



things to do in Southwest Florida before you die

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Hey, you there, reading the paper, get up. There's stuff to do.

And good news, Southwest Florida: We're living longer — more time to get stuff done. We're not talking about the mundane things like mowing the lawn or cleaning out the litter box (although you better do those things, too). What we pro-

pose is that you do the things that make life here worth living. We've compiled a set of actions that not only define the spirit of our subtropical playground, but will define you as a spirit who populated it; who embodied the warm, fecund, larky essence of Southwest Florida.

Time is short. Here's your checklist. Get crackin'.

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Rain records shattered in January

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Nobody in recorded Southwest Florida history had ever experienced what all residents just endured — a January with nearly 13 inches of rain.

When Thomas Edison spent winters in Fort Myers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, he never witnessed as much

January rain as fell this past month. Not even close. And anybody who visited or lived in the area since Mr. Edison never experienced anything like the month that just ended.

Records didn't fall. They were shattered. Or perhaps we should say swamped.

"A once-in-a-lifetime event," WINK-TV

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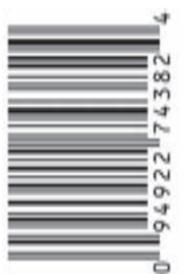
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COMMENTARY

Don't worry



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Imagine for a moment your tap water was the color of a rusty nail. It tasted terrible, it smelled like the bottom of your garbage can and bathing in it gave you a rash. Imagine if your kids manifested health and behavioral issues subsequent to the changes in the water.

Imagine becoming frantic and raising the alarm for someone, anyone, to take seriously the deterioration you and your neighbors were experiencing in the water supplied by the public utility.

Imagine this goes on for months, despite repeated complaints made to the responsible government agencies and urgent calls to your elected officials. Imagine the response that you get with astonishing regularity is, "Don't worry. Be happy. Your water is perfectly safe." The condescension you hear in their replies signals you and your neighbors are paranoid loonies.

Imagine nobody responding or caring until finally the truth is no longer deniable. Your data and evidence prove the community's water is massively poisoned with lead. The catastrophic harm being done to public health is exposed.

Imagine thousands of kids subsequently tested have lead in their bodies. The

consequence they suffer is irreversible damage to their brains and overall health.

Imagine that only then is a state of emergency declared, citing the poisoning of an entire city's water supply. More than 100,000 residents are directly affected.

The trail of the state's failures to prevent this catastrophe leads all the way to the governor. Officials resign and heads roll. The governor apologizes and says he will make it right amidst public demands he resign. He doesn't and likely won't.

From the safe distance of South Florida, we follow the news, take our showers, cook our food and drink water supplied by the local utility. We feel a pang of regret for Flint and its residents. We shake our heads in disbelief at the stupidity and negligence of the state public officials grown hostile to serving and protecting the public interest.

But this is what you get when state government ceases to function as an instrument of the people, and corporate enterprise drives its calling. We might think such a thing could not happen in our state or in our town. But our confidence may be misplaced.

The water crisis in Flint has history going back decades. Michigan state government consistently underinvested in the regulatory systems and infrastructure necessary to protect and conserve the city's water supply and quality and special interests prevailed over the public interest in the wave of cost-cutting affecting public services. The state's fail-

ures of policy and due diligence in Flint were aided and abetted by lawmakers who gutted and abandoned the state's role of regulatory oversight, crippling the ways and means of state government to provide essential services and perform its role of stewardship on the public's behalf.

The aversion of state officials to governing, as if the people mattered also, put the state's long-term future at risk and allowed a corporate-friendly state bureaucracy to give away the store and pass the key to their favorite friends.

Florida is vulnerable on all counts. Gov. Rick Scott and the legislative majority are choking off budget resources for environmental protection and conservation, including failing to invest in infrastructure improvements demanded by climate change which affects protection and sustainability of Florida's freshwater supply.

In the recent legislative session, the conservative majority sought to further shed the state's environmental responsibilities, over-compensating special interests with policies proposed and favorable to satisfying a laundry list of their lobbyists' wants and needs.

These included a major rewrite of state water policy that rewards polluters, strips meaningful language to protect Florida's freshwater aquifer and springs and undermines the state's commitment to restoration of the Everglades.

It includes supporting legislation to bar local governments from enact-

ing prohibitions on fracking, a process which involves drilling thousands of feet below ground and forcibly injecting millions of gallons of toxic chemicals into layers of rock to release gas and oil.

To do this, they ignored the fact that rock in Florida is mostly limestone, porous as Swiss cheese, highly vulnerable to leaching contamination, and a geological freeway into the state's freshwater aquifers. Fracking subjects the water supply for millions of residents to the threat of chemical poisoning. And that's only one issue with the process.

Meanwhile, the *Miami Herald* reports, phosphorus and ammonia levels increased dramatically in the aquifer under Biscayne Bay after Florida Power & Light Co. started sucking up as much as 100 million gallons a day of freshwater to cool its nuclear reactors at Turkey Point. The Biscayne Aquifer is the source of drinking water for 3 million people in South Florida.

So how do you think Gov. Scott and the conservative majority in our state Legislature reply to the fears being raised about these issues and the threats they represent to our state's water supply and quality?

Why, they say, "Don't worry. Be happy. Your water is perfectly safe." ■

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OPINION

The battle for the soul of the right



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At the moment, the Republican establishment is relevant to the presidential-nomination battle only as an epithet.

The fight for the Republican nomination isn't so much a vicious brawl between the grass roots and the establishment as it is a bitter struggle between traditional conservatism and populism that few could have foreseen.

Conservatism has always had a populist element, encapsulated by the oft-quoted William F. Buckley Jr. line that he would rather be governed by the first 2,000 names in the Boston phone book than by the Harvard faculty. But the populism was tethered to, and in the service of, an ideology of limited-government constitutionalism.

The fight between Ted Cruz and Donald Trump is over whether that connection will continue to exist, and whether the conservatism (as represented by Mr. Cruz) or the populism (as represented by Mr. Trump) will be ascendant. Mr. Cruz did all he could as long as pos-

sible to accommodate Mr. Trump, but now that the fight between them is out in the open, the differences are particularly stark.

Mr. Cruz is a rigorous constitutionalist. He's devoted much of his career to defending the Constitution and has argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court. Mr. Trump has certainly heard of the Constitution, but he may know even less about it than he knows about the Bible.

Although Mr. Cruz is more flexible than his reputation suggests, he has the long baseline of consistency that you would expect from a genuine believer in a political philosophy. Mr. Trump has a few long-running themes and bugaboos, but has been all over the map on almost everything and sometimes will meander from one position to another within the same answer, in keeping with his lack of ideological anchor (and limited knowledge of policy).

The two have completely different political styles. Mr. Trump is instinctual and has a roguish charm, whereas Mr. Cruz is earnest and tightly disciplined. If almost everything about Mr. Trump is unconventional, Mr. Cruz is outwardly a very traditional politician.

The irony of Mr. Cruz's position now

is that, despite all his outsider branding, he is not getting savaged by the establishment. It is Mr. Trump who calls him a hypocrite and a liar. It is Mr. Trump who says he's a nasty guy and a maniac with a temperament problem. And it is Mr. Trump, of course, who constantly raises doubts about his eligibility to serve as president.

If you guessed a key event in the nomination fight would be the "othering" of the most potent tea-party conservative in the country by a billionaire businessman with a long trail of liberal positions and a history of praising President Barack Obama — well, then, you forecast the GOP race perfectly.

In short, Mr. Cruz is under assault from a segment of the anti-establishment, although Mr. Cruz takes every opportunity to portray himself as the victim of the machinations of dastardly political insiders. The reality is that the establishment is sitting on its hands, agonizing over whom it loathes least, Mr. Trump or Mr. Cruz, while the fight between populism and conservatism rages.

The battle for the soul of the GOP is now a battle for the soul of the right. ■

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

TRAPping access to safe, legal abortions



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

PARK CITY, Utah — A Houston grand jury returned a surprise indictment last week. It was tasked with investigating videos that purported to expose Planned Parenthood for selling the body parts of aborted fetuses. The grand jury found no wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood, but instead charged the video producers, David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt from the anti-abortion group The Center for Medical Progress, with tampering with a government record, a felony.

Meanwhile, another video was released, this one an accurate depiction of the threat to women's reproductive rights around the country. "TRAPPED," a moving documentary that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, demonstrates how access to safe, legal abortions has come under assault in the U.S., as state after state passes restrictive TRAP laws (that's Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers). These laws, which have proliferated since the tea-party sweep of state legislatures in 2010, purport to protect the health of women, but actually result in the closure of women's health clinics.

"TRAPPED" is being released nationally just as a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion faces a crucial challenge before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2.

Dawn Porter is the award-winning filmmaker who wrote, directed and produced "TRAPPED." While in Mississippi shooting an earlier film, she learned that the state had only one remaining

clinic where abortions were available. She went there to meet Dr. Willie Parker, an obstetrician/gynecologist.

Appearing on "Democracy Now!" early in the morning after the Jan. 24 premiere of "TRAPPED," Dr. Parker told me: "I've been an OB-GYN for 21 years, a doctor for 25. And when it became clear to me ... that one in three women need abortion care in their reproductive lives and that disproportionately poor women and women of color were not having those services, it became important to me to guarantee access to these very important health services by moving back to my hometown in Birmingham and to provide services in the South."

The film follows Dr. Parker and several other abortion providers in Alabama, where TRAP laws have been passed that mandate onerous changes to clinics where abortions are provided. Most of these laws are based on model legislation drafted by an anti-choice group called Americans United for Life. They force safe, legally functioning abortion service providers to make costly and unnecessary improvements to their facilities. In scores of cases, the clinics cannot afford to make the changes and, consequently, have to shut down.

In one scene of "TRAPPED," Dr. Parker is shown with a patient, relaying to her information that is required by Alabama's TRAP law:

"I'm required by law to tell you that by having an abortion, it can increase your risk for breast cancer. There is no scientific evidence to support that. Now, the state requires me to tell you that if you were having this procedure, there is the risk of complications. I think that's a good thing to know, the risk. The state requires me to tell you that you can have heavy bleeding that can be life

threatening, and it could require you to be transferred to the hospital and need a blood transfusion. If you're having a bleeding that can only be controlled with removing your uterus, you'd have to have a hysterectomy, and you'd lose your ability to have babies in the future. Those are all the risks associated, but guess what? Those are the exact same risks associated with having a baby. It is to say that you're not taking any extra health risk. So abortion is extremely safe."

In Texas, the TRAP law, known as HB2, passed in 2013. Before HB2 became law, there were 40 operating abortion clinics in Texas. Only 19 remain. A San Antonio clinic filed a lawsuit opposing HB2's restrictions. That case, *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* (formerly *v. Cole*), will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2, with a decision expected by June.

The doctored videos that were created to take down Planned Parenthood failed in their goal; their creators face years in prison. While "TRAPPED" will be airing in June on the PBS documentary series "Independent Lens," it also will be shown in movie theaters, with concurrent community screenings.

Ms. Porter hopes her latest film will engage, persuade and mobilize people across the country as this critical health-care issue is decided by the Supreme Court. ■

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," the daily TV/radio news hour that airs on more than 1,300 stations around the world. She is the co-author, with Denis Moynihan, of "The Silenced Majority," a *New York Times* best-seller.



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Many of us migrated to the Paradise Coast to enjoy the clean air, the Gulf of Mexico and the surrounding pristine beauty. With continuing development, we need to balance our growth with a concern for maintaining the environment. Will our water be clean? Will we have enough?

More than 1 million acres of rural lands are proposed for development. Will it be done in a way that protects lands vital to our survival and to the survival of Florida's endangered and threatened species?

Neapolitan William Boyajian hopes to help ensure a "yes" answer to the above question, and to that end the owner of Port Royal Jewelers serves as chair for this year's Magic Under the Mangroves, the annual gala for Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

"I believe that when you love something, it is your responsibility to protect it," he says. "My time away from the area allowed me to see that Naples is the place I truly love. This realization has inspired me to protect this beautiful place by educating people about the natural environment, and that's what I'm honored to do as chair of Magic."

Mr. Boyajian is also proud to be the first "Magic Man," or male chair of the event, which over the years has raised more than \$8.2 million dollars in support of the Conservancy's mission to protect our region's water, land, wildlife and future.

The Boyajian family opened its first jew-

Talking points with William Boyajian

Mentor(s): My father, Leo Boyajian; my uncle, Bill Boyajian; and my friend and local jeweler, Jose Aragon.

What your mother was always right about: That God has given me a special gift to share with the world.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An automotive designer and engineer. I loved sculpting metal and seeing the reflections of light onto the surfaces. It's what I do now on a smaller scale.

High school job: At Landmark Gems, my father's jewelry store on Fifth Avenue, in the 1970s.

Guilty pleasures: Taking time to go deep sea fishing in season and camping in Colorado in the summer.

Most recent vacation: Yellowstone National Park. Wow!

One thing on your bucket list: Going to Bolivia to see Puma Punku.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I had finished taking flying lessons for a single-engine license.

Advice for young people: Practice listening to others. You can avoid a lot of mistakes by not thinking ahead about what you're going to say in response but rather listening and understanding what others are trying to communicate.

Best thing about kids: Their innocence and trust. I wish I could live through the eyes of a child. But whenever I try, someone always tells me to grow up.

What makes you laugh: The simple, dry wit of the British.

Last book read: I read the Bible every day. The last secular book I read would have to be "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Something you'll never understand: Why some think they need to pick a side in politics. I am an independent.

Pet peeve: Untrained dogs that jump on you after you told them to stop. Puppies are excused from this peeve.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I design my new collections of jewelry in my head while dreaming at night.

What are you most proud of? The work I have done to raise money and awareness in our community for the many charities that I give back to.



elry store in New York City around the turn of the 20th century. The family moved from Armenia to the United States in the later part of the 19th century and started to manufacture under the name Boyajian Brothers for the American market. William's father, Leo, studied gemology and geology and went into the family business at a very young age.

William was born in Fort Lauderdale and moved to Naples from California with his family when he was 11. After Naples High School, he went back to California to study at UCLA. He earned a graduate gemologist

degree from the Gemological Institute of America and also studied at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif.

In his late 20s, he moved to Bangkok for a year to learn the art of jewelry manufacturing. He has traveled the world to see first-hand the mining, cutting and sorting of color stones; the manufacturing processes of fine jewelry; and the art of buying and selling gemstones.

Along with supporting the Conservancy, William has supported Sunshine Kids, The Guadalupe Center, Opera Naples, The Naples Players, Naples Cat Alliance, Baker

Park, The NCH Hospital Ball, Humane Society Naples, PAWS Assistance Dobs, the Naples Art Association, The Naples Zoo and the local Red Cross. "I am looking to inspire by my example more local businesses to get involved with the many great charities in our county," he says.

Each piece Port Royal Jewelers donates to local charity is custom made. "I do this because I see the need to make a difference, and customizing a piece of jewelry for a charity brings so much more money when auctioning off these treasures," he explains. ■



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1. Explore a sanctuary for abandoned and abused exotic wildlife in your own backyard. For 40 years, the mission of **Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary** has been to provide a healthy recovery and to create comfortable a living environment for mistreated wild animals. (octagon-wildlife.org)

2. Can how do you stuff 50,000 people into a sweet backwater hamlet? Promise them mountains of seafood and buckets of beer. The annual **Everglades Seafood Festival** is Everglades City's premier party that draws folks from all over for the food and fun. This year's festival is set for Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14. Make sure to poke around the town's quaint historical center while you're there. (evergladeseafoodfestival.com)

3. Learn how to sail. You can't do it in a day, but it's a skill that will give you enjoyment for a lifetime. Check out the **Offshore Sailing School** for a week of intensive lessons, or a non-profit sailing club for learning at a more leisurely pace. Captiva Island and Fort Myers Beach (offshoresailing.com), Naples (gulfcoastsailingclub.org) and Fort Myers (edisonsailingcenter.org)

4. Make the international art scene with a visit to Marcus Jensen's downtown Fort Myers studio, **UNIT A**. Mr. Jansen displays his paintings all over the world. You might just find something you really have to have. 1922 Evans Ave., 240-1053 (marcusjansen.com)

5. **Homer Helter's Military & Antique Mall** in Naples is a hidden gem that offers a view of incredible military memorabilia and the opportunity to coffee klatch with veterans. Not only are they happy to explain the origins of practically everything displayed, the resident experts are founts of knowledge for anyone who has questions. 5510 Shirley St.

6. **The Celtic Ray** in Punta Gorda took top honors for Florida in BuzzFeed.com's "Here's the Best Irish Bar in Every State." The Punta Gorda restaurant, bar and entertainment hot spot was noted for its earthy comedy, music and food. "This place is for real," the report states. "The owner's a hoot — he tells the best jokes — and they also have great food ... A must!" (celticray.net; buzzfeed.com/anniedaly)

7. Catch a **Florida Rep** show at the historic Arcade Theater, 2269 First Street. Any show will do. You'll dig the creaky floors and the place still smells like the 1920s (in a good way). (floridarep.org)

8. Make one more big splash while you can. Neapolitans will bid farewell this year to their favorite end-of-season tradition: the **Great Dock Canoe Race**. For 40 years, amateur paddlers have made fools of themselves, experts have sweat it out to the finish line and everyone else has enjoyed a tailgate party on shore at Naples Bay. We're so sad to see it go, but you can bet its swan song on Saturday, May 14, will be the most absurd, competitive and booze-soaked race yet. (greatdockcanoerace.com)

9. Listen to the salacious lyrics and spectacular brass of Here Come the Mummies at **Funk Fest**. The Punta Gorda music festival is set for March 4-5, featuring the heavily horned Mummies and 11 other bands in two days. (funkfestpungorda.com)



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10. Paddle the **Great Caloosa Blueway** — a 190-mile marked paddlecraft trail that meanders through Lee County's coastal waters and inland tributaries. (leopard.org/blueway)

11. Visit the **Revs Institute for Automotive Research** (formerly the Collier Automotive Museum) and get some serious car envy going. It's a carefully curated assemblage of some of the most profound and rare automotive innovations of our time. *The New York Times* has declared it the finest sports car collection in America. (revsinstitute.org)

12. Experience Southwest Florida's flora and fauna in ways you never imagined by taking a **Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center** guided walk. CHEC also hosts a number of learning and social activities that bring the community together. (checflorida.org)

13. Take your mutt to **Dog Beach** on Lovers Key, 8800 Estero Blvd.

14. Get a taste of authentic Florida Cracker culture by watching the twice yearly **Swamp Buggy Races** at Florida Sports Park in Naples. The next one is March 12. (thefloridasportspark.com, 774-2701)

15. Visit **Catania's Winery** in Englewood. Tour the diminutive building and sample its wine and olive oil, which can be paired with cheese, crackers and soppresata, if you call ahead. 524 Paul Morris Drive, Suite B, Englewood. (941) 475-7553 (cataniaswinery.com)

16. Roll on the floor laughing at one of the many comedy clubs in Southwest Florida. We like **Off The Hook** (offthehook-comedy.com), **Visani Restaurant & The Comedy Zone** (Visani.net) and



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Laugh-In Comedy Cafe (laughincomedycafe.com)

17. Visit the **Skunk Ape Research Center** on Alligator Alley (U.S. 41 or 40904 Tamiami Trail E.). While you're there, have your picture taken next to the giant panther statue at Trail Lakes Campground across the highway. (skunkape.biz)

18. Camp at **Koreshan State Historic Site** in Estero, 3800 Corkscrew Road, and feel the vibe of Cyrus Teed, founder of the Koreshan sect. (floridastateparks.org/park/koreshan)

19. Find some fine fiddle and gee-tar pickin' at **The David & Cecile Wang Opera Center**, where Russ Morrison's Florida Fish Hook Tour has set up residence with its annual Cluster Pluckin' bluegrass festival and a stellar line-up of down-home concerts each winter. (follow Florida Fish Hook Tour on Facebook)

20. Go to the movies where you can have a real drink, gourmet dinner and sit in a big cushy recliner as you gaze at the silver screen at **Prado Stadium 12**, 25251 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs.

21. Bring a pool noodle and ride the tide through the channel with a drink in your hand at **Keewaydin Island**. More Redneck Yacht Club than not, here's where you can join the locals who love tying their boats to the beach and basking in sun, sand and beer.

22. What's better than sitting on a beach listening to music, viewing original art and experiencing literary readings? **The Hermitage Artist Retreat** in Englewood offers such cultural experi-



ences regularly at no charge to the public. (hermitageartistretreat.org)

23. Take your boat or the ferry to **Cayo Costa State Park** for a look at an untouched Florida beach not accessible by bridge or land. Explore nature trails, snorkel, fish, picnic and stay in a primitive cabin.

24. Attend the annual anti-hurricane party on the last Saturday in June. **Little Bar's Spammmy Jammy** combines processed pork products, pajamas and quirk to create a party that perfectly captures the Goodland spirit. (littlebarrestaurant.com)

25. Get your car fix at **Muscle Car City**, a museum showcasing more than 200 muscle cars from the '50s to the '70s. After looking under the hoods, tuck into the retro diner and visit the retro-inspired gift shop. 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. (941) 575-5959 (musclecity.net)

26. Ride your bike through the **J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge** on Sanibel Island. Choose to pedal the 4-mile loop within the refuge or the 8-mile loop that returns via the bike path on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Either way, you're guaranteed to see more birds and critters than just about anywhere else around these parts, especially this time of year. (fws.gov/ding-darling)

27. Spend a weekend at **The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort** and promise yourself not to leave the AAA Five-Diamond rated property — for anything. Check in and check out of your daily routine for some pure indulgence. There's really no other place like it. Don't you deserve it? (ritzcarlton.com/naples)

28. Take a walk on the artful side at **Gallery Walk** from 5-8 p.m. every third Thursday in Punta Gorda. Shops stay open later and local artists display their work. Live music and special events liven up the path. (On Facebook: Gallery Walk Downtown Punta Gorda)

29. Take a picture with the controversial urinating dog and man statue in downtown Fort Myers at the corner of Main and Hendry streets. While you're at it, check out the other **22 iron sculptures** by Edgardo Carmona scattered throughout the River District. They'll be on display though March 31 before heading to another exhibition in Spain.

30. Sit outside at **The Dock at Crayton Cove** on the weekend of the Naples Winter Wine Festival and watch the steady stream of private jets come and go from Naples Municipal Airport. Your next chance is Jan. 26-29, 2017.

31. Buy the Thirsty Thursday Pack for the **Fort Myers Miracle** games starting in April at Hammond Stadium, 14400 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, 768-4210. You get general admission and your own 14-ounce mug to bring on Thirsty Thursdays. Cheers.

32. Work up an appetite and tuck into a 1-pound Kobe burger at **Jimmy P's Butcher Shop & Deli** in Naples (across from Coastland Center on U.S. 41). While waiting for your order, peruse the cases filled with every cut of meat imaginable. (jimmypsbutchershop.com)

33. Discover what'SUP at night and take a **Light Up the Night Paddle** tour with Hooked on SUP. These excursions light up the gulf with paddleboards or kayaks as you float in shallow water, viewing starfish, live shells, sponges and tons of fish. (hookedonsup.com)

34. Eat swamp cabbage, the traditional dish made from the hearts of the common sabal palm, especially at the **Swamp Cabbage Festival** in LaBelle this weekend. (swampcabbagefestival.org)

35. Have a to-die-for fried treat at **Trackside Donuts** in Bonita Springs. You won't find a more decadent jelly-filled doughnut in Southwest Florida. 28001 Old 41 Road.

36. For a lesson in the ephemeral nature of barrier islands, take a boat to **Cape Romano** to see the dome houses built in 1980 that were eventually overtaken by the sea. Thirty-plus years ago, they were a testament to space age architecture; today they are more reminiscent of a post-apocalyptic shelter.

37. Visit the **Military Heritage Museum** at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda. Displays include artifacts and memorabilia from all branches of the service, from the Civil War through current operations. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade; (941) 575-9002

38. Get y'rself a cup full'a boiled peanuts. Get 'em at a gas station hot 'n' salty.

39. Bored on a Sunday afternoon? Try some **Drag Queen Bingo** at The Bottom Line, 3090 Evans Ave., Fort Myers. (tblnightclub.com)

40. Fulfill your need for speed at a Friday night drag race at the **Immokalee Regional Raceway**, where drivers can get their hot rods up to 140 mph in just 1/8 mile. (immraceway.com)

41. Walk or run the bridge between Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte and take in great breezes and incomparable views of Charlotte Harbor. The terrific exercise is an added benefit.

42. Going... going... gone. Watch the sun set from **Fort Myers Beach pier**. All the street performers are out there this time of year, plus the visitors in black socks and sandals are fun to watch too.

43. Go on one of photographer Clyde Butcher's swamp walks out back behind his **Big Cypress Gallery** in the Everglades. Even better: Do it when you can book a night or two in the onsite Bungalow or the Swamp Cottage. 695-2428 (clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com).

44. Collect shark teeth on **Venice Beach** (off U.S. 41 about 30 miles north of Punta Gorda), known as the shark tooth capital of the world. Taking up this meditative hobby of finding two — or two dozen — shark teeth has restorative benefits for the soul.

45. Get a buzz on at **The Cottage** on Fort Myers Beach, 1250 Estero Boulevard. If you're further south on Estero Island, Doc's Beach House on Bonita Beach, 27908 Hickory Blvd., will do the job too.

46. Tuck into a pile of succulent stone crab claws at the no-frills **City Seafood** on the waterfront in Everglades City. Season starts in mid-October and can run through May. (cityseafood1.com)

47. Venture out to **Solomon's Castle** in Ona, about an hour's drive from Punta Gorda. Take a tour of the quirky castle designed and built by Howard Solomon that houses galleries of his fantastic sculptures. Have lunch in the "Boat in the Moat" restaurant and take a stroll along Horse Creek. But leave your credit cards at home. They don't accept them. (863) 494-6077 (solomonscastle.com)

48. Rent a shelter and have a big family picnic at **Lakes Regional Park**, 7330 Gladiolus Drive. Then hike the 2.5 miles of nature trails.

49. Go muddin'. This redneck tradition involves spinning tires and drenched soil. (redneckyachtclubmudpark.com)

50. Sip wine as world-class jazz musicians perform at the **Punta Gorda Wine & Jazz Festival**, coming up Feb. 20 at Laishley Park. Continue the jazz vibe the next day, Feb. 21, at a jazz brunch held at the Isles Yacht Club. (941) 639-3720 (puntagordachamber.com)

51. Indulge your sweet tooth with a double scoop of homemade **Love Boat Ice Cream**, 16229 San Carlos Blvd.

52. Get your fill of swamp meat from **Cracklin' Jacks** in Naples, where you can order a plate of gator tail, frog legs and catfish. (cracklinjacks.com)

53. Make music, not war, with the **Punta Gorda Guitar Army** on its Thursday night jam sessions at Gilchrist Park. It starts at around 6:30 p.m. rain or shine, and sometimes goes into the wee hours of the morning (theguitararmy.wordpress.com)

54. Kayak among the manatees in the Orange River. If you can't kayak, you can still check out the sea cows at **Manatee Park**, 10901 Palm Beach Blvd.

55. Visit the **ValuJet Flight 592 monument**. Flight 592 out of Miami crashed in the Everglades on May 11, 1996. The memorial consists of 110 concrete pillars pointing to the location of the crash several miles into the swamp. It's just north of Alligator Alley about 12 miles west of Miami's Krome Avenue.

56. Take a dip in the Gulf of Mexico on a full-moon night and stir up the phosphorescence. Take a couple of children with you if you can. It's like magic.

57. Groove to the funky beats of the tropics — including Charlotte County's own Jim Morris — at the **Nav-A-Gator**, the No. 1 Trop Rock venue in the United States. Take a Peace River wildlife tour with Capt. Dennis Kirk (941) 625-4407



(nav-a-gator.com)

58. Snap a selfie for posterity under Thomas Edison's massive banyan tree, 2350 McGregor Blvd. (edisonfordwinterestates.com)

59. Catching a flick by moonlight is a great reminder that the great outdoors can improve any experience. **Mercato** presents free screenings one night a month on the lawn under the stars, showing a wide array range genres, from children's movies and blockbusters to classic Hollywood flicks. The next movie, "Wall-E," starts at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. (mercatoshops.com)

60. Beat Bobby Flay vicariously. Order Chef Jeanie Roland's mussels and frites at **The Perfect Caper**. This dish beat world-famous chef Bobby Flay at his own game on the Food Network. (thepertectcaper.com)

61. Glow bowl at **HeadPinz Entertainment Center**, 14513 Global Pkwy. Enjoy the rest of the games, food and drinks at this sprawling indoor playground for kids and adults alike. (headpinz.com)

62. Go stargazing in an ancient bald cypress forest at **Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary**. The next monthly Corkscrew After Hours is Friday, Feb. 20. There will only be a sliver of a moon, which means dark skies for great stargazing. (corkscrew.audubon.org)

63. Sip a cocktail at sunset at **TT's Tiki Bar** at the Four Points by Sheraton. Known for its comfortable outdoor ambiance and incomparable harbor views every day of the year, it's a draw for both visitors and residents. 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda; (941) 637-6770

64. Catch a roller derby bout. Grab a pitcher of beer and watch tough women

in stockings and rollerskates. (fortmyersderbygirls.com)

65. Find your center and breathe at a sunset yoga session at **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park** every Monday at 5 p.m. (weather allowing). Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead participants through a practice in front of one of the world's most inspiring landscape views. (greenmonkey.com)

66. Dine outdoors day or night under a marvelous canopy of seagrapes at **Trabue Restaurant** in Punta Gorda. (941) 639-0900 (trabuerestaurant.com)

67. Fish off the **Matlacha Bridge**, where Pine Island Road connects Cape Coral to Pine Island.

68. Gardeners from cooler climes are often fascinated with the tropical variety we have in South Florida. If a view of exotic orchids, native wildflowers and sustainable produce interest you, head to **Naples Botanical Garden** and see its extensive collection and beautiful grounds. Don't miss the great gift shop where you can buy all manner of botanically inspired home goods, plants and gardening equipment. (naplesgarden.org)

69. See SWFL flora and fauna the way it can only be seen from a kayak on **Charlotte County's Blueway Trails**. (charlottecountyfl.com/communityservices/blueway.asp)

70. Rent a jet ski at the beach and look for dolphins. For a bonus, ask your guide to point you in the direction of that little island near Big Carlos Pass at the south end of Estero Island where the nudists like to, um, hang out.

71. Family bike rides can be an interesting prospect in Naples. We highly recommend loading up the kids and breezing down the **Gordon River Greenway** on Golden Gate Parkway. The 1.5-mile paved loop offers pedestrians and cyclists a scenic view of Naples' wild interior that includes mangroves, backwaters and wildlife. (gordonrivergreenway.org)

72. Take a picnic basket to **Pottery Express & Bamboo Farm** and spend the day surrounded by nature and beautiful, colorful pottery from around the world. Step inside and explore a mini pottery museum. (941) 505-8400 (potteryexpress.com)

73. Head to Key West for the weekend but don't suffer that long drive. Sail there on the **Key West Express**. The big catamarans leave from Fort Myers Beach, 1200 Main Street. (seakeywestexpress.com)

74. Go through the red tape and get permission to have a **bonfire on the beach on Sanibel Island**. Permitting is through the Sanibel Fire Control District, and you must present the application in person. It's worth it. 472-5525 (sanibelfire.com)

75. Relish "toes-in-the-sand" dining at **The Turtle Club** at Vanderbilt Beach, the only Naples spot where diners can enjoy a gorgeous beach day with a fork, knife, cocktail and tableside service. (windwardhospitality.com/naples)

76. Enjoy the spectacular views from the **Wyvern Hotel's Rooftop Bar** in downtown Punta Gorda. The view is spectacular. 101 East Retta Esplanade (thewyvernhotel.com)

77. Stake out a great viewing spot and catch the **Edison Festival of Light**

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Parade — a two-hour extravaganza featuring national participants and local marching bands. Wave to Paperboy on the *Florida Weekly* float. This year's parade takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. (edisonfestival.org)

78. It can be difficult to tell, but tony downtown Naples has much more to it than grand homes and sparkling boutiques. Book one of **Naples Historical Society's** walking tours to find out the who, what and where of the city's formative years. The organization also hosts tours of Historic Palm Cottage, (adjacent to Naples Pier on 12th Avenue) and its surrounding gardens. (napleshistoricalsociety.org.)

79. Meet the silver king. Anglers from across the globe visit Charlotte Harbor and Boca Grande Pass with hopes of reeling in a tarpon in proclaimed "tarpon capital of the world." Enter the **World's Richest Tarpon Tournament** May 19-20, with \$80,000 in prize money. (worldsrichesttarpon.com)

80. Step aboard the **Seminole Gulf Railway: Murder Mystery Train** and experience dinner theater on the old CSX railroad line. For reservations, 275-8487. (semgulf.com)

81. This isn't your grandpa's three-ring circus. **Cirque des Voix** (circus of voices) calls together top circus aerialists and artists (including comedic daredevil Bello Nock), a 100-member chorus and a live orchestra under one big top.



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Key Chorale conductor Joseph Caulkins is the "ringmaster" of this "mélange à trois," happening March 19-20 at Nathan Benderson Park, 140 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota. (keychorale.org)

82. Nature lovers can't leave Southwest Florida without strolling the two-mile boardwalk at **Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary**, which wends its way through a variety of inland Florida habitats. (corkscrew.audubon.org)

83. Who knew Naples was so Irish? It's not really, but the annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade** could fool anybody because in a town that loves a procession, this one is the biggest and rowdiest. This year, Irish eyes are smiling on downtown Naples at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12. (naplesparade.com)

84. Tour the **Three Suns Bison Ranch** in Punta Gorda and learn about American bison, its history and how they live on the ranch, which raises hormone and antibiotic-free meats (threesunsranch.com)



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85. Toss a mullet at the annual **Mullet Toss Championships** at Matlacha Community Park, 4577 Pine Island Road, Saturday, March 19 starting at 10 a.m. (matlachamariners.org)

86. Imagine you're taking a magic carpet ride when you encounter the masses of fiddler crabs that overtake **Marco Island's Tigertail Beach** in the winter months (turn off Collier Boulevard onto Kendall Drive. The beach is at the end). Don't make any sudden moves — they're shy — and you can see thousands of the tiny critters covering the sand, searching for a snack and a mate.

87. See how wildlife can be nurtured back to health at **Peace River Wildlife**

Center, a nonprofit rehab facility. 3400 Ponce de Leon Parkway, old Marion Avenue West in Punta Gorda. (941) 637-3830 (peacriverwildlifecenter.org)

88. Order the Green Eggs and Ham pizza at **Nice Guys**, 1334 Cape Coral Parkway. It comes with fried egg and prosciutto. Sound weird? It is. It's also delicious. (niceguyspizza.com)

89. Have a taste for community theater? Tiny Marco Island is the home of **The Marco Players** (themarco-players.com), Island Theater Company (theateronmarco.com) and the Marco Island Shakespeare Festival (shakespeareislandstyle.org). The latter stages a production of "The Tempest" Friday through Sunday, April 22-24. Between the three companies, there's a constant



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90. Find everything you need and 10 million things you don't at **Fleamasters Fleamarket** in Fort Myers, 4135 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (fleamall.com)

91. Primate boat excursions at **The Naples Zoo** are practically a rite of passage for local school children. Spotting the primates in treetops and swinging from branches is pretty thrilling for grown-ups, too. (napleszoo.com)

92. Catch football's fall classic, the **Coconut Bowl**, Collier County's long-running football feud between Naples High School and Lely High School. Winner takes the "nut," a 40-year-old coconut that was recently renamed "The Joe Klimas Trophy." (naplesfan.com/Coconut-Bowl.html)

93. Drink a Gateway Gold at **Fort Myers Brewing Company** in Gateway, 12811 Commerce Lakes Drive, 313-6576. Or try some of the other unique flavors it has on tap.

