Florida politics take center stage this week

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The power and responsibility borne by Florida legislators who jumped into a new and early legislative session last week is evident in the numbers.

The Sunshine State now includes about 20 million residents, roughly the population of the United States when Florida joined the union on March 3, 1845, just about the time the now historic capitol building in Tallahassee was completed.

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Florida Gov. Rick Scott, right, addresses a joint session of the Florida Legislature during his State of the State address in Tallahassee on Jan. 12.

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EAST COAST: Meteorologists predict calm weather along Florida’s east coast from Homestead north to the Bay of Okeechobee this week.

Conditions are expected to remain favorable for sunbathing on the region’s popular Atlantic beaches in Homestead, Kendall, Westchester, Cold Springs, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade, with good boating and fishing over the condo house reefs in the shallow, 50-foot waters topping South Beach, Miami Beach, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Jupiter.

WEST COAST: On Florida’s west coast, however, officials advise some caution, as waters will be rougher along beaches in Golden Gate, Ave Maria, Lehigh Acres, LaBelle and Arcadia. Fishing and treasure hunting — the popular new sport embraced by the annual 18 million Acres, LaBelle and Arcadia, Boca Ratón, Lake Worth, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach and Jupiter.

ORLANDO and the SOUTHEAST: Snow flurries are expected in Tampa, Orlando and points north starting today, with accumulations of 3 to 5 feet in the Panhandle and south Georgia and 10 to 12 feet from Atlanta north. Driving conditions will be poor.

NORTHEAST: The region once known as New England, in what officials formerly called the northeastern United States, remains submerged beneath 350 feet of fresh snow, although spring floods from the polar ice cap that finally melted completely last year are expected to reduce snow pack, officials say, possibly revealing the tops of buildings in such former cities as Boston, New York and Philadelphia for the first time in 16 years.

Officials have offered no reports from Buffalo and Montreal northward since the year 2041. No one has been to the place they used to call Canada and no one wants to go, they acknowledged.

MIDWEST: Conditions are expected to be normal this week, with rainfall returning for the first time since 2055 and farmers — those who can remember how it has been washed away or buried.

FAR WEST: Weather remains somewhat stormy this week along the Pacific beaches from Boise to Salt Lake City to Phoenix. Although recreational boating is impossible, officials say the annual International Suicide Surfing Convention is expected to convene in Las Vegas on Friday.

Weather officials say surfers from New Zealand, Tibet, Nepal and the newer Mediterranean seafront surfing communities, especially the Surfing World’s 3.7 million former Syrian refugees, will have ideal conditions for gambling along the Vegas beaches.

WESTERN BOUNDARY: The weather is expected to average 200 to 300 feet, and the likelihood of survival is optimistically rated at about .005 percent.

WEATHER ANALYSIS: Ponce de Rubio, a Weather Service climatologist, provides this week’s guest analysis from Clewiston, courtesy of the Koch Brothers News and Weather Service located in Wichita.

The grandson of the late Florida senator and 20-time presidential aspirant Marco Rubio — a famously ardent climate-science denier who disappeared in a flood that consumed west Miami, his hometown, in the 2030s — Mr. Rubio noted that no scientific proof exists of manmade weather changes because most of it has been washed away or buried.

“He can’t know," he said. "And frankly, it hurts business to make claims that haven’t been proven. Florida’s economy is on the upswing, and even though the distance from the gulf beaches to the Atlantic beaches now only averages about 23 miles in the Sunshine State, we have to utilize every inch to make money from this paradise we all love so much and want to protect.”

Mr. Rubio agreed that questioning what happened is natural on the part of citizens. But he insisted the weather is also natural, a purely organic and therefore very healthy condition of a naturally tempestuous planet.

“Sure, people wonder why there’s snow along the Amazon, or why it’s 80 degrees and sunny at the North Pole one day and 400 below zero the next, but that’s natural,” he said.

“Everything is natural — you’re natural, the weather is natural, and I’m natural, too.

“I can tell you what Grandpa Rubio told me when I was a small boy back in the teens and ’20s, because it’s still true, naturally.

“Ponce, you can take this to the bank,” he’d say, putting me on his knee. “Severe weather changes happen simply because God wants them to happen. And they happen probably about every 12,000 years or so, whenever there’s a new Ice Age and He questions our behavior because 9 or 10 billion people kept driving cars with internal combustion engines for about 50 years after they knew better. That’s what grandpa told me.

“And all these naysayers who claim otherwise? They’ve always reminded me of the surgeon generals they used to have back then. They were always spouting off about how smoking by pregnant women could result in fetal injury, premature birth and low birth weight — about lung cancer this and lung cancer that.

“But that was just a lot of hot air. And that is just a lot more hot air, nowadays. That’s all it is. Hot, hot, hot — very hot — air.”

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Ted Cruz Is Nixon, not Goldwater

But Cruz is cut from roughly similar cloth. He wears his ambition on his sleeve and is highly charismatic or at least relatable. If Cruz wins the nomination, it’ll be on the strength of intelligence and willpower. He’ll have outworked, outsmarted and outmaneuvered everyone else.

Certainly, Cruz isn’t ascending on the basis of warm feelings from his colleagues. Cruz portrays his unpopularity within the Senate as establishment dishes out the welcome mat to a lonely man of principle. But that’s a genuine personal dislike.

Not that Cruz cares. In fact, a key to what he has been able to achieve is his apparent immunity to the reflexive desire to be liked by people around you, a virtue to which almost all of us fall prey. Cruz is free of the peer pressure that typically makes all senators, at least those in team play.

Cruz is a Republican, although with considerable flexibility. When Rand Paul seemed to be on the ascendency a couple of years ago, Cruz was a Republican with Paulite accents. When Donald Trump began to dominate, Cruz became a Republican with Trumpian tendencies.

Cruz penned an op-ed with Paul last April that was a ringing start to the argument for trade-promotion authority.

evil” labels but shows that the same person can be sometimes be a victim, sometimes a victimizer.” He observed most of the movie’s characters survive with their moral depravity intact—“Not happier, not calmer, not even wiser, but better.” It was a lot to hang your hat on and the film’s message, it seemed, was all for naught.

Some labeled the film overly naïve, an urban fairy tale full of banalities. Others had a different reaction to the film’s theme that bigotry can be a form of concept. He didn’t find believable the film’s premise that bigotry can be a misguided expression of hate and anger by a good person bullied out of a bad day at the office.

What Scott judged a decade ago as “overwrought and implausible” is not the affective it once seemed—life is now imitating art.

The campaign season has pulled back the curtain on a reality where one’s personal bigotry is elevated to a starring role on a national stage, and absent moral constraints. Prejudice of all stripes is on exhibit and alarmingly immune to the lies white America tells itself about the status of equity and opportunity for African-Americans.  

But Cruz has major vulnerabilities. He’s more ideologically defined than George W. Bush in 2000 or Barack Obama in 2008, and his current theory of the general election is to think what he has to do to beat him better know what’s he’s doing — because Cruz certainly does.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

An American nightmare

If you were asked to name the movie that won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2006, it might be a stretch. However, you might recall that one of the films competing for top awards that year was “Crash.”

The film produced shock and awe among American audiences unprepared for gay cowboys kissing passionately. The film called “Breakback Mountain” received wide critical acclaim, it won only a single Oscar, for Best Original Score.

Best Picture that year went to “Crash.” It also took top honors for Best Original Screenplay and Best Film Editing. Though it enjoyed modest box office success, many film critics, with the exception of Roger Ebert, judged the film an underperforming pick.

He declared “Crash” the best movie made in 2005 and predicted in advance of the awards it would be named Best Picture. To some, it was a surprising choice. “Crash” is set in modern Los Angeles. It tells the story of multiple characters whose lives intersect with explosive results, encounters made dangerous and deadly by the race, class and ethnic tensions at the city’s core.

It’s all two white cops, one good, one bad; a black detective and his criminal brother; a white, elitist D.A. and his socialite wife; a Persian and Hispanic immigrant pursuing the American Dream; and a black professional and his wife subjected to racial profiling.

Each character’s story is told as a parable revealing the dual sides of their singular characters, side sympathetic, the other, abhorrent.

Ebert lauded the movie, saying it “doesn’t assign simplistic ‘good and
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As the only Center for Blindness and Vision Loss in Collier County, Lighthouse of Collier has the mission to foster independence among the community’s estimated 34,000 local children and adults who are blind and visually impaired.

In the one years that she has served the organization as executive director, Robin Goldstone Garcia has established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County, increased total income, expanded existing programs, increased community outreach and enrollment in children’s programs, added a caregiver support program and a brown bag lunch series and established a program for blind infants.

“She is truly a beacon of light for our community and Lighthouse of Collier,” says Kathleenn Peck, a co-founder of the nonprofit and a member of its board of directors.

Robin’s son is the reason she initially contacted Lighthouse of Collier. Andrew, now 27, was born hearing impaired and at the age of 12 developed an eye condition called retinitis pigmentosa. Robin first became involved with Lighthouse as a volunteer, wanting to gain a better understanding of the services Lighthouse provided specifically for her son. She also wanted the opportunity to give back to the community in hopes that her family’s experiences and her son’s experiences could assist others through their support and advocacy efforts.

“Being the executive director of Lighthouse of Collier is very personal to me,” she says. “I completely understand the difficulties and challenges my son and our family face day to day, and I want to make a difference in the lives of others just like our own.”

Robin grew up in Geneva, N.Y., and attended the State University of New York at Oswego, where her favorite classes were associated with her psychology degree. “Life and learning, despite his disability, is a motivated and enthusiastic and continues to learn to live and thrive in a sighted world.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: The Paradise Coast has everything it really needs. Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The generosity of the people who live here.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I’m away: My Mom. You’re never really too old to miss your mom, are you?!

Talking points with Robin Goldstone Garcia

Mentor: My father is my personal hero and mentor. He cherished times and not things — time with his friends, time with his family and the times he was able to help others. He may not have been a doctor or a lawyer, but he was by far the smartest person I knew and would always offer advice and suggestions that were best for me.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A psychologist. . . I went to school for psychology because I loved learning about it and for business because I thought I needed it to succeed. Both were good choices.

What would you be doing if you weren’t doing this? I would be a financial advisor focused mainly on assisting families to plan for their financial future. I would be independently wealthy. I would have an animal rescue organization and an organic farm.

High school job: I was “queen of scoops” in an ice cream shop.

Guilty pleasures: Ice cream every day and vacations twice a year.

Next vacation: Maui. My son, husband and I go every year for several reasons — the beauty, the clean air, the snorkeling — but the most important is to have uninterrupted quality time together. It’s amazing what can be learned without distractions of everyday living.

One thing on your bucket list: To own a bed and breakfast.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could sing and play the piano.

What makes you laugh? The cartoon “2St” and the sitcom “The Goldbergs.” Both hit close to home.


Something you’ll never understand: Why some people think it’s OK to take advantage of others. I’ve never understood how those people sleep at night.

Pet peeves: Weeds, clutter and telemarketers.

What are you most proud of? I am most proud of my son. Being hearing and visually impaired does not hold him back. . . He is not only independent, but takes the initiative to improve himself, improve his career and keep

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the House are also proposing
$1 billion tax cut in the bud-
get.
The governor’s plan includes
higher gross sales tax on
commercial leases, the elimi-
nation of sales tax on new manu-
f acturing equipment, and a
$250 million bucket fund
to encourage businesses to
locate in Florida.

Among other goals, the gov-
ernor has proposed spending
more money on digital educa-
tion and on support for students,
bring-
ing the total spent on it up to $737 billion.

Although that figure represents
the highest dollar amount ever spent
on public education per student, as
the governor has proclaimed — it’s $50 more
than Gov. Charlie Crist’s $7,126
his for 2010. It would have amounted to about $8,380 in 2016,
fol-
owing an average annual inflation rate of 3.1%.

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R, District 30:  

"My personal goals include, first and foremost, testing the backlog of rape kits that exist, some 3,000 across the state that have been unstated for years. "These are from victims, and we will no longer accept that they have to wait six years or more. "Clearing that backlog comes with a significant price tag: we estimate $30 million. But we’ll find a way to do it. I have a bill going forward to make sure evidence is submitted within 30 days from now on, to make sure this never happens again. "Also, Rep. Dane Eagle and I have a suicide awareness bill, which provides teachers across every spectrum the training to identify this, and save some lives. "Another important one to me is changing the practice of some insurance companies. It’s been discovered that they were taking money for premiums and if a policy holder passed and their beneficiary knew they were the rightful owner of funds, they paid the claim. "But in many cases the beneficiary does not know their name, and companies did not pay rightful claims. Nationwide, about $5 billion went to the right people, and in Florida alone $300 million was returned to beneficiaries, from 20 companies. "My bill will catch in the process all those other companies that were not part of those settlements but are holding funds, because beneficiaries don’t know they’re beneficiaries. That’s not right.”

Rep Matt Hudson,  
R, District 10b:  

"As we move forward, expect to see a very lively debate about the House’s proposal of a $1 billion tax cut. "Additionally, we’ll see a lot of discussion around the governor’s gaming compact with the Seminoles. "And there will be a great deal of discussion about fulfilling our transportation work plan and making our transportation strong — everything surrounding the concept of keep Florida growing, and growing correctly."

Rep. Ken Roberson,  
R, District 75:  

"A couple of issues are personally important to me. One is a bill that came out of my committee last year, and is re-filed again. We want to encourage direct primary care where somebody can contract with a local doctor for direct care, for a monthly fee, even though it’s not considered an insurance policy. "We’re trying to think outside the box to do things that allow us to expand health care and address the costs. "Another bill I’m doing is aimed at eliminating creation approval fees that some counties and medical examiners are charging citizens when they prefer cremation. Fifty-three percent of us want to be cremated, and in such counties as Glades, Hendry and Lee, people are charged $50. It’s higher in Broward and even higher in Miami-Dade. That shouldn’t happen."

Rep. Pat Rooney,  
R, District 63:  

"On the immigrant issues: Two or three years ago, I voted to give immigrants in-state tuition. From a business point of view, it’s a good idea, and allowing them to participate I thought was important. I want to encourage people to be the best they can be, because they will help the state in the long term. "But with the environment we’re in right now — with everything going on in the world — immigrant issues are different. "The House and Senate will be wary about doing much with immigration for this election year. But that doesn’t mean something can’t pop up. "I would suspect, because it’s an election year and because of the political climate, that those super-charged issues might get a foot in the door; they might get a committee or two to hear them and then set them aside for future years. "But I wouldn’t expect something like that to be presented to the governor for a signature now.”

Rep. Matt Caldwell,  
R, District 79:  

"I’m encouraging our office of EDR — of Economic and Demographic Research — to annually produce a report that outlines commitments and agreements the legislature made. To try to distill that into one report that says, ‘Here are all our commitments’ and ‘Here are all our accomplishments’. "Our budget this coming year is in the $79 billion range, and the governor has proposed $1 billion in tax cuts. I’m supportive of the manufacturing retail sales tax cut. "One of the things I’m interested in is civil asset forfeiture, where law enforcement seizes assets related to criminal activity — most people picture the drug dealers, the Corvette. But the current law doesn’t require law enforcement to make an arrest or get a conviction necessarily. So law enforcement isn’t enamored of this, but it’s the right thing to do, to change that.”

Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen,  
R, District 78:  

“One of the biggest issues in Florida is water quality and I’m a co-sponsor of the Legacy Florida bill. "It would provide dedicated long-term funding for Everglades restoration projects, which would include our Caloosahatchee. (The amount would be $200 million over 10 years, with $300 million designated for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, or CERP projects.) "The Legacy Fund would make sure those dollars are specifically designated for the Everglades — the money would be put toward completion of existing and new projects on the drawing board to help fix the Everglades. "We shouldn’t have to fight for each and every project. As we can prioritize our projects based on what would be the most effective way to complete them.”

Sen. Garrett Richter,  
R, District 23:  

"Three things. First, I want to continue to advance our tort reform. There is an industry of certain lawyers that take advantage of well-intended consumer protection laws to reap huge financial rewards for themselves rather than the consumer. These attorneys collect hundreds of thousands of dollars from insurance companies while the consumer gets a relatively small settlement. Insurance companies take risk and losses into consideration when establishing rates that all consumers pay for insurance. Lawyers that make these huge profits take money out of the pockets of all Floridians by causing higher premiums. I want to curtail this activity. "Second, I believe we need to properly regulate the oil and gas industry. We do not need to shut them down. As a country, we need to become energy independent. That means we should encourage and support all opportunities to increase our energy sources — such as, wind, solar, waste, oil and natural gas. The legislature can’t stop technology but it can regulate technology advances. "I’m talking about fracking. I do not support a permanent ban on oil exploration and extraction in Florida. Oil has been extracted from the ground in Florida for over 60 years. Advances in technology, such as fracking, need to be safe. In order to ensure that, it needs to be properly regulated. Today, it is not. A priority for me is to establish a specific permitting process through the DEP, to initiate a scientific study of the geology and hydrology in Florida in order to provide DEP scientific facts to create rules to go along with specific permitting. The legislation also increases fines and bonding requirements and it increases the regulatory powers to do more thorough background checks on companies, and to act accordingly. "This bill also establishes a moratorium on fracking until the study is completed and the Department of Environmental Protection has developed and adopted the rules. "Third, I want to successfully advocate for the re-establishment of funding for the Collier County Accelerator. This accelerator funding got caught up in the political fallout last session. This is a very successful economic engine for Southwest Florida, recruiting over a dozen companies from France and Hungary and Finland. These companies are creating new positions and creating new business."

Rep. Dane Eagle,  
R, District 77:  

"House Bill 1299 relates to public assistance and makes several revisions to the Temporary Aid to Needy Families program to encourage work, focus aid to the truly needy by strengthening eligibility and reduce waste, fraud and abuse. "This bill will help eliminate fraud and ensure that tax dollars are only being spent on the truly needy — not those trying to manipulate the system or that are able to support themselves. We need to bridge the gap to self-sufficiency instead of perpetuating government dependence. "Also filed for the 2016 Session is HB 1305 which will help get epinephrine auto-injectors into schools where they are needed most by children who may suffer from life-threat reactions. Experts have estimated that one out of 13 children in the United States has a food allergy. Under the provisions of HB 1305, public and private schools would have the option to receive epinephrine auto-injectors for free or at reduced prices.”  

(from a press release)
It’s OK if you haven’t been paying attention — if perhaps a few elections have passed you by and maybe you’ve fallen behind. Names have changed, and you’re just not sure anymore who exactly your representative and senator in the Florida Legislature are. It happens to the best of us. This could be the year, however, where you jump back on the wagon, hone in on an issue or two that you want to follow and pay attention to the votes that are being cast in your name.

The state makes it easier than ever to track how your representatives and senators vote. It’s called the online legislative voting system and it’s accessible through the Florida Legislature's website at leg.state.fl.us. There, you can register to receive email alerts when your legislators are voting and where bills end up. Use our color-coded maps, then follow through with online tools accessible at leg.state.fl.us.
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Garden lecturer knows history of botanical gardens

Naples Botanical Gardens presents “A Personal History of Botanical Gardens: The Good, the Bad and the Bizarre” from 204 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Kapnick Hall in the Chab-raja Visitor Center. Guest speaker Mike Maunder is associate dean for research engagement in the College of Arts and Sciences and Florida International University and also interim director of The Kampong and co-director of the Tropical Conservation Institute.

Mr. Maunder’s work has spanned the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the National Tropical Botanical Garden and Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. He brings his experience with international botanical gardens to the forefront in this lecture featuring those that have played a profound role in human history and how that relevance to society is increasingly being recognized. He will present a personal tour of some of the world’s most interesting and odd gardens and the personalities and events that have created them, from ancient Egypt to the European renaissance to the colonial period to today. This is the history of the world as interpreted by a gardener and a botanist.

Admission is $15 for Garden members, $20 for others. Reservations are required. To sign up or for more information, call the Garden at 643.7275 or email agrace@naplesgarden.org. ■

Fiddlin’ around at Tigertail Beach on Marco Island

BY KENNETH KUBAT
Special to Florida Weekly

It’s a warm, sunny day. You decide to visit Tigertail Beach, and it’s low tide when you arrive. You look to the north, toward Hideaway Beach, and see what appears to be a red carpet covering the sands. But it’s a special sort of carpet, as it’s constantly in motion.

As you get closer, the carpet disappears. You realize it was an illusion created by the massing of hundreds of fiddler crabs, which scurried into their burrows as you approached. If you remain very still, the crabs will eventually emerge from their burrows and resume their normal activities of looking for food and looking for love.

The crabs with the large claws are the males of the species. The purpose of the large claw is mainly to attract a female. If a female shows interest, the male will enter his burrow and drum against the side of it with his claw; if the female enters, they will mate and then the male will seal the burrow with a plug of sand. The female will clutch the fertilized eggs to her abdomen for about two weeks until the next spring tide opens the burrow, at which time the female will deposit the eggs into the water of the lagoon. (A spring tide occurs at a new moon and a full moon, when the sun, moon and earth are aligned, causing an extra-high high tide and an extra-low low tide due to increased gravitational pull.)

Some of the eggs will wind up as a snack for one of the many forms of life in the lagoon. (An average tide occurs at the new and full moons, when the sun, moon and earth are aligned, causing an average high tide and an average low tide due to increased gravitational pull.)

The female is now ready to mate again. If a male should happen to lose his large claw, perhaps as a result of a conflict with another male, the remaining small claw will become a large claw. The lost claw will grow back, but will then be the small claw. The same is true for stone crabs, which is why commercial crabbers only take one claw, and then return the animals to the water to grow new ones.

The next time you’re at Tigertail Beach, take a look at an individual fiddler crab’s burrow. You’ll see two types of sand pellets near the entrance: larger dark pellets and much smaller white pellets. The dark pellets are the sand the crab has excavated to make the burrow; the white pellets are the sand the crab has sifted through its mouth, removed all the nutrients and spit out. Since the nutrients (the dark matter) have been removed, the sand is white again.

As you get closer, the carpet disappears. Life isn’t all sun and fun for these little creatures. They are a favorite food item for the Wilson’s plover, one of our year-round avian residents, whose sturdy blunt bill can break the crab’s shell in order to get at the meat inside. Another peril is the ibis, whose long, curved bill is well suited to probing in burrows for a tasty morsel. Unlike the Wilson’s plover, however, the ibis doesn’t break the shell but swallows the crab whole.

Fiddler crabs are just one of the many interesting species of plant and animal life to be found at Tigertail Beach. If you’re interested in learning more, guided tours start at 8:30 a.m. every Monday through March. No reservations are required. Bring binoculars and wear water shoes. ■

— Kenneth Kubat is a volunteer at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. For more information about the Conservancy’s mission to protect the area’s water, land, wildlife and future, visit conservancy.org. To learn about the Tigertail Beach walk and other free nature walks, go to conservancy.org/offsite/nature-walks.

