Myra Janco Daniels gifts $3 million to WGCU Public Media

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When WGCU Public Media told Southwest Florida’s best fundraiser for the arts about their Fund Our Future initiative to raise $30, she asked what they needed as their lead gift.

“They said $3 million,” Myra Janco Daniels, founder and first CEO of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, recalled. “I said, ‘That’s good. I think I’ll take that.’”

“They were just wide-eyed.”

Mrs. Daniels said this is the largest amount she’s ever donated. It’s also the largest gift WGCU has ever received.

A station press release sent out last week said that, with the approval of the Florida Gulf Coast University board of trustees, WGCU will rename the building housing its TV and radio studios on the campus of FGCU the Myra Janco Daniels Public Media Center. The new name will be unveiled June 15.

(Mrs. Daniels also has another building named after her: the Daniels Pavilion on the FGCU campus.)
My mother once rode 30 miles down the mountain on rough dirt roads in the back of a 1928 Dodge to play the first movement of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” to a recital audience 4,000 feet below her home on a cattle ranch in the Colorado Rockies.

She was about 15. Since she’s staying with us now deep in the subtropics, and we were listening to my 14-year-old son play the same timeless movement on our upright living-room piano last night, I began wondering: Why the hell can’t you turn on the box in the corner?

You know the device — the radio, they call it, which first arrived courtesy of the Italian inventor, Guglielmo Marconi, just over the century. Radio may be vanishing now, but every- body still has one because everybody can. You can get them anywhere starting at $45, they say. Of course, it won’t work unless you wire it to an existing stereo system as an in-line component.

Radio has become increasingly commer- cialized. Money is scarce and public radio stations vie from many directions for the ears of listeners. Money is paid in by affiliate (local and regional) stations such as WGCU on the southwest coast or WLRN in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. Those stations raise money and buy shows from NPR. And sometimes they compete digitized and made available online but not on the air. So competing podcasts, too, of course — shows digitized and made available online but not on the air. Some competing companies that “underwrite.”

Perhaps that’s not a bad thing — to start pandering to what people want so you don’t have to live up literally to your tax-exempt “nonprofit” status. Should we give them grilled wild-caught salmon for a first course because it might make them healthier than ice cream, whether they want it or not? Naw, not worth it.

In an irony of historic proportions, the woman who founded the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts (now Artis-Naples) when that urbane community had little or no classical music has just given WGCC public television its largest-ever gift: $5 million for arts programming, which won’t bring philharmonic performances back to the radio.

On the other hand, that’s not how Bill Siemering saw public radio when he helped found NPR and “All Things Considered” aired its first show: That was exactly 45 years ago this month, on May 3, 1971.

“National Public Radio will serve the individual,” he wrote in the mission state- ment. It will celebrate the human experience as infinitely varied, rather than vacuous and banal.”

Mr. Siemering then concluded with this powerful sentence: “NPR will not regard its audiences as a market or in terms of its disposable income, but as curious, com- plex individuals who are looking for some understanding, meaning and joy in the human experience.”

Joy. Yes please, I’ll have a big helping of that. Give me some “Moonlight Sonata” and love, if you will. And thank you.
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**Opinion**

**Music to my ears**

Earlier this month, the English rock band Radiohead released to much critical acclaim its ninth album, “A Moon Shaped Pool.” I only know this because my millennial son offered me it during a recent phone call. He also said the accompanying video on YouTube was not to be missed.

I knew the group by name only because newsmakers of the band’s appearances in the U.S. bounced around our householder previously.

My son became a devoted fan. We, the parents, took his word for it. I knew this band was special; but, like a great many things that divide one generation from another, I never got into their grove.

However, Radiohead has done just fine without me, selling more than 30 million albums worldwide. So I clicked on YouTube to see what all the fuss was about. It was, in some respects, a harrowing journey.

Joni Pareles of The New York Times summed up the group’s artistic achievement perfectly in his review of the album.

Of, he wrote, “The future is dire, the past a blur and the present heartbroken yet hinting at possibilities. … Radiohead worries throughout the album about environmental devastation, about mass thoughtlessness, about love gone cold, about finding the way forward …” On this album, grim tidings arrive amid gorgeous backdrops, multi-layered tinkle, and murmurnings give the music a subliminally shimmering aura.”

But, he concludes, “for the most part, ‘A Moon Shaped Pool’ is an album of nightmare lullabies.”

No kidding, I thought to myself. I felt exactly the same but something more. The thought was inescapable: That my generation’s wanton neglect of the planet and each other, it was we who first sang these dystopian lullabies to our babies in their cradles, children now grown into adulthood and for whom this music resonates deeply.

From an elder’s point of view, “A Moon Shaped Pool” is a hard listen, an uncomfortable look deep into the eyes of the next generation. They peer back at us and our failures to save this world for them in better shape than we found it. In this album, Radiohead touches a strong chord of pessimism in a massive, young audience. Taken as a whole, it is an anthem to failed optimism.

If this seems a bit overwrought, perhaps it is. But our failed legacies will be the next generation’s burden to carry, assuming we fail to muster the will and the moral conscience to act now. Saving the planet is overwhelming. Maybe we should start right here, where we live, with saving our springs.

Florida is barreling toward the Perfect Storm, its engines in full throttle, heading straight into a maelstrom of its own creation. Consider just the implications for our state: Florida’s population is projected to hit the state by 2030. If the state’s water consumers — 10 million-plus people, tourism, farms, cities, industry — can’t find a way forward. If you thirst, consider the major threats to Florida’s spring, underground aquifers and freshwater resources give the music an enzyming rainfall, over-pumping, pollution and saltwater intrusion. As Radiohead might sing it, “This is a low flying panic attack.” People devoted to conservation and protection of the environment leave a big footprint when engagement of young people is inclusive to their mission. I think especially of John Marshall, who died earlier this year at 75.

He founded the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades and the Florida Environmental Institute. He worked for decades with his surviving spouse, Nancy Marshall, to save the River of Grass and South Florida’s wetlands, educating young people along the way and creating opportunities for them to become entrenched in the environmental causes he was passionate in pursuing.

This is optimism incarnate and an antidote to Radiohead’s warning of “the river running dry.”

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**Blowing smoke on e-cigarettes**

Down through all the millennia that mankind has smoked tobacco, no one would have believed (or even imagined) that a battery-powered contraption with no tobacco would one day be considered a tobacco product.

We’ve long had smokeless tobacco; now we have tobaccoless tobacco. This conceptual breakthrough is the work of federal bureaucrats who are bringing the regulatory hammer down on e-cigarettes in a misbegotten extension of that war on smoking.

The Food and Drug Administration has issued new rules so onerous that they will likely suppress the manufacture of e-cigarettes and kill off small companies making them. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell hailed the action as “an important step in the fight for a tobacco-free generation.”

Here we are.

There is no doubt that cigarettes are a great cause of human misery; they kill almost 500,000 people a year in the U.S. This is why e-cigarettes, with their potential to diminish smoking, could be a boon to public health. They deliver nicotine without the truly harmful part of cigarettes, the tar and chemicals.

The FDA is evidently operating on the basis of a regulatory reverse Hippocratic oath: First, do harm to a burgeoning industry — then hope to find some contrived justification for it at some later date.

The new rules are crafted so that even vaping product currently on the market will have to go through an onerous FDA review process. Any new product will have to do the same.

The American Vaping Association maintains that submitting an application will cost more than $1 million and take more than 1,700 hours. The regulatory burden will swamp small companies and will cost the resources necessary to keep up with compliance costs. (The big tobacco companies, in contrast, will be fine.)

The small firms that havedone innovation in e-cigarettes. The products have gotten better, with more variety, since their introduction in 2007. That’s manifestly a good thing. The more satisfying e-cigarettes are, and the more they replicate the real smoking experience, the more likely it is that smokers will switch over, or at least use fewer cigarettes.

The highly respected Royal College of Physicians in Britain gets the logic. It issued a report emphasizing the enumorous promise of e-cigarettes, which it estimates are 5 percent as dangerous as the real thing. An authority who worked on the report explained to The New York Times that e-cigarettes “have the potential to help half or more of all smokers get off cigarettes. That’s a huge health benefit, bigger than just about any medical intervention.”

The U.S. is rejecting that common-sense approach to harm reduction. It is against vaping no matter how safe it is or how many people it might coze into giving up smoking.

The famous line attributed to Mark Twain is that it is as easy as quitting smoking — he’s done it thousands of times. Of course, Twain didn’t have the option of vaping. If the FDA has anything to say about it, neither will anyone else.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the Nation Review.
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The local version of ‘Whose Line Is It, Anyway?’ comes back to town

Now that arts organizations are cooling off after entertaining snowbirds with high impact productions all winter, amateur performers are re-emerging with a whole bunch of new material, show-offs. They know we like seeing what they can do, and regular Florida Weekly readers know that we are particularly partial to improvisational comedy. It’s fast, inventive and frequently interactive, making it an unusual and fun way to spend an evening at the theater, which is why we are excited to announce that Stage 2 Improv returns to Sugden Community Theater’s Tobyde Studio Friday, May 20. Performances will be Friday and Saturday nights through June 16.

Michael and Judith Santos founded the troupe in 2009 and have presented performances at the Sugden since 2012. With about a dozen members with varying degrees of experience, Stage 2 Improv takes audiences on a fast-paced, exhilarating and highly interactive trip along their synaptic highways with off-the-cuff scenes and situations that often result in hilarity.

Of course, spontaneous theater requires an audience that buys into the ideals of improv, the most important being the principal called, “Yes, and...” Performers and spectators are required to leave their egos behind and accept whatever an actor presents and add to it, never denying or questioning its premise. While the resulting scenes are often funny or absurd, humor is beside the point when actors spark off each other to ignite their creativity.

“People don’t realize that we’re not trying to be funny, we’re just trying to be real,” Mr. Santos says. “The funny happens naturally.”

But can improvisational principals be useful for anything besides entertainment? Absolutely! If you’re looking for a guide to life, this one is as good as any.

“Yes, and...” can be implemented into everything, from writing, directing, auditioning — even your regular job,” Mr. Santos says. “It can help you get a promotion or improve your project. A lot of our society today is negative, but if you think ‘Yes, and ...’ you can get a lot farther along. It’s a philosophy more than an improv trick.”

What a challenge.

In life, we say “no” more often than “yes” because we only have so much energy. Perhaps attempting an improv performance is a great way to see how affirmation opens up possibilities that are surprising and informative.

But what if that guy on stage is pretending to be a chimp nitpicking a Power Ranger? Do I have to play along? Yes, it’s fun. You’ll love it. I promise you’ll leave a better person.

What can newbies expect to see at a Stage 2 Improv show?

First, Friday nights have been designated Sports Night, and performers will compete in a variety of theater games. Example: In a game called Four Things, a player leaves the room with an audience member while the other players take audience suggestions for an action to mime. When the first player and audience member return, they have to guess what the others are trying to communicate — without any words.

“If the action were playing baseball with a zucchini, it would have to be conveyed nonverbally,” Mr. Santos says. Saturday nights are reserved for short-form scenes, usually limited to a handful of minutes, where actors riff off situations generated by the audience. Perhaps you’ll see Weird Ali Yancovic leading a dying man to the light. It could be a nice way to spend date night.

Be mindful that Stage 2 Improv performances are popular and run only for five weeks. Tickets for $10-$20 can be purchased at The Naples Players’ box office, by calling 265-7990 or visiting naplesplayers.org.

— The traffic on Lindsey Nesmith’s synaptic highways is backed up and could use some “Yes, and...” to get it moving again.

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1.2 Million people living in the U.S. with HIV.

13 Percent of people living with HIV who do not know it.

44,000 The number of cures for HIV infection is zero. However, effective antiretroviral drugs can control the virus and help prevent transmission so that people with HIV, and those at substantial risk, can enjoy healthy and productive lives.

0 Florida’s ranking of new HIV diagnoses in the United States in 2014, behind California and Texas.

Sources: Florida DOH, CDC, The Kaiser Family Foundation, World Health Organization

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Living with HIV and AIDS
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It is no longer a death sentence, and patients can avoid the end result of full-blown AIDS. With better medication, HIV is an increasingly manageable chronic illness — though one that is life altering medically and socially, close to a normal life span if not always a normal life. And there is still not a cure for HIV. As people live longer with the virus it can exacerbate many other health problems such as a heart condition or diabetes.

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Where to get an HIV screening
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Federal guidelines recommend routine HIV screening for people ages 15 to 65. Florida Department of Health officials recommend getting tested once a year if you’re sexually active, during a routine physical or at a local clinic. Tests are simple and usually take 30 to 30 minutes to get a result. Many clinics have free testing days for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Call for more information.

Collier County Health Department
Testing is offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for HIV ($20) and other STIs ($12). Call for an appointment or to inquire about free testing on select days:
- 5198 Tamiami Trail E., Naples
  - 252-8593
- 419 N. First St., Immokalee
  - 252-7531

Lee County Health Department
Free walk-in HIV testing is available at two locations:
- 83 Pondella Road, North Fort Myers: Monday-Wednesday 7:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.; Friday 12:45-2:30 p.m.
  - 656-2561
- 3920 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers: Thursday 7:45-10 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.
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Telling close friends and family members can be one of the most difficult parts for people who have been diagnosed.

“I think the hardest part was telling my mom,” Mr. Robertson said. “I think she took it harder than I took it.”

Annette, a Fort Myers resident who tested positive in 2008, said even close family members, such as a sister, didn’t want her to be around their kids at first.

“She told me she loved me but she appreciated it if I didn’t come to her house anymore,” Annette said.

That changed over time, along with Annette’s initial reaction to forgetting to take her medicines and leaving her home without her medications.

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It’s also a financial burden for many. Patients get help paying for treatment through Medicaid, Medicare and Ryan White Program funds, which runs 23 clinics throughout Florida.

The Kaiser Family Foundation says 126,000 people in Florida are living with an HIV infection.

Almost 13 percent of them don’t know they’re infected, the Centers for Disease Control estimates, and 0.1 percent fail to keep up with HIV care that can reduce the viral load and decrease the risk of infection.

For many, having HIV is a “huge secret,” Mr. George said. “I don’t think there’s one that doesn’t realize that there is a constant awareness of you being HIV positive and the possibility of getting full-blown AIDS syndrome, minority communities, and that HIV can be difficult. That’s for patients getting care, and those at risk to get tested.

HIVcare.org billboard signs across Fort Myers encourage testing. But there’s a bigger stigma with being gay.

“Florida in general has not been among the top states in terms of HIV cases, thus the rates of new HIV infections are lower than in other areas of the country,” wrote Dr. Cook. “The rates of new HIV infections are higher in Florida, especially in urban areas and in some South Florida communities, than in other areas.”

Researchers point to systemic social factors such as poverty, lack of education, access to health care, and stigma, as well as Florida’s history of maintaining “abstinence only until marriage” sex education policy.

“Adolescents and young adults are at the highest risk of the epidemic, and have a youthful sense of indestructibility,” Mr. Zamot said.

There clearly are many more new infections emerging in Florida than there could be because it is a prevalent condition. The rates of new HIV infections are lower than in other areas of the country. The rates of new HIV infections are higher in Florida, especially in urban areas and in some South Florida communities, than in other areas.

Florida’s official “abstinence only until marriage” sex education policy means most educators stop talking about AIDS because they do not want to teach about the epidemic, and have a youthful sense of indestructibility, Mr. Zamot said. Instead of talking to students about it, they hide their head.

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HIV/AIDS 101

The human immunodeficiency virus can lead to the most serious stage of HIV infection, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. The virus attacks the body’s immune system so that it can’t fight off other infections and diseases. It is spread through unprotected sexual contact or sharing needles. It is easily spread through unprotected anal or vaginal sex, as well as blood-to-blood transmission. It can be spread through casual contact such as using the same toilet, touching, sharing friends or homosexual. It is spread by a blood transfusion, from mother to child during childbirth, or from mother to child through breast milk.

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Where are they now?
Catching up with Guadalupe Center alumni

The young adults featured here grew up in Immokalee. Some are the children of migrant farmworkers, others have parents who cobble together multiple low-paying jobs to support their families. All of them found the Guadalupe Center’s Tutor Corps Program while attending Immokalee High School.