94. Borrow a convertible and drive to the end of **Captiva Island**.

95. Eat lychees. They're indigenous to China and grow well in South Florida. Pine Island is the hot spot for their cultivation in Southwest Florida. Look for them at stands and farmers markets from late May to early July.

96. Take your friends on a bar crawl in downtown Fort Myers: **Spirits of Bacchus**, **French Connection**, **City Tavern**, **Indigo Room** and **The Lodge**



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are just a few of the great watering holes in the River District.

97. On your mark, get set, go run the **Edison 5K**. Thousands of spectators line the route waiting for the parade that follows. But really, they're there to watch you run. This year's run takes place at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. (edisonfestival.org)

98. Rent a beachfront hotel in summer on Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel or Manasota Key. Then watch lightning light up the skies after the sun goes down.



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99. Polish off a plate of corned beef hash and French toast at the **Over Easy Café** on Sanibel Island, 630 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-2625. Then walk off those calories on the beach.

100. Jump out of an airplane. Don't forget your parachute. **SW Florida Skydive Club** (skydiveswflorida.com in Punta Gorda or skydivespaceland.com in Clewiston)

101. Do a song crawl. You've heard of a "bar crawl." But at the **Island Hopper Songwriter Fest**, you can jump from venue to venue catching renowned singer/songwriters performing at small venues throughout the region. This year's event takes place from Sept. 23-Oct. 2. (fortmyers-sanibel.com/island-hopper)

102. Relieve some stress and smack a few balls at the batting cages at **Mike Greenwell's Bat-A-Ball & Family Fun**



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Park. 35 NE Pine Island Road, Cape Coral, 574-4386

103. Ride the bus. Make conversation with the transportation-challenged working class. (rideleetrans.com)

104. Catch an intimately close concert at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center**. The refurbished historic federal post office building often hosts world-class performers from classical musicians to rockers in a room that seats just a few hundred attendees, making sure that you more than hear the music — you feel it. (sbdac.com)

105. Buy fruit from a roadside stand.

106. Take aforementioned fruit and eat it with someone special by the water's edge.

107. Volunteer at the **CCMI Soup Kitchen**. 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (ccmileecounty.com)

108. Wear a New York Yankees jersey to a Red Sox spring training game at **Jet Blue Park** in March. Really, it's no problem... (boston.redsox.mlb.com/bosballpark/jetblue_park.jsp)

109. Have some frog legs at **Fancy's**. (fancysoutherncafe.com) ■

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RAIN

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meteorologist Jim Farrell said. Fort Myers received 12.98 inches of rain in January, a record for the month. The previous January record was 7.95 inches in 1991. So the record fell by a smidge more than 5 inches.

The January average rainfall total in Fort Myers is 1.93 inches. The January 2016 rainfall total was roughly 10 inches more than normal.

The rains came and they never seemed to leave. That was quite a contrast to many Januaries in the past.

Meteorologists blame the abnormally wet weather on El Niño, a “complex weather pattern resulting from variations in ocean temperatures in the equatorial Pacific,” according to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA predicted last May that there was more than a 90 percent probability El Niño would last through the winter. What exactly does El Niño do?

Weather.com put it this way: “For reasons still not well understood, every 2-7 years, this patch of ocean warms up for 6 to 18 months.”

This El Niño was different from previous incarnations of the phenomenon.

This year, it combined with other weather factors to produce epic rainfall.

It was epic right off the charts. The January rainfall of 12.98 inches in Fort Myers is more than the city typically receives in the first five months of the year.

The timing of the January rain was

in the know

Fort Myer's five wettest Januaries of the last 100 years

- >> 2016: 12.98 inches
- >> 1991: 7.95 inches
- >> 1979: 7.45 inches
- >> 1958: 6.04 inches
- >> 1993: 5.36 inches.

— Source: National Weather Service

good news for baseball fans looking forward to spring training games in March. Florida spring training facilities such as CenturyLink Sports Complex in Fort Myers, the spring home of the Minnesota Twins, were drenched.

“This is the first time I’ve seen it this wet this time of year,” said Keith Blasingim, a Lee County employee who maintains the CenturyLink ball fields.

Although spring-training baseball wasn’t affected by the record rain golf courses most certainly were affected. The number of rounds played was down at courses throughout the region.

Todd Blanton, general manager of the Esplanade Golf & Country Club in Naples, didn’t have statistics available when he talked to *Florida Weekly*. But he estimated the number of rounds played at his course was down about 20 percent over a typical January.

The rain had an economic ripple affect, he pointed out. When the golfers couldn’t play, golf course employees everywhere worked fewer hours and those dependent on tips received fewer tips.

“I’ve never seen it this bad, especially for January,” Mr. Blanton said. ■

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Give Where You Live campaign makes it easy to be a philanthropist

The Community Foundation of Collier County has partnered with the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to host the second annual giving day in Collier County. Starting at noon Monday, Feb. 29, and ending at 11:59 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, Give Where You Live is an effort to give 40 Collier County nonprofits a much-needed boost with donations and a \$400,000 matching fund.

The 24-hour online giving campaign is designed to transform the way Collier County residents think about and contribute to local charities. Built upon the idea that everyone can be a philanthropist, the project affords individuals a simplified means of supporting the education and basic-needs efforts of 40 nonprofits.

The inaugural Give Where You Live campaign raised \$1.8 million for 30 organizations.

"This year we have expanded to include 40 nonprofits," says Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Community Foundation president and CEO. With a simple click of a mouse at givewhereyoulivecollier.org, individuals can contribute to one or all of the participating nonprofits.

"No matter the size of your contribu-

tion, you can be a philanthropist who makes a difference in this community," Ms. Connolly-Keesler adds. "Our job is to make it easy for anyone to make a positive change in the lives of thousands of people in our community."

Give Where You Live nonprofits will use social, print and broadcast media, as well as word of mouth, to spread awareness. They will also be spotlighted in Com-

munity Foundation social media outlets in the weeks leading up to Feb. 29 to increase awareness about the ways in which they impact our community.

The aim is to give each organization a voice and a face, thereby raising its community visibility.

Mary Beth Geier, coordinator in the Florida region for the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, says the foundation is happy to partner with the Community Foundation. "People are still hungry, still in need of clothing and shelter and other services," she says. "They are still in need of quality educational programs.

"Perhaps this one day of giving will serve as a reminder that supporting area nonprofits should be a year-round commitment."

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About the foundations

The Community Foundation of Collier County was established in 1985 to increase and focus private philanthropy in the area. Today it manages more than 510 funds, collaborates with more than 400 nonprofits, holds more than \$110 million in assets and has distributed more than \$88 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and community programs. Learn more at cfcollier.org.

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation was founded in 2004 by Best Buy founder and Naples resident Dick Schulze as a way to give back to the community. Mr. Schulze and his family believe that a good education, a supportive family and a strong work ethic prepare children for a successful future. To support that belief, the foundation supports education and basic human services, among other types of organizations. ■

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A framed "Hotel California" album signed by band members of the Eagles, dinner and wine for eight by Chef Brian Roland, a Sun Valley retreat and a limited edition Stars Wars poster signed by the actors are a sampling of silent auction items offered for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida's 12th annual gala, A Choice Affair.

Only a few tickets starting at \$350 remain available for the Saturday, Feb. 6, evening at Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are not required for online bidding for the above items and for auction lots including custom-designed jewelry, art and various personal services and experiences valued from \$45 to more

than \$5,000. Log onto myplannedparenthood.org and click on Special Events to browse the offerings.

Online bidding closes at midnight, Friday, Feb. 5, and the auction will resume at the event for which radio and television sex therapist "Dr. Ruth" Westheimer is the guest speaker.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando and Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida merged last summer into a single affiliate that covers 22 counties and operates 11 health centers, including centers in Naples and Immokalee. For more information, visit myplannedparenthood.org. ■

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Eagle Award for 2016 goes to the Smiths

Jeannie and Christopher Smith have been awarded the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's highest honor, the Eagle Award, for their contributions and commitment to the protection of Southwest Florida's natural resources. Rob Moher, Conservancy president, and Lynn Slabaugh, board chair, presented the award at the recent annual meeting.

The Smith name is seen many places throughout the Conservancy property. The 7-acre Christopher B. Smith Preserve serves as a natural upland and scrub habitat that is home to more than 200 plant species, 70 gopher tortoises and hundreds of other animal species. The Jeannie Meg Smith Theater has allowed the Conservancy to utilize the power of film to showcase the Southwest Florida environment to the community.

The Smiths also enabled the Conservancy to create a new front entrance and establish its current address on Smith Preserve Way, and contributed greatly to the capital campaign that was largest conservation campaign in Florida. Mrs. Smith has also served as a board member, has chaired the Magic Under the Mangroves gala and been involved in renovations to the Nature Center.

The couple will be honored at the 2016 Magic Under the Mangroves, coming up Thursday, March 3, at the Conservancy. For information about the evening, visit conservancy.org/magic. ■

Vultures aren't just gross, disgusting, ugly and smelly

BY NICKI DARDINGER

Gross. Disgusting. Ugly. Smelly.

When people use these words in response to my query about what they think about vultures — and more often than not, they do — I make it a personal mission to change their minds.

Let's start with the basics. Two species of vultures can be seen here in Southwest Florida: the black vulture and the turkey vulture. Turkey vultures have red heads, while black vultures have black heads. In flight, the birds are often too far away to see the color of their heads, but the color of the underside of their wings is also a distinguishing feature. Turkey vultures have silver feathers along the full length of the underside of their wings; black vultures have silver feathers only at the tips of their wings.

Let's talk about why these birds are so awesome — and so important to our environment.

Vultures are nature's cleanup crew. As scavengers, they seek out dead animals as their primary source of food. Without vultures, there would be A LOT of dead animals lying around in along roadsides and in the wetland and upland areas of Southwest Florida. But vultures, along with a variety of insects and other scavengers, feast on these carcasses, helping to eliminate toxic bacteria and diseases. Vultures have such powerful digestive systems that they are even able to digest botulism and eliminate it from the environment.

Black vultures and turkey vultures need each other. On the surface, it may



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appear that both species fill the same scavenger role in the ecosystem. But when we examine them a little more closely, we realize how different, and equally valuable, they are.

Turkey vultures have a highly developed sense of smell and can locate their food from above a tree canopy based on smell alone. Black vultures, on the other hand, are not able to smell very well at all. Often, black vultures will be seen soaring near a turkey vulture, waiting for them to locate their next meal.

And once that meal is found, black vultures are typically the first to eat, often pushing the turkey vultures off to the side. You might be thinking the turkey vulture is getting the raw end of the deal here, having done all the work to find the food and then moving aside so the black vulture can eat first.

But, this system is often to the turkey vulture's advantage. Black vultures have a much stronger beak than turkey vultures and are able to more easily tear into an animal carcass. Because of the turkey vulture's softer beak, it is easier for them to dig in after the black vulture has gotten things started. It's pretty amazing how these two birds work together.

Next time you're outside and you see a group of vultures soaring overhead, remember how valuable they are and be thankful for their service to the environment.

Simply put, vultures are awesome. ■

— Nicki Dardinger is director of environmental education at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. For more information, visit conservancy.org.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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Newest fashionistas

In January, the upscale Italian fashion house Dolce & Gabbana introduced stylish hijabs and abayas aimed at Muslim women unafraid to call attention to themselves as they exercise their obliged modesty. D&G's marketing effort even accessorized models' heads-

carves and cloaks with stilettos and oversized, gaudily framed sunglasses. It was clear from the suggested retail prices that D&G would be pitching the line mainly in the wealthy Persian Gulf countries like United Arab Emirates.

Unclear on the concept

Awkward signals in New Jersey: (1) The government watchdog MuckRock requested records on the cause of death of a dolphin in New Jersey's South River last year (to investigate larger dangers to the animal), but in January 2016 the state's Department of Agriculture initially declined to release them — citing "medical privacy" (usually requested,

for autopsies, by "the deceased's family"). (2) At the same time, Maria Vaccarella is facing a \$500 fine in Howell, N.J., for violating a state law because she illegally rendered "care" to two apparently orphaned baby squirrels when their mother abandoned them. She was due in court as News of the Weird went to press.

Questionable judgments

The director of senior services for Cranston, R.I., resigned in January after a mayor's press-conference went badly. To publicize a snow-removal program that would benefit seniors unable to shovel for themselves, the direc-

tor (needing a proper example of a beneficiary of the program) instructed a middle-aged male subordinate to (unconvincingly) don a wig and dress and stand beside the mayor during the announcement.

Cultural diversity

Weird Japan, Again: (1) Among the sites Japan has submitted for 2017 United Nations World Heritage status is the island of Okinoshima, home of a sacred shrine with which Shinto gods have been "protecting" fishermen as long ago as the fourth century. (The island is so sacred that females have never been allowed on it — judged either too delicate to make the trip or menstrually

unclean). (2) A current Tokyo craze, reported an Australian Broadcasting correspondent, involves "stressed out" professionals and office workers publicly outfitted in colorful, full-body lycra suits ("zentai") in a rebellion against the nation's stultifying conformity. Said one, "I'm a different person wearing this. I can be friendly to anyone."

Suspicious confirmed

■ Crescent City, Calif., drug dealer James Banuelos pleaded guilty in January in exchange for a lighter sentence (three years in prison), thus avoiding for police the airing of an embarrassing hidden-camera video of the raid showing arresting officers stealing the dealer's money and valuables. "Multiple" officers were shown laughing and helping themselves, and a gold chain belonging to Mr. Banuelos wound up for sale a few days later on Craigslist. As part of the plea agreement, the prosecutor agreed

to give all of Mr. Banuelos' stuff back to him.

■ The United Nations announced at year-end that the book most often checked out last year at its in-house Dag Hammarskjold Library in New York was the nearly 500-page "Immunity of Heads of State and State Officials for International Crimes." The list of borrowers was not revealed. (In general, the book concludes, current heads of state have immunity but not past ones.) ■



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Starting on February 29 at noon, join thousands of people online to raise millions of dollars for 40 participating nonprofit organizations in our community. Everyone can be a philanthropist at GiveWhereYouLiveCollier.org.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

- Visit GiveWhereYouLiveCollier.org any time between noon on Monday, February 29 and 11:59 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1.
- Choose one or more nonprofits from the list of participants and click the **DONATE NOW** button on that organization's profile. The **DONATE NOW** button goes live on February 29 at noon—and not a minute before! It stays active until 11:59 a.m. on March 1.
- Give \$10...or the sky is the limit.
- Donations will be matched up to a total of \$400,000 by the Community Foundation of Collier County and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.
- Throughout the 24-hour period, check in at GiveWhereYouLiveCollier.org and watch the leaderboard to find out how much has been donated to each nonprofit.
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Florida auction is crossing new oceans



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Mecum built its reputation on American muscle cars. Five years ago, this auction barely deviated from Detroit's big three automakers, and so a Packard could almost have been considered an exotic entry. This year was very different. Plenty of American chrome and muscle ranging from \$2,500 to more than \$2.5 million was up for grabs, but there was also a noticeable crop of imports. This was everything from Don Johnson's Ferrari Testarossa used in



Miami Vice to a Cold War-era Russian military vehicle. In fact, Toyota had an official presence there watching one of their rare 1967 2000GT coupes possibly set a price world record.

This coupe represents a benchmark in the company's history because it was used as a "halo" car to bring attention to the brand. The handcrafted aluminum body and high-revving 2.0-liter engine made it a genuine exotic that accomplished its goal of getting people talking about Toyota. But its high base price also meant drivers often elected to pay less for the more luxurious Mercedes 250SL or more powerful Jaguar XKE. Toyota only made 351 examples, of which only 62 were sent to the U.S.

The 2000GT is a true exotic, but setting a new price benchmark at this traditionally American car auction was an ambitious idea. Unfortunately, the \$750,000 high bid fell short of the reserve. The slick red coupe didn't sell, but that's far from the whole story.

There were 33 other Japanese cars that crossed the auction block, and only



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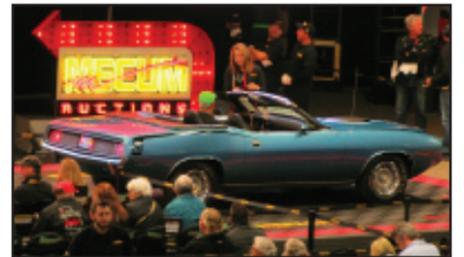
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13 went beyond their reserve price to sell. That could seem like a failure, but it actually might be telling us where the market is going.

This year's Florida auction can be seen as a quiet litmus test for vintage cars from Japan. These have been popular over the last few years in California auctions where Japanese car companies were adopted much earlier than they were across the rest of the country. The fact that they're now showing up in places like Mecum's Kissimmee auction could be a telltale sign. After all, there are now people willing to send Japanese cars to a place that once felt more exclusively American than eating apple pie on the Fourth of July.

The Toyota 2000GT was once used as a tool to blaze a trail into a widespread acceptance of Japanese cars. Nearly half a century later, this rare coupe is back again to help create this same awareness on the vintage car market.

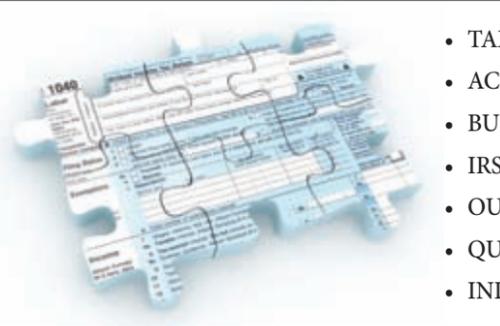
Does that mean the 30-year-old Corolla or Accord that you've been babying in your garage may someday pay off? Maybe soon your local Florida Kissimmee auction will treat them with the same distinction as the Chevelles and Fairlanes get today. But first you have to have the guts to put it on the auction block. ■



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"Students have a lot of pressure — and they often cannot enjoy their lives with so much pressure," Dr. Eghrari said. "This money is just to make them happy and to spend however they want."

This past December, 11 more Immokalee students received "fun money."

Three years ago, one of the first students to receive this scholarship was Yazmin Hernandez. Now 21, she has just two semesters left before she finishes her bachelor's degree in accounting at Florida Gulf Coast University. She has been living on campus and used her award mostly to eat in restaurants.

"I went out to eat many times with family and friends," she said. "I used the money periodically, and it was great. I

didn't have to worry about how I was going to pay for dinner, and going out helped relieve my stress and clear my head. Especially in your first year of school, you're trying to adjust, and it was one thing I didn't have to think about. Besides, I didn't have a car to come home, and I was kind of stuck."

Ms. Hernandez, the first person in her family to attend college, works part time as a staff accountant at The Immokalee Foundation. She became eligible for the "fun money" scholarship by being part of TIF's Career Development program.

Israel Vega is the second in his family to go to college; his older sister also was involved in TIF's programs as a tuition scholarship recipient. She is in her senior year at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama and will attend medical school. Mr. Vega is in Daytona Beach as a freshman at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the oldest and largest aviation-based university in the world. He wants to become a

rocket scientist, majoring in aerospace engineering with a minor in astronomy.

"I can definitely see why it's known as a top-notch school," Mr. Vega said. But he's working hard, and one thing he doesn't have to worry about is doing laundry so frequently. With his fun money scholarship, he said, "I went on a shopping spree." He spent about half of his award



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Dr. Massoud Eghrari, fourth from right in front, and Tayegeh Eghrari, second from right, with the 11 newest “fun money” scholarship recipients.

on jeans, T-shirts and a sweater, and still has the other half to spend on whatever he wants. A few times that extra money has meant he could go to Cape Canaveral, a couple of hours south of his university on the east coast. He tries to see every rocket launch.

Dr. Eghrari and his wife, Tayebeh, award both tuition and fun-money scholarships annually to TIF students. A retired surgeon who moved to Southwest Florida from New York seven years ago, he is a strong supporter of education and TIF’s efforts to give underprivileged children “a new life” as “wise and useful members of society.”

Many TIF scholarship recipients come back to Immokalee and share what they have learned.

“You can see the changes in them, and in a short time,” Dr. Eghrari said. “You don’t have to wait a generation to see what a difference their scholarships make.”

Mr. Vega is very aware of the difference the generosity of people like the Eghraris makes in the lives of young people from Immokalee through the foundation. “It’s pretty crazy,” he said. “We came here from Mexico with nothing. And now my sister is going to be a doctor.” It seems that he is on his way to realizing his dream as well — to work for a space exploration company like NASA.

Economic development in Immokalee has lagged behind the rest of Collier County; in fact, nearly half of its residents live below the poverty line. It comes as no surprise, then, that 95 percent of students in the town are economically needy. Without financial help, attending college is usually out of the question.

TIF began more than two decades ago to break the cycle of poverty and lack of educational opportunities for families of students like Mr. Vega and Ms. Hernandez. Today the foundation provides a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence.

To learn more about TIF, including how to become a student mentor, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

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The Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society offers field trips, presentations and workshops throughout the season. Reservations are required for field trips and workshops; lectures are open to all without reservations. Here's what's coming up:

■ **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Presentation at Naples Botanical Garden about "The Biology of Palms." Free.

■ **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13:** Field trip to the CREW Cypress Dome Hiking Trail area - Participants will walk about a ½ mile through upland pine, wet prairie, cypress and into a marsh to learn how elevation, soils, hydrology and fire shape Southwest Florida's various plant communities.

Be prepared to walk into up to 2 feet of

water. Wear closed-toed shoes; long pants recommended. Bring water to drink. No restrooms available. Free for Native Plant Society members, \$5 for others. For reservations or more information, call 289-4257 or email jeanm@naples.net.

■ **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20:** Workshop at Naples Botanical Garden on using native plants as art. Brian Bovard, Brenda Thomas and Jean Roche will show how to preserve flowers and fern fronds using herbarium methods. \$35 includes all materials. For reservations, call Ms. Roche at 597-7222 or email bjrochel@comcast.net.

For more information about the Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, visit naples.FNPSchapters.org. ■



Despite being a good student, Ron developed an intense fear of school and refused to go. Depressed and directionless, he abused alcohol and bounced between jobs, homes and towns. By the time he was 23, he had experienced the desperation of homelessness more than once, and had been in several Crisis Units. He was finally diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but without a job or housing, he had no plans. Then he made his way to DLC.

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Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary marks World Wetlands Day with a festival of learning and fun from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The day commemorates the 1971 signing of an intergovernmental treaty called the Ramsar Convention, held in Ramsar, Iran. Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary was honored as a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention in 2010.

Visitors to Corkscrew on Saturday will find a full slate of activities on its 13,000-acre site that includes a nature center and nature store and a 2.25-mile boardwalk through the earth's largest remaining forest of bald cypress trees. The day's programs will allow environmental educators to help the public connect the importance of the health of the Everglades with the waterways and wildlife of Corkscrew.

Morning activities include a backcountry tour and boardwalk tours (held hourly from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.) to explore the flora, fauna and wildlife of the forest, marsh, uplands and wetlands. A forest meditation session is set for 9:30 a.m., and a fashion and merchandise show will be held in the nature store from 1-1:30 p.m. A farmers market with local produce and products will be set up all day, as will art

exhibits, children's discovery stations and a variety of live entertainment.

About the sanctuary

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary has been owned by the National Audubon Society since 1954 with the mission to protect the land's sensitive natural resources, its surrounding watershed and the Western Everglades, and to influence Everglades restoration for the benefit of birds, other wildlife and people through land management, science, education, restoration and public policy advocacy. A designated Important Birding Area, Corkscrew is a gateway to the Florida Birding Trail.

Entrance to the sanctuary is at 375 Sanctuary Road, just off Immokalee Road, 15 miles east of Interstate 75. The sanctuary is open daily year-round from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Regular admission, good for two consecutive days, is \$14 per adult, \$10 for National Audubon Society members with ID, \$6 for college students with ID, \$4 for ages 6-18 and free for children under 6.

For a complete World Wetlands Day schedule, visit corkscrewwetlandsday.com. There is no additional charge for most activities.

Also coming up

Guided swamp walks on Saturday, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 5 and 26, will take visitors beyond the Corkscrew boardwalk into the old growth forest, where water might exceed 3 feet in depth. Guides point out and describe the mighty trees, plants such as orchids, bromeliads and ferns as well as birds and other wildlife. Cost is \$80, and each tour is limited to 12 participants. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Sally Stein, director of public programs at the sanctuary, at 348-9151, ext. 112.

For information about Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's year-round events, go to corkscrew.audubon.org and click on "Visit." ■

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Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of Feb. 8-12:

Monday, Feb. 8

Immokalee and Rock roads: Speeding
Golden Gate Parkway at I-75 south-bound exit: Red-light running
Pine Ridge Road and Napa Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Tarpon Bay Boulevard and Spanish Oaks Lane: Aggressive driving
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Logan Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Collier and Green boulevards: Red-light running

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange

Blossom Drive: Speeding
Wiggins Pass Road and U.S. 41 North: Red-light running

Hunter Boulevard: Speeding

Thursday, Feb. 11

Immokalee Road at Gulf Coast High School: Speeding
U.S. 41 East and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding
Santa Barbara Boulevard and Recreation Lane: Speeding

Friday, Feb. 12

Titan Way at Golden Gate High School: Aggressive driving
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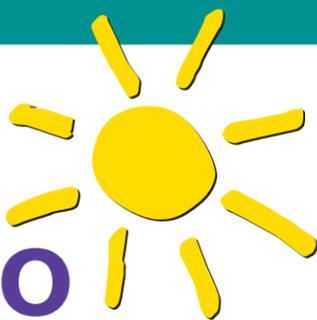
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Sooner than later might be better for trying to conceive after a loss

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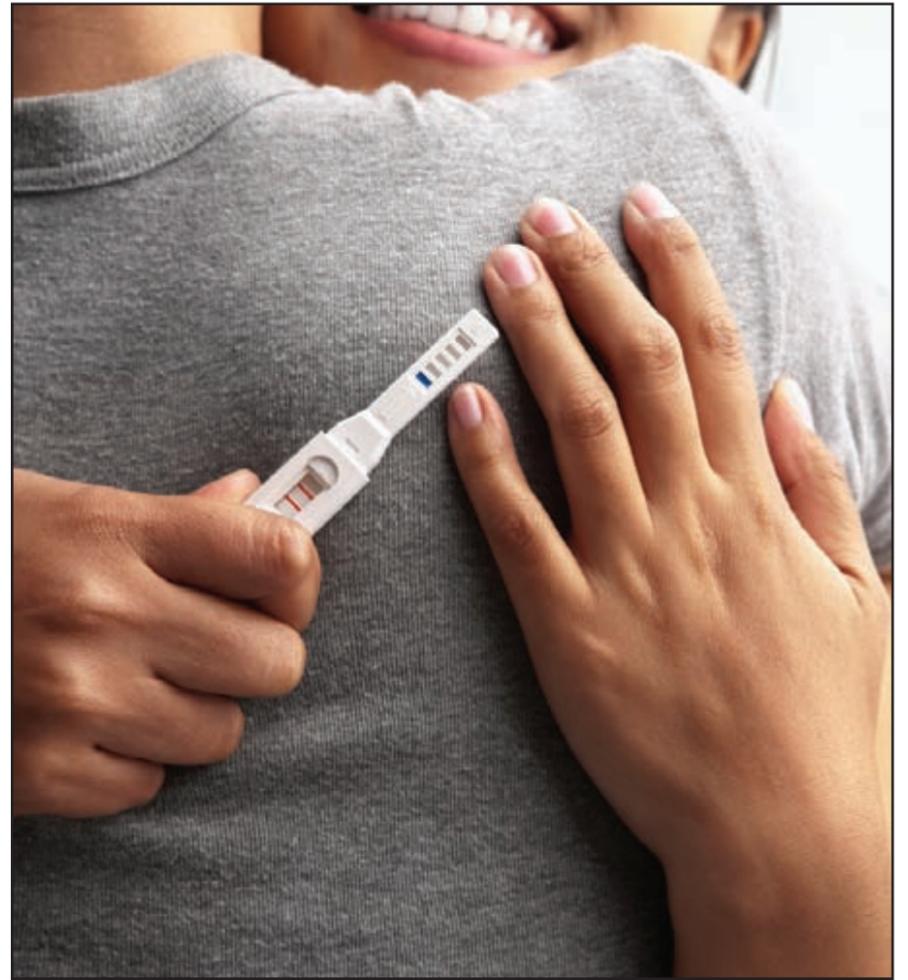
Couples who attempt to conceive within three months after losing an early pregnancy, defined as less than 20 weeks gestation, have the same chances, if not greater, of achieving a live birth than those who wait for three months or more, according to a National Institutes of Health study.

This finding, published in the most recent *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, questions traditional advice that couples should wait at least three months after a loss before attempting a new pregnancy. The World Health Organization, for example, recommends waiting a minimum of six months between a pregnancy loss and a subsequent attempt.

"Couples often seek counseling on how long they should wait until attempting to conceive again," said Enrique Schisterman, Ph.D., chief of the epidemiology branch at NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and senior author of the study. "Our data suggest that women who try for a new pregnancy within three months can conceive as quickly, if not quicker, than women who wait for three months or more."

Previous studies of pregnancy spacing have focused on when women should become pregnant after experiencing a loss, but few have addressed the question of when couples should start trying to conceive.

In the current study, researchers analyzed data from the Effects of Aspirin in Gestation and Reproduction trial, a multisite block-randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial that took place from 2007 to 2011. The trial, which evaluated the effect of daily low-dose aspirin on reproductive outcomes in women with a history of pregnancy loss, enrolled 1,228 women aged 18 to 40 years. NICHD investigators concentrated on 1,083 of these women, more than 99 percent of who had lost a pregnancy at less than 20 weeks gestation. None of the women had either of two potential complications of pregnancy: a tubal (ectopic) pregnancy or a molar pregnancy (growth of abnormal fetal tissue in the uterus). The participants



were followed for up to six menstrual cycles and, if they became pregnant, until the outcome of their pregnancy was known.

The researchers found that more than 76 percent of the women attempted to conceive within three months after losing a pregnancy. Compared to those who waited longer, this group was more likely to become pregnant (69 percent vs. 51 percent) and to have a pregnancy leading to a live birth (53 percent vs. 36 percent). The investigators did not observe any increase in the risk of pregnancy complications in this group.

"While we found no physiological reason for delaying attempts at conception following a pregnancy loss, couples may need time to heal emotionally before they try again," said Karen Schliep, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow

in the NICHD epidemiology branch at the time of the study and primary author of the study. "For those who are ready, our findings suggest that conventional recommendations for waiting at least three months after a loss may be unwarranted."

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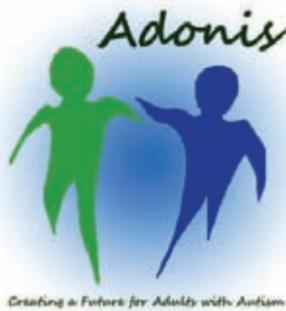


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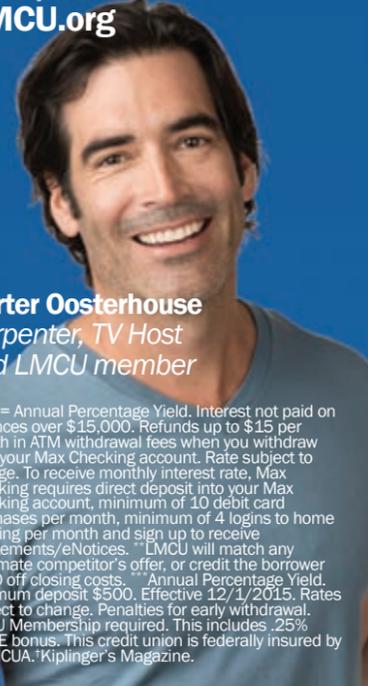
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PET TALES

Looking for Mr. or Ms. Right? Your dog or cat can help

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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Remember the meet-cute scene in “101 Dalmatians,” where the couple’s dogs bring them together? It happens in real life, too.

Molly McNamara of Lyons, Colorado, met her husband-to-be, Jeff McGlynn, at the obedience class she was attending with her dog. It was love at first sight — for her dog.

“My dog was so bananas for him that he wouldn’t pay attention after Jeff arrived,” she says. “At first I used to just get mad when he and his dog showed up because my well-behaved 1-year-old bearded collie, Max, would lose his mind and drag me across the room to see them. So, clearly, the dog knew first.”

It took six months before the pair started dating, with many of the dates involving taking their dogs hiking or to the beach. McNamara discovered later that McGlynn was staying in the class only to see her. His Saint Bernard was already well-behaved and didn’t really need the practice.

“Introduction by dog” is a time-honored method of finding true love, and now science has confirmed its efficacy. In their study “The Roles of Pet Dogs and Cats in Human Courtship and Dating,” published in the quarterly journal *Anthrozoos*, researchers — who surveyed more than 1,200 Match.com users — found that 35 percent of women and 26 percent of men said they had been



In a recent survey of singles with pets, 75 percent of women and 54 percent of men said they would not date someone who did not like pets.

more attracted to someone because he or she owned a pet.

Men are more likely to use a pet — generally a dog — as “date bait,” with 22 percent admitting to the tactic. Only 6 percent of women said they had used a pet to attract potential dates.

Women, on the other hand, are more likely to rely on their dogs and cats as barometers of a date’s trustworthiness. Nearly half of the women responding said they judged dates based on how the person responded to their pet, and 76 percent evaluated dates based on whether their pets liked the person.

“My dogs have helped me see who is and isn’t a good match based on how the guys responded to the dogs, and vice versa,” says Elizabeth Barden Ackerman of Los Angeles. “The ones who are scared of my giant black Lab are quickly

let go. The one who naturally pats and plays with him, refills his water bowl without being asked and who watches the dog and hilariously narrates his thoughts? He’s special.”

Allia Zobel Nolan of New York City knew the man she met was her true love because of the way he treated her cats, even though at heart he was a dog person.

“He loved me, so he loved my cats,” she says.

Gail Parker of Philadelphia stopped seeing one man after her dog, a German shepherd, growled at him. She gave another the heave-ho when he called her Irish setter stupid.

The study’s lead author, University of Nevada Las Vegas anthropology professor Peter Gray, suggests that pets’ status as family members could explain the significant influence they wield in the choices people make about who they date. He and fellow researchers, UNLV graduate student Shelly Volsche; Justin Garcia of the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University; and Helen Fisher of Rutgers University say dog ownership may signal “a potential mate’s caregiving capacity.” How a person treats a pet could indicate how he or she would treat a mate and children.

McNamara and McGlynn? At their eventual wedding, more dogs than people were in attendance.

“Max is turning 14 in a month, and Jeff is still his most favorite human ever,” McNamara says. ■

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THE DIVA DIARIES

And then, one day, she quit



I remember the morning of Jan. 27, 2011, quite clearly. I woke up, poured myself a cup of coffee, added some Splenda and headed toward the balcony to smoke my morning cigarette. Back then a cigarette came before everything else — even brushing my teeth.

It was a breezy, sunny morning when I took the first drag off my Marlboro Ultra Light 100 and began coughing violently.

It was weird. After all, I was a hard-core veteran smoker. I had been smoking nearly two packs a day since I was 15 years old, when I started with Benson & Hedges Menthol 100s in the girls' bathroom at Cypress Lake High School. There was a period between ages 18 and 20 when I shamelessly smoked filterless Lucky Strikes (Jessica Lange looked sexy smoking them in the movie "Frances"). I'd smoked Marlboro Reds, Camels and Parliaments. Even when I had no money for food or gas, I still smoked (99 cent generic cigs that came in a plain white package at the Handy Mart). I drew the line at Winstons, though. Winstons were just gross. But even when I was in a bind and had to filch harsh, charcoal-filtered Tareytons from Mom's purse, I'd smoke. I was a professional smoker.

So it made no sense to me that morning, five years ago, when smoking hurt my throat and my chest. I mean, I had always

smoked, through strep throat and bronchitis; I'd smoked after root canals and during sinus infections. Nothing could stop me from smoking. I smoked in my house, I smoked in my car. If I happened to be in places where I couldn't smoke, I left. I was once caught smoking behind a Port-a-Potty at an American Cancer Society event.

