County helps Collier residents dig out

Sunday, Sept. 10, 3:35 p.m. The impact couldn’t have been more direct. As Hurricane Irma tore through Southwest Florida, Marco Island residents and the rest of Collier County braced for the worst — and got it.

The next day, and for weeks afterward, homeowners carried, gathered, raked and bundled what the storm left of their landscaping. The task of collecting and disposing of these mountains of tree trunks, branches and other debris fell to the Collier County Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Division, headed by Margie Hapke.

Where to begin? And how to mobilize the funds, equipment and other resources necessary to deal with the sad remains of residents’ landscaping “We’re dedicating all cleanup efforts to our residents, while commercial businesses are responsible for clearing debris from their commercial property,” Ms. Hapke, interim supervisor at the Collier County Public Utilities Department, says. Residents should put their storm debris out for collection as soon as possible.

See Residents, A12

Nothing as usual

Ringling International Arts Festival shines spotlight on cutting-edge performances of all kinds. C1

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Incurable collector Scott Simmons scores at a Naples thrift store. C5

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COMMENTARY

You’re right!

If only we could figure out a way to explain. If only we could articulate more clearly. Maybe we need to present more facts. Possibly another historical analysis would be helpful.

At this point I’m exhausted. I would think all of those bright liberals would be, too. Who are they kidding? Do they really think their arguments are making a difference? Are they just tongue-tied at this point? Shocked? Gob-smacked?

Here’s what I think. I think it’s hopeless. I think there have been too many months of explanations, and too many feeble or even robust arguments presented in an effort to be sincere and/or play fair. I think it was over before it started. I think it’s pointless and fruitless.

I think the 35 percent know exactly what they’re doing. Here’s the thing: People aren’t all good or all bad. They’re complicated, and they often make decisions knowing just what they’re doing, even if they don’t choose to admit it.

Does anyone really think that 35 percent of Americans don’t understand it’s wrong to exhibit ugly racist behavior? Of course they know. And for some horrible, despicable reason they think it is now justified. Are there any arguments that can possibly justify the abominable treatment of women in the workplace, in the home, in the realm of reproductive health or anywhere else? Of course not. It’s wrong. We don’t need to think of new, clever, more articulate arguments explaining why. The 35 percent already know: IT’S NOT OK. Don’t bother trying to argue. They know it already. But for some reason they think they’ve now been given license. Do we really think anyone doesn’t understand we ought to be protecting the earth and not destroying the Everglades or the animals or the oceans or the air? I don’t believe that. I think, by this point, everyone gets it. And those politicians and business leaders who continue to make decisions that favor the powerful and the moneyed are selfishly putting themselves and their pocketbooks ahead of our future on the earth. So don’t bother with anymore cringeworthy arguments in an attempt to explain more clearly what everyone already knows. Let’s just be honest.

And you in the 35 percent — you know what you’re doing. You know it’s wrong. You think, because there is currently an awful human being or two in the White House, that you’ve been given permission to be a despicable racist or a women-hater or a rapist of our earth. I say to all those soft-hearted, verdant liberals: STOP NOW. Stop trying to be understanding. Stop trying to calmly argue or to use “sweet reason.” Just tell the truth. Yes, lay out the facts. But hold to a higher standard. Be tougher. Be absolutely.

Because it is not OK to exhibit behavior that is cruel and inhumane. Never. And no one, no leader, no entertainer, not even a family member, can ever make that behavior OK by modeling it. So from now on when you come across one of those people who argues for cruelty, abuse or destruction in the name of freedom, religion or individual rights, don’t waste your time inventing a credible argument to help educate them, to show them how to be a better person and a steward of the earth.

Instead, just try these on for size:

- Racism is cruel and unacceptable. It’s wrong.

- Women must be treated with equality and respect. Anything else is wrong.

- If we put personal greed ahead of preservation of the earth, we will harm the planet forever. That’s wrong.

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Let me say from the get-go, football has never been my favorite sport. Base-
ball is my thing and has been since I was a kid. I played third base, but my aspira-
tions ended prematurely. My grade school coach figured out I couldn’t make the throw from third to first.

I was relegated to the stands there-
after. But my reassignment did nothing to dampen my enthusiasm. I have long
continued to enjoy a ball game as an adult, of which there are now certain
benefits. They include dollar beer night, senior citizen discounts, and witnessing
excited future fans scrambling for a ball in the stands. There is also the satisfac-
tion of yelling at the umpire as if you are the batter’s mother protesting a bad call.

In Florida, a ballgame is never hard to find, at whatever level of play you fancy. But, if baseball is not your passion, football season is the best next thing. I don’t get too worked up about the opening of the season, but this year, it was different.

For starters, Hurricane Irma’s visit to Florida played a major role in disrupting the season kickoff schedule. That’s a big deal for students and grads devoted to following their school’s team, even for someone like me. Almost every Florida high school and college football game and the state’s seven universities did, too, that belong to the Football Bowl Subdivision. There’s the crime-de-lacrosse of collegiate football. So, post-irma, the football sea-
son was already off to a rocky start. South Florida fans sent tickets to their Bar-
colusians and turned to the National Football League for their football fix. Then all hell broke loose.

The president launched a culture war right into the natoch bowl. Instead of the Baltimore Ravens vs. the
Jacksonville Jaguars, we got a seat on the 50-yard line of a brawl fest in political
football.

The roots in 2016. Colin Kaepernick, the 49ers backup quarterback, refused to stand for the national anthem. His gesture was in pro-
test of police violence against African-
Americans and in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

His protest did not go unnoticed. It ultimately cost Kaepernick his job. The NFL, essentially blackballed him from playing in the league. Though the trau-
mary smoldered on, it was a slow burn. The NFL football lived on.

Last month, while attending a political rally in Baltimore, President Trump lobbed an incendiary, rhetorical bomb in the embryos of the contro-
versy and it erupted into a conflagration that engulfed the nation.

He called the players in the Nation-
al Football League who either showed support for or mimicked Kaepernick’s pro-
test of “sons of bitches.” He demanded
the NFL fire them all and failing that, the fans boycott the NFL. He lamented
NFL football was no fun anymore any-
thing. I don’t get too worked up about the

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The Non Sequiturs Of The Gun Debate

The mind boggles at the horror of Las Vegas, where Stephen Paddock perched
himself in the 32nd floor of the Manda-
Bay hotel and sprayed bullets into a
crowd of outdoor concertgoers in the
worst mass shooting in American his-
tory.

If this slaughter of innocents were an
act perpetuated by a foreign power, the
U.S. military retaliation would begin
immediately, and rightly so.

The impulse to act to stop the domes-
tic massacre would have become a heart-
breakingly metronomic feature of Amer-
ican life is laudable and understandable. “It’s time,” as Connecticut Sen. Chris
Murphy said, giving voice to the senti-
ment, “for Congress to get off its a– and
do something.”

The problem is that the “something,” namely all the usual gun-control propos-
als, isn’t well-suited to stopping mass
shootings. But liberal politicians never
the inapplicability of their proposals
stop them. The passion with which they
advocate for new gun-control measures

Confusion between semi-automatic weapons, which are common and fire once each time the trigger is pulled, and automatic weapons, which are rare and fire multiple times each time the trigger is pulled, is a persistent feature of the gun debate. Many gun-control advocates don’t know the difference and erroneously refer to, say, AR-15 rifles as machine guns or automatic weapons. This is an area where Congress has already legislated, though. It is illegal to own an automatic weapon made after May 1, 1986, and difficult and expensive to own one made before that.

Finally, there are always calls to limit the receipts, although this wouldn’t have stopped Paddock, either. It took the SWAT team more than an hour to breach his room.

The images from Las Vegas are sicken-
ing. There’s the sound of gunfire truly
lifeless, although those perpetrators
of mass shootings usually haven’t
been adjudicated and therefore have
passed background checks, as Paddock
did in purchasing at least some of his
guns. No enhanced background-check regime, no matter how vigorous, would have stopped him from purchasing guns.

Hillary Clinton immediately singled
out so-called shooters, or suppressors.
“The crowd fled at the sound of gun-
shots,” Clinton tweeted. “Imagine the
defeats if the shooter had a silencer, 
which the NRA wants to make it easier
to get.” This conjures an image of the killer
destroying lives around with a gun impos-
sible to control, a conception straight out of a James Bond movie.

In a piece on Republican-supported legis-
lation to make suppressors easier to
acquire, The Washington Post notes that
one of the devices would lessen the sound of an AR-15 to 12 decibels, or comparable to “a gunshot or a jackham-
mer.” In other words, a rifle still sounds
like gun even with a suppressor.

