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Auto writer Myles Kornblatt hopes drivers can save Nissan’s 370Z Roadster. A17

David Lawrence Center enhancing its children’s services
One of the challenges facing a major community resource like David Lawrence Center is staying on top of changing needs among the population it serves. To address the needs of a growing population and its children, the mental health and substance abuse treatment center is in the midst of expanding its facilities and programming for local kids. To that end, a new 2,000-square-foot outpatient facility for minors is on target to open in October, and an expanded crisis stabilization unit should be ready in early 2017.

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It ends here.

Our population is a microcosm of the U.S., and the major parties are evenly split on presidential races, making Florida the ultimate battleground in the 2016 election.

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“Soviet Exiles Moscow Jewelers to Siberia,” the headlines read. “Republi- cans Open Campaign Tonight: Bennett and Waterman issue statements declaring Waterman is not a Republican.” “Phil- lips Guarded, Conspiracy Denied, Charges ridiculed by private detective ... Carries a loaded pistol all day!” And for the techies, “Britoń Sends Radio (Concert) Program 14,000 miles to U.S. Seattle.”

But The Times didn’t just do news. One learned from the Aug. 24 edition that you could sublet a 400-square-foot fireproof office on 34th Street overlooking the Hudson River for a year, for $70; that “The Wanderer,” a Parliament Picture, was playing twice daily at Criterion The- atre on Broadway and 44th Street, with Tyrone Power, Greta Nissen and Wallace Beery; that you could get a Hudson Seal trimmed coat (dried Northern Muskrat) for $245; a room in Philadelphia’s Ritten- house Hotel for $2 a night, or $2.50 with a bath; and a four-piece golf suit from Sanger on Fifth Avenue for $25 to $35. The suit was made on site, of course.

Among the want ads for nurses and handymen on the day Bill was born, this one appeared in fine print: “MALE – Chef – First class pastry and salad man, new cafeteria in Florida; State age, nationality. Write W.M. Carnasion, Royal Palm Cafete- ria, Ft. Myers, Fla.”

Unbeknownst to Bill Kilpatrick – now-adays a Lee County resident, a father and grandfather, a career writer and former editor of one stripe or another at Parade, Popular Mechanics, True, Field & Stream and others, not to mention a retired News-Press columnist and writing coach— he had his first Florida connection. The ad was a little wink of fate, perhaps, delivered from the region he would someday share for decades with his now late, beloved wife, Phyllis.

Mrs. Kilpatrick died earlier this year.

When Bill was born to Fannie Louise Speechly Kilpatrick (and may we pause here to thank her for doing such good work), golf became part of his life.

His father, William Kilpatrick, had been born in Danmries and raised in St. Andrews, Scotland, where love of the game is probably genetic. In 1925, he was superintendent of the course at the Sun- ningdale Country Club, in Scarsdale.

Billy’s 201 book from the University of Nebraska Press, “Brassies, Meshies & Bootleg Scotch,” is a memoir of life with the old man, much of it spent on or around golf courses.

But his father was not only a golfer. Before World War I, the old man served in the famous Scots fighting regiment, The Black Watch. During the war, he joined the U.S. Army, serving in France and becom- ing an American citizen.

And then and now, the Kilpatricks retained a Bobby Jones ethical world view: At the 1922 U.S. Open, Jones hit a shot that fell into the deep rough of the embankment on the 11th green at Worcester. As he prepared to hit out, his club brushed the grass near the ball, which in turn touched the ball. Jones insisted on penalizing himself, ultimately costing him a victory in the Open that year.

In Bill’s case, he joined the Army Air Force and trained as a gunner, then shipped out to England in the last bloody year of the war. Falling ill — offered a chance to remain grounded while his best- en-up squadron continued to fight — he insisted on flying combat missions in the glass bubble at the nose of a B-17 bomber, checked out and pressed into duty as a togglier (a bombardier). He was 19. On his eighth mission, he was blown out of his seat by shrapnel and badly wounded. But he crawled back into the seat, re-attached his oxygen and delivered the bombs on target while a navigator sat nearby, frozen with fear and unable to help.

The pilot descended a ladder from the cockpit, bandaged the worst wound to save his life, gave him morphine and flew the damaged plane home. Bill spent months in hospitals and can still feel those wounds. A single purple heart is framed on a wall in his home, but you’ll never see him parad- ing in uniforms or wearing any medals.

His older brother, meanwhile, flew fighter planes in the Pacific, including off the U.S.S. Franklin, later badly damaged by a kamikaze. He shot down five enemy aircraft, became an ace and won both the Navy Cross (the nation’s second-highest medal for valor) and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Later in life he graduated from Yale Law School and became chief counsel for the American Hockey League (Macgregor is now in the American Hock- ey League Hall of Fame).

It’s been 91 years, and all of it’s in the blood, his and ours.

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The United States is well represented by a 554-member team of men and women consisting of the best of the best athletes our country has to offer. They come from every corner of the nation and take part in the majority of sports featured during the games.

The Miami Herald also notes South Florida has contributed its own delegation of athletes, all of whom have South Florida ties. It includes 21 athletes competing for Team USA and 20 competing on behalf of other countries.

The athletes work for the invite, earning the honor after devoting years of sacrifice, discipline and hard work. Olympiads are the young on their way to the limits of what a body can do in its prime, and for the veterans of past games, will be to there stretching beyond their bodies' ability to say no.

And, oh, the stories of their journey. It's a road of highs and lows that leads to the field of dreams where legends are born. On a very medieval taken home, hundreds experience the heartbreak of what might have been. Yet to have competed at this remarkable achievement.

The overall number of women athletes participating in the games has increased, including countries that have never before allowed nor sent women to compete. Perhaps it's no surprise, but the U.S. sent this year more women athletes than gymnasts to the Olympics history. So says the U.S. Olympic Committee, noting the U.S. roster is comprised of 262 men and 202 women. They competed in 27 different sports across 40 disciplines; and 244 of the 306 medals awarded.

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There are days — not often, but certainly regularly — that Minecraft makes me want to toss our iPad into the gulf. As far as video games go, however, it certainly has some beneficial lessons for kids. I often wonder if it isn’t the technology age’s equivalent to chess.

Minecraft teaches strategy, critical thinking, resource management and the deep pleasure of wrangling a seething horde of pixilated zombies. But the screen’s glare can have its own zombifying effect on humans of a certain age — that age being between 6 and 12. And then there’s the off chance that our little angel could run into a real-life bad guy should we allow him to level up and play competitively with others. We have not and are a little tetchy about the prospect, so Minecraft certainly has some limits when it comes to the lessons it can impart to youngsters.

For now, our boy is happy with the downscaled version, and I kind of hope he stays that way until Minecraft mania passes.

After having a conversation with Marco resident Wade Keller, I’m thinking that chess itself might be a friendlier venue for learning brain discipline and sportsmanship.

Mr. Keller, who has been playing chess for 70 years, is starting a chess club for Marco kids at the Marco Island Library. Though he has been thinking about passing on the game to younger generations for some time, he got a kick in the pants recently when he was beaten in a tournament by 6-year-old Texan Rachael Li.

Even though it took three hours and 43 moves for the game to officially conclude, Mr. Keller admits that he recognized early on in the competition that he would not be the victor over Miss Li. A draw was the best he could hope for. He came away blown away by the capacity of some kids to succeed at a game it often takes decades to master.

“This is my theory: There’s a correlation between chess and learning a foreign language. The whole philosophy of chess is like a foreign language,” Mr. Keller says. “For older people, it’s a hard thing to learn, but kids seem to pick it up really fast — at least the ones who want to learn.”

Mr. Keller taught himself how to play as a child once checkers at his hometown barber shop in Greenville, Ga., lost its thrill. Because he was the only person in town who played, however, he turned to “postal” chess. Facilitated by the National Chess Association, he and a pen pal traded moves through the mail until someone won.

“It took about a year and 40-50 moves to get it done,” he recalls. “It was just a passion. People enjoy different things, Other golfed or fished; I read books and played chess.”

The game is a great way for youngsters to tame their competitive impulses and strategize, he says. And studying chess correlates nicely with academic success.

“Kids between 6 and 16 move too fast,” he believes. “The ones who want to learn have to slow down and think. That’s a big thing with academic success.”

For parents who want to wrest their children away from video games, Mr. Keller’s group meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at Marco Island Library. Sign up at collierlibrary.org/programs. For more information, call Mr. Keller at 389-2525 or email wk@kellerpublishing.com.

— Despite much griping about Minecraft, Lindsey Nesmith is actually proud of how proficient her son has become at world building and zombie hunting.
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er in presidential contests. Go figure.

In 2000, Al Gore was defeated in Florida by 537 votes, and that meant the election went to George W. Bush. The campaigns of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have zeroed in on the state, as well they should. Florida's 29 electoral votes (the U.S. Constitution allows a state to receive more than one electoral vote as a result of changes in the Electoral College) comprise more than 10 percent of the 270 needed to win. Although Republicans dominate in races for statewide offices, Florida is one of those rare states where — when it comes to national elections — both the Republican and Democratic parties have a fighting chance to carry the day. This curious political dichotomy between statewide and national elections is explained by Darryl Paulson, emeritus professor of government at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

“Long ago are the days when the state was America’s dowdy, predictable, blue-haired grandparent — concerned principally with Walt Disney World, Lawrence Welk reruns, Metamucil and shuffleboard. Florida of the 21st century is an ethnically riven, politically splintered, polygot mega-state. It is the Salvador Dali of democracy — flambouyant, outrageous, gaudy and thoroughly confounding.

Now — 16 years after the embarrassing and infamous voter recount, 16 years after Bush v. Gore, 16 years after Florida’s electoral votes handed the Oval Office to George W. Bush — Florida once again is in a position to play the deciding role in who becomes the next president of the United States.

A close race is anticipated, and there’s nothing new there. Florida is accustomed to them. Forget the 2000 election for the moment. Just four years ago President Obama defeated Mitt Romney in Florida, 50 percent to 49.1 percent, making it the only state to be decided by less than 1 percent.

Floridaans relish cliffhangers. Long gone are the days when the state was in a position to play the deciding role in the country as a whole. This reputation was enhanced by the closeness of the 2000 election, where it took a month of legal wrangling to decide the winner.

The two parties in Florida are almost evenly divided when it comes to presidential elections,” said Peter Bergerson, professor of political science and public administration at Florida Gulf Coast University. “If you look back over the last three or four presidential elections, both parties have had a chance to win and indeed have won.”


Since 1976, Florida’s voter registration statistics, as compiled by the state’s Division of Elections, reveal a startling realignment in the electorate.

In 1976, there were about 1.1 million registered Republicans, 2.7 million Democrats and 204,000 classified as “other.” Ten years later, there were 2 million Republicans, 1.2 million Democrats and 377,604 others. In 1996, the gap between the two parties had closed dramatically, with 3.2 million Republicans, 3.7 million Democrats and 1 million others. By 2006 there were 3.9 million Republicans, 4.1 million Democrats and 2.2 million others. This year, the figures stand at 4.4 million Republicans, 4.6 million Democrats and 3.2 million others.

Thus, presidential candidates in present-day Florida face a daunting task. They must solidify their party’s base, while at the same time woo a massive bloc of unaffiliated voters whose political affiliations seem to change with the wind.

Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton both claim strengths within the state. Mr. Trump, a New Yorker, considers Florida — and more specifically Palm Beach — to be a second home, and he has extensive business interests in Palm Beach County. The real estate baron also has the endorsement of prominent Republican officeholders, including Attorney General Pam Bondi, Gov. Rick Scott and Sen. Marco Rubio, Mr. Trump’s onetime rival for the nomination.

Ms. Clinton, who enjoys the support of former U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (the only Democrat who holds a statewide office), views Florida as an essential element of what she hopes to do in November when minority voters and other traditional Democrats “swing a state prize for (its) electoral votes... and a dependable source of Democratic campaign cash. Florida this year is also an important part of...”

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identical candidate), but these two men are not well known outside of their own states. That is different from past third-party efforts. People knew who George Wallace, Ross Perot and Ralph Nader were.”

Mr. Trump’s appeal is unusual, to say the least. His campaign to date is almost that of a third-party candidate in that he is not viewed as a “traditional” Republican and indeed has raised the ire of many mainstream elements within the GOP.

Stewert Lytle, a Boston-based journalist and novelist who extensively covered George Wallace back in the day, said Mr. Trump evokes many of the same passions elicited by the fire-breathing populist from Alabama.

“I know Florida has changed dramatically since 1968, but if you listen to Trump, he hears many of the same themes that George Wallace employed so effectively in the state, especially in North Florida, around the Panhandle,” Mr. Lytle said. “There is this constant refrain from Trump that ‘elites’ in both business and government are out to screw you. That the system is rigged and that the people who run the system are incompetent, ineffective and corrupt. One of Wallace’s signature lines that ‘pointy-headed’ intellectuals and bureaucrats in Washington carry briefcases. If you opened these briefcases, Wallace said, all you would find is a baloney sandwich. That’s not too far off what Donald Trump is saying, if he believes the polls, a lot of people in Florida are still buying it — decades after George Wallace has disappeared from the scene.”

Mr. Paulson asserts that a good old-fashioned game of telephone, going door-to-door to solicit votes, providing transportation on election day) will probably determine the winner in Florida.

Mr. Trump, though, disdains such common senselike declarations. Reverting to his recurring role as the kamikaze candidate, he told Fox News not long ago: “I don’t know if Florida is a positive state, I think people that really want to vote are going to get out, and they are going to vote for Trump.”

As Mr. Trump’s curious observation would indicate, Ms. Clinton possesses a decided edge when it comes to campaign strategies. The president’s political and military advisers convinced him Florida was there for the re-taking, persuading him that pro-Union sentiment ran high within the state. Florida could be returned to the United States. Lincoln would lead the way decisively and with force, these wrong-headed counselors insisted. None of this was true, but the beleaguered Lincoln took the bait.

Acting on this ill-conceived advice, he approved a military operation in Florida, with the expectation that a quick and surgically precise military strike would lead to an uprising among Floridians who wanted out of the Confederacy.

Lincoln expected victory. What he got was an unmitigated military and political disaster. Federal and Confederate troops engaged on Feb. 20, 1864, at Olustee in northern Florida. It was a complete and utter rout, with the Confederate forces thoroughly trouncing their blue-coated counterparts. Olustee, the largest battle waged in Florida, proved to be one of the bloodiest encounters of the war, with both sides recording alarmingly high rates of casualties and deaths.

The Union, which was suffering from a lack of manpower, threw large numbers of black soldiers into the maw at Olustee, where they distinguished themselves.

“The colored troops went in grandly, and they fought like devils,” said one white Union soldier.

After the encounter, some 50 black soldiers lay wounded and dying on the smoldering battlefield. Roving gangs of Rebel troopers systematically murdered these defenseless men — sometimes using clubs to accomplish the task.

Lincoln realized his mistake, and Olustee was his last serious attempt to bring Florida back into the fold. The horror of that battle remained with the president and later many historians were vainly urged by some of his supporters to back away from emancipation, he said, “There have been men who have proposed to me to return to slavery the black warriors of ... Olustee. I should be damned in time and in eternity for doing so.”

As it turned out, Florida and its three electoral votes would have meant nothing. Lincoln defeated Gen. George B. McClellan in a landslide, winning 55 percent of the popular vote and prevailing in the Electoral College by a margin of 212 to 21.

By 1868, the war was ended and Florida was once again ready to participate in a presidential vote. But Harrison Reed, the carpetbagging Republican governor who originally hailed from Wisconsin, insisted the state was too poor to fund an election.

So, Florida became the only state in 1868 to eschew a popular vote. Instead, over protests from Democrats, Flori- da’s Reconstruction Legislature selected a council of state lawmakers to be the state’s presidential electors. The three dutifully cast their votes in the Electoral College for James Garfield, the Repub- lican candidate who prevailed.

Following Reconstruction, Florida — like the rest of the Deep South — trended Democratic. That shift ended in 1952, when the state supported Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower. Since then, Flori- da has skipped back and forth between the two parties.

And that is where we stand today. You could drive yourself crazy trying to figure out Florida, politically. The state will do what it will do and in its own time. It always has.

The Sunshine State, you see, continues to adhere to the philosophy set forth years ago by the marvellously absurd Claude “GoGo” Kirk, who in 1966 was elected the first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

“The garden of controversy must be continually cultivated,” Mr. Kirk liked to say of Florida politics, “otherwise, nobody knows you are alive.”

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capacity from four to eight, and enlarge the dining area.

A new component of the center’s resources is a partial hospitalization program, which will provide all the intensity of inpatient treatment for children but will allow them to go home at the end of the day.

“If the child is not having suicidal thoughts or thinking about harming someone else, it’s best for them to be in their own beds,” Mr. Burgess says.

David Lawrence Center has been a lifesaver, literally, for local teen Caleb Caldwell. After he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 9, Caleb responded to medications prescribed by his doctor. However, “his emotions and outbursts became unmanageable,” his mother, Melisa Caldwell says.

Finding a new therapist for Caleb was critical. NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Collier County referred the boy and his mother to DLC.

“To weep and be there for your child when he is at risk to himself,” Mr. Burgess says.