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Fiddler crabs at Tigertail Beach on Marco.
Florida Native Plant Society
local chapter offers programs

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 in February and March:

- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Presentation at Naples Botanical Garden about “The Biology of Palms” by NBG herbarium curator George Wilder. Free.
- **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13:** Field trip to the CREW Cypress Dome Hiking Trail area – Led by Mike Duever, Jean McCollom and Aimée Leteux, 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.
- **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20:** Workshop at Naples Botanical Garden on using native plants as art. Presenters Brian Bovard, Brenda Thomas and Jean Roche will instruct participants on ways to preserve flowers and fern fronds using herbarium methods. $35 includes all materials. For reservations, call Ms. Roche at 597-7222 or email bjcrosel@comcast.net.
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8:** Presentation at Naples Botanical Garden about the diversity and management of the native plant communities at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Presenter Sally Stein, director of public programs at the sanctuary, will highlight several of the flowering plants that can be seen at the sanctuary this time of year. Free.
- **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12:** Field trip to Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary – Ms. McCollom, Maureen Bonness, Ms. Stein and Aimée Leteux will lead a ½-mile walk off the trail into pine flatwoods and wet prairie. Drive east on Immokalee Road 12 miles past Collier Boulevard to Sanctuary Road. Turn left onto Sanctuary Road and follow the paved road 1.6 miles to the sanctuary parking area. Meet in the Blair Audubon Visitor’s Center lobby.

In addition to regular admission to the sanctuary, cost for the field trip is $5 for those who are not members of the Native Plant Society. Be prepared to walk in shallow water. Wear closed-toed shoes; long pants recommended. Bring water to drink. Restrooms and snacks will be available. For reservations or more information, call Ms. McCollom at 289-4257 or email jeann@naples.net.

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Top five new cars to look forward to in 2016

While the snowbirds flock south to Florida in January, car people head to Detroit. The North American International Auto Show is our time to peek into the crystal ball to see what the automakers see in the future. There are plenty of dream cars with sheet metal that defies gravity, and vehicles that drive themselves home. But this event is also a time to showcase what will be arriving at your local dealer as soon as the next few months. The best part of all is that some of our daydreams will actually be a reality in 2016.

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Where there’s smoke, there could be a prescribed fire

Weather permitting, resource management staff at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will conduct prescribed fires Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21-22, commencing each day at 9 a.m. on Keewaydin Island as well as reserve lands south of Treviso Bay area and near Shell Island Road.

Residents of adjacent areas will see and possibly smell smoke from the fires, and motorists along Shell Island Road might be temporarily inconvenienced.

Rookery Bay staff works with the Florida Forestry Service, land managers and local fire departments to ensure the prescribed fires are conducted safely and are carefully monitored until extinguished.

Prescribed fires are only conducted when weather parameters are suitable. The final decision to burn is made daily, after reviewing the forecast for that day and after obtaining a burn authorization from the Florida Forest Service.

Prescribed burning mimics natural fire cycles to restore healthy forests and natural communities, reduce undergrowth that accumulates over time and decrease the potential for wildfire.

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They are simply “spats” designed to attract teenagers,” according to one university official — plus, state-of-the-art “training” complexes built by universities in the richest athletic conferences to entice elite 12-year-old athletes to come play for (and, perhaps, study at) their schools. The athletes themselves often participate in private housing and entertainment (theaters, laser tag, miniature golf!) — but, actually, the schools are in a $572-million-plus “arms race” (according to a December Washington-ton Post investigation) because soon after one school’s sumptuous, groundbreak- ing facility opens, some other school’s more-innovative facility renders it basically second-rate. And of course, as one univer-sity official put it, the “shiny objects” have “nothing whatsoever to do with the mis-sion of a university” (Donors and alumni provide much of the funding, but most schools by now also tap students’ “athletic fees.”)

Redneck chronicles

A geography class at Riverheads High School in Augusta County, Virginia, alarmed some parents in December when students were assigned to copy an Arabic script to experience its “artistic com-plexity.” However, the phrase the teacher presented for copying was the “shahada” (“There is no god but Allah”). District officials hypothesized that the birds’ apparent immunity from the dangers of constant head-slamming is because their neck is so flexible a prayer that hajj pilgrims speak when they journey to Mecca. (Wolvol said it would investigate.)

Latest religious messages

The most promising current concus-sion-prevention research comes from a study of ... woodpeckers (according to a December Business Week report). Scien-tists hypothesize that the birds’ apparent immunity from the dangers of constant head-slamming is because their neck veins naturally compress, forcing more blood into their craniums, thus limiting the dangerous “jiggle room” in which brains bang against the skull. A team led by a real-life doctor portrayed in the movie “Concussion” is working on a neck collar to slightly pinch the human jugular vein to create a similar effect. ■

Weird science

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Experts on climate change, water shine in ‘Moonlight on the Marsh’

Some of the world’s most distinguished experts on climate change, invasive species and global water issues share their knowledge during the 2016 Bernard and Susan Master “Moonlight on the Marsh” distinguished lecture series presented by Florida Gulf Coast University at Naples Botanical Garden.

All are welcome to attend the fourth annual series sponsored by FGCU’s Everglades Wetland Research Park. Admission is free. Programs take place in the FGCU’s Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Garden.

The Everglades Wetland Research Park is dedicated to research on the wise management of freshwater and coastal ecosystems of Southwest Florida and the Florida Everglades and to the protection and enhancement of wetlands and water resources worldwide.

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

■ Thursday, Jan. 28: “The Art and Science of Translating Ecosystem Services for Wetlands, Streams and Riparian Corridors,” by Robert Brooks, Ph.D., a professor of the research park. "Because our relationship with freshwater and coastal water environments is so vital in South-west Florida, these lectures offer valuable insight and solutions to problems we see around us.” Here’s the season’s lineup:


■ Thursday, March 3: “When Nature Bites Back: Solving the Budget-Busting Invasive Species Epidemic” by David Lodge, Ph.D., a professor of biological sciences at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario.

All lectures start at 7 p.m. Although admission is free, reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 325-1365.

Unprecedented: Pandora’s Box of Paradox in an Upside-Down Estuary,” by Evelyn Gaiser, Ph.D., executive director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society at Florida International University.

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Move over: It’s the law

January is AAA’s Move Over awareness month. The law requires passing motorists to give adequate space to law enforcement, emergency medical and roadside assistance personnel as well as sanitation and utility service vehicles that are stopped on the side of the road.

“This law is in place to protect the ones who protect us,” said Montrae Waiters of AAA. Violators are subject to a fine of up to $20 and three points on their driver’s license.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports that from 2012-14, crashes increased 41 percent and traffic citations increased 68 percent because motorists did not comply with the Move Over law. AAA offers these precautionary tips while driving on Florida’s roadways:

■ Two-lane roadway – When approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing parked on the side of a two-lane road, slow down to 20 mph BELOW the posted speed limit and approach with caution unless otherwise directed by an emergency worker on the scene.

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Family Health & Safety Fair
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The Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts a Family Health & Safety Fair from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Corkscrew Middle School in Golden Gate Estates.

CCSO has partnered with several local businesses and organizations to provide resources for families struggling due to economic hardship. Participating groups include the North Collier Fire Rescue, Bikes for Tykes, Collier County Emergency Medical Services, Florida Highway Patrol, Palmetto Ridge High School’s JROTC, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the NCH Healthcare System.

Deputies will also have the D.A.R.E. car, bounce house and rock climbing wall for young attendees to explore. Kids ages 5-12 can bring their bikes to participate in a free bike rodeo where they will learn how to ride safely. Helmets are required.

Refreshments will be available. Admission is free. For more information, call the CCSO substation in Golden Gate Estates at 252-9250.

Traffic deputies are on the road

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of Jan. 18-22:

**Monday, Jan. 25**
Thomasson Drive and Orchard Lane: Speeding

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Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Aggressive driving

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Tune up your driving skills at AARP class

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

Cost is $15 for AARP members, $20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 29**
Golden Gate Senior Center
18th Avenue S.W. and Sunset Road: Aggressive driving

**Monday, Feb. 15**
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; 596-6007.

**Thursday, Feb. 18**
Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; 774-9085.

All events take place in Naples
Goodwill institute seeks entrepreneurs for next MicroEnterprise class in Naples

The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute is seeking entrepreneurs for its next six-week class starting Monday, Jan. 25, at United Way headquarters in Naples. The institute is a training program to help emerging entrepreneurs start new ventures and grow small businesses. Graduates complete a business and management training course and work with mentors who are successful in business.

Nearly 200 program graduates have gone into business and now employ more than 180 people, Dorothy Brown says. "I bet you wish you could show your legs again!"

Wounded Warriors set to meet Collier County softball teams

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team takes on the North Collier Fire-Rescue Department and the Collier County Senior Softball League in a double-header at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the North Collier Regional Park. The opening ceremony at 5 p.m. will have a Collier County Fire-Rescue Honor Guard, fire trucks and the introduction of dignitaries.

Admission is free. The Naples Girls Softball Little League will collect donations at the gate to benefit the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to inspire and educate other amputees or those facing life challenges with their special brand of courage and determination. For more information, visit woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org.

The Collier County Senior Softball League was formed 24 years ago by Jim Kirby and Max Hunt. Today the league has more than 250 male and female players ranging in age from 50 to 80-plus. For more information, visit colliercountyseniorsoftball.org.

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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

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

TD Bank Naples hosts the 8th annual Bike, Brunch & Family Festival starting at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Lowdermilk Park with bike rides from 10 to 62 miles long, helmet decorating, a cycling rodeo, a walk down Fifth Avenue South, a dog parade, a bounce house and more. Brunch will be provided by Moe’s Southwest Grill.

Registration for various events ranges from $15 to $85. For more information or to register, call 777-7778 or visit naplespathways.org.

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

Lake Park Elementary School hosts its 31st annual walk-a-thon and silent auction Saturday morning, Feb. 20. The walk steps off from the school campus at 8 a.m. and proceeds through Naples Zoo. The fun continues with carnival games, food vendors and a silent auction. Admission is free. For more information, call 375-7200 or email mlfinman@gmail.com.

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

NAMI of Collier County hosts its 14th annual Believe Walk from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Cambier Park. Participants are encouraged to fundraise to support the organization’s efforts to help provide resources for local residents suffering from mental illness. For more information or to register a team, call 260-7300 or nami.org.

The third annual Pan-Florida Challenge for Hungry Kids cycling event takes off from Talis Park in Naples on Saturday, March 12, and finishes at CityPlace in West Palm Beach on Sunday, March 14. The 360-mile route stops overnight at the Roland Martin Fishing Resort on Lake Okeechobee. Registration is $50, with proceeds providing meals for hungry children in Florida. To sign up or for more information, call (561) 400-2712 or visit panfloradachallenge.org.
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Six years ago, NCH nurses requested a more prominent voice from the bedside, which evolved into “shared governance.” As a result of this “bottom-up” initiative and under the leadership of Chief Nursing Officer Michele Thoman, in 2013 we became the third health-care system in Florida to obtain the “Pathway to Excellence” designation, a steppingstone to Magnet designation, which requires at least 30 months of ranking in the top half of national metrics (compiled by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, and the Institute of Medicine). The designation is awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Associate Chief Nursing Officer Ilia Echevarria and Magnet program coordinator Millie Sattler are leading our Magnet application process and have ensured that our nursing corps is primed for the Magnet recognition. Today, we have more nurses than ever before who have earned bachelor’s degrees and/or are certified in their nursing specialty. In 2010, we had 146 RNs with bachelor’s degrees and now we have 272; in 2010, we had 61 certified RNs and now we have 314.

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Study links poor sleep in seniors to more severe arteriosclerosis

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Poor sleep quality in older people is associated with more severe arteriosclerosis in the brain as well as a greater burden of oxygen-starved tissue (infarcts) in the brain, both of which can contribute to the risk of stroke and cognitive impairment, according to the newest findings reported in the American Heart Association’s journal Stroke.

The relationship between cardiovascular disease and so-called “fragmented” sleep has been studied in the past, but this is the first study to look specifically for an association between sleep fragmentation and detailed microscopic measures of blood vessel damage and infarcts in autopsied brain tissue from the same individuals.

Fragmented sleep occurs when sleep is interrupted by repeated awakenings or arousals. In this study, sleep was disrupted on average almost seven times per hour.

Researchers examined autopsied brains of 315 people (average age 90, 70 percent women) who had undergone at least one full week of around-the-clock monitoring for rest or activity, from which sleep quality and circadian rhythms were quantified. In all, 29 percent of the patients had suffered a stroke, while 61 percent had signs of moderate to severe damage to their blood vessels in the brain.

Researchers found that greater sleep fragmentation was associated with 27 percent higher odds of having severe arteriosclerosis. Moreover, for each additional two arousals during one hour of sleep, researchers reported a 30 percent increase in the odds that subjects had visible signs of oxygen deprivation in their brain.

These findings were independent of other cardiovascular risk factors (body mass, smoking history, diabetes and hypertension, among others) or other medical conditions (Alzheimer’s disease, pain, depression, heart failure, etc.) researchers said.

“aration might impair the circulation of blood to the brain. Or poor circulation of blood to the brain might cause sleep fragmentation. Or both might be caused by another underlying risk factor, he said.

The findings suggest that sleep monitoring could be another way to identify seniors who might be at risk of stroke, but further work is needed to clarify several points, including whether brain blood vessel damage is a consequence or a cause of sleep fragmentation, and the role of specific contributors to sleep fragmentation such as sleep apnea and the underlying biological mechanisms.

— Co-authors are Lei Yu, Ph.D., and Drs. Julie Schneider, David Bennett and Aron Buchman, Bush University’s Alzheimer’s Disease Center and the Department of Neurological Sciences, Chicago. The National Institutes of Health, Canada’s Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research supported the study.
Downtown hospital renamed in honor of Patty and Jay Baker

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

In recognition of a recent eight-figure gift and previous financial contributions to NCH Healthcare System over many years, the downtown campus of NCH has been renamed NCH Baker Hospital in honor of longtime Neapolitans Patty and Jay Baker. “The Bakers have long been gracious and generous friends of the only non-profit health system in Collier County,” Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of NCH Healthcare System, said when the announcement was made during a brunch on Jan. 16. “With their cumulative gifts of more than $23 million, they clearly understand and support the need to provide quality, accessible health care in the community. We are pleased to name our downtown hospital for them.”

The Bakers have a long history of support of many organizations. “We are proud to support and allow our names on things we care so much about,” Mr. Baker, who served for several years on the hospital board of trustees, said at the brunch. Mrs. Baker added, “We carefully evaluate where our gifts can have the greatest impact, and NCH is an important asset and treasure in our community. No one can doubt that health care is one of the most valued services: We hope we don’t need it, but when we do, we want it to be the very best it can be.”

The couple’s most recent gift will allow NCH to elevate key programs in surgical services, geriatrics and palliative care. Their 2007 gift to the system provided the seed funding to build the North Naples hospital, where a waiting room bears their name. At the 2011 NCH Magazine’s North Naples hospital tower, which also provided the seed funding to build the downtown campus, she was looking for the ER security desk where she would obtain a badge as a brand-new NCH nurse. When I asked what particularly attracted her to NCH, she said it was our desire to achieve Magnet designation. Initiatives like Magnet help NCH attract the highest caliber caregivers. And that benefits a community that depends on us to help everyone in Southwest Florida live longer, happier and healthier lives.”

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

Scientists seek answers to the canine aging process and lifespan

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

How long do dogs live? I think we can all agree that it’s not nearly long enough. Canine lifespans vary from as short as 6 to 8 years for certain giant breeds to an astounding 20-plus years for some tiny dogs. Owners of small and medium-size dogs can generally expect their companions to live 10 to 15 years.

Diet, good care and genetics all play a role in the length of a dog’s life, but two researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle are hoping to learn more about how dogs age, as well as whether the aging process can be delayed and the lifespan lengthened. The Dog Aging Project (DAP), headed by Daniel Promislow, Ph.D., and Matt Kaeberlein, Ph.D., plans to track 10,000 dogs in homes around the United States to get a sense of how genetic and environmental factors affect aging in dogs.

As dogs — and humans and other ani- mals — age, organs and tissues break down, increasing the risk of age-related diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, Alzheimer’s disease and more. Age is a greater risk factor for these diseases than diet, weight and exercise.

“The big picture behind what we’re trying to do is to understand the aging process so we can delay the onset and progression of all these diseases,” Dr. Kaeberlein says. “It’s sort of a fundamental shift from the traditional medical approach, which is to wait until dogs — or people — are sick, "There’s been accumulating evidence over the past several years that not only do they live longer, but that the aging process itself is slowed down,” he says.

Of the 46 dogs whose owners have expressed interest in enrolling them in the Rapamycin study, only 26 so far have met the criteria to be included: at least 6 years old, weighing at least 40 pounds and with no pre-existing conditions. Among them are golden retrievers, German shepherds, French bulldogs, Golden Retrievers and mixed breeds.

In both studies, dogs are good subjects because their shorter lifespan allows scientists to see results in a decade or less. “If we had a large enough sample size, we could know in three years — certainly in five years — the extent to which Rapamycin improved healthy aging in dogs,” Dr. Promislow says. “And for a longitudinal study of age, where we want to follow dogs throughout life and understand the genetic or environmental factors that affect aging and disease in dogs, you can do that in a decade. That’s not possible in that timeframe in people.”

The eventual results could have implications for humans, but the dog-loving scientists say their research is about more than that. “We’re both determined to find ways to improve the quality of life for dogs,” Dr. Kaeberlein says. “This is not just about finding something that will help people. It might be good for dogs and their owners.”

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The plague has officially hit Southwest Florida, and it’s a doozy this time. Maybe it’s the weather. I mean, I think we can all agree that the weather these days has been insane — pretty much bipolar at best. One day, we’ve got tornados and storms whipping around and causing major havoc as we get dire “SEEK SHELTER NOW” texts from the National Weather Service. Then the next day, it’s clear with beautiful, sunny skies and temps in the 80s. But 24 hours later, we’re back to violent storms and tornados (“The wind began to switch, the house to pitch, and suddenly the hinges started to unhitch ...”) Again. Seriously, I’ve lived in these parts for 40 years and can count on one hand the number of tornado warnings I’ve experienced — and they’ve usually been associated with hurricanes, something we’re used to. We don’t even have basements this far down into Florida.

Finally, the next day, it’s sunny but freezing — or at least freezing cold by Southwest Florida standards (52 degrees, brrrrrrr).

So we could blame this sneezy, snotty, sore throat sickness on the unpredictable weather. Or it could be the influx of snowbirds, because while we find this weather wacky, frozen people in Minneapolis who woke up to minus-12 degrees one recent morning think our weather is heavenly. Even when we have gray skies and yuckiness, they don’t care. They sit around the community pool at our condo in bikinis, slathering themselves with Bain de Soleil and taking selfies of their feet with the pool in the background to post on Facebook in an effort to rouse seething envy among their fellow Midwesterners. Meanwhile, I’m wrapped in a blanket, taking photos of them from my window to post on Facebook with the caption, “Northerners are crazy.” It’s entirely possible that they’re bringing this plague into our little tourist town via Delta Airlines. Either way, it’s here. My husband, who is cursed with a Methodist work ethic like no one else I know, has called in sick to work only twice in the 10 years we’ve been married. Once was because he was getting rotator cuff surgery that day, and once was last week, when he took to bed and sneezed, coughed, blew his nose every 37 seconds and moaned a lot. A friend who also had a husband sick at home, had some advice: “Spray Lysol everywhere,” she told me. “Spray it on everything he touches; spray it into the air; spray it directly on him — but wait until he’s sleeping, as I’ve found my husband doesn’t enjoy getting sprayed down with Lysol when he’s conscious.” Go figure.

Alas, I didn’t have any Lysol to disinfect Todd with, and I was OK with that anyway, because the smell of Lysol takes me right to the bathrooms of rest stops along I-75. I just can’t stand it. The smell of Pine-Sol is even worse. If only I could have doused Todd in lavender-scented Fabuloso.

During Todd’s bout with the plague, I wore a scarf over my face (cuter than a surgical mask), sanitized my hands on the regular and slept in the guest room. Still, my precautions couldn’t protect me when I was out and about: Sick people shook my hand at networking events, and friends with runny noses gave me Happy New Year hugs when I ran into them at Publix.

So here we are, just three weeks into sweet 2016, and my glands are swollen and I have post-nasal drip and a sinus headache that won’t go away. I intend to lock myself in the guest room with a bottle of Fabuloso until the plague is gone. Consider it a public service.
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Yoga: It’s everywhere

Local studios are teaching students how to tune up body, mind and spirit

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When your inner rage rhino manifests itself as you drive on our congested roadways; when running the rat race is running you down; when you feel like knocking strangers’ hats off in the street; when you look down and can’t see your feet; when it’s a beautiful day in paradise but a damp drizzly January in your soul — it might be high time to consider taking a yoga class.

There are more yogis than ever these days. And with calming, light-filled studios opening across Southwest Florida, the practice meant to improve your mental, physical and spiritual health, is available close to home for most who live here.

Studio owners find their growing market tied to trends such as greater interest in alternative health care, healthier lifestyles and boutique fitness programs. Along those lines there are a number of new and different forms of yoga to choose from, such as deeply relaxing yoga sleep or a yoga hybrid in which students practice acrobatic moves in spacious silk hammocks.

Prices generally are not prohibitive, ranging from $15 to $20 for single sessions to monthly rates from around $80 and up. Studios offer classes for all skill levels and usually offer discounts to attract first-time students. Many conduct training programs for yoga instructors as well.

Sign up and you’ll probably make a few friends in the process of learning how to bend, stretch and breathe.

“Yoga studios, they become communities, really vibrant communities,” said Anna Withrow, who along with her husband runs Yoga Bird in Fort Myers. “I see people getting to know one another.”

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It’s not just China playing havoc with equities

When I was thinking of moving here in 2014, it was the winter and the weather was just awful. It was in the upper 90s with daily showers and a sun beating down on you that made it feel like if you spit on the pavement, it would boil away in a matter of seconds. Why would anyone move downtown? The answer, I was told, was the winter — 60 to 70 degrees every day without a cloud in the sky.

Well, what happened? As I am writing this article, a sailboat is floating in our store’s parking lot in 4 feet of water after it has rained for the last five hours straight. The cause of this, I am told, is El Nino, which apparently is a complex set of circumstances centered around a country on another continent. As if that explains why it is raining here in Punta Gorda. Well, similar to the weather, the stock market crashed and performed in a way not really appreciated, with stocks getting hammered once again. As I am writing this article on Friday afternoon, the Dow is down more than 400 points. What is going on? The answer, I am told, is China, which is a complex set of circumstances centered around a country on another continent. As if that explains why the stock market is crashing here in Punta Gorda.

Just like all of our weather can’t be blamed on El Nino, all of the volatility in the stock market cannot be blamed on China or any other factor at play causing the recent pain to equity investors. First, you have oil falling below $50 a barrel for the first time since the financial crisis in 2008. And before that, it was in 2000 with the bursting of the tech bubble. So I guess this is what we have in store for us every eight years. But we have a little bit of a chicken/egg question with oil prices. Are low oil prices the cause or the effect of this crisis? In other words, are falling oil prices due to an oversupply of crude causing a global economic slowdown as companies pull back spending/investments in everything from steel production to housing in oil producing countries and states? Or are low oil prices simply an effect of a slowing global economy and the resulting low demand for energy? Regardless of the answer, low oil is defining Wall Street. Another potential problem that isn’t so obvious is deflation across the globe. Almost every inflation gauge in the last few months (including the one released on Friday) shows flat to falling prices. Now you may be asking yourself how is that a bad thing that everything is less expensive. Well, the answer is that if you are the CEO of a major corporation or a small business owner and you can never raise prices for the goods or services that you sell, you probably won’t be able to hire new workers, or give raises to the workers that you have. This is one of the key reasons that wage growth is stagnant here in the U.S. And with the dollar getting stronger and stronger against almost every other currency, cheaper and cheaper foreign goods will continue to flood into the U.S., pulling prices even lower.