If Hillary cares so much about the
issue, she might take 10 minutes to learn something about it, but gun-control advocates tend to be low-information advocates.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Fundraiser will help pave the way for quadriplegic’s physical therapy

Etudes de Ballet & Co. presents Naples concert pianist Jodie DeSalvo and author Kay Kinsley Adams in “Renee. Released.”, a benefit for quadriplegic Renee Whisner, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The ballet school is at 3285 Pine Ridge Road.

In addition to a performance by Ms. DeSalvo and a keynote address titled “Overcoming Adversity” by Ms. Adams, the evening will include a silent auction, photo booth, Tuscan-inspired food and drink and even some surprise guests.

Until Nov. 3, 2014, Ms. Whisner, a United States Air Force veteran and mother of two grown children, was a healthy, active woman who loved to bike and travel. Earlier that year, she had gone to India to study yoga; her intention was to return to the United States and open her own yoga studio.

Then her cab driver crashed into a tree and rendered her paralyzed from the chest down.

“I spent a year in India earning advanced certification as a yoga instructor and was about to go home to start my new career when it happened,” she explains. Her neck was broken at C-4 and C-5, which was later surgically put back into place with a titanium plate and four titanium screws. She is considered to be “C-4 complete,” which means she has no motor or sensory function below the injury site.

An active member of Toast of the Coast, a Naples-based Toastmasters International club, Ms. Whisner shared in a speech recently that she has been accepted into an aggressive physical therapy program at the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Md. Her fellow Toast of the Coast members quickly pulled together once they learned the program would cost more than $50,000.

By contacting every possible connection within the club’s diverse and professional membership, they organized “Renee. Released.”

“We realize the goal of raising $50,000 is a lofty one,” says fellow Toastmaster Amy Bright Gilhuly, “but I can honestly say Renee has inspired all of us on such a deep level through her courage, humility and bright outlook on life despite her circumstances, we believe that what seems impossible could very well happen. We are all committed to doing whatever it takes to get her the intensive therapy she needs in order to reach her simple goals.”

Ms. Whisner’s centers on the simple things many of us take for granted: She wants to walk again as well as feed, groom and help herself.

Tickets to “Renee. Released.” are $50 in advance at www.eventbrite.com or $60 at the door. For more information, call Ms. Gilhuly at 777-0416 or Marianne Oehser at 216-3030.

For more information about Ms. Whisner’s story or to make a donation, visit www.GoFundMe.com/Renee-Whisner or www.HelpHopeLive.org/campaign/9933.

Take part in the White Cane Walk

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and Collier Association of the Visually Impaired invite the public to observe White Cane Day on Friday, Oct. 13. A White Cane Walk will set out at 3:30 p.m. from the Sugden Community Theatre on Fifth Avenue South and end at the Naples Art Association, where participants will be able to meet the artists whose works make up the association’s new “It’s Elementary” exhibit.

Lighthouse of Collier mobility specialist Wendy Olson will have extra white canes to share with people who do not have their own. Ms. Olson works with Lighthouse clients to help them become more independent in their daily activities and travel needs.

The NAA exhibit features collaborative work of husband-and-wife artists Genie Kell and Nando Ortega on with interpretive musical compositions written and performed by Jeff Leigh. Also included are new works created artwork by blind and visually impaired participants in Lighthouse of Collier programs. The opening reception is from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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nonprofit arts and culture sector is a large piece of the financial pie here. And Naples Art Association CEO Aimee Schlehr thinks, with local government help, it can be even stronger.

“We can make a bigger impact with our county officials to support the arts more,” said Ms. Schlehr.

Arts—Naples, one of Southwest Florida’s biggest draws for the visual and performing arts, worked closely with the United Arts Council on the study, according to VP of marketing and patron engagement Ashley Mirakian.

“We were excited to quantify the impact,” she said, noting this as the first time Collier has participated in such a study.

Americans for the Arts, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing the arts in America, recently commissioned the “Arts & Economic Prosperity 5,” which unveiled that the nonprofit arts and culture sector in Collier County had a local impact to the tune of $107.7 million in 2015.

Breaking down the numbers in Collier reveals that of the $107.7 million in local activity, $63 million was spent by nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, and an additional $44.7 million was spent via event-related expenses by their audiences.

The study sends a strong signal to local policy makers that supporting the arts will not only lead to an enhanced quality of life in Collier County, but contribute to its economic well-being, according to Naples Art Association CEO Aimee Schlehr.

“Quantifying what we do as an arts organization is important. We’re one of the oldest in Collier...to see the growth we’ve had gives us a nice baseline to look at future growth of the arts in our community,” Ms. Schlehr said. The NAA will celebrate its 65th year in the 2018-19 season.

Ms. Schlehr cited the many avenues nonprofit arts and culture affect Collier County in a positive way, whether it be through public school arts programs, local events that bring in thousands of visitors from across the world, and adding to the already beautiful aesthetic of Naples and beyond. The Naples Art Association is no exception, with a time-tested tradition of supporting local artists and coaching up new ones with business and artistic programming to help artists sell their work, or find ways to market themselves.

Beyond ticket sales

The Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study revealed a national correlation between economic vitality and the arts. The report canvassed 341 “study regions” encompassing over a hundred cities and counties across all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The impact goes far beyond ticket sales.

According to the study, the $107.7 million economic impact in Collier County supported 2,923 “full-time equivalent jobs,” generated $574 million in household income for local residents, and delivered nearly $11 million in local and state government revenue in 2015. An FTE job is calculated via the total amount of labor employed, which can include one full-time employee, two half-time employees, etc.

According to Americans for the Arts’ findings, the nonprofit arts industry generated $66.3 billion of economic activity nationally in 2015 — $63.8 billion spent by arts and cultural organizations, $102.5 billion in event-related expenses by audiences.

“When patrons attend an arts event, they may pay for parking, eat dinner at a restaurant, enjoy dessert after the show, and return home to pay the babysitter,” Ms. Lynch wrote in his findings.

A typical Collier County nonprofit arts/cultural event attendee spends, on average, $32.80 per person beyond the cost of admission. This figure was calculated by the study to include meals, souvenirs and gifts, ground transportation, overnight lodging for one night, and miscellaneous costs that could include childcare. The national figure is slightly less at $34.77 per person.

Ms. Schlehr is a numbers person. When she started with the Naples Art Association in 2009, she came on as CFO, touring a strong financial accounting background. She had little knowledge of the arts.

“I was terrified of having to talk to people about four walls,” Ms. Schlehr recalled with a laugh. As she became more versed in the arts and witnessed the tangible community impacts of the NAA and its nonprofit partners, she became immersed in educating herself on various local initiatives and helped spearhead many new programs, as well as paving the way for the Americans for the Arts study to be completed. She was familiar with a recent Lee County study by the United Arts Council and saw the incredibly high economic impact. Ms. Schlehr knew Collier could be no different.

The UAC conducted a nearly two-year study... (and) found that the arts had a higher economic impact than baseball,” Ms. Schlehr said. Lee County is home to the Single-A minor league affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, the Fort Myers Miracle, as well as the spring training destination for the Boston Red Sox. Both teams have their own stadium in Lee County. “I pushed Collier to do this. I was very interested in seeing how many jobs we support.”

“The more opportunities we have in the region to engage the community with arts, the better it is for all of us. All boats rise with the tide,” said Lydia Black, executive director of Lee County’s Alliance for the Arts. Ms. Black believes Southwest Florida as a region will benefit for Collier visitors’ intense interest in the arts, and vice versa.

Ms. Mirakian pointed out that every arts organization in Collier County has a core mission to serve the local population as well as seasonal residents, along with visitors from out of county.

“We think of those audiences we serve... are incredibly vital to what we do. (The study) is very encouraging,” she said.

“If someone goes to the Southwest Florida Symphony, they’re more likely to go to Artis—Naples or the Ringling Museum in Sarasota,” Ms. Black said. “I think Lee County in particular benefits from the work Collier County has done investing in its arts community. I don’t see this as competitive. I see it as an opportunity for all the arts to be elevated. The sharing between arts organizations helps build communities and creates significant economic development.”

“Seasonal residents” want the same amenities and luxuries they have in their hometown,” Ms. Schlehr said. “We have everything from a barbershop quartet, to the beautiful museum and Philharmonic at Arts—Naples.”
A collaborative effort

Of the 62 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Collier County, 45 participated in the economic impact study. This included two visits from Americans for the Arts volunteers to each of the nonprofit participating Arts—Naples, Collier Child Care Resources, the Collier County Agricultural Fair & Exposition, Collier County Public Schools, the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples, Gulfshore Playhouse, the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of SWFL, The Naples Players and Naples Zoo are just a handful of the nonprofits that contributed to this study.

