“So many other aircraft use this airspace — and there are so many different types of aircraft, everything from little two-seaters to major types of aircraft — that this can seem like a major international airport.”

— Diane Terrill, director of strategy and communication, Naples Municipal Airport

Artis—Naples invites input on its future

Artis—Naples has engaged New York City-based Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism to create a master plan for its Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. The master plan will re-imagine what a multidisciplinary cultural campus should be and serve as a road map for how patrons and artists use campus now and what they desire for its future.

“In the nearly 30 years since our campus first opened, much has changed with the way communities interact with cultural organizations,” CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen said. “As part of our ongoing Future—Forward campaign, the time is right to create a space for the next three decades. We are thrilled to bring in Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi to guide us on this journey.”

Weiss/Manfredi is at the forefront of architectural design practices that are redefining the way communities interact with cultural organizations.
COMMENTARY

Boomers, baby

So it’s come to this, they say: We’re self-ish. We’re spoiled narcissists. We’re too greedy to insure the generations following us will be comfortable, safe, healthy or as wealthy as we’ve been.

We aren’t going away quickly, either. Boomers will continue to insist on dessert after dinner just like we always have — and we’ll throw a hissy-fit if we don’t get it. That’s what they say, some of them. And they might be right.

Boomers have been leading the nation, more or less, since the 1980s. Yes, we protested the Vietnam War and Watergate, we did. Woodstock and “I’m OK, You’re OK,” but it wasn’t us who did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or the Peace Corps or the Moon landing…"

"THE LAST BOOMER!" they’ll shout.

"WHADCHUSAY?"

"What’s that, honey, whadchusay?"

"Yeah, I know it’s the last boomer, Grandma?"

Likely she’ll smile and share a thunderous laugh: "NEVERTHELESS, SHEEEPERSISTEDDDdddd!"

"What, you don’t like the “she persisted” thing because you’re a Republican and you don’t like Elizabeth Warren, a boomer herself? She’s the senator ejected from the Senate chambers by a power-sniffing addict named Sen. Mitch McConnell (at 75, no boomer himself!). He said it, not Sen. Warren.

But neither of them define a generation. In the end, the facts don’t always lend themselves to an easy truth about who we are as Americans, not in any generation.

The facts are these: Baby boomers fought wars our parents got us into, or protested them when they were wrong. Baby boomers insisted on greater equality among races and sexes, we were present and supportive, somewhat, when regulations protecting the environment became part of public life, and we helped take the hobbles off our social horse, making divorce an easier and gentler process when it’s called for, or establishing some safeguards for gays and others who don’t fit traditional societal norms.

We also degraded the environment, reduced taxes and the responsibility we place on the rich, failed to invest in infrastructure, education or health, got ourselves involved in unnecessary wars fought by less than 1 percent of the population, treated immigrants like horse manure, bought into fear-mongering by such groups as the NRA or such movements as the so-called alt-right, and continued to put the so-called alt-right, and continued to put in swimming pools or buy second houses or wave the American flag and claim we’re "patriots."

So who are we? We’re Americans — boomers, baby. Some of us are selfish and greedy, some of us aren’t. As individuals, we can always get up in the morning and do better.

So in true boomer fashion, let’s keep on keepin’ on.

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On a recent visit to the library, several books related to Black History Month were grouped on shelves that periodically rotate their holdings. The collection, chosen among a variety of authors, I always check it out. Librarians have an inside scoop on subject matter often off a reader’s beaten path. It is an opportunity to savor an author or a subject you might miss had you not the wisdom of the librarian’s choices as a guide.

My tastes run to the habitual — nonfiction. American history, cookbooks, Florida lore, politics and sci-fi. Occasionally, I take a safari into book genres unexplored. My reward for being voracious is discovering a gem or two. The experience repeats itself every library visit. I learned early your library card is a passport for mind travel. So, I go home with more books than I will ever have time to read. It’s a guilty pleasure and an indulgence I have no interest in breaking.


Gates is an accomplished historian, filmmaker and academician. He is also the host past the television series “Finding Your Roots,” on PBS. It featured expert genealogists and researchers who enabled Gates’ guests to discover their ancestral history. Oprah Winfrey, Chris Rock and Andrew Young were among his recruits. Gates now at Harvard University, as the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research.

With such a resume, you expect “Life Upon These Shores” to be a historical tour de force, and it is. Gates explains his approach to writing the book in its introduction: “In “Life Upon These Shores,” I set out to paint an African American history, to find a way of looking at its full sweep. I imagined a reader, hyperventilating press, with a legitimate this was almost equal to 2 percent of the nation’s population. The geographic dimensions of the book with its revelations is lighter on the salt, more miseries with the fat, more veggie-nourishing, and still, other more delightful. Still, a cast iron skillet and a slab of fatback are all it takes to summon me home. It isn’t just the food. Southern author Pat Conroy put it this way: “Reci- pes are stories that end with a good meal.” I couldn’t agree more.

What’s happening in Sweden

As if on cue, riots broke out in a heavily immigrant suburb of Stockholm as soon as the media mocked President Donald Trump for a vague warning about the nation’s immigration policies.

At a campaign rally, Trump issued forth with a mystifyingly ominous statement. “You look,” he declared, “at what’s happening last night in Sweden.”

What? Had the president invented a nonexistent foreign policy threat? As it turned out, the reference was to a segment on Sweden he had watched on Fox News the previous night rather than to any specific event in the Nordic country.

The ensuing discussion quickly took on the character of much of the debate in the early Trump years — a blunderbuss president matched against a stony and hyperventilating press, with a legitimate issue lurking underneath.

By welcoming a historic number of asylum-seekers proportionate to its population, Sweden has indeed embarked on a vast social experiment that wasn’t even thought out and isn’t going very well. The unrest in the Stockholm suburb of Rinkeby after police made an arrest underscored the problems inherent in Sweden’s immigration surge.

Sweden’s admirable humanitarianism is oustriping its capacity to absorb newcomers. Nothing If not an earnest and well-meaning society, Sweden has always accepted more than its share of refugees. Immigration was already at elevated levels before the latest influx into Europe from the Middle East, which prompted Sweden to try to see and raise the ceiling on its open-borders policy of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Sweden welcomed more than 160,000 asylum-seekers in 2015, and nearly 40,000 in October of that year alone. For a country of just over 10 million people, this was almost equal to 2 percent of the population — in one year.

Predictably, it isn’t easy to integrate people who don’t know the language, aren’t highly skilled and come from a forlorn edge. There is a stark gap in the labor-force-participation rate between the native born (82 percent) and the foreign born (57 percent). As the Migration Policy Institute points out, Sweden is an advanced economy with relatively few low-skill jobs to begin with. On top of clearly one of the lessons of its recent labor protections make it harder for marginal workers to find employment, while social assistance discourages the unemployed from getting work.

None of this is a formula for assimilation or social tranquility. In a piece for The Spectator, Swedish journalist Tove Lifvendahl writes, “A parallel society is emerging where the state’s monopoly on law and order is being challenged.”

And the fiscal cost is high. According to the Swedish economist Tino Sanandaji, the country spends 1.5 percent of its GDP on the asylum-seekers, more than on its defense budget. Sweden is spending twice of the entire budget of the United Nations High Commissioner responsible for refugees worldwide. Sweden has spent as much on sheltering 3,000 people in tents as it would cost to care for 100,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan.

It is little wonder that Sweden, where so recently it was forbidden to question the virtues of open borders and immigration, has now clamped down on its borders. Sweden is a unique case, but clearly one of the lessons of its recent experience is: Don’t try this at home.
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Heed the message from CCSO and ‘Just Drive.’ Please.

Funny story: Someone hit my car again. For no reason other than sheer stupidity.

I know you’re thinking: “Um, Lindsey. Maybe you’re the problem.” I assure you I’m not, which is why I was so excited to find a press release from Collier County Sheriff’s Office announcing its new “Just Drive” traffic campaign.

Can you guess what it’s about? Driving! Just driving! Not texting, not fumbling with the radio and certainly not talking to Siri about how to ignore traffic signs so you can cut straight across Immokalee Road from the I-75 off-ramp to the opposing on-ramp. Forgive me, readers, but run-on sentences help me feel better.

I can tell you with this latest incident, I was quite satisfied to tell the officer that I was not on my phone when it happened. I couldn’t have been, because the kids were grappling over it in the backseat. That cursed device is never on my person when those two iPhone hogs are commuting with me. My best guess is that the other driver was doing something in addition to applying pressure to his gas pedal when he struck me, only because the squeal of my brakes and the blast of my horn was not enough to alert him to the slow-speed collision about to happen. Because he didn’t see the accident (and he’s at least a little bit of a jerk), we are in a dispute over liability because the officer couldn’t determine fault.

Distracted drivers cause 10 percent of traffic accidents in Collier County, a statistic that surprises no one, not even children. Just yesterday, my son asked, “Why is that car doing that to us?” as a driver hovered in and out of his lane, almost grazed my passenger side as he did.

It creeps me out that people drive around here — during the height of tourist season, no less — with their eyes on something that is not the road. Apparently, the CCSO feels the same way, because motorists now see lighted message boards on our busiest roads reminding them to “Just Drive.” Posts on their social media accounts deliver the same message.

For a little perspective on the dangers of distracted driving, a motorist driving at 55 miles per hour can travel half the length of a football field in five seconds, which is also the average amount of time their eyes are off the road while texting.

Fortunately, the vast majority of drivers are aware of the small percentage of dimwits who cruise around town staring at their smart phones in their laps.

One of my favorite maneuvers is the protective bubble people often give an offending vehicle: Everyone surrounding the car gives it a wide berth, preventing themselves from getting grazed and the drivers behind them from getting too close. Most often, the errant driver returns to his senses and the danger is past.

For now, I’ll do what the rest of the smart drivers do and limit my time on the road as much as I can until May. While technology is a hazard when you’re behind the wheel, one of the blessings of living in the 21st century is that it allows us the means conduct much of our business at home. I bet the deputies at CCSO would appreciate it.

— When someone suggests that you don’t contact the police or your insurance company after an accident, Lindsey Nesmith suggests you do the opposite.
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AIRPORTS

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— transportation — is provided by airports. Not just international behemoths such as Miami, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Orlando or Southwest Florida International, either, but by niche airports that serve both public and private interests.

Without these smaller-scale general aviation meccas, many communities might falter, or at least be significantly less wealthy and vibrant.

Here, three such hubs are not only prominent in the lives of their communities, but are so well managed they pay for themselves while creating regional wealth: Naples Municipal Airport, Page Field in Fort Myers and Punta Gorda Airport in Charlotte County.

These airports weave history and romance into a dynamic and responsive economic fabric that supports hundreds of planes in leased hangars or tie-downs at each airport; private and business traffic as well as commercial traffic in Naples and Punta Gorda; aircraft maintenance services; law enforcement, emergency medical or military flights; mosquito control operations; car rental agencies; and businesses that offer pilot lessons and other aviation-career training.

Each of these airports has won awards or been selected as operations at the top of their game in recent years. In a country where roughly 3,000 general aviation airports or Fixed-Base Operators exist, according to Aviation Research Group International, that’s promising for the future and flexibility of Southwest Florida. Especially since some other airports don’t break even, instead costing their communities money. Hangar and land leasing, as well as fuel sales, provide much of the revenue in these parts.

At Naples Municipal Airport, the most lucrative operation in the region, the airport logo is not much of an exaggeration. “The best little airport in the country,” it reads.

In fact, Professional Pilot magazine named NMA No. 23 in the nation for Best FBO and No. 12 in the nation for Best Independent FBO (not supported by taxpayers) last May. An FBO provides fuel and hangar space or parking with other services for private and corporate aircraft and, for the past year in Naples, also for commercial jets operated by Elite Airlines.

For NMA, the bulk of commerce and profit is private, says Diane Terrill, director of strategy and communication.

Corporate jets parked at base operations at Page Field. Catering to corporate travelers is important to all the niche airports in Southwest Florida.
of Long Island). Elite has halted its New-
ark service for the time being.

Outside of pub-
ic agencies, private planes are primarily what we do — we service private trans-
portation,” explains Ms. Terrill. NMA also
houses a number of flight schools that
provide flight training and other avia-
tion training as well.

An in Naples, private air transporta-
tion is robust.

Last year NMA saw more than 95,000
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} takes-offs and landings. The airport has
363 based aircraft, of which 224 are sin-
gle-engine, 70 are multi-engine/piston-
driven, 55 are jets and 15 are helicopters.

The busiest times of the year at NMA
are around the Naples Winter Wine
Festival and President’s Day. During
this year’s NWWF, 1,511 aircraft arrived
or departed in a five-day span in late
January. Over President’s Day Feb. 16-20,
airport officials say, the number reached
1,851.

But the biggest single day? That hap-

pens to be the day after Christmas. On
Dec. 26, 2016, the airport accommodated
320 arrivals and departures.

All of them rely on two runways that
are sufficient both for current and future
needs in terms of length: the 6,060-foot
main runway, and a 5,000-foot cross-
wind runway. When the airport embarks
next year on a two-year study to look at
needs and development through about
2040, lengthening those runways will not
be on the table, Ms. Terrill says.

But using all the newest technology
to create the lowest possible impact —
in noise abatement, in pollution, in visi-
tibility to the residences near the air-
port — will be a prominent part of the
planning.

“This was a World War II-era airport
as Page Field and Punta Gorda were,
and when they developed it and then
later (in 1969) turned it over to Naples,
no one imagined there would be so
much development around it. But there
is, so our room is limited.”

On the heels of its two busiest week-
ends of the year, no one should be
surprised that NMA is considered the
ends of the year, no one should be
surprised that NMA is considered the

Naples — the No. 2 busiest.

“So many other aircraft use this air-
space — and there are so many different
types of aircraft, everything from little
two-seaters to major types of aircraft —
that this can seem like a major interna-
tional airport,” Ms. Terrill says.

“Some people come here to work
from places like O’Hare (in Chicago and
famously busy), and when they get here
they’re blown away by how busy and
how complicated it is.”

Like both Page Field and Punta Gorda
Airport, Naples Municipal Airport does
it all: offers flight schools, air charter
operators, car rental agencies and cor-
porate aviation and non-aviation busi-
nesses, as well as fire/rescue services,
mosquito control, the Collier County
Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other com-

unto, according to officials.

Even the train depots and hubs of
once upon a time couldn’t come close to
that.

And independent it is, too: NMA
relies on no property taxes, instead
maintaining and improving the airport
with money from its operations, includ-
ing hangar and land leases with fuel
sales, and the occasional help of a fed-
eral or state grant.

As a result, the airport generates more
$283 million each year in impact to the
community, according to the Florida
Department of Transportation.

Past and present
Niche airports, especially, are mar-
riages of both the past and the present —
thus, they celebrate the past as they
move toward the future in ways larger
airports might not.

Naples includes a vibrant and expand-

d Museum of Military Memorabilia, for
example. And at the Punta Gorda Air-
port this month, you can see something
unlikely ever to occur at RSW: Starting
March 26, as many as 36 World War II
airplanes will fly in for eight or nine
days as part of a “formation clinic” held
by the North American Trainer Associa-
tion, PGA spokeswoman Jennifer Smith
says.

The clinic will certify that participat-

pilots are trained and prepared to fly
formation — and not just anywhere,
but at the largest air shows in the United
States, including the Sun N Fun Inter-
national Fly-In and Expo in Lakeland
(coming up April 4-9).

“Basically, a bunch of war-bird pilots
gather to get their hours in for certifica-
tion to fly in formation at air shows, and
they do it at the Punta Gorda Airport,”
Ms. Smith says.

The clinic won’t be the first time
those planes have landed in the region.

Page Field famously hosted the late
Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, then a lieuten-
ant colonel, early in 1942 when he flew
into the field with his squadron of B-25
bombers to practice takeoffs and land-
ings on a short runway in preparation
for the raid on Tokyo. On April 8th of that
year, only 17 weeks after Pearl Harbor,
those planes struck at Japan in a sur-
prise attack launched from the deck of
an aircraft carrier deep in the western

Pacific.

On permanent display at Page Field
for today’s pilots, passengers and visi-
tors to admire are a P-51 Mustang (the
premier U.S. fighter plane in World
War II) and an AT-6 Texan (a training
plane). “It’s a wonderful first impres-
sion for someone flying in on their own
plane from elsewhere,” says Jeff Mulder,
executive director of the airport that is
part of the Lee County Port Authority
(which also operates RSW).

Naples, meanwhile, has its eye on
the future as well as the past. The
airport also serves as home for the
Experimental Aircraft Association–
Chapter 1067, which recently brought
the Ford Tri-Motor to town — a 1929
aircraft that was the first commercial
plane developed.

The EAA is an energetic promoter
of aviation as a career path for young
people — a way of looking forward by
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Panther, manatee population counts going in the right direction

You’ve never settled for middle of the road. So when planning your next move, go with a choice that puts you in the driver’s seat.

The number of Florida panthers in South Florida and manatees in state waters increased in recent counts, encouraging news for conservationists, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission reports.

FWC AND The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have updated the estimated number of endangered Florida panthers in the big cats’ breeding range south of the Caloosahatchee River.

The updated population estimate is 120 to 230 adult and sub-adult Florida panthers, according to a February report from the agencies collaborating on conservation and recovery efforts. The previous Florida panther population estimate, in 2014, was 100 to 180 adult and sub-adult panthers. The estimates do not include kittens, which are still dependent on their mothers.

“This latest Florida panther population estimate is good news, an indication that conservation efforts are on track in helping recover this endangered animal,” said Kipp Frohlich, FWC deputy director for the division of Habitat and Species Conservation. “In the 1970s and 1980s, it was estimated only 20 to 30 panthers remained in Florida.”

Larry Williams, USFWS Florida State Supervisor of Ecological Services, believes the new numbers indicate things are trending in the right direction — due in part to a strong partnership with the state of Florida.

“Continued recovery will require a long-term concerted effort by many partners committed to finding common-sense solutions that balance many different and competing interests, yet are grounded in a shared purpose of conserving the lands that support Florida’s native wildlife and its ranching heritage,” Mr. Williams said.

The report emphasizes both the importance and difficulty in obtaining accurate panther population estimates, which is similar to estimating other puma populations in western states.

Currently, Florida scientists are evaluating several methods to refine their ability to estimate the panther population size, including the use of trail cameras and panther road mortality data.

The current numbers, developed jointly by USFWS and FWC scientists, use annual counts of panthers primarily conducted on public lands. Density of panthers on these areas is then multiplied across the larger area that makes up the primary breeding range in South Florida.

Manatee numbers

The FWC said it was encouraged by a third straight year of a minimum count higher than 6,000 manatees. A team of 15 observers from 10 organizations counted 3,488 manatees on the east coast and 3,132 on the west coast.

Researchers conduct synoptic surveys annually, weather permitting, that cover all the known winter habitats of manatees. This year’s counts were aided by warm, sunny weather with low winds and good visibility.

“Successful conservation of manatees is a product of the commitment made by many different organizations over multiple decades,” said Gil McRae, head of FWC’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. The relatively high counts for the past three years underscore the importance of warm water habitat to
manatees in Florida, he added.

Aerial surveys provide information about manatee distribution throughout the state. Manatees use warm water sites, like springs and power plant discharges, during the winter. Sustaining adequate winter habitat for manatees remains a statewide conservation goal and a key factor in the long-term recovery of manatees.

**How to help**

To help support manatee research and conservation, the state sells manatee license plates at www.BuyaPlate.com and a manatee decals at www.MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals.

For more information about manatees and synoptic surveys, visit www.MyFWC.com/Research and click on “Florida Manatee.”

To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at (888) 404-3922.

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FGCU announces historic $10 million gift

World-renowned textbook author, educator and philanthropist Elaine Nicpon Marieb has pledged $10 million to Florida Gulf Coast University’s College of Health Professions and Social Work.

In honor of the largest gift from an individual in the history of the FGCU Foundation, the college has been renamed the Elaine Nicpon Marieb College of Health & Human Services.

In 2012, Dr. Marieb, who lives in Naples, donated $5 million when the building that houses the college was named in her honor.

After receiving her PhD in zoology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Dr. Marieb joined the faculty of the Biological Science Division of Holyoke Community College in 1969. Many of her students were studying nursing, and she developed a strong interest in the relationship between biology and nursing. When she realized that most of the textbooks available at the time were extremely difficult to understand, she decided to start writing her own. She has written more than a dozen textbooks on her own and with others, including “Human Anatomy & Physiology,” “Human Anatomy” and “Brief Atlas of the Human Body.”

FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw said Dr. Marieb’s historic gift to the university “epitomizes the term transformation” and will enable the Marieb College of Health & Human Services “to reach greater heights of excellence, and provide an even more comprehensive education to our students.”

The $10 million will be given over a five-year period and will continue to enhance the activities of FGCU faculty, students and staff to achieve a level of superior education, research and community outreach. Among the ways in which the gift will help elevate the college’s work are the following:

■ Enable the creation and support of faculty-led clinical health centers on-campus and elsewhere, providing comprehensive rehabilitation services, behavioral health services and primary care. This will provide a service to the community as well as afford students the opportunity to train in a professional setting.

■ Further support faculty development in teaching and research.

■ Provide funding to ensure state-of-the-art clinical technologies that are current and cutting-edge, ensuring an optimal learning environment that produces exceptional health-care professionals.

■ Provide for tuition waivers and stipends to attract and retain eminent graduate students across all programs.

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The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is accepting applications for a scholarship opportunity provided by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections. The FSASE will award three $2,000 scholarships to Florida residents enrolled or accepted as full-time students in a senior college or university in Florida.

Applicants must be political science, public or business administration or journalism/mass communication majors who have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students should also demonstrate a financial need.

Completed applications and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Collier County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards will review the applications and select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE scholarship committee. The three winners will be announced at the FSASE conference this summer.

Applications and guidelines are at www.CollierVotes.com or can now receive a total of $80,000 for their higher education.

Scholarships or sponsorships, call 593-0124 or visit www.thefoundersfundinc.org.

Press club seeks media students

The Naples Press Club Scholarship Committee is interviewing students who are interested in obtaining a Terrence J. Miller $1,000 NPC Scholarship. Candidates must have graduated from a Collier County high school or be on schedule to graduate this spring, and they must be majoring in or planning to major in the overall journalism/media field. The scholarship is renewable on an annual basis for those who maintain a B average or better for one year, renewable for four years for those who maintain a B average or better for four years, or renewable for six years for those who maintain an overall journalism/media GPA of at least 3.0.

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If a rose by any other name would smell so sweet, would a Mercedes by any other name be just as prominent? The new Infiniti QX30 is quietly trying to find that answer.

Nissan’s premium brand is used to being on the top of the food chain. It might share many components with other more mainstream vehicles, but it also gets to keep many of the best materials for itself. But the QX30 is different. Beneath the Infiniti badge lies the heart of a Mercedes GLA.

Park the two crossovers side-by-side, and from appearance it’s hard to tell that they are siblings. QX30 has exclusive sheet metal elements like the fenders, doors and rear hatch. And the face is the same panther-like squint that is shared across the rest of the company lineup. They have created enough differences that it’s difficult to see the Mercedes DNA in the silhouette, and in fact, there is an argument for calling the Infiniti the more attractive one in this blended family.

Inside, the first impression of the QX30 definitely feels like it has a German accent, but not from Stuttgart. The clean layout where the gauges flow into the infotainment screen feels like a BMW. Even the interface control feels like the iDrive system. This gives the QX30 an exclusive feeling, because it isn’t shared with the rest of the Infiniti lineup.

But after taking a bit more time inside, the experience becomes much less individual. Those who know Mercedes-Benz vehicles will feel like they are looking at the Hocus Focus section of the Sunday comics as they spot all the shared components. The climate control knobs, the gear selector, power window switches, steering wheel controls, the speedometer/tachometer gauge package and much more is lifted directly from the Mercedes parts bin. Furthermore, the way the power seat controls are mounted on the door and the shape of the ignition key are hallmarks that Mercedes has been using for decades, and they are unashamedly repeated on the QX30.

None of this sharing is necessarily a bad thing. The QX30 is the lowest-priced vehicle in the Infiniti lineup, and yet it shops for its components at one of the world’s best-recognized premium retailers. And this approach is utilized right down to the motor.

The 2.0-liter turbocharged engine is the same one that comes in the GLA. In fact, it’s not hard to spot some tristar emblems in the stampings under the hood. So it should come as no surprise that the Infiniti and Mercedes both produce 208 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque. The seven-speed double-clutch automatic transmission is even the same.

At this point, the idea of having an Infiniti with a Mercedes motor might make some owners a bit nervous. After all, is it going to cost more and/or be difficult to have the QX30 serviced at an Infiniti dealer because it’s really just a German in disguise? The answer is likely, no.

Nissan and Mercedes have entered a partnership that includes sharing this motor. The 2.0 turbo is already in other Infiniti cars, and thus, the dealer has the parts and knowledge about what’s under the hood. And since we all know that Germans don’t like boring cars, it means this QX30 is also quite lively on the street.

Both the Infiniti and the Mercedes are two of the most car-like vehicles in the compact crossover segment. In fact, in other parts of the world, both companies sell a hatchback car based on these vehicles that look strikingly similar — about an inch of ride height and some body cladding makes the difference. That’s why they feel nimble on the road and are some of the most sporting vehicles in their segment.

With this Infiniti so close to the Mercedes, the real decision for most people should be about value. The QX30 starts at $30,945, nearly $3k less than the GLA. The price gap narrows as the option packages keep stacking up, including adding all-wheel drive to either crossover. But in the end, the main difference is that the Infiniti can get the key features covered for a lower cost, and the Mercedes has a longer list of luxury add-ons for a premium price.

So, is value measured by paying less money or adding more prestige? That’s up to you. ■
Watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here’s where CCSO deputies will be on traffic detail the week of March 6-10:

**Monday, March 6**
Bayshore Drive and Botanical Place Circle: Speeding
Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Red-light running
Eversglades Boulevard and 18th Avenue Northeast: Speeding

**Tuesday, March 7**
U.S. 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running
Grand Lely and Lely Resort boulevard: Speeding
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Collier Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, March 8**
Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
Livingston and Pine Ridge roads: Red-light running
Sunshine Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Speeding

**Thursday, March 9**
Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Saint Andrews Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Radio Road and Industrial Boulevard: Red-light running
U.S. 41 North and Old 41 Road: Speeding

**Friday, March 10**
Collier Boulevard and Tuscany Cove Drive: Speeding
Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Speeding
Airport-Pulling Road at Poinciana Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Tune up your road skills with AARP class

AARP offers classes to help older drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance. Cost is $15 for AARP members, $20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend.

**Monday, March 13:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 16000 Tarniami Trail N., Naples; 947-1727.
**Thursday, March 16:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 404-8925.

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Enjoy dinner on the field at JetBlue Park with members of the Boston Red Sox at this special benefit for Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida!

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida offers free guided nature walks at three locations that make a perfect outing for long-time residents and first-time visitors alike. Sunscreen, comfortable waterproof shoes, a camera and binoculars are recommended. Here's the schedule:

- Clam Pass – Set out at 9 a.m. every Monday-Saturday to walk the boardwalk, beach and back-bay areas of this beautiful Collier County park and learn about the secret lives of the flora and fauna of this captivating and biologically-rich area. Catch a glimpse of a pileated woodpecker or perhaps a yellow-crowned night heron.