So is this an average investor to do right now? I am not in panic selling mode yet. There is a lot of bad news and fear out there. If you don’t want to work at this point, I am definitely going on the defensive with industries such as tobacco companies, the biggest box retailers, and consumer staple companies. I would stay away from consumer discretionary stocks and especially luxury brands as trillions of dollars of wealth are being destroyed, especially in places such as China, Russia and the Middle East, where these brands count on future growth. But if you are close to retirement and need capital to live off of in the next five to 10 years, it may not be a bad time to pull some money out, even after this downturn. Some research analysts are calling for another 10 to 20 percent decline in equity markets this year and others are even calling for another correction now for another number of years. While I am not in that camp, it is a definite possibility. Just like rain in January.

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

ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Karen Locklear, Ph.D., has been named professor emeritus at Hodges University. Ms. Locklear, who retired in April 2015, began her career at Hodges in 2003 as an assistant professor and subsequently served as associate professor, program director, professor and chair. She was serving as dean of the Nichols School of Professional Studies when she retired.

David Sanchez, maintenance supervisor on the Naples campus of Hodges University, was named the school’s 2015 Employee of the Year.

Architecture

Charles Dickey has joined the staff at GMA Architects & Planners as project architect. Mr. Dickey has been practicing architecture for more than 30 years with firms in Washington, D.C., Charlotteville, Va., and Tallahassee. He holds a bachelor’s degree in design from the University of Florida and a master’s of architecture from Virginia Tech. He is registered in both Virginia and Florida.

Banking

David Gordley, market president for the Collier County area for Iberiabank, has taken on the additional territory of Manatee and Sarasota counties. Mr. Gordley has been with the bank since 2011. He answers, I was told, holds a degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky and previously worked with Fifth Third Bank. He serves as vice chairman for the Naples Chamber of Commerce, Children’s Advocacy Center and the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District.

Construction

Mike Brooks has joined Stevens Construction as project manager for the company’s health-care and commercial projects during all phases of design and construction. Mr. Brooks brings eight years of construction experience to his new position. A LEED Accredited Professional and licensed general contractor, he earned a bachelor’s degree in building construction from the University of Florida.

Nonprofit Organizations

Richard Mancini has joined the staff at Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss as case manager and director of children’s programs. Mr. Mancini has more than 20 years of experience in nonprofit services, working in the areas of food insecurity, homeless- ness, senior home health services and developmental disabilities. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, he has resided in Bonita Springs for the past 12 years.

Darcy Taylor has joined the staff at David Lawrence Center as director of development managing major gift solicitations, grant solicitations, donor development, the corporate partner program as well as planned giving. Mr. Taylor has nearly 30 years of executive fundraising and development experience for health and social service organizations. He previously served as vice president of constituent relations for the National Parkinson Foundation in Miami, director of constituent relations for the National Alliance of Men’s Health at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., senior vice president of development of the Model Cities program for the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families; and executive administrator for South Coast Fellowship. He earned a bachelor’s degree in ministry and leadership from Life Bible College and is a certified fundraising executive.

Barbara Kelly has joined the staff of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce as operations manager in charge of chamber finances, technology processes, strategy and day-to-day operations. Ms. Kelly previously worked at the Lee County Economic Development Office. She earned a bachelor’s degree in English at Florida Gulf Coast University and has worked as a course pre- ceptor for the university since 2002.

Tori Monroe has joined the staff of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce as communications coordinator responsible for promoting chamber members through press releases, social media, e-newsletters, website news shar- ing, event promotion and video production, among other vehicles. Ms. Monroe earned a bachelor’s degree in strategic communications from Elon University in North Carolina. She most recently worked as a public information techni- cian for the city of Burlington, N.C.

Professional Development

Terrall, director of communications for the city of Naples Airport Authority, has earned the designation of certified member from the American Association of Air- port Executives in recognition of her expertise in airport finance and administration; planning, construction and environment; opera- tions, security and maintenance; and communication and community relations. Ms. Terrill joined the NAA in 2014 and is responsible for public outreach and communication; promotion of noise-abatement procedures among local residents; represents the airport in publicmeetings about aircraft noise concerns; and work with the authority’s Noise Control Committee. Ms. Terrill is a graduate of the Naples Chapter of Commerce’s Leadership Collier program, a 2014 graduate of the University of La Verne, and a former manager of Loxahatchee Municipal Airport in Gilford, N.H., for 25 years.

Matthew Foss of BRC Wealth Management has earned the educational designation of certified financial planner through the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.
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know each other. I’ve gotten to know and love so many of our students. That makes it so uplifting for us.”

House of Flyte

“As you ready to fly?” instructors, or “Flyte attendants,” ask students as they scooch up into their hammocks and begin a session at House of Flyte in Naples. The aerial studio is dedicated to AntiGravity Fitness and other techniques developed by gymnast and acrobatic performer Christopher Harrison that blend yoga and aerial arts.

House of Flyte owner and instructor Candice Koche-

nour has licensed Mr. Harrison’s techni- niques. A former sales and marketing

executive in the hospitality industry, she moved to South- west Florida from Philadelphia a few years ago.

“I wanted to create a place I’d enjoy being in and sharing with the community,” she said. “I wanted to venture out on my own. Create my own identity.”

It’s a fun sensation, being just off the ground and inverted. The ham-mocks hold up to 1,000 pounds, more than enough even for a pudgy journalist to climb in and flip upside down fairly comfortably, if not gracefully. Depending on the sessions and fit-

ness sequences you choose, the aerial and grounded postures proclaim a long list of unique health benefits, including loosening tight joints and muscles, decompressing the spine, strengthening the core and promoting a rush of serotonin and blood circula-

tion that Ms. Koche- nour calls a “happy hormone cocktail.”

S lone Portner, House of Flyte’s operations manager and lead instruc-
tor, calls the AntiGravity sessions a “no-impact” technique that doesn’t stress joints and can enhance other exercise routines such as running.

“I took one class and I was hooked,” she said. “It opens you up. You feel taller after.”

Yoga Bird

The Yoga Bird studio in Fort Myers

Yoga Bird owners Chip and Anna Withrow. Tom CARTWRIGHT / COURTESY PHOTO

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**Splitting Shares**

Has Wal-Mart not split its shares since 1999 because it has too many shares already?

— P.R., Honolulu

Splitting shares is more about changing the price of shares than the number of shares, though that changes, too. Splits often take place when a stock’s price is deemed too high. Wal-Mart probably won’t split its shares anytime soon.

What matters much more than stock splits or numbers of shares is how strong a company is, how quickly it’s growing, how successful it’s competing and how each share’s value is increasing. Hasbro is currently far healthier than Zynga.

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SCORE counselors have advice about business insurance

Q: I am a relative newcomer to Naples and do not have many contacts here. I need guidance in selecting the right insurance for my small business. Any suggestions you can offer will be appreciated.

A: The first step is to select a qualified insurance agent. If you are new to the area, you should solicit recommendations from other business owners. Local trade associations and chambers of commerce are also a good source for references.

Compile a list of agents and then interview each. What you are looking for is experience with businesses similar to yours. Ask the agents for the names of other clients and determine their level of satisfaction.

True insurance professionals take advantage of continuing education programs and can be identified as Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC), Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) and Chartered Life Underwriters (CLU).

Insurance is broadly grouped in two categories: (1) property and casualty and (2) life and health. Both are specialties, and it is uncommon that one agent is expert in both.

Property and casualty insurance

Some types of property and casualty insurance that you may need for your business are:

■ Commercial auto to protect your business from both liability and physical damage losses resulting from your use of an automobile.
■ Commercial general liability to protect against certain other lawsuits arising out of the conduct of your business.
■ Product liability to protect you from claims for damages sustained by customers’ use of your products, either sold or installed.
■ Workers compensation to protect you from claims by employees who are injured on the job.
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Bear’s Paw Country Club celebrates golf course improvements

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Janice Genovese, Pauline Anderson, Marlene Hurley and Sandy Wilson

Kris Rotte and Bruce Rotte

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Jerry Sider has joined John R. Wood Properties as managing broker of the firm’s Marco Island office. A decorated United States veteran, Mr. Sider has worked in the real estate industry since 2003. He began his career in Chicago and also worked in Indiana and Pennsylvania. He comes to Marco Island from Melbourne and Sebastian, Fla.

Stacy Witthoff and Scott Needles of John R. Wood Properties will appear in upcoming episodes of “Island Life,” a weekly reality show on HGTV that features “tropical dreamers” who are shown various island properties and followed throughout the process as they search for their piece of paradise. Ms. Witthoff and Mr. Needles work from the Marco Island office of John R. Wood. She appears on the episode airing at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24; he is in show airing at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

The following agents have joined Royal Shell Real Estate: Arlene Fishman, Greg Keck, Jerry Niesman, Kaitlin Rae, John Tolisano, Deborah Viglas and Marc Wozny.

Top producers at Royal Shell Real Estate in December were:

- Naples Park Shore office: Top listing producers team, The Boeglin Team; top listings producer individual, Linda Ramsey; top sales producers team, The Suddeth/Nicolai Team; and top sales producer individual, Linda Ramsey.
- Naples Fifth Avenue office: Top listing producers team, The Fischer Team; top listings producer individual, Starr Whitling; top sales producers team, The Taranto Team; and top sales producers individual, Doug Haughey.
- Bonita Springs office: Top listing producers team, The Lummis Team; top listings producer individual, Rebecca Levitan; top sales producers team, The Fagan Team; and top sales producers individual, Robert Nemec.
- Sanibel-Captiva office: Top listing producers team, The McMurray & Nette Team; top listings producer individual, Jennifer Berry; top sales producers team, The McMurray & Nette Team; and top sales producers individual, Cindy Sitton.
- Fort Myers office: Top listing producers team, The Maatsch Team; top listings producer individual, Tina Dasack; top sales producers team, The Warren Group; and top sales producer individual, Toni Shoemaker.

House Hunting:

**7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #206, St. Raphael in Pelican Bay**

Seeking an entrance into the Pelican Bay lifestyle and a home in a superior luxury tower? This three-bedroom, three-bath garden-view residence in the St. Raphael is a superb choice. The 2,250-square-foot Santa Margaretha floor plan has a morning room and workstation, plus a 286-square-foot terrace with electric screens. Beautiful updates include tile and wood flooring, designer ceiling fans and window shades, surround sound and a water leak detection system. The residence comes with two garage spaces and two air-conditioned storage closets. Two pets (with some limits) are allowed.

Amenities in the St. Raphael include a concierge, community pool and spa, tennis courts, entertainment room with kitchen, billiards, library, massage room and fitness room. The amenities of Pelican Bay include walking and bike paths, fitness center, tennis courts and private beach access with restaurants and beachside activities.

Craig Jones, broker associate at Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, has the listing for $1,345,000.

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- **New Listing**
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- Water Direct Over-Sized Lot
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**Bonita Springs**
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Lutgert Construction announces the Azalea model home within Estuary at Grey Oaks is nearly complete. The home has 3,883 square feet of living area, with three bedrooms and a den, four full baths and a two-car garage and golf cart garage. Stoff Cooney served as architect, and interior design is by SOCO Interiors.

Custom design elements include 9-inch baseboards throughout, wood flooring in the studio and master bedroom and stone flooring throughout the main living areas. The home is an LEED-registered project.

The gourmet kitchen has been crafted with a tray ceiling, breakfast room, granite and quartz countertops and backplash, a Sub-Zero, Wolf and Asko appliance package, Brookhaven cabinetry with under-cabinet lighting, Kohler plumbing fixtures and a wine cooler. The outdoor living area includes a loggia with cypress wood tongue-and-groove ceiling and automated roll-down outdoor screens. There is a custom-designed saline pool and spa, a natural gas fireplace, a summer kitchen and a pool bath.

Built with energy-efficiency in mind, the Azalea has Anderson impact-resistant and insulated glass in doors, windows and WinDoor sliders, LED lights and a Control4 lighting control system. The multi-zoned air conditioning system has outside air intake, dehumidifier and linear diffusers. In addition, block walls are insulated with rigid board.

Estuary at Grey Oaks is a 350-acre gated golf course community with 175 homesites. Residents have access to three private golf courses, two clubhouses and professional tennis and fitness facilities. For more information, call 261-3348, stop by the sales center at 1220 Gordon River Trail from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, or visit EstuaryAtGreyOaks.com.

The outdoor living area of the Azalea by Lutgert Construction.

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Builders risk coverage to afford the financial consequences of death, disability insurance to cover lost wages due to prolonged sickness or disability.

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If course, every business owner's situation is different, and there could be other exposures to consider. This is why you need the advice of a professional agent who specializes in commercial insurance.

— Gray Pocheler is a volunteer counselor with SCORE Naples. If you have a question or would like to sign up for free business counseling, call 435-0081 or go to naples.score.org/mentors and fill out the form, including name, email address and a contact phone number. A counselor will contact you within 48 hours.

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Colonial West Indies spec home underway in Old Naples

Van Emmerik Custom Homes has started construction of a single-family spec home designed by Weber Design Group for The Scalise Group of the Gulf Coast in Old Naples. The home at 780 First Ave. N. is targeted for completion this fall.

The two-story house will feature a transitional colonial West Indies architectural style and incorporate exterior finishes such as stucco, decorative brick- and Bahama shutters and a standing seam metal roof. Al fresco living and dining areas will overlook a custom pool and spa within a screened enclosure. A single-car garage along with a rear-entry double-car garage will allow access from First Avenue North and a rear alley.

The 3,500 square feet of living space includes a great room, four bedrooms, 4½ baths, a study and a loft. The kitchen will have a large island, a coffered ceiling with wood beam details and plenty of cabinetry for storage. The adjacent great room and dining room will have pocketing glass doors that open to the outdoor living areas.

Occupying an entire wing of the main level, the master suite will have his-and-her closets, sitting areas to the lanai via sliding glass doors and a coffered ceiling design. The master bathroom will have oversized his-and-her vanities, a spa-like soaking tub and a walk-in glass shower.

The upstairs loft will act as a central gathering space for the three guest rooms, each with its own full bath.

For more information, call Bruce Miller at Naples Real Estate Beach at 206-0868. ■

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

OLD NAPLES

365 Royal Harbor Dr is 2½-bath single-family home with pool/spa, boat dock and lift and tiki hut. Enlarged, painted and updated with new appliances and fixtures. Needs some attention and price reflects that. 2½ baths, 2,787 sq. ft. $525,000. (L1729) 8290 Capri Dr, 670-3595

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Tiger Wood’s Windermere estate on the market

Soon after he won the Masters and $1.4 million in 2012, Bubba Watson celebrated by purchasing the infamous Florida home that was the scene of Tiger Wood’s much publicized car accident — the crash that led to his divorce from Elin Nordegren and a crumbling golf career.

Though Mr. Watson’s purchase of the home in Windermere was not publicized, he later told Golf.com in an interview that he liked the security of the gated community for his family and found it to be the best choice out of all the homes they had considered.

Mr. Wood had purchased the home in 2000 for $2.475 million. At the time, it had eight bedrooms, nine baths and measured in at 6,800 square feet. In 2012 it appraised at $2.2 million, though it was not disclosed what Mr. Watson paid. In need of updates, the Watsons set about redesigning and expanding the home. Reportedly, all but 5 percent of the house underwent a complete redesign before they moved in.

Now for sale, the living space has been increased to 7,940 square feet with seven bedrooms, nine baths, gourmet kitchen, state-of-the-art media/game room and separate guesthouse, all with views over Lake Isleworth. It’s a short walk to the development’s six Har-Tru clay courts, two paddle courts, driving range and clubhouse. It’s offered at $5.6 million.
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At first glance, the paintings of stately palms and languid Florida backwaters soon to be on view at The von Liebig Art Center have little aesthetic connection to the other works that will be displayed alongside them: street artist Purvis Young’s stark and broadly rendered urban scenes that he frequently displayed in his Miami neighborhood of Overtown.

“You need to look beyond the paint to see how self-taught and enterprising African-American artists made their art work for them in the racially fraught social scene of mid-20th century Florida.”

SEE ART, C4

**Making their Art work for them**

The von Liebig showcases enterprising African-American artists of the mid-20th century

**By Lindsey Nesmith**

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Admission to the show is free, although donations for the Special Needs Children’s Fund will be welcome at the gate. This year’s Art Fest Naples sponsors include Arthrex, Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner, Carter Outdoor; the Naples Daily News; John R. Wood Realtors and Driftwood Garden Center. The Special Needs Children’s Fund improves the lives of children and young pottery, fiber art, hand-crafted fine art jewelry and a variety of 2D and 3D mixed media pieces.

Art Fest benefits Special Needs Children’s Fund

**Special to Florida Weekly**

Art Fest Naples 2016, a benefit for the Special Needs Children’s Fund, brings 140 fine artists and craftsmen to Fleischmann Park on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24. The juried show features works in all mediums, from paintings in oil and acrylic to watercolors, drawings in graphite and pastels, art photography, blown glass, turned wood pieces, sculptures, metal works, ceramics and pottery, fiber art, hand-crafted fine art jewelry and a variety of 2D and 3D mixed media pieces.

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SEE ART FEST, C20

**So long**

Sandy Days, Sandy Nights signs off to head into a new adventure. C2

**Delightful, disturbing**

Book critic Phil Jason likes coming of age story set in St. Louis. C5

**Love and science**

Arts writer Nancy Stetson finds some of both in “Informed Consent” by Gulfshore Playhouse. C10
When my first book came out two years ago, I had the chance to peer into the New York publishing world, a strange place with sometimes unfathomable rules and norms. There was one practice in particular I never got used to: How they handled goodbyes.

When someone I had worked with at Simon & Schuster — an editorial assistant or a publicist — moved on to another job elsewhere, they'd send out an email on the day of their departure. The messages invariably began the same way: “This will be my final day at S&S.” And they always caught me by surprise. I expected more. A dramatic build-up, perhaps. Some early warning. Maybe an offer to meet for coffee and hash it out, the way you would with a breakup.

Now, finally, I understand their approach.

Sometimes there’s just no better way to say it. This will be my final Sandy Days, Salty Nights column.

I’ve been writing these stories for nearly a decade, working through the ups and downs of dating in my mid-20s and now my mid-30s. A lot of weird things have happened to me along the way, and I’m grateful that I’ve been able to share them with you. This column has been a place for me to explore my personal truths, honestly and openly, in all their ugliness and grace. I’m thankful to the readers I’ve heard from along the way, those of you who encouraged me to continue when I lost my footing. I’m sad to bring this column to an end but excited about what comes next.

So? What comes next?

My whole life, I wanted to be a writer. More specifically, an author. And even more specific than that, a novelist. A year ago, I began working on my first long piece of fiction. For months, I was afraid to call it what it was. Now I’m deep into the writing of it, and I can say with authority, “I am working on my first novel.”

It’s been harder than my memoir in many ways (like having to create a fictional world from nothing) but also easier in some ways (I’m glad not to have to poke at my personal tragedies day after day).

The plot line of my novel follows a teenage girl across Florida after she runs away with her father’s best friend. I keep telling people it’s not as scandalous as it sounds, but if you know anything about me — and if you’ve ever read this column — then you know that’s a hedge. It’s going to be very scandalous.

This new book has me equal parts electrified and terrified. Which is why, of course, I want to share it with you.

Beginning in March, I’m happy to announce, the first chapters will appear on this page. We’ve never done anything like it at Florida Weekly, and it will be an experiment for all of us. The truth is, I’m scared as hell. But as someone wise recently told me, “If you’re not scared, it’s not worth doing.”

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.
Meet the artists who will bring past to present at Marco museum

The Marco Island Historical Society invites the community to meet the artists who will bring the past to the present through a new project called “Windows and Doors to History” at the Marco Island Historical Museum. The artists’ “coming-out party” is from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Attendance is free, and all are welcome.

For “Windows and Doors to History,” 20 faux windows and three doors at the museum will be transformed into vivid scenes from Marco Island’s past, from the Ice Age to the modern-day island. Seven artists are working on the project, which is also the primary fundraising vehicle to bring “home” on loan to Marco Island many of the Key Marco Calusa artifacts that were excavated during Frank Hamilton Cushing’s 1896 archaeological expedition on Marco.

Pat Rutledge, MIHS board president and executive director, said those who attend the party will also hear about other projects planned to enhance the museum.

Board the bus for opera in Miami

Naples Opera Society takes care of all the details for road trips to Miami for Florida Grand Opera performances. Opera buffs can hop a luxury coach bus in Naples for round-trip transportation, an early dinner in Coral Gables and a pre-opera lecture before the main performance at 8 p.m. at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts.

The bus departs from Crossroads Shopping Center in Naples at 2 p.m. (boarding begins at 1:30 p.m.), after picking up the first passengers in Cape Coral at 11:45 a.m. and stopping in Fort Myers at 12:30 p.m.

Here’s this rest of the season:

■ Vincenzo Bellini’s “Norma,” Saturday, Jan. 30
■ Mieczyslaw Weinberg’s “The Passenger,” Saturday, April 9
■ Gaetano Donizetti’s “Don Pasquale,” Saturday, May 14

Single tickets are $165 for the rear orchestra and $140 for the mezzanine. For more information, call Gene Buffo at 431-7509, email ehandjhb@gmail.com or visit naplesoperasociety.org.

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Mr. Young and a loose collective of roadside artists commonly known as The Highwaymen, best known for selling their still-wet paintings out of the trunks of their cars, are connected by their determination to get their paintings to the public without the help of galleries and art dealers.

“What we like about (the exhibit) is that it’s uplifting to see people use art to improve their lives,” Jack O’Brien, museum curator at The von Liebig, said.

“(The Highwaymen) were able to move up economically, and Purvis used art to overcome the poverty of Overtown,” he added. “It’s just wonderful to see whole communities move forward if they’re motivated, creative and willing to try something new.”

Works by Mr. Young and The Highwaymen have become increasingly collectible over the years, which is quite an accomplishment for artists whose creative approach was relatively informal and resourceful, whose paintings often involved found or easily available supplies such as louvered doors and Upson board.

The exhibit, “Interior and Exterior Realities: The Art of Purvis Young and The Highway Men,” kicks off with an opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22. It will be on display until Saturday, Feb. 27.

The Highwaymen

Florida of the 1960s was undergoing a bit of a rebirth, with post-war optimism inspiring an influx of newcomers chasing a tropical dream who found opportunity, sunshine, mosquitoes and constant, unrelenting development. To capitalize on this newfound prosperity was Alfred Hair, a charismatic and enterprising young black man in Fort Pierce who used his tutelage under regionalist painter A.E. Backus to make some fast cash and bring the Florida landscape inside hotel rooms and private homes.

“He was young and restless, and he was much more concerned about making money,” said Gary Monroe, professor of art at Daytona State College and author of “The Highwaymen: Florida’s African-American Landscape Painters.” Knowing he couldn’t compete in a white man’s world, Mr. Hair worked in quantity in order to make a lot of money, Mr. Monroe said. “He painted 10 paintings in the time it took Mr. Backus to paint one.”