I think it’s a really great comprehensive study of the arts in Collier County,” Ms. Mirakian said. “We saw the data from when Lee participated... There’s such a range of creative industries in Collier, this (study) is a great starting point and we hope to get more people involved next time.”

Americans for the Arts surveyed guests, attended shows and receptions, interviewed restaurant workers, even babysitters, and reviewed financial information from many of these organizations.

One number that stuck out to Ms. Schlehr was event-related spending between residents of Collier County and non-residents. For fiscal year 2015, the study reported over $47,000 local attendees (Southwest Florida residents) of arts and culture events, with total expenditures of roughly $23.2 million. Non-resident attendees totaled just over $57,000 for 2015 and spent $23.5 million.

“Almost as much money is generated from our seasonal visitors as our regular residents,” Ms. Schlehr said. “As we advertise our golf courses and beaches, this tells us people are also coming because of what we have here culturally.”

Of the non-resident survey respondents in the study, nearly 62 percent indicated that the primary purpose of their Collier County visit was to “specifically attend this arts/cultural event.”

“As we start to expand our programming, we look more toward ‘shoulder’ season,” Ms. Mirakian said of Arts—Naples, citing the slower months coinciding with the precursor and tail ends of the seasonal months, starting around wintertime and concluding around April or May. “We’ve seen incredible results thanks to the mix of seasonal people staying longer and locals looking for something to do during that time.

A helping hand?

Ms. Schlehr thinks these numbers tell people that when season winds down, people don’t just stop going out. Many locals are interested in the arts too, keeping all of those valuable travel, entertainment and tourism dollars here in Collier County.

“To me, this says we need the county to continue investing in the arts. They have such a big impact in Collier,” Ms. Schlehr said. “Our government should support and promote Collier as a cultural destination. This study is proof.”

She cited the generous involvement of the city of Naples in the NAA’s initiatives, helping to promote events and fundraisers as well as input for expanded programming.

Following the results of this economic study, how exactly does Ms. Schlehr envision the county helping the arts locally, including the Naples Art Association’s initiatives?

“We would love for them to advertise our big festivals. To have the city use our big festivals. To have the city of Naples in the NAA’s initiatives?”

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Famed photographer hosts fundraiser for Big Cypress National Preserve

Florida wilderness photographer Clyde Butcher and his wife, Niki, invite the public to their Big Cypress Gallery for swamp walks and more from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29. All proceeds from swamp walks taken that day will benefit Big Cypress National Preserve’s environmental education programs for sixth-grade students. The SWAMP curriculum is designed to help students understand their connection and responsibilities to the natural world so that they may become better informed citizens, community leaders and stewards of the fragile and unique environment of South Florida.

For $50 per person (free for accompany children), the ranger-led swamp walks will take guests along trails behind the Big Cypress Gallery. Protecting over 720,000 acres of the vast A10 tract, a candle lighting and a reading of names of those killed or wounded in combat or training at Big Cypress National Preserve will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the Ispiri community city on the Avow campus, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane. The event, where we are surrounded by over a million acres of wilderness,” said Niki Butcher. “For this reason, we strive to educate individuals about the environment and beauty of this area.”

Visitors will be able to meet Mr. Butcher during his first public appearance since recovering from a stroke in May. He will personalize his books, calendars and photographs. On display in the gallery will be a large selection of his Florida photographs and his Cuba exhibit with information panels about his expeditions. The Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery is at 52388 Tamiami Trail in Ochopee on U.S. 41 at mile marker 54.2. All are welcome. Admission is free. Reservations are not required, but those who are interested are encouraged to get on the priority swamp-walk list by calling 695-2428 or visiting www.clydebutcher.com.

Avow remembers

Avow welcomes anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved to attend a Remembering memorial service at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the Ispiri community city on the Avow campus, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane. The service will feature music, inspirational readings, a candle lighting and a reading of names in remembrance of loved ones.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one(s) for display during the service. The non-denominational service is open to all and offered free of charge thanks to an endowment by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kent.

RSVP by calling 430-3194 or by sending an email to saceto@avowcares.org. Be sure to provide the name of the person(s) to be included in the name reading.

‘Salute to Veterans’ will welcome decorated special operations vet

The first 50 veterans who sign up will enjoy free breakfast at a “Salute to Veterans” program hosted by the Collier County Men’s Republican Club on Friday morning, Nov. 3, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Sgt. Keni Thomas, the decorated veteran who inspired the book and movie “Black Hawk Down.”

Sgt. Thomas survived the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia, where he was deployed as part of a special operations team called Task Force Ranger on a mission to find and capture criminal warlord Mohammed Farrah Aideed. On Oct. 3 that year, Sgt. Thomas and his fellow rangers distinguished themselves in a chaotic, 18-hour firefight in which 19 Americans died and 78 were wounded.

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A graduate of the University of Florida, Sgt. Thomas stayed in the Army for three more years as a team leader for a six-man ranger recon-naiss ance team. A recipient of the Combat Infantrymen’s Badge and the bronze star for valor, he now works fulltime as an award-winning recording artist. His Nashville-based band Cornbread was featured in the movie “Sweet Home Alabama” and regularly tours with the USO.

He is also a national spokesperson for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, which provides college educations to the children of special operations personnel killed in combat or training. The “Salute to Veterans” breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. and the program starts at 8 a.m. Cost is $35 (free for the first 50 veterans who sign up). To register, email info@colliercountymensrepublicanclub.com or visit www.colliercountymensrepublicanclub.com.
The Immokalee Foundation mentors explain the benefits of partnership

Leaders are made, not born, as the saying goes. Thanks to support from Southwest Florida business community and its own leaders, students in The Immokalee Foundation’s programs are learning to be leaders, too.

This important instruction is done through mentorship by the men and women who share their time, talent and experience to encourage Immokalee youth to excel in their studies — and their lives. More than 140 mentors are currently paired with students in TIF’s Take Stock in Children scholarship program.

The program is growing, and more mentors are needed.

The mentoring arrangement is a win-win situation.

“The job of the mentor is to provide advice, support and friendship to a young student,” said John Costigan, a foundation board member and mentor, along with his wife, Emily. “We enjoy mentoring because it puts a face on the scholarship program and gives us a very personal connection to the important work of The Immokalee Foundation. We feel students benefit from a perspective they might not otherwise have, and we benefit from making a contribution to a very deserving student’s success.”

Each student newly inducted into Take Stock in Children — mostly seventh- and eighth-graders — is partnered with a volunteer mentor who provides support, guidance, accountability and friendship.

Many mentors come from local companies; these participants say they enjoy the same rewards as the Costigans.

Debbie Divita, left, and Amy Hale, standing, of BMO Wealth Management with TIF student Leessett Perez.

“It’s been a great experience for me,” said Debbie Divita, associate portfolio manager with BMO Wealth Management in the Naples division. “The kids in Immokalee are just amazing. They all kind of realize they want to have different opportunities than their parents did. They want that education and they’re willing to work for it.” She learned about mentorship with the foundation through the bank’s managing director, Amy Hale.

“Amy introduced us to Leessett Perez, a student with The Immokalee Foundation,” said Ms. Divita. “Leessett talked to us at a staff meeting. Afterward, I went to Amy and said, ‘I’d really like to be a part of this. I’d like to do something.’”

Ms. Divita signed on as a mentor and was paired with Litzy Rojas, a junior at Immokalee High School. “We hit it off right from the start,” Ms. Divita said. “It all seemed to gel from the beginning.”

Often, new mentors find out about the benefits of this relationship from colleagues.

Samantha Bhagwandat is teller supervisor at Florida Community Bank’s branch in Immokalee. She learned about the program from Luis Cartagena, a colleague and TIF board member. Ms. Bhagwandat has since mentored Carol Galvan Leon, a senior at Immokalee High School, for three years.

Like other mentors and mentees, Ms. Bhagwandat and Ms. Leon meet once a week for formal and informal activities, including discussions on books about leadership, which they take turns choosing.

Ms. Bhagwandat is proud that her employer is nurturing the next generation. “Our bank is very much involved in the community, and this helps these young kids to develop,” she said.

Luis Cartagena is mentor to Elizay Bravo and Lourdijina Louis.

“From the beginning, we have made a commitment to each other to stay consistent and stay effective,” Mr. Cartagena said. He talked about a recent day when he met with both mentees. “We discussed in great detail their individual goals for this school year and how we were going to accomplish each of their set goals. With both mentees earning a 4.0 GPA and both dual enrolling at Florida SouthWestern State College — and also throwing work and extracurricular activities in there — it is clear to all of us that any distractions will take us off course,” he added. “It is a true partnership, and we are committed to win together.”

