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily
- >> **Reservations:** No, but the No Wait app allows patrons to place their names on the waiting list as they drive to their destination.
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
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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."

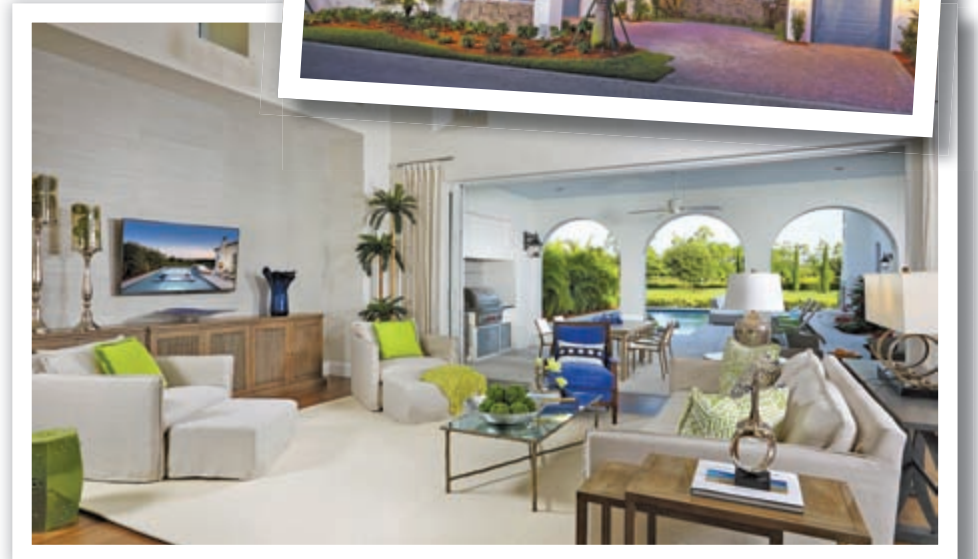
Nease said many clients also have recognized the urgency of buying a model now, whether they plan to move in immediately or in 18 months. "Buying during construction lets them lock in current home prices and opt for a leaseback if they're not quite ready to relocate. One recent buyer recognized home 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 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



The Delfina features an indoor-outdoor connection with multiple views of the pool and lake from the dining and living room. The two-story Capriano is located in the Lucarno neighborhood at Mediterra. The Capriano features rustic wood floors and beamed ceilings balanced by a vibrant palette of bright blues, greens and yellows.

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."

London Bay Homes, celebrating 25 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.

Mediterra offer two world-class Tom Fazio-designed courses; formal and casual dining in the denim-approved clubhouse; a fitness complex with tennis and bocce courts, a pool and spa services; and the private 10,000-square-foot Beach Club with dining and pool along the Gulf of Mexico.

Find out more about Mediterra's models by visiting www.MediterraNaples.com, calling 239-949-8989, or touring the homes, open daily at Mediterra, located on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road and west of I-75. ■

Seaglass at Bonita Bay sales over \$70 Million

With the completion of the Bonita Bay Club's new Lifestyle Center that includes a nearly 20,000 square feet world-class Fitness Center and Fitness Café, and a 9,000 square feet spa and salon, sales activity at the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group continues to surge with binding contracts and pending transactions processed now totaling more than \$70 million. The three-story, approximately 60,000 square feet Lifestyle Center is in the Promenade complex adjacent to the Bonita Bay community. The Lifestyle Center contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. The prestigious America's Healthiest Clubs award is conveyed only to private clubs focused on the cultivation of a healthy environment and lifestyle for its members and staff. The Bonita Bay Club has also announced plans for enhancements to its 18-court tennis facility and the construction of a resort-style pool complex.

"Lifestyle and amenities are prime considerations for luxury homebuyers in Southwest Florida," said Ronto's Director of Marketing Kathy Miller. "With the Lifestyle Center, Bonita Bay has set a new standard for amenities within a gated golf course community. Residents enjoy an active, health oriented lifestyle that holds tremendous appeal."