Once accepted into the college preparatory program, they were paid a wage to tutor younger children every day after school and in the summer in Guadalupe’s after-school and summer enrichment programs, all while maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

They earned up to $16,000 in scholarship money and were assigned an adult mentor. They also received support and guidance from Guadalupe’s High School and College Tutor Corps coordinators.

Today, they are out in the workforce, supporting themselves and often their families as well. Many have aspirations to return to their hometown and improve life there.

- **Dr. Elizabeth Midney-Martinez, Class of 2005**

  In her third year of residency in family medicine at Lee Memorial Hospital, Dr. Midney-Martinez was selected as chief resident by her peers. She earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Miami and her M.D. from Ross University in Dominica.

  Remembering the difficulty her own parents had in finding good health care for their family when she was growing up, Dr. Midney-Martinez would like to open a practice in Immokalee to serve the community she loves.

- **Lucio Martinez, Class of 2007**

  After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a master’s in structural engineering from the University of Florida, Mr. Martinez was hired as a structural engineer with Kisinger Campo & Associates Corp. in Tampa. His job includes designing concrete and steel bridges and rehabilitating and repairing existing bridges throughout Florida.

- **Martin Lopez, Class of 2009**

  Mr. Lopez is serving as an intern for Judge Darly Trawick, Circuit Criminal Division, in Miami. Following his internship, he will complete his master’s degree in taxation and corporate law and then pursue his law career. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Miami and graduated from St. Thomas University School of Law earlier this month. He looks forward to taking the Florida Bar exam.

- **Juan Lopez, Class of 2011**

  Mr. Lopez is a business banker with Regions Bank in Tampa, serving business clients with assets between $1 million and $20 million. He earned his bachelor’s degree in finance from Florida Gulf Coast University. Ms. Hernandez returned to Immokalee and is in her second year teaching kindergarten at Eden Park Elementary School. She is excited to be able to help students in her own community.

- **Elizabeth Hernandez, Class of 2001**

  After earning a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Florida Gulf Coast University, Ms. Hernandez returned to Immokalee and is in her second year teaching kindergarten at Eden Park Elementary School. She is dedicated to “breaking the cycle of poverty in Immokalee through education” since the early 1990s, the Guadalupe Center started operation in 1982 as a soup kitchen. The first early childhood education building was opened in 1996 to educate children from 6 weeks to 3 years of age in preparation for entering Immokalee’s elementary schools. Today, in addition to the early childhood education program, the center operates an after-school program as well as the college preparatory Tutor Corps Program. For more information about the center’s programs and services, call 657-7711 or visit guadalupe-center.org.
Adonis Autism hosts presentations about plans for Osprey Village

Adonis Autism Inc. invites families with young or adult children with autism or other disabilities to learn about plans for the development of Osprey Village, a multigenerational cohousing community. Presentations take place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Food and Thought, 2132 Tamiami Trail N., and from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at House of Gaia, 1660 Trade Center Way in Naples.

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

“Our goal is to keep families together,” says Terry Kays, Adonis Autism board president.

Attendance at the presentations is free, but reservations are requested. Call 450-6060 or visit adonisautism.org.

‘Hidden in Plain Sight’ helps parents learn what to look for

Drug Free Collier invites parents and other adults to “Hidden in Plain Sight,” a walk-through of a child’s mock bedroom with a discussion of how to look for signs of substance abuse, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Barron Collier High School. Admission is free.

Through the traveling exhibit and with guidance from a Drug Free Collier representative and an accompanying Power Point presentation, parents will learn to identify objects that could provide critical insights about risky behavior. Amidst the clutter of clothing scattered on the floor, school supplies on a desk and personal care products on a vanity are more than 100 items that can actually be signals that a young person could be involved in risky, harmful or even illegal activity.

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Google sees the future

Google filed a U.S. Patent Office application on April 28 for a vision-improvement device in liquid form that, once inserted (i.e., injected directly into the eyeball!), solidifies into not only a lens replacement for the eye but an instrument that carries its own storage, radio and wireless power supply. The idea, according to inventor Andrew Jason Conrad, is to better focus light onto the retina. (The patent process does not assure that the device will ever come to fruition, but it might indicate that Google’s parent, Alphabet, is concerned that other inventors might be doing similar work.)

Least-competent cops

Motorist Rebecca Musarrat was stopped for speeding in October 2015 by state troopers in New Jersey, and dutifully handed over her license, insurance and registration, but declined to answer the troopers “do you know why we stopped you” questions. Annoyed at her silence, troopers had a local Garwood police officer in Hebei province, two companies’ officials angling for a contract wildly dueled each other in their bulldozers in an incident captured on video. The losing driver was seen running from his toppled machine. (2) An attorney, unsurprisingly has filed a federal lawsuit.

Cavalcade of weird animals

The species Acanthonus armatus first showed up in waters near Vancouver, British Columbia, 10 years ago, generating ichthyological excitement — in that it is widely known as the asfish. The Royal BC Museum in Victoria, British Columbia, put one on display in January with its bulbous head and flabby skin resembling a “glorified tadpole,” said a museum curator, who declined to guess at the origin of the asfish name (bypassing a chance to link it to the fish’s large mouth and tiny brain).

The entrepreneurial spirit

■ Before new parents ruin their baby daughter’s chances of future success by giving her “weak” names (such as Polly), they should consult one of several services that recommend more powerful ones (such as Elizabeth). A New York City woman offers personalized naming research for fees starting at several hundred dollars, but a Swiss agency whose primary work is helping to name product brands now offers parents suggestions on their offspring’s “brand” (for corporate-like fees beginning at around $29,000). (Parents in South Korea and India traditionally seek baby-naming recommendations from priests, who review religious text, culture and astrology — in exchange for modest offerings.)

■ Entrepreneuro.com reported in April the surprising success of “Ship Your Enemies Glitter,” in which, for about $10, the startup sends an envelope full of glitter that, when opened, scatters, irritating (or enriching) the recipient. The concept was an overnight sensation, but quickly petered out and was seemingly worthless — until a prescient businessman offered $85,000 (or its two assets: (1) a valuable list of customers who might buy similar pranks (such as a cupcake that’s really horse manure) and (2) an opportunity at additional waves of customers newly discovering the original glitter product. The $85,000 purchaser now reports sales “in the high six figures.”

Leading economic indicators

1) As China’s real-estate construction boom fades, tempers have flared, and according to the university and government office in Hebei province, two companies’ officials angling for a contract wildly dueled each other in their bulldozers in an incident captured on video. The losing driver was seen running from his toppled machine. (2) Italy’s top appeals court ruled in April that a homeless man stealing cheese and sausage from a grocery store in Genoa, and who received a six-month jail term for it, was actually not guilty of criminal behavior at all. The court sent him free using a traditional Italian legal principle that no one is required to do the impossible — which, the court surmised, would be to allow himself to starve.
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WGCU General Manager Rick John- son said Mrs. Daniels’ gift “will endow one of the most significant aspects of our mission ... to bring the arts to all in Southwest Florida.”

This is the third major gift in as many months announced by the public broadcasting station. In April, WGCU announced gifts from the estate of Pat- rick and Rosalie LaSala and the Eliza- beth B. McGraw Foundation. To date, the Fund Our Future campaign has raised $8.5 million of its $30 million goal. Established in 2014 by WGCU, the goal of the initiative is to raise $30 mil- lion in capital and endowment funds by 2024 without affecting WGCU’s impor- tant annual fundraising goals.

WGCU Public Media serves seven counties with three digital TV channels, two FM radio channels, three HD radio channels and a monthly magazine. More than 60 percent of the station’s funding comes from individual donations and corporate support.

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Airport improvement projects underway

Naples Municipal Airport has started several improvement projects at the south end of the airport along North Road between Tower Drive and the observation deck. The work entails removing the berm along the sidewalk and re-landscaping the area to improve drainage and prepare for potential development, and building public restrooms at the observation deck. The sidewalk adjacent to the berm will be raised to increase drainage and usability.

The observation deck has become a popular amenity since it opened in 2011, according to Chris Rozansky, executive director of the Naples Airport Authority. “We added speakers so people can listen to conversations between air traffic control tower and pilots, and Eagle Scouts provided picnic tables, exercise stations and a bicycle rack,” Mr. Rozansky said, adding, “Constructing restrooms adds convenience for those using the deck and the Gordon River Greenway.”

Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. is leading the improvement project, which is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete. The observation deck remains open for public use during most of the construction.

The airport welcomed the return of scheduled airline service this past February, when Elite Airways began flights to Newark, N.J., and Portland, Maine. The airport is also home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 99,569 takeoffs and landings.

For more information, visit flynaples.com.

Elections office moves to new location

Collier County Supervisor of Elections office has moved to a new location at 3750 Enterprise Ave. For years, the office operated from three different locations, which created challenges when staging elections. The new office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For information about voter registration and the 2016 election cycle, visit colliervotes.com.
**GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

- Gulfcoast Runners presents the Memorial Day 5K stepping out at 8 a.m. Monday, May 30, from The Crust restaurant to benefit SNAPP Collier, an organization that provides spay/neuter services to pets in impoverished areas of Collier County. Registration is $28 through May 29 and $35 the day of the race. Students are $15. For more information or to register, visit gcrunner.org.

- Special Olympics Florida-Collier County hosts its fourth annual SUP Poker run at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Capri Fish House. Participants will make scheduled stops along the course, by land or water, to collect a card to complete their poker hand. Paddleboards, kayaks, boats, cars and motorcycles are acceptable methods of transportation. Prizes will be awarded for the top three poker hands and the worst hand. Registration for $80 includes one poker hand, a goody bag, T-shirt and lunch. All proceeds will support the Special Olympics Florida-Collier County SUP team. For more information or to register, visit specialolympicsflorida.org.

- Gulfcoast Runners presents the Run Wild 5K on Saturday morning, Sept. 24, at The Naples Zoo. The course starts at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot and proceeds through Gordon River Greenway Park. A 1K for children follows at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, from The Naples Zoo; second- and third-place finishers will take home guest passes to both organizations. Participants will have free entry to both all day with their race number. Pre-registration is $25 through Aug. 31, $30 through Sept. 23 and $35 the day of the event. Student registration is $12-$15. Proceeds benefit The Naples Zoo and the Conservancy. For more information or to register, visit gcrunner.org.

- Endangered Species Day at the Zoo and Conservancy The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and the neighboring Naples Zoo celebrate Endangered Species Day with a variety of engaging activities that raise awareness about Southwest Florida’s most vulnerable species. Members of either organization will enjoy free admission to both on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21. Regular admission applies for non-members. “Endangered Species Day provides an ideal educational opportunity for visitors to learn about endangered species, particularly the ones that are native to our hometown,” said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Visitors to the Conservancy and the Zoo will learn about different ways they can help protect these animals, he added. Entrance to the Conservancy campus is just south of the Zoo entrance off Goodlette-Frank Road.

Conservancy hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily programs include: Wildlife Hospital Nursery Window, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Reptile Roundup, 11:30 a.m.; Wildlife Hospital Talk, 12:15 p.m.; and Ocean Discoveries, 2:15 p.m. For more information, visit conservancy.org.

Zoo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last visitors admitted at 4 p.m. Regular programs through the day include the Primate Expedition Cruise, Alligator Bay Hand Feeding, Meet the Keepers presentations and Safari Canyon feature shows. For more information, visit napleszoo.org.

**The 72 Hours to Key West Charity Ride**

The 72 Hours to Key West Charity Ride sets out from Fort Myers Beach at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and continues to Key West for an arrival on Sunday, Nov. 6. The 280-mile, SAG-supported bike ride is for experienced cyclists ages 18 and older who can adequately perform a standard review performed by event organizers. All proceeds benefit Tiny Hands Foundation. Registration is $349-$349, and only a few of the maximum 65 spots remain open. For more information or to sign up, call (727) 798-5656 or visit 72hourstokeywest.com.

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- Davis Boulevard and Radio Road: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Napa Boulevard: Red-light running

**Tuesday, May 24**
- Airport-Pulling Road and Estuary Drive: Aggressive driving
- Collier and Cedar Hammock boulevards: Speeding
- Thomason Drive at Avalon Elementary School: Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, May 25**
- Collier Boulevard and Lely Cultural Parkway: Red-light running
- Radio Road and Santa Clara Drive: Speeding
- Livingston Road and Marsala Way: Speeding

**Thursday, May 26**
- Sunshine Boulevard and 20th Place SW: Aggressive driving
- Radio Road and San Marcos Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 East and Lely Resort Boulevard: Speeding

**Friday, May 27**
- Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running
- Immokalee Road and Logan Boulevard: Aggressive driving
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The DS shelter takes in thousands of animals each year. Money in the trust fund makes possible life-saving medical procedures for sick cats and dogs brought to the shelter. To learn more about DS, including how to host your own community dog show as a fundraiser, call 252-7183.

The Naples Garden Club awarded grants to five local schools and organizations this spring. The funds were raised by the club’s annual House & Garden Tour held in February. Here are this year’s recipients:

- **Naples Botanical Garden** – $100,000. The club’s annual tour supports the garden’s operations, educational programs and garden maintenance. More than 50,000 visitors visit the garden each year.
- **Audubon – Independence Creek Elementary School** – $5,000. The Audubon chapter is an educational partner with the school, providing field trips, projects and other programming.
- **ECHO – $15,000 for scholarships for students studying agriculture or horticulture**
- **Habitat for Humanity – $10,000 for the beautification of its Liberty Landing community in Immokalee**
- **Family Assistance Coalition** – $5,000. The organization raises funds annually through the tour.

The Naples Garden Club is still accepting applications for grants this spring. The annual tour is held in February. To apply, visit naplesgardenclub.org/grants.

**FUNDRAISING REPORTS**

The Schroon Foundation awarded $10,000 to create an indoor learning garden at the Everglades Learning Center in Immokalee. The center teaches students in kindergarten through third grade about environmental topics. The center is part of a larger project that includes an outdoor learning garden.

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**Edible Campus and Learning Garden.** Everglades Learning Center in Immokalee.

Since its inception, The Audubon chapter has given more than $60,000 in scholarships to more than 300 students.

**At Grace Place for Children and Families.** 20 local philanthropists have fulfilled the $350,000 matching gift challenge that was recently offered by The Schroon Foundation for the organization’s campus expansion campaign.

Grace Place’s existing 13,000-square-foot campus is slated to expand to 30,000 square feet to accommodate the educational programs for preschoolers to adults. An additional $5.2 million is needed for the project.

The Schroon Foundation supports numerous Naples-area nonprofits. “We are especially pleased to partner in grants and scholarships this spring. The funds were raised by the club’s annual House & Garden Tour held in February. Here are this year’s recipients:

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Volvo has been trying to add excitement to its image of safety, reliability and practicality. But the model that fits the stereotype of a solid and sensible car is arguably the most significant. The importance of the 2016 Volvo S60 T5 Inscription is less about what it is and more about from where it came.

The S60 Inscription was built in Chengdu, China, and represents the first Chinese automotive export to the U.S. This might seem strange at first, but not once you learn some background info.

First, Volvo has been wholly owned by the Chinese car firm Geely since 2010. It has done a good job of keeping the Swedish carmaker well financed, and have kept most of the production centralized to Scandinavia. But China has unique automotive tastes. Wealthy Chinese prefer to be chauffeur driven. Rather than buy long-wheelbase “L” versions of smaller sedans such as the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4, it’s easy to create cars specifically for China because by law, all international firms must partner with a local company and have local production. Volvo is just going one step further.

The bread-and-butter S60 sedan is built primarily in Europe, but the Chengdu factory is the only one with an extended wheelbase model in production. Volvo would like to increase sales any way possible, and offering something unique to Americans seems quite appealing. So, the only factory with the extended wheelbase S60 added the chic Inscription name and started sending these sedans across the Pacific.

That might seem like a long way to go for a new place, we are getting a taste of the old Orient Express. It is nearly impossible to distinguish the S60 and the S60 Inscription from the outside without a side-by-side comparison. Some owners might not be pleased that no one can tell the difference when their Inscription’s $38,900 base price is $4,850 higher.

Inside, the added wheelbase goes directly to the rear legroom. The S60 Inscription grows by three inches, which moves the feeling from somewhat compact to downright spacious. Plus there are seat heaters, large vents, a power sunshade and enough light wood and metal trim to open a small Ikea. So the back seat is no longer a demotion.