As vice president and branch manager of Florida Community Bank’s Immokalee branch, Mr. Cartagena believes firmly in business support of community programs. “When companies step up, they set the example of their level of commitment to the communities they serve,” he said, adding, “It also empowers their employees to get engaged. Each employer has a great amount of talent on its team that each and every student can benefit from. And these kids are our future.”

TIF provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about TIF and how to get involved, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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The county is being very specific about how and where the debris should be piled. "We have invested quite a bit of money in public service announcements placed by our media agency on almost all radio stations," Ms. Hapke says. The announcements tell residents how this should be done, she says, adding the requirements are meant to make collection easier and faster as well as to avoid damage to power lines, drainage facilities and other residential surroundings.

Residents who do not have a sidewalk are asked to put their vegetation debris at the edge of the property close to the curb. "Only storm-related vegetative waste will be collected," Ms. Hapke warns. "Residents should not mix in demolition materials or household waste."

As can be imagined, the county-wide effort is not cheap, and actually has never been done before. "We don't know yet how much this will cost," Ms. Hapke says, but the division director from the Office of Management and Budget has told County Commissioners the cleanup costs could be up to $100 million. She remembers that the cleanup cost for Hurricane Wilma in 2005 was $26 million.

Applying for FEMA reimbursement is a very detailed and involved process, she says. In particular, the program allows residents to participate, take the initiative and bring waste to collection points themselves. This can help accelerate the overall cleanup process. "We've set up temporary drop-off locations throughout the county for residents and homeowners who don't want to wait for curbside collection," she says, reiterating that the locations are only for storm-related waste and not for construction debris, garbage, hazardous materials or appliances.

The hope is that the temporary program will speed the process of collection and help residents clear their properties of debris sooner than later. "Since this project started, we've collected almost a quarter million cubic yards of waste," Ms. Hapke says. "Just for reference, a cubic yard is about the size of the washing machine in your house, so that's quite a bit.

"We'll continue to support residents by keeping the collection points open as long as necessary."

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Volunteer recognition program accepting applications

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Diamond Volunteer Awards, a volunteer recognition program that has honored nonprofit organizations for their work in Collier County for the past eight years.

Three organizations are chosen each year to receive the Diamond Volunteer Award. Winners receive a cocktail reception for volunteers and board members, media coverage, educational opportunities and a framed award. Past winners include Baby Basics of Collier County, Hope for Haiti, Project HELP, Naples Civitan Club, Angels Undercover of Collier County, PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee, Laces of Love and the Guadalupe Center.

To apply, prepare a one-page case statement about the nonprofit organization along with who should be honored (board members, special events volunteers, etc.) and include why the award would be important to the organization. Email it to DiamondVolunteers@gmail.com.

The application deadline is Oct. 30. Winners will be selected by a panel of local business professionals and will be notified on or before Nov. 15.

Summit set to address sea level rise

The public is invited to a panel discussion about the local impacts of climate change from 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Collier County Commission chambers, 3299 Tamiami Trail E. The “Sea Level Rise Risks & Solutions Summit” will tackle issues happening now and those on the horizon.

A panel has been assembled to bring various talking points to the table, including marine science professor Michael Savares, senior client manager Alex Kaplan of Swiss Re and the Hon. Jim Cason, former mayor of Coral Gables. They will address the human, business and economic risks to Florida communities, with an emphasis on issues facing Collier County.

The event is being supported by a litany of local organizations: Collier Citizen’s Council, Collier County Presidents’ Council, Environmental Defense Fund, Greater Naples Leadership, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters of Collier County and the Sea Level Solutions Center at FIU.

Admission is free.

Want to support the cause but cannot compete in the tournament? Join us for the Friday Night Kick-Off Party! A portion of the proceeds will benefit the fishing industry in Everglades City for Hurricane Irma recovery.

Tickets are only $50, includes dinner, drinks, auction and prize drawing. Call 239-403-4200 or email nikki.troxler@conservancy.org

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Get Out for a Good Cause

- The second annual 5K Zombie Fun Run steps out at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Palmetto Ridge High School in Golden Gate Estates. Registration for the non-competitive event opens at 7 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up as zombies and run, walk or sprint along the route. The Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts the run. Race-day registration is $25 ($20 for students). Proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida.

- Collier Heart Walk takes place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Cambier Park to raise awareness and funds for heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association’s non-competitive event is free, although participants are encouraged to collect pledges in the weeks leading up to the event. Walkers, runners, strollers and pets are welcome. No registration is required. For more information or to become a sponsor, call 495-4910 or visit www.collierheartwalk.org.

- Strikes for Scholarships, the annual bowling fundraiser hosted by the Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association, takes place from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at HeadPinz Entertainment Center, 1451 Global Parkway in Fort Myers. Last year’s sold-out event raised more than $30,000 for student scholarships — enough for the alumni association to award three scholarships this academic year. Registration is $30 for adults, $15 for ages 7 and younger. Sign up at alumni.fgcu.edu. For more information, call Angela Kunkle at 745-4443.

- The fourth annual Chip in for DLC golf tournament to benefit the David Lawrence Center tees off Friday, Nov. 10, at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. and the 18-hole scramble with four-person teams starts at 1 p.m. A cocktail reception will follow the tournament. Registration is $250; non-golfers can attend the cocktail reception for $50. The tournament is presented by the David Lawrence Center in partnership with the D.L.C. Young Executives. Sponsors to date include Cummings & Lockwood, LLC; Stroemer & Company, LLC; and Park Royal Hospital. To sign up or for more information, call DLC at 354-4445 or go to www.chipinfordlc.org.

- The Immokalee Foundation’s 2017 Charity Classic Pro-Am pairs local players with more than 20 of the world’s greatest golfers at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and demonstrations at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament is followed by lunch and an awards presentation. Registration starts at $6,000, with proceeds benefitting TIF programs that build pathways to post-secondary education for Immokalee’s youth. For more information, call 450-9272 or visit www.immokaleefounda-

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**CLUB NOTES**

- **Wine Tasters of Naples** members meet from 5:30-7 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a $7 door fee; guests pay $9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The Oct. 13 place to be is Naples Flatbread, followed by 21 Spices by Chef Asif on Oct. 20 and McCormick & Schmick’s on Oct. 27. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetasternaples.org.

- **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club** 96654, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President’s Distinquished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Oct. 13 and 27. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastoftheCoast.org.

- **Naples Writers Forum** welcomes writers of all levels to meet and discuss writing. The group meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Saturday of every month at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2255 Harbour Drive. For more information, call Deborah Cox-Roush, director for Senior Corps at the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C., as keynote speaker for the season’s inaugural “Cocktails and Conversation, by Invitation Only!” from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Chez Boet, 1255 12th Ave. The event will also host Mrs. Christensen, a former Collier County Republican state committeewoman.

- **Naples Writers Forum** welcomes writers of all levels to meet and discuss their craft from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 Illuh Ave. Free. For more information, call 949-3621 or 773-732-9982.

- **Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters** in early birds who want to gain confidence speaking in public to its meetings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meetings are Oct. 17 and Nov. 7. First-time visitors are always welcome to observe. For more information, call 777-8881. For more information about Toastmasters International, including other area chapters and where and when they meet, visit www.toastmasters.org.

- **The Collier County Republican Executive Committee** in conjunction with all Collier County Republican clubs welcomes Deborah Cox-Roush, director for Senior Corps at the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C., as keynote speaker for the season’s inaugural “Cocktails and Conversation, by Invitation Only!” from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Chez Boet, 1255 12th Ave. The event will also host Mrs. Christensen, a former Collier County Republican state committeewoman.

- General admission tickets are $25; VIP tickets including reserved seating are $50 per person, $80 per couple. Light hors d’oeuvres will be provided with a cash bar. Registration in advance is required at www.collierorg.com/cocktailsconversation. For more information, call CCCREC headquarters at 732-0885.

- **The Cornell Alumni Association of SWFL** holds its first event of the season from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Bayside Restaurant in the Village on Venetian Bay. It is the annual Cornell International Spirit of Zinck’s Night. To sign up or for more information, call Jon Petter Vollmer at 250-9414, email jonn.vollmer@sothebysrealty.com or visit www.cornellalumniassociationofsouthwestflorida.com.

- The **Gulf Coast Orchard Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchardalliance.com.

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

- **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Oct. 21 and Nov. 4. 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 594-0686 or email dritchie@comcast.net.

- **The newly formed Naples Beta Theta Pi alumni organization** will hold a kickoff luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 26, at noon at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. Guest speaker will be Jeff Rundle, executive director of the fraternity. Subsequent luncheons with speakers will be on Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 10. For more information and reservations, call David Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email davidnordhoff@gmail.com.

- **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are encouraged to mix, mingle and meet other Pi Phis at the Naples Alumnae Club “Angels on the Town” Wel-come Back Mixer from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at The Center, 9100 Strata Place in Mercato. To RSVP or for more information, call 419-271-0500 or email elainehorton@mac.com.

