Commercial airline service returns to Naples Municipal Airport later this month when Elite Airways begins flights to and from Newark, N.J., and Portland, Me. Beginning Feb. 27, Elite will offer weekly non-stop flights to Newark and twice-weekly flights to Newark via the Vero Beach Regional Airport (VRB), and to Portland via Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) as follows:

- Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. Naples to Newark; 12:15 p.m. Newark to Naples (non-stop each way)
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In 1983, Jesse Jackson mounted an ill-advised run for the Democratic presidential nomination, which was to be conferred the next year at the party’s national convention in San Francisco. To that end, the peripatetic civil rights activist hopscotched the country in a failed attempt to fashion something that might vaguely resemble a political base.

In that pre-Obama era, the notion
The headline unfurled like a banner across a recent article appearing in the business section of the daily newspaper. It read, “Florida — The Future is Here.” The story announces Enterprise Florida Inc’s newest branding initiative.

Enterprise Florida Inc. is the state’s chief economic development organization, touted as a public-private partnership between Florida’s business and government leaders. According to the agency’s website, its mission is to grow and diversify Florida’s economy through job creation; and it undertakes and sponsors programs with funding from the state and the private sector.

The agency says its new campaign will talk up Florida as the ideal place to start, grow or move businesses. It targets international and domestic companies and companies already operating in the state. The campaign messaging will “reflect Florida’s strength as a home for business, encouraging people to see the state in a whole new light that debunks “preconceived views.”

To wit, “Florida is optimistic, innovative, original and imaginative with a highly educated workforce.” To achieve “world class” status and overcome pesky impediments to a more sustainable economy, “a highly educated workforce,” Florida already possesses “imaginative and original enterprises, generous gifts of public subsidy to establish or expand their corporate enterprises, great corporate enterprises generous gifts of public subsidy,” the campaign promises.

“Solutions must be devised to confound the naysayers who challenge the assumption that the future is here” offends; perhaps an extensive brainstorming session among the EFI board and staff led by a highly paid consultant. They assemble around a polished table the size of a shuffle board court.

They are key questions to consider: What “preconceived views” must Florida overcome to pump up its business-friendly reputation? What will put Florida in the lead of the pack of states competing for corporate trophies using generous sweeteners to close their deals? The group works enthusiastically. Florida’s job killing characteristics cover the flip charts like flies on a corpse: taxes, regulations, organized labor, pay equity, minimum wage, workers comp, fair employment, public education, open records, zoning, occupational safety and health, crumbling infrastructure, ignorant crackers, illegal immigrants, liberals, local government, environmentalists, the federal government, gay rights, job benefits, entitlement programs, fair employment, land-use permits, etc., etc., etc.

“Solutions must be devised to confound this terrible negativity. Consensus comes quickly. To achieve “world class” status and overcome pesky impediments to a more favorable business climate Florida, Florida must be super, super friendly to businesses; and nothing saves love like government cash. They decide a $250 million slush fund will change corporate hearts and minds, providing corporate enterprises generous gifts of public subsidy to establish or expand their business in the state. Certainly job creation contracts will require companies to create a certain number of jobs.

But of course. The simulation there will be accountability for public dollars invested wards off the nay-sayers who challenge the assumption it is absolutely necessary for the state to be dispensing copious amounts of tax dollars for this purpose.

They reason, if it is true, as EFI says, that Florida is “optimistic, innovative, original and imaginative with world-class infrastructure, global access and a highly educated workforce,” Florida already possesses excellent incentives for companies to grow their business here; and if the state requires businesses pay their fair share of taxes, Florida can only improve upon creating jobs and improving job-quality, too. Sure, help where needed but don’t go overboard with corporate tax giveaways.

But a term-limited lawmaker doesn’t worry any further than the length of his or her tenure about the cost/benefit ratio of cutting business deals with publicly funded resources. That’s too bad. It is often years before taxpayers know the full price of public investment in companies in exchange for promises of job creation and/or economic growth.

Think the Marlin Stadium, Digital Domain, the Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute of Florida or perhaps you have your own favorite debacle. Better yet, just ask Jeb Bush.

In 2003, as former governor, Bush supported a $50 million public investment to lure the Scripps Research Institute to Florida. It was defended as the state’s down payment to establish a biomedical hub projected to generate 50,000 jobs in 15 years. Now, more than a decade and $1.3 billion later in public funding, the actual results are far more modest than proposed. Those flourishing biotech corridors? They mostly don’t exist.

For every successful public-private, job creation venture, there are the mangled remains of deals gone bad that failed to fulfill the promises made to justify public investment. Greater prudence is warranted.

The proposed EFI Florida Enterprise Fund before the state Legislature will allow deals over $1 million to be authorized with just three signatures: Florida’s speaker of the House, the president of the Florida Senate and the governor. This handily eliminates the necessity of special committees to be involved in the approval process.

Keep it streamlined, they say: Three powerful, ambitious politicians: a fat, publicly funded checkbook almost exclusively for their use; an unlimited array of corporate cronies from which to pick winners and losers; and prize payouts from an account that functions like a state-funded lottery business.

What’s not to like?

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The terror of Flint’s poisoned water

BY AMY GOODMAN AND DENIS MOYNIHAN

Less than one month after the attacks of Sept. 11, a senior FBI official, Ronald Dick, told the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, “Due to the vital importance of water to all life forms... the FBI considers all threats to attack the water supply as serious threats.” In 2003, aUPI article reported that an al-Qaeda operative “does not rule out the idea of poisoning water.” Yet, there is a growing body of evidence that the water was poisoned—and drinking poisonous water in U.S. and Western cities. Where the terrorist failures failed to mount any attack on a water supply, the Michigan state government has succeeded. In the city of Flint, Michigan, the water supply has been piped into homes and offices since 2014, causing widespread illness and potential brain damage among its youngest residents.

Michigan has one of the most severe “emergency manager” laws in the country, allowing the governor to appoint an unelected agent to take over local government. Those local or institutions have been deemed to be in a “financial emergency.” Rick Snyder pushed for and obtained two bills that strengthened the law, and has used it aggressively to impose his version of fiscal austerity on cities like Detroit, Benton Harbor, several large school districts and, now most notoriously, Flint. Once that case but one, the emergency manager has taken over cities that are majority African-American. A new system of social control is granted sweeping powers to override local, democratically elected government and to make cuts to buy public property, cancel or renegotiate labor contracts and essentially govern like a dictator.

In April 2014, Darnell Earley, the fourth of five Flint emergency managers appointed by Snyder, unilaterally decided to switch Flint’s water source from Detroit’s water system, with water from Lake Huron that they had been using for more than 100 years, to the long-contaminated Flint River. Flint residents immediately noticed discoloration and bad taste from the water, and later, elevated lead levels. It took out-of-state researchers from Michigan state government, to state legislature and the governor’s office, to admit she was right. Soon after, she was standing at the governor’s side, telling reporters that the state was “on it” and the water was “safe.” Flint residents were not surprised. It has become agreed that the water was contaminated.

Ongoing activism by Flint residents whose children were sick attracted the involvement of water researchers from Virginia Tech, who found that 80 percent of Flint residents tested positive for elevated lead levels. It took out-of-state researchers from Virginia Tech to travel all the way to Michigan to conduct the comprehensive tests needed. Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha then got involved. She is the director of the pediatric residency program at Hurley Children’s Hospital and assistant professor of pediatrics at Michigan State University. She discovered alarming connections between rising blood lead levels in Flint’s children with the switch to the Flint River as a water source. “The percentage of children with elevated lead levels doubled in the whole city, and in some neighborhoods, it tripled,” she told us on the “Democracy Now!” news hour. “And it directly correlated with where the water lead levels were the highest.”

Rather than going after the problem she identified, the state went after her. “We were attacked,” she recalled. “I was called an ‘unfortunate researcher,’ that I was causing near hysteria, that I was spreading fear.”

There is a sense among working-class whites that America has gone off the rails, and has been that way for a long time. Sixty-two percent of them think that the white working class has a dimmer view of the nation’s future than blacks, who have been historically disunited against and still lag badly on almost every socioeconomic indicator. As noted by the National Journal’s co-author, Ronald Brownstein, a survey for The Pew Charitable Trusts picked up the same finding a few years ago. It asked people whether they expected to be better off in 10 years. Whereas two-thirds of blacks and Hispanics said “yes,” only 44 percent of whites without a college degree said the same.

The media—conditioned by the media to be obsessed with race, when class is an increasingly important divider. (No one ever earnestly says on a cable TV show that we need to have a “conversation about class in America.”) The class divide among whites shows up again and again on questions about the fairness of the country. The American Values Survey finds that white working-class Americans distrust institutions like the government and business more than educated whites do: they are more likely to think that their vote doesn’t count, because of the influence of wealthy interests; they are more likely to think that hard work doesn’t necessarily pay off; they are more likely to think that the country’s best days are ahead. This is not only lower than college-educated whites (55 percent), but much lower than blacks (60 percent) and Hispanics (56 percent). It is astonishing how think that the white working class has a dimmer view of the nation’s future than blacks, who have been historically disunited against and still lag badly on almost every socioeconomic indicator.

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We live in the age of working-class discontent, which, if it wasn’t obvious before, has been made plain by the passions rousing 2016 presidential politics.

The media’s preferred description of the average Republican voter has often been “the angry white male.” This was crudely simplistic and meant to be pejorative. If the press wants to update the descriptor, it should refer to “the despairing white male.” Or more accurately, the despairing white working class.

White-working-class life in America has been in a slow-motion disintegration for decades, and it’s not just the economy. The white working class is an archipelago of hopelessness. It is in a funk about the country’s economy (almost 80 percent think we are still in a recession) and, more fundamentally, the American future. According to the American Values Survey conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute, only about 40 percent of the white working class says the country’s best days are ahead. This is not only lower than college-educated whites (55 percent), but much lower than blacks (60 percent) and Hispanics (56 percent). It is astonishing how
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A sad thing about growing older is watching musical acts from your youth disappear from the media stream that brought them into your life. It’s a sad day when you realize that not only do you have crow’s feet, but also that No Doubt released an album a year earlier and you didn’t even know about it. You remember the MTV frenzy over “Tragic Kingdom” and how you had to beg your parents for months to let you attend a concert — only to be accompanied by your dad, who mercilessly (and wrongly) compared Gwen Stefani to Madonna.

But that’s what happens to the good acts because they keep working once the spotlight moves on. They mature past the glitz the entertainment industry casts on them to create art that grows with their core audience. They get even better with time, experience and years of practice.

Such is the case for Melissa Manchester, the singer/songwriter who made it big on the music scene in the late 1970s with her platinum-selling song, “Midnight Blue.” Over the last few decades, she has either written or performed — sometimes both — many Adult Contemporary hits, among them “Don’t Cry Out Loud” and “Through the Eyes of Love.” Powerhouses like Barbra Streisand, Roberta Flack, Alison Krauss and many others have recorded her songs.

Ms. Manchester makes a stop in Naples to perform her standards and selections from her newest album, “You Gotta Love the Life,” at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18-19. TheatreZone is bringing the concerts to G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.

After 40 years in the music business, much of it highly productive and commercially successful, Ms. Manchester cut an album that pays tribute to the wisdom that comes from devoting her life to show business.

“This album couldn’t have come a minute before it came,” she said, adding, “‘You Gotta Love the Life’ is really that macro- and microcosms, realizing with time and maturity that talent is only the point of departure. Talent is that central nugget, but it’s the reality of the life and the grind that you face very single day.”

“You have to be OK with this version of normal. It’s really not for anybody who has any reservations.”

She put all her experience to good use when she broke free of the standard record label paradigm to raise money for “You Gotta Love The Life” through a crowd-funding campaign. Her first complete release since 2004, she recorded the album at Citrus College in Glendora, Calif., where...
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that an African American might ser-
iously aspire to the White House was
extraordinary, to say the least, and Mr.
Jackson's outsized personality piqued
the widespread interest and curi-
osity. The newspaper I worked for at
the time assigned me to chronicle the
loquacious candidate's quixotic pursuit;
I spent 17 days traveling with him.
In all, I got to know him just a bit during
this time, and so it came to pass that on
a late-night flight from Los Angeles to
Chicago, as he nursed glasses of apple
juice and I did likewise with thanks to
Jack Daniel's, our conversation turned
to matters more personal than political.
At one point, when more Southerners
or more Southerners come together, either
by choice or—or as in this case—by hap-
penstance, the talk turned to coming of
gage.
Our experiences differed. I am white, not a black man; and I was
born in 1949, making me eight years Mr.
Jackson's junior. I came from a stable
family of means rooted in Decatur, Geor-
gia, an agreeable suburb of Atlanta. Mr.
Jackson was born out of wedlock in rural
Greenville, South Carolina, to a 16-year-old woman who had fallen prey
to the charms of a 33-year-old married
neighbor. Discrimination and racism — things I had witnessed but only from
the standpoint of the oppressors — were
half-memories of his early existence.
Mr. Jackson told me he was convinced,
as a youth, that if he escaped Jim Crow's
pernicious thrall, he could make his mark. And so, with great enthusiasm, he
had accepted a football scholarship to
the University of Illinois. Finally, he
had what he so desperately wanted: a paid
ticket out of the benighted South.
His high hopes were dashed, quickly
and rudely.
He learned that even in the "enlight-
ened" North, not everyone was enam-
ered, the prospect of a black quan-
terback leading the Fighting Illini. Even
more searing was his experience when he
attended, for the debate team. The coach told him that despite his obvi-
ous rhetorical gifts, he never would be regarded as a serious spel they were on
he had shed his "Southern Negro accent."
Dismayed and disheartened, Mr. Jack-
son left the University of Illinois after
one year and transferred to North Caro-
olina A&T, a predominantly black insti-
tution. It was a move that only months
earlier would have seemed incompre-
ensible.
"I was totally unprepared for the
hypocrisy of the North," he said. "In
the South, you knew who your enemies
were because they would tell you, to
your face, exactly what they thought. I
did not like that, but I could deal with
it better than the backstabbing in the
North."

Dark and edgy times
Mr. Jackson's experience mirrors the
agonizing ambivalence that many native
Southerners of my generation, both
black and white, feel about the region.
There was much to love about the
South of the 1950s and '60s, my formu-
laive years. But there was also plenty
to loathe as well. During those two decades, the
depression South was a dark and edgy place as white Southerners realized there were on
the losing end of yet another great war,
although this was a conflict involving
not just water but also social values and not military in nature.
There was a palpable sense of fore-
boding and outright fear that I could
detect, even as a child. Brown v. Board of Education (the 1954
decision by the U.S. Supreme Court
to outlaw segregation in public
schools), the sit-ins at restaurants and
lunch counters, the influx of Northern
civil rights workers (who were seen as
lineal descendants of the hated carpet
baggars), the voter-registration drives,
the marches that featured the singing of
"We Shall Overcome" and the election
of John F. Kennedy in 1960 were sig-
nal events that devastated the Southern
psyche as surely as the capitulation at
Appomattox had nearly 100 years before.
The widespread loathing of JFK came
about through a confluence of circum-
stances that absolutely terrorized white
Southerners. He was thought to be a liberal on racial matters, he was a New
England Yankee and he was a Roman
Catholic (Georgia, in particular, has a
long, shameful history of anti-Catholic
icism), which meant that many South-
erners believed his principal allegiance
was to the Vatican and not to the United
States.
When President Kennedy's death was announced at my high school, scattered
cheers echoed in the corridors.
I didn't know Lady Bird (Lyndon
Johnson's wife, who died in 1968 at
the age of 58. She came from a sensible
pantry, which had come to resemble a
borders more than hateful. When racial
violence reached alarming proportions
in Alabama, civil rights leaders called for a
campaign of the jams and jellies manu-
factured and sold under the "Bama
label. Upon hearing this, my father dis-
patched my mother to the grocery store
in Birmingham to buy every Bama product she could
find. For months, the weight of these
fruit spread strains the shelves of our
local store, which had come to resemble a
Bama warehouse.
A (word here about my mother, Mil-
deed Estelle Hall Cornwell, a lover of
poetry and language who died in 1948 at
the age of 58. She came from a sensible

The Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1983 in California. The writer of this article and Mr. Jackson both grew up in the South; their experiences differed.

The Ku Klux Klan contributed to the chasm.

Southern family. Her father was a doc-
tor in Atlanta who pioneered the use
of radium in treating cancer. She shared
little of my father's Confederate zeal
and seemed to view his effusions with
a mixture of bemusement and good-
natured resignation. Shortly before their
marriage, her future mother-in-law, my
grandmother, told her: "You've got to
understand one thing about the Corn-
well men. They're peculiar.") Another symbolic display of con-
trariness undertaken by my dad was his
refusal to recognize Memorial Day.
Never mind that he served with distinc-
tion in India and Burma in World War II
and that he had retired from the Army
Reserves as a full colonel. In his mind,
Memorial Day, which was originally con-
ceived in 1868 as a means of honoring
the Union dead, was something to be
hallowed only by Yankees. But he did celebrate Confederate Memorial Day, an observance concocted by a gaggle of little old ladies in Columbus, Georgia, in 1866, a full two years before the Northern version came into being. These familial eccentricities did not seem odd or even out of the ordinary. It was life, as I knew it. The awareness of something might be amiss in the society in which I lived did not begin to dawn until I was in my middle and late teens, and even then I took no righteous, principled stands. To have openly denounced the inequities of the day would have required courage far beyond my limited capacity.

Racism resurgence

Some might assert that revisiting those woeful days in the South is a threshing of the proverbial dead horse. Nothing can be gained from such an undertaking at this late date, these naysayers reason. To those who put forth that argument, I say: Open your eyes and look around. There is an undeniable resurgence of racial animus, religious intolerance and xenophobic fervor that parallels much of what I witnessed in Georgia all those many years ago.

This time though, the contagion is not contained to a geographic region. It is a national epidemic. Many of the long-gone political demagogues of the Deep South, such as George C. Wallace, the pugnacious, one-termer of Alabama who would undoubtedly find receptive and appreciative audiences in 21st century America, would have turned up to the party (if they have now), it helps to look back in order to see where we may be headed.

Disrespect is everywhere

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Shortly after I arrived, my boss invited me to lunch. We discussed various aspects of my new position. Toward the end of the meal, he said he wanted to broach something sensitive and hoped I wouldn't take offense. He said that seven people already working at the paper had wanted my job, but his spirit and heart held not a trace of meanness, which made his hard-line, uncompromising and sometimes racially repugnant Confederate outpourings a puzzle to many who knew him.

One night in D.C. we went to a fancy restaurant he favored, and at the end of the meal a finger bowl was set before him. The waiter said, “Sir, please do not drink that water, it is for moistening your fingers.”

Important insults

When I was a child, our family took a vacation to Washington, D.C. My father was a prominent mortgage banker in Atlanta, and he spent considerable time dealing with elites and congressional leaders in Washington. Despite his small-town upbringing, a rube he was not. To the contrary, my dad was impeccable in his manners and his dress and a world traveler who explored the Himalayas on horseback well after he had celebrated his 70th birthday.

He was a man of towering intelligence. He had studied engineering and architecture at Georgia Tech, held a law degree and was featured in an article in The New York Times Magazine, which proclaimed him to be one of the foremost amateur genealogists in the United States.

Well, that set Dad off. The resulting explosion drew the maître d’, the general manager and finally the owner to our table. Despite profuse apologies, my father could not, would not, be mollified. After several minutes of extreme unpleasantness, my parents, my older sister and I stalked out of the restaurant as unceremoniously as Robert E. Lee had retreated from Gettysburg.

“I know he intentionally insulted me because he knew I was from the South,” Dad said later. “He thinks Southerners have never seen a finger bowl!”

As I matured, I came to understand my father’s maniacal Southern pride was a logical consequence of his being reared in Monticello, Georgia, about 60 miles north of the battle of Olustee.

Survivors of the Battle of Olustee at the dedication of the battlefield monument in 1912 at Olustee, Fla. The author’s great-grandfather fought in the battle.
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miles southeast of Atlanta on the fringe of the Great Gnat Belt.

Monticello in 1907, the year of my father's birth, was a town of fewer than 2,000 people. It had been plundered and terrorized by Union forces in 1864 as part of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's infamous March to the Sea. More than four decades later, the hostility townsfolk felt toward Yankees, blacks and outsiders remained strong. Monticello was relatively prosperous in my father's early years, thanks largely to King Cotton. Jasper County, of which Monticello is the seat, had some 70,000 acres devoted to the growing of the crop, and nearly 36,000 bales were produced annually. The good times ended in 1915, when the boll weevil — cotton's Kryptonite — made its way to Georgia and Monticello's fields were laid bare.

This outwardly placid little town was actually a place that countenanced stoning explosions of racially motivated violence, none of which, thankfully, directly involved my forebears.

Between 1885 and 1920, 12 people were lynched in Monticello. That number included 11 African Americans, (nine men and two women) and one white man, according to statistics compiled by the Georgia Lynching Project at Emory University in Atlanta.

No one was arrested or tried for any of these murders, although in a place that placed the identities of the perpetrators had to be known to just about everyone, including my kinfolk. On the evening of Jan. 14, 1914, less than one month before my father's 8th birthday, Monticello was home to one of the worst racial atrocities in the history of the Deep South.

One hundred white men stormed the county jail and removed a black man and his three grown children (a son and two daughters), who were held on charges of assaulting a white policeman who had arrested them for bootlegging. They were hanged and their bodies then tossed into a ravine filled with fusillades of bullets. The executions went on for what seemed like hours. The news reached home with honor for a cause they passionately believed, nothing else matters in assessing the historical legitimacy of the Confederate cause.

Bitterness forever

Confederate veterans were living and active when my father was a boy. He often recalled listening, wide-eyed and often recalled listening, wide-eyed and thrilled, to their tales of bloody battles in which Rebel soldiers were transformed into knights-errant, not at all like the chivalrous heroes who enlivened the writings of Sir Walter Scott, the Scottish author who was wildly popular in the Confederate South.

A central character in many of these stories passed along by the geriatric Southern warriors was my great-grandfather, William Dawson Cornwell — the Ivanhoe of Central Georgia, if you will. Known widely as "Captain Billy," he was tall, trim and Rhett Butler-handsome. Billy, all agreed, cut a dashing figure in his dress gray.

In 1864, at the savage Battle of Olustee in Florida, Billy sustained a serious chest wound and was sent home to Monticello to recuperate and sit out the rest of the war. A few weeks later, he somehow mustered the strength to return to his outfit (Company A, 32nd Georgia Infantry) visibly diminished but determined to fight to the very end, which he did. His bloodstained battle sword, passed to a grandson, who, irony of ironies, lives in Massachusetts.

After the war, Billy took up residence with his family on land near what is now Lake Jackson, just outside of Monticello. He fell into a deep depression and brooded over the Southern defeat. Frail and old beyond his years, Billy's bitterness toward the North and the freed slaves festered. It also infected generations of Cornwells to come.

The chest wound my great-grandfather received at Olustee did not heal properly, rendering him prone to chronic respiratory ailments; it was the proximate cause of the pneumonia that finally killed him, in 1889 at the age of 53.

Family pilgrimages

The idolatry affixed to the Confederacy was in no way unique to the Cornwall clan, and it remains a distinctive part of Southern culture to this day, as recent flags over the Confederate flag and Civil War monuments vividly illustrate.

What differentiates white Southerners who defend Confederate symbols from the rest of us is their devotion to a heritage they perceive as being much more noble than it really was," David Niose, former president of the American Humanist Association, wrote last year in Psychology Today. "There seems to be a sense that, because ancestors fought with honor for a cause they passionately believed, nothing else matters in assessing the historical legitimacy of the Confederate cause."

Billy's homestead at the river outlasted him by more than 100 years. It stood until the land changed hands a few years back and the new owners tore it down. The old place and its inhabitants had seen a lot: a civil war, Reconstruction, Reconstruction, malaria outbreaks and even a violent earthquake in 1886 that left a long, jagged crack in the chimney. It was, I always thought, a rotting, forlorn monument to Captain Billy and his Lost Cause.

My father and I made periodic pilgrimages to Billy's place. These journeys became increasingly fraught with tension as I grew older. I was changing, and my father sensed it, although he never would have guessed the extent of those changes.

Uneven segregation

By age 15, I — along with two like-minded friends, Robert Vining and Jimmy Leonard — was sneaking off to catch late-night shows at Atlanta's Royal Peacock, the South's most famous African American nightclub. While many of my contemporaries were smitten by the Beatles and other groups associated with The British Invasion, I favored black "soul" artists.

Southern culture to this day, as recent flags over the Confederate flag and Civil War monuments vividly illustrate. What differentiates white Southerners who defend Confederate symbols from the rest of us is their devotion to a heritage they perceive as being much more noble than it really was. David Niose, former president of the American Humanist Association, wrote last year in Psychology Today. "There seems to be a sense that, because ancestors fought with honor for a cause they passionately believed, nothing else matters in assessing the historical legitimacy of the Confederate cause."

The whites were upset by the disruption of their social order, to be sure, but unlike other areas of the South, the people of Decatur grudgingly resigned
The writer Bill Cornwell and controlled everything else.

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In 1975, I was working as a newspaper reporter in Birmingham. The church bombing, which remained unsolved at that time, still haunted me. I wrote a long piece for The Nation magazine detailing how Alabama authorities, who were sympathetic to the Ku Klux Klan, had thwarted the FBI’s investigation into this act of domestic terrorism.

in my first published work in a national publication. My father, who did not approve of news reporting that cast the South in an unfavorable light, never acknowledged the article’s existence. I don’t even know if he ever looked at the copy of the magazine I gave to him.

Give and take

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Mr. Steinbeck describes his encounters

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Reviewing the sea turtle scoreboard for 2015

Just like my favorite football team, the Denver Broncos, during Super Bowl 50, sea turtles are a winner, as their nesting numbers are trending upward. I recently attended the sea turtle permit holders meeting in Jacksonville, where basically a lot of people gathered to talk turtles and discuss the 2015 highlights and players of the year.

The main players that take to our beaches every year are the loggerhead (Caretta caretta), the green turtle (Chelonia mydas) and the leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea).

We don’t see much of either the hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) or the Kemp’s ridley (Lepidochelys kempii), as they tend to nest outside of Florida. All five species are listed as either threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and nesting accounts, however, 2015 saw a bumper crop of sea turtle nests.

Green sea turtles had a phenomenal season. Preliminary numbers were spectacular: approximately 37,300 nests, an exponential increase of 70 percent over the past 27 years. So perhaps all those conservation efforts are finally paying off. We even had more green sea turtle nests on our own monitoring beaches than we have ever had before (17).

The leatherback’s 2015 season was small but mighty, with preliminary numbers coming in at 1,493 nests. Considering that we started with only 27 nests 25 years ago, this makes the leatherbacks the most improved team of 2015. We even found a leatherback nest on a Collier County beach, where they had never been recorded in the past.

Loggerheads are definitely the home team here. Approximately 80 percent of the world’s loggerhead population nests either on Florida beaches or in Oman on the Arabian Peninsula. Florida alone accounts for some 90 percent of U.S. loggerhead nesting.

Like many a home team, loggerheads have good seasons and bad seasons, and their nesting totals over time look a lot like a rollercoaster. Scores peaked in 1998, bottomed out in 2007, and since then have rebounded. Preliminary nesting numbers come in at about 89,200, indicating a general increase in nest counts. This might seem like a lot in comparison to the other turtle teams, but remember: the Sunshine State is the primary arena where these turtles come to nest, which is not necessarily the case for the other teams. We had a good season in 2015, with 507 nests on the beaches Conservancy referees watch over.

Honorary mention goes to the Kemp’s ridley, with 14 nests in the preliminary count (two are pending tests), and the hawksbill, with three nests pending confirmation. Primary nesting arenas for these species are outside of Florida. As Conservancy biologists gear up for the 2016 sea turtle nesting season, we are hoping for a lot of high scores from all of the teams.

— Kathy Worley is director of environmental science at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a not-for-profit organization working to protect the water, land and wildlife in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The organization leverages the combined expertise of its environmental science, policy, education and wildlife rehabilitation teams to meet this mission. To learn more, visit conservancy.org.
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It’s almost spring training time in Southwest Florida

Spring training is right around the corner, and the Boston Red Sox have a number of events scheduled to kick off the 2016 season as well as a new team addition fans are sure to love.

A new Red Sox mascot, Tessie the Green Monster, joins her older brother Wally at JetBlue Park this season. Tessie lives with her parents inside the park’s Green Monster wall.

The team’s pitchers and catchers report Thursday, Feb. 18, and will hold their first workouts Friday, Feb. 19.

Guided public tours of JetBlue Park begin Feb. 19 and will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the hour on non-game days until Friday, April 1. Tickets for $6 (free for ages 12 and younger) go on sale at the box office at 9:45 a.m. each day for that day’s tours and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

VIP pregame tours are also available on game days for $30 ($10 for ages 12 and younger). Reservations must be made in advance and require a ticket to that day’s game.

The team’s first full squad workout takes place Wednesday, Feb. 24. Workouts are free and open to the public.

Snackwell’s sponsors a free open house at JetBlue Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Family-friendly activities will include inflatables on the field, player autographs, discounted concessions, face-painting, magicians, photo opportunities with mascots Wally and Tessie, self-guided tours of the park and free snacks.

The weekly farmers market at JetBlue Park runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday through March 30. The Red Sox opens the exhibition season at 1:05 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, with a single-admission double header against the Boston College Eagles and the Northeastern University Huskies. The Grapefruit League schedule launches at home at JetBlue Park on Wednesday, March 2, against Boston’s Chairman’s Cup rival the Minnesota Twins. The Grapefruit League home opener is the first of seven contests between the cross-town foes. For a complete schedule or more information, visit boston.redsox.mlb.com. ■
Avow invites the community to remember loved ones

Butterfly release set for March 26 in Cambier Park

Avow invites the community to its annual butterfly release Saturday, March 26, at Cambier Park. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and include children’s activities and a walk-through butterfly exhibit showcasing hundreds of live butterflies.