The driver is often secondary in China, but it doesn’t feel that way here. There are plenty of luxuries, and even more of that Nordic wood. (While it does look and feel nice, the older control layout reminds us the S60 line is due for a redesign soon.)

Volvo has needed to creep up the premium scale over the last quarter-century. At one time it just sold safety and peace of mind. Today it’s adding real wood interiors and sport suspensions to get closer to Mercedes and BMW.

But the Inscription rekindles the old Volvo feeling. The extended wheelbase rides a little easier than the standard S60, and the car is specifically built to be comfortable for its backseat owners. Because horsepower isn’t a priority, the smaller T5 2.0-liter turbocharged motor is the only one offered. At 240 horsepower it’s no slouch, but the feeling is far more easygoing than the 302-hp T6 that’s available on other models.

Instead of speed, this just has the solid feeling of Volvos from years ago. The seats still have oversized headrests (now as part of whiplash protection). Airbags are everywhere. There are even some nifty technology items such as low speed collision avoidance, drowsy driver detection, multiple blind spot monitors and red lights on the windshield that glow brighter the closer traffic gets. It is like driving the equivalent of a vigilant mother persistently looking after her newborn.

Honestly, though, there’s more backseat room for less money in the Honda Accord or Ford Fusion. The S60 Inscription won’t be a runaway success, but the company isn’t betting all of its lutefisk on this one. Instead, it’s a niche car that will add some sales or Ford Fusion.

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DLC invites public to open house and Mental Health Fair

The David Lawrence Center invites the public to its first-ever open house and Mental Health Fair at its Naples main campus from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. The center’s clients, their friends and family members and all who support the nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility are welcome.

The event will celebrate Mental Health Month with representatives of health, wellness and mental health providers throughout Collier County, free mental health screenings, campus tours and a series of 15-minute presentations on the signs and symptoms of mental illness and substance abuse.

Guests will also meet a Clydesdale therapy horse and a pet therapy dog, and will be able to participate in lawn games and contests, crafts and an art project about expressing feelings, an “expressive” photo booth, face painting and exercise and yoga demonstrations, all while networking with like-minded mental health advocates and health-conscious members of the community. Local vendors will offer healthy snacks and drinks, and drawings will be held for prizes including bikes, tablets, gift baskets, a yoga membership, gift cards and more.

This year’s theme for Mental Health Month is “Life with a Mental Illness,” which is a call to action to share what life with a mental illness feels like to someone going through it.

“We hope this event will encourage people to speak up and speak out through the fun and interactive opportunities available to express themselves and their feelings while celebrating the many ways our resources and partners can support our mental health and wellness,” says the center’s CEO Scott Burgess.

The 25 partners who will be represented include Survivors of Suicide, Home Base Veteran and Family Care, Home Care Assistance of Naples, Florida Art Therapy Services, PAWS Assistance Dogs, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Max Flex Fitness, Open Minds Zen Center, Gulf Shore Apothecary, Green Monkey Yoga, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Molina Healthcare, Park Royal Hospital, Fresh Fit Foods and Kona Ice.

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Molina Healthcare, Park Royal Hospital, Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Molina Healthcare and Mental Health Fair is free. The event will be held at the David Lawrence Center, 4005 Oasis Parkway in Naples. It was reported in the May 11 issue of Nature.

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Research finds genetic links to educational attainment

An international team of researchers has identified 74 areas of the human genome associated with educational attainment. It is well known that social and other environmental factors influence education, but these findings, reported by the Social Science Genetics Association Consortium, suggest that large genetic analyses may be able to help discover biological pathways as well.

The genome-wide association study, referred to as GWAS, was supported by the National Institute on Aging and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, both part of the National Institutes of Health. It was published in the May 11 issue of Nature.

“This is an interesting development in behavior genetics,” said NIA Director Richard Hodes, M.D. “It extends our understanding of the connection between the genetic components of cognition and years of formal education.”

The SSGAC, led by Daniel Benjamins, M.D., of the University of Southern California, found 74 separate areas (loci) on human chromosomes that are associated with more years of education. These loci are also associated with other areas that correlate with increased cognitive performance and intracranial volume, decreased levels of emotional instability (neuroticism) and decreased risk of Alzheimer’s disease.

The researchers conducted the GWAS on almost 294,000 people of primarily European descent from around the world. Genetic samples were obtained from several ongoing studies, including those funded by NIA, the Health and Retirement Study: the Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility Reykjavik Study; and the SardiNIA Study of Aging, as well as dozens of other cohorts. The team then replicated these findings in an independent sample of more than 133,000 people from the UK BioBank study.

Previous research has shown that genetic factors account for about 20 percent of variation in educational attainment. In this study, 74 single-nucleotide polymorphisms, or SNPs, were identified. The investigators note that, as a group, these SNPs only account for a very small portion (0.43 percent) of the variation across individuals in the sample, individually, each SNP has a very small influence.

The study team regards this study as preliminary and exploratory. Because educational attainment is a complex phenomenon, there are many additional sources of molecular genetic variation to be discovered. Other genetic and environmental effects and their interactions are important topics for future research.

“These study results will enable us to ask more refined questions about the genetic and environmental underpinnings of educational attainment and their health consequences,” said Jonathan King, Ph.D., program director in NIA’s Division of Behavioral and Social Research, which supports the SSGAC.

“For example, we’ve known for quite a while that education appears to be a protective factor in Alzheimer’s disease,” he added. “But education is itself a very complicated outcome. It depends on genetic contributions to cognitive ability and other characteristics that motivate individuals to continue education, as well as substantial environmental contributions to educational success.

“The results of this study and future work will enable us to better understand how these pathways interact,” he continued. “Perhaps ultimately, we’ll be able to learn why and how educational attainment seems to be protective of cognition in later life.”

The size of the study made it possible to answer questions not able to be addressed previously. For example, because of the large number of participants, the researchers were able to identify many more loci that appear to contribute to cognitive ability than had been previously known. The study has implications for future research, where these links can be further explored.

Data on the level of education attained by participants is routinely collected. With that information and a DNA sample, investigators can conduct additional GWAS of other racial and ethnic groups, which could allow identification of new variants and genetic pathways associated with educational attainment and further validate the contribution of loci from the study reported on May 11.

The research was coordinated by SSGAC. Funded by the NIA, the SSGAC is a cooperative enterprise among biomedical researchers and social scientists that coordinates genetic association studies for social science outcomes and provides a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration.

The NIA leads the federal government’s effort to conduct and support research on aging and the health and well-being of older people. Its broad scientific program seeks to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. It is also the lead institute at the NIH supporting and conducting studies on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. For more information on research, aging and health, go to nia.nih.gov.

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Diabetes education and support groups: 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 26, at 601 Pine Ridge Road – Pam Eichter, RN and certified diabetes instructor, discusses how to prevent or delay the progression of diabetes.

Risk factors for stroke: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at 601 Pine Ridge Road – Mark Lieberman, MD, discusses a 15-minute, non-surgical outpatient procedure that can result in weight loss from 20-80 pounds.

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Rocking Your Age:

Why Modern Women DON’T Have to Look Their Age Anymore

The Baby Boomers have begun to reach retirement age, and they’re not slowing down; they’re living longer and enjoying better quality of life than any previous cohort, and yet the progression of the aging process continues. Redface and dark spots, telltale lines and signs of aging are minimized with regular medical peels, microdermabrasion, dermplaning, Dr. Flaharty always offers a free initial consultation to go over your health and medical history, as well as to assess which procedure(s) will best help you create the appearance you want. Patients with certain skin conditions, for instance, might not be candidates for a chemical peel, but may benefit greatly from intense pulsed light treatments. Goodbye redness and dark spots, hello bright, even-toned skin. And why should Grandma stop at her face, when she puts so much work into keeping her body as young as her mind? EKLS body contouring and CoolSculpting use targeted cooling energy to eliminate those last stubborn deposits of fat on the thighs, abdomen and back. There is minimal discomfort and no downtime, which means that Grandma can get back on her Harley as soon as she leaves after treatment. She’s got places to go, things to accomplish and no time for feeling old. Even if you don’t have a Harley (yet), you can still contact Azul to schedule your free consultation. It might be your first step toward joining the club of gorgeous grandmas who are leaving aging behind in the dust. ■

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THE DIVA DIARIES

A Miami getaway? Prepare to eat late and pay the price

after spending a whirlwind weekend on South Beach in Miami, I can’t tell if I’ve changed, or Miami’s changed.

Probably a little bit of both.

When I was a 20-something single diva, Southwest Florida was dull as grits. Our little corner of paradise sparkles much brighter today than it did back in the early ‘90s, when virtual tumbleweeds rolled through the streets, the only “art galleries” had nothing but painted sea-shells and carved coconuts and live music meant Jimmy Buffet wannabes strumming their six strings on the beach.

These days we have bountiful choices in live theater and music, art shows and festive nightlife. But back in the day, if a girl wanted to get dolled up and go dancing with people her own age, she had to pile in a car with a gaggle of friends and head across Alligator Alley for some action.

The Miami Beach of the early ‘90s was alternative without being too hip. My girlfriends and I would pool our lim-itations, meaning that we could get dinner reservations for 10 at NIGHT. But Prime 112 on Ocean Drive was highly recommended, and when Fabiola the res-ervations lady answered the phone, she told us the only time we could get dinner would be at 10. We threw caution to the wind, decided to be adven-turous and went for it.

The outside of the restaurant was packed with young, attractive people who all looked like Kardashians mus-cling their way to get in, teetering on 6-inch heels. I wasn’t a bit flustered by the mob scene — after all, we clung their way to get in, teetering on 6-inch heels. I wasn’t a bit flustered — with a nightcap at a dive bar called Club Deuce.

Drinks at Havana 1957

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I don’t remember ever paying a cover or waiting on the sad side of the velvet rope.

It had been a good 15 years since I’d seen South Beach when Todd and I headed over for a recent weekend getaway. While it was certainly fun, I don’t even understand a world in which people make dinner reserva-tions for 10 at NIGHT. But Prime 112 on Ocean Drive was highly recommended, and when Fabiola the res-ervations lady answered the phone, she told us the only time we could get dinner would be at 10. We threw caution to the wind, decided to be adven-turous and went for it.

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— Dieter Kondek, RocketLounge co-founder

Co-working, incubators and accelerators changing the way business is done in Southwest Florida

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Consider this: when Forbes lists the top cities for jobs in the U.S., you won’t hear Florida mentioned. The tech sector leads the way in creating and maintaining vibrant economies, and San Francisco, along with some cities that years ago would have seemed unlikely, like Austin, Texas and Raleigh, N.C., are on the list. Those cities are on Dieter Kondek’s mind as he strolls around the offices of RocketLounge in downtown Fort Myers. The company co-founder believes Southwest Florida is another unlikely place on the cusp of a tech and innovation boom.

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RocketLounge opened just recently — the furniture in the rec room hasn’t even been installed yet — but already, it’s hosting pitch sessions, networking events and training sessions. A few of the offices are already being used, but there’s still plenty of space for entrepreneurs to stake their claim on some space to work in the shared common areas.

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- The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its annual dinner on Thursday, May 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Visit napleschamber.org/events for more information.

- Members of the Collier County Bar Association and Lee County Bar Association meet for happy hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at DeRomo’s in the Promenade at Bonita Bay. For more information, call Julienne Gilmore at 252-8250 or email jgilmore@colliercountybar.org.

- The Collier Building Industry Association hosts a real estate industry panel discussion from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Hilton Naples. John Wiseman of CORE Construction will moderate the panel discussion with Steve Brinkert of Moorings Park, Cheryl Deering of John R. Wood Properties, Michael Diamond of Diamond Custom Homes, Richard McCormick of Pulle Group and Anthony Solomon of The Ronto Group. No walk-ins will be accepted. RSVP by May 19 by calling 436-3878 or emailing nancy@cbia.net or going online to cbia.net.

- The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association presents “In The Know About Lake O” at a lunch meeting Friday, May 27, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Guest speakers Mark Generales, a member of the Water Resources Advisory Commission to the board of the South Florida Water Management District, and Phil Flood, the Lower West Coast Service Center director for the South Water Management District, will discuss the history and future of Lake Okeechobee and the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in what happens regarding the lake. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $15 for dues-paying LCF Alumni Association members, $20 for non-dues-paying alumni and $25 for others. Sign up by Monday, May 23, at napleschamber.org/events.

- Glory of the Grape, the annual fundraiser for the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ’s on the Bay on Marco. Tickets for $55 are available at marcoislandchamber.org.

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

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When evaluating a company as a possible investment, you may benefit by taking a look at its inventory numbers.

In financial statements, “inventory” refers to everything in a company’s pipeline, from raw materials to work in progress to finished goods. Imagine the One-Legged Chair Co. (ticker: WOODS). Making its products involves ordering, receiving, storing and using materials such as wood, screws and perhaps some upholstery supplies, which are assembled into finished products. Inventory is likely to include piles of wood, half-assembled chairs, packaged chairs ready to be shipped to distributors and chairs returned from retailers.

Too little inventory is problematic as it can hold up production when shortages occur — and should demand spike, it can be hard to meet it. Too much inventory, meanwhile, ties up money that could be used more effectively. It generates extra storage costs, too, and is risky should demand or prices fall. Finished goods sitting on shelves a long time also risk not being sold.

Inventory appears on a company’s balance sheet. Compare it with year-ago levels and with revenue growth. If inventory is rising faster than revenue, that could signal slowing sales. If inventory growth rates are below sales, the company isn’t meeting demand, or it’s successfully tightening controls on production processes and distribution.

To get a sense of how quickly a company’s products are flying off the shelves, calculate its “inventory turnover,” which reflects how many times per year (or quarter) it sells or replaces its inventory. From the income statement, find the value of the past 12 months’ “cost of goods sold.” Divide that by the average value of inventory (from the balance sheet) between the beginning and end of the year. You can also look it up online at sites such as fool.com or morningstar.com.

High and growing turnover numbers can reflect well-managed companies freeing up funds for other uses. Low turnover ratios tend to reflect sluggish sales. Ratios vary by industry, so compare a company’s results with those of its peers. Adidas’ turnover was recently 3.1X for example vs. 3.9X for Nike.

An effective investing strategy is to invest for the long term in companies with solid business models. A good example is electronic payment processing giant Visa (NYSE: V).

Among the four major credit card networks, Visa is the market share leader by far. It’s very geographically diverse, operating in most countries, so a slowdown in one country or region can often be offset by growth elsewhere. MasterCard CFO Martina Hund-Mejean has noted that 85 percent of global transactions are still being conducted in cash, suggesting plenty of room for further credit card growth.

Visa has productive partnerships in place, and supplements its organic growth with acquisitions. It has taken a 10 percent stake in rival Square, and even more recently, in rival American Express Co. (AXP). But its payout has been growing briskly. Interest margins are very fat — and growing. It has grown by a double-digit percentage since 2006. The company’s profit margins are very fat — and growing. It keeps nearly 48 cents of every dollar it takes in as profit. It also generates substantial, cash flow — more than $6 billion annually.

Visa’s dividend yield isn’t huge now, but its payout has been growing briskly. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended MasterCard and Visa.)

Well, I bought 50 shares each of Fitbit (FIT) and GoPro just before the stock market headed south some months ago. Between the two stocks, I have lost more than $2,000. (This was after making a $5,000-plus on Under Armour stock over a couple of months.) I guess I was a bit (or very) overconfident.

The Fool Responds: You’re right that those two stocks have swooned. Fitbit and GoPro shares were recently down 54 percent and 42 percent, respectively, year to date. It’s rarely useful to assess any stock’s performance over just a few months, though. Great wealth is often built in the stock market over many years, instead. Any great company can see its shares slump for a protracted period before bouncing back and hitting new highs.

The stock market itself will occasionally plunge, too, though its overall trend has always been up. Patience can pay off — as long as you remain a believer in your portfolio’s holdings. You need to assess whether you’re still confident in the company’s future. The market for wearable fitness trackers seems solid and growing, but it’s not clear whether Fitbit, facing ample competition, will be a long-term winner. GoPro’s wearable cameras were very hot for a while, but demand has cooled a bit. Whether you might buy, sell or hold either depends on your outlook for the company. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended GoPro.)

I trace my roots back to 1962 when a funeral director founded me in order to buy up more businesses. He achieved economies of scale by having funeral homes near each other, and used those extra resources and make services such as embalming and transportation more efficient.