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Theology professor will discuss the Catholics-Jews relationship

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County presents William Madges, professor of theology at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, with a discussion about the how the relationship between Catholics and Jews has been transformed since the second Vatican Council (1962-65). The free program is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at St. Ann Jubilee Center, 525 Ninth Ave. S.

On display will be "A Blessing to One Another," an exhibit that highlights the steps taken by St. Pope John Paul II to dramatically improve Catholic-Jewish relations. The exhibit was on display last year in the Vatican Museums on St. Peter’s Square.

Although admission is free, reservations are requested and can be made by emailing cjdialogue@naples.net.

TOURS

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Were you

On the nature trail passing through five unique habitats from scrub to brackish ponds.

Signs along the walk describe the flora and fauna in each community, and Conservancy volunteers are eager to help visitors spot and identify plants, birds and other animals and provide a spotting scope on an elevated observation platform overlooking brackish ponds.

Briggs Boardwalk on Rookery Bay is a Great Florida Birding Trail site.

Tigertail Beach on Marco Island – Another Great Florida Birding Trail site, Tigertail Beach is on the free guided tour schedule through April 21. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the kiosk and plan to spend one to two hours seeing and learning about the shorebirds, wading birds, fiddler crabs, mangroves, live shells and more and make this beautiful beach home.

The tidal lagoon and mudflats offer great views of many of the area’s seasonal and year-round avian residents such as ospreys, pelicans, plovers, sandpipers, egrets, herons and roseate spoonbills, some of which are rare or endangered.

For more information about any of the above, visit www.conservancy.org/offsite-nature-walks.

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DISARMING SHOULDER PAIN

Is acute or chronic pain keeping you from activities you enjoy, such as golf or tennis? Dr. Wallace will provide information about both non-operative and operative treatment, and the newest techniques for managing the pain.

Saturday, March 4, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Speaker: Brian Wallace, D.O.,**
Board-Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery.
6101 Pine Ridge Road – Lobby

BREAKTHROUGHS IN JOINT REPLACEMENT

There are a variety of treatments for joint pain including non-invasive treatment, artificial joint fluid, stem cell therapy, and joint replacement. Join us to learn how these treatments could help you get back to an active lifestyle.

Saturday, March 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Speaker: H. Kurtis Biggs, D.O.,***
Board-Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery.
6101 Pine Ridge Road – Lobby

NEW ADVANCES IN HIP SURGERY

Is joint pain keeping you from maintaining an active lifestyle? Then turn to Bryan Hanypsiak, M.D., who specializes in minimally invasive hip surgery that can help relieve pain and get you moving comfortably again.

Tuesday, March 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Bryan Hanypsiak, M.D.*
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THE PROSTATE, WHAT’S IT GOOD FOR?

There is always someone on TV or the Internet or radio talking about the prostate, and they usually leave you with more questions than answers. Get the answers you need from Dr. Balandra, and take the first step to treat your issues and improve your quality of life.

Wednesday, March 8, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Speaker: A. Balandra, M.D.,***
Board-Certified in Urology.
6101 Pine Ridge Road – Cafeteria

ARTHROITIS: WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

Osteoarthritis, also called degenerative joint disease or “wear and tear” arthritis, affects more than 20 million Americans. In addition to arthritis, there are many causes of joint pain, including fractures, nerve damage and tendinitis. Learn about diagnosis and treatment options that range from exercise to joint replacement.

Tuesday, March 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Speaker: Lisa Goto, MPT***
Orthopaedic Program Coordinator.
6101 Pine Ridge Road – Physicians Dining Room

ANKLE PAIN: GET THE FACTS

Learn about the non-surgical, minimally invasive and traditional treatments of chronic ankle instability due to injury. There are many ways you can get back to your active lifestyle.

Wednesday, March 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Evgeny E. Krynetskiy, M.D.***
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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U-S-A! U-S-A!

Although discouraging the marriage of children in developing nations has been U.S. foreign policy for years, a data-collecting watchdog group in America disclosed in February that 27 U.S. states have no minimum marriage ages and that estimates that an average of almost 25,000 children age 15 and under are permitted to marry every year (“estimates” because some states do not keep records by age). Child marriage is often allowed in the U.S. if parents approve, although no such exemption is made in foreign policy, largely to curb developing nations’ “family honor” marriages — which often wreck girls’ chances for self-actualizing. (However, “family honor” is still, in some states, the basis for allowing U.S. child marriages, such as with “shotgun” weddings.)

Compelling explanations

- Glenn Schloeffel, vice president of the Central Bucks school board in a Philadelphia suburb, recommended that science books be viewed skeptically on “climate change” because teenage “depression” rates have been increasing. Surely, he said, one factor depressing students is reading all that alarming climate-change data.
- Seattle’s Real Estate Services rental agency has informed the family of the late Dennis Hanel that it would not return Hanel’s security deposit following his January death because Hanel had not given the lease-required “notice” giving up his apartment. (He had cancer, but died of a heart attack. Washington state law requires only that the landlord provide an explanation why it is keeping the deposit.)

Runaway math

- John Haskew, who told investigators that he was “self-taught on the banking industry,” evidently thought he might succeed making bogus wire transfers to himself from a large (unidentified) national bank, in the amount of $7 billion. He pleaded guilty in February in Lakeland. (He said he thought he “deserved” the money.)
- The highest bail amount ever ordered in America — $4 billion for murder suspect Antonio Willis — was briefly in play in Killeen, Texas, in February, set by Bell County’s elected Justice of the Peace Claudia Brown. Bail was reduced 10 days later to $150,000 by a district court judge, prompting Brown to acknowledge that she set the “$4 billion” to call attention to Texas’ lack of bail standards, which especially punishes indigent arrestees with little hope to raise even modest amounts when accused of minor crimes.

Wait, what?

- Researchers including Rice University biochemist John Olson revealed in a February journal article that one reason a man avoided anemia even though he had a gene mutation that weakened his hemoglobin was because he was a tobacco smoker — that the carbon monoxide from smoke had been therapeutic. His daugh-
- eter, with the same gene mutation, did develop anemia since she never smoked (although Olson suggested other ways besides smoking to strengthen hemoglobin, such as by massive vitamin C).

People with underdeveloped consciences

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Naples families have a new opportunity to expand the limits of their hospitality and cultural knowledge now that AnB Education Services is broadening operations to the area. The company specializes in foreign exchange programs for secondary students visiting from China, Vietnam and South Korea.

Host families are needed for the 2017-18 academic year. While most host families have teen-aged kids themselves, local coordinator Jen Brauer says empty-nesters also love hosting exchange students. Host families and students both have input into their match to help ensure everyone gets the most out of the experience.

Participating families have to meet a number of requirements, such as providing two daily meals and making a private room available to their student. In return, AnB Education Services pays for the family’s background check, provides orientations for the student and the family and makes the local coordinator available for support and consultation throughout the student’s stay. Families also receive a tax-deductible stipend each month.

Sue French has hosted exchange students, including several arranged through AnB Education Services, for 10 years in her hometown of Springfield, Mass. She started hosting students while her own children were still living at home, but they have grown and moved away, allowing Ms. French to continue providing a home base for students who are far from home and often hoping to attend college in the states.

“I like (learning about) the different cultures and they get to learn about us,” Ms. French says. “American children get a lot out of learning about different cultures and even becoming friends (with exchange students).”

Host families don’t have to hover over their charges. Sometimes, though, the student and family choose to do everything together after school and on weekends, while other students only join the host family for meals.

AnB Education Services plans and oversees outings and gatherings for students, and the company recommends that host families have children in the same schools/towns.

AnB Education Services exchange students must attend a private school, and the company recommends that host families have children in the same school. For more information about the program or to apply, email Ms. Brauer at jenbrauer@anbeducation or visit www.anbeducation.com.

WANTED: Host families for foreign exchange students

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United Way of Florida’s latest ALICE report shows 28.5 percent of Florida’s working households are struggling to make ends meet, and another 45 percent earn less than the Federal Poverty Level. Drawing from research in the ALICE report and from work being conducted by local United Ways, Florida’s 32 United Ways have developed a consensus legislative agenda to advocate during the 2017 Florida Legislature to help working families.

United Ways introduced ALICE — Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — two years ago to place a spotlight on a large population of residents who are working and earning more than the Federal Poverty Level, but who still have difficulty affording the basic necessities of housing, food, child care, health care and transportation. The first report found that 2.6 million households in Florida were ALICE.

The updated report uses data from a variety of sources, including the American Community Survey and Bureau of Labor Statistics, to quantify the number of households in Florida’s workforce in each county that cannot consistently and independently afford the basics. Among the findings:

- The rise in the Household Survival Budget in Florida was driven primarily by a 20 percent increase in housing costs since 2007.
- Wages have improved; however, when adjusted for inflation the percent of low-wage jobs is the same as in 2007.
- Wages now place more than a quarter of those over 65 in the workforce.
- The “gig economy” continues to move more jobs from full-time positions with benefits to part-time, on-demand or contingent employment. This creates opportunities for ALICE to fill short-term gaps in standard employment, but also transfers many costs and risks from employers onto individuals.

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The Naples Orchard Society welcomes members and guests to its meeting Thrusday, March 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church in North Naples. For more information, visit www.naplesorchardsociety.org.

Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend the Corvettes of Naples meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Vanderbit Presbyterian Church in North Naples. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

Solo Singles of Collier County was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreational, cultural, charitable and social activities for those who are single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. for happy hour followed by dinner on the first Friday of the month at different restaurants around town. The next get-together is March 3. For location and more information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are March 4 and 18. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald’s. RSVP by emailing Joe Geithmann at joeearl42@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 904-0686 or email dritchie@comcast.net.

Take a day at a decoy and help the Everglades Lions Club raise funds for worthwhile community projects in Everglades City when the club holds its annual turkey shoot from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 4–5, at Altair Gun Club in Copeland. Music, food, bounce house and raffle drawings will help raise additional funds. For more information, call Vicky Wells at 969-2660.

The Naples Garden Club welcomes floral and landscape designer Claire Jones as guest speaker at 10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at Naples Botanical Garden. Ms. Jones was selected to create holiday decorations for The White House in 2011 and 2015. Her program for the Naples Garden Club, “Containers with Pizzazz,” includes tips and demonstrations for creating unusual plant and flower containers that can be freshened for year ‘round enjoyment. Three of the designs she uses in the demonstration will be raffled off at the close of the program.

Tickets are $20. Reservations are required and can be made at www.naplesgardenclub.org (click on the green “guest registration” tab).

The Gulf Breeze Button Club meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is March 7. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6017.

Tech4Good SWFL meets from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Hootsuite Google+ and other social media tools. Guest speaker John Haydon, the author of “Facebook Marketing for Dummies,” will join the meeting via Skype to discuss fundraising using email marketing.

Gold and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested via email at biritg.pauli@gmail.com. Learn more at www.tech4goodswfl.org.

The Southwest Florida Ski & Travel Club holds a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parrot Room at Gulf Coast Inn, 2555 Sandpiper Road. Social outings are the third Tuesday of every month at varying locations. The next business meeting is March 7, and the next social meeting is March 21. For more information, call 839-3711 or visit www.napleski.com.

The Marco Island Shell Club holds the 37th annual Marco Island Shell Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11, at United Church of Marco Island. The show features more than 150 juried scientific and artistic exhibits, a live shell tank, shell art and specimen shells, a raffle and people’s choice awards. Kids’ day on Saturday includes a make-your-own-shell-necklace workshop at 1 p.m. Admission is $8, with proceeds benefitting the club’s scholarship fund. For more information, visit www.marcoshellclub.com or email info@marcoshellclub.com.

The Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Club at Longshore Lake, 139 Phoenix Way. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting starts at noon. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602, email naplesSAR@gmail.com or visit www.naplesSAR.org.

The Neapolitan Questers, a group of antiquities collectors and admirers, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month either at the home of a member or at a local historical site. The next meeting is March 9 at the Marco Island home of a member for a program about World War II letters and artifacts. Potential members can attend two meetings without joining. Annual membership for $45 includes local, state and national QG membership. The 2017 national convention takes place in May in St. Petersburg. For more information, email local president Roberta Raas at rarraas@gmail.com.

The Pilot Club of Naples/Pilot Foundation meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The meeting is free and new members are welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 288-2862.

The DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Florida Southwestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive. Meetings are open to the public, and all levels of photographers are welcome. For more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org.

The Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club 86544, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President’s Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5030 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are March 10 and 24. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0410 or visit www.ToastOfTheCoast.org.

Alumni and fans of Ohio State University are welcome to join the Naples Buckeyes on their flat for the Niles St. Patrick’s Day Parade set for Saturday, March 11. Visit www.NaplesBuckeyes.com for more information.

The Naples Buckeyes and the Buckeyes in Naples Foundation host “A Buckeye Evening” at the home of Ed and Jenna Gonzalez from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Funds raised will help provide scholarships to Collier County students pursuing local educational opportunities, with priority on vocational and technical programs. Sign up at www.NaplesBuckeyes.com.

Brian McNamara is organizing the Naples Buckeyes’ second annual Big Golf Challenge set for Saturday, March 25. For more information, call Mr. McNamara at 204-4766 or email brian mcnamara@gmail.com.

The local chapter of Delta Gamma alumnae invites members to join its various events and meetings in Collier and Lee counties. The chapter’s annual Founder’s Day luncheon and social is set for Saturday, March 11, at The Club at Barefoot Beach. For more information, visit www.greaternaplesdeltagamma.com or email greaternaplesdeltagamma@gmail.com.

Eastern Airlines SWFL Silverliners, a social and civic organization of former flight attendants, welcomes all former and present flight attendants from Eastern Airlines as well as other airlines to join the chapter. Lunch meetings start at noon on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is March 11. For reservations or more information, call Darlene Hulse at 495-5942 or email dfolese@comcast.net.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Guest speaker and GSSC member Lisa Byron will present “Moving On: Transporta- tion, Migration and Your Ancestors,” an exploration of the routes and transportation used by our ancestors to travel across the U.S. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Madonna Cramer at 457-2925 or visit www.chesccc.org.

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Books for Collier Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a steady stream of new books to children in low-income families throughout Collier County, celebrates Dr. Seuss’ birthday by encouraging families to “Stay at Home and Read” through the month of March in support of Read Across America.

Dr. Seuss’ birthday celebration starts March 2 with BCK distributing 1,500 copies each of “The Cat in the Hat,” “Green Eggs and Ham,” “Fox in Socks” and “Oh, Say Can You Say” to Pre-K Head Start classes, kindergarten, first- and second-grade students in Title 1 schools across Collier County.

Through “Stay at Home and Read” the nonprofit asks individuals and groups to make a donation to BCK to ensure that children from low-income families enjoy a brand new book — complete with their name inside the cover — once a month throughout the academic year.

A donation of $500 provides books for an entire Title 1 class for the school year; $25 supports one child for an entire year. All donations welcome.

Launched in 2005 as First Book-Collier County, BCK has distributed more than 750,000 new, age-appropriate and personalized books to pre-K, kindergarten, and first- and second-grade students in need locally to transform children's lives. The nonprofit partners with more than 20 local organizations, including Collier County Public Schools, Friends of Foster Children Forever, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Christ Child Society of Naples and NCH Healthcare System.

GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The 11th annual Southwest Florida Komen Race for the Cure takes place Saturday, March 4, at Coconut Point in Estero to raise awareness about and funds to fight breast cancer. For registration details, visit www.komen-swfl.org.

Naples Pathways Coalition hosts the annual Naples Bike Brunch & Family Festival starting at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 5, at Lowdermilk Park. Cyclists can pedal routes varying in length from 10 to 100 miles, and everyone can enjoy outdoor fun that includes family activities, buffet lunch provided by Moe’s Southwest Grill, vendor expo and a power walk to Fifth Avenue South. Registration to ride is $45-$60. For more information, email Marilyn Honahan at marcomari@aol.com.

FGCU’s Counseling and Psychological Services hosts its third annual Out of the Darkness walk starting at noon Saturday, March 18, at the university’s main campus to raise awareness about suicide prevention. Anyone can register as a walker, a virtual walker or a volunteer at the event’s website. Participants will enjoy a pre-game lunch, a hole-in-one contest with a $10,000 cash prize and an awards dinner following the tournament. Registration is $150 and funds to fight breast cancer. For more information, visit www.supspecialolympicsnaples.org.

Redlands Christian Migrant Association holds the annual Lipman Golf Classic at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Naples Heritage Golf Club. Registration is $225, with proceeds to benefit Immmokalee migrant farm workers. For more information, call (800) 282-6540 or visit www.rcma.org.

Youth Haven hosts its 30th annual Fairways for the Future golf tournament at 1 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Grey Oaks Country Club. All golfers will receive one ticket to the organization’s gala on May 7, a boxed lunch, two muligans, entry into all on-course contests and admission to the post-tournament awards reception. Registration is $500. Raffle tickets for a European river cruise are available. To sign up or for more information, call 687-5155 or visit www.youthhavenswfl.org.

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Naples presents the annual Run for Music 10K at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 27, at the performing arts center. A 1-mile fun run is also available. Musicians from the Naples Philharmonic will perform along the race route. Registration is $10-$45. For more information or to sign up, visit www.gcrunner.com.

Naples Botanical Garden hosts The Garden Open golf tournament from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Windstar on Naples Bay. For a dinner-style event includes cocktails, dinner and a live auction. Registration is $300 for golf and dinner, $80 for a dinner guest. For more information or to sign up, email azoller@naplesgarden.org.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf tournament at 1 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Quail Creek Country Club. Participants will enjoy a pre-game lunch, a hole-in-one contest with a $10,000 cash prize and an awards dinner following the tournament. Registration is $150 through March 15 and $175 afterwards. For more information or to register, visit www.napleschamber.org.

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The 2017 Gulf Coast Sailing Club Charity Regatta takes place Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, off the Naples coastline. All classes of sailboats are welcome to participate and registration includes a regatta dinner on Sunday night at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, which includes a presentation by Tucker Thompson. Registration starts at $125 and proceeds will benefit Avoow Awoow Children’s Bereavement Program, Freedom Waters and local sailing programs. For more information, visit www.gulfoastaloutdoorsclub.org.

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The ninth annual half-marathon starts before returning to the starting point. The route heads east on San Marco Road, passes over the Goodland Bridge and winds through Key Marco before returning to the starting point. The ninth annual half-marathon starts at 7:30 a.m.; the fifth annual run/walk sets out at 7:45 a.m. More than 700 people participated in last year’s events. The Marco Island Half-Marathon Inc. is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to bettering the island community. Proceeds from event sponsorships and registration have benefitted the island’s police and fire-rescue foundations, its charter school, the city parks and recreation department and the Greater Marco Island YMCA. To sign up or for information about sponsorships, visit www.marcoisland-halfmarathon.com. For more information, call Craig Kelley at 961-7304 or email jckelley@marinuerylink.net.

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Weiss/Manfredi was chosen after a selection process that considered proposals from more than a dozen firms, with four finalists visiting Naples and presenting to a committee comprised of board members and Artis—Naples senior management. The other finalists were Diller Scofidio + Renfro with Hargreaves Associates; NADAAA with Michael Van Valkenburgh; and PWP Landscape Architecture with Allied Works Architecture.

How to get involved

Local residents have a variety of ways to participate in the conversation about the future of Artis—Naples and the 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus, which is home to The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic and that also includes the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building:

■ Attend the introductory meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in Hayes Hall. Attendance is free, but tickets are required and are limited to two per household. To obtain a ticket, call 597-1900 or visit www.artisnaples.org.

■ Fill out a brief online survey available beginning March 9 at www.artisnaples.org/about/future.

■ Complete a postcard available at various locations across the Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Working with the feedback from the community and guidance from Artis—Naples board and management, Weiss/Manfredi will create a master plan concept by early summer. The master plan is a vital component of the institution’s Future—Forward campaign. Fundraising is underway, having achieved full participation of the Artis—Naples board of directors.

“Artis—Naples is at the beginning of an exciting new phase in our development as the premier cultural organization in Southwest Florida,” Ms. van Bergen said in a press release. “This master plan will serve as a map for our continued artistic excellence and community engagement for generations to come.”

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David Lawrence Center and its education partner, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, present the third annual Sound Minds Mental Health Symposium from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. This year’s event focuses on brain health. Renowned psychologist, educator and author Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D., is the keynote speaker.

Ms. Jamison has authored five books and is considered a leading authority on mood disorders, bipolar disorder and suicide. She became the public face of bipolar disorder and creativity, was made into a movie in 2015 starring Katie Holmes.

She has served as a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for the last 25 years and has acted as a professor of mood disorders and co-director of the Johns Hopkins University Mood Disorders Center since 2005.

Ms. Jamison’s noted awards include TIME magazine Hero of Medicine in 1997; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Research Award in 1996; Mental Health Association of Illinois Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002; and the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression Silver Ribbon Award in 2007.

She has made appearances on “Larry King Live” and “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

The Sound Minds event chair is Nancy McCaskey, wife of former Chicago Bears Chairman Michael McCaskey and creator of the Bears Care charitable foundation. The foundation has issued charitable grants totaling more than $13.8 million since 2005.

Mrs. McCaskey studied development mental psychology at Harvard University and obtained her master’s degree in social ecology at the University of California-Irvine. She is a psychiatrist, mental health advocates and David Lawrence Center board members Michael Reagan, Ph.D., Russell Budd and Patt Schneider, Ph.D., also serve on the Sound Minds committee. CEUs will be available for professionals.

There are a variety of ticket options available:

A ticket for the VIP wine dinner and symposium is $300. A ticket for the symposium and meet-the-speaker reception is $255. Ms. Jamison will be available for a book signing for ticket holders at both the VIP dinner and the post-symposium reception.

Admission to the symposium only is a $10 suggested donation. For sponsorship information or to purchase a ticket, call Jennifer Denike at the David Lawrence Center, 504-1805, or visit www.davidlawrencecenter.org.

About the center

David Lawrence Center is Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families. Its innovative, integrated treatment includes inpatient, outpatient, residential and community-based services funded by community and government support. Each year, David Lawrence Center creates life-changing wellness for more than 9,000 people through more than 220,000 treatment sessions. To learn more, call 455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.
Stroke care has evolved from, “Grandma had a stroke and she is going to get a feeding tube before she goes to a nursing home,” to, “Grandma had a stroke, was treated with the clot-busting drug in less than an hour at NCH, and then had the clot removed from her brain by NCH’s wizard neuro-interventional radiologists and neuro-vascular surgeon. She is going back home almost good as new.”

These sentiments were shared at a recent educational event led by our stroke team to, at times, an SRO audience in the Telford Auditorium. The agenda was packed with facts, diagnostics, therapies and inspiring success stories about how far we have come in our community.

National stroke statistics are alarming, with 795,000 people each year experiencing a new or recurrent stroke, resulting in 137,000 deaths. Stroke is the leading cause of disability in our nation, the second leading cause of hospital admissions (stroke and cancer).

According to the National Stroke Association, our hospital is one of seven in the nation to have earned our AHA Elite Award in recognition of our having a door-to-administration time of the clot-busting drug of less than 45 minutes, always (actually, we are closer to 32 minutes).

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STROKE RECOVERY

One of the biggest misunderstandings that the public has about cosmetic surgery is that the facelift is the “be all, end all” of procedures. Public perception is that a facelift is all you really need. The reality is a little more complicated. Yes, absolutely, a facelift can produce remarkable results and is essential part of a facial rejuvenation! However, if you just leave it at that, your rejuvenation will be incomplete. Rejuvenating one area can actually draw attention to the other areas that haven’t been treated, especially the neck.

The neck is one of the first areas of the body where skin will start to lose firmness and begin to sag. When it comes to showing early signs of aging, the neck has the face beat, hands down. As you age, the skin around the neck starts to lose its tone and collagen is lost. This sagging skin can really impact your appearance. Jeez, you know; you look years older than you actually are. A graceful neckline is one of the markers of youth and good health. This is one of the reasons that neck lifts are fast becoming one of the most requested cosmetic surgery procedures today.

Neck Lifts

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No matter which route you take, surgical or non-surgical, choosing to have a neck lift is a wonderful way to reclaim your youth and start to look just as young on the outside as you feel on the inside.

Tips for Neck Lifts: If you would like more details about Neck Lifts, Ultherapy and other procedures, visit www.azulbeauty.com, or give the office a call at (239) 415-7576. I would love to see you for a free consultation to talk about how we can work to help you achieve your goal. 

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ULTHERAPY

If you don’t feel quite ready for surgery yet, or you simply prefer a less invasive option, we’ve had some great results with Ultherapy; essentially a non-surgical facelift. Ultherapy uses ultrasound energy to penetrate deep into the skin, promoting the formation of new collagen. This new collagen helps lift and support your skin, reducing sagging and restoring a more youthful appearance.

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Concerned about the cost? You may work for a company that offers pet health insurance as a benefit. Some 5,000 employers provide it, including EMC, Hewlett-Packard, IKEA, Levi Strauss, Microsoft, T-Mobile, Xerox and Yahoo.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

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Northerners, that is.

And anyone who has lived in South-west Florida for any length of time knows how it works: First we get the Canadian snowbirds who, because they’re often limited to only six months, typically arrive as early as October; then there are the traditionalist northeastern snowbirds who usually take advantage of the joys of a colorful autumn to spend Thanksgiving with their families before taking to the Interstate the Monday after turkey day; then there are the Mid-western snowbirds who stick around Ohio, Michigan and Indiana to experience Christmas with the grandchildren before they hop on I-75 to head down to our little subtropical paradise. Finally, there’s the fourth and final wave — the spring break snowbirds. And really, that’s the wave that affects us the most because they’re actually coming inside our homes.

The influx starts around the first part of March and continues with a vengeance until Easter Sunday and we can’t be too annoyed or impatient with this wave because it’s made up of kin and close friends who are coming because they have guest rooms. Also, due to our close personal ties and/or shared genes with them, we are obligated to fetch them from the airport and drop them back off again.

But, what else are we expected to do? I try my best to be a good hostess when friends and family descend from the frozen tundra, but I’m not nearly as organized and hospitable as many of my uber hostess-with–the–mostest girlfriends. I have one friend that never fails to prepare a welcome basket for her spring break visitors (and she has plenty — her husband has a big family from Pennsylvania and she has tons of relatives from Indiana). She fills it with coupons and brochures for local attractions like the Naples Zoo, the Edison Ford Winter Estates, and the Key West Express. She throws in sunscreen, beach towels and flip flops — she even leaves Norman Love chocolates on her guests’ pillows. Another friend prides herself on being a hands-on tour guide and takes the time to drive her guests all over — she takes them to the Shell Factory in North Fort Myers, and then to airboat rides south of Naples — all in one day (traffic does not daunt her a bit). One of my girlfriends is a champion shopper and the minute her family members hit the tarmac at RSW, she has their whole trip planned — from the outlet malls of Sanibel and Miromar to Mercato and Waterside Shops. Frankly, though, I’ve never understood the spring breakers who spend their week here shopping — I mean, a mall is a mall is a mall, right? Although, I have a friend who, whenever she visits from Manhattan, would rather hit Ross Dress for Less than the beach.