A community memorial service beginning at noon will include inspirational readings, music and the reading of names of loved ones being honored. At the conclusion of the service, the exhibi tent will be opened to allow the butterflies to take flight.

Admission is free.

Those who wish to have a loved one’s name read during the remembrance ceremony can do so by making a donation to support Avow’s hospice and community programs. Through March 22, a $50 donation is requested; a limited number of names will be added on the day of the event for a gift of $50 each.

Jaysen Roa, Avow president and CEO, explains that the butterfly was selected as the primary symbolic representation for this event because it undergoes a major transformative process as part of its normal life cycle. “The butterfly is a reminder of how beautiful, delicate and fragile life can be, so that we should remember to appreciate and be grateful for each moment,” he says.

The Avow release is endowed by the Gorlach family.

To add a name to the remembrance list or for more information, call Avow at 649-3683 or visit avowcares.org.
The fashionable face of the new Jeep Cherokee can’t hide the rough and tumble off-roader underneath

The Jeep Cherokee of the 1980s was one of those vehicles that instantly clicked with buyers. It gave them a convenient size while avoiding the stigma of driving their parent’s station wagon. That issue has now come full circle as the next generation of family drivers who are trying to avoid SUVS that carted them around as youngsters. That gives the new Cherokee the ambitious task of breaking the crossover class image that its predecessor helped to craft.

This reassessment starts with a front end that keeps its Jeep lineage with the seven-slot grille, but overall is far more aggressive than the company’s traditionally conservative designs. The headlights look like they have been given a stretched rake that no other car company has done before. It is a bit of an illusion because this is just an LED accent package. The real headlights could almost be mistaken for fog lights because of how they are mounted within the bumper. This similar setup brought the Nissan Juke radical attention, but the Cherokee does it with a less controversial fascia.

There is function in this angular design. The Cherokee has some of the best approach and departure angles in its class. For those not familiar with off-road terms, this helps when going up and down inclines. The rear has a particularly good slant. In the real world this means the back bumper will likely never scrape exiting the steepest parkings garages. This also creates a higher approach, but the Cherokee does it with a less controversial fascia.

Inside, the Cherokee goes a more traditional route. The bright accents around the dash draw attention to the center vents and radio, just like in its bigger brother the Grand Cherokee. Jeep is deliberately bringing focus here around the dash draw attention to the center vents and radio, just like in its bigger brother the Grand Cherokee. There is function in this angular design. The Cherokee has some of the best approach and departure angles in its class. For those not familiar with off-road terms, this helps when going up and down inclines. The real world this means the back bumper will likely never scrape exiting the steepest parking garages. This also creates a higher liftgate — good for reaching down for groceries but prohibitive for overall cargo space.

Any Cherokee that engages all four wheels gets a “4x4” badge on the tailgate, which is a bit of a boastful exaggeration. The reality is this offers one of the best off-road prowess.

The selectable all-wheel drive combined with the high ground clearance makes this a better choice than competitors like the Ford Escape or Mazda CX-5 for those who leave the pavement often. But if off-road plans often call for more than just beach sand, the Cherokee comes in a Trailhawk version that offers a genuine lockable differential. It is the only Cherokee trim level that genuinely earns its 4x4 badge, but it also has the highest base price at $31,500. The Cherokee does not betray the adventurous spirit that is the cornerstone of Jeep’s image. It rides more like an off-road vehicle than just about any other compact crossover out there today. At the same time, it’s wrapped in a much more stylish package than its predecessor. So if you liked riding in the back of your parent’s Cherokee, it won’t be too hard to upgrade to the driver’s seat.
Traffic deputies are on the road

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of Feb. 15-19:

**Monday, Feb. 15**
- Thomas Mason Drive and Orchard Lane: Speeding
- 18th Avenue SW. and Sunset Road: Aggressive driving
- Livingston Road and Golden Gate Parkway: Speeding

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**
- Coronado Parkway: Speeding
- County Barn Road and Davis Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- Logan Boulevard and Lancewood Way: Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**
- Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Speeding
- U.S. 41 East and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Speeding
- Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running

**Thursday, Feb. 18**
- Everglades and Randall boulevards: Red-light running
- Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 North and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Speeding
- Friday, Feb. 19
  - Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Speeding
  - Golden Gate Parkway and I-75 northbound exit: Aggressive driving
  - Radio and Airport-Pulling roads: Aggressive driving

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. Here’s what’s coming up where. Unless otherwise noted, classes are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive; 273-6317.
**Monday, Feb. 15:** Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd., Naples; 596-6007.
**Thursday, Feb. 18:** Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3805.
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Naples to Newark: 12:35 p.m. Newark to Naples (via VRB)
Mondays and Fridays: 8:30 a.m. Naples to Portland; 2 p.m. Portland to Naples (via MLB)
Fares starting at $169 each way include the first checked bag for free as well as complimentary on-board beverages and snacks. Parking for travelers is free at Naples Municipal Airport.
Elite’s Bombardier CRJ-200 and CRJ-700 jets will fly the routes to and from Naples.
The new service was announced at a press conference at the airport on Feb. 3.
“These new flights offer great access to our destination for both business and leisure travelers,” said Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau. “The New York and northern New Jersey area is a big supplier of visitors to our part of Florida.”
The Paradise Coast has experienced revitalized tourism in the last five years, with record-breaking growth and a reported $1.9 billion in economic impact from tourism. A 2015 telephone survey commissioned by the Naples Airport Authority showed 76 percent support from city and county residents for bringing commercial passenger airline service back to Naples Municipal Airport. In addition to private flights, the airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and local fire and rescue services. The airport complies with the standards of Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 199, maintaining the same level of security as commercial-service airports adhering to all TSA directives.
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Even though concealed-carry gun permit-holders in Texas can now “open carry,” pistol-packing women concerned with fashion are not limited to traditional firearms in ordinary cowboy holsters. An online company, The Well Armed Woman, offers such carry options as style leg-gings, lace waistbands and an array of underarm and bra holsters (even an in-cup model, the “Marilyn”) in leopard-print and pastel colors. However, a woman’s body shape and size may be more important shopping considerations, according to the company’s founder. “A 32A bust could not conceal a Glock 19 very well — nor would a 42DD-or-larger (front) allow for effective cross-draw carry.”

Democracy blues

In January, Robert Barfle took the oath of office for his second term as a city councilman in East Chicago, Ind. — administered at the county lockup, where he is being held without bail, charged with a cold-blooded murder during a drug deal. The crime made news in October (i.e., before election day), yet Mr. Barfle still won his race. According to law, he cannot be forced out of office unless he is convicted or admits the crimes, and he had the right to vote for himself in the election (except that he failed to request an absentee ballot).

Canonical marijuana

(1) The Albany, N.Y., company Vireo Health told reporters it would soon offer the world’s first certified Kosher marijuana, announcing that the Orthodox Union of New York had authenticated it as hav- ing met Jewish dietary laws (e.g., grown with insect-free plants). (Other Kosher-validating officials complained that the approval should apply only to marijuana that is eaten, not smoked.) (2) Two habit-wearing nuns were scheduled to ask the Merced (California) City Council in Janu- ary to decline its prerogative under state law to ban dispensing or cultivating medi- cal marijuana. The nuns’ order makes and sells salves and tonics for pain manage- ment, using a strain of cannabis containing only a trace of psychoactive material.

Bright ideas

■ Since the (naturally insulated) System can be a lonely space, Institut Marques of Barcelona, Spain, recently demonstrated a tampon-like “speaker” to carry sooth- ing, specially selected, 54-decibel (“hushed tone”) rhythms that supposedly improve fetal growth. In the Bypad’s first “con- cert,” the singer Soraya performs Christ- mas carols. (However, documented evi- dence for such a device was limited to suc- cess of in-vitro fertilization when music was wafted through during the first 48 hours of sperm-egg union.)

■ The job of the researcher: Taiwanese scientists recently announced the avail- ability of their Infant Cries Translator (iPhone and Android app), which they say can, with 77 percent accuracy (92 percent for those under 2 weeks old), tell what a baby wants by its screeches and wailings. The National Taiwan University Hospital Yulin doctors first had to create a data- base of 200,000 crying sounds.

The continuing crisis

■ A former lecturer for Spanish classes at the liberal arts Amherst College near Northampton, Mass., sued the school in December after it failed to renew her con- tract — leading the lecturer to charge that the Spanish department had tried to solicit student course enrollment by prostitution. Lecturer Dimaris Barrios-Beltran accused her supervisor, Victoria Maillot, of hiring only attractive “teaching assistants” and encouraging them to “date” Amherst stu- dents with the ulterior motive of signing them up for Spanish classes — to boost the department’s profile. (College officials said they could not corroborate the accus- ation, but a lawyer for Ms. Barrios-Beltran said Ms. Maillot is no longer employed at Amherst.)

■ William Bendix, 38, filed a lawsuit in December against the Funny Bone com- edy club in Omaha, Neb., and comedian-hypnotist Doug Thompson after plunging off the stage and breaking his leg following Mr. Thompson’s hypnotizing him during his act. Mr. Thompson claimed that he had “snapped” Mr. Bendix out of the trance, but the lawsuit claims that Mr. Ben- dix, instead of exiting via the stairs as Mr. Thompson instructed, wandered directly toward his stage-side table because he was still “under” Mr. Thompson’s spell.

■ A patient who had been blind for a decade (a condition thought to have been brought on by brain damage from an auto accident) suddenly “regained” her sight, according to a research report in the latest issue of PsyCh Journal — but only in one of the 10 identities (a teenage boy) populating her dissociative identity disorder. Doc- tors have since ruled out organic damage to decline its prerogative under state law to ban dispensing or cultivating medi- cal marijuana. The nuns’ order makes and sells salves and tonics for pain manage- ment, using a strain of cannabis containing only a trace of psychoactive material.

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Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Feb. 11. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, is an informational network for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is March 30.

Solo Women Travel Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is Feb. 20. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

The Naples Civitan Club holds a business meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on varying days and locations during the third week of the month for educational and social gatherings. For more information, call 724-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com. The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are Feb. 23 and March 8. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The Gulf Breeze Button Club invites members and others to a workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Gulf Breeze Library, 501 E. 12th St. The topic is “Create a Needlepoint Project.” The workshop is free, but participants are asked to bring a 7” x 7” needlepoint canvas. For more information, call 282-5370.

The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Southwest Florida invites alumni and friends to join fellow Wolverines at a red wine tasting Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Decanted Wine Shop, 1410 Pine Ridge Rd. Cost is $35 for alumni club members, $20 for others. For reservations or more information, email dbstanden@gmail.com.

The Neapolitan Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America meets in the Grill Room at Moorings Park at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 17. The chapter’s bi-annual “The Art of Needlework: An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery” will be on display Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 18-20, in the auditorium at Moorings Park. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A $5 donation for admission will benefit educational programs and Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call 597-4391 or visit embroiderynaples.org.

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Pi Beta Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to the annual Monmouth Duo luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speaker will be Carole Leber, co-author of a coffee-table book titled “Naples Beach Homes, Cottages, Castles and the Families that Built Them.” Cost is $27 and prepaid reservations are required. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4469 or email conskimind@aol.com.

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Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae meet for lunch and a crepe-making contest at noon Tuesday, Feb. 16, at La Breeze on Fifth Avenue South. Bring your secret crepe ingredient to entice the contest. Cost is $30, Reservations are required and can be completed via PayPal at naples.kappalphatheta.org. For more information, call Linda Shafer at 992-6052 or email lsworklife@msn.com.

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The Yiddish Club of Naples meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Temple Shalom, 4630 Central Naples Road. The club welcomes anyone who enjoys hearing Yiddish spoken, read or sung. The next meetings are Feb. 16 and March 1. Come schmooze! For more information, email Zane Garfein at zgarfein@gmail.com.

Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Feb. 20 and March 5. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcrichie@comcast.net.

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CLUB NOTES

1. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

- Tech4Good SWFL holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bit.ly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools. Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

- The Naples chapter of Ikebana International meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, in the FGCU Research Center at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. Admission is free. There will be a full ginza or marketplace with Ikebana materials. Non-members are asked to email ikebananaples@gmail.com to RSVP. For more information about the organization, visit ikebananaples.com.

- The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is March 2. The chapter also invites the public to a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots’ lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. The next breakfast is March 13. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The local EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

- Republican Women of SWFL Federated meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Brio Restaurant in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is March 2. For reservations or more information, call 431-5224 or email speedyrsvp@gmail.com.

- Visitors who own or admire Corvettes are welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is March 3. For more information, visit corvettesnaplesfl.com.

- The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. For the March 8 program, guest speaker Jim Reis will discuss historic documents from the Revolutionary War era. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. Parking and entrance to the fellowship hall are in back of the church. Admission is free, and guests are always welcome. For reservations or more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit thegscc.org.

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
Researchers identify common signature in tumor DNA in five types of cancer

Findings could eventually lead to early detection blood test

East Naples to get new walk-in clinic

Physicians Regional Healthcare System has entered into a lease for 8,000 square feet of medical office space near the intersection of Rattlesnake Hammock Road and U.S. 41 on Tamiami Drive in East Naples. Groundbreaking is expected this spring for the building that will house a walk-in clinic with extended access (evenings and weekends) as well as a staff of primary care and specialty physicians.

Free lecture about DNA

Beth Tilkah of Naples invites the public to “Unraveling Your DNA: What You Need to Know About It” from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at 1459 Pine Ridge Road. Attendees will hear the latest information and what to ask their health-care provider about what genes can tell us about ourselves and our families in relation to diagnosing and treating various diseases. Admission is free. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Call 434-1818 or email bethtilkahnu-ple@aol.com.

Lectures and support groups

Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts free lectures and educational events as follows:

■ Diabetes Education & Support: 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Feb. 17 and 24, in the physicians dining room at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road – Presenter Pam Eichler, R.N., a certified diabetes educator, helps attend-ees learn how to live with diabetes.

■ Arthritis: What Are Your Options?: 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the physi-cians dining room at Physicians Regional- al Pine Ridge – Sara Laporte, R.N., shares information about diagnosing and treating osteoarthritis, also called degenerative joint disease or “wear-and-tear” arthritis.

■ Perimenopause/ Menopause: The Next 10 Years: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the lobby at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge – Elizabeth Stein, ARNP, discusses the physical and emotional symptoms of perimenopause and meno-pause, how to self-soothe and when to seek treatment for symptoms that bother you.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health have identified a striking signature in tumor DNA that occurs in five different types of cancer. They also found evidence that this signature might be present in healthy cells. The specific signature results from a chemical modification of DNA called methylation which can control the expression of genes much like a dimmer on a light switch. Higher amounts of DNA methylation (hypermethylation), like that found by the researchers in some tumor DNA, decreases a gene’s activity. Based on this advance, the researchers hope to develop a blood test that could be used to diagnose a variety of cancers at early stages, when treatments can be used effectively. The study appeared Feb. 5 in The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics.

“Finding a distinctive methylation-based signature is like looking for a spruce tree in a pine forest,” said Laura Elnishki, Ph.D., a postdoctoral scholar in Dr. Mary B. Hoover’s lab at NCI’s Human National Genome Research Institu-tute. “It’s a technical challenge to identify, but we found an elevated methylation sig-nature around the gene known as ZNF154 that is unique to tumors.”

In 2013, Ms. Elnishki’s research group discovered a methylation signature around ZNF154 in 15 tumor types in 13 different organs and deemed it a possible universal cancer biomarker. Biomarkers are biologi-cal molecules that indicate the presence of disease. The researchers identified the methylation mark using DNA taken from solid tumors. The biomarker is the first of its kind to apply to so many types of cancer. “No one in my group slept the night after that discovery,” Ms. Elnishki said, adding that their study used telltale methylation marks in colon, lung, breast, stomach and endometrial cancers. To verify the connec-tion between elevated methylation and cancer, the group developed a computer program that looked at the methylation marks in DNA of people with and without cancer. By feeding this information into the program, they were able to predict a threshold for detecting tumor DNA. Even when they reduced the amount of methylated molecules by 99 percent, the computer could still detect the cancer-related methylation marks in the mixture. Knowing that tumors often shed DNA into the bloodstream, they calculated the proportions of circulating tumor DNA that could be found in the blood.

New approach less invasive

Ms. Elnishki will next begin screening blood samples from patients with blad- der, breast, colon, pancreatic and prosta-tic cancers to determine the accuracy of detection at low levels of circulating DNA. Tumor DNA in a person with cancer typically comprises between 1 and 10 per-cent of all DNA circulating in the blood-stream. The group noted that when 10 percent of the circulating DNA contains the tumor signature, their detection rate is quite good. Because the methylation could be detected at such low levels, it should be adequate to detect advanced cancer as well as some intermediate and early tumors, depending on the type.

Ms. Elnishki’s group will collaborate with Dr. Christina Annunziata, an investi-gator in the Women’s Malignancies Branch and head of the Translational Genomics Section at NIH’s National Cancer Insti-tute. They will test blood samples from women with ovarian cancer to validate the process over the course of treatment and to determine if this type of analysis leads to improved detection of a recurrence and, ultimately, improved outcomes.

Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect in its early stages, and there are no proven early detection methods. “We need a reli-able biomarker for detecting the disease when a cure is more likely,” Dr. Annun ziata said.

Current blood tests are specific to a known tumor type. In other words, clini-cians must first find the tumor, remove a sample of it and determine its genome sequence. Once the tumor-specific mutations are known, they can be tracked for appear-ance in the blood.

The potential of the new approach is that no prior knowledge of cancer is re-quired, it would be less intrusive than other screening approaches like colonos-copies and mammograms and it could be used to follow individuals at high risk for cancer or to monitor the activity of a tumor during treatment.

Once the blood test is developed, the scientific community must conduct stud-ies to ensure that it does not indicate the presence of cancer when it is not there or miss cancer when it is there. Dr. Elnishki does not yet understand the connection between tumors and elevated DNA methylation.

It might represent derailment of nor-mal processes in the cell, or it might have something to do with the fact that tumors consume a lot of energy and circumvent the cellular processes that keep growth in check. Researchers also don’t know exactly what the gene ZNF154 does.

“We have laid the groundwork for de-veloping a diagnostic test, which offers the hope of catching cancer earlier and dramat-ically improving the survival rate of people with many types of cancer,” she said.

For more information about cancer, visit the National Cancer Institute web-site at cancer.gov.
GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ Lake Park Elementary School hosts its first 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 The Naples Zoo. The fun continues with carnival games, food vendors and a silent auction. Admission is free. For more information, call 357-7200 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 certified, timed 5K will be followed by family activities at 9 a.m., food, face painting, a rock wall, games, exhibits and more. Pre-registration is $25 for adults, $15 for students and $10 for children 13 years and younger. Event-day registration, which starts at 7:30 a.m., is $30, $20 and $15. For more information or to register, call 992-0474 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, call 260-7000 or visit nami.org.

■ Mason Classical Academy hosts its second annual Forefathers 5K & 1-Mile Run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12, on 6077 Horseshoe Drive S. Registration is $15-$25. For more information or to register, call 227-6288 or visit masonclassicalacademy.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 160-mile route stops overnight at its 31st annual walk-a-thon and silent auction. Registration for $95-$150, with proceeds to benefit a variety of Marco Island nonprofits. For more information or to register, visit marcoislandhalfmarathon.com or email race@marcoislandhalfmarathon.com.

■ The sixth annual Southwest Florida Walk the Walk for Epilepsy steps out at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sponsored by Epilepsy Foundation Florida and the Epilepsy Resource Center, the race benefits epilepsy medical, social, youth and educational programs. For registration or sponsorship information, visit efsof.org.

■ The Immokalee Foundation hosts the 10th annual Inter-Club Challenge golf tournament Thursday, May 5, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. Foursomes from the area’s most prestigious golf communities will compete with their respective golf pro to benefit TIF programs. Registration for $125 per golfer includes breakfast, driving range practice, lunch, awards and the opportunity to golf with TIF staff. For more information or to register, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ Email items to Inesmith@florida weekly.com.

■ Implantable Cardiac Device: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the lobby at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge – Dr. Kenneth Plunkitt discusses the ICD implant technique and 24/7 home monitoring connectivity for faster assessment and intervention of arrhythmias.

■ What is a Stroke and How Does it Happen?: 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in the education room at Physicians Regional Collier Boulevard – Aileen Staller, ARNP, discusses the causes and symptoms of stroke and shares information about rehabilitation and medication. For more information about any of the above programs, call 348-4188.

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HARMFUL HABITS

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Consuming sports drinks, fruit juices, and carbonated beverages that are high in sugar content is not the only habit that can threaten the health of your teeth. Habits involving chewing on inappropriate objects irritates the soft tissue inside a tooth (pulp), sharp or lingering toothaches triggered by eating hot or cold foods and drinks may follow. With this in mind, it is potentially equally harmful to use your teeth to open bottles or plastic packaging. Teeth should never be used in place of scissors, razors, bottle openers, and other tools.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

What’s not to love about Valentine’s Day on the weekend?

You would think the reason for my happiness is Sunday is “fun-
day”—my husband doesn’t have to go to work, we can sleep in, he can bring me coffee in bed, we can go somewhere fancy and indulge in a mimosa-soaked brunch and, if the weather is nice, we can go to the beach and write our ini-
tials in the sand before my beloved Valentine takes me shopping for jewelry that I can sparkle in during a romantic dinner somewhere where the waiters wear tuxedos.

And yet, that’s not why I’m happy that Valentine’s Day falls on a Sunday this year.

See, Facebook traffic tends to be lighter on the weekends. Compared with during the week, when we appar-
ently scroll through Ye Olde Book of Face as a way of avoiding mundane work tasks, folks don’t get quite as many views on their posts over the weekend. This means, that hopefully, my news-
feed won’t be filled with photos of roses, roses and MORE roses this V-Day. Also, when Valentine’s Day falls on a weekday, fellows generally have bou-
quets of roses delivered to their wives or girlfriends places of work. As the bouquets are carried by a receptionist into the pen of pods at the office, every-
one looks up from their computer in the hopes that the posies are being brought straight to them, while the recipient gets out her cell phone and readsies herself to photograph the moment. Possibly, even before she’s texted her Valentine a “Thank you, Honey (insert heart emoti-
cions here)” the picture of the bouquet (after it’s been properly filtered through Facebook and Instagram with hashtags along the lines of #MyValentine, #Hes-
AKeeper, #RelationshipGoals, #Blessed and #HeLovesMe. My husband buys me electronics on holidays. For Christmas I got an iPad Mini and an iPhone 6. For Valentine’s Day I’m hoping for a digital camera. It’s not that my beloved Todd isn’t romantic, it’s just that he’s practical. And I rather love that about him. Granted, posting a photo of an iPad on social media isn’t as lovey-dovey as a bouquet of roses. I remember one year on Valentine’s Day, the roses ran rampant through my home. He asked why and even hinted that he had something special for me from Best Buy. “Well,” I said, “mostly I just want to take a picture of them and post it on Facebook.”

After a few seconds of pondering the request, he pointed out that by the time he got off work, Publix would likely be out of roses, but that he’d try his best. He also offered a helpful suggestion: If he couldn’t find roses at 7 p.m. on on Valentine’s Day, maybe I could Google a photo of roses and post that instead? After we hung up, it made me won-
der ... How many roses are Googled and posted just to create Valentine’s Day, especially for singles, is hard enough without the barrage of Facebook roses and accom-
powering over-the-top hashtags. Maybe, just for once, we can admire our roses—or our chocolates or our new iPhones—without plastering them on Facebook. Since that probably won’t happen, however, I advise my single girlfriends to avoid social media on Sunday. And in solidarity, I’ll do the same. We’ll get off the Internet, get outside and smell the (real) roses.

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

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Self-publishing a book used to indicate a more distinct line between good and bad, amateur and professional writing. A self-published author was less likely to be taken seriously if she didn’t make it past the vetting of a traditional publishing house. Self-publishing indicated you might be a B- or C-list writer. There is still truth to this. If your work is rejected by traditional publishing houses, it could be for commercial reasons, bad luck, bad timing or a bad agent, but could also indicate you need to improve.

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America’s puzzling financial outlook

Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick’s Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Panta Gorda, warns that “the service and retail sectors of our economy to fire on all cylinders to keep our economy moving forward. But already many companies in these areas are warning that the consumer just isn’t spending like he should in a strong economic recovery. I am hopeful that this may change as wages start to rise, but the evidence of this is yet to be seen.

So the question now is how long will we be in this state of financial limbo? For those who are anxious for this period to end, you may be careful what you wish for as the resolution of this may be a recession and, but I think that it is more likely that low gas prices, higher wages and low unemployment will overcome weak manufacturing and we actually are more optimistic by the end of the year. That’s why I haven’t pulled money out of equities, but I am putting new money in defensive names like Walmart or consumer staple names. It is also why we will see more high volatility weeks and months ahead as investors try to read the tea leaves of financial data. Hang on. It is going to be a wild ride.”

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick’s Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Panta Gorda

Russell Budd and Michael Budd have been appointed to the board of directors for the Naples Airport Authority. Each will serve a three-year term. 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Crucial covers
Sandman Book Company in Punta Gorda carries 185-plus or minus local, self-published authors. Heidi Lange, who owns and runs the store with her husband, Scott Hill, observes customers choosing books based on the cover. They can make decisions in the space of a glance about whether they want to investigate that book further and offer advice to self-published authors serious about selling books: don’t try to design the cover yourself. “I would tell them they really need to spend more on the art and its cover,” she said. “It’s true that you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover but it’s all that we have. You don’t have much time to grab their attention and the cover really matters.”

Sandman offers self-published authors on consignment. They get shelf space at the front of the store for no upfront cost and no time limit. The only requirement is that they autograph the book, which helps sales. When someone buys a copy, the author keeps 60 percent of the sale and Sandman gets 40 percent. Sandman also hosts monthly open houses where writers mingle with customers. One of the authors Sandman carries, Malcolm J. Brenner, self-published an off-beat romance novel, "Wet Goddess" is a love story between a young man and a female dolphin. With its controversial story line and intriguing cover photograph (by Mr. Brenner, who is also a photographer) it has sold consistently in the store and online, about 1,300 copies, since its first printing in January 2010. "Self-publishing is the perfect outlet for something like this," bookseller Ms. Lange said. "It’s a one-of-a-kind. There’s nothing else like it."

Brenner did the job himself. That proved to have its own struggles. He dropped one editor after he got his proof back with every single use of the word "ain’t," which had been used in dialogue, mixed. His first printing had hundreds of typos that Mr. Brenner fixed in three subsequent printings.

"I was very embarrassed," he said. "I don’t think there’s more than two or three left in the book at this point." His latest book is a memoir, "Growing Up in the Orgone Box," about growing up in a pseudo-scientific cult. He’s working on another novel that concerns a UFO, "The Mel-Khyor Chronicles." "It’s the writer, not the publisher," he said. "If your story is good, people will find you, no matter how it’s published. The trouble with the publishing industry is that it’s all about business that I can see is they’re only interested in commercial fiction," said Charles Sobczak, a Sanibel Island-based author, lecturer and Realtor who started self-publishing his novels (and later non-fiction) in 1999 through the imprint he created for that purpose, Indigo Press. "I have zero interest in commercial publishing. I want to write about people, about life, and I never wanted to write a series because I always felt if you’re doing that, you’re just an employee. Seeing no other recourse, I decided to go ahead and self-publish." Now he’s working on a novel called "Battering "Heavenly Floors", about a seven-year-old stuck in an elevator overnight at a courthouse.

However a book comes into existence, some say, consider the art, not the publisher. “It’s always wise not to dismiss a book, even if it’s self published, whether it’s going to hold your attention and whether I think my readers are going to get something out of knowing about it,” said Not. No matter what form it’s published in, making money writing books is difficult in an industry made up from a relative handful of superstar authors, it’s rare for someone to make a living at it. Self-publishing, like traditional publishing, has exploded with print-on-demand services such as Amazon’s CreateSpace.

Discovering indie authors
With so many indie authors to choose from, how do you pick which to read?

With that in mind, and in an effort to provide a central location where readers can find indie authors, Punta Gorda opened P.J. Boox in South Fort Myers in April.

Authors’ work is presented more like in an art gallery than a bookstore, the covers facing the customer and surrounded by empty wall space. P.J’s is entirely dedicated to indie, self-published and small press authors, nearly 300 of them both local and from around the world. The books are vetted for quality, taking into account the professionalism of the cover, editing, Amazon reviews and the author’s social networking.

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options for your money, too. Traditional and Roth IRA accounts can be opened at a host of brokers, permitting you to invest in just about any stock and bonds of mutual funds. Traditi-

on IRAs offer the same tax break (and potential tax drawbacks) as traditional 401(k)s. Roth IRAs offer you tax-free withdrawals in retirement, in exchange for losing the upfront tax break. Thus, if you invest effectively in a Roth IRA over many years and the account grows in value significantly, you can look forward to eventually enjoying it all tax-free.

**My Dumbest Investment Burned by Apple’s Rise**

I shouldered Apple right after the passing of Steve Jobs, thinking the company would not survive without his genius. Several businessespeople in the tech world believed that Apple was a very sound business model and that shorting the stock was a bad idea. I did it anyway, thinking there was no way they could be right. During the time I had the stock short, it doubled in market value and I lost $26,000. I’m still shocked about that one.

— I.C., online

**The Fool Responds:** Your story offers several lessons. First, know that overcon-

fidence can be costly. Don’t buy stocks without giving serious consideration to

their risks, and don’t short stocks (essen-

tially betting that they will fall in price) without considering that they might not fall or, worse, might rise. Steve Jobs was indeed a critical part of Apple’s success and promise, but he wasn’t everything. Apple is still a strong, innovative company, and it still has many solid products and services that are selling well. In fiscal 2015, for instance, it sold 231 million iPhones, 37

million Macs, and 108 million iPads. Apple has been expanding its services that are selling well. Great companies have more to them than just a great leader.