Over the years I acquired competitors such as Aldersgrove Group and Stewart Enterprises and The Neptune Society — America’s largest cremation service provider. Today, based in Houston, I’m North America’s largest death care company, with my Dignity Memorial network recently encompassing more than 2,000 funeral homes and cemeteries. I employ about 24,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: Service Corporation International)

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Homebuyer investing

Q How should I invest the money I’ve saved to buy a house within a few years?

A — F.Y., Spring, Texas

The stock market is a great option for long-term money, but it’s the wrong place for any funds you’ll need within a few years. In the short run, the market can temporarily plunge with little notice, and that can derail your plans. In the long run, it has averaged gains of close to 10 percent per year. Even that is an average, though, and not a guarantee. Don’t risk your money; you’ll need within three years (or even five or 10 years, for that matter conservative) in stocks. Protect your principal by investing short-term money in safer places, such as CDs or money market accounts. You can find good rates at bankrate.com.

Q What is a “poison pill” strategy?

— N.R., Mansfield, Ohio

Sometimes referred to as a “shareholder rights plan,” it’s a strategy a company may use in order to avoid being taken over.

One kind of poison pill involves shareholders (but not a would-be acquirer) being permitted to buy additional shares of company stock at a discount. This dilutes the value of each share, including those held by the acquirer, making a buyout more difficult and costly to pull off.

Another kind of poison pill tactic is to allow shareholders to buy the would-be acquirer’s stock at a discount in the event of a merger. Poison pill rules are typically triggered whenever some party’s ownership stake in a company crosses a set threshold.

Poison pill strategies may be effective, but they’re not always embraced. After all, they dilute the voting power of shareholders’ shares — and sometimes a company being acquired is a good thing.

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areas in the middle. There's Internet access, a kitchen and conference rooms with screens. Eventually, there will be video conferencing and studio space to accommodate with audiences, collaborators and investors around the globe.

More importantly, RocketLounge itself will invest in startups it believes in, nurture them, and then help them seek more funding in order to launch.

And if a product is being marketed and prepared for distribution. Insulin NG, an FDA-approved test that can predict whether someone is likely to contract diabetes several years down the road, is seeking its next round of funding from here.

By combining some of the newer industry trends: co-working, incubators and accelerators — Mr. Kondek believes that he and his team will transform the business landscape of Southwest Florida. Already, outfits like the Naples Accelerator, Tamiami Angel Fund, Englewood Incubation Center and Venture X have laid the foundation for a labor-force transformation in Southwest Florida.

The future of work

Co-working spaces took off in the U.S. in the last decade. They were developed as places where freelancers could come together out of their home offices and collaborate as needed. They also provided the necessary room and office equipment to keep a business running. Incubators offer advice, planning, mentorship and strategizing as well as a physical location for startups to create and implement their business plans and seek out investment. Accelerators resemble incubators, and the two concepts can often be found under the same roof. An accelerator is characterized by offering short-term programs, lasting anywhere from six weeks to three or four months. The goal is to bring entrepreneurs up to speed on everything they'll need to get their product from the early idea stages to market.

Throughout Southwest Florida, various ventures implement some or all of these workplace models. All of these innovation ventures believe they can cooperate in order to grow.

“We need to look at ourselves as a region,” says Lucienne Pears, Charlotte County’s economic development director. Charlotte is home to the Englewood Incubation Center, which has an industrial focus, offering independent entrepreneurs access to commercial cutting, welding, bending, soldering, molding and drilling equipment. Participants can also apply for an accelerator program offered by the center. Nearby universities, which tend to attract innovators and motivated business people, are one ingredient for successful innovation hubs. Ms. Pears expects that with the recent expansion of Western Michigan University with an aviation school in Charlotte, along with the presence of Florida SouthWestern and FGCU, that the climate might favor more innovative workplace ideas there.

Regardless, she has been in meetings and on business trips with the leaders of innovation ventures in Lee and Collier counties and they all seem to agree that cooperation, not competition, will lead to success for them all.

“When we see what happens with the Naples Accelerator, or the Immokalee Incubator (the Immokalee Business Development Center) — all of that can benefit all of us,” she says.

Co-working energy

David Diamond, co-founder of DeAngelus Diamond Construction in Naples, was visiting incubators in California and New York in search of companies to put money into as an angel investor about five years ago. He and his son Brent toured a building where AOL had recently downsized and had converted the entire first floor to co-working space for startups and small businesses. The Diamonds witnessed one startup with five employees partnering with other workers in the same site to find solutions to a server problem they were having. The energy created by hundreds of motivated, independent workers buzzing about was intoxicating.

“We fell in love with that concept,” says Brent Diamond, who went on with his father to create Venture X in the Mercato in Naples. “It’s building a community so that when you go to work, you’re not working by yourself,” he says. “A web designer can go across the hall and there’s an attorney. He can chat with him. They can be friends. They can exchange contacts. Or they can do business together.”

Venture X is on the verge of franchising in Texas and other markets throughout the country. For a fee, members can work either in open spaces or (private) offices as well as lounge and recreation areas where networking often happens organically. There’s also an online directory of members that Mr. Diamond expects will grow along with the company.

Back at RocketLounge, Guillermo Fernandez and Tyler Whitman, recent FGCU grads, sit in front of RocketLounge partner Peter Ocsody. They’re looking at a spreadsheet on a large screen, refining their ideas and asking Mr. Ocsody advice on how best to bring their company, Lithos Technologies, and its product — an easy-to-deploy, high performance tripod — to the market. The young entrepreneurs won a pitch contest recently at FGCU that granted them membership to the RocketLounge’s accelerator services. Their presence here fits naturally with another tenant, Dreamtime Entertainment, a worldwide video production company based in Southwest Florida. Their feedback on the new tripod, for instance, could prove to be essential in the development of the product.

Whereas Venture X’s business model relies essentially on membership payments, the accelerator/incubator RocketLounge looks to make its big money by investing in the companies it mentors; owning a stake of somewhere between 5-8 percent. That’s why RocketLounge is fostering relationships with angel investors like those in the Tamiami Venture Fund IL.

Venture X in Naples is on the verge of franchising in Texas and other markets throughout the country. For bigger investment still, they’re also partnering with venture capitalists both locally and worldwide.

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The highest honor, Realtor of the Year, was awarded to Harley Conrad Jr., a former Army Special Forces trainer and telecom industry executive who relocated to Naples in 2004 and became a licensed real estate professional. A managing broker at VIP Realty in Naples, he serves on seven NABOR committees and sits on six Florida Realtor forums in the last year. He is also on the NABOR and Florida Realtor boards of directors.

Emcee Mike Hughes, a former NABOR president, inducted 23 members into the NABOR Honor Society, 17 of whom were also added to the Florida Realtors Honor Society. Mr. Hughes also presented longtime NABOR member Lisa Richardson with the 2015 Emeritus Status award.

Jeffrey Jones, vice president of the NABOR board of directors, received the 2015 Ad Miller Award in recognition of his efforts to enhance and/or preserve private property rights, ownership and transferability and the free enterprise system. Mr. Jones is chairman of Retrofit Southwest Florida, a nonprofit organization that has helped 90 homeowners make their residences more hurricane resistant with items such as roof straps, garage doors and shutters.

The 2015 NABOR Hall of Fame Award was presented to Alfred DiNicola, a past president and in recognition of his 25-plus years of service to the organization.

Other awards of the evening included: Affiliate/Allied Committee Contribution Award, Terri Speech; Affiliate/Allied Member of the Year, Darline Hillard; Affiliate/Allied Rising Star; Larry Utterback; Citizen of the Year, Gerald Lefebvre; Commercial Achievement Award, Bill Poteet; Educator of the Year, Brenda Fioretti; Humanitarian Award, John Vaughn; Leadership Academy Alumni Award, James Schlimmer; REALTOR Committee Contribution Award, Terrilyn VanGorder; REALTOR Rising Star, Barry Hoey; and Task Force Contribution Award, Ryan Bleggi.

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Built on a Strong Foundation
Dallas Dunnagan has spent 16 years with The Naples Players.

Naples Players artistic director plans to leave her role

BY NANCY STETSON

Sixteen years ago, Dallas came to Naples. Now, to the dismay of many in the local theater world, Dallas Dunnagan has announced her resignation as artistic director of The Naples Players.

“I just feel it’s time for a change,” she says.

“I don’t want people to think I’m retiring. I’m not retiring,” she clarifies.

The decision was a personal one, not an organizational one.

Naples Players Executive Director John Sorey posted the job on Tuesday, May 3. Three days later, he’d received resumes from more than 30 applicants. “That gives you an idea of the image of The Naples Players in the theater world,” he says.

Over her 16 years with the community theater, Ms. Dunnagan has directed more than 30 shows, including “Oliver!”, “A Little Night Music,” “The Drowsy Chaperone,” “A Lion in Winter,” “Les Miserables,” “The Jazz Mies Project” and “The Importance of Being Earnest.” She’s never shied away from difficult productions, staging more than a few that are challenging most community theaters don’t attempt to perform them.

She has also overseen the development of others’ directorial talents.

Ms. Dunnagan has a reputation for drawing superior performances from The Naples Players actors, who run the gamut from professional performers who used to be in Actors Equity to people who’ve never acted onstage before.

A lot of people don’t realize Ms. Dunnagan possesses “an extremely good knack to determine whether this person can do what needs to be done,” says Mr. Sorey. “We’ve got great talent; we just don’t have that...”
The titles that comprise Lucy Burdette’s Key West Food Critic Mysteries are always a delight. Her young protagonist, Hayley Snow, is one of those amateur sleuths who just can’t help sticking her neck out. She is always sure the professionals are overlooking something, and her curiosity and desire to help gets her into trouble. Thank goodness, so far she has continued to find her way out of that trouble.

While Hayley’s personality is a major ingredient in the appeal of these novels, the quirky atmosphere of Key West is just as important to readers’ pleasure. Throw in the love of food, especially as enjoyed in good restaurants, and how can the recipe fail? It doesn’t.

This time out, we are witness to a series of events called Fantasy Fest — parades for restaurants, and how can the recipe fail? Her scooting around Key West. She doesn’t need an excuse.

It just so happens that Hayley’s mom and mom’s boyfriend, Sam, are about ready to tie the knot — additional complications to Hayley’s busy life, emotional and other-wise. Speaking of things marital (or almost), Hayley’s ongoing and offing relationship with police detective Nathan Bransford keeps that strand of interest alive through this Monster Mash of danger and fun.

Fans of the Key West Food Critic Mysteries series will enjoy being reunited with Hayley’s friends, including Connie and Ray, Hayley’s feisty houseboat mate Miss Gloria, Lieutenant Torrence, old friend Eric and many others.

And there are new characters, like the face-painters Hayley meets, restaurateur wannabe Grant Monsarrat and several intriguing townies.

There are others, too: the many pets beloved by Hayley and her acquaintances. I suppose Ms. Burdette needed one more twist, and she found it.

A hurricane is barreling toward Key West, making the work of the police even more difficult than it would be on the tourist-packed island in fine weather. It certainly handicaps the murder investigation.

The author is quite skillful at tracing the stages of the giant storm and its impact on Key West residents and visitors. Building upon the suspense already generated by the main plot line and its complications, this dreaded storm is one more tension-generator.

The news is at cross-purposes about whether to hunker down or evacuate. We watch people make their individual decisions and preparations, and we feel the threat that they feel.

For all of the negative excitement, “Killer Takeout” remains a lovely and escape fiction. Not only is Hayley so caring, she’s surrounded most often by others who care — sometimes too much. One more thing: don’t miss the recipes at the back.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.
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many people. Her ability to be able to cast the various plays, as we raise the bar and do more and more difficult plays, has been incredible.

As she's pushed actors to their maximum, he adds, “Many of them have even surprised themselves, with some of the performances she's been able to engender from them...She's been able to make them even better than they thought they could be.”

When asked to name highlights from her tenure over the years with the company, Ms. Dunagan tactfully demurs.

“It's all been pretty marvelous,” she says. “I'm loath to think something is better than something else. And everybody does a great job, I think we've had a strong 16 years.

“It's really on even footing right now, and I think it's a good time to leave,” she adds. “It just feels like time for me.”

Mr. Sorey says Ms. Dunagan has also been a key part of the theater's financial success.

“It's difficult to break even when you don't receive any local, city or county financial help,” he says. “Her being very capable on the business side has been financial help,” he says. “Her being very capable on the business side has been a key part of the theater's financial success.

“Her being very capable on the business side has been fundamental. She's a great lady and a great friend,” says Mr. Sorey. “We appreciate what she's done. Everybody's going to miss her.”

Florida Weekly spoke with some Naples Players about Ms. Dunagan. Here are their comments, edited for space:

■ Paul Graffy

Actor/director with The Naples Players for 15 years, former board member

Dallas deserves thanks for all she has done for the entire theater community in Naples. The owner of both the former Naples Dinner Theatre and TheatreZone started locally with The Naples Players and created terrific companies. Dallas always felt there was an opportunity for multiple theaters in town, and she was right.

She leaves big shoes to fill, and an awesome legacy. I have truly valued our friendship over the years and will always be grateful to have had what I consider a great supporter, mentor and colleague.

I remember having the same conversation over and over again with her late mom, Peggy, over the years, about Dallass and her many accomplishments, and Peggy's frustration in getting Dallas to appreciate what she's done. Everybody's going to miss her.”

■ Charles Fernara

Resident music director for The Naples Players since 2007

I've known Dallas for 25 years. My first show with her at The Naples Players was in 2004, “Guys and Dolls.” I was hired by the Hilton Head Playhouse for four summers between 1996-99 as an actor, and Dallas directed three of the shows while I was there.

Oh my God, she's terrific. Boy, oh boy. She really sees the big picture. Her stage vision is extraordinary, and not merely creating pictures and tableaux and balance, but sort of three-dimensional stage vision as regards character arc and just complete control over everything that's going on to make it all work together extremely well. I know a lot of directors who can create beautiful stage pictures, but her ability goes beyond that.

She's been a good buddy for a long time. All the time I'm struck by the coincidence of me working for her there (in Hilton Head), and when I showed up here at the Players, there she was! An unbelievable coincidence.

She directs with patience and good communication. I don't think I've ever seen her giving a line reading to an actor, telling them how to say a line. She's so good at letting people find the truth in a scene or in a show. She's flexible and allows people to find their own path to the character, but with guidance. She's that collaborative process. The actor feels very much as if the actor is discovering things, but maybe she's dropping clues along the way. You can really see her steering and herding actors in the director's direction.

She's a great colleague, super easy to work with. I'm sure gonna miss her.

■ Rhoda Pugh

Former stage manager, was with The Naples Players for 14 years

She actually hired me over the phone from a recommendation from Craig Walck, who was the lighting director then.

It was her first year also. She steered the ship. The Naples Players are really went from a little community theater to something where the production value and the greatness of the theater (was) incredible. That) came from her. She knew what actually goes into a production to make it better, to make everyone better.

Hiring the right people, she's really good at that. And at casting, too, and at teaching other directors what our talent base is and how to bring people in. She oversees all of that. She's just really good at everything she does.

Well-deserved mega-working-wise and as friends. We both came from old-school theater, summer stock, where you sort of go in and do it. We grew up in theater at the same time, just in different places. Her dad got them all started in theater. He would start theaters anywhere he went. It became the family business for her. She went to school and learned the basics of it, to back up what she knew.

She used to spend her time reading scripts the way people would read books. It was what was around.

It's nitty-gritty hard-working theater. It's a little easier now.

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NEW JAZZ

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ACO President Michael Geller says the program addresses two 21st century challenges within the orchestral community. “First,” Mr. Geller says, “conductors have a difficult time with the traditional method of finding new music — publishing houses — because many composers today use the Internet and social media to self-publish and promote their work.

“Pultizer Prize-winning composers self-publish (on their websites),” he adds. “If you don’t already know of them, then how are you finding those websites? We’re swimming in this giant ocean of incredible new music and no one knows how to find a drink.”

The second challenge, Mr. Geller says, is while jazz music is widely considered America’s greatest cultural contribution, jazz musicians receive little training in incorporating its principals into a classical setting. “Academic programs are more likely to steer them in the direction of big band arrangement rather than allow them to cross-pollinate with other genres,” he explains.

“It’s very much a challenge for jazz composers. My observation is that they’re some of the finest musicians anywhere, yet there’s a gap in that composers who identify with jazz don’t get the training in what it means to write for a traditional symphony orchestra.”