The thing is, you just never know exactly what your spring break visitors will want when they head south. For instance, it could be quite simple — the first thing my son who lives in Ohio craves when he comes down every April is a Pub Sub (a sub sandwich from Publix) — he claims there is no sub on earth as fresh and delicious as a Pub Sub. I have a friend from Minnesota, who whenever she and her family come visit in March, makes a beeline for Sanibel Island in the dark before sunrise on her first morning here just to experience dawn break on the gulf. And, of course, there are those of us with family and friends who want nothing more than to be delivered to any random beach tiki bar where they can drink margaritas from plastic cups while listening to guitar players in Tommy Bahama shirts singing Jimmy Buffet songs, as they stare at other spring breakers doing the exact same thing.

Get your guest rooms ready and start spring cleaning, Southwest Floridians — they’re on their way — and make a CVS run, too, because trust me — they forgot their sunscreen.

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

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Checking in with hotelier Phil McCabe

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Phil McCabe was a young man with a plan where his career was concerned. The Boston native realized as a youth that he wanted to be a business owner, but that entrepreneurial drive was unfocused. That changed when he was in his late 20s, when he stumbled upon a bankrupt hotel in Maine that he purchased and revived, launching a career that’s still thriving more than four decades later.

It’s a career that ultimately brought Mr. McCabe to Naples where, since the mid-1980s, he’s made a name for himself as a restaurateur and hotelier. He is perhaps best known as the developer, general manager and CEO of downtown Naples’ Inn on Fifth and Club Level Suites, which has received four out of five stars from the Forbes Travel Guide for the third consecutive year.

“We took her to surgery and removed a child’s toy from her intestine that was causing an obstruction.” — Dr. Jason Eisele, owner and veterinary surgeon, Specialized Veterinary Services

It’s the middle of the night and your boxer can’t stop vomiting. Who you gonna call?

An after-hours vet. And increasingly, people are making that call.

At a handful of Southwest Florida clinics, demand is growing for overnight emergency-room care for dogs and cats that find themselves in all kinds of trouble, from getting hit by cars to struggling to give birth.

The sick boxer is one of the many cases handled by Specialized Veterinary Services in Fort Myers on a recent night. “We took her to surgery and removed a child’s toy from her intestine that was causing an obstruction,” said owner and veterinary surgeon Dr. Jason Eisele.

Short and long-term trends are driving the need for red-eye animal care, professionals say, including the region’s growing population. The Cape Coral-Fort Myers area was recently named the fastest growing metro area by Forbes magazine.

Specialized Veterinary Services is responding to demand by expanding its services.
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FGCU academy presents class on organizing a home office

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University presents professional organizer and Naples Daily News columnist Marla Ottenstein with “How to Organize Your Home Office” from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Naples Center of FGCU.

The class is designed to help small business owners who work out of their homes, as well as non-working individuals, create an efficient home office. Ms. Ottenstein will explain how and where to start organizing your office, how to deal with the day-to-day influx of mail and paperwork, how to prioritize and how to set up easy-to-maintain filing systems for both business and personal use. She will also share tips to help you stay organized and will provide a list or recommended supplies and where to buy them.

Other topics for discussion might include: credit card consolidation, setting up auto-pay and creating a system for organizing passwords, user names and security questions; as well as the pros/cons of going paperless.

The Naples Center of FGCU is at 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Registration for “How to Organize Your Home Office” is $20 for Renaissance Academy members, $25 for others. Sign up at www.registerra.fgcu.edu or call 425-3272.

Leadership Collier applications being accepted for Class of 2018

The Leadership Collier Foundation is accepting applications for the class of 2018 Leadership Collier program. Formed by the Greater Naples Chamber of commerce in 1988, the program is designed to develop a network of informed citizens prepared to assume leadership roles in the community.

The 2018 program runs from September through March, starting with a full-day retreat and including 10 full-day sessions taking place on Thursdays and focuses on various aspects of the Collier County community, from health and human services to government, law enforcement, agriculture and the arts.

Applicants should be senior executives, presidents and vice presidents, executive directors, business owners and high-level directors and managers representing all industries and business types in the region.

Tuition is $2,200. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31. The two-part application is available to download at www.napleschamber.org/chamber/leadership_programs.aspx.

For more information, contact Amanda Beights at the Leadership Collier Foundation by calling 403-2903 or emailing amanda@napleschamber.org.
its animal hospital by more than three times, from 5,000 to 18,000 square feet, including new patient intake rooms, a larger treatment area and an on-site MRI.

The practice is open 24/7/365. In addition to after-hours care, demand for day-time specialty services such as cardiology, neurology and canine rehab are a big part the hospital’s growth. Dr. Eisele said the clinic will remain open during construction, which is expected to be completed Dec. 1.

Besides new people moving to town, pets’ status as loved ones, an improving economy and greater awareness of relatively affordable ER services for pets have all played a role in more often keeping doctors and technicians up late to treat fuzzy family members under trying circumstances.

Sometimes people use pet emergency rooms after hours instead of day-time clinics when they’re busy with work or other activities.

“For a lot of people, it’s the weekend and after-hours availability that helps them get their pet’s problems taken care of,” Dr. Eisele said.

More customers are also aware of specialty services such as putting in pacemakers or repairing torn ligaments, said Dr. Erik Madison, hospital administrator for Southwest Florida Veterinary Specialists in Bonita Springs, which is open 24 hours a day, every day.

“When they know for a fairly nominal cost they can prolong the life of the pet that they love, they’re willing to make that investment,” he said.

Among other services, the Bonita emergency hospital offers a pet ambulance equipped with oxygen, a defibrillator, and everything else needed to transport a large dog under duress.

For customers, costs at night are higher because of the need to pay staff a premium, keep surgeons on call, and to be ready for unpredictable emergencies.

But the price for late-night care is often not prohibitive, and the difference between what you might pay during daylight hours is often nominal, unlike in ERs for people, in which just walking through the door can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars above visits during regular business hours.

At Dr. Eisele’s practice, a routine overnight exam is $85. From there, costs can be as unpredictable as the cases he works on. He might be able to remove an object from an animal’s esophagus relatively easily but an abdominal surgery could run $3,000 or more.

Unlike 24-hour hospitals that offer a range of day-time specialty services, Naples-based Dr. Erik Madison’s practice focuses solely on after-hours emergencies. It is open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. during the week and 24 hours on weekends.

“The owner of Emergency Pet Hospital of Collier County, Dr. Madison has been treating patients in the wee hours since 1993. Although an ER is not a substitute for a regular, day-time family practice, he points out, many of his patients have come to know him as their after-hours family doctor. And 2016 was a record year for business.

“We continue to be in a growing community,” he said. “I think the economy’s prospering again so more people are likely to seek help for their pets than maybe when the economy was bad seven, eight, nine years ago.”

One of the common cases he works on are large-breed, usually older dogs that suffer from a life-threatening condition known as “blot,” or gastric dilation-volvulus.

“Most owners think there’s not much that can be done,” he said. “In reality, we work hard and very, very fast on them and we save over 90 percent. Throughout my career that’s probably one of my favorite cases.”

Dr. Erin Ramsdell of Veterinary Emergency Clinic in Port Charlotte, which is open 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. weekdays and 24 hours on weekends, started at the clinic right out of veterinary school in 2012. During the winter season business can almost double, she said, and February has generally been the busiest month.

“The amount of patients we’re seeing now in 2017 than I was seeing in 2012 has grown pretty exponentially as well,” she said. “We’re seeing a lot more people that say, ‘I just moved to the area,’ not saying ‘I’m just here for the winter time.’ Especially up in North Port we’re getting a lot of people that say, ‘we’ve moved here.’ Even in the summertime we’re busier than we were five years ago.”

Late night work can be stressful and unpredictable, but is also especially gratifying for Dr. Ramsdell.

“I love this profession and I love this little niche we have here,” she said. “It’s invaluable to the clients in the area that someone is here to help them after hours.”

She and other vets compare working with animals to being a pediatrician, handling patients who can’t explain in human language their need for care or where it hurts.

“It’s always a very emotional experience at the emergency clinic where we’re dealing with people’s babies, and without them knowing what’s going on a lot of the times it’s scary,” she said. “The pet can’t talk and tell them how they feel.”

Sometimes it doesn’t work out and she and her staff end up being grief counselors. Many times, it does go well.

“I had a case last night where I was here for a couple hours for a dog that came in for not being able to have a puppy,” she said. “We talked about having to do a C-section but with some medical management and a little time she ended up having eight healthy puppies and got to go home a happy mom. Those are some of the cases that make you happy and make you want to keep doing what you’re doing.”
Chamber invites business leaders to learn about intern program

Could your business benefit from an intern?

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce invites business owners and managers to learn how easy it can be to host a Collier County Public Schools student intern. An information session is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Professional Development Center, 635 Third Ave. S.

Leadership Bonita celebrates its 18th graduating class

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the graduation of its 18th class of Leadership Bonita. The celebration was hosted by Vi at Bentley Village.

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce currently has received more than 300 participants since the program’s inception in 1999. This year’s nine-month program, Leadership Bonita students took 12 daylong discovery trips for an in-depth look at different aspects of the Bonita Springs community. Topics included economic development, social issues, health care, tourism, education, workforce, government, infrastructure and the Southwest Florida region.

Applications are now open for the 2017-18 class. The deadline to apply is April 21. Find an application online at www.bonitaspringschamber.com or call 992-2943 or email cindy@BonitaSpringsChamber.com for information.

Nominations open for Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida

The Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University is accepting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida awards. Three awards — Distinguished Entrepreneur, Distinguished Small Business Advocate and Distinguished Innovator of the Year — will be presented in a ceremony May 10 at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs.

Area business owners who have overcome obstacles, discovered new technologies to help grow their business or dedicated themselves to helping other small businesses through mentorship and civic leadership are encouraged to submit applications. Self-nominations are permitted and encouraged.

Group: Tiffany Esposito, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council; Karen Ramos, business specialist with the City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office; and Christopher Spino, CEO and chief creative officer of Spiro & Associates.

Due to the confidentiality of information collected, all nominees, regardless of nomination source, are responsible for completing the application. March 31 is the deadline for applying.

The application process is online only at www.fsbdcswfl.org.

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The Leadership Bonita Class of 2016-17. Nominations are available. Tickets to the awards ceremony are $75. For more information, contact Amanda Stirn at 745-3706 or email astirn@fgcu.edu.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders who have hosted interns will share their experiences. Lunch is included. Admission is free, but reservations are required by Friday, March 3. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. For more information, email Amanda Heights at Amanda@napleschamber.org.
McDonald’s hopes to maintain profits by discounting soft drinks

MONEY & INVESTING

My wife and I are pretty much in sync in most ways but we disagree on really stupid things. For example, we both like to go out to eat but she always likes to get a soft drink with her meal and I tend to stick with tap water (or a vodka martini if it was a bad day). My point is that by ordering a soda, you are basically just giving money to the restaurant as it costs them almost nothing to produce it. It piques the value investor in me. She makes the point, however, that you are only adding an extra few dollars to your bill so why not add a Coke? Probably the big picture person in her.

Well the world’s largest fast food company, McDonald’s, just announced a new promotion to cater to both my company, McDonald’s, and the fast food industry in general.

McCabe

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the Garden Court Café, Windows on the Water, McCabe Brothers Steak House, McCabe’s Irish Pub & Grill, Boston’s Restaurant & Sports Bar and Avenue5.

Construction is expected to be completed in December on his latest project, a mixed-use structure at Fifth Avenue and Fifth Street with retail space on the first floor and lofts on the second and third floors, to be known as the Residences at Fifth and Fifth.

Mr. McCabe was raised in the working class Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, the youngest of five children born to Bernard and Mary McCabe. After high school, he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, stationed primarily in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He worked in intelligence, specializing in the analysis of the Russian missile space program.

After being discharged, Sgt. McCabe joined the CIA, working in Iran prior to the overthrow of the Shah. He saved every penny he could during that four-year stint, amassing a $25,000 nest egg.

“It was a very, very interesting job, and I think I was born with this entrepreneurial DNA, so I was anxious to get out and own my business.”

He resigned from the CIA in 1972 and returned to New England, settling in Maine, where he could indulge a fondness for skiing while plotting his next move. He was 27 years old.

While traveling around the state, he spotted a for-sale sign on the small, beachfront hotel that would provide a springboard for his career.

After 12 years of operation, Mr. McCabe sold the hotel and his other now multi-million dollar Maine holdings and moved to Florida. After exploring other locales around the Sunshine State, he decided to put down roots in Naples.

Since then, he has made an impact on the charitable front, awarding 85 scholarships through the Take Stock in Children program of Champions For Learning. He is also a major donor to Community School of Naples and a supporter of such nonprofits as the Community Foundation of Collier County, Gulfshore Playhouse and the Sugden Community Theater.

“My interest is first of all, to give back to the community, and in how the city of Naples evolves,” he said. “As far as my giving to nonprofits, my focus has been on children at risk. I don’t know why, but I can identify with them. I have a large amount of compassion for children who are struggling or are at risk of failure for whatever reason.”

I do question whether this will be successful in driving higher profits. Slash margins on your company’s most profitable product may boost sales in the short run but what do you do next when customers just get used to lower price points? Slash prices on fries? Lower prices — combined with higher labor costs due to rising minimum wages, higher beef, chicken and even gas prices — all point to trouble for the American fast food leader.

But the stock price is at all-time highs with a very healthy P/E ratio of over 23.

To justify this high multiple, the company must continue to deliver both revenue and profit growth.

I just don’t see this happening, as consumers turn away from high caloric soda and food. So I would avoid this stock until it pulls back to a cheaper valuation or proves it can grow sales without slashing margins.

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

Interview with Phil McCabe

Business mentor: My mentor has not been a person as much as a business operation. For example, when I was building my first hotel in Naples, the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort was just opening. I did much study of the Ritz’s interiors, construction and operation while building my hotel ...

Phil McCabe at Naples Municipal Airport with the Escalade that transports guests of Inn on Fifth.

Phil McCabe at Naples Municipal Airport with the Escalade that transports guests of Inn on Fifth. COURTESY PHOTO

Business words of wisdom: Passion, compassion, tenacity, integrity.

Favorite business publication: The Wall Street Journal. I read it every day since I was about 18 years old (now on my iPad). Love to read about the subject of business.

Any job openings now? No. My operations are fully staffed, thank the Lord.

Last time you had to fire someone, and the reason: Typically my managers terminate employees. I personally terminate managers and most recently had to do it last fall. It was an unfortunate situation where the manager was not performing to my expectations and to the standards of Forbes as a four-star hotel. I expect all to give their best, and to conform to the highest of standards in our business of hospitality and service to our guests.

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Offered at $2,675,000

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A few years ago, I bought shares of CaféPress, a service company that focused on health care management, right after its initial public offering (IPO), for around $40 per share. The stock started falling, and I kept adding shares as it plunged. I figured that the more I averaged down, the less the stock would have to rise in order for me to break even. My average purchase price, down to $21, but shares have been in the $3 range recently. It's a lesson learned. I've built up my portfolio with things that make this hold seeming insignificant.

— D.R., Morristown, New Jersey

The FoolResponds: CaféPress has indeed been quite volatile. Part of the problem is that the stock started out overvalued — it debuted on the market at a valuation of about $14.50 per share. On its first trading day, reaching a market value of more than $3 billion. Clearly, the stock was way above its intrinsic value.

IPOs are often disappointing investments, as they can soar in price first, only to fall back to earth later. It's best to give them a year or so to settle down. Averaging down is a risky move, too, as stocks often fall for good reasons.

Last week's trivia answer
I trace my roots back to a store that opened in Seattle in 1983. I targeted only small businesses at first, but expanded to serve select consumers. My revenue soared from zero to $3 billion in less than six years. I offer employees higher pay than my rivals do and mark up my offerings by less than 10 percent.

— W.A., Berkeley, California

The Motley FoolTake Watch This Stock
Shares of AMC Networks (NASDAQ: AMCX), the network behind the hit show “The Walking Dead,” has acted somewhat zombielike, falling 30 percent in 2016 — and the attention of value-oriented investors.

The company’s third-quarter earnings results feature operating income down year over year, while critical advertising revenue for TV and film has been nearly flat per cent and restructuring expenses increased.

Think twice before assuming that AMC’s recent woes are a case for long-term con- cern, though. Its management team is exec- utive its strategic growth plan with preci- sion. For example, AMC’s licensing and distribution revenue is considerably steadier than advertising revenue, which should help alleviate some of its cash flow volatility.

Also, AMC Networks has a healthy blend of successful programming and new content. Projects such as “Mad Men” and “Breaking Bad” still bring in viewers, while its pipeline of new content is gradually roll- ing out, including shows such as “Preacher.” Some, however, worry about the decline in viewership for “The Walking Dead.”

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the single digits recently, the stock is an appealing portfolio candidate, especially if the company delivers another big hit. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended AMC Networks.)

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Ask the Fool
Overvalued or Undervalued?

Q Does an annual report show how overvalued or undervalued a company is?

— C.C., Madison, Indiana

A Annual reports don’t focus on companies’ valuations. You can see what value the market is attrib- uted to a company via its market capital- ization (or “market cap”). Visit Google Finance online at sites that offer data on stocks. For example, click over to finance.yahoo. com, type in a company’s name or ticker symbol, and you’ll find its market cap. It’s arrived at by multiplying the current stock price by the num- ber of shares outstanding.

A company’s intrinsic fair value is harder to determine, and different smart analysts will have varying esti- mates based on different assumptions about the company’s growth prospects, among other things. Still, reviewing the annual reports of any companies that interest you. If you’re a beginning investor, at least read the CEO’s letter to shareholders, which offers a sense of management character and the company’s strategic plan.

The financial statements are even more informative. The balance sheet reflects the company’s financial health at one point in time, including its cash, money it owes, money owed it, etc.

The income statement (sometimes called the statement of operations) shows sales, costs and profits over a period of time, while the statement of cash flows will list all of the company’s cash inflows and outflows during the period. The more familiar you become with financial statements, the better knowledge you’ll understand companies.

What’s the “big board”?

— R.D., Knoxville, Tennessee

A It’s the nickname for the New York Stock Exchange. America’s oldest exchange was founded in 1792 by 24 businessmen who gathered under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street in New York City.

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NETWORKING

Champions For Learning celebrates a ‘Night of Champions’

1. Front: Jennifer Fernandez, Joan Toren and Dayana Garcia. Back: Jack Toren and Uriel Trejo
2. Michael Wynn, Diana Richter and Garrett Richter
3. Kimberly Komorny and Cynthia Figueroa
4. Bruce Mousa and Sara Ann Mousa
5. Thelma Hodges, Seth Minso and April May
6. Barbara Melvin and Daniel Melvin
7. Jon Helton and Cindy Helton
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12. Monica Pate and Danny Pate

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First Florida Integrity Bank recently presented checks for $55,000 each to Collier Child Care Resources and New Horizons of SWFL. The funds represent the total $110,000 raised at the bank’s eighth annual charity golf tournament at Hideout Golf Club. Shown here are Gary Tice, FFIB chairman; Debra Haley and Hadley Lolli of New Horizons of SWFL; Heather Tice, FFIB vice president of marketing; Nicole Howard of CCCR; and Garrett Richter, FFIB president and CEO.

Kelly Capolino of Downing-Frye Real Estate recently presented a check for $6,400 to Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse. The donation is a result of the “give back” portion of Ms. Capolino’s Diamond Volunteer awards program. Shown here are Hester Kamin, Emily Yoder, Ms. Capolino and Ms. Coury, Lana Aylwin, Alyson McCoy, Kelli Tysinger and Alex Van K.

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For sale: Baseball legend Ted Williams’ fishing retreat in the Keys

For most people, the first day of spring is March 20, but for baseball fans spring starts about a month earlier when Major League Baseball pitchers and catchers report to their spring training camps in Florida. This spring, the fishing retreat of one of baseball’s all-time best hitters is for sale.

Seventeen-time all-star Ted Williams spent his entire major league baseball career with the Boston Red Sox, with time out as a Navy pilot in World War II and the Korean War. A six-time batting champion, Ted was twice the American League Most Valuable Player and Triple Crown Award winner with a roster of nicknames that described his playing style: Teddy Ballgame, The Thumper, The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived and Splendid Splinter. By the end of his career that ran from 1939 to 1960, he had a lifetime .344 batting average, 521 home runs, last player to hit over .400 and a career 0.482 on-base percentage — the highest in MLB history. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966.

Baseball wasn’t Mr. Williams’ only interest. He was an avid sports fisherman, hosted a television fishing show, did Sears fishing commercials and was inducted into the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. Fishing was always a great hobby and diversion from his baseball career, and during his downtime he enjoyed casting practice off his dock at his home in the Florida Keys.

Now for sale is the home where he lived and honed his fishing/casting skills until the early 1990s. He found the ideal location in Upper Matecumbe Key on Islamorada in a protected cove surrounded by deep tropical landscape. Totally private, the site has bay views and is also in walking distance of Islamorada’s quaint restaurants and shops. It’s a short boat ride to some of the state’s best fishing spots.

Positioned on 1.38 fenced and gated acres, the 3,193-square-foot home has four bedrooms, four baths, a separate gym and a guesthouse with three bedrooms. The exterior has an infinity pool and spa with a protected dock.

Cheri Tindall of Ocean Sotheby’s International Realty has the listing for $4.2 million. For more information, visit www.TopTenRealEstateDeals.com.
HouseLogic helps homeowners get the most from filing their taxes

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After all the paperwork that comes with buying a home, few think about the ultimate paperwork: filing taxes. But being a homeowner comes with many benefits, including the opportunity for an increased tax refund.

“File with Confidence: Tax Tips for Homeowners” at www.HouseLogic.com, a website for from the National Association of Realtors, has six articles with advice on how homeowner can get the most out of their tax filings. Homeowners have good reason to love their taxes: They’re called deductions and credits. And if you’re the DIY taxes type, you don’t want to miss them. Here are summaries about the articles that will help you sail through tax season and maximize the perks of owning a home:

■ Will my taxes look different now that I’m a homeowner? Becoming a homeowner comes with many changes, including saying goodbye to the standard deduction with a 1040-EZ form and embracing itemization on Schedule A. HouseLogic walks some recent first-time homeowners through their new tax benefits, including one-time deductions after buying a home, such as application or underwriting fees.

■ How to DIY your taxes — and not miss a single deduction. Filing taxes alone can be a daunting task, especially when it involves itemizing deductions. Check out HouseLogic’s tips for DIY tax filers on how to get every possible tax deduction, including recouping some of the costs of buying or selling a home.

■ Are you getting the home tax deductions you’re entitled to? One of the many benefits of homeownership is the multitude of deductions that become available come tax time. However, homeowners can get overwhelmed attempting to take advantage

House Hunting

4493 Wayside Drive — Quail West

On a near-acre lot, this new home that’s never been lived in bears the finest finishes, selections and surroundings one can desire while being moments to the Quail West clubhouse, driving range and entrance. Mahogany entrance doors set the stage for the greeting room with soaring windows that catch the essence of Florida living.

With 4,500 square feet under air, the open, split floor plan makes entertaining and easy living effortless. There are four bedrooms, four full and two half baths, a study/den, a summer kitchen, an outdoor fireplace and a three-car garage. Details include a separate bar with wine cooler, refrigerator and ice maker; a morning kitchen in the master suite; graphite marble kitchen countertops; and white marble flooring in living areas and bathrooms, wood flooring in the study and carpet in bedrooms. Two guest bedrooms share an outdoor courtyard for private relaxation. Outside, there is travertine marble on the lanai and deck, a cypress wood ceiling, gas fireplace and retractable screens.

Ruth Bethem of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty has the listing for $2,675,000. Social or golf membership in Quail West is not required for the buyer of this property. For more information, call 777-7007, email ruth.bethem@sothebysrealty.com or visit www.RuthBethem.com.
2017 shaping up as a model year in Mediterra for London Bay Homes

London Bay Homes has accelerated its model home program at Mediterra in response to buyer demand for move-in ready residences in the North Naples 10-time Community of the Year. The builder has seven single-family villas and estate homes in various stages of construction, with another seven starts planned for 2017. Five model homes are open for viewing.

The 14 new homes and five models are part of LBH’s collection of custom estate and luxury villa homes available in Mediterra. Designs offer an array of lifestyle options, including expanded lanais with resort-inspired living areas, studies, butler’s bar, wine cellars, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, outdoor kitchen and architectural elements including porticos, trellises and arbors. The homes also will showcase LBH’s emphasis on outdoor destination spaces, with elements including award-winning pool and spa designs.

“More than ever, a number of homebuyers are realizing they want a move-in ready home without compromising upscale appointments and designer touches,” said Mark Wilson, LBH president and CEO. The company manages new home construction and sales and marketing for Mediterra.

Featuring interior designs by award-winning Romanza Interior Design, the 14 new model homes will be in five Mediterra neighborhoods, including the newest enclave of Caminetto.

“Introducing Caminetto was a unique opportunity to reinforce our commitment to environmental stewardship in Mediterra by blending 15 homesites into a nature preserve and creating floor plans that seamlessly integrate into the environment,” Mr. Wilson said. “Coupled with our robust building schedule in several other neighborhoods, we are also ramping up construction in Caminetto with two models that will showcase our custom home features, such as a garden shower and yoga garden situated off the master bath.”

Mr. Wilson said the models reflect new trends that align with the vision of luxury homebuyers. “Our clients today have higher expectations,” he said. “They are well educated in all aspects of design, architecture and style. They know what they like, and they know quality when they see it.”

In addition to the two models in Caminetto, three maintenance-free villa residences are under construction: the Palermo in Lucarno and the Bettina and the Clara in Cabreo. The homes are situated near the signature parterre garden, the community’s largest neighborhood park with formal gardens, lake views, sitting areas and a large reflecting pond with decorative stone frog waterspouts.

Two single-family models, the Catajina and the Sardinia designs, are under way in Cortile, a neighborhood of single-family estates and maintenance-free villas.

Models open for viewing include the recently completed Captiano models, one in Lucarno and one in Cortile, each with four bedrooms, studies, four full baths and second-floor lounge areas with wet bars and large sundecks. The open floor plans meld great room, dining area and kitchen, and flow through pocket sliding glass doors to outdoor living, dining and kitchen areas.

The Isabella model in the Serata neighborhood has four bedrooms and five baths. Alfresco living areas in London Bay Homes’ newest designs in Mediterra include award-winning pool and spa designs.

Cabreo offers two furnished model homes now open for viewing. The three-bedroom, three-bath Angelica includes designer finishes and accents of burnt oak, crimson and oak throughout its 2,810 square feet of living space. Shades of blue and taupe against white and beige backgrounds emphasize the relaxed contemporary design of Cabreos Bettina, a 3,180-square-foot model featuring four bedrooms (one shown as a study), four baths, a dining room and built-in cabinetry.

London Bay Homes’ fifth open model is the four-bedroom, five-bath Isabella, a two-story home in the Serata neighborhood. Interior elements include a transitional design, travertine and wood flooring, and a palette of white, neutral gray, black and teal. Overlooking a lake, the model’s outdoor areas include an award-winning pool with dancing streams of colored water emerging unexpectedly from the pool deck.

Priced from $1,380,000 to $4,295,000, the models are available for purchase on leaseback. LBH is also offering new homebuyers the exclusive opportunity to purchase a golf membership in The Club at Mediterra without the delay of what otherwise is approximately a one-year waiting list.