- **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Nov. 1. Members also serve a buffet breakfast from 8:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome. Admission for $5 includes all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, donuts and pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee, with all pro-ceeds benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youths ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next break-fast is Nov. 12. The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaa1067.com.

- Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Nov. 2. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at epiceries@floridaweekly.com.
Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies are joining forces with residents in celebrations across Collier County to promote community safety by heightening crime prevention and drug prevention awareness; generating support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts; and strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Events are free, and all are welcome.

Family-friendly events that include cookouts, bounce houses, wall climbing, refreshments and informational kiosks and demonstrations by representatives from area emergency services and county government agencies have already taken place in Golden Gate, North Naples and East Naples; here’s what’s coming up:

**Everglades City** – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at McLeod Park. Deputies will be joined by representatives from Collier County EMS, the Police Athletic League, Collier County Code Enforcement and Mosquito Control District. Safe and Healthy Children’s Coalition of Collier County and McGruff the Crime Dog. Horses from the CCSO Mounted Patrol will pay a visit, and the CCSO Bomb Squad and Aviation Unit will conduct demonstrations.

**Golden Gate Estates** – 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Forestry Fire Station, 710 Randall Blvd. Kids can check out the CCSO D.A.R.E. car, meet Smokey Bear and enjoy music by DJ Harold De La Vega. Representatives of the Naples Pathways Coalition will provide bicycle tune-ups and bike safety education. Participants can also meet with members of the CCSO, Collier County EMS, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Collier County Supervisor of Elections, Humane Society Naples and Greater Naples Fire District. Refreshments will be served.

**Immokalee** – 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the CCSO substation, 112 First St. Meet McGruff the Crime Dog and members of the CCSO, along with representatives from Collier County Code Enforcement, Collier County Utilities, Immokalee Fire Department and Collier County Health Department. Deputies will host a bicycle safety course and provide bike helmets to children in need. Food and refreshments will be provided. There will also be a rock wall for kids to climb.

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

Cost is $15 for AARP members, $20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. Here’s what’s coming up where. Unless otherwise noted, classes are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **Thursday, Oct. 12**, at St. Williams Ministry, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 947-1722.
- **Thursday, Nov. 19**, at St. Williams Ministry, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 621-8616.
- **Thursday, Dec. 2**, at St. Williams Ministry, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 621-8616.

**Look out for traffic deputies on the road**

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Oct. 16-20:

- **Monday, Oct. 16**
  - Vanderbilt Beach and Groves roads: Speeding
  - Thomasson Drive at Avalon Elementary School: Aggressive driving
  - Radio Road and Santa Clara Drive: Speeding

- **Tuesday, Oct. 17**
  - Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving
  - Logan Boulevard and Coral Wood Drive: Aggressive driving
  - U.S. 41 North and 97th Avenue North: Red-light running

- **Wednesday, Oct. 18**
  - Vineyards and Napa boulevards: Speeding
  - U.S. 41 East and Palm Drive: Red-light running
  - Collier Boulevard and Lely Cultural Parkway: Speeding

- **Friday, Oct. 20**
  - Sunshine Boulevard and 20th Place SW: Aggressive driving
  - Radio and Livingston roads: Aggressive driving
  - U.S. 41 East and Lely Resort Boulevard: Speeding

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Infiniti Q60: A touch of familiarity and a ton of power

If you're a fan of Infiniti, this is the car you've been rooting for them to build.

The company has consistently been building sporty and solid luxury machines, but the 2017 Q60 Red Sport 400 feels like the ultimate evolution. It adds more excitement inside, outside, and especially under the hood with a 400 hp motor.

The exterior design is new, but it feels very familiar. The style follows Infiniti's theme of cat-like sedans and coupes. With narrow headlights for eyes and tall fenders like shoulders, the Q60 looks more like a prowling jaguar than the cars from Jaguar.

The designers were thoughtful in the details with tasteful chrome accents, plenty of extra curves in the sheet metal, and even a little ridge in front to complement the sharp point of the logo. There is an unmistakable vibe from its predecessor, the G-series coupe, but Q60 has a low-slung sportiness that its forerunner didn't have.

Inside, this upgraded feeling continues. The front seats have plenty of bolstering, but they're also forgiving. The door armrest and center console are tall enough to keep the driver's arms focused on the wheel, but not so high that the cockpit feels claustrophobic. This creates an ideal mix of feeling like a performance car, but not sacrificing commuter comfort.

Just like the exterior, the Q60 gives off plenty of familiar feelings. The gauge package and the adjacent infotainment touchscreen are instantly familiar to anyone who has driven a Nissan or Infiniti in the last five years. It’s not as if anyone who has driven a Nissan or Infiniti before (not even the Infiniti Q50) this is the one you've been yearning for.

The new Q60 has the familiarity of its predecessors, but the soul of a whole new animal. So for those who like Infiniti (and some who haven't tried them before) this is the one you've been building sporty and solid luxury machines, but the 2017 Q60 Red Sport 400 feels like the ultimate evolution. It adds more excitement inside, outside, and especially under the hood with a 400 hp motor.

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Elders in Naples, their caregivers and family members who have questions or concerns about Medicare and related health insurance topics have a new place to turn. The state’s SHINE — Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders — offers counseling at the Alzheimer’s Support Network, 600 Tamiami Trail N., from 1-3 p.m. every second Friday of the month. The next session is Oct. 13.

This is a new partnership between SHINE and the Alzheimer’s Support Network.

A volunteer program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, SHINE empowers elders to make informed decisions about their health-care coverage. It is offered locally through the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida.

SHINE volunteers can answer questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, prescription assistance, long-term care planning and more. They can help seniors and the disabled on Medicare find assistance programs that might lower prescription drug costs, provide prescription drugs at no cost and help with Medicare Part B costs.

To make an appointment for counseling at the new SHINE counseling site or other SHINE sites in Southwest Florida or to receive assistance by phone, call the toll-free Elder Helpline at 800-413-5337.

For more information, visit www.floridashine.org.

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There are constant reminders of how breast cancer doesn’t discriminate.

Less than two weeks ago, prolific actress Julia Louise Dreyfus announced on Twitter that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer:

“1 in 8 women get breast cancer. Today, I’m the one,” she wrote.

Any woman (or man — 2,500 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in America) who needs treatment or needs guidance with how to deal with it, has a ton of allies in Southwest Florida.

October always brings those allies to the forefront with Breast Cancer Awareness Month and all the corresponding events and celebrations of our local survivors and heroes, all of whom aid the fight for awareness and a cure.

The far-reaching ACS

The American Cancer Society does its part in Collier and Lee counties to honor survivors with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks. Thousands of walkers, among them hundreds of breast cancer survivors, typically show each year for their morning walks, according to ACS event coordinator Christleen Knaub.

“We want to honor all of our breast cancer survivors,” Ms. Knaub said. “We threw them a VIP party and breakfast before the walk. Usually the event brings about three thousand people.”

While many walkers become runners during the event, Ms. Knaub insists it’s not a race. “It’s to honor those you’ve lost, those who have been diagnosed, and any-one who may be affected by this disease in the future.”

The cause is dear to her heart, like so many others who get involved; while she was in college, Ms. Knaub lost her grandmother to breast cancer.

“This is my passion,” she said.

ACS will hold a number of events in October, including walks at Miromar Outlets on Oct. 14, and at Artis-Naples on Oct. 21. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walks begin at 9. They hope to raise around $300,000.

If you go

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Lee County

>> When: Saturday, Oct. 14
>> Where: Miromar Outlets: 10801 Corkscrew Road, Ste. 199, Estero
Registration begins at 8 a.m.
Walk begins at 9 a.m.
>> Info: Register for free at MakingStridesWalk.org/LeeCounty

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Naples

>> When: Saturday, Oct. 21
>> Where: Artis—Naples, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.
>> Info: Register for free at MakingStridesWalk.org/Naples

For more information on any of the above events, call the local ACS office at 261-0337 or email NaplesFLStrides@cancer.org.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month events make strides against the disease
The Cancer Alliance of Naples Pink Party returns to Physicians Regional

BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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A number of local organizations canceled breast cancer awareness events this October thanks to the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. The Cancer Alliance of Naples felt the pressure to make sure their annual Pink Party stayed alive.

“The show must go on,” said Physicians Regional Healthcare System spokesman Lynn Ciecierski. The sixth annual Pink Party will continue as scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

With the goal of raising awareness for breast cancer and women’s health, CAN puts on a party featuring fantastic food, drinks, giveaways and entertainment, along with a dizzying display of Southwest Florida’s many health care providers and physicians dedicated to helping men and women become more educated about breast cancer. Physicians Regional is hosting the event for the second year in a row.