All these musicians need, he adds, is an extra step — the kind of step the institute is designed to provide. In addition to the Naples Philharmonic, participating orchestras around the country include the Columbus Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, the Berkeley Symphony and the San Diego Symphony.

What to expect

Seattle-based Robin Holcomb is one of the composers who participated in last summer’s intensive and whose composition will be workshoped at Artis—Naples.

“I’ve been interested in writing for orchestras for a long time,” Ms. Holcomb, who is also a librarian, pianist and singer-songwriter, says. “This program invites people from all stages of their career to apply and take what they’ve already established and expand that for orchestra. We can benefit from people who have a similar eclectic background. This gave me an opportunity to write a piece that will be worked on and recorded and that could lead to more opportunities to do the same.”

The other composers coming to Artis—Naples are Yvette Jackson of San Francisco, Sonia Jacobson of Columbus, S.C., and Nathan Parker Smith of Brooklyn, N.Y. As part of last summer’s intensive, each of them wrote a 10-minute piece and received coaching from mentor composers as well as feedback from a music engraver.

“It was a real challenge to include in a score all the details I would usually communicate verbally,” Ms. Holcomb says. “I’m looking forward to finding out how my music was correctly transmitted to the orchestra and what needs to change.”

The readings will give audience members a fascinating and rare look at how musicians and composers work together to fine tune a new work.

“This is not just for new music eggheads like me,” the ACO’s Mr. Geller says. “We found that people who are very comfortable with classical repertoire get a lot out of this. Often, people think new music is off-putting or scary and they’ll find that nothing could be further from the truth. People will be delighted and captivated by this.”

While promoting its commitment to jazz, the Naples Philharmonic might very well also find fresh material to present its audiences in future concerts.

“We will be looking at the future and what kind of relationship we will have with the composers,” Mr. Filner says. “If they are great pieces, we will consider programming them.”

The readings take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26, in Hayes Hall. The first session will introduce the works as they are fine-tuned by the composers, the orchestra and Mr. Segal, the conductor. The second session includes a touch-up rehearsal, final performance and a Q&A session with the composers and Mr. Segal.
THURSDAY 5.19

Florida History – Learn about Henry Flagler and how he built the railroad system on Florida’s east coast during a free program starting at 2 p.m. at Vanderbilt Beach Branch Library. Reservations required. 788 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 597-1900 or artsinaples.org.

Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical – By The Off Broadway Palm Theater May 26-29 at Sugden Community Theater. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7900 or naplesplayers.org.

FRIDAY 5.20

Freebie – Naples Zoo offers free admission today through Monday, May 23, to active military and veterans in honor of Armed Services Day. Valid military I.D. required. $2 off admission for additional members of their party. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

ID IQ – Hodges University hosts a brown bag lecture about understanding the LGBTQ community from 1-3 p.m. 2655 Northbrook Drive. Reservations required. 800-466-8017 or pwilkins@hodges.edu.

Ad Libbing – Stage 2 Improve returns to Sugden Community Theater at 8 p.m. in the Tobye Studio. The troupe will perform Fridays and Saturdays through June 18. $10-$20. 263-7990 or naplesplayors.org.

More Laughs – Chris Kattan (“Saturday Night Live,” “Night at the Roxbury,” “Corky Romano”) takes the stage tonight through Sunday, May 22, at The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6910 or ofthehookcomedy.com.

Sunset Cruise – Full Moon Naples offers a sunset cruise with live music setting out from Historic Palm Cottage at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 26. $35-$40. 597-1900 or artsinaples.org.

SATURDAY 5.21

Fruits, Veggies & More – Third Street South Farmers Market keeps going through summer from 7-9:30-10 a.m. every Saturday. 434-6331 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Kids Safety Fair – The Collier County Sheriff’s Office holds a Kids Safety Fair at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Corkscrew Middle School in Golden Gate. Activities include demonstrations by the CCSO Bomb Squad and Correctional Emergency Response Team and the chance to try the CCSO bounce house and climbing wall. Free.

SUNDAY 5.22

Walkies in the Garden – Naples Botanical Gardens hosts the paw patrol from 9:30-10 a.m. when well-behaved, leashless dogs are welcome to accompany their owners for a stroll. Free for Garden member and their canine. Regular admission plus $9.95 for those with dogs. 593-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Live Music – Six Bends Harley-Davidson presents live music by 8 Sec- ond Ride from 11-4 p.m. for Sundays at the Pit, 5901 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. SixBends.com or 275-4467.

COOKING COMING UP

Frothy Fun – The Southwest Florida Soapfest charity weekend returns to Marco Island May 27-30. Daytime soap stars participate in a variety of events to raise money for local charities. Visit website for full schedule and ticket prices. 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com.

MONDAY 5.23

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Dinner Game” (France, 1998) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 23. A group of friends organize a dinner where every- one brings the dumbest person they can find to be a guest. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 5.24

Book Signing – Marine biologist Ellen Prager signs her newest young adult book, “Stingray City,” and then leads Ocean Trivia Night starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. 300 Tower Road. 590-5792 or rookerybay.org.

WEDNESDAY 5.25

Local History – Naples Historical Society hosts a docent-guided walking tour of the downtown historical district setting out from Historic Palm Cottage at 9:30 a.m. 263-8646 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

First Chance – Arts—Naples hosts early-career composers as they rehearse their original works with the Naples Philharmonic at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26, Free. 959-9090 or artsinaples.org. See story on page C1.

Art After Hours – Enjoy free admission to The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples from 6-9 p.m. 597-1900 or artsinaples.org.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Teen Book Fest — Barnes & Noble hosts “B-Fest” to celebrate and promote young adult fiction Friday through Sunday, June 10-12, with author events, writing workshops, panel discussions and more. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Classic Flick — Marco Island Center for the Arts screens “A Hard Day’s Night” (U.K. 1964) at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10. The film follows a typical day in the life of The Beatles. Free, but donation appreciated. 1010 Winterberry Drive, 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

Talent Search — Miromar Outlets hosts talent contests during weekends in June starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11. Visit website for competition details. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Here Come the Brides — The Naples Bridal Expo returns from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Hilton Naples. Dozens of wedding vendors, from photographers and musicians to caterers and florists, will showcase their wares and services. 272-8477 or naplesbridalexpo.com.

Bluegrass Concert — Swinging Bridge performs from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. $30. 1010 Winterberry Drive, 939-2787 or artinlee.org.

Tracking — Lovers Key State Park invites kids ages 6 and up to learn about and look for animal tracks along the shoreline at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16. Free. Registration required. 463-4588 or floridastateparks.org.

Anchor Up — David Lawrence Center’s Young Executives host their fifth annual “Saturday Night Live” and the film “A Night at the Roxbury,” brings his stage act to Off the Hook Comedy Club Friday through Sunday, 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

Third Thursday — Third Street Souq hosts live music by Wendy Renee from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in Fleischmann Courtyard. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Dad’s Day Out — Celebrate Father’s Day in Venetian Village with live entertainment and an antique car show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18. 598-6100 or venetianvillage.com.

Apples & Trees — Miromar Outlets hosts a father/son/grandfather lookalike contest at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Free Kids Flick — Shangri-La Springs hosts a workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on balancing chakras with healer John Cartwright. $65. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

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Enjoy musical adventure with Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood starting at 6 p.m. Friday at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. — bbmannpah.com

Get a load of some sweet curves when The Ferrari Collection displays hot rides from 4-8 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at T-Michael’s Steak & Lobster in Venetian Village. — venetianvillage.com

Join marine scientist Ellen Prager from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center as she signs her new young adult book, “Stingray City,” and leads Ocean Trivia Night. — rookerybay.org

Chris Kattan, star of NBC’s “Saturday Night Live” and the film “A Night at the Roxbury,” brings his stage act to Off the Hook Comedy Club Friday through Sunday, — offthehookcomedy.com
Theatre Conspiracy presents Florida premiere of ‘Running’

Theatre Conspiracy presents the Florida premiere of “Running” through Saturday, May 21, at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers. The play by Arlene Hutton stars Brendan Powers as Stephen and Angel Duncan as Emily, his wife’s former roommate. It’s the weekend of the New York City Marathon, and Stephen, preparing for his first race, needs a good night’s sleep. Then Emily shows up unexpectedly and needs to talk. But Stephen’s wife isn’t home. Will he get the rest he needs, or will he be running on empty the next morning?

Mr. Powers performs regularly at Florida Repertory Theatre and last performed with Theatre Conspiracy in “The Morning after the Night Before the Wedding.” Ms. Duncan has been in numerous Theatre Conspiracy shows, including “The Bluest Eye” and “Call Me Waldo.”

Bill Taylor, founder and producing artistic director at Theatre Conspiracy, directs. The play is an alumnus of New Dramatists and member of Ensemble Studio Theatre and Dramatists Guild. She is best known for “The Nibroc Trilogy,” which consists of “Last Train to Nibroc” (Drama League Best Play Nomination), “See Rock City” (Spirit of America Award) and “Gulf View Drive” (LA Weekly, Ovation Award nomination).

Tickets are $24 (S1 for students; buy one get one half off on Thursday). For more information, call 956-3239 or visit theatreconspiracy.org.

New scripts solicited for ETC … contest

The Naples Players’ ETC … Readers Theatre invites local playwrights to submit original one-act scripts for its 15th annual An Evening of New Plays contest. Works can be of any genre except musical; a maximum of seven characters is suggested. Strength of characterization, dialog and plot are among the judging criteria. As many as four finalists will each receive a $100 performance royalty, memorial plaque, event poster and two tickets to an Evening of New Plays on Friday, Dec. 2 (a second performance takes place Saturday, Dec. 3), in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Submitting playwrights must reside in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry counties. They must submit two copies of their scripts in standard play format to the Naples Players, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples, FL 34102. Writers each can submit only one play. Deadline for submission is June 30, and winners will be notified by Sept. 30. For the complete rules or more information, visit naplesplayers.org.
KidzAct, the youth troupe of The Naples Players, presents “Fame Jr.” on Friday through Sunday, May 20-22, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Much like the movie “Fame,” it tells the story of aspiring performers at the Performing Arts High School (The Fame School) in Manhattan. The characters are dancers who want to make it into a professional dance company, actors who strive to become the next Meryl Streep or Robert DeNiro and musicians who are torn between the pop and classical world.

It’s about teens who live to perform, portrayed by KidzAct teens who feel the same.

Principal actors include Julia Hajjar, Morgan French, Sawyer True, Armand Procacci, Frankie Federico, Anthony Henderson, Asheline D’Haiti, Ashley Gurwell, Julia Cornwell, Tyler Glog, Tesa Kent, Katie Pierce, Rachel Dirr, Nicole Stano and Sky Montgomery. Ensemble dancers are Nikki Attanasio, Jennifer Chavez, Jillian Cossetta, Dilana Gresbrink, Lila Prince, Jaidyn Procacci, Rainiel Santana, and Raul Santana. Ensemble actors include Lea Baker, Mariah Bandit, Olivia Cederquist, Emma Clough, Levi Holt, Ashley Suarez, Alex Portaro, Rylee Price, Lauren Tayon and Sophie Thorn. Ensemble musicians are Kate Ayers, Anna Beckler, Preslie True, Hannah Lipold and Logan Szittal.

‘Fame Jr.’ reflects the story of Naples Players’ KidzAct kids

‘Fame Jr.’

- Who: KidzAct of The Naples Players
- Where: The Sugden Community Theatre
- When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 20-21; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22
- Cost: $20 for adults, $10 for students
- Info: 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org

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Summertime, and the shows must go on

BY NANCY STETSON
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Season’s over. Locals are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

But what can you do if you’re here through the summer and love the arts?

The selection’s not as abundant as it is during season, but don’t despair — there are still shows and concerts to attend. Here’s a look at some things you should keep on your radar to get your arts fix off-season.

Broadway Palm Theatre
The Broadway Palm Theatre (1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers) keeps going strong through the summer, with performances on the main stage and also in the black box, the Off-Broadway Palm Theater.


In the Off-Broadway Palm, Neil Simon’s “The Last of the Red-Head Lovers” runs June 16-July 30. The comedy is about an overweight married man going through a mid-life crisis; he wants to commit adultery before it’s too late and sets up trysts with three women. Tickets are $33-$53.

And for children, “Disney’s 101 Dalmatians” runs June 30-July 3 with matinee performances. Tickets are $19.

For more information call 278-6422 or go to broadwaypalm.com

Laboratory Theatre of Florida
Like The Broadway Palm, Laboratory Theatre of Florida (1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers) offers shows throughout the summer and also through the fall, though its fare is more off the beaten path.

On “Empty Plate in the Café du Grand Boeuf” runs June 3-26. In this play by Michael Hollinger, the owner of a Parisian restaurant, who is also the only customer, declares he wants to die of starvation. The staff begs him to eat one last meal, a multi-course dinner. Instead of serving it, they describe each course in delicious detail. The Boston Globe called it “an absurdist tragicomedy.”

The theater follows that up with “Siênes” by Deborah Zoe Laufer, running July 15-Aug. 13. Told in the style of a 1980s television show, the musical tells the story of real-life lifetime artist Frank Abagnale Jr., who successfully pretends to be everything from a lawyer to a pediatrician to an airline co-pilot. With a libretto by Terrence McNally, it has a score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, who also wrote the music and lyrics for “Hairspray.”

The musical received four Tony nominations when it played on Broadway, winning one, for Best Actor in a Musical. Tickets are $40. For more information, call 263-7990 or go to naplesplayers.org.

Stage 2 Improv
Also at the Sugden Community Theatre (701 Fifth Ave. S.), Told in the style of a 1980s television show, the musical tells the story of real-life lifetime artist Frank Abagnale Jr., who successfully pretends to be everything from a lawyer to a pediatrician to an airline co-pilot. With a libretto by Terrence McNally, it has a score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, who also wrote the music and lyrics for “Hairspray.”

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Stage 2 Improv
Stage 2 Improv members take prompts from the audience — and also get some audience members involved — when the ad-libbing troupe performs on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 20-June 18, in the Tokyo Studio. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students 21 and under. Stop by or call the box office at 263-7990, or go to naplesplayers.org.

SummerJazz on the Gulf
The 31st season of free outdoor jazz concerts at the Naples Beach & Golf Club (851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.) begins Saturday, June 25, with a performance by the band Pocket Change. The series continues on the following Saturday nights: July 16, Vodkansaults: Aug. 20, The Betty Fox Band; and Sept. 24, Late Night Brass.

All concerts are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the hotel lawn overlooking the gulf. Chairs and blankets are recommended. Food and drink will be available for purchase; coolers are not permitted. For more information, call the hotel at 260-2222 or visit naplesbeachhotel.com.

Southwest Florida Symphony
Calling it “Summer Staycation,” the Southwest Florida Symphony offers three performances Aug. 25-27. They’ll play from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Shell Point Village Church (1500 Shell Point Blvd.) Thursday, Aug. 25; from 8-10 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers (2301 First St.) Friday, Aug. 26; and from 8-10 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts, Bonita Springs (1050 Bonita Beach Road) on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The program at each venue is the same: “Eclogue for Piano and Strings, Op. 10” by Gerald Finzi, “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” by Mozart and “Divertimento” by Jacques Ibert.

Ticket prices are not yet available. For more information, call 418-1500 or go to swfso.org.

Fourth annual New Works Festival
The Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center (755 Eighth Ave. S., Naples) celebrates its fourth annual New Works Festival Sept. 14-17. It’s four days of readings of new plays.

For more information, call (866) 811-4149 or go to gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Island Hoppers Songwriters Fest
The Island Hoppers Songwriters Fest, developed to bring tourists to Southwest Florida during off-season, is celebrating its third year. It’ll take place Sept. 23-Oct. 2 on Captiva Island, in downtown Fort Myers and on Fort Myers Beach, with more than 40 songwriters performing at various venues. The tentative schedule puts the performers on Captiva Island from Sept. 23-26, in downtown Fort Myers mid-week and on Fort Myers Beach from Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

This year’s songwriters include Bob DiPiero, Even Stevens (who writes for Faith Hill and Tim McGraw), Frank Myers, Maia Sharp and Kristen Kelly.

A complete listing of artists and venues can be found on at islandhoppersfest.com. For more information, visit the website or call 338-3500.