I had smoke in my hair, on my clothes, on my breath and in my skin. And I didn't care.

Granted, I always smoked a bit more when I drank, and the night before Jan. 27, 2011, I had hosted a girls night on my balcony where more wine than usual was consumed. But still, a slight hangover and an overflowing ashtray were not going to stop me from smoking.

Once when I was in my late 20s and had WALKING PNEUMONIA, I still smoked. Which, as an aside, is why I'm constantly baffled by anyone who refers to smoking as a "habit." Biting your fingernails is a habit.

Twirling your hair is a habit. Chewing gum is a habit.

Sacrificing your health, friends, family and finances for a lethal drug — nicotine — is an addiction, not a habit. I blame that "habit" misunderstanding on the advertising genius that came up with the old "Kick the Habit" slogan (clearly someone who had never smoked — sigh).

Anyway, that morning five years ago, I just couldn't smoke. It hurt too much. I brushed my teeth, checked my email, put a load of laundry in the washer. I went back to the balcony again and lit up. It felt like daggers were going down my throat and into my lungs. I put the cigarette out. I was almost in tears — but not because of the pain: I needed nicotine in my system and couldn't get it.

I tried to smoke several more times that day with no success. Finally, before bed, I gave up. I had always wanted to quit, I'd tried — the patch, the gum, all of it with

no success. Maybe something or someone much more powerful than me had finally taken it out of my control. That night, I put what was left of my pack of cigarettes under running water and threw the soggy mess in the trash.

Last week, for my five-year anniversary as a nonsmoker, my husband took me out to a fancy dinner where we could sit inside, not outside. In the past five years, I've gotten a new car that has never been smoked in, and we moved to a new condo where there's no smoking. I'm being honest when I say I don't miss it and I think it's crazy when I look back and realize how much health, time and money I burned away.

When I see other folks smoking, I'm fine with it because I know what addiction is like — although sometimes I'm tempted to tell them that if I was able to quit, ANYONE can. But I know they wouldn't take that well, so I never say it out loud.

The other day when it was a bit chilly outside, I grabbed a jacket from the closet. When I got outside and put my hands in the pockets for warmth, I found a small handful of old cigarette butts in one (I never threw my butts on the ground, I'd put them in my pocket if I couldn't find an ashtray). I took them out, looked at them and tried to remember that girl who smoked Marlboro Ultra Light 100s. I couldn't.

I took a big, deep breath and threw the ancient butts in the nearest trashcan. ■

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



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by George M. Mantikas, DMD and Angela V. Litvak, DMD

BACTERIUM LINKS GUM AND HEART DISEASES

There has been a great deal of discussion in recent years about the link between gum disease and heart disease. Now, researchers have found the culprit responsible for this link. The bacterium known as "Porphyromonas gingivalis" is well known to dentists and periodontists for causing the development of "periodontitis," the serious form of gum infection that damages soft tissues surrounding the teeth and attacks underlying bone. Teeth are often lost as a result. Researchers recently found that P. gingivalis also

changes the code of the genes in proteins responsible for boosting inflammation and atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) in coronary arteries. This finding gives everyone more reason to conscientiously brush, floss, and guard against gum disease.

Periodontal disease is often silent, meaning symptoms may not appear until an advanced stage of the disease. If you need answers to a dental problem, remember that we're committed to your best interests. This column is brought to you in the interest of better dental health.

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Under consideration

Several bills up for vote this month could change Florida's workplace

BY NANJI THEORET
Florida Weekly Correspondent

PENDING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD strengthen existing equality and anti-discrimination laws in the workplace, provide tax credits to businesses that hire felons, and ban employers from asking workers or job applicants for access to private social media content could be addressed by the Florida Legislature during the 2016 session which runs through March 11. The bills, currently in committee, would benefit and protect Florida's workforce but result in mixed impacts on businesses in the Sunshine State.

Several bills reintroduce previous proposals that failed to reach the Senate or House floors, including the so-called "ban-

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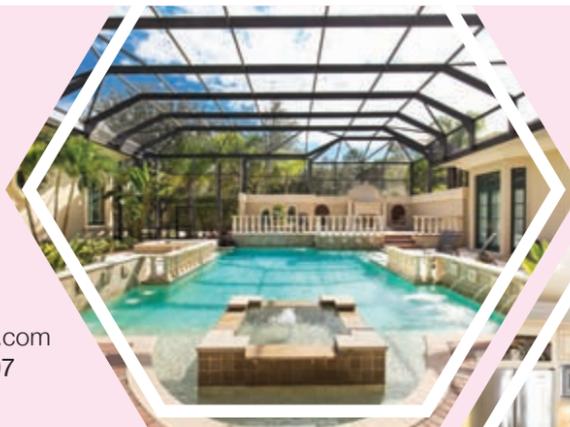
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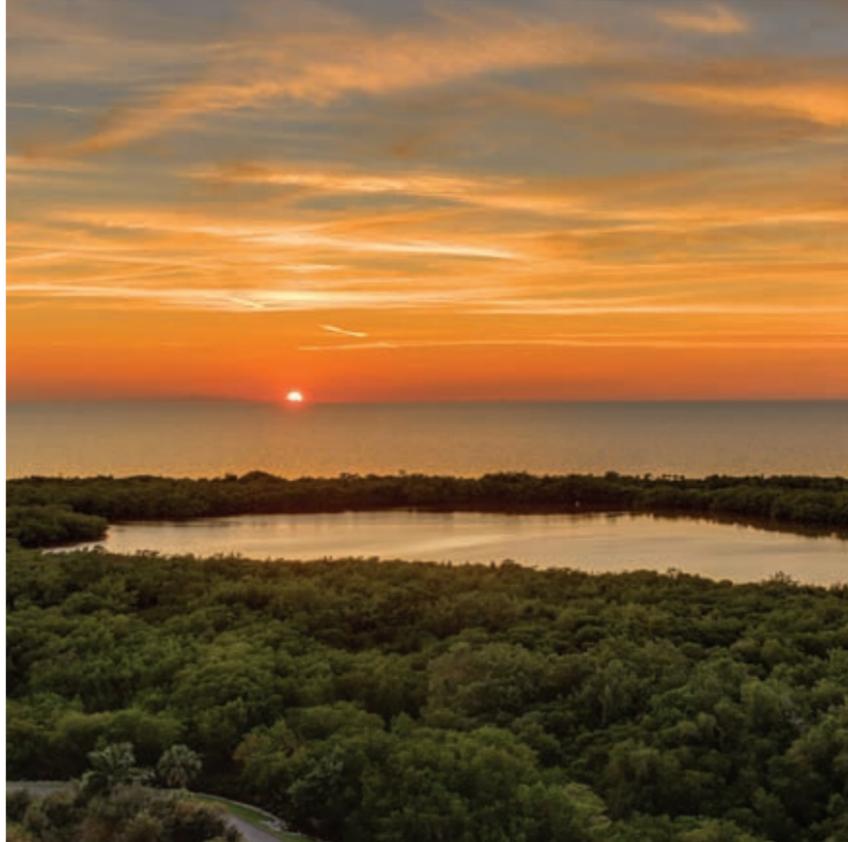
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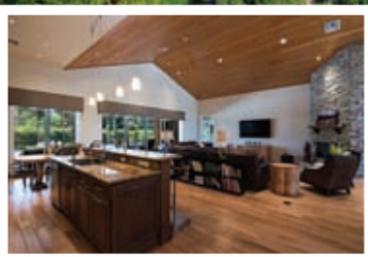
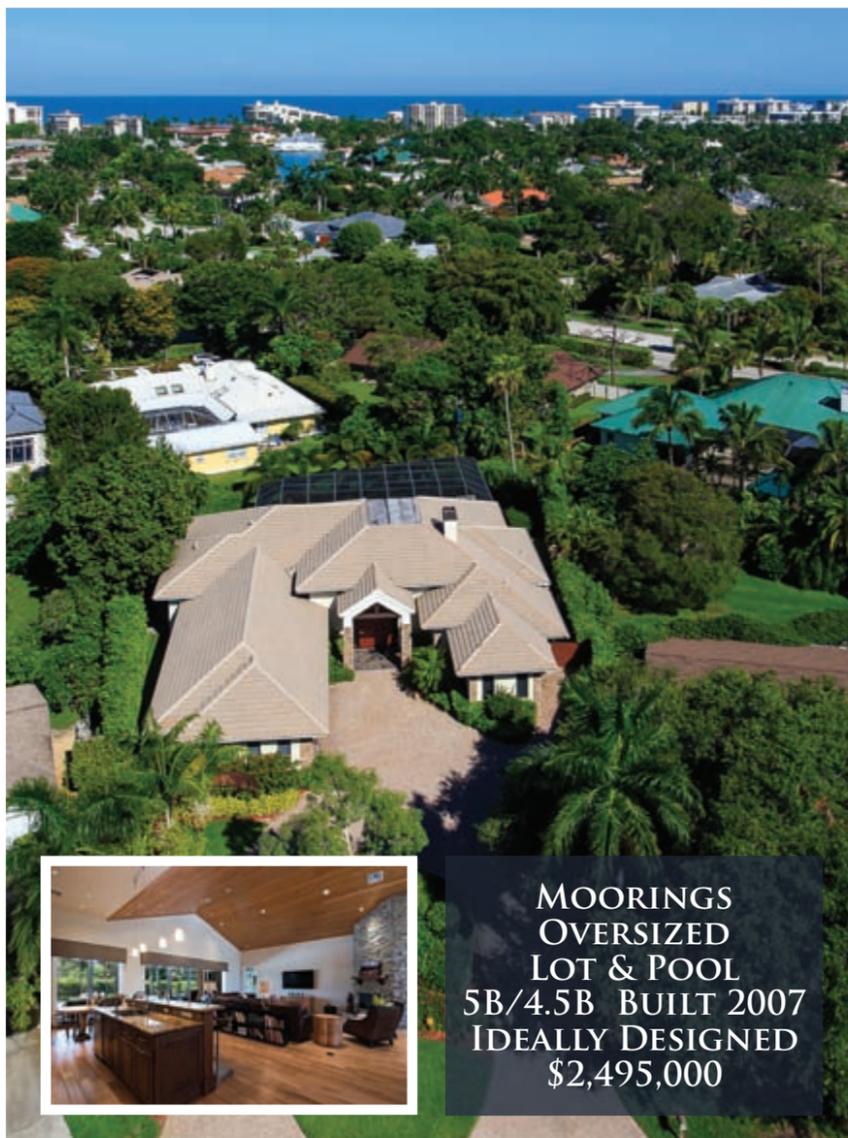
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Japan's venture into a black hole could be good for the U.S.

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I think it would be pretty cool to live in a black hole. First, you would never have to feel guilty about that second helping of ice cream as the gravitational forces would stretch you out so everyone would look like a long piece of spaghetti. In addition, you would never be late for anything because time would dramatically slow down and you can live what would seem like years in a matter of milliseconds. And who knows what other cool stuff you could experience as the laws of physics as we know it are completely suspended?

Well, Japan has entered a financial black hole of sorts. Last week, the Bank of Japan imposed negative interest rates for the island nation, seemingly suspending all laws of finance as we know it. Does this mean that banks would actually pay borrowers to get a mortgage? What would the Central Bank hope to accomplish by doing this? And will Japanese negative rates have an effect on us here in the U.S.?

First, what the Bank of Japan decreed has nothing to do with consumers, but instead changes the interest rate banks receive from depositing money with the Central Bank. To ensure that banks have enough capital in times of distress, almost all Central Banks mandate that

banks keep reserves within the Central Banks. And if banks have excess funds they deposit those moneys in the Central Bank as well. What the BOJ stated was that those excess funds would earn a negative rate. In effect, banks that hoard money will be penalized.

The BOJ instituted this extreme policy for a number of reasons. First, it hoped that it will give an added incentive to banks to take their capital and lend it out to consumers and businesses. Every excess dollar they keep at the Central Bank will earn a negative return so the thought is it will spur lending and thus the economy. Next, Japan is desperately trying to spur inflation of at least 2 percent within its country. Japan has been

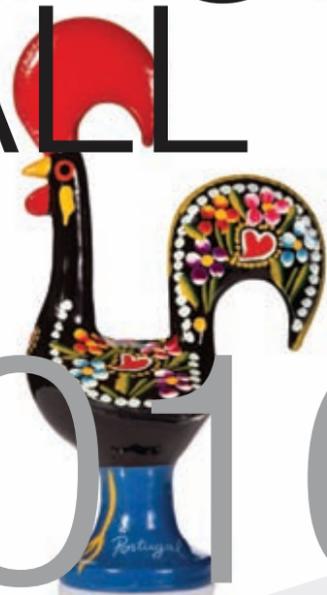
stuck in a deflationary cycle for the last several years, which has limited wage growth and domestic spending. Third, the BOJ hopes that extremely low rates will spur consumer spending and penalize savers. While retail banks will not charge consumers on checking and savings accounts, they will generally not pay an interest rate either. So maybe the Japanese people, who historically save a significant part of their income, will save less and spend more. Finally, Japan is cutting rates to lower the value of its currency. The Japanese economy is very dependant on exports, and lower rates translate into lower exchange rates, which mean lower cost goods for other countries and hopefully greater sales abroad.

So what will be the result of this new BOJ policy? It is positive news for the U.S. consumer, as imported goods from Japan will be cheaper. But it definitely hurts U.S. companies that rely on exports to Japan as each yen will buy less of their products. And other countries that compete with Japan for exports, like South Korea and China, will certainly take note of this and probably try to push down their currencies to match Japan's. This should push the U.S. dollar to even new highs in the years to come, which is also good for the U.S. stock market. Investors from around the world who expect their currency to weaken may shift their money to the U.S. to invest in order to take advantage of a strengthening currency here.

So, while the BOJ announcement of negative rates last week is not an extremely significant event, it does highlight a very interesting phenomenon in the world. Namely, we are seeing a dramatic split between the U.S. and the rest of the world when it comes to currency and interest rate levels. Almost every Central Bank in the world is cutting interest rates and currency levels while in the U.S. the Fed is raising rates and strengthening the dollar. Who has the "right" policy? It will definitely be something to watch closely in the months and years ahead. ■

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the-box” law that would prohibit employers from asking about criminal history on an initial employment application. Among the most potentially detrimental is a proposal to increase Florida’s hourly minimum wage from \$8.05 to \$15.

“Whether these bills pass or not, these issues are not going away,” says Christina Harris Schwinn, an attorney at Pavese Law Firm in Fort Myers who specializes in business and employment law and monitors proposed legislation that would impact businesses. “The minimum wage issue is not going anywhere, no matter what the feds do. But the way the bill is written, it would gut the current structure we work with here in Florida.”

The bill mandates an hourly increase to \$15 for all employees in Florida, including restaurant servers and other employees who compensate for below-minimum earnings with tips. Florida’s minimum wage is calculated annually by the Department of Economic Opportunity based on the consumer price index, accounts for inflation and has been increasing on average 15 cents per year since 2005. It wasn’t increased for 2016.

“I do think a bill will be passed but it needs to be phased in gradually,” says Ms. Schwinn. “It’s artificially low but I’m not sure \$15 an hour is the number.”

Many of the proposed laws increase protections for employees who can be fired for any reason or no reason under Florida’s employment-at-will doctrine.

“Employees don’t feel like they’re being treated fairly in the workplace,” Ms. Schwinn says. “Processes need to be fair. If a process is fair, most employee can accept it. The healthy workplace initiative is gaining ground because it brings protection to those who don’t have it. Right now, for example, for an employee to be protected from sexual harassment, Florida and federal civil rights acts apply only to businesses with 15 and more employees.”

Other bills that could impact businesses and employees include:

Social media privacy

This bill aims to protect employees and potential job candidates by prohibiting businesses from asking for access to personal social media sites not available to the general public. A growing number of companies are using Facebook and social media as part of the job-hiring process and are also monitoring employees’ posts. The proposed law would ban employers from requesting access, taking retaliatory personnel action against employees who refuse, and create a process for civil action. The law does not affect job candidates or employees in law enforcement or prosecutorial positions

or an employee who is the subject of a conduct investigation by police or prosecutors.

Jim Wall, director of communications for CareerSource Southwest Florida, says the agency always addresses social media as part of its interview and job skills workshops for job candidates. “More and more employers are looking at a potential employee’s social media sites,” he says. “It’s such a common thing nowadays but many jobseekers don’t realize companies do this. They think it’s their social media site and just don’t realize who can have access.”

Social media skills are also becoming a more intricate part of prospective job duties, Mr. Wall says.

“A business wants to see what that person is doing on social media and individuals need to realize this. They need to watch the personal stuff they put up. The bottom line is, if you have things to hide, don’t post it on social media.”

HR Florida State Council, representing more than 16,000 human resource professionals statewide, opposes the proposed bill. So, too, does Ms. Schwinn, who says access protects businesses and notes the bill, as written, doesn’t provide necessary exemptions.

“There are circumstances when it is appropriate for an employer to ask for access,” she says. “An example would be allegations of sexual harassment and an employee who is using a Facebook page to do it. It’s important to have exceptions. It’s very standard in litigation now when an employee sues a company for the company to submit a discovery request for access to the employee’s social media.”

Equal rights and discrimination

Two bills and a resolution call for increased protection and equal rights for women and men and inclusion of language that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The resolution would ratify the proposed U.S. Constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights for men and women.

One of the bills proposes revising Florida’s Civil Rights Act to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected characteristics and prohibit discrimination based on perceived race, color religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, handicap or marital status. While HR Florida supports the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity, it notes perceived characters could result in meritless claims against employers.

“There is discrimination in the workplace,” Ms. Schwinn says. “If you’re with a group of people who are gay or lesbian and talk to them and listen, you’ll hear stories that will make your hair stand on



end.”

The Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act, named for Hillsborough County’s first female state senator and an advocate for women’s and minority rights, would step in for failed federal laws to ensure equal pay

for women for equal work and implement a governor’s award recognizing Florida businesses that eliminate equal pay barriers. The bill notes women have entered the workforce in record numbers during the past 50 years and despite a federal act in 1963 continue to receive significantly lower wages as a result of intentional discrimination or the lingering effects of past discrimination. Providing equal pay for equal work would also reduce dependency on state and local public assistance programs, the bill claims.

Opponents say the proposed legislation needs to be clarified to include legal channels and remedies for employees who file suit.

“We support equal pay and the award but as it’s written it creates ambiguity,” says Ms. Schwinn. “I would agree there still are situations in corporate America where women are not paid the same as their male counterparts.”

Current statistics comparing wages between men and women in similar positions include all sectors of business and commerce — from professionals to management and manufacturing.

The numbers “are skewed,” says Ms. Schwinn. “There are circumstances where female doctors and lawyers out-earn their male counterparts. These statistics lump everyone together. A woman in management may not be making the same because she’s a trainee. The easiest area to enforce equal pay is in the manufacturing environment where employees on an assembly line are truly equal and doing the same job.”

The National Labor Relations Board prevents employers from taking action against employees who discuss their wages.

“Unless there are blatant violations, female employees are often afraid to rock the boat and be branded as a troublemaker,” Ms. Schwinn says.

Second chances for former felons

Two proposals would improve employment opportunities for the 22,854 non-violent felons released from Florida prisons during fiscal year 2013-14. Discrimination in Employment Screening, the “ban the box” proposal that has been submitted in various past incarnations, would eliminate public companies from asking on an initial employment application if an applicant has been convicted of a crime.

Proponents contend checking the box prevents qualified employees from

advancing in the hiring process. The bill claims eliminating the box would reduce recidivism, decrease unemployment rates in communities with a high concentration of people with a criminal history and improve economic stability.

“It’s a good idea,” says CareerSource’s Mr. Wall. “Every individual should have the right to explain their circumstances face to face. If a criminal record absolutely bars someone from a particular job, then they shouldn’t be applying. If you’re convicted of a bank robbery, you probably should not be trying to get a job as a teller.”

Although organizations representing Florida businesses have supported ban the box in the past, the language of the current proposal fails to provide exceptions for those applying for jobs in law enforcement, health care and child care.

CareerSource also assists in getting felons hired through bonding programs. “It can relieve some pressure from the employer and takes away some of the liability to give someone a second chance,” says Mr. Wall. “Generally we can provide a bond if it leads to employment or someone already has a job in hand.”

A second bill will offer up to \$1,000 in local tax credits to businesses that hire a felon upon his or her one-year employment anniversary.

“The tax credit is a good idea,” Mr. Wall says. “You have to look at the return on investment. If an individual is a drain on community resources, welfare and food stamps and is now working, they’re paying taxes and not using these programs. They also have the ability to purchase cars and homes.”

Nancy Kelly Scafuri, who owns Get Smart Bail Bonds, advocates any laws that help released felons.

“For convicted felons this late in the game, it’s really a struggle,” she says. “They can’t get a job so they go back to what they were doing — burglary, selling drugs. It’s a revolving door. What needs to happen at some level is some kind of program to make employers aware not all convicted felons are bad people and some do need a second chance.”

Many of her clients are skilled plumbers, carpenters and roofers. “The problem is they don’t have much to look forward to after their release,” Ms. Scafuri says. “It’s like they have a scarlet F. The tax credit makes it financially positive for employers to hire a felon.”

In her off time, Ms. Scafuri, a retired teacher, combs employment websites trying to match clients with potential jobs. “I want to show employers convicted felons can be their best employers,” she said. “It just takes one company to do this and set a trend.”

HR Florida opposes the legislation because, as written, it contains too many exceptions and would not create the intended incentive in hiring. ■

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Ask SCORE: What's in a business name?

BY GRAY POEHLER

Q: I am in the process of organizing a new business and want to be sure that the name I select is unique and is trademark protected. What do you suggest?

A: Registering a trademark for a company name is not a complicated process.

The U.S Patent and Trademark office web site is uspto.gov. Before completing the online registration form, check the site's Trademark Electronic Search System database to make sure another company hasn't registered an identical or similar mark for the same goods or services you offer. In order to get the broadest protection, don't designate



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a specific design of your trademark. Also, refrain from registering names that are too generic ("Lawn Care Specialists," for example). For more advice, consult a trademark lawyer.

At this juncture it is worth noting that your name should, ideally, describe the type of goods or services you provide. "FGP Enterprises" says nothing to the consumer. Better you call yourself "FGP Insurance Consultants."

If you intend to do business through

a website, you should seriously consider getting your own Internet domain. It's easy and inexpensive. Godaddy.com is the world's largest domain registrar. You can obtain a dot com name for just \$9.99 per year. Your Internet domain name should be the same as your business name.

If you do not have web host, you can use the domain registration to park your name at a temporary site while you develop your website.

Another good reason to get a domain is if you switch web hosts you do not have to inform your clients about a change in URL. They just type in your domain name and will be directed to

your new site.

While you can trademark your business and Internet domain name yourself, for a modest price, you may wish to seek out an attorney familiar with both in the event you run into problems with other businesses with similar names. In the long run, it's cheaper to pay for these services than to find out, after the fact, that someone is suing you for encroaching on their trademarks. ■

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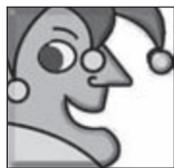
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Bonds 101

If you're going to invest in stocks or bonds, it's good to understand just what they are. A share of stock represents an ownership stake in a company, while a bond is essentially a loan from you to a government or company.

Bonds sold by the U.S. government's Treasury Department are called Treasuries. State and local governments issue municipal bonds, while businesses issue corporate bonds (sometimes referred to as "paper"). Sturdy governments and healthy companies can offer lower interest rates, but some companies have to offer high-interest-rate "junk" bonds to attract buyers willing to bear their higher risk of default.

Bond investors receive regular interest payments from the issuer at the stated "coupon rate." For example, if you buy a \$1,000 bond with a coupon rate of 10 percent, you'll receive payments of \$100 per year. When the bond matures — after perhaps five, 10 or 30 years — you'll get back the "par value," \$1,000. Most corporate bonds have a par value of \$1,000, while government bonds can run much higher.

Sometimes a company will "call" its bond, paying back the principal early. All bonds specify whether and how soon they can be called. Federal government bonds are never called.

You don't have to buy a bond at issue and hang on through maturity. Once issued, bonds can be traded among investors, with their prices rising and falling in relation to prevailing interest rates. When the current rate is low, prices of older bonds with higher interest rates tend to rise because the bonds are more attractive in comparison. And if banks are offering 1 percent, a 3 percent bond can look good, too.

With much or most of your long-term money, though, stick with stocks, which tend to outperform bonds. According to New York University professor Aswath Damodaran, from 1928 through 2015, long-term government bonds averaged an annual return of 5.0 percent, while the S&P 500 averaged 9.5 percent. Still, bonds have their place, such as by diversifying portfolios and offering relatively guaranteed returns. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Broker and Broker

Back in the 1990s, I was a nervous new investor, so I sought the advice of a local broker. He recommended investing in the IPO of Golden Books, as it had been around a long time and was now putting its books on VHS tapes. He added that it was a great time to get in on the ground floor. Excited, I spent much of my available money on shares of Golden Books Family Entertainment.

Two weeks later, the Golden Books stock price was down 50 percent or so. I called the broker and he said to hold on, because new stocks are volatile and it was coming back. I held on another two weeks just to see it get cut in half again. Upset at that point, I called him back only to find out he no longer worked there. Over time I lost everything in Golden Books. I remembered an old saying: "A broker will only make you broker."

— Dennis, online

The Fool Responds: Some brokers can serve you very well, but not all are smart, skilled or looking out for your best interests. It's usually best to steer clear of initial public offerings (IPOs) for a year or so, as average investors rarely get to buy the shares at their relatively low initial price. They end up buying at higher prices and many times end up underwater a few months later. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1968, when two fellows left an established semiconductor company to found a new one. One of them created the first silicon-based integrated circuit, while the other famously predicted that the number of transistors that fit in a silicon microchip would continue to double every two years. Today I'm the world's biggest chip maker, with a market value near \$150 billion and annual revenue topping \$55 billion. My stock has grown by an annual average of nearly 16 percent over the past 30 years and my net profit margins top 20 percent. Who am I? (Answer: Intel) ■



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Ask the Fool

By the Book

Q Can you explain what a company's book value is?

— D. M., Canton, Ohio

A An accounting concept, book value suggests a company's value according to its balance sheet. To calculate it, start with the total assets and then subtract total liabilities and intangible assets, such as goodwill, patents and trademarks.

Book value used to roughly reflect a company's intrinsic value, as most assets, such as factories and land, were capital-intensive and appeared on the balance sheet. But times have changed. With America's economy more service-oriented, book value is less relevant for investors.

Consider Facebook. Its book value was recently near \$32 billion, far from its market value of \$270 billion. Much of its value stems from assets and competitive advantages that don't register significantly on the balance sheet: intellectual property, employees, a strong brand and a massive network of customers worldwide. Its promising future isn't reflected in its book value, either. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns shares of Facebook.)

Next imagine a company that owns many buildings. Over the years, their value on the balance sheet is depreciated, eventually to zero. They're not really worth zero, though, and they can even appreciate over time. This company can also be worth much more than its book value.

With many companies, you'd do well to largely ignore book value.

Q What's "profit-taking"?

— W.A., Ravenel, South Carolina

A It's what happens when some investors sell their shares of a stock after it has risen considerably, perhaps wanting to move the proceeds into some other investments. If many investors sell their shares, this will have the effect of depressing the stock's price for a while. That's why you might sometimes hear that a certain stock is down due to profit-taking. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1974, when a group of physicians formed Charter Med. I introduced the first network-based health plan for seniors in 1979, went public in 1984, and launched my Patient-Centered Medical Home Program in 2009. Today, based in Minnesota and with a market value topping \$100 billion, I'm a health insurance giant, and my Optum division specializes in population health management and pharmacy services. I employ more



than 200,000 people and serve customers in all 50 states. I have contracts with more than 6,000 hospitals and more than 850,000 doctors and health care professionals. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Mind the Gap

If you're seeking a slow and steady grower, try apparel retailer Gap (NYSE: GAP) on for size. With 3,000-plus stores on several continents and a market value recently near \$10 billion, its brands include Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta and Intermix. The stock has lost ground over the past year, in part due to shrinking revenue, but that just makes it more attractive to believers.

Gap has been transforming itself over the past decade, drawing more consumers to its brands. It has emphasized its direct-to-consumer sales, and it made the aggressive move in 2012 to go outside the company for executive help, hiring Liz Meltzer, who'd previously been the

senior vice president of merchandising at Uniqlo, and Jill Stanton, who was formerly the vice president of global apparel for Nike, and is now the interim president of Old Navy. Much of Old Navy's positive transformation this decade can be credited to Stanton's influence.

It remains to be seen whether the Gap and Banana Republic brands can be revived as successfully as Old Navy, but the potential is there. Gap isn't quite firing on all cylinders yet, but it's poised to deliver modest long-term growth. With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently in the single digits, it sports an appealing valuation, too. Better still, the company pays a solid dividend that recently yielded 4.1 percent. ■

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.

■ **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** holds its next luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Naples. To sign up or for more information, visit aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **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 Feb. 9. For more information, email pr@ypnaples.com, visit ypnnaples.com or follow Young Professionals of Naples on Facebook.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Bob Orr of

CBS News will discuss "Evolving Terror Threats, Foreign and Domestic." \$25 in advance for chamber members, \$35 for guests and members at the door. Reservations required by noon Friday, Feb. 5. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Collier County Bar Association** holds its general membership luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Kensington Country Club. Andy Solis of Cohen & Grigsby will discuss various topics on wellness. Sign up at colliercountybar.org/events or contact Julianne Gilmore for more information by calling 252-8250 or emailing jgilmore@colliercountybar.org.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples

Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Naples Municipal Airport. Reservations required by noon Monday, Feb. 15. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its general membership meeting from 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Olde Cypress Country Club. Guest speaker will be Laura Gold of Houzz. Cost is \$25 for CBIA and NABOR members. RSVP required by Thursday, Feb. 18. Call 436-6100, email nancy@cbia.net or visit cbia.net. ■

— Email business meeting announcements to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

ON THE MOVE

Architecture

Christopher Moulton has joined the staff at GMA Architects & Planners as an intern architect. Mr. Moulton earned a degree in architecture with a minor in urban studies from the University of Miami in 2011. He worked at TerraLogos Eco Architecture in Baltimore before relocating to Southwest Florida and has worked on a number of public and private projects locally and in Virginia, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. He has also collaborated on several neighborhood revitalization projects in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

Banking

Ana Maria Senica has been promoted to regional branch retail manager for Central Bank in Naples/Fort Myers. Ms. Senica's 30-year career in banks includes positions with Central Bank since 2013.

Board Appointments

Beth Preddy of Pretty PR has been appointed to the board of directors for the Collier County Lodging and Tourism Alliance to represent the interests of the local restaurant industry. As a tourism marketing professional, Ms. Preddy specializes in restaurants, hotels, attractions, and nonprofits.



PREDDY

Seven new members were inducted to the board of directors for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida at the organizations' recent annual meeting. They are: **William Boyajian**, the owner of Port Royal Jewelers; **Phil Collins**, grandson of Dellora and Lester Norris, founders of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, who has carried on the family tradition of philanthropic endeavors and preservation of the quality of life of the local community; **Tom Moran** of Moran Edwards Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; **Dave Rismiller**, whose interest in environmental involvement is inspired by unsustainable development and protection of water quality for future generations; **Sue Schulte**, a major supporter and volunteer for the Conservancy's von Arx Wildlife Hospital; **Sharon von Arx**, a supporter of the wildlife hospital through her time, leadership and philanthropy; and **Karl Williams**, a retired executive who has volunteered extensively at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and is president of the Volunteer Connection.

Nonprofit Organizations

Timothy Hall has joined the staff at Hodges University as director of development. Mr. Hall joins the Office of Institutional Advancement and is responsible for fundraising and cultivating donor rela-



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tions. Mr. Hall holds an MBA from Boston University and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Bates College. He spent more than 30 years serving at the executive level within the banking industry, most recently as the senior vice president of First American Bank in Naples. His executive experience also includes time as the vice president and senior portfolio manager for Hudson Realty Capital in Fort Myers; senior asset manager for Thompson, Cobb & Bazillo in Washington, D.C.; and president/CEO of Eisinger, Kilbane & Associates in Maryland. He served as president and CEO and was founding member of the Chelsea School in Silver Spring, Md., a private school focused on educating students with learning differences. He remains active in the alumni affairs of Bates College. He is a member of Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and is involved with Collier County Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transporting local veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

Tom Romnios has joined the staff at the David Lawrence Center as human resources director. As part of the senior leadership team, he will manage employee relations, legal compliance, salary and benefits administration and recruitment. For the past 18 years, Mr. Romnios has worked



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at ASG Software Solutions, most recently as vice president of global human resources, a position he held since 2003. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Brooklyn College in New York.

Jon Fitzgerald has joined the staff of the Naples International Film Festival as festival director. A 20-year veteran of film festivals, Mr. Fitzgerald has been involved with NIFF since 2009 as a filmmaker and also as a board member. He replaces Shannon Franklin, who stepped down from the position effective Feb. 1.

Veronica Schell

has been promoted to the position of volunteer and advocacy coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida. Ms. Schell joined the Naples office of Planned Parenthood in October 2014 as a customer service representative. In her new position, she is responsible for meeting with external organizations and individuals who would like to assist Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida and support its work as volunteers or advocates. She holds a bachelor's degree in international affairs and political science from Florida State University and has been involved in a number of volunteer projects, including serving as group leader for Global Peace Exchange, working with children in an orphanage in the former Soviet republic of Moldova. ■



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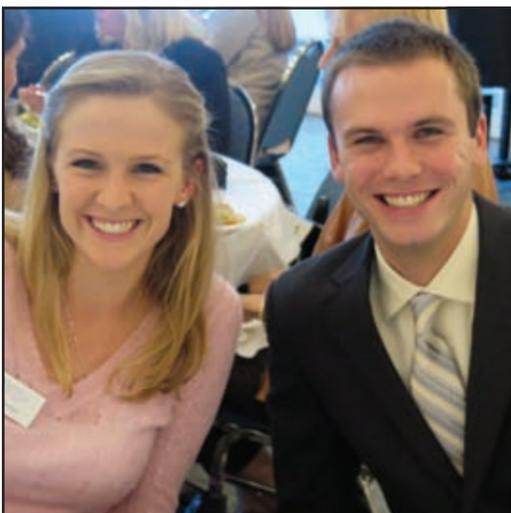
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National index of pending sales remains on the rise

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Pending home sales were mostly unchanged in December but inched forward slightly, fueled by a large increase in the Northeast that outpaced declines in the other three major regions, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The NAR's pending home sales index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, crawled 0.1 percent to 106.8 in December

from a downwardly revised 106.7 in November and is now 4.2 percent above December 2014 (102.5). The index has increased year-over-year for 16 consecutive months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says contract activity closed out the year on stable footing but lost some momentum, except for in the Northeast. "Warmer than average weather and more favorable inventory conditions compared to other parts of the country encouraged more households in the Northeast to make the decision to buy last month," he said. Overall, he added, while sustained job creation is spurring more activity compared to a year ago, the ability to find available homes in affordable price ranges is difficult for buyers in many job-creating areas. "With homebuilding still grossly inadequate, steady price appreciation and tight supply conditions aren't going away any time soon."

Although healthy labor market conditions will persuade more households to buy, Mr. Yun said, it is possible that overall demand could be somewhat curtailed in coming months. The stock market's sizeable losses since the start of the year and the effect slowing manufacturing activity is having in some areas — especially in the energy sector — could cause some to hold off on buying.

"The silver lining from the market turmoil in recent weeks is the fact that mortgage rates have slightly declined," he said. "Buyers looking to close on a home before spring might be rewarded with a mortgage rate at or below 4 percent."