**Last week’s trivia answer**

I trace my roots back to the launch of a small mining venture in 1902 in Min-

nesota. One of its early products was a waterproof sandpaper that reduced dust. Today I’m a major multilaced manufac-

turer, raking in more than $30 billion annually and sporting a market value near $85 billion. You might utter my ticker symbol during a tasty meal. Who am I?

Answer: UnitedHealth Group

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**BUSINESS MEETINGS**

**A Job Search Support Group** members meet every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Kliekiewicz at kkh77@comcast.net or visit napleschamber.com.

**Consultants from the Small Busi-

ness Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce (239) 28791 Trail N, every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call (239) 777-7280. The Collier County Bar Association holds its general membership lun-

cheon from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Kensington Country Club. Andy Solis of Cohen & Tredennick will discuss various topics on wellness. Sign up at collierbusiness.org/events or call (239) 434-1177.

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**A Prime Rate**

What’s the prime rate?

The prime rate is the interest rate that banks charge their most creditworthy customers. Each bank may set its prime rate, but the major commercial banks tend to sport the same one most of the time. You’ll find the prime rate listed in most newspapers’ business sections. Interest rates for mortgages, home equity loans, credit cards and other business loans take their lead from the prime rate. A car loan rate, for example, might be calculated by taking the current prime rate and adding a certain amount to it. The prime rate is typically left unchanged until a group of bank’s profits change theirs, often in response to economic conditions or in line with the Federal Reserve changes its discount rate, which is what it charges banks that borrow short-

term money.

**Is it a smart strategy to find and buy stocks trading near its 52-week lows and to sell ones trading near their highs?**

— F.P., Las Cruces, New Mexico

It’s smart to buy low and sell high, but don’t focus too much on 52-week relative performance. If a company’s stock is trading near its all-year low, it might indeed be a bargain facing a temporary problem — but it might also be facing long-lasting troubles and heading even lower. Further research can help you decide whether it’s a good candidate for your portfolio.

Several stocks at its all-year high isn’t always best, either. Many wonderful companies have rewarded shareholders over the long term by simply setting new highs despite occasional hiccups. By selling, you miss out on the potential gains.

Aim to buy a stock when it’s significantly undervalued and sell when it’s overpriced.

Want more information about stocks? Send us an email to foolnews@fool.com.

**Youth Professionals of Naples** members meet for a general meeting and game night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Call 727-372-3720 for more information.

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Speakers Assembly of SWF welcomes Bozell, Beckwith

Brent Bozell, founder and president of the Media Research Center, and Samira Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare Services, are the season’s final guests at luncheon meetings of the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida.

Mr. Bozell will be the guest speaker Friday, March 4, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa. Ms. Beckwith will speak on Friday, April 8, at Quail West Country Club in Naples. Doors open at 11 a.m.

A syndicated columnist, television commentator, debater, author, publisher and activist, Mr. Bozell will discuss the honesty of media.

Under Ms. Beckwith’s leadership over the past two decades, Hope has grown from a hospice caring for fewer than 100 patients a day to a health-care system providing a variety of programs to more than 3,000 individuals daily.

For information about tickets to either luncheon, call the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida at 948-7909 or visit speakersassembly.com. New members are always welcome to join the organization.

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24201 Addison Place Court
Bonita Springs

This custom courtyard home built by Gulf Shore Homes and designed by Randall Stoffi is truly one of a kind. Situated with impressive golf course views that are among the best in Addison Place and built with transitional and Tuscan elements, this is a sought-after gem in The Colony.

The rooms are spacious and include five bedrooms plus a den and five full bathrooms plus a half bath spread over 5,800 square feet. Upgrades include a dramatic, solid wood, double-door entry, detailed crown moldings, coffered and tray ceilings for added appeal, gourmet kitchen with fine modern appliances, an oversized kitchen island, custom cabinetry, state-of-the-art home theater with a golf simulator, Brazilian cherry wood flooring and much more. The lanai is a true retreat, with a spectacular pool with raised spa, a two-story, two-bedroom guest house and plenty of space for entertaining.

The property is listed at $1,995,000 by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty, bhbflorida- realty.com.

13733 Brynwood Lane
Fort Myers

This 1.7-acre estate home is in the heart of Fort Myers, just minutes to the hospital, shopping, schools and entertainment. This “concept house” was completely renovated, rebuilt and designed by Dwayne Bergmann, one of Southwest Florida’s premier interior designers.

The light-filled home features four bedrooms, four baths plus a separate media room/office/play room with a wet bar. It also includes a wine room, four-car garage, a beautiful pool with a waterfall and expansive yard. The home was renovated (down to the studs) and built back to code with new electrical, plumbing, hurricane-impact windows and doors, new A/C and new roof. The finishes inside the home are stunning and feature imported Italian porcelain tile flooring in the main areas, stained-in-place white oak wood floors in the bedrooms, onyx/granite countertops and Thermador appliances in the kitchen. Each element of this home was thoughtfully and artfully designed for the discerning buyer who loves to entertain and appreciates a casual, elegant lifestyle.

The property is listed at $1,950,000 by Royal Shell Real Estate, royalshellestate.com.

29140 Positano Lane
Naples

A true pleasure to tour in the Mediterra community, you will enjoy maintenance-free living in this beautiful western exposure home at the west gate, just a 15-minute drive to the beach and a few more to the private beach club.

Besides enjoying the beautiful sunsets on your lanai, this home with more than $1 million in upgrades has a negative-edge pool, sheer-descent water features and a cozy fireplace to enjoy out back. For entertaining, click on Lutron lighting, turn on the NUVO full-home music system, open all the doors to your private courtyard and enjoy your second lanai. A private guest suite features a separate garage and the owner’s suite complemented by a sitting room, morning room and separate private office.

The property is listed at $1,950,000 by Downing Frye Realty Inc., downingfrye.com.

What $2 million will buy in Southwest Florida

Campbell & Prebish
joins William Raveis

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Campbell & Prebish has joined William Raveis Real Estate, effective Friday, Feb. 12. The association includes the assignment of Campbell & Prebish’s affiliation with Christie’s International Real Estate.

“My relationships with Tom Campbell and Richard Prebish extend back nearly eight years,” said Bill Raveis, chairman and CEO of William Raveis Real Estate, said when making the announcement. “At the end of the day, it distills down to the facts that we share a common culture and philosophy ... Their attention to detail, ethics and professionalism are second to none ... We consider it a privilege to work with them.”

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Prebish launched their company six years ago, specializing in Port Royal, Aqualane, Olde Naples and beachfront properties.

“We have a duty to our customers to give them as much exposure as possible in order to successfully sell their properties,” Mr. Campbell said. “Our affiliation with Raveis Real Estate will give us that exposure throughout the country. Additionally, our customers will continue to have the significant global reach of the Christie’s world-wide organization.”

William Raveis is a marketing and technology-driven real estate firm with more than 4,200 staff/agents working in 120 offices throughout the northeast. The company website attracts more than 13 million unique visitors a year, is translated into 90 languages and generated 30,000-plus leads in 2015.

“Changing demographics clearly indicate that a greater number of our customers are coming from the Northeast,” Mr. Campbell said. “Our Raveis association will benefit our customers greatly in that they will receive the additional advantage of referrals from the largest family-owned real estate business in the northeast.”

“Campbell & Prebish has always been highly focused on its customers and we’re going to ensure the continuity of that integrity and unmatched service,” Mr. Raveis added. “When we add our North-east footprint, along with technologies like 3D virtual tours and property value forecasting, we’re going to be able to take this team to an entirely new level.”

Mr. Campbell first visited Naples in 1953 when he came to his grandfather’s home on the beach, just north of where the Port Royal Club now stands. After graduating from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, he served in the U.S. Army. He moved to Naples in 1971.
Port Royal
3430 Gin Lane

Enjoy southwest facing panoramic water views and spectacular sunsets from this captivating custom-built home. Fabulous floorplan boasting formal entry into living room with fireplace and adjacent dining room leading to gourmet kitchen with Wolf range, grill and warming drawers, Miele coffee system, Sub-Zero refrigerator, 2 dishwashers and eating area opening to large Family Room. Elegant main floor Master Suite and den overlooking the water plus three additional suites and media room/loft located on the second floor. Additional details include marble and wood flooring, crown molding with intricate ceiling detail, custom climate-controlled 600 bottle wine cellar, 5 wet bars, laundry on both levels, impact resistant windows, generator, elevator accessible by all levels and more. Expansive outdoor living with electric shutters and screens, fountain, negative edge pool, spa, outdoor kitchen, pool bath and boat dock. Three car garage.

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**Pelican Marsh Golf Course earns Audubon recognition for environmental stewardship**

Pelican Marsh Golf Club, a member-owned private club in North Naples, has retained its designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. First certified in 2001, the Pelican Marsh golf course is one of 673 in the United States, 18 of which are in Naples. Recertification is required every two years.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program helps golf course communities protect and improve the environment while preserving the natural heritage of the game of golf. According to Audubon International, achieving and maintaining certification required a course to meet set standards in the following categories: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation and water quality management.

“We are committed to long-term environmental stewardship,” says Kimberly Doerseln, director of marketing for Pelican Marsh Golf Club. For more information about the club and its Audubon certification, call 597-0016 or visit pelicanmarshgc.com.

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**Pelentevedra model opens in Marsh Cove at Fiddler’s Creek**

Clive Daniel Home was selected by national builder Ashton Woods to provide total interior design for the Pontevedra model in Marsh Cove at Fiddler’s Creek. The four-bedroom, 3.5-bath, home is for sale at $1,426,133 fully furnished.

Clive Daniel’s Jean Losier and Jodi Caldwell guided the design for the home’s interiors, which include 3,468 square feet under air. The residence features a barrel ceiling in the foyer, a great room with stained beams and a master suite with sitting area. The southern exposure home has an expansive outdoor living area with a full kitchen and ample room for dining.

The Pontevedra model has a Spanish Colonial architectural styling, which led the designers to create a relaxed yet sophisticated environment.

“Since Fiddler’s Creek is recognized for its resort, waterside lifestyle, it seemed natural to implement coastal touches throughout the home,” Ms. Losier said. Finishes and fabrics in soft grays are reminiscent of worn docks; crisp whites and pops of bright blue add interest and create a relaxing palette. Sophisticated, traditional furnishings have a weathered patina and painted finishes that are ideal for entertaining.
# This Week's Featured Listings

Open Houses are Sunday, February 14, 2016

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The four-bedroom, 4½-bath residence has 4,846 square feet of living space and includes a separate cabana suite with a private bath that doubles as a pool bath. The entire residence will be wheelchair accessible; the oversized three car garage has a designated workshop space and a larger door to accommodate raised roof vans.

From the no-step covered entry, an oversized single door with side lights opens to a well-lit foyer with 25-foot ceilings and a parlor room. The great room plan creates an open, casual atmosphere for hosting friends and family. In the great room, three sets of double French doors are used in place of heavy glass sliders and open to the covered lanai. Taller windows with lower sill heights are also incorporated throughout and allow an abundance of natural light into these rooms. Other features include a wet bar, gas fireplace and a coffered ceiling design with beam details.

The kitchen offers a walk-in pantry and a multi-level island with a raised bar for additional seating and under-counter openings to accommodate wheelchairs. Other features include under-counter openings to accommodate wheelchairs and children with the use of a stepping stool. Just off these main living areas, the formal study and powder bath are easily accessible for guests. The master suite encompasses the entire left side of the main level. Accessible by elevator or a staircase (with a 4-foot clearance for future lifts), the upstairs has three guest rooms, each with en suite baths and access to covered balconies. The home's second washer/dryer along with extra storage complete the second level.

With offices in Naples and Palm Beach, Weber Design Group has been designing custom luxury homes and commercial projects throughout Southwest Florida, the U.S. and internationally for more than 20 years. For more information, visit weberdesigngroup.com.

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Grey Oaks showcases six homes during Feb. 19 open house

Following the quick sale of its third luxury residence in Hemingway Place, Borelli Construction has acquired three additional lots and is offering new floor plans in the central Naples neighborhood.

Construction is expected to begin soon on the builder’s next model on a private cul-de-sac, and completion is anticipated by the end of this year. The other two sites will remain available in inventory for custom residences.

Designed by Weber Design Group in a Classical Revival style, the next model will have 4,258 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 6,038 total square feet. The two-story residence will have five bedrooms and 4½ baths and a loft suitable for an entertainment room or kids gaming area.

The main floor of the residence will feature a great room floor plan with a spacious area in the center of the home for entertaining family and friends. The kitchen will be equipped with Thermador appliances, a wine refrigerator, an oversized island bar, Carrara marble countertops, upgraded European-style cabinets and a walk-in pantry.

A private study/library off the main entry will have custom built-ins. A ground-floor guest suite could be converted into a game room. Also on the ground floor, the master suite will feature oversized his-and-her walk-in closets with custom closet systems, a bath with his-and-her sinks, a free-standing tub and clear glass shower enclosure along with European-style cabinets, designer fixtures and marble throughout.

An elevator will provide access to the second floor where the three bedrooms and bathrooms are in a split floor plan around the loft area. In addition, the second floor will have a morning bar area that is ideal for overnight family and friends. An additional laundry room will also be provided upstairs, and guests will enjoy open views into the main foyer below.

The home’s interior design will feature the cool transitional style for which Borelli Construction has become known. All floors in the main areas will be completed with wood tiles, and decorative crown molding will be provided throughout the home. The entire residence also will be fully equipped with a wireless Sonos surround sound system that can be controlled remotely on any device to stream different songs/services in each room.

The outdoor living area will be easily accessible from the great room and will include a kitchen with adjoining dining space, a glass tile pool, spa and sun shelf. Tropical landscaping and landscape lighting around the entire pool deck will create an oasis of privacy. The covered lanai will have a fireplace and Cypress ceilings. An extensive video camera system on the exterior will provide security.

Borelli Construction is poised to start newest model in Hemingway Place

A typical model interior by Borelli Construction.

Visitors to Grey Oaks can tour six homes during an open house scheduled from 1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19. Homes include brand new coach homes and villa residences in the Traditions and Torino neighborhood, as well as resale properties in Miramonte, Terra Verde and Traditions.

Traditions and Torino are the final residential neighborhoods in Grey Oaks. Floor plans range from 3,000 to 4,300-plus square feet; for a limited time, new homeowners in Traditions and Torino can purchase a new Dwak Country Club sports membership for $30,000. A closing credit from $5,000 to $30,000 can be used on interior design, upgrades or membership.

Resale coach homes and villas will be open for tours in the Traditions, Miramonte and Terra Verde neighborhoods. The three-bedroom, three-bath Traditions coach home has a water view. The Miramonte villa has three bedrooms and 3½ baths in more than 3,700 square feet. A Terra Verde coach home, with western water and golf course views has three bedrooms, three baths and private elevator.

The entrance to Grey Oaks Country Club is off Airport-Pulling Road near Golden Gate Parkway.

Additional resale homes in Grey Oaks can be viewed by appointment. For more information, call Grey Oaks Realty at 262-5597 or visit greyoaks.com.

The Biella in the Torino neighborhood at Grey Oaks.
Florida Weekly’s Open Houses

Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked

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Four singers + four notes = an evening of comic opera

Opera aficionados and newcomers alike will enjoy the hilarity of “The Four Note Opera” presented by Opera Naples on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. American composer Tom Johnson’s best-known contemporary work, “The Four Note Opera” pokes fun at the opera world and the drama of dueling divas and divos.

BY NANCY STEETON
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It’s February already, and we’re deep in the heart of season. You can see a show, attend a concert or go to an event almost every night of the week, if you wish. You’ve likely already picked out some things you want to be sure to catch. But here are some things that might not have been on your radar.

If you’ve seen The Rolling Stones in concert in the past 20 years or so, you’re seen bassist Linda Riss. If you saw trumpeter Chris Botti in concert a few years ago, you saw Lisa Fischer. And if you saw the documentary “Twenty Feet From Stardom” about the backing singers...

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As they compete for attention on stage. The entire opera is comprised of four notes and as they perform, they create music. The opera is called “The Four Note Opera” and is performed by the Opera Naples Young Artist program, which provides expert tutelage to young singers ages 20-32 who have embarked on a singing career. The singers in “The Four Note Opera” will also perform in Opera Naples’ production of “La Traviata.”

The opera features a soprano, a tenor, a baritone and a contralto. The four performers for Opera Naples — Francisco Bedoy, Ryan Hill, Jennifer Lindsey and Clara Nieman — are members of the Opera Naples Young Artist program, which provides expert tutelage to young singers ages 20-32 who have embarked on a singing career. The singers in “The Four Note Opera” will also perform in Opera Naples’ production of “La Traviata.”

The opera is performed on Jan. 7 to rave reviews.

In 2014, Mr. Fabiano was named the recipient of the Beverly Sills Artist Award for young singers at the Metropolitan Opera. The award is designated for singers between the ages of 25 and 40 who have already appeared in featured solo roles at the Met. He was also named the winner of the 2014 Richard Tucker Award in honor of the late Brooklyn-born tenor. Often referred to as the “Heisman Trophy of opera,” the Tucker Award is conferred annually by a panel of opera industry professionals on an American singer at the threshold of a major international career. Each award comes with a $50,000 prize, and Mr. Fabiano is the first person ever to win both awards in the same year.

Jacqueline McCurdy serves as honorary chair of the second annual Legends of Opera for Gulfshore Opera. A limited number of concert-only tickets are available for $25, gala package tickets for $125 include VIP concert seating and the chance to mingle with Mr. Fabiano, Mr. Ramey and other singers at the Bonita Bay Club.

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ers with powerful voices, you’ve definitely seen Lisa Fischer. The woman, quite simply, is incredible. Not only can she hold her own on stage, belting out “Gimme Shelter” with Mick Jagger, but she’s a keen interpreter of music, with her own jazz style.

Lisa Fischer, and her trio, Grand Baton, will play four concerts over two days at the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples 6 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26. The Naples Players’ annual musical is always a good bet. This year at the Sugden Community Theatre, they present “Young Frankenstein” from March 2-April 3. Written by Mel Brooks and based on his 1974 movie of the same name, (a spoof on the classic horror movie), the musical is full of his zany humor. One of the highlights of the show is Franken-stein’s monster, dressed in top hat and tails, singing and dancing to “Puttin’ on the Ritz.” Mad scientists, brain transplants and spooky castles — what more could you ask for?

Presenting period pieces and classics is one of the things Gulfshore Playhouse does best. That’s why you should make a point to see the company’s production of Ibsen’s “An Enemy of the People” March 26-April 27.

As the last offering of its Chamber Music Series this season, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents “Music of John Cage” at 8 p.m. Friday, April 22 (cocktails at 7 p.m.) The avant-garde composer was a friend and collaborator of artist Robert Rauschenberg. This is a rare opportunity to hear the music Mr. Cage composed. The program will consist of compositions for prepared piano, in which the strings are manipulat-ed sometimes by placing objects on them, completely changing the sound of the keyboard, and his famous 4’33”, in which the musicians sit silently for four minutes and 33 seconds.

And the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota presents the world premiere of “Josephine,” a musical about Josephine Baker, a Jazz Age icon. (Gerren Hemingway- way called her “The most sensational woman anybody ever saw. Or ever will.”) Based on a story April 25-May 29, “Josephine” stars singer Deborah Cox and focuses on Ms. Baker’s years as the star of the Folies-Bergere in Paris, her affair with the Swedish Crown Prince Gustav IV and her service in the French Resistance during WWII.

Like “Bonnie and Clyde,” which played there a few years ago, “Josephine” is a rare opportunity to see the world premiere of a musical before it goes to Broadway. Also of note at the Asolo, playing in repertory: “All the Way,” a play about President Lyndon P. Johnson (through April 9) and Eugene O’Neil’s “Ah, Wilderness!” (through April 10).

Southwest Florida theaters support emerging playwrights, and we’re fast becoming a region to see brand-new plays. The Florida Repertory Theatre holds its third annual PlayLab Festival April 26-May 1. The venue presents readings of new plays, with opportunity to speak with the playwright, director and actors afterwards, to ask questions and give feedback. Florida Rep typically picks one of the plays to present in its next season. This year, you can see “The Ding-dong” by Mark Shananah, adapted from the French farce “Le Dindon” by Georges Feydeau. A regional theater premiere about the sexploits of three couples, it plays from April 29-May 8.

Theatre Conspiracy presents “Vacuum” by Arlene Hutton, winner of its 15th annual New Play Contest. It runs May 6-21.

Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples also presents an annual New Works Festival, with readings of new plays and talkbacks. Its festival, now in it fourth year, runs in April and May. The play the Norris Center

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take place in and around a pool of water onstage.

Ms. Zimmerman received a 2002 Tony Award for her work.

The Venice Theater presents “Meta-
morphoses” from April 28-May 15.


The Ringling plans to officially open its new Center for Asian Art on May 15. Designed by Machado Silvetti, the jade green $10.2 million, 25,000-square-foot, three-level pavilion includes 6,800 square feet of gallery space and a 125-person lec-
ture hall. A daylong festival will include performances, storytelling, demonstrations, culinary tours and gallery guides.

While on the Ringling campus, also visit the replica of the Walker Guest House, a gem of a mid-century modern designed by Paul Rudolph in 1952. This is an opportunity to see what the landmark house looks like inside and out, with the original interior design recreated (through Oct. 6).

For a complete listing events happen-
ing this season, check out the Florida Weekly Arts Guide in this issue.
Graham Smith. Caleb is an awkward host, just learning the ropes about interacting with his guests. He hasn’t had much social practice in the last 100 years or so. He’s had to live an isolated life for the last century, and now he can’t keep up with the changing times. Roger, who has been in his service for 20 years, is Caleb’s bridge to contemporary styles, values and both material and popular culture. Caleb is a good student, but there’s just too much ground to cover.

At once macabre and humorous, Sandy Lender’s “May Your Heart Be Light” gains some of its light touch from the barrier between Roger and Caleb as Roger “translates” Caleb’s new experiences. To Caleb, a handsome fellow who dresses the brooding baron part, it’s the 21st century American human who are the oddballs. But he needs to fit in with them as well as he can. It’s business.

There’s something extra-special about one of the young women guests at the hotel. Jenna DeVision is gorgeous, modest and gets lost easily in Caleb’s cavernous home. She is especially attracted to the library, a place jammed with the lore of the non-dead and swirling with threatening spirits.

Caleb is infatuated with her, but hesitant to hurt her. He keeps his vampirish desires under wraps as much as he can, but he does use his special powers to enter Jenna’s mind and plant visions that attract and confuse her.

Caleb has superhuman strength and speed. And, of course, he is chained to his appetite for blood. It’s the old question: Can these two people, made so very differently and yet obviously made for each other, find a way of surviving the curse of difference? The distance between them narrows when it is discovered that Jenna is of faerie stuff with powers of her own that will bloom on her 25th birthday. Those powers are challenged for each other, find a way of surviving the curse of difference? The distance between them narrows when it is discovered that Jenna is of faerie stuff with powers of her own that will bloom on her 25th birthday. Those powers are challenged. Caleb allows us to laugh at it all — and at ourselves.

I believe Ms. Lender will find a thankful audience for “May Your Heart Be Light,” a highly imaginative tale, laced with erotic teasers and with a sensitive vampire twist. You can meet her and other Southwest Florida writers at the Port Charlotte Family Book Fair (see box).

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

THEATER
The Boy from Oz – By TheatreZone through Feb. 14 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.
The 39 Steps – By The Naples Players through Feb. 27 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.
Rose’s Dilemma – By The Marco Players through Feb. 28 at The Marco Players Theatre. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7277 or themarocoplayers.com.
Assisted Living: The Musical – By the comedy duo of Compton & Bennett at the Arts Bonita Springs with performances Friday through Sunday, Feb. 19-21. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.
The Reception at Hangman’s Bog – By the FGCU Theatre Program Feb. 19-28 at the Bower School of Music & the Arts. 745-4268 or jhoch@fgcu.edu.
Twelve Angry Men – By Florida Repertory Theatre Feb. 13-March 2. 2268 Bay Street, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

THURSDAY 2.11
Life’s a Beach – Robert and Carole Leher, authors of “Naples Beach Homes: Cottages, Castles and The Families That Built Them,” talk about the stories in their book and how they uncovered them at 11 a.m. at Miromar Design Center. Free. 390-8203 or miromardesigncenter.com.
Artist Reception – Sheldon Fine Art hosts a reception with the artist from 6-8:30 p.m. for “Henrietta Milan: Patetle Perfekte.” 460 Fifth Ave. S. 642-6295 or sheldoinfineart.com.
Good Folk – Folk legend Jonathan Edwards performs at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, 1030 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8995 or artcenterbonita.org.

FRIDAY 2.12
Fresh & Juicy – Pick up fresh produce, seafood and specialty items at the St. John Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 625 11th Ave. N. 289-3786 or stjohntheevangelist.com.

SATURDAY 2.13
Wonder in the Garden – Kids can learn all about recycling with themed activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-4377 or naplesgarden.org.

SUNDAY 2.14
Flower Sale – K oreshan State Historic Site hosts a native flower and plant sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 273-8945 or fnps.cococohibiscus.org.

TUESDAY 2.16
Bright, White Light – Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture from 10-11:30 a.m. about near death experiences. $20 for members, $25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or fgcu.edu.

WEDNESDAY 2.17
Walkabout – Enjoy a walking tour of the Naples historic district setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. $80 for Naples Historical Society members, $8 for others. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.
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Road Trip – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a field trip to Miami’s Vizcaya Museum departing at 7:30 a.m. $95 for members, $115 for others, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

COMING UP

Le‘d Up – Learn how to make plumeria leis in a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 18, at Naples Botanical Garden. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-4737 or naplesgardens.org.

Book Chat – Collier County Jewish Book Festival hosts a presentation on Russia from 1-4 p.m. at Beth Tikvah with authors Tala Carner (“Jerusalem Maiden”) and David Greene (“Midnight in Siberia”), 1459 Pine Ridge Road. $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Ticket packages available. 263-4205 or jewishnaples.org.

Meet the Artist – Harmon-Meek Modern hosts an opening reception for an exhibit of new works by New York artist Tobi Kahn from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. 382 12th Ave. S. RSVP to 262-2699 or harmonmeekmodern.com.

Wildlife Lecture – Naples Zoo hosts a lecture by Luke Hunter, president and chief conservation officer of Panthera, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Mr. Hunter will discuss efforts to save southern Africa’s spotted cats. Free for Zoo members, $10 for others. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

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

Piano Concert – Piano prodigy Maxim Lands performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at FGCU’s U. Tobe Recital Hall. $7-$30, 434-4268 or fgcu.edu.

Stand-Up Guy – Kevin Farley (“That ‘70s Show,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm”) performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

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

Wonder-ful – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts an evening of music, refreshments, wildlife encounters and more from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, $15 for members, $25 for others. 27880 Bonita Beach Road, 992-8989 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

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

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

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

Fruitful Opportunity – Collier Fruit Growers hosts a fruit tree sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Freedom Park, 1155 Golden Gate Parkway. rtylormr@gmail.com.

New and vintage models of all makes line up along Fifth Avenue South for the 12th annual Cars on Fifth presented by the Naples Ferrari Club from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Florida author Tim Dorsey signs “Coconut Cowboy,” the latest addition to his Serge Storm series, from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops.

Hurry to the G&L Theatre to catch TheatreZone’s “The Boy from Oz” before the final show on Sunday. The musical stars Broadway veteran Larry Alexander as famed entertainer Peter Allen.

Get your tickets now for Project HELP’s fifth annual production of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” coming Sunday, March 6, to the Sugden Community Theatre.

Les Stroud, aka Survivorman, brings his Mother Earth Tour to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Friday.

Tim Dorsey

#SWFL TOP PICKS
Got That Swing – The Golf_collec_tors Society hosts a show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Quail Run Golf Club. Guests can purchase autographed, antique and collectible golf items as well as themed art. Free appraisals on site. (219) 928-5585 or jjeselnick@yahoo.com.

Plant Art – The Florida Native Plant Society hosts a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 20, at Naples Botanical Gardens about framing botanicals using the herbarium method. $35. 997-7222 or bijochel@comcast.net.

Big Art Fair – Naples Art Association hosts its 57th annual Naples National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21, at Cambier Park, 362-6517 or naplesart.org.

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

Broadway Lunch – The Marco Players hosts a performance of Broadway favorites at noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcooplayers.com.

Music Club Concert – Naples Music Club members perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Free. 2125 Piper Blvd. 384-9205 or naplesmusicclub.org.

Meet the Artists – Phil Fisher Gallery hosts an opening reception for its “Our Wild Planet,” from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, with artists Aaron Blaise and Robert Graham. 810 12th Ave. S. 403-8939 or philfishergallery.com.

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

Heat of the Moment – 80’s hair band Asia performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $45-$125. 8880 128-0007 or theclassicrockseries.com.

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

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

Irish Eyes – Marco Island’s Irish Celebration Festival 2016 takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Veterans Community Park. (732) 682-3230 or kraftfairs.com.

Americana Music – CADA hosts a variety of American musical acts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Mercato. On the roster: Cypress Hollow, The Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus and The Bugtussle Ramblers, among others. Free. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Choir Concert – Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church hosts the 45-voice mixed choir from Wagner College on Staten Island in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Free. 6020 Rattlesnake-Hammock Road. 755-0696 or rbuchekols@gmail.com.

Monologue-amous – Project HELP presents its fifth annual production of the famed Eve Ensler play, “The Vagina Monologues,” at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Sugden Community Theatre. Proceeds benefit the organization’s efforts to provide support and resources to local rape and trauma survivors. $50-$125. 263-7990 or projecthelp.org.