Ms. Caldwell was “awesome” in whatever she did, and the family always appreciated and knew she will need as many as 10 times, she says, adding the combination of outpatient and in-home therapy has helped the two of them understand his new diagnosis — autism — and learn how to manage it together. Caleb’s case manager helps them find resources and make appointments, something Ms. Caldwell greatly appreciates and knows she will need as her son’s needs change and evolve.

Staying on top of Caleb’s medical needs is not easy, but the DLC expansion will ease some of the challenges. For instance, coordinating his blood work between an outside lab and his DLC team can be a dangerous game that will be resolved when an in-house nurse can draw Caleb’s blood and test it.

“We have had the worst time getting these results back to DLC from the lab. By the time we go through all these steps, a lot of time has passed,” Ms. Caldwell explains. “This is an issue for kids like Caleb whose medication could become a health risk, or even deadly (if levels get too high or too low).” Having the ability to have blood drawn right away and to not have to wait for results from an outside lab “is priceless,” she adds.

The four beds being added to the crisis stabilization unit will prevent situations such as Caleb’s from happening. The unit will prevent situations such as Caleb’s from happening.

Additionally, the new unit will allow them to go home at the end of inpatient treatment for children but will also allow them to go home at the end of the day.

Demand for children’s services at DLC has exploded since the 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy in which a 20-year-old man entered an elementary school in Connecticut and shot and killed 20 students and six adult staff members. In light of this and other gun tragedies that have plagued American schools the last few years, parents seem to be more responsive to their children’s mental health needs, Mr. Burgess says, resulting in a dramatic increase in referrals for admission to DLC’s pediatric unit.

“There’s a greater awareness about the need to address these issues sooner than later,” he says. “When people are struggling, we try to get them care.”

Construction of the new children’s outpatient building and the expanded crisis stabilization unit will cost the center $700,000. The $450,000 for the new building has been fully secured, thanks to private donors. While funds are still being raised for the crisis stabilization unit, the Richard M. Schulz Family Foundation has provided a $100,000 matching grant, and Naples philanthropist Jerry Nichols made a private donation.

For more information about DLC’s wide range of programs and services for children, adults and families, and to learn how to contribute financially or as a volunteer, call 455-5000 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

Teens can learn how to make positive choices

The David Lawrence Center is accepting registrations for the next Making Positive Choices series for teens. The psycho-educational program helps adolescents (ages 14-18) who are having trouble making choices that move them in the right direction.

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Participants learn the value of good health, how to recognize risk-taking and substance abuse and how the media impacts personal health. They also learn how to improve family communication, build healthy relationships and manage stress, anger and other emotions.

The program is covered in eight bi-weekly sessions taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the David Lawrence Center satellite service office at 2806 Horsehoe Drive. Registration is $75.

To sign up or for more information, call 263-4013.

For the seventh year, Hadinger Flooring of Naples sent more than 100 Collier County teachers back to school with new rugs for their classrooms. Teachers started lining up before dawn on giveaway day, staning themselves for the wait with coffee and doughnuts courtesy of Starbucks and Peace, Love and Little Donuts. “Teachers are hard-working individuals who get very little credit for what they do,” owner Judy Hadinger says. “We want to remind them that their efforts are, indeed, recognized and appreciated within the community.”

Parents seem to be more responsive to their children’s mental health needs, Mr. Burgess says, resulting in a dramatic increase in referrals for admission to DLC’s pediatric unit.

“We have had the worst time getting these results back to DLC from the lab. By the time we go through all these steps, a lot of time has passed,” Ms. Caldwell explains. “This is an issue for kids like Caleb whose medication could become a health risk, or even deadly (if levels get too high or too low).” Having the ability to have blood drawn right away and to not have to wait for results from an outside lab “is priceless,” she adds.
Registration open at newest CCCR early learning center

Collier Child Care Resources is accepting registrations for Little Wonders, its new early learning center at Emmanuel Lutheran on Moorings Line Drive. The early childhood education program will serve up to 70 children ages 2-5 years. School Readiness and VPK vouchers are being accepted, and partial scholarships are available for qualified families.

Little Wonders is a Reggio Emilia-inspired program that provides a hands-on approach to learning with the focus on a child’s social, emotional and physical well-being.

Little Wonders joins the following CCR child development centers: Child’s Path on Santa Barbara Boulevard and the A Step Up Child Development Centers at Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools. CCCR serves approximately 275 children a year.

“CCCR’s long-standing reputation and history in Collier County speaks volumes for its dedication to quality early childhood care and education,” says Gail Mishler, director of program administration for Little Wonders. “I consider it a privilege to be instrumented in establishing Little Wonders and carrying on the tradition of CCCR’s belief in the importance of creating an environment for the children that will spark a love of learning.”

For more information about registering a child for Little Wonders, call 980-9021 or email Ms. Mishler at gailm@collierchildcare.org.

To learn more about the various programs and services offered by CCCR, visit collierchildcare.org.

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Report details impact of winter wine festival

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Fifteen years after the inaugural Naples Winter Wine Festival, social, educational and health-care gaps among children in Collier County have narrowed dramatically, according to a report from the Naples Children & Education Foundation.

NCEF is the founding organization of the annual wine festival. Titled “Filling in thegaps: An Impact Report,” the report documents literacy gaps among children in Collier County.

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Future,” the report shows the impact of grants made possible by festival proceeds and of the seven strategic initiatives the festival funds.

“In a county with no independent, tax-based, public financial support for children’s social services, our community relies on the support of those who attend the Naples Winter Wine Festival and give substantial sums to improve children’s lives,” Maria Jimenez-Lara, CEO of the NCEF, says. “Our research tells us that we’re changing outcomes for at-risk and underprivileged children, and it’s imperative that we continue filling this critical void.”

Driven by independent studies commissioned by NCEF showing gaps in basic social services for Collier County’s kids, the foundation has made philanthropic investments in more than 40 local organizations. NCEF grants help improve the lives of nearly 68,000 children with access to enriching after-school and summer programs; advocate for more than 4,200 children with shelter, crisis counseling, mentorship and other basic essentials; educate nearly 36,800 children through early childhood programs; and promote healthy living by providing critical medical services to 27,000 children county-wide.

In addition, seven multi-partner, multi-year strategic initiatives have made a dramatic difference in closing service gaps and improving outcomes for children. According to “Filling in the Future,” over the past five years, the number of Collier County children entering kindergarten “on grade level” has increased by 42 percent; school suspension rates have decreased by 65 percent; the graduation rate for at-risk youth has improved by 20 percent; and juvenile arrests in Collier County have been reduced by 62 percent.

The seven initiatives are:

■ Children’s health care (est. in 2006) – 107,150 pediatric visits have been completed in a culturally competent setting. Before this project, Immokalee children had to travel to Naples and Fort Myers for primary and specialty health care.

■ Children’s oral health (est. in 2006) – 94,000 at-risk and underprivileged children have visited the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center, and 3,000 children have been screened through a mobile clinic. This initiative allowed for the uninsured and those on Medicaid to access pediatric dentistry.

■ Children’s early learning (est. in 2008) – 1,250 children from birth to age 5 have gained access to high quality teachers and affordable, education-focused care. This in turn has impacted the number of kindergarten students entering school “ready to learn.”

■ Children’s hunger (est. in 2012) – $13,000,000 has been allocated to Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida and Meals of Hope to alleviate food insecurity (the fear of not knowing where your next meal will come from). Thousands of families to date now rely on centralized and consistent food distribution centers that provide nutritious food.

■ Children’s out-of-school time (est. in 2012) – 6,000 children have participated in innovative programming to close gaps in education during after-school, holiday and summertime hours. This initiative has elevated test scores, improved school attendance and increased the number of high school graduates and the number of graduates that go on to post-secondary education.

■ Children’s vision (est. in 2012) – 20,000 children have been screened for vision problems and 7,000 pairs of glasses have been distributed to children in need. Teachers and administrators report great improvement in academic performance, behavior and classroom participation, thanks to children being able to see properly with their new eyeglasses.

“We take our role seriously as the largest funder of social services in Collier County,” Susie McCurry, chair of the 2017 NCEF Grant Committee, “When given the right tools, children have a remarkable ability to overcome difficult odds. We will continue working to ensure that every child gets the opportunities they deserve to succeed in life.”

The 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival: “Bright Sunshiny Day” takes place Friday through Sunday, Jan. 27-29. Attendance is limited to 580 guests. Ticket packages start at $500 per couple.

For more information, call Barrett Farmer at 514-2229 or email barrett@napleswinefestival.com.
Immokalee kids enjoy glimpses into various career possibilities

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

This spring, 65 Immokalee Middle School students met dogs named Sadie and Skyy and were captivated. Sadie is an Akita belonging to Jenny Ingles, and Skyy is an American Staffordshire terrier owned by Sara DeMarco, both of whom work for Best Friends Animal Hospital in Fort Myers.

The students — all involved in The Immokalee Foundation programs — got to interact with the animals, but more importantly, they learned a great deal about veterinary careers from Dr. Rachael Daly and her staff.

“Of course, the students were excited to interact with the pets, but they also asked some great questions,” says Ms. Ingles, who is the hospital manager. “They wanted to know if we’d ever seen puppies being born. They were interested to learn about our day-to-day lives and what our jobs are all about, how hard it is to get jobs in this field, and how hard you have to study.”

Ms. DeMarco, a veterinary technician, says it seemed some of the students might be interested in exploring veterinary services as a career.

Those are some of the reasons behind TIF’s career panels in which Best Friends Animal Hospital participated. Career panels feature speakers from technology, law, media, human services, health care, manufacturing and other fields. Panelists often share personal stories about their educational backgrounds and the struggles they encounter in achieving their goals. Often, career panel days involve outings to a variety of workplaces.

During the past school year, students in the TIF Career Development program journeyed to Artis—Naples and Gulfshore Playhouse for behind-the-scenes views of productions and to learn about the types of jobs available in the performing arts. Younger students traveled to The Naples Zoo to see what life is like for the staff (and the animals).

Speakers who came to TIF offices told the students about careers they could pursue at Immokalee Technical College. Dr. Corey Howard spoke to the students about medical and health care professions. High school students learned about opportunities in the United States military, as well as business etiquette and networking; they also participated in an anti-bullying session.

The two programs about animals — at The Naples Zoo and Best Friends Animal Hospital — were among several held for middle school students.

Leslie Escalante, who is 13 and in seventh grade, has since added veterinary doctor to her list of future possibilities. “They explained why it’s a good job, because they really care about animals,” she says.

Leslie was accepted into TIF’s Take Stock in Children scholarship program during the past school year and pledged to maintain good grades and behavior and to meet with her mentor regularly.

By fulfilling these promises, she not only will receive a scholarship to a Florida college or university but is also serving as a positive role model for her younger siblings.

Being involved in TIF programs will encourage that Leslie receives the help she needs with schoolwork along the way, as well. Right now, that means math. She’s a straight-A student otherwise, “But math is my hardest subject,” she says. “I just can’t get that one A in math.”

Alex Martinez is 12 and also in seventh grade. Although at this point he wants to be a lawyer or a businessman rather than a veterinarian, he says he learned a lot by participating in the career panel and enjoyed it, too. “I gained a lot of knowledge,” he says.
The Collier County Stamp Club meetings from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcrichie@comcast.net.

The Naples Sea Modelers Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Sept. 6. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clock and model boat buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6177.

The Naples Macfriends User Group has hundreds of members who share a passion for all thing Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Naples Regional Library, 690 Central Ave. The next meeting is Aug. 31. For more information, visit naplesmug.com.

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The Naples School of Golf Florida invites you to come to the fun and register for the new membership year. Girls Scout gives girls a supportive space to learn the important skills of life. “When girls are given a safe and supportive environment to take chances, despite the potential for failure, they’re able to experience the emotional impact of risk without facing consequences,” says Sue Stewart, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida. The variety of activities offered through Girl Scouts have been planned and leading projects to participating in community service and outdoor experiences. The hope is that girls gain skills and confidence that also help them do well in school.

Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida welcomes girls and their parents to learn more about the opportunities Girl Scouts has to offer. Here’s when and where information meetings are taking place:

- Tuesday, Aug. 30: 6:30 p.m. at Calusa Park Elementary School, Naples
- Wednesday, Aug. 31: 6:30 p.m. at Tonsmeere Field Elementary School, Marco Island
- Thursday, Sept. 1: 6:30 p.m. at Pelican Marsh Elementary School, Naples
- Tuesday, Sept. 6: 6:45 p.m. at Big Cypress Elementary School, Naples
- Wednesday, Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Elementary School and 6:30 p.m. at Poinciana Elementary School, both in Naples
- Thursday, Sept. 8: 6:30 p.m. at Vineyards Elementary School, Naples
- Friday, Sept. 9: 6:30 p.m. at Sea Gate Elementary School, Naples
- Monday, Sept. 12: 6:30 p.m. at Estates Elementary School, Lake Park Elementary School and Golden Terrace Elementary School, all in Naples
- Tuesday, Sept. 13: 6:30 p.m. at Palmero Elementary School and Sabal Palm Elementary School, both in Naples
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. at Avalon Elementary School and Corkscrew Elementary School, both in Naples
- Thursday, Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m. at Laurel Oak Elementary School, Naples
- Friday, Sept. 16: 6:30 p.m. at Naples Park Elementary School, Naples
- Monday, Sept. 19: 6:30 p.m. at Lely Elementary School, Naples
- Tuesday, Sept. 20: 6:30 p.m. at Osceola Elementary School, Naples
- Thursday, Sept. 22: 6:30 p.m. at Parkside Elementary School, Naples

Membership and program scholarship opportunities are based on financial need. For more information about new Girl Scout registration, call Barbara Van Ezen at (800) 234-447, ext. 577, or email barbarav@gsfsg.org or visit gsfcf.org.
BEHIND THE WHEEL

The Nissan 370Z Roadster: an endangered species

There's nothing really new about the car on this page. But there are plenty of Floridians who would like to remind you that there is nothing wrong with a little maturity. The Nissan 370Z Roadster is out to show there can be stability and wisdom in the world of a 332-hp drop-top.

This is essentially the same car we've seen for the past seven years, based on a design that's been on the road for 15 years. That might seem like a long time, but a good “Z-car” really does have staying power (the original 240Z-280Z timeline followed a similar path to the current one).

The secret for remaining viable for this amount of time is that Nissan makes some of the most thoughtful sports cars in the industry.

The 370Z is one of the easiest vehicles in its class to drive, own and enjoy. It starts with a design that's distinctively without being dated. Shark-tooth headlights, large fender flairs and a short rear deck are the kind of things that don't go out of style. In fact, not much of the design has been altered during the 370Z's lifetime, which some people find alluring. As with the original Volkswagen Beetle, when not much changes over the years, every car can appear new with a good wash and wax.

Inside the 370Z is more of the practicality that keeps this Nissan viable in the market. It feels like the designers built the cockpit around real people, which results in comfortable seats with plenty of headroom and legroom.

The 370Z Roadster was one of the first cars in its price class to offer cooled/ventilated seats, which feel great even in a Florida winter.

Even the stick shift models have a little readout built into the tachometer to display what gear is engaged. This might seem like an odd detail, but it acknowledges a real factor: that the driver might miss a gear in the close-pattern six-speed.

What brings the whole package together is the motor. The 3.7-liter V6 is a multi-valve DOHC unit with 332 horsepower and a large 270 lb-ft of torque. If that read like a bunch of technical jargon, just know that out on the road it creates a sports car that's ready to accelerate in any situation, from a stoplight standstill to expressway passing.

This is best utilized with the six-speed manual. There is an optional seven-speed automatic gearbox, but the stick shift is the wise choice for drivers. The manual is very forgiving, and when paired with the versatile motor, the car happily cruises like it's in overdrive in any of the top half of its gears. Plus, there's plenty of power left in the motor, so passing can happen without downshifting.

There's also a SynchroRev Match feature on the six-speed that aids drivers who really push this Z hard on the backroads. This kind of flexibility isn't found in other sports cars that rely on highly developed low-displacement motors and/or turbochargers.

Alas, the 370Z is an endangered species. The car is reaching the end of its lifecycle. It will be around for only about another year, and Nissan has not announced a replacement. If there is a successor, the next Z car is likely to have a turbocharged four-cylinder engine, because that's where the heart of the market is today. If so, it will still be fun while becoming more efficient — but it won't be as versatile as this one.

All that said, the Nissan 370Z Roadster is far from perfect. Fully loaded, this drop-top costs $50K-plus. That price point opens up a world of pre-owned convertibles with more power and a more modern fabric roof that lets in less road noise (the Chevrolet Corvette is a great example).

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Conservancy reeling in registrations for annual RedSnook charity tournament

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites anglers to sign up for the 2016 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament set for Nov. 4-6. It starts with a party Friday evening and continues with two full days of fishing and an awards reception.

The kickoff party at the Naples Yacht Club includes cocktails, dinner, raffle and a live auction. It’s open to the public in addition to anglers who sign up for the tournament. Tickets can be purchased online.

Anglers will launch from location sin Naples, Goodland and Everglades City on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend concludes Sunday evening with a celebratory awards ceremony for anglers and guides at Northern Trust.