Last year the event raised over $4,000 for CAN through the silent auction. Auction items included items from the area’s best restaurants, retail stores, and women-focused services. A few of the 2016 items included gifts from the Naples Zoo, the Everblades, Fleming’s, Giovanni’s, Coopers Hawk, Charlie McDonald Photography, Island Nails, Laser Lounge, Raw Hair Organic Salon, Shady & Katie, Tru Glo med spa, Paragon Movies, Trader Joes, Lilly Pulitzer, Groupie Booth, Williams Sonoma, Swan River and Seasons 52, among others.

“CAN is devoted to helping children and adults with cancer by providing financial aid, support, education, and resources,” Ms. Ciecierski said. “The organization uses funds raised from the Pink Party silent auction to assist with rent, mortgage, utility and car payments, and other non-medical bills, as well as purchase food and gas gift cards, so those who are in treatment or recovery for cancer can concentrate on getting well.”

Breast cancer awareness is just one of the many initiatives CAN takes on each year. The Alliance is devoted to helping local children and families touched by cancer by providing financial aid, support, education and information resources. The nonprofit has helped more than 1,200 families with $3.6 million in non-medical financial aid and other support since 2002.

CAN also offers free group counseling, free nutrition programs, college scholarships for graduating seniors who have had cancer or whose parents or siblings have cancer, and an extensive library for anyone in the community to use.

The sixth annual Pink Party
Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Physician’s Regional Medical Group: 6101 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
The event is free to the public. Volunteers are needed for planning, silent auction and event staff. Call 305-4805 or email PinkParty@PhysiciansRegional.com for more information.

Hazelden urges action on opioids

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation hosts a community action event for leaders from education, law enforcement, health care and government to gather with citizens, parents and teachers to learn ways to be part of the solution to the opioid epidemic.

HOPE — Heroin and Opioid Prevention Efforts — takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. Attendees will learn about the impact of opioid use, addiction and overdose in the community; resources for prevention, intervention and treatment; and ways to mobilize a coalition to develop a community-based action plan.

Attendance is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at www.HazeldenBettyFord.org/Epidemic. For more information, email Jamie Welton at JWelton@HazeldenBettyFord.org.

Have a seat for yoga and meditation

Master yoga instructor Jean Erbaugh, the author of “Sit With Less Pain,” begins two classes this month.

A chair yoga and meditation class will take place from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 18-Nov. 29 (no class Nov. 10 or 24), at the East County headquarters, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. The class will include several forms of centering, stress reduction and meditation. Cost is $60 for members and $75 and up at www.HazeldenBettyFord.org for more information.

A gentle chair yoga class is set for 10:30-11:45 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 20-Dec. 15 (no class Nov. 10 or 24), at the East Naples Library, 8787 Tamiami Trail E. Cost is $7 per session. All are welcome.

In both classes, all stretches are done on a chair or with the support of a chair, making them ideal for people who can’t get down on a yoga mat (or back up from one). Sessions include stretching and strengthening moves for muscles and balance, release for the joints, relaxation and yoga breathing. People who use wheelchairs and those who have had joint replacement and beginners are most welcome.

To sign up or for more information, call Ms. Erbaugh at 413-230-1518 or send an email to jean.erbbaum@verizon.net.

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BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

My husband and I were loading up our kayak and stand-up paddleboard a few weeks ago when I squealed, “An adventure cat!” Sure enough, a tabby cat wearing a yellow flotation device napped at his leash as the people next to us unloaded their kayak. It was Pan’s first time out on the water, they said.

He’s not alone. Instagram is full of photos of cats hiking, camping, boating, surfing, sledding and snowshoeing (on their built-in snowshoes, er, paws). Earlier this year, Laura Moss, who founded Adventurecats.org in 2015, published "Adventure Cats: Living Nine Lives To the Fullest," a guide to safely taking cats outdoors.

If you think about it, cats are the original adventure animals. They globe-hopped with Phoenician traders; sailed with Vikings; crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower to help settle the New World; and traveled in wagon trains with pioneers across prairies, plains and deserts. In 1950, a black-and-white kitten climbed Matterhorn with a group of alpinists. Clearly, cats are impressive adventurers.

While exploring the great outdoors with their humans is nothing new to cats, it sometimes surprises their people how well they do it. Emily Odum Hall of Macon, Ga., had previously tried leash-training a couple of her cats, but they wanted nothing to do with it. Then Sophie came along. She had a laid-back personality and enjoyed hanging out with Hall and her husband in their backyard. They ventured farther; to a concert in a park. Sophie’s adventures bloomed from there, and she has been joined by Kylo Ren, an adventure cat in training.

“They really like parks and being out and about,” Hall says. “You see people with their dogs and harness, but often she rides in a sling that Hall wears. Being able to carry Sophie and Kylo Ren that way is helpful for urban adventures or places they might encounter dogs, Hall says.

The people we met who were taking their cat kayaking did so without a dry run, so to speak, but a little practice and acclimation beforehand is always a good idea. Exposing a cat to a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard, for instance, could involve having it in the yard or home, allowing him to explore it at his leisure. Place treats on it for him to find. Go slowly, fitting him with a flotation device, and reward frequently with treats while he’s wearing it. For a larger boat, start by hanging out on it at the dock, letting him get used to sounds he might hear, such as the engine starting, boat horns or gulls squawking.

Wherever you go with your adventure cat, don’t forget necessary items, such as a portable water dish, a supply of food in case you don’t get back before dinnertime, and for camping or boating, a litter box. A cat can be picky about ID with a collar and a microchip are musts as well.

“Exposing a cat to new adventures or places they might encounter is a lot of fun,” Hall says. “It’s so much fun having adventure cats,” Hall says. “You see people with their dogs all the time, and having two cats I can take places is a lot of fun.”

Clockwise: Kylo Ren surveys the river on a boating expedition; Sophie enjoys canoeing from her lap perch; Sophie rests on the beach after boating expedition; Sophie enjoys canoeing from her lap perch.
Noche en Blanco (Night of White) is an annual event in Tucson, Ariz. A prominent downtown street is blocked off, twinkling white light lights are strung from light pole to light pole, creating a sparkling canopy, and tables draped in white linen are set up for a community dinner that’s been known to attract up to 2,000 people. Everyone brings their own food, china and stemware. Table captains build elaborate centerpieces. Paper lanterns create light. I’ve Googled photos; it’s a beautiful, elegant event. All the guests wear white.

A girlfriend of mine just moved to Tucson a few months ago and she was over the moon about being invited. She ordered a beautiful white cocktail dress from Rent- The-Runway, plus a long, white tulle skirt because she wasn’t certain which one she would wear. “Maybe you could do a costume change between courses,” I jokingly suggested. “Maybe…” she seriously considered.

She couldn’t wait to meet new people. She was excited because while she was killed and 527 were injured by a gunman — just because they attended a concert in Las Vegas in 2017 — there were only 60 reported casualties but I know the stories from the Las Vegas survivors make a difference. This is us.

We watched the footage on CNN as it started frantically calling friends who knew he would be there. Two years later, the shooter is still at large. Zombicon ended and there are now 115 surveillance cameras downtown.

Canceling outdoor events that bring in large crowds is one way to deal with the fear of being shot by a madman with an artillery of high-powered weapons or, as in the case of Zombicon, “a teenager or man in his early 20s with a semi-automatic handgun.”

Is staying indoors easier than reviewing gun laws to make it more difficult to purchase weapons specifically designed to kill large numbers of people? If laws didn’t change after 20 young children and six teachers were killed in a mass shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, will the deaths of 59 concertgoers make a difference? I don’t know the answer to those questions but I know the stories from the Las Vegas survivors make a difference.

There were more than 20,000 fans at the Route 91 Harvest Festival that night and they’re telling us everything. These people who look like us and talk like us and cry like us are providing vivid, horrible details about what it’s like when bullets start raining down like hail.

So, if we’re going to cancel events and stay in our homes, let’s at least turn on our TVs and hear their stories.

Maybe it will make a difference. This time.
“The increase in diversification on the state level is a welcome trend.”

— Christopher Westley, economics Ph.D.

By Robbie Spencer
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FGCU study says it has improved statewide but fallen in SWFL

INDUSTRY DIVERSITY

INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION IMPROVED IN FLORIda for the first quarter of 2017, but not in the Southwest Florida region, according to a Florida Gulf Coast University quarterly study.