It was an alternative job in picking plants and agricultural fields that were available to African-American men at the time, and soon others caught on. Though Mr. Hair was the only trained artist among them and they often competed with each other, what quickly surfaced was a common style reminiscent of Mr. Backus, who has long been considered Florida’s premier landscape painter, but with a fresher, cleaner and more vibrant perspective that was perfect for the hotel rooms and stucco walls newcomers often found themselves staring at.

“New Floridians coming for the post-war boom needed decorative art and trophies of their arrival,” Mr. Monroe said. “I imagine coming to Florida with this vision of paradise, but you’re greeted with mosquitoes and cockroaches. You’re not by the beach. You take of these landscapes, put it on your wall and transform it into a picture window of that paradise.”

Works by Mr. Hair and his counterparts were also cheap and easily available on east coast roadides. The paintings were almost always sold wet and out of the back of the artist’s car, thanks the resourceful use of doorframes circling the canvas to protect still tacky oil paint. “It was no wonder that they sold so many,” Mr. Monroe said. “They typically would go out with about 15 wet paintings and come home with no paintings, but a stack of cash. They had money to buy rounds of beer and Cadillacs. They lived a very jovial lifestyle.”

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Iconic monument in St. Louis raises brooding teenager's fragile hopes

Perhaps David Miles has grown up a bit, but have St. Louis and the country really matured?

When Douglas Findley, a new English teacher at Glendale Prep, challenges his students to widen their horizons by exploring beyond their comfortable neighborhoods, David is awakened to the sorry state of race relations and the enormous wealth and opportunity disparities in St. Louis. When Dorothea, his family's Afro-American housekeeper and cook who David feels is a second mother, is not invited to the wedding of his older brother, the hardened barriers between White and Black St. Louis are potently underscored.

The portrait of David as a shy, sensitive, academically weak young man is amplified and rounded by his many other rolls: neighbor to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. The conventions and group to perform good works. One generation's normality is the next generation's prison. 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**THEATER**

**Same Time, Next Year** – By The Marco Players through Jan. 24 at the Marco Players Theatre, 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

**Informed Consent** – By Gulfshore Playhouse through Jan. 31 at The Norris Center, (843) 881-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org. See review on page C10.

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

**The Cocktail Hour** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Jan. 27 at the Southwest Florida Arts Foundation, downtown Fort Myers, 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

**The Velocity of Autumn** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Jan. 23 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-5633 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

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


**THURSDAY 1.21**

**Cast-A-Net** – Learn the basic techniques of cast netting from a park ranger at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee. Reservations required. 597-6196 or flordiaparkstes.org.

**Third Thursday** – Enjoy live music on Third Street South from 5-8 p.m. 434-6535 or thirdstreetssouth.com.

**Strings Sing** – Marco Island Center for the Arts presents the Serafin String Quartet from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. 597-3900 or artinapalas.org.

**All About Bats** – Naples Zoo hosts an educational presentation and a lecture about local bat populations at 7 p.m. with expert Liz Braun de Torres. Free for members, $10 for non-members. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

**Pig Tales** – Nick Jr.’s Peppa Pig delights preschoolers and their parents starting at 6 p.m. at Germain Arena. $28.48, 948-7487 or germainarena.com.

**Stand-Up Guy** – Robert Kelly performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club tonight through Sunday, Jan. 24. Check website for show time and ticket prices. 200 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 380-6909 or offthehookcomedyclub.com.

**One Book** – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts Mark Weitzman, director of the Task Force against Hate and Terrorism, at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom as he talks about Simon Weisenthal, author of “The Sunflower.” Mr. Weitzman is the keynote speaker for the museum’s One Book program. Free, but reservations required. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

**FRIDAY 1.22**

**Trunk Show** – Snag some haute couture treasures by designer Tempes St. Clair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday, Jan. 23, at Saks Fifth Avenue. Guests can also meet the jewelry designer from noon to 4 p.m. today. 592-5200 or saksfifthavenue.com.

**Amazing Adventures** – Rookery Bay hosts former journalist Carl Kelly at 5:30 p.m. as he relays stories about a typical day on safari in South Africa. 530-9972 or rookerybay.org.

**Tribute Concert** – The Motowrners tribute band performs from 6-9 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden, 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Starry Night** – Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary stays open until 9 p.m. with boardwalk tours, star gazing and live entertainment. Regular admission applies. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

**Art Reception** – Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts an opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for “Interior and Exterior Realities: The Art of Purvis Young and The Highwaymen” and “A Hint of Purple.” Free for NAA members, $10 for others. 262-6577 or naplesart.org.

**Cool Winter Nights** – Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts family activities from 6-9 p.m. at Immokalee Sports Park. Free. 794-4444 or colliersheriff.org.

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

**Masterworks** – Naples Philharmonic Chorus women perform “A Symphonic Midsummer’s Night Dream” with conductor Hans Graf at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, Jan. 23, at Arts—Naples—597-1900 or artinapalas.org.

**Beach Treasures** – Learn about shells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-lead talk at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee. 597-6390 or floridastateparks.org.

**SUNDAY 1.24**

**Yoga in the Garden** – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead an outdoor class at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden, 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Write Away** – Naples Botanical Garden gives you a private retreat to encourage them to be inspired by its beautiful grounds from 10 a.m. to noon. Free with regular Garden admission. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Master at Work** – The FGCU Renaissance Association presents a lecture about sculptor Donatello from 10-11:30 a.m. at its Naples campus. $20 for members, $25 for non-members. 1005 Fifth Ave. S. 434-
Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary stays open late on Friday for the monthly After Hours programs, boardwalk strolls and live entertainment until 9 p.m. This month’s theme: Full Moon of the Wolf, with a focus on Seminole legends and traditional art.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

WEDNESDAY 1.27

Opera Night – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a performance of Rossini’s “Barber of Seville” by Southwest Florida Italian Opera at 7 p.m. $20. 7095 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Unplugged Paradise – Friends of Lovers Key host a free acoustic concert from 4-6 p.m. at Lovers Key State Park with musicians David Hitz, Kip Lawrence and Mike McMillan. 463-4588 or friendsofloverskey.org.

1.22

Meet jewelry designer Temple St. Clair from noon to 4 p.m. Friday at Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops. A trunk show of the designer’s beautiful baubles continues during store hours Friday and Saturday.

— saks.com

1.23

The sidewalks of Fifth Avenue South will be even more colorful than usual when Chalk Art 2016 takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Amateur and professional artists compete, with proceeds benefitting charities of the Pelican Bay Rotary Club.

— pelicanbayrotary.com

1.24

Comedian Robert Kelly (XM Radio’s “Opie & Anthony”) brings his singular humor to Off the Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 21-24.

— offthehookcomedy.com

Beach Yoga – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga leads an all-levels class from 9-10 a.m. on the beach at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. $5 plus park entry fee. Registration required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

History Lesson – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a lecture about the founding fathers and their personal faith from 10 a.m. to noon. $24 for members, $29 for others. 1030 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4717 or fgcu.edu.

Brew to You – Learn about fermenting beverages from 10 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. $35 for Garden members, $40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Sainted Mother – Photographer Marie Constantin discusses her time and work with Mother Teresa at 4 p.m. at Ave Maria University. Free. 280-2557 or avemaria.edu.

Sundown Showdown – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a sunset tour from 5:15-7:15 p.m. $15 for Garden members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

COMING UP

Flow in the Garden – Instructor Karen McNeil hosts a tai-chi session at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Naples Botanical Garden. $10 for Garden members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Around Town – Naples Philharmonic features the clarinet in selections by Brahms and Schubert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

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

Southern Twang – Collier County Fairgrounds presents the Country Jam Music Festival starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, with artists Cole Swindell, Josh Thompson, Craig Wayne Boyd and Barrett Baber. 835-855. 455-1444 or countryjamflorida.com.

Strummin’ Along – Guitarists Richard Smith, Andy Wahlberg and George Worthmore take the stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $28. 2408 Linwood Ave. bluewaterbg@gmail.com or http://floridafishhooktourtix.com.

Light Show – Seminole Immokalee Casino hosts a fireworks show, high-school band performances and food trucks from 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Bring a lawn chair. (800) 228-0007 or seminoleimmokieecasino.com.
Meet the Composer – Anne McLean performs in a multimedia presentation about Handel from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs, 10510 Bonita Beach Road. $20-$25, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Jazz Tribute – Naples Jazz Orchestra host Grammy-nominated vocalist and trombonist Steve Weist in a send-up to Maynard Ferguson at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Golden Gate High School. $30. 207-0289 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

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

More Tile Time – Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts a mahjong tournament from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, that includes breakfast and a catered lunch. $40. 591 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or marcojci.com.

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

Young Artists – Members of the Opera Naples Young Artists Program performs “The Four Note Melodies” and “The Blue Rhythm” at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center, 829-59, 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operaonline.org.

Paint Workshop – Artists 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 Pennisi’s “both sides of the paint” technique. $100 includes supplies. 5200 Crayton Road. 594-0660 or (207) 388-3808.

Car Show – Kiwanis Club of Marco Island hosts a car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Marco Health-care Center, 85. kiwanischiubmarcois- land.com.

Brassy – Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. $25. 591 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or marcojci.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. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 434-3323 or italiansociety.com.


String Recital – Musica Bella performers at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center, 610-50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capcenter.org.

Queen of Rock `n’ Soul – Patti Labelle performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $100. (800) 238-0007 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 Aris—Naples. 597-0900 or artsinaples.org.

Bluegrass Duet – The Gibson Brothers perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 268. bluwaterbg@gmail.com or ticx.com.

WHAT TO DO

Funny Guy – Jimmy Keys brings his one-man show to Off the Hook Comedy Club at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 865-875, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a screening of “The Great Caruso” (1951) at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. A portrayal of the life of Italian tenor Enrico Caruso. $15, $5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport Road. 592-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Can’t Smile Without You – Barry Manilow performs at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at Germain Arena. 2500 Pelican Bay Blvd. info@camig.org or camig.org.

Piano Concert – Manhattan Piano Trio performs works by Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Sugden Community Theater. $60. 263-7990 or classichamberconcerts.com.

Cultural Carnivale – Cultural Alliance of Marco Island and Goodland hosts a party from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Marco Island Historical Museum with food from CJ’s on the Bay and music by Jbobert. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. info@camig.org or camig.org.

Art Reception – Friends of Collier County Museums hosts an opening reception for Mothercser’s newest exhibition, “Naples’ Peaceful Places,” from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Naples Depot Museum. Free. The show will be on display through March. 262-6525 or colliermuseums.com.

Quattro Divo – Operatic pop group Quattro Divo performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $35-$45. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Time Tile – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a mah jongg tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 592-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Practical Magic – Magician Nate Staniforth, host of Discovery Channel’s “Breaking Magic,” performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Aris—Naples. 597-0900 or artsinaples.org.

Motown Melodies – Uptown Express performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at The Norris Center. $22. 215-3058 naplesgov.com.

Singing Along – Vocalist Rebecca Richardson performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capcenter.org.

Comedy Show – Tim Walkoe performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10510 Bonita Beach Road. $20-$25, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Star Party – Explore the night sky with local astronomy groups starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Big Cypress National Preserve. Free with park admission. 3310 Tamiami Trail E., Ochopee. 695-849 or nps.gov/bicy.

Jazz Fest – CAFA presents The Florida Southwestern State College Jazz Ensemble, Steve Uscher’s Tropical Jazz Group, The Dan Heck Trio, Mudbone Ensemble, Steve Uscher’s Tropical Jazz Florida Southwestern State College Jazz Ensemble, Steve Uscher’s Tropical Jazz Trio performs works by Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Germain Arena. 2500 Pelican Bay Blvd. info@camig.org or camig.org.

Choir Concert – The 60-person choir at Naples United Church of Christ performs a turtle-themed concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, as part of the Turtle on the Town project. Free. 263-5469 or naplesucc.org.

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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 naplesjazz.org.

Jazz Concert – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs selections inspired by Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Naples High School. $30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

Film Fest – Jewish Congregation of Naples hosts a full moon tour of Historic Palm Cottage, "Roof" (2015) at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Sugden Community Theater. A documentary about the community effort to restore the Gwozdziec synagogue, which was destroyed in the Nazi invasion. $800-$1,500 to subscribe to the festival screenings; waitlist for single film tickets. 434-3328 or naplesjewishfilmfestival.com

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Friends of Foster Children Forever. 434-3323 or windinthewillowsnaples.com.

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WHERE TO GO

Everglades Celebration – Collier County Museums hosts the 12th annual Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Festival Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 23-27, at the Museum of the Everglades in Everglades City. 695-0008 or colliermuseums.com.

Trunk Show – Wind in the Willows hosts a trunk show for Lisette Pants from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. 793 Fifth Ave. S. 643-0663 or windinthewillowsnaples.com.

Cabaret – Tony-winner Alan Cumming performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Arts–Naples. 597-1900 or artinaples.org.

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Dr. Jillian Elliot, a genetic anthropologist, is slowly losing her mind.

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Her mother died of it at age 36, when Jillian was just 7 years old and didn’t understand what was happening. Jillian doesn’t want the same thing to happen to her 4-year-old daughter when she starts developing symptoms.

She believes the disease can be cured, but it must be studied — even if that means cutting corners and being unethical. She is so determined to help find a cure that she gets blood under false pretenses from a Native American tribe living at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

And there lies the dilemma of “Informed Consent”: Is it ever right to do medical studies or testing without the fully informed consent of the patient?

This play by Deborah Zoe Laufer should not be confused with the 2013 play of the same name by Jeff Mandels. The latter is about Hitler’s experimenting on the elderly, infirm and outcast of his own people. This play is based on a real-life situation in which Arizona State University researchers told the Havasupai tribe they were drawing blood to study Type 2 diabetes, but also then secretly used the blood to study schizophrenia, inbreeding and migratory patterns — none of which the tribe had agreed to. The tribe sued the university.

The Gulfshore Playhouse production of this highly stylized play is only the fourth in the country.

Director Kristen Courty does not shy away from presenting controversial, thought-provoking plays, and it will be interesting to see how local audiences respond to the dialogue in this one, particularly the declarations that “There is no such thing as race” and “We all come from Africa.”

“She’s a highly logical, single-minded scientist. She is somewhat brittle and can come off as a logical, single-minded scientist. She is so determined to help find a cure for Alzheimer’s that she will do anything to get it.””

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ARTS COMMENTARY

‘Informed Consent’: The stories in the blood

Edward O’Blenis, Liz Hayes and Cynthia Bastidas star in “Informed Consent.”

‘Informed Consent’ does raise interesting questions about medical ethics and the necessity of informed consent, whether people should want to know if they have a gene for a specific illness, and who we are without our memories and stories. And Ms. Courty has some
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By Linda Thistle

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**FILM CAPSULES**

**The Revenant ★★ 1/2**  
(Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Will Poulter) Fur trapper Hugh Glass (Mr. DiCaprio) is left for dead by his fellow hunters after he’s mauled by a bear. The cinematography is fantastic and 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”) over writes and under edits, 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.

**The Big Short ★★★★**  
(Ryan Gosling, Steve Carell, Brad Pitt) The mortgage crisis and succeeding 2008 economic collapse are given fresh insight and explained clearly and comically in co-writer and director Adam McKay’s wonderful adaptation of Michael Lewis’ book. The performances, humor and spot-on script make this an absolute treat; it should be a Best Picture Oscar nominee. Rated R.

**Sisters ★★ 1/2**  
(Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph) Sisters Kate (Ms. Fey) and Maura (Ms. Poehler) throw one last grand party in their old house before their parents sell it. It’s not consistently funny, but fans of the co-stars will find it amusing enough. Rated R.

**In the Heart of the Sea ★★**  
(Chris Hemsworth, Brendan Gleeson, Benjamin Walker) Presented as the story that inspired “Moby Dick,” a whaling boat captain (Mr. Walker) and his first mate (Mr. Hemsworth) try to keep their men alive after being attacked by a 100-foot sperm whale. The story’s flashback structure does it a disservice, and the action is only so-so. Rated PG-13.
Is it worth $10? Yes

With director Michael Bay, we've come to expect the absurd. His movies—a quartet of "Transformers" head-aches, "Armageddon," "Bad Boys," etc.—are often over-the-top blockbusters with excessive visual effects, inane stories and wooden acting that cash in on the appeal of spectacle rather than the integrity of good storytelling.

One senses he's trying to change that perception, at least slightly, with "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi," about the six ex-military operatives who bunched down to protect the U.S. Consulate and a secret CIA base in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, 2012. There's certainly action throughout, but it's done in a way that feels gritty and real rather than gaudy and lav- ishly. It's still shot in Mr. Bay's sweeping camera, rapidly edited and hyper-stylized bravura, but the lack of excess visual effects allows the story and the characters to remain grounded and realistic.

Go figure: Mr. Bay uses restraint, and his movie is better because of it. Libya was a war zone in 2012, and the men hired to protect the U.S. Consulate and CIA base in Benghazi, which (are about a mile apart) are essentially highly trained security guards: Three are Marines, two were Navy Seals and the other was an Army Ranger. They are: Jack (John Krasinski), squad leader Rone (James Badge Dale), Tanto (Fabio Schreiber, "Orange is the New Black"), Boon (David Denman), Tig (Dominic Fumusa) and Oz (Max Martini).

With U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens deaths on near and the insurgents before help arrives, which inexpec-tably takes a long time. Why there was so little action on the part of near-by forces is never fully explained, but should have been.

Another shortcoming in Chuck Hogan's script (based on a book by Mitchell Zuckoff): We're reminded too often that the men miss their families back home. We get it. The movie is 144 minutes, but easily could've been 129 min. if Bay cut out all the scenes of tough guys talking about their kids.

Mr. Krasinski ("The Office") does well in a dramatic action role, ceding the funny lines to Mr. Schreiber, who's amusing and an effective warrior. The rest of the cast is strong as well, but be warned of the vio- lence: Toward the end there are some unex- pected images that are grimly to the point of discomfort. The good news is the film earns these moments by escalating the danger as the 13-hour standoff wears on.

Mr. Bay is cautious to steer clear of politi-cal points, choosing instead to focus on the humanity involved. Indeed, it's not often that you see mothers and sisters and wives of dead bad guys grieving over their lost loved ones, but if you do here in what forms Mr. Bay's larger message: that war, killing, violence and hatred are awful and unfortunate and should not exist. Jack echoes simi-lar sentiments, as do the other soldiers. Heck, how could any reasonable person not agree with that?

You'll leave "13 Hours" having been engaged by the story, entertained by the action and in thought about the brave men who showed a strong, resilient spirit while saving the lives of nearly 40 peo- ple. They're real American heroes, and the movie tells their story well.
KOVEL: ANTIQUES

The Kate Greenaway look was popular in the late 19th century

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Kate Greenaway (1846-1901), an English artist, often is called the creator of picture books. As a young girl, she drew watercolor pictures of children dressed in old-fashioned clothes in a nearby village. She created a pattern, made the dresses and bonnets and dressed models to pose for her drawings. The romantic style was immediately successful, and soon she was illustrating cards, calendars, books and almanacs, earning both fame and fortune. She soon started writing the poetry for her books. The Kate Greenaway look became so popular it was copied in dress patterns, dishes, napkin rings, glassware and, of course, picture books. Collectors today like the original books and drawings and also collect the lookalikes. The world she created reminds people of the joys of childhood and more innocent times. So it is not surprising that a figural napkin ring sold at a James Julia auction in Fairfield, Maine, in 2015 for $533. It featured two Greenaway-type girls in a tree, and because it was a “double,” it had added value.

Q: I have an Avon apple-shaped candle holder that is about 50 years old. It’s gold-painted glass. The top half of the apple comes off so you can put a small candle inside the bottom half. It’s about 5 inches high and 4 inches wide. Is it worth anything?

A: Avon made this Golden Apple candle holder in 1968 and 1969. Avon started in 1886 as the California Perfume Company. The name Avon was used beginning in 1929. The company has made many figural bottles, jars, figurines, children’s toys, jewelry and other items. The Golden Apple candle holder came with a perfumed candle and originally sold for $6. They sell online today for about $5-$15.

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BY JON ROBIN BAITZ
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Excel projector. The projector was lit with a G.E. bulb that has the words “Mazda Toy Projector” on the top of the bulb. I’m con-
cerned that if the film or projector breaks, I’ll lose both. What are they worth? If these have any value, I don’t want my children to throw them out.

At several companies made toy pro-
jectors and sold them with short movies. Cartoons and comedies were popular in the 1930s and ’40s. ExcelHome Movies of Toledo, Ohio, advertised a projector and 100-foot reel featuring “Betty Boop,” “Pop-
eye,” “Our Gang” or other comic character for $39 in 1936. The value of your projec-
tor and reel today is less than $50.

Q: I inherited a lot of stuff from my mother and grandmother. There are old pictures, a sewing machine, metal dolls, dishes, chocolate pots and even some things I can’t identify. How can I find someone to help me decide what to do? Should I just dump them at a yard sale?

A: Unless you have something of great value, a yard sale or garage sale works best. We hope your mother and grandmother enjoyed the sale in a local paper and posted a sign on their property with the address will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if you send a letter with a question, you give full per-
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A: The company began when C. How-
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COLLECTOR’S CORNER

Keep or sell? Sometimes, taking a picture helps us focus

There’s always one question I hear when I set up at a show or lecture: What do I do with my stuff? Nobody wants it.

It’s a sad situation for many folks, and we can expect to hear more of it as baby boomers age out and downsize. None of us is getting any younger, and once we reach our 70s, it may be time to assess: Who gets what? And why?

One of the hardest lessons one can learn when disposing of a loved one’s effects is this: You can’t keep everything.

I recently lectured to a historical society. While I was there, a woman showed me a photo of a lovely table. She liked the piece and it was perfect in scale for any home or apartment. But she wondered whether it was valuable enough to sell and pocket the proceeds.

But this is the reality of a time in which there’s a glut of furniture on the market: Most of it isn’t worth as much as you might think, even in a retail setting.

And it’s a time in which antiques have fallen out of favor as designers and customers tend to favor a look that incorporates pale sofas, soft rugs and the stark lines that make the most fashionable of homes resemble hotel lobbies at times, according to an article in The Economist.

“Everyone lives a more casual life,” noted designer Bunny Williams told the magazine. And many successful decorators sell their own furniture lines, and now have a financial incentive to suggest new items, the article continued.

But you still have that furniture or those other objects, right?

Here’s what you can do: Take a photograph. Envision a new use for the piece. A dresser that once was useful in a bedroom may work beautifully in a living room or a den.

Downsizing? Use that photo to shop around for a dealer or consignment gallery that can get top dollar for your piece — even if it’s not as much as you thought the piece was worth.

Then put the photo in an album so you remember the piece. After all, most of the value we place on objects has more to do with memories than anything else.

That’s what I told the woman at the lecture.

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A landscape done in acrylic by Elaine Lanoue of Dallas, Texas, one of the Art Fest Naples artists for 2016. Glasswork by Mayauel Ward of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

**ART FEST**

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adults with physical and developmental disabilities, including autism, in Collier County. In 2015 the fund granted more than $50,000 to individuals, families and charities to help pay for summer camps for children with visual impairment and varying developmental delays and learning challenges. Among other recipients was an organization called Kneads, which provides vocational programs to assist individuals with autism in establishing careers as well as activities where they can socialize and develop their interests and hobbies. The fund also supports The Connection Coalition of Southwest Florida, which provide easy access to a continuum of services including education, health services, housing and lifespan options for people with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit artfest-naples.com.