The 23rd annual tournament supports efforts to protect Southwest Florida’s most valuable natural resource: water. Without clean and abundant water, recreational and sport fishing would not exist. Over the years, the event has enabled the Conservancy to provide assistance and expertise to water quality projects at the local, state and federal levels; create the Estuaries Report Card rating the condition of the region’s vital waters; work to limit the amount of pollution from the north that enters Southwest Florida’s water; research and monitor juvenile gamefish habitats; help restore the Western Everglades and Ten Thousand Islands; and work to protect environmental landmarks such as the Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress, Estero Bay, the Caloosahatchee Slough and the Caloosahatchee River.

“Our annual tournament not only provides the community and local anglers with a weekend of fun on the water, it also plays a great role in furthering our mission of protecting Southwest Florida’s natural resources,” says Rob Moher, Conservancy of Southwest Florida president and CEO. “We hope to continue making positive strides in advocating for the resources that our community holds dear, and we look forward to another great tournament that will allow our programs to keep Southwest Florida waterways clean, safe and beautiful for future generations.”

For more information, including how to register or sponsor a team, call Nikki Dworshak at 403-4299, email nikkied@conservancy.org or visit conservancy.org/redsnook.

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Australians are about to learn how particular some people are about their genders. Queensland University of Technology and three other sponsors have created an online preference survey (currently underway) that asks participants to decide among 33 genders (since “gender” is, according to the World Health Organization, “socially constructed”). “Male” and “female” are clear enough — but only where “iden- tity” matches plumbing. Otherwise, it’s “trans” or “transsexual,” or else the more complicated bigender, omnigender, polygender, pangender, intergen- der, genderfluid, “cisgender,” trigender, demigender, “gender non-conforming,” “non-binary,” “none gender” and a few others.

Latest religious messages

India has supposedly outlawed the “baby-tossing” religious test popular among Hindus and Muslims in rural villages in Maharashtra and Karnataka states, but a July New York Times report suggested that parents were still allow- ing surrogates to drop their newborn infants from 30 feet up and awaiting the gods’ blessing for a prosperous, healthy life. In all cases, according to the report, the gods come through, and a bedsheet appears below to catch the unharmed baby.

Government in action

■ More federal civilian employees have “arrest and firearms authority” than the total number of active-duty U.S. Marines, according to a June report by the Organization Open The Books, which claims to have tallied line-by-line expenditures across the government. Several agencies (including the IRS and EPA) purchase assault weapons and other military-grade equipment (cam- ouflage, night-vision goggles, 30-round magazines) for their agents, and even the Small Business Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Department of Edu- cation buy their agents guns and ammo.

Leading economic indicators

Shrewd tourism campaigns: (1) Since Bulgaria, on Romania’s southern border, lies close to Romania’s iconic Transy- vania region, Bulgarian tourism offi- cials have begun marketing their own vampire tourism industry — stepped up following a 2014 archaeological find of a 4th-century “graveyard” of adoles- cents with iron stakes through their chests. (2) The new tourism minister of Thailand is threatening to close down the lucrative sex business in Bangkok and Pattaya, even with the country still rallying from a 2014 near-recession. Ms. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul insisted that visitors are not interested in “such a thing (as sex)” but come for Thailand’s “beautiful culture.”

The continuing crisis

Horniness: (1) A year-long, nation- wide investigation by the Atlanta Jour- nal-Constitution (reporting in May) found more than 2,400 doctors penal- ized for sexually abusing their patients — with state medical boards ultimately allowing more than half to continue practicing medicine. Some doctors, a reporter noted, are among “the most prolific sex offenders in the country,” with “hundreds” of victims. (2) District Judge Joseph Boeckmann (in Arkansas’s rural Cross County) resigned in May after the state Judicial Discipline com- mittee found as many as 4,500 nude or semi-nude photos of young men who had been before Boeckmann in court. (Some were naked, being paddled by Boeckmann, who trolled for victims by writing young men notes offering a “community service” option).

For good measure

(1) Rhys Holman pleaded guilty to a firearms charge in Melbourne, Austra- lia, in July for shooting 53 bullets into his stepbrother’s Xbox. (The brother had urinated on Holman’s car.) (2) Mauricio Morales-Caceres, 24, was sentenced to life in prison by a Montgomery County, Maryland, judge in July following his April conviction for fatal stabbing a “friend” — 89 times.

Celebrity news

(1) Police in Southampton, N.Y., con- firmed a July altercation in which model Christy Brinkley water-bossed a woman she had spotted urinating on her beach- front property. Erica Remkus, 36, said her need was urgent after watching a July 4 fireworks show, but Brinkley shouted, “How dare you!” and, “I walk on these rocks (where Remkus had relieved herself).” (2) Also in July, actor Brooke Shields made the news when she — as a curator of an art show in Southamp- ton, N.Y. — managed to rescue a piece that custodians had inadvertently tossed into the garbage. (The cleanup crew had made an understandable mistake, as the statue was a raccoon standing next to a trashcan, ready to rummage.)

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■ San Diego Padres outfields Melvin
Upton Jr. was traded on July 23 to the
Toronto Blue Jays — in the middle of a
series between the Padres and the Blue
Jays in Toronto. Normally such a player
would merely gather his belongings and
walk down the hall to the other team’s locker room. However, while Canada
treats Blue Jays’ opponents as “visitors,”
Blue Jays players, themselves, are Cana-
dian employees, and if not residents
must have work permits. Upton had to leave the stadium and drive to Lewiston,
N.Y., which is the closest place he could
find to apply to re-enter Canada prop-
erly.

NEWSPAPER PAGE
Volunteers can help Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is looking for volunteers in the following areas: public relations, finance, educational and social activities, the annual walk and general office duties. Volunteer orientation sessions take place at 3:30 p.m. on the last Monday of every month. The next session is Monday, Aug. 29.

PASFI also holds weekly speech therapy classes starting at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday. Two support groups meet at 10:30 a.m. following the therapy: one for people with PD and a separate one for their caregivers.

Volunteer training, speech therapy classes and the support groups all meet at PASFI headquarters at 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road, Suite 201. For more information, call 427-3465 or email pasfi@aol.com.

Discover yourself during six-week spiritual intensive

Registration is underway for the next spiritual intensive meditation program based on the teachings of Eckhart Tolle. Weekly meetings for “Discovering Your True Self” will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Cost is $85 for the six weeks.

Sign up at EventBrite.com or send a check or money order (made payable to Donna Carty, 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34102) to Donna Carty, 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34102.

The spiritual intensive aligns with the Southwest Florida Blue Zones Initiative Power of 9 Principles (No. 3: Down Shift). Each session begins with a meditation guided by Naples resident Linda Allen, a longtime student of Mr. Tolle and a facilitator of his teachings.

Participation is limited to the first 50 people who sign up by Sept. 30. For more information, call Ms. Carty at 784-7734 or email journeytopresence@gmail.com.

INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH

“Oncotarget,” looked at breast cancer cells that were positive for the protein HER2 — the target for the drug Herceptin, which is found in around 20 percent of tumors.

The ICR researchers developed a new image-based screening technique in order to identify cancer cells that didn’t stick to the protein laminin — which helps build scaffolding around cells to glue them together.

They found that these cells tended to have high activity in a gene called F12 and low activity in another called STC2.

When the researchers analyzed the same genes among 1,964 breast cancers, they found that this pattern of activity was strongly linked to survival.

More research is needed to establish how these genes could interfere with the extracellular matrix and help cancer cells grow and spread.

“Survival rates for breast cancer are now much higher than they were a few decades ago, but the disease remains deadly once it has spread round the body,” said Dr. Paul Huang, leader of the protein networks team at the Institute of Cancer Research. “Our study sheds light on how cancer cells unstick themselves from healthy tissue, and it could help pick out women at high risk of their cancer spreading and becoming fatal.”

Prof. Paul Workman, chief executive of The Institute of Cancer, said, “We found that the activity of two genes which may help control how tightly cells are glued together is linked to breast cancer survival. If the results are confirmed in larger studies, it could give us a new way of assessing women’s survival chances in the clinic, and adjusting treatment accordingly.”

“We have seen major strides in the treatment of breast cancer, but once it begins to spread round the body it is still often fatal,” Mr. Workman said. “This new study helps us understand some of the processes that control how breast cancers spread, and identifies a pattern of genetic activity that could be used to pick out women particularly at risk.”
What exactly do we mean when we talk about NCH being on a constant “journey” to improve?

Our Primary Stroke Center program recently underwent another successful recertification by The Joint Commission, earning a great review by an independent examiner who concluded her review by saying that we go further to apply for the commission’s coveted Comprehensive Stroke Center designation. And so we shall.

Continuing excellence is the goal of Dr. R. Viktoria Tomaskus, vascular neurologist; Dr. Mazen AbuAwad, interventional radiologist; Brenda Hartmann, RN, MSN, SCRN System Stroke Coordinator; and Diana Trupiano, MSN, RN, SCRN Stroke Navigator. Along with the able help of a team including the ER and our radiology, rehab, laboratory and transportation departments as well as Emergency Medical Services, these caregivers last year served 1,200 people suffering strokes. As important as our overall record of performance is, it is the individual stories of heroism that are most compelling.

Dr. AbuAwad told me of a gentleman who had a complete blockage of the carotid artery (the major supplier of blood to half of the brain). As the possibility of paralysis loomed, we collaborated with our neurosurgeon colleagues at Mayo Jacksonville, through our Mayo Clinic Care Network, who performed a complex and unusual bypass procedure taking blood flow from the remaining good side to “feed” the blocked side.

All worked well for the patient for a short time, but unfortunately the bypass began to clog up and the patient’s physical signs worsened. Dr. AbuAwad and the Mayo neurovascular surgeon called a noted colleague in Japan for advice. Together, they came up with a plan for Dr. AbuAwad to direct a catheter to the compromised graft and gently dilate. The patient’s blood flow improved and his weakness disappeared. When he awoke, he cried tears of joy at this “miracle” of international medical collaboration.

All of us at NCH are proud to be associated with such competence, diligence, teamwork and excellence that truly distinguishes not only our stroke center, but our entire team of caregivers, as we continue our never-ending journey to improve the lives of our families, friends and neighbors.

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

YMCA will host second annual diabetes conference

The second annual Naples Diabetes Conference is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Greater Naples YMCA. The event is a collaboration of the Y with the Naples-based Help a Diabetes Foundation and the Health Care Network of Southwest Florida. Participants will hear from many speakers about a variety of topics relevant to diabetes. 

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NCB offers free help for parents facing challenges

Parents of children of all ages can benefit from two free programs being offered this fall by the David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families.

“Parenting Today” is a video and discussion-based series that provides tools to assist parents of younger children ages 3-12 with improving communication, stimulating independence, teaching responsibility and disciplining in ways that work. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 5.

“Parenting Teens” provides tools for parents of adolescents ages 13-18 who present behavioral challenges. Program participants receive education on preventing and intervening in the child’s negative choices, addressing problematic behavior, changing destructive behavior, rebuilding family relationships and understanding issues of drug use, violence and sexuality. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 6.

If enough interest is expressed, each course will also be presented in Spanish.

Sessions meet at the DLC satellite service offices at 2806 Horseshoe Drive. For more information or to sign up, call 239-403-1373.

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PET TALES

Chocolate fix:
Lots of dogs love chocolate, but it doesn’t love them

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Who doesn’t love chocolate? It’s the stuff of celebrations, holidays and romance. It’s filled with feel-good chemicals, and there’s even evidence that it’s good for our health.

Dogs love chocolate as much as we do, based on the number of stories I’ve heard about canines who crave the sweet stuff. Just about every week, I see or hear from clients whose dogs have gotten into a box of designer chocolates or a bag of Snickers bars or M&Ms. I even remember one Christmas when my brother Bobby’s late Yorkie, Buddy, ate an entire 1-pound box of Godiva chocolates.

But while dogs who OD on chocolate might get the same flavor enjoyment from a dessert. Dogs who are highly sensitive to chocolate may vomit it back up. If they are usually less at risk than the chocolate itself.

Death by chocolate isn’t just the name of a dessert. Dogs who are highly sensitive to theobromine or who ingest the more toxic dark forms of chocolate, such as cocoa powder or unsweetened baking chocolate, can die from cardiac arrhythmias, hyperthermia or respiratory failure.

Another factor is the possible presence of xylitol, a sugar alcohol, in some chocolate products. It’s highly toxic to dogs and may be of more concern than the chocolate itself.

My brother’s dog Buddy indeed needed a trip to the veterinary clinic, but I’m happy to report that he survived the incident.

When in doubt, Dr. Lee advises, contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for life-saving advice. They can advise you on what to do, based on the number of stories I’ve heard about canines who ingest high-quality dark chocolate.

“The darker and more bitter the chocolate, the more toxic it is,” says Justine Lee, DVM, who’s double boarded-certified in toxicology and emergency and critical-care medicine. “White and milk chocolate have less theobromine, the poisonous chemical, compared to baking chocolate.”

That doesn’t mean that milk chocolate is necessarily safe. One ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight is a potentially lethal dose in dogs.

Usually, when dogs down too much chocolate, they vomit it back up. If they are 2-pound bag of M&Ms, you might also vomiting that they’ve eaten.

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Hi, my name is Stephanie, and I'm a recovering Olympaholic. I still can't believe the 2016 Summer Olympics are over. For a solid two weeks, I was glued to the games — from the dramatic theme music to the skillfully produced commercials (the Proctor & Gamble spot dedicated to Olympic moms will forever grab my heartstrings and bring tears) to the unforgettable moments of hearing our nation's anthem played while one of our own stood high and proud on the podium. It was an amazing two weeks that had me hanging on every fabulous televised second.

Now that the finale has played and dear, exhausted Bob Costas is (hopefully) enjoying a well-deserved cruise to somewhere other than Brazil, I'm faced with the conundrum of what to watch every night, because I'm pretty sure Netflix won't be able to offer me anything that can hold a candle to gymnast Simone Biles soaring through the air with head over heels or hips under knees, or Michael Phelps making it on live TV to the most decorated Olympian of all time (28 medals!), or beach volleyball star Kerri Walsh Jennings still killing it on the court at age 38.

My husband and I had just started the really good action series “Orphan Black” on Amazon when the Olympics interrupted our roll. Before that, we’d finished season four of “Orange Is The New Black” and bingeed through all eight episodes of “Stranger Things” on Netflix in a mere three days. (Have you seen it yet? You must?)

Like no other TV drama, the Olympics sucked me in. I found myself jumping up from the couch and screaming at Katie Ledecky, “GO, GO, GO!!” as she dominated the pool. When Usain Bolt ran, I pumped my fists right along with him. And I’m not going to lie: While watching the men’s diving competition, I was awed by the talent of the athletes and equally impressed by their ability to accomplish such great feats in such itty-bitty, wee, teeny-tiny Speedos. Well done, boys — well done, indeed — and thank you.

The lady who really made me want to get up in the morning and do something other than drink coffee and check Facebook was Oksana Chusovitana, the 41-year-old gymnast from Uzbekistan. This veteran athlete was competing at her seventh Olympic games. She earned her first medal when she was a teenager and, according to an interview with The New York Times, says she’ll be back for the 2020 games in Tokyo at age 45.

And yet, I’m busily logging my steps on my FitBit as I stroll through Publix picking up a rotisserie chicken and a box of Chardonnay. Oh, Olympics, I’m going to miss you. But I’m no slouch: If ever I need motivation to go to the gym, I have women’s beach volleyball (U.S.A. vs. Brazil) saved on my DVR.

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

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Olympic champion Simone Biles of the United States kept us glued to the television for two weeks during the Olympics. So now what?
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“So, interpersonal interactions aren’t limited to the dyads that comprise them. Rather, they’re embedded in a complex and dynamic work environment, and this means their effects are much more complicated.”

— Trevor Foulk, a doctoral candidate in the School of Management at the University of Florida, Gainesville

Study notes effects of brown-nosing on new employees, colleagues in the workplace

Opinions, impressions, intuitions, feelings, and distinct reactions — not many American adults lack one of the above when it comes to the workplace practice of “brown-nosing.”

Brown-nosing, aka kissing ass, cozying up, kissing up or in academic terms “ingratiation,” is the habit of personally soliciting individuals of higher authority or rank for gain at work.

But it can be misunderstood or wrongly identified. And its effect in the workplace may be positive, especially for beginning employees watching others ingratiate themselves, according to a new study by two researchers published in The Journal of Applied Psychology.

“If you could sit down with your supervisor for an hour and talk, that would be the best way to form an impression, but we don’t all have that opportunity,” explains Trevor Foulk, a doctoral candidate in the School of Management at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He conducted the study with a colleague, David Long, from Virginia’s College of William and Mary.

As a result, the researchers say, when new employees see others who praise bosses, make queries about personal matters or offer favors, they tend to

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Nonprofits can learn best practices from industry experts

From tips on board recruitment to learning how to position your organization as “the brand of choice,” Southwest Florida nonprofit leaders will receive industry best practices from business experts with the help of Hodges University’s Center for Nonprofit Excellence. Three workshops are on the calendar for September:

**“Board Recruitment and Engagement”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Susan Suarez, CFRE, Suarez and Associates, and Debbie Mathews Finch, Mathews Finch Consulting Group, will discuss the best strategies for engaging board members in the priority work of boards: governance and fundraising.