For more information, call 949-8989, or go to www.MediterraNaples.com or visit the Mediterra sales center at 1836 Savona Way, off Livingston Road two miles north of Immokalee Road.
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Research reveals growing rift between availability and affordability

Existing-home sales are forecast to expand 1.7 percent in 2017, but a new housing affordability model created jointly by the National Association of Realtors and www.realtor.com suggests homebuyers at many income levels could see an inadequate amount of listings on the market within their price range in coming months.

Using data on mortgages, state-level income and listings on www.realtor.com, the Realtors Affordability Distribution Curve and Score is a new monthly research effort of NAR and www.realtor.com designed to examine affordability conditions at different income percentiles for all active inventory on the market.

The Affordability Distribution Curve examines how many listings are affordable to those in a particular income percentile. The Affordability Score, which varies between zero and two, is a calculation to twice the area below the Affordability Distribution Curve on a graph. A score of one or higher generally suggests a market where homes for sale are more affordable to households in proportion to their income distribution.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a top complaint real estate professionals have been hearing from clients is a notable imbalance between what they can afford and what is listed for sale.

“Home prices have ascended far past wage growth in much of the country in recent years because not enough homeowners are selling and homebuyers have not boosted production enough to meet rising demand,” Mr. Yun said. The new affordability measure confirms that buyers aren’t exaggerating about the imbalance, he added. “Amidst higher home prices and now mortgage rates, households with lower incomes have been able to afford less of all homes on the market last year and so far in 2017.”

Reflecting a growing shortage of accessible inventory for most income groups, the entire Affordability Distribution Curve in January was below the equality line and the gap was even wider at lower incomes, which indicates even tighter supply conditions. A household in the 35th percentile could afford 28 percent of all listings, a median income household (50th percentile) could afford 46 percent of listings and a household in the 75th percentile was able to afford 74 percent of active listings.

“Consistently strong job gains and a growing share of millennials entering their prime buying years are laying the foundation for robust buyer demand in 2017,” said Jonathan Smoke, chief economist at www.realtor.com. “However, he added, “buyers with a lower maximum affordable price are seeing heavy competition for the fewer listings they can afford. At a time of higher borrowing costs, this situation could affect affordability even more as buyers battle for a smaller pool of homes and bid prices upward.”

Calculating last month’s Affordability Score further highlights the disjointed rate of accessible supply on the market across the U.S. Swift price growth and higher mortgage rates caused January’s Affordability Score (0.92) to shrink nationally from a year ago (0.97) and also in many states. Only 19 states had a score above one (conditions that are more favorable) and just three — North Dakota, Alaska and Wyoming — saw year-over-year gains in their score.

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Highest Affordability Scores:

- Idaho
- Oregon (1.22)
- Iowa (1.18)
- Kansas (1.17)
- Michigan (1.14)
- Mississippi (1.14)

Lowest Affordability Scores:

- Hawaii (0.52)
- California (0.60)
- District of Columbia (0.65)
- Montana (0.67)
- Oregon (0.67)

A score of one or higher generally suggests a market where homes for sale are more affordable to households in proportion to their income distribution.
This Week's Featured Listings

OPEN HOUSES ARE SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

1517 Golden Gate Pkwy N #4 - Panoramic bay views! Located in the Heart of Old Naples. Finely appointed 4th floor condo. Large living room and deck. Parking stall included. Call for speciﬁcs. (L1845) — Diana Coyle, 220.4534

1935 Snook Dr - Beautiful pool, Gulf views, and direct access to beach. This completely remodeled updated home is the one you have been waiting for! (H11764) — Michelle Allen, 505.5774

3535 Smoker Dr - Boussein panoramic. Gulf views, 42” rock and tile. Completely updated. New roof and impact glass windows/skylights throughout. New desk to do but how to move it and where? 3/2.5 (H11640) — Lynn DeLassa, 677.2446

3530 Old Naples Dr - Location! Location! Location! Beautiful home located in the heart of Old Naples. 4 bedroom. 3 bath home located in highly sought after community of Old Naples! Move in ready! 3/2 (H11612) — Donna Coyle, 228.8506

4140 Pelican Apple Dr - Move right in to this gorgeous 2nd floor unit in desirable Quail Creek Estates. Golf cart included, no large lot with everything you need. 2/2.5 (H11660) — Debi Stock, 220.8371

4240 Berry Glen Dr. - Beautifully updated condo in walkable location with great culture, volume ceilings and open floor plan located on transplant and priced for a quick sale. 2/1 (L2455) — Frank Petri, 359.2221

4935 Gulf Shore Blvd N #416 - Bright and sunny. Gated condo living with a bounty book, surrounded by Gulf vistas, beaches and downtown Naples. Amazing community pool and beach/pool passes included. 2/2 (H12780) — Cheryl Foster, 293.3551

13401 Pond Apple Dr E - Move right in to this stunning 2nd floor unit in the beautiful Naples Beach Condo. Golf cart included. Heated pool, beach, and tennis. 3/2.5 (H11684) — Lynn DeLassa, 677.2446

25762 Old Gaslight Dr - Lanai, great room and open floor plan with 7 ft. ceilings, ample storage, 2-car attached garage, great space and Hurricane shutters. 3/4/3 (C13798) — Donna J. Reaud, 295.2920

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22237 Natures Cove Ct - Professionally landscaped and remodeled to reﬂect today’s coastal contemporary look. Shows like a model home. 4 bed. 3 1/2 bath. 3,924 sq. ft. (H11612) — Donna Coyle, 228.8506

2219 Imperial Ct - Professionally owned pool home located in highly sought after community with over 1,000 sq. ft. under air and an over sized three-car garage 4/3/2.5 (H11225) — Donna J. Reaud, 295.2920

2851 Candida Ct #932 - Ocean views, setting for this beautifully finished and incredibly maintained property. Marble, granite, porcelain tile, hardwood, with full pool. Pocket 2/2.5 (C13235) — Cynthia Felton, 293.2352/Patricia Felton, 293.3508

22137 Natures Cove Ct - Professionally landscaped and remodeled to reﬂect today’s coastal contemporary look. Shows like a model home. 4 bed. 3 1/2 bath. 3,924 sq. ft. (H11612) — Donna Coyle, 228.8506

26241 Devonshire Ct #203 - Double lanai and lake views. Private entry, tile on ﬂagstone, travertine kitchen, vaulted ceiling, hardi-board-AF, glassed-in lanai and equipped with electic grill. 3/1 (H1260) — Billie Jans, 980.0522

5530 Old Naples Dr - Amazing views and one of a kind: 4 bedroom. 3 bath. 4,152 sq. ft. Private master suite with full lanai, separate dressing room. This home is large and spacious and is perfect for entertaining. 4/4 (H11464) — Lynn DeLassa, 677.2446

5150 Oakridge Ct - Private custom pool, 3 bed, 2 bath. 1,672 sq. ft. Beautifully remodeled. New roof and impact glass windows/skylights throughout. New desk to do but how to move it and where? 3/2.5 (H11640) — Lynn DeLassa, 677.2446

3663 Locust Dr - Large lot with pool and spa. New roof, new impact windows and walls. Large lanai with pool and spa. Move in ready, remodeled! 3/3 (H11567) — Michelle Allen, 505.5774

3367 Paloma Ct - Open concept “Genova” ﬂoor plan with 9 ft. ceilings, ample closet space. 3 bed. 2 bath. 1,996 sq. ft. Located on tranquil cul-de-sac with golf course views. 3/2.5 (L1815) — Michelle Allen, 505.5774

2882 Castillo Ct #102 - Quiet cul-de-sac. Large lanai, oversized pool and spa, new roof and impact windows, 3 bed. 2 bath. 1,717 sq. ft. (H11612) — Donna J. Reaud, 295.2920

2245 Arielle Dr #2101 - Tranquil lake views! 2nd floor residence with vaulted ceilings and soaring skylights. 2-fi replaces, saltwater pool. Large lanai and open concept “Genova” ﬂoor plan with 9 ft. ceilings, ample closet space. 3 bed. 2 bath. 1,996 sq. ft. Located on tranquil cul-de-sac with golf course views. 3/2.5 (L1815) — Michelle Allen, 505.5774

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2921 Via Maria - Gorgeous, completely updated home with 2-car garage. 1,800 sq. ft. coach home with 2-car garage, 3 bed, 2 bath, walk-in closet, brick paved screened lanai, pool, spa. This house is in a fantastic location, a short walk to the beach. 2/2 (C13255) — Michelle Allen, 505.5774

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2037 Наличие домашней ссылки в тексте.
Miromar Lakes introduces models in waterfront Sorrento neighborhood

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A new waterfront model is complete in the Sorrento neighborhood of 11 estate homes in Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. A second model is under construction.

The Glenbrook by Gulfshore Homes has four bedrooms, 4½ baths and a cabana bath plus a study, formal living room, family room and four-car split garage.

It encompasses a total of 7,587 square feet with 6,136 square feet under air. The home’s clean-lined exterior features decorative architectural accents popular in West Indies-style homes such as concrete roof tiles, shallow overhangs and wooden corbels. Multiple access points connect various interior spaces to the outdoor living area, where the summer kitchen, swimming pool and spa look out to the water beyond.

The Glenbrook has already been sold, but remains open for viewing.

Under construction and available for purchase in Sorrento, the Hemingway model by Randall Mitchell Custom Homes is a five-bedroom, five-bath floor plan with 6,136 square feet under air, with 5,537 square feet under air. It features a spacious great room concept and easily integrates the indoor and outdoor living areas with access points from the formal entry, foyer, family room and four-car split garage.

The entrance to Miromar Lakes is on Miromar Lakes Boulevard off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, just east of I-75 and north of Corkscrew Road and Florida Gulf Coast University in Estero. For more information, stop by the sales gallery, call 425-2340 or (847) 809-9444 or visit www.MiromarLakes.com.

Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club offers a 700-acre freshwater lake for swimming, boating, waterskiing, fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding and sailing, three miles of private white sand beach; a European-style spa with full-service salon, state-of-the-art fitness center and 10,000-square-foot zero-edge infinity pool; two marinas; bocce courts and seven Har-Tru tennis courts; concierge services; and three restaurants. The community has the only Arthur Hills Signature championship golf course in Southwest Florida.

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The Footprint of José Caldez - Caldez, one of the most noteworthy fishermen of his time, first visited Useppa (then Toampa) in 1772. Returning 12 years later, he established Useppa as the base of his seasonal fishing operation and incorporated several other fishing hamlets, from nearby islands, employing both Cuban and Native American laborers.

The local catch, mostly Mullet, would be smoked or dried, packed in salt and shipped to Cuba aboard the schooners of Joseph Ximenez. In exchange, Ximenez would return with valuable supplies for Caldez's continued operation.

After Spain ceded Florida to America in 1821, Caldez continued to build his Useppa-based operation to 15 homes, storage facilities, and about 50 men, women and children, free of any real regulation or restriction.

In 1832, the first US Customs Officer arrived on Useppa, with responsibility to deter smuggling. Caldez continued to operate, but sold the Island to Ximenez in 1833 with the first recorded deed, purchase price - $373.00.

The second Seminole War (1835) brought much upheaval to Useppa and its fishing industry. When the resident customs officer became a casualty of that war, Caldez found his fishing operation and his employees in grave danger.

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21 QUAL CREEK - 402 Snowberry Lane - $1,000,000 - PSJR - Dayna DiMichele - 239.565.0750
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Part honey, part sting
Book reviewer Phil Jason enjoys the luxurious prose in new novel by former horticulturalist. C2

Last chance
The sun is setting on “Origami After Dark” at Naples Botanical Garden. C5

Don’t bother
Film critic Dan Hudak says “Before I Fall” falls short. C15

Project HELP grabs back with ‘The Vagina Monologues’

It’s a fascinating fact that in 2017, a female infant enters the world vulnerable to abuse, mistreatment or simple injustice thanks to the random chromosomal combination she received in the womb. The World Health Organization estimates that one in three women across the globe suffer from physical or sexual abuse during their lifetime, while the United Nations claims that an intimate partner killed 50 percent of murder victims in 2012. Only 6 percent of men suffered the same fate.

SEE VAGINA, C26

COURTESY PHOTO
Lucy Sundby has perfected the scene “The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy.”

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Part honey, part sting, the beekeeper’s daughter ignites grand passions

*Sara Jordon* — Sarasota author Jane Jordan was born in England and returns imaginatively to the Exmoor area she knows very well.

Set in the late 1860s, “The Beekeeper’s Daughter” is a novel of grand passions that lead to ruthless actions and of hidden secrets slowly revealed. As she learns the truth about herself, Anna-bel Taylor, the title character, hopes she can find the strength to use her untested, mysterious talent to save herself and those she loves from disaster.

This includes the further development of her ability to influence the behavior of bees, for better and for worse.

Jevan, who has been imprisoned by the Saltonstalls as part of that trap, feels betrayed. It doesn’t matter to him that Annabel’s consent to marry Alex saves his life.

Gothelstone Manor, the Saltonstall estate, becomes Annabel’s prison. It is also the place in which the novel’s paranor-mal or supernatural dimensions exhibit themselves. Haunting voices and images suggest a relationship between the rest- less, agonized spirits of the dead and the destinies of the living. The history of women married into the Saltonstall family reveals a pattern of early deaths and bouts of madness. It is a pattern encroaching on the present — and perhaps the future.

Witchcraft is part of the lineage and legacy of the key families, sometimes exercising beneficial power, sometimes bringing only evil.

The author’s stage setting is enormously pow- erful. Her description of nature, architecture, fur-nishings and gar- ments are vivid and evocative. As charac-ters scurry back and forth to meet one another, they move against a very real, if remote, landscape. They are defined by their meeting places and by their emotion-driven actions. Suspense is main-tained through the ups and downs in the relationship between Annabel and Jevan, in the battle for power in and out of the marriage between Alex and Annabel, and between Alex’s father and anyone who stands in his way — especially Annabel.

This ultimate battle is on the supernatural plane, and its sensory pyrotechnics are amazingly vivid.

While the windings of hope and despair are dramatized in ways that are somewhat repetitious, Ms. Jordan’s luxurious prose keeps readers enticed, as does the bravado of her heroine. This title could be the beginning of Ms. Jordan’s second trilogy, the first being a gothic vampire saga comprised of “Ravens Deep:” “Blood & Ashes” and “A Memoir of Carl.”

**About the author**

Jane Jordan grew up exploring the his-tory and culture of London and surround-ing counties. After some time spent in Germany in the 1990s, she immigrated to Detroit and eventually settled in South-west Florida. After a 15-year absence, she returned to England to spend six years in the southwest of England living on Exmoor.

A trained horticulturist, she spent time working and volunteering for Britain’s National Trust at Exmoor’s 1,000-year-old Dunster Castle. This experience inspired “The Beekeeper’s Daughter,” a combina-tion of the age-old struggle between good and evil with the passion and romance of the characters she creates.

Ms. Jordan returned to Florida in 2013 and lives in Sarasota with her family. — 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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**DIAMETER:** Melanomas are usually greater than 6mm (the size of a pencil eraser).

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CAPA presents the ‘Golden Trio’ in debut of local composer’s work

The Cultural and Performing Arts Center continues its season of Spectrum Series concerts with “Golden Trio: Original Compositions by a Naples Composer” on Tuesday, March 7, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. The Golden Trio — pianist Alexandra Carlson, violinist Daniela Shtereva and clarinetist Ashley Leigh — will debut a composition by Alexander Goldstein. Now a resident of Naples, Mr. Goldstein started composing music in 1976 in Moscow and made his orchestral debut at age 18. He has composed music scores for 27 feature films, approximately 300 documentaries, countless radio and television shows, animations, commercials, sports programs, circus and stage shows in the U.S. and abroad.

The evening also will feature “Trio on the Roof” in four movements for violin, clarinet and piano, based on Jerry Bock’s “Fiddler on the Roof.”

For its final concert of the Spectrum Series, CAPA presents The Apollo Trio on Tuesday, March 14.

The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center is at 2408 Linwood Ave. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 for adults, $30 for students and children, and $40 for VIP seating and a meet-the-artist reception.

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Sen. Joe McCarthy, who headed the red scare, claiming there were “card-carrying Communists” in our govern- ment, also insisted we should root out gays, or “sexual perverts and deviates,” as he called them, reasoning that they were highly susceptible to blackmail and were a threat to national security. Others took up the attack.

Not only did several thousand gay people lose their jobs, but many lost their livelihoods, their families and their friends, fleeing for their lives, com- mitting suicide. At one point, the gov- ernment was firing gays at the rate of one a day. The total number of people adversely affected is unknown.

“I happened to come across this book and was really surprised,” says Mr. How- ard. “David Johnson, a professor at the University of Tampa, was the first per- son to put together information about how widespread (this witch hunt) was. He was working on a different project in Washington, and came across a lot of documents that had just been clas- sified.”

At the time he discovered Mr. John- son’s book, Mr. Howard was happily retired from a career as an Emmy Award-winning TV producer. “You know, for a few minutes and CBS, one of the excit- ing parts of his job had been “finding a story that nobody else had,” he says, “had interesting characters and social signifi- cance.” And while he was reading “The Lavender Scare,” he says, “I got my old ‘60 Minutes’ feeling: This was an incred- ible story and no one knows it.”

It pulled him out of retirement.

“I was enjoying life, until I came across this book, and found myself back at work,” he says.

He met with Mr. Johnson and obtained the rights to the book. The end result, almost eight years later, is “The Lavender Scare,” a full-length documentary that will be screened at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at 2:30 p.m. Sat- urday, March 11, as part of the seventh annual Fort Myers Film Festival.

“Even people who were right in the middle of it — weren’t aware of how many people were (affected) and just how systemic it was,” says Mr. How- ard. “There was a real conspiracy of silence on both sides: The people being fired wanted to stay in the closet, so frequently they didn’t tell people why they were fired. And the government was embarrassed that they were still finding gay people (in government jobs) because people would say, ‘Why did you hire them in the first place?’”

The government was aware, how- ever, that gays were committing suicide over the persecution against them, Mr. Howard says. “One investigator … that was the one thing he pressed the most about,” he says. “He had one guy who left his office and then shot himself right on the sidewalk.”

The documentary includes the last extensive interview with Frank Kameny, who lost his government job and fought back; he founded the Mattachine Soci- ety of Washington in 1961, a gay and lesbian civil rights organization. Mem- bers made history in the mid-1960s by picketing in front of the White House for gay rights.

“That took enormous courage,” Mr. Howard says. “They deserve the recog- nition that they haven’t received for the contributions they made and getting the ball rolling. People refer to Stonewall (in 1969) as the beginning of the gay rights movement, but that doesn’t honor the sacrifices and hard work of the people who came before.”

Continuing the vigilance

“The Lavender Scare” is just begin- ning the film festival circuit. The Fort Myers Film Festival is “the third or fourth” public showing, with 25 more to follow, he says. “We’re developing a screening after that,” Mr. Howard says. He would also like to get it on television or Netflix or DVD.

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There’s just one more chance to see “Origami in the Garden” as the sun goes down at Naples Botanical Garden. Although the sculpture exhibit remains in place for visitors to enjoy during regular garden hours through April 23, the final “Origami After Dark” extended hours happen Wednesday, March 8, when the last ticket will be sold at 7 p.m. and the garden will close at 8 p.m.

The Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden and Fogg Café will also be open until 8 p.m.

“Origami in the Garden” consists of a series of sculptures created by Ken Box that tell the story of origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. Placed throughout the 170-acre garden, the exhibition includes large-scale installations, gallery works, Mr. Box’s own compositions as well as collaborative works with his wife, Jennifer, and world-renowned origami artists Robert J. Lang, Te Jui Fu and Michael G. LaFosse.

The Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden has an assortment of miniature and maquette versions of the sculptures. Origami-themed merchandise, including home decor to ornaments, jewelry and craft kits for children and adults are also available. A portion of sales benefits the garden.

Regular garden hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is always free for garden members and children 3 and younger; others pay $14.95 for adults and $9.95 for ages 4-14.

“Origami in the Garden” is presented in partnership with Ariis—Naples, The Baker Museum and made possible by a grant from the Collier County Tourist Development Council and Convention Visitors Bureau. For more information, visit www.naplesgarden.org.
THEATER


The Hound of the Baskervilles – By Gulfshore Playhouse through March 12 at The Norris Center. (844) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom – By Theatre Conspiracy through March 11 at the Alliance for the Arts. 10019 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

To Kill a Mockingbird – By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 11 in the historic Arcade Theatre. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 352-4348 or www.floridarep.org.

Shear Madness – By Florida Repertory Theatre through April 2 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.


Driving Miss Daisy – By The Marco Players March 16-April 2 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 643-7270 or www.themarcontrolplayers.org.

Men Are Dogs – By Island Theater Company March 16-19 and April 23 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

ike-what? – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts an Ikebana workshop on plant manipulation for floral arrangements from 10 a.m. to noon. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Book Talk – Collier County Jewish Book Festival debuts debut novelists Victoria Kelly (“Mrs. Houdini”), Jennifer Brown (“Modern Girls”) and Martha Hall Kelly (“Lilac Girls”) at 1 p.m. at Beth Tikvah. $12 in advance, $15 at the door. 1459 Pine Ridge Road, 262-4205 or www.bookinfiniti.com.

ike-what? – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts an Ikebana workshop from 1-3:40 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. $30 for members, $40 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.


Friday, March 3

FRIDAY 3.3

How Does Your Garden Grow – Calusa Garden Club hosts its annual flower show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Saturday, March 5, at Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcocislandsarts.org.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on the basics of orchid growing from 10 a.m. to noon. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.


Classic Film – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy presents a screening of “African Queen” (1951) at 2 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. In Africa during World War I, a riverboat captain is persuaded by a missionary to use his vessel to attack an enemy warship. $6 for members, $8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Original Play – Collier County Repertory Theatre presents a one-act play by Marco Island writer Mitchell Ell entitled “I Am.” It is a 10 a.m. today and Saturday, March 5, at Marco Island Library. A lonely widower and a southern belle strike up romance at a retirement home in Southwest Florida. $15. 238-3741 or tickets.cctm.com.

Strawberries for Everyone – The ninth annual Cornerstone Strawberry Festival returns with carnival rides, music, family activities and lots of berries from 5 p.m. to midnight at Cornerstone United Methodist Church. $10, 354-9660 or www.naplesfestival.com.

SATURDAY 3.4

For The Birds – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a lecture and field trip to Tigreerail Beach for advanced birders from 8 a.m. to noon. $40, 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Muddin’ – Big Cypress National Preserve hosts swamp walks at 10 a.m. each Sunday where guests can tramp through cypress trees and swamp grass prairies. Free, but reservations required. 3100 Tamiami Trail E. 695-2000 or www.nzps.org.

Enjoy a “lover’s-fry” performance of the classic musical, “My Fair Lady,” performed by The Naples Players through April 2 at Sugden Community Theatre. Elizabeth Marcantonio, center, plays the indefatigable Eliza Doolittle. Call 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org for tickets or more information.

Art Festival – For the Arts Bonita Springs hosts over 200 national and international artists display and sell their work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, March 5, at Riverside Park. Free, but $5 donation appreciated. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Kids’ Marketplace – Naples kids aged 6-14 sell a service or product they created from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Antique Autos – The Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region presents its 29th annual show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Naples Depot Museum. Free, but donations appreciated. 1015 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6255 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Art Show – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts fine artists and artisans selling their works from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday, March 5, 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marlcondarts.org.

Meet the Artist – Local artist Paul Arenault holds court from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Free with admission. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Ticket to India – India Association of Fort Myers hosts India Fest with food, music, dance and vendors from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Estero Community Center. $5. www.ragaafl.org.

Cheers for Beers – Naples Rotary Club hosts Naples Craft Beer Fest with samples of dozens of microbrews, food pairings, live entertainment and more from noon to 4 p.m. at Bayfront. $55, 250-5085 or www.naplescraftbeerfest.com.

City Folk – Urban-country band Shootguts performing 8 p.m. today in the Arts Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. 537-847, 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Sundowner – The Hit Men perform with the Naples Philharmonic at 8 p.m. at Arts–Naples. 597-1900 or www.artsinaples.org.

Funny Guy – Comedian Ian Bragg (“Last Comic Standing”) hits the stage tonight and Sunday, March 5 Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 3.5

Om in the Garden – Bend, stretch and breathe with an instructor from greenmonkey yoga starting at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. $20 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Shoot ‘em – Akair Gun Club hosts its Everglades Turkey Shoot from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. opposite Deep Lake at Copeland to support The Everglades Lion’s Clubs charitable causes. 20201 S.R. 29. Contact club for more information.

Foreign Film – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “El Norte” (1983, Brazil) at 2 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. Two youths flee the Guatemalan civil war and embark on an arduous journey to the United States. $6 for members, $8 for others.

Free Concert – Naples Big Band performs at 7-9 p.m. at Cambier Park’s band shell. 348-3675 or www.naplesbigband.com.

Chamber Concert – Members of Naples Philharmonic perform works by Reicha and Beethoven at 3 p.m. on March 5. 597-1900 or www.artsinaples.org.

Meet the Composers – Centers Theatre Bonita Springs hosts a multimedia presentation about female composers from 3-5 p.m. 225, 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Cantors in Concert – Temple Shalom presents six cantors with a program of music from Israeli folk songs to classical and Broadway show tunes in a show entitled “From Bimah to Broadway: Encore” at 7:30 p.m. at 4360 Pine Ridge Road. 445-3030 or www.naples TEMPLE.org.

Mirror, Mirror – Project HELP presents its sixth annual production of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” with a reception at 7-9 p.m. and performance at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. $60. 649-1404 or www.projecthelpnaples.org.

MONDAY 3.6

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a scrub hike from 9-11 a.m. for members, $20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Floral Workshop – Naples Garden Club hosts a floral and landscape designer Claire Jones from 10 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. $20, 262-1222 or www.naplesgardenclub.org.

Chamber Concert – The Manhattan Piano Trio performs with Edgar Winter at 7 p.m. at the Rose History Auditorium in Marco Island. $39, 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 434-8505 or www.classichamberconcerts.com.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Original Play – Collier County Repertory Theatre presents a one-act play by Marco Island writer Mitch Eil entitled “I Is For…” at 2 p.m. today at Jewish Federation of Collier County. A lonely widower and a southern belle strike up romance at a retirement home in Southwest Florida. $25. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 231-3741 or tickets. ccrt@gmail.com.

Free Concert – Naples Big Band performs with vocalist Amy Bright from 7-9 p.m. at Cambier Park’s band shell. 488-3765 or www.naplesbigband.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “For 80 Days,” (2010) at 7 p.m. Where is the thin line that separates friendship from desire? After more than 50 years without seeing each other, two 70 years old women dare crossing the line. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Cruisin’ – Smokey Robinson performs at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

TUESDAY 3.7

Pup Patrol – Naples Botanical Gardens welcomes dogs from 8-11 a.m. each Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. each Thursday and 9-11 a.m. each Sunday. Free for members dogs, $9.95 for other pooches. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art Lecture – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture on Titian from 10 a.m. to noon at the university’s Naples campus. $24 for members, $29 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Art Flick – Marco Island Center for the Arts screens “Hear My Song” from 10 a.m. to noon at Marco Movies. Free. 599 S. Collier Blvd. 642-1111 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a sensory stroll from 10 a.m. to noon at Marco Movies. Free. 643-7275 or www.artisnaples.org.

History Lecture – J. Michael Francis explores the history of European settlement efforts in Florida during the 16th century at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.themihs.com.