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Enduring friendships are at the heart of this endearing comedy in which five women who met on their college swim team reconnect every year to laugh, reminisce and meddle in each other’s lives. There is the hyper-organized control freak, the wise-cracking cynic, the youth-obsessed Southern belle, the perky but down-on-her-luck, self-deprecating sarcastic.

The cast includes Andrew Ciliberto as Walsh’s youngest friend, Derek Perry as ‘Rose’s’ deceased lover and a heralded mystery writer whose “ghost” suggests that a ghostwriter might help Rose. Jill Cipolla as “The Young Man” to help Rose finish her book. Act II is filled with unexpected twists.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday throughout the run. Tickets are $25 and $28. Call the box office at 642-7270 or through the run. Tickets are $25 and $28. Call the box office at 642-7270 or visit themarcooplayers.com.

Up next from The Marco Players: a romantic comedy by Neil Simon

The Marco Players will present the Neil Simon romantic comedy “Rose’s Dilemma” Feb. 10-28 at The Marco Players’ Theatre in Marco Town Center. The script calls for five women that can play an age range of 40 to 80. Think “Steel Magnolias” meets “The Golden Girls.”

The opening night audience will enjoy a champagne-and-strawberries reception and a special reception honoring the opening night audience. There will be a costume contest with a special award for best couple or group costume. The performance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Appointments are not required.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 22, 9 P.M.
*Great Performances: Il Trovatore*
Verdi’s opera stars Anna Netrebko in her Metropolitan Opera debut as Leonora.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 10 P.M.
*Keeping Up Appearances*
Hyacinth Bucket is in a perpetual quest for perfection, to the chagrin of her downtrodden husband.

SUNDAY, JAN. 24, 9 P.M.
*Downton Abbey Season 6, Episode 4*
Miss Baxter faces a dilemma. Anna and Mary rush to London. Daisy continues to press her case. A former maid comes to lunch. Car talk is in the air.

10 P.M. – *Mercy Street Part 2, The Haversack*
Confederate belle Emma nurses her wounded friend. Dr. Foster wrestles with his marriage and career as Mary tries to improve her patients’ lives with Samuel’s help. Aurelia submits to Silas’ advances in exchange for his help.

MONDAY, JAN. 25, 9 P.M.
*Antiques Roadshow: El Paso 2*
Highlights include a collection of signed Andy Warhol soup cans and pop art and a circa 1570 “Lotto” Oushak rug, initially purchased by the owner’s uncle for $350 and valued between $30,000 and $40,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 9 P.M.
*American Experience: The Mine Wars*
Go inside the bitter battle to unionize coal miners at the dawn of the 20th century. The struggle over the power that fueled America led to the largest armed insurrection since the Civil War and turned parts of West Virginia into a bloody war zone.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 8 P.M.
*Nature: Natural Born Hustlers Sex, Lies & Dirty Tricks*
Take notes as some males employ artful illusions and blatant cheating to trick the competition and beguile the girl. Size, style and skill are all used to best advantage — or faked, if necessary.

The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida’s (MS Center) mission is to improve the quality of life for those in Southwest Florida who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis. There is no cure for MS, but the MS Center is here to provide services that help people manage the everyday pain and challenges they experience while battling this devastating disease.

Our funding comes from donations and this annual fundraising event. The MS Center is a local organization and is not part of any national MS organization. Therefore, your support is important! Join us for this fun evening to support a very important cause! Hope to see you there!
CELEBRITY EXTRA

Lewis returns to uncover ‘Secrets and Lies’

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I would like to know the name of the actress who plays opposite Jeremy Renner in “Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters.” I think she was in “Clash of the Titans” too. Any info you have on her would be great.

A: You are speaking of the gorgeous and talented Gemma Arterton, who, as you said, also played Io in “Clash of the Titans.” Gemma is one hot commodity right now, and it would take up too much space to tell you everything she has been coming up, but I will sum up as best I can. Gemma — the Kent, England, native who turns 30 on Feb. 2 — began her acting career in grammar school, starring in numerous school productions, which eventually led to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Her first major film role was as Strawberry Fields in “Quantum of Solace,” opposite Daniel Craig’s James Bond.

Gemma went on to co-star in “Clash of the Titans,” “Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time” and “Hansel and Gretel.” She has numerous films in production or on the verge of being released, including “Their Finest Hour and a Half” with Bill Nighy, “The Girl with All the Gifts” with Glenn Close, and “A Hundred Streets” with Idris Elba.

Q: My grandma and I love watching “Rizzoli & Isles” together, but I read that the show is ending. Please tell me it isn’t true!

A: This summer, Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander will return for the seventh and final season of “Rizzoli & Isles” on TNT. They will star in a shortened 13-episode season. While the show still is a fairly strong performer, TNT head honcho Kevin Reilly said they all “felt like it was time. Everyone said, ‘Let’s go out and finish 13 great ones and call it a day.’” I’ll let you know as soon as I have an exact premiere date for this final season.

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CLUB NOTES

- The German American Club Gemuetlichkeit is held a dinner dance Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, at St. Katharine Greek Orthodox Church, 7700 Airport-Pulling Road. Doors open 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. Cost is $30 for members, $35 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 774-1582.

- The Naples Christian Women’s Connection invites area women to “Sparkle with Style,” a luncheon and fashion show at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Quail Creek Country Club. Fashions will be provided by Casual Connections. Guest speaker Molly Jeffer will discuss “A True Friend is a Priceless Treasure,” and Lindsay Graham will be the guest musician. Seating is limited. Cost is $40. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 54-2207 or emailing cwncapitals@gmail.com.

- The Gulf Coast Sailing Club announces that Tucker Thompson, the TV and public host for the 38th America’s Cup in Bermuda, will be the celebrity speaker Saturday, April 2, at the dinner for the club’s 40th Southwest Florida Charity Regatta. Mr. Thompson will deliver a multi-media overview of the America’s Cup, its storied history and dramatic comeback of AC34 as well as an insider look at what to expect for AC5 in Bermuda. He will also be sponsored to sail on a participating charity regatta boat.

- Members of the Naples Buckeyes, friends and fans of Ohio State University, are invited to the club’s Signature Event gala set for Saturday, March 19, at Quail West Country Club. Tickets for $200 include cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions. Guest speaker will be OSU President Dr. Michael Drake. For reservations or more information, visit naplesbuckeyes.com.

- Area alumni of Nichols College are invited to celebrate “Nichols in Naples” starting at 6 p.m. Feb. 9 at Grey Oaks Country Club. Reservations are required by Jan. 22 for the evening that will include beer, wine and heavy hors d’oeuvres. RSVP to the school’s office of alumni relations by calling (866) 622-4765 or emailing alumnioffice@nichols.edu.

- Boat registration starts at $125 and includes two seats at the dinner featuring Mr. Thompson, which takes place at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Dinner tickets for others are $35. Regatta sponsorships start at $100. To sign up or for more information, visit gulfcoastssailingclub.org. Donations directly to Avow for its children’s bereavement programs can be made at avowcare.org/getinvolved.

Races take place Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4, in the Gulf of Mexico off the shores of Naples and are open to all classes of sailboats. All race participants can attend the dinner, as can sponsors, volunteers and anyone in the community who is interested in sailing and supporting this year’s regatta beneficiaries: youth and special needs sailing programs in the community, and children’s bereavement programs at Avow.

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\textbf{CLUB NOTES}

- Northwestern University alumni and friends are invited to lunch and a conversation with Brian Hanson, director of programs, research and strategic planning for the Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Studies, starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Bonita Bay Club. Mr. Hanson’s work focuses on creating a cross-disciplined approach to understanding and teaching global issues, and creating impact around the world. Cost is $40 for Northwestern University Alumni Association of Naples members, $45 for others. For reservations or more information, email nunaples@hotmail.com.

- The Naples Civic 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 Tuesdays of every month. The next meetings are Jan. 26 and Feb. 9. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

- The Golf Freeze Button Club meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at St. James Community Center. The next meeting is Feb. 2. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-4027.

- 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. 2 and 16. Come schmooze! For more information, email Zane Garfein at zgarfein@gmail.com.

- The Gulf Freeze Button Club holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 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 tech4goodswfl.org.

- The Friends of St. Patrick, an Irish-American social organization formed under the auspices of Naples St. Patrick Foundation, holds its first meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. After a brief business meeting, attendees will enjoy an old fashioned sing-along and dancing by local Irish musicians. Club spokesman Jimmy McEvoy, a member of the traditional Irish band Wolfhound, says all are welcome. For more information, email naplesirish@gmail.com or visit naplesparade.com and click on “Friends of St. Patrick.”

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- Literacy Volunteers of Collier County hosts “Between the Covers with Elaine Newton: How to be Your Own Book Critic,” a luncheon and program Thursday, Jan. 28, at Stonebridge Country Club. Tickets are $75. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

- Mary and Carol Higgins Clark, New York Times best-selling authors and mother-daughter duo, have joined the line-up for the 16th annual Florida Celebration of Reading hosted by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy on Friday, Feb. 5, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs.


Since 2001, the Florida Celebration of Reading has raised more than $25 million for programs that help children and their parents improve their literacy skills. Tickets for $250 include the reading program and dinner and are available at barbarabush.org/events.

- Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida welcomes funny and frank sex therapist Ruth Westheimer, Ph.D., as guest speaker at the 12th annual Choice Affair gala Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Event chair is Joyce Gerber; honorary co-chairs are Shelby and Iqbal Mamdani, Kathy Ripin and Dr. Leon- ard Sayles and Bonnie and Fred Yarrington.

  Dr. Ruth says her experience years ago as a Planned Parenthood employee prompted her to continue her education in human sexuality. In 2013, after decades of giving advice and information to radio, TV and print audiences in the United States and several foreign countries, she received Planned Parenthood Federation’s Margaret Sanger Award in recognition of her contributions to the reproductive health and rights movement.

  Tickets to the Choice Affair evening start at $830 and include cocktails, a silent auction and dinner. For more information, call (941) 365-3913, ext. 166, or email events@myplannedparenthood.org.

- The 11th annual YMCA Sneaker Ball takes place Saturday, Feb. 6, in the gymnasium at the Greater Naples YMCA. Co-chairs Patrick Dearborn and Namette Staropoli have set a sock-hop theme for the evening of chef tasting stations, live entertainment and live and silent auctions. Tickets are $25, $200 or $500 (two Friends of YMCA tickets). All proceeds will benefit the Y’s Gaynor Early Learning Center. For reservations or more information, call 250-1030 or visit greatearnaplesymca.org.

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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. Shirley Huise is honorary chair; platinum sponsors are Arthrex and Val Trotman. Cocktail hour and a silent auction will be followed by dinner and the grand prize 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, a South Pacific cruise for two and a golf package for two with four nights at the Fairmont Scottsdale, Ariz.

Tickets are $300 ($500 for patrons, $2,500 for a table for 10). Tickets for the jewelry drawing are $25 (five for $100). For tickets or more information, call 261-8284 or visit funtimeacademy.org.

The eighth annual Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, 2016, in private homes from Naples to Captiva Island and at Miro Mar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Pitbladdo Holdings LLC is the title sponsor for the festival that benefits Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida as well as the pediatric nursing program at Florida SouthWestern State College and the music therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University. The 2015 event raised more than $3.3 million. For ticket information, call 513-7990 or visit swflwinefest.org.

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 and Spa. For ticket information, call 262-6381 or visit cplifesaver.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 2016 Imagination Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society on Marco Island takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Dick and Debra Shanahan are chairing the gala, themed “Wash Away Cancer” this year, for the fourth year. BMO Private Bank is the presenting sponsor. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions in a pavilion on the beach. Bill and Karen Young will be presented with the Grado Award in honor of their many years of leadership and service to ACS. For information about tickets or sponsorships, call Nikkie Sardelli at 642-8800, ext. 3894, or email nikkie.sardelli@ cancer.org.

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While the craft cocktail trend is still going strong, a slight kitschy streak seems to be catching on. At Tommy Bahama, for example, a few new offerings from the bar marry sophistication with fun. If you enjoy drinks that are colorful but would like to forgo the tiki glass, read on for recipes that will inject some fun into your booze without robbing you of your spirit cred.

**Bajan Swizzle**
- ½ part pomegranate juice
- ½ part pineapple juice
- ½ part Velvet Falernum
- 1-2 dashes Angostura Bitters
Pour pomegranate juice into a highball glass and add ice. Combine remaining ingredients into a shaker with ice. Shake well and pour over ice into a Collins glass. Garnish with a pineapple frond.

**Melon Patch**
- 1½ parts Grey Goose Le Melon
- ½ part St. Germain Liquer
- ½ part Aperol Liqueur
- ½ part sour mix
- ½ part orange juice
Build in a mixing glass, add ice and shake slightly. Pour into a double rocks glass.

**Bahama Sargarita**
- ½ part tequila
- 1 part Cointreau
- 2 parts sour mix
- ½ part lime juice
- 1 part Cabernet
Build all ingredients except Cabernet in a mixing glass with ice, shake and strain mixture into a wine glass over ice. Gently top with red wine float.

**Take note:**
- Chef Jeff Mitchell of *The Local* presents “Your New Favorite Breakfast,” a cooking class that comes with lunch, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Cost is $50 and includes a glass of wine with the meal. Call 596-3276 or visit thelocalnaples.com.
- Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers hosts *Food & Brew Fest* from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Top Rocker Field off I-75 in Fort Myers, with live entertainment and lots of food and craft beer from Carrabba’s Italian Grill, Bistro on the Go and Fire and Rice. Admission for $15 includes five tickets that can be redeemed for food and drinks. Proceeds benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 275-4647 or email Taylor@ste-us.com.

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**Paradise Wine**
North Naples hosts a Caribbean-inspired Bomba Shack Full Moon Party to benefit Special Olympics-Collier County starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Steel drum music will fill the air while guests fill up on island-themed food and festive drinks. For more information, call 687-3155 or visit paradisewinellc.com.

**AGAVE**
hosts a five-course prix-fixe dinner featuring Milagro tequila at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Menu items include spicy ahi Pacific tostones, halibut with macadamia nuts over white chocolate and vanilla beach risotto and Mexican puffed flautas. Dinner is $77 per person. Reservations are required. Call 598-3473 or visit agavenaples.com.

**Chef Vincenzo Betulia** of *Bar Tula* partners with Argiolas winery in Cagliari, known for its whites and young reds, for a dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. The pairing menu created by the winery’s chef Alessandro Taras and Mr. Betulia will be described in detail by Argiolas owner Antonio Argiolas. Cost is $800. Reservations are required. Call 213-2073 or visit tulianaples.com.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church** hosts its ninth annual *German Fest* from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Admission is $7 for adults and free for ages 18 and younger. Proceeds benefit local organizations including Avow Hospice and the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The church is at 1958 Curling Ave.

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**“Dinner with the Artists”** present by the Naples Art Association take place Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Wednesday, April 30. Local artists and chefs are paired to create an interactive artistic experience for guests. Artist Conrad Williams and chef Greg Shapiro of Tastebands Catering are working on the February event, and artist Ran Wilder and chef Bryan Sutton of Veranda E are cooking up the fun for April. Each meal is $100.

To reserve a seat, call 262-6527 or visit naplesart.org.
THE DISH

The Dish: Beef and Cheddar Sandwich

The Price: $9

The Place: Straight from New York Bagels, 4550 Executive Drive

The Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

The Full Menu: straightfromny.com

The Details: My man cub had a visit to the dentist and as we exited, I realized he would be very disappointed if I had sprung him from school just to go home and eat out of his lunchbox. Directly across the street was one of our Sunday morning staples where I knew I could have a delicious hot sandwich and he could satisfy his bland, 8-year-old palate with a plain toasted bagel with plain cream cheese (I realize I’m getting no mommy badges for his selection, by the way). I, however, could settle in with hot beef brisket, grilled onions, horseradish sauce and cheddar, all squeezed inside a sliced baguette, the perfect accompaniment to a drizzly day and an absorbing conversation about Minecraft.

One More Thing: I found banh mi! Straight from New York has a menu item called a Vietnamese Steak Sandwich that looks suspiciously like the beef and pickled veggie specialty I’ve waited my life to eat. It is currently residing in my fridge and waiting for the perfect companion for me to share it with — probably the 8-year-old blonde girl who can take down a gyro in three minutes flat and ask for another.

— By Lindsey Nesmith
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In the wine business, it’s called the “Sideways Effect.” It refers to the astounding decline in sales of merlot resulting from what happened in the 2004 sleeper hit movie “Sideways.” If you’re one of the very few wine lovers who has not seen it, here’s a brief summary.

Miles and Jack, two old college buddies now in their 30s, go up to wine country north of Santa Barbara for a week of golf and wine sampling. At one point, Jack suggests they have a glass of merlot, and Miles, who is something of a wine geek, famously declares, “If anyone orders merlot, I’m leaving. I am not drinking any &*!@#$ merlot!”

“Tasting notes, like “grapefruit and mango” can mean anything and give people no idea what a wine will taste like. And a winemaker doesn’t use words like that in describing his wines. You might say, “There’s a tangy, berrylike flavor.”

The culprit is histamines, which occur in grape skins. Some people (about 1 percent of the population) are sensitive to them. Most people who are sensitive to histamines get headaches from red wines than from white. This is because red wine spends more time in contact with the skins during the wine-making process.

Jerry Greenfield, the Wine Whisperer, is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” is available through his website or on Amazon. Read his other writings on his website, winewhisperer.com, or his blog at wine-whisperer.blogspot.com.
When chef-owner Michael Fattah opened Ristorante Farfalla in Estero in 1998, it was one of the first higher-end Italian restaurants to arrive in Southwest Florida. Born in Egypt and trained in Switzerland, Mr. Fattah had polished his repertoire and cultivated his cooking philosophy in fine restaurants in Bergen County, N.J., for 13 years before bringing his refined approach to Italian cuisine to Florida.

He did not compromise his high standards in the transition: top-shelf ingredients, freshly made pasta, lighter sauces, handmade desserts — all served by a knowledgeable, proficient staff. (This was at a time in Southwest Florida when Italian cuisine mostly meant red sauce on the plate and red gingham fabric on the table.)

There are no garlic knots or meatball subs at Farfalla (which means “butterfly” in Italian). The calamari and penne alla vodka are the closest things to culinary clichés on the menu. You might find some unfamiliar Italian words there, but your server will be able to explain all.

Ours was a little slow coming back to the table after we were seated. We were sitting for half an hour by the time we placed our dinner order. This served to remind us that dinner at Farfalla should not be rushed but savored. It takes a good deal of time just to contemplate each section of the menu (especially in the dining room’s overly dim light). Pasta? A mussata but which of 18 offerings? Seafood-packed cioppino or succulent milk-fed veal? After our waiter brought us an impressive wine list and detailed recital of specials, the decision became even more difficult.

Once the food started coming, the service was all smooth sailing.

Sipping glasses of Tuscan Chianti Classico (S11) and a California Chardonnay (S10), we nibbled on crusty bread with butter. Appetizers arrived in about 10 minutes. From the “antipasti freddi” (cold appetizer) section, we chose carpaccio alla Fiorentina ($13). The plate was covered with delicate, wafer-thin filet mignon marinated in olive oil, lemon juice and horseradish sauce, garnished with capers, peppery baby arugula and salty, nutty shaved Parmesan provided gentle notes of contrasting flavors.

The “antipasti caldi” (hot appetizers) include several mushroom variations, so we decided to try the baked mushrooms stuffed with lump crabmeat (S11). The dish included just six white button mushrooms, but each had a good amount of distinctly fresh crab tucked into the cap. A drizzling of good olive oil added a rich flourish.

The early birds were clearing out by 7 p.m., but a second wave of diners was trickling in. A number of patrons made their way back to the open kitchen to greet chef Fattah; clearly, he has built a loyal fan base over the years with his consistency of quality. I reviewed the restaurant shortly after it opened, and I don’t think much has changed about the menu or atmosphere.

As mentioned earlier, there’s a lot to choose from when it comes to entrees. I would have loved to try one of the risotto dishes, or the handmade gnocchi or the handmade farfalle with leeks and smoked salmon presented on the saltimbocca alla Romana ($25) with caviar. I could go on, but I finally settled on the saltimbocca alla Romana ($25) from a half-dozen veal choices. The plate was a rainbow of color: sautéed orange carrots, green zucchini and spinach, yellow squash and garnishes of purple-leaf kale and a carved red radish. Yes, they are generous with the vegetables at Farfalla. There were thinly sliced scalloped potatoes, too.

The main attraction was equally impressive: remarkably tender scallops of veal that could be cut with a fork, topped with salty prosciutto and sage and bathed in a white wine sauce and demi-glace. I asked for extra bread to dip in the delicious juices and wiped the plate clean.

As I said, fresh pasta is a must-have here, and one of the night’s specials was too dazzling to pass up: squid ink and saffron fettucine with seafood and choice of sauce ($38). The tangle of black and golden noodles made an eye-catching base for abundant and succulent fruits of the sea: littleneck clams, green mussels, shrimp and a lobster claw and half a tail, each morsel perfectly cooked. We chose a clear white wine sauce with roasted garlic that allowed the real stars of the dish to shine. A basil leaf perched atop the plate like a flag.

When walking through the dining room, the dessert forks are even chilled — who does that anymore? All the better to enjoy a double-serving of cannoli ($9) with a hint of cinnamon and surprisingly smooth filling of ricotta and triple-cream mascarpone. Both of those cheeses also went into the super-fluffy Italian cheesecake ($9), a lighter concoction than traditional New York cheesecake, which had a subtle tinge of orange.

It’s flattering to know that almost two decades later, Ristorante Farfalla merits the same praise it earned when it opened. This butterfly’s still flying high.
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Livingston Lakes: the best of location and lifestyle

Homebuyers in WCI Communities’ Livingston Lakes find different reasons for choosing the new community. For some, it is the home designs, with flexible spaces for personalization. Others like the idea of living among nature preserves and lakes and enjoying alfresco dining on the lanai. And of course, the easy, maintenance-free lifestyle appeals to everyone.

For Livingston Lakes homebuyers John and Allyson Loos, the community’s premier location on the east side of Livingston Road, just south of Immokalee Road, was key in sealing their decision to select a Carriage Home as their next residence.

The Loos family has long-standing ties to the area. As a young boy, John attended elementary school in Naples. He returned to Naples with his own family in the early 2000s, and again, most recently, so their son could complete high school at The Seacrest Country Day School.

“We love Livingston Lakes for its ideal location, with proximity to the North Collier Regional Park and I-75,” said John. “And of course, being close to the Children’s Museum was also appealing,” he added.

Many in the area know the Loos family through their connection to the Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples (C’Mon). John and Allyson lost their daughter, Bianca, to bacterial meningitis in 1999. In 2001, Allyson dreamed that Bianca told her to start a children’s museum.

“The beginning of the Children’s Museum was a wonderful example of the heart making a decision without the brain’s permission,” John said. “Ally mentioned the dream to a dear friend, and the idea took root. Ten years and hundreds of meetings later, the museum doors opened in 2012.

“When we moved back to Naples for our son, Ally asked me if I would serve on the museum’s board of directors. Understandably, the museum means a lot to us,” said John.