**“The Brand Called You”** is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Mei-Mei Chan Kirk, former president of The News-Press, will discuss how to position and distinguish your nonprofit as the brand of choice. She will also explain how to increase influence, fulfill potential and make an even greater impact on the community. To conclude the workshop, she will provide a review of branding fundamentals and benefits, as well as focus on the participants and their own personal brands.

**“Nonprofit Governance and Fundraising”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Donna Gillroy, president of Gillroy + Associates Inc., will discuss the current construct on staff/governance roles and responsibilities best practices, voices of national experts on the millennial generation and demographic shifts in Collier and Lee counties that could influence participants’ thinking.

Registration is $35 per workshop. Those who attend four workshops in each area (governance, operations or management) can earn a noncredit certificate in the topic area.

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- 4 blocks to the beach and 4 blocks to 5th Ave. S.
- Western exposure with private pool

**2025 Crayton Rd.** LISTED AT $3,925,000
- 4,179 sq. ft. under air; 6,270 sq. ft. total
- 4 bedrooms + 2 Linhs, 4 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths
- Oversized Corner Lot with Southern Exposure - Spacious Outdoor Area - Fully Furnished

**354 3rd Avenue South** LISTED AT $1,950,000
- Listed at: 2,150,000
- 3120 Sq. Ft. A/C, 3587 Sq. Ft. Total
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- 3 Blocks from the Beach with Southwest Exposure
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**My Dumbest Investment**

My dumbest investment was buying stock in the electric car maker Tesla Motors when it had its IPO for around $17 or $18 per share — and then selling those shares when it was recently trading for around $230 apiece. — R.R., online

**The Fool Responds:** You lost out on having a 12- to 13-bagger. Here’s what you did wrong (or right):

- **Too early:** That stock has increased in value two-and-a-half times. It’s not necessarily the dumb mistake that you think it is, though. The IPO (initial public offering) — when a company first issues shares of itself to trade on the open market — did rather well, popping by more than 40 percent on its first day and then generally growing in value, though not in a straight line.

- **Money in the bank:** Many IPOs are not that successful, and studies have shown that most tend to underperform similar counterparts during the first five years. It’s usually better to wait for newly IPO’d companies to have a few years of public performance behind them before investing, giving the initial excitement a chance to die down. Remember, too, that some of us can ever buy IPO shares only at a lower initial price — those generally go to the well-connected.

- **Thinking big:** Tesla’s future is far from certain at this point, keeping many investors away. It’s off to a strong start with its well-received Model S electric car, but other carmakers are coming out with more electric vehicles, too.

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**Last week’s trivia answer**

I trace my roots back to 1912, when I was the Metal Office Furniture Co., based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (This was notable, as Grand Rapids was known for wood furniture.) My first product, in 1914, was an innovative wastebasket made of steel that was strong, inexpensive, fireproof and indestructible — it can withstand suspended bicycles. In 1917 I won a contract to equip U.S. naval ships with lightweight steel furnishings. Today, I’m a leading office furniture company with annual sales of about $3 billion. I employ close to 10,000 people and support more than 650 dealers. Who am I? (Answer: Steelcase)
Money & Investing

Cisco, gambling on Internet of Things, a good buy for investors

Imagine that your smartphone's calendar knows you are having a cocktail party. It can “talk” with your refrigerator to know that you need more beer and on your way home route your car to a grocery store that is having a sale on your favorite brand — and pre-order it for you so it is ready for you when you arrive.

By leveraging its ability to network computers, Cisco hopes to dominate this IoT future. To this end, it recently spent $1.4 billion to acquire Jasper, a leading IoT platform. If Cisco is successful in this venture, the company may reclaim its past as the most significant and valuable technology company in the world. Currently, it trades at a relatively low P/E ratio of 17X. At this valuation, the company has a price-to-free cash flow (FCF) multiple of 3.4X (2.8X for the S&P 500). Its net cash is $26.5 billion, or 5X its market cap. It is trading at a discount to its book value.

Cisco is definitely a company to keep on your watchlist because the Internet of Things (IoT) future is real and will likely dominate the technology space in the next 10 years. Cisco, a company that illustrates this rapid rise and fall is Cisco. In the early 2000s, Cisco was the largest company in the world, the poster child for dot-coms, and the income from its Internet routers and switches seemed to be endless. Unfortunately, the company had become very complacent in the market and was hoping to diversify its revenue stream to the Internet services market.

Today Cisco is attempting to return to its glory days by focusing its attention in two main areas. The first is cloud computing and data storage where the company faces significant competition from the likes of Amazon and Microsoft. Its IoT platform. If Cisco is successful in this venture, the company may reclaim its past as the most significant and valuable technology company in the world.

The second is IoT, which holds significant promise for Cisco. IoT stands for the Internet of Things and many believe this is the future of technology. Today, the internet is dominated by computers, tablets and smart phones. But many believe that in just a few years almost all new electronic devices from cars to home appliances will be networked together online.

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An acronym virtually unheard of a few years ago that is now at the strategic core of dozens of the largest technology companies in the world. This is one of the key challenges facing investors today — the incredibly rapid pace of innovation and with it wealth creation and destruction.

In the past, great companies took decades to rise and fall. Today, a corporation can be the largest in the world one minute and just a few years later barely be visible on investors’ radar.

A company that illustrates this rapid rise and fall is Cisco. Twenty years ago the most valuable company in the world, Cisco is now attempting to find its place in a swiftly changing landscape. In 2013 it fired 4,000 employees, in 2014 it fired 6,000 workers and just last week the company announced another round of layoffs affecting 5,500 people. So what is going on at Cisco? Is this a good investment? And what can we do to avoid the turmoil surrounding this company?

Cisco Systems was founded in 1984 by two Stanford University computer science professionals and the company went public in 1990 at a market capitalization of around $225 million. Cisco (abbreviated from the city San Francisco) basically made devices that allowed computers to communicate with each other over the new phenomenon, the internet.

And in the 90s and early 2000s, Cisco dominated this explosive area of technology. In 2000, the company passed over $500 billion. Cisco looked to be unstoppable and analysts believed the company would dominate for decades to come.

But then came the dot-com crash. And newly formed companies like Juniper Networks and more established names like Alcatel-Lucent found better ways to transfer data over the internet. Cisco’s valuations and earnings plummeted as a result, with its stock price falling almost 90 percent. Cisco was forced to slash its workforce and find a new direction.

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Connect Florida has named the following Southwest Florida young professionals to Class VII of its Statewide Leadership Institute: King, revenue management analyst II, Hertz Corp.; Leadership Institute: King, revenue management analyst II, Hertz Corp.; and Medlin, RN, nurse at Bentley Village, a continuing care retirement community in North Naples. Ms. Medlin helps manage the quality of care and services provided to residents of Bentley Care Center, which includes skilled nursing and memory support accommodations, working with the care center administrator as well as with residents' personal physicians and the consulting medical director. She has more than 12 years of experience in nursing, including nearly 10 years in leadership roles. She holds an associate's degree in nursing from Delaware Technical and Community College. She belongs to the American Nurses Association, and has completed certifications in telemetry, wound care education, infection control, IV and basic life support.

Dr. Brandon Mada has joined the David Lawrence Center as a full-time staff psychiatrist in acute care services. He will provide psychiatric assessments, medical care and crisis stabilization services to adults in the emergency services assessment center and the Crossroads inpatient detoxification unit and inpatient crisis stabilization unit.

He earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Lake Erie College in Erie, Pa., and completed his residency in adult psychiatry at Larkin Community Hospital in South Miami. Prior to joining David Lawrence Center, he served as a psychiatrist at The Rescue Village in Umatilla. He belongs to the American Psychiatric Association, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

Susan Resnik, ARNP, has joined the David Lawrence Center in the department of adult outpatient medical services. Ms. Resnik is certified as a family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and has significant experience with psychiatric and dual diagnosis treatment through her work at a variety of facilities.

Prior to the David Lawrence Center, she worked as an ARNP in outpatient psychiatric services at SMA Behavioral Health Care in Naples. She was also previously employed at LifeStream Behavioral Center in Leesburg, where she treated adults, children and geriatric patients. She has also worked at NCH and the Hazelden Foundation. She earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix in Orlando and completed a post-master's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program at the University of South Alabama.

She is president of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association-Florida Chapter and belongs to the American Nurses Association, the International Nurses Honor Society Sigma Theta Tau, the Central Florida Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners Group and the Golden Key National Honor Society in Education.

Denise Perchal has joined AccessPoint as business development manager for the company’s Bonita Springs office. She will be responsible for developing small and midsize businesses in a wide range of human resources and employee benefits.

She worked for 18 years with Sarasota-based Progressive Employer Management Co., where her role spanned the HR, payroll, accounting, client services, operations and sales departments.

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develop more positive impressions of a boss's warmth and value, something that doesn't happen with veteran employees; they usually discount kissing up as a reliable source of information.

This study shows that this behavior can affect our impressions of others,” Mr. Foulk says. “If you're a newcomer and I want you to like the supervisor, I can manage your impression by ingratiating the supervisor in front of you. It's almost like throwing your lot into the wind.”

For men and women who have or had careers in Florida — both bosses and workers alike — reactions to kissing up range from tolerant or amused to indignant or disgusted.

“I've never run into a (brown-noser) in Palmadale — it might be nice,” says Patty Thielen Register, owner with her husband Allen of the celebrated roadside home of Florida reptiles, Gatorama, in Palmadale.

People who work at Gatorama may spend so much time kissing up to alligators and crocodiles — very carefully — that they don't have time to ingratiating themselves with co-workers. They may not even try to eat them. But that isn't the case elsewhere.

Lala Hamric, former CEO of Lee Family Health Centers, has seen many a brown-noser in her time.

“I've been the boss. I've seen the kiss-ups that are so insensitive it's nauseating. I've been taken advantage of by my vulnerability — (and) I've been touched by truly sincere, caring employees.

“I've also been guilty of misjudging a good person because I was lied to by bad ones I thought to be good. For that I'll be forever sorry. Bosses are just like ‘real’ people. We like to be liked to and to have fun. It's difficult to be boss and to let all into your life. I found I couldn't do it. That old saying is true: ‘It’s lonely at the top’.

For Peter Ghiggia, vice president and chief human resources officer at Jupiter Medical Center, the synonyms for ingratiating may be deceptive, but the act itself, done with respect, is not.

“I like the term ingratiating. I don't think it has a negative connotation,” he explains.

“As I read the research, I wasn't surprised. I started to think about the relationships I've had with previous bosses and current bosses, and I asked my human resources director, who thinks it's a good thing.

To have a good relationship with your boss helps down the road if there are contentious issues or disagreements.

You can work through problems.

Which helps, especially since you spend a third of your life at work. And if there are performance problems, he adds, a good relationship can help the boss address them.

“The ‘kissing up’ part is interesting because that does have a negative connotation. But I don't see ingratiating as kissing up, as long as you have respect for the person.”

And that raises another question: Is the old mantra in business, “It’s not personal,” the wrong way to approach employees or employers, since many Americans spend significant portions of their waking lives working and therefore living in workplace relationships?

Academia can help understand the answer, perhaps.

“The notion that ‘it’s not personal’ is not very applicable in business, at least when it comes to the way interpersonal interactions influence business outcomes. There is certainly a place for it (because very often the personal nature of things has to be suspended for business purposes). But in situations where unpleasant layoffs are involved in the ingratiation. "Mr. Foulk explains.

“But the notion that work is by its nature impersonal is not very supported by research. In fact, the opposite: Research suggests that interpersonal interactions drive many workplace outcomes.

“We already know that interpersonal interactions like ingratiating can influence the way the ingratiated boss feels about the ingratatory. But what we show (in our study) is that ingratiating has second-order personal effects. It also influences the way observers feel about the parties involved in the ingratiation.

“So, interpersonal interactions aren’t limited to the dyads that comprise them. Rather, they’re embedded in a complex and dynamic work environment, and this means their effects are much more complicated.

“Unless they aren’t, and that may depend on perception.

“‘There’s a difference between liking and respecting the boss and brown-nosing,’ says Beverly Mott, a Charlotte County-based IT expert.

“One is earned, the other is given. And I don’t know how to TELL you how to spot the difference, but I sure do know the difference when it’s up close and personal. As a boss, I liked the brown-nosers. As a co-worker, they were despised as lowly worms. It’s all a matter of perspective.”

For Perry Bihari, a longtime telephone lineman and now service technician for CenturyLink in south and central Florida, his colleagues “can brown-nose all they want — I don’t care. As long as they do their JOBS!”

That kind of levelheaded willingness not to judge is shared by Stacey Chadwick Brown, as well. A mental health therapist and staff clinician at Florida Gulf Coast University, she puts it this way:

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— Stacey Chadwick Brown
mental health therapist and staff clinician at Florida Gulf Coast University

“Brown-nosing can be a survival tool, and not necessarily a bad thing. I guess it depends on how you define it. I tend to think of it in terms of motivation. Sometimes people try to get along and please the boss because it’s a difficult work environment, or because there’s bullying or emotional abuse going on — that’s when it’s a survival tool.

“I don’t think it’s healthy if someone has a manipulative plan, with intentional harm to co-workers, or something illegal is up. But genuine schmoozing is perfectly legitimate, although it may be annoying to others. And young folks trying to climb the ladder may be inclined to go above and beyond to be recognized or gain favor. That’s not necessarily a bad thing.”

Lose your fear of public speaking with class at the Sudgen

Due to the popularity of this summer’s class in public speaking, the Education Department of The Naples Players is holding another session this fall. The class will meet from 7:30 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8.

In addition to a variety of weekly on-your-feet exercises, instructor Randall Kenneth Jones has included a book club segment in which the group will explore “Ted Talks” by Chris Anderson. The curriculum will also include lessons learned from Mr. Jones’ time spent with high-profile public speaking personalities such as Erin Brockovich, Barbara Corcoran, Jeffrey Hayzlett, Suzie Orman, Bob Orr, Peggy Post and Peter Thomas.

A familiar face to Sugden Community Theatre audiences, Mr. Jones is an author, actor, motivational speaker, business columnist and marketing/PR consultant. His book about personal and professional development, “Show Me,” is set for release Nov. 15.

Committed to the ongoing education for everyone in the community, The Naples Players also offers classes in acting and improv, direction, playwriting, stage combat, tap, burlesque, qi-gong relaxation movement and technical courses in painting, sewing, props, sound design and stage management.

Registration for the public speaking class is $250 ($220 for members of TNP and $200 for TNP working members). Participation also requires purchase of “Ted Talks.”

To sign up or for more information, call Dolores Fetters at the Sudgen Community Theatre, 434-7360, ext. 100. For general information about the class, call Mr. Jones at (571) 238-4572.
NETWORKING

‘Meet the Candidates’ with the Above Board Chamber at the Hilton Naples

1. Lois Bolin, Jeanne Sweeney, Nicole Howard and Sarah Colliflower
2. Marianne Kern, Ingrid Fuller and Margaret Esposito
3. Barry Nicholas and Florence Hodges
4. Marsha McDonald, Dianne Reed and Catherine Boxter
5. Connie Ramos-Williams and Ingrid Fuller
6. Vicki Tracy and Myra Williams
7. Lois Bolin and Jeanne Sweeney

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Pelican’s Nest hosts the Membership Directors Association of SWFL

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3. Matt Keller, AJ Szymanski and Luis Quintero
4. Star Marrs and Jennifer Lakin
5. Donald Sawin and Danita Osborn
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3. Donna Delkapp and Gaytha Grant
4. Jana Brennan and Renee Molson
5. Trish Freeman and Michael Stanch
6. Dr. Stephen Prendiville and Tehjan Prendiville
7. Mary Doubtess and Dakotah Tucker
8. Patrick Murphy
9. Dr. Stephen Prendiville and Virginia Patterson

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Area brokers see a steady summer season

The July 2016 market report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors shows performance as expected during a traditional summer season. An increase in inventory to 4,901 homes is welcome news to homebuyers following record-low inventory in July 2015. Median closed prices remained steady for price segments above $300,000, which is more good news to buyers, and increased 31 percent in the under $300,000 category.

NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County, excluding Marco Island.

“Prices continue to remain stable, and we are absorbing the inventory,” says Jeff Jones, managing broker at the Naples Park Shore office of Coldwell Banker. “As the report reveals, a decrease in pending and closed sales in July had nothing to do with prices. Properties priced right were selling. We sold 627 homes, only 99 fewer than in July 2015, which was a very good year.”

Bill Coffey, broker manager of Amerivest Realty Naples, agrees. “Prices are remaining the same regardless of the increased inventory,” he says. “Interestingly, the median closed price is up 7 percent from July a year ago to $300,000, when one would think prices would drop due to the 36 percent increase in inventory.”

Unlike other areas of the country, real estate sales in Naples decline during the off-season summer months. This pause is a familiar expectation, due to a majority of second homebuyers retreating to their Northern homes during the summer months.