WEDNESDAY 3.8

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about the history and future of using plants as food from 1-3 p.m. $35 for members, $40 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Here’s Lookin’ at You – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture on Humphrey Bogart from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. $25 for members, $35 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Jazz Night – Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra performs with violinist Benjamin Schmidt at 6 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 997-3900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Foldable Art – Naples Botanical Gardens extends its hours until 8 p.m. so guests can see its current outdoor installation, “Origami in the Garden,” by the light of the moon. Regular admission applies, final ticket sold at 7 p.m. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.
Choral Concert – Voices of Naples presents “Homeward Bound” at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Free, but freewill offering appreciated. 32890 Beamont Road. 455-2582 or www.voicesofnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Soprano Sun- hae Im and pianist Vladimir Feltsman perform works by Mahler, Zemfirisky and more at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Irish Eyes – The Knights of Columbus at St. Finbarr Catholic Church hosts its annual Irish Gala for Charity with performances by Clff Erickson and Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the parish center. $5. 3520 Tamiami Trail E. 775-2876 or www.stfinbarr.org.

American Music – Michael Feinstein performs classics from the Great American Songbook at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jewish Film – Beth Tikvah’s Naples Jewish Film Festival screens “The Women’s Balcony” (2016) at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Sugden Community Theatre. A bar mitzvah mishap causes a gen- dered rift in an Orthodox community in Jerusalem. Subscriptions start at $100. $34-1818 or www.naplesjewishfilmfesti- val.org.

Hollywood Lecture – Hodges Uni- versity hosts a lecture about the movie “Home Alone,” which features a live tank presentation and more at 8:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 10-11. 977-5900 or www.artisnaples.org. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicsc.com.

Piano Concert – Naples Music Club hosts a performance of dance music from “West Side Story” and “Sweeney Todd” featuring two pianos at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Euro Pinos Naples. $50. 12900 Tamiami Trail S. at $100.

Wonderful Night – A cappella group m-pact performs the music of Stevie Wonder at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Coconut Garden Theatre provides a free screening of kids’ movies 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, March 13-17. The line-up includes “The Bee Movie,” “Ice Age: Collision Course,” “How to Train Your Dragon,” “Home Alone” and “Horton Hears A Who.” 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0068 or www.paragontheaters.com.


Foreign Film – Italian Cultural Soci- ety screens “Night of the Shooting Stars” (Italy, 1982) at 6:45 Monday, March 13, at The Norris Center. Italians flee their town on the Night of San Lorenzo — a night when dreams come true — when they hear Nazis plan to destroy it. $5. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 414-3532 or www.italian- culturalsociety.com.


Big Band Concert – The Stardust Memories Big Band performs Sinatra standards from 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Cambier Park. Free. 823-7240.

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WHERE TO GO

The 41st annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade steps off in downtown Naples at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11. The largest privately held parade in Florida, it attracts about 40,000 spectators. For more information, visit the Naples St. Patrick Foundation website at www.naplesparade.com.

Classical Concert – St. John’s Episcopal Church hosts a chamber concert featuring works by Mendelssohn and Schumann at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, $30, reservations recommended. 500 Park Shore Drive, 990-5404.

Nature Talk – Author Nick Penniman leads a talk about the history of the western Everglades at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members, $10 for others. 403-4207 or www.conservancy.org.


Cruisin’ – Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts an eco-cruise to Rookery Bay to explore its ecological history from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. $20-$47. 213-2500 or www.fgcu.edu.

Guitar Concert – Patchouli & Terra Guitars perform at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Artist Talk – Ave Maria’s Canizaro Library hosts a chat with the artists like Muffy Clark Gill, Joan Sonnenberg and other artists featured in its exhibition of works by Florida artists at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Free. 280-2557 or www.floridaartistsgroup.com.

Moonlight on the Marsh – Florida Gulf Coast University hosts a lecture by aquatic biologist Joan B. Rose titled “Monitoring for Water Quality and Health” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Naples Botanical Garden. Free, but registration encouraged. 325-1365 or www.fgcu.edu.

Sharp Dressed Men – ZZ Top and Edgar Winter Band perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Germain Arena. $50-$100. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Fair Play – Collier County Agricultural Fair and Exposition returns with live-stock competitions, carnival rides, musical guests and much more from March 16-26 at Collier County Fairgrounds. Check website for full schedule. 425-1444 or www.collierfairgrounds.com.

Chamber Jazz – A classical jazz quartet featuring flute, violin, viola and cello performs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $125. (800) 218-0007 or www.gamblinglaw.com.


St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Buffet

Enjoy All Your Favorite Hearty Irish Dishes!

Slow Cooked Corned Beef & Cabbage
Homemade Shepherd’s Pie with Ground Beef
Irish Potato Casserole
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Fort Myers Film Festival selection examines poetry’s part in our lives

BY NANCY STETSON

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Mr. St. John’s quote comes early in the film. “A Late Style of Fire: Larry Levis, American Poet,” a 92-minute documentary that will be screened at the Fort Myers Film Festival at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 10, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

It should come as no surprise that Michele Poulos, who directed and produced the film, is a poet herself. (Even the name of the production company, 13 Ways Productions, is named after a Wallace Stevens poem, “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird.”)

The documentary itself is like a poem, or a series of poems, opening with lyrical landscapes and close-ups of the Southern California region and the ranch where Mr. Levis grew up.

“That’s what we were going for,” says Ms. Poulos, who wants the viewer to “enter a kind of meditative state while listening to the words of the poems.”

“This film, which has a soundtrack by Iron & Wine, also contains readings of Mr. Levis’ poems including a video of the late poet reading his work.”

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The LEGO Batman Movie ★★★★★
(Voices of WILL ARNETT, Zach Galifianakis, Jenny Slate) Bruce Wayne/Batman (Mr. Arnett) adopts an orphan (voice of Michael Cera) and fights The Joker (Mr. Galifianakis) and other Gotham City villains in this spinoff of “The LEGO Movie” (2014). It’s more than DC Comics characters who come into play (Sauron, Voldemort, etc.), which is part of the fun — and it is a heckuva lot of fun. Rated PG.

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Shawshank Redemption ★★★★
(SHAWSHANK, Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman) In 1947, banker Andy Dufresne (Mr. Robbins) is sentenced to 25 years in Shawshank State Penitentiary (Ms. Moore) for the murder of his wife and wife’s lover (Mr. Freeman). As his time in prison goes on (1973–1997), he befriends fellow prisoners (Ms. Moore, Mr. Miller), learns to play the accordion (Mr. Williams), gets help from a guard (Mr. Lesseps), and finds exactly what he was searching for (Mr. Robbins). Don’t miss it! Rated R.

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(ROBERT DE NIRO, Leslie Mann, Edie Falco) Struggling stand-up comic Jackie Burke (Mr. De Niro) bickers with his agent (Ms. Falco) and finds a kindred spirit in a woman he meets in a soup kitchen (Ms. Mann). The jokes are hit and miss, the story labors and ultimately, Jackie is too pigheaded to root for. Rated R.

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**LATEST FILMS**

**‘Before I Fall’**

*Is it worth $10? No*

“What you do today matters,” the narration in the beginning of "Before I Fall" tells us. We soon learn the reason for urgency: The main character, a teenager named Sam (Zoey Deutch), is about to die in a horrible car accident with three of her friends.

If it's your last day on earth, how would you spend it?

It's certainly a compelling question, and one that director Ry Russo-Young only does a so-so job of answering. Imagine “Groundhog Day” as a teenage girl drama and you have the premise: Each time Sam and her friends Lindsay (Halston Sage), Ally (Cynthia Wu) and Elody (Medalion Rahimi) die in the accident, Sam wakes up in her bed to start the day all over again. Why she's only one to do so is never explained. You can't help but want to know why Sam's friends don't experience the same phenomena, but this is where we must allow the premise to work on its own terms.

It does work — to an extent.

Sam goes through the expected process of discovery, frustration, trial and error, freedom and then liberation. There are curves along the way but no huge surprises, leading to an ending that is neither logically consistent nor satisfying. You're always engaged while watching ‘Before I Fall,’ but that alone doesn't make it good.

Some of the disconnect for this middle-aged male reviewer comes early on upon realizing these are bratty rich girls who love one another and their boyfriends, yet apparently hate everyone else. They're catty, spoiled and nasty to most everyone, all while calling one another “bitches” and having drinking and Sam losing her virginity as their utmost priorities. This might ring truthful for teenagers, but they're not exactly redeeming qualities that endear us to protagonists.

For example, they're downright awful to Juliette (Elena Kampouris), a girl they refer to as “psycho” because she dresses like a vagabond and doesn't speak. The only gay character in the film, Anna (Liv Hewson), is ostracized for being different. At the start Sam prefers bad boy Rob (Kian Lawley) to the cute/geeky guy (Logan Miller) who has a crush on her, so you know where that's heading as she seeks redemption. And we might expect Sam to be mean to her parents (Jennifer Beals and Nicholas Lea), but she's even mean to her little sister (Erica Tremblay). The importance of the various characters has anywhere from a small to big pay-off, but when you know what's coming it's hard for it to feel fulfilling.

The film is based on the popular YA novel of the same name by Lauren Oliver, and it screened at the Sundance Film Festival in January. Surely someone somewhere saw virtues in “Before I Fall,” and when making the case that teenage girls could benefit from seeing it, I'm inclined to agree. I just don't think there's much here for anyone else.
Goodland park hosts fifth annual Harbor Arts & Music Festival

The fifth annual Harbor Arts & Music Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12, at MarGood Harbor Park in Goodland. Presented by the Goodland Arts Alliance and Collier County Parks and Recreation, the event support the alliance’s mission to preserve, promote and advance the cultural presence in the historic fishing village of Goodland through art, history and education.

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Musicians appearing live from the MarGood stage include JRobert, Jim and Merrill Allen, Raiford Starke, Tom Porter, Michael Oakland and Ben Olson. An all-band jamboree will conclude both days of the festival.

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For more information about the GAA, call artist Tara O’Neill at 642-0528, email taraogallery@gmail.com or visit www.goodlandartsalliance.org.

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“We’ll explore societal pressures like money, status and self-image and what we sacrifice to fit in,” Mr. Alexander says, adding that actors of every age and creed will have plenty to engage with. Here’s what audiences can look forward to:

■ “Sister Act: The Musical,” June 29-July 30 in Blackburn Hall – When disco-diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in a convent, where she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Before long, she breathes new life into the church and community — and in doing so, blows her cover.

■ “She Kills Monsters,” Oct. 11-Nov. 5 in Blackburn Hall – This high-octane dramatic comedy by Qui Nguyen transports audiences into the world of the “Dungeons & Dragons” playbook left behind by Tilly Evans when she dies suddenly at the age of 15. Packed with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres and some of the fiercest and most heroic characters to be found outside of a video game, it’s a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

■ “Maple & Vine,” Oct. 29-Nov. 19 in the Tobye Studio – In this drama by Jordan Harrison, Katha and Ryu have become allergic to their 21st-century lives. After they meet a charismatic man from a community of 1950s re-enactors, they forsake cellphones and sushi for cigarettes and Tupperware parties. In this compulsively authentic world, Katha and Ryu are surprised by what their new neighbors — and they themselves — are willing to sacrifice for happiness.

■ “Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical,” Nov. 29-Dec. 23 in Blackburn Hall: When neighbor Fred Gailey tries to woo single mother Doris Walker by taking her 6-year-old daughter to see Santa Claus at Macy’s, Doris is not impressed. But when it turns out Macy’s Santa might be the real Kris Kringle, a wave of love spreads across New York City that melts even the most cynical of hearts.

■ “Charles Ives Take Me Home,” Jan. 17-Feb. 11, 2018, in Blackburn Hall – This poignant comedy by Jessica Dickey explores dissonance, defense and devotion through the story of a father’s love of music and a daughter’s passion for basketball. The two are at odds, but thankfully they have modernist composer Charles Ives playing referee.

■ “Rapture, Blister, Burn,” Feb. 7-March 4, 2018, in the Tobye Studio – Catherine and Gwen were grad school classmates who chose opposite paths
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Jeep, Popeye’s pet, a rare collectible dating to the 1930s

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Jeep, the “jeep”? To a car collector or soldier, it is a special kind of vehicle that can travel over all sorts of rough terrain. But to a comic collector, it is a bright-yellow animal that looks a little like a dog walking on its two hind legs. It has a large red nose, tiny ears and is magical. Eugene the Jeep first appeared in 1936 in the comic strip “Thimble Theater,” along with Popeye and Olive Oyl. Eugene the Jeep wanted to help humans and always told the truth, although the only word he said was “jeep.” There were other characteristics, too. Eugene ate orchids only, could predict the future, could teleport himself and walk through walls.

Jeep was so popular that he was included as Popeye’s pet on and off in animated cartoons, comic strips and animated television shows from the 1930s and 1940s to 1967. Jeep memorabilia was plentiful, but a lot was not saved. There are old stuffed or wooden dolls, figurines, plaster carnival statues, toys, games and textiles. In 2012, a new Popeye comic included Eugene, and new Jeep collectibles were made. An old 13-inch tall composition and wooden doll made by Cameo Doll Co. was recently sold. He has a label on his chest that reads “Jeep, (c) King Features Syndicate, 1935.” A fan spent $1,044 to take Jeep home. An 8-inch version of the doll sold for only $297.

Q: I have a cameo vase with carved flowers, leaves and stems, some snails and bugs. It is about 11 inches high and looks like my other French cameo glass. The foot is marked “A. Reyen,” but I can’t find out who that is. Can you help?
A: Alphonse G. Reyen was an engraver and decorator of cameo glass in France. He lived from 1844 to 1910. He worked for several glass factories and artists. He is not in the most available lists online or in old books, but several of his cameo glass pieces have been in recent auctions. A vase the size of yours would sell for about $10,000.

Q: When I was growing up, my grandmother had a strange lamp in the breakfast room. It looked like an 8-inch high cylinder that had a light bulb inside. The heat of the light made hot air that turned the paper or plastic cylinder. There was a picture of Niagara Falls on the side, and as the shade turned, it made it look like the water was flowing over the falls. I want to get a similar lamp for my son, but I don’t know where or what to call it.
A: Your grandmother had a “motion lamp,” probably made by the Scene-in-Action Company of Chicago. The company made the lamps from 1925 to 1936. They were the first, but several other companies made similar “moving” lamps. They were interesting, but gave very little light. Ten years ago, the lamps sold for about $200 to $250, but today they are...
Q: I have a Walborg black beaded evening bag I'd like to know the age and value. It's lined with thick black satin and has one small pocket on the inside. The mark inside reads "hand beaded in Belgium." The beading on the outside is quite intricate, with a sort of lotus design on the front. Any information about this bag would be welcome.

A: Walborg beaded purses were popular during the 1950s. Hilde Walborg Weinberg founded Walborg Co. in New York City in the late 1940s. Purses were designed by Hilde and handmade in Belgium, France, Italy and West Germany. The label on your purse suggests a 1950 date. By the late 1950s, some Walborg purses were made in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The company was in business until the 1960s. Copyrights for several of Hilde Weinberg's designs for Richere, Inc., were registered in 1967. The labels in some of Walborg's beaded bags read "Richere Bag by Walborg." The estimated value is $150-$200.

Q: Our church owns an 1892 German Bible signed by Kaiser Wilhelm. It's been stored for many years in a safety deposit box at the local bank. It's now on unprotected display in our church. I believe it has some value and should be protected, if only for the historic value of the Kaiser personally giving it to the church. I would appreciate any information you can give me about the Bible.

A: Most old Bibles aren't worth a lot of money, but Kaiser Wilhelm's signature could make it very valuable. It would have to be seen by an expert to authenticate the signature. Wilhelm II (1859-1941) was Germany's last Kaiser. He reigned from June 15, 1881 to Nov. 9, 1918, when he abdicated and left Germany. If the church is going to display the Bible publicly, you may want to get an idea of its value for insurance purposes. If the book has a leather cover, it should not be displayed on a wood surface unless the surface is covered by acid-free paper. Wood is acidic and can damage leather. The pages should not be left open and exposed to light or they will discolor. Special archival display cases are available that allow the book to remain open, but they are very pricey. If an autograph expert determines the book is not very valuable, it can be kept on display as long as it isn't exposed to light for long periods of time.

Tip: A hair dryer set for cool can be used to blow the dust off very ornate pieces of porcelain.

COURTESY PHOTO
This Jeep doll auctioned for over $1,000 in a Hakes.com auction. He is a character in a Popeye comic strip from the 1930s and after. Many World War II soldiers think the vehicle called a Jeep was named for him, because with his magic powers, he could travel the most treacherous terrain.
I’ll raise a glass to this beautiful bit of history

The 19th and early 20th centuries were the golden age of fraternal organizations in America. At one time, everyone knew someone who belonged to a spiritually based group like the Masons and the Eastern Star. George Washington was a Mason; so was Mozart.

It was a big deal back in the day. But Masonic membership in the United States has dropped from post-World War II highs of more than 4 million to well below 2 million, according to the Masonic Service Association of Burtonsville, Md.

My own family can attest to that. Both of my grandfathers were Masons — my paternal grandfather, Fred Simmons, never left home without wearing his Masonic ring and watch.

My maternal grandfather, George Bolender, did not attend the mystical meetings the 42 years he lived in Florida, but he was proud to say he marked 50 years as a Mason.

His father also was a Mason, and went through the ranks to be a York Rite Mason — there are photographs of him marching with his lodge in the 1918 Armistice parade in his Indiana hometown, the men all wearing uniforms complete with swords and plume-bedecked bicorn hats.

Though neither my dad nor I heard
the calling, I always appreciated the work they did, from laying cornerstone to caring for sick children.

I remember my Grandpa Simmons driving to Fort Myers from Belle Glade for meetings at the Scottish Rite temple that stood on Fowler Street, where a black-glass county building now stands. I have no doubt that he spent many an hour at the newer Scottish Rite temple just up the street from me in Lake Worth. I think of him each time I pass it. I remember Grandpa taking me to potluck dinners at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Belle Glade. He'd say to me in front of the crowd, “Son, you’re making me old.” I’d say, “I think you’ll get old with or without me.” And everyone would laugh before tucking into the meal.

His lodge helped dedicate the 1928 hurricane memorial in Belle Glade. His wife, Mira Buelna, was an Eastern Star ring that sparkled in the sunlight, each of its points a different stone.

Grandpa joined the Amara Shrine Temple in Palm Beach Gardens, where the swords and stars on this goblet I found would be right at home. The glass is flashed with amber and trimmed with white enamel and gold, which show the wear of 108 years of use. One of the scimitars has a chip. The glass is marked with tobacco leaves (Kentucky grew shade tobacco) and Masonic scimitars. The glass is flashed with amber and trimmed with white enamel and gold, which show the wear of 108 years of use. One of the scimitars has a chip. The souvenirs were traded like baseball cards among Shriners, according to The Phoenixmasonry website.

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Don’t miss ‘Red Nose Actually’ May 25

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: My mom told me that they are making a sequel to “Love Actually.” Is that true? I really hope so! — Lydia E., via email

A: There will be a sequel of sorts — in the form of a short film that will air May 25 for the Red Nose Day special, in support of the children’s charity that helps provide meals to feed hungry kids in America, safe places to live for homeless children, essential medical services for children and much more. (Go to rednoseday.org for all the details.)

“Red Nose Actually” revisits the characters of Richard Curtis’ beloved 2003 romantic comedy to see what they are up to in 2017. Curtis’ original script will reunite Hugh Grant, Keira Knightley, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Bill Nighy, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Martine McCutcheon, Andrew Lincoln, Lucia Moniz, Olivia Olson, Marcus Brigstocke and Rowan Atkinson. Unfortunately, because of last year’s passing of the great Alan Rickman, fans won’t get to see the 2017 version of Harry and Karen, played by Rickman and on-screen wife Emma Thompson.

Q: How long is “Outlander” going to be on hiatus? Please don’t tell me it’s been canceled.

— Teo J., via email

A: The “Outlander” drought — or Droughtlander, as fans affectionately call it — is going to last a bit longer. Starz recently announced that the 13-episode season three won’t premiere until September (nooooo!). Cast and crew recently finished production in Scotland and are set to start filming in South Africa. But good things come to those who wait: The powers that be don’t want to skimp when it comes to filming the series adaptation of Diana Gabaldon’s third book in the “Outlander” series, “Voyager.”

Starz’s president of programming, Carmi Zlotnik, said in a statement: “While Droughtlander will last just a little longer, we feel it is important to allow the production the time and number of episodes needed to tell the story of the Voyager book in its entirety. The scale of this book is immense, and we owe the fans the very best show.”

Q: Will “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” be back for another season?

— Scott H., Port St. Lucie

A: The 13-episode third season of this hilarious series — my favorite comedy series by far these days — will drop May 19 on Netflix. While we don’t have many details as of this writing of what to expect next season, there is a hilarious promo video that you can watch online of series star Tituss Burgess doing his own version of Beyonce’s “Hold Up” video.

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or send an email to letters@cindyelavsky.com.
While violence against women is a global problem, it’s certainly a local one as well. Project HELP has been caring and advocating for local female trauma victims since 1986, and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, the organization celebrates the joys and hardships of womanhood with its sixth annual production of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues.”

First performed in 1996 at New York City’s Off Broadway Westside Theatre, “The Vagina Monologues” was hailed by The New York Times as “probably the most important piece of political theater of the last decade.” Through a series of monologues, the playwright explores different aspects of the female experience — love, sex, violence, birth and more — by making the vagina a tool for female empowerment.

Audiences for 20 years have laughed, cried and laughed-cried their way through performances. The show inspired the global V-Day movement, when organizations stage benefit performances like Project HELP’s local production.

As a fundraiser, the event has been a roaring success for the organization that has produced money, volunteers and a host of actresses clamoring each year to participate. Some, like Lucy Sundby, have performed since the first show six years ago (audiences have become attached to her rendition of the racy monologue “The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy”). Ms. Sundby has many reasons for returning each year, ranging from appreciating Project HELP’s contribution to the community to growing up with a mother who worked as a victims’ advocate in Indiana.

“In this time of our nation’s history, it’s important that women feel empowered,” she said. “It’s really important that people know there is help out there. I think the monologues are all beautifully written, and I like that they’re about real women who have dealt with real issues.

This year’s guests will have a taste of director Jessica Walck’s ambitions for next year’s performance when she introduces an original monologue featuring a local woman who depended on Project HELP’s services. Over the course of the next year, Ms. Walck intends to put more focus on the organization’s local impact by working on short scenes and monologues based on local women’s experiences with sexual and physical abuse to present as part of the 2018 fundraiser.

“It’s going to be pretty incredible,” she said. “These aren’t just stories that are at a distance from us, it’s something that’s happening locally as well. People should realize that this is something that’s happening in this community.”

Administrators at Project HELP want the show to evolve in such a way that audience members continue to be intrigued every year. By incorporating the stories of past clients, they hope to shatter the illusion that Naples is a vacationland whose inhabitants are insulated from misfortune.

“We live in a place where people think, ‘It’s Naples, it’s beautiful and nothing bad happens here,’ but that’s not the case,” said Nicole Pigford, the organization’s director. “People think, ‘It’s Naples, it’s beautiful and nothing bad happens here,’ but that’s not the case,” said Nicole Pigford, the organization’s director.

For local female trauma victims, there is help out there. Project HELP provides hope and a chance to live a life free from the pain of abuse.

Tickets are $25.00 at naplesunity.org or at the door. Well-known Chicago harpist, Faye Seeman and pianist Jodie DeSalvo present a concert of American music that will touch everyone’s patriotic soul. This unusual combination of instruments provides a heavenly blend of sounds from the harp virtuoso composer Salzedo, to the Broadway tunes of Rogers and Hammerstein, to well loved hymns of our religious past and present, concluding with the music of George Gershwin. These two dynamic women have been performing together for over 20 years and are thrilled to present this exciting program at Unity of Naples. Be a part of it all!
manager. “These women are living here. People forget and one in six women in the country will be the victim of sexual or attempted sexual assault in their lifetime. That’s a lot of women in our country.”

While the rhetoric surrounding sexual assault escalated during the past presidential election, Project HELP saw an increase in women seeking its services because they were unwillingly reliving their own assaults.

“We’ve definitely seen an increase in individuals who were triggered because of the increased conversation,” Ms. Pigford said. “Some were triggered because of the highly controversial comments going on in the campaign, (and some suffered) anxiety because of the responses to those comments.”

The benefit of that situation, however, is that sexual assault is a hot topic around the globe and has heightened awareness about its lifelong effect on survivors. Like cancer, people used to talk about it in whispers with their hands over their mouths, and that seems to be changing, Ms. Pigford said.

“I think it definitely has brought it to the forefront of conversation,” she said. “The fact that the whole entire country and world is talking about it on a global stage is a wonderful thing.”

The Project HELP production of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” starts with beverages and sweets at 6:30 p.m. followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. Tickets are $60, with proceeds benefiting the organization’s efforts to provide crisis counseling and services to victims of physical and sexual assault.

For more information about Project HELP’s mission and services, visit www.projecthelpnaples.com.

To purchase tickets to the show, call the Naples Players box office at 239-7990 or visit the website www.naplesplayers.org.
SAVE THE DATE

Saint Ann School presents SALCAA 2017, the inaugural celebration of Latino art, food and music, from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Artis—Naples, The Baker Museum. The event benefits the school’s scholarship fund that provides tuition support to underprivileged Latino children. Developed in cooperation with the CAPA Cultural and Performing Arts Center, SALCAA features a silent auction start at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by a performance of “My Fair Lady.” A limited number of tickets are available for $200. Call the box office at 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

The Italian American Society of Southwest Florida hosts its 11th annual charity reverse raffle from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. John’s Parish Life Center in North Naples. The “Hollywood Nights” evening includes dinner, dancing and a chance to win the grand prize of $3,600 and other prizes, with all proceeds going to Avow Hospice. Tickets are $100 for two. For tickets or more information, call Phyllis Jensen at 285-1050 or email Naplesphyl@aol.com.

The Kind Mariners Ball: “An Evening on the Emerald Isle” to benefit the Freedom Waters Foundation takes place Saturday, March 11, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Proceeds will support the foundation’s efforts to help children with special needs and veterans experience the therapeutic effects of being out on the water. Tickets for $300 are at www.kindmarinersball.com.

A Little Bit of Blarney” to benefit Collier Child Care Resources takes place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Clive Daniel Home. Doug Keating and The Keating Group of Downing-Frye Realty host a 50/50 cash raffle and heavy appetizers (cash bar). Tickets for $50 ($300 for two) are available through www.eventbrite.com. For more information, call CCCR at 643-3908 or visit www.collierchildcare.org.

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■ Two dinners coming up at the Purple Spoon in Bonita Springs shine the spotlight on food from local suppliers. The first, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, features beef, bison and wild hog sourced from Three Suns Ranch in Fort Myers in dishes such as braised beef rib and chuck with topical fruit and chili pepper salsa, and seared bison sirloin with herb pesto. The second dinner, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, highlights seasonal produce produced from Inyoni Farms. $74 for each dinner. Reservations required. Call 908-3842 or visit www.chefkristina.com.