Jazz Concert – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs a tribute to Glenn Miller at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Golden Gate High School. $30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

Nature Talk – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Reservations required. Free for Conservancy members, $10 for others. sophian@conservancy.org, or conservancy.org.

Music Man – Chris Botti brings his blend of instrumental pop music to Artis—Naples at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Rocket Man – Elton John performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Germain Arena. $50-$160. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Get Your Green On – Naples St. Patrick Day Parade steps off at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, and processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South. naplesparade.com.

Class Act – Tony Bennett performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.


Bless Us, Father – Artis—Naples hosts performances of “Late Night Catechism: ’Til Death Do Us Part” at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, March 16-19. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

The Wolves – Los Lobos perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $40. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Claws and All – Marco Island Seafood & Music Festival returns from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday, March 18-20, at Veterans Community Park. $10-$36. marcoislandseafoodandmusicfestival.com.

WHERE TO GO

Young piano sensation Maxim Lando performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Tobe Recital Hall at FGCU. At just 13, Mr. Lando has already won the Juilliard Concerto Competition and a position as fellow at Yale University’s Artemisia Akadanie. — fgcu.edu

Brew to You – Bonita Brew Fest returns to Riverside Park from 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. $30-$65. bonita-brewfest.com.

Jazz Night – Trumpeter Dan Miller and saxophonist Lew del Gatto perform the music of Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Vocal Concert – Voices of Naples performs a choral concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at United Church of Naples to raise money for its scholarship fund. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. 455-2582 or voicesofnaples.org.

Artful Display – Jazz pianist Dick Hyman plays piano improvisations inspired by projections of legendary art—Tony Orlan—Lando has already won the Juilliard Concerto Competition and a position as fellow at Yale University’s Artemisia Akadanie. — fgcu.edu

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

Concert on the Lawn – Betty Fox Band performs a free concert at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Chicano Rockers – Los Lonely Boys plays Seminole Immokalee Casino at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 3. $35. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Wings Over the World – Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South, Friday through Saturday, March 4-5. $10-$16. marcoislandseafoodandmusicfestival.com.

Berry Fun – The eighth annual Coralstone Strawberry & Music Festival kicks off at 5 p.m. Friday, March 4, and continues through the weekend with live bands, carnival attractions and lots of strawberries. 8200 Immokalee Road. 354-9160 or naplesfestival.com.

Celtic Concert – The SKY Family, an Irish song and dance troupe, performs at 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, at River Park Community Center. Free, but donations appreciated. Esther.rennick@rogers.com or thesky.org.

Knock Three Times – Tony Orlan—d performs at 8 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $60-$70. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.
It all starts when Serge (Scott Carpenter) buys a piece of art. It’s a 5-foot by 4-foot white-on-white painting. He’s paid 200,000 francs for it (approximately $88,537 in U.S. dollars).

His longtime friend, Marc (J. Mitchell Haley), thinks it’s ridiculous. Marc’s taste in art is very conservative and runs away for that reason, as this is a production of “Art” in Southwest Florida. But it’s not that easy to direct or perform, by my calculation at least the sixth production of “Art” I’ve ever seen.

French playwright Yasmina Reza (“God of Carnage”) has written layers upon layers in the dialogue and monologues of “Art.” (The actors, on occasion, step to the side of the stage and directly address the audience. There are also a couple of other monologues tucked into the play.)

“Art” originated in Paris in 1994 and opened two years later in London’s West End, where it ran for eight years. In the U.S., it received the New York Drama Critics Circle Award and a Tony Award for Best Play.

It is not everyone’s cup of tea, but it’s a treasure chest for those who love intellectual discussion and word play. LAB Theater’s production is a decent one, though local theatergoers may not believe they are European at all. (Ms. Trossbach does do something clever with the costuming deep into the play; she has all three men each wear a shirt in a primary color: yellow, blue and red, though Mr. Carpenter’s shirt is more pinkish than red.)

This is a play about the nature of art and the art of friendship.

The modern art world is, admittedly, a surreal place, where astronomical prices can be set by an artist’s notoriety, whether he or she has recently died, how good his marketing is or whether he’s done something outrageous in the news — any number of other things that have nothing to do with the actual work itself. Some feel it is all just a big scam.

Marc can’t believe Serge likes the painting he’s bought, because he doesn’t like it or understand it. Serge thinks Marc is just being overbearing and controlling.

Mr. Carpenter plays Serge as haughty and just a little pretentious, while Mr. Haley’s Marc is smugly self-righteous and a little superior. And poof, Yvan, dealing with plans for his upcoming nuptials, is surprised by his friends’ sudden bickering and fault-finding. He just wants them all to get along.

“Art” not only pokes fun at the art world and its pretensions, questioning what makes certain pieces of art more valuable than others, but it also examines what binds us to each other, what binds us to our friends. What do we do when longtime friends change or mature? Deep down, do we want to keep our friends stuck in certain roles or boxes? What do we do when our tastes vary widely, or a friend’s tastes or values clash with our own?

LAB Theater’s “Art” is smart and minimalist, a production that, despite being late to the party, insists on being heard.

Nancy’s Pick

Jerry Casale, founder, vocalist, bass guitarist/synthesizer player for the punk/New Wave band DEVO, will give a lecture in the library at Florida SouthWestern State College- Fort Myers at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

Mr. Casale co-wrote many of the group’s famous songs, including “Whip It,” “Beautiful World” and “Freedom of Choice,” designed their stage shows and costumes and directed their music videos. His lecture, “We Must Repeat,” is part of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery’s ArtsSpeak@FSW series. (Previous speakers include actor/movie director Crispin Hellion Glover and performance artist Laurie Anderson.) He has said, in part, that his talk, which looks at “the intersection of culture, politics and the artist’s personal journey,” will argue that “a creative response to life’s apparent absurdity is the artist’s attempt to restore order and spirituality in the face of the endless cycle of the simultaneous forces of evolution and devolution.”

Admission is free. For more information, go to rauschenberggallery.com.

‘Art’

When: Through Feb. 27
Where: Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers
Cost: $25 for adults, $12 for students
Info: 239-648-1 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com

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Miguel Cintron, center, stuck between two battling friends: Scott Carpenter (left) and J. Mitchell Haley (right).
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REDISCOVER YOUR INNER ARTIST!

Watercolor from Your Photo with Judy Chinski
Thursday, February 11

Mixed Media/Collage with Arlene Silberstein
Thursday, February 11

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Friday, February 19

Joy of Painting with Kim Vanlandingham
Friday, February 12
Wednesday, February 16
Thursday, February 18
Tuesday, February 23
Thursday, February 25

Beaded Wrap Bracelet with Jane Mjolsness
Wednesday, February 17

Wine & Dezine with Anne Chaddock
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SUB-WORDS/PHRASES

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Big challenge coming up! Uncross those fingers and believe that you’re going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PIECES (February 19 to March 20)

Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don’t sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That’s OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you’re doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22)

The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child’s aspect, but a dollop of hardheaded practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

It’s a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they’ve done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment — home or job-related — is a possibility for some Cats.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you’re in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You’ll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

2D Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they’re going in the right direction. It’s easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Despite your surveys, there’s still a hint of doubt. You need the time and space to stop and consider not only what you’re doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don’t fret; you’ll most likely find that you’re up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You have a gift for making people — and animals, too — feel special and loved.

By Linda Thistle

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Puzzle Difficulty this week:

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

★ Moderate  ★★ Challenging  ★★★ Expert
CONTRACT BRIDGE
An exceptional exception
BY STEVE BECKER

Winning at bridge is more a question of how many mistakes you make rather than how often you make brilliant bids or plays. Mistakes can be made for any number of reasons, but most often they are due to the tendency of players to follow general rules blindly, instead of reasoning things out for themselves.

Consider this deal where West had to decide what to lead after cashing his A-K-Q of clubs. In practice, he led a spade, hoping to find his partner with the king, and South had the rest of the tricks.

West should have done better. He should have realized that not only was South likely to have the king of spades for his opening bid, but that even if East had the king, there was nothing to be gained by leading a spade at this point.

Instead, West should have led the four of clubs! After East ruffed with the ten, West’s jack would have become the setting trick.

West should reason that not only is there a possibility that his partner could have the ten of trumps, but that nothing can be lost by leading a club no matter what East’s trump holding is.

Thus, if East has, say, the lowest missing trump — the seven — South will be forced to overruff the seven with the eight in order to win the trick. The spade finesse — if South needs it to make the contract — will still have to be attempted. And if East has no trumps at all, then declarer — with seven hearts, South dealer, neither side vulnerable.

North:
- A Q 16
- 6 4 2
- AK
- 10 9 5

West:
- 8 2
- 10 9 7 5 4
- J 3
- 10 8 6 3
- Q 7 4 2

South:
- K 3
- AK Q 9 8 7
- 9 5 3 2

The bidding:

South
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Pass
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Opening lead — king of clubs.

the A-K of diamonds and the ace of spades — has 10 unassailable tricks.

It is true that a defender rarely makes a play of the type recommended here because all players have been indoctrinated with the general rule that one does not present declarer with the opportunity for a ruff-and-discard. But in this situation, it is known that declarer cannot gain a trick by the club lead. It therefore behooves West to put the four of clubs on the table at trick four.
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FILM CAPSULES

Hail, Caesar! ★★★ 1/2
(George Clooney, Scarlett Johansson, Josh Brolin) In 1950s Hollywood, a studio boss (Mr. Brolin) struggles to find his star actor (Mr. Clooney) after he goes missing. Neither funny nor smart, it’s a major disappointment from the Coen Bros. (“The Big Lebowski”). Rated PG-13.

The Finest Hours ★★★★
(Chris Pine, Casey Affleck, Eric Bana) In the winter of 1952, four men in the Coast Guard set sail near Cape Cod, Mass., to save the survivors of a shipwrecked oil tanker. It’s a harrowing action drama with solid visual effects and action. Rated PG-13.

45 Years ★★★ 1/2
(Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtenay, Geraldine James) In the week leading up to their 45th anniversary party, Geoff (Mr. Courtenay) and Kate (Ms. Rampling) discover surprising news from Geoff’s past that shakes the foundation of their marriage. The story feels honest and realistic, and Ms. Rampling deserves her Oscar nomination (note how she emotes with her body and face, not just her words). Rated R.

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

Kung Fu Panda 3 ★★ 1/2
(Voices of Jack Black, J.K. Simmons, Angelina Jolie) With the villain Kai (Mr. Simmons) stealing the “Chi” of kung fu masters everywhere, it’s up to Po (Mr. Black) to save the day. It’s a by-the-numbers sequel that’s silly and fun enough to keep kids entertained for 95 minutes. Rated PG.

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Is it worth $10? Yes

If years of stale romantic comedies have tried to teach us anything, it's this: Being single is a lonely, horrible thing, and finding the love of your life is the best thing ever. With the release of "How To Be Single" so close to Valentine's Day, the natural fear is that it will pand-er to this errant notion that life is always better with a significant other. Thankfully, it doesn't.

It's not even a romantic comedy, actually.

With true chutzpah, director Christian Ditter has the guts to allow his charac-ters to embrace single life and eschew the roman-ticism that comes with finding "hap-pily ever after." To wit, the characters are an assortment of single types who demonstrate the various ways one can be single and fulfilled.

Recent college grad Alice (Dakota Johnson) moves to New York City after "taking a break" from boyfriend Josh (Nicholas Braun) and starts work as a paralegal. She's a sweet girl and serial alcoholic who goes out every night and eagerly sleeps around. One of the bars she goes to is run by Tom (Anders Holm), who's made womanizing such a social life — not exactly an ideal role model for Alice to follow.

Abby (Leslie Mann) knows what it's like to be a monogamist who has no idea what it's like to be single. She's an OB/GYN who doesn't want a significant other. No, it's not as consistently funny as it could be, but Ms. Wilson and Ms. Mann deliver some prime one-liners, and cer-tain situations lend themselves well to awkward comedy. It's never raunchy (nor should it be), but some of the things Ms. Wilson says take a moment to register before you realize just how dirty they are. We like her.

Being pretty darn original in its story makes up for any short-comings in the laugh department. What's more, the characters encompass a vari-ety of ways that men and women can find satisfac-tion without a life partner. Indeed, the script by Abby Kohn, Marc Silverstein and Dana Fox clearly suggests that being single isn't a burden, but an opportunity for self-improvement that allows the growth needed to be a solid partner when a relationship comes. So without making the most of being single, it's impossible to make the most of a relationship. If you think about it, this makes sense.

"How To Be Single" is as empowering as its name suggests, and as a result it's an absolutely perfect choice for anyone who's feeling bad about being alone this Valentine's Day. Don't feel bad. First of all, it's a fake holiday. Secondly, you can view the characters in the movie as kin-dred spirits who understand your situ-ation and have found a way to make the most of it. Surely, you can too.
Bonita International Film Festival screens 70-plus indie films to town

The screening of “Una Noche” and the BIFF opening night party take place in the Moe Auditorium & Film Center, with music, food and drink. Florida Weekly film critic Dan Hudak presents “Taking Home the Trophy: Oscars Hopefuls and Predictions” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Hinman Auditorium. Mr. Hudak will discuss each of this year’s eight Best Picture nominees and offer his thoughts on which is the odds-on favorite to come out the winner. He’ll share clips, background information and some insights about the Academy’s voting habits.

Mr. Hudak’s film reviews are syndicated throughout the country. He is the former chairman of the Florida Film Critics Circle and a member of the Southeastern Film Critics Association.

Here are descriptions of a few of the full-length films on tap:

- **A Quest for Meaning** (France, Documentary) — Two childhood friends travel the world to meet some of the greatest thinkers of our time. Full of moments of doubt and moments of joy, their adventure leads them to question the very beliefs that have shaped Western civilization.

- **This Ain’t No Mouse Music** (USA, Documentary) — Roots music icon Chris Strachwitz is a detective of deep American music — music that’s the antithesis of the corporate “mouse music” dominating pop culture. Since 1960, he has been the guiding force behind legendary Arhoolie Records, bringing Cajun music out of Louisiana, Tex-Mex out of Texas, blues out of the country and into the living rooms of America.

- **Una Noche** (Cuba, Drama) — A drama from Cuba that follows Raul as he attempts to escape to Miami from Havana. He appeals to Elio to help him reach the forbidden world 90 miles across the ocean. One night, full of hope, they face the biggest challenge of their lives.
middle America.

■ “The Mona Lisa is Missing” (USA, Documentary) – A man steals the “Mona Lisa” from the Louvre in 1911. His 84-year-old daughter thought he did it for patriotic reasons. A filmmaker spends more than 30 years trying to find the truth.

■ “Famous Nathan” (USA, Documentary) – A Coney Island-inspired, densely-layered visually dynamic documentary portrait of the life and times of the original Nathan’s Famous restaurant, created in 1916 by filmmaker Lloyd Handwerker’s grandparents, Nathan and Ida Handwerker.

■ Pride (UK, Biography/Comedy) – In the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers are on strike. At the Gay Pride March in London, a group of gay and lesbian activists decide to raise money to support the families of the striking miners. But the union is embarrassed to receive their support. Undeterred, the activists decide to ignore the union and go direct to the miners. They identify a mining village in deepest Wales and set off in a mini bus to make their donation in person. And so begins the extraordinary story of two seemingly alien communities who form a surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership.

■ “The Farewell Party” (Israel, Comedy/Drama) – Residents of a retirement home build a machine for self-euthanasia in order to help their terminally ill friend, though they are faced with a series of dilemmas when rumors of the machine begin to spread.

■ Florida premier: “Hockney” (UK, Documentary) – The charismatic artist David Hockney takes director Randall Wright on an exclusive tour of his archives and into his studio, where he still paints seven days a week.

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“Dorothea Lange: Grab a Hunk of Lightning” (USA, Documentary) - Explore, through her granddaughter’s eyes, the life story of Dorothea Lange, the photographer who captured the iconic image “Migrant Mother.” Never-seen-before photos, film footage, interviews, family memories and journals reveal the artist who challenged America to know itself.

“It’s Better in Italian” (USA, Documentary) - Discover the world of the “doppiatori,” the elite group of Italian voiceover actors who dub English language films into Italian.

“Force Majeure” (Sweden, Comedy/Drama) - A family on a ski holiday in the French Alps find themselves staring down an avalanche during lunch one day; in the aftermath, their dynamic has been shaken to its core, with a question mark hanging over their patriarch in particular.

About the festival
The mission of the Bonita Springs International Film Festival is to create experiences that bring people together to discover extraordinary films from around the world. The inaugural festival has two essential purposes, says co-chair Tom Falciglia:

“The first is a christening of the newly minted Moe Auditorium and Film Center at 10150 Bonita Beach Road and the other is a tribute to what CFABS sees as a solid audience base for cinema in Bonita Springs.”

Works in 12 categories were accepted for the inaugural festival. Cash prizes will range from $250 to $1,000.

The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs began its Films for Film Lovers series in 2008, offering one film each month for three months. CFABS now offers films every Monday, and in addition has included the Southern Circuit of Independent Films for showings on the first Tuesday of the month.

BIFF tickets are $15 per screening; $75 for opening night film and party; $50 for the Saturday night film and party; $50 for the Tuesday night film and party. A 10-pack film pass is $200. A BIFF badge for $200 includes all parties and 10 films.

For more information, call 495-8989 or visit artcenterbonita.org.
I love attending shows — antiques shows, as well as the specialty doll, toy, glass and pottery shows. You get to see the spectrum of antiques, and specialty shows often give you an opportunity to see the best of the best — museum-quality pieces often are among the pickings.

That was the case at the South Florida Depression Glass Club’s recent show in Pompano Beach. Beautiful objects, often with high prices. But many of those prices were much lower than I would have expected — red Imperial Cod goblets at $18 apiece, rare pieces of Cambridge Glass Co.’s opaque colors priced at below $100. I remember a time when I was happy to buy those Cape Cod goblets at $20 apiece for resale, and when even minor pieces of Cambridge’s rarely seen Primrose, Helio and other opaque colors started at around $100.

That was in the 1990s. And that’s part of the cycle of antiques and collectibles.

When I started collecting as a boy back in the 1970s, I was the youngest person at the show. I hate to admit it, but even now that I’m north of a certain age, I was the youngest person at the glass show.

Most of my friends and the dealers at the show easily are 15 to 20 years older than I am.

The value of the glass, popular with folks who grew up with it in the 1940s and ’50s is on the wane as those people stop adding to their collections or start liquidating them.

Like me, most of my friends at the show were there for the sheer love of the glass, and had not thought of it as an investment — at least not entirely. I think that’s the best approach to any collection.

Buy it because you like it, but don’t plan to retire off the proceeds.

Speaking of shows:

■ The Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday through Monday, Feb. 20-22, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Naples Exhibition Center, 850 Goodlette-Frank Road. Admission: $20. Tickets to the American Red Cross preview reception on Friday, Feb. 19, are $150. Info: 822-5440 or naplesshow.com.

When it comes to collecting, buy it because you like it.
KOVEL: ANTIQUES
Nash and Tiffany’s histories artfully entwined
BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Today, the name Tiffany may mean leaded glass lamps or a jewelry store started by Charles Tiffany. But the name Tiffany is on many different types of art. In 1893, Arthur Nash moved from England with his sons to work at the Tiffany Glass Works in Corona, N.Y. Arthur developed many special types of glass for Tiffany, including the famous iridescent Favrile. The factory history gets complicated. Tiffany added a foundry, survived the rationing of the war years, and started making new designs for metal work in 1921 under Arthur’s son, A. Douglas Nash (1885-1940). And in 1928, Tiffany Furnaces became A. Douglas Nash Corporation. Nash continued to make enameled metal pieces, including cigar boxes, picture frames, ashtrays and desk sets, in designs similar to but simpler than earlier Tiffany pieces. In 1932 the company closed, and A. Douglas Nash went to work for Libbey Glass and the Pittsburgh Glass Co. He died in 1940. Some pieces marked with the Nash company name are appearing at auctions and shops.

Q: I have a glass hatchet from the St. Louis World’s Fair. It’s 7.5 inches long and has a picture of George Washington and “The Father of our Country” on one side of the blade and “World’s Fair, 1904” on the other side. What is it worth?
A: The first glass hatchets with Washington’s portrait were made by Libbey Glass Co. for the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair. The words “Libbey Glass Co. Toledo, Ohio” are embossed on the handle. Your hatchet, made for the 1904 World’s Fair, doesn’t have the name of the company on the handle, so it probably was made by another manufacturer. At least five different glass hatchets were made as souvenirs for the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair. Glass hatchets were made as souvenirs of several cities and events through the 1920s. Some have a person’s name engraved on the handle. Glass hatchets are often found for about $25-$35.

Q: I went to a charity auction in the spring of 1960 that raised funds for a community project. Sen. John F. Kennedy was asked to make a donation. He contributed a white handkerchief with the initial “K” embroidered in one corner and his name scrawled alongside it. Does it have any monetary value? No, and if so, how much? What’s the best way to sell it?
A: It has value and would sell well at an auction of political items or at a
The landscape on this bronze box is enamel made from melted glass, an art form revived in the United States in the late 1930s. According to the mark on the bottom, it was made by the A. Douglas Nash Corp. It auctioned for $1,353, well over estimate.

**Q:** I was given a plate commemorating the sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birth in 1809. There is a portrait of Lincoln in the center of the plate and various scenes, including his birthplace, Douglas debates, the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln Memorial, and other scenes. On the back it reads “First Issue, Collectors Item” with a description. It also reads “Copyright 1958 by A.H. Zychick, Leader Building, Cleveland, Ohio” and “Kettlesprings Kilns, Alliance, Ohio.” What is it worth?

**A:** The design on your plate is one of five in a series copyrighted by A. H. Zychick and distributed by his company, Lincoln Commemorative Distributing Co. Kettlesprings Kilns is a manufacturer of commemorative plates that was founded in 1950 and still is in business. Collector plates have gone down in value. The value of your plate is $20-$25 retail.

**Q:** We have a gallon whiskey jug that has a brown top with writing on it. Part of it says “Italian Swiss Galaxy Wine House, Whallen Bros., Wine, Whiskey, Brandy & Gin, 217-221 W. Jeff. St., Louisville, KY.” How old is it and is it worth anything?

**A:** Whallen Bros. was founded by John and James Whallen about 1902. The company made blended whiskeys and sold liquor wholesale, retail and by mail order. Your jug was made before 1909, when the street numbers were changed. It’s worth about $700.

**Tip:** To remove the brown deposits found in old vinegar cruets, fill the cruets with diluted ammonia for a few hours, then rinse.

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Thursday, Feb. 11, 9 P.M. Doc Martin: Education, Education, Education
Louisa and Martin have their first therapy session together — though neither of them was expecting that they would be given homework. Peter Cronek, now 15, approaches Louisa to ask if Martin will allow him to do work experience at the Surgery. Louisa is surprised, and impressed, when Martin agrees to this. Perhaps he is learning to change after all.

Friday, Feb. 12, 9 P.M. American Masters: RB King
Explore B.B. King’s challenging life and career through candid interviews with the “King of the Blues,” filmed shortly before his death, and fellow music stars including Bono, Bonnie Raitt, Carlos Santana, Eric Clapton, John Mayer and Ringo Starr.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 10 P.M. Keeping Up Appearances
Her chirpiness disguises a calculated climb up suburban London’s middle-class social ladder — and Hyacinth Bucket leaves nothing to chance.

Sunday, Feb. 14
9 P.M. — Downton Abbey Season 6, Part 5

Monday, Feb. 15, 8 P.M. Antiques Roadshow, Charleston 1
Learn about a Babe Ruth archive, a Japanese Komai iron and gold vase from around 1890 and a Virginia Federal walnut cellarette, among other things.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 9 P.M. Independent Lens
The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution
Revisit the turbulent 1960s, when a revolutionary culture emerged with the Black Panther Party at its vanguard. Stanley Nelson tells the story of a pivotal movement that feels timely all over again.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 10 P.M. NOVA: Ice Age Death Trap
Visit a site packed with remarkably preserved bones of mammoths, mastodons and other extinct giants.
CELEBRITY EXTRA

‘Blindspot’ actor blank on show details

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I am so happy that “Blindspot” has been renewed for another season but bummed that one of my favorite actors, Johnny Whitworth, was killed off before we could find out more about him. Was he really killed, and will we see more of him on the show? Where else can I get my Johnny fix?

A: I spoke with Johnny recently, and this is what he told me about “Blindspot”: “There’s not much I can say about ‘Blindspot’ because I’m not allowed to. I know that I got killed and I don’t know my name. But I know that there has been the promise of learning my character’s name. I don’t know how that gets done, when that gets done, where that gets done, or in what form that gets done.”

If you want to catch Johnny on the big screen, his new movie, “Bad Hurt,” is set for release Feb. 12. The film (based on a true story) takes place in 1999 and centers on the Kendall family, whose members are battling emotional demons while caring for one child with special needs and another (Johnny’s character, Kent) with PTSD and addiction.

Johnny says “Bad Hurt” is a film he is especially proud of and hopes everyone will go see. “I feel very blessed to have been a part of this movie. It’s an old movie-making, it’s heartfelt and dramatic and real — and the performances are phenomenal. Michael Harney, who plays my father, and Karen Allen, who plays the mother, are pillars of this craft of acting. They are so moving.

“I hope people see this movie, because Hollywood doesn’t make this kind that much anymore. The reason I got into this business was because of films like this. It’s a heart-wrenching drama, but as it progresses, it has an uplifting storytelling element to it, to where when you leave the theater, you feel emotionally tortured — gutted — yet good.”

Q: When will “House of Cards” be back?

A: The highly anticipated season four premiere of the political thriller starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright premieres March 4 on Netflix, where you can either binge on all 10 episodes at once, or savor each episode like a fine wine and spread out your viewing. I also can tell you that “Grace & Frankie” returns May 6 for its second season, and “Orange Is the New Black” has its fourth-season premiere June 12.

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Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates will be the emcee and master of ceremonies for the third annual St. Matthew’s House of Style Fashion Show on Saturday evening, Feb. 20. The fun begins at 6 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Boutique Thrift Store, 2601 Airport-Pulling Road, and will feature fashions from local retailers, vintage gowns and special gifts from community partners.

General admission is $35; VIP tickets are $100. All proceeds will be used to support the mission of St. Matthew’s House to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as to provide housing for the homeless and food for the hungry. For tickets, email Mila Koonce at mila@stmatthewshouse.org.

Preferred Travel of Naples hosts Travel Treasures of the World from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at The Club Pelican Bay. Guests at the agency’s 10th annual travel showcase will learn about travel adventures beyond compare with Preferred Travel’s industry partners including Abercrombie & Kent, AmaWaterways, Seabourn, Silversea, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Crystal Cruises and Micato Safaris. A $50 donation for admission will benefit Sunshine Kids. For reservations or more information, call 261-1177.

The Naples Art Association holds the 12th annual Goddess Night on Thursday, April 7, at The von Liebig Art Center. Arthrex is the title sponsor of the evening of friendship, empowerment, education and philanthropy for women. A champagne reception and seated dinner are followed by various speaker sessions. This year’s keynote speaker is Chief Stephanie Spell of the community engagement department of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office. A member of Sheriff Kevin Rambosk’s executive command staff, Ms. Spell provides strategic advice to the sheriff on issues impacting the community and the agency. Session speakers for Goddess Night include plastic and reconstruction surgeon Kiranjeeet Gill of The Aesthetic Surgery Center; Liz Mossman, regional manager for the Florida stores of Sara Campbell; Amber Phillips, chef and owner of Sage Events Gluten Free Kitchen; Deanna Renda, founder and CEO of Naples Soup Company; Giselle Toner of M.D Eternity Yoga; and Kelly Townsend, principal and president/business coach of Townsend Consulting Group.

Tickets to Goddess Night for $30 are available at naplesart.org. Table sponsorships are available by calling 262-602.

The Saint William Council of Catholic Women holds a fashion show and luncheon Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club with clothes by Fashions by Kari’s Kreations. Gift baskets and gift certificates from local retailers will be up for bid, and a raffle for $1,000 will be held. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $65, with proceeds to benefit charities and scholarships funded throughout the year. Call Eileen Brown at 398-6606 for reservations.

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■ The United Arts Council of Collier County hosts the 10th annual Stars in the Arts luncheon and awards presentation Wednesday, Feb. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

■ The 2016 Avow Butterfly Ball takes flight Saturday, Feb. 20, at The Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are $800, with all proceeds benefitting the hospice, palliative care and grief support programs offered by Avow. Call 261-4404.

■ Fun Time Early Childhood Academy holds Fun Time Super Kids: Surf’s Up! from 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Cocktail hour and a silent auction will be followed by dinner and a drawing for a piece of David Yurman jewelry donated by Bigham Jewelers. The live auction includes a week aboard the World Residences at Sea cruise ship and a golf package for two with four nights at the Fairmont Scottsdale, Ariz. Tickets are $300 ($500 for patrons, $2,500 for a table for 10). Tickets for the jewelry drawing are $25 (five for $100). Call 261-8284 or visit funtimeacademy.org.

■ The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples says “C’mon to the Caribbean!” for its annual Night at the Museum fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 27. Guests will enjoy tropical food and entertainment, drinks and dancing. Tickets start at $350. Call 260-1708 or visit cmon.org.

■ Hadassah sets sail on a cruise-themed evening starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club. Singer/steel drums player Paige Reddick will welcome guests, and entertainment will also include a program of Broadway favorites directed by Jamibeth Margolis. Ms. Margolis is the daughter of the evening’s honorees, Naples residents Ida and Jeff Margolis. Tickets are $125, with proceeds to support medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Hospital in Jerusalem. Call Lynn Weiner at 598-1009.