Ringling International Arts Festival
The Ringling International Arts Festival, which is in the Ringling campus in Sarasota runs Oct. 13-16. Shows, which last for about an hour, are offered multiple times throughout the festival and cost $35 each.

Performers this year include dancer-choreographer Doug Ellis (once a retelling of “Orpheus” using the music of Motown) and the Chicago-based eight-piece blackbird, a Grammy Award-winning sextet. Cinco Afro and New Zealand artist Thomas Moncton will perform “The Pianist,” described as “a spectacularly catastrophic solo contemporary circus comedy act” in which the piano catches fire, its legs break off and the chandelier is used as a trapeze.

The Australian acrobatic team Gravity & Other Myths will perform their new show, “A Simple Space.”

Thaddeus Phillips presents “17 Border Crossings,” a one-man show about his world travels, and LmO: Loes Van Maris and Daikley, present “I.A.N.G.S: made in America,” a three-woman show about the power of female relationships.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it’s a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a “great deal.” What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you’re suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there’s a solution that meets with everyone’s approval, and things finally can calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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By Linda Thistle

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It’s all in the cards
BY STEVE BECKER

Basically, a defender’s falsecard is designed to mislead declarer without fooling partner at the same time. On rare occasions, however, the intent is exactly the opposite, with the falsecard deliberately aimed at deceiving partner without trying to mislead declarer at all.

Witness today’s deal, where South wound up in four spades after East had overcalled in hearts. West led the eight of hearts, but instead of making the normal play of the jack at trick one — the lowest card from equals by a defender not on lead — East played the king!

This violation of standard procedure by East was designed to create the impression in West’s mind that declarer had the queen of hearts. East’s purpose was to induce West to shift to another suit — namely, clubs — if West gained the lead.

Declarer took the first trick with the ace of hearts, crossed to dummy with a diamond and tried a spade finesse. West won and, having credited South with the queen of hearts after the play to the first trick, naturally decided to look elsewhere for additional tricks. The only realistic possibility seemed to lie in clubs, so he shifted to the club ten, whereupon East took two clubs and a heart to set the contract one trick.

Had East not intentionally deceived his partner at trick one, West might well have returned a second heart after taking the spade king. Declarer would then have made the contract, since East could collect no more than a heart and a club before South claimed the rest.

But, as East hoped, his partner fell right into the trap he had so skillfully laid for him.


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FILM CAPSULES

The Man Who Knew Infinity ★★★
(Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Toby Jones) An Indian mathematics prodigy (Mr. Patel) challenges the establishment at Cambridge University during World War I. Mr. Irons is solid as the mentor, but as a whole the film doesn't add up to being more than a standard drama. Rated PG-13.

Captain America: Civil War ★★★ 1/2
(Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson) Threatened with government supervision, the Avengers split allegiances between Team Captain America (Mr. Evans) and Team Iron Man (Mr. Downey Jr.). It's a legitimate dilemma the heroes face, the action is inspired and the Marvel Cinematic Universe continues to expand in logical, smart ways. Rated PG-13.

Green Room ★★★
(Anton Yelchin, Imogen Poots, Patrick Stewart) A terrible punk rock band is held captive by Skinheads and must figure out how to escape before they're killed. You will not necessarily like the members of the band, but it’s a testament to writer/director Jeremy Saulnier’s storytelling that you nonetheless root for them to survive. Patrick Stewart is especially chilling as the Skinhead leader. Rated R.

The Jungle Book ★★
(Neel Sethi, Voices of Bill Murray, Idris Elba) Man-cub Mowgli (young Mr. Sethi) is raised by wolves in the jungle, but is forced to flee when a tiger (Ms. Elba) threatens to kill him. It's visually dazzling but the story is thin, and superfluous characters make the movie tedious rather than engaging. Rated PG.

The Huntsman: Winter’s War ★★ 1/2
(Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt) With Evil Queen Ravenna (Ms., Theron) dead, the Huntsman (Mr. Hemsworth) has to retrieve the magic mirror before Ravenna’s ice queen sister Freya (Ms. Blunt) gets her heartless cold hands on it. It often lacks logic and suspense, but the story is just smart enough in its broadest strokes to make this genuinely entertaining. Rated PG-13.

City Of Gold ★★
(Jonathan Gold, Roy Choi, David Chang) The story is unbounded in this documentary about Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold and his influence on Los Angeles. Not only that, but Mr. Gold’s personality isn’t interesting enough to warrant following him for 90 minutes. Rated R.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★★
(Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Lainie Kazan) Toula (Ms. Vardalos) and Ian (Mr. Corbett) have trouble connecting while her parents (Ms. Kazan and Michael Constantine) realize their wedding was never official. It’s a delight to see this crazy family back on the big screen, and just as funny as it was when it was the original was a box office hit in 2002. Rated PG-13.

Hello, My Name Is Doris ★★★
(Sally Field, Max Greenfield, Tyne Daly) Sixty-something Doris (Ms. Field) falls for her 20-something (Mr. Greenfield) co-worker. Ms. Field makes Doris so endearing and likeable that we easily look past her character’s un-thought-out desires. It’s a cute movie. Rated R.
LATEST FILMS

‘The Nice Guys’

With so many comedies wasting our time with predictable gags and unfunny desperation, “The Nice Guys” is a breath of fresh air. A clever and creative work that dares to be different and exceed expectations. If you enjoy fresh, original efforts from two of Hollywood’s biggest stars, this is a must see.

Of all the things that can be faked in a movie, chemistry is not one of them. Often co-leads are serviceably compatible onscreen, though sometimes their seething mutual hatred is palpable (“Fifty Shades Of Grey”). And at other times, as is the case here, magic happens. Seeing Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling interact is like watching two old friends banter with uncanny familiarity, and more than anything love the other’s company. They’ve never worked together before, but I daresay they will work together again.

Of course, it takes mutual respect for them to play off another so well. Gosling is Holland March, a private eye in 1977 Los Angeles who’s anything but a tough guy, and certainly not “nice” (the title is ironic, in case you’re wondering). At one point he asks his 13 year-old daughter, the precocious Holly (Angourie Rice), if he’s a bad guy, and she doesn’t hesitate to reply in the affirmative. And yet we like him anyway because he’s funny, sympathetic, and played with charm by Gosling.

We soon learn Holland even more when he teams up with muscle man Jackson Healy (Crowe) to find a missing girl named Amelia (Margaret Qualley). For an idea of Jackson’s personality, early on he describes marriage as “buying a house for someone you hate.” Soon after, a flashback shows him getting dumped on he describes marriage as “buying a house for someone you hate.” Soon after, a flashback shows him getting dumped by his wife in the most shocking way you can imagine. What’s even more shocking is that dares to be different and exceeds expectations. If only “The Nice Guys” was more consistently funny, this would really be something. Alas, there are links in the story and humor, and the middle section and hear commotion. In perfect union they look left to see someone choking to death, right to see someone shot, and quietly retreat into the elevator to head back down. They then continue to be in tune as they look out the elevator window to see a body fall to the ground. Given the gravity of the situation, and that their movements and facial expressions are synchronized in a whimsical, “oh hell no!” type of way, it’s obvious these guys aren’t heroes, they just want to do the right thing and live to brag about it.

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SoapFest Charity Weekend returns to Marco Island for its annual weekend festival featuring daytime celebrity actors and signature events that raise funds for local children's charities. Tickets are on sale now for the 17th annual event, which takes place Saturday through Monday, May 28-30.

Founder and Marco resident Pat Berry says this year’s beneficiaries include Camp Able and the Island Theater Company. Camp Able serves local special needs children; the theater camp teaches kids about all aspects of the theater, with an emphasis on props, costumes, lighting and sound.

“You don’t have to be a soap fan to have a great time and lend your support to the kids,” Ms. Berry says about SoapFest. “It’s a great weekend that showcases Marco Island’s hospitality.”

A dozen actors from daytime shows such as “General Hospital” (Brytni Sarpy, Ryan Paevey, Donnell Turner, Robert Watkins); “The Young and the Restless” (Sean Carrigan, Kate Linder, John Driscoll, Jeff Branson, Christian LeBlanc); “Days of Our Lives” and “One Life to Live” (Melissa Archer); and “Guiding Light” (Tom Pelphrey) will make appearances, many returning for the third, fourth and fifth times.

“All fun, no drama when SoapFest weekend returns to Marco Island”

“These actors generously donate their time and talents to raise money for our kids,” Ms. Berry says.

SoapFest Charity Weekend kicks off Saturday, May 28, with “A Night of Stars” at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Tickets are $125 ($200 for VIP).

The fun continues with “Cruisin’, Boozin’ & Schmoozin’ with the Stars” from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, aboard the Marco Island Princess. Auctions and raffles will be held for one-of-a-kind daytime drama memorabilia including signed scripts. Tickets for $130 include a luncheon buffet.

The “Celebrity Karaoke Bar Bash” starts at 9 p.m. Sunday, May 29, at Chad’s Martini Bar. Tickets are $75.

SoapFest concludes with a VIP brunch for sponsors on Monday, May 30. Sponsorship opportunities remain available. For more information, call Ms. Berry at 394-0080.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Fans fired up about cancellations

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I was surprised to see your response regarding the question about Stana Katic leaving “Castle,” and that you didn’t mention that Stana is not just leaving, but was either fired or her contract wasn’t renewed. I feel that was an unfortunate way to handle answering that question. They might as well just cancel the show than screw it up the way they are doing, and “Castle” fans are furious about this situation.

And I many others I know feel like good, well-written, well-acted shows get canceled, while embarrassing reality shows continue. I know it won’t do any good sending this to you, nor will it change television programming, but if no one ever speaks up, then things definitely will not change and will continue in a downward spiral.

— Lou Ann P., Preston, Conn.

A: I, too, have read reports of “sources say Stana was forced out” because “she and Nathan Fillion didn’t get along” and that they were “made to go to couples’ counseling.” However, all of these reports, while they may be true, are not backed up by credible, non-anonymous sources — or from either of the horses’ mouths. A lot of entertainment magazines/websites/columns will report on unconfirmed rumors, no matter how plausible or reliable, without backup from dependable sources, which should include the actors themselves. In that way, I do believe that journalistic integrity has gone vastly downhill. I realize that by stating this I have broken my self-imposed journalistic rule, but I wanted to be able to explain how I feel. I can tell you that “Cindy the ‘Castle’ fan” truly is dismayed by this. I love the show and everyone involved. Tamala Jones’ departure also is sad — I love the character of Lanie. Having personally interviewed Tamala, Nathan and Jon Huertas, I feel like they are all good people, and I wish only the best for them and the show. Hopefully season nine won’t jump the shark too much.

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Vintage, painted iron sprinklers can shower collectors with cash

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Unusual vintage figural garden sprinklers have become expensive objects wanted by technology and gardening enthusiasts. The first sprinklers were invented after the 1870s. Water was saved in a large rooftop water tank and could be delivered to a fire with the pressure created by letting the water fall down into the hose. At first sprinklers and hoses were only available for public buildings, then farms, then public landscaping.

About 1900, lawn sprinklers were available in fanciful shapes. Many of the iron sprinklers were made by the same companies that made doors, stops, hardware, bookends or even fountains.

Early painted iron sprinklers in excellent condition — shaped like a mermaid, frog, monkey, turtle, alligator, etc. — can sell for over $1,000. During the past five years, an iron monkey springer marked “Nuydea, Patent D-8” is a collectible. Many McCoy cookie jars are marked, but some, like yours, are not. Cookie jar collecting became enormously popular in the late 1980s after Andy Warhol’s collection of 175 cookie jars sold at Sotheby’s in 1988 for more than $240,000. Many vintage jars that sold for hundreds of dollars during the 1990s can now be had for a fraction of their former price. In the late 1990s, W .C. Fields cookie jars sold from $700 to $900. Now, Larry Hughes held controlling interest in the doll is not very old, because it mentions New Jersey and Taiwan. The original dolls were made in the U.S. A 15-inch tall No. 0001 sold recently online for $70.

Q: We have a 1950s Kodak Brownie 8 mm movie projector. Is there any value to it? Does anyone collect projectors?

A: Kodak invented the Standard 8 film format in 1922. It ushered in the era of “home movies” for amateur film-makers. Both 8 mm cameras and projector were affordable and widespread by the 1950s. The Brownie 8 mm Movie Camera was introduced in 1951, and the Brownie 8 Movie Projector was added in 1952. It was compact, lightweight and fully automatic, and it had about a 200-foot reel capacity for 15 minutes of viewing. It sold for about $85. Collectors of vintage cameras and projectors can be found online. But Kodak Brownie projectors were made in large quantities and don’t sell for more than about $45 to $75.

Tip: Remove stains from plastic dishes with paste silver polish.

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. The amount of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, (Florida Weekly), 300 W . 57th St., New York, NY 10019.
**CLUB NOTES**

- **Alliance Française**
  - Alliance Française de Naples resumes its French-speaking table lunches at noon Thursday, June 2, at Café Normandie. Conducted by Denise Jenkins, the lunches will also be held June 16 and 30. All who want to converse in French over a meal are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the restaurant at 261-0977. Guests pay for their own meal; there is no other cost.

- **The Naples Garden Club**
  - The Naples Garden Club is seeking four distinctive homes in the Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples areas for its 2017 House & Garden Tour. Over the past 68 years, the annual tour has generated nearly $1 million for donation back to the community. The February 2016 tour raised $93,000 (see story on page A12). For more information, visit naplesgardenclub.org.

- **The Naples Walking Club**
  - The Naples Walking Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at The Naples Zoo to welcome new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. Each walk is about 3-4 miles, at your own speed. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is June 12. The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

- **The Naples Wednesday Bridge Club**
  - The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is May 19. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

- **Naples Ship Modelers**
  - Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Meetings are at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meeting is May 21. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 994-0868 or email drichtie@comcast.net.

- **The Gator Club of Naples**
  - The Gator Club of Naples celebrates International Gator Day with University of Florida Gator Clubs around the world on Saturday, July 10. Members of the local club will meet at 10 a.m. at Meals of Hope, 2221 Corporation Blvd, to pack meals for distribution to those in need through the Feeding America food bank network. For more information, visit the Gator Club of Naples Facebook page.

- **The Naples Wednesday Bridge Club**
  - In its 25th year, welcomes new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The group plays five rounds of six hands each, changing partners after each round and with a break for lunch. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for $20 includes beverages and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

- **The Collier County Stamp Club**
  - The Collier County Stamp Club meets from 7-9:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is May 26. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

- **The Naples Walking Club**
  - The Naples Walking Club meets at the entrance to The Naples Zoo to walk the Greenway at 7:15 a.m. every Saturday. Breakfast at Panera Bread follows. Groups also walk at 7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at the park-and-walk lot at Tin City. Each walk is about 3-4 miles, at your own speed. Breakfast afterward is optional. Members also have monthly meetings, go on local hikes and visit other areas to walk. For more information, visit napleswalkingclub.org or follow the club on Facebook.

- **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples**
  - 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 June 1. Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots’ lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is June 12. Members use for educational purposes.

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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 June 9. 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 269-8268.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month October-June at Fifth Lutheran Church, 4500 Goodlette-Frank Road. The next meeting is June 14. Guest speaker Joyce Dickens-Loffree will discuss “Cemetery Tripping from the Comfort of Your Home,” or how to gather information from family gravesites using the free website findagrave.com. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Madonna Cramer at 455-7295 or visit thegscc.org.

The Naples base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI) meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is June 20. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

Civitan clubs are dedicated to serving the needs of the community first with an emphasis on the developmentally disabled. The uniqueness is their Civitan International Research Center dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer’s disease, Down syndrome and others. For more information about the organization, visit civitan.org.

The Naples Civitan Club meets at noon on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and in the evening for has social/educational meetings during the third week of the month. The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and also at 6 p.m. in the fourth week of the month for social/educational meetings. For more information about either club, call 774-2623 or email neryk@aol.com.

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■ Youth Haven announces committee chairs for the coming season of fundraising events.

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Steve and Jill Miller will once again chair the Home, Hope and Healing Luncheon set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Ms. Miller serves on the Youth Haven board of directors. Keynote speaker for the luncheon is singer/songwriter/author Jimmy Wayne, a foster care alumni who has used his musical success as a platform to raise awareness for homeless youth and at-risk children who age out of the foster care system at 18. In 2010, he walked halfway across America and chronicled his journey in his New York Times bestseller memoir “Walk to Beautiful.”