■ Osteria Tulia hosts Cru Night featuring pours of Orma Toscana Rosso 2012 and a two-course meal prepared by Chef Vincenzo Bertulia on Wednesday, March 15. The “super-Tuscan” wine described as a full-bodied, “chewy” Bordeaux blend will be available that evening until the limited supply runs out. On the menu: caramelized cauliflower with whipped ricotta toasted hazelnuts and wood-grilled beef tenderloin with parmesan mushrooms, rosemary and garlic. $65. Reservations required. Call 213-2073 or visit www.tulianaples.com.

■ Brio Tuscan Grill at Waterside Shops serves up a special lunch menu, “A Variety of Flavors,” through April 15. Dishes include lobster and black pepper shrimp ravioli, spicy shrimp and eggplant and butterscotch budino. 593-5319 or www.brioitalian.com.

■ 21 Spices now offers a three-course early bird menu from 5-6 p.m. for $35, including a glass of wine. Dishes include chicken tikka skewers, lamb rogan josh and gulab jamun. 919-8803 or www.21spicesdining.com.

■ In observance of the Lenten season, The Local offers $15 dinner specials featuring fresh Florida fish every day through April 15 (Holy Saturday). Depending on availability, sustainably harvested triggerfish, amberjack, mangrove, grouper, snapper and golden tilefish are on the menu. Diners can select the chef’s recommended preparation or choose to have the catch of the day sautéed or grilled. The entrée can be served atop greens as a salad or with two sides. 596-3276 or www.thelocalnaples.com.

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■ Two dinners coming up at the Purple Spoon in Bonita Springs shine the spotlight on food from local suppliers. The first, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, features beef, bison and wild hog sourced from Three Suns Ranch in Fort Myers in dishes such as braised beef rib and chuck with topical fruit and chili pepper salsa, and seared bison sirloin with herb pesto. The second dinner, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, highlights seasonal produce produced from Inyoni Farms. $74 for each dinner. Reservations required. Call 908-3842 or visit www.chefkristina.com.

■ Osteria Tulia hosts Cru Night featuring pours of Orma Toscana Rosso 2012 and a two-course meal prepared by Chef Vincenzo Bertulia on Wednesday, March 15. The “super-Tuscan” wine described as a full-bodied, “chewy” Bordeaux blend will be available that evening until the limited supply runs out. On the menu: caramelized cauliflower with whipped ricotta toasted hazelnuts and wood-grilled beef tenderloin with parmesan mushrooms, rosemary and garlic. $65. Reservations required. Call 213-2073 or visit www.tulianaples.com.

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The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.goodlifeofnaples.com – Street Food from Around the World: Thursday, March 2 ($69); Greek Night: Wednesday, March 8 ($69); Sweet & Savory Tastes of the Season: Friday, March 10 ($75); Captivating Ceviche: Thursday, March 16 ($75).

Purple Spoon, 2515 Chamber of Commerce Drive, in Bonita Springs; 908-3842 or www.cheffkristina.com – French Country Cooking: Thursday, March 9 ($67); Bulletproof Your Health: Friday, March 10 ($58); Indulgent Snacks with a Healthy Twist: Saturday, March 12 ($50); A Bounty of Seafood: Thursday, April 13 ($74)

Sur La Table, 5901 Strada Place, Mercato: 998-1663 or www.surlatable.com – Flavorful Vegetarian Cooking: Thursday, March 2 ($69); Thai Restaurant Favorites: Thursday, March 2 ($69); 4 Sauces Every Cook Should Know: Friday, March 3 ($69); Date Night Steak House Favorites: Friday, March 3 ($69); Croissants from Scratch: Saturday, March 4 ($69); Amazing Mediterranean Cooking: Saturday, March 4 ($69); Amazing Mediterranean Cooking: Sunday, March 5 ($69); Cook with Friends Italian Party: Sunday, March 5 ($69); Fabulous French Crepes: Monday, March 6 ($69); Knife Skills 101 ($59); Great British Baking: Tuesday, March 7 ($58.96); Fresh Ravioli at Home: Tuesday, March 7 ($69); Fresh Ravioli at Home: Wednesday, March 8 ($69); Tour of Italy Rome: Wednesday, March 8 ($69).

— Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com.
In a recent article, I introduced a relatively new phenomenon (or trend) in the wine world: natural wines. The piece profiled Peter Rizzo, who operates a wine store in Naples that specializes in nothing but wines that are made in the most “natural” way. Much to my surprise, delight, and personal vindication, the most recent issue of Wine Spectator devotes quite a bit of ink to exactly this issue, but specifically as it relates to how natural wines are becoming more widely accepted (and purchased) in France.

As we all know, France is what you might call the “mistress of wine.” Most of the wines we enjoy have French names. Cabernet Sauvignon. Sauvignon Blanc. Char- donnay. So when the French start making a fuss about natural wines, we might want to pay attention.

In an article entitled “France Tries to Define Natural Wine,” writer Susan Donnay observes that wine bars in Paris “are proliferating,” and this type of wine has been enthusiastically adopted by young professionals, Millennials, and other major wine enthusiasts. “French consumers,” the article points out, “are busily identifying wines that carry only natural wines have “pro- fessionals” and wine bars there are now “spewing all the words that are being used for “natu- ral” wine. No easy task. We don’t have anything like the INAO in the US. Here, the trade is regulated by a government bureau known as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, which gives me the giggles every time I think about it. But the INAO is a power- ful agency, and according to Wine Spectator, they’ve more or less agreed that “natural” wines must be made from grapes grown organically or biodynamically, that they’re made only with indigenous yeast, and that winemakers make no adjustments to acidity or sugar levels. Plus, the grapes must be picked by hand. However, natural winemakers themselves can’t agree on the rules. The article reports that natural winemakers avoid adding sulfites, a preservative that helps keep the wine from spoiling. Others say they do add some, but only in “difficult years.” And what’s more, the INAO can’t define any way to judge whether one winemaking process is any more or less “natural” than any other. So if the French, who have been doing the wine thing for thousands of years, can’t figure it out, what chance have we got?

The solution—if there is one—seems to be the standards and pro- cesses cited in my previous article, and supported by Peter Rizzo and other natural wine proponents. Natural wine is (more or less) organic wine with no additives and no external manipulation. Then the question is, how much difference does it actu- ally make? People sensitive to sulfites and other normal wine additives might be bet- ter off seeking out natural wines. And certainly, a direct approach to winemaking can’t be a bad thing.

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Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (840) — Aromas of earth, plum, and black cherry pay off with flavors of dark fruit, oak, vanilla and more. Medi- um-bodied and elegant. WW 90

Cambria Bench Break Pinot Noir Santa Maria 2013 (87) — A favorite, and unmistakably true to type. Smoke and lavender aromas lead you to flavors of rasp- berry, black cherry, and a delicate balance of acidity and tannin. Really nice. WW 92.

Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepul- ciano 2013 (850) — Medium translucent in the glass, but fuller-bodied than the color would indicate. Wildly aromatic and per- fumy, with big aromas of plum, brine, and forest floor. On the finish, you should taste blueberry, red plum, and cherry, and a solid note of tannin. WW 94.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

What part does yeast play in the making of wine?

— Ken C., Parkland FL

No yeast, no wine. Yeast grows naturally on grape skins, and when it comes in con- tact with juice, fermentation occurs. This is when yeast digests sugar and spits out alcohol, though it’s much more complicated than that. Problem is, that naturally-occur- ring, or indigenous, yeast often isn’t enough to complete the process, so winemakers add specially-grown strains during fermenta- tion.

— Jerry Greenfield is the wine Whis- perer. He is also the creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. Find his book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” on Amazon or at www.winewhisperer.com, where his other writings are also available.

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Who knew Southwest Florida is home to such a varied assortment of working chefs? James Fraser, accomplished culinary artist that he is, does not own a restaurant or a catering company. Instead, he uses his vast talents to teach future hospitality professionals at Florida Gulf Coast University how to keep the rest of us fat and happy once they embark on their own careers.

In addition to working in restaurants around the world, performing agricultural and culinary research and working as a restaurant consultant, Mr. Fraser also runs the nonprofit Institute for Culinary Awareness, Research and Education with his wife, Courtney, to increase community engagement with food. Read on to learn more about Fraser and his work.

Q: What motivated you to become a chef?
A: It was necessity rather than inspiration. Originally, after leaving college I anticipated working with outdoor expedition outfitters for teens. But I was unable to pin down paying opportunity and ended up relying on previous food service experience.

Working food service was always a blast. I never went hungry, always found work in great locations, usually ate well and often was compensated in the most unique ways. While interviewing at a Dal las hot spot, The Greenroom, the executive chef asked me if I was a “freak,” and without hesitation I said, “I suppose it depends on who you ask.” He said, “Food, because we only hire freaks.” He was one of the best I’ve worked for: his creativity affected all around him. I made enough cash working for him that after three months I moved to Paris for three years.

Q: What motivated you to move from the restaurant industry to academia?
A: I was weary of working with others, and I tried for several years to move to academia ... From Rhode Island I followed my wife, who was hired as a rock DJ, to Miami and ended up working at Le Cordon Bleu in Miami ... Eventually, I followed my wife to another gig at a station in Fort Myers. Shortly after relocating, I was invited to teach as a para-professional at FGCU. Three years ago it led to a full-time faculty position. It’s greatly satisfying.

Q: How do you describe your typical classroom and assignments?
A: There is nothing typical about my class or the assignments given to the students. I break each class into groups of five or six students who rotate through six positions in our kitchen lab and executive dining room. There are cooks, servers/bartenders, dishwashers and three lucky groups that serve as guests. The objective is to prepare, serve and report on a fine dining lab exercise ... My students’ skills are recognized by many of our local industry leaders. You’ll find our students in most of the area’s fine clubs, restaurants, resorts and spas.

Q: You work as a guest lecturer at Southern Royal Hotel in Madras, India, where you also learned how to prepare Indian cuisine. How would you characterize that period on your career?
A: I had already been living outside the U.S. for several years, but nothing could have prepared me for what I encountered while in India. Living in Madras and visiting the surrounding areas, I was profoundly touched by the connection between the people and the food. I formed a deeper appreciation for the energy transferred from the food we eat. I am forever changed and grateful for the revelations I had while immersed in the rich cultural heritage and identity of Southern India.

Q: Are your students particularly interested in any specific topics?
A: Our students are extremely eager to learn about a variety of topics and with limited experience, they are curious about the nature of the hospitality industry. I believe they are most challenged with reporting in an objective nature and engaging during lectures, so we usually prepare a coffee and snack service as a part of the daily lesson plan during lectures. This practice tends to stimulate their attention and creates some comfort in the professional environment of the classroom.

Q: You and your wife, Courtney, run the Institute for Culinary Awareness, Research and Education out of FGCU. What is your organization’s mission and work?
A: We established ICARE to promote civic engagement through community impact initiatives. We have had significant effects in the Pine Manor community (in Fort Myers), where we used grants to develop a commercial kitchen to create scholarship opportunities in food service, training and certification for teens and adults. We also have a community garden that provides fresh vegetables and fruits to a community identified as a food desert. The garden also generates revenue from the sale of surplus vegetables at local farmers markets. Most recently, we are developing a food forest corridor between a recreational park and the community center.

Although ICARE is not a FGCU program, we run a series of professional and personal development classes through the university’s continuing education program. We are developing initiatives within the FGCU School of Resort and Hospitality Management that embrace and share many of its core values to address a critical need for professional food service training in our local area.

Q: Which dishes are you particularly proud of?
A: At our house, menus range from roasted chicken and rice to Vietnamese spring rolls and pho. However, if you were going to pick a night to have dinner with us, you would want to have osso bucco in a red wine demi-glace with lentils and shaved Brussels sprouts. A simple dish that I am also particularly fond of my hollandaise sauce.

Q: What do you find challenging?
A: I just don’t understand why such severe disconnect from food is occurring and what we can do to prevent it. Our approach to food systems, food choices and meal times. I have met several people who have food phobias and limit their food choices to five items or even fewer — usually rice, French fries, chicken nuggets and maybe a fruit or specific vegetable. Also, mealtime in other countries is a cherished ritual to connect with families and friends and celebrate food that is never to be abused, wasted or discarded without purpose.

Q: What has been one of your favorite culinary experiences?
A: Without doubt the four-hour, 12-course meal at Guy Savoy’s restaurant in Paris. At about $800 per person, it’s also the most expensive meal I’ve eaten. As the main course, a double bone-in, center-cut pork chop was cut tableside from the center of an eight-bone roasted rack. I wept with contained jubilee. I often wonder what happened to the other ends of the roast.
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Grand opening weekend at ONE
Sales gallery in the Fort Myers River District now open to showcase new boutique condominium

This weekend marks the official grand opening of the sales gallery for ONE, the new 36-story boutique condominium to rise on the bank of the Caloosahatchee River in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District. Featuring just 26 exclusive waterfront homes, ONE will provide a select few with luxuriously-appointed residences in a beautiful urban enclave with resort-style amenities and expansive water views.

The public is invited to tour the beautiful sales gallery for ONE, located on the first floor of the Fort Myers City Pier building at 1300 Hendry Street in Downtown Fort Myers. Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We are extremely excited and proud to celebrate the official opening of the ONE sales gallery,” says ONE Director of Sales and Marketing Barbara Bengochea-Perez. “With just 26 waterfront homes available, we are anticipating a very busy weekend and a great deal of interest in these elegant residences. As the first boutique-style condominium in this market, ONE is truly one-of-a-kind,” she adds.

Designed by world-renowned architects Behar Font & Partners, ONE will offer spacious residences at prices from the low $550,000's to over $2 million. The boutique tower will feature two-and three-bedroom residences ranging from 1,500 to 2,286 square feet. ONE will also include two penthouses spanning from 3,900 square feet to over 5,000 square feet, one of which is already reserved.

Luxurious features at ONE include private entrance elevators, 10- to 14-foot ceilings, porcelain flooring, natural gas ranges, five-burner cooktop, double oven, quartz countertops in chef-inspired kitchens, floor-to-ceiling windows, expansive balconies, and large walk-in wardrobes.

The interiors for ONE will be inspired by Adriana Hoyos Design Studio. The work of Hoyos and her international design firm has been featured in Architectural Digest, Interior Design, Florida Design, and Luxe Magazine, to name a few. The firm’s 27 plus years of experience spans the globe from the U.S., France, United Kingdom, Panama, Mexico, and the Caribbean, to South America and beyond. The firm has delivered interiors for international hotels such as TRUMP; Starwood, Swisssotel, Marriott and Hilton.

In addition to all of the enviable unit amenities, ONE will feature indulgent building amenities that will make residents feel as if they are living at a five-star resort and the condominium’s location on the expansive, glistening river provides colorful panoramas of the breathtaking Southwest Florida sunrises and sunsets.

Whether strolling along the beautiful, landscaped, peaceful, riverfront promenade, floating in the cascading, infinity-edge pool, soaking in the whirlpool spa, or taking in some sun on a lounge at the riverside beach area, life for residents of ONE will feel like a permanent vacation.

An inviting outdoor terrace with fire pits provides the perfect spot to sip a glass of wine and unwind while taking in the fresh air. Or, residents may choose to mingle with friends and neighbors in the elegant owners’ lounge which features a bar and overlooks the gorgeous pool deck and scenic river.

ONE’s amenities make staying healthy fun and convenient. From an interactive, waterfront fitness studio with on-demand classes and indoor and outdoor yoga studios, to biking and kayaking conveniences, the possibilities are endless for those looking to enjoy the active outdoor lifestyle afforded residents year-round in this tropical urban utopia.

A pet-friendly condominium, ONE also caters to its residents’ furry friends with a landscaped dog walk and even a pet grooming salon that makes primping pets a breeze.

Additional building amenities include an elegant, glass lobby that provides amazing water views, concierge services, high-speed Internet and Wi-Fi in all public areas, and assigned covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access.

ONE’s prime location in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, puts residents in a vibrant neighborhood that has become one of the most treasured areas on the Gulf Coast. Offering the best of arts, culture, and entertainment, while combining tropical urbanism and small town charm, the Historic Fort Myers River District has become extremely attractive to visitors and local residents alike, delivering the ultimate Florida lifestyle.

Arts and culture abound in the River District where the cobblestone-streets are lined with eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater. This combination, including over 60 cafes, bars, and restaurants, has resulted in the perfect live, work, play urban environment, attracting people of all ages all year round.

Adding to the exciting growth in the downtown is the recently-approved revitalization plan for an area called Gardner’s Park. The up-and-coming neighborhood, located just blocks from ONE, has become popular among locals for its unique variety of shops, restaurants and antiques.

The exciting redevelopment plan for this area will create an artesian district, expected to attract galleries, arts-related businesses, and artists who want open studios where they can live and work in the vibrant downtown. Plans for the transformation of this 2020’s neighborhood are to create a mixed-use urban arts district with community gardens and walkable, tree-lined streets, while preserving its charming history.

JAXI, developers of ONE as well as the ALLURE luxury condominium to be built next door, are committed to the long-term success of the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District. “We believe very strongly in the continued growth and popularity of this area which is clear by our continued presence in this market with the introduction of ONE,” says Caballero.

ONE’s combination of a prime waterfront location in the middle of a charming downtown full of art, shopping, dining and entertainment options, combined with its impressive roster of unique amenities and the exclusivity and privacy it offers as a boutique condominium make it ONE in a million.

To learn more about ONE, call (239) 500-JAXI (5294), ext. 1 or visit www.ONEFtMyers.com.
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MODELS OPEN DAILY
Kitsen & Partners announced that furnished models by Homes by Towne and Stock Development will be showcased in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through March 12th.

The new 10,000-acre solar powered town is being developed by Kitsen 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31 in Charlotte County just north of the Lee Civic Center. The residences at Babcock Ranch are being built to Florida Green Building Coalition Certification standards. Lake Timber’s lakefront green spaces, trail head facilities, lakeside fishing dock, observation deck, and Babcock Ranch’s first town garden will provide opportunities for connecting with nature. Lake Timber is a short walk or bike ride from Founder’s Square in Babcock’s Downtown District.

Homes by Towne’s Harvest Collection at Lake Timber includes eight floor plans ranging from 1,956 to 2,660 square feet on home sites measuring 20 or 50-60 feet by 130-feet. The plans are base-priced from the mid-$300s. The Harvest Collection homes showcase Babcock’s timeless architectural styles. The designs include deep front porches positioned close to the sidewalks and streets.

The Sungold model presented during the Parade of Homes is the first of four models being built by Homes by Towne. The models reflect the livability and flexibility that have been incorporated in each of the Harvest Collection plans. The interiors were designed by John Fleming, Owner of the Model Home Group of Sarasota. Base-priced at $414,000, the West Indies style Sungold offers 2,445 square feet with a spacious great room and dining area, large kitchen island, and a breakfast area that offer three distinct places to dine. The plan includes three bedrooms, a den, two baths, a three-car garage, and a deck with a pool and spa. The models will include an optional pool bath. Dark-toned wood flooring, soft white backgrounds, a metal roof accent, Bahama shutters, and wood flooring, soft white backgrounds, a mixture of materials, including concrete, wood, glass, and high-gloss finishes on some of the furnishings. The Destin is base-priced at $569,990. Right: Base-priced at $414,000, the Sungold model being presented during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through 12th is the first of four furnished models being built in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch by Homes by Towne. Below: Featured in Babcock Ranch’s Longleaf Collection of residences and base-priced at $469,990, Stock Development’s 2,676 square feet Sebring residence is one of two Stock models being featured during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through 12th.

The Sungold model presented during the Parade of Homes by Towne and Stock Development are being showcased in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through March 12th.

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Above: Stock Development’s Destin model being showcased during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes at Babcock Ranch presents an organic contemporary style interior that combines clean lines with a mixture of materials, including concrete, wood, glass, and high-gloss finishes on some of the furnishings. The Destin is base-priced at $569,990. Right: Base-priced at $414,000, the Sungold model being presented during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through 12th is the first of four furnished models being built in the Lake Timber neighborhood at Babcock Ranch by Homes by Towne. Below: Featured in Babcock Ranch’s Longleaf Collection of residences and base-priced at $469,990, Stock Development’s 2,676 square feet Sebring residence is one of two Stock models being featured during the Charlotte-DeSoto BIA’s Parade of Homes March 4th through 12th.

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Spanning 4,227 square feet, the Chelston offers a study, formal dining room, great room, a first-floor master suite and a generously sized 1,284-square-foot second floor with a loft, wet bar and two guest rooms with walk-in closets and private bathrooms.

The home was also recently recognized with Silver Award honors by the National Association of Home Builders' National Sales and Marketing Council for The Nationals 2017 award celebration, and was named Best in Show during the 2016 Aurora Award presentation.

The three-bedroom, three and one-half bath home features its own translation of coastal contemporary, drawing architecture and interior design inspiration from the West Indies, Old Florida and other tropical ports of call.

Interiors by Melissa Allen of Romanza Interior Design showcase natural walnut wood floors in the main first-floor living areas and vibrant island-inspired colors, such as rainforest citrus, teal, coral, butter and eggplant against off-white backgrounds.

Memory points throughout the Chelston include unique furniture pieces: the great room's ceiling with beams and grass cloth inspired venetian plaster, the convenience of an office and pantry connecting kitchen and laundry room, and a private garden from sliding glass doors in the master bath's shower.

The Chelston's open floor plan and emphasis on indoor-outdoor living is enhanced by flowing spaces between great room, kitchen and breakfast café and multiple alfresco areas. Outdoor spaces include dinning and seating areas and a summer kitchen with stainless steel grill, refrigerator, sink and granite countertops.

Trellises, a freestanding fountain and a secluded fire pit add to the outdoor living environment and complement the linear design of the custom pool, which is finished with moon-hued brick mosaic glass tile.

In keeping with the architectural mix of Old Naples, the Chelston features a coastal contemporary vibe with transom windows, a tin-type roof, and an entry water fountain accented with Mexican beach pebble and sapphire blue granite.

The Chelston offers more than 5,200 total square feet, including covered outdoor areas, entry and a two-car garage.

London Bay Homes, a leading homebuilder and developer in the Southwest Florida home market for more than 25 years, is redefining luxury living in downtown Naples. It is planning additional luxury custom models from Park Shore to Port Royal, including two prime homesites in Port Royal off Gordon Drive and one on Rudder Road.

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Single-family homes are move-in ready at Lakoya: fewer than 100 homes remain for sale at Lely Resort

Sales continue to be strong this winter season at Lely Resort and Stock Development has only 17 single-family homes remaining in the final phase of the Lakoya neighborhood at Lely Resort.

“Lakoya is an extraordinary neighborhood that has been a big hit with homebuyers,” said Tim Clark, Vice President of Sales at Lely Resort. “We have furnished models open across three series of homes and homes available for immediate occupancy and additional homes scheduled for completion this winter.”

Lakoya is a meticulously planned 242-acre enclave with sculptured landscaping, classical gardens, spectacularly choreographed fountains and elegant paved walking paths. It is surrounded by subtropical woodlands and The Classics 18-hole championship course, which features gentle undulations and tree-lined fairways. An elaborate series of lakes has been crafted throughout the neighborhood, giving the homes a spectacular array of water, golf course and nature preserve views.

A Diamond Series home, the beautiful Windsor III, is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf.

The Windsor III is a single-story residence encompassing 4,435 square feet under air. It has three bedrooms plus a fourth bedroom/recreational room, three and a half baths inside plus a pool bath, a central great room, exercise room, dining room and study with elegant French doors. Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel.

There is a large island style kitchen with a breakfast nook looking over the pool through a wall of curved glass. The master suite includes a sitting room overlooking the pool and twin walk-in closets. The home also features two separate, two-car garages located across from one another on a brick-paver entry courtyard.

Sheltered beneath the screened and covered lanai is an outdoor kitchen and entertainment area next to the elaborate pool and spa package. Stock has recently reduced the price of the Windsor III to $1,407,270.

From the Topaz Series, the exquisitely designed Tivoli III provides spaciousness and livability in a three-bedroom, three-bath great room-style home. The Tivoli III features a formal study, a gourmet island-style kitchen with a dining room, a screened covered lanai and an attached two-car garage.

The home offers 2,062 square feet under air and is a total of 3,057 square feet including the lanai, the entry and the garage. The home is move-in ready for $682,345.

Stunning coach homes are also available in Signature Club and Cipriani. The coach home sales division has opened on-site in the Signature Club where they are showcasing the coach home residences of both neighborhoods. Furnished models are open.

Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely’s three championship golf courses. The neighborhood also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course.

Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. The Venice B model is available for only $398,100.

Signature Club has a beautiful private gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences.

The neighborhood features an selection of amazing lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Prices for the Wentworth model start in the mid-$400s.

Lakoya residents have access to Naples most comprehensive amenities package. Lely Resort boasts Naples’ most prestigious golf program. Homeowners live within steps of three championship golf courses designed by some of the greatest architects in the game—Robert Trent Jones Sr., Lee Trevino and Gary Player, as well as two spectacular golf clubhouses.

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.

The expanded Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has twelve foot awnings around all sides, six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio and a “spin” room. Personal training is available, as is on-site physical therapy treatment. The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

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

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

The Players Room is the newest addition to The Players Club & Spa. This multi-purpose building is 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 banquette seating.

Lely Resort Realty is now located at 8038 Signature Club Circle Bldg 8-102, Naples, FL 34113. Visit www.stockdevelopment.com or call 239-793-2100.
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301-306 residences at Seaglass offer enhanced indoor/outdoor experience

Vertical construction of The Ronto Group’s 26-floor, 120-unit Sea- glass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay continues to remain on schedule for completion in just 15 months. Sales associates are now conducting hard hat tours of the building. At the same time, sales activity is escalating. The building is more than 50% sold and sales volume is over $20 million. All of the building’s penthouse residences have been sold. A selection of Seaglass tower resi- dences ranging from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and priced from just over $1 million remains available. The tower residences will include dual private eleva- tor grand foyers, island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bed- room and three-and-a-half baths, and slid- ers opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill.

The outdoor spaces in the Seaglass tower residences merge the indoor and outdoor living experience while provid- ing spectacular sunset views. The 301-306 tower residences enhance the indoor/out- door experience even further. While the tower residences on floors four through nineteen include three terraces with a total of 325 square feet, the 301-306 residences offer extended terraces that are wrapped by plant- ers and include curved walls, pavered decking material, a trellis that will provide a shaded seating area, and a gas grill. Units one and six on level three will offer a total of 1,460 square feet of terrace space; units two and five a total of 1,705 square feet; and units three and four a total of 1,680 square feet. Pricing for the 301-306 residences starts at $1,380,000. A 306 model with an interior designed by Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors, is priced at $1,180,000. A 306 model with an interior designed by Renee Gaddis’s design for the 306 model will showcase classic styling with a contemporary edge. She will incorporate a variety of wood tones to com- plement a color palette based on matte blue grays. The flooring will be a warm wood tone with detailed ceiling details throughout. Finishes on display at the Seaglass Design Studio within the Seaglass Sales Center at 26953 Country Club Drive are incorporated in the design. Ronto’s Finishing Touches Program allows res- idents to select finishes for their new home’s flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. Residents may also specify finishes from other sources. The 306 tower residence floor plan offers 3,421 square feet under air. The great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, an island kitchen and dining area, and a pri- vate elevator lobby. The model includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar with wine storage. From the elevator, a private lobby will provide a grand welcome. Double doors will open to the foyer that will lead to the expansive kitchen, dining room, and great room. An attractive ceiling design in the dining area and kitchen will incorporate a two-tiered step detail with drywall plastered beams. The dining area between the kitchen and the great room will feature an elongated rectangular table that will seat eight. The kitchen will present a fresh clean aura with light countertops, includ- ing the enormous island.