In addition to the Lifestyle Center, Seaglass residents will enjoy Bonita Bay's twelve mile network of on-property biking and hiking paths that weave through the community's lush tropical setting. A kayaking and canoeing lodge offers additional recreational possibilities. For those who prefer the beach, bus transportation is provided to a private beach park for Bonita Bay residents only that includes picnic pavilions, grills, beach chairs, and umbrellas just minutes away on Little Hickory Island. Bonita Bay also features an onsite marina offering a relaxing dining and lounge experience. The full-service Bonita Bay Marina is located on the Imperial River at the south end of Estero Bay and provides direct access to the Gulf of Mexico. Wet slips and dry boat storage are available, as well as on-site fueling and light mechanical services.

Three Arthur Hills designed courses wind their way through the 2,400 acre Bonita Bay community and gracefully complement the surrounding pristine natural setting that must be seen to be fully appreciated. Two additional courses designed by esteemed golf course architect Tom Fazio are located at the nearby Bonita Bay Club Naples. Both of the Fazio courses offer a pure golf experience and are set against a stunning natural tableau with no residential development.

A clubhouse renovation included converting the golf shop into a 4,700-square foot open-air bar and grille. The location provides spectacular views to the west, the golf courses, and Bonita Bay's natural environment. The new 55th Hole lounge has glass walls that slide away and an outdoor area with wraparound terraces where a 14-foot log fire pit serves as a focal point. The lounge has a 127-inch media wall with 18 LED panels. Eight 60-inch television screens are incorporated into a square, ceiling-mounted wooden structure suspended over the center bar. The media wall can function as one screen or as four. A new 30,000-square foot Golf Super Center is linked to the clubhouse by a golf cart staging area, wooden arbors, and landscaping. Rocking chairs on the new building's terrace overlook the driving range. Underground storage accommodates 249 carts and 2,900 golf bags are organized inside.

In addition to the amenities available through Bonita Bay and the Bonita Bay Club, the Seaglass tower's second floor



will connect to an amenity complex previously designed by architect Santiesteban & Associates. Amenities in place include a theater, guest suites, card and club rooms, a fitness facility featuring men's and women's spas with steam and massage rooms, a resort-style pool and spa, and a screened cabana with a bar and grill.

Situated nearly 250 feet from its closest neighboring building, Seaglass will feature fully-completed, ready for occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. The space sequences and components found in the kitchens and master baths of the residences will reflect the contemporary flair found in the architectural style of the building. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available.

Three luxurious tower residence great room floor plans at Seaglass range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and are priced from just over \$1 million. The spacious tower residences will include dual private elevator grand foyers, large island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan.

The spectacular penthouse residences at Seaglass are priced from \$2.5 million and offer approximately 4,600 square feet of air conditioned space with a dual private elevator grand foyer, a large great room, spacious gourmet kitchen, three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, or four bedrooms plus a den and four-and-a-half baths. Ceiling heights of 10-feet eight-inches or 11-feet four-inches are included per plan. Several of the penthouse residences feature especially inviting expanded outdoor spaces with exceptionally large terraces, including two private rooftop terraces that will be enjoyed by the residents of the penthouses on the building's uppermost floor.

For information, visit the Seaglass Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com. ■



Above: Bonita Bay offers an unrivaled golf experience with three on-property and two off-site championship golf courses. The 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay luxury high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group within the Bonita Bay community will feature fully completed, ready for occupancy residences with designer-selected premium quality finishes. Right: With the completion of the Bonita Bay Club's new Lifestyle Center that includes a world-class fitness center, spa, and salon, Bonita Bay offers one of the healthiest lifestyles in Southwest Florida.

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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.