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Jane Bond of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$17,995,000, including furnishings by Interiors by Steven G. To arrange a showing, call 595-9515 or email jane.bond@sothebysrealty.com. ■



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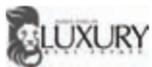
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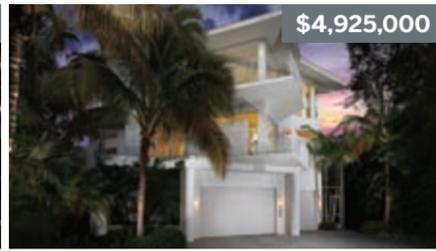
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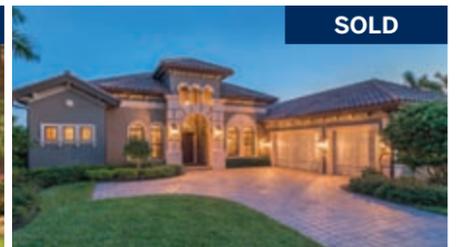
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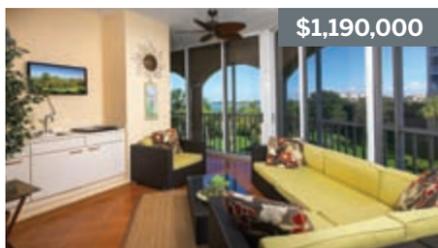
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Seven of 18 homesites are sold in Marsilea

Only 11 sites remain for sale in Marsilea, a new community by Emerald Homes in North Naples. Upon completion the gated community will have 18 homes.

Since opening for sales in October 2015, a fourth home plan has been added to the portfolio of designs that start at \$629,990. Plans range from 2,664 to 3,462 square feet and have three to four bedrooms and three to five baths. Three-car garages are included.



The public is invited to tour the 3,131-square-foot Ventalo model. Its grand foyer leads to a spacious great room, which forms an elegant central space for entertaining and family time. This adjoins an expansive open-concept kitchen and breakfast nook and opens to the lanai. A formal dining room is offset from the

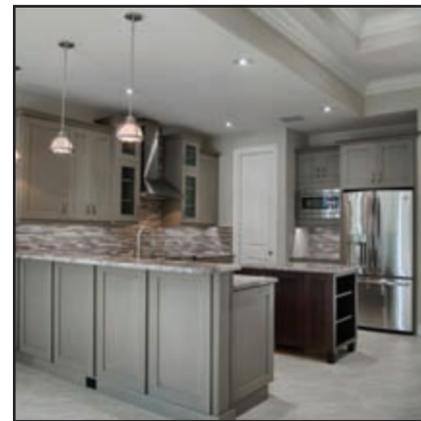
great room, and a bonus room looks out on a large outdoor living area. All three bedrooms feature walk-in closets, and two offer the privacy of an ensuite bath.

Residents of Marsilea will enjoy a traditional neighborhood feel and the convenience of being just off Livingston Road, with quick access to shopping, dining, golf and the beach.

For more information, call sales agents Jeannette Gordon at (352) 342-3818 or Ellie Stevenson at 682-0476. ■



The three-bedroom Ventalo by Emerald Homes has 3,131 square feet under air.



The kitchen of a home in the Napoli collection by Green Mountain Builders.

Spec home underway in North Naples

Green Mountain Builders has a spec home under construction in Naples Park on 106th Avenue, west of U.S. 41 and a short walk to Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park and Vanderbilt Beach in North Naples.

Part of the builder's Napoli collection of homes, the house has three bedrooms, two baths and a den. The island kitchen has wood cabinets, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. The pool and spa package includes a paved deck as well as screened doors. The master bath has a large shower with rain head and body sprays as well as a freestanding soaking tub.

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Jerry Therion is general manager of the member-owned club within the gated Estates at Bay Colony Golf Club in the North Naples community of Pelican Marsh. Members and their guests enjoy unlimited “no-tee-time” access to the championship 18-hole golf course along with year-round fine dining and an exquisite social lifestyle. Equity golf memberships are available without residency restrictions. For more information, call Lisa Spiller at 592-9515.



The clubhouse at Bay Colony Golf Club.

■ Tennis Industry magazine has recognized the 750-member tennis center at **Bonita Bay Club** as the 2015 Private Facility of the Year. Last year the center opened a new stadium court and introduced Playsight smart-court technology on four courts. Plans include the addition of a café for members and LED lighting to the 18 Har-Tru courts.

USPTA Master Professional Paula Scheb is director of tennis at Bonita Bay. Tennis Industry was “very impressed by our programming and the investment we made in technology, coupled with our member-centric service,” she said about being named Private Facility of the Year.



Aerial view of Bonita Bay Club Tennis Center.

■ **Ave Maria** has been named the No. 1 single-family community in the Naples-Fort Myers market for the fourth consecutive quarter, according to Metro Study, a HanleyWood company. The report, which ranks home starts and move-ins for the past 12 months, places Ave Maria at the top of both lists, counting 316 home starts and 280 move-ins over the past 12 months.

The Naples-Fort Myers markets are defined as Naples and Marco Island as well as Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

All three of Ave Maria’s residential home builders ranked in the top 10 based on annual closings, with CC Homes placing second, Pulte Homes in seventh and Del Webb in 10th place.

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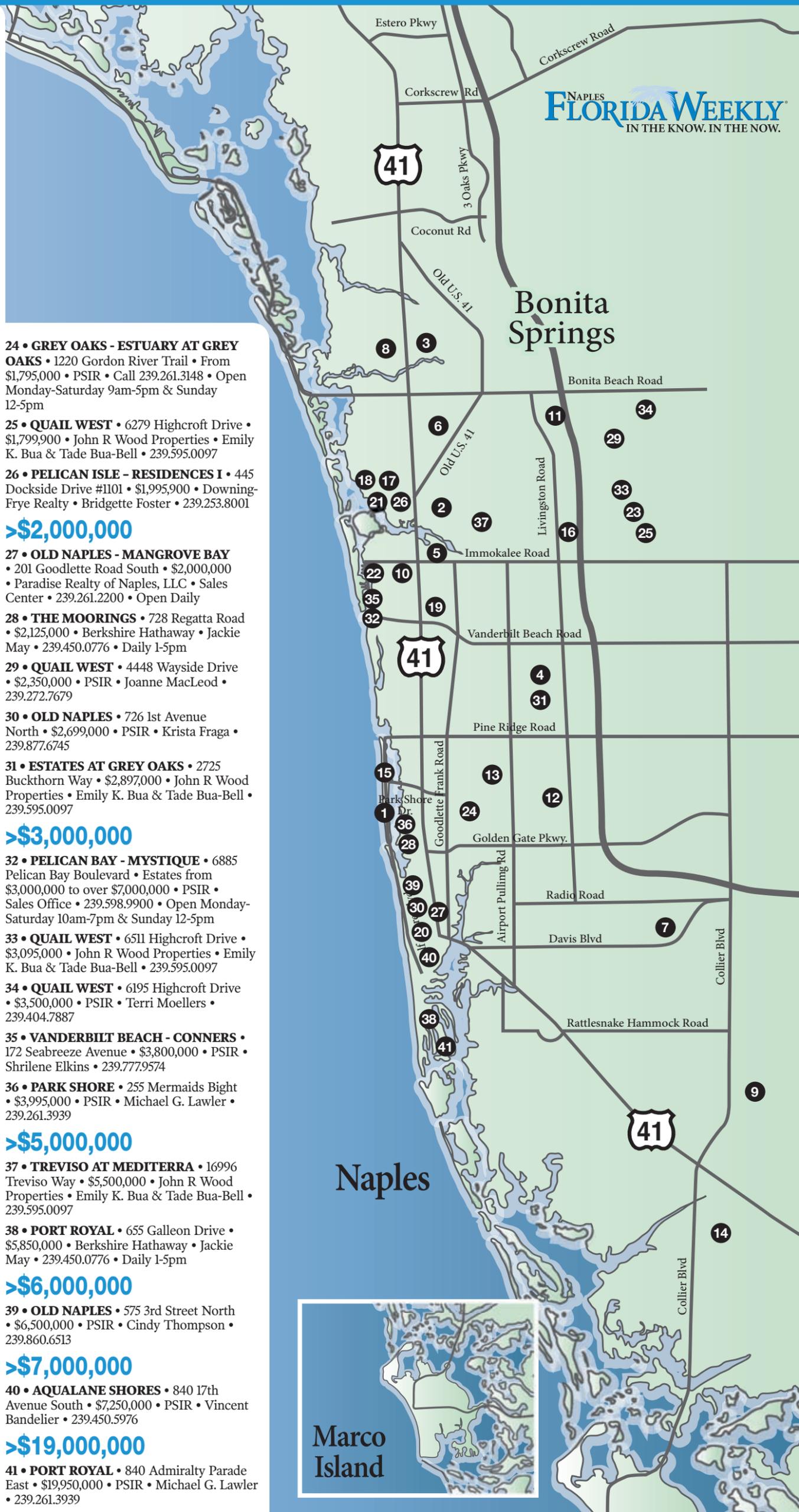
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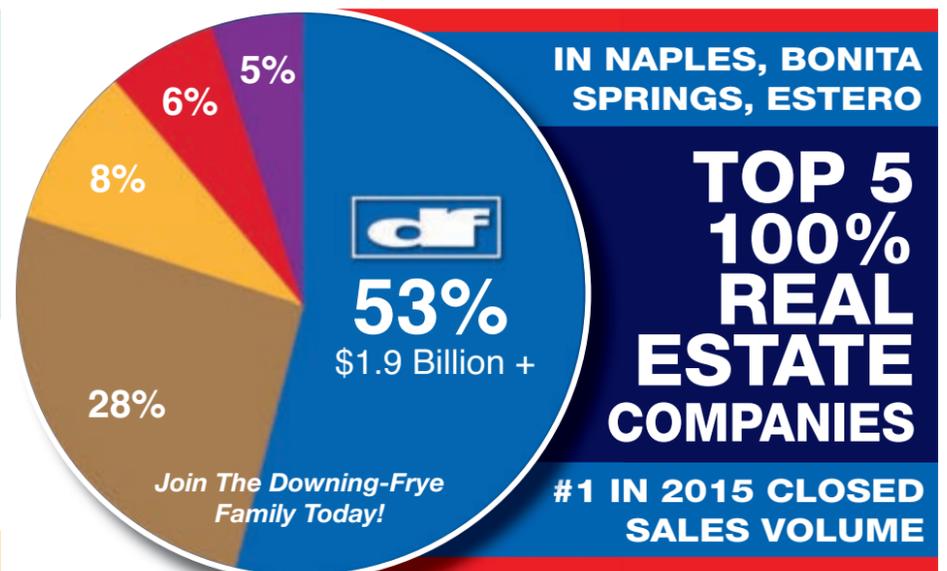
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



Ryan Chapman

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Jazz trumpet takes spotlight in NJO tribute to Ferguson

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Trumpet notes hit a new high when Miami-based recording artist, touring musician and instructor Ryan Chapman takes the stage with the Naples Jazz Orchestra for a Maynard Ferguson tribute concert. The show starts at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Golden Gate High School.

Mr. Chapman, who holds a doctor of musical arts in jazz performance from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, will play in the style for which Mr. Ferguson became legendary: two octaves above what most trumpet players in the world can muster.

In addition to going on the road as a featured artist with the Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller orchestras, Chick Corea, Paul Anka and Tierra Cali among others, Mr. Chapman has records with George Benson, Steve Miller and the Henry Mancini Big Band with Kevin Spacey. His recent recording with renowned saxophonist Ed Calle won the 2015 Latin Grammy for Best Instrumental Album.

The NJO program will spotlight music from Mr. Ferguson's 50-plus years of playing, including tunes from his time as bandleader for the Birdland Dream Band.

Coming up

The NJO is a nonprofit orchestra composed of professional musicians performing in the big band tradition of the bands of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Buddy Rich. The orchestra is led by musical director and jazz drummer Bob Stone. The 2016 season continues on alternate Sundays as follows:

Feb. 21: Billy Strayhorn & Duke Ellington

March 6: Tribute to Glenn Miller

March 20: The Essential Buddy Rich

April 3: Terry Gibbs' Dream Band

April 17: The Great American Songbook

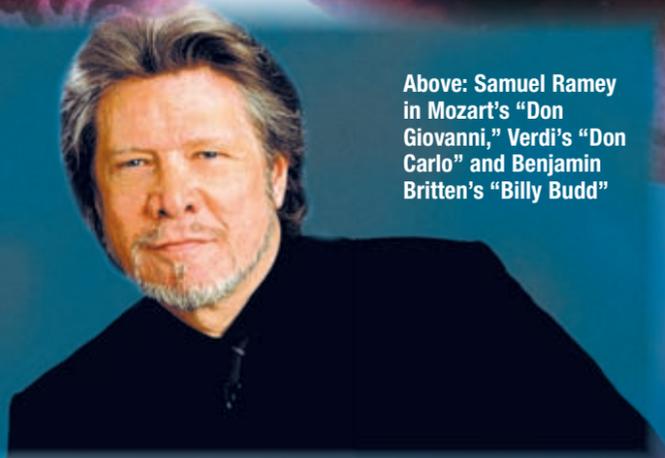
May 8: The Music of Henry Mancini

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Sunday in the 600-seat auditorium at Golden Gate High School. Tickets are \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance at naplesjazzorchestra.com.

The NJO also performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Sarasota Jazz Festival. For more information, visit the website or call 207-8299. ■



Above: Samuel Ramey in Mozart's "Don Giovanni," Verdi's "Don Carlo" and Benjamin Britten's "Billy Budd"



'Legends of Opera'

Gulfshore Opera gala takes its title literally

BY RANDALL KENNETH JONES

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Gulfshore Opera's Steffanie Pearce wasn't kidding around when she christened the company's 2016 benefit "Legends of Opera."

In a salute to "truth in advertising," Ms. Pearce booked the Metropolitan Opera's legendary bass-baritone Samuel Ramey.

Apparently not satisfied with just one legend, she then added a special guest, a legend in the making: Bonita Springs resident Michael Fabiano. He recently received rave reviews for his debut at the Royal Opera House in London as Lensky in Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin."

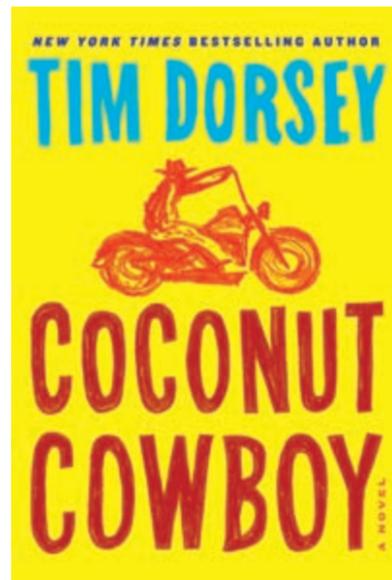
For "Legends of Opera," Gulfshore Opera is offering tickets to hear the pair — as well as rising stars Ola Rafalo and Gustavo Feulien — for as little as \$25 a ticket.

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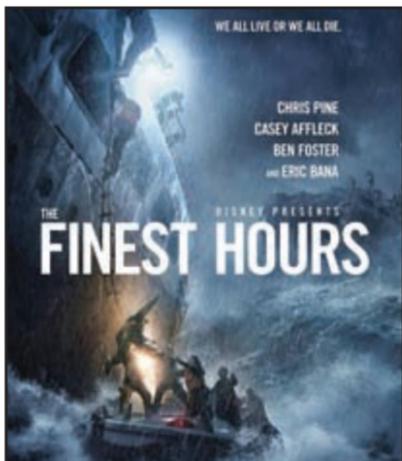
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The juried festival draws more than 20,000 visitors to admire and purchase original artwork in 18 categories including painting, jewelry, watercolor, ceramics, metal, sculpture and wood.

"We wouldn't be able to host a festival of this magnitude without our dedicated volunteers. And, for those that have never volunteered, this is a great opportunity to jump in and be a part of one of the best events in the country," said Amy Kessler, Naples Art Association volunteer services manager.

To sign up as a helper, send an email with your shift preference to Ms. Kessler at amy.kessler@naplesart.org. ■

Ooh, la la! Get your fill of French films at FGCU

Local Francophones can have their fill of French movies when the Department of Language and Literature at Florida Gulf Coast University hosts its fifth annual French Film Festival with screenings and discussions through Feb. 16 at the university's Margaret S. Sugden Welcomes Center. The festival is in collaboration with the FGCU French Club and myfrenchfilmfestival.com.

Here's the lineup:
 ■ 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4: **"Un Français"** (French Blood) by Diastème with Alban Lenoir, Paul Hamy and Samuel Jouy (Fiction, 1 hour 38 minutes) A former Neo-Nazi and skinhead tries to get his violent, racist and hateful past behind him and struggles to put distance between him-



self and his friends and all their doings. Violent content.

■ 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9: **"La Fin du Dragon"** (The Dragon's Demise) by Marina Diaby (26 minutes), **"Belle Gueule"** (Summer of Sarah) by Emma Benestan (24 minutes) and **"Au Sol"** (Grounded) by Alexis Michalik (19 minutes).

■ 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18: **"Un Peu, Beaucoup Aveuglement"** (Blind Date) by Clovis Cornillac with Mélanie Bernier, Lilou Fogli and Phillippe Duquesne (Fiction, 1 hour 30 minutes) - He's a dedicated workaholic who lives and breathes his work. He prefers nothing more than silence. She's an accomplished pianist working on her big-break concert. To her, music and sound is everything. Separated only by a wall, things get interesting.

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So if your bucket list includes an exploration of opera, you just happened upon the perfect time to fill that pail.



PEARCE

“Samuel Ramey is one of the most recognized opera personalities of my lifetime,” Ms. Pearce, who is general/artistic director of the fledgling Gulfshore Opera, now in its second season. “I have watched his work with other great singers over the last 30 years. He is always thrilling as a singer and an actor.” Not only that, she adds, “He has a warm and charming personality.”

As for Mr. Ramey, he says he has always considered opera the ultimate art form: “You can go to the opera and see everything: orchestral music, ballet, solo and choral music.”

For many, he is considered one of the music world’s foremost interpreters of bass and bass-baritone operatic and concert repertoire.

In 1992, he sang all four of Offenbach’s villains at the Metropolitan Opera’s opening night of “The Tales of Hoffman,” a feat that prompted one critic to write: “[It was] the best interpretation of the four villains I can remember in the last 25 years.”

It has also been said that the unique expressiveness of Mr. Ramey’s bass voice has inspired many composers to assign the portrayal of devils and villains to

basses in general. Mr. Ramey has essentially elevated the portrayal of the bad guy to an art form.

However, spend time with him and Mr. Ramey’s deep dulcet tones reveal a kind man — one with a big heart and a great appreciation for the opportunities that have come his way.

The native of Colby, Kan., recalls: “I sang growing up. I was singing constantly. I sang all through high school, but I really didn’t know what ‘opera’ was at



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Michael Fabiano



that point.”

As a student at Kansas State University, he adds, “My teacher started me working on an aria from ‘The Marriage of Figaro.’ That sparked my interest in opera.”

Igniting that universal “spark” is part of Gulfshore Opera’s goal: to meet the demands of opera’s established local fan base as well as to provide a platform of discovery for the rest of us. To that end, the company presents its regular-season programs in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

Mr. Ramey had to leave college to earn money so he could continue his education. When he learned of the Central City Opera in Colorado, he says, “I went to my local radio station in Colby and made a tape — and they took me. I found myself on stage performing in opera before I had ever seen an opera.”

His connections at Central City Opera led to a transfer to Wichita State University. And in a comment that mirrors the plotline of an MGM movie musical, he says, “When I finished my degree in Wichita, I got on a Greyhound and went to New York.”

Needless to say, that bus ride worked out well.

To attempt to list Ramey’s illustrious accomplishments would be a disservice to Mr. Ramey and the opera-going public. After all, that’s why we have Google. Let’s just say that when it comes to reaching the pinnacle of the opera world, Mr. Ramey has “been there and done

that” with great finesse and incomparable flair.

Now 74 years old, he’s back in Wichita and teaching at his alma mater. In his words, he has “come full circle.”

For her part, Ms. Pearce is thrilled to add Mr. Ramey to her circle of opera legends. He and Mr. Fabiano will perform the Act I scene of Gounod’s “Faust,” with Mr. Ramey singing the role of Mephistopheles and Mr. Fabiano as Faust.

“This is one of Ramey’s most famous roles,” Ms. Pearce says. “And Michael is singing the role of Faust all over the world,” she adds.

Mr. Ramey says his goal for those who attend “Legends of Opera” is that they will become interested in coming back to see more opera. “I want to light a fire under them.”

“Legends of Opera” on Sunday, Feb. 21, will begin at 4 p.m. with a concert at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs. A limited number of \$25 sponsored tickets are available. The gala evening will continue with dinner at the Bonita Bay Club; tickets for \$175 include VIP seating at the concert and a meet-and-greet with the performers. ■

in the know

Legends of Opera

- >> **What:** Gulfshore Opera’s second annual fundraiser
- >> **When:** Sunday, Feb. 21
- >> **Details:** 4 p.m. concert at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, dinner afterward at the Bonita Bay Club
- >> **Tickets:** \$25 for the concert (limited availability), \$175 for the concert and dinner
- >> **Info:** 529-3925 or gulfshoreopera.org

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■ **“Coconut Cowboy” by Tim Dorsey. William Morrow. 336 pages. Hardback, \$25.99.**

This is No. 19 in the Serge Storm series, but who's counting? Tim Dorsey's long-running series gets nuttier and nuttier, but who's complaining? The author is probably not crazy, but he is certifiable, as is his main character Serge and Serge's sidekick, Coleman.



DORSEY

Coleman never met an intoxicant he didn't like. Serge is a bit more discriminating — or he pretends to be.

You want some laughs as the expense of Florida's dignity? This your chance.

Where is the American Dream? That is the question that Serge, sometimes underemployed as a serial killer, has set for himself and his comrade. They hope to find it in the past; in particular, in the idealistic and idealized 1960s. How do you get to the past? You get off the highways and onto the back roads that take you through small town America.

And how do you make this trip? Just like the “Easy Rider” searchers did: on motorbikes. In this case, it's a motorbike with a sidecar.

The author pays exquisite, zany, and yet sincere homage to the aforementioned classic film of the American counterculture, with Serge casting himself and Coleman as the film's Captain America and Billy. What they find in the small towns they sample is corruption. And because Serge and his creator are obsessive Floridaphiles, they find a ton of that small town

corruption in the novel's major creation: Wobbly, Fla. Wobbly is at once the exemplary American small town, though not a positive example, and the quintessence of Mr. Dorsey's rural Florida.

What's going on? Well, the first homes in a new housing development are disappearing into sinkholes attributed to subterranean aquifer pumping gone wild. Engineering reports and insurance issues and investigations of wrongdoing reach the highest circles — which in a small town are not very high. It's all about who pays off whom to get away with what.

Money accumulated for that special kind of laundering that is illegal is found buried. Narcotics have brought the money into Wobbly, but how is it going to get out? And in whose pockets?

The city leaders, notably the mayor,

have managed a narrow land annexation that has been put to good economic use as a speed trap. But whose economy has been enhanced? There are no

reliable financial accounts or reporting procedures. There are no audits when nothing is available to audit.

Hey, it's a way of life, and Serge celebrates it. Freedom from accountability. The American Dream? We hope not.

Mr. Dorsey adds a fine touch when he has Serge and Coleman include a third seeker on their tour to the good old days. A Princeton student who sees a grand thesis in Serge's aspirations, Matt wants to tag along, take notes and do some research along the way. The two older men take advantage of him, but his enthusiasm and innocence register well against the cynicism and sarcasm that dominate much of the novel. There is, indeed, something to study here.

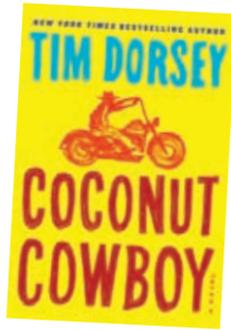
There is also a large chorus of colorful subordinate characters that quite effectively bring Wobbly to life.

Perhaps the best way to enjoy “Coconut Cowboy” is to read it as an astute and often hilarious cultural travelogue. This excerpt is the short form:

“A chopped motorcycle with a coconut gas tank roared through the horse-riding country of River Rise Preserve. The rolling route south from the Suwannee music park had been town after

small town: Lake City, Mason, Ellisville, High Springs. Peanut stands, tomato stands, baskets of peaches, sweet corn, decorate gourds, Moose Lodge, Kiwanis, Optimists, someone's front yard selling birdhouses that looked like small red barns, another selling carved wooden flamingos with wings that turned like propellers, a sheriff's car hiding behind a billboard to TAKE BACK AMERICA, a diner called the Cracker Kitchen bragging about the shrimp and grits, something that appeared to be a cemetery but was a tombstone outlet.”

Then there are all those silly people, easy to laugh at and profoundly understood. ■



in the know

Tim Dorsey reading from and signing ‘Coconut Cowboy’

- >> **3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8:** The Jupiter Library
- >> **6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8:** The Palm Beach Gardens Library
- >> **7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach
- >> **3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14:** Sunshine Booksellers, Marco Island
- >> **6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14:** Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops, Naples
- >> **1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15:** Sanibel Books, Sanibel Island
- >> **3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15:** Sandman Book Co., Punta Gorda
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The Boy from Oz – By TheatreZone through Feb. 14 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

The 39 Steps – By The Naples Players through Feb. 27 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

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

The Amish Project – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates through Feb. 7 in the black box theater at Florida SouthWestern State College, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

Too Marvelous for Words – By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 6 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

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

Unnecessary Farce – Through March 4 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

The Bluest Eye – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates Feb. 5-20 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

Art – By The Laboratory Theater of Florida on select dates Feb. 5-27 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Rose's Dilemma – By The Marco Players Feb. 10-28 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Moon over Buffalo – By Gulfshore Playhouse Feb. 13-March 13 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Assisted Living: The Musical – By the comedy duo of Compton & Bennett at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Feb. 19-20. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

THURSDAY 2.4

Garden Workshop – Collier Extension Services hosts a workshop on edible landscaping from 10-11:30 a.m. at Unity of Naples Church. \$10. 2000 Unity Way. 252-4800 or collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

Looking Back – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a lecture about the Nuremberg tribunals from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Rock On – Rick Howard & The Speedbumps bring their rockabilly sound to the outdoor stage at Mercato starting at 6 p.m. Free. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Pop-Up – Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery hosts a pop-up exhibit at 6 p.m. that features works by Jamaican artist Karl Craig and pieces from Paul Arsenault's Louisiana collection. The show runs through Friday, Feb. 5. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

Art Reception – Friends of Collier County Museums hosts an opening reception for Phil Fisher's newest exhibition, "Naples' Peaceful Places," from 6-8 p.m. at Naples Depot Museum. Free. The show will be on display through March. 262-6525 or colliermuseums.com.



Friends of Collier County Museums hosts an opening reception for artist Phil Fisher's newest exhibition, "Naples' Peaceful Places," from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Naples Depot Museum. Free. "A Great Day at Wiggins Pass" is part of the show. — colliermuseums.com

Picture It – Friends of Rookery Bay and United Arts Council of Collier County host an opening reception for the 2016 Photography Annual from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Free for members, \$3 for other. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Quattro Divo – Operatic pop group Quattro Divo performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Guy – Tom Cotter takes the stage at Off the Hook Comedy tonight through Saturday, Feb. 6. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

FRIDAY 2.5

Fresh & Juicy – Pick up fresh produce, seafood and specialty items at the St. John Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 625 11th Ave. N. 289-3786 or stjohntheevangelist.com.

Tile Time – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a mah jongg tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$25. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 592-5210 or nia-foundation.org.

Jail Birds – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a tour of the Collier County Jail complete with a "jailhouse lunch" from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Historical Film – Everglades Society for Historical Preservation screens "Wind Across the Everglades" (1958) at 5:30 p.m. at Jenkins Fellowship Hall in Everglades City. An ornithologist battles a family of bird poachers in the Everglades. Free, but reservations required. eshp@hotmail.com or evergladeshistorical.org.

Practical Magic – Magician Nate Staniforth, host of Discovery Channel's "Breaking Magic," performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Piano Man – Musical comedian Jimmy Keys performs from 7-10 p.m. at Barbatella. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

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

Singing Along – Vocalist Rebecca Richardson performs at 7:30 p.m. at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

SATURDAY 2.6

Wonder in the Garden – Kids can learn all about recycling with themed activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Wetlands Fest – Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary celebrates World Wetlands Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can take backcountry tours, practice forest meditation, shop for local produce and more. 348-9151 or corkscrewwetlandsday.com.

Art in the Park – Naples Art Association hosts an art fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or naplesconcertband.org.

Comedy Show – Tim Walkoe performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Norris Center. 775 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3058 or naplesgov.com.

Star Party – Big Cypress National Preserve hosts a stargazing event from 8-10 p.m. with telescopes and constellation tours. 695-1201 or nps.gov/bicy.

SUNDAY 2.7

Dog Days – Naples Botanical Garden invites pups and their people for demonstrations, vendors, a canine fashion parade and treat stations from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Regular admission applies. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Jazz Fest – CAPA presents The Florida SouthWestern State College Jazz Ensemble, Steve Uscher's Tropical Jazz Group, The Dan Heck Trio, Mudbone and the Dan Miller Quintet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mercato. Free. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Sip & Shop – Waterside Shops offers \$5 bloody Marys and mimosas alongside live entertainment from noon to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Fun Time Academy. watersideshops.com.

Sundays at the Pit – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts musician Scotty G. from 1-4 p.m. as he plays rock, funk and R&B hits. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

Free Concert – Naples Dixieland Jazz Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 263-1113 or naplesdixielandjazzband.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a screening of "Tangerines" (Estonia, 2013) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. An elderly Estonian carpenter assists a friend and tries to save his tangerine crop during the 1992 conflict between Georgia and Abkhazia. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Choir Concert – The 60-voice choir at Naples United Church of Christ performs a turtle-themed concert at 2 p.m. as part of the Turtles on the Town project. Free. 261-5469 or naplesucc.org.

Meet the Composer – Anne McLean performs in a multimedia presentation about Handel from 3-5 p.m. at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

MONDAY 2.8

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a screening of "La Giusta Distanza" (Italy, 2008) at 5:30 p.m. A journalist wrestles with an attraction to one of his subjects. \$15, \$5 for film alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or nia-foundation.org.

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

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Searching for Sugarman" (UK, 2012) at 7 p.m. Two South Africans set out to discover what happened to their unlikely musical hero, the mysterious 1970s rocker named Rodriguez. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Band Concert – Music Makers Show Band performs from 7-9 p.m. at the Cambier Park band shell. 348-3675 or musicmakersshowband.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture and workshop about growing bananas from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

TUESDAY 2.9

Movie Magic – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about famed film director John Huston from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Opera in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a performance by Opera Naples' Resident Young Artists from 5:30-8 p.m. \$100. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Nature Talk – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents a program about Florida's raptors from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for others. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

Fat Tuesday – Fifth Avenue South celebrates Mardi Gras from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with live music and a performance from the ReCreation Rappers at Sugden Plaza. 692-8436 or fifthavenuesouth.com.

One-Woman Show – Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka carries "Tea for Three" at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. Ms. Bromka and playwright Eric Weinberger wrote the play about how Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Betty Ford all dealt with being First Lady. \$30 for members, \$35 for other in advance; \$40 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

WEDNESDAY 2.10

Walkabout – Enjoy a walking tour of the Naples historic district at 9:30 a.m. with Naples Historical Society. Tour steps off from Palm Cottage. Reservations required. \$10 for members, \$16 for others 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Old Hickory – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about Andrew Jackson and the Indian wars from 10-11:30 a.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

COMING UP

More Tile Time – Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts a mah jongg tournament from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. \$40 includes breakfast and lunch. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about the biology of palms from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Good Folk – Folk legend Jonathan Edwards performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Seafood in the Swamp – The Everglades Seafood Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14, in Everglades City. 695-2277 or everglades-seafoodfestival.com.

Young Artists – Members of the Opera Naples Young Artists Program perform "The Four Note Opera" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$29-\$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.



#PLAN IT

■ Make a date to hear Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter **Melissa Manchester** when she performs at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18-19, at the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.

— theatrezone-florida.com

■ **Waterside Shops** serves up \$5 bloody Marys and mimosas alongside live entertainment from noon to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Fun Time Academy. — watersideshops.com

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■ **Naples Botanical Garden** invites dog-owners and their pups for demonstrations, vendors, a fashion parade and treat stations from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Regular admission applies. — naplesgarden.org

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■ The 2016 Photography Annual, a juried exhibition hosted by **Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County**, opens with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The exhibit will be on display through March. Shown here is R.J. Wiley's "Pilings, Pelicans and Moon." — rookerybay.org

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■ Operatic pop group **Quattro Divo** performs in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and English at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs.

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WHAT TO DO

Film Fest – Bonita Springs International Film Festival kicks off at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, with a party and screening of “Una Noche” (2012). The festival continues with screenings of more than 80 films that include curated works in narrative, documentary and animated storytelling. Opening night admission is \$75; single film admission is \$15. Check website for packages and additional event pricing. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or artcenterbonita.org.

Paint Workshop – Rona Steingart and Steve Pennisi lead an acrylic, non-objective painting workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at Naples United Church of Christ to demonstrate Mr. Pennisi’s “both sides of the paint” technique. \$100 includes supplies. 5200 Crayton Road. 594-0666 or (207) 318-3080.

Auto Show – Fifth Avenue South hosts an exotic car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, with vintage and current Ferraris, Bentleys, Jaguars and more. events@naplesferrariclub.com or naplesferrariclub.com.

Warmest Winter – Ave Maria Town Center hosts winter-themed family activities from 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The fun includes horse and carriage rides and a screening of “Frozen.” more. Free. 352-3903 or avemaria.com.

Romance Writers – Miromar Outlets hosts a book signing with more than a dozen local romance writers from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Sweethearts Dance – Repun Tango Naples celebrates Valentine’s Day with French food and milonga from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. (305) 785-8899 or pablorepuntango.com.

Brass Quintet – Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. \$25. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

Flower Sale – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts a native flower and plant sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. 273-8945 or fnps.cocooloba.org.

Car Show – Kiwanis Club of Marco Island hosts a car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Marco Healthcare Center. \$5. kiwanisclubofmarcoisland.com.

Lovers Knot – Lovers Key State Park hosts its seventh annual Valentine’s Day Vow Renewal at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. \$75 per couple. (708) 359-0466 or friendsofroverskey.org.

Sunday at the Pit – Classic rock band Hester Prynne performs from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

All Hearts – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a St. Valentine celebration with traditional food, dancing and music by Jebry at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. \$50 for members, \$60 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Book Signing – Tim Dorsey signs copies of “Coconut Cowboy,” the 19th novel in his Serge Storm series, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Man without A Past” (Finland, 2002) at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15. A man with amnesia and no mental access to his past starts putting his life back together on the outskirts of Helsinki. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.



Folk legend Jonathan Edwards performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Gardening Workshop – Collier County Extension Services hosts a workshop about Florida-friendly landscaping from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Free. 14700 Immokalee Road. 252-4800 or iway@ufl.edu.

Photo Memory – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens the documentary “Dorothea Lange: Grab a Hunk of Lighting” (2014) at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. The life story of the famed photographer is told through the eyes of her granddaughter. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Free Film – Mercato hosts a free outdoor screening of “Wall-E” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. 254-1080 or mercato-shops.com.

Country Pickin’ – Shotgun Wedding, a country band from New York City, performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18-19, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Stand-Up Guy – Kevin Farley (“That ‘70s Show,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm”) performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Bike Night – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts the Budweiser Clydesdales, classic rock entertainment, vendors and cigars from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

Wonderful – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts an evening of music, refreshments, wildlife encounters and more from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. \$15 for members, \$25 for others. 27180 Bonita Beach Road. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

String Recital – Musica Bella performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$10-\$40. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Queen of Rock ‘n’ Soul – Patti LaBelle performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$100. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

American Repertoire – Pianist, vocalist and interpreter of American music Michael Feinstein plays at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Fruitful Opportunity – Collier Fruit Growers hosts a fruit tree sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Freedom Park. 1515 Golden Gate Parkway. rtaylorrm@gmail.com.