The great room will feature multiple seating areas. A fireplace clad in marble will provide the focus for the television viewing area. A sofa and two armchairs will be grouped with a cocktail table and two end tables. A discreet dry bar will cre- ate an oasis for wine tasting with a small table and chairs. A built-in banquette with a diamond tufted back and two separate chairs will be grouped around a square table ideal for playing cards. From the great room, pocketing sliders will open to a wide terrace where the owners will enjoy the amazing views and a fabulous al fresco Florida lifestyle. This generous space will accommodate a grill zone with a large dining table and chairs for six people as well as a conversation lounge area with an L-shaped sectional sofa adorned with dec- orative pillows and a round cocktail table. The lavish owner’s suite will continue the home’s restful color palette. Gaddis will introduce an applied molding detail on the headboard wall featuring an arrangement of rectangles for added texture and dimen- sion. A bed with an upholstered headboard and footboard will command attention. Sliding glass doors will open to the ter- race. While final selections are yet to be made, elegant his and her vanity cabinetry in the owner’s bath will feature solid sur- face countertops and sleek finishes. The bathroom includes an impressive shower, free-standing tub and ample space for a dressing ottoman.

The den will be entered through an exterior-mounted sliding door that rolls smoothly to the side. The den will func- tion as a second gathering area, a lounging retreat space for relaxation and television viewing. Gaddis’s plan calls for a custom built-in media wall that will accommodate a large television, display shelving and storage cabinetry. The design will also incorporate a custom office niche with a built-in desk and shelving discreetly tucked away within the hallway of the guest area.

The two spacious guest suites with elaborate ceiling details each will feature a private bathroom and offer a private ter- race with patio furniture. In these elegant rooms, pendant lighting will be suspended from the ceilings above the nightstands rather than typical lamps.

Visit the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com.
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WCI Communities is accepting contracts for luxury Terrace Homes in Talis Park’s Viana neighborhood. Offering 2,300 square feet of living area, the three bedroom plus den, three-and-a-half bath Viana Terrace Homes will feature a refined home design that balances everyday living with easy alfresco entertaining. Homes in Viana start at $605,000. The first Viana building will open this month and include a furnished model.

WCI is also offering penthouse-style condominiums in Talis Park’s Carrara neighborhood. A furnished model is open for viewing. Priced from the $700s, Carrara offers the convenience of maintenance free living. Each residence includes 2,900 square feet under air, a wraparound loggia, a private elevator lobby, great room, island kitchen, an “on the view” owner’s suite, two guest ensuites, a library/media room, a powder bath, and secured parking. Pre-owned residences are available in Carrara.

Kitson & Partners’ Residences at Vyne House includes fourteen luxury condominiums situated adjacent to Vyne House. Homeowners will enjoy being just minutes from every amenity at Vyne House. The Residences at Vyne House offers eleven floor plans from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet priced from $1,350 million to $3,575 million. The plans include two-bedroom plus den, three bedroom, three bedroom plus den, and four-bedroom residences with a family room and great room. Three penthouse residences range from 2,752 to 5,648 square feet with 12-foot ceilings.

Resort-style coach homes by FrontDoor Communities are available for move-in within the owner’s bedroom, and preserve views. The neighborhood offers golf course, water vistas. Three and four bedroom plans include a study, island kitchens, and outdoor living areas with heated swimming pools. Watercourse embodies Talis Park’s In the Village lifestyle that puts residents within minutes of the community’s amenity core. Distinctive Communities’ flexible ownership possibilities in Watercourse allow buyers to move in now, wait until fall, or to begin construction now for move-in later. Two pre-owned homes are available in Watercourse.

Five developer owned and two builder owned grand estate home sites measuring over one-acre remain available in the Firenze grand estate neighborhood. Four furnished Showcase Estate residences are available in the Prato neighborhood, including Gulfshore Homes’ completed Dorado estate priced at $4,849,000; McCarthy Custom Homes’ completed Astaire model priced at $4,695,000; Sunwest Homes’ Grand Santa Barbara estate priced at $4,495,000 and scheduled for completion in May; and M Development’s Villa Cipriani offered for $4,200,000 and scheduled for completion in June. Three pre-owned Prato estates are available.

Pre-owned homes are also available in Talis Park’s coveted Seneca neighborhood and in the community’s Toscana and Pintia legacy neighborhoods. Visit Talis Park’s award-winning Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com.
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Kalea Bay releases second tower as first tower approaches sellout

Prices start at $1.3 million

Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, announced the community’s second tower has been released for sale.

“Our first tower, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed this fall, has already surpassed the 80 percent sold mark,” stated Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. “The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2.”

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. The incredibly designed residences offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,904 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,917 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,979 total square feet.

“All residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout,” said Wilson.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler’s pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

“Our floor plans have an open design we call ‘lifestyle design’ that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today,” said Wilson.

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

“All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets,” Wilson said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails.

“We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence,” said Wilson. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

Dramatic views are available to every homeowner, no matter which floor they live on as the tower’s amenities are located on the rooftop including the sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million.

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community’s clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed this fall.

“The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community,” said Wilson.

Kalea Bay’s 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an expansive pool deck, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

“All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Wilson. “Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.”

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

“The amenities at Kalea Bay rival some of the finest in the world,” said Wilson. “Our indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

“Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it’s an amenity our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting,” said Wilson.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples’ area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at Kaleabay.com.
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Outside the clubhouse, residents will enjoy a resort-style swimming pool and lap/exercise pool; a Jacuzzi spa and relaxing pool deck with shade pavilions; a wet play activity center; outdoor tiki bar; tot lot and playground for children; beach volleyball court; five lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with bleachers for viewing; four pickle ball courts; an outdoor basketball court; a party pavilion with bathrooms; and an open-playing field and a fire pit and seating area. Sidewalks wind throughout the community, perfect for walking, jogging and biking.

Just minutes away from stunning beaches and A-list schools, StoneCreek is in a great location on the southwest Florida coast. Also, Naples is home to some of the most challenging golf courses in the world and is known for chic and trendy shopping, outstanding dining, a vibrant arts scene, unique family attractions and an abundance of water sports and other outdoor activities.

StoneCreek is located at 4068 Nova Lane in Naples. To visit, from I-75 take the Immokalee Road Exit 111 and travel east on Immokalee Road. Turn left on Logan Boulevard. The StoneCreek entrance is on the left, after you pass Riverstone. The new model center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 239-592-6000 or visit www.GLHOMES.com.
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AQUA at Pelican Isle is designed to help you make the most of every moment. The elegant, 11-story luxury tower II (now under construction) offers an array of the finest amenities, all designed to make daily living as comfortable and rewarding as possible for AQUA residents. The first tower is sold out.

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Exceptional conveniences offered at AQUA include a state-of-the-art movie theater, a private library, resort-style pool and spa, fitness center with his and her steam rooms and dry sauna facilities, and much more. Additionally, Tower II amenities include an outdoor putting green, a dog run, a game room with virtual golf overlooking the waterfront, and three spacious guest suites.

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For further information about the select opportunities at AQUA, please call 239-591-2727, visit online at www.aqua-naples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110. All residences at AQUA are offered from $1.995 million and above, exclusively from PACT Realty.
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“We first heard about Miromar Lakes from our friends who were in the community. Our friends bought a home at Miromar Lakes, and we eventually purchased a home. We were one of four couples who all lived on the same street in Pennsylvania, and we all ended up buying here. Living at Miromar Lakes is like living in a resort. The people who work here are so friendly and attentive, they feel like family. We never want to go on vacation because it’s so wonderful right here. I love to play golf, am active with the Hearts of Miromar women’s club, and enjoy taking classes at the Fitness Center and spending time at the Spa,’ said Shelly. We can’t imagine living anywhere else!” — Shelly and Randy Hicks, Pennsylvania

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Who are they?

Here, Florida Weekly introduces you to the 2017 Water School, as we call it: Capt. Ralph Allen, owner of the King Fisher Fleet based in Port Charlotte; Betsy Clayton, longtime boating and outdoors writer for The News-Press and Florida Weekly and now a communications director for Lee County; Capt. Rob Mody, host of Reel Talk radio (99.3 FM) and a not-quite-retired spin and fly-fishing guide; and Byron Stout, an award-winning, 35-year outdoors and sports fishing columnist at The News-Press in Fort Myers.

These men and women, arguably, have cast the widest net of knowledge on the southern Gulf coast aimed at introducing Floridians, Americans and international visitors to boating and fishing in the region. From Port Charlotte to Marco Island — a mere 85 miles or so as the seagull flies — they’ve spent many years teaching countless individuals how to love and understand water, fish and boats.

They’re not merely guides or media personalities, either. They’re also and informally scientists and teachers — deeply knowledgeable defenders of the water world who continue to explore, to gather knowledge, and to share what they learn every single day.

It’s likely not much of an exaggeration to say that, between them, they know every square mile of both fresh and salt waters in Southwest Florida. And that’s saying something.

In Collier, 307 of the county’s 2,305 square miles, or 13.3 percent, are water, according to the U.S. Census Bureau; within Lee County’s 1,212 square-mile expanse, 428 square miles are water, or 35.4 percent; and in Charlotte, 178 of the county’s 858 square miles, or 20.7 percent, are water.

The members of our 2017 Water School started boating and fishing here as children or as relatively young men and women coming from other careers or experiences.

■ Capt. Allen, raised in Missouri, arrived on the Southwest coast at 16. After earning a college degree in oceanic engineering, he helped design the interiors of Los Angeles class nuclear submarines at a Virginia shipyard for a few years. But the Gulf coast kept calling him, he says, so he returned to take the helm of the business his father had started, King Fisher Fleets. That was 25 years ago. Now the Southwest Florida Field Editor of Florida Sportsman Magazine and a past president of the Florida Outdoor Writer’s Association, he is the author of the University of Florida book, “A Tackle-Box Guide to the Fishes of Southwest Florida.”

■ Ms. Clayton, a native Oregonian, and her husband, Stan — he worked in Alaska fisheries in college — still ply the mangrove keys and creeks of Pine Island Sound together in an 11.5-foot skiff with a Mercury motor they’ve

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Betsy Clayton.

Capt. Ralph Allen:

"I came fishing every fish you could catch in Missouri until I was 16, so I'd seen it all, there."

"Then I came to Florida. I'll never leave here again. Here you can get 15 species of fish in an hour, and I've done that — the diversity of habitats, the size range, the odd-ballness — it far exceeds things a Missouri boy would ever see in the Midwest. And even the same fish can be approached in different ways here, so catching it once is a different experience than catching it again. You can catch snook while wading at bikini-clad girls on a beach or go back into the black waters while swatting mosquitoes. You're just never going to do it all down here.

"As far as giving away my best fishing spots by talking about it and telling other people, I'm not worried about it. A fishing guide goes out every day and has spots he fishes, but every spot has a window of only about 45 minutes or an hour where fish will be there. The only way you can learn that is time on the water, or TOW, we call it. You have to be there a lot to learn the science, what weather pushes the fish, what makes them do what they do."

Capt. Rob Modys:

"I have fished with parents and their young children, and the children later came back with their girlfriends or wives — and they started on their first fishing trips when they were seven or eight."

"Fishing is a way of life, a way of being. It's not just about catching fish and the outdoors here, it's about boaters and the outdoors here."

Capt. Rob Modys. COURTESY PHOTO

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"I've always loved fishing from the time I was a young boy. I grew up in Clearwater, and we fished the beach up there and an old bridge converted to a pier. I had grandfathers who liked to fish, so the addiction carried on — if I went to visit one of my grandfathers in New Jersey or in Virginia, we went fishing.

"I lived in Louisville, Kentucky, once, some of the nicest people I ever knew, and I met a guy named Garry Beckley. Garry introduced me to creek fishing — marching into the woods, which in Florida you don't do unless you want to get eaten by something. We were targeting smallmouth bass, and I fell in love with it.

"I went back to Florida figuring I'd retire at 62 and become a fishing guide, but when I got laid off (from Bank of America), I got my captain's license. I was in my middle 40s. When that happened to me, I took a hobby and turned it into a job. To completely switch gears, and to go from the IT to the fishing world, is an amazing thing.

"I approached the job of fishing like all other jobs, by learning everything about it, including marketing — how to build a clientele."

"I still love fishing. I learned a lot about back-bay systems, how they function, how all creatures get along. Being a guide was like taking a 15-year science class. The person with the eyes on the water is going to be more knowledgeable about how it works. (Capt. Modys was forced into a semi-retirement by cancer; he's gotten ahead of it now.)"

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time on the Caloosahatchee River. I can remember swatting tarpon with a cane pole from a seawall. I used to catch things you can’t now: One day a friend of mine gigue two sawfish, now a critically endangered species.

“I really believe in family fishing for food, because I think that is what inspires great conservationists. It’s well-known that fishermen are the great conservators of fisheries, and recreational fishing in particular. Now in Florida it’s an $8.9 billion a year economy, according to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Most of that is saltwater fishing. There certainly are problems with the environment — degradation of the environment is a big factor in fishing, and fisherman fight to protect the environment.

“Unfortunately now, there are a lot of well-meaning people who want to ban even family fishing in great swaths of water. That’s just shooting conservation in the foot in my mind. For kids to go catch fish and then get to go home and eat it, just strengthens their appreciation of the value of the environment, and makes them champions of it.

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“They say you never forget your first, and in my case, truer words were never spoken. I was five and excited from the moment Dad had rigged up a couple of cane poles in our carport. We were going fishing! Whatever that was.

“We ended up on the Moody ranch in North Fort Myers, at a cattle pond recommended by Mr. Moody. Dad threaded a worm on a hook, showed me how to swing it into the murky water, and set me to the task. I’m still a little vague on the details these 64 years hence, but the next thing I knew, something was trying to pull my pole from my frantic little hands.

“Dad did exactly the right thing, which was nothing, except to cheer me on. But try as I might, given a pole several times my own height, I could not lift whatever demon was trying to pull me into its watery lair. Finally, I just started backing up, and to my everlasting wonderment, a fat brown fish soon was thrashing on the slippery slope of the pond.

“It was quite a large yellow bullhead, slimy and bewhiskered, and simply more amazing than anything I’d ever experienced. If I wasn’t hooked (to pile on the triteness) by the battle, Mom’s cornmeal-breaded-and-fried spoils of victory sealed the deal that night. And even now, when I’m not fishing, I still dream about it.

“The only thing I can think of that could be more satisfying than fishing as a recreational pursuit is fishing and writing about it for a living. Some folks, as they say, have all the luck.”

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The boating lifestyle in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties is one for people who are passionate about varied water-based interests — fishing, diving, paddling, waterfront dining, nature photography and more. This region is not only a year-round experience for boaters but also an affordable one. It’s also one they can keep enjoying, regardless of which of life’s phases they are in.

“I still enjoy seeing the dolphins,” says Van Hubbard, 67, of Placida. Known as Captain Van, he used to spend 300 days a year on the water and today is down to about every other day with his Venice Fishing Charters, and yet he can still find himself caught up in awe watching a bottlenose jump the wake of his 25-foot center console. “The loons in the wintertime are mighty pretty, too.”

Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties offer inland waterways, most of which are tucked behind sugar-sand islands that create a buffer and calm backwaters. Whereas Florida’s east coast boaters need well-powered, expensive, large boats for blue-water Atlantic or crowded canal experiences, Southwest Florida boaters have it easy for any size craft. They can anchor out in an estuary, paddle up a creek, fish a great flat or sail in the bath tub-like, blue-green Gulf.

Plus the bottom here is forgiving, not that any boaters would want to cop to running aground. Instead they might phrase it like many boaters do: “The shallow water can be a challenge to navigate.”

Captain Van put it another way: “Stay in the channel or go slow.” Oh, and wear polarized sunglasses so the glare on the surface doesn’t disguise a slightly submerged sandbar.

Even if you do bump and get stuck, though, it’s likely a fellow boater will stop to help you out. From snowbirds and tourists to year-rounders, people here remark repeatedly how friendly the on-water experience is.

Boaters are fortunate enough to find ample open space and less-crowded areas while also finding boating friends. Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties combined boast 87,950 registered vessels. And that doesn’t include the non-motorized paddlecraft and small sailboats the state doesn’t require to be registered.

The watery geography is not the only reason why, says Justin McBride, an Iowan turned Floridian who uses his 19-foot center console to fish with his sons or take his wife cruising to restaurants. “It’s the weather, Mr. McBride says. The climate is 24/7, 365 days a year. “When I have people come from out of town, we put in at Pineland Marina, buy some shrimp, go out and cast-net some baitfish, then do a little fishing for trout or redfish,” he says. “After that, we go to one of the passes for grouper or maybe run to a restaurant for lunch.”

“Then, after the afternoon, you finish the day off on the waterfront with cocktails. For people from the Midwest, that’s a great day — even for me, it’s a great day.”

His story tells it like it is: Pair the weather with easy boating access, and you’re set.

Boatlifts and docks throughout the region join ample boat ramps, marinas and waterfront properties. Residents here get a boating lifestyle that rivals anywhere else. An abundance of waterfront restaurants and parks with docks that accommodate all sizes of vessels buttress the region’s status.

A boater’s paradise
There’s a reason images and articles about Southwest Florida’s watery wonderland frequent national publications and websites. Charlotte Harbor, Pine Island Sound, the Caloosahatchee and the Ten Thousand Islands are showcased for both their natural, remote feeling and also their abundance of amenities for boaters, which makes things a lot easier to plan for an outing, regardless of whether a boater is a visitor, a newcomer or old-timer.

BoatUS magazine, which has more than 500,000 subscribers, featured an island on the Intracoastal Waterway here on its cover with an article about affordable waterfront real estate for boat lovers. Field & Stream magazine — the most legendary of outdoor sports and fishing publications — named Pine Island Sound among its top North American fishing destinations. “I’ve had clients from all over the world and from Alaska to Hawaii,” Captain Van says. “I’m trying to think of a state I’ve not had people from, and I can’t.”

The Intracoastal Waterway meanders through these parts. That 3,000-mile route brings exposure to Southwest Florida’s gentle waters, particularly during winter months. The Intracoastal runs for most of the length of the Eastern Seaboard, from its unofficial northern terminus at the Manasquan River in New Jersey, where it connects with the Atlantic Ocean at the Manasquan Inlet, then around the Gulf of Mexico to Brownsville, Texas.

If boaters traveling down Florida’s east coast don’t want to navigate around South Florida and the Keys, then up the Gulf Coast, they cut across the state and Lake Okeechobee, ending up cruising down the Caloosahatchee River before heading north into Charlotte County and beyond.

So even if you’re not a boater, boat watching — and checking out the port names on sterns — is a pastime here.

Heck, it’s a pastime everywhere if you’re an avid boater. Check out your boating options in Southwest Florida:

World-class fishing
Southwest Florida’s waters offer an unrivaled fishing experience, thanks to the massive, shallow grass flats, brickish and saltwater opportunities, bountiful access and — most importantly — a trophy case of gamefish species anglers worldwide seek.

The passes are home to the largest tarpon migration in the United States. Mr. Quarilo recalls a day his then-13-year-old son hooked two consecutive tarpon while fishing the back bay, which surprised both of them since they were trying to catch pompano. “I heard him yell, Dad! Dad! Dad!” and I moved to start the engine because I knew we’d have to chase it down. Then the fish jumped three times and took off, breaking the line.” And that was just the first hook-up. The second tarpon “jumped right in front of the boat five or six times — you could almost touch the fish” before it broke off.

No one says fishing Southwest Florida is dull.

Offshore reefs and the Gulf bring charter fishing and spearfishing fun — all while surrounded by a huge concentration of protected goliath grouper. The sandy shores and barrier islands offer pier and beach fishing for Rounder; the estuaries behind those islands feature crafty snook, redfish and sea trout as well as sought-after cobia, tripletail and — again — those tarpon.

Tournaments happen regularly for inshore fish, tarpon and even for fish caught solely from paddlecraft. The premier kayak fishing tournament of the Gulf Coast, the Calusa Blueway Kayak Fishing Tournament, is an annual draw that brings in anglers from across the Southeastern United States.

Anglers also have ways to get involved in introducing underprivileged children to fishing or various tournaments with
charitable focuses.

Mr. Ring, whose Bonita Bay Fish Club frequently helps children experience the water, lately has also been helping out his congregation. “We do for the kids who read a children’s Bible from beginning to end get to request a wish when they finish — and right now two of them want to go fishing.”

A good week for Mr. Ring? Taking his 22-foot Parker out two to three times, and making sure one of those trips is for fishing on a Saturday with a smiling youngster.

Dive into adventure

Although most people think of the Keys for diving in Florida, locals know the more than 20 artificial reefs here offer easy-to-access dives that put you face to face with massive goldfish grouper as well as rare whale sharks.

“It’s kind of an undiscovered reef source,” Mr. McBride says.

Many love the artificial reefs here. Lee County has its own reef guide and smartphone app to help tell divers and offshore anglers not only where to go but also what they’ll find. Collier and Charlotte boaters can find equally appealing artificial reefs.

A popular reef to dive is what locals refer to simply as The Mohawk. The U.S. naval forces in the North Atlantic; during the war the ship was named the USS Mohawk CGC. Its mental impacts from its aging equipment, set into the Gulf,” he says. “My boys love Cabbage Key for break- fast,” Mr. McBride says. “We like to go to Parrot Key (on San Carlos Island) for its waterfront view, then boat home. “My boys love Cabbage Key for breakfast,” Mr. McBride says. “We like to go to Parrot Key (on San Carlos Island) for its great menu, and they make a really good pepper sauce in small batches.”

Ask a boater to recount his or her recent outings, and it sometimes sounds like a restaurant guide:

“Stumptummers in Cape Coral, Doc Ford’s at Fort Myers Beach, North Fort Myers’ Three Fishermen — and on and on. Captain Van loves Stump Pass Marina’s casual tiki bar atmosphere.

“I love to take out a 5- to 10-year-old,” he says, “then see them get their first fish and take it to Stump Pass Marina, and the kid gets to eat what they caught for the first time in their life.”

To toward the South, Mr. Ring finds himself at Backwater Jacks on the Imperial River tucked into Bonita Bay or docked up at the end of Vanderbilt Bay. The Turtle Club Restaurant and the Lighthouse Restaurant are prime destinations.

“I like getting in the boat and going to one of those places for early dinner, then put-pputting to the pass to watch the sun set into the Gulf,” he says.

Nature-watching

If there is one thing all boaters — be they sailors, paddlers or powerboaters — tend to mention, it’s the dolphin. Southwest Florida is home to one of the nation’s highest concentrations of bottlenose dolphins, and finding Flipper surface next to you is commonplace.

Southwest Florida also is a bird-lover’s delight. More than 300 species live here year-round, winter here or migrate through. Showy and huge white pelicans arrive in November, for example, and number in flocks of 30 as they float near the Intracoastal Waterway, herding fish with efficiency before departing around Easter.

Their cousins, brown pelicans, live here 365 days a year with the males adding a tangerine-red pouch to their heads. “Sea turtles, rays, dolphins, manatees. We mark date, place, time. Even cool little things like crabs,” he says. “Every day is different, and there is always something to see.”

Just joyriding

Half the fun is just powering up and hitting the throttle to watch the horizon unfold and feel the salt spray on your face. Counties offer boaters resources for getting around. In Lee, for example, the Natural Resources Department updated and reprinted the Lee County Boater’s Guide. The county’s smartphone app, which is free for Android and iPhone users, also is being upgraded. It will work faster and provide more functionality, said Lee County’s Justin McBride. “We added tides, improved the weather forecast and other items.”

Still, Southwest Florida’s waterways are easy to navigate, Capt. Hubbard says. In fact, there are so many options, it’s difficult to consider doing anything else.

“You better like boating and fishing if you coming down here (to visit) — that or golf; those are your two choices,” he says. But forget the golf part. “I don’t see how you can beat boating. The beaches, the frequency you can go boating, birds and fish, and the shoreline’s variety from mangroves to McMansions.”

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Florida Boating regulations

- All vessels, with the exception of non-motor-powered vessels less than 16 feet in length, must be registered and documented.
- Letters must be separated from the numbers by a hyphen or space equal to letter width.
- The Certificate of Registration must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.
- Vessels must be registered and numbered within 30 days of purchase.
- Registration numbers must be displayed on the forward half of the vessel on both sides above the waterline.
- The numbers must be bold block letters at least 3½ high in a color contrast to the hull.
- The vessel registration decal must be renewed annually and is to be placed in the port side of the vessel when using Florida waters.
- Also see: filmsmvog

Boating safety education

- Anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 who operates a vessel with 16 feet or more in length, must pass an approved boating safety course.
- The course must be completed by the student, and the course completion certificate must be provided to the boating authority.

Boating Under the influence

- It is a violation of Florida law to operate a vessel while impaired by alcohol or other drugs.
- A vessel operator suspected of boating under the influence must submit to sobriety tests and a physical or chemical test.
- A person operating a vessel within federal waters is presumed to be under the influence if their blood- or breath-alcohol content is at or above .08.
- Any person, under 21 years of age who is found to have a breath-alcohol level of .02 or higher and operates or is in actual physical control of a vessel is in violation of Florida law.

Law enforcement authority

- Law enforcement officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, sheriff’s deputies of the various counties, and any other author¬ity with the authority to order the removal of vessels deemed to be an interference or hazard to public safety, enforce all boating safety laws, or cause any inspection to be made of all vessels in accordance to law.
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Boats charted course for Southwest Florida development

BY GLENN MILLER
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Their names evoke a long-ago America, a time before planes, helicopters and air-conditioned cars with stereos.

There was the Anah C. and the Uneeda, the Dixie, Gladys and the Thomas A. Edison. They were steamboats that plied Southwest Florida waters in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, stitching the area together. They were used for commerce, tourism and transportation.

Even before the Wright Brothers built the first airplane in 1903 or the first railroad chugged into Fort Myers in 1904, steamboats chuffed up and down Florida’s west coast. They huffed and puffed into ports from Punta Gorda to St. James City, from Fort Myers to Naples, and points north and south and even east.

Boats have always been supremely important in Southwest Florida. The ancient Calusa, who resided in the region before the arrival of Spanish explorers in the 16th century, used canoes to get around their coastal empire. Early Europeans, such as Ponce de Leon, arrived here by sailboats.

The supremacy of boats remained the case after the Calusa died off and Spain no longer owned Florida.

That was certainly the case as Southwest Florida began developing in the late 1800s. The development wouldn’t have been possible without steamboats, which began traveling the Caloosahatchee on a regular basis in the 1880s. Steamboats flourished in Southwest Florida for a few decades straddling the turn of the 20th century.

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Early settlers and visitors needed boats. Steamers such as the Clara and the St. Lucie started working Southwest Florida waters in the 1880s. The St. Lucie had previously operated on the body of water most commonly associated with steamboats — the Mississippi River.

Ms. Ammann noted in her 1971 series on steamboats that the St. Lucie was a “120-foot sternwheeler with two slim smokestacks by its pilothouse. ... It had 24 staterooms, a dining hall and running water.”