The community feels the same way. In the three and a half years since it opened, nearly half a million children and family members have enjoyed the museum. Livingston Lakes fits John and Allyson’s lifestyle perfectly. With their son set to


graduate this spring, they will move into their Carriage Home in August.

“We like the size of the homes and the size of the community,” John added.

Close to Naples’ premier shopping and dining destinations and the white sands of the Gulf of Mexico beaches, Livingston Lakes’ Garden, Coach and Carriage Homes offer maintenance-free living for residents who want to easily come and go, enjoying all the area offers.

Livingston Lakes is only five miles from the pristine beach and recreational activities at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, including swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Shopping, dining and entertainment are just as close at the upscale Waterside Shops and Mercato, which also boasts a 12-screen premier-style theater.

But with Livingston Lakes’ community amenities, residents won’t have to go far for fun.

The newly opened lakeside clubhouse offers a central location for resident events, aerobics and yoga classes, and neighborly gatherings planned by the community’s lifestyle director.

The clubhouse’s gated entry opens into a paved courtyard with seating oriented to a fireplace – perfect to enjoy with new neighbors. The club room is a large gathering space with seating areas, a catering kitchen and a freestanding island bar to provide a staging area for parties and events. The fitness center, which offers state-of-the-art cardio and strength training equipment, overlooks the expansive 2,000-square-foot resort-style pool.

Mindful of maintaining an intimate environment for community residents, WCI has created Livingston Lakes’ two-story buildings with 10 residences in Garden Home buildings, six residences in Coach Home buildings and four Carriage Homes per building.

Most homes overlook one of the community’s two large lakes. Livingston Lakes’ six Coach Home designs offer open kitchen, café and great room plans oriented to lake views. Several designs feature tray ceilings in owner’s suites and sliding glass doors at great room and café. The two-bedroom, two-bath homes have 1,786 to 1,831 square feet of living space, single-car garages and a private entry.

The community’s lake-view, two-bedroom, two-bath Carriage Home designs are the largest Livingston Lakes residences. The first-floor Carnoustie design has 1,831 square feet of living space and offered ceilings in its flex room and owner’s suite. Located on the second floor, the 2,152-square-foot St. Andrews design features a loft overlooking its first-floor foyer.

Carriage Homes offer two-car garages.

Coach and Carriage Homes provide spacious owner’s retreats with large walk-in closets and bathrooms offering showers, private water closets, and vanities with dual sinks. Kitchens feature freestanding island breakfast bars, granite countertops, recessed-panel cabinet doors and pantries. A Whirlpool appliance package offers a range, microwave, dishwasher, and refrigerator with icemaker. Double-compartment stainless steel sinks have Moen faucets.

Coach and Carriage building features include concrete tile roofs, decorative raised-panel garage doors with remote openers and keyless entry pads, and brick paver driveways.

WCI also offers two- and three-bedroom, two-bath Garden Home designs with opportunities to personalize plan-specific flex spaces and dens. Offering views of lakes and nature preserves, Garden Homes feature an open great room design in 1,608 to 1,728 square feet of air-conditioned living space.

Home prices at Livingston Lakes start in the mid-$200,000s.

Now, it’s even easier to imagine your Livingston Lakes lifestyle with four beautifully furnished model homes available for viewing. Featuring interior design by award-winning Kay Green Designs of Winter Park, the models embody the possibilities provided by Coach and Carriage Homes.

A Garden Home model, also designed by Kay Green Designs, is underway and scheduled to open later this month.

Models are open for viewing Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information about Livingston Lakes, visit the sales center at 15511 Palmer Lake Circle, call 239-444-3490 or log onto www.LivingstonLakesWCI.com.
Five luxury model homes open this weekend during Mediterra’s Model Home Showcase

Mediterra, home to one of the top private country clubs in the world and Collier County’s nine-time Community of the Year, will be open to the public this weekend during the Mediterra Model Home Showcase, featuring luxury cars, and stunning model homes throughout Naples’ premier golf and beach community.

The Model Home Showcase is one of the limited opportunities for the public to experience the gated Mediterra community and explore its intimate neighborhoods.

The Mediterra Model Home Showcases take place this Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guests will experience Mediterra’s unique lifestyle as they tour London Bay’s five luxury villa and single-family estate model homes priced from $1 million to more than $3 million, and each one perfectly paired with luxury automobiles from McLaren Tampa Bay. The showcase truly provides a rare glimpse inside the 1,700-acre community named the 2013 Aurora Award for Best Residential Development in the Southeastern United States.

Showcase models offer 2,800 to more than 4,400 square feet of living space and feature the latest trends in interior and architectural design by London Bay Homes and the award-winning Romanza Interior Design. The homes demonstrate the builder’s commitment to Private Label Living with luxury finishes and specialty flooring, ceiling and wall treatments, and floor plans designed with the alfresco gathering areas for enjoying Florida’s outdoor lifestyle.

London Bay offers an array of options for buyers to customize their home by selecting lanais and garages, adding bedrooms, dens or studies, and selecting indoor and outdoor fireplaces, summer kitchens, outdoor living and dining areas, a summer kitchen, and a custom pool and spa. The floor plan emphasizes al fresco living with a wall 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.

London Bay’s customizable floor plans in Lucarno offer two to five bedrooms and range from 2,500 to more than 4,000 square feet of interior living space.

In Serata, the four-bedroom, four-and-one-half-bath Delfina model, a single-family estate, features a transitional interior design with turquoise and magenta against neutral off-white, taupe and gray backgrounds. Additional interior features include a pop-up TV hidden within room-dividing cabinetry in the game room and a mix of stainless steel, gray pearl, antique pewter, weathered wood and glass furniture finishes.

The Delfina has 4,329 square feet of living space, formal dining and living rooms, expansive outdoor gathering spaces, a covered veranda and a lanai with summer kitchen. The model also has a custom swimming pool, spa and fire pit.

The Model Home Showcase also introduces three floor plans available at Cabreo, a neighborhood of maintenance-free luxury villas overlooking lakes and nature preserves. Only 23 villa homesites remain available in the neighborhood, where event guests will be able to explore two models.

The Bettina is a furnished three-bedroom, three-and-one-half-bath model home offering a den, dining room and great room within 3,100 square feet. Interior architectural embellishments include crown molding and columns. The villa offers an open floor plan with relaxing views of Mediterra’s lakes and nature preserve from the great room, master suite, kitchen and outdoor living space. Just off the foyer, a den provides additional space for an office or library.

The 2,810-square-foot Angelica includes designer finishes and stainless steel kitchen appliances selected by Romanza. The home features pops of burnt orange and crimson, oak and animal print in a cheetah-themed rug in the main living area.

Homes and homesites in Cabreo are priced from $1 million.

Mediterra is located on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road and west of I-75. Available home designs include single-family estate homes and single-family maintenance-free villas priced from $1 million to more than $7 million. The community is more than 95 percent sold.

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

For more information about Mediterra or the showcase, visit www.MediterraNaples.com or call 239-949-8989.
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Ideally located in the heart of north Naples, Livingston Lakes offers carefree living with quick and easy access to the best of Naples. Livingston Lakes features a variety of maintenance-free home designs from newly released Garden Home condominiums to spacious Coach and Carriage Homes with large owner’s suites and attached garages.
Model residences now open at Naples Square

Three fully-furnished model residences are now open for viewing in Phase I at Naples Square. The Ronto Group is developing Naples Square at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Naples Square’s unparalleled location and walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. The walkable lifestyle and availability of one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans from over 1,200 to over 3,800 square feet under air with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces have made it one of Naples’ most desirable communities. Just one Phase I residence remains available for purchase. Phase II construction continues as planned with completion anticipated in first quarter 2017.

Priced from the $600’s, Naples Square’s floor plans offer 30-foot ceilings, designer kitchens, chic master bedrooms and designer flooring throughout. Controlled access under-building parking is included. Residents will enjoy a professionally designed fitness center, a courtyard amenity deck featuring a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundek, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage.

Ronto’s Phase I models showcase the Chelsea, Denison, and Essex floor plans. The Chelsea model’s interior was designed by Rachelle Porco and Christine Neal of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors. The two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath floor plan includes 1,832 square feet of living space and a 214 square feet open-air terrace. The great room, owner’s bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the terrace. The plan features a kitchen with a peninsula, a generous island with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

The Chelsea’s design combines natural materials, including woods, stone, glass, metals, Cork, and grass cloth, with chrome and stainless steel. The natural materials play against a neutral color palette that features tonal cream backsplash, creamy cabinets with a medium sienna-toned finish, and cream colored quartz countertops.

The Denison’s interior has been designed by Claudia Baer of Baer’s Furniture. The Denison offers 2,264 square feet of living space and a 290 square feet balcony. The plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen, and a two story, two and three bedroom plus den Phase II floor plans range from over 1,200 to over 3,800 square feet under air with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. Three of the Phase II plans have sold out. The furnished Chelsea residence features an interior by Rachelle Porco and Christine Neal of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors and is one of three models now open at Naples Square. Left: Residents at Naples Square will enjoy a courtyard amenity deck featuring a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundek, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating.

Above: Naples Square’s nine light-filled one and two story, two and three bedroom plus den Phase II floor plans range from over 1,200 to over 3,800 square feet under air with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. The sense of transition to the great room is amplified by a second, hand-sculpted nautical rope chandelier over a neutral stone inset within the wood flooring. The feeling of being welcomed into a tropical, urban vacation. Eight-inch x 24” x 24” ceramic tile. The open family room features sliding glass doors to provide a transition to the wrap-around balcony. The dining room opens to the balcony. The balcony includes a casual dining area and a conversation area while providing an extension of the home’s entertainment spaces. The kitchen features a generous island with casual seating. The island and perimeter cabinetry is executed in a walnut-toned finish enhanced by a stone backsplash.

The owner’s bedroom presents off-white and aqua tones accented by embroidered silk draperies and cut velvet accent pillows. The owner’s bath room features snow white linen-textured tile accented with rows of an iridescent mosaic tile also featured in the shower.

The Essex model’s urban tropical interior was designed by Renee Gaddis Interiors. The Essex offers 2,469 square feet of living space. The plan’s living room, dining room, master bedroom, and a guest bedroom open to a 248 square feet balcony. The plan includes a den and an island kitchen. The owner’s suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. The model’s color palette includes neutral whites with splashes of navy blue, emerald green and orange. Wide plank wood flooring adds contrast.

The Essex model’s floor plans offer 10-foot ceilings, designer kitchens, chic master bedrooms, and designer flooring throughout. Controlled access under-building parking is included. Residents will enjoy a professionally designed fitness center, a courtyard amenity deck featuring a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundek, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating.

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Stock Development and its award-winning Quail West community in North Naples will host the 2016 Joint, Single-Site CBIA-LBIA Parade of Homes for the fourth consecutive year beginning Friday, January 29. The Parade of Homes will be held Friday the 29 through Sunday, January 31, and Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7. Hours on Friday 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 of Homes will present 34 designer-decorated furnished models by Quail West’s Preferred Builders.

The Parade of Homes will showcase residences from Quail West’s diverse luxury product offering, including five estate models. Quail West’s estate residences are situated on sites that showcase the community’s fairway, lake, and preserve views. These custom built homes present new architectural designs and interiors that continue Quail West’s legacy of refined estate living. Estate models by Stock Signature Homes, Mcgarvey Custom Homes, Fox Custom Builders, and Emerald Homes will be featured. These finely crafted residences range from 2,725 to 6,128 square feet under air and are priced from $1,250,000 to $4,6 million.

Florida Lifestyle Homes of Fort Myers’ furnished Antilles model in Quail West’s North Lake neighborhood will be presented during the Parade. North Lake presents 3,000 to over 5,000 square feet residences by Florida Lifestyle and Stock Signature Homes on 120-foot home sites with base-pricing from the $900’s. The 4,083 square feet under air 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 measuring 1,602 square feet that includes a pool, spa with fountains, fire features, and planters, an outdoor kitchen and dining area, and a fireplace.

Stock Signature Homes, the luxury homebuilding division of Stock Development, is presenting three models in Quail West’s Tamworth neighborhood. Tamworth is now available at Quail West. Twenty-five move-in ready residences. Including five furnished model and unfurnished move-in ready residences. Including the furnished models to be featured during the Parade of Homes, an unprecedented collection of 40 completed, soon to be completed, and poised to begin construction furnished model and unfurnished move-in ready residences is now available at Quail West. Twenty-eight of the residences are by Stock Signature Homes.

Quail West is located east of Interstate 75, one mile south of Bonita Beach Road. Take Exit 116 (Bonita Beach Road) east. Turn right on Bonita Grande Drive and follow the signs to the sales center. Call 239.992.1010. Visit Quail West online at www.QuailWest.com.

Above: Mcgarvey Custom Homes’ Alderley model is one of five furnished estate residences available for viewing and purchase during the Parade of Homes. Left: The Casa Katrina estate residence by Stock Signature Homes will be featured during the 2016 Joint, Single-Site CBIA-LBIA Parade of Homes to be held Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31, and Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7 at Quail West. Below: Stock Signature Homes’ Glenmore residence is one of thirteen floor plans by Stock, the exclusive homebuilding division of Stock Development, is presenting three models in Quail West’s Cortland neighborhood that will be featured during the Parade of Homes.

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The Sanibel I, II, and III Courtyard Residences provide four bedrooms plus a den and four-and-a-half baths. The Caxambas I, II, and III Courtyard Residences are four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, with a second-floor loft area. All feature a great room design with living, dining, and kitchen areas flowing seamlessly together and extending to the outdoor living area and pool.

The Sanibel III model home is now open and available for purchase. The four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath residence features “coastal sanctuary” interior décor awash in softened aquatic hues to convey the tranquility and luxury offered Mangrove Bay residents.

Its beach-themed aesthetic mixes dark, light, and weathered wood appointments with a cool color palette, perfectly complementing its limed oak wood floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, and custom moldings and cabinetry throughout the residence. Its master suite is on the ground floor with corner-pocketing sliding doors that open the room to the tropical landscaping surrounding the lanai and outdoor living area with its own fireplace below a space with a soaring 1 ½-story covered roof, and pool and spa with a gently flowing water feature.

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New furnished models & amenities opening at Lely Resort: strong sales continued in 2015

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 enter its Grand Finale in 2016 with 10 new furnished models and exciting new amenity offerings. “This month, we are debuting the new Multi-Purpose Building and unveiling 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 kitchen, bathrooms and ten tables for daily card play and games. The lobby features banquet seating. The beautiful new facility will be available for members to reserve for private functions, such as baby showers or birthday and anniversary parties.

The Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has been expanded against 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 and believe this is one of the reasons Lely Resort has had such a success.”

Last year, the company registered 161 new home sales worth $100.8 million. Sales were strong across a wide range of single-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 furnished models and is adding more move-in ready residences for the winter season. Four of the models are open. Four are opening this month and the final two will debut in February and March.

Two new coach home neighborhoods have been a huge sales success in their first few months of sales. Signature Club and Cipriani are luxurious coach home building at Cipriani offers three championship golf courses. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The new neighborhood features an array of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Priced from $520,025.

In Lakoya, Stock offers a wide variety of single-family homes twin villas. This exclusive 242-acre enclave has a private guarded and gated entrance, sculptured landscaping, classical gardens, spectacularly choreographed fountains and elegant paved walking paths. Beautifully furnished models are open in the neighborhood and these floor plans have exceptional standard features packages. They are priced from $520,025.

Featuring world-class championship golf courses, sensational clubhouses and the area’s widest selection of luxurious homes, Lely Resort has earned an unprecedented seven Community of the Year awards from the Collier Building Industry Association. The Player’s Club & Spa is a stunningly beautiful 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse and features an opulent new dining wing that has been enlarged with seating for over 200 guests.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second 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 cafe. Lely Resort offers five distinctive neighborhoods, priced from the $200s, and inventory homes are available in several styles of multi-family and single-family designs. These move-in ready homes and the past two cold, snowy winters up north have fueled incredible sales numbers in the community and new home opportunities will not last forever.

Please visit Lely Resort and see why it is Naples it has been named Community of the Year seven times! The Lely Resort Sales Center is located at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and C.R. 951. From I-75 take exit 101 (C.R. 951) south five miles to Grand Lely Drive. For more information call (239) 793-2100 or visit Lely on the web at www.lely-resort.com. The Players Club & Spa is on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/LelyPlayersClub.

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With over 280 new home sales last year, Ave Maria is Southwest Florida’s fastest selling community and the 2015 Community of the Year as named by the Collier Building Industry Association. Just recently, Ave Maria was named a Top 40 Master Planned Community in the United States by John Burns Real Estate Consulting. There is no compromising in Ave Maria. New home buyers recognize the incredible value and high quality of life while still enjoying the close proximity to Naples’ beaches and culture.

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Del Webb Naples
Del Webb is redefining the way active adults over age 55 enjoy life. Del Webb Naples in Ave Maria offers homes ranging from 1,133 to over 2,500 square feet, with 2-3 bedrooms and several options. Prices from the low $200s.

Tour the stunning Oasis Club which features over 12,000 square feet of resort and lap pools, tennis courts, bocce ball, fitness center, library, café, fire pit, arts & crafts studio, library, and event rooms. The Oasis Club is the central hub for social and fitness activities, with an on-site lifestyle director ensuring every day is filled with fun and friends.

Visit an on-site sales representative to learn more about the Del Webb lifestyle. 5 model homes open daily.

Maple Ridge
Maple Ridge at Ave Maria offers several styles of single-family home designs from the low $200s. This unique, private sanctuary of elegant homes is offered by CC Devco Homes, builders of South Florida’s best-selling new home community: Montura-Cooper City. Three to six-bedroom homes range in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge.

At Maple Ridge, the key word is complete. Every home includes granite countertops and stainless appliances in the kitchen, wood cabinetry, and designer lighting and flooring. Visit the on-site sales center to meet with a Maple Ridge representative today and begin designing your dream home. 14 model homes open daily.

Hampton Village & Emerson Park
Two of the town’s original neighborhoods, Hampton Village and Emerson Park, attract new homeowners with mature landscaping, traditional neighborhood design, and large single-family floor plans built by national homebuilder Pulte Homes. Discover 1- and 2-story innovative floor plans built using the best ideas from homeowners – quality features such as thoughtful layout and design, premium brands, and exceptional craftsmanship. New homes from the $200s. Visit the on-site sales representatives in Hampton Village for more information. One model open daily.

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Kitson reports 2015 year-end sales over $160 million at Talis Park

Kitson & Partners’ innovative Residences at Vyne House present the ultimate in the Village lifestyle experience at Talis Park. Eleven distinct floor plans ranging from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet are priced from $1.350 million to $3.575 million. Talis Park’s Vyne House clubhouse offers casual and fine dining, an indoor/outdoor lounge experience, an intimate wine room, a resort-style pool, state-of-the-art fitness and spa facilities, a rotunda with a two-sided fireplace that overlooks the 18th fairway, a golf pro shop, and men’s and women’s locker rooms. The introduction of FrontDoor Communities’ Coach Homes at Corsica has expanded Talis Park’s maintenance-free, lock-and-leave condominium and coach home product offerings.

Developer Kitson & Partners’ reported closed land sales and new construction contracts valued at $160,374,000 were processed at Talis Park in 2015. The year marked the completion of the Vyne House clubhouse and a nearly three-acre Sports Complex that includes tennis and bocce ball courts, a lap pool, and a tennis pro shop and beverage center. Talis Park’s lifestyle and residential product choices continue to drive homebuyer traffic. Grand estate home sites measuring more than one-acre, estate home models, single-family homes, penthouse-style condominiums, and resort-style coach homes are available for purchase.

Two builder-owned home sites and a furnished residence are available in Talis Park’s Brightling neighborhood. Stellar Living Homes’ 3,042 square feet Danielli model is priced at $1,095 million furnished. The four bedroom, four and a half bath great room plan totals 3,042 square feet. The great room, dining area, and kitchen provide a living area that opens to a covered patio and Solana overlooking the golf course. The owner’s suite features a bed-room that opens to the covered patio. The plan includes a three-car garage.

Two residences under construction in the Fairgrove neighborhood are available, including Iron Star Luxury Homes’ 3,503 square feet Villa Lago residence. Priced at $2.7 million, the Villa Lago includes a great room and double-island kitchen, a formal dining room, wet bar, study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a covered veranda, pool, and spa. The veranda features a fireplace, summer kitchen, and sitting and dining areas. A second residence priced at $4.2 million is also under construction in Fairgrove.

Distinctive Communities’ Il Corso Neighborhood offers 30 detached, maintenance-free luxury villas ranging from 2,550 to 3,638 square feet. Il Corso features seven one and two-story single-family floor plans. The Spanish Eclectic great room villas open to private indoor/outdoor spaces with water views. Three and four bedroom plans include a study, island kitchens, outdoor living areas, and heated swimming pools. The Il Corso residences are priced from $1.15 million. Eleven buildable home sites remain available. The two-story Benidorm II furnished model is also available and priced at $1,540,000.

Gulfshore Homes’ Cielo model is available in Seneca, a neighborhood featuring south-facing lakefront sites with water and fairway views. Two builder-owned sites remain available. The 3,997 square feet Cielo presents a great room opening to an outdoor space with a fireplace, conversation area, an outdoor kitchen and dining area, and a pool and spa. The plan includes a double-island kitchen, a dining room, wine cellar, library/study, three bedrooms, three full-baths and two half-baths, and a three-car garage. The furnished Cielo is priced at $2,545,000.

The Corsica neighborhood will include 64 south-facing resort-style coach homes and 24 north-facing single-family homes. FrontDoor Communities’ Coach Homes at Corsica will feature 16 two-story buildings with four residences per building. Completion of the first two buildings is anticipated in second quarter, 2016. Priced from $725,000, the 2,532 square feet Messina first floor coach homes include a great room and dining area, an island kitchen, three bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths. Priced from $795,000, the second floor Sienna coach homes offer 3,382 square feet and features a foyer with a 20-foot clear-story ceiling, staircase, and a private elevator. The plan includes a study or loft, a great room, dining area and wet bar, an island kitchen and pantry, three bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths.

Single-family residences in Corsica are being built by Sunwest Homes, Fox Custom Builders, Stellar Living Homes, and Harbourside Custom Homes. Home and lot packages are available from $1.6 million. Sunwest’s Santa Barbara model is under construction and models by Fox and Stellar Living are poised to begin construction. Eight developer-owned and 12 builder-owned sites remain available.

WCI Communities’ Carrara neighborhood will feature 90 penthouse-style condominiums in 15 midrise buildings. Each building includes three floors over parking with two residences per floor. Priced from the $700s, each great room residence includes a private elevator lobby, an island kitchen, an “on the view” owner’s suite, two guest ensuites, a library/media room, powder bath, and secured ground level parking. The penthouse-style residences offer more than 2,000 square feet of air conditioned space and feature wraparound loggias. A furnished Carrara model is open for viewing.

The Residences at Vyne House showcases fourteen luxury condominiums adjacent to the amenities at Vyne House. Eleven floor plans ranging from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet are priced from $1,350 million to $3,575 million. The offering puts a select group of homeowners within steps of every amenity at Vyne House. A 24-hour concierge will be available to owners.

McGarvey Custom Homes, Gulfshore Homes, Stellar Living Homes, and Sunwest Homes are introducing four models in the Prato estate neighborhood. Twenty-four home sites 125’ x 175’ overlook the Talis Park golf course. The estate models range from $900 to 6,820 square feet under air and are priced from $4.495 million. McGarvey’s Astaire estate model will be completed this month. No developer owned home sites remain available in Prato.