WHERE TO GO



The Neapolitan Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America hosts "The Art of Needlework: An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery" from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20, in the auditorium at Moorings Park. For more information, call 597-4391 or visit embroiderynaples.org.

Big Art Fair – Naples Art Association hosts its 37th annual Naples National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Art ALIVE – The Naples Art District (north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads) welcomes the public to its 20-plus galleries and working studios from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Free. 580-7999.

Broadway Lunch – The Marco Players hosts a performance of Broadway favorites at noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Noon show includes lunch. \$25-\$28. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Concert – Naples Music Club members perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Free. 1225 Piper Blvd. 384-9205 or naplesmusicclub.org.

Bluegrass Duet – The Gibson Brothers perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$28. bluwaterbg@gmail.com or tix.com.

Heat of the Moment – Eighties hair band Asia performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$45-\$125. (888) 218-0007 or the-classic-crockseries.com.

Bridal Blast – National Association of Wedding Professionals hosts a bridal show from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Germain Arena. \$7 (free for brides who pre-register). 272-8477 or bridalblastfla.com.

Sunday at the Pit – Wendell Ray performs country hits from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com

Film Fest – Jewish Congregation of Marco Island screens "Apples from the Desert" (2014) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. A rebellious Orthodox Jewish girl and her mother go on a life-changing journey into the secular world. \$25. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

Jazz Night – Covenant Church of Naples hosts its seventh annual "From Jazz to Broadway" concert to benefit Laces of Love at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Performers include vocalist Cassie Drake, saxophonist Lew del Gatto and trumpeter Dan Miller. \$35. 6926 Trail Blvd. 495-1954.

Italian Film – Italian Cultural Society screens "Mine Vaganti" (Italy, 2010) at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at The Norris Center. A comedy about Italian views about homosexuality. \$5. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

En Plein Air – Artists set up their easels on Third Street South Monday through Sunday, Feb. 22-28, to create downtown Naples-themed masterpieces to benefit PAWS Assistance Dogs and Friends of Foster Children Forever. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

By the Light of the Moon – Enjoy a full moon tour of Historic Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, from 8-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Free for members, \$10 for others. Reservations required. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalculturalsociety.org. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Swooning over Florida Rep's salute to the Songbird of Savannah

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The writing on the theater wall says it all: "Buddy, I'm a kind of poet and I've got a lot of things to say."

It's a line from Johnny Mercer's song "One For My Baby (And One More For the Road)." And it's a perfect description of the man who wrote more than 1,500 songs and sold more than 12 million records, at one point rivaling Bing Crosby as America's Greatest Singer.

Odds are, if you're familiar at all with the Great American Songbook, you've heard a Johnny Mercer tune or two, or three ... or likely more.

He wrote songs for 100 movies and 23 musicals. He won an Oscar for Best Song four times and was nominated 18 times.

"Moon River"? Those are his lyrics. Also "Days of Wine and Roses," "Charade," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "That Old Black Magic," "Skylark," "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening."

He also wrote the lyrics to "Blues in the Night" (known by some by its opening line, "My Mama done told me.")

These are just a handful of the songs you'll hear at "Too Marvelous For Words: A Salute to Johnny Mercer," playing at Florida Repertory Theatre's ArtStudio Stage. It sold out for a few weeks and has been extended a week so it now runs through March 13. (It's possible the run will be extended yet again — and ticket prices might rise.)

Conceived, written and directed by Robert Cacioppo, Florida Rep's producing artistic director, the show is a true labor of love. It contains 40-plus songs, all by Mr. Mercer and performed by six singers who seem to love the music just as much Mr. Cacioppo does.

Throughout the revue, you get some history about the lyricist/songwriter/singer, but Mr. Cacioppo took care not to overload the show with narrative. We learn that Mr. Mercer co-founded and was president of Capitol Records, which recorded artists such as Peggy Lee, Margaret Whiting, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra. We're also told he had an on-again-off-again love affair with Judy Garland for three decades, despite being 13 years her senior and married. She inspired some of his greatest love songs.

Dave Edwards, who narrates as well as sings, sketches out the life of Mr. Mercer with a minimum of lines.



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Michael McAssey, Soara-Joye Ross, Joe Bigelow, James David Larson, Julie Kavanagh and David Edwards star in "Too Marvelous for Words."

The emphasis is on the music.

And what sweet music it is!

It's enough to make you swoon.

Mr. Mercer collaborated with a number of composers, among them Jerome Kern, Henry Mancini, Harold Arlen, and Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

In the beginning of Act I, when Julie Kavanagh sings "I'm Old Fashioned" ("I'm old fashioned/I love the moonlight"), you agree with her. She delivers the song with simplicity and a purity of emotion. As she sings, your heart agrees: Yes, you too love the moonlight and "sighing sighs and holding hands" and everything that makes up the lyrics of a good, old-fashioned love song.

So many revues are schlocky, corny affairs. "Too Marvelous" avoids clichés and presents the music in its best light.

Joe Bigelow, Soara-Joye Ross and Mr. Edwards join Ms. Kavanagh as the basic four singers. Michael McAssey, who plays grand piano and wrote the arrangements, and James David Larson, who plays upright bass, back them, but also join them in singing, even coming out from behind their instruments on occasion.

Mr. McAssey pairs up with Mr. Edwards on a silly, vaudeville-esque "Top Banana," and Mr. Larson delivers a solo as an Elvis wannabe on "GI Jive," accompanying himself on stand-up bass.

Each performer has his or her moment in the spotlight.

Mr. Edwards electrifies with "Accentuate the Positive," a song inspired by a Father Divine sermon, singing with a gospel fervor and evangelical zeal. (Kudos

to choreographer Arthur D'Alessio, whose moves add enormously to the pleasure of the songs.)

Mr. Edwards grabs the song with both hands and doesn't let go. "Don't mess with Mr. Inbetween," he exhorts, as if warning Christians from the sin of being lukewarm.

Ms. Ross brings down the house with her sultry solo of "Anyplace I Hang My Hat is Home." She has a big, rich voice, and knows how to use it. (She also gets to solo on "Skylark," with her voice full of longing, and both "I Wonder What Became of Me" and "Day In-Day Out" have a hint of sorrow and regretfulness that shadows her words.

In "Beautiful Baby" ("You must have been a beautiful baby"), Ms. Kavanagh perches on top of the grand piano as if she were born to be there.

Mr. Bigelow and Ms. Kavanagh make a splendid couple as they share duets on "Pardon My Southern Accent" and "Something's Gotta Give," in which they also rule the dance floor.

The revue opens with a series of train songs, or songs in which trains are mentioned. The lighting, which I think was meant to be moody, needs some tweaking, as the singers were often left in the shadows.

As the show gathers speed, the six solo and sing together in various combinations. And soon, as spectacular as each song is, the next one seems to top it.

Some are so wonderful, I wanted to clap my hands and like a toddler insist, "Again! Sing it again!"

For example, there's "Moon River," with the entire company singing and harmonizing. It starts out a cappella before Mr. Larson joins in, lightly strumming on guitar. It is sheer perfection, breathtaking.

And "Jeepers Creepers" presents all four men singing together and accompanying themselves on ukuleles.

These performances are so incredible, I wish they were on iTunes, so I could listen to them over and over.

The audience was highly familiar with many of the tunes, especially the ones in Act II, so much so that they couldn't help themselves and began singing along on the chorus of "Goody Goody." (Mr. Mercer wrote two of the best revenge-after-being-dumped songs: "I Wanna Be Around" and "Goody Goody.")

Mr. Mercer's skillful lyrics make use of slang and the vernacular of his time — "buddy," "flippin'" and "amigo" — but they never sound forced. Just look at the title "Jeepers Creepers" and the lyrics that then refer to eyes as "peepers."

He must have had fun writing "Strip

Polka," which seems to be a play on the phrase "strip poker." (Yes, the song is a polka about a stripper.)

His lyrics are conversational, yet eloquent.

And achingly romantic.

In "Moon River," he sings about "my huckleberry friend," and in "Days of Wine and Roses" about "a closing door/a door marked 'nevermore'/That wasn't there before," that door that appears in our consciousness at some point in adulthood as we become aware of our own mortality.

The set by Tim Billman is simple and elegant, with a blue curtain across the back and a grand piano center stage. Phrases from various Johnny Mercer songs are painted on the remaining three walls. Dina Perez designed the costumes, which consist of glamorous gowns and tuxes in Act II.

"Too Marvelous For Words" is well worth seeing, a love letter to a man who wrote the most expressive love songs. I wouldn't be surprised if some go back a second time to experience these exquisite songs all over again.

Nancy's pick

Be sure not to miss "The Amish Project," a Theatre Conspiracy production playing at Florida SouthWestern State College (through Feb. 7.) It is, quite simply, one of the best locally produced plays I've seen.

The play by Jessica Dickey is a fictionalized retelling of the 2006 Nickel Mines, Penn., incident when a milkman took 10 Amish schoolgirls hostage in their schoolhouse, shot them all and killed himself.

Tera Nicole Miller's performance in this one-woman show is stunning, as she embodies seven different people involved in a tragedy.

I know the subject matter may give some pause, but don't let it deter you. There is also much humor and joy in "The Amish Project." And unspeakable grace.

Ms. Miller's performance is powerful and flawless; there is not one false note.

For tickets, call 936-3239 or go to the-atreconspiracy.org. ■

in the know

'Too Marvelous For Words: A Salute to Johnny Mercer'

>> Who: Florida Repertory Theatre

>> Where: Florida Rep's ArtStage Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers

>> Cost: \$49 and \$45

>> Info: 332-4488 or floridarep.org

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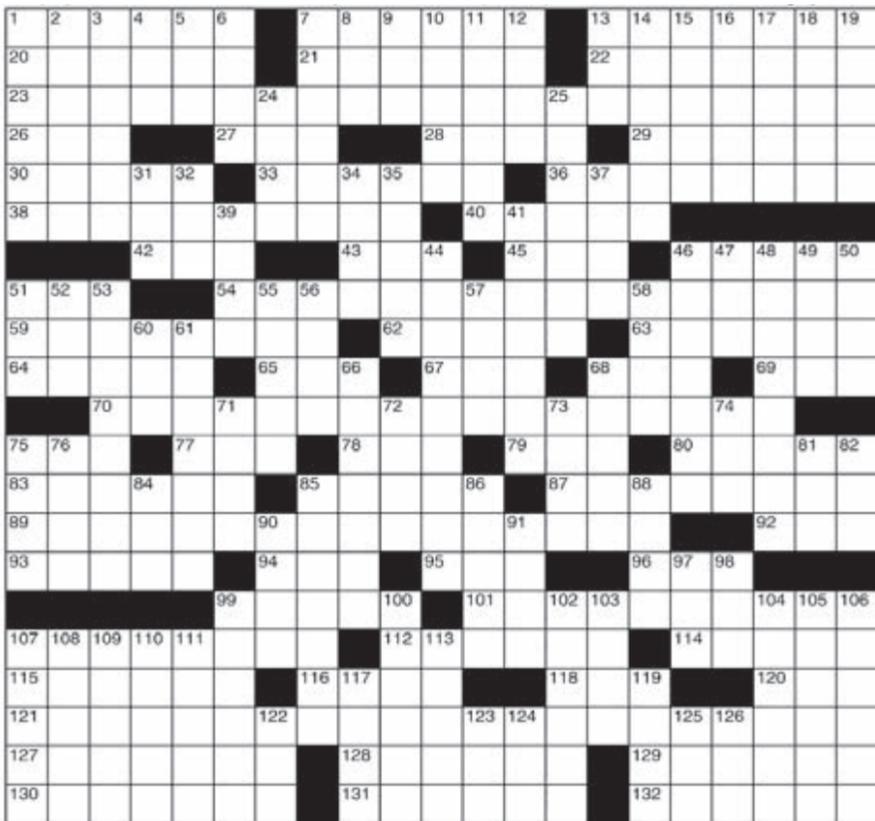
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- 1 —, peel me a grape* (Mae West line)
 - 7 — Adventures in Wonderland*
 - 13 Mobile locale
 - 20 Pacific weather phenomenon
 - 21 Sullen
 - 22 Neighbor of Ukraine
 - 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals?
 - 26 Part of A/C
 - 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster
 - 28 "Mama" of pop music
 - 29 Spiritualists' event
 - 30 Seize illegally
 - 33 Coarse
 - 36 African mongooses
 - 38 One dealing in red meat for a living?
 - 40 Selling points
 - 42 June hrs.
 - 43 Bit of intimate apparel
 - 45 Suffix with prop-
 - 46 Number of Stooges
 - 51 Audio system part
 - 54 Lovable male turkeys?
 - 59 Jews living outside Israel
 - 62 Conveys
 - 63 Alternative to Red Roof
 - 64 En — (as a whole)
 - 65 Bit of formal apparel
 - 67 Zee lead-in
 - 68 AT&T rival, once
 - 69 Hi-speed connection
 - 70 Actor Depp being mushy?
 - 75 Hit in a ring
 - 77 "Really? — who?!"
 - 78 King, in Toulon
 - 79 Barfly, say
 - 80 Charles for whom a chair is named
 - 83 One of golf's majors
 - 85 Request in blackjack
 - 87 More tempestuous
 - 89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee?
 - 92 Strike marks, in bowling
 - 93 Little squirts
 - 94 Trains to Wrigley Field
 - 95 Scand. land
 - 96 Mini-devil
 - 99 Perón of Argentina
 - 101 Press chinos and corduroys?
 - 107 Classical pieces
 - 112 Inborn
 - 114 Bea Arthur title role
 - 115 Believer in God
 - 116 Onetime teen idol
 - 118 Onetime flight inits.
 - 120 They cross aves.
 - 121 Use glue to mend pants?
 - 127 Immunity trigger
 - 128 Swooning fan, e.g.
 - 129 Laud
 - 130 Mosaic piece
 - 131 Throws actor Kruger
 - 132 Sacred places
 - 44 Twice or thrice
 - 46 Gym hiree
 - 47 "Let me see ..."
 - 48 Having pre-blended ingredients
 - 49 Finales
 - 50 Series finale?: Abbr.
 - 51 Nav. rank
 - 52 Hamm on a soccer field
 - 53 Deposits are recorded in it
 - 55 David of the Red Sox
 - 56 Really injure
 - 57 "Book of Days" singer
 - 58 Brow shape
 - 60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 61 Multipiece office gifts
 - 66 Most weird
 - 68 Maxim
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 - 72 Tube addict's punishment
 - 73 Kid around
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 - 81 Wide shoe width
 - 82 Yearbook div.
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 - 85 Spiral
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 - 88 Of ears
 - 90 — Strauss
 - 91 Immunizing fluids
 - 97 May VIP
 - 98 Sch. group
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 - 104 Like the Kazakh language
 - 105 Most weird
 - 106 Tetley rival
 - 107 Hitler's turn to hit
 - 108 French river
 - 109 Fair shelters
 - 110 Calif-length skirts
 - 111 Gas bill info
 - 113 Small iPods
 - 117 No-clutter
 - 119 Tablet extras
 - 122 "Leaving — Jet Plane"
 - 123 Surg. centers
 - 124 Born, to Fifi
 - 125 "... cup — cone?"
 - 126 Eighty-six

HOROSCOPES

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts — which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a love

fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Luck is the name of the game

BY STEVE BECKER

Hands that have been misbid can sometimes produce sensational results. For example, consider this deal from a team-of-four match.

South's opening notrump bid at the first table was certainly off the beaten track, since he had two doubletons, a six-card suit and no true stoppers in spades or diamonds.

North's six-club response was optimistic in the extreme, but in the actual case the club slam would have succeeded with the aid of a spade finesse — had South seen fit to pass that response.

But South misinterpreted the six-club bid — given his club holding, it seemed unlikely to him that his partner could have a genuine club suit. Since he and his partner had agreed to play transfer bids, he mistakenly decided that North was asking him to bid the next higher-ranking suit, so he bid six diamonds.

Realizing that South had misunderstood the six-club bid, North retreated to six notrump. West led a spade, and declarer had no option but to play low from dummy. After winning with the queen and cashing his clubs and hearts, declarer took a second spade finesse to bring the slam home for a score of 1,440 points.

At the second table, South became declarer at three notrump, rather than

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 NT	

Opening lead — three of spades.

six, and West had no trouble finding the normal lead of his fourth-best diamond. East-West quickly collected five diamond tricks, so South went down one for a loss of 100 points.

We're not sure if there's a moral here, so we'll just say that sometimes the scales of justice seem to be tipped the wrong way. ■



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FILM CAPSULES

45 Years ★★★1/2

(Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtenay, Geraldine James) In the week leading up to their 45th anniversary party, Geoff (Mr. Courtenay) and Kate (Ms. Rampling) discover surprising news from Geoff's past that shakes the foundation of their marriage. The story feels honest and realistic, and Ms. Rampling deserves her Oscar nomination (note how she emotes with her body and face, not just her words). Rated R.

Kung Fu Panda 3 ★★★1/2

(Voices of Jack Black, J.K. Simmons, Angelina Jolie) With the villain Kai (Mr. Simmons) stealing the "Chi" of kung fu masters everywhere, it's up to Po (Mr. Black) to save the day. It's a by-the-numbers sequel that's silly and fun enough to keep kids entertained for 95 minutes. Rated PG.

13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi ★★★

(John Krasinski, James Badge Dale, Pablo Schreiber) With the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, under attack in September 2012, six ex-military hired guns hold their ground. The film feels gritty and real, and is better because the visual effects are kept to a minimum, which is a surprise from director Michael Bay ("Transformers"). Rated R.

The Revenant ★★1/2

(Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Will Poulter) Fur trapper Hugh Glass (Mr. DiCaprio) is left for dead by his fellow hunt-

ers after he's mauled by a bear. The cinematography is fantastic and Mr. DiCaprio and Mr. 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.

The Hateful Eight ★★1/2

(Kurt Russell, Samuel L. Jackson, Jennifer Jason Leigh) Eight scoundrels are trapped inside a Wyoming log cabin during a blizzard, and not all make it out alive. Writer/director Quentin Tarantino ("Django Unchained") overwrites and undercredits, but darn if there isn't something deliciously cinematic about it. 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 (Chandler), finds herself attracted to a department store clerk (Ms. Mara) who's unsure of what she wants. The performances, costume and production design, and musical score make this one of the best films of 2015. Rated R. ■

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"The Finest Hours" is a harrowing story of death-defying heroics and teamwork. And cold. Bitter, frosty, wet, nasty cold on the high seas that's so omnipresent you'll want to bundle up in fear of catching the sniffles.

Fear. Such an easy word to throw around and use lightly.

No doubt the Coast Guard men who ventured through a blizzard, pounding ocean waves and pouring rain more than 10 miles offshore to rescue the crew of a shipwrecked oil tanker felt fear. How couldn't they? But duty prevailed in the face of fear, and the inspiring story of "The Finest Hours" is the result.

The main character in rescue-oriented stories usually has one driving emotion that keeps him going; Chris Pine's ("Star Trek") Bernie Webber has two. One is his recent engagement to local girl Miriam (Holliday Grainger), whom he's been dating for a few months, and the other is a failed rescue mission during a storm a year earlier that still haunts him. So no points for subtlety for director Craig Gillespie ("Lars and the Real Girl"), even if these facts are taken from the true story on which the movie is based.

It's February 1952 in Massachusetts, and a horrible storm is pounding the coast off Cape Cod. When an oil tanker literally splits in half, Coast Guardsmen Bernie, Richard Livesey (Ben Foster), Andy Fitzgerald (Kyle Gallner) and Ervin

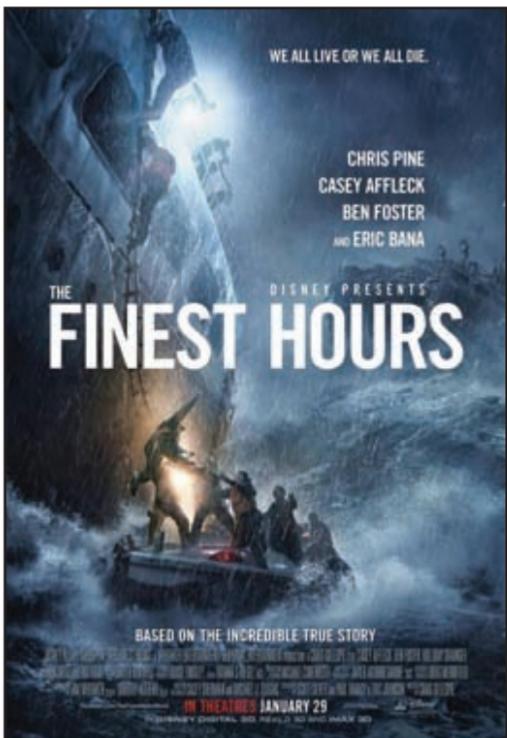
Maske (John Magaro) venture out for the rescue. They know it will not be easy getting to the ship through a torrential downpour and 70-foot waves, let alone rescuing the 32 survivors of the wreck. But they trust their training, throw caution and good sense to the wind, and do their duty on a small lifeboat.

"We gotta go out, we don't have to come back," Bernie says before they leave, acknowledging the dangers of the mission.

Mr. Gillespie also intercuts the crew of the oil tanker, bravely led by Ray Sybert (Casey Affleck), as they grow more anxious and restless trying to keep their ship afloat. In some ways their situation has to be worse because they have no way of signaling for help, and it's mere hours before the tanker will sink. The tension here is certainly understandable; thankfully, it never feels contrived for the sake of drama. Believe me, this story doesn't need any more drama than it already has.

Speaking of which, there's a bit too much of Miriam on shore causing a distraction for the film's own good and, yes, it seems like a Hollywood version of events rather than what was probably the real thing. However, the action is impressive and nicely accentuated by the 3D, so "The Finest Hours" is worth it for the upcharge.

And if nothing else, a solid story about courage and true heroism is always good for the soul. ■



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>> I had the honor of speaking with three members of the Coast Guard who attended a preview screening of "The Finest Hours." To a man they all agreed that the way events played out on screen felt truthful and authentic, and they all enjoyed the film.



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Florida Repertory Theatre receives \$1 million donation

Florida Repertory Theatre has received a \$1 million pledge from long-time supporters Mary and Hugh Denison and Bruce and Janet Bunch to the theater's Heirloom Society.

The planned gift will be disbursed over the next five years and makes the Denisons and Bunches founding members of Florida Rep's newly minted society that aims to sustain the future of live theater in Southwest Florida through planned giving and support from individuals who care deeply about perpetuating Florida Rep's mission and outreach goals.

"This is a transformational gift," said Florida Rep founder and producing artistic director Robert Cacioppo, "and because it comes when we are in a strong financial position, we're able to use these funds to improve the quality of our work, invest in the stability of the organization well into its future and enhance current programming for both theater-goers and young people all over Southwest Florida."

"We want Florida Rep to be here for decades to come continuing to serve this community in bigger and better ways, and this incredibly generous pledge allows us to focus on laying the foundation for our next phases of growth."

More than 85,000 theatergoers see Florida Rep's work every year, and in 2015 its education and outreach programming reached a record 22,000

young people — up from 11,000 the year before thanks to more than 1,200 donors.

Some of the plans for the company's future growth and artistic enhancement have already begun to take shape. In the fall, Florida Rep allocated roughly \$350,000 of the new funds to purchase and begin to build out a 5,000 square-foot commercial space in downtown Fort Myers at 2401 First Street. Two custom rehearsal and classroom spaces are being built. A second phase of this development, which requires an additional fundraising goal of \$250,000, will be for office space

for the administrative staff. The first phase of the build-out, to be completed this winter, includes a 1,000-square-foot rehearsal space large enough to rehearse productions set to move to the historic Arcade Theatre, and a 500-square-foot space that will double as a classroom and a smaller rehearsal hall for ArtStage Studio Theatre productions.

"It is game-changing for this company to own a dedicated and custom-built set of rehearsal halls," Mr. Cacioppo said. "After 18 years of renting spaces too small or that required compromise to work in efficiently, we are finally in control of our own destiny."

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Mr. Allen was a protégé of Ms. Garland and was briefly married to her daughter, Ms. Minnelli. The TheatreZone production stars Larry Alexander as Mr. Allen and Joan Ellison and Carolann Sanita as Ms. Garland and Ms. Minnelli, respectively.

Mark Danni, founding artistic direc-

tor for TheatreZone, directs, and Karen Molnar choreographs. Michael Raabe serves as music director.

Ms. Ellison also stars as Ms. Garland in "Love Finds Judy Garland," a cabaret-style show with Mark Flanders as the radio host and MGM pianist Jason Acquila as accompanist, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, also in the G&L Theatre.

Season II for TheatreZone continues with Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" (March 3-13) and "Dames at Sea" April 28-May 8.

For tickets or more information, call (888) 966-3352, stop by the box office at Community School of Naples from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, or visit theatrezone-florida.com. ■

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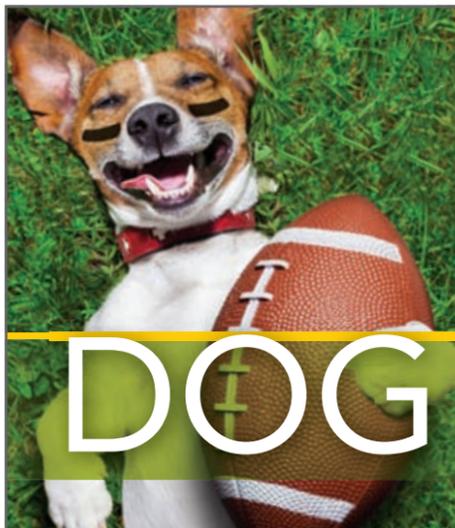
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Performers for Opera in the Garden include, left to right: tenor Francesco Bedoy, soprano Jennifer Lindsay, mezzo-soprano Clara Nieman and baritone Ryan Hill.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Hand-painted vases still captivate collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

China painting was an important artistic talent in past centuries. Although single color transfer designs were developed and used by the late 1700s, they lacked the color and graceful lines that were possible if the ceramic was decorated by hand. Today, the work of exceptional painters brings much higher prices than other pieces by the same factory. Shirayamadani (1865-1948) was a Japanese artist at Rookwood Pottery in Cincinnati. Rudolph T. Lux (1815-1868) decorated white porcelain with portraits ordered by important politicians and businessmen in New Orleans, and William Powell (working 1900 to 1950) was famous for painting English birds on porcelains made by Royal Worcester. In the first part of the 1900s, painting ceramics was a hobby and sometimes a job of talented housewives. There were magazines like Ceramic Studio, published by Adelaide Alsop Robineau that featured pictures and instructions and even furnished patterns. Large makers of dinnerware and decorative porcelains often had a team of young women who put patterns on plates or sometimes, painted original landscapes or floral designs. A Royal Worcester vase from the early 1900s was decorated with a picture of wetlands and two

egrets in soft colors and gilded trim. It is marked with the green "Royal Worcester England" mark and the initials "WHB." It also is signed "W. Powell" by the painter. The 12½-inch-tall vase sold in 2015 for \$1,180.

Q: Is a scrapbook filled with valentines from the 1920s worth anything? It's so old the pages are crumbling.

A: Most old valentines sell for \$1 to \$10 depending on design, rarity and condition. If the valentines are glued to the pages, they are worth even less. Those with moving parts sell for more.

Q: I have a small wash table with a metal tag on it that reads "The Ross Table Wash-Stand, Patented, Manufactured by Forest City Furniture Co., Rockford, Ill."

It has a hinged lid with a mirror on the inside of the lid and compartments to hold things. There is a shelf below. When was this made and what it might be worth?

A: Forest City Furniture Co. was in business in Rockford from 1869 to 1919. L.P. Ross was granted a patent for



William Powell, a famous painter of birds, decorated this Royal Worcester vase that sold for \$1,180 at a May 2015, Brunk auction in Asheville, N.C.



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Q: Are printed paper bags from closed stores really collectible, and are they popular? I saw a D. H. Holmes bag on eBay for \$40.

A: Collectors like shopping bags with interesting graphics or from particular stores. Some collectors hang them on the wall like paintings. Paper shopping bags with handles were first made in 1912. Some shopping bags are considered works of art. More than 100 bags were exhibited at the Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York City in 1978. The museum now owns over 1,000 bags. Bloomingdale’s won awards for its series of shopping bags designed by well-known artists, designers and architects in the 1980s. You can find vintage shopping bags online and at house sales.

Q: I have a National cash register in British currency. There is a tag on it with the numbers 2490973 and below that 745. It has wooden case, a marble slab above the drawer and is in very nice condition. What is its approximate value?

A: National Cash Register was founded in Dayton, Ohio, in 1884. Brass cash registers were made from the 1890s to about 1918. Flat metal cases stamped and painted to look like wood were made beginning about 1918. The larger number on your cash register is the serial number. It indicates the cash register was made in early 1926, so it’s not actually wood but metal painted to look like wood. National Cash Register had a factory in England and registers with amounts

listed in British pounds were made there. The company became NCR Corporation in 1974 and moved to Duluth, Georgia, in 2009. It is still in business. Collectors pay the highest prices for the old, ornately decorated brass cash registers in good condition. Metal with simulated wood grain cash registers sell for about \$200 or less. British currency numbers will lower the value.

Q: We inherited a large collection of toothbrush holders, about 250 pieces. We’d like to sell them. How can we contact possible collectors?

A: If you have figural toothbrush holders, not the kind with just holes for toothbrushes made for a modern bathroom, you can sell them. Dealers must find and buy the things they sell, so go online to see who is selling toothbrush holders. People who sell toothbrush holders first have to buy them. If they are uncommon and priced right, porcelain toothbrush holders also sell at auctions.

Tip: Phillips screws were introduced in the 1920s, a good clue to dating furniture. But remember, sometimes old screws have been replaced with newer ones. ■

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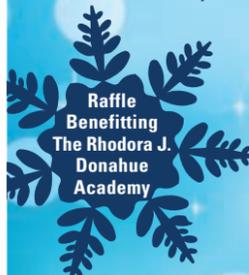
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Much of the value we give objects is because of nostalgia



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When former child star Shirley Temple died in 2014 and teen star Deanna Durbin died in 2013, many collectors thought the Temple and Durbin dolls made in the 1930s and '40s might increase in value.

They were wrong, and here's why.

It all comes down to context, according to nationally known appraiser Tim Luke, who shook his head when my mom told him she was surprised Shirley Temple dolls had not risen in value.

The youngest of the people for whom Temple and Durbin were household names are well into their 70s.

That's past the age when many people still are acquiring pieces for their collections, Mr. Luke said.

Temple dolls were made in the hundreds of thousands over the course of several decades, and Durbin dolls certainly were made in the tens of thousands in their day, so collectors who had nostalgia for that type of doll already had purchased them, and the market is about to be flooded with them as those collectors downsize or die. A Durbin

doll that fetched \$300 a decade ago may fetch about half that today; it's the same with the Temple dolls.

Something to keep in mind: Nostalgia fuels much of collecting — that's why folks who grew up in the '50s and '60s gravitated to the streamlined Heywood Wakefield furniture their parents had bought new back in the day. Those pieces are selling for much less than they were even a decade ago.

The same could be said for these dolls. The collectors who bought these in the '70s and '80s were girls themselves when these young stars lit the silver screen.

We all want a bit of our childhood. But, at least in this case, we expect to pay less for someone else's.

A couple of noteworthy events:

West Palm Beach Antiques Festival — Noon- 5 p.m. Feb. 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 6 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at the South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach. Tickets: Early buyer three-day pass, 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 5, \$25; general admission \$10 otherwise. wpbaf.com.

Maddy's Gatherings Country Americana Show — Longtime shop Maddy's Antiques will have a primitive Americana show 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 6 at 121 W. Oak St., Arcadia; (863) 494-2500, maddysantiques.net. ■



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Talia Carner, *Hotel Moscow*
David Greene, *Midnight in Siberia*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM

Theme: Family

Dr. David Bernstein, *I've Got Some Good News and Some Bad News: YOU'RE OLD*
Dani Klein Modisett, *Take My Spouse Please*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 ~ 9:00 - 11:00AM

Theme: Food

Chef Rossi, *The Raging Skillet*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM

Theme: Local Authors

B.A. Shapiro, *The Muralist*
Marc Simon, *The Leap Year Boy*
Bob Mandell, *Stroke Victor*
Jerry Greenfield, *Secrets of the Wine Whisperer*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29 ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

Theme: Spirituality

Sarah L. Kaufman, *The Art of Grace*
Jay Michaelson, *The Gate of Tears*

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM

Theme: Holocaust

Daniel M. Cohen, *Single Handed*
Steven Pressman, *50 Children*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM

Theme: Israel

Jessamyn T. Hope, *Safekeeping*
Mike Kelly, *The Bus on Jaffa Road*

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM

Theme: Fiction

Julia Dahl, *Run You Down*
Susan Jane Gilman, *The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

Theme: Memoir

Sally Fingerett, *The Mental Yentl*
Dafna Michaelson Jenet, *It Takes a Little Crazy To Make a Difference*

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 ~ 6:30 - 9:30PM

Theme: Powerful Women

Lisa Green, *On Your Case*
Julia Pimsleur, *Million Dollar Women*

MONDAY, MARCH 14 ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

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THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 9 P.M.

Doc Martin: It's Good to Talk

Martin has decided he will be the one to move out of the Surgery to allow Louisa the space she needs, which Louisa does really appreciate. Louisa is intrigued to meet Martin's therapist, Dr. Rachel Timoney, but is not quite so happy when Rachel suggests they should have therapy as a couple.



"Doc Martin," Feb. 4

FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 9 P.M.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 11 P.M.

Last of the Summer Wine

Three old men from Yorkshire who have never grown up face the trails of their fellow town citizens and stay young by reminiscing about the days of their youth.

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

**9 P.M. - Downton Abbey
Season 6, Part 6**

The hospital war reaches a climax. Violet goes on the warpath. Daisy tries to foil a romance. Prospects are looking up for Mary and Edith, and Thomas feels trapped.



"Downton Abbey," Feb. 7

**10 P.M. - Mercy Street, Part 4,
The Belle Alliance**

The Green girls plot to help Tom escape. Dr. Foster guides Samuel through a delicate operation.

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 8 P.M.

**Antiques Roadshow
Little Rock 3**

Treasures from Little Rock include a 1985 Charles Schulz Snoopy sketch; Chinese altar garniture, ca. 1850; and a 1919 William Faulkner handmade poetry book.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 10 P.M.

**Frontline: The Fantasy
Sports Gamble**

The New York Times investigates fantasy sports and online sports betting. With law enforcement cracking down, the film traces the growth of these booming businesses and goes inside their operations at home and abroad.



NOVA: "Memory," Feb. 10

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 9 P.M.

NOVA: Memory

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Bissett starring in Lifetime drama

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me what Josie Bissett has been up to?

— *Cara T., via email*

A: At the time of this writing, the gorgeous and super-sweet “Melrose Place” alumna was filming “Operation Chromite” in Seoul, South Korea, where she plays Liam Neeson’s wife in the war drama, which is based on the real-life Battle of Incheon during the Korean War. Since that won’t come to theaters for a while, you can catch Josie at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, on Lifetime when she stars in the suspense-drama “Pregnant at 17.” Josie plays a veterinarian named Sonia who discovers her husband had an affair with and impregnated a 17-year-old girl.



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Josie Bissett

show, “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” will return?

— *Kellie M., via email*

A: The hilarious Netflix comedy will be back for its second season on April 15. And I do have a little sneak-peek news for you: Cast and crew were spotted filming at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. “Friends” alumni Lisa Kudrow was spotted at the theme park too, although as of this writing, we don’t know if she was there filming a guest spot, or if it was just a coincidence. ■

— *Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.*

Q: I was so happy to read your interview with Gatlin Green about the return of “Heroes Reborn.” Now I hear it’s been canceled. Is that true?