The Industry Diversification Project is run by the Regional Economic Research Institute and led by Naples native and economics Ph.D. Christopher Westley. The RERI publishes the FGCU Industry Diversification Report four times a year, with studies coming out six months after the analyzed quarter. The project uses the Industry Diversification Index, a tool calculated each quarter using employment data collected from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

For the state of Florida, the index improved in the first quarter of 2017, according to FGCU’s Industry Diversity Project. Florida’s IDI ranking improved to 21st out of 50 states, a three-state rise after placing 24th in the fourth quarter of 2016.

“The increase in diversification on the state level is a welcome trend because more diverse economies are better able to weather swings in the business cycle than

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It’s no secret that millions of Americans have not saved enough for retirement. That’s especially true of women, for unsurpris- ing reasons: fewer career opportunities, less income, and, yes, less than men. The average woman spends 10 years out of the workforce to raise children and care for others. Wives tend to be less involved than husbands in household investing and retirement planning. The divorce rate is high, and most married women outlive their husbands. Some two-thirds of the elderly poor in America are women.

Even facing headwinds, though, women can succeed financially — in part because they tend to be good with money, often outperforming men. University of California researchers Brad Barber and Terrance Odean found that men are more likely than women to be overconfident and to trade frequently (which can be costly). Single men, for example, traded 67 percent more than single women, reaping lower returns. They found that “men trade 45 per- cent more than women and earn annual risk-adjusted net returns that are 5 per- cent less than those earned by women.”

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Nucor likes to get stronger during tough years when peers posted losses. It recently ended up replacing its CEO. It has been turning itself around, and since you wrote to us, shares have quadrupled. A lesson here is that it’s good to be very patient if you really believe in a company and its prospects. If you don’t, though, sell am.

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How do I deal with broker- age trading commissions when recent market gains and losses on my tax return?

A: It’s smart to factor them in, lest you pay extra taxes unneces- sarily. Since the costs of buying or selling a capital asset (stock, in this example) are capital costs, they should be part of your calculations determining your cost basis and pro- ceeds.

Imagine, for example, that you bought $1,000 of stock and paid a $15 commission. The actual cost is $1,015. You sell the stock later, when it’s worth $1,600, and pay an additional $15 to thebroker. Your “net” sales pro- ceeds (generally, the amount report- ed to you by your broker at year-end via Form 1099-B) are $1,585 — $15 less $1,570. If you’re single, you would report a gain of $570 ($1,585 less $1,015). If you’d ignored the com- missions, your gain would be $600, and your taxes would be higher. These little sums can add up.

If you think you’re paying a lot in commissions, know that many repu- table brokers charge just $10 or less per trade. For help in finding a good brokerage, visit fool.com/how- to-invest.

Do you have shares of a mutual fund that hasn’t had a 4.75 percent front-end load. Should I sell it and switch to a no-load fund?

A: That’s a sizable fee, but you’ve already paid it, when you invest- ed in the fund. If you don’t like the fund’s performance or, more impor- tantly, if you don’t like paying commissions, you can sell them and buy another fund. There are plenty of terrific no-load funds. Also, consider your tax consequences. Some funds’ expense ratio (annual fee). It’s as much as 1 percent, that’s not surprising. If your fund raises its expense ratio by 0.01 percent. If you don’t have current financial advice.

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less diverse ones,” Mr. Westley said of the increase.

The employment data is used to calculate the share of employment from each of the 21 two-digit North American Industry Classification industry sectors. Among the sectors included are construction, transportation and warehousing, real estate and arts and entertainment.

A higher index suggests a more diverse workforce and is computed quarterly around the time of the release of workforce data by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since this data is released with a six-month lag, the rankings refer to the state of the workforce for the first quarter of 2017, which spans January through March.

The report also stated that the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island metropolitan statistical area ranking fell to sixth in the state after maintaining the No. 1 ranking among 22 Florida MSAs for the previous three quarters.

“The intense seasonality we witness on the MSA and workforce region level can lead to decreases in diversification in the winter months,” Mr. Westley said of the study’s recent results.

Commenting on the most recent finding in the FGCU study, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce president Michael Dalby wanted readers of the study to be clear regarding what the IDI represents.

“Dr. Westley and his team do a great job on these reports. Lots of good data to comb through, and we do a good job explaining it all,” Mr. Dalby said. “However, the diversity index is something that we’ve had a bit of heartburn over, especially when Collier County was listed for multiple months as one of the top one or two most diversified economies in the state.”

Mr. Dalby said that while the diversity index does account for the many different types of industry and business found in the Southwest Florida region, it doesn’t factor in their actual impact from an economic standpoint.

“As we look around, we see an economy dominated by lower-wage hospitality, agriculture, retail and service-sector jobs ... the diversity index notes that we have businesses in lots of different industry sectors — construction, financial services, healthcare, manufacturing, tourism, retail, food services, landscaping, etc. — but not the economic impact of those jobs. So, with that background, we understand that we do have a fairly diversified economy ... it just doesn’t have any dominant, higher-wage industry sector,” Mr. Dalby said.

“The graphic provided by FGCU showing the Industry Diversification Index for Southwest Florida and the state depicts a much more seasonal trend in SWFL following the Great Recession in 2008. However, the economy has shown recovery and a return to levels that coincide with the rest of the state, according to Dr. Westley.

“Usually the case is during season in SWFL, the industries that tend to make us less diverse anyway are the ones that pick up the most,” explaining the seasonal diversity gap in the Index numbers.

Mr. Dalby believes some observers of the index numbers may also be thrown off by their remembrance of the Great Recession.

“Ideally, a ‘diverse’ economy would help you weather a recession, because your economic eggs weren’t all in the same basket. But the recession hit Collier County pretty hard, especially in the real estate and seasonal visitor (hospitality) sectors that seem to dominate our economy... our diversity probably dipped during the recession as companies closed.”

Mr. Dalby was ultimately encouraged by the strong ranking Naples scored in the Industry Diversification Index, but thinks there’s still more work to be done finding the right mix for Southwest Florida.

“Overall, I think it’s good for Collier to have an economy that isn’t overly dominated by jobs in one or two particular sectors. That said, we constantly need to push for more higher-skill and higher-wage jobs to grow more economic opportunity.”

The other two MSAs in Southwest Florida — Cape Coral-Fort Myers and Punta Gorda — ranked seventh and 21st, respectively, during the same quarter.

“Local diversification measures tend to fall during tourist season,” Mr. Westley said. “Still, the Naples and the Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSAs are ranked ahead of the median.”

Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce President Tiffany Esposito was encouraged by the recent numbers. With recent additions to the region with Hertz, Herc Rentals, and other corporate entities, she is confident Bonita Springs is doing its part to help the region become more diverse economically.

“We are always working to diversify our economy. We strive for industry diversification through our business retention and expansion efforts so that the region can be more resilient during the next recession or economic crisis.” — Tiffany Esposito, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
MONEY & INVESTING

It's not yet time to invest in Puerto Rican debt

The president traveled to Puerto Rico and an off-the-cuff comment during a TV interview resulted in a dramatic free-fall in bonds tied to the island territory. So why did Puerto Rican bonds lose so much of their value and how will this affect the island and the rest of the country?

Trump's comment came during a Fox News interview when he was discussing the massive amount of debt owed by Puerto Rico to its creditors. He stated that the territory owed a lot of money to big Wall Street banks like Goldman Sachs and that his administration was going to “wipe out” that debt. In reaction to that comment was swift and significant. Before Trump's comments, General Obligation Bonds (bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the Puerto Rican government) were trading at around 60 cents per par value. After the comment, the bonds fell to around 38 cents on par value, as investors panicked, thinking the bonds were going to be made worthless.

Was the bond rout justified? There were several false statements in the president's comments that produced this significant move. First, the majority of the bonds issued by Puerto Rico are also owned by large hedge funds and investment banks. In fact, only about 25 percent of the bonds are institutionally owned. The vast majority of the debt is owned by individual investors, many of them people living in Puerto Rico. So if the government did "wipe out" the debt, Main Street would bear the most pain, which is why there would be little congressional support for the action.

But more significantly, we have laws, not a monarch or dictator who can just direct the government to transfer money from one group to another on a whim. Currently Puerto Rican debt holders are in bankruptcy court and it is the laws and courts that will determine how much they receive, not the president. So would I advise people to go out and buy as much Puerto Rican debt as possible at these price levels? No, I would be very cautious about owning the debt even after the drop in price. Prior to the island being ravaged by the hurricane, it was in a significant financial trouble and most analysts predicted that bondholders would not fully recover their investment in the event of a financial picture that looks even bleaker today. The island government will need to spend significant money that it does not have to bring even basic services back on line. In addition, many Puerto Rican citizens are expected to permanently leave the island and leave even less money for existing bondholders. The bonds could eventually be worthless.

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Blue Zones Project B2B at NCH North

SBA staffs local office for disaster loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration has a Business Recovery Center in Collier County to help businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma. SBA representatives there can provide information about disaster loans and assist businesses in completing the SBA application.