The decline in July sales might also be due to the increase in the Canadian exchange rate and tourism being off this summer. Brokers anticipate the market will take off again in season.

Days on the market for all price categories above $300,000 are returning to a normal range, Mr. Coffey notes, adding:

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The July 2016 statistics show a 25 decrease in overall pending sales (homes under contract), down from 913 in July 2015 (year over year). In comparison, overall closed sales decreased 3 percent from 72 to 70 in July 2015 (year over year). However, inventory decreased 1 percent between July 2014 and July 2015 and increased 36 percent between July 2015 and July 2016.

Despite a drop in overall closed sales, closed sales for single-family homes in the $500,000 to $1 million category increased 28 percent and the median closed price for homes in the $500,000 to $1 million category increased 28 percent, up to $725,000 in July 2016 from $567,000 in July 2015. The median closed price for condominiums in the Naples beach geographic area (34143, 34117, 34120, 34137) increased 39 percent, to 104 homes in July 2016 from 75 a year ago.

Activity in the Naples area beach surprised NABOR broker analysts, with the median closed price for single-family homes dropping 7 percent and the median closed price for condominiums increasing 28 percent from July 2015 to July 2016. “When they find it, they buy it,” says Coco Waldenmayer, a managing broker at John R. Wood Properties. “Whether they are baby boomers or international, buyers know what they are looking for in Naples.”

For more information, visit naples-sara.com.

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The NABOR report shows days on the market for homes priced at $1 million and above category (year over year). This segment includes an overall market summary. Among the activity of interest:

- Overall pending sales in the Immokalee/Ave Maria geographic area (ZIP code 34143) increased 25 percent, to five pending sales in July 2016 from four pending sales in July 2015.
- Closed sales for single-family homes in the East Naples geographic area (34114, 34117, 34120, 34137) increased 39 percent, to 104 homes in July 2016 from 75 a year ago.
- Median closed prices for condominiums in the Naples beach geographic area (34102, 34103, 34108) increased 28 percent, up to $725,000 in July 2016 from $567,000 in July 2015.
- Inventory for single-family homes in the $300,000 and below category did not change between July 2015 and July 2016.
- Inventory for condominiums in the North Naples geographic area (34109, 34118, 34119) increased 74 percent, to 637 condominiums in July 2016 from 367 a year ago.
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Two new floor plans offered at Maple Ridge in Ave Maria

CC Homes announces two new floor plans in Coquina at Maple Ridge in Ave Maria. The one-story designs bring the total number of floor plans available in Maple Ridge to 20.

- The two-bedroom, two-bath Grove has 1,129 square feet under air with two bedrooms plus a den and two bathrooms. A larger dining room option is available in lieu of the den. The floor plan is priced from $869,990.
- Residents of Coquina at Maple Ridge have access to all the amenities of the town of Ave Maria including a waterpark, golf and tennis, bocce ball courts, shopping and dining, private schools and Ave Maria University, and sports fields and playgrounds. Construction is set to begin later this year on a 12,000-square-foot amenity center exclusive to residents of Maple Ridge.

The entrance to Ave Maria is at the intersection of Oil Well and Camp Keais Roads in eastern Collier County. For more information, call 352-903-0 or visit ave- maria.com.

Information center opening this fall for new Rural Lands West community

Rural Lands West, a 4,000-acre community planned by Minto Communities and Collier Enterprises in eastern Collier County, has begun construction of a community outreach center off Oil Well Road. Opening is anticipated this fall.

“We are looking forward to opening the Rural Lands West community outreach center this fall to host regular updates sharing our plans and progress with the community,” says William Bullock, Minto Communities senior vice president.

The website rurallandswest.com has been created to provide updates and information throughout the permitting process.

In addition to the 1,360 acres of parks and open spaces, the community will have 12,000 acres preserved for wildlife habitat.

Minto, the developer of The Islands of Collier Preserve in Naples, is launching two more developments in Florida: Oasis Daytona, a “55-and-better” community with 3,600 residences and a private beach club in Daytona Beach; and Westlake, a 3,800-acre community planned for 4,500 homes in western Palm Beach County.

For more information about Rural Lands West, call 1888 448-9342 or visit rurallandswest.com.
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■ WCI Communities announces the following top sales performers in July for its communities throughout Southwest Florida: Arborwood Preserve, Lisa Potts; Artsesia Naples, Shawn Ruhman; Carrara and Villas at Talis Park, Mary Manganiello; Hampton Park, Elise McMahon; LaMorada Naples, David Sanvidge; Livingstone Lakes, Aaron Isban; Pelican Preserve, Michael Brosy; Raffia Preserve, Jamie Meisterheim; The Colony Golf & Bay Club, Lisa Perry; and Timberwood Preserve, Kim Felitis.

■ Royal Shell Real Estate recognizes the following top producers in July:

Naples Park Shore office – Top listing producers team, The Roboci Team; top listings producer individual, Kathy Mahoney; top sales producers team, The Boeglin Team; and top sales producer individual, Linda Ramsey.

Naples Fifth Avenue office – Top listings producer individual, Roger Stening; top sales producers team, The Torano Team; and top sales producer individual, Katie Brady-Rigsby.

Bonita Springs office – Top listing producers team, The Lummis Team; top listings producer individual, Sue Ellen Matthers; top sales producers team, The Lummis Team; and top sales producer individual, Mary Bell.

Fort Myers office – Top listing producers team, Stotenburgh International Group; top listings producer individual, Pati Testa; top sales producers team, The Vergens, Miller & Welsh Team; and top sales producer individual, Tina Tusack.

■ Beasley & Henley Interior Design has been selected to create coastal-inspired interiors for the Lakeshore Club at Naples Reserve. The main amenity building along the 125-acre Eagle Lake will echo the Southern Coastal architecture and ambience of the community that is under development by iStar.

Coastal architecture and ambience of Coastal-inspired interiors for the Lakeshore Club at Naples Reserve

The entrance to Naples Reserve is off U.S. 41, two miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection. For more information, visit the welcome center at 14891 Naples Reserve Circle or go to naplesreserve.com.

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Earlier this summer I had the pleasure of meeting Patti Jefferson, the proprietor of P.J. Boox, at her bookstore in South Fort Myers. On that day, thriller author M.A. Richards was there with his wife for a book signing. After strolling around and enjoying the distinctive layout of the store, I just had to share Ms. Jefferson’s vision with my readers.

Q: How — and why — is P.J. Boox different from other bookstores?
A: In many ways we are just like every other bookstore you’ve ever been in: We offer great mysteries, romance, poetry, children’s books and a bunch of other genres. In spite of that, almost everyone who walks through our doors knows that we are definitely NOT like any other bookstore that they have ever seen. I suppose it starts with the fact that our books are all displayed face out. You can see the cover of every book that we offer. Turns out that the adage of “don’t judge a book by its cover” is really about making assumptions about people and not books at all. Of course the biggest difference is the fact that the books we sell are all by independently or small press published authors from around the world. What does that mean for the average reader? Not much actually. I have never yet met a reader who cared who the publisher of a book was; they just want a good story with characters they can love or hate. Working with these authors directly gives us different advantages than a big box store does. For instance, most of our books are signed by the author and we can Skype or Facetime with them for a book club.

Q: How does your selection process work?
A: For a long time, independent or small press publishing had a bit of a stigma as being an inferior product to traditionally published books. In the recent years, however, independent authors have fought to correct that ill-conceived notion ... We get submissions on our website directly from authors, and we also solicit select authors online. We judge the books by their cover designs and by whether the manuscript was professionally edited. We look at reviews in places like Amazon and Goodreads. We check out the author’s other marketing platforms, and we are especially interested in books that have won national or international book awards.

Q: What is your business model?
A: From a customer standpoint, we work just like any other bookstore: We have books available in many genres, and we have places that a reader can sit and enjoy a chapter or two. You can talk about books and literature with the staff. Behind the scenes, however, our business model is something new to the book industry. We work on a consignment system similar to how antique malls have always run. The authors rent shelf space and we pay them out 98 percent of all sales. It is difficult sometimes for independent authors to get into a brick and mortar bookstore, and when they do, often the store will take between 40 percent and 60 percent. Those margins don’t always work out well for the author. As an author myself, I get that. It’s also challenging to find the time to balance between work, family, writing and marketing. P.J. Boox strives to offer another avenue of promotion for authors who don’t have big publishing houses behind them.

Q: Have you made discoveries you’d like to single out?
A: One of the things we pride ourselves in is the number of national and international book award winners that we have on our shelves. Children’s book author Lee Ann Mancini has won more than a dozen awards for her “Adventures of the Sea Kids” series. Lawyer/author Russel Lazega has won numerous awards for his memoir “Managing Bubbie,” which was just done as an audio book featuring actress Linda Lavin. Our readers are discovering authors that really resonate with them.

— 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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JAZZ

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(though on this particular night, some-one’s sitting in for Mr. Del Gatto on saxo-phone, as he’s in Europe).

On the stage: Brandon Robertson on stand-up bass, Tony Vigilante on drums, Gerald Augustin on tenor sax and Mr. Miller on trumpet. They’re dressed casu-ally, in short-sleeved shirts. And though it’s already unbearably summer-sizzling in Southwest Florida, this quarter’s play- ing jazz so hot it’s raising the tempera-tures.

You end one tune and start right in on “Bye Bye Blackbird” with a loping swing.

They play “What’s New?” a languid, romantic ballad by Bob Haggart that makes you want to get up and slow dance with someone. Then, Victor Young’s “Skellie By Starlight.” They close with “Caravan,” playing it at breakneck speed, rousing the crowd to its feet with cheers and applause.

“As a jazz lover living here for 34 years, there’s not a lot of places you can go to hear real live jazz that’s not restricted,” says Judi Woods of Fort Myers Beach. “Luckily, The Barrel Room, in all their specialts and recording four albums with Harry Connick Jr.’s band, touring all over the world,comma a way that’s really fun for us.”

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Patrons are gratified too, filling the place week after week: “It’s been like that, standing room only, and that’s great,” Mr. Miller says. “People downtown really appreciate the arts and music. We have a real eclectic crowd of artists and musicians and theater people and music lovers … We’re excited to be able to do high intensity swinging jazz music and be able to deliver it for them in a way that’s really fun for us.”

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“We started meeting bands and talking to them,” he says. “We tapped into some national agents; when they’re booking in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Tampa. ‘The Hollisters, Mr. Blinkal is from Chicago.

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They also love the artistic freedom. “One of the best things about it is, we’re allowed to do whatever we want musically, so we play as hard as we want,” he says. “There are no limitations. Sometimes when you’re playing in a restaurant or a club, they like to play a cocktail set or a softer first hour or two — which is fine,” he adds. But The Barrel Room has “the flavor of a New York jazz club, where we can hit it from the very beginning. That’s very appealing to us.”

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Filling the niche

The owners of the Twisted Vine Bistro and The Barrel Room, Steve and Denise Hollister, hired Kevin Blinkal as general manager to book the music for the new venue.

“I used to run Buddy Guys in Chi-cago,” he says, naming the club owned by the well-known blues guitarist.

Mr. Blinkal’s brother, the guitarist pro-fessionally known as Frank Bang, toured the world with Mr. Guy for five years and also has a band of his own: Frank Bang and the Cook County Kings, who have played at the Barrel Room and are expected to return.

The Hollisters, Mr. Blinkal is from Chicago.

“The three of us, as a team, have been great,” Mr. Blinkal says. “We have the same taste in music. They had this vision and they’ve been rolling with it.”

On the weekends, people were going to The Firestone for the dance music they do and to City Tavern for the coun-try music and bands they put in there,” Mr. Hollister says, referring to the two restaurants flanking his. “I thought, why don’t we do the music we like in the middle? We decided to do jazz and blues. We’re about the quality of the food and wine and ambiance, and we wanted that to carry over into our music. We felt a niche was there.”

The Hollisters traveled to blues clubs in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

“We started meeting bands and talking to th-eem,” he says. “We tapped into some national agents; when they’re booking people on a traveling gig. Tampa to Miami, we’re in the middle. The best advice he was given, he says, was: ‘Protect your stage; put the best quality people up there that you can.’

“We try not to put anyone up there that we haven’t heard somewhere else, or that we have a strong recommendation for from someone we trust,” he says.

They hope to bring blues singer Sari Schorr, who’s toured with Joe Bonamas-sa, to The Barrel Room. “People compare her voice to Joni Mitchell’s,” Mr. Hol-lister says. “She did a remake of ‘Black Betty.’ That’s the kind of people we’re looking to bring through here.”

They’ve booked Albert Castiglia, who’s played with Junior Wells, for Janu-ary; and Chicago bluesman Joe Moss for April. Although a date has not been announced, JL Fulks and Frank Bang and the Cook County Kings are also in the lineup.

Also in the plans: extending jazz to a second night on Wednesday and adding a Sunday gospel brunch with Southern food.

Mr. Hollister also wants to add a late night menu.

“There’s nowhere to eat late night downtown,” he says. “We want to be the place where people can come in.”

He’s also thinking of introducing a cover charge once season starts and sell-ing tickets in advance online for some shows.

Some nights, he says, the musicians question whether they should begin, because there are only a few people in the room. He tells them to start playing, and keeps the front door open.

Within 15 minutes, the place is full, he says.

The music lures them in.

“They’re (out on the sidewalk) say, ‘Oh, this is that place I heard about.’ People are talking about us.”

“We want to be the place,” he says. “It’s hot right now.”

In the know

The Barrel Room

>> 2210 Bay St., Fort Myers
333-2225 or barrelroomfortmyers.com
Jazz from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays with the Dan Miller & Lew Del Gatto Quartet

More jazz and blues
Here are a few other area venues that present live jazz and/or blues:

>> Buckingham Blues Bar
5641 Buckingham Rd., Fort Myers
659-7111 or buckinghambar.com
National blues acts perform.

>> The Bay House
790 Winkworth Rd., Naples
591-3837; bayhousenaples.com
The Richards from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays

Mike Blasucci from 6-9 p.m. Thursday
The Marc Vee Band from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>> The Continental
1205 Third St. S., Naples
659-0007; damicoscontinental.com
Blues by The Hoax Howard Trio from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>> JD’s
1951 Tamiami Road, Port Charlotte
597-3333 or weekendwillies.com
The Rick Howard Trio from 8:30-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

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The Mark Telesca Band plays The Barrel Room in downtown Fort Myers.
More than 500 people attended the preview reception, and 350 cast votes for their favorites pieces of art. The exhibit hangs through Oct. 14 at The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association.

CHOICE

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■ First Place ($300): Joel Shapses, “Reaching for the Sky,” white and grey Turkish marble on black marble.
■ Honorable Mention ($100): Teresa Benjamin, “Cotswold Era,” oil on linen
■ Honorable Mention ($100): Tania Begg, “Savannah,” alabaster stone sculpture inlaid with Apoxie Sculpt clay.

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The Best Events Are on the Water

Fall art classes starting soon at The von Liebig

School kids aren’t the only ones heading back to the classroom this time of year. The Naples Art Association is gearing up for its fall session of workshops for artists who want to improve their signature technique as well as for those who want to dip their pens and pencils and brushes in something new, from classic calligraphy to “Wine and Dezine” with “ZenDoodles.”

Wine and Dezine promises to be the most fun you’ll ever have with a brush (and a glass of wine). It’s from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and costs $55 (wine and your own take-home masterpiece included).

Mario Vitale teaches ZenDoodles in the same time slot as Wine and Dezine. Above (how to choose?). Participants will enjoy artistic satisfaction as well as a sense of personal well being as they’re guided in using a series of repetitive patterns to create an intricate design. Cost is $50.

Other classes in the fall session include: Hand Building in Clay with Donna Torrence, Portraits from Photos with Richard Kirk, Mixed Media Collage with Pat Smith, Mixed Media Intro Pastel with Ruthi Sholler, Collage Portrait with Marjorie Pesek, Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor with Genie Kell, Stained Glass and/or Mosaic with Sten Stanisc and Printmaking with Karissa Costa.

Classes take place mornings, evenings and weekends at The von Liebig Art Center. Details are available online at naplesart.org.
THURSDAY.25
Outdoor Yoga — A gentle yoga class starts at 7 a.m. at the Naples Beach and Tennis Club, 805 Seaside Road. Basic physical agility is required. Some mats are provided. Bring a water bottle. $10. 3890 Corkscrew Road. 495-8989 or swflparks.com.
Up A River — Everglades Wonder Gardens and CGT Kayaks host a paddle up the Imperial River starting at 10 a.m. $55 for two hours or $85 for all day. At the door. 231-8212 or evergladeswondergardens.com.
Armchair Travels — Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in the country’s national parks at 6 p.m. at the Rookery Bay Research Reserve, 500 Bayou Bend Drive. Free. 598-5200 or rookerybay.org.

FRIDAY.26
Music by Mark — The Mark Vee Band performs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3887 or bayhouse naples.com.
Divas Night — Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center hosts a dinner and show LaTria Savage singing selections by Donna Summer, Tina Turner, Beyonce and others by Donna Summer, Tina Turner, Beyonce and others. $35 in advance, $40 at the door. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

SUNDAY.28
Walk the Dog — Naples Botanical Garden hosts the pooch patrol from 9-11 a.m. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to accompany their owners for a stroll. Free for Garden members and their canine companions, regular admission plus $9.95 per pooch for others. 643-4725 or naplesgarden.org.