— *Deena T., Trenton, New Jersey*

A: I am sorry to report that the supernatural drama has indeed been canceled. While it was intended as a close-ended, limited event series, there was always the hope that it would be back for another go ‘round, but it wasn’t meant to be. NBC’s entertainment chairman Robert Greenblatt confirmed the cancelation, saying: “I think we’re coming to the end of the world — maybe. Stay tuned. As far as I know, there are no more incarnations of ‘Heroes’ coming.”

Q: Can you tell me when my favorite

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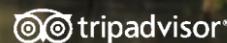
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■ **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae meet for lunch and a crepe-making contest at noon Tuesday, Feb. 16, at La Bazenne on Fifth Avenue South. Bring your secret crepe ingredient to enter the contest. Cost is \$30. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta to Megan Marquardt, 9205 Belleza Way #201, Fort Myers, FL 33908. RSVP and payment via PayPal can be completed at naples.kappaalphatheta.org. For more information, call Linda Shafer at 992-6052 or email lsworklife@msn.com.

■ **The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Southwest Florida** invites UM alumni and friends to join fellow Wolverines for a red wine tasting Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, at Decanted Wine & Beer, 1410 Pine Ridge Road. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for others. For reservations or more information, email dbstanden@gmail.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 Feb. 4. For more information, visit corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ **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 Feb. 6 and 20. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **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 March 2. 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 Feb. 7. 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 eal1067.com.

■ **The Naples Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon** invites all members and SAE brothers and spouses/guests to see the matinee of "Other Desert Cities" by The Naples Players on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Dinner (optional) after the show will be at Mangrove Café. For reservations or more information, call Joe Calzone at 248-2205 or email jcalzone@gisco.net.

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■ 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 Feb. 8. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecordhoff@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 next meeting is Feb. 8. 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 Monday, Feb. 8, and Monday, 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 Feb. 9 program, guest speaker Jim Reis will discuss historic documents from the Revolutionary War era. 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 thegsc.org.

■ Area alumni of **Nichols College** are invited to celebrate "Nichols in Naples" starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Reservations are required. RSVP to the school's office of alumni relations by calling (866) 622-4766 or emailing alumoffice@nichols.edu.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** holds a business meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on varying days and locations during the third week of the month for educational and social gatherings. For more information, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are Feb. 9 and 23. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

■ The **Naples Doll Club** will hold a regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and a workshop at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2900 County Barn Road., Naples. The topic for the workshop is "How to Create an Eclectic Collection." 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.




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■ The Naples chapter of **Sons of the American Revolution** meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Club at Longshore Lake. The meeting will include the presentation of JROTC awards to Collier County high school students. Visitors and prospective members welcome. For reservations or more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit naplessar.org.

Feb. 11, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Feb. 11. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester at 289-8268.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to the annual Monmouth Duo luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. The Kappas are this year's host. Guest speaker will be Carole Leher, co-author of a coffee-table book titled "Naples Beach Homes, Cottages, Castles and the Families that Built Them." Cost is \$27 and prepaid reservations are required. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Yiddish Club of Naples** meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road, and welcomes anyone who enjoys hearing Yiddish spoken, read or sung. The next meetings are Feb. 16 and March 1. Come schmooze! For more information, email Zane Garfein at zgarfein@gmail.com.

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday,

■ The Neapolitan Chapter of the **Embroiderers Guild of America** meets in the Grill Room at Moorings Park at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 17. The chapter's bi-annual "The Art of Needlework: An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery" will be on display Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 18-20, in the auditorium at Moorings Park. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A \$5 donation for admission will benefit educational programs and Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call 597-4391 or visit embroiderynaples.org.

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■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bit.ly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools.

Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4good-swfl.org.

■ The **Naples chapter of Ikebana International** meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 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.

■ Members of the **Naples Buckeyes**, friends and fans of Ohio State University,

hold their Signature Event gala Saturday, March 19, at Quail West Country Club. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions and guest speaker OSU President Dr. Michael Drake. Tickets are \$200. For reservations or more information, visit naplesbuckeyes.com.

■ Are you new to Naples and interested in making friends? Consider joining the **Naples Newcomers Club**. Members must be full-time residents of Naples for less than five years. Lunch meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout Naples. In addition, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to

bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking. For more information, visit naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** offers free weekly workshops for writers of all levels from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at St. John The Redeemer Church, 625 111th Ave. N. (in the Claussen Family Center, which is the third building on the campus). Attendees should bring 10 copies of one page of fiction, non-fiction, memoir or poetry for critique. For more information, call Gary Melhart at 949-3621 or email gwmelhart@gmail.com. ■

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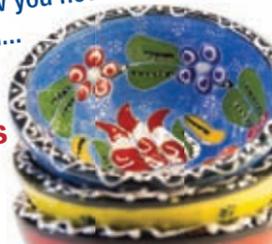
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■ The **Naples Orchestra & Chorus** holds its annual luncheon and fashion show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Quail Creek Country Club. Fashions will be by Rebecca's Fashions in Mercato. A silent auction and raffle will help raise additional funds. Admission is \$60. Reservations can be made online at naplesorchestraandchorus.org until Feb. 8; after that date, call Dorothy Johnson at 919-8189.

■ The **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida** hosts its eighth annual "The Art of Fashion" luncheon and fashion show Saturday, Feb. 13, at Cypress Woods Country Club. Call 417-3465 or email pasfi@aol.com.

■ **Collier Child Care Resources** and **Keating Associates** host a Red Hot Night prelude to Valentine's Day from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 13, at Naples Luxury Imports, 900 Tamiami Trail N. Tickets for \$60 include one cocktail, dessert and dancing to music by Travis Mac. Red, white or black cocktail attire is encouraged. Visit collierchildcare.org for tickets or more information.

■ 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. Call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

■ The **Saint William Council of Catholic Women** holds a spring fashion show and luncheon Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Fashions by Kari's Kreations will show guests the latest in resort, retirement and professional wear. Gift baskets and gift certificates from local retailers will be up for bid, and a raffle for \$1,000 will be held. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$65, with proceeds to benefit charities and scholarships funded throughout the year. Call Eileen Brown at 398-6606 for reservations.

■ The **2016 Avow Butterfly Ball** takes flight Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are \$300, with all proceeds benefitting the hospice, palliative care and grief support programs offered by Avow. Call 261-4404.

■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** holds Fun Time Super Kids: Surf's Up! from 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Cocktail hour and a silent auction will be followed by dinner and a drawing for a piece of David Yurman jewelry donated by Bigham Jewelers. The live auction includes a week aboard the World Residences at Sea cruise ship and a golf package for two with four nights at the Fairmont Scottsdale, Ariz.

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■ The **Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** says "C'mon to the Caribbean!" for its annual Night at the Museum fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 27. Guests will enjoy tropical food and entertainment, drinks and dancing. Tickets start at \$350. Call 260-1708 or visit cmon.org.

■ **Hadassah** sets sail on a cruise-themed evening starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club. Singer/steel drums player Paige Reddick will welcome guests, and entertainment will also include a program of Broadway favorites directed by Jamibeth Margolis. Ms. Margolis is the daughter of the evening's honorees, Naples residents Ida and Jeff Margolis. Tickets are \$125, with proceeds to support medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Hospital in Jerusalem. Call Lynn Weiner at 598-1009.

■ The **Turtles on the Town** gala takes place Wednesday evening, March 9, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Guest will cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while deciding which of 50 loggerhead turtle sculptures they would like to bid on to take home. The life-size sculptures, based on an original bronze sculpture by the late Kathy Spalding, were embellished by local artisans throughout the summer and are on display throughout Collier County through February. Tickets are \$500; VIP tables for 10 start at \$7,500. Turtles on the Town benefits the Community Foundation of Collier County, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

and United Arts Council of Collier County. Reservations are required by Feb. 24. Call 250-1688 or visit turtlesonthetown.org.

■ The eighth annual **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in private homes from Naples to Captiva Island and at Miramar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. The festival benefits Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida as well as the pediatric nursing program at Florida SouthWestern State College and the music therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University. Call 513-7990 or visit swflwinefest.org for ticket information.

■ Radio host and FOX News contributor Laura Ingraham will be the keynote speaker at **Community Pregnancy Clinic's** 2016 Life Saver event Wednesday, March 2, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Call 262-6381 or visit cpclifesaver.com.

■ **Magic Under the Mangroves**, the signature annual gala to benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, takes place Thursday, March 3, at the Conservancy. Visit conservancy.org/magic for details about tickets and reservations.

■ The **Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled** holds its annual gala on Saturday, March 5, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Auction items and raffle prizes are being solicited for donation, and sponsorships are available. Tickets are \$250 and \$375 (VIP). For reservations or more information, call 594-9007 or email info@fddswfl.org.

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■ The annual **Pet Lovers Gala** to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hnaples.org.

■ The **Naples Buckeyes Signature Event**, formerly called Buckeyes in Paradise, is set for Saturday, March 19, at Quail West Country Club. The annual event raises funds for scholarships for local honor students attending Ohio State University. Guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Drake, M.D., the 15th president of OSU. Visit naplesbuckeyes.com for tickets or more information.

■ The students of the **Florida Gulf Coast University School of Resort and Hospitality Management** will host the 27th annual Wanderlust travel-inspired auction and gala Saturday, March 19, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. The African safari-themed evening includes dinner, wine and silent and live auctions filled with travel packages. Tickets are \$200. Table and event sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships and auction item donations are also being accepted. For more information, visit fgcu.edu/wanderlust.

■ The second annual **Flip Flop Ball** to benefit Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida is set for Saturday, March 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, visit komenswfl.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida Heart Ball**, a benefit for the American Heart Association serving Lee and Collier counties, takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Call Kaleigh Rodden at 495-4912 or email kaleigh.rodden@heart.org.

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** holds a fashion show featuring the latest fashions from Petunia's on Thursday, March 10, at Olde Cypress Country Club. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

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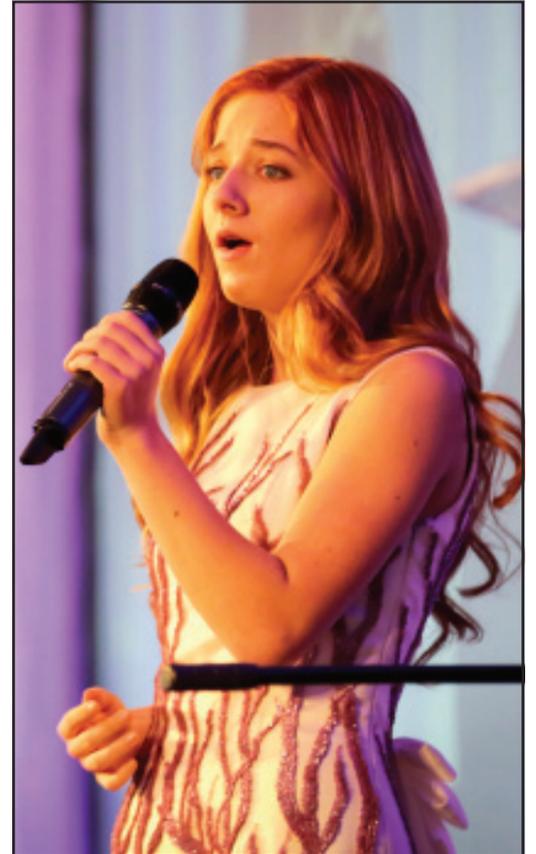
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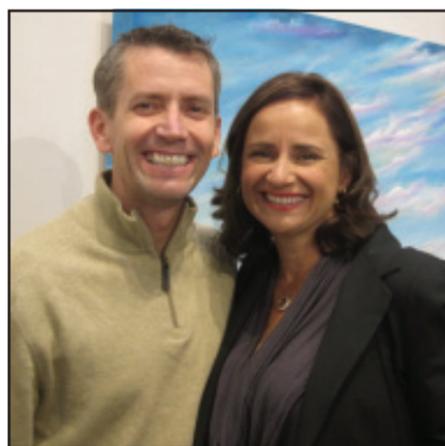
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CUISINE NEWS

Something sweet, salty and easy for Super Bowl 50 game day

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Super Bowl 50 plows through our television screens on Sunday, Feb. 7. One of the best things about this quintessentially American event, which we celebrate with more fervor than most of our national holidays, is that even non-football fans can enjoy the party. The very best part? Eating with your hands. Here we offer an appropriately salty, bacon-y and non-messy finger food you can easily pair with beer and the conviction that a Coldplay halftime show is an affront to your sensibilities.

Maple-Glazed Peanuts & Bacon

The Redhead, New York City
Courtesy of Food & Wine Magazine

Ingredients:

½ cup pure maple syrup
3 cups (1 lb.) unsalted roasted peanuts
½ tsp. dry mustard
1 TBS thyme leaves
½ tsp. cayenne pepper
¾ tsp. Old Bay seasoning
3 slices bacon
1 TBS kosher salt

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325. In a medium skillet, cook the bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels to drain, then finely chop.

In a medium bowl, mix the thyme, salt, Old Bay, cayenne and dry mustard. Add the peanuts, maple syrup and bacon and toss until the peanuts are evenly coated. Scrape the nuts onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet and roast for about 30 minutes, stirring once, until the maple syrup has thickened.

Let the peanuts cool completely, stirring frequently to break up any large clumps. Transfer to glass jars or a large bowl and serve.

Take note:

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■ Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts its ninth annual **German Fest** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Fill up on authentic German food and enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, family activities and more. Admission is \$7 (free for ages 18 and younger). Proceeds benefit local charitable organizations including Avow Hospice and the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The church is at 1955 Curling Ave. For more information, call 597-4091 or visit naplesgermanfest.com.

■ The Chubb Classic PGA Tour Champions tournament (formerly the ACE Group Classic) has added a food event as part of the annual event taking place this year Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, TwinEagles. **BITE SW Florida** will take place on the driving range after play both afternoons. For \$45, guests will enjoy the tournament and unlimited samples of wine, craft beer and menu items from local restaurants. Current ticketholders to the tournament can pay \$20 for access to BITE SW Florida. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 593-3900 or visit chubbclassic.com.



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Maple-glazed peanuts and bacon

■ The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a wine series on Thursdays, Feb. 18-March 15 at **The Wine Merchant**, 13240 Tamiami Trail N. The focus will be on value wines, wines of Italy and differences among wines of the same varietal. The course concludes with a three-course luncheon at M Waterfront Grille in Venetian Village. Registration is \$250 for academy members, \$270 for others (single classes are \$70 and \$80, respectively). Sign up by calling 434-4737 or going to fgcu.edu.

■ **Campiello's** February regional menu showcases the cuisine of Piedmont, famed source of white truffles and Barolo wine. On the menu all month are dishes such as braised Piedmontese beef in Barolo with soft polenta, sliced veal in tuna mayonnaise and risotto with pheasant and seasonal mushrooms. For more information or to make reservations, call 435-1166 or visit campiello.damico.com.

■ **Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill** has \$1 off all craft beers through February and offers weekly beer and wing pairings with brews like Funky Buddha Brewery's Floridian Hefeweizen with Bo's Signature Wings. For more information, call 431-7611 or visit bokampers.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 - Knife Skills: Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$50); A Bounty of Seafood: Thursday, Feb. 18.

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THE DISH

The Dish: Kale & Salmon Salad

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The Place: Another Broken Egg Café
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The Full Menu: anotherbrokenegg.com

The Details: Lately, fodder for this column seems borne out of a need for food on the fly, since I've been finding myself lacking either time or pantry staples to feed myself from my own resources. At the end of a long week-end of moving households, I realized I had spent several days only eating cheese, several varieties of crackers, a stray berry or banana and plain toast — mainly non-perishables that could be eaten straight out of a box or bag.

Luckily, I found two super foods at Another Broken Egg Café I hoped could compensate for my tragic lack of nutrition. A huge bowl of commendably bite-sized pieces of kale, sliced almonds and shaved carrots arrived, all dressed in jalapeno-honey vinaigrette and topped with southwestern seasoned salmon. About three bites in, my mood lifted thanks to a heady dose of Vitamin A, omega-3 acids and lean protein. It was tasty, too.

One More Thing: You like a tippie in the morning? Another Broken Egg Café offers an extensive list of appropriate morning cocktails like fuzzy navels, mimosas, three types of bloody Marys and some delicious looking coffee and liqueur concoctions. ■

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VINO

Still resolved to sample widely



We all make resolutions for the new year, and we all know how they fall by the wayside about the middle of February. The brand new Bowflex elliptical stepper that seemed like such a good idea has turned into an expensive clothes hanger. All our dietary resolve has succumbed to old habits. At least for some of us.

My new year mission? To seek out new wines, and new winegrowing regions. To boldly sample varietals and blends that I have never sampled before.

Fortunately, my sampling program for the last several months has consisted of wines that seem to fit in to the holiday seasons. Bubbly. Offerings from the more upscale producers. Wines priced for that special dinner or family gathering. The result: a bit of a backlog in the cellar, with several rows of bottles eagerly waiting to be opened, swirled, sniffed and sipped. If not now, when?

So for the past few weeks, we've been gradually working our way through the whites, reds and sparklers that have stacked up in the racks while we were off having holiday merriment. Now is a good time to catch up.

One of the best things about the wine world is that it's full of new discoveries. There's always a new varietal ("How

about that Piculit Neri from Italy? Delicious, right?") and new regions that offer interesting surprises. Some of the samples we dove into for this column did exactly that.

■ **Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc California 2014** - Pale yellow in the glass and on the nose and palate it's definitely not the typical New Zealand style. There are aromas of lemony minerality with bright tropical fruit on the palate supported by zingy acidity. About \$13. WW 88.

■ **Stift Skellerei Newstift Abbazia di Novacella Sylvaner 2014** - If you can pronounce it, they should give you a bottle for free. But this is one of the surprises I mentioned. The Sylvaner grape is grown way up north in Italy, right along the German border where the cultures and languages mix freely. This wine comes from a winery that dates back to the year 1142, with green apple flavors and a strong spine of acidity making this a good pairing with fish and other seafood dishes. WW 88.

■ **Landmark Vineyards Overlook Chardonnay Sonoma 2013** - One of

those pleasant discoveries. It's light gold yellow with a layered nose of oak, lemon, honey and white flowers. A rich, mouthfilling chardonnay with oak overtones and a medium finish. WW 91-92.

■ **Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Pinot Noir 2013** - Another surprise. Usually, the pinot noirs from New Zealand come from the central Otago region on the south island, but this producer is in Hawke's Bay, which is on the east coast of the North Island. The wine is translucent ruby-violet with a definite old world nose of loamy earth and graphite. But it offers new world flavors of raspberry, blueberry, strawberry and smoke. Nice. WW 90-91.

■ **Blair Pinot Noir Arroyo Seco Del-fina's Vineyard 2012** - This version tilts more toward the new world, with lovely flavors of strawberry, raspberry and cedar. WW 89.



Trinity Hill in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

Any winemaker will tell you that one of the most important qualities of a wine is balance. Are the fruit flavors, sugars, acids and alcohol levels in harmony? Does a wine feel "hot" on the palate because the alcohol content is too obvious? The fact is, many great wines have alcohol levels well north of 14 percent. Zinfandel, for example, is so "big" with bold fruit and sugar, that it can contain over 15 percent alcohol and you'd never know it. The riper the fruit at harvest, the bolder the fruit flavors will be, and, generally, the higher the alcohol content. If all the components of the wine are in balance, a higher alcohol percentage won't make a difference. Unless, of course, you drink half a bottle and try to operate heavy machinery. ■

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I've heard that high-alcohol wines are not all that good. True or false?

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CUISINE NEWS

Roy's chef enjoys chain's collaborative corporate culture



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Jason Grasty

The Roy's restaurant chain boasts 20 locations in the continental United States as well as six in Hawaii, one in Japan and one in Guam. But you won't find the same menu at every outlet of the company founded by Roy Yamaguchi in 1988.

In a unique arrangement, each Roy's has a chef partner who can interpret the corporate philosophy to reflect personal creativity as well as local seasons and tastes. Jason Grasty has held that position for nine years at the Bonita Springs Roy's and talked to *Florida Weekly* about his experience with the "ohana."

Q: What does being a chef partner mean?

A: Being a chef partner means that I'm vested into the business. We are totally committed to the restaurant and our craft as we are tied into its ultimate results. We have quite a bit of leeway with the menu through our individual creations unique to each restaurant. There is a core menu of classics that can be enjoyed at all Roy's restaurants, but the ability for each chef to showcase their own creations makes each restaurant unique and individual. Chefs from all the stores also collaborate to come up with new menus and dishes that are showcased nationally.

Q: Did you actually train with Roy Yamaguchi? What's that like?

A: I have worked with him multiple times in different settings across the country. He's an amazing chef, with an endless offering of information not only for food and business, but more importantly how to work with and develop our "ohana." We call our staff ohana, which in Hawaiian means family.

Q: How would you describe the Roy's concept to a first-time visitor?

A: Roy's is a culinary adventure that has its roots in classic French sauces and techniques, bold Asian spices and ingredients, with an emphasis on fresh seafood.

Q: What do you think has made it so successful?

A: Our food, surrounded by our "aloha" service. Offering our great classics nightly along with our local chef's creations really sets us apart.

Q: Has the concept evolved much since you've been with Roy's?

A: Absolutely. We're constantly evolving. We are continually looking to stay cutting edge in a culinary world that seems to change daily at this point. As chefs we come together throughout the company to work together to stay innovative and maintain our world-class cuisine. We share our culinary ideas and enhance our craft through calls, email, conferences and chef summits, carrying on the vision that Roy started almost 30 years ago.

Q: What are your bestsellers, and what do you think makes them special?

A: We've been here in Bonita for 16 years and have quite a few local favorites that we've developed over the years. Sweet Home Waikoloa Salad, Pink Peppercorn and Herb Crusted Halibut with Shiitake Scampi Beurre Blanc, Andouille Crusted Snapper with Citrus Shoyu Meuniere, Crispy Whole Yellowtail Snapper with Three Chili Lime Sauce — I think they're special because they're not only a reflection of Roy's but our entire ohana that came together to help create these dishes. Obviously, our classics (Misoyaki Butterfish, Blackened Island Ahi, Macadamia

Nut Crusted Mahi Mahi and Grilled Szechuan Pork Ribs) are always popular.

Q: What sparked your interest in cooking as a career?

A: My mom was a great cook, but I never had any signs of culinary prowess. My journey into this field was a bit of a fluke, but has certainly turned out for the best. My mom signed me up for a cooking class when I was 19. At the end of the class the chef offered me a job in his kitchen, which was a surprise to me as I had zero experience. I thought long and hard about it and I ended up moving to New Orleans to try something new and, well, the rest, as they say, is history.

Q: Aside from Roy, obviously, do you have any other culinary idols?

A: Aside from Roy I'd have to say Marco Pierre White. He's not a household name here, but you might know some of the chefs he trained — Mario Batali and Gordon Ramsey. He was the youngest chef to win three Michelin stars and the first to do so without studying/working in France.

Q: Are you still doing cooking classes at Roy's? What do you enjoy about

that experience?

A: Yes, every month. I enjoy teaching people something I'm passionate about. I want our guests to have a fun experience and to take away something new. In this day and age I think the priority of sitting down at the table with friends and family over a well-cooked meal is being lost, and I hope to enable people to see that it's definitely possible.

Q: A lot of home cooks are fearful of cooking fish. It's often delicate, it's easy to ruin by overcooking, etc. Any general tips you can share for success at home?

A: Keep it simple. Good fresh fish doesn't need much to make it great. Most of my fish at home is seared on one side then finished in the oven (to help not overcooking) and finished with citrus or a simple sauce.

Q: Are you thinking about what you'll be cooking at the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest in February?

A: I've already submitted my dish, but everyone will have to come out and taste it for themselves. It's going to be awesome.

Q: Why do participate in events like that?

A: I love doing events out of the restaurant, especially for charity. It's a fun change of pace and allows us to do something different.

Q: Any favorite places you like to eat when you're not on the clock?

A: Honestly, my time off is so limited I really enjoy cooking at home.

Q: What do you enjoy doing when you're not thinking about food, talking about food or making food?

A: I try and sneak out every once in a while for a round of golf. ■

in the know

Jason Grasty

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TwinEagles prepares for Chubb Classic



Long regarded as one of Southwest Florida's leading golf course communities, TwinEagles in North Naples is hosting the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour's Chubb Classic golf tournament this week. Nearly 80 Champions Tour golf professionals will check in and play practice rounds tomorrow and Tuesday. Players are invited to attend a meet and greet event with TwinEagles members at the community's outdoor Tiki Lounge Tuesday evening. A Pro-Am tournament will be played Wednesday and Thursday, and the nationally televised Chubb Classic will be held Friday through next Sunday. TwinEagles' heralded Talon Course will host the tournament, the fifth tournament held at TwinEagles since the award-winning Ronto Group assumed the role of developer at TwinEagles in September, 2010.

The Talon course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son and is widely regarded as the top residential golf course in Southwest Florida. The challenging yet fair 7,193 yard course features all of Nicklaus' signature design elements, including length, tricky approaches, undulating greens, bunkering, mounding, and water hazards. Thoughtful shot strategies and course management are the keys to scoring well on the Talon Course.

While the TwinEagles staff is experienced in meeting the challenges of tournament week, the level of preparation and number of hours required during the week are substantial. The Club's award-winning Executive Chef Chas Tatigian and his team will serve over 4,000 meals during the week, including breakfast, lunch, and a post round cocktail party on each day of the Pro Am, and meals in the clubhouse dining room on tournament days for the players, tournament officials, and TwinEagles' members. Tatigian will supplement his award-winning staff with additional help.

"Chas is not ordering any pre-prepared food items," said Andrea Bach, General Manager of the Twin Eagles Club. "Everything is freshly prepared. It's an impressive operation that requires a great deal of planning and coordination. Every department has challenges that need to be met. The most challenging days for Director of Golf Scott Newhouse and the Golf Operations team are

Wednesday and Thursday, the days when the Pro Am is being held. There's a lot of pressure on Director of Golf Course Maintenance Bruce Bach. Our members always expect the quality of our golf courses to be exceptional. At tournament time, Bruce also needs to meet the expectations of the PGA."

Preparing the course starts well in advance of the actual tournament. The PGA makes a course visit and completes a report, including suggestions about course preparation for Bruce Bach. During tournament week, the PGA expects the putting greens to be fast, and the rough to be mowed to a particular height. To ensure the beauty of the Talon course is accurately conveyed on television, Bach visits each of the camera towers to see exactly what the cameras will be seeing. This level of attention to detail and the level of care the course receives on a daily basis explain why the Talon course has become a preferred course for PGA TOUR Champions Tour events in Southwest Florida.

For all the challenges of tournament week, the TwinEagles staff's experience in staging the tournament has included developing strong personal relationships with many of the Champions Tour professionals. The players appreciate the staff's personalized attention.

"The players are very appreciative and complimentary of our efforts," said Andrea Bach, "and we take pride in making tournament week enjoyable for them. The first year we had the tournament, the winner, Kenny Perry, was very complimentary of the course conditions. Then the year that Kirk Triplett won, he mentioned how great Chas' meatballs are. It's the little things that really matter, like making a birthday cake for a player's wife whose birthday fell during tournament week. We have an ice cream bar in the dining room and one of the players is especially fond of ice cream. The first time he visited the ice cream bar, he asked 'How can I eat ice cream out of such a little bowl?' I went and got a larger bowl. He said 'You're getting closer.' I went and found the largest bowl I could find. When he saw that one, he smiled. Now that bowl is at the ice cream bar with his name on it. Fun things like that make the week



The nationally televised Chubb Classic will be held next Friday through Sunday on TwinEagles heralded Talon Course. Tens of thousands of people will attend the 2016 Chubb Classic at TwinEagles, the fifth tournament held at TwinEagles since The Ronto Group assumed the role of developer at TwinEagles in September, 2010. TwinEagles' award-winning Executive Chef Chas Tatigian and his team will serve over 4,000 meals in the community's clubhouse dining room during tournament week, including breakfast, lunch, and a post round cocktail party on each day of the Pro Am.

enjoyable for us and for the players."

For TwinEagles' members, hosting the Chubb Classic is a great source of pride. Unlike the experience at many clubs hosting PGA events, TwinEagles' members have an opportunity to be fully engaged during tournament week. Members have full access to the clubhouse during the week, and share the dining room with the players and tournament officials. Members receive VIP passes to attend the tournament and can bring guests on Friday and Saturday. Valet parking is provided and there is a members' hospitality suite.

"Our members take pride in knowing our

club has been selected to host a PGA event," said Bach. "All of us, the members and the staff, know this is a moment for TwinEagles to shine and for the national audience to see how special this place is. After all the preparation and working a 100 hour week, the big moment for me and the staff is Sunday afternoon when we all get to go out onto the 18th green and present the trophy to the winner. That is a huge moment for us that never gets old."

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Stock begins clubhouse & a new furnished model at Hidden Harbor



Stock is rapidly expanding construction at Hidden Harbor, which recently earned the 2015 Community of the Year award from the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA).

With its beautifully designed homes and a clubhouse overlooking the Gulf-access harbor, Hidden Harbor is an amazing new boating community by Stock Development, one of Southwest Florida's most successful developers.

The company recently began construction on the community's 4,484 square foot clubhouse. The interior will include a fitness center with new state-of-the-art equipment, a comfortably furnished lounge area and a club room will be available for social events.

Outside will be a resort style pool with a fire pit, a barbeque area and a beautifully furnished sundeck. There will also be a kayak launch and open green space to enjoy the beautiful Southwest Florida weather. It will feature waterfront views from two sides.

"This will be a wonderful amenity for all residents to enjoy," said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development. "It will feature a stunning interior by Soco Interiors and is scheduled to debut in May!"

Residential construction is also advancing rapidly at Hidden Harbor. Four furnished models are open - the Biscayne, Sanibel, Amelia and the Useppa, which earned a Sand Dollar Award from the Collier Building Industry Association for Product Design. Two inventory homes are under construction and are scheduled for completion early in 2016. Two more inventory homes are in permitting and will be under construction soon.

A fifth furnished model, the Anastasia, recently began construction. It has 2,913 square feet under air. This three-bedroom, three and one-half bath home has a great room, a formal dining room, and a study. With the covered lanai, two-car garage and single-car garage, the home offers 4,220 total square feet.

A total of nine floorplans are offered. These three and four bedroom homes feature from 2,384 to more than 3,000 square feet of living area. They are priced from the \$500s and for a lim-

Above: Biscayne model, Useppa model exterior, Amelia model pool. Right: Sanibel model. Below: Clubhouse exterior.

ited time Stock Development is offering homebuyers at Hidden Harbor options and upgrades valued at up to \$50,000 with each new home purchase.

Among the first homebuyers at Hidden Harbor are James and Lori Shaffer. Originally from Chicago, James is retired and Lori is an executive with a clothing retailer.

"Hidden Harbor was perfect for us and we fell in love with the community," said James. "I enjoy fishing and we're looking forward to the boating lifestyle. We currently live next door at The Forest and were looking for a new home. This allows us to stay close to our friends, close to the airport and close to US 41."

Hidden Harbor provides access to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Ten Mile Canal and Estero Bay. Residents may boat, kayak and canoe directly from their personal boat dock. The private harbor is a for manatees and provides access to the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, a 190-mile marked canoe and kayak trail that meanders through the coastal waters and inland tributaries of Lee County, Florida.

Local fishing expert, Garret Farmer, says residents will be pleased with the fishing.

"The common species we have in the backwaters of Estero Bay and the surrounding creeks include snook, trout, redfish, tarpon, sheepshead, sharks, snapper, jacks and black drum," said Farmer. "The canal from Hidden Harbor ranges anywhere from 2-3 feet to 6-8 feet, depending on the tide and is navigable by pontoon, bay, deck, or flats boat."

Stock has purchased a pontoon so prospective homebuyers can tour the serene waters and experience the fish and wildlife



that is part of the Hidden Harbor lifestyle.

Hidden Harbor also offers convenient access to Southwest Florida's finest beaches on Sanibel Island or Fort Myers Beach via road or boat. Nearby are excellent shopping and dining opportunities, as well as several of Southwest Florida's major entertainment venues.

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Stock Development adds amenities at Lely Resort: 10 new furnished models added for 2016!

Stock Development continues to enhance and improve its residential and amenity offerings at Lely Resort – seven time recipient of the Collier Building Industry Association's Community of the Year Award.

As one of Naples' most successful country club communities, Lely Resort is entering its Grand Finale in 2016 with 10 new furnished models and exciting new amenity offerings.

"This Spring, we are debuting the new Multi-Purpose Building and we have recently unveiled an expansion and upgrade to our Tiki Bar at the Players Club & Spa," said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort. "We also have ten new furnished models for the 2016 Winter Sales Season."

The new Multi-Purpose Building will offer a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features banquet seating.

The Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has been expanded again! Twelve foot awnings have been added around all sides of the Tiki with six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

"We pride ourselves on addressing the changing needs of our residents and providing them with the best possible amenities," said Stock.

This philosophy continues to pay dividends. Last year, the company registered 161 new home sales at Lely Resort worth \$100.8 million. Sales were strong across a wide range of multi-family and single-family designs.

Now, the final phase of offerings is being unveiled as Stock puts the finishing touches on a sensational series of ten new furnished models and is adding more move-in ready residences for the winter season.

The company has also released the final two coach home neighborhoods. Signature Club and Cipriani are luxurious coach home neighborhoods situated on two superb sites. Signature Club is adjacent to the award-winning Players Club & Spa, while Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely's three championship golf courses.

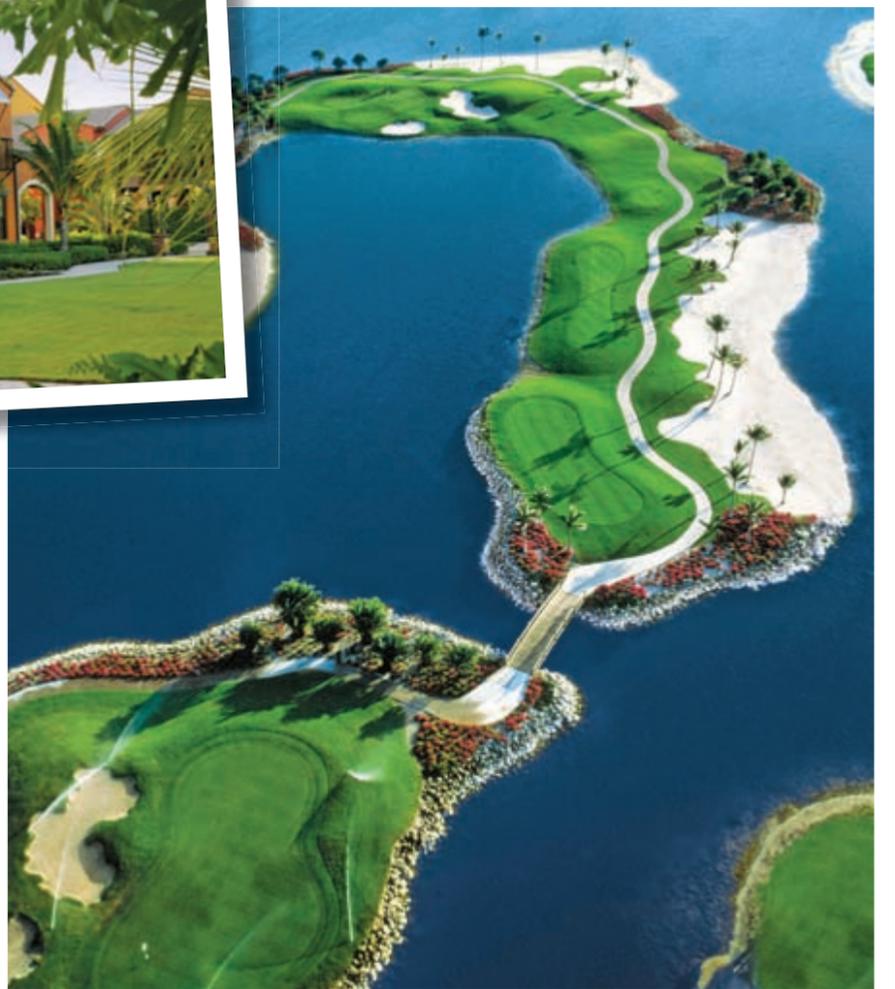
Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The new neighborhood features an selection of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Pricing for these stunning coach homes begin at \$444,990.