■ The Turtles on the Town gala takes place Wednesday evening, March 9, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Guest will cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while deciding which of 50 loggerhead turtle sculptures they would like to bid on to take home. The life-size sculptures, based on an original bronze sculpture by the late Kathy Spalding, were embellished by local artisans.

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throughout the summer and are on display throughout Collier County through February. Tickets are $500; VIP tables for 10 start at $7,500. Turtles on the Town benefits the Community Foundation of Collier County, Conservancy of Southwest Florida and United Arts Council of Collier County. Reservations are required by Feb. 24. Call 239-6688 or visit turtlesontown.org.

The eighth annual Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in private homes from Naples to Captiva Island and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. The festival benefits Golisi Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida as well as the pediatric nursing program at Florida SouthWestern State College and the music therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University. Call 537-7990 or visit swfwinefest.org for ticket information.

Radio host and FOX News contributor Laura Ingraham will be the keynote speaker at Community Pregnancy Clinic’s 2016 Life Saver event Wednesday, March 2, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Call 262-6381 or visit cpcilifesaver.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 Southwestern Florida Heart Ball, a benefit for the American Heart Association serving Lee and Collier counties, takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, visit heart.org.

The second annual Flip Flop Ball to benefit Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida is set for Saturday, March 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, visit komenswfl.org.

The 2016 Imagination Ball: “Wash Away Cancer” to benefit the American Cancer Society on Marco Island takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. 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 years of leadership and service to ACS. Call Nikkie Sardelli at 642-8800, ext. 3894, or email nikkie.sardelli@cancer.org.

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**The Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled** holds its annual gala on Saturday, March 5, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Auction items and raffle prizes are being solicited for donation, and sponsorships are available. Tickets are $250 and $375 (VIP). For reservations or more information, call 594-9007 or email info@ffddswfl.org.

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- Literacy Volunteers of Collier County holds a fashion show featuring the latest fashions from Petunia’s on Thursday, March 10, at Olde Cypress Country Club. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.
- The annual Zoobilee benefit for The Naples Zoo takes place Friday evening, March 11, at the Zoo. In keeping with this year’s “Feast with the Beasts” theme, chefs from 20 of Naples’ finest restaurants will provide an array savory and sweet tastes for guests to enjoy. Live and silent auctions and live entertainment will be part of the “wildest party in town.” Tickets are $150 and $250. Call 262-5409, ext. 144, or visit napleszoo.org.
- The annual Pet Lovers Gala to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Call 644-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hspnaples.org.
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■ The ninth annual Boots & Boogie Bash to benefit Friends of Foster Children Forever kicks up its heels Saturday, April 2, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception followed by a Texas-style dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment by P’zazz and dancing to the Blue Stone Circle Band. Among the eight live auction items is a custom-built Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Tickets for $250 ($350 for patrons, $1,000 for a table) can be purchased at friendsoffosterchildren.net or by calling 262-1808. Various sponsorship levels are available. For information, email Tara@friendsoffosterchildren.net.

■ Taste of Freedom, the inaugural fundraiser for the Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, takes place from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Scandlon Lexus of Fort Myers. The evening includes a live auction, a raffle for a 24-month lease on a 2016 Lexus, live entertainment and numerous food and wine stations. Tickets for $75 are available at swflhumantrafficking.org.

■ Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation hosts its biennial Time to Remember gala, a celebration of those who are surviving and thriving after a cancer diagnosis, Saturday, April 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Patty Baker is chairing the event, proceeds from which help the foundation assist adult cancer patients with immediate, non-medical living expenses while they are undergoing treatment. The evening includes cocktail hour, dinner, a live auction and a live performance by Martha Reeves and The Vandellas. Tickets are $600. Underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call (941) 677-7181 or visit foundation.flcancer.com/time.

■ The eighth annual Barristers Bash to benefit Legal Aid Service of Collier County takes place the evening of Thursday, April 28, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for $125 include cocktail hour, a three-course dinner and one glass of wine, silent auction, live auction and a community awards ceremony. For tickets or more information, call 775-4555.

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Here’s to a rum cocktail to sweeten Valentine’s Day

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Hoping to light a fire with someone special on Valentine’s Day? You might pass on the bubbly or vino and impress your intended with something more potent courtesy of The Continental. Bar manager Barry Larkin shares his recipe for a rum cocktail that’s sure to spark at least some conversation.

My Bittersweet Valentine
1 oz. Old St. Pete Righteous Rum & Spiced from St. Petersburg Distillery
1 oz. Aperol (infuse with fresh strawberries)
1 oz. Carpano dry vermouth
1 dash Fee Bros. rhubarb bitters
1 orange swatch rose

Stir all ingredients except the garnish in a mixing glass and strain over one large sphere or cube of ice. Garnish with the orange swatch rose. Cheers!

Now that you’ve got cocktail hour covered, here are a few restaurants that have special Valentine’s Day menus and promotions. As always this time of year, reservations are a good idea.

Campiello offers a three-course meal for $60 with choices such as wood-roasted oysters with Bolognese; gnochhi with lobster, asparagus and sea urchin; and butterscotch budino with hazelnut toffee and sea salt. 435-1166 or campiello.com.

At Café Lurcat, enjoy a three-course dinner for $75 with items such as smoked salmon carpaccio with endive, roasted beets and crème fraiche; beef tenderloin filet with roasted oyster-cambrozoa compote and red wine syrup; and milk chocolate truffle torte with hazelnut toffee and sea salt. 213-3357 or cafe-lurcat.com.

Tarpon Bay Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort offers a five-course dinner at $99 per couple with a main course of a Maine lobster tail and a grilled petite filet couple with a main course of a Maine lobster tail and a grilled petite filet

Take Note:
- Naples Originals, a group of 39 independently owned restaurants, has a limited supply of $15, $25 and $50 gift certificates for 30 percent off at its member restaurants as well as one for a limited supply of $15, $25 and $50 gift certificates for 30 percent off at its member restaurants as well as one for

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Barry Larkin, right, creator of the My Bittersweet Valentine and bar manager of The Continental, with fellow bartender Chad Bromley.

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- The Chubb Classic PGA Tour Champions tournament (formerly the ACE Group Classic) has added a food event as part of the event Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at TwinEagles. BITE SW Florida will take place on the driving range after play both afternoons. For $45, guests will enjoy the tournament and unlimited samples of wine, craft beer and menu items from local restaurants. Call 393-3900 or visit chubbclassic.com.

- Blues, Brews & BBQ returns to Ave Maria from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the town center. Participating establishments include Jonesez BBQ, Smoking It’s BBQ, Gino’s Trattoria and Pub & Grill of Ave Maria. Little Eddy & The Fat Fingers will play live music. Admission is free. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit avemaria.com.

- Bone up on your wine knowledge by taking a class at the Renaissance Academy of FGCU on Thursdays, Feb. 18-March 15 at The Wine Merchant, 13240 Tamiami Trail N. The focus will be on value wines, wines of Italy and differences among wines of the same varietal. The course concludes with a three-course lunch at M Waterfront Grille in Venetian Village. The entire course is $250 for Renaissance Academy members, $270 for others; single classes are $70 and $80. Call 434-4737 or visit fgcu.edu.

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The Dish: BBQ Chicken Flatbread
The Price: $7.99
The Place: Miller’s Ale House
The Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily
The Details: I’ve recently discovered there is nothing that works up an appetite quite like arguing with your spouse in Lowe’s. Arguing might be too strong a word — “intense debate” is a phrase much better suited to the back-and-forth that ensues over things like window measurements. After spending 90 minutes of our lives in Lowe’s and many dollars, neither of which we’ll get back, we had to eat something. Luckily, Miller’s is right across the street. We sat at the bar and talked about everything besides whether we were capable of hanging a door properly. My BBQ Chicken Flatbread, a traditional arrangement of barbecue sauce, chicken, caramelized red onions, Monterey jack and cheddar topped with scallions, hit the spot and elevated my blood sugar just enough to keep me from throwing myself from the car when we realized we had cut the blinds to the wrong size.

One More Thing: Is there anything as reliably affordable and satisfying as Miller’s? I don’t think so. — Lindsey Nesmith

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**Araya Sushi Asian Grill, 2650 Immokalee Road, Naples; 593-3344**

The creators of Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, Jon and On Augsndthung, have opened a second, somewhat more upscale space with Araya. Like Fuji, it offers a wide range of sushi as well as cooked Thai and Japanese dishes. Stop in for the stellar sushi but stay to explore the cooked fare. Try one of the dozen yakitori items, priced by the skewer, and specials such as sautéed chicken livers with asparagus or mainstays including spicy tuna nachos and carpaccio of hamachi with jalapeños. A tiger roll (shrimp tempura with asparagus, avocado, rice, seaweed, sesame seeds, masago, smoked salmon, eel and wakame) was as wonderful as it was sizable. A nightly special, the mummy roll, contained spicy blue crab in rice paper with golden raisins and yellow and red roasted peppers were excellent. Smoked salmon with avocados, hearts of palm and cucumber was first-rate as well. Lamb chops with a touch of demi-glace were just right, and the wild-caught halibut was moist and flaky, although it might have benefitted from sauce enhancement. A slice of gluten-free ricotta pie with mixed-berry stuffing over sautéed spinach and sundried tomatoes was as delicious as it was sizeworthy. Beer and wine served.

**Food:** ★★★★½  **Service:** ★★★★½  **Atmosphere:** ★★★★½  **Reviewed March 2015**

**Lapa’s Costa Rican Bistro, 2652 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 221-7016**

Costa Rica means “rich coast” in Spanish, but when it comes to the country’s food, the adjectives that come to mind tend toward the less auspicious. The rustic, humble, unadorned dishes are the key to their appeal. In the expected homeshop empanadas, tacos and arroz con pollo, you’ll find more ambitious creations such as citrus-laced ceviche, chile rellenos stuffed with sweet corn and meat, and a few fish entrees with tropically themed sauces. The ceviche was strung with onions, tomatoes and fresh cilantro, along with diced avocado, giving this dish great flavor and unexpected creamy texture. The Chirripo chicken was draped in a light, slightly sweet stew of tomatoes, corn and other vegetables. Similar to paella, the arroz con camarones contained a generous amount of large, succulent shellfish along with peas, corn and diced red peppers. With large portions and sides of mild black beans of creamy rice, Lapa’s makes certain you won’t go home hungry. Beer and wine only.

**Food:** ★★★★½  **Service:** ★★★★½  **Atmosphere:** ★★★★½  **Reviewed February 2015**

**Patric’s, 2091 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 596-7708**

Long-time area chef Patric Achilles and his husband, Gary Teater, are doing what they do best: breakfast and lunch in a place called — what else? — Patric’s. The owners are as friendly and charming as ever. While the cafe is somewhat smallish, the menu is not, offering loads of breakfast and lunch choices, including paleo options (proteins, veggies, fruits, roots and nuts), of which the chef is a devotee. Want gluten free? They’ve got that, too. Those with no such dietary limitations should still great, too. Skip the mojito (they don’t have a liquor license and use orange wine) and go for the sangria instead. Rumba chips (long, crisp plantain strips served with nicely seasoned ground beef) are good for a starter. The tamales were also tasty. Both theropa vieja (shredded flank steak with tomato sauce) and lechon asado (big marinated and roasted chunks of pork) were excellent with sides of plantains, white rice and black beans. For dessert, you can’t go wrong with flan or tres leches cake. Beer and wine served.

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**Rumba Cuban Cafe, 1265 Airport Pulling Road S.; 659-2996**

The former Fernandez the Bull’s southey location is in good hands with Chef Jorge Reyes, who used to work there, at the helm. His family infuses Rumba with the same warm, family flavor its predecessor had. And the food is still great, too. Skip the mojito (they don’t have a liquor license and use orange wine) and go for the sangria instead. Rumba’s pool (long, crisp plantain strips served with nicely seasoned ground beef) is good for a starter. The tamales were also tasty. Both theropa vieja (shredded flank steak with tomato sauce) and lechon asado (big marinated and roasted chunks of pork) were excellent with sides of plantains, white rice and black beans. For dessert, you can’t go wrong with flan or tres leches cake. Beer and wine served.

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Zen Asian BBQ brings new taste sensations to local dining scene

As a Facebook devotee who regularly scours the site for restaurant news, I happened upon Zen Asian BBQ’s entries last spring. Every week, Chef Koko (who trained with Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto) and owner Mike Cardascia would post photos of lush boats loaded with sushi, ramen chock full of homemade noodles and seafood, a rainbow array of seaweeds, Korean barbecue and other tantalizing Asian delicacies that they promised were “coming to Zen Asian BBQ soon.”

“Soon,” it turned out, was a relative term. The visual torment lasted close to 10 months before Zen finally opened in mid-December.

Now operating where Cilantro Tamales and Poboy Shack once dwelled, Zen is a bustling Japanese-style pub awash in wood and brick and Eastern-style art. There’s a long and well-populated sushi bar where multiple chefs conjure up colorful sushi, sashimi and rolls. There are tables outfitted with Korean hibachi grills on which you can cook your own shrimp or pork belly or Angus beef short ribs.

If you want something grilled but prefer to leave the cooking to someone else, try a dish prepared on the robata grill, a Japanese grill that uses binchotan charcoal, giving the food a “kiss of fire,” as the menu describes it. Selections include pork sausage, Hamachi collar, scallops, octopus and lobster.

Those with a taste for something more familiar can choose from massaman or tom yam soup. The broth was a beautiful mélange of textures and flavors. Creamy and spicy added up to a delicious meal. It starts with broth simmered for 17 hours. The broth contained kaffir lime, galangal, lemongrass, shrimp, mushrooms and whole peanut sprouts. The broth was a beautifully balanced symphony of flavors.

Next came a tureen of tom kha ($7.50) that came snagged up against each other in a little bowl. Each simple steamed bun contained crisp fried lobster, cole slaw, avocado purée and just a touch of spicy mayonnaise to complement the slightly sweetened noodles intermingled with tamarind egg, and a touch of fish sauce, all of which blended nicely with the shrimp, peanuts and crunchy sprouts.

I ordered Koko’s Hokkaido Ramen ($14.95). If you are picturing the packages of broth that’s simmered over 17 hours, you are wrong. This ramen is an exquisitely rich soup—that’s a meal. It starts with broth simmered for 17 hours, which is then filled with house-made noodles, calamari, shrimp, mussels, crab leg, corn, bean sprouts, scallions and a soft-boiled egg. Soul-soothing and satisfying, it was enough for two meals.

Desserts are made in-house, too, including the Green Tea Crepe Cake ($60), a fascinating concoction consisting of about a dozen whisper-thin crepes, between which were equally thin layers of cream with a dusting of green tea powder on top. I can’t imagine how long it took to create this cake, but it was just sweet enough, had an interesting chewy consistency and a delicate green tea flavor. It was served with the kind of fruity tapioca balls that typically come in boba tea, which added color and a sweet counterpoint to the cake.

Attention to detail is evident in everything that’s done here. Even my sake—Mizbasho Ginjo ($8.95) — got the royal treatment, arriving in a little wooden box filled with crushed ice and with two sake glasses tucked into the ice for proper chilling.

None of the Korean grill tables were available, so we weren’t able to try the dishes that involve cooking them yourself. Those around us who were doing so, however, were clearly enjoying themselves.

We visited on a Saturday night and, not surprisingly, the place was packed. Owing to the plethora of hard surfaces, the noise level was high, too, making conversation with my tablematate somewhat challenging. That seems to be a trend these days, with restauranteurs believing customers find it exciting to be where the action is. Perhaps that’s true for some people. I don’t mind background noise, but I also don’t want to have to shout to talk to someone who is sitting three feet away.) Nonetheless, the food and service at Zen are so good that I’m liable to brave the throngs again to further explore the menu. There’s nothing else like it in Southwest Florida and, as of Wednesday, it’s now open for lunch as well as dinner every day.

It took Zen Asian BBQ a while to get up and running, but the wait was well worth it.
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The residential tower at Kalea Bay begins to take shape, so too is the community’s main amenity area. Kalea Bay is a high-rise community being developed by Soave Real Estate on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road in North Naples.

The clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance. It will include three individual pools, including an adults-only pool, a pool deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar and an Internet cafe.

“The 88,000-square foot clubhouse will be the recreational and social centerpiece of the community,” said Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay’s Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

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.

According to Wilson, the clubhouse at Kalea Bay will be completed before the first residents move into their new homes by the end of summer of next year.

In addition to the clubhouse, Phase One at Kalea Bay includes a 22-story tower with 120 luxury residences. It will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Construction on the first of five towers began over the summer with land clearing, followed by test pilings and then the drilling of the permanent pilings. As of early February, the tower’s sixth floor is visible from Vanderbilt Drive.

“I’m happy to report construction is ahead of schedule,” stated Wilson. “That means the first tower at Kalea Bay is also slated to be completed by the end of summer of next year.”

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 3,921 total square feet.

All residents of Kalea Bay will revel in spectacular gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into the condominium, nine-foot high ceilings and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens feature Wolf and Subzero appliances, a natural gas range, Downview luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler’s pantry and counter-height oversized island.

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

Additional features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors, high-tech wiring, fully-equipped laundry rooms and wide lanais with transparent glass rails.

“Spectacular views are available to every single resident at Kalea Bay,” said Wilson. “With all our rooftop amenities including our sky lounge, pool and open-air fitness center, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico and the nature preserves that surround us.”

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

The clubhouse and tower construction sites at Kalea Bay are not the only places within the community extremely busy. The onsite sales center is also very active as potential buyers discover what the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community has to offer.

Above: The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. Left: This aerial perspective shows Kalea Bay’s first tower in the foreground and the Gulf of Mexico in the western horizon. Below: The first residential tower at Kalea Bay is approaching the 60 percent sold mark. Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings. Kalea Bay’s first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a pool and fitness center.

“Sales have been absolutely phenomenal – with our total sales volume far exceeding the $100 million mark,” stated Wilson. “The first tower is nearing the 60 percent sold mark with sales ahead of original projections.”

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) 793-0310 or online at KaleaBay.com.
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At Mangrove Bay, elegant flowing floor plans are designed to bring the luxurious coastal Old Naples experience inside with spacious and airy designs, each of which comes with its own private boat slip. With only 53 residences comprising this exclusive community situated along the Gordon River between the crossroads of the elegant and effervescent Fifth Avenue South and historic Tin City, and the verdant natural setting of the Gordon River Greenway, Mangrove Bay is the perfect place to entertain guests or just relax – both indoors and out.

The first step into the courtyard to the ‘kitchen, dining, and great room areas create a cinematic approach to one of the best waterfront and mangrove-lined views in town,” notes Matthew Kragh of MHK Architecture and Planning. This design vision included bringing Napoleonic details together in a complex way to attain an elegantly simple solution. It was the development team’s strategy that all 24 of Mangrove Bay’s floor plans were visually brought the Old Naples outdoor experience inside the residences. “Harmony is the way I would describe these homes in one word,” said Kragh.

It is this harmonic conception that makes every home design at Mangrove Bay perfect for opening up the interior living spaces to flow seamlessly into its covered lanais, custom pools, and outdoor living spaces – perfect for entertaining an intimate gathering or hosting a larger event.

Whether your style is formal dining, or a more casual gathering in front of the outdoor fireplace on the lanai, Mangrove Bay offers a myriad of options to suit every occasion. The island kitchen, soaring great rooms, and formal dining areas that flow one to another also lend themselves to guests mingling alongside their hosts as other guests.

Residents of Mangrove Bay can also entertain guests by simply stepping from their door step to their private dock step to their own private boat slip. The beautiful backwaters, enjoy easy access to the Gulf of Mexico, and tie up to the many waterfront restaurants and entertainment venues available along Naples’ waterways.

All Mangrove Bay floor plans feature all primary living spaces (including the master suite) on the ground level. Private-entry guesthouses overlooking custom pools and covered outdoor living areas are standard with the Courtyard Residence plans, and are offered as an option on the Waterfront Residences.

Three remarkable model homes are available to tour at Mangrove Bay: The Amelia III waterfront design (temporarily the Sales Center), the Sanibel III courtyard design, and the Keewaydin II waterfront home. Both the Amelia and Sanibel models are available for purchase; the Keewaydin is already pre-sold with leaseback.

The Amelia III waterfront Residence is a four-bedroom plus den four- and ½ bath home with all primary living spaces (including the master suite, two guest suites, and private den) located on the ground level, and private-entry guesthouse above the garage. The guest house features a generous sitting room, scaled-to-fit kitchenette, private bedroom and bath area, and private balcony. At approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model evokes a classic seaside cottage with intricate trim details, a grand beamed, tongue-and-groove ceiling in the great room, and built-in upholstered bench seats which flank the white-washed pagoda fireplace.

The coastal ‘cottage’ décor is finished in watery shades of blues and crisp whites grounded with traditional heart pine wood floors for a comfortable feel. Other key design elements include traditional bead board accents, bench seat reading nooks, cottage-style barn doors, and brick for the second fireplace in the outdoor living area. The Sanibel III model is a four-bedroom, four-and ½ bath residence featuring “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.

The ground-floor master suite features corner-pocket sliding doors that open the room to the tropical landscaping surrounding the lanai and outdoor living area with its own fireplace below a soaring 1 ½-story covered roof, and pool and spa with a gently flowing water feature.

The den and two guest bedrooms are on the second floor – one with a spacious balcony perfect for extending the open feel of the room, enabling you to

found in every Mangrove Bay residence include concrete block construction for the first and second levels, solid stand- ing-seam aluminum roofing, natural gas feed, private custom-designed pool area, spacious covered outdoor living area, custom-crafted Ruffino cabinetry, and Wolf/Subzero appliance package – and every home at Mangrove Bay comes with its own private boat slip.

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The Residences at Vyne House offers eleven floor plans from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet priced from $1.350 million to $3.575 million. Plan choices include two-bedroom plus den, three bedroom, three bedroom plus den, and four-bedroom residences with a family room and great room. Four penthouse residences range from 2,752 to 5,648 square feet with 12-foot ceilings, one of which is on the first residential floor and overlooks 2,000 square feet of outdoor living space.

A proposed interior design by Senior Designer Meredith Summersgill and Principal Designer Natalie Sorrentino of Soco Interiors conveys the appeal of Talis Park’s tones and introduces the palette’s graphite accents and added texture interest. A geometric silver and white fabric. Side chairs are white parson chairs with Lucite acrylic legs and a large window. The dining area will be presented in a silver leaf finish. A wall detail on the great room's feature wall includes a hidden lighting pocket that will illuminate stone tile cladding gracing the entire wall. A media console will be presented in a gold/silver alloy finish beneath a wall-mounted television. The furnishings will include a clean-lined sofa, a pair of lounge chairs, two pull-up ottomans, and a grey pearl finished coffee table. Sliders open the space to a terrace shared by the master bedroom.

The dining area that features a large window. The dining table is a sophisticated piece that has Lucite acrylic legs and a top with a grey wood finish. The side chairs are white parson chairs with a geometric silver and white fabric.

As proposed, the color scheme in the family room picks up more of the grey tones and introduces the palette’s graphite accent on four lounge chairs accompanied by a comfortable sofa in a light grey linen/cotton blend. An antiqued mirrored coffee is will be set atop a light soft pile ivory rug. The family room and adjacent breakfast area open to a magnificent expanded terrace with multiple sitting areas, an outdoor kitchen with a grill, a dining area with seating for eight, a bar, and a beautiful reefless pool.

Miss Sorrentino created an upscale, contemporary design concept with clean lines, classic furnishings, and stone, wood, and glass elements. Their proposed neutral palette includes ivory and grey with accents of blush, graphite, taupe and midnight blue. The concept features espresso-toned European oak wood flooring in the living areas. Geometric ceiling details define the living spaces, while wall details provide a layer of interest.

The proposed design for the angled foyer features a ceiling detail with three drywall coffers and cove lighting. A wall detail concept showcases antiqued mirrored panels flanked by pilasters stained to match the flooring. A console table is presented in a silver leaf finish. Above it, a tall art piece is suspended from the ceiling.

The Residences at Vyne House at Talis Park offers a choice of eleven floor plans ranging from 2,063 to 5,486 square feet priced from $1.350 million to $3.575 million. Developer Kitson & Partners anticipates breaking ground in late spring, 2016. Vyne House includes a unique Wine Room/Board Room, a formal dining room, and a casual Grill Room that opens to a resort style pool and a terrace overlooking the 18th green on Talis Park’s Norman-Dye designed golf course. Situated immediately adjacent to the Residences at Vyne House, Talis Park’s Vyne House clubhouse includes 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space. Homeowners at the Residences at Vyne House will enjoy proximity to every facet of Vyne House. The upper level features Vyne Court, an open-air courtyard that serves as a point of entry, formal dining, casual indoor and outdoor dining, aerobics and cardio workout rooms, and a Wine Room/Board Room. A resort style pool, a rotunda overlooking the 18th green, Fiona’s Market Café, the Core Fitness Center, and the Esprit Spa are included. The lower level hosts the golf pro shop and locker rooms.

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Grey Oaks Realty announced that just six luxurious villa residences left in Torino at Grey Oaks Country Club. Opportunities in Torino include a completed unfurnished Arenas villa on a north facing corner site priced at $1,277,981; a completed unfurnished Biella residence on a north facing corner site priced at $1,428,744; an unfurnished Camargo residence under construction on a west facing site that is priced at $1,236,427 and expected to be completed in early April; and an unfurnished Camargo villa on a west facing corner site priced at $1,143,399 and scheduled for completion in early June.

The 3,032 square feet three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Arenas great room floor plan features a den, a formal dining room, an island kitchen, and a two-car garage with dedicated golf cart storage. Stacking sliders open the great room to a covered outdoor terrace and the pool. An optional summer kitchen is available. Buyers may choose their finishes and pool designs for the Arenas now under construction for a limited time.

The completed, furnished Arenas showcases furnishings by Design West Interior Designer JoAnna Palinchak. The furnishings reflect the classic beauty of traditional styling with a layer of coastal Californian flair. The gray background accents are accented by punches of navy and subtle hints of chartreuse. Flooring throughout is executed in a neutral travertine stone.

A courtyard leads to the Arenas’ entry that opens into a double foyer where an oversized mirror and dramatic art work make an immediate statement. An extended foyer leads to the study. The study offers a work space as well as a television viewing and lounging retreat. In the formal dining room, a circular table is arranged with six chic chairs upholstered in chartreuse. A leaded glass panel in the floor opening to the great room where stacking sliders connect the indoor living space with the covered lanai. On the great room’s feature wall a media console in a gray finish provides the foundation for a large television above. The kitchen features an island and shaker style cabinetry in a driftwood grey finish accompanied by granite countertops and a backsplash of classic white subway tiles. A relaxed informal dining space features a rectangular table and six chairs.

In the master bedroom, a gray upholstered bed plays with stunning artwork. Cream nightstands are paired with a dark espresso grey dresser for contrast. The bathroom features his and her vanities, a shower, and a bath tub, all custom designed. The fresh presentation of the gray and white tile is embroidered by Palinchak’s decora tive walls that display a free form pattern in gray, navy, and green.

The completed unfurnished Arenas residence offers numerous upgraded finishes. Floor plans include 24 x 24-inch marble in the living areas, hardwood in the master bath and den, and premium carpeting in the guest bedrooms. Kitchen upgrades include Shaker style cabinetry, granite countertops, an under counter drawer microwave, a French door refrigerator, and a gas cooktop. The outdoor living area includes a summer kitchen with a grill, stainless steel sink, and a refrigerator. The pool is surrounded by a Travertine deck.

The Biella plan includes 3,738 square feet with a grand foyer, formal living and dining rooms, an island kitchen, breakfast area and family room that open to the outdoor living area, a study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a garage with dedicated golf cart parking. The completed, furnished Biella villa includes furnishings by Design West Lead Designer Yussy El-Hibri.

El-Hibri complemented the Biella’s neutral backgrounds and white and grey finishes with seaglass green and blue mixed with earthy elements. Flooring throughout the living areas is an upgraded marble. Clean-lined transitional furnishings are found in the living room. The kitchen’s Safari Maple Alabaster island base and perimeter cabinetry play against grey and white granite counter surfaces. The study’s dark java wood combines with chrome elements and medium toned hardwood flooring to bring a masculine feeling to the space. The focal point of the master bedroom is an upholstered sleigh bed topped with neutral bedding and flanked by mirrored nightstands topped by chunky silver lamps. Dark vanity cabinetry and white quartz countertops are featured in the master bath.

Torino’s two-story, 4,311 square feet Camargo plan features four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, a den, second floor loft, formal living and dining rooms, an island kitchen, an outdoor living area with a covered lanai, pool and spa, and a two-car garage with dedicated golf cart storage. The unfinished Camargo scheduled for completion in April offers upgraded features and finishes, including a pool with a French pattern Travertine deck and a tanning shelf. Marble flooring is included in the main living areas while a rich looking hardwood floor is presented in the den. Each of the bedrooms is carpeted. The Camargo expected to be completed in June offers a limited opportunity to personalize cabinetry, flooring, and interior color palette selections, as well as the pool design.

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The award-winning Ronto Group announced its designer decorated furnished Chelsea model is open for guided tours with a sales associate in Naples Square's recently completed Phase I building. The Chelsea is one of three previously sold Phase I models that are available for guided tours within the private residence building. Each of the models presents the luxurious finishes and exceptional livability offered by the residences at Naples Square, a community being developed by Ronto at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Naples Square's 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 priced from the S600's continue to generate strong sales and luxury homebuyer traffic.

Seventy-two binding Phase I sales contracts worth $60 million have been processed. One remaining Phase I two-story Franklin residence is available. Priced at $1,295,000, the Franklin floor plan presents 3,038 square feet of living space, including a 104 square foot terrace. The plan includes a private one-car garage accessible from the residence. Construction of 73 Phase II residences remains on schedule for completion in first quarter 2017. Fifty binding and pending Phase II sales contracts worth $47 million have been processed to date.