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Lake Okeechobee. “Steamers would stop along the river for wood,” Mr. Menge told The News-Press in 1971. “We had contracts with people to pile the wood along the banks for pickup.”

The Menge Brothers owned a steamer named the Suwanee, which was spelled slightly different than the Suwannee River. The Suwanee was used for sightseeing excursions all the way to Miami. The route took the boat through Lake Okeechobee.

While the Menge Brothers focused on river business, the Kinzie Brothers Steam-er Line worked the coastal trade. Their business included delivering mail for the U.S. Post Office.

George and Andrew Kinzie knew the boat business. A third brother, Eric, started a nursery.

The nautical Kinzies could take every-thing of nearly everything in their line of work. Both had earned Masters mariner’s licenses, author Karl H. Grismer noted in his 1949 book, “The Story of Fort Myers.”

Their fleet included, Mr. Grismer wrote in a story that did not carry a byline, “Capt. Connie Menge was at the wheel, and although a little rusty in piloting steamers on the river, had little diffi-culty in making the bends, the Edison answered her tiller nicely. The run was made to Alva under slow bell in three hours and 10 minutes, making every landing between the two places, and her regular running time can easily be reduced to 3 hours.”

The Thomas A. Edison was an impres-sive silt. “On account of her length, 92 feet, it was predicted that she could not make the sharp turns of the river between Denaud and Thompson but she waltzed around those short bends,” The Press reported on her maiden voyage. It remained a fixture on the river until Jan. 30, 1914, when it was destroyed in the Lee County Packing House Fire. A boy named Robert Dupree watched it go up in flames and 58 years later, in 1972, he shared his memories of that night with The News-Press.

“I was watching a merry-go-round run by a steam engine,” Mr. Dupree said. “Suddenly someone yelled fire. Flames were coming out of the side of the packinghouse. The fire spread onto the Thomas Edison which was docked next to the building.”

National publicity
An intrepid reporter from Harper’s New Monthly magazine visited Southwest Flor-ida in the 1880s and wrote a story that was published in the January 1885 issue. He couldn’t fly here. The airplane hadn’t been invented yet. He couldn’t drive a car here because there weren’t any cars. He couldn’t take a train here because no train service extended to Southwest Florida. No, the reporter sailed from Cedar Key in north Florida on a boat called the Wal-lowey. He and his traveling companions first had to reach Cedar Key and find the boat.

“After very little trouble we found her — a little schooner of 17 tons,” the reporter wrote. “She was not a very neat or jaunty craft; her white paint was dingy; still, she seemed staunch and serviceable.”

Indeed she was, taking the group down to Southwest Florida. Here are highlights from the Harper’s piece:

- Charlotte Harbor I should recommend as one of the best places as an objec-tive point. Coming in by Cayo Costa, you take it all in at one delightful gulp all the pleasures of this country!}

- “Here on Pine Island was an Indian mound, and the party, with strong arche-ological tendencies, scrambled through thickets, and found an ancient tumulus (ancient burial mound). It was hard dig-ging in a blazing sun with inefficient tools. ... We took three fine skulls after an hour's work, and carried them off. They could not have been ante-Columbian, because we turned up a bit of rusty iron.”

- “Fort Myers, with its perhaps 200 inhabitants, is the last populated place on the Gulf side. It has the real tropical look. Here were orange trees, the cocoa-nut, and the date palm.”

Soon, Fort Myers would have more than 200 inhabitants. Far more. It wouldn’t have happened without all those boats.

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Southwest Florida’s top 10,004 undiscovered islands

Manasota Key is 11 miles of beach that starts in Englewood in Charlotte County and extends north into Sarasota County.

There’s a good reason some South- west Florida islands are lesser known. Although they occasionally get ink from the national media, many are reachable only by boat; others by car only after plunging into nothingness to reach seemingly can’t-get-there-from-here locations. Discover these islands and you’ll enjoy a little more elbow room on the beach, a friendly and relaxed lifestyle and nature untouched by man.

Manasota Key

It often surprises visitors, and some locals, to learn Charlotte County does indeed have beaches. This 11-mile long island starts in Englewood and stretches north into Sarasota County, where beaches are staffed with lifeguards and offer free parking. With Lemon Bay to the east and the Gulf to the west, the island boasts older cottages and one- and two-story inns — holdouts from another era — mixed with mid-rise condomini- ums, new Old Florida homes and grand estates hidden behind thick natural landscaping and mangroves in Sarasota County.

Englewood Beach offers the only com- mercial businesses on the key, a handful of restaurants, boutiques and beach pro- vision shops at the intersection of Beach Road (its access road from 776) and Gulfshore Boulevard. It’s one of Florida’s most undiscovered islands, with beaches along most of its span, including the ultra-secluded Stump Pass Beach State Park, offering a mile of undeveloped beachfront that becomes more secluded the farther south you walk toward the channel separating Manasota Key from Palm Island at its southernmost tip. The park encompasses two small islands to the east where boaters often congre- gate in flotillas during weekends in the Peterson Cut and calm waters are well- suited for paddleboarding. Stump Pass Park also offers crushed-shell and sand hiking and nature trails through five distinct habitats and the opportunity to see manatees, gopher tortoises and other protected animals.

Englewood Beach’s business district contrasts the quiet of the park with a scaled-down version of Fort Myers Beach. The public beach here offers a privately operated beach spa, daily yoga and a Sunday sunset drum circle. Tiki bars and al fresco dining are practically a prerequisite for restaurants. There’s plenty of island music, island cocktails and island food.

Palm Island

A residential and resort community of Old Florida homes, practically a stone’s throw from the mainland, Palm Island offers the ultimate in public beach seclusion. Because water is the only way to get here and its water taxi and car ferry cast off from marinas along the less-traveled Placida Road, few happen to find the island. The resort offers overnight accommoda- tions, leisurely and active recreational pursuits and a restaurant that wel- comes day trippers with its signature Rum Bay Smash cocktail and full menu.

Day visitors board the water taxi at Leverock’s Restaurant, which also has a pool for resort guests. Those staying on the island will want to drive onto the ferry a block north. The taxi whisks guests to a dock and scenic boardwalk that lead to Palm Island’s Rum Bay Restau- rant, a gift shop and ice cream shop.

Weekend events include morning nature walks and beach yoga.

Gasparilla Island

Check the Facebook feed of recent Gasparilla Island visitors and you’re bound to see similar snapshots showing turquoise water and snippets of land taken while crossing its three bridges. The nothingness of Gasparilla Road once it passes Rotonda West creates an inevitable giddiness of leaving civiliza- tion behind. The $6 toll deters many day visitors, and beaches during high season aren’t crowded.

The island’s northern tip, actually located in Charlotte County, offers rent- al condos and private residences and a small shopping center with a boutique hotel, tiki bar, restaurant and grocery store. There are no gas stations on Gasparilla, where golf carts — often decorated — are the preferred mode of transportation along the former railroad tracks, now an island-spanning walking and biking trail.

Boca Grande proper, with its old rail- road station offering a restaurant and boutiques in the heart of a small down- town, boasts a certain Nantucket-meets-Florida vibe evident in the Vineyard Vines, Lilly Pulitzer and preppy attire of its full- and part-time residents. The cen- tury-old Gasparilla Inn hosts dignitaries, celebrities and former presidents who come here for privacy. Local newspapers snap their arrival and departure, leaving them alone throughout their visit.

Act like an islander by learning the lingo: The Pink (referencing the cozy Pink Elephant restaurant, where cocktails are served with a neon pink
elephant charm), The Temp (for the popular Temptation restaurant) and tongue-in-cheek streets named Damfi-care, Damfiwill and Damfino.

Gasparilla Island offers public state beach park access along Gulf Boulevard south of downtown to its southern tip, home of the 123-year-old Boca Grande Lighthouse. The landmark offers a gift shop and museum documenting Gasparilla’s history as a port for phosphate ships and a strategic location during World War II. The wide beach overlooks the unswimmable Boca Grande Pass, celebrated for its tarpon fishing.

Useppa Island

Useppa is about as exclusive as they come and an anomaly among South-west Florida’s islands. Accessible only by boat, this private island community is devoid of roads and beaches and allows the general public just two hours to lunch in its courtyard dining room and explore what they can, on foot, of the famed pink path and the Useppa Island Club. However, there is some wiggle room for visitors interested in real estate or friends of members who can stay in one of the Collier Inn’s seven suites or single-family cottages and homes, some of them dating back to the early 1900s.

A resort destination for the wealthy since the late 19th century, lucky guests and homeowners enjoy a setting steeped in nature, where residents get around on golf carts and boats, gather for happy hour at the Tarpon Bar or a friend’s Old Florida-style home, don all white for croquet, and enjoy gourmet dishes in the Barron Collier Dining Room. It’s a unique club lifestyle that extends dining-club privileges to residents of nearby islands.

Select charter boats from South Seas Resort and Pine Island offer daily public lunchtime excursions.

The Ten Thousand Islands

Subtract Marco from the mix, and you only have 9,999 islands — most of them uninhabited and deep in the Everglades — to explore by boat or paddle power. Water- and nature-centric adventures are the big attractions of the islands where quiet backcountry water and walking-on-water mangrove islands are home to snook, permit, flounder, pompano and seatrout and wildlife of the feathered and scaled sort.

Stay in Everglades City and play in the surrounding waterways of Florida’s last untamed frontier. Bring your own boat or rent a pontoon or flats boat from Miller’s World at Glades Haven, offering the onsite Oyster House restaurant and bar, live bait, a liquor store, kayak rentals, a full-service marina and duplex, single cabins and large stilt-house rentals. Fish or find a secluded island beach to while away a portion of your day, picnicking, collecting shells, relaxing in the sun or swimming in the warm water.

Everglades Rentals & Eco Adventures at the Ivey House bed and breakfast offers early- and mid-morning kayak tours as well as excursions through mangrove tunnels and twilight paddles.

Useppa Island, accessible only by boat, is about as exclusive of a retreat as there is in Southwest Florida.

Enjoy Our Beautiful Sunsets
Whether it's a shrimp basket at Coconut Jack's, gator bites at Stan's Idle Hour or cutting-edge Continental cuisine at M Waterfront Grille, somehow it all tastes better if you've traveled there by boat. The region offers a bounty of boat-accessible options, ranging from ultracasual to special-occasion chic. Following is a sampling of the spots available.

The primary thing to remember is that many of these establishments have only a few slips and popular spots fill up quickly—especially on weekends—so call ahead to ensure there's room and to get precise nautical directions before making the trip. — Compiled by Karen Feldman
**Bonita Springs**

1. **Big Hickory Seafood Grille and Marina**, 26707 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs, 482-1991; Channel Marker 60 is the key to finding this hidden old restaurant, where there’s 4 feet of water even at low tide. Belly up to a pile of fun faces, a groper sandwich, burgers or full entrees with a Caribbean flair at this rustic but charming spot overlooking Estero Bay. N 26.350598, W 81.857557

2. **Coconut Jack’s Waterfront Grille**, 5370 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 472-7777; Dive inside or out at this festive restaurant that offers casual fare such as creole, barbeque pork nachos, coconut shrimp, salads, sandwiches and seafood baskets as well as more substantial dishes such as homey beef ribs and lobster tails. N 26-19.836, W 081-50.495

3. **The Fish House**, 6865 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 499-5770; on Bonita’s Black Cat, casual setting with casual fare that includes smoked fish dip, blackened tuna tacos, paella, seafood baskets and shrimp burgers. N 27.00676, W 80.32549

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**Everglades City**

1. **Red and Gun Club**, 200 Riverside Drive (State Road 29), Everglades City; 699-2011; on the Barron River 42 miles from Capri Pass in Marco Island. This historic inn that has hosted the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Gypsy Rose Lee, Sean Connery and Mick Jagger offers dining on a spacious porch or indoors on Florida specialties such as gator (for sale), sautéed, smoked fish dip, shrimp, frog legs, seafood as well as sandwiches and entrees for carnivores. Keep in mind that this one is historic, somewhat rustic and accepts cash only. N 25.862393, W 81.383667

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**Goodland**

1. **Skin’s Idle Hour**, 221 Goodland Drive West, Goodland; 394-2041; This popular waterhole is known as much for its entertainment — and destructive dance, theuzzed leap — as it is for its food and drink. Get there early on Sundays if you hope to find space to dance. Close down on weekends, gator sides, fried scallops, frog legs, peel and eat shrimp and, of course, a cold beverage. N 25.065238, W 81.383667

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**Marco Island**

1. **The Blue Heron**, 387 Capri Blvd., Isles of Capri; 389-2219; Marker 8 on Little Marco River is the key to finding this reliable old eatery. Belly up to a pile of fun faces, a grouper sandwich, burgers or full entrees with homemade chili, crab cakes, black beans and rice and other hearty fare. N 26.1510216, W 81.782999

2. **Mendy’s Fine Dining**, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 5th Ave., S., Naples; 772-0714; Choose from a three- or four-course tasting menu or all at the bar and try just one or two — or go whole hog on a large plate. Whether it’s an heirloom beet salad, seared free grass, wild sweetbreads, Crude shrimp or any of the perfectly composed dishes the chef creates, you will dine well. N 26.159926, W 81.786133

3. **Pichlers To The City**, Tin City 1200 Fifth Ave., S., Naples; 434-6616; enter Gorder Pass and head north past Marker 40 to just before Garden River Bridge and turn in to Tin City. The menu features seafood, including shrimp, mussels, crab, scallops, and fish with a few items for carnivores. N 26.1413936, W 81.7950197

4. **Riverwalk At The City**, 1200 Fifth Ave., S., Naples; 263-2734; see directions above for Pichlers. This casual restaurant with a well-chosen wine list offers lots of seafood, including grouper, fish tacos, seafood gumbo, fish and chips and a raw bar bucket, as well as baby back ribs, the pink ribbon and other hearty fare. N 26.1413936, W 81.7950197

5. **Tavern on the Bay**, 409 Bayfront Place, Naples; 530-2225; This stylish waterfront sports bar has a well-mixed menu that includes pulled pork barbecue, chicken wings, flatbread pizzas, burgers, salads and sandwiches as well as refreshments from super cold beer to exotic mixed drinks. N 26.1413754, W 81.7890997

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**Naples**

1. **Bayou Seafood Grill & Bar**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4360 Gulf Blvd. N., Naples; 263-3414; A stylish restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating and a production of fish dishes, including sushi, a raw bar, creole, creole, fish and chips, oysters, clams, crabs, scallops, various pasta dishes, a few meat options and an organic vegan pizza. There’s limited dock space at adjacent Park Shore Marina. N 26.11911, W 81.49841

2. **Miramar**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4236 Gulf Blvd. N., Naples; 430-6373; Restaurant features seafood with Northern Italian flair; including soups, salads, lamb, pizza and well-executed entrees. There are a limited number of slips available at the adjoining Park Shore Marina. N 26.11911, W 81.49841

3. **M Waterfront grille**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Blvd. N., Naples; 263-4241; dock at adjacent Park Shore Marina. The former Mawlawi’s features a stylish atmosphere and outdoor seating and bar views and cutting-edge Continental cuisine, including organic and sustainable items, with a full range of salads, appetizers, beef and seafood. N 26.11911, W 81.49841

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**The Boathouse offers a grand view of Naples Bay.**

*The Dock at Crayton Cove, 43 Orton Dr. S., Naples; 363-9494* at Marker 35 (The City Docks pass the heating station and take a hard left. It’s 100 yards ahead. Serves fish rolls, nachos, chowder, raw bar, fish tacos and burgers. N 26.9644723, W 81.7277042

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**The Village Pub**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Blvd. N., Naples; 263-3414; A popular dining spot for boaters, Snook Inn serves favorites such as crab cakes, grouper, oyster po’boys and will cook your catch as well. A popular dining spot for boaters, Snook Inn serves favorites such as crab cakes, grouper, oyster po’boys and will cook your catch as well. N 26.205111, W 81.7763574

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**The Turtle Club Restaurant, Vanderbilt Beach Resort, 9235 Gulf Drive, N., Naples; 582-6557; Tue and Sat, open down — indoors or right on the beach — for a great view of the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico while dining on seafood chowder, wild mushroom flatbread, salads, locally sourced seafood and steaks. N 26.2550507, W 81.8233643

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**The Village Pub**, Village at Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Blvd. N., Naples; 262-2707; A casual eatery serving soup, salad, sandwiches and entrees with a prime view of Venetian Bay. A limited number of slips are available at the adjacent Park Shore Marina. N 26.11911, W 81.49841
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The Regal 29 OBX outboard-powered bowrider is Boating magazine’s 2016 Boat of the Year, besting more than 100 2016-model-year boats and four finalists for the prize.

Boating’s Tech Team, a group of experts with a combined 75 years of boat-testing experience, tested 137 boats throughout the year on criteria including innovation, technology, safety, performance and style to determine the overall winner of the industry’s most prestigious annual award. Boating’s “Certified Boat Tests” represent the gold standard in boat reviews and are valued by industry professionals as well as consumers seeking to buy a new boat.

The Regal 29 OBX is the only bowrider of its size with twin outboard power. It offers a smooth, spacious, luxurious experience with high-tech amenities like the single Garmin touchscreen display for controlling navigation, depth, engine function and even the Fusion-powered stereo system—a first for the industry.

In Boating’s long-time boat test editor Randy Vance’s review of the 29 OBX, he observed that the boat “restores the promise of smooth-running, reliable power” and noted the helm’s “BMW-like firmness with a Cadillac touch of soothing comfort.”

“Regal’s 29 OBX harnesses the efficiency and ease-of-ownership of outboard power, combined with a successful stepped hull design,” said Kevin Falvey, editor-in-chief of Boating. “It will launch a new era in the bowrider category.”

For the first time, Boating is also sharing details on four other boats that most-impressed its team of editor judges. The finalists for Boat of the Year were Beneteau Swift Trawler 30, Carbon Marine Paragon Super Sport 28, Monterey 378 SE and Pursuit S 408.

According to the editors, each of these is a unique, superior vessel that stands above other boats in its respective category and should be considered by boaters when researching their next purchase.

Boating editors test and analyze more boats than any other organization in the industry. Boat of the Year candidates must comply with all American Boat and Yacht Council standards, fulfill the mission of the builder, and advance the art of boatbuilding and the sport of boating.

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SEATOW FOUNDATION

The Sea Tow Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to boating safety and education, offers the following list:

1. **Life jackets save lives:** Be sure all kids on board are wearing a life jacket whenever the boat is moving. This is not just sound advice; it’s the law. The U.S. Coast Guard requires that all children younger than 13 must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket while the vessel is being operated unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

2. **Make sure the jacket fits:** Children’s life jackets come in different sizes appropriate to the child’s body weight. Make sure you have one that fits each child onboard, and that the kids haven’t outgrown their life jackets over the winter. Infant life jackets have a strap that runs between the legs and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up and extra flotation behind the head to ensure the baby floats face up.

3. **No exceptions:** Kids often complain about having to wear their life jackets on board. Get them “invested” in theirs by letting them pick it out for themselves. If the kids see you wearing your life jacket, they’ll be more likely to wear theirs.

4. **Safety starts in the parking lot:** Get the kids in the habit of putting on sunblock, a hat and their life jacket even before you walk down to the boat. That way, they’ll be protected if they accidentally tumble off the dock into the water.

5. **Keep everything “shipshape”:** When you board the boat, have everyone stow their gear and any water toys away neatly. Be sure there are no loose lines, mops, buckets, etc. on deck that someone might trip over.

6. **Pre-Cruise check:** The adult who is driving the boat should give the kids a safety lesson before leaving the dock. Make it a point to tell them that there can only be one captain, and it’s important to follow his or her orders quickly and quietly. Set a few basic rules, including: No running or sitting on the side rails, forehead, aft sunpad or swim platform when the boat is under way.

7. **First Mate:** Kids will get a bigger kick out of a boat trip if you make them your First Mate. Before you leave, show them where you’re going on a chart. While under way, have them keep a lookout for marker buoys. Teach older kids how to work the chart plotter and find your GPS coordinates.

8. **Radio check:** Be sure everyone knows how to operate the boat’s VHF radio in case of an emergency. A good way to practice is to call Sea Tow’s Automated Radio Check service. This free service not only shows the kids how to key the microphone and talk over the VHF, it also lets you be sure the radio is in good working order. To find the Automated Radio Check VHF channel in your boating area, visit http://www.seatow.com/boating-safety/automated-radio-checks.

9. **Tow for two:** When you tow kids behind the boat or inflatable water toys, water skis or a wakeboard, be sure to designate an adult or teen to be the official watcher, keeping an eye on the towed rider at all times. Teach the kids hand signals they can use to tell you to speed up, go slower or stop. Be sure they wear their life jackets while skiing, boarding or riding.

10. **Places, please:** Give the kids assigned seats on the boat while docking, so that they don’t accidentally block the driver’s view. Make sure they know to keep their fingers and toes inside during this process!

These basic guidelines will help you ensure everyone stays safe on board. But the most important tip for your family boating adventure is this: Have fun out there.

Boating enthusiasts set to lead Congressional boating caucus

The Congressional Boating Caucus was formed in 1989 as an informal, bipartisan group of U.S. Senators and Representatives to advocate for the interests of the recreational boating industry. Recreational boaters have also benefitted from the caucus’ leadership on shared issues such as restoration of the Everglades, fisheries management reform, flood protection efforts, and projects that support waterway access.

The Boat Owners Association of The United States joined with the National Marine Manufacturers Association welcomed the new co-chairs of the House of Representatives Recreational Boating Caucus, Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Florida) and Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-New Jersey). Rep. MacArthur is an active New Jersey shore boater and tourism advocate, while Rep. Frankel, a House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee member, hails from the No. 1 boating state in the nation and is a boating and angling enthusiast.

"This is exciting news for boaters,” said BoatUS Government Affairs Senior Program Manager David Kennedy. "Representatives MacArthur and Frankel will provide great leadership on issues that matter for those of us who love to spend time on the water.

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So, you want a versatile boat that handles easily, features plenty of seating and storage and is designed to be able to bring along a big crew? Sounds like you may have already narrowed down your choices to two choices that are among the fastest-growing segments in the entire boating industry: pontoons and deck boats.

Since the very first aluminum pontoon was introduced in 1958 at the Chicago World’s Fair (it was a Sun-pan), boaters have been drawn to their unapologetically simple design, ease of use and the no-frills ability to get lots of folks aboard to get the party started. Back in those days, you broke out the folding lawn chairs, fired up the charcoal grill, and slowly putt-putted your tiny outboard to the nearest cove of like-minded revelers.

Similarly, the deck boat concept really started in 1974 when a company called Hurricane started building a fiberglass V-style hull to add better performance and handling, but still retain the a pontoon-style topside and wide-open floor plan that people loved so much about pontoons. It was so popular, in fact, that the first deck boat (called FunDeck) has been in constant production ever since. But my, how times have changed. These two boat types have come a long way and have been refined to the point that they really stack up against any other powerboat style. And today, they really go head-to-head when families are in the market for a new boat. Let’s examine the pros and cons of each.

**Style**

This is perhaps the most subjective part of comparing pontoons and deck boats, and it all comes down to your personal tastes and what turns your head. Today’s pontoons are tricked out with coordinated graphics, a choice of rail skin colors, high-quality vinyl seats, and tough and attractive marine-grade carpet. But since every inch of a pontoon is built for maximum seating and storage, some folks find them a little utilitarian. Today’s deck boats are designed similarly to other fiberglass runabouts, but with the bow section carried as far forward as possible to accommodate more folks in the forward seating area. You’ll see coordinated upholstery accents, bimini tops and carpet, and the exterior graphics tend to be a little bolder. Many deck boats also have integrated wake tower options, which adds a distinct watersports profile.

**Handling**

With a fiberglass, V-style hull, you typically would compare the handling of a deck boat to a similarly sized open-bow boat. Look for a stable ride at all speeds, little or no bowrise, and superior turning at higher speeds. The option of outboard or I/O propulsion is a big plus for deck boats as well, depending on your needs. Even with a full load, pontoon boats (by design) are going to be more easily with less horsepower than a deck boat. Sharp turns are helped by the addition of hydraulic steering systems, but you will still cut a wider swath in a pontoon, unless you choose a performance model with triple (center) tube system, which provides extra buoyancy and stability.

**Versatility**

Both styles of boats truly shine when it comes to the ability to do a lot of different things on the water. Fishing, watersports, cruising, camping, entertaining, etc. are all right in the wheelhouse of pontoons and deck boats. In fact, depending on your family’s needs, there are all sorts of different packages to dial in your preferred activities, such as rod holders, tackle storage and livewells for more hardcore anglers. If you’re like most folks considering one of these boats, though, you will find that the basic features will serve you well, and allow you to fish in the morning, pull the kids on tubes in the afternoon and finish the day with a beautiful sunset cruise.

**Ease of operation**

In the world of trailer boating, you really can’t get much easier than pontoons and deck boats. With their stable platforms both are fairly easy to master and it comes to everything from launching and retrieving to cruising out on the water. Look for a raised helm or a captain’s seat that features a fold-up bolster to increase visibility. Pull-up cleats conveniently installed around the deck will make it a cinch to pull up and dock from any angle. Make sure you’ve got docking lights for bringing the boat in safely in the evening, and an all-off master switch to make sure you don’t run down your battery when you leave the boat.
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**How do you begin planning the remodel?**

To ensure the best remodel with the fewest issues we begin with a design phase. By investing the time to consider all of the details, including the impact on your project's budget, it greatly reduces the likelihood of costly surprises. We always start with our design phase to ensure that we create the best overall plan that works for our clients.

**What goes into the design phase?**

We start by asking you questions about how you and your family use your kitchen, bathroom or other living space you want to remodel. We need to know what is important to you. If you have a wish list, please share that. For example, if you have gathered photos of kitchens or a master bedroom suite you admire, we would like to see them. We want to see your home and your project through your eyes so that we can add our expertise to the mix and develop the best design for you.

**What is the Florida Regulations of Contractors and why is it important to hire a licensed contractor?**

The State of Florida construction licensing regulatory agency is Per Florida State Statute, all contractors must be licensed to perform any type of construction work. A business license is not the same as a contracting license. By not hiring a licensed contractor, you run the risk of being scammed and not having recourse should there be a problem with your project. Cornerstone Builders of Southwest Florida is appropriately licensed and carries the required insurance workers compensation and bonds.

**Can you provide references?**

Upon request we will provide contact information for clients who have had similar projects completed.

**Do I need to board my pets while my home is being remodeled?**

It depends on whether your pets can handle the disruption of their favorite napping spots and on the size and length of your project. We have found that most of our clients do not need to board their pets.

**How much will my home life be disrupted during the process?**

Most of our clients remain in their homes during the process. We do all we can to minimize disrupting your life as much as possible.

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One of the most desirable and sought after neighborhoods in Bonita Springs. High ceilings jetted tub granite countertops hoods in Bonita Springs. 10915 Stonington Ave
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3 Bed 3 bath 2 car garage home in Mirasol Cape Coral with golf access. Built with a 2-room separate suite. Great open floor plan.
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You will not believe the features of this home and the amenities the community has to offer! Schedule your showing today.
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Enjoy the Florida lifestyle in this 4/3/2 pool home with sailboat access!! Minutes to river for boating and great fishing. Very sleek and modern in design.
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Walking distance to private beach for Park Shore residents only! 4/3/2 pool home with incredible landscaping!
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