MONDAY.29
Films for Film Lovers — Center for the Arts Bonita Springs screen “The Flat” (2013) at 7 p.m. As a documentary, it uncovers the flat that belonged to his grandparents who were immigrants from Nazi Germany, he uncovers clues to a complicated and shocking story. $10.1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY.30
Terrific Tuesdays — See any show at Mercato’s Silverspot Cinema for just $8 every Tuesday. 592-1300 or silverspot.net.
Trad Seisions — Enjoy traditional Irish music starting at 5 p.m. at Shea’s at Landonswronge. 702 Fifth Ave. S. 398-1199 or irmusic@embarqmail.com.
Mudbone Blues — Rick Howard and Mudbone take the stage at 8 p.m. at Weekend Willies. 730 Shirley St. 597-3333 or weekendwillies.com.

WEDNESDAY.31
Namaste — Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a beach session from 9-11 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. $5 plus park admission. Reservations required. 988-8938 or greemoneky.com.
Jazz It Up — Chill out to music by The Richmond’s from 6-9 p.m. at The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3887 or bayhouse naples.com.

Photo Show — Ave Maria University presents “The Humanity of Service: Portraits by Michael Collopy” Sept. 1-Dec. 16. The collection features Mr. Collopy’s photographs of people including Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, Bonobo and others who are known for their humanitarian efforts and leadership. 280-2500 or avemaria.edu.
Summer Lecture — Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a lecture about alternative energy sources and clear Florida waterways from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. Free with admission. 597-6000 or evergladeswondergardens.com.
(Pick Your Place) — Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform two chamber concerts at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, one at Naples Botanical Garden and another at a setting in Lee County near Orange Blossom Drive. Free. 597-0900 or artisnaples.org.
Tatted-Up — The Ink Empire Tattoo Expo brings seminars, music, tattoo contests and awards to the Arts and Entertainment Arena starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, and continuing through the weekend. $22-$38. Veteran's Park. 3250 North Tamiami Trail.
More Jazz — Jeffry and friends invite everyone to join the jam session from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Royal Wood Country Club. 4300 Royal Wood Blvd. 775-4451.
Love to Hear Perscarion — Artis—Naples hosts an open-close procession demonstration for kids at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. 597-2000 or artisnaples.org.
Paint Party — Vino’s Picasso hosts a guided paint session for ages 10 and up to raise money for Peace Early Learning. Children sessions from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 5:40. Bring your own wine or beer. 2167 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicassonaples.com.
Dark Knight — Barnes & Noble celebrates Batman’s enduring legacy with costume, trivia and games at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. 599-5200 or bn.com.

Immargia — See any show at Mercato’s Silverspot Cinema for just $8 every Tuesday. 592-1300 or silverspot.net.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO


Rock Around the Clock – Friends of Lovers Key hosts a sock hop on the beach from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Lovers Key State Park. $45 for members, $50 for others. (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Tater Salad – Ron White, best known as the whiskey-swilling, cigar-smoking comedian from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, takes the stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. (800) 440-7469 or bbbmannpah.com.

Magic Carpet Ride – Artis—Naples invites youngsters to get up-close with the orchestra’s brass players and their horns at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Show Me The Way – Peter Frampton performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Moon River – Friends of Lovers Key hosts moonlight kayaking through the park setting out at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. $15 for members. $20 for others (kayak rental separate). (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Ahoy! – The Marine Industry Association of Collier County presents The Naples Boat Show Downtown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, at Naples City Dock. Free. 682-0900 or miacc.org.

Comedy Legend – Jerry Lewis performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. $89-$130. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a fine arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Cambier Park. naplesartcrafters.com.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform baroque selections from Jean-Philippe Rambeau’s “Zaïs” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Film Fest Fun – Naples International Film Festival kicks off this year’s event with a red carpet walk, opening film screening and a VIP after-party featuring many of the festival filmmakers at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Artis—Naples. 775-3456 or naplesfilmfestival.org.

Crackin’ Claws – The seventh annual Stonecrab Festival returns with a kick-off party from 4-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Pinchers Crab Shack. Festivities continue through the weekend at Tin City, stonecrabfestival.org.

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Gotta catch ‘em all? Start collecting at Collier County Museums’ lure party and scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Immokalee Pioneer Museum. — colliermuseum.com

Naples artist and world-traveler Paul Arsenault celebrates 100 years of the National Park Service with a talk about his paintings of places in various national parks at 6 p.m. Thursday at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery. — arsenaultgallery.com

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#SWFLTOP PICKS

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Comedian and “Chelsea Lately” star Heather McDonald is everywhere these days. Catch her at Off The Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Saturday. — offthehookcomedy.com
WHAT TO DO

Community Day – Artis—Naples invites everyone to explore the campus from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. The Naples Ballet will dance to some of classical music’s spookiest tunes performed by the Naples Philharmonic. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Miró Quartet performs works by Ginastera, Welcher and Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Spooky Fun – Fifth Avenue South hosts its sixth annual Halloween Spooktacular on Fifth with costume contests and family activities from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. 932-8926 or filltheavenuesouth.com.

Twinkle Toes – Miami City Ballet performs “Giselle” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

All That Jazz – Trumpeter Wallace Roney performs with the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis—Naples’ Daniels Pavilion. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Sharp-Dressed Men – ZZ Top performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform chamber selections by Brahms and Strauss at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in the recital hall at FGCU. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Opera Night – Opera Naples presents Puccini’s “Turandot” at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

Magical Mystery Tour – The Naples Philharmonic performs the music of The Beatles at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Beggin’ Bacon – Baconfest 2016 returns with cured pork-centered dishes and competitions among local chefs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Naples Municipal Airport. 643-0733 or baconfestnaples.com.

Youth Performance – Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performs at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.
WHERE TO GO

Bluegrass Band – Bluegrass ensemble Claire Lynch Band performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 528-833, 2408 Linwood Ave. bluewaterbluegrass.com.

Local Pioneers – Collier County Museum hosts its annual Old Florida Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19. $5-$10. 331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.com.

Chamber Concert – Pianist Benedetto Lupo performs works by Dohnányi, Strauss and Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Christmas Koz – Grammy winning jazz ensemble Dave Koz and Friends perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform Renaissance brass music and Schubert’s “Death of a Maiden” at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26 and Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Alleluia – Naples Philharmonic Chorus performs Handel’s “Messiah” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Light It Up – Get in the holiday spirit with Ave Maria’s Celebration of Lights from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Town Center. 352-3903 or avemaria.com.

Cluster Pluckin’ – Enjoy a evening of Grand Ole Opry-style bluegrass by various acts when the annual Cluster Pluckin’ moves to Naples Botanical Garden on Friday evening, Dec. 2. Details to come.

Sugar Plum Dreams – Artis—Naples hosts its annual performance of George Balanchine’s “The Nutcracker,” featuring local youth performing alongside Miami City Ballet dancers at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Brassy – CAPA hosts a performance of the Philharmonic Brass Quintet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $30, 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capcenter.org.

Youth Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia perform at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Hearth Notes – Heartland humorist Garrison Keillor performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Holiday Pops – Naples Philharmonic performs holiday favorites with vocalists Nick Ziobro and Julia Goodwin Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 15-18, at Artis—Naples. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

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

It's hard to know what to say about "The Book of Liz," except: This is one odd little play. Of course, this shouldn't be any surprise, as the one-act show is playing at Theatre Conspiracy, which specializes in odd and unusual.

Plus, it's written by brother and sister David and Amy Sedaris, known for their comedic essays and commentary. David Sedaris is also the author of "The Santaland Diaries," which is a Southwest Florida cult favorite.

"The Book of Liz" opens in the religious community of Cluster Haven, with lush, sweeping strings playing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. Tollhouse (Jim Yarnes) kneels on a pillow, praying a long, boring, tedious prayer, the bulk of which seems to consist of him boasting to the Lord about how righteous and wonderful a servant he is.

Rev. Tollhouse is bearded, sans moustache, and could be Amish or Mennonite — though the script refers to him and the people of Cluster Haven as "Squeamish." They are known for their delicious cheeseballs, which are made by Sister Elizabeth Donderstock (Joann Haley) and seem to be the main source of income for the religious community.

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The reverend is one of those danger-

ous people: clueless, but in a position of authority. Mr. Yarnes plays him with bumbling self-righteousness, spouting aphorisms.

When Brother Nathaniel Brightbee (Trevor Beauvoir-Kinney) joins the community, he takes over Sister Donderstock's job of making the cheeseballs, reasoning that he, being a man, can of course do it better.

Sister Donderstock, demoted from her job, is distraught. Not only did she have to reveal her secret recipe, but she doesn't feel called to her new job of harvesting chives. She winds up leaving the community.

Rachel Burtram, a member of the Florida Repertory Theatre's ensemble, plays Sister Constance Butterworth. (The Sedaris siblings have invented names worthy of Dickens ... or perhaps they were just looking in their pantry.) A fluttery, highly anxious gossip, her self-righteousness barely clothed with a thin veneer of false modesty, Sister Constance thrives on catastrophe. When there isn't one, she doesn't mind fanning the flames a little. She informs Rev. Tollhouse that Sister Donderstock is missing.

Out in the secular world, Sister Donderstock bumps into a giant-sized Mr. Peanut who speaks with a British accent. The costume, complete with top hat and monocle (designed by Tasmin Moore) is eerily accurate; unfortunately, however, it prevents its actor, Ms. Burttram, from being heard clearly.

Life just gets stranger and stranger for Sister Donderstock, who is now known as Liz. The Mr. Peanut costume-wearer turns out to be Oxana from "Ukraine," though she speaks with a Cockney accent.

Liz dons the Mr. Peanut costume herself, then winds up working at the Plymouth Crock, a family restaurant run by Visul (Mr. Yarnes again), a proud U-2-stepper and a sponsor for other recovering alcoholics. (Mr. Beauvoir-Kinney plays Donny, a perpetually dissatisfied worker.)

Liz fits right in, with her modest, black and white religious outfit looking like a pilgrim's. (One of her co-workers mistakes it for an earlier version of their uniform.)

Ms. Burttram makes a priceless appearance as Cecil, a jaded, seen-it-all, done-it-all waitress. And this is the conceit of the play: Liz is Liz throughout, done-it-all waitress. And this is the conceit of the play: Liz is Liz throughout, though she changes and grows, but the three other actors play a variety of roles, some more successfully than others.

Like Alfred Hitchcock, director Steve Hooper makes an extremely brief non-speaking cameo as Brother Hezekiah. Mr. Yarnes' Oxana is eerily accurate; unfortunately, however, it prevents its actor, Ms. Burttram, from being heard clearly.

Ms. Haley’s Sister Donderstock is pale and pesty, sweating constantly. She has perhaps the most challenging role, as she’s confined to a single costume — one that reveals only her face and hands. But she makes the most of it with her varied facial expressions, looking dismayed or confused, or brightening up when she learns something. Her character shows the most growth over the course of the play, and she endears herself to the audience.

She’s introduced to other types of communities when she leaves her own religious community, the community of recovering alcoholics, and the family you make with friends, both more loving and kind than the community she walked away from at Cluster Haven.

Like the actors, the scenery (by Theatre Conspiracy founder Bill Taylor) has multiple roles. Seven oversized red books with gold lettering tower over the actors on the stage. During the play, various books are spun around to reveal minimalist scenery.

"The Book of Liz" is odd and funny, but on opening night, this comedy didn't induce as much laughter as I thought it might. (When the giant Mr. Peanut appears, you could almost feel the audience’s mass confusion.)

Several individual scenes or performances are very funny (Rev. Tollhouse’s self-serving prayers, and a scene where you could see the clothing tag hanging from his stage beard.) And Ms. Burttram is funny whenever she’s on stage, especially as Sister Butterworth, gossiping and lusting after Brother Brightbee, and conducting a blind taste test of his bland cheeseballs versus ones made by Sister Donderstock. The latter is an especially priceless scene.)

But while individual performances are outstanding, director Mr. Hooper doesn’t get the actors to work together as a comedic cohesive whole. Perhaps that will come over time with more performances.

The Book of Liz" is definitely an odd little play, a surrealistic, absurd dream with Amish-like people, AA adherents and toastmasters and a giant peanut. If you like weird, you just might love this collection of oddballs and cheeseballs.
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PUZZLES

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish that project on a deadline that is no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on that recent business move. An old family problem recurs, but this time you’ll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused that once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let it guide you into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you’d like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and to attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You’re always concerned about the well-being of others. It’s time you put some of that concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
As tensions ease on the home front, you can once more focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A new romance tests the unattached Bovine’s patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
It’s a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price — whether it’s a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22)
A recent job-related move proves far more successful than you could have imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say.

BORN THIS WEEK:
You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you’re right there to provide it.

Puzzle Difficulty this week:
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The science of card reading

BY STEVE BECKER

Card-reading is the art of deducing how the opponents’ cards are divided. Each bid made and each card played by the defenders tells a story. The trick is to read the story; interpret it correctly, and then find a way, if possible, to take advantage of the knowledge gained.

Take this case where South wound up in four hearts after West had overcalled with one spade. West led the queen of spades, and East took dummy’s king with the ace. East returned a spade, taken by West, who then led his singleton diamond to dummy’s jack. Declarer’s problem now was to avoid the loss of more than one trump trick.

South realized that he would have to lose more than one trump trick if the opposing hearts were divided 4-1 or 5-0. Only if the hearts were divided 3-2 was there a chance of losing just one trump trick.

But this alone would not do the job.

The player with the doubleton heart would have to have the ace if the contract was to be made. And the first heart lead would have to come from the correct hand to have any chance of success.

Since West had made a vulnerable overcall on a queen-high suit, it seemed likely that he had the ace of hearts. The first heart lead therefore had to come from the South hand.

Accordingly, declarer crossed to his hand with a club at trick four and led a low heart. West played low, and the opening lead — queen of spades.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

South

West

East


Opening lead — queen of spades.

East produced the ten and, with fingers crossed, South ducked. West was forced to win with the ace, and the contract was home.

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Southside with You ★★
(Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers, Vanessa Bell Calloway) Here’s the story of Barack and Michelle Obama’s first date during a hot summer day in 1989. Only the locations are accurate, however; the dialog is fictionalized, which is a downer given the film’s inherent appeal. Combine that with low-budget production values and standard editing, and the whole thing plays like a made-for-TV movie. Rated PG-13.

Ben-Hur ★ 1/2
(Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Morgan Freeman) At the time of Jesus Christ (Rodrigo Santoro), a Jewish prince (Mr. Huston) is forced into slavery by his adopted brother (Mr. Kebbell), who is a Roman soldier. The story drags and the performances do little to enliven the stilted dialog; two decent actions sequences are the lone saving grace. Rated PG-13.

Hell or High Water ★★★ 1/2
(Ben Foster, Chris Pine, Jeff Bridges) A Texas Ranger (Mr. Bridges) tracks two bank-robbing brothers (Mr. Foster and Mr. Pine) in this superb neo-western. A great drama highlighted by fantastic writing and even better performances, it’s one of the best movies of the year. Rated R.

Florence Foster Jenkins ★★★
(Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Rebecca Ferguson) In 1944 New York City, wealthy socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Ms. Streep) aspires to be an opera singer in spite of her notable lack of ability. Ms. Streep and Mr. Grant are a formidable duo, but it’s director Stephen Frears (“Philomena”) striking just the right tone of laughing at Florence but with the movie that makes it all work. Rated PG-13.

Suicide Squad ★★ 1/2
(Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Jared Leto) The world’s most dangerous criminals are given a reprieve from prison to fight a deadly witch (Cara Delevingne). Robbie steals the movie as Joker’s (Mr. Leto) squeeze Harley Quinn, and the action and soundtrack keep things popping, but the story has numerous problems. Set in the same DC Comics universe as “Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice.” Rated PG-13.

Jason Bourne ★★ 1/2
(Matt Damon, Alicia Vikander, Tommy Lee Jones) Bourne (Damon) gets new information about his past and has to fight off the CIA agents (Vikander, Jones, Vincent Cassel) who want him dead. The story has head scratching moments, but the action is tense and exciting. Make sure you’re up to speed on the three previous Damon-led “Bourne” films or you’ll be lost. Rated PG-13.

Café Society ★★★
(Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Steve Carell) Twenty-something Bobby (Eisenberg) moves to L.A. and falls in love with his uncle’s (Mr. Carell) assistant (Ms. Stewart), then returns home to the Bronx to run a nightclub with his brother (Corey Stoll). Writer/director Woody Allen is in fine form as he provides laughs and dramatic twists in this engaging coming of age tale set in an idyllic 1930s. Rated PG-13.
Part boxing movie and part biopic, “Hands of Stone” tells the story of Roberto Duran (Edgar Ramirez), a boxer who rose from poverty in Panama to become a world champion. Yes, you’ve seen this kind of movie plenty of times before, and the fact that this one is based on a true story doesn’t necessarily add to its appeal. But this will: The fight scenes and training montages are edited in an engaging way, and the film is full of little moments and details that make it a truly lively and dynamic viewing experience.