Cipriani also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. Inventory coach homes are priced from \$359,990.

In the beautiful Olé, neighborhood, less than a dozen homes remain available. The community has been completed and the last homes are available for immediate occupancy. Flats and townhomes are found in floor plans ranging in size from 1,227 to 2,084 square feet and priced from just \$299,990!

Olé is built around some of Naples' most spectacular amenities. The 20,000 square foot Village Center amenities include a full-service concierge, a bistro, an ice cream parlor, a pub, an internet café, a coffee shop, a business center, library and a 90-seat movie theatre with a projection room and comfortable elevated seating.

Lely Residents has access to three



Above: The Players Club & Spa, Signature Club exterior, tennis at Lely, Townhomes at Olé. Right: Golf at Lely.

championship golf courses and a spectacular club facility. The Player's Club & Spa is a stunningly beautiful 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse and features an opulent new dining wing that seats over 200 guests.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a "spin" room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

Outside, a second free-form pool has been built, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-

style amenities at any time.

The tennis facility's thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

The Lely Resort Sales Center is located at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and

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Parade of Homes at Quail West ends this weekend



Just three days remain in the 2016 Joint, Single-Site CBIA-LBIA Parade of Homes at Quail West in North Naples. The Parade continues tomorrow and Saturday and will conclude Sunday afternoon. Hours tomorrow and Saturday are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors will be asked to pay a \$5.00 donation to benefit the CBIA and LBIA Foundations. The Parade is showcasing 14 new designer-decorated furnished models by Quail West's Preferred Builders.

Five estate models priced from \$1,429,885 to \$4.6 million are featured on the Parade. Priced at \$3,099,000 fully-furnished, Stock Signature Homes' 4,403 square foot Casa Katrina estate's four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath plan includes a great room that opens to a covered lanai, a wet bar, formal dining room, a study, a double-island kitchen, and a game room opposite a private courtyard. The lanai includes a fireplace, outdoor kitchen, and a pool and spa.

Stock's 4,732 square foot Mariposa estate model's floor plan includes a parlor, a grand room that flows into the home's kitchen and casual dining area, a formal dining room and walk-in wine room, a study, four bedrooms, five-and-a-half baths, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, island bar, dining area, conversation area, fireplace, and a pool and spa, and a motor court with two two-car garages. The furnished Mariposa is priced at \$3,499,990.

Priced at \$4.6 million with furnishings, the 6,128 square foot Adderley model by McGarvey Custom Homes includes a reception parlor, a formal dining room, a double-island kitchen and family room, a u-shaped bar, a walk-in wine room, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths, a study, an outdoor living area with an island kitchen, two-sided fireplace, and a pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

Offered at \$3,805,000, the 5,669 square foot four bedroom, four-and-a-half bath, two-story Casa Bellissima estate by Fox Custom Builders includes formal living and dining rooms, a library, a two-sided fireplace shared by the living room and library, three wet bars, an island kitchen and breakfast nook, a family room, an upstairs leisure room, a two-car garage and a three-car garage. The residence features an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa,



Stock Signature Homes' Mariposa estate model presents an array of luxurious features and finishes while offering a level of livability suited to Quail West's indoor/outdoor lifestyle. The Mariposa is being featured during the Parade of Homes. Quail West is hosting the Joint, Single-Site CBIA-LBIA Parade of Homes for the fourth consecutive year. Fourteen furnished model residences are being featured. The 2016 Parade of Homes continues Friday and Saturday and ends Sunday. Five luxurious designer decorated, furnished estate models are being featured during the 2016 Joint, Single-Site Parade of Homes at Quail West.

a walled courtyard off the family room and kitchen, and a walled courtyard off a master bath with an outdoor shower.

Priced at \$1,429,885, the 3,851 square foot, three bedroom, three bath Villa Rosa estate by Emerald Homes offers the prestige of a porte cochere entrance combined with the casualness of a great room interior. Outdoor living spaces feature a fireplace and a summer kitchen. The interior spaces showcase high ceilings, retractable glass doors in the grand living room, mitered glass in the kitchen café area, and attractive ceiling details. The kitchen boasts an oversize granite island, a gas Monogram appliance package, and a walk in pantry concealed behind the kitchen cabinetry.

Florida Lifestyle Homes of Fort Myer's previously sold Antilles model in Quail West's North Lake neighborhood is being presented during the Parade through a leaseback. The 4,083 square foot Antilles great room residence includes four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, island kitchen, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area that includes a pool and spa with fountains, fire features, and planters, an outdoor kitchen and dining area, and a fireplace.

Stock Signature Homes is presenting

three models in Quail West's Cortland neighborhood. The Glenmore model offers 3,591 square feet and an outdoor living area with a fireplace, summer kitchen, pool, and spa. The Glenmore is priced at \$2,059,705 furnished. Priced at \$2,041,840 furnished, the 3,504 square foot Avondale four bedroom plus study, four-and-a-half bath residence includes a living room opening to an outdoor space with a fireplace, summer kitchen, pool, and spa. Stock's 3,525 square foot Ponte Vedra Grande model plan includes a formal living room and family room, a formal dining room, study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a three-car garage. The furnished Ponte Vedra Grande is priced at \$1,978,850.

Priced at \$1,775,000, Castle Harbour's 3,448 square foot Marigot II great room model in the Newlands neighborhood includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, formal dining room, double-island kitchen, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa, and a three-car garage. Florida Lifestyle's furnished 3,877 square foot St. Bridget model in Newlands is priced at \$1,945,000. The four bedroom plus study, four-and-a-half bath great

room plan includes a formal dining area, a double-island kitchen, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

Stock's 3,800 square foot Hamilton model in Tamworth is priced at \$1,913,790. The plan includes formal living and dining rooms, a family room, island kitchen, study, four bedrooms, four baths, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, pool and spa, and a three-car garage. Stock's 3,921 square foot Dorval model is priced at \$2,109,555. The plan includes a living room that opens to the lanai, a formal dining room, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, an island kitchen, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area with a fireplace and summer kitchen.

McGarvey Custom Homes' Caderra villa model in La Caille is priced at \$1.25 million and featured on the Parade. The 2,702 square foot floor plan includes a great room, island kitchen, and dining area, three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, and a three car garage. The outdoor living area features a fireplace, an outdoor kitchen, and a pool.

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Your place in the sun: Mediterra model homes showcase award-winning outdoor living

Winter in Florida tends to lure everyone outdoors with its idyllic temperatures—warm days and comfortable evenings. Enjoying the great outdoors is even better at home in Mediterra, where London Bay Homes has mastered the art of Florida's sought-after alfresco lifestyle, building luxury private residences and models that live large inside and out. Expansive outdoor spaces are reminiscent of boutique resorts with poolside chaises perfectly posed for optimal sunshine, custom-designed pools with spas and cascading waterfalls, and fire pits and fireplaces beckoning for chats in a rosy glow.

London Bay's award-winning single-family villa and estate models at Mediterra offer an array of alfresco lifestyles that bring luxury indoor finishes and amenities outside, including kitchens, stainless steel appliances and beautiful furnishings. Multiple gathering areas enhance entertaining and showcase breathtaking sunsets from homesites nestled against nature preserves, shimmering lakes and golf course fairways.

The pool in London Bay Homes' Capriano model makes a splash by placing the spa in the pool and resting against a sun shelf, allowing for easy swim-in access or entry from the deck. The tiled pillars provide the only telltale sign. The creative design was recognized by the Collier Building Industry Association as the best pool design during the Sand Dollar awards.

The four-bedroom, four-bath luxury villa in Lucarno, which also won a Sand Dollar for best product design, ensures any party easily flows outside to multiple seating and dining areas, a summer kitchen and an outdoor fireplace—perfect for cool nights under the stars.

The Capriano's second-floor balcony provides a different perspective and a spectacular sundeck to enjoy warm days and moonlit evenings. The master bedroom of the 4,402-square-foot model opens up to comfortable modular furniture in front of the fireplace.

Large windows, walls of sliding glass and a mitered window blend interior and alfresco living in the Delfina, a single-family estate model in Serata. Turquoise furnishings and accents in the open great room and kitchen are repeated in the sparkling water of the custom pool and polished stools paired with chaises.

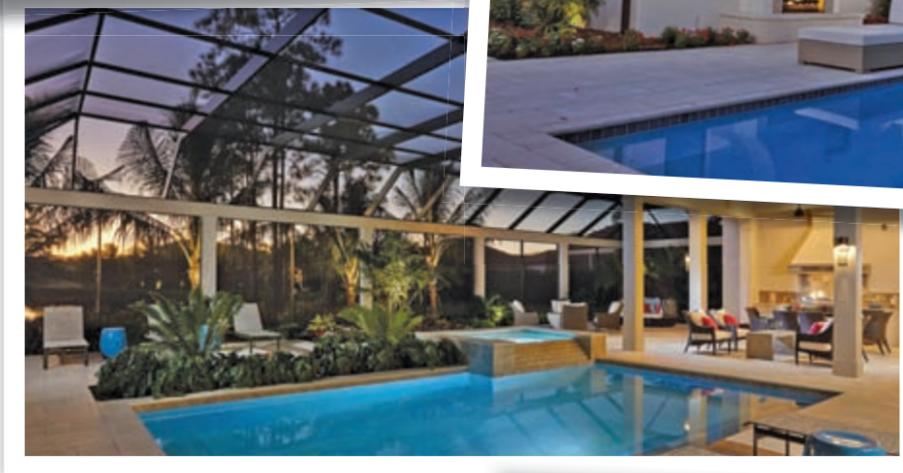
The Delfina's covered outdoor areas wrap around the back of the four-bedroom home, heightening the indoor-outdoor experience from the family and living rooms and master suite. Designed for alfresco living and entertaining, the 4,329-square-foot model offers a covered verandah and a large outdoor living room with a summer kitchen equipped with stainless steel grill and refrigerator.

The model features several under-roof and under-sun sitting and dining groupings enhanced by a resort ambience of tropical landscaping between a trio of chaises and the custom pool. The raised spa's multi-tiered spillover creates a white-noise soundtrack and a relaxing environment. A lake in the background enhances the serenity and reflects vivid sunsets.

A large lake with a fountain also provides an idyllic setting from the outdoor areas of the Eloro, a single-family luxury villa in Lucarno. The model's indoor-outdoor connection is augmented by a wall



Above: The Eloro villa model features views of the Lucarno lake and fountain. Left/Below: London Bay's Capriano model was recently awarded Product Design of the Year and Best Pool Design. Bottom: The Delfina features an indoor-outdoor connection with multiple views of the pool and lake from the dining and living room.



statuary and sculpted gardens. Calusa Play Park delves into the area's history, offering grassy play hills, a basketball half court, play equipment and a wetland boardwalk.

Home designs in Mediterra include single-family estate homes and maintenance-free villas priced from \$1 million to more than \$7 million. The com-

of 18-foot pocketing sliding doors opening the great room to covered outdoor living and dining areas, a summer kitchen, and a custom pool and spa. The gentle splash of water from a trio of spouts in a wall above the pool adds to the calming atmosphere. The Eloro has three bedrooms and 3,380 square feet of interior living space.

Enjoying the outdoors is also the focus of many amenities at Mediterra, a nine-time Community of the Year winner and Naples' premier luxury golf and beach club. The Club at Mediterra features 36 holes of championship golf; tennis and bocce courts; and the 10,000-square-foot Beach Club with a pool on the Gulf of Mexico.

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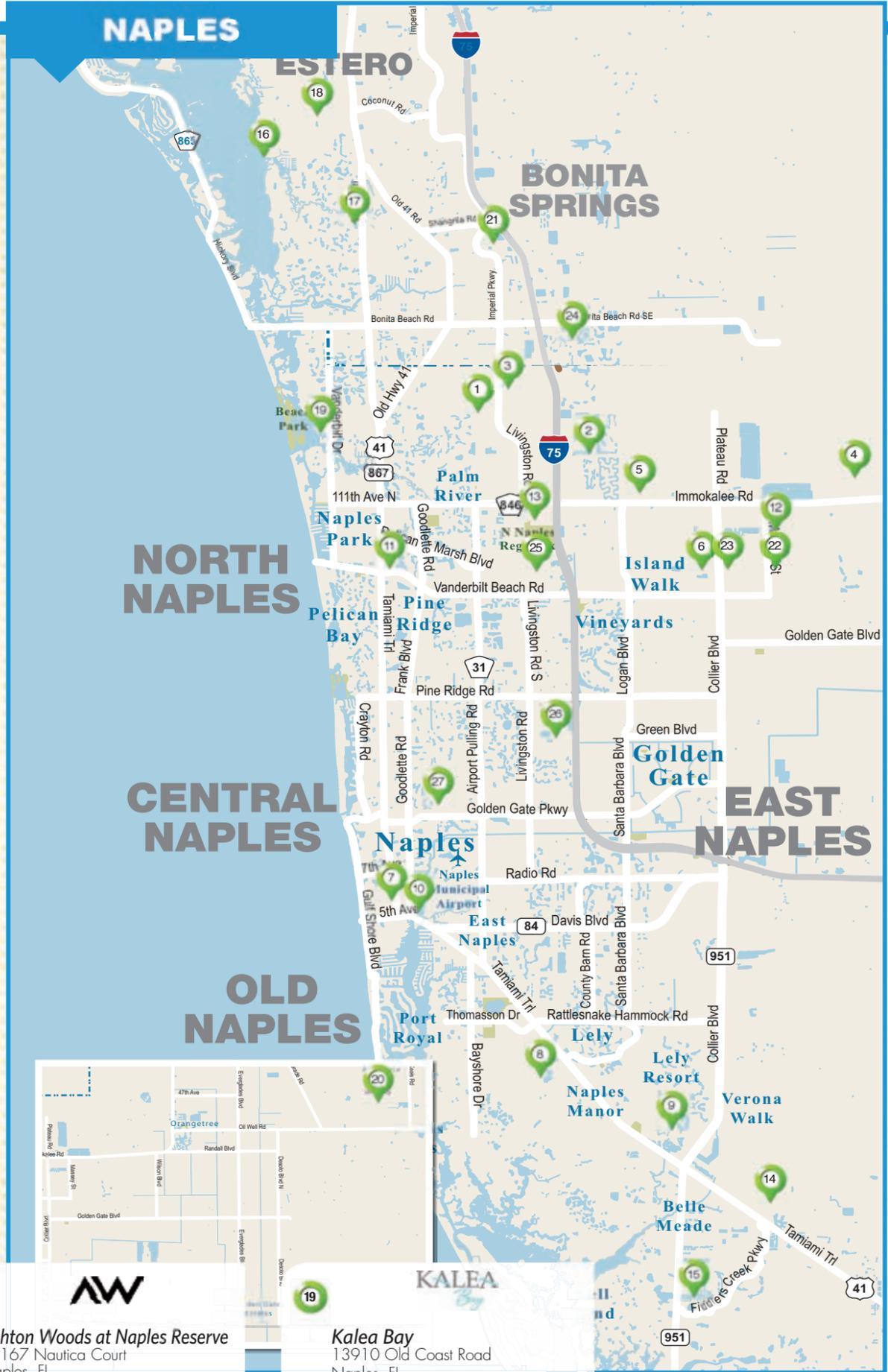
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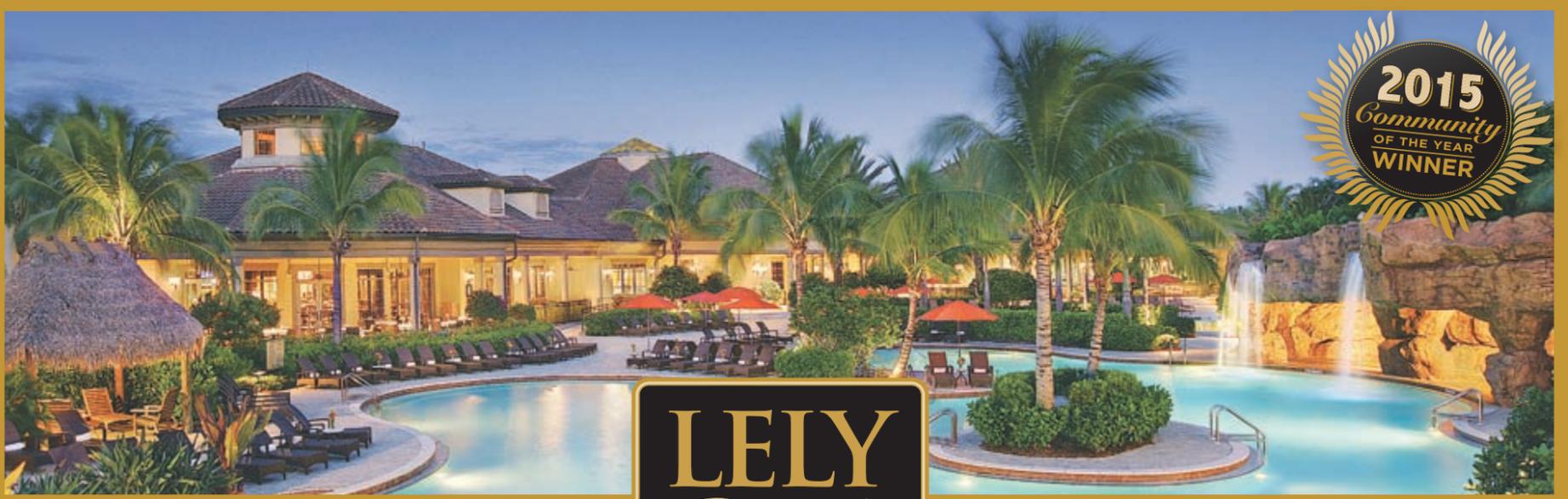
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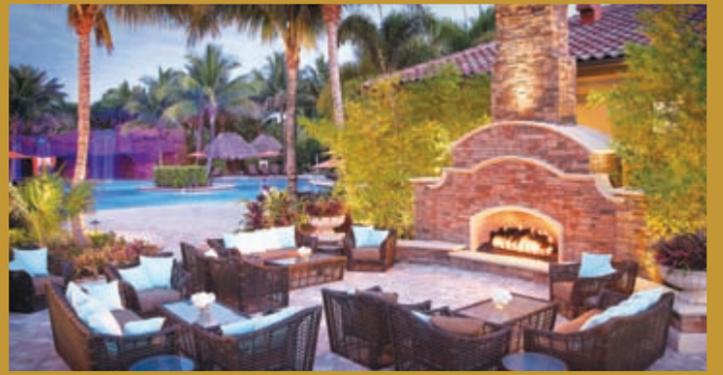
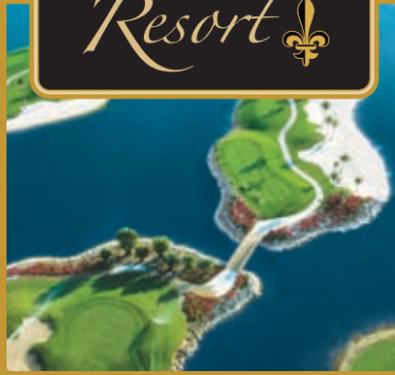
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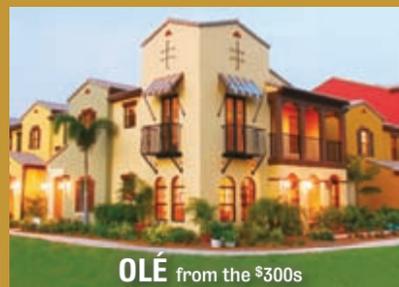
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Water, water everywhere: Mangrove Bay

Situated on a swath of the most beautiful waterfront along the Gordon River in Old Naples, one can't help but live the "life aquatic" at Mangrove Bay. In a community where each of its 53 luxury homes comes with its own private boat slip, as well as a residents-only community boat ramp, those who love the water can't help but love life at Mangrove Bay.

Before you even set forth on the Gordon River, there's always your custom private pool to enjoy in the artfully designed outdoor living space that flows seamlessly from your open-plan one- or two-story residence. Mangrove Bay's home designs offer all primary living space on the ground floor, including spacious master bedroom suites. The home designs allow for opening your home to the temperate climate, or cozying up near the outdoor fireplace for a dinner al fresco on the spacious lanai.

But step from your door to your dock, and the wonders of the water await. Kayak or stand-up paddleboard your way through the peaceful mangroves, jet ski along the river and into Naples Bay, or step aboard your boat to fish the backwaters of the Gulf of Mexico. At Mangrove Bay, you have immediate access to every water-based activity right from your own personal dock step, as well as an owners-only boat ramp adjacent to the Concierge Center.

Venture forth along the Gordon River and Naples waterways to some of the many waterfront restaurants, dining destinations, and entertainment venues. Mangrove Bay offers a virtual sea of opportunities for water lovers -- and it all begins at home.

Mangrove Bay is adjacent to the City's Gordon River Greenway preserve and proposed Baker Park, moments from Fifth Avenue South, and blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. It's a lifestyle highly prized by both year-round and seasonal residents, who live along what is consistently voted one of Florida's best beaches, and in a place voted "Best U.S. Destination for Luxury Travelers" by USA Today readers.

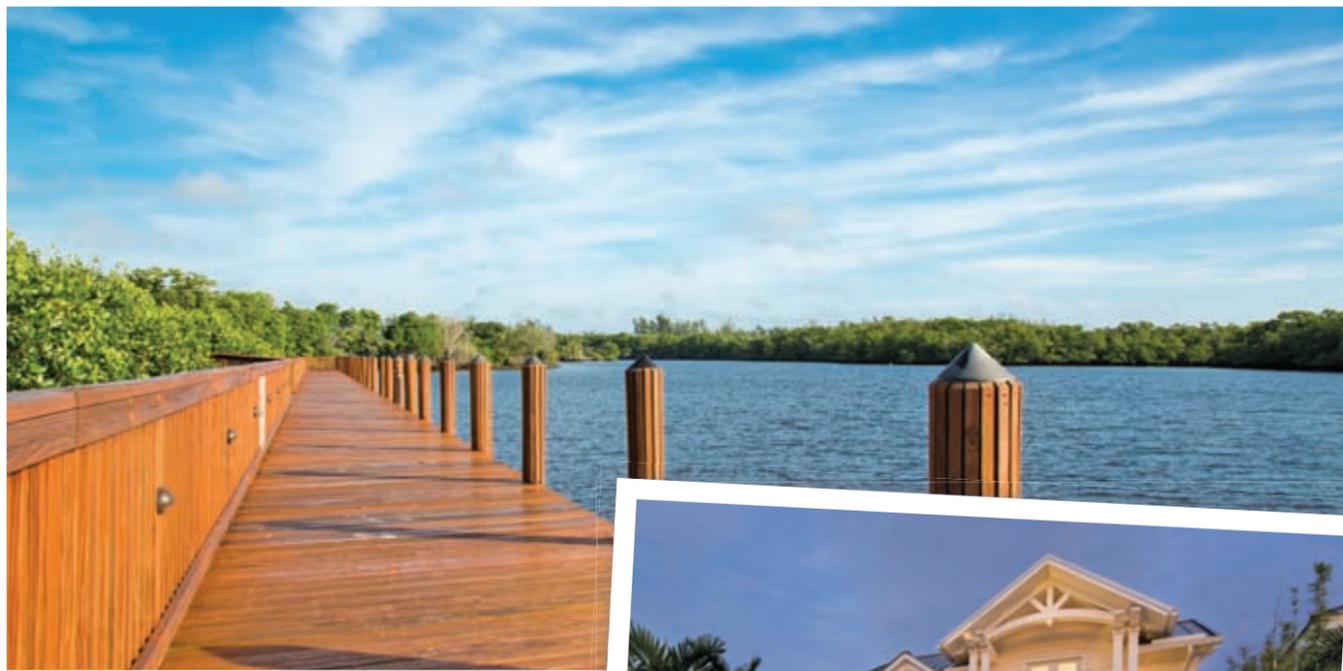
There are 20 different one- and two-story floor plan designs offered -- as well as four soon-to-unveil three-story Cove Residences with unique built-in boat garages. Three sophisticated model homes are now open to introduce you to the Mangrove Bay experience: The Keewaydin II and Amelia III Waterfront Residences, and the Sanibel III Courtyard Residence.

This is the perfect time to consider a dwelling with these unmatched views. The Amelia III Waterfront Residence, temporarily the Mangrove Bay Sales Center, is a four-bedroom plus den, four-and-½ bath home with all primary living spaces (including the master suite, two guest suites, and a private den) located on the ground level and a private-entry guesthouse above the garage. The guest cottage features a generous sitting room, scaled-to-fit kitchenette, private bedroom and bath area, and private balcony.

At approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model evokes a classic seaside cottage, with intricate trim details, a grand beamed, tongue-and-groove ceiling in the great room, and built-in upholstered bench seats which flank the white-washed brick fireplace.

The "coastal cottage" décor is finished in watery shades of blues and crisp whites grounded with traditional heart pine wood floors for a comfortable feel. Other key design elements include traditional bead board accents, bench seat reading nooks, cottage-style barn doors, and a second fireplace in the outdoor living area. This gorgeous model home is available for purchase.

The two-story Sanibel III Courtyard Residence offers a four-bedroom, four-and-½ bath design with approximately 3,331 SF under air, including a private-entry guest cottage with its own spacious



Above: Mangrove Bay dock. Right: Amelia III front elevation. Below: Bay water aerial, Keewaydin II front elevation, couples on the beach, Sanibel front elevation.



deck above the rear-entry garage.

The "respite reclaimed" beach-themed aesthetic of the Sanibel mixes dark, light, and weathered wood appointments with soft taupe and cream hues, and natural fabrics that perfectly complement its limed oak wood floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, two-story cupola, French doors, transom windows, and custom moldings and cabinetry.

Its ground-floor master suite includes corner-pocketing sliding doors, which open to the lanai surrounded by tropical landscaping, a soaring 1 ½-story covered outdoor living area with fireplace, and a pool and spa with a gently flowing water feature. This spacious model is also available for sale.

The Keewaydin II Waterfront Residence -- which is already pre-sold with leaseback -- has a total of four bedrooms and four-and-½ baths, a second-floor loft area, and a private-entry guest house above the garage, offering over 3,700 SF under air. Its soaring two-story

great room with a unique nickel gap wood ceiling has a focal point stone fireplace balanced by a stained entertainment built-in bar at the opposite end of the space. The kitchen's exposed stainless steel hood boasts a quartz backsplash, the same quartz used in its island countertop.

The Keewaydin's ground-floor master suite offers an oversized sitting area with corner-pocket sliding doors overlooking the lanai, outdoor living space,

pool, spa, and Gordon River. The master bath has a free-standing tub, oversized shower, and a separate makeup vanity and morning kitchen.

Every residence at Mangrove Bay features custom-crafted Ruffino cabinetry, Wolf/Subzero appliance packages, natural gas feeds, private custom-designed pool areas, and more. Homeowners have the benefit of resort-style living with an on-site Concierge Center, an owners-only boat ramp, and -- of course -- their own private boat slip.

Complete pool care, landscaping, and dock maintenance are just a few of the services offered.

Touring the model residences is the best way to experience Mangrove Bay

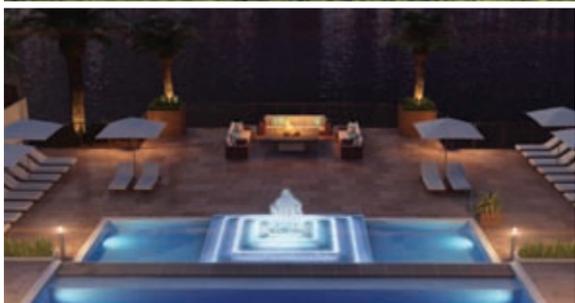
and the extensive thought that went into their conception. The model décor is by Freestyle Interiors, designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, built by Lotus Construction, LLC, and exclusively marketed by Paradise Realty of Naples, LLC.

Learn more about Mangrove Bay and a special incentive offering by contacting the Sales Center (239.261.2200) and arranging a site tour or exploring the website at www.mangrovebaynaples.com. ■

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Single-Family homes, Coach homes available in Corsica at Talis Park

The single-family homes and resort-style coach homes in Corsica at Talis Park offer one of the community's most compelling in the Park neighborhoods. Corsica offers multiple product choices, close proximity to every amenity within Talis Park, and park-like views. The neighborhood includes twenty-four single-family home sites, twenty-three of which measure 65 or 77-feet and will accommodate residences from 3,000 to 4,500 square feet. One 90-foot site is also available. North-facing home sites with water and multiple fairway views are priced from \$505,000 to \$905,000. Home and lot packages are available from \$1.6 to \$2.5 million.

The single-family residences are complemented by the resort-style Coach Homes at Corsica by FrontDoor Communities. An enclave of 64 exquisitely designed and spacious residences priced from the \$700's, The Coach Homes at Corsica will include 16 south-facing two-story buildings with four residences per building. The buildings' Santa Barbara architectural style will present three different front elevations. Construction of the first two coach home buildings is underway and expected to be completed in May, 2016.

The single-family residences in Corsica are being built by Harbourside Custom Homes, Sunwest Homes, Fox Custom Builders, and Stellar Living Homes. The three and four bedroom plus study residences showcase Italian, Caribbean Colonial, Spanish Eclectic architectural styles. Harbourside's 2,971 square feet under air, three bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Aviano II model has sold. Sunwest's furnished, two-story Santa Barbara model is under construction. Furnished models by Fox and Stellar Living are poised to begin construction.

The Santa Barbara's open, 4,000 square foot great room floor plan maximizes the connection between the indoors and a spacious outdoor living area. The plan includes three first floor bedrooms and a massive gourmet island kitchen and dining area. The great room and dining area open to a grand covered outdoor living area with a 180-degree view. The outdoor area includes a bar, summer kitchen, pool and spa. Upstairs, the plan offers a spacious bonus room with a full bath, a covered outdoor terrace, and a sun-deck. The home will feature an interior by Dominique Coffman of Naples-based Design West. The design will present a quintessential coastal California vibe that conveys a casual elegance. The color palette will include creams, beiges, whites, grays, slate, and vibrant blues set against warm driftwood toned wood floors.

The Coach Homes at Corsica provide an exceptional level of resort-style living. Two light-filled floor plans offer open concept living areas. Each residence includes a private arrival courtyard that offers the possibility of a graceful entry sequence showcasing oasis-like landscaping and water features. A private garage accessible directly from the residence, a private covered terrace off the owner's bedroom, dual walk-in closets in the owner's suite, a spacious covered outdoor living area extending across the entire rear of the residence, and paved motor courts and walkways are also included.

The 2,532 square feet under air first floor Messina coach home residences include a large great room and dining area, a gourmet island kitchen, three bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths. The great room, dining area, and owner's suite open to a total of 527 square feet of south-facing covered lanai space overlooking Talis Park's spectacular setting. The easy flow of the Messina's open floor plan contributes to the remark-



Above: Harbourside Custom Homes' 2,971 square feet under air, three bedroom, three-and-a-half bath single-family Aviano II model in Corsica has sold. Sunwest Homes' furnished, two-story Santa Barbara model is under construction in Corsica at Talis Park. The home will feature a coastal California interior by Dominique Coffman of Naples-based Design West. Right: An enclave of 64 spacious residences priced from the \$700's, The Coach Homes at Corsica will include 16 south-facing two-story buildings with four residences per building. Construction of the first two coach home buildings is underway and expected to be completed in May, 2016.

able livability and spacious, comfortable ambiance presented by the first floor residences. The Messina residences are currently priced from \$725,000.

Upon entry to the 3,382 square feet under air second floor Sienna residences, visitors will be greeted in a ground-level foyer with a soaring 20-foot clear-story ceiling, an elegant staircase, and a private elevator. The Sienna plan includes a generously sized study or loft space, an immense great room, dining area and wet bar, a gourmet island kitchen and pantry, three bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths. The great room, dining area, and owner's suite open to 527 square feet of covered lanai space. The Sienna coach homes are currently priced from \$795,000.

To provide residents with a level of flexibility that is highly unique, FrontDoor Communities has specified an array of elegant standard features and finishes and will customize to suit each coach home owner's specific tastes. Full overlay cabinetry and granite counter-



tops in the gourmet kitchen and baths, a Quiet Wash dishwasher, KitchenAid stainless steel kitchen appliances, and 20 x 20-inch porcelain tile flooring in the living areas, owner's bath and laundry room are standard. A walk-in shower with a semi-frameless clear glass door in the owner's bath, and spacious separated walk-in closets in the owner's bedroom are also included. A large capacity washer and dryer, Moen water-saving sink and shower fixtures, a tankless gas water heater, digital programmable thermostats, and a high-efficiency 16 SEER air conditioner are just some of the additional standard features FrontDoor Communities is including. Residents will also have the benefit of FrontDoor Communities' renowned 5-Step Quality Assurance Program and 2-10 Home Buyer's Warranty.

Personal design consultations with an interior designer are available.

Corsica is situated adjacent to the Talis Park Sports Complex that includes six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, a tennis pro shop and clubhouse, bocce ball courts, a two-lane lap pool, and a relaxing green space. Vyne House, the spectacular clubhouse that is the heart of Talis Park, is within a four-minute golf cart ride or ten-minute walk.

Talis Park's product offering includes grand estate, estate, and single-family residences, resort-style coach homes, and penthouse-style condominiums priced from the \$700's into the millions. Visit Talis Park's Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com. ■



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Residential tower rising quickly at Kalea Bay Clubhouse construction also underway

The construction site is extremely busy at Kalea Bay, the high-rise community being developed by Soave Real Estate on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples. The onsite sales center is also very active as potential buyers discover what the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community has to offer.

According to Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing, sales have been phenomenal.

"Our total sales volume at Kalea Bay has far exceeded the \$100 million mark," stated Wilson. "The first tower is nearing the 60 percent sold mark with sales ahead of original projections."

Construction on the first of five towers began over the summer with land clearing, followed by test pilings and then the drilling of the permanent pilings. As of late January, the tower's sixth floor is visible from Vanderbilt Drive.

"I'm also happy to report construction is ahead of schedule," stated Wilson. "That means the first tower at Kalea Bay is slated to be completed by the end of summer of next year."

The tower won't be the only building completed next summer. The community's clubhouse is also under construction and scheduled to open before the first Kalea Bay residents move into their new homes.

"The 88,000-square foot clubhouse will be the recreational and social center of the community," said Wilson.

The clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will include three individual pools, a pool deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar and an Internet cafe.

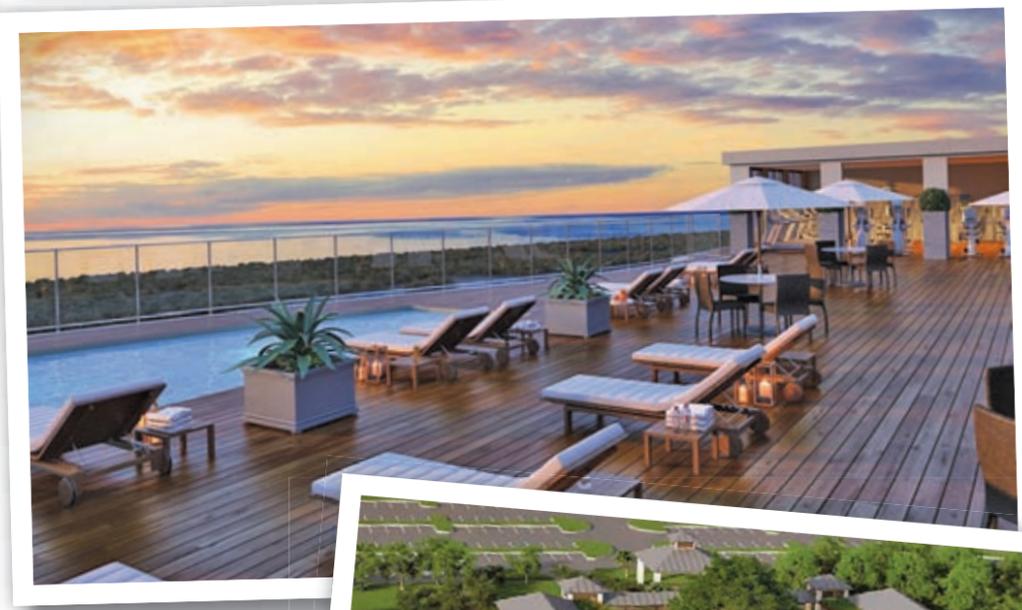
Nearby will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted tennis courts and 24 guest suites. There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse area, to a designated Gulf beach.