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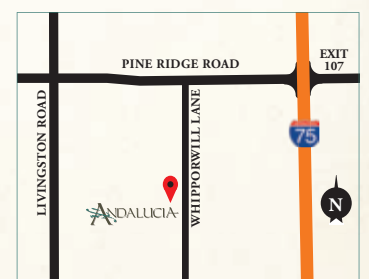


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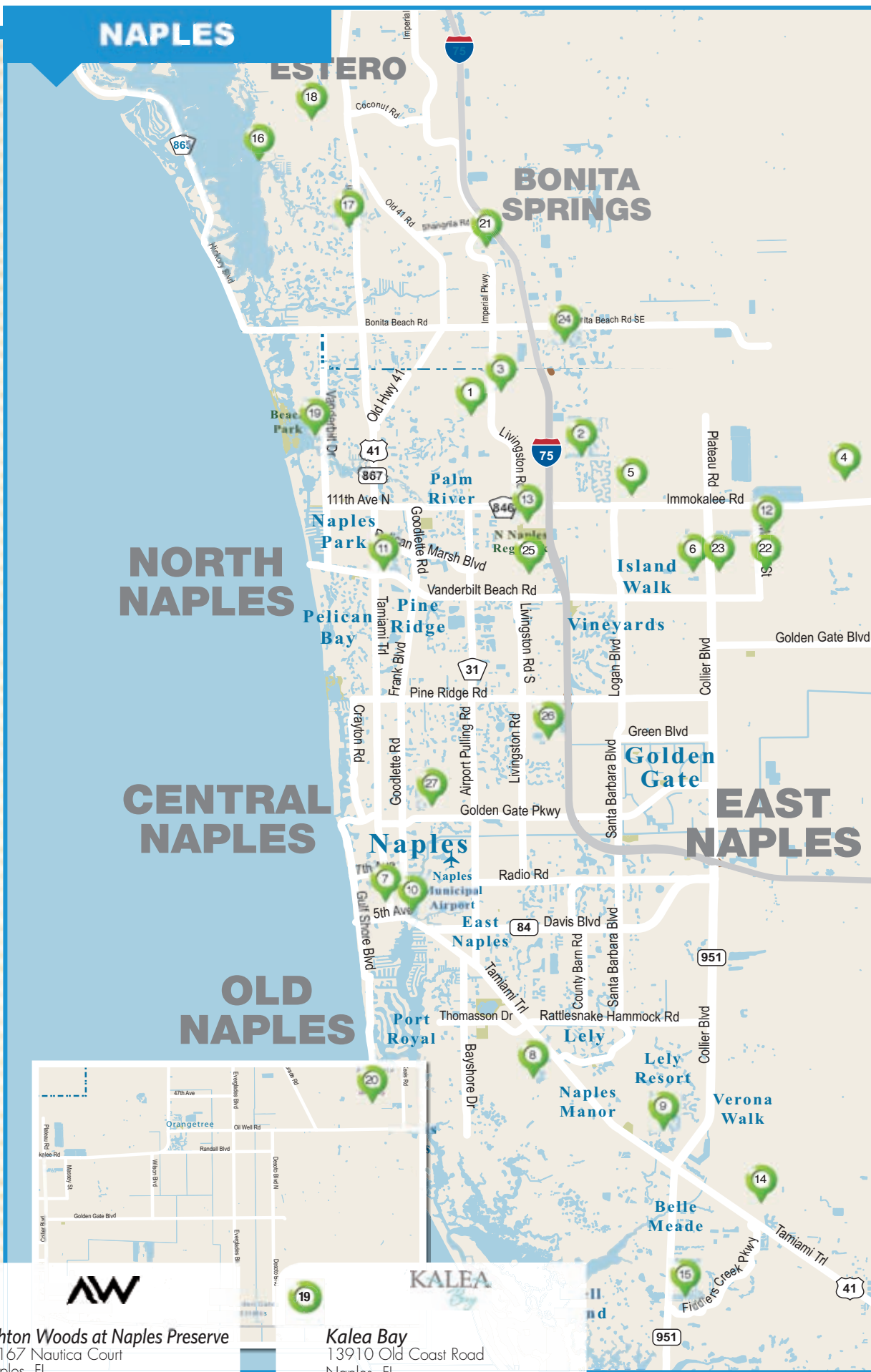
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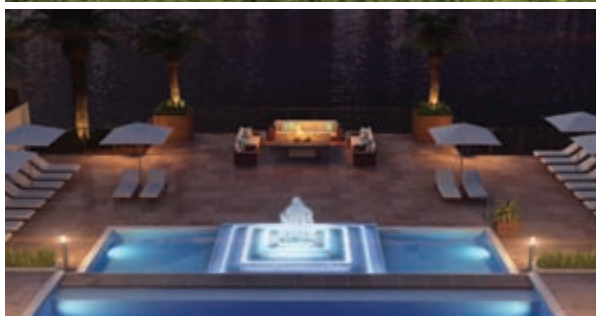
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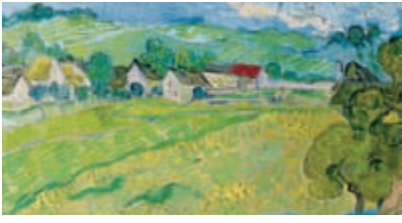
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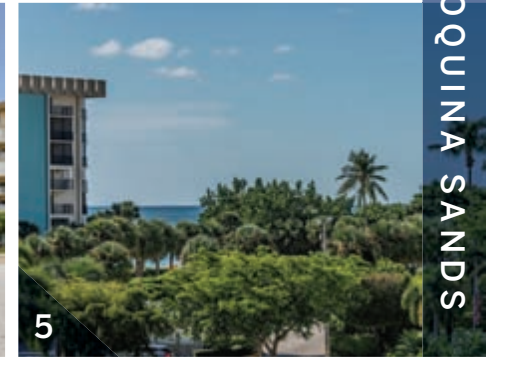
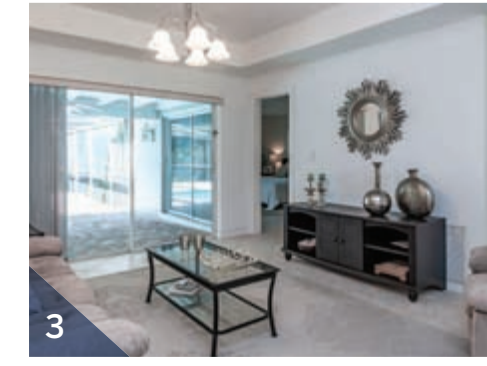