The Phase I Chelsea model showcases an interior designed by Rachelle Porco and Christine Neal of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors. The Chelsea's two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath floor plan includes 1,832 square feet of living space and a 241 square feet open-air terrace. The spacious great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the terrace. The flowing floor plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar. The owner's suite includes double wall-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

Porco and Neal have brought a contemporary, eco-luxury flair to the Chelsea's interior. The design combines natural materials, including woods, stone, glass, metals, cork, and grass cloth, with toasted chestnut and stainless steel. The natural materials play against a neutral color palette that features tonal cream backgrounds and slightly darker patterns. Flooring throughout the living areas and den is porcelain tile with a slightly undulating bamboo texture. The designers' deft use of their design elements is established in the Chelsea's foyer where an in-laid area rug fashioned from the flooring material features stainless steel insets and a mosaic surround that captures all of the home's natural colors. An alabaster chandelier and driftwood sculptural pieces offer additional notes of welcome.

The foyer leads directly to the Chelsea's great room where pocketing sliders open to the home's walk-out terrace. The great room and dining area's feature wall is graced by a contemporary tonal graphic. A dining table with a raw-edged wood top and a stainless steel base are set in front of the graphic and offer seating on cream-toned ultra suede chairs with home bases. The stem walls are used on the opposite side of the room to create a wood veneered niche space for the television and a console presented in different natural elements in the study with a wheat and chocolate grass cloth with a hint of foil that is used as a floor to ceiling wall covering. The room showcases a floor-to-ceiling cream-toned built-in on one wall that includes a built-in desk and book shelves. A comfortable side chair and ottoman provides a relaxing place for reading. A vestibule leading to the Chelsea's clean-lined, contemporary owner's suite showcases an oversized art piece that makes a dramatic statement. A hallway flanked by his and her walk-in closets leads to an owner's bedroom finished in a neutral cream tone and textured surfaces. The king-sized bed includes a wood frame and a raffia surround on the rails and on a headboard that also features a linen inset. Two-toned night stands feature a dark wood surround and door fronts with a bamboo textured surface. The room's furnishings also include a wooden dresser with a medium, warm-toned finish.

The owner's bath presents a welcoming ambiance with a stone tile tub surround and flooring, vanity cabinetry with a medium sienna-toned finish, and cream colored quartz countertops. The use of natural materials is punctuated by a river rock feature wall in the shower set in a vertical pattern. The vertically set rocks create a waterfall effect. The Chelsea's walk-out terrace offers an open, airy gathering place. The terrace is furnished with a pair of chairs, a chaise, and two pull-up tables with a dark, open-weave rattan look and stainless steel feet that contribute to the furnishing's contemporary lines. The chairs and chaise feature light cream linen seats.

Naples Square’s Phase I Chelsea model now open for viewing
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New models grand opening preview this weekend at Sienna Reserve

Be the first to see the best!

Sienna Reserve, the intimate enclave of 45 single-family homes being developed by Zuckerman Homes on Livingston Road, between Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road, has announced its upcoming model Grand Opening. The event will begin on Friday, February 19. The hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm on Friday, and Saturday, and 11 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday.

However, if you want to avoid the grand opening crowds – here’s a little secret. You’re welcome to stop in this weekend and get a head start on the preview. Our sales team would be more than happy to give you an early model tour.

Andy Zuckerman, President of Zuckerman Homes, said the community’s three beautiful models, two of which are fully furnished by the award-winning interior design firm of Robb & Stucky, have really captured the imagination of those visitors who have already toured them.

“The moment we completed our first furnished model in early January to the recent unveiling of the two remaining models, the public response has been extraordinary,” said Zuckerman.

“Every visitor loves the open, well-designed floor plans whether they are looking for a single-story or two-story home. The fact that each outdoor living area, which includes a pool, overlooks our pristine nature preserve has been another reason for visitors to pause and reflect about the amazing Florida lifestyle offered at Sienna Reserve.”

The three models, the Hibiscus and the Magnolia Flex, which are furnished, and the Rosewood, which is unfurnished, perfectly represent the quality and attention to detail found in every home built by Zuckerman Homes.

The Hibiscus is a single-story, three-bedroom plus study/three-bath home with 2,566 square feet under air and 3,378 total square feet.

The Magnolia Flex is a two-story, four-bedroom plus game room and media room/three full-bath/two half-bath home. It has 4,004 square feet under air and 4,855 total square feet.

The two-story Rosewood is an incredible five-bedroom plus study and clubroom/five-and-a-half-bath home with 4,971 square feet under air and 5,997 total square feet.

For the record, a total of eight floor plans are available at Sienna Reserve. Prices start in the mid-$600s.

“Prices start in the mid-$600s. For a limited opportunity, Sienna Reserve purchasers are eligible to receive complimentary temporary privileges to all Tiburon Golf Club amenities, and Sienna Reserve homeowners are eligible to become members of the exclusive Tiburon Golf Club, which is located only minutes away. “We might be calling the upcoming event our model grand opening, but in reality it’s the community’s grand opening as well,” stated Zuckerman. “Our grand entrance, which was recently completed, is also turning heads. It’s definitely an attention grabber as visitors turn off Livingston Road and into the community.”

Sienna Reserve’s Grand Entrance includes a palm- and flower-lined brick-paver drive, an impressive gatehouse and a majestic stone and marble privacy entry wall with cascading water feature and bubbling fountains. Several brick paver driveways throughout the community as well as the architectural features found along our winding streets – were designed to set the relaxing tone for the entire community,” added Zuckerman.

“In many cases bigger is not always better. Our research indicates buyers are looking for a more intimate community to call home. A place close to the city, yet in harmony with nature. A place where neighbor knows neighbor. With only 45 homes, that’s exactly what we deliver.”

Zuckerman Homes also welcomes future residents to customize their home – something usually only offered in communities priced much higher.

“Everyone’s lifestyle is different. They have different needs,” said Zuckerman. “As a family-run building company no one knows that better than we do. Well do everything we can to customize a home to our buyer’s specifications.”

Sienna Reserve’s location is another reason the community is more than just a community to its model grand opening.

“It is close to downtown Naples and its world-renowned shopping districts of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South,” said Zuckerman. “It’s also within minutes of Mercato, one of the most popular upscale shopping, dining and entertainment areas in town.”

In addition, Sienna Reserve is close to the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, the Naples Pier, fine restaurants, Germain Arena, the site for many sporting and entertainment events, and the Southwest Florida International Airport.

It’s also an enjoyable stroll to North Collier Regional Park, one of the county’s premier parks. It features walking trails and boardwalks, fishing lakes, a fitness center complex, a world-class children’s museum and soccer and softball fields. Don’t forget to stop by this weekend and take the tour. We’re so proud of our models – and our community – we just can’t wait for you to see for yourself.
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NEWLY ARRIVED
Lifestyle continues to drive sales at Seaglass at Bonita Bay

The appeal of Bonita Bay’s award-winning lifestyle that includes an array of completed and soon to be completed amenities has played a major role in the strong sales at the Seaglass high-rise tower to be built by The Ronto Group within the community. Binding and pending sales contracts worth $80 million have been processed to date at the 26-floor, 120-unit tower. Named one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevent Health Solutions, Bonita Bay’s amenities include a 60,000 square feet Lifestyle Center, five championship golf courses, expanded tennis facilities that will be transformed even further this summer, a full service marina, numerous dining venues, residents only private beach park, a network of on-property hiking trails, and an aquatic center scheduled to begin construction in summer 2017.

The America’s Healthiest Clubs award is conveyed only to private clubs focused on the cultivation of a healthy environment and lifestyle for its members and staff. The Lifestyle Center contributed to the Bonita Bay Club receiving the award. The three-story Lifestyle Center includes a nearly 20,000 square feet world-class Fitness Center, a 9,000 square feet spa and salon, and the WAVE Cafe that serves healthy fast food that can be enjoyed on-site or prepared to go. A 10,000 square-foot facility houses the golf pro shop, as well as underground storage for 260 carts and 2,600 golf bags. Ten of the staff’s 25 PGA Professionals and seven Fitness Professionals are Titleist Performance Institute Certified. An instructional program includes private and group lessons, golf schools, and clinics on three practice areas. Three on-property courses were designed by Arthur Hills to preserve and enhance the natural features of the land. The three courses achieved Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary status in 1998. Two Tom Fazio designed courses at the nearby Bonita Bay Club Naples provide a golf experience on over 1,000 acres that includes preserved wetlands but no residential development. It was the first private 36-hole club in the world to achieve certification through the Audubon International’s Signature Program and has been designated as a Certified Sanctuary since 1997.

A re-arrangement and slight expansion of Bonita Bay’s 18-court tennis complex was completed in December and included the addition of an exhibition court and two oversized courts. This summer, the 8,000 square-foot facility that formerly housed Bonita Bay’s fitness center and spa will be transformed into a tennis clubhouse with casual dining and an indoor/ outdoor bar. Loading and unloading service is available for most boats.

The Club redesigned the kitchen and traditional dining areas in the clubhouse. The redesign incorporated a 40-feet long buffet station in the dining space. The former golf pro shop was transformed into the 55th Hole, an approximately 3,500 square feet high-end casual bar experience. The design capitalizes on both the interior space and the immediately surrounding areas to create a captivating indoor/outdoor venue. Backwater Jack’s, a waterfront dining and lounge experience at the Bonita Bay Marina, is a favored gathering place for the community’s boater enthusiasts.

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FROM $1.350 TO $3.575 MILLION
New amenities and furnished models make their debut at Lely Resort: move-in ready homes available

Stock Development continuously strives to give its homeowners the best lifestyle possible. Nowhere is that more evident than at Lely Resort—seven time recipient of the Collier Building Industry Association’s Community of the Year Award. As one of Naples’ most successful country club communities, Lely Resort is entering its Grand Finale in 2016 with 10 new furnished models and exciting new amenity offerings.

“This Spring, we are debuting the new Multi-Purpose Building and we have recently unveiled an expansion and upgrade to our Tiki bar at the Players Club & Spa,” said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort. “We also have ten new furnished models for the 2016 Winter Sales Season.”

The new Multi-Purpose Building will offer a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features banquette seating.

The Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has been expanded again! Twelve foot awnings have been added around all sides of the Tiki with six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

“We pride ourselves on addressing the changing needs of our residents and providing them with the best possible amenities,” said Stock.

This philosophy continues to pay dividends. Last year, the company registered 101 new home sales at Lely Resort worth $806.8 million. Sales were strong across a wide range of multi-family and single-family designs.

Now, the final phase of offerings is being unveiled as Stock puts the finishing touches on a sensational series of ten new furnished models and is adding more move-in ready residences during this winter season.

The company has also released the final two coach home neighborhoods. Signature Club and Cipriani are luxurious coach home neighborhoods situated on two superb sites. Signature Club is adjacent to the award-winning Players Club & Spa, while Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunningly beautiful 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse and features an opulent new dining wing that seats over 200 guests.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a “spin” room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

Outside, a second free-form pool has been built, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-style amenities at any time.

The tennis facility’s thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

The Lely Resort Sales Center is located at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and C.R. 951. From I-75 take exit 101 (C.R. 951) south five miles to Grand Lely Drive. For more information call (239) 793-2100 or toll-free (866) 392-2100 or visit Lely on the web at www.ley-resort.com. The Players Club & Spa is on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/LelyPlayersClub.
Sienna Reserve is an intimate community of just 45 luxury homes in a private, gated community located in North Naples. It’s minutes from shopping and dining at Waterside and Mercato, entertainment at Artis-Naples, and of course, the area’s miles and miles of white-sand beaches.

Custom homes line winding streets accented with brick-paver roundabouts and glistening fountains. Some homes offer stunning lake views, others offer spectacular nature preserve vistas, and no two homes back up to one another for the ultimate in privacy. One- and two-story floor plans, which can be customized to fit your lifestyle, range in size from 2,344 to 4,971 A/C square feet.

And while your new home is under construction, enjoy complimentary temporary privileges to Tiburon Golf Club amenities. All Sienna Reserve homeowners are eligible to become members of the exclusive Tiburon Golf Club.

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Naples’ premier golf and beach community—named Community of the Year nine times—Mediterra offers amenities and luxury homes catering to those seeking an exclusive Florida lifestyle.

And as the real estate market continues its steady rebound, the Mediterra lifestyle is increasingly in demand with new-home buyers.

A limited number of new homes are available in the final five neighborhoods at Mediterra: Lucarno, Cabreo, Cortile, Il Cuore and Serata.

London Bay Homes, one of the exclusive homebuilders in Mediterra, has managed all new homes sales and marketing for the luxury community since December 2009. London Bay Founder and President Mark Wilson is predicting another active year in Mediterra, where a number of custom and model homes have recently been completed and others are in full completion mode as buyers are finding now is the time to buy.

“Mediterra is one of the leading communities in Southwest Florida,” Wilson said. “The Club is member-owned and financially secure, the Mediterra Beach Club is unparalleled, and the lifestyle and camaraderie within the community place Mediterra at the top of the list for luxury buyers in Southwest Florida.”

In addition to Mediterra’s amenities and lifestyle, Wilson credits the community’s offering of luxury homes—including maintenance-free villas, single-family estate and one-and-a-half-kind custom homes for generating steadily increasing interest in the community.

Homes in Mediterra are designed with outdoor living areas that give residents different perspectives of their unique surroundings—often nestled along lakes, nature preserves and the community’s two Tom Fazio-designed championship courses.

Available floor plans provide multiple options for buyers to extend lanais and garages, add bedrooms or bonus rooms, and select indoor and outdoor fireplaces, summer kitchens, loggias, porticos and wine cabinets—ultimately creating their dream home.

Mediterra’s Lucarno neighborhood transports visitors to a European village, where 71 villa homes are nestled along cobblestone streets, lakes and gardens. London Bay, the exclusive builder in Lucarno, offers seven two- and three-bedroom base plans with 2,800 to more than 4,000 square feet of living space on a lakefront homesite. Two models are currently open for viewing in Lucarno.

The four-bedroom, four-bath Capriano, which sold prior to completion, has a library/retreat, second-floor game room and 4,402 square feet. The home features a coastal-inspired interior design conveyed through its wood flooring, a vibrant palette of bright blues, greens and yellows. The Bettina offers a sophisticated coastal theme throughout the 3,100-square-foot three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath villa featuring pops of burnt orange and tangerine, and weathered wood blended with metal, mirrored treatments; the neutral colors provide the backdrop for a palette of paprika, citrine and smoke.

The floor plan emphasizes alfresco living with a wall of 88-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 Homes is also nearing completion of the Bella, a three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath villa offering 3,738 square feet. The home will offer a family room, formal dining room, study and a second floor with a loft. It is expected to open for viewing this month.

Above: The Capriano features rustic wood floors and beamed ceilings balanced by a vibrant palette of bright blues, greens and yellows. The Bettina offers a sophisticated coastal theme throughout the 3,101-square-foot home. Left: Designed by Romanza’s Melissa Allen, the Eloro features a British Colonial-inspired design. Below: Eloro villa model in Lucarno neighborhood at Mediterra.
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.
FrontDoor Communities has some exciting news to share with potential buyers: its Andalucia community located in the heart of Naples has six beautiful inventory homes available for purchase. At Andalucia, buyers will find the perfect location and amazing amenities all in one. Add in the fact that these are some of the final homes remaining in Andalucia, and that they have an incredible price point not found elsewhere in Naples, and these six homes won’t be on the market long.

The available inventory homes at Andalucia have everything today’s home buyers desire, including an affordable price. FrontDoor Communities’ beautiful homes are priced from the low $400,000s through the $500,000s. However, that affordable price doesn’t mean that buyers will have to sacrifice luxury finishes or sought-after features.

“We’ve worked very hard to offer new home buyers a quality-built but affordable home here at Andalucia,” said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. “We’ve been able to incorporate all of the great features our buyers are looking for, as well as fantastic resort-style amenities, into this community. Plus, it’s in the perfect location near everything that makes Naples such a desirable place to live. With all of that combined, plus homes that start at $419,000, we can offer something no other builder in Naples offers.”

Showcasing three different floor plans, including the award-winning Seville and Cordoba plans, the inventory homes range from 1,850 to more than 3,900 square feet, and feature one- or two-story layouts complete with two-car garages. In addition, the inventory homes offer the choice of a lake or preserve view home site.

The exterior architecture is absolutely breathtaking at Andalucia. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the homes include tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interior features are also impressive and include tile floors, granite countertops, tile backsplashes, stainless steel appliances, beautiful master suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

Andalucia is in the center of it all, just minutes from boutiques and shopping, top beaches, and several of the top golf courses in Florida. Plus, the community is included in the excellent Collier County School District. However, homeowners aren’t required to leave home to enjoy fantastic amenities and recreation opportunities. Amenities found within Andalucia include a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment, a heated lap pool and a whirlpool spa. In addition, the community has a resident’s clubhouse with an open gathering room, game room and kitchen, as well as a children’s playground with basketball court.

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Another home run from a design dream team

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Known as “The Light Lady” since 1984, Lynne Stambouly is senior lighting designer at Lighting First’s Specialty Lighting Division in Southwest Florida. Her background includes owning her own lighting showroom, being the “go-to” lighting designer for the largest interior design firms in Southwest Florida and serving as president of the Naples chapter of the Interior Design Society.

Q: Why is it important to consult with a professional lighting designer when replacing or putting new lighting in your home?
A: Lighting is currently in the midst of an LED technology revolution, and it is important to understand the way that these changes can affect your home and your lifestyle. So many factors — color temperature, brightness, size, lumens, energy efficiency, the final expense — should be considered when selecting new lighting. Additionally, knowledge of safety and building codes is essential. A professional lighting designer takes all of these important factors into consideration, as well as assists with the decorative decisions, so that you are pleased with your investment for years to come.

Q: What if I’m just beginning the building process? Do I need a lighting designer that early?
A: Absolutely. In fact, it’s never more important than at the beginning of the construction process. Most people don’t realize this and begin collaborating with only their builder and interior designer, leaving lighting design as more of an afterthought. Costly mistakes can occur, such as poorly placed recessed cans that can create unwanted glare and shadowing. Proper planning for task, general and ambient lighting, and the highest level of lighting technology specified at the onset ensures that the client will have the most successful result when it’s time to move in. Adding us to the team makes all the difference.

Q: We’ve heard some exciting industry awards were recently won?
A: We just returned from the Lutron 5-Star Awards ceremony at the International Lighting Market in Dallas. Our team not only won for Best Overall Project, but we scored the top prize of the evening for Best Overall Showroom. This is a huge honor — and it was actually only our first year entering for Best Overall Showroom.

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A dramatic foyer incorporates several lighting techniques.

An elegant example of two fixtures used over an elongated table.

The homeowner was delighted with the relaxed lighting plan for this master bedroom.

Light as art is one of Lynne Stambouly’s talents.

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Lynne Stambouly and Curtis Searles of the Specialty Lighting Division of Lighting First at the Lutron 5-Star Awards ceremony in Dallas, where they picked up the awards for Best Overall Project and Best Overall Showroom.
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The Luxury Home Show helped mark an upcoming milestone for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. To celebrate RMHC’s 20 years of helping families of seriously ill children, Project Design 2016 will revamp 20 spaces at Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Celebrity designer Thom Filicia, honorary design chair for Project Design 2016, was on hand at the Luxury Home Show for a presentation and to sign copies of his book, “American Beauty: Renovating & Decorating a Beloved Retreat,” for fans.

Local interior design superstars, under the leadership of Suzanne Costa, are contributing their time and talent to renovate the bedrooms and common areas of the house that accommodates families of the hospital’s young patients.

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Calusa Bay Design’s Leslie Sherman, and Realtor/Broker Taber Tagliasacchi of Calusa Bay Properties identified this piece of land for their latest project. “Pelican Bay offers an amazing palette for a prospective buyer, including three miles of white sandy beach, oceanfront dining, 27 holes of golf and a vibrant tennis program, and all within walking distance of Waterside Shops, Artis—Naples and Mercato,” Ms. Sherman says.

“It’s the best possible location for a new luxury estate home in all of Naples,” Ms. Tagliasacchi adds.

Calusa tapped Matt Knauf of Knauf-Koenig Group and John Cooney of Stofft Cooney Architects to collaborate once again, and the results are nothing short of spectacular. “The oversized lot gave us the opportunity to create a gracious, updated home with maximum curb appeal,” says Mr. Cooney. “This team hit another home run on this one.”

The goal was to design a piece of
architecture in the tropical West Indies genre. The 20-foot vaulted gable ceiling in the great room created the perfect opportunity for a stunning stained open-truss ceiling detail spanning one end of the great room to the other. The ceiling detail is beautifully accented by the 12-foot double transom windows and French doors that flank both sides of the great room, flooding the room with natural light and creating a dramatic, inviting indoor living space.

Mr. Cooney says the open, light-filled, spacious design, repeated throughout every room in the house, is one of the hallmarks of his company’s design style. It, like this home, is simply beautiful.

“We were honored to be part of this team,” says Mr. Knauf. “Having completed several other luxury home projects together, we have an effortless synergy that allows us to anticipate the design choices more effectively. We bring a level of construction detail to our projects that is acutely focused on the finest finishes and trim details. From the custom transoms over each interior door, to the handcrafted millwork, to the concrete foundation and solid block walls, the highest standards are upheld.”

As you enter the 25-foot stone entry through mahogany and glass double doors, the spectacular central living area takes your breath away. The single-story, 4,625 square-foot, spa-like retreat features four large en suite bedrooms, a light and bright dedicated home office, 4½ bathrooms and an amazing outdoor living space complete with kitchen, fireplace, TV and remote-controlled screens and shutters.

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A product of the combined efforts of Calusa Bay design coordinator Tatum Johansson and the HE Design team of Chad Elkins and Michael Hayes, the spectacular furnishings and décor package incorporates trusted names like Century Furniture, Habersham Home, Baker, Hubbardton Forge, Charleston Forge, Legacy Linens and Loloi Rugs for the ultimate achievement in casual elegance and relaxed sophistication.

“Any time Leslie Sherman calls about a new project, we jump at the chance to collaborate with her team. We know the finished home will be something that we will be proud of for years to come,” Mr. Hayes says. “When I am out around town and I drive by one of our projects, I still get a bit of a thrill to be able to say, ‘We helped create that.’”

Design projects in the bigger metropolitan areas such as Miami or New York City frequently get the bulk of the attention in the media, but seeing a completed project like this reveals the quality, depth of experience and talent right here in Naples. “It is apparent as soon as you arrive at the house that everyone from the landscape designers, to the painters and all of the other trades involved are high-end professionals,” Mr. Hayes says.

The custom-designed, wide-plank, French white oak hardwood floors throughout the home are from Legno Bastone Wide Plank Flooring. “European craftsmanship and iconic design are paired with a light smoking process introduced for depth and subtle richness to the exceptionally wide planks and long lengths up to 10 feet,” says Arturo Guido of Legno Bastone. “The oiling was accentuated in the thin grain to create a finish which is considered by many as ‘furniture for your floor,’” he says, adding, “The final finish came together by our European artisans seamlessly layering contemporary and traditional elements.”

A state-of-the-art chef’s kitchen custom designed by Calusa Bay features a wine and wet bar and built-in butler’s pantry. Both the kitchen and its built-in banquette overlook lush, landscaped grounds, a 50-foot lap pool and an infinity edge spa.

“We have had a strong positive response to our Pelican Bay new-construction homes,” Ms. Tagliasacchi says. “The homes have been attractive to residents within Pelican Bay, who are looking for the style and modern technology that our new homes offer, as well as upscale buyers looking throughout the Naples market for a sophisticated new home.”

As Naples real estate continues to grow and flourish, it is homes like these that shift the landscape toward the sophisticated and fresh. Truly custom finishes from Calusa Bay Design, expert architectural design from Stofft Cooney Architects and the highest quality construction detail from Knauf-Koenig Group are what this dream team delivers to the new Naples luxury market.

— For more information about this home, call Taber Tagliasacchi at 287-0777, email Taber@TaberNaples.com or go to 6600RidgewoodDrive.com.
When Joanne Palmisano has a secret, everyone wants to know it. That’s because this enterprising author is sharing her best finds in “Salvage Secrets Design & Décor: Transform Your Home With Reclaimed Materials.”

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As Valentine’s Day looms large in Naples, restaurants are abuzz with dinner reservations, chocolatiers hustle to fill orders, jewelers rush to set stones and wine stores clamor to assemble Champagne baskets. For Rufino Hernandez and The Garden District, however, love is in the air all year round. In his overall business of design and décor, Mr. Hernandez enjoys celebrations of love most of all.

“One of the very first weddings I did was for a couple here in Naples who had just moved into my neighborhood,” he says. “Walking my dogs the other morning I ran into them. They have three children now. I love that my flowers were part of their story.”

The Naples native has the Midas touch when it comes to helping people celebrate. If the flowers are fabulous, the tables exquisite and everything else ethereal and amazing, chances are the event was planned and executed at The Garden District.

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Once he decides to accept an event or project and meets with his client, he says, he sits down and writes. “I love to write a story for people, whether they come in and say they just want flowers for the table or they want to get married on the beach and have reserved the Port Royal Club,” he says of what could be as multifaceted as a welcome party on Thursday, rehearsal on Friday, wedding on Saturday and brunch on Sunday or as minimalist as a small poolside luncheon. “It’s about creating an atmosphere and all of the elements that go with it.”

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Mr. Hernandez’s appreciation of flora and fauna goes back a long way. He grew up here, and his family owns Golden Gate Nursery on Collier Boulevard. He remembers fondly the family’s pig roasts underneath the Australian pines and stomping around Keewaydin Island where the Port Royal element was present, he says, but life wasn’t about being ostentatious. “In that era, it was more about beach cottages and beach houses along beautiful white sugar sand with mounds of dunes of sea grasses and sea oats.”

When it was time to explore a world outside Naples, Mr. Hernandez studied marketing and advertising at the Johnson and Wales business school in Rhode Island. “I was that kid who was always kind of organizing the parties,” he says. “So it’s funny how you do what you’re meant to do.”

All of this paved the groundwork for his career, but it didn’t begin with a fistful of lilies. One month into his first job at a bank, Mr. Hernandez realized a critical error: He hated every minute of it. “There were cubicles as far as the eye could see and I asked myself, ‘What have I done?’” he says. “After that I went to work for the nonprofit Keep Providence Beautiful as the assistant director. My job was to go out and solicit the community and see how they could improve the neighborhood. It was a phenomenal job.”

Connections he made in that job served as a springboard. He worked in an agency environment and eventually went out on his own, doing events for some of the world’s biggest names in business, such as the Royal Bank of Scotland and Swarovski, for whom he did product launches and grand openings all over the country. “They were the first group to buy out the Bellagio’s “O” for two nights. We recreated Venice in the ballroom,” he says.

After the big event in Las Vegas, he sent sections of the display to the company’s retailers, which created a cohesive look for the Swarovski brand. It was a dream job, but at heart Mr. Hernandez is a family man. When his
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father fell ill in 2002, he returned to Naples. He and his brother have run the nursery business since their father’s passing in 2004.

In addition to designing events and beautifying Naples’ most beautiful homes, Mr. Hernandez takes pride in The Garden District. The shop feels more like a secret retreat than retail establishment, and it draws a most distinguished crowd. Most people are there to shop, he says, but a lot of regulars, “including doctors and nurses from the hospital just around the corner,” he says. “They come here to just decompress or sit around and pick up one of the coffee table books, which I think is cool.”

In a town where shopping can be as much about keeping up with the Joneses as it is outfitting a home, the therapeutic effect The Garden District has on people has become widely known. When it comes to his own home, Mr. Hernandez is very private. He’s created an Eden-esque atmosphere that serves as his respite and includes his four-legged “children” Dora and Luna. “It’s very eclectic and definitely has a modern slant,” he allows. “The one I don’t do when I get home is answer the phone,” he adds. “When I’m home, I like it to be about my dogs and cooking.”

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8. Bryon Williamson and Paul Hatcher
It was a Naples condominium quandary as old as the concept of a condo itself: how to make a small space bigger without expanding the square footage. In a resort town where homeowner associations dictate virtually every high-rise happening, there are limits to how far a contractor can go in a remodel. Fortunately, in the case of this Gulfshore Boulevard condo makeover, the remodeling team at Sunbuilt loves a challenge.

"Homeowners cannot attempt the types of changes that took place in this condo because associations are really strict, so you can’t make a move without getting approval," says Sunbuilt owner Tony Felice. "Plus, your team has to have the expertise to not overpower a small space while at the same time remodeling it to be lived in and remain functional."

Due to association restraints, condo homeowners in particular have to some degree learn to let go and trust their contractors.

“Our clients enter our environment with an open mind and bring all of their wants and needs for their home with them,” says Mr. Felice. “The advantage we have as a general contractor is that we also provide most of all of the selections necessary to complete a project in our showroom, so the homeowner is not running around town to find this, that and everything in between.”

These clients had a wonderful shock when they returned from an extended trip to find their cramped condo space had morphed into an open space full of light and coastal appeal. But it didn’t happen overnight. Sunbuilt’s architectural team wrestled with numerous challenges, from issues with tie beams and electrical wiring to the matter of creating a custom island for the kitchen.

“We referred back to the original construction plans to address a block wall separating the kitchen and a host of other issues,” says Mr. Felice. “We were able to accomplish those tasks through architects and engineers..."
and the designer, Tina Spaulding.” He credits Ms. Spaulding for her attentiveness to the details the client wanted to achieve, saying she translated that into her design.

“Tina was really so in tune to what the client’s desires were, plus she was very organized and professional,” he says of Ms. Spaulding, one of several designers who regularly work with Sunbuilt.

Ms. Spaulding’s choices in furnishings help make the home appear much larger than it is and complement the architectural enhancements made to the structure. These choices were of paramount importance in dealing with the many electrical challenges that plagued the project.