Longtime Youth Haven supporters Rodney and Lisa George will chair the organization’s 30th annual golf tournament set for Monday, April 24, 2017, at C24 Naples Country Club.

The fifth annual David Lawrence Center Young Executives Sunset Cruise set sail Thursday, June 16, aboard the Naples Princess. Boarding begins at 6 p.m. and the boat leaves the dock at 7 p.m. for a two-hour outing on Naples Bay complete with music, hors d’oeuvres and drinks. Casual red, white and “nautical” blue attire is encouraged. Tickets are $45 until June 3 and $50 thereafter, with all proceeds benefiting DLC mental health and substance abuse programs for children, adults and families. Tickets can be purchased at davidlawrencecenter.org or by sending a check to DLC, 6075 Bathey Lane, Naples FL 34116.

■ Glory of the Grape, the annual wine tasting and silent auction fundraiser for the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ’s on the Bay on Marco. Tickets for $55 are available at marcoislandchamber.org.

■ Naples Winter Wine Festival’s Friends of the Foundation host The Grape Celebration from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. Guests will enjoy more than 50 vintages and heavy hors d’oeuvres with proceeds benefiting the festival’s founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. Tickets are $95. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 325-2978 or visit friendsinthefoundation.com.

■ Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida hosts its 2016 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event begins with cocktails and includes dinner along with recognition of this year’s Business Hall of Fame laureates. Junior Achievement students also attend and are seated with guests for dinner. For more information, call 225-2590 or email greenhoe@jaswfl.org.

■ Humane Society Naples holds its 13th annual Fashion Show & Luncheon: “Rock for the Paws” from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at The Ritz Carlton Beach Resort. The afternoon includes a silent auction, cocktail hour, lunch with wine and fashions for people and pooches. Well-behaved canines are welcome to accompany their owners. Tickets are $95, and sponsorships are available. Call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hsnaples.org.

■ The 13th annual Hats in the Garden luncheon and fashion show to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Garden. This year’s chair is Kathryn Woods. Individual tickets are $550. Sponsorship opportunities range from $5,500 to $25,000. For more information, email Meghan Gorman at mgorman@naplesgarden.org.

■ Friends and fans of Naples Estonian Challenge kick up their heels for the annual Bootstrap Boogie Barn Dance on Saturday, Nov. 12, at NEC headquarters off Goodlette-Frank Road. Details will be provided as they become available. For more information, call 269-6335.

■ The second annual Foolin’ Around in the Garden: “Fantasy • Fortune • Fun” to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the Garden, starting at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and entertainment in the Chabraja Visitor Center followed by dinner, dancing and “diversions” at 7:30 p.m. under a tent and on the Sustaining Leadership Council Event Plaza. Chairs of the event are Mary Ann and Bill Bindley. Tickets start at $50. Sponsorships that include a table for 10 range from $5,500 to $10,000. For more information, visit naplesgarden.org.

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**CUISINE NEWS**

- **Madame Peach Cobbler**, a Naples-based commercial dessert operation, has opened **Madam Peach Cobbler Jazz Café** in downtown Fort Myers. Owner Brenda Chambers has been filling mail orders and supplying area stores and restaurants with peach cobbler, banana pudding, caramel apple cobbler and more since November from her commercial kitchen in Naples. Her new café is at 6635 Hendry St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday. More than 200 people attended a soft opening on May 15 and enjoyed dessert samples while listening to jazz by guitarist Dan Filgreen. For more information, visit madamepeachcobbler.com.

- **Arthochke & Company** hosts a wine tasting with hors d’oeuvres from 5:30-7 p.m. and a tapas and mojito tasting after 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2. Cost is $10-$15. 1920 Saradierenne Lane. 263-6769 or artchokemandcompany.com.

- **Naples Winter Wine Festival’s Friends of the Foundation host The Grape Celebration** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. Guests will enjoy more than 50 vintages and heavy hors d’oeuvres with proceeds benefiting the festival’s founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. Tickets are $95. For reservations or more information, call 425-2978 or visit friendsofthefoundation.com.

- **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Glory of the Grape fundraiser** from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ’s on the Bay. Guests will enjoy wines and hors d’oeuvres prepared by Chef Laura Owen, a live auction, a photo booth and more. Tickets are $55. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 263-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org. ■

— Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@florida-dawekly.com.
The Dish: Original Chick with Fancy Nancy Chicken Salad

The Price: $7.99

The Place: Chicken Salad Chick 1180 Tamiami Trail N.

The Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday

The Details: I’ve been eyeballing Chicken Salad Chick’s new storefront at Riverchase Plaza for a good six weeks so was excited to see an invitation to preview their menu arrive in my inbox. Very few things make me so happy in life as a good chicken salad, and while I make a mean one myself, I was very curious to see how professionals would do with an entire menu based on the Southern specialty. I ordered a scoop of the Fancy Nancy salad that contained chopped pecans, seedless grapes and Fuji apples; it came with fruit salad, pickle and a cookie on the side. Savory and sweet flavors in the salad balanced nicely against the cool and creamy mayonnaise, making it a perfect light lunch.

One more thing: Chicken Salad Chick also serves deli sandwiches, soups and desserts.

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ Inca's Kitchen, Pavilion Shopping Center, 8955 U.S. 41, Naples; 631-9954
  The Peruvian food conjured up by chef/owner Rafael Rottiers is so good no one minded traveling to Golden Gate for it, but now he’s opened a stylish Naples establishment as well. The second Inca’s has an ambience similar to the original, with warm earth tones and Peruvian art. And the food is equally stellar. A Piscojito (made with Peruvian pisco liquor) goes well with any of the II varieties of ceviche and seven types of tiradito (a Peruvian style sashimi). Mancora sea bass with quinoa, scallops, mussels and clams tasted as good as it looked. A 10-ounce tenderloin with spicy red sauce and tri-colored potatoes was expertly cooked, enhanced by a mango and avocado salsa. Mustard-roasted all natural Joyce Farms free-range chicken breast with mushroom breadcrums, soft-boiled egg and poached eggs. The caramel-flavored lucama fruit. Will satisfy any carnivore. Don’t skip the caramel-flavored lucama fruit.

■ The Local, 3232 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276
  This restaurant’s name aptly describes its mission: to serve as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured locally. Run by chef/owner Jeff Mitchell, a Culinary Institute of America alumn, The Local has a creative menu, an unfussy setting and a friendly and accommodating staff. The menu changes frequently, depending on what products are available. If they are offered, I’d recommend starting with the Pine Island clams in red curry. Sweet and spicy, redolent of basil and studded with scallions, the sauce is good enough to drink on its own. Pan-seared triggerfish was expertly cooked, enhanced by a mango and avocado salsa. Mustard-roasted all natural Joyce Farms free-range chicken breast with mushroom breadcrums, soft-boiled egg and poached eggs. The caramel-flavored lucama fruit. Will satisfy any carnivore. Don’t skip the caramel-flavored lucama fruit.

■ Lapa’s Costa Rican Bistro, 2625 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 221-7016
  Costa Rica means “rich coast” in Spanish, but when it comes to the republic’s food, the adjectives that come to mind tend toward the less aspirational. Think rustic, humble, unadorned. In addition to the expected home spun 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 strewed with onions, tomatoes and fresh cilantro, along with diced avocado, giving this dish great flavor and unexpected creamy texture. The Chirripe chicken was draped in a light, slightly sweet stew of tomatoes, corn and other vegetables. Similar to paella, the arroz con carmones contains 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 served.

■ Ridgway Bar & Grill, Third Street South and 13th Avenue South, Naples; 262-5900
  Chef/owner Tony Ridgway has been offering great food and service in style for 37 years at a variety of top-notch restaurants. Ridgway Bar & Grill combines some of the best features of all that came before (Truffles, Chef’s Garden and Villa Pescatore, among them). The garden from Chef’s Garden is still splendid. The wine list is exemplary. All the baked goods are made in house including the breads served as a prelude to the meal. A goat-cheese tart with ratatouille was superb and big enough to share. Mussels arrived in a hot cast-iron skillet and were perfectly done in a flavorful broth. Whether you want chicken potpie or pan-roasted Florida shrimp with a sweet corn grit ladoele plate selected from 13 options, it’s all available. For dessert, the Truffles carrot cake is always a good bet. Full bar.

■ Veranda E, Escolante Hotel, 290 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 325-3474
  A secret garden hidden just off bustling Fifth Avenue South, Veranda E is an outstanding establishment serving creative food in a lush, subtropical setting. When the weather is good, reserve a table in the courtyard where tables are dressed in white linens and overlook the hotel’s pool. Do not miss the Veranda E calamari, a dish that might have ruined me for all other calamari preparations. Done kung pao style, it’s tenderized and breaded, fried to a golden brown and topped with peanuts, peppers, chives and a spicy-sweet sauce. Also good were the Gulf shrimp with white stone ground corn grits and Creole bacon sauce, salad with Asian pear, Humboldt Fog cheese, organic baby greens and walnut vinaigrette, Hawaiian salmon with strawberry-basil relish and ver jus rose, boneless beef short ribs and house-made lemon ginger ice cream with fresh berries. Chef Bryan Sutton knows his way around the kitchen, and he also has a thriving organic garden from which he plucks herbs and veggies. Full bar.

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KAREN FELDMAN / FLORIDA WEEKLY
A build-your-own pizza contains plenty of Kalamata olives, mushrooms and fresh basil.

I went for a 10-inch specialty pizza, the BBQ ($10), which our server said was her favorite. It contained smoked barbecue sauce, provolone, smoked gouda, roasted chicken, red onions and cilantro atop a thin, crisp crust served on a cardboard disk. It was hearty and delicious.

My companion’s 10-inch held mushrooms, Kalamata olives and basil as well as marinara sauce and there was plenty of everything on it.

Both were cut in squares, a party-style cut that’s apparently popular in the Midwest. While it seemed strange to this East Coaster who has eaten triangular slices her whole life, I have to concede it made it easier to handle.

The Crust’s website states proudly that it is the pizza crust that makes these pies so special, and I will have to agree that it is the pizza crust that makes these pies so special, and I will have to agree that they were indeed first-rate. With excellent ingredients on top, the result was a top-notch pie.

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The first homes have closed and residents are moving into Hidden Harbor, Stock Development’s latest success story in Southwest Florida. Hidden Harbor is a 55-acre, amenity-rich boating community situated between Naples and Fort Myers. Stock Signature Homes has 76 coastal contemporary estate homes, most of which provide access to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Ten Mile Canal and Estero Bay.

According to Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development, the first residents are James and Lori Shaffer. Originally from Chicago, James is retired and Lori is an executive with a clothing retailer.

“We love it here. It is a gem of a place,” said Mr. Shaffer. “We bring friends and family back here and the first thing they say is that it is wonderful and they haven’t seen anything quite like it.”

The Shaffers were the first residents to sign a new home contract in Hidden Harbor and said they are extremely pleased.

“We are very happy with Stock Development. From the sales to construction, the team has been terrific,” said Shaffer. When we signed the contract, they told us when they would start our home and when they would complete it. They were right about both and that means a lot.”

The Shaffers will soon have a brand new clubhouse to enjoy when it makes its debut in June. This wonderful amenity, along with beautifully furnished models and new floorplans, is fueling new sales, including two furnished models that sold for more than $1 million each.

Stock is finalizing construction on a new furnished model. The Anastasia has 2,913 square feet under air. This three-bedroom, three and one-half bath home has a great room, a formal dining room, and a study. With the covered lanai, two-car garage and single-car garage, the home offers 4,220 total square feet.

The Anastasia is situated on a beautiful waterfront home site with stunning western views across the harbor. It will feature an interior design by Kelli Smith of the award-winning Kelli Interior Design Studio. The new model is scheduled to debut in June. A total of 12 floor plans are offered at Hidden Harbor with inventory homes available.

“In an exciting new development, we have just added three new floor plans. These plans will feature the same beautiful Contemporary Coastal architecture as our original plans and the community clubhouse.”

These three and four bedroom homes feature from 2,327 to more than 3,300 square feet of living area. Stock Development is currently offering homebuyers $50,000 towards options.

“Let us help you purchase your dream home at Hidden Harbor a free pool or up to $50,000 towards options,” Mr. Shaffer.

Hidden Harbor residents may boat, kayak and canoe directly from their personal boat dock. The private harbor is a small and safe launch area and a club room will be equipped with new state-of-the-art equipment, a comfortably furnished lounge area and a club room will be available for social events.

The interior of the clubhouse fitness center will be equipped with new state-of-the-art equipment, a comfortably furnished lounge area and a club room will be available for social events.

Hidden Harbor also offers convenient access to Southwest Florida’s finest beaches on Sanibel Island or Fort Myers Beach via road or boat. Nearby are excellent shopping and dining opportunities, as well as several of Southwest Florida’s major entertainment venues.

“We were happy when we made the decision to purchase a home here and we are even more happy now that we are moved in,” said Mr. Shaffer.

The on-site sales center is located at 17270 Hidden Estates Circle. From I-75, use exit 128 and travel west on Alico Road. Turn south on US 41. At the first set of lights (Michael Rippe Parkway) turn west into the Sandy Parrot Plaza, then immediately turn left and follow the flags. Using Mapquest or Google Maps, find I-7200 S Tamiami Trail and follow the flags to Hidden Harbor. Visit the Stock Development website at www.stockdevelopment.com.
When something fits perfectly, it feels right. Whether they are swimming at the resort-style pool, working out in the state-of-the-art fitness center, enjoying play dates at the playground, or sharing stories fireside in the clubhouse at the end of a relaxing day, residents at Raffia Preserve often find that feeling is an experience they share in common.

A Warm Welcome
Bob and Kay DeTeso recognized that feeling during their first visit to Raffia Preserve. Now, a little more than a year later, the DeTeso family is enjoying life as residents in one of WCI Communities’ North Naples communities.

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Bob said that becoming a Raffia Preserve homeowner was a pleasure. “WCI left no question unanswered, and I had a lot of questions,” he said. “We felt included in the process, with the sales team sending us construction update photos in between our Naples visits.

“They complete the transition from their active family. So the hunt began!” Lisa said. Lisa started her search online and narrowed the list to communities in the convenient area of Naples she knew she already loved for its proximity to great schools and easy shopping.

Last fall, the Prasads visited Raffia Preserve for the first time. “We were first attracted by the location – it’s close to everything, yet tucked away,” she said. “Our Community Representative really took the time to listen to my needs,” said Lisa. “There was no pressure whatsoever – it was fantastic.”

The Prasads selected a Pelican Executive Home. With four bedrooms, three baths, den and powder room, the 3,604 square-foot Pelican is particularly popular with families who need plenty of room. Lisa especially likes the privacy afforded by the home’s two-story design, in which bedrooms are situated upstairs, away from the main living area.

“I love the wide hallways and the bright, open feel of the second floor,” she said. “The loft is the designated kid hangout space for studying and playing video games, and we use the great room together as a family.”

Lisa said knowing the Raffia Preserve clubhouse was ready and waiting made it easier to make the move. “It’s great WCI was thinking ahead that it would be important to have a place for neighbors to meet,” she added. “Raffia Preserve’s lifestyle director organizes great community activities – I appreciate how she makes us feel connected.

“It’s exciting to see the neighborhood taking shape, with families and children of all ages,” she said.

Offering only 363 single-family homes, Raffia Preserve emphasizes outdoor living within a 184-acre Southwest Florida setting of palm trees, nature preserves and lakes.

Raffia Preserve offers 13 one- and two-story Executive Home and Estate designs that include granite-counter-top kitchens with freestanding islands, stainless steel appliances and 18-by-18-inch ceramic tile flooring in select rooms. Owner’s suites offer walk-in closets and bathrooms with dual sinks, private water closets and glass-enclosed tile-clad showers. Offering from 2,053 to 4,457 square feet of living space, select homes have bonus and flex rooms, three-car garages and second floors for bedrooms, lofts, media centers and game rooms – all designed to make it easy to find your perfect fit.

At Raffia Preserve’s model home center, four fully furnished homes offer homebuyers an immersive experience into the design, livability and flexibility of the community’s homes. Featuring interior design by award-winning Kay Green Design, the models also showcase the extensive selections and finishes available at WCI’s Design Studio.

Raffia Preserve homes start from the high-$400,000s. Several Dream Ready homes are available for immediate move-in starting from the high-$400,000s.