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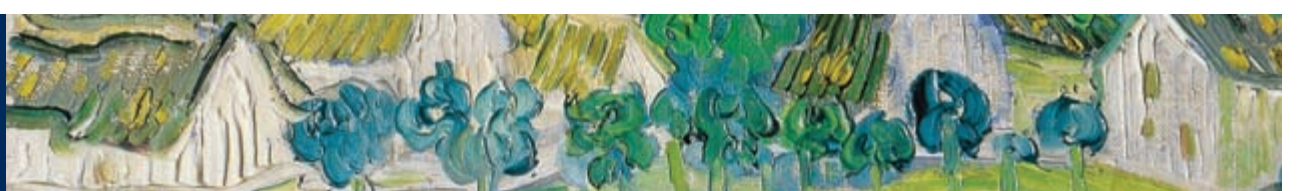
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Huge 2 story house, fully remodeled, 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, Pool home. very nice, huge master suite, tons of closet space.
\$339,900
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FORT MYERS



Single Family-in Fountain Lakes at Seashore Circle
Great single family home in Fountain Lakes, including a great pool and in close proximity to everything.
\$339,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM017453.

MATLACHA



Charming Waterfront Matlacha Cottage
Located on one of the most desirable streets off Island Avenue. This beautiful move in ready, 2 bedroom, 2 bath home.
\$319,900
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LEHIGH ACRES



Charming Big Home in Lehigh Acres
Come see this extraordinary charming home with an open floor plan and a breathtaking panoramic view!
\$300,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM060275.