Kalea Bay is an impressive chapter in the real estate history of Southwest Florida. Phase one's exquisitely designed 22-story tower, with 120 luxury residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million.

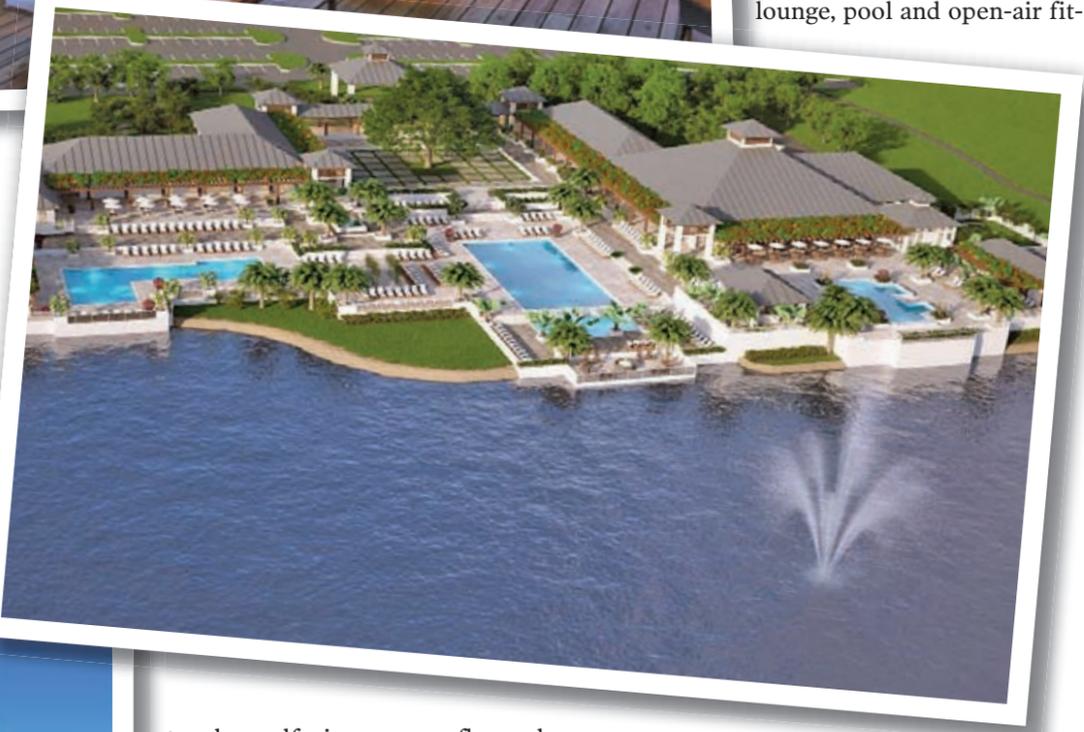
Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,755 total square feet.

Residences 2 and 5 are three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half bath



plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,835 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,921 total square feet. All residents of Kalea Bay will revel in spec-

sized walk-in closet and the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, Downsview luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower. Additional features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors, high-tech wiring, fully-equipped laundry rooms and wide lanais with transparent glass rails. "Spectacular views are available to every single resident at Kalea Bay," said Wilson. "With all our rooftop amenities including our sky lounge, pool and open-air fit-



tacular gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into the condominium, nine-foot high ceilings and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens feature Wolf and Subzero appliances, a natural gas range, Downsview luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and counter-height oversized island.

The master bedroom has an over-

ness center, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico and the nature preserves that surround us."

The residents and their guests will have quite a view from the tower's roof. Not only will they see the Gulf of Mexico, but two of the best beaches in the country. They include, Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which is ranked #9.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the award-winning, onsite sales center. It is located at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

Above: This aerial perspective shows Kalea Bay's first tower in the foreground and the Gulf of Mexico in the western horizon. Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a pool and fitness center. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse at Kalea Bay will include three pools. **Left:** The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, has 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

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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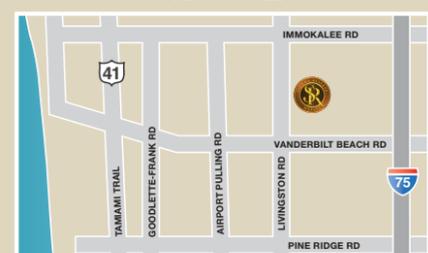
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Take a sneak peek at Sienna Reserve's beautiful second model Single-Family homes from the mid-\$600s

Potential home buyers now have two great reasons to visit the community of Sienna Reserve, an intimate enclave of single-family homes being developed by Zuckerman Homes on Livingston Road, between Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road. It's about to open its second furnished model within a few days. In the meantime, you're welcome to visit the community today and take a sneak peek at the popular plan.

The Magnolia Flex is a spacious two-story, four-bedroom plus game room and media room/three full-bath/two half-bath home. It has 4,004 square feet under air and 4,855 total square feet, including a covered Florida room, outdoor summer kitchen and pool with waterfall, all overlooking a natural preserve.

The first floor of the Magnolia Flex consists of a parlor, dining area, leisure room, kitchen with morning cafe and luxurious master retreat with his and hers closets and vanities, corner soaking tub, large shower and a valet with its own washer and dryer.

The second floor has three guest suites, a laundry room and the 21- by 16-foot media room on one side of the back of the home and the nearly 19- by 18-foot game room on the other.

"This is the perfect home for everyone," said Andy Zuckerman, President of Zuckerman Homes. "The master suite is located on the first floor and the guest bedrooms and recreational rooms on the second."

Next door to the Magnolia Flex model is the furnished Hibiscus model. The

Hibiscus is a single-story, three-bedroom plus study/three-bath plan with 2,566 square feet under air and 3,378 total square feet.

Also in February, the community's third and largest model will be completed. The two-story Rosewood is a five-bedroom plus study and clubroom/five-and-a-half-bath home with 4,971 square feet under air.

A total of eight floor plans are available at Sienna Reserve with prices starting in the mid-\$600s.

For a limited opportunity, Sienna Reserve purchasers are eligible to receive complimentary temporary privileges to all Tiburon Golf Club amenities and Sienna Reserve homeowners are eligible to become members of the exclusive Tiburon Golf Club.

The models are not the only attractions in Sienna Reserve. The Grand Entrance is also turning heads as visitors turn onto the community's brick-paver entrance.

"It's definitely an attention grabber," said one visitor as she and her husband paused at the gatehouse to take it all in.

Sienna Reserve's beautiful gated entrance, stunning models and lush, tropical landscaping have been attract-

ing buyers. As of early February, more than half of the community's 45 homes have been sold.

Buyers are thrilled to learn only 14 of the community's 30 acres are being developed. The remaining 16 acres comprise of a freshwater lake and untouched nature preserve. The fact no two homes back up to each other, and have either a lake or preserve view, is another reason people love Sienna Reserve.

The Sienna Reserve sales center is

open Monday - Saturday, 10 am to 5:30 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 5:30 pm. Additional information is available by calling (239) 643-4333, or visiting SiennaReserve.com. ■



Above: All three models at Sienna Reserve are located on homesites that offer views of the pristine nature preserve. Right: The two-story Magnolia Flex model, with 4,004 square feet under air, includes a media room and a game room on the second floor.



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AQUA Tower II now under construction!

AQUA at Pelican Isle is a very special place, offering a unique opportunity to a limited number of buyers to create a custom home overlooking a private marina, Wiggins Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The first tower is completely sold out. The second tower will set a new standard for luxury waterfront living and complete the finest boutique marina-front condominium in the Naples market. "Following success with preconstruction sales, we are excited to have broken ground on the second tower," said Chris Hanlon, a Principal with PACT Real Estate Group, which is developing AQUA II in partnership with Ironshore Capital Partners, LLC. "Luxury homebuyers can experience all that AQUA has to offer by visiting our two new models, which are open daily."

The 32 residences in the new 11-story tower range from 3,940 to 6,599 sq. ft. with three and four bedrooms, 3.5 to 4.5 baths, with living and family rooms/den. Each will have generous sunrise and sunset terraces, gourmet kitchens, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space and more.

AQUA residents enjoy access to a stunning array of amenities. The community's private yacht harbor, with direct access to the Gulf, consists of 29 slips for purchase and accommodates boats up to 55 feet. A rooftop sky lounge and terrace offer magnificent vistas of the Gulf of Mexico, beaches, Wiggins Bay and mangrove-lined estuaries. The grand social room is designed to accommodate events from the casual to the most elegant. AQUA's resort-style pool

and spa is complemented by a pavilion bar, gas grills and fire pit overlooking the yacht harbor. In addition, AQUA features a fitness center and private movie theater.

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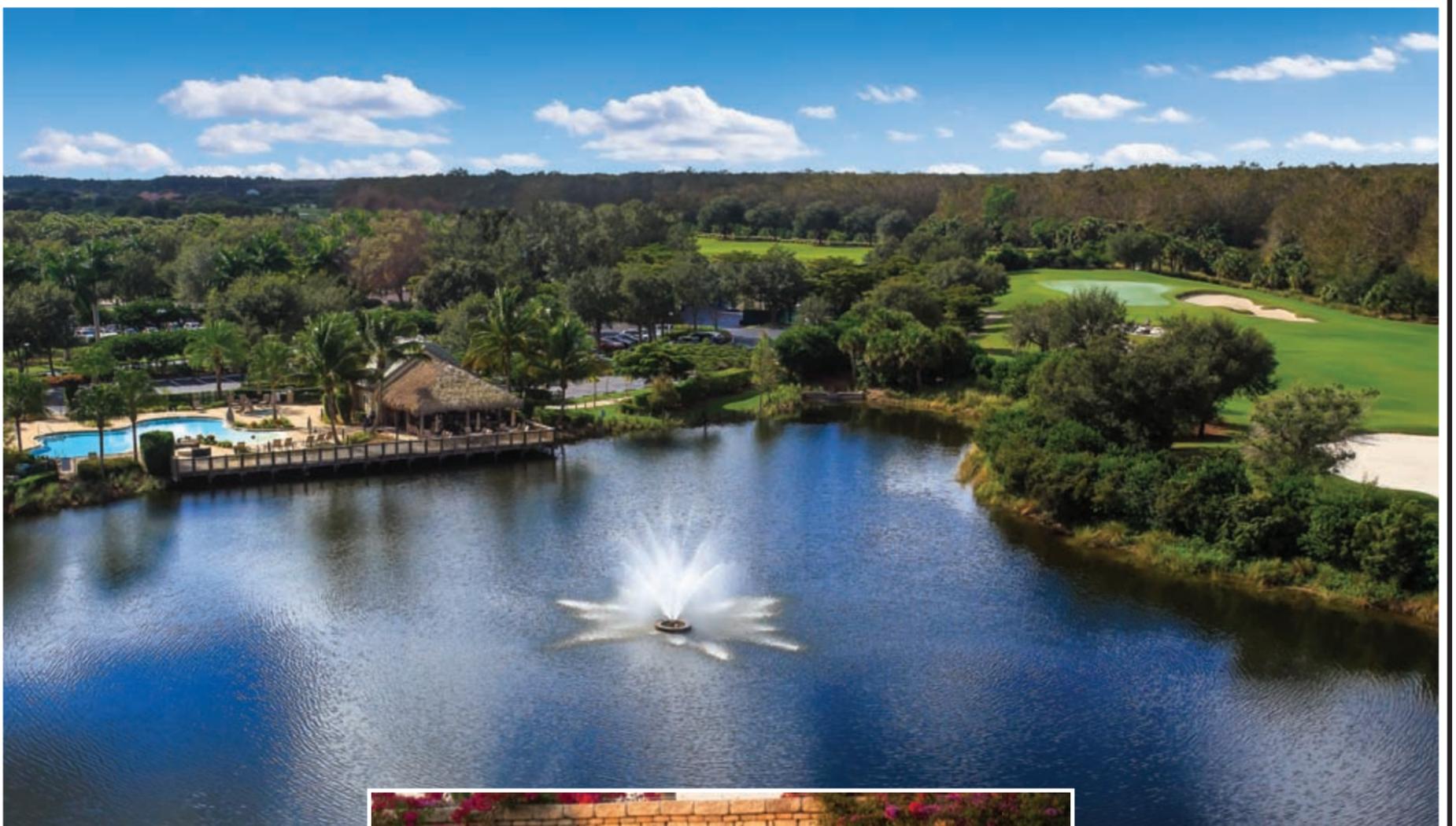
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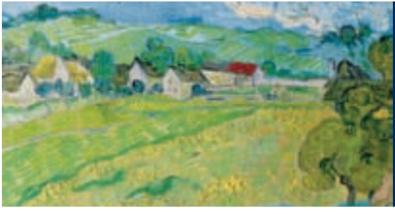
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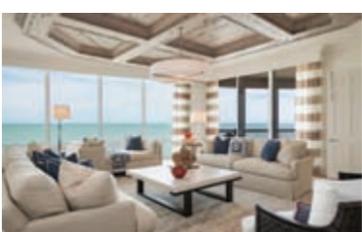
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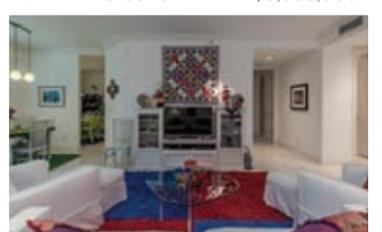
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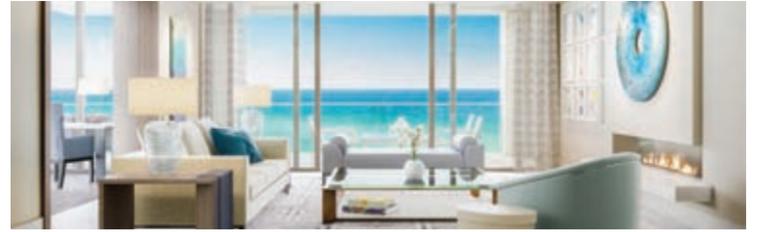
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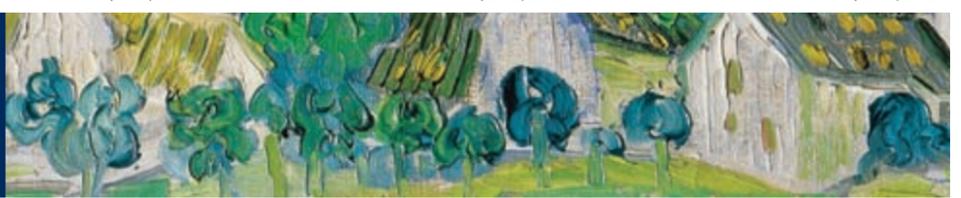
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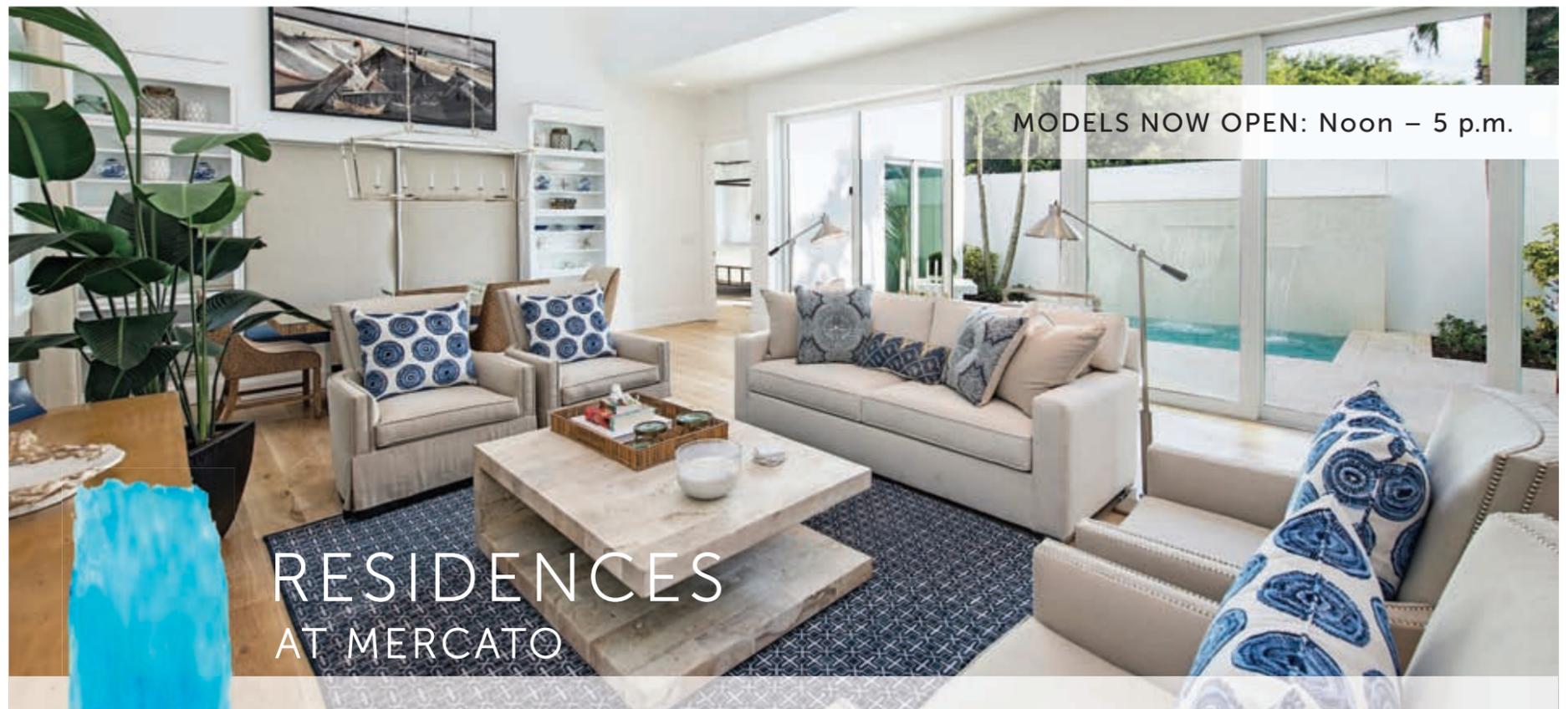
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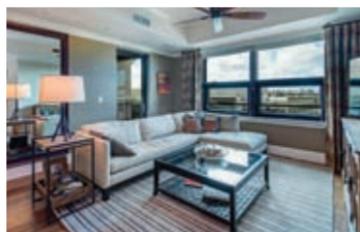
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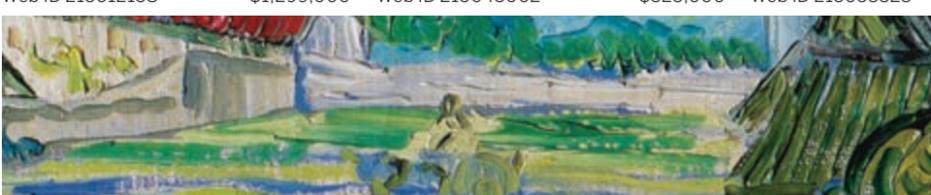
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painting complete the ArtFest Fort Myers experience.

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ArtFest Fort Myers created this venue to encourage students in their pursuit of art and to encourage community support of art programs in our schools.

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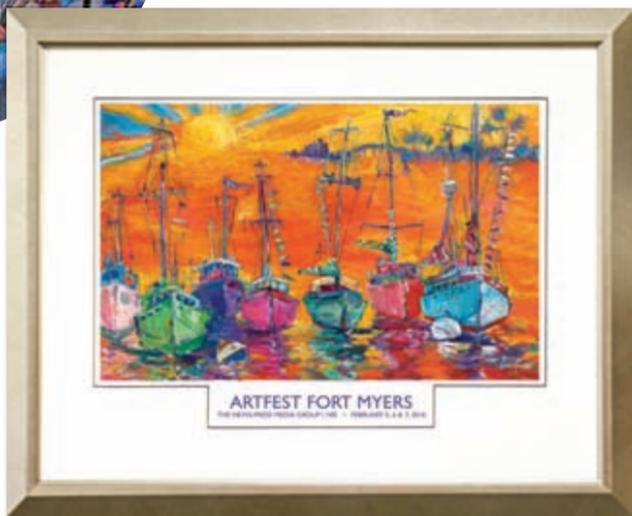
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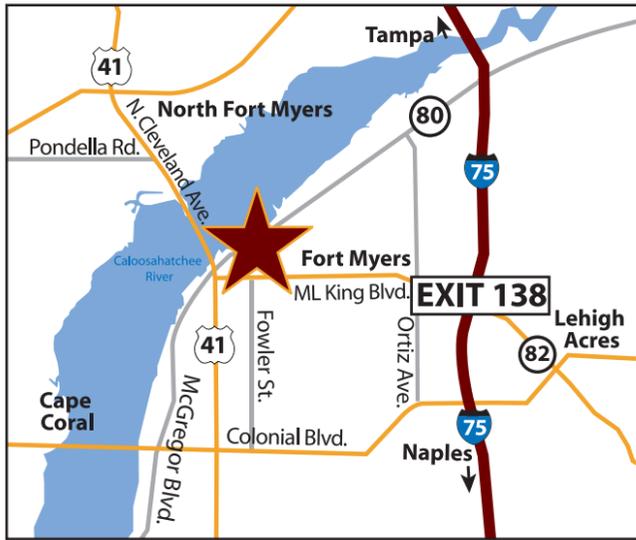
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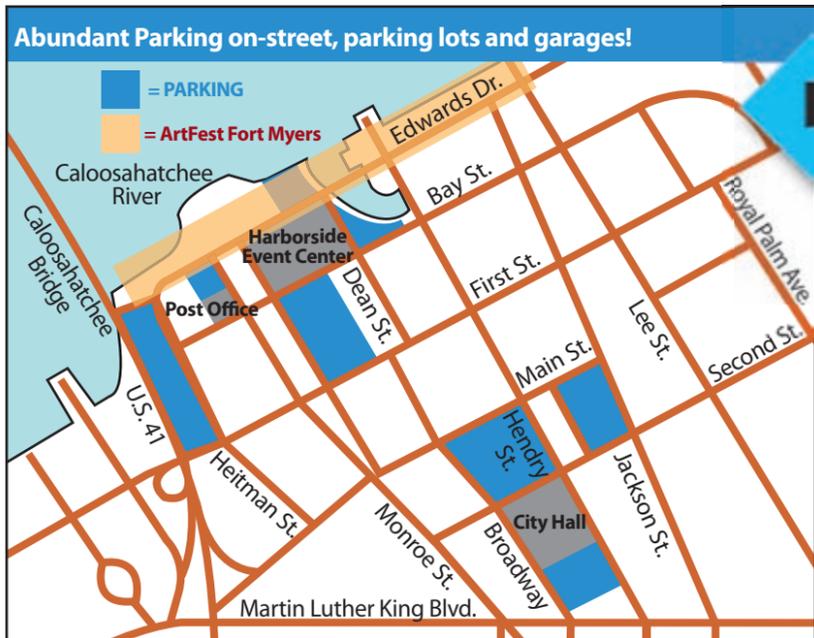
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The **Publix Run to the Arts** isn't just a race, it's a full morning of fun that kicks off Sunday at ArtFest Fort Myers with exceptional art, entertainment, and children's art activities.

Sunday, February 7th
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Race starts at 8:15 a.m.
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Internationally acclaimed artist Edgardo Carmona chose Fort Myers as the place for his first sculpture exhibit in North America. JAXI Builders who is creating Allure, a new luxury riverfront condominium in the River District, brought this monumental public art exhibit to Fort Myers.

Allure Your Senses features 23 sculptures by Carmona that symbolize common everyday life. Working with City of Fort Myers Public Art Committee and ArtFest Fort Myers, this exhibit represents the best of public/private dedication to public art that enriches a community.

Carmona combines his work as a machine and steel building designer with artistic sensitivity to create sculptures of iron weighing 200 pounds to 1,200 pounds and standing 7 to 10 feet tall.

Since 2003, Carmona's artwork has been exhibited in South America, Germany and an 18-city tour of Europe. His works are on permanent display around the world.

Edgardo Carmona was born in Cartagena in 1950. He studied mechanical engineering and business administration as well as fine arts, painting and sculpture.

For more information visit: AllureLuxuryCondominiums.com and click on Art Exhibit.

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- An opportunity for 19 local Arts Organizations to showcase their programs; FREE tents and stage time for organizations ranging from Florida Rep Theatre to the Gulf Shore Ballet.

Why the arts matter in education...

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ArtFest Fort Myers impacts the arts and art education in Southwest Florida.

\$225,000 to art education
50,000 youth impacted by our funding
650,000 people have attended
3,200 artists have participated

Continue the conversation with us.

What is your passion for arts education? Get more info on ArtFest festival and programs!

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For 15 years, ArtFest Fort Myers has supported art education year-round in many diverse ways:

Art Under 20

High School Exhibit & Competition.
3,450 high school students.

Chalk Block

High School competition challenging students to learn the Italian tradition of street painting, with the help of professional adult chalk artists mentors.
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Art Carts @ Lee Memorial Health System Arts in Health Care

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After School Art Clubs

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Well maintained 3 bed 2 bath, custom built in 1990, unique property extends to the other side of the street as well.
\$379,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI036558.

LABELLE



OPEN SAT 10-2

4960 Fort Denaud Rd

Stunning Riverfront
Boater's dream awaits.
1-866-657-2300

\$369,900
800FM004412.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed Brighton Model
A beauty only one like this.
1-866-657-2300

\$359,900
800FM002919.

CAPE CORAL



OPEN SAT 12-3

1305 SE 23rd Ter

Gulf Access 3/2 Pool Home
Heated, salt water pool, Jacuzzi & pool bath. Concrete dock w/captain's walk& seawall. Assessments paid.
1-866-657-2300

\$349,000
800CC002960.

CAPE CORAL



OPEN SAT 1-4

11318 Royal Tee Cir

Florida Living at its Finest! Cape Royal
3/2/2 Pool home in Cape Royal 27 hole, gated golfing community. Home has a over-sized lanai over looking the golf course.
1-866-657-2300

\$338,500
800CC004161.

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Gated Island Acres
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home in exclusive gate community, formal dining, living and family rooms, private lake.
1-866-657-2300

\$325,000
888PI044190.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Direct Gulf Access
Bring your boat! Charming 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage - waterfront pool home.
1-866-657-2300

\$300,000
800FM003695.

LEHIGH ACRES



OPEN SUN 1-4

4563 Diploma Ct.

Charming Big Home in Lehigh Acres
Come see this extraordinary charming home with an open floor plan and a breathtaking panoramic view! 4 bed/3 bath.
1-866-657-2300

\$300,000
800FM060275.

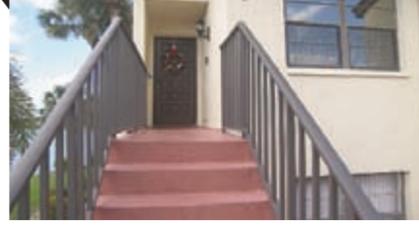
CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access
Minutes to the river! This 3/3 pool home is located in one of Cape Coral's highly desirable communities. Move in ready.
1-866-657-2300

\$299,900
800CC004555.

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.
1-866-657-2300

\$289,900
800CC036395.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Welcome To Paradise!
You will feel like you are on vacation in this 4 bed 2 bath 1 car garage pool home. Lots of room here with over 2200 sq.ft.
1-866-657-2300

\$285,000
800CH220245.

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Cherry Estates
Perfectly maintained home with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, home office and wide open floor plan.
1-866-657-2300

\$279,000
800PI060162.

FORT MYERS



Practically Maintenance Free!
2/2. Enjoy the care free 55+ lifestyle of Pelican Preserve w/privacy of a home but without the work.
1-866-657-2300

\$269,900
800CC073629.

LEHIGH ACRES



Only 4 Bedroom House In Gated Community
This is a steal for the price 4 bed 2 bath home in the gated community of West Minster Golf & Tennis Club-low HOA fees.
1-866-657-2300

\$265,900
800BS057670.

NAPLES



Preserve View In The Heart Of Naples!
Open floor plan, 15-foot ceilings, crown molding, impact windows, large/open kitchen, and (2) large owners closets.
1-866-657-2300

\$262,900
800CC052034.

FORT MYERS



Located in Desirable Gated Community
Great four bed /two bath home in desirable Silverlakes in Gateway. Eat in kitchen, formal dining & living room.
1-866-657-2300

\$259,500
800FM038140.

FORT MYERS



2 Bed 2 Bath Beauty Estero
Beautiful 1 bedroom/2 bath
1-866-657-2300

\$259,000
800FM066161.

CAPE CORAL



Rare Find
Quality built 3/2/2 pool home with 1,993 living area is a delight to show. Great room concept floor plan and more!
1-866-657-2300

\$249,900
800CC004603.

PUNTA GORDA



3/2/2 Pool Home in Burnt Store Isles
Affordable price in desirable Burnt Store Isles. A bit of TLC will make this a dream home!
1-866-657-2300

\$249,894
800CH202728.

CAPE CORAL



4 Bedroom pool home near middle school
Beautiful 4 bedroom, salt solar pool near school, open family/ kitchen plan.
1-866-657-2300

\$249,000
800CC071435.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 4 Bedroom in Cape Coral
Pride of ownership is evident in this spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Cambria Quartz counters. Move in ready.
1-866-657-2300

\$245,000
800LE000067.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Villa Home
2/2/with den and 2 car garage in Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club.
1-866-657-2300

\$245,000
800FM061426.

FORT MYERS



Villa In Vines Country Club w/Golf Course View
Located in the Fairway Bend Village section. This is an Estate Sale. Needs TLC but in solid condition. 2/2 + den.
1-866-657-2300

\$224,900
800CC058814.

CAPE CORAL



Nice 3/2/2 pool -Wide Canal near Hospital
Western exposure for great sunsets and warm pool. Convenient location near Cape Coral Hospital & more!
1-866-657-2300

\$220,000
800CC003954.

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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



Unique, Upscale, Turnkey Condo, Rose Garden Area
Stunning, colorful renovated & totally unique Old Florida/Caribbean theme. Turnkey 2 bed/2 bath overlooking gardens, & parks.
\$196,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC004414.

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.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Large Family Home
This 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home has over 2300 sq.ft. of living space. Split floor plan, open kitchen with center island.
\$184,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH220418.

BOKEELIA



Pine Island Ridge
3 bedroom 2 bath home on a double lot, shed and small back building, open back porch, updated kitchen.
\$180,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI037872.

LEHIGH ACRES



Florida Style!!! Single Family Home
Lehigh Acres home in a corner lot built in 2006, fenced backyard, lush landscape including Royal Palms and Sabal Palms!
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM002404.

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



Well Maintained and Move In Ready!
Open, spacious home with arched front windows, newer roof and large yard. City water and sewer in and paid.
\$170,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC004337.

CAPE CORAL



1st Floor Condo - Gulf Access
2 bed/2 bath waterfront condo. Community pool, spa/bbq area. Extra storage unit outside. Convenient location in SW Cape.
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC005184.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious 3/2/2 Pool Home Located in W Lehigh
This spacious 3/2/2 pool home has a split floor plan. Large master suite with an open master bath, jetted tub & stall shower.
\$165,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE051359.

LEHIGH ACRES



Own A Brand New Home
Many great features in this lovely home that was completed in 2015. Only been lived in for a few months.
\$162,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC004662.

LEHIGH ACRES



Ready To Move In
3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage single family home. Spacious dead end street. A Must See!
\$150,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE003254.

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.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful and Move In Ready Condo
1 bed/1 bath/ car garage. Walking distance to Coconut Point Mall!!!
\$140,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM005541.

CAPE CORAL



Move In Today & Enjoy The SW Florida Lifestyle!
Walk/bike to Cape Harbour from this 2 bedroom 2 bathroom condominium in SW Cape Coral. New paint and tile throughout.
\$134,995
1-866-657-2300 800CC004461.

NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Affordable Condo
Located between Naples & Marco Island. Awesome community with great pools and landscaping. Convenient to shop/beaches.
\$134,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA068979.

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.

CLEWISTON



Beautiful 3/2 Wood Frame Home on 1.25 Acres w/Barn
This 3/2 home is a must see. Spacious living room with an attached dining area. Freshly remodeled kitchen.
\$129,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE069682.

CAPE CORAL



Still Affordable living!
3 bedroom 2 bath concrete block home. Carport, fenced in yard and tile throughout.
\$129,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC004313.

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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.
\$125,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI060796.

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.

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Million Dollar Views
Schooner Bay property! Enjoy sunsets and river views from your private lanai. Quiet riverfront complex.
\$119,900
800CC004704.
1-866-657-2300

MOORE HAVEN



Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre
Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Near shop, motorhome carport, green house.
\$112,000
800LE025946.
1-866-657-2300

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3/2/2 Home Centrally Located
Great location!! 3 miles from Walmart, and close total central shopping!! New 2015 roof, flooring fresh paint in/out.
\$103,900
800LE068533.
1-866-657-2300

FORT MYERS



2 Bed 1 Bath-Incredible with Major Renovations
Located minutes from Edison Mall, Lee Tran, Fort Myers High School! Quick access to US-41 and much more!
\$99,900
800FM004093.
1-866-657-2300

PORT CHARLOTTE



Sail Boat Water-Retirement Heaven!
Charming, well maintained mobile home on 2 corner lots. Furnished, move-in ready!
\$99,900
800CH213800.
1-866-657-2300

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
800NA063544.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Ground Floor Condo
Remodeled. This super spacious 1/1 condo is in a perfect location. Fully furnished! A great winter home.
\$69,900
800CC021232.
1-866-657-2300

PORT CHARLOTTE



Plaza View 1/1 + Bonus Room
No age restrictions, 1 small pet allowed for owners & tenants. Newly resurfaced community pool. Located on a freshwater canal.
\$54,000
800CH219454.
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BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful Bonita Springs Home-Gated Community
Beautiful 3/4 custom salt water pool home in Bonita Lakes. Open floor plan w/soaring ceilings throughout.
\$948,995
800BS002720.
1-866-657-2300

FORT MYERS



Riverfront Estate Home in Verandah
Custom built, riverfront estate home located on one of the most desirable lots in Verandah. Enjoy the sunset.
\$879,000
800FM004441.
1-866-657-2300

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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
800PI065239.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Home
Better than new construction. Right across from Cape Harbour Marina 3/2/2 pool home.
\$849,000
800CC025565.
1-866-657-2300

FORT MYERS



5550 Harborage Drive
Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! Wow!
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more!
\$845,000
800CC016561.
1-866-657-2300

FORT MYERS



Gulf Access Pool Home
Home in prestigious Whiskey Creek!! Double cul-de-sacs on perhaps the best street in WC!
\$795,000
800FM002544.
1-866-657-2300

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.
\$745,000
800CC024756.
1-866-657-2300

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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.
\$699,000
800PI046750.
1-866-657-2300

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.
\$675,000
800BS044296.
1-866-657-2300

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
800CC059643.
1-866-657-2300

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
800CH216378.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath w/Direct Sailboat Access
This amazing 3,500 sq.ft. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms-this house has it all!
\$649,900
800CC034353.
1-866-657-2300