Talis Park’s Firenze neighborhood is a gated enclave of thirteen grand estate home sites measuring more than one acre with views of multiple fairways and lakes. The sites are priced from $1.65 million and situated within a short walk of Vyne House. The combination of large lot sizes, the proximity to Talis Park’s amenity core, and the privacy of the gated neighborhood offers an exceptional estate lifestyle. Eight home sites remain available in Firenze.

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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 exceeded the $100 million mark,” stated Wilson. Construction on the first of five towers began earlier this summer with land clearing, followed by test pilings and then the drilling of the permanent pilings. As of early January, the tower’s first and second floors are 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 in the Summer of 2017.”

Kalea Bay is an impressive chapter in the real estate history of Southwest Florida. The exquisitely designed 22-story tower, with 120 luxury residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at $1.3 million.

- Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom, 4-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,795 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 3,805 total square feet.
- Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,280 square feet under air and 3,923 total square feet.

All residents of Kalea Bay will enjoy the stunning view of the Gulf of Mexico.

Residents, no matter which floor they choose, will be able to enjoy views of the Gulf of Mexico and nature preserve,” said Wilson. “That’s because the building’s amenities are located on the roof. They include an open-air fitness center, sky lounge and incredible rooftop pool.”

The residents and their guests will have quite a view from the tower’s roof. Not only will they see the Gulf of Mexico, but two of the best beaches in the country. They include, Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2; and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which is ranked #9.

In addition to the first tower’s rooftop amenities, Kalea Bay will also have a first-class clubhouse area which surely will be the recreational and social center of the community.

“The main amenity area is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance,” said Wilson. “It will include a clubhouse with three individual pools, a pool deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar and an Internet cafe.”

But that’s not all. Nearby will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted tennis courts and 24 guest suites. There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse area, to a designated Gulf beach.

“In addition to our first tower construction has also started at the site of the community’s clubhouse,” said Wilson. “The first order of business was excavating the locations of the three pools.”

According to Wilson, Kalea Bay’s main amenity area will be ready for the community’s first residents to enjoy immediately upon them moving into their new homes.

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.
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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.

The launch of the new tower means plans for a host of new amenities. These include: a social room complete with large screen television and sound system, comfortable seating area with a fireplace, bar and card tables; three spacious guest suites, which can be reserved for guests. Additional guest cottages and cabanas are available for purchase by residents; a game room with a billiards, interactive virtual golf and other video games; outdoor putting/chipping green, dog run; and an outdoor screened social pavilion overlooking the marina.

To learn more about AQUA and how you can become one of the boutique community’s 32 new owners, go to www.aqua-naples.com, call (239)-591-2727 or visit the AQUA Information Center, located at 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110. Offered exclusively by PACT Realty and priced from $1,900,000 to $4,950,000.

Why waste your time looking at floor plans when you can visit AQUA’s stunning models in person. Tower II is now under construction. With only 32 residences in the new tower, your sense of privacy and access to amenities is assured. AQUA’s private theater allows you to go out to the movies without having to go out at all.
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Minto’s The Isles of Collier Preserve, named master-planned community of the year, celebrates the highly anticipated grand opening of The Isles Club.

The Isles Club, the new clubhouse and amenity center at The Isles of Collier Preserve, is celebrating its grand opening with a public celebration. On Saturday, January 23rd from 12pm-4pm come experience this latest addition to the one-of-a-kind lifestyle offered at The Isles of Collier Preserve in the brand new clubhouse overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway.

The design of the 16,500 square-foot Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888. The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch and will be the social hub of The Isles of Collier Preserve.

Residents and friends will gather at The Isles Club for social functions, swimming and sunbathing, tennis, bocce ball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. An event courtyard, yoga lawn, resort-style swimming pool, lap pool and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

More than half of The Isles of Collier Preserve’s 2,400 acres are dedicated to natural habitat and preserve areas connected by a network of biking paths and recreational trails with exercise stations and nature observation areas as well as blueways for kayaking. A rustic Overlook Bar and Grill with views of the Cypress Waterway will be added in the future.

Minto Communities has received many national, regional and local awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples, including most recently the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year awarded by the Florida Home Builders Association and the Southeast Building Conference, part of the National Association of Home Builders. The addition of The Isles Club adds yet another outstanding amenity to this award-winning, eco-friendly community.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid-$300s to over $1 million. The community currently features 15 fully furnished model homes for touring.

Single-family homes at The Isles of Collier Preserve are priced from the high $300s, and range from 1,565 to 1,862 square feet under air. They include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garage.

One, two and three story coach home selections are priced from the low $400s to the $600s. Coach homes range in size from 1,621 to 2,960 square feet under air, and include two-car garages and private elevators.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve and to learn more about The Isles Club grand opening event, call (888) 707-1251 or visit mintofla.com.
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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 $499,000, 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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What are some recent trends you’ve seen in your industry?
Americans like larger vehicles, and as gas prices have declined, the buying public has trended to larger cars, SUVs and trucks. The Internet plays into all aspects of the buying public’s buying decisions.

What lessons did you learn from the Great Recession?
The downturn in the 2008 period was certainly an eye-opener for everyone in business. I think everyone is much more aware that the economic cycle can have dramatic downturns. Everyone must watch how leveraged they are and be able to use cost containments and be efficient even in the good times.

What’s your vision for the future of your business?
The purchase of an automobile is the second-largest transaction that most individuals are involved in during their lifetime, and while the Internet has changed retailing, I still believe that customers would like to purchase from a local community-involved dealer. I believe there is still a place for a locally owned dealership to meet the community needs but future consolidation by large groups will continue. I hope to be that dealer serving Southwest Florida.

What new products or services will you introduce next year?
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What are some of the challenges you face this year?
Insurance affordability for healthcare, liability, wind, workers comp. The need to recruit the younger generation to the dealership world.

What trends do you see impacting your industry in the next two to four years?
The government gridlock and any downturn in the economy.

How do you expect the Southwest Florida economy to grow?
Tourism still plays a big part along with affordability. It looks good for the next several years.

What do you look for when recruiting new talent?
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Historic cult classic
Just entering the Koreshan State Historic Site is an experience in itself. You won’t be the first to detect an almost mystical, haunting aura.
Featured in several travel guides, including “Weird Florida” and “Roadside America,” the one-time Utopian village was founded by an eclectic Chicago religious leader named Cyrus Teed who took the name “Koresh” and, in 1894, formed a commune based in Estero called the Koreshan Unity. The religion was based on the belief that the earth is actually hollow and humanity dwells within. While it was an easily disproven notion, there were hundreds of Koreshans who lived peacefully in the commune until the early 1960s, when the four remaining members deeded the land to the state.
The former “New Jerusalem” is now a site for tours, picnics, weddings, theatrical performances and more. Filled with exotic vegetation and located on the banks of the Estero River, one visit to this heavenly state park will prove why Mr. Teed and his followers were convinced they’d found paradise.

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Marvel of an open market
Whether you need it or not, Ortiz Avenue Flea Market probably has it, and you’re sure to have fun looking for it.
Folks come from Collier and Charlotte counties (and beyond) to take in all that this marketplace has to offer. Located just off I-75 at exit 138 in Fort Myers, and open every Saturday and Sunday (but closed through the week), this huge flea market bustles with activity, houses more than 600 vendors and contains a hodgepodge of items from the quirky to the must-haves.
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John Giglio
President/CEO, Freedom Boat Club

‘The boat club model is a major leader in providing a proven, affordable alternative’

How did you first get into business?
My first foray into business after college was working in an HR capacity for a temporary staffing firm. I then joined a company that owned a chain of successful auto body stores and worked in operations. After three years, I became a partner and my role expanded to include all aspects including operations, HR, accounting and marketing. I enjoyed a hands-on opportunity to learn how to successfully operate a small business.

What are some recent trends you’ve seen in your industry?
While the boating industry overall was dealt a severe blow in 2009 by the economic recession, we have seen an uptick and slow but steady growth over the past few years. With this growth has come a greater demand for marina slip space.

What lessons did you learn from the Great Recession?
Unlike most marine industry businesses, our niche enjoyed significant positive growth as a result of the recession. When the economy tasked, our affordable alternative to traditional boat ownership became a very attractive solution for active boaters who didn’t want to give up their favorite recreational pastime and lifestyle.

We learned the importance of investing in our fleet, along with consistently marketing of our brand messages to educate the public about our offerings. Lessons learned: we’ve enjoyed a 20 percent year-on-year revenue growth over the past five years.

What’s your vision for the future of your business?
We have two divisions: the corporate entity includes 14 clubs we own and operate from Bradenton to Marco Island; the franchise business is nationwide. Our corporate vision includes targeted expansion, plus the purchasing of marinas on the west coast of Florida. Slip space is a prerequisite for our growth.

On the franchise front, we will reach the 100 club milestone by year’s end. Within five years, we will double our footprint nationally and abroad.

What trends do you see impacting your industry in the next two to four years?
There is a focus on making boating more affordable in order to grow the market. The boat club model is a major leader in providing a proven, affordable alternative to traditional boat ownership. Other non-traditional options include fractional ownership and peer-to-peer. The sharing economy or collaborative consumption mindset is particularly appealing to Millennials, so we expect this trend to help stimulate growth within this important demographic.

Who am I?
NAME: John Giglio
TITLE AND COMPANY: President/CEO, Freedom Boat Club
YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 11
YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: 18
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Boating Service Organization
EDUCATION: MBA – University of South Florida

Another major trend addresses the shift in overall U.S. demographics and the powerful growth projections in multicultural markets.

Freedom Boat Club is an early adopter in multicultural initiatives. We have hired a full-time multicultural sales and marketing manager to lead our efforts and we are currently developing our strategy, with the goal to introduce and welcome new markets to the boating lifestyle.

How do you expect the Southwest Florida economy to grow?
We’re projecting solid growth. New housing starts are on the rise. More importantly, we have documented notable growth in our corporate membership base with newcomers who have recently relocated to the area. With the steady influx of new residents and positive population growth comes the stimulation of small business, which will directly impact the service industry.

What do you look for in recruiting new talent?
We are so blessed in this regard! Our corporate division has grown considerably over the past few years and we are fortunate that the area has so many active, younger retired professionals who are seeking enjoyable second careers. We never have a problem finding great talent!

What’s the most important business lesson you’ve learned?
Stick to what you know! Continue to innovate and improve your core business, but stay focused and do what you do better than anyone else.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
Many people assume that I’ve been a boater all my life. Truth is, my wife taught me to drive a boat at the age of 28! Who would have dreamed I would own the world’s largest and oldest boat club one day? Thanks to my wife and her family, boating has become an integral part of my both my life and now my career. I love bringing the fun of boating to others!

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A wickedly great taste of the Cape
Apple pie, blueberry and strawberry rum, or as Wicked Dolphin Distillery calls it, “rumshine” (their inventive take on moonshine), is available in none other than Cape Coral.

This city was once just a sleepy suburb of Fort Myers filled with retirees, but the Cape has come a long way. With plenty of young families in the area, it’s now a hip mecca with a variety of new eateries, and, yes, a rum distillery.

Wicked Dolphin Artisan Rum opened in 2012 strictly as a distillery, but when curious neighboring residents detected the sweet scent of rum wafting through Cape Coral, they showed up and knocked on the doors, hoping for tours and tastings. A year later, owner JoAnn Elardo made it happen. These days, Wicked Dolphin is open to the public and has become a popular destination for rum tastings, distillery tours and private parties and even features a gift shop with homemade sauces, apparel, Tervis Tumblers and, of course, a variety of delicious rum flavors.

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While Uncle Harry’s gift of gab is appealing, his palate may not be quite as discerning. You trust your buddy Justin with your life, but not that critical dinner date.

The fact is, your friends and family may be great folks, but when it comes to food, seek the wisdom of professionals. Chefs — the men and women who spend most of their waking hours making other people’s food — know a good place when they experience it.

To help you dine like a pro, we’ve talked with four area chefs whose own restaurants shine and who are known to get out and about to sample the competition on a regular basis. Here’s what they told us.

**Gloria Cabral Jordan, chef/owner, La Trattoria Cafe Napoli**, 12377 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers; (239) 931-0050; and Mermaid Garden Café, The Atrium, 8695 College Parkway, Fort Myers; (239) 425-3480.

Chef/owner of the 10-year-old La Trattoria Cafe Napoli, Ms. Cabral Jordan fulfilled her dream to run a farm-to-table cafe when she opened Mermaid Garden for breakfast and lunch eight months ago. La Trattoria combines Mediterranean, Cuban and tapas while the cafe offers bright fresh fare, most of which is from Florida, mostly organic.

**Who has your favorite wine list and craft cocktails?**

For wine, it’s definitely Angelina’s Restaurant in Bonita Springs. They have everything you are looking for and good information. For cocktails, it’s Nevermind Awesome in Cape Coral. They have the best mixology, great flavors and I appreciate the homemade simple...
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syrup and the clever names of the cocktails.

Where do you go for a romantic dinner?
Veranda E at The Escalante Hotel in Naples is excellent. I love the atmosphere. It has great food without being pretentious. When you are dining on their patio, you feel like you are in Europe.

What's your favorite place for seafood?
Definitely Roy’s (in Bonita and Naples). Their fish and shellfish is safe to eat raw and they make killer sauces that enhance the freshest tastes of the sea.

How about steaks?
The Blue Coyote (club in Fort Myers, restaurant on Sanibel). The steaks are always perfect.

Where do you go for a good bargain?
I consider Fathoms (formerly The Joint at Cape Harbour) a bargain, not because of the quantity of the food but because of the quality. It's inventive and the prices are good.

How about dining al fresco?
If I don't choose a place on the water, I will go to Brew Babies (in Cape Coral). I'm happy to sit on their gorgeous patio, have a good bottle of wine and a few appetizers. Heaven!

What do you look for when choosing a restaurant?
The menu has to be creative. Second, it has to have atmosphere — simple and clean, but I like chandeliers, too. I won't judge service anymore. Having two restaurants, I know how hard it is to find knowledgeable and friendly faces. In my opinion, food is what you remember. Their flavors must be unique or traditional, but executed correctly. And I love to see the owners greet the customers and be in control.

— Gloria Cabral Jordan – La Trattoria Cafe Napo1i and Mermaid Garden Cafe — (239) 560-5290

Charles Mereday, owner of Mereday's Brasserie, 492 Bayfront Place, Naples; (239) 261-2586.

First, there was the stellar Mereday's Fine Dining at the Naples Bay Resort, then Alto Jazz Kitchen and finally Mereday's Brasserie across the street at Bayfront Place. Mr. Mereday, well-known for promoting fellow restaurateurs, even produced the “Back of the House” series, a behind-the-scenes look at area chefs.

His describes his cooking style as “fundamental.”
“I use classic methods and global influences to create dishes,” he says. “I cook in many different styles depending on the environment. Sometimes very rustic and sometimes very refined. I like to demonstrate professional technique but not at the expense of over-manipulating the food. At the core, it is ingredient-driven.” He is working to serve almost all organic products.

What’s your favorite breakfast spot?
The Cafe/Raw Delicious. I like the fresh vegetable juices and usually order lox with a bagel.

What’s the best bargain in town?
Molcajetes on Bayshore. The molcajete (a meat-and-vegetable stew served in a bowl made of volcanic stone) is the signature dish there and will feed a family for $20. Incredible flavors and unique. Grilled cactus pads, for example.

What’s your favorite spot for seafood?
Seafood for me can go two ways. The best place in town for seafood in my opinion is Sea Salt. They have a great selection and very talented chefs. I also really like Swan River for fresh seafood to take home.

How about steaks?
I rarely eat meat, but when I do I like Stoney's. The steaks are all prime and the bar there is unique.

What’s your pick for outdoor dining?
I almost don’t want to say because it’s one of my favorite hideouts, but The Wharf is my favorite. The food is excellent, great staff and seating overlooks Naples Bay. Simple place in a secret location.

In general, when you pick a place to eat, what are you looking for?
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I like places that care. They care about the product they serve and about you as a customer. That’s all that matters to me. The way the place looks or where it’s located doesn’t mean anything to me. Places that care make great food and give great service whether it’s grandma in the kitchen or a five-star chef.

— Charles Mereday – Mereday’s Brasserie, Naples Bayfront — (239) 314-4515

Brian McCarley, chef/owner, The Other Side Bistro, 24630 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (239) 992-7433.

He came from the big city, where he worked at French restaurants and Aurelio’s pizza chain, then ran Good Soup, a cafe in Fort Myers, followed by Artistic Deli, which closed a few years ago. He opened The Other Side Bistro in Bonita Springs last year. He and his brother, Drew, plan to open a traditional Italian restaurant, Chianti’s, in Fort Myers early in 2016.

Mr. McCarley once dreamed of running a French restaurant, but has come around to the philosophy that “almost everything we eat is based on classic French cuisine.” The influence shows up in menu items such as beef bourguignon, French onion soup and escargot, but he also does a booming business in meatloaf.

Where he once described his style as “American with a French hand,” he now says, “I’m just a guy that cooks food.” He attributes that change in description to broadening his scope of interests after Artistic Deli closed. “I changed focus. I go fishing with my son.
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(Thatcher, 8), do Cub Scouts,” he says. “I don’t know if I’m leaving something on the table, but I know I’m a better human being.”

**Where do you go for lunch?**

On Saturday, we have family day and we usually end up at Iguana Mia. My wife and son love it. When it’s just my wife and me, we like South Fork (at Coconut Point).

**Whose wine list or liquor collection attracts you?**

Spirits of Bacchus (in downtown Fort Myers) is still my straight-up favorite. I love bourbon and they have a great selection of bourbon. Twisted Vine (also downtown Fort Myers) has a phenomenal wine list. And TAG (Coconut Point) has a great beer list.

**Where do you go to dine outdoors?**

I love air conditioning like nobody’s business. I rarely eat outside.

**What do you look for when choosing a restaurant?**

In general, food quality needs to be good. My son has got to want to eat there. He isn’t picky and eats things like Caesar salad, fish and steak. We like friendly people and we like it when people are nice to my kid. Don’t roll your eyes at him. Don’t make me feel like a second-class citizen because I have a kid. He is well-behaved in restaurants.”

— Brian McCarley – The Other Side Bistro, Bonita Springs — (239) 850-0062

Steve Iadevaia, corporate executive chef, River City Grill, 131 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda; (941) 639-9080; Italia @ River City, 127 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda; (941) 639-7655; and Mangrove Cafe, 878 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; (239) 262-7076.

While he’s officially the corporate executive chef, if someone asks him, he says, “I’m the cook” because that’s the part you never want to lose sight of.” He describes his cooking style as “evolving. I like being able to switch it up and cook what I’m feeling at the moment. I’ve always leaned toward the Italian ideology of simple, flavorful dishes using quality ingredients. Working with Worden Farm and some of our other local farms has really stepped up my vegetable game.”

At Italia, he’s partial to the carbonara and the chicken Milanese. At River City, the prime steak and simple, fresh-seared, dry-pack scallops are top of his list.

**Do you have a favorite breakfast spot?**

As a restaurant person, I’m more of a night owl than an early riser, so I’m much more likely to have breakfast at 3 a.m. than 8 a.m. That said, the Smokehouse (in Punta Gorda) has pretty legit biscuits and gravy. And, as a rule, a fried egg on anything makes it better.

**Where does your family go for lunch or dinner?**

We usually head to smaller, ethnic places. Royal India in Port Charlotte does an awesome job. In Naples, we always stop at El Rincon de Mexico for gorditas. I am not ashamed to say we’ve made the three-hour round trip to Miami for a Shake Shack burger more than once.

**Whose wine and/or craft cocktails appeal to you?**

Although our recent trip to France rekindled my love for wine, I’m usually more of a beer guy. The Celtic Ray (Punta Gorda) has a great import/craft beer list. We’ve recently gotten our own local brewery, Fat Point, which is making some great beers. I also really like the next-level stuff Darwin Brewing is doing in Bradenton.

**Where’s your go-to spot for a romantic evening?**

The Perfect Caper has always been spot-on with food and service, but Punta Gorda has come into its own with other great places downtown. The Turtle Club has a great feel and top-notch food and Leroy’s Southern Kitchen has brought something fun and new to town. If we are feeling like a change of scenery, we will head to Fifth Avenue in Naples and hit Osteria Tulia. There’s some sexy food coming out of that place.

**What overall characteristic matters most to you?**

Chefs tend to like the best food in the world and the worst food in the world, so a lot depends on my mood at the time. I can sit down to a 10-course tasting menu with wine pairings or a basket of hot wings and be just as happy. I tend to choose my dish by the accompaniments. Interesting starch or vegetable preparations will sway me more than the actual proteins, in most cases. I really just look for places using quality ingredients. If I can see some passion and love in what’s coming out of the kitchen, I know I’m going to enjoy it.

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The Charlotte Players started as a solo acting class in 1961 and has grown to more than 230 active members and three Main Stage Productions at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County and six smaller shows at the group’s Langdon Playhouse during the 2015-16 season.

The Lab Theater and Theatre Conspiracy, both in Fort Myers, depart from traditional main-stream theater. Dubbing itself at a combination of “ensemble work and artistic risk,” the Lab Theater is dedicated to presenting strong messages about the diverse human experience: the good, the bad and the ugly.

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A castle in the middle of nowhere

They say a man’s home is his castle, and sculptor Howard Solomon proved the point in the 1970s by building a 10,000-square-foot castle covered in recycled aluminum printing plates in Ona, about halfway between Fort Myers and Florida’s east coast. A 50-minute drive from Fort Myers, the castle is the studio, gallery, workshop and home of Mr. Solomon, who opened it for monthly tours at the request of curious townsfolk, says daughter Alane Solomon.

“Everyone was asking what this man from New York was doing out in the swamp,” she says.

Today, Solomon’s Castle is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays from October through June for tours and nature walks along the banks of Horse Creek. Guests can even stay the “knight,” booking a bed-and-breakfast-and-tour package in the Blue Moon room.

The property also features the 250-seat Boat in the Moat restaurant offering salads, sandwiches and heartier entrees plus card-themed desserts (think Ace of Spades Chocolate Cherry Cake) and ice cream. Sit in the boat, a lighthouse or in the shade of live oaks.

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Master Sanibel’s art of shelling

Spend just a few minutes on the island’s beaches and you’re almost guaranteed to witness the “Sanibel stoop”: beachcombers with heads down, backs bent, eyes intently scanning sand and shore. Most are on a treasure hunt, in search of shells including the elusive junonia or the tiny angulate wentletrap, two of the most sought-after shells among collectors in the area.

Unlike most Florida barrier islands, which have a north-to-south orientation, Sanibel runs east to west, making it one of the top shelling destinations in the world. Although the shelling’s good year-round, north-west winds from December through March create a sea-calming effect that traps shells on the beaches. The quest is even more fruitful a day or two after a storm, when wind and rain churn the sea and push shells ashore.

Experienced shellers may be trying to add to their collection of miniatures or hoping to score a junonia, a spotted tulip-shaped shell that’s so uncommon finders often get their picture in the newspaper. Shark’s eyes, double sunray Venuses and nutmegs are also considered good finds.