Duran is an up-and-coming boxer when he hooks up with esteemed trainer Ray Arcel (Robert De Niro) in 1971. Through Arcel, Duran learns both boxing technique and how to strategize. Combined with his natural “ring sense,” this makes him nearly unbeatable and world famous.

Duran’s biggest rival is Sugar Ray Leonard, nicely played by hip-hop star Usher Raymond as a mild-mannered guy who’s fight on his feet and tough to beat in the ring. We also see Duran outside the ring, mostly chasing a schoolgirl named Felicidad (Ana de Armas) and engaging with Panamanian locals after he becomes famous.

Written and directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz, the film is at its best when Arcel and Duran interact. Note the way Arcel combs Duran’s hair in between rounds of a fight because it intimidates the opponent to see Duran coming out looking fresh. Also note that the reason Duran hates being hungry while training is because he was often hungry as a kid and it brings back horrible memories. Also, Arcel doesn’t allow Duran to mouth off to him. More than once he puts Duran in his place, doesn’t allow Duran to mouth off to him.

The distractions are worsened by the fact that Duran’s story is so compelling, meaning we want him on screen more and don’t want to be distracted by Arcel’s personal drama. Destitute, lacking education and abandoned by his father at age 14, Duran fought in street fights for money before going under the wing of a boxing trainer named Plomo (Pedro Perez). His journey to becoming a champion, complete with adversity, love and fame, is as compelling a rags-to-riches tale as you’ll find. Mr. Ramirez plays him with appropriate stubborn conviction, and in the process gets us to like Duran and forgive him for his flaws.

If you don’t follow boxing you might not know the name Roberto Duran, and that’s OK. After all, it doesn’t mean you cannot (or will not) enjoy his story in “Hands of Stone.” On par with “Creed” in terms of overall quality, this film is a solid movie worthy of the admirable life and career Duran has led.
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

‘Hand of God’ renewed for 10 more episodes

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I just got done binge-watching ‘Hand of God’ on Amazon. Has it been renewed, and if so, do you have any spoilers?

— Tina R., via email

A: The mesmerizing drama/suspense series has been renewed for 10 more episodes, with season two premiering in early 2017 (too exact a date as yet). As you know, the series stars Rob Perlman, Dana Delany, Garret Dillahunt and Julian Morris, and centers on a morally corrupt judge (played by Ron) who suffers a breakdown and believes that God is compelling him onto a path of vigilante justice.

I spoke recently with series creator and head writer Ben Watkins, who aside from letting me know that Linda Gray is joining the cast, also gave me the scoop on season two.

“When there are things we can’t explain, we will try to find an answer for it. We say it’s science or religion or it’s crazy or it’s magic. In season two, Pernell continues to explore this question of whether he’s truly crazy or he has actually touched onto something supernatural.”

“We get a chance in season two to peel back some of the layers of what is going on, some of the sinister elements in the city of San Vincente, and how that is affecting Pernell’s journey.”

Q: I loved Hugh Laurie in ‘Night Manager.’ What else will he be in?

—Donnie T., Reno, Nevada

A: Hugh’s next project is the Hulu original drama series “Chance,” which premieres Oct. 19. In this six-episode series, Hugh plays a forensic neuropsychiatrist who reluctantly gets sucked into a violent and dangerous world of mistaken identity, police corruption and mental illness.

Readers: If you’re a fan of the Netflix documentary series “Making a Murderer” like I am, then you’ll want to know that a federal judge overturned the conviction of Brendan Dassey for the murder of Teresa Halbach. Judge William E. Duffin wrote in his ruling: “The court finds that the confession Dassey gave to the police on March 1, 2006, was so clearly involuntary in a constitutional sense that the court of appeals’ decision to the contrary was an unreasonable application of clearly established federal law.” Unless the state wants to retry him, Brendan will be released within 90 days of Aug. 12. There is no word yet on what this will mean for his still-incarcerated uncle, Steven.

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CANDY CONTAINERS WITH NURSERY RHYMES
Bring Sweet Price for Collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

An attractive box can help sell a product, especially if it can be reused in a new way. Since the 19th century, candy containers have been made to attract buyers. Figural glass bottles were first made in the shape of the Liberty Bell in 1876. Papier-mâché animals with movable heads and hollow stomachs, and lithographed tin boxes, pails and even figurine-tins were used later. All of these are collected today and some sell for hundreds of dollars. Canco is the name found on a series of lithographed tin pails that held candy by Lovell & Covell, a candy company in Fulton, Mass. The pails are decorated with nursery-rhyme figures. The Queen of Hearts, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Peter Cottontail are the easiest to find in the series. In excellent condition, they retail for over $100. The Canco mark was used from 1910 to 1921 by the American Can Company, a 1901 firm.

Q: I have an old kerosene lamp, only used when we had power outages, and not used for a long time. The oil burner needs to be removed to fill with the kerosene. The kerosene seems to have gelled and the burner can’t be easily unscrewed. The glass bowl seems to be stuck. Figural cuffslinks were made by the Ivorex plaques were made by the Plaque produced, and also have the pink sports suit. I got Ken with fuzzy hair, Midge, Allen, Skipper and Skooter as they were produced, and also have the pink sports car and other things. Is it worth the trouble to try to sell them?

A: The first Barbie doll came out in 1959. The doll was designed by Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel Inc., and came with blond or brunette hair. The doll was named Barbie after her daughter. Ken was introduced in 1961 and was also have the pink sports car and other things. The doll was named Barbie after her daughter. Ken was introduced in 1961 and was named after her son. Barbie No. 1 has upside-down V-shaped eyebrows and holes in the bottom of her feet, which fit into a special stand. Barbie No. 5 was the first Barbie with a red or auburn ponytail (a color Mattel calls Titian). It was introduced in 1961. Barbie dolls, her friends, clothes and accessories sell for prices ranging from $10 or less to several hundred dollars. Barbie No. 1 sold at auction last year for over $4,000.

Tip: Handle gemstone jewelry carefully. Opals crack easily, and soaking them in water to prevent cracking my do more harm than good. Some stones, like pink beryl, will fade if left in bright sun more harm than good. Some stones, like pink beryl, will fade if left in bright sun. Some stones, like pink beryl, will fade if left in bright sun.
Objects of good design really do go together – regardless of age

When I was growing up in Fort Myers in the 1970s, I loved all things relating to history. Back then, one could receive a tour of Thomas Edison’s winter home and laboratory that was guided by the old men who served as assistants to Edison in the Fort Myers laboratory when they were young boys in the teens and 20s. And back then, I met some of the most fascinating people at shops and through my mother’s clubs and organizations. My mom was — and still is — active in the Fort Myers Doll Club. In the 1970s, many of the members were of my grandmother’s generation and older. I remember one of the most delightful of those ladies — Olive McCarty — showing me this miniature chest or that fabulous frippery bought back in the ‘50s or ‘60s in the antiques department at Marshall Field’s in Chicago. That’s what made me love Gump’s department store during a recent visit to San Francisco. I’d long heard of Gump’s, that fabled San Francisco treat, especially for lovers of art and décor. Colorful glass sculptures from the United States and elsewhere sparkle in the light from the front windows. But by the time I made it to Marshall Field’s that antiques department on State Street was a thing of the past. It’s a pity because I love seeing Mrs. McCarty — she was always very well turned out, and her antiques and dolls were among the finest in the area. And while the light from the front windows. It’s a pity because I love to see something with history becoming a part of décor. That’s what made me love Gump’s.

Oh, you can’t imagine how wonderful the antiques were there. It all was curated,” she would say with a flourish. I loved seeing Mrs. McCarty — she was always very well turned out, and her antiques and dolls were among the finest in the area. But by the time I made it to Marshall Field’s that antiques department on State Street was a thing of the past. It’s a pity because I love to see something with history becoming a part of décor. That’s what made me love Gump’s.

Cases to the left of the door are filled with jewelry. The space to the right is filled with art pottery and more art glass. A giant statue of Buddha greets you as you climb the stairs. Upstairs, there were furnishings, dishes and beautiful linens — I bought flour-sack towels with whimsical designs to use as hostess gifts. And I loved hearing a saleswoman referring to a china pattern as “Export-inspired,” taking a cue from the European-motif pieces made in China during the 19th century. A room filled with antique crystal and silver transported me to another era. Tables were laden with cut-glass biscuit jars and salt cellars. Another table was loaded with caviar servers, and cases were groaning with silver serving pieces — a grace note on any table, and inspired pieces to use today — especially in our food-savvy culture. None of it seemed out of context with the beautiful contemporary pieces that filled the rest of the store.

In fact, it all had a curated feel like Marshall Field’s back in the days Mrs. McCarty shopped there. We can’t all make the trek to Gump’s, but we can draw inspiration from the notion that objects of good design have a way of coordinating regardless of era. That’s one sweet lesson I’ll take from my trip to San Francisco. — Gump’s is at 135 Post St., San Francisco; (877) 969-6813 or gumps.com.
SAVE THE DATE

**PACE Center For Girls-Collier and White House|Black Market** host the sixth annual *Love That Dress* Collier from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. More than $90 fashionistas and a few brave men will stake their claim on new or gently loved dresses, bid in the silent auctions and enjoy camaraderie and cocktails. An afterparty will take place at Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato. Tickets for $30 are available online only at LoveThatDress.org.


**Waterside Shops** hosts its fourth annual Craving Fashion food and fashion extravaganza from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, to benefit Make-A-Wish South Florida and United Way of Collier County. Restaurants, bakeries, chefs, stores and specialty dishes and drinks. Purchase tickets for $50 at cravingfashion2016.eventbrite.com. For event updates, follow Craving Fashion on Facebook.

**“Under the Stars at Shangri-La”** for Valerie’s House, a nonprofit devoted to providing grieving children and their families a caring place to share and find support, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs. Co-chairs of the event are Joy Gugliuzza with Royal Shell Real Estate and Steve Engstrom with Sirius Computer Solutions. The Shangri-La Springs property encompasses the natural spring for which Bonita Springs was named and include the historic 1920s hotel that was once a retreat for Hollywood stars of the Golden Age. The island-themed night will include live cayylo music, flamethrowers, hors d’oeuvres and specialty cocktails. Art created by Valerie’s House children will be auctioned along with various auction packages.

Tickets are $100 eight ($1,000 for a table for eight). Major sponsorships range from $2,500 to $10,000. Sponsorships and reserved tickets can be purchased at ValeriesHouseSWFL.org or by mail at Valerie’s House Inc., P.O. Box 1955, Fort Myers, FL 33902. For more information about the nonprofit, call 478-6734 or email angela@valeries-houseswfl.org.

**Project HELP** holds its 20th annual Chocolate Extravaganza from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive in Naples. The fundraiser features a bounty of chocolate treats, savory hors d’oeuvres, wine, silent auction and music. Costumes in keeping with a masquerade theme are optional but encouraged. Tickets for $59 are available by calling the Project HELP office at 649-1404 or by going to projecthelpnaples.org/events. The nonprofit is seeking donations of chocolate cookies, candies, cakes, brownies and other bite-size items from restaurants, bakeries, chefs, stores and other businesses. Donors are invited to call the office if they can contribute 100 pieces of a chocolate item for guests to enjoy.

**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 with wine and fashions for people who are affected by sexual assault, human trafficking, sudden loss and other violent crime. The 24-hour helpline is 262-7227. Visit projecthelpnaples.org for more information.

**Humane Society Naples** holds its 18th 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. Models walk the runway with adoptable dogs at their side. Marilyn’s Distinctive European Fashion will outfit the human models. Well-behaved canines are welcome to accompany their owners. Tickets are $95, and sponsorships opportunities are available. Call 438-4660, email events@hsnaples.org or visit hanaples.org/events.

— Email details about your charity gala or fundraising soiree to Cindy Pierce at cipierce@floridaweekly.com.
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‘pARTy with a Purpose’ for Youth Haven at The von Liebig Art Center

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CUISINE NEWS

Avenue5 is liquidating its wine and champagne inventory ahead of the restaurant’s conversion to Ocean Prime, a steak and seafood restaurant. Available at half price are more than 400 bottles of champagne, red and white wines that include a variety of American favorites, European and classics and specialties from Australia and South America. The sale continues through Sept. 4 during the restaurant’s business hours, 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday and 4-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call 403-7170 or visit avenue5naples.com.

Veranda E at Hotel Escalante hosts a five-course organic wine dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, to celebrate the hotel and restaurant’s dual certification as part of Southwest Florida’s Blue Zone project. Featured items are organic wine from Bethel Heights Vineyard in Oregon, vegetables and flowers from the establishment’s in-house garden and duck from Joe Jurgielewicz & Son. $89. 290 Fifth Ave. S.

Dagny’s Spirits holds a complimentary wine and liquor tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at 15005 Collier Blvd. 384-9240 or dagnysspirits.com.

Naples Grande Beach Resort hosts the inaugural Grill & Chill Weekend with a variety of summer food events from Friday through Sunday, Aug. 26-28. It kicks off Friday when bartenders create original cocktails for Bender Bender from 7-9 p.m. at the resort’s Mangrove Pool. Saturday’s fun includes a fashion show by Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. The weekend wraps up with the Grande Grill Off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, when area restaurants will provide grilled samples to taste and judge.

Various event costs $20-$400, with proceeds benefiting FGCU’s Resort & Hospitality Management program. (866) 837-1762 or visit naplesgrande.com.

Naples Originals hosts its second annual Foodie Camp, a series of 90-minute cooking classes led by area chefs in local restaurants, Monday through Thursday, Oct. 17-27. Afternoon classes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. are $90; evening classes from 5:30-7 p.m. are $60. Admission includes instruction, small plates, wine and takeaways, 435-9398 or foodiecampnnaples.com.

Vincenzo Betulia, chef/owner of Fifth Avenue South’s Osteria Tulia and Bar Tulia, has announced he plans to open a new restaurant sometime this fall. At 365 Fifth Ave. S., The French will feature a menu in the brasserie rustic tradition, and extensive wine list featuring French wines from family boutique menus and a private dining room for small banquets. For more information, visit campagnahospitalitygroup.com.

The Rotary Club of Naples and the 5th Avenue South Business Improvement District presents Festival on 5th on Saturday, a food and wine extravaganza, from 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, on the downtown thoroughfare. Guests will enjoy VIP vinter dinners, dozens of premium wines and craft beers and food from participating Fifth Avenue restaurants. A limited number of advanced tickets are available for $55-$75, with more available at the event. Proceeds will benefit a number of the Rotary Club’s charitable causes, including Polio Plus, Learn2Earn scholarships and Naples High School’s Interact scholarship. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 272-5186 or napleswine.org.

Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 384-1463 or goodlifenaples.com – Cook Happy, Eat Healthy: Wednesday, Sept. 14 ($60).

Sur La Table, 5950 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com – Fried Chicken 101: Thursday, Aug. 25 ($60); Sunday Brunch Favorites: Friday, Aug. 26 ($60); Date Night French Summer Flavors: Friday, Aug. 26 ($70); Summer Flavor Peaches: Sunday, Aug. 27 ($60); Thai Thai from Scratch Saturday, Aug. 27 ($60); Date Night An Evening in Greece: Saturday, Aug. 27 ($70); Family Fun Pies & Ice Cream Sunday, Aug. 28 ($40); Con- fident Cooking Three-Part Series: Sunday, Aug. 28 ($55); Late Summer Surf & Turf: Monday, Aug. 29 ($85) – Good Grilled Pizza: Tuesday, Aug. 30 ($60).

Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nesmith at lindsey@floridaevenkly.com.
THE DISH

The Dish: Pan Seared Sea Scallops

The Place: Shula’s
The Hilton Naples

The Price: $24

The Details: I had never gone to Shula’s for lunch (or dinner) and ordered something that didn’t involve meat: the signature Angus Burger, the Black & Blue Salad (with tenderloin tips and gorgonzola) or a slab of juicy prime rib with accompaniments. As I considered the menu on my most recent visit, however, I spotted a server delivering something that just looked too yummy to pass up: three plump, golden, pan-seared sea scallops sitting atop a creamy concoction of roasted corn and bacon bits, sprinkled with some diced tomatoes. A side plate of perfectly grilled asparagus spears was part of the order, too. I ignored my carnivorous tendencies and was glad I did. The dish was rich and filling, yet not so much, after cleaning my plate, I couldn’t go back to the office and have a productive afternoon.