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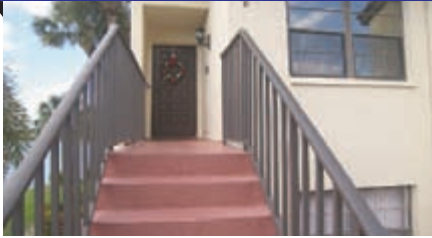
Beautiful Water Front Home
Use as a remodel or tear down.
\$300,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC058735.

ST. JAMES CITY



St. James City 2.65 Acres
Charming energy efficient home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, spacious kitchen, zoned AG2 room for your dreams.
\$299,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI025263.

CAPE CORAL



3 Bed Gulf Access Condo On Bimini Basin
3 bed end unit overlooking Bimini Basin. Offers outstanding views, updated kitchen, unrestricted gulf access and garage.
\$289,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC036395.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2/1 Pool Home w/Sailboat Access
180' of seawall, 5 mins to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac. Refurbished in '04.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH215028.

ST. JAMES CITY



Cherry Estates
Perfectly maintained home with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, home office and wide open floor plan.
\$279,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI060162.

NAPLES



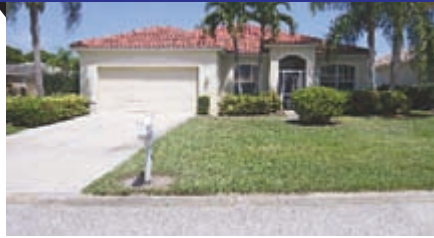
Preserve View In The Heart Of The City Of Naples!
Open floor plan, 15-foot ceilings, crown molding, impact windows, large/open kitchen, and (2) large owners closets.
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC052034.

FORT MYERS



Location - View -
Updated open concept home in Fort Myers.
\$262,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM061200.

FORT MYERS



Located in Desirable Gated Community
Great four bed /two bath home in desirable Silver Lakes in Gateway. Eat in kitchen, formal dining & living room.
\$259,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM038140.

CAPE CORAL



4 Bedroom Pool Home near Middle School
Beautiful 4 bedroom, salt solar pool near school, open family/ kitchen plan.
\$249,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC071435.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed 2 Bath Coach
Turn key 3 bedroom 2 bath coach.
\$249,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM056031.

PORT LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bath 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features include 2 master bedrooms.
\$245,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE047972.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Gorgeous 3/2 Pool Home-Shows Like Model
Beautiful bright open floor plan w/fireplace and picture window overlooking pool.
\$239,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH217494.

BOKEELIA



4 Bedroom Home in the Country!
Half acre with a 4 bed, 2 bath home completely remodeled and ready for that large family, extra den/nursery.
\$239,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI061045.

CAPE CORAL



Treasure in Sought After Country Club Area!
Schedule your showing to see this beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home. This home was completely renovated in 2014.
\$229,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC064758.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Pool Home 3/2/2 Fenced Yard
1990 model, over 2200 sq. ft. pool, intercom & security wired. Nice residential area.
\$217,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH218509.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Home
Built in 2007, and fully renovated. 4/2/2 with stainless still appliances, porcelain tile --no carpet in here.
\$209,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM070175.

FORT MYERS



Sail Harbour Townhouse
3 bed/2.5 bath townhome, spacious master bed & bath, walk-in pantry, screened-in lanai, 2 car garage. Sail Harbour.
\$204,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM069861.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Almost an Acre of Pure Heaven
3/2/2 Pool Home on just under an acre. New tile in living areas. Large family room w fireplace.
\$199,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH218821.