The lull of waves — the soundtrack of the beach — creates a hypnotic, mesmerizing and strangely therapeutic experience for many. Even skeptics soon discover shelling can be addicting. At least these treasures are free.

Paddle through paradise

A boat powered by paddle plunges you into serene scenery, mangrove tunnels and places those with a motor can only dream of. Choose a secluded stretch of water along the 190 miles of the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail and signs of civilization soon fade into NatGeo moments: long-legged birds hunting for dinner, mullet and leopard rays leaping in the air, and if you’re lucky, a manatee or dolphin breaking the smooth surface with a distinctive snort. Marked water trails throughout Lee County provide beginners and advanced kayakers with a variety of experiences — from the Gulf of Mexico and Estero Bay to Pine Island Sound and the Caloosa-hatchee, secluded beaches and mazelike backwaters shaded by towering tree canopies.

Explore waterways around Captiva and Sanibel islands, land at historic sites including the Koreshan State Historic Site and the 31-foot tall Mound Key, and channel your inner Calusa as you discover the waters and the way traveled by Southwest Florida’s first residents. You can even bring your water-loving pooch to the off-leash dog beach at Lovers Key State Park. For full immersion, consider joining a guided tour led by naturalists pointing out flora and fauna or join a moonlit paddle.

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Four corners of SWFL where guided exploration comes naturally

As only he can with a screaming voice, John Fogerty sings that we “better run through the jungle” in a hit 1970 song by the band Creedence Clearwater Revival. We must disagree — it is far better to not run through the jungle paradise that is Southwest Florida, because if you do, you’ll miss way too much of what makes this glorious region special.

Instead, we suggest you stop and smell the jasmine. Walk, tram, hike, bike, cruise, canoe, kayak, sail, paddleboard, pontoon, airboat, jet-ski and, yes, even drive your vehicle through the wet-and-dry wilderness that defines our coastal region. And if you really want the very best alligator-and-dolphin, flora-and-fauna, ‘skeeter-and-sand dune experience, we recommend visiting the various educational and entertaining outposts that make our nature their business.

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Go about three miles east of Interstate 75 just off Kings Highway in Lake Suzy along the Charlotte-DeSoto county corridor and you’ll find a restaurant-marina that not only claims to be the No. 1 trop-rock music venue in the country (we couldn’t reach Jimmy Buffett to confirm that), but also gives you an entry point to the perfectly named Peace River.

You can launch or rent your own watercraft here, but for the complete Peace River experience, we recommend one of the Nav-A-Gator’s boat tours or airboat expeditions.

Tours aboard a 30-passenger boat are about 90 minutes and designed to give you that personal touch — tales of the river’s rich history while you savor the nature in and along the waterway. For a more intimate experience, the Nav-A-Gator also offers tours aboard a classic airboat. During both excursions, a guide will point out all the flora, fauna, history and wildlife as you wend along the beautiful river and its tributaries.

Call ahead for prices, tour times and reservations. And when you visit, plan to partake in some great Southern comfort food at the grill, check out the on-site museum and gift shop and enjoy what could be the best trop-rock entertainment in the country — or so they say.

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Twins double the fun for devoted fan

For Fort Myers resident Wally Bixby, spring training games mean getting close to players and managers and — chatting with them.

That was the case in the 1980s when he attended Kansas City Royals home spring games at Terry Park in Fort Myers. Mr. Bixby sat near the Royals’ dugout and said he often talked to Royals third baseman George Brett, who is now enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

They were brief and informal chats as Mr. Brett prepared to bat. “We’d usually talk golf,” Mr. Bixby said.

Such moments are still part of what makes spring training special for many fans. The Royals’ last spring in Fort Myers was in 1987, and when the Minnesota Twins moved into what is now called the CenturyLink Sports Complex in 1991, Mr. Bixby became a spring training season ticket holder.

Much has changed since 1991, the last year the Twins won the World Series. The star of that team, centerfielder Kirby Puckett, died in 2006 from a stroke. Outstanding current young Twins such as centerfielder Byron Buxton and third baseman Miguel Sano weren’t even born until 1993.

Through all the changes, Mr. Bixby, 72, has attended games, where he often called out to then-Twins Manager Ron Gardenhire by his nickname.

“We’d yell at Gardy when he came out of the dugout,” said Mr. Bixby, who has worked in the investment business for 47 years.

The games are about more than games. Mr. Bixby experiences that from his seat in Section 113. “The camaraderie with my friends and baseball people,” he said.

There are also baseball moments, those times when fans see the best in the world displaying their gifts right here in Southwest Florida.

Outfielder Alex Ochoa never became a star. He was a journeyman who knocked around the majors with eight teams between 1995 and 2002. But Mr. Ochoa possessed one astounding gift — his throwing ability.

“I compared his arm with (Roberto) Clemente,” Mr. Bixby said, referring to the legendary Hall of Famer who set the gold standard for outfield arms. “It was
Mr. Bixby remembers Mr. Ochoa excelling in a game against the Twins when the outfielder was with the Baltimore Orioles. As Mr. Bixby recalls, Mr. Ochoa was also 4-for-4 in that game.

Yet, Orioles manager Frank Robinson let something slip to Mr. Bixby that day. “Frank Robinson said he couldn’t make the team,” Mr. Bixby.

Those moments linger with fans.

But some things change, such as the Twins’ spring home. A two-year, $48.5 million renovation was completed in time for spring training 2015. “It’s gorgeous,” Mr. Bixby said of the overhauled complex.

That makes CenturyLink an even better place for spring training baseball than it was in 1991, when Wally Bixby started attending games in the ballpark.

Red Sox rich in family traditions

Attending Boston Red Sox spring training games is about many things for fans.

It’s sunshine, hope for the season, getting autographs and sharing a day at the ballpark with children and grandchildren.

That was the case when the team trained at City of Palms Park in downtown Fort Myers and remains so in more recent years at JetBlue Park south of the city.

Red Sox fan Glenn Allen, 50, has lived in Lee County since 2002 but grew up in Massachusetts. Attending Red Sox games on St. Patrick’s Day is special.

“When you go to the St. Patrick’s Day game, you’re in Boston that day,” Mr. Allen said. “You’re home.”

His children, Ben and Lilli, are now at Bishop Verot High School. He savors memories of taking them to games when they were younger.

“I’ve had so many magical moments at City of Palms Park with my kids,” Mr. Allen said.

There was the time Red Sox owner John Henry walked up to the Allen family to chat. Mr. Allen recalled pitcher Curt Schilling, sitting in a Maserati, calling Ben over when he was 7 or 8 and jokingly asking if he was a
New York Yankees fan. Mr. Schilling then autographed a ball for the boy.

Mr. Allen said Red Sox slugger David Ortiz is unfailingly gracious about autograph requests. “Would never say no,” he said.

Mr. Allen recalled a time when he and Ben spotted Mr. Ortiz walking to his yellow Lamborghini in the players’ parking lot. They were on the other side of a tall, chain-link fence and asked for an autograph. Mr. Allen, worried about hitting the Lamborghini, said he tossed the ball over a fence, but it landed in bushes. He recalled Mr. Ortiz getting on his hands and knees to retrieve the ball and sign it for Ben.

Red Sox fan Joe Fenton, metro editor of the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, often visits Fort Myers, where he once worked for The News-Press. Mr. Fenton echoed Mr. Allen when he talks about kids and baseball.

Mr. Fenton recalled a game at City of Palms Park when Red Sox outfielder Manny Ramirez stopped to chat with kids. “You could see on their faces what it meant to the kids,” Mr. Fenton said. “It’s all about the kids to me.”

Spring training can also be about passing baseball’s heritage from generation to generation.

“I can’t tell you how many fans I’ve seen there who are there with their grandchildren,” Mr. Fenton said.

Spring training magic begins for fans such as Doug Tyrrell as soon as they step outside the Southwest Florida International Airport terminal.

“There is nothing like the feel of the warm sun as it hits your face after coming outside after picking up your luggage,” Mr. Tyrrell wrote in an email to Florida Weekly.

He’ll soon feel that sun again.

Catchin’ some Rays with friends

Don Gasgarth, a Ford dealer in Charlotte County, certainly remembers the automaker’s old slogan, “Ford Has a Better Idea.”

Mr. Gasgarth has ideas about Tampa Bay Rays’ spring training games at Charlotte Sports Park, which he loves to attend. Mr. Gasgarth is a regular every March at the facility, the Rays’ home since 2009, when the team relocated its spring base from St. Petersburg.

For players, spring training is the time to get ready for the grueling 162-game schedule.

For fans, it’s something else entirely, as Mr. Gasgarth pointed out in an email to Florida Weekly.

“Close proximity to players and ballgames,” Mr. Gasgarth wrote of what he looks forward to every spring. “Same season ticket holders and the friendship among us. Attend 83 percent of games with family, friends or clients. The entire Grapefruit League is a big draw in Florida, cold weather up North, snowbirds following their favorite teams has resulted in the Port Charlotte area (getting) big exposure for future retirees. Plus
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Part of the college’s mission is to “inspire learning; prepare a diverse population for creative and responsible participation in a global society; and serve as a leader for intellectual, economic, and cultural awareness in the community”.

FSW’s Center for International Education fulfills that mission. These new programs are designed to enhance the global competencies of students, faculty and staff. Opportunities include study abroad, service learning and professional experiences and gaining multi-lingual and cultural proficiency.

Partnerships include the International College of Seville, Albertay University, Kibi University-Japan, and University of the Arctic. Areas of study range from entrepreneurship, foreign language and culture to computer animation and international business.

Research

FSW’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is a source for faculty, staff and administrators with grant submissions and management. The college has set aside $100,000 for faculty who are interested in pursuing research opportunities and projects. Many FSW faculty have an interest in research and are applying to receive a portion of the fund. In addition to benefitting the faculty, this also opens opportunities for undergraduate student research.

Go Bucs!

FSW already offers students an exceptional academic experience and a vibrant student life with nearly 30 clubs. To give students the complete college experience, one piece had been missing for the past 18 years: athletics. From 1962 through 1997, the college was the first to have intercollegiate athletic teams. However, the average age of the students rose to nearly 30 by 1997 and interest had waned. Fast forward to today and that average age is closer to 22. The interest to once again cheer for the Buccaneers is loud and clear.

The first FSW Buccaneers’ home baseball game is at 6 p.m. on January 29, while the first home softball games are at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on February 4 in City of Palms Park in downtown Fort Myers. The excitement will continue to grow as construction of the Suncoast Credit Union Arena is completed in the Fall 2016. It will be home for the FSW men’s and women’s basketball teams. It will also be the new home for the Culligan City of Palms Basketball Classic, a high school boy’s tournament that attracts the top teams in the country to compete in December 2016. Then in 2017, the arena will also be home for the FSW women’s volleyball team. Let’s Go Bucs!

Striking Gold

Last year was the first for performance funding for all of Florida’s 28 state colleges. Established by the State Board of Education, performance funding places more emphasis on student outcomes instead of enrollment. FSW earned a Gold Tier ranking, and scored perfectly in the areas of job placement and completer entry level wages.

“We support the goals of the legislature in this effort to place a greater emphasis on excellence in our education system rather than growth alone,” added Allbritten. “FSW’s score validates what people in southwest Florida already know; that FSW in a leader in public higher education. The results highlight our incredible faculty and staff who encourage, inspire and lead our students to achieve greatness in the classroom today and in our community tomorrow.”
lodging, meals, etc.”

Mr. Gasgarth and other fans attending games at Charlotte Sports Park have the pleasure of attending games at one of the premier spring-training venues in either Florida or Arizona. In 2014, USA Today named it the best spring-training facility in its Readers Choice Awards.

Older fans may recall what the place looked like in its previous incarnation and know it was rejuvenated by a $27 million renovation in 2009. Before Charlotte County officials convinced the Rays to move, the county went without a big-league team from 2003 through 2008.

The ballpark had been the spring home of the Texas Rangers from 1987 through 2002 and was a utilitarian facility lacking any charm or character. The upgrade added both.

Not only do fans such as Mr. Gasgarth enjoy the company of family, friends and other fans at the ballpark, they enjoy one of the sport’s most engaging teams.

The Rays always rank near the bottom in team payroll, but in recent years have fielded competitive teams. In 2015, for example, the Rays ranked 28th among 30 teams in payroll at $76 million. Only the Houston Astros ($71 million) and Miami Marlins ($68 million) ranked lower. Compare that with the Los Angeles Dodgers ($273 million), New York Yankees ($219 million) and Boston Red Sox ($187 million).

The Rays were 80-82, but finished ahead of the Red Sox (78-84) in the American League East. The Yankees were 87-75, winning five more games than the Rays and spending $143 million more on payroll. That works out to about $28.6 million per win for the Yankees.

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While some courses struggle with status quo, St. Andrews South has launched a major upgrade and renovation program. The greens and tees have been re-seeded from Bermuda grass to Paspalum which is salt and drought tolerant and environmentally-friendly. Many fairways have been re-sodded. Several sand traps, bunkers and cart paths have been renovated. The clubhouse has been freshly painted inside and out and newly carpeted. Landscape improvements included newly planted trees, shrubs and flowers. The proshop is fully stocked. The driving range has been enlarged and resurfaced. Additional renovations and improvements are planned to make St. Andrews South the best private club in Punta Gorda.

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Tickets: floridaeverblades.com or (239) 948-7825

**Professional golf**
ACE Group Classic golf tournament – Feb. 8-14
A Champions Tour event
Twin Eagles
11725 TwinEagles Blvd., Naples
Tickets: acegroupclassic.com or (239) 354-1700

**College basketball, men's and women's**
Alico Arena
Florida Gulf Coast University
10501 FGCU Blvd., Fort Myers
(239) 590-7145

**The Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic**
Late February-March
Up to 200 college baseball and softball teams participate.
Played at various Lee County fields.
Information: leeparks.org/cusic/

**Edison Festival of Light 5K**
Feb. 20 at 5:45 p.m.
Fort Myers River District-Downtown
Information: edisonfestival.org or (239) 334-2999.

**Boston Red Sox spring training**
Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
JetBlue Park at Fenway South
11581 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers
Tickets: (617) 482-4SOX

**Minnesota Twins spring training**
Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
CenturyLink Sports Complex
14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers
Tickets: (612) 33-TWINS; (800) 33-TWINS

**Tampa Bay Rays spring training**
Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
Charlotte County Sports Park
2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte
Tickets: raysbaseball.com

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Gasparilla Island State Park
880 Belcher Road
Boca Grande (941) 964-0375
The centerpiece of Gasparilla is the restored Boca Grande Lighthouse built in 1890. Swimming, snorkeling, fishing and nature study are popular activities. Beaches, bicycling, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing

Don Pedro Island State Park
8450 Placida Road
Placida (941) 964-0375
Don Pedro, part of an extensive chain of barrier islands extending along Florida's Gulf Coast, is accessible only by private boat or ferry. Boaters can tie up at the dock on the mangrove-lined bay side of the island. Boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing

Cayo Costa State Park
880 Belcher Road
Boca Grande (941) 964-0375
With nine miles of beautiful beaches and acres of pine forests, oak-palm hammocks and mangrove swamps, this barrier island park is a Gulf Coast paradise. Beaches, bicycling, boating, cabins, camping, canoeing and kayaking, concession and restaurant, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing

Lovers Key State Park
8700 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach (239) 463-4588
A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits and bald eagles. The 2-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shellfishing, swimming, picnicking and sunbathing. Beaches, bicycling, boat ramp, canoeing and kayaking, concession and restaurant, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, showers, swimming, tours, visitor center, wildlife viewing

Koreshan State Historic Site
3800 Corkscrew Road
Estero (239) 992-0311
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Collier-Seminole State Park
20200 E. Tamiami Trail
Naples (239) 394-3397
The 7,271-acre park lies partly within the great mangrove swamp of southern Florida, one of the largest mangrove swamps in the world. Bicycling, boat ramp, camping, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, playground, restrooms, showers, wildlife viewing

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
11135 Gulfshore Drive
Naples (239) 597-6196
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Big Cypress National Preserve Oasis Visitor Center
5215 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee (239) 695-2000
nps.gov/bicy/index.htm
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Canoeing and kayaking, hiking, hunting, ORV use, tours

J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge
1 Wildlife Drive
Sanibel (239) 472-1100
fws.gov/dingdarling
The refuge is part of the largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the United States. It is world famous for its spectacular migratory bird populations.

Everglades National Park
Gulf Coast Visitor Center
815 Oyster Bar Lane
Everglades City (239) 695-3311
nps.gov/ever/index.htm
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1200 W. Retta Esplanade
Punta Gorda
Hours vary by business
(800) 639-0020 or (941) 639-8721
fishville.com

Port Charlotte Town Center
More than 100 specialty stores and places to grab a bite for every budget mark this Charlotte County institution, anchored by Macy’s, Dillard’s, JCPenney, Sears and Bealls. It boasts one of Florida’s largest indoor food courts and the state-of-the-art Regal 16 Cinemas.
1441 Tamiami Trail N.
Port Charlotte
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
(941) 624-4447
simon.com/mall/
port-charlotte-town-center

COLLIER COUNTY

Coastland Center
Opened in 1976, Coastland Center remains one of Naples’ most popular shopping and dining destinations. Anchored by department-store mainstays Macy’s, Sears, JCPenney and Dillard’s, the mall features some 130 places to shop and dine.
1900 Tamiami Trail N.
Naples
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
noon-6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 262-2323
costlandcenter.com

Fifth Avenue South
Fifth Avenue South is a timeless mix of glamour and laid-back ease for shopping, dining and social life. Historic and modern architecture blend in eclectic sophistication; tropical blooms and lush greenery grace its pedestrian-friendly promenades and each storefront is filled with wonderful finds and delights.
Hours vary by business
Contact: Business Improvement District
649 Fifth Ave. S.
Naples
(239) 692-8436
fifthavenuesouth.com

Mercato
Anchored by Whole Foods Market, Nordstrom Rack and Silverspot Cinema (a 12-screen luxury theater complex), Mercato offers 12 notable restaurants, more than 20 upscale retailers and luxury residential condominiums. Mercato hosts a vibrant year-round event calendar with live music and other events, most of which are free and open to the public.
9132 Strada Place
Naples
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
noon-6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 254-1080
mercatoshops.com

Third Street South
Next to the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, the 19th-century Naples Pier and the colorful original beach cottages, sophisticated and delightful shopping and dining on historic Third Street South await amid courtyards, antique European fountains and colorful, cascading flowers.
Hours vary by business
Concierge Kiosk
Camargo Park, opposite the Fleischmann Fountain
(239) 434-6533
thirdstreetsouth.com

The Village on Venetian Bay
Set on the waterfront of Venetian Bay, the village encompasses almost 50 shops and restaurants. Be sure to check out the special-events calendar.
4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.
Naples
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through April (6 p.m. May-October) Monday-Saturday
(Mondays optional May-October)
Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 261-6100
venetianvillage.com

Waterside Shops
More than 60 upscale shops and places to dine mark this unique destination accentuated by luxurious fountains, the coins collected from which go toward helping Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer support for under- and uninsured breast-cancer patients in Collier County and Bonita Springs.
5415 Tamiami Trail N.
Naples
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 598-3605
watersideshops.com
LEE COUNTY

Bell Tower Shops  
This landmark shopping, dining and entertainment destination is home to some 50 fine retailers — eclectic boutiques and shopping favorites Saks Fifth Avenue, Williams-Sonoma, Ann Taylor, Chico’s, Banana Republic and Talbots. Exceptional shopping is complemented by nine distinctive restaurants.  
U.S. 41 at Daniels Parkway  
Fort Myers  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
noon-5 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 489-1221  
thebelltowershops.com

Coconut Point  
This picturesque outdoor mall features more than 140 stores, including Dillard’s, Target, Apple Store, Michael Kors and Barnes & Noble — all surrounding several acres of lakes with a boardwalk. Its variety of dining options for all tastes is topped by the elegant Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse.  
23106 Fashion Drive  
Estero  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
noon to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 992-4259  
simon.com/mall/  
coconut-point

Edison Mall  
The region’s original indoor mall celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015, and this Southwest Florida landmark has expanded to more than 160 specialty shops surrounded by the Big 4 anchors: Macy’s, Dillard’s, Sears and JCPenney.  
4125 Cleveland Ave.  
Fort Myers  
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 999-4933  
simon.com/mall/  
edison-mall

Gulf Coast Town Center  
This outdoor mall opened in phases between 2005 and 2007, and is still expanding in its location just off Interstate 75. The center features Bass Pro Shops, Belk, Best Buy, Costco, Dick’s Sporting Goods, JCPenney and Target as its anchor stores, and offers a variety of dining options to suit every budget and taste.  
9903 Gulf Coast Main St.  
Fort Myers  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 267-5107  
gulfcoasttowncenter.com

Miromar Outlets  
This outdoor collection of more than 140 top designer and brand-name outlets boasts retailers such as Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Bloomingdale’s The Outlet Store, Banana Republic, Nike and more.  
10801 Corkscrew Road  
Estero  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 948-3766  
miromaroutlets.com

Periwinkle Place  
This island gem was selected by the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau as Sanibel’s top shopping destination — 25 shops, including the original Chico’s, the award-winning Blue Giraffe Restaurant and Sanibel Day Spa among covered boardwalks, lush landscaping, tropical fountains and a butterfly garden.  
2075 Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
noon to 6 p.m. Sunday  
periwinkleplace.com

Promenade at Bonita Bay  
With among the finest retail stores, unique boutiques, high-end salons and excellent restaurants, Promenade at Bonita Bay attracts both locals and visitors from around the world. This open-air center is Lee County’s southernmost shopping, dining and entertainment destination.  
South Bay Drive  
Bonita Springs  
Hours vary by business  
promenadeshops.com

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Forbes 25 Best Places to Retire in 2015

CAPE CORAL
■ PROS: Rosy economy in this Gulf of Mexico coast city developed with a master plan. The cost of living is 4 percent below national average, with home prices also slightly below the national average, at $190,000. Good weather, above-average air quality, low serious-crime rate.
■ CONS: Low Milken aging rank, low walkability.
■ NOTED: Average tax climate, average physicians per capita. Population 166,000.
■ TRIVIA: The city’s 400 miles of canals may be tops in the world.

PORT CHARLOTTE
■ PROS: Recovering economy in town on Gulf of Mexico inlet. The cost of living is 8 percent below the national average, as is the median home price of $147,000. Good weather, above-average air quality, low serious-crime rate.
■ CONS: Low walkability rank, but downtown Punta Gorda, next door, is great for walking.
■ NOTED: Average tax climate and doctor availability. Population 54,000, but part of Punta Gorda metro area.
■ TRIVIA: Spring-training town of Tampa Bay Rays.
Forbes 25 Top Places To Retire Rich in 2015

NAPLES
Co-founded by a Confederate general, this Gulf of Mexico city on Florida’s west coast holds considerable appeal for the affluent elderly. Some 42 percent of its residents are age 65 or older. Naples sports 10 miles of beachfront and the area claims to have more golf holes per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. The city’s $65,000 median household income masks the wealth at its high end. The average home price is $520,000.

CNN Money’s Best Places to Retire 2015

CAPE CORAL
Two-thirds of Cape Coral is surrounded by water, either from the Gulf of Mexico or the Caloosahatchee River — and that doesn’t include the 400 miles of canals. Florida residents pay no state income tax. Housing remains affordable.
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