“Most of these condos have concrete construction and those original electrical plans don’t lend themselves to new design, therefore, you have to get creative and build tray ceilings or find other solutions to accommodate the new design,” Mr. Felice explains.

“We went with a very sleek ceiling detail, and the position of the long table and the lighting fixtures Tina chose makes the room look much larger. The proportions of what she selected are perfect for the space.”

The team merged a lounge area, kitchen island, TV/family room and dining area into an open space without any real division to become a main gathering space. Those changes allow the homeowners to feel part of whatever is happening in the open space and maximize every usable square foot.

“The flooring’s driftwood effect was a big part of the overall design that set the trend for the rest of the place as well,” says Mr. Felice. “The design of the office, which doubles as a den, has an aesthetic appeal, but there is a lot going on beneath the surface there, too, in hiding the wiring needed for the ceiling fan and electronics.”

“Every bit of the cabinetry in the house we built in our shop a few miles from our showroom,” Mr. Felice says. “Having control over custom products gives you the ability to work with the space so there are no limitations for what you can build to work in that particular area.”

Art by local artist Arturo Samaniego blends beautifully with the design palette chosen by Ms. Spaulding. “He has a great way of blending colors in his abstracts to complement any space,” Mr. Felice says, adding the focal piece adjacent to the kitchen and sitting area is called “La Tempesta,” which translates to “the storm.” Perhaps one of the biggest challenges was the absence of the homeowners through the entire project. Once the plans were reviewed and approved and selections were made with the interior designer and contractor, they had to leave town.

They returned, he adds, to a complete transformation from the original 1980s condo to something that reflects the newest in design and construction standards.

“They were extremely pleased,” he says. ■
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NAPLES ARTS
season guide
2016
“KINKY BOOTS” PLAYS AT ARTIS—NAPLES AND BARBARA B. MANN THIS SEASON
**FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Kennebunkport, Maine; Palm Springs, with galleries in Santa Fe, N.M.; kinetic art since 1989. He shows

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Feb. 20

Lyman Whitaker Kinetic Exhibit

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Lyman Whitaker has been creating kinetic art since 1989. He shows with galleries in Santa Fe, NM; Kennebunkport, Maine; Palm Springs, Calif; and now the Naples Art Association. These soothing, durable works last for generations. They are made of copper and stainless steel, and are in public and private collections throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

**Members’ Gallery — A Hint of Purple**

Through Feb. 27

This annual exhibition challenges artists to limit the dimensions of their two-dimensional work to a perimeter of 60 inches or less. Three-dimensional work must fit on a 14-by-14 pedestal and weigh no more than 35 pounds. One submission is allowed and must include at least a “hint of purple.”

“**Interior and Exterior Realities:**

The Art of Purvis Young and The Highwaymen”

Through Feb. 27

The Highwaymen were a group of 26 African-American artists in Florida. Self-taught and self-mentoring, they created a large body of work, despite facing many racial and cultural barriers. Mostly from the Fort Pierce area, they painted landscapes and made a living selling them door-to-door to businesses and individuals throughout Florida from the mid-1950s through the 1980s. They also sold their artwork from the trunks of their cars along the eastern coastal highways of A1A and US1. Using commercially produced paints and found materials, self-taught artist Purvis Young recorded daily life and events in and around the Overtown district of Miami for over 40 years. To protest the dissection of his community by the construction of Interstate 95 in the late 1960s, Young installed his paintings over an expanse of abandoned storefronts. Stretching for an entire block, the Goodbread Alley project, as it became known, was an open-air exhibition that resembled a mural. It drew a considerable amount of attention from passersby and the local media.

**Art in the Park**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 5, April 2

Get out and enjoy the Florida weather while you shop for unique art by local artists at Art in the Park. Stroll down Park Street and enjoy the oldest outdoor art festival in Naples.

**Preview Reception for 45th Annual Jade Riedel Scholarship Competition, 51st Founders Juried Awards, and Members’ Gallery:**

“Always On My Mind” March 11

Join the Naples Art Association for wine, cheese and beautiful artwork. Reception is free for members and $10 for nonmembers. No preregistration needed.

**45th Annual Jade Riedel Scholarship Competition March 12-April 16**

In 1971, members of the Naples Art Association initiated a scholarship program designed to encourage young aspiring artists to realize their dreams of becoming professionals in the visual arts. Since then, awards have been given annually by the NAA to Collier County high school students in conjunction with an exhibition of their work. Junior and senior high school students in Collier County who are interested in furthering their art studies at the college level participate in this competition for scholarships that help to defray student tuition costs for art courses at the college level.

**Dinner With Artists April 20**

Dinner With Artists will feature artist Ran Adler and chef Brian Sutton at Hotel Escalante, Veranda E. Veranda E at The Escalante offers the ultimate culinary experience with amazing Asian-inspired, French-influenced, dishes prepared by Bryan Sutton and his staff. The Escalante is the only fine dining restaurant in Naples with its own on-premises sustainable organic garden and offering breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Members’ Gallery — “World Piece (Fill in the Blank)”** April 29-June 3

Artists often record their travels with sketchbooks, canvases and cameras. Others return home and create artwork from memory. In this exhibition, all artwork titles must start with “That Day in ______” and end with the name of...
ARTIS—NAPLES

5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples
(239) 597-1900
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The Hit Men
Feb. 10-12
Featuring the former stars of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Boreyko Conducts Brahms
Feb. 11 and 12

Naples Philharmonic Masterworks
Feb. 11 and 12

Youth Orchestra
Feb. 13

“107 Years of Broadway”
Feb. 14

“Hooray for Hollywood”
Feb. 16

Miami City Ballet
Feb. 16

Beethoven and Mendelssohn
Feb. 16

“All That Jazz”
Feb. 17

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
Feb. 18

“Shotgun Wedding”
Feb. 18 and 19

Michael Feinstein
Feb. 19 and 20

Beethoven and Mendelssohn
Feb. 21

Art Talk
Feb. 22

“The Forgotten”
Feb. 23

“100 Years of Sinatra”
Feb. 23-27

Art After Hours
Feb. 24

Lisa Fischer
Feb. 25 and 26

Alan Cumming
Feb. 28

Dick Hyman
Feb. 28

Steve Miller Band
Feb. 29

Jodie DeSalvo
Feb. 29

“Adepton, Absorption, Assimilation”
March 1

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
March 1 and 2

Make-and-Take
March 2

“The McCartney Years”
March 3 and 4

“Critic’s Choice”
March 3, 5

Mahler’s “Titan”
March 4 and 5

Brass and Percussion
March 6

Art Talk
March 7

The Joffrey Ballet
March 8

“All That Jazz”
Chris Botti
Hubert Laws
March 9

Aesthetics of Art
March 10

Balsam Range
An Evening of Overtures
March 12

Tony Bennett
March 13

Four O’clock at the Movies
March 14, 15

Connecting the Dots
March 16

“Late Nite Catechism”
March 16-19

“Star-Crossed Prokofiev”
March 17-19

Jodie DeSalvo
March 20

“Hooray for Hollywood”
March 21

“Kinky Boots”
March 22-27

Art Talk
March 28, 29

“Hooray for Hollywood”
March 29-31

The Joffrey Ballet
March 31

Art After Hours
March 30

Critic’s Choice
March 31

“Hooray for Hollywood”
April 1 and 2

“Dirty Dancing”
April 5-10

Jazz History
April 6

Around Town
April 7

Student Photography Workshop
April 8

Around Town
April 9

Mozart Quartets
April 12

Artful Minds
New Acquisitions: In Context
April 13

Staging Shakespeare
April 14

Mozart and Brahms
April 14 and 15

Mozart Quartets
April 17

Artful Minds
April 20

“The Elixir of Love”
April 21

Magic Carpet Family Concert
April 23

Schulhoff, Adams and Brahms
FGCU Wind Orchestra
April 24

Around Town
Magic Carpet School Concert
April 25

All That Jazz
April 27

Country Legends
April 30

Youth Orchestra
May 1

Make-and-Take
Artful Minds
May 4

“Beethoven’s Fifth”
May 5, 7

Student Photography Workshop
May 6 and 7

All That Jazz
May 11

Baroque Chamber Orchestra
May 13

Youth Orchestra
May 14

Youth Chorus
Artful Minds
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Italian Film Series
6:45 p.m. Feb. 22, March 14 and 28, April 11

“An Enemy of the People”
March 26-April 17
When Thomas Stockmann, the town doctor, discovers something shocking that threatens to harm the people in his community, he is poised to do whatever he can to stop it. However, this discovery threatens to harm the livelihood of his small town. The people, led by his own brother, the mayor, fight to silence him. This fast-paced thriller takes politics to a personal level in this new version of Ibsen’s timeless classic and is more relevant today than the day it was written.

“The Who and the What”
April 30-May 15
Zarina is a talented young writer who often clashes with her very traditional father and sister. Focused on finishing her novel about women and Islam, Zarina meets Eli, a man who helps to connect her modernistic life and the traditions forced upon her by her heritage. But when Zarina’s father and sister learn about her book, the entire family must face their beliefs, their culture and their religious ideology.

2016 ART FESTIVALS

Naples National Art Festival
Feb. 20 and 21
The 37th Annual Naples National Art Festival is held in scenic Cambier Park and along Eighth Street South in downtown Naples. Because of its national ranking and the beautiful weather in Southwest Florida during this time of year, the Naples National draws some of the finest artists in the country.

Art in the Park
March 5, April 2
Get out and enjoy the beautiful Florida weather while you shop for unique art by local artists at Art in the Park, presented by The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center on Saturday, March 5. Stroll down Park Street and enjoy the oldest outdoor art festival in Naples.

Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts
March 19 and 20
The 28th Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts allows thousands of art-savvy festivalgoers to mill about the 230-plus booths that participating artists set up under the canopy of oak boughs and golden trumpet trees.

Bonita Springs National Art Festival
10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 5 and 6
The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents three fine arts/fine crafts festivals each year in Bonita Springs. Enjoy the artworks of 200 national and international artists while supporting the many programs of the Center for the Arts.

Peace River National Art Festival
March 19 and 20
This is Charlotte County’s premier outdoor juried fine arts show. The 10th annual Peace River National Art Festival returns to Laishley Park, Punta Gorda, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 19 and 20. There will be plenty of free parking at the justice center and surrounding areas. The event is sponsored by the Visual Arts Center, the community’s nonprofit cultural facility. Food, beer and wine are available.

Balloons Over Paradise
April 2 and 3
The Balloons Over Paradise celebration comes back to Seminole Hotel Casino in Immokalee.
THE MARCO PLAYERS

The Marco Players Theater
1055 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island
themarcooplayers.com
(239) 642-7270

MAIN PRODUCTIONS

“Rose’s Dilemma”
Feb. 10-28
In her beach house in the Hamptons, celebrated writer Rose Stern stands at a crossroads: She hasn’t written anything in years and money is getting short. Her former lover, literary lion Walsh McLaren, offers her — from beyond the grave — an opportunity to regain her celebrity and gross millions.

“2 Across”
March 16-April 3
She’s an organized, sensible, psychologist. He’s a free-spirited, unemployed ad exec. She is a crossword pro, he always quits. When he tosses his puzzle away, she snaps, “Crosswords are metaphors for life: Those who finish succeed, those who don’t fail.” Now he vows to finish. Why? He’s a competitor and she happens to be lovely. This starts an 80-minute ride described by critics as “hilarious,” “witty,” “romantic,” “poignant,” “wonderfully entertaining.”

SPECIAL PRODUCTIONS

“The Tempest”
April 22-30
In what is believed to be William Shakespeare’s final play, Prospero — a man royal in his birth, revered for his magic and renowned for his foibles — is washed onto a nameless island with his young daughter after they are banished from their homeland of Naples. Caliban, the wretched son of a wicked witch and chained to the curse of slavery Prospero places upon him, attempts to wreak havoc upon the royal refugees in the name of his burden. When the promise of Prospero’s absolution and salvation sets sail toward their island, he must use his special power to tame the primal forces that have driven him to his exile so that he may earn his way back home at last.

NAPLES CONCERT BAND

naplesconcertband.org
(239) 263-9521
All concerts begin at 2 p.m. Sundays in the band shell at Cambier Park, Feb. 28
The show includes performances of “The Star Spangled Banner,” “O Canada,” “For Starters,” “Strike Up the Band” and “Incidental Suite for Band”
March 20

NAPLES ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

Max Rabinovitsj, artistic director and conductor
Ron Doiron, chorale director and assistant conductor
naplesorchestraandchorus.org
All performances at: Naples High School
1100 Golden Eagle Circle, Naples
“Feel the Romance”: program highlights
7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Johannes Brahms: Song of Fate (Schicksalslied) Op. 54; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op. 33; special guest soloist, Michael Samis, cello; Franz Schubert: Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major, D. 485

“Season Finale Pops”: program highlights
7 p.m. Saturday, April 23
2 p.m. Sunday, April 24
Dickie Fleisher performs Williams’ Classical Gas and Lecuona’s Malaguena; the orchestra and chorus perform pops, including songs from “My Fair Lady” and “Carousel”
**OPERA NAPLES**

(239) 963-9050
opernapec.org

“The Four Note Opera”
8 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13
David and Cecile Wang Opera Center

The Winter Palace Ball
6:30 p.m. Feb. 22
Grey Oaks Country Club

Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series
8 p.m. March 8
The Wang Opera Center

*La Traviata*
8 p.m. March 18 and 20
The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort at Tiburon

*Palacio De La Zarzuela*
8 p.m. April 16
David and Cecile Wang Opera Center

The Bach Ensemble
naplesbach.org

*Passion and Redemption*
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

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**BOWER CHAPEL AT MOORINGS CHURCH**

6000 Goodlette-Frank Road
(239) 593-7600
northnaplesumc.com

North Naples Pops Concert
7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

North Naples Church presents “an evening of musical excellence” featuring large orchestras, dynamic soloists, and exciting collaborations between various choirs and ensembles plus a variety of local professional artists.

Jerusalem Symphony
7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra has added to the rich cultural heritage of Israel and the region for over eight decades. Conductors have included Igor Stravinsky, Otto Klemperer, Yehudi Menuhin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Lorin Maazel and Pablo Casals. Soloists have also appeared with the orchestra, such as Yo Yo Ma, Jean Pierre Rampal, Isaac Stern, Martha Argerich, Artur Rubenstein and Yefim Bronfman. For this 80th anniversary tour, Dmitry Yablonsky (principal guest conductor of the Moscow Philharmonic) and conductor laureate of the JSO, will present a program from start to finish.

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**THE NAPLES PLAYERS**

The 63rd Season
Sugden Community Theatre
701 Fifth Ave., S.
(239) 263-7900
naplesplayers.org

*Young Frankenstein*
March 2-April 4
From the insanely comical minds of Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, who created Broadway’s smash hit, “The Producers,” comes this comedy that is faithfully adapted from the iconic 1974 film. Follow Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced “Fronk-en-steen”) as he begrudgingly continues his grandfather’s scientific work by attempting to bring a corpse back to life.

*A Sleeping Country*
April 20-May 15
Julia is plagued by chronic insomnia. When she discovers that it could be a very rare and even fatal prognosis she is a confirmed bachelor to do? demands he take her to his place. What’s being an unnerving adventure begins.

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**BLACKBURN HALL PRODUCTIONS**

*The 39 Steps*
Through Feb. 27
In this spy thriller comedy, debonair Richard Hannay is bored with life until he meets a mysterious female spy who demands he take her to his place. What’s a confirmed bachelor to do?

*A Sleeping Country*
March 23-April 16
Julia is plagued by chronic insomnia. When she discovers that it could be a very rare and even fatal prognosis she travels to Venice, Italy, for answers from a family that suffers from the same debilitating disease. What she learns on her journey awakens her to more than she ever expected to discover.

TOBYE STUDIO PRODUCTIONS

“The Trivia Olympics”
8 p.m. March 28 and 29
The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort at Tiburon

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**Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs 2016**

**Art-Theater-Dance-Music-Classes**

Painting - Drawing
Clay - Workshops
Mosaics - Dance
Fused Glass - Jewelry
Printmaking - Music
Sculpture - Lectures
One Evening Classes

**Live Music Performances**

Jonathan Edwards 2/11
Riders in the Sky 2/25
Dan Miller Jazz 2/27
Rebecca Richardson 3/4
Irish Night 3/15
Chamber Series 3/23
(see website for full list)

**Live Theater & Comedy**

Improv Tonight 2/6 & 3/5
(First Saturday Each Month)
Kevin Farley Comedy 2/18
Assisted Living the Musical 3/21
Arsenic & Old Lace 3/10
Mama Cooks it Up 4/9

**Top Rated Art & Film Festivals**

Bonita Springs National Art Festival
Riverside Park & March 5 - 6, 2016

200 National and International artists display their work at one of the most highly regarded and nationally ranked Art Festivals in the country

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**National & Local Exhibitions**

27th Annual Members’ Exhibition

On display February 5-25

“Sally Lightfoot Crab” by Ed Takacs

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** Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs 2016**

26100 Old 41 Road
Center for Performing Arts
David and Cecile Wang Opera Center
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

**Operanaples.org**

(239) 963-9050

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FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE
2268 Boy St., Fort Myers
floridarep.org
(239) 332-4488

ARTSTAGE STUDIO THEATRE
“Too Marvelous for Words”
Through March 6
Join Florida Rep to accentuate the positive with a brand-new musical revue that celebrates one of America’s favorite songwriters!

3rd Annual Play Lab
April 28-May 1
A festival of new plays and emerging writers! An intensive weekend that showcases the new voices in America.

HISTORIC ARCADE THEATRE
“Twelve Angry Men”
Through March 2
The trial is over and a 19-year-old man’s fate is now in the hands of 12 strangers united only by their civic duty. As the door closes on the jury room, the guard mutters “he doesn’t stand a chance.” It looks like an open-and-shut case — until one juror opens the others’ eyes to facts that are hiding in plain sight and the possibility of innocence. Tempers flare, alliances shift, personal beliefs are challenged, and long-held prejudices bubble to the surface in this modern classic that is not to be missed!

“Becky’s New Car”
March 15-April 6
Becky Foster is stalled. She feels stranded in a dead-end job and a marriage that’s lost its spark, and needs a jump-start. Late one night, when a widowed millionaire stumbles into the car dealership where she works, Becky sees her chance and takes it. Suddenly, this ordinary housewife is living a carefree, fulfilling and dangerous double life — that is, until it accelerates out of control. This hilarious and inventively written story of escaping middle-age doldrums is full of twists and turns and asks the audience to ride shotgun in a way they’ve never done before!

“The Dingdong”
April 19-May 8
Fidelity is put to the test in this masterfully adapted classic sex farce! Follow the outrageous sexploits of three couples caught in a sordid love triangle. Jump head-first into the misadventures of one madcap night in this new adaptation of Feydeau’s classic farce, and discover how opening the wrong door in the dark of night can lead to mayhem, laughter and a few unlikely revelations about the secret to a happy marriage.

LUNCHBOX THEATRE SERIES
“The Red Badge of Courage”
Feb. 26, May 6 and 19
“A Year With Frog and Toad”
April 8, May 25
**LABORATORY THEATER OF FLORIDA**

1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers  
laboratorytheaterflorida.com  
(239) 218-0481

*“Art”*  
Feb. 5, 6, 11-13, 18-21, 25-27  
Serge, Marc and Yvan find their previously solid 15-year friendship on shaky ground when Serge buys an expensive painting. The canvas is white, with a few white lines. The play focuses on the meaning of art as well as the meaning of friendship, to both the man who bought the painting and the two friends who come to see it.

*“Bad Jews”*  
Mar 11, 12, 17-20, 24-26  
The day after their grandfather’s funeral, three cousins in their 20s argue about family, legacy and what it is to be a “good Jew.” The argument is hilarious with a serious undertone about the place of faith in the lives of all young people today. Thought-provoking and vividly funny.

Rauschenberg Project Play  
March 31-April 5  
Young people aged 12-22 who self-identify as lesbian, gay, transgender or bisexual will work with Lab Theater educators to tell their stories through song, short scenes, poetry and monologues. This show will be the result of many months of workshops with the Visuality youth group.

*“Twelfth Night”*  
Apr 22, 23, 28-30, May 1, 5-7  
Orsino is infatuated with Olivia, but she is interested in the messenger-boy Orsino sends to plead his case. Unfortunately, the “boy,” Cesario, isn’t a boy at all! And, to complicate things further, she’s in love with Orsino.

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**THEATRE CONSPIRACY**

10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers  
theatreconspiracy.org  
(239) 836-3239

*“The Bluest Eyes”*  
Through Feb. 20  
This critically acclaimed adaptation of Toni Morrison’s story follows three girls in post-depression Ohio. Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove despises her dark skin and prays for blue eyes, sure that love will follow. Claudia and Frieda McTeer are sisters who try to care for Pecola when the rest of the community fails to do so. With rich language and bold vision, this story examines standards of beauty, a young girl’s coming of age and the devastating events she endures.

*“The Nether”*  
March 4-19  
An intricate crime drama and a haunting sci-fi thriller that explores the consequences of making dreams a reality. This new play follows an investigation into the complicated and disturbing morality of pedophilia in a digital world.

*“Vacuum”*  
May 6-21  
The winner of the 17th Annual New Play Contest. “You and I were going to change the world together.” “The world changed on its own.” This quote that comes late in Arlene Hutton’s “Vacuum” seems to perfectly define the plight that all of her characters face. Their lives have changed so quickly and they seem powerless to direct their course. Filled with great characters and very profound ethical undertones.
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GULFSHORE PLAYHOUSE

The Norris Center
755 Eighth Ave., S.
(239) 261-7529
gulfshoreplayhouse.org

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ISLAND THEATER COMPANY

Marco Island Historical Museum
theateronmarco.com
(239) 394-0080

“Saga of Roaring Gulch”
Feb. 25-28, March 17-20, 31, April 1-3
In the wild and wooly town of Roaring Gulch men live and die by the “Code of the West!” Boo, cheer, hiss and sigh throughout this musical melodrama spoof full of songs, dances and, of course, a hero in white and a villain in black! It’s a classic pistol packin’ confrontation between good and evil with plenty of comedy and lots of colorful townspeople!

SWFL Soapfest Charity Weekend
May 27-30
Marco Island will once again host your favorite daytime actors, who will help raise money for charity.

THEATREZONE

G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples
(239) 966-3352
Theatrezone-florida.com

“The Boy From Oz”
Feb. 4-14
“This Boy From Oz” is a musical biography/tribute to the late Australian Peter Allen, who made his entertainment debut at the age of 5 impersonating Al Jolson. As a teenager he became a pop star and then toured Asia. There he met Judy Garland, who took him to London, where he met and married her daughter, Liza Minnelli. In the U.S., Peter enjoyed the highs of success by winning an Oscar, selling out performances in Radio City Music Hall, and receiving adulation when he returned to Australia. The show’s characters enter and re-enter his life, leaping from past to present and back to past all within the familiar context of one of his energy-packed concerts.

“Into the Woods”
March 3-13
James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone’s favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless yet relevant piece and rare modern classic. The story follows a baker and his wife who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King’s Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk.

“Dames at Sea”
April 28-May 8
A long-running hit off-Broadway that brought stardom to Bernadette Peters, this campy show is based on the nostalgia of Hollywood musicals of the 1930s. It’s big-time New York, into which sweet little Ruby from a faraway Hometown, U.S.A., has come to make it big on Broadway. Who should she chance to meet but another boy from Hometown, U.S.A.: Dick, a sailor, who also has ambitions as a songwriter.
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“Assisted Living: The Musical” 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Saturday, Feb. 20, Sunday, Feb. 21

Everything your Granny told you about assisted living! Forget it! “Assisted Living: The Musical” is just for old people any more than “Oklahoma!” is just for cowboys. “Gypsy” is for Romanians or “Rent” is for people who don’t own their own homes. “Assisted Living: The Musical” is for everyone who is aging, or hopes to do so someday.

RIDERS IN THE SKY TRIBUTE TO ROY ROGERS 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25

Join Riders in the Sky in a salute to iconic Western music, music and TV star Roy Rogers. This classic cowboy quartet has chalked up two Grammy Awards, over 6,000 performances, and countless TV specials, documentaries and variety shows.

Dan Miller — Rodgers & Hart: A Celebration 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

Join Dan Miller and Lew Del Gatto as they celebrate the genius and music of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, one of the greatest songwriting teams of the 20th century. The music that they composed for the Broadway stage and the Hollywood screen became an integral part of the Great American Songbook, loved by musicians, singers and audiences alike.

Tuesday Art Talks: From the “Old Masters” to 1914 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

Enjoy this 1.5-hour multimedia journey into art history from the perspective of artist Laurent Dareau. He will lead you on a journey to explore the events that created the art we appreciate today.

Rebecca Richardson & Dan Heck — Evolution of the Ladies of Swing 8 p.m. Friday, March 4

Rebecca Richardson with Dan Heck present an evening dedicated to the ladies of swing, from Ella to the Andrews Sisters and beyond.

Meet the Composers: “Franz Joseph Haydn — A Man for All Seasons” 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6

“Meet the Composers” is a new classical music series. Join international artist and lecturer Dr. Anne McLean through history from the perspective of artist Haydn. You will learn about his life and music, and how it created the art we appreciate today.

Irish Night 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15

All eyes will be smiling during this night of Irish music and dance by Marcille Wallis & Friends and dance by Kellyn Celtic Arts Irish Dance Academy, showcasing Southwest Florida’s best Irish step dancing. Kellyn Celtic Arts features nationally recognized, award-winning dancers of all ages. Celtic musicians Marcille Wallis & Friends bring a unique blend of music and dance from Ireland to their interactive performances with rousing sing-alongs and choreographed dance numbers.

“Jazz With a Twist!” — Jebry 8 p.m. Friday, March 25

Judith Elenore Branch, better known as “Jebry,” hails from California, where she grew up listening to the finest musicians and singers who passed through her family’s nightclubs in Los Angeles. Jebry puts a twist on songs we all know and love.

The Bay Singers 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 1

Founded in 1998, the Bay Singers have grown into a chorale of almost 70 that perform traditional holiday music, Broadway shows, America classics, spirituals and patriotic music throughout the area. This season, the Bay Singers are led by Cynthia Dallas, principal keyboard player for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, whose talent and efforts promise a great evening of music.

Meet the Composers: “Happy Birthday Rachmaninoff — From Russia With Love” 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3

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The evolution of jazz, or jass, as it was originally known, involves a myriad of innovative musicians. Our special evening with Bob Zottola and his classic quintet Jazz Simpatico will highlight the great music of two major jazz influences, Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong and Miles Davis. We’ll also trace the development of jazz, experiencing Latin, Afro-Cuban music, then on to the voices of Willie Holiday and lastly Frank Sinatra.

“Fiddler on the Roof Jr.,” presented by CFABS Youth Players May 13-15

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tzeitel, a poor daiyrman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tzeitel tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia.

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“Russian Music Salon” The BonArts Chamber Music Series 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17

Celebrate the music of A. Borodin, a Baroudin with his String Quartet #2. And, Tchaikovsky’s String Sextet “Souvenir de Florence,” is titled because the composer sketched one of the work’s principal themes while visiting Italy.

A Night of Comedy with Kevin Farley 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18

Join the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs for comedy with actor/comedian Kevin Farley. Farley has appeared in several comedy films and in TV. He is the brother of the late Chris.

Improv Cafe 3 p.m. Saturday, March 5

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Austrian Music Salon The BonArts Chamber Music Series 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18

Enjoy compositions by three Austrian greats, String Quartet #2, Op.33 (“The Joke”) by J. Haydn; piano Quartet No. 1 in E minor by W. Mozart; and the String Quartet No. 13 in A minor by Schubert.

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Legends of Opera Gala
The Annual Fundraiser Concert
Feb. 21

Join us as we honor one of the most extraordinary singers of the past three decades, joined by a star entering the pinnacle of his.

Samuel Ramey has reigned as one of the opera world’s foremost interpreters of the bass repertoire for the past three decades. He continues to perform at the world’s most important opera houses and concert stages.

Joining Mr. Ramey on stage will be Michael Fabiano, one of the greatest tenors in the world today!

“St. Matthew Passion” March 18-20
For a once-in-a-lifetime Lent experience, Gulfshore Opera will bring the Gospel of Matthew to music through Johann Sebastian Bach’s sacred oratorio, “St. Matthew Passion.” A grand-scale undertaking never done in Southwest Florida, this performance will feature the FGCU Chamber Choir and The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers Choruses, a core ensemble of eight soloists and the Gulfshore Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

“Elixir of Love”
SIDNEY & BERNE DAVIS ART CENTER
2301 First St., Fort Myers
sbdac.com
(239) 337-1933

CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES

“Tango of Piazzolla, Darkness, & the Angel”
8 p.m. Feb. 12
Through a seamless interweaving of multimedia, narrative and live music, explore Astor Piazzolla from his own perspective as he tries to come to terms with his unlikely, but extraordinary, life.

American Virtuosi in Concert
8 p.m. March 25
The American Virtuosi Chamber Concert, returning for a seventh season, will feature the music of the great masters combined with the talent of some of the world’s leading concert artists.

Gala Dinner & Concert with the American Virtuosi
6 p.m. March 26
An evening of gourmet food by Chef Mike Gavala of G3 Catering, wine and world-class entertainment. Guests will enjoy music from renowned classical musicians.

Music of John Cage
8 p.m. April 22
Friend, collaborator and influence of Robert Rauschenberg, John Cage is one of the most notable avant-garde composers of the 20th century.

EXHIBITS

Art Council of Southwest Florida
Through Feb. 23
Free regular gallery hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; free Art Talk Tuesday and Closing Party, Feb. 16

Art Quilters Unlimited
“Cityscapes: A Slice of Fort Myers”

Anastasia Zappas “Hair Today Art Tomorrow”
March 4-27
Anastasia Zappas, artist, owner of Zappas Hair Salon, and creator of Definitely New Art.