One More Thing: There’s still time to get to Shula’s for the August Burger of the Month. For $15, you can fill up on an 8-ounce Angus Burger loaded with double-cut bacon, cheddar cheese and barbecue sauce and served with your choice of steak fries or sweet potato fries.
Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Bar Tulia, 462 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 238-7606
Do you love Chef Vincenzo Bertulia’s Osteria Tulia? Then try his second concept: Bar Tulia, a gastropub right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage and other items that appeal to the creative chef in a rustic yet hip atmosphere that’s clearly gained a following. Even the drinks are creative, like the pigalle (a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon) and a Hurricane (featuring three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime). Graze your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens; roasted carrots and beets. For dessert: Bar Tulia, a gastropub right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage and other items that appeal to the creative chef in a rustic yet hip atmosphere that’s clearly gained a following. Even the drinks are creative, like the pigalle (a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon) and a Hurricane (featuring three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime). Graze your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens; roasted carrots and beets. For dessert:

Fernandez the Bull-Midtown, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 633-9097
Local lovers of Cuban food have twice as much to thank the Fernandez family for now that there’s a second Fernandez the Bull to patronize. For 25-plus years, the first one has existed in various locations. Now a chic-looking sibling is operating on Pine Ridge Road with indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar and a terrific staff. Start with a well-chilled and minty guava mojito. Savor some beef empanadas (one dish of eight serves two or more) or crisp fried calamari. Then move on to an entree like the chicken with mojo and garlic sauce or shrimp and mussels in white wine and tomato sauce. Sides of moros (rice and black beans), fried yucca or fried plantains are all great choices. And don’t skip dessert. We loved the guava mango mousse cheesecake. Full bar.

Ristorante Farfalla, 21301 Tamiami Trail, Estero; 495-9912
Chef-owner Michael Fattah has maintained his commitment to top-shelf ingredients, freshly made pasta, lighter sauces and handmade desserts since opening Farfalla in 1998. No garlic knots or meatball subs here; calamari and penne all alla vodka are the closest things to culinary clichés. Fattah’s fresh pastrami is a must-have, and it might be as dazing as a special of squid ink and saffron fettuccine with littleneck clams, green mussels, shrimp and lobster. From the regular menu, you can’t go wrong with one of the half-dozen veal dishes, the risottos or the handmade gnocchi. And don’t pass on dessert (served with chilled forks); the cannoli and cheese-cake both are filled with an ethereal blend of ricotta and triple-cream mascarpone. Beer and wine.

Ristorante Farfalla, 21301 Tamiami Trail, Estero; 495-9912
Reviewed November 2015

7th Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 233-4553
A lot of restaurants in Naples offer great food, but few do it with the fun and funky vibe that 7th Avenue Social has achieved. The spot formerly occupied by Flava is now owned by Colin Estrem. The menu features innovative cocktails, house-made pickles, conch sliders, smoked fish mac and cheese, fish or barbacoa tacos, pineapple upside down cake and a host of other goodies. Stop in for drinks and relax in the eclectic collection of chairs clustered near the entrance, or dine at a table where a couch (with pillows) provides two of the seats. I loved the pickles, a chile con carne potato taco, the mac and cheese and the somewhat sloppy but satisfying Southern fried chicken wings. We shared a nightly special of yellowtail snapper encased in salt that was served cold in a glass. Delicious! The sauce is sweet and spicy, redolent of basil and studded with scallions. It’s 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 mustard breadcrumbs, soft-boiled egg and pecorino sauce was an imaginative way to dress up poultry. From the side dish choices, we liked the blackened potatoes, the sweet potato cake and the roasted beets with shallots and sherry vinegar. Don’t skip dessert; everything here is homemade. Beer and wine served.

7th Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 233-4553
Reviewed January 2016
No doubt Chef Art Smith has faced some professional challenges over the years. After all, he was Oprah's chef for 10 years. He also served Bob Graham and Jeb Bush — Florida governors with archly opposing views if not tastes.

Dealing with diverse and likely demanding personalities, a wide range of dietary proscriptions and other quirks that require skillful navigation, no doubt helped him develop the skills needed to take on an establishment with a troubled past.

Since opening in 2008, the waterfront restaurant at Naples Bay Resort has been Italian (Olio), Chinese (L’Orient), upscale American (Mereday’s Fine Dining) and upscale Southern since March, when Mr. Smith opened 1500 South — the name derived from the street address, which seems to be a trend these days.

I have gamely reviewed each one and enjoyed them to varying extents.

Perhaps because Mr. Smith has several other restaurants, 1500 South avoids some of the pitfalls of its predecessors, even though he isn’t there most of the time, leaving the day-to-day operation to the chef de cuisine, Dagan Stocks. The crowd was light on the Saturday night we visited, but the open kitchen had a full complement of black-clad chefs conjuring up food that was as engaging as a well-oiled team to ensure that everything was going well at our table.

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We almost missed watching them conduct that fascinating culinary ballet when the hostess first sat us in the second dining room, which has a view of the water but not the kitchen. We were the only party in the dining room, so it was pretty lifeless. When we asked to be moved into the main dining room, the hostess and our very on-point server, Taylor, were quick to relocate us to a table right smack in front of the kitchen. Ah, yes: dinner and a show, my favorite.

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But everything on the menu looks great, and special dishes sounded even better. Take the nightly soup special: a whiskey cornmeal-crusted lane snapper ($27) with a good-sized fillet enrobed in a thin, crisp layer of cornmeal, plus a small bowl of house hot sauce — which started out tart-sweet and ended up spicy before we asked and that everything was going well at our table.

I’m hoping that the fourth time’s the charm for this lovely space and that diners will make their way to 1500 South to get a taste of superb Southern cuisine and a big serving of hospitality along with it.

Southern hospitality and menu a winning combination for 1500 South

Smoked salmon on a hoecake is a fabulous pairing.

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The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay has 120 residences. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. Kalea Bay’s first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

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

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0120 or online at KaleaBay.com.
Ronto creating legacy in Southwest Florida

With a variety of distinctly different communities in development, the Ronto Group is creating an impressive legacy in Southwest Florida. From TwinEagles’ classic country club ambiance to Naples Square’s walkable lifestyle, the Seaglass tower at Bonita Bay, and the Naples Orange Blossom community, Ronto is shaping how people live in one of the most desirable locales in the world. Ronto was named recipient of the Gold Award for Best Developer in the Naples Daily News’ 2010 People’s Choice Awards. Since acquiring TwinEagles in September, 2010, Ronto’s development strategy has focused on enhancing the community’s amenities, enrolling outstanding Preferred Builders, and introducing product offerings that take advantage of TwinEagles’ natural setting. Under Ronto’s leadership, five neighborhoods have sold out, and three new neighborhoods have been introduced.

TwinEagles’ product selection now ranges from carriage homes priced from the mid-$200’s to estate residences priced into the millions. A tranquil natural setting, the luxury product offering, and world-class amenities, including two championship golf courses, continue to attract homeowners. The community was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club. A golf membership is included with every newly constructed home at TwinEagles.

TwinEagles’ Talon Golf Course hosted the Chubb Classic PGA Champions Tour in February. The community’s Eagle Course was named “Best New U.S. Private Course of the Year” by Golf Magazine. A 47,000 square-foot Clubhouse offers an unparalleled dining experience created by the 2015 ACF President’s Medallion recipient Chef Chas Tatgian. A new community swimming pool and fitness center includes a 2,500 square foot pool with a spa, a zero-entry feature, and a sunning deck overlooking a lake. An outdoor lounge, dining venue, and lighted Har-Tru tennis courts are adjacent to the pool. The 6,430 square foot fitness center includes locker rooms, areas for aerobics and Pilates, and a fitness ball.

At Naples Square, Ronto embraced the trend toward transforming downtown areas from serving as attractive destinations to places where people are fully engaged in every aspect of city life on a day-to-day basis. Rather than serving the more transient interests of those living in outlying areas, this new form of urbanism presents an opportunity to live with every aspect of life within walking distance.

Naples Square is being developed at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. The community’s walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. The walkable lifestyle and the availability of one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans and outdoor living areas and open-air terraces continues to generate strong sales. After selling out 73 complete residences, construction of Naples Square Phase II continues to move forward on schedule for completion in first quarter, 2017, a timeframe that will allow Phase II residents to enjoy their new homes during the 2017 season. Just 16 Phase II residences featuring five floor plans remain available. The one-bedroom plus den Phase II residences will feature a den to be completed by summer, 2018. The Seaglass tower at Bonita Bay community that was named one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions, Ronto is redefining the luxury high-rise living experience. Choice tower residences remain available. Seaglass is expected to be completed by summer, 2018.

The Seaglass tower will feature fully-completed residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access-under-building parking spaces. Private two-car garages will be available as Ronto expands the community-only private beach park, Seaglass is redefining the luxury high-rise living experience. Choice tower residences remain available. Seaglass is expected to be completed by summer, 2018. Seaglass tower floor plans range from 1,360 to 3,238 square feet under air and are base-priced from $695,000 to $1,590,000.

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New building released in Signature Club at Lely Resort: new amenities are open

ew homes and new amenities continue to be unveiled at Lely Resort, winner of the seven Community of the Year Awards from the Collier Building Industry Association.

This summer, even as Stock Development is nearing sell out of the legendary community, it added new lifestyle amenities with the debut of The Players Room at the award-winning Players Club & Spa. On the residential front, Stock has released for sale another building at Signature Club, one of the final two neighborhoods of coach homes that will be built at Lely Resort.

“Lely has been one of the Naples real estate market’s biggest success stories for more than a decade and we pride ourselves on addressing the changing needs of our residents and providing them with the best possible amenities,” said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort. “The Players Room is a wonderful addition to an amenity complex that has won numerous Best Clubhouse Awards over the past 10 years.”

The Players Club & Spa is located adjacent to Signature Club.

According to Stock, each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features an array of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course and the new building offers the longest lake views available. These homes offer extraordinary value with numerous standard features that are upgrades in similar homes. Two furnished models are open and prices for inventory homes begin at $460,170.

Signature Club is a beautiful neighborhood of coach homes that live like single-family residences,” said Stock. “This new building offers a location with amazing water views across the widest part of the lake.

The new building includes four St. Andrews floorplans, a three-bedroom, three and one-half bath coach home offering an island-style kitchen with breakfast nook, a study, a two-car garage and 2,738 square feet under air. This second floor unit also offers an elevator option. These homes are priced from $899,990 and you may choose your own options.

Also available is The Wentworth, a ground floor home offering two-bedrooms and two-and-one-half bathing facilities, a den, a gourmet kitchen with a breakfast nook and a two-car garage. Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument.

The Players Room is multi-purpose building located adjacent to the main clubhouse. It offers a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features elegant banquet seating.

Homebuyers interested in Lely Resort’s world-class lifestyle have a tremendous number of multi-family and single-family residences to choose from, many of which are move-in ready.

In the beautiful Old Naples neighborhood, only one home remains available! Offering three-bedrooms, two and a half baths, a breakfast nook and living and dining rooms and 1,715 square feet, the Santa Ana End is move-in ready. The residence features a two-car garage that leads to the open and airy kitchen with granite countertops and upgraded appliances. The kitchen also features a large pantry and a powder room. The Santa Ana End is priced at just $329,990!

Lely also has amazing single-family homes.

The exquisitely designed and beautifully furnished Majestic II model is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf. This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,841 square feet under air and a total of 5,738 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Rainforest ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Stunning Interiors by Beasley & Henley add to the appeal. The attached three-car garage offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at $1,871,994 fully furnished.

Stock Development is one of the area’s most successful and innovative developers. The lifestyle it creates is as amazing as its residences.

Lely Resorts have access to three championship golf courses and a spectacular club facility. The Player’s Club & Spa is an amazing 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse.

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The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities recently 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.

BALA awards are presented by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The nation’s premier award program, the BALA awards recognize design excellence and spotlight the nation’s most creative and innovative builders, remodelers, architects, residential and building designers, developers, land planners and interior designers.

All aspects of The Isles of Collier Preserve were inspired by nature and informed by historic references to the classic coastal architecture of Old Naples. Over half of the 2,400 acres are dedicated to lakes, nature preserves and natural habitat.

The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 as a 16-room inn. Like the historic hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway, The Isles Club includes an array of active lifestyle and wellness amenities. Residents and friends gather here for social functions, swimming in the stunning resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

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 presents 16 fully furnished model homes for touring.

Currently, two move-in-ready featured homes are available. For a limited time, these homes include a $40,000 incentive towards purchase. Featured homes include the Poinciana two-story coach home priced at $510,290 and the Mimosa villa home priced at $549,260. The Jasmine Grande single-family home, available in September, is offering a $40,000 incentive priced at $999,047.

The Poinciana coach home is 1,952 square feet under air, and includes three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage and private elevator. The Mimosa villa home is 1,780 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, two baths, den, pool and spa with water view and two-car garage. The Jasmine Grande single-family home also includes a beautiful water view. It is 2,933 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, den, sitting room, two-and-a-half baths and two-car garage.

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 888-707-4255 or visit mintofla.com.

Above: The Isles Club, The Isles of Collier Preserve and Jasmine Grande exterior.

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On any given day, the Historic River District is buzzing with residents enjoying the warm, sunny Southwest Florida outdoor lifestyle. They are often seen walking their dogs, jogging, or riding bikes along the crescent-shaped water detention basin that soon will be lined with unique shops and restaurants, and the new Marriott Autograph Collection hotel. The recently-completed basin, located alongside the scenic Caloosahatchee River, is also a great place for a relaxing afternoon stroll or a brisk morning walk where residents can take in the fresh air and natural beauty.

JAXI CMD, developers of ALLURE, are incorporating the beautiful outdoor aesthetics into the two-tower, 292-residence condominium community and incorporating amenities that allow residents to enjoy the natural splendor of this tropical paradise. As part of the development plans, JAXI CMD will build a beautiful riverfront promenade with lush landscaping, a covered gazebo, picnic benches, and a meandering, brick-paved walking path along the glistening river behind the condominium where residents can enjoy the best of what Mother Nature has to offer. In addition, they are incorporating the “Allure Your Senses” rooftop gardens where residents will experience peaceful serenity and beauty.

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  - 800LE037906.

### NAPLES

- **Beautiful Golden Gate Home**
  - This home is a must see! Wood and tile floors throughout. Huge backyard with hot tub and wet bar. Large screened lanai.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800LE021402.

- **Awesome 2 Bed 2 Bath + Den in Estero**
  - Completely upgraded coach home.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM032112.

### FORT MYERS

- **Better Than New... Why Wait?**
  - Immaculate 3 bed 2 bath home in SW Cape Coral. High end custom granite kitchen and baths, tile floors.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM021112.

- **Large Floor Plan in Portofino**
  - Unit offers impressive square footage lots of natural light. High ceilings and tile floors in main & carpet in bedrooms.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM021112.

### CAPE CORAL

- **Cascades at Estero**
  - An active adult community located in the beach parkway area, Jaycees Park!
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM047998.

- **Stunning Country Setting Home**
  - Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM047998.

### PORT CHARLOTTE

- **Unit Offers Impressive Square Footage**
  - Lots of natural light. High ceilings and tile floors in main & carpet in bedrooms.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM021112.

### LEHIGH ACRES

- **Golfers Dream**
  - Golfers Dream-location-location beautiful 3 bed home just under 1600 sqft, upgraded laminate, tile floors, carpet in bedrooms.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM021112.

### NAPLES

- **Lovely 3 Bed 2 Bath Fenced Backyard**
  - This 3/2/2 in a great San Carlos Park location, has a fenced back yard and an air conditioned shed.
  - 1-866-657-2300
  - 800FM021112.
Cape Coral

- Cape Coral Home
  - Built in 2007, and fully renovated. 4/2/2 with stainless steel appliances, porcelain tile. $190,000. 1-866-657-2300

- Attractive Home in San Carlos Park
  - 3/2 home with a 2 car garage is perfect for first time home buyers, college students, vacation buyers. $189,000. 800FM050133.

Fort Myers

- 2 Bed 2 Bath In Desirable North Naples
  - Spacious 2 bed 2 bath with tile floors, w/d. Pool and privacy fence. $168,000. 1-866-657-2300

- Whiskey Creek Villa
  - Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage villa! Light & bright living & dining areas. $175,000. 1-866-657-2300

- Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social
  - Peaceful 4/2 on 1/2 Acre Lot
    - This rare 4 bed 2 bath home is clean and move in ready. Huge family room. New carpet in 3 of the bedrooms. $165,000. 1-866-657-2300

- Fort Myers

- Moody Road Condo
  - Very private with deep water access. Best walk to downtown and shopping. $160,000. 800CC045964.

- Cape Coral

- Walk To Downtown Festivals
  - 3/2/2 Fenced yard, split bedroom plan. Florida room, courtyard patio and built in BBQ. Walk to bus stop, shopping & schools. $149,000. 1-866-657-2300

Lehigh Acres

- Spacious 3/2 + Den
  - This spacious home boasts 3 bed, 2 baths, plus a den with the floors in the living areas and new carpet in the bedrooms. $149,000. 1-866-657-2300

- What a Gem - Close to Everything
  - Lowers 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage on a corner lot w/privacy fence along back and left side. New hurricane windors. $144,900. 800LE049039.

- 3/2 Home On 1/2 Acre
  - Waterfront 3/2 with all the amenities of a waterfront home. $138,900. 1-866-657-2300

- Cape Coral 55+ Condo
  - Waterfront 2/2 end unit, 35+ adult community w/pool, covered parking, dock avail, easy golf access. Brand new. $139,900. 800CC038017.

Naples

- Perfect Starters or Investment
  - Spacious 3 bed 2 bath w/tile floors, vaulted ceilings, newer A/C unit. $170,000. 800CC023727.

- Sandalwood Estates
  - Spacious Townhome
    - Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Professionally landscaped with curbing & med back yard! $138,000. 800LE047355.

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