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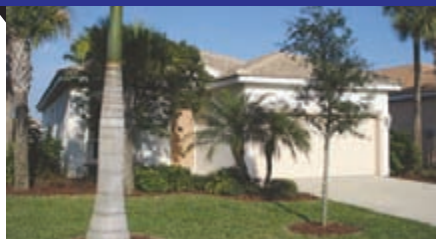


FORT MYERS



Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social
Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.
\$194,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS026907.

CAPE CORAL



Best Priced Coral Lakes Home
Beautiful! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Double vanities, master bath corner tub & corner shower. A must see!
\$188,988
1-866-657-2300 800CC069689.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Village Green Villa
In perfect condition, 2/2 Villa, large kitchen and family room, enclosed lanai, 2 car garage, 55+ community.
\$187,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM070265.

LEHIGH ACRES



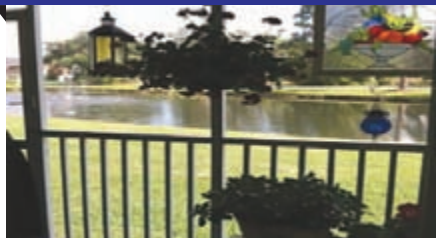
Pool Home w/Security in LA
Well maintained and secured. Corner lot. Appliances, security system and newer screen enclosure. Great room design, 3/2.
\$180,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE065041.

LEHIGH ACRES



Lehigh Home With Additional Buildable Lot
Large half acre corner lot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home within walking distance to ball fields.
\$179,999
1-866-657-2300 800CC052861.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Ground Floor Condo in Riverbend Golf & Boating
This feels more like a house w/1500+ sq. ft.! There is plenty of room for family & friends 2/2!
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC021681.

NAPLES



2 Bed 2 Bath Villa Home
Charming 2/2 villa home w/enclosed sunroom. Conveniently located near downtown & beaches, shopping, & parks.
\$174,500
1-866-657-2300 800NA033425.

CAPE CORAL



Prestigious Turnkey Condo
Clean, gated, near Cape Harbor & shopping. Second floor with elevator, pool and gym. 2 Bedrooms, a den and 2 bathrooms
\$170,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC055152.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious Home
This is a spacious home on an over-sized corner lot. It offers 3 bed 2 bath & a den. There is a large backyard w/privacy fence.
\$165,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE062155.

CAPE CORAL



Very Nice 3/2 in NW Cape
3/2/2 in NW Cape. Open floorplan, Covered lanai. Room to build pool. Western exposure on lanai.
\$159,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC046265.

FORT MYERS



Daniels Corridor
This 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1747 sq. ft. home has a great Daniels Corridor location. So much potential you need to see it.
\$154,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM052375.

FORT MYERS



Don't Miss This Opportunity!
A one time deal! This 3 bed, 2 bath house plus den and carport includes tile floors, beautiful wooden cabinets and more!
\$149,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS049646.

CAPE CORAL



Like New 3/2/2 In The NW
3/2/2 in the Northwest! Brand new stainless kitchen appliances! Tile in great room! New carpet, new paint inside & out.
\$149,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC068970.

LEHIGH ACRES



Lovingly Maintained 3/2/2 in Central Lehigh
Lovingly maintained by original owner this 3/2 offers open floor plan, formal living, formal dining under air FL room.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE051147.

NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Affordable Condo
Located between Naples & Marco Island. Awesome community with great pools and landscaping. Convenient to shop/beaches.
\$137,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA068979.

LEHIGH ACRES



Tranquil Setting in Lehigh 3/2
Perfect location. Close to airport, shopping, interstate, spring training ball parks and just 30-40 minutes to our beach.
\$134,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE066321.

BONITA SPRINGS



Gorgeous Park Home with Club Membership
Affordable, great location! One of the largest lots in the park. 2 bedroom w/Florida Room and its own air system. Wow!
\$132,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA038911.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car Garage
Walled entry, open floor plan w/under air Sunroom that can be used for whatever you need.
\$129,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH216960.