Raffia Preserve residents enjoy easy access to the area’s best amenities, including Naples’ 20 miles of beaches, upscale shopping and dining at Mercato and Waterside Shops, and cultural attractions like Artis-Naples, home of the Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic.

Raffia Preserve is located on Collier Boulevard between Immokalee and Vanderbilt Beach roads, less than 10 miles from beaches and just six miles from the Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples and Sun-N-Fun Lagoon water park.

For more information, stop by the welcome center at 4142 Raffia Drive, visit www.RaffiaPreserveWCI.com or call 239-998-2270.
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Moorings Park at Grey Oaks to hold informational event

Moorings Park at Grey Oaks is holding an Informational Luncheon on Wednesday, May 25th at 11:30 a.m. at the Grey Oaks Country Club Clubhouse main dining room at 2400 Grey Oaks Drive North in Grey Oaks. The presentation will be followed by lunch in the dining room. RSVP’s are requested by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd by calling 239.919.1711 or online at MooringsParkGO.org/Events.

Moorings Park at Grey Oaks’ residents enjoy an active lifestyle and award-winning continuum of care. The community presents a rare opportunity to enjoy a holistic approach to living well. Beautifully designed and spacious residences, personalized physician services provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, lifestyle programs to suit a variety of interests and pursuits, a landscaped setting with captivating water features, and the amenities and activities available through the Sports Membership at Grey Oaks Country Club included with every residence are all part of life at Moorings Park at Grey Oaks.

Moorings Park at Grey Oaks is being built in four phases. The first three phases include 96 residences in 12 buildings. The Phase I, II, and III residential buildings have been completed, as have the Aqua, Jasmine, and Viridian Gardens, the three 80,000 square-feet gardens that define the community’s three neighborhoods. Phase III residents started moving into their new homes on April 25th. Thirteen Phase IV penthouse-style Residences at Grand Place will include a spacious and luxurious penthouse-style residence at Moorings Park at Grey Oaks. Plans call for the thirteen unique Residences at Grand Place floor plans to offer open living environments with volume ceilings, recessed double-door entries, gallery hallways, comfortable dining areas, wet bars, master suites with walk-in closets, master baths with oversized showers and large double or separate his and her vanities, covered terraces, and multiple Juliette balconies.

Grand Place will include a spacious and distinctive clubhouse, Center for Healthy Living, and Oakstone Assisted Living and Memory Care. Grand Place will be situated adjacent to the Viridian Garden, the third of the community’s three 80,000 square-feet gardens designed by JRL Landscape Design Studios of Naples. The Viridian Garden provides an open green space. An arbor in the center of the space is designed to provide a gathering place. Open multi-purpose lawn areas with smooth, finely textured grasses are intended to host a variety of activities, including bocce ball and lawn bowling, and to offer an outdoor venue for yoga classes, special events, festivals, and entertainment on special occasions.

Moorings Park at Grey Oaks’ amenity-rich lifestyle fosters a rich sense of community. As planned, the clubhouse built to LEED Certification standards will offer various places to enjoy socializing, including a comfortable lounge, a variety of casual and formal dining spaces, a private dining room, a creative arts studio, fitness center, salon and spa, covered outdoor terraces, rooftop gardens, a resort-style pool, a poolside Bistro, and a ballroom for dinner dances, lectures, and large gatherings. Personalized physician services provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and physical therapy services will be available at the nearby 6,000-square-foot foot Center for Healthy Living. Off-season golf, year-round tennis, additional dining options and fitness facilities, and year-round activities are available through the Sports Membership at Grey Oaks Country Club.

Moorings Park at Grey Oaks residents will have the additional benefit of access to many of the amenities at Moorings Park’s Goodlette-Frank Road campus, including the Center for Healthy Living that includes additional fitness, theatre, spa and salon services, dining at the elegant Trio restaurant, and an invitation to the Bower Chapel Concert Series and worship services.

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McGarvey’s Mon Paradis model now open at Quail West

McGarvey Custom Homes’ Mon Paradis estate model is now open for viewing and purchase at Quail West. Priced at $4,150,000 fully-furnished, the Mon Paradis’ country French design offers 5,341 square feet under air. The floor plan includes a grand foyer with a see-through view of an array of water features. A great room with a vaulted beamed ceiling flows into a double-island kitchen and breakfast room. The plan features a formal dining room with refrigerated red and white wine storage, a study/parlor, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a pool bath, and two two-car garages. The master suite includes a morning kitchen. A 1,053 square feet outdoor living area features a pool and spa, covered lanai spaces with roll-down screens, a summer kitchen, and a fireplace. The Mon Paradis showcases an interior by Ruta Menaghlazi, Senior Interior Designer at Freestyle Interiors.

Menaghlazi’s clean-lined design is juxtaposed with a rustic French influence evident in the vaulted dark wood beamed ceilings and wire-brushed white oak hardwood flooring. Her color palette, set against white backgrounds, includes chocolate browns, creams, linens, and terracotta tones. In contrast to the flooring, woods throughout the home are rich and dark with creamy linen upholstery adding light natural texture.

The great room includes three sets of French doors that open to the outdoors. A vaulted beamed ceiling soars overhead. Menaghlazi has included a custom built-in with dark lower cabinets, floating shelves, and a wall-mounted television. Furnishings include two sofas and wood-frame side chairs, upholstered in rich creamy linen. Two dark-toned rectangular coffee tables anchor the arrangement. The dining room showcases a coffered ceiling detail with dark wood beams. The dining table is presented in a rustic dark wood with an X-base accompanied by eight linen-skirted dining chairs. Two SubZero refrigerators provide red and white wine storage. On either side of the cabinet offers storage below and glass fronted display areas above.

In the double-island kitchen, Menaghlazi has included island and lower perimeter cabinetery executed in black and upper perimeter cabinetry in classic white oak. The outer island features a stained walnut top. The larger food preparation-island and perimeter display light granite countertops. The morn- ing kitchen features dark walnut cabinetry, an under counter refrigerator, sink, and granite countertop. The morning kitchen is flanked by a free-standing makeup vanity and chair and a carved wood cabinet for storage. In the master bedroom, a four-poster iron bed with an undraped canopy and integrated headboard displaying linen upholstery within the ironwork dominates the scene. Nightstands with a cream and gray bone inlay contrast with a dark dressing drawer cabinet. In the sitting area, two black framed wood chairs with cream linen upholstery are accompanied by a dark accent table. Overhead, a square coffee table detail is decorated with grass cloth. On the lanai, ceiling beam details are incorporated over a fountain. A sofa and four lounge chairs in dark woven wicker with light canvas cushions are arranged before a fireplace displaying a split-face textured travertine cladding. In the outdoor kitchen area, Menaghlazi has included dark espresso cabinetry with granite countertops and a floating island with an open waterfall counter complemented by backless barstools. The din- ing table is finished in wrought iron with dining chairs in a dark woven material with white canvas upholstered cushions. Additional lounge chairs are located by the great room s French doors to take full advantage of the water features outside the grand foyer that merge into the pool. In addition to the Mon Paradis, McGarvey s 6,328 square feet estate model is also open for viewing and purchase at Quail West. Priced at $4.6 million with furnishings, the Adderley includes a reception parlor, a formal dining room, a gourmet double-island kitchen and family room, a U-shaped bar, a walk-in wine room, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths, a study, an outdoor living area with an island kitchen, two-sided fireplace, and a custom pool and spa, a three-car garage, and a golf cart garage. An elegant interior design brings a fresh, light aura to the Adderley with background hues of gold and cream and accent tones of slate blues and gray.

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Ave Maria sets a new home sales record in April

Ave Maria Development reports its strongest month of new home sales to date, reporting 35 new home sales in April 2016. This figure outperforms the previous record of 34 in February of 2015 from its three builders. New homes in Ave Maria are priced from the high $100s, well below Collier County’s median home price of $439,900, according to a recent study.

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Homebuyers gravitating to Naples Square’s unique value

with 73 completed Phase I residences sold out, a choice selection of Phase II residences remaining, and five Phase III reservations already processed, the appeal of Naples Square’s amenity-rich walkable lifestyle continues to attract homebuyers. Situated at a prized downtown Naples location, Naples Square is being developed by the award-winning Ronto Group at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road. The community is bringing cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue South to Bayfront with access via a redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South between 10th Street and Goodlette-Frank Road within Naples Square. The community’s location, amenities, an assortment of light-filled open concept floor plans, luxurious finishes, and a price point unmatched anywhere else downtown provide an exceptional value.

As the community’s residents are discovering, Naples Square puts every downtown attraction within a short walk or bike ride. Residents are taking advantage of downtown’s combination of expansive beaches, eclectic shopping and gallery venues, eateries, and late-night gathering places, including attractions on 5th Avenue South and Third Street, and at Bayfront and Tin City.

Naples Square’s immediate proximity to all things downtown and the secured under-building parking that is included with every residence offer a measure of convenience that owners especially appreciate during season.

In addition to relikishing their immediate, walkable access to all of downtown, Naples Square’s residents are enjoying the community’s elegantly finished common areas, rich assortment of amenities, and visual appeal. Naples-based Renee Gaddis Interiors has designed the community’s common areas to include a neutral color palette of greys, beiges, browns, and soft pastels.

The first floor elevator lobbies include terrazzo floors. Tile flooring with a wood look is featured in the upper floor elevator lobbies to create a less commercial and more residential ambiance.

Naples Square offers a diverse assortment of amenities to enhance its coveted downtown living experience. Residents are enjoying a professionally designed fitness center, with state-of-the-art strength and cardio equipment. A second fitness center will be included in Phase III. Courtyard amenity deck featuring a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sun deck, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating. Above: With 73 completed Phase I residences sold out, just 18 Phase II residences remaining, and five Phase III reservations already processed, the appeal of Naples Square’s amenity-rich walkable lifestyle continues to attract homebuyers.

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Kalea Bay’s spectacular clubhouse reaches construction milestone

Tower reaches 14th floor

Kalea Bay’s clubhouse has been under construction since January and has reached a milestone as construction crews carefully place the trusses on the roof. The progress on the 88,000-square-foot clubhouse can be seen from Vanderbilt Drive, as passersby slow down to take a look and marvel at the social and recreational centerpiece of the luxury high-rise community.

“When completed our clubhouse will surely be the envy of every community in the Naples area,” said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay.

Kalea Bay’s clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

“All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Wilson.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn’t on a resident’s schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

“We have the perfect place for all three,” said Wilson. “The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

“Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it’s an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting,” said Wilson. “Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It’s a real convenience.”

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

“Three of the best beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay,” stated Wilson.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year. At that time CID Design Group, a progressive, second-generation interior design company based in Naples, will begin to transform the building into an incredible centerpiece which will complement the community’s modern seaside, villa-style architecture, accented with the charm of old Florida.

“CID Design Group has in its possession reclaimed wood from the recent Naples Pier reconstruction, both original wood and from the renovation after the historic Hurricane Donna of 1960,” stated Jenn Zella, Principal and Director of Design for the firm. “We have plans to integrate the reclaimed wood as design elements within the clubhouse, which will give historic pieces new life - and a new purpose - which will enjoyed by residents and their visitors for years to come.”

Approximately the same time construction is completed on the clubhouse, Kalea Bay’s first residents should also be moving into their new homes. Currently, construction crews are working on the 10th floor of the 22-story residential tower.

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 3,785 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,895 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet. Wilson said dramatic views are available to every single resident, no matter which floor they live on.

“The tower’s amenities are located on the rooftop,” explained Wilson, “including our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.”

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and the beaches. Those beaches include Barefoot Beach andprovide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Wilson.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn’t on a resident’s schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

“We have the perfect place for all three,” said Wilson. “The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

“Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it’s an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting,” said Wilson. “Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It’s a real convenience.”

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

“Three of the best beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay,” stated Wilson.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year. At that time CID Design Group, a progressive, second-generation interior design company based in Naples, will begin to transform the building into an incredible centerpiece which will complement the community’s modern seaside, villa-style architecture, accented with the charm of old Florida.

“CID Design Group has in its possession reclaimed wood from the recent Naples Pier reconstruction, both original wood and from the renovation after the historic Hurricane Donna of 1960,” stated Jenn Zella, Principal and Director of Design for the firm. “We have plans to integrate the reclaimed wood as design elements within the clubhouse, which will give historic pieces new life - and a new purpose - which will enjoyed by residents and their visitors for years to come.”
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Lifestyle continues to drive sales at Seaglass at Bonita Bay

Above: Bonita Bay’s 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 Café. Right: This summer, the 10,000 square feet building 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. Below: The appeal of the Bonita Bay community’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 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower now under construction by The Ronto Group within Bonita Bay.

Situates nearly 250 feet from its closest neighboring building, Seaglass will feature fully completed, ready for occupancy residencies with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available. Three tower residences great room floor plans range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and are priced from just over $1 million. One remaining penthouse residence is priced from $2.9 million and offers approximately 4,600 square feet of air conditioned space.

To learn more about Seaglass and the Bonita Bay Lifestyle, visit the Seaglass Sales Center and Design Studio at 26951 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. or online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com.
Minto’s The Isles of Collier Preserve received a prestigious Silver Award at the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) for “Best Mixed Community” 

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities received a prestigious Silver Award at the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) for “Best Mixed Community.” Minto is one of only three recipients to be recognized in this category in the entire country.

The Best in American Living Awards is the nation’s premier award program continuously redefining design excellence for the entire residential building industry. It spotlights the most creative and innovative builders, remodelers, architects, residential and building designers, developers, land planners and interior designers in the nation. The awards program, sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Design Committee, recognizes good design in single-family and multifamily homes of all types and sizes, communities, interior design, remodeling and rental developments.

Every aspect of The Isles of Collier Preserve has been meticulously planned to create a sustainable community that embraces nature and an active lifestyle, including The Isles Club, the new clubhouse and amenity center. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway the 16,500 square-foot Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888. The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch and will be the social hub. Residents and friends gather at The Isles Club for social functions, swimming and sunbathing, tennis and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. An event courtyard, yoga lawn, resort-style swimming pool, lap pool and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation. More than half of The Isles of Collier Preserve's lands are dedicated to natural habitat and preserve areas connected by a network of biking paths and recreational trails with exercise stations and nature observation areas as well as blueways for kayaking. A rustic Overlook Bar and Grill with views of the Cypress Waterway and bocce ball courts will be added in the future.

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

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid $300s to over $1 million. The community currently offers 15 fully furnished model homes for touring. Single-family homes at The Isles of Collier Preserve are priced from the high $400s to more than $1 million, and range from 2,016 to 4,237 square feet under air. All are designed for entertaining and feature gourmet kitchens, open floor plans, private, expansive guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with unobstructed nature views. Villas are priced from the mid-$300s and range from 1,562 to 1,962 square feet under air. They include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garages.

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

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit mintofla.com.

Above: Jasmine Grande and The Isles of Collier Preserve.

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Located in the heart of Naples is perhaps one of the city’s best-kept residential charms—Andalucía. Developed by FrontDoor Communities, this stunning community is down to its final three homes, providing home buyers with limited time to call this community home. With a sought-after location, outstanding amenities and incredible price point not found elsewhere in Naples, it’s no surprise that this private, gated community is nearly sold out.

The final homes at Andalucía showcase the award-winning Seville and Corдовá plans, as well as the Alora II, and they offer four bedrooms with three to four-and-a-half baths, and prices range from $448,900 to $592,300. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the exteriors of the homes at Andalucía showcase tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interiors also showcase a variety of luxury finishes, including tile floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, beautiful owner’s suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

“Andalucía has proven to be a success with buyers looking for an affordable luxury home in Naples,” said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. “We’re very proud that we’ve been able to offer our customers gorgeous homes, a great location and an excellent price point—all without sacrificing the beautiful finishes and features that FrontDoor is known for.”

Homeowners at Andalucía have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of amenities just steps from their front door. The community features Lake Azzuri at its center, and it’s surrounded by a state-of-the-art fitness center, heated resort-style lap pool and whirlpool spa, clubhouse with open gathering space, game room and catering kitchen, and a children’s playground and half-size basketball court.

Andalucía is minutes away from Naples’ best beaches, top golf courses and excellent boutique shopping and dining opportunities, providing homeowners the opportunity to live life in the center of it all. In addition, children residing in the community will attend the top-rated Collier County Schools.

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