Alina Eydel: “Sacred Symmetry”
March 4-27
Geometric snowflake/kaleidoscope compositions out of sustainably farmed butterfly wings.

“The Influence of Rauschenberg”
April 1-19
One of the most influential artists of the last century, Robert Rauschenberg, Bob to his family and friends, was vastly prolific and collaborative.

Punta Gorda Artisans — Group Exhibition
May 6-24
Punta Gorda is more than a beautiful small city; it is also an artist’s paradise. Experience a diverse and exciting array of art at this exhibit showcasing everything from innovative pulp sculpture to couture fashion design to philosophical constructivism.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Joe Finder
Noon Feb. 15

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7:30 p.m. Feb. 19
Mersey Beatles USA Debut Tour (Extended) Four Lads From Liverpool with special guest author Julia Baird, John Lennon’s sister. Meet John Lennon’s sister and The Mersey Beatles — not your ordinary Beatles tribute band!

Art Walks the Runway
Feb. 25-27
Art and fashion collide as the fifth annual Art Walks the Runway fashion show returns.

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Caroline Todd
Noon March 7
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gulfcoastbigband.com
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Sunday, Feb. 14
Sunday, March 13
Sunday, April 17

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4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples
naplesgarden.org
(239) 643-7275

Jazz in the Garden
The David T. Experience
2 p.m. Feb. 14
Jazz in the Garden will delight you with a relaxing afternoon of jazz. Please remember to bring your own seating for all concerts and wear weather-appropriate clothing.

Tributes in the Garden
The US Stones: A Tribute to the Rolling Stones
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Chris Young
Feb. 14
Chris Young’s “I’m Comin’ Over” Tour features “Think of You” duet partner Cassadee Pope as special guest.

“Wild Kratts Live!”
Feb. 17
Animated Kratt Brothers, Martin and Chris, “come to real life” in a classically Wild Kratts story. Off “To the Creature Rescue!” the Kratt Brothers activate some fan favorite Creature Power Suits to confront a comic villain. Through hilarious pratfalls and amazing animal “wow facts” the Wild Kratts team rescue their favorite invention from Zach’s clutches.

Jeff Dunham
Feb. 26
Dunham has been the star of four huge tours over the course of the last 10 years, and his Not Playing With a Full Deck show has been a staple at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas since late November 2014.

The Harlem Globetrotters 2016
March 1
The Harlem Globetrotters are preparing for their most epic tour in history, as the world-famous team celebrates its 90th anniversary world tour, with over 320 games in North America alone. A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball-handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment.

Elton John
March 9
Sold out

The Moody Blues
March 10
The Moody Blues — Justin Hayward (lead guitar, vocals), John Lodge (bass guitar, vocals) and Graeme Edge (drums) — have been at the forefront of the classic rock music scene since the 1960s with their multiplatinum, platinum and gold albums.

Disney on Ice Presents “Frozen”
March 17-20
Enter a fantastical winter wonderland beyond all imagination as Disney On Ice presents “Frozen.” You’ll be magically whisked away into the wintry world of Arendelle, where you will be dazzled by amazing special effects.

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Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
With Conductor Dmitry Yablonsky
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2
The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will present Brahms’ Symphony No. 2 and feature cello soloist Daniele Akta.

Emanuel Ax, pianist
7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21
Grammy-winning American classical pianist Emanuel Ax, an internationally acclaimed performer, is currently on the faculty at Juilliard. His program will include Dussek’s Piano Sonata No. 24, Elegie harmonique, and Beethoven’s No. 8 Pathétique, and No. 23 Appassionata Piano Sonatas.
BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE AND OFF BROADWAY PALM

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broadwaypalm.com
(239) 278-4422

“Show Boat”
Through Feb. 14
Come aboard for an original Broadway masterpiece that combines unforgettable songs, dazzling choreography and a story that moves us with its humanity. Set in 1890 to 1927, the production follows a troupe of Mississippi riverboat performers while illuminating the racial and social changes that were shaping the country. The timeless score includes “Ol’ Man River,” “Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man” and “Make Believe.”

“Sister Act”
Feb. 18-April 2
A disco diva witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look — a convent! Masquerading as a nun, she breathes new life into the church, but in the process, blows her cover. This high-spirited musical comedy based on the hit film of the same title is a shining tribute to the universal power of friendship.

“Funny Girl”
April 7-May 14
The musical based on the life of Fanny Brice, from her start in a Brooklyn music hall to her impressive rise to stardom with the Ziegfeld Follies. This irresistible musical comedy is filled with drama, heartbreaking romance and unforgettable songs such as “Don’t Rain on My Parade,” “I’m the Greatest Star,” “The Music That Makes Me Dance” and the Barbara Streisand hit “People.”

“Menopause the Musical”
May 19-July 2
Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common except a black lace bra — and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. The hilarious celebration of women and the change is set to classic tunes from the 1960s, 70s and 80s that will have you laughing and dancing in the aisles.

THE OFF BROADWAY PALM THEATRE

“Unnecessary Farce”
Through March 15
An embezzling mayor is set to meet his accountant in a motel room. Little does he know that two undercover cops have set up a sting and are in the room next door hoping to catch the meeting on video. But there’s a lot of confusion as to who is in what room, who is being videotaped, who has hired a hit man and why does the accountant keep taking off her clothes?

“Who’s Under Where?”
March 10-April 30
Two women have planned a private fashion show in a fancy hotel to convince a world-famous designer to buy their Passion Fashion Wear lingerie. When their jealous husbands arrive unexpectedly, the men jump to wrong conclusions and try to sabotage the show!

SHELL POINT

15000 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers
shellpoint.org/concerts
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Irrera Brothers Duo
7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22
Chicago Brass Quintet
7:30 p.m. Monday, March 7
DaPonte String Quartet
7 p.m. Monday, March 14
Broadway Pops International presents ... “Something Wonderful: The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein”
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5
Barbary Coast Dixieland Band
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1
BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL
8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers
bbmannpah.com
(239) 481-4849

BROADWAY SERIES

"Matilda the Musical"
Feb. 16-21
Winner of 50 international awards, including four Tony Awards and a record-breaking seven Olivier Awards, including Best Musical, “Matilda the Musical” is based on the beloved novel by best-selling author Roald Dahl (“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” “Fantastic Mr. Fox”). It is the story of an extraordinary girl who dreams of a better life. Armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, Matilda dares to take a stand and change her destiny. “Matilda the Musical” is directed by Tony Award-winner Matthew Warchus (“God of Carnage”), who leads this production with a book by Tony Award-winning playwright Dennis Kelly and music and lyrics by Australian comedian, musician and composer Tim Minchin.

"Love Letters"
Feb. 3-28
“Love Letters” is the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd III (Ryan O’Neal) and Melissa Gardner (Ali MacGraw), two young people from similar backgrounds who take very different paths in life. Despite leading lives that should not intersect, they can’t let go of each other through their 50-year friendship, and marriages and families with other people.

"Kinky Boots"
March 15-20
“Kinky Boots” is the smash-hit musical that brings together four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein (“Book”) and Grammy Award-winning rock icon Cyndi Lauper. Directed and choreographed by Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell, “Kinky Boots” took home six 2013 Tony Awards, the most of any show in the season, including Best Musical, Best Score (Cyndi Lauper), Best Choreography (Jerry Mitchell), Best Orchestration (Stephen Oremus) and Best Sound Design (John Shivers). The show also received the Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Broadway.com Awards for Best Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Album, along with many other accolades.

"Dirty Dancing — The Classic Story on Stage"
April 26-May 1
“Dirty Dancing — The Classic Story on Stage” is an unprecedented live experience, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensational dancing. Seen by millions across the globe, this timeless love story features the hit songs “Hungry Eyes,” “Hey Baby,” “Do You Love Me?” and the heart-stopping “(I’ve Had) The Time of My Life.” London’s Sunday Express says, “This crowd-pleasing stage adaptation hits the jackpot!”

OTHER SHOWS

Les Stroud aka “Survivorman” —
An Evening of Music, Conversation & Video
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12

Best known as the producer, creator and star of the hit TV series “Survivorman,” meet Les Stroud up close and personal as his three greatest passions — music, the great outdoors and filmmaking — come together in this not-to-be missed live show.

An Evening With Vince Gill & Lyle
After teaming up for a series of concerts earlier this year, Gill and Lovett saw that the shows were so successful that they decided to continue the tour. Each show will be a series of intimate solo and duo performances, during which the artists will serve as their own accompanists.

Richard Nader’s Doo Wop and Rock ‘N’ Roll Concert
7:30 p.m. March 3
This all-star lineup of rock-'n'-roll legends includes Jay Siegel and The Tokens, who recorded “The Lion Sleeps Tonight,” “Portrait of My Love” and “Tonight I Fell in Love.”

Bill Engvall
7 and 9:30 p.m.
Bill Engvall is a Grammy-nominated, multiplatinum-selling recording artist and one of the top comedians in the country. Most recently, Bill was a contestant on Season 7 of ABC’s “Dancing With the Stars,” and as a fan favorite, he made it to the finals.

Kathy Griffin
8 p.m. April 1
Two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning comedian Kathy Griffin is a towering figure on television, on tour and in publishing. She breaks through the entertainment clutter with her universally recognized brand of pull-no-punches comedy.

Fort Myers Festival opening night
7 p.m. April 7
FMFF’s 6th annual event will open with the red carpet rolling out, paparazzi clicking and doors with drinks, mingling & musical entertainment with local and international filmmakers prior to the featured movie which will start at 7 p.m. VIP will enjoy a star-studded backstage afterparty with the stars of the opening night’s films, with music, dancing, fully-stocked bar and chance to meet with the stars of the evening’s film, filmmakers and event VIP.

The Illusionists — Live From Broadway
April 8-10
Full of hilarious magic tricks, death-defying stunts and acts of breathtaking wonder, “The Illusionists” has shattered box office records worldwide and thrilled audiences of all ages with a mind-blowing spectacular showcasing the jaw-dropping talents of seven of the most incredible illusionists on earth.

Jay Leno
7:30 p.m. April 17
Acclaimed TV late-night show host, admired stand-up comedian, best-selling children’s book author, much-in-demand corporate speaker, lovable TV and movie voice-over artist, pioneering car builder and mechanic, and philanthropist, it’s no wonder that Jay Leno has always been widely characterized as “the hardest-working man in show business.”

Brian Regan
7 p.m. April 24
Regan made history with the live Comedy Central broadcast of “Brian Regan: Live From Radio City Music Hall,” the first-ever live broadcast of a stand-up special in Comedy Central’s history.

Styx
7 p.m. May 10
Harmony. Chemistry. Balance. Grit. Dexterity. Determination. Solidarity. Terms that describe a Super Bowl champion? Well, almost. These are words that define the core essence of Styx, the multiplatinum-selling rock band that has forged an indelible legacy both on record and onstage.

The Music of ABBA: Arrival From Sweden
7:30 p.m. May 11
Arrival From Sweden was founded by Vicky Zetterberg in 1995 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Arrival From Sweden very soon became one of the world’s most popular and most selling ABBA show bands. Since the start in 1995 the band has toured in close to 50 countries and has appeared in several TV and radio shows all over the world. Since 2007 Arrival From Sweden has made 33 successful tours in the USA.

“Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood”
6 p.m. May 20
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Dedicated to saving children’s lives by supporting the region’s growing pediatric health care system, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. has donated $12.8 million to Golisano Children’s Hospital and institutions of higher education to support the training of future pediatric health care professionals.

Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida continues to be SWFL Children’s Charities Inc.’s primary beneficiary, and the charity recently committed to donating an additional $5 million over the next five years. At this hospital Southwest Florida children receive lifesaving care close to home, helping families avoid the physical, financial and emotional strain of commuting to a hospital far away.

Additionally, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. made a five-year pledge of $1 million each to Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida South-
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Western State College. These dollars will provide scholarships to local deserving students who are receiving state-of-the-art training to meet the need for pediatric health care services in the region.

How do they do it? Through the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, one of the top-grossing charitable wine fests in the country. This two-day event, Feb. 26 and 27, attracts some of the greatest wine and food enthusiasts who come together to bid on luxurious auction lots, donating millions of dollars to help serve children’s health care needs in Southwest Florida.

Why do they do it? The charity is made up of people who care about saving children’s lives. They are parents, grandparents and neighbors who lead the charge toward a better tomorrow for the next generation in Southwest Florida. An example is Bev Cherry, trustee and secretary of the board of directors for SWFL Children’s Charities Inc.

“We were introduced to the charity when we first attended the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest years ago,” said Bev of herself and her husband, Art. “We thought, ‘How could we not help fragile children and their families?’”

It’s not a remote concept for the Cherrys, or any of the trustees, who each have specific personal examples of times when they saw the need for quality pediatric care close to home. For the Cherrys, it was when the 4-year-old daughter of close friends became ill and was in and out of the hospital for several years. The Cherrys graciously welcomed the child’s toddler sister into their home whenever the parents had to travel to the hospital.

“However, having a family friend to help in that way isn’t the norm,” said Bev Cherry. “It can be an unbearable hardship for families when their child needs to travel for serious health issues. Our hope is to keep children’s health care close to home.”

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It’s with great appreciation for the millions of dollars that have been raised thus far, and with great hope for the future of Southwest Florida’s children that we invite you to this signature event. Only when you look into the eyes of a child who is healthy and thriving because of the special care they have received at Golisano Children’s Hospital, and watch the hands of many caring and talented young professionals at work, learning to provide lifesaving care at Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida Southwestern State College, do you begin to understand the true magic of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

We have seen the results of your donations firsthand. Families held together, children undergoing the lifesaving care they need and deserve, and students realizing their dreams to help young patients in need. It’s an honor to be part of this special event that touches so many lives.

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CHEF: Andy Hyde, Chef Hyde Gourmet
LOCATION: Audubon, Naples
ATTIRE: ’20s–’30s Sassy Flapper

**Bikers, Blues & Benovia**
HOSTS: Scott & Mary Fischer
VINTNER: Benovia Winery
CHEF: Harold Balink, Harold’s
LOCATION: Palmetto Point, South Fort Myers
ATTIRE: Dressy Denim & Leather

**Red, White & Blue**
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CHEF: George Fistrovich
LOCATION: The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, Naples
ATTIRE: Cocktail, Jacket & Tie

**Feelin’ Lucky With Gamble**
HOSTS: Jason & Kelly Stephens and Art & Bev Cherry
VINTNER: Gamble Family Vineyards
CHEF: Bob Boye, Cru
LOCATION: Royal Harbor on Naples Bay
ATTIRE: Monte Carlo Glam (no tie)

**Nashville Nights**
HOSTS: Don & Andie Vogt
VINTNER: Checkerboard Vineyards
CHEF: Gloria Jordan, Gloria’s La Trattoria Café Napoli
LOCATION: Palmetto Point, South Fort Myers
ATTIRE: Country Cocktail

**Miami Vice**
HOSTS: Rob Wilson & Rio DeArmond
VINTNER: Dakota Shy
CHEF: Brian Roland, Crave Culinaire
LOCATION: Coquina Sands, Naples
ATTIRE: Posh & Sophisticated ’80s

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HOSTS: Tim Youngquist & Sandy Stilwell and Dave & Cheryl Copham
VINTNER: Carter Cellars, Envy Wines & Ancillary Cellars
CHEF: Andrew Hunter, The Bay House
LOCATION: St. Charles Harbour, South Fort Myers
ATTIRE: Cocktail

**Coconut Grove**
HOSTS: Brian Kelley & Shari Skinner
VINTNER: Saint Helena Winery
CHEF: Todd Johnson, Rumrunners
LOCATION: Iona on the River, South Fort Myers
ATTIRE: Casual Tropics
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The atmosphere will transport partygoers to 1950s Miami through live musical entertainment and decor. As salsa and jazz fill the air, the very best cuisine will be served on the pool deck and within the couple’s luxurious home, in full view of their own outstanding wine display.

First-time hosts of a Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest Chef Vintner Dinner, the Kelleys will welcome 40 guests to their newly completed home in Iona on the River. Still bountiful with coconut trees, the majestic grove and sparkling river provide a beautiful backdrop for this glamorous affair.

Guests will dine on a five-course menu by Chef Todd Johnson of Rumrunners restaurant in Cape Coral, complemented with a dessert course by Ryan Love of Norman Love Confections and wine selections from Saint Helena Winery in Napa.

“There will be a very casual, breezy attitude that we hope will allow our guests to enjoy themselves,” said Kelley.

Although it is their first year hosting a Chef Vintner Dinner for SWFL Children’s Charities Inc., the couple have a significant history of involvement in charitable health care work. Kelley is immediate past president of the Lee County Medical Alliance, and Skinner is incoming president of the Lee County Medical Society, two organizations that support the region’s health care community.

“We believe in good citizenship,” said Kelley. “That includes, for us, helping where we are able, hopefully with a sense of fun!”
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The five-course meal, expertly planned and prepared by Boye, an emerging culinary superstar, indulges guests with outstanding gourmet dishes perfectly paired with four highly coveted wines. Following dinner, the wine will continue to flow as cigar girls circulate the gaming area, complete with two professionally dealt gaming tables.

“The Stephenses are hosting the event for the first time with experienced co-hosts Art and Bev Cherry, who also serve as trustees for SWFL Children’s Charities Inc.

“We had heard a lot about the event in the past, and we are happy to offer our home for such a worthy cause,” said Kelly Stephens.

“We are fortunate to have three healthy children,” adds Jason Stephens. “It’s comforting to know that excellent health care is so close to us in the event that we would need it. Our hearts go out to the many families who already do need this hospital.”
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Q & A With Jeff Mangahas of Williams Selyem Winery

The 2016 Honored Signature Vintner for the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is Williams Selyem Winery, whose mission is to “make the best wines, from the best grapes, from the best growers.” We sat down with Williams Selyem winemaker Jeff Mangahas for his unique point of view on this exciting upcoming event.

Q: How do you feel about supporting a cause that benefits pediatric medicine?
A: Having worked as a researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, I was always around the end goal of helping people, which has left a lasting and profound impact on me. The “Hutch” is a pioneer in research and medicine both for adults and kids, and while I am not in that industry anymore, it gives me joy to be able to continue to support great causes that aid in the betterment of people’s lives, and particularly children.

Q: How did you get into wine?
A: I started tasting and collecting wine shortly after graduating from college. Growing up in Washington State, the wine industry was exciting and constantly evolving. I learned a lot there and caught the bug. From there, my natural investigative personality led to me travel and learn about vineyards and wine in France, Italy and the world. After many years as a research scientist, I decided to make a career change and marry my scientific background with my hobby and passion in wine. I went back to school to get a master’s degree in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis.

Q: Your pinots are among the highest-scoring wines. What makes Williams Selyem Winery stand out among the pinot producers?
A: Commitment to quality through and through. We are focused on expressing the uniqueness of each site and vineyard. We have some of the best vineyards around, and everyone is committed to executing the necessary steps to achieve consistently excellent results.

Q: What do chefs generally say about your wines, and which foods are best paired with your wines?
A: Our wines have incredible focus and sound acidities due to where we source grapes and how we make wine. Wines such as ours enable versatility in food and wine pairings. The moderate alcohols also enable the wines to complement almost any dish.

Q: What is your favorite wine and food pairing?
A: Pinot Noir is versatile. Many of our wines have tremendous freshness and sound acidity that allow them to pair with very rich dishes. The most surprising combinations are the ones that seem out of box, like a robust Pinot Noir with rich fatty fish, such as arctic char, in either raw or cooked preparations.

Q: What experience do you want the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest attendees to have as they enjoy your wines?
A: I would love for people to enjoy the unique style of our wines and learn about how expressive a wine can be of a place through our thoughtful growing and winemaking process.
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Sadly, when this hospital reaches capacity, children have to be sent elsewhere, traveling far from home for the care they need. That’s why the new Golisano Children’s Hospital is so important. It will provide more beds to accommodate the region’s growing population. Also, the new hospital will help families stay near young patients comfortably for longer periods of time, incorporate the most advanced technology, and attract the very best pediatric health care professionals to our area with a fully equipped state-of-the-art facility. It will make our community proud.

A priceless gift to those who need it, the new hospital costs $240 million to build, and it is funded in part by individual donors and charities such as SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. Already the second largest donor to the Golisano Children’s Hospital, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. has already donated more than $10 million to the children’s hospital and is poised to exceed its $15 million pledge within the next five years with the support of its trustees, and the sponsors and guests of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

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at FSW, her family lost their home to foreclosure. For a period of time, as they worked to get back on their feet, the family lived in a bus, with McGinnis’ father sleeping in a tent outside because there wasn’t enough room.

The family now has their home back, but McGinnis still depends on financial aid to help pay for her education, and she works to cover the rest. Her scholarship from SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. has allowed her to work less and focus more on school as she completes her Associate of Science degree.

“I’m able to be here and devote all of me to this program now,” says McGinnis. “It’s made an impact on my grades and performance. It’s really relieved a lot of stress, and I’m excited to start my career. I feel well-prepared.”

In May, McGinnis will complete the program and prepare for the Dental Hygiene National Board and the state board necessary to become a licensed dental hygienist. In the meantime, she is putting her training to work by giving cleanings and oral hygiene instruction to children at the FSW clinic. Her work helps in-need patients avoid a range of serious health problems later in life, and the experience she gains at the clinic will help her perform on the job when she becomes licensed.

“We see a lot of children who really need help, and it gives me so much joy to see kids excited about their oral health and learning to take better care of themselves. It has been life-changing,” says McGinnis.

To help address the growing need for quality health care professionals like McGinnis, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. has pledged $1 million over the next five years to FSW for scholarships, equipment, technology and software. Additionally, $1 million has been pledged to the College of Health Professions and Social Work at Florida Gulf Coast University over five years.

An FGCU scholarship recipient, Ashley Saldarriaga hopes to work at Golisano Children’s Hospital as a pediatrician one day. The freshman is a Miami native who moved to Fort Myers at the age of 13 with her mother and sister. An active volunteer throughout high school, she has demonstrated her passion for helping children. A full scholarship from SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. will help her complete her degree in Biology, a major milestone in achieving her dream of becoming a pediatrician.
“I think of each dollar as a pound off my shoulders,” said Ashley Saldarriaga, who has worked two jobs since the age of 16 to help her mother make ends meet.

“Every time I hear someone talk about buying a textbook or paying a bill, I think of my scholarship.”

Saldarriaga says the scholarship has helped her mother as much as it has helped her. Ashley’s sister also attends FGCU, and the family’s educational expenses have been mounting. What Ashley wants donors to know is this: “One day, not today, tomorrow or next week, but someday I will be a pediatrician, and I’ll be helping kids because of this scholarship.”

FSW and FGCU programs were selected because of their proven success in cultivating the next generation of pediatric health professionals, backed by hard numbers, including a national board passing rate of nearly 100 percent, and equally impressive job placement for graduates.

One can already see how funds dedicated to these local education programs are nurturing to the pediatric health profession in Southwest Florida with students and graduates volunteering, interning, and working at Golisano Children’s Hospital.

Given the nationwide shortage of pediatric nurses, Brigitta Schwingendorf is another compelling example of valuable home-grown talent. Schwingendorf is a graduate of FSW who has gone on to join the team at Golisano Children’s Hospital as a pediatric nurse. The young professional always dreamed of working with children and taught first grade before returning to school for her nursing degree. She has been a pediatric nurse at Golisano Children’s Hospital for six years now.

“The new Golisano Children’s Hospital will attract the best health care professionals to our area, and the health/science scholarships we provide will bring this initiative full circle,” said Debbie Toler, trustee and member of the board of directors, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. “Many of the students educated locally will begin their career at this amazing hospital.”

Ashley Saldarriaga, FGCU scholarship recipient.

“One day, not today, tomorrow or next week, but someday I will be a pediatrician, and I’ll be helping kids because of this scholarship.”

— Ashley Saldarriaga
‘A Million Reasons to Give’
This Year’s Special Initiative

Imagine a newborn, just six days old, who is at death’s doorstep. Mom and Dad say goodbye as she is taken into surgery, not knowing if her condition is repairable. Although she knows it might be too late, the pediatric surgeon begins her lifesaving work.

That is the story of Caroline Fennemore, and her parents, Kelly and Jason Fennemore of Naples. Caroline was born with a twisted bowel that caused her to vomit green bile from the day she was born. By her sixth day of life, she was very ill, but the cause was unclear, and the closest hospital wasn’t equipped to care for a newborn. She was transported to Golisano Children’s Hospital, where she received lifesaving surgery by Dr. Amy Stanfill, pediatric surgeon at Golisano Children’s Hospital, who untwisted her bowel and closed a hole in her stomach. She spent 3 1/2 weeks in recovery at Golisano Children’s Hospital, not far from home.

Today, Caroline is a healthy, thriving 14-month-old who is beginning to walk, loves being read to and plays with her 3-year-old sister Ava. Her mother says you would never know it happened, and that’s a beautiful thing.

“As soon as the transport team from Golisano arrived, it was like day and night,” said Kelly Fennemore, Caroline’s mother. “It gave me such peace to see they had what they needed to treat her, the equipment and the skills that the other hospital didn’t. It was a life and death situation, and that equipment is part of what saved her life.”

Fennemore refers to the special pediatric surgical tools, technology and
other equipment used at Golisano Children’s Hospital to provide lifesaving care to young patients. Dr. Stanfill and other pediatric surgeons use special instruments for treating patients in a range of ages, from newborns to teenagers. Additionally, the hospital relies on the latest technology, and an array of other equipment that is anything but one-size-fits-all.

“Emerging technologies are critical to providing the highest quality care to our patients and families,” said Kathy Bridge-Liles, chief administrative officer, Golisano Children’s Hospital. “Just as many professionals rely on technology to achieve their goals, we will rely upon the latest technology to help protect the little ones in our care.”

To help provide everything a state-of-the-art children’s hospital needs to effectively serve its patients, SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. presents “A Million Reasons to Give,” calling on auction bidders and the entire community to help give the new Golisano Children’s Hospital approximately $1 million in special pediatric tools, equipment and technology to ensure quality care for young patients.

From specialized surgical trays featuring tiny tools to anxiety-soothing MRI suites designed to put children at ease so accurate images can be captured, each item on the “A Million Reasons to Give” list improves the patient experience for little ones, and will save lives. The latest advancements help pediatric health providers avoid unnecessary pokes to locate tiny veins and utilize smartphone technology in the NICU to monitor infants who can’t call for help on their own. Every item is important to the health and well-being of young patients.

“What we need are physical things, but what you’re really providing is something intangible and so much more valuable,” said Dr. Stanfill. “It’s lifesaving surgery on newborns that weigh less than 5 pounds. It’s surgery for a teenager that might literally change the course of his life.”

For the first time, the “Fund a Cause” initiative is featured online, allowing anyone to donate directly to the purchase of lifesaving equipment and technology. You don’t have to wait for the event or even purchase tickets. You can view the specific needs and make a donation to purchase the equipment of your choice at any time.

“As a parent who has been there, I know the tools and equipment you donate will make a big difference in people's lives,” adds Fennemore. “It is such an important thing to have the right equipment, good equipment. It saved Caroline's life.”
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The Art of Survival

Golisano Children’s Hospital is the primary beneficiary of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, and nothing illustrates the reason better than the child artist program.

Each year, a young patient of Golisano Children’s Hospital is selected to create a one-of-a-kind work of art that is auctioned off at the event. This year, donors will be able to bid online as well as at the auction on Saturday, Feb. 27. Traditionally, the artwork has been donated back to the hospital for display in a gallery where medical staff, patients, families and visitors can glean inspiration from these works that reflect each artists’ personality, hopes and dreams.

For the past 10 years, auction participants have fallen in love with the children and their art, bidding generously to support the patients of Golisano Children’s Hospital. Bids for the artwork start at $5,000, and last year’s child art raised $500,000. Since the program began in 2006, child art has raised nearly $1 million at auction for the Golisano Children’s Hospital.

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Now 6 years old, Avery is still at the hospital often for clinic visits, which sometimes take all day. The McCaskills are thankful to be able to return home at the end of each day, and that is only possible with a hospital nearby.

Like many young children, Avery is naturally drawn to art, and the hospital taps into the innate joy creativity...
brings to help young patients like her through the treatment process. For example, Avery first learned about her chemo treatments by playing with syringes filled with paint.

“She got to squirt paint all over this huge piece of paper in the hospital playroom,” said McCaskill. “The child life specialist made it so much fun, I wanted to join in.”

Now, as a Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest child artist, Avery has had the unique opportunity to work with Child Life veteran and artist Ellen Sheppard, and a new art mentor, Joelene Black. This talented trio created the poster art that will be auctioned at the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest on Feb. 27.

Avery chose to paint one of her favorite subjects, the wise old owl pictured here. An orange and yellow creature perched on a branch, the owl’s eyes say it all with an inquisitive twinkle that McCaskill assures us is a window into her daughter’s personality. The sky indicates a sunny outlook, and the optimistic tone is moving considering the magnitude of the young artist’s health struggles. Then again, she is triumphing over her disease, and there is good reason to believe in blue skies ahead.
Changing of the Guard

Ellen Sheppard, the artist who guided Avery, and nine other child artists before her, in the artistic process, is passing her brush to a new art mentor, Joelene Black. Next year’s artist will work with Black, whose daughter Sophia was the 2015 Child Artist.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 10 years,” says Sheppard. “It’s the highlight of the year for me. I’ve been blessed to be able to do this for 10 years, and I’m going to miss it. I really am.”

Sheppard is optimistic about the future of the program under Black, whom she calls “a wonderful lady with new ideas.”

“Sadly, we have a lot of children who need this hospital,” adds Sheppard. “It’s really beautiful that this child art program is taking place to raise awareness and funds to help children like Avery.”
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