FORT MYERS



Spacious Townhome
Sandalwood Estates is centrally located and close to restaurants, beaches, Rutenberg Park, schools and shopping.
\$124,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM058435.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3 Bedroom 2 Bath 1 Car Garage
Very nice community with pool and recreational facility, tennis courts.
\$124,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH219036.

LEHIGH ACRES



Return on your Investment Begins Immediately
This is a short sale. The income producing duplex, conveniently located on a main road between Lee Blvd & Gunnery Rd.
\$124,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE056965.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/2/2 w/Possible 3rd Bedroom
Ceramic tile, upgraded tile, plenty of room for a pool.
\$119,900
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Flamingo Bay- Owner Financing!
Community boat ramp with gulf access and community pool, 2 bedroom 1-1/2 bath doublewide perfect for the fisherman.
\$115,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI060796.

MOORE HAVEN



Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre
Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Near shopping, motorhome carport.
\$112,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE025946.

FORT MYERS



The Perfect Investment!
Location, location, location!!! Great price for a condo in the Green Tee Community adjacent to the Fort Myers Country Club.
\$105,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM066559.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp.
\$85,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA063544.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Well Established Neighborhood!!
Well maintained 2 bedroom 1 bath 2 car garage home. Tile throughout the home. Nicely landscaped, close to everything!
\$79,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH215252.

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Great Investment Opportunity
Great investment 2/2 condo for rentals, seasonal or annual. A great place to live. Centrally located.
\$75,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC045841.

LEHIGH ACRES



2/1 Excellent Location In Lehigh Acres
This updated 2/1 home is located on a large irregular lot plenty of room for a pool. Home has city water/sewer.
\$72,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC069247.

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2 Bed 2 Bath Condo near Shopping
2 bed 2 bath maintenance free 4th floor Condo close to shopping and restaurants.
\$63,000
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One of a Kind Gulf Front Home!
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\$3,200,000
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Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location! Open Floor Plan.
\$1,800,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM032841.

CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sq. ft. Schedule your private showing, today!
\$1,549,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC032693.

CAPE CORAL



Yacht Club Overlooking Caloosahatchee
Two story riverfront home has it all! 4 large bedrooms + den, two master suites, one on ground floor, other upstairs.
\$1,490,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC054325.

CAPE CORAL



Cottage Style, River Front Home
Exquisite 4 bedroom home with 3598 sq. ft. of living space. Renovated. Direct, gulf access w/25,000lb lift & dock.
\$915,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC068687.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access on Preserve-Additional Building Lot
Enjoy paradise in this amazing home! It has 155 ft. on the water offering spectacular views! 3,000 sq.ft. dream come true!
\$895,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC006815.

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Fantastic Waterfront Views!
Great views from every room. Elevator, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances 2 boat docks & more!
\$850,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI065239.

FORT MYERS



10 Acres On Caloosahatchee River
Scenic river views. Deep water protected boat dockage. For horse lovers there is a 2 stall barn with tack room.
\$799,000
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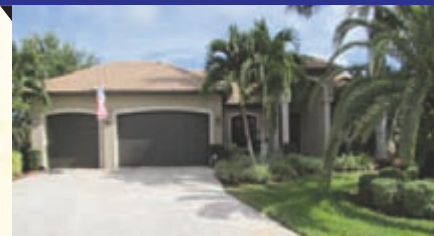
Island Estate
Island estate, horse ranch, botanical garden...it's large enough to do all of this and more. 22 beautiful fenced acres.
\$750,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI046750.

FORT MYERS BEACH



Own Your Own Tropical Paradise
This immaculate 2 bedroom 2.5 bath home comes with a 7500 Lb. boat lift and is a dream home for every fisherman.
\$699,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS044296.

CAPE CORAL



Lovely Sailboat Access-Triple Wraparound Lot
Sailboat accessible home only 12 minutes by boat to the river with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3 car garage, 2,238 sq. ft.
\$673,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC059643.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, w/access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac.
\$650,000
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