The center at the Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

“The SBA is committed to facilitating economic recovery in this disaster,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Atlanta field operations center for the east region. “We want area businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover.”

Local business owners might also want to consult with a local SCORE or Small Business Development Center counselor for help with recreating business records, preparing financial statements and applying for an SBA disaster loan at no cost.

The SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans for physical damage and working capital. Nov. 7 is the deadline for applying for loans to cover physical damage due to Hurricane Irma; June 11 is the deadline for applying for a loan necessitated by economic injury.

For more information, call the SBA at 800-659-2955 or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applicants can apply online via SBA’s secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov.

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Deadline extended for family-friendly business nominations

The annual Family Friendly Business Awards celebration hosted by Collier Child Care Resources has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Hilton Naples. Networking will be from 8-9 a.m., and the program will begin at 9 a.m.

The deadline to nominate a business has also been extended. Nominations can be submitted online at www.collier-childcare.org through Oct. 31.

CCCR Executive Director Nicole Howard encourages companies to apply, regardless of size, if they offer benefits that support work/life balance and families. Such benefits might include flextime, maternity or paternity leave, a wellness program or a retirement plan.

“Many companies today desire a win-win situation in which they help people generate their best work, attract and retain top talent, while allowing employees greater flexibility and support,” Ms. Howard said.

Businesses that have been nominated, or that nominate themselves, will be contacted by phone to answer a brief questionnaire to determine their eligibility for the award.

Three levels of event sponsorships are available.

Tickets to the awards breakfast are $35 per person and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. For more information call CCCR at 643-3908 or visit www.collierchildcare.org.

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Building industry associations host Market Trends

The Collier Building Industry Association and Lee Building Industry Association host the seventh annual home building industry event, Market Trends, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 7, at the Miro-mar Design Center in Estero.

Randy Thibaut, president and CEO of Land Solutions Inc., will share his market knowledge and news about industry research that will give attendees the tools needed to make decisions that positively impact the Southwest Florida region.

Land Solutions, Inc. is a full-service real estate company specializing in the feasibility, development, acquisition and disposition of land and improved properties throughout Southwest Florida. Mr. Thibaut has been involved in the creation, development, sales and marketing of residential and resort developments throughout the area since 1982. He has more than 30 years of experience in the Southwest Florida real estate industry with residential and commercial sales, development, project management and new home construction. He is a co-founder and board member for Builders Care, a nonprofit organization formed by the LBIA to provide construction services at no cost to needy and deserving elderly and disabled homeowners who cannot obtain home repairs through traditional means. He also serves on the LBIA board of directors.

Early registration is encouraged as seats are limited. Tickets are $35 for CBIA and LBIA members, $55 for others. For reservations or more information, contact the CBIA by calling 436-6100 or visiting www.chia.net.

Since it was founded in 1985, the CBIA and its professional members have made a difference throughout the region.

See Market Trends, B14

House Hunting

1002 Royal Marco Way | Marco Island

In the gated community of Hideaway Beach on Marco Island, this architectural masterpiece captures endless views of the Gulf of Mexico from throughout its total area of 11,000-plus square feet. Stately proportions, high ceilings, gracious living and dining areas with glass doors that transition living from indoors to outdoors are among the defining characteristics of this extraordinary home. An eat-in kitchen displays state-of-the-art appliances, guest rooms have en-suite baths and the luxurious master suite has an adjoining beachfront terrace.

Outdoors, multiple verandas set the stage for dramatic sunsets, while the swimming pool and spa provide a perfect setting for relaxation or entertaining. An active resort lifestyle is enhanced with access to Hideaway Beach Club’s array of social and recreational activities that include golf, tennis, fitness, a spa and beachfront dining.

Michelle Thomas of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty has the listing for $8,950,000. To arrange a showing or for more information, call 860-7176 or email michelle.thomas@premiersir.com.
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The Florida CCIM Chapter Southwest District welcomes Brian Alford, market economist from CoStar Group, for a presentation about “Real Estate Trends in the Office, Retail, Industrial and Multi-Family Markets in Southwest Florida” at the chapter’s monthly marketing meeting from 4:45-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers.

Mr. Alford joined CoStar Group in January 2017 as a market economist based out of the Tampa office. He has more than 13 years of experience in commercial real estate, working largely as an operations manager and a financial analyst/underwriter. At CoStar Group, his primary duties include generating market forecasts and conclusions based on data observations, covering and analyzing market trends and economic indicators and forecasts and maintaining written reports on both a market and sub-market level for a geographical area that includes Central and Southwest Florida.

He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in December 2003 with a bachelor’s degree in business management and a certificate in finance. Prior to joining CoStar, he was operations manager and lead financial analyst for an Atlanta-based brokerage firm for eight years. He has also held senior financial analyst, IT director and director of research positions at other brokerage and commercial real estate software firms.

The Florida CCIM Chapter Southwest District welcomes area commercial real estate brokers, developers, bankers, builders, investors and commercial real estate service providers to get the latest information on the local commercial real estate market. Meeting attendees can present property haves and wants and closed deals. Members can present property listings at a marketing table. Admission is $10 for district members, $20 for non-members and $5 for FGCU students. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres are served, and there is a cash bar.

The October meeting is sponsored by Office Furniture & Design Concepts. CCMI Institute members close $200 billion annually in commercial real estate deals. For 50 years, the institute has been building opportunities through its education programs led by established practitioners. The Florida CCIM Chapter Southwest District is committed to providing the highest quality marketing and networking opportunities, services and education that will enhance its members’ ability to conduct business in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties.

For reservations and information about sponsorship opportunities for the Oct. 19 meeting, call Gerald Hendry at 337-0555 or email geraldh@mhsappraisal.com.
Ronto selects interior designer for Phase III common areas at Naples Square

The Ronto Group announced Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors, will create the interior design for the common areas in Naples Square’s Phase III building. Naples Square is being developed by Ronto at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. The community’s walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Phase III purchase agreements worth nearly $32 million have been processed and construction of the Phase III building is expected to start in 4th quarter of this year.

Gaddis’ design for the Phase III common areas will create an ambiance reflecting Urban Downtown Living for the active Neapolitan. Visitors to the building will be greeted by the sounds of water bubbling from a back-lit water wall in the first-floor lobby. Cerulean Blue accents within a handblown glass chandelier will add a hint of whimsy to sophisticated backgrounds that will include modern tongue-in-groove wall coverings. Cross-cut gray travertine flooring with horizontal veining will be installed to form a mitered pattern throughout the space.

The resident floor lobbies will showcase hand-blown glass chandeliers and feature walls with large mirrors and wood surrounds. Warm-brown wood tile with a gray wash will provide an invitation to the residence quarters and will transition into the custom geometric patterned carpet leading down the residence hallways.

The hallway ceilings will be lit with LED lighting while wall accents will also feature the modern tongue-in-groove detail to add texture. The color palette throughout will be a neutral-toned warm greige with hints of cerulean blue.

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In addition to offering 11% more air-conditioned space, the Biltmore’s terrace is 20% larger and measures 242 square feet. Each Biltmore residence will overlook the Phase III building’s landscaped courtyard. The great room plan includes a counter-height island kitchen with a stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and a food preparation area. The great room, owner’s bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the terrace.

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Robb & Stucky’s Ingrid De Villiers will design the Chatham model priced at $1,045,000 fully furnished. Fashioned after the Phase I Chelsea plan, the Phase III Chatham two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath plan is base-priced at $895,000 and includes 1,883 square feet under air and a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The great room, owner’s bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. The Phase III Chatham is available with courtyard views or east and west city views. The flowing plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The owner’s suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

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**2027 5th Street South**
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Stock Development offers homebuyers an unparalleled selection of exquisitely furnished models and move-in ready inventory homes.

Stock is one of Southwest Florida’s most successful and respected builders and visitors can tour dozens of homes that are ready for immediate occupancy across ten area communities. No other builder has such a diverse array of residences in highly amenitized communities. The company recently netted and amazing 13 Sand Dollar Awards, including an unparalled 8th Community of the Year Award for Lely Resort and seven product design awards.

"We are thrilled to have once again been honored by our peers in the industry with more than a dozen Sand Dollar Awards," said Claudine Leger-Wetzler, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development. "Homebuyers can tour these homes this weekend."

One of the keys to Stock’s success has been its aggressive inventory and custom homes program. Stock has move-in ready and soon to be complete homes available in Quail West, Lely Resort, Naples Reserve, The Isles at Collier Preserve, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, Fiddler’s Creek, Twin Eagles, Marco Island and The City of Naples.

Stock Signature Homes’ Majestic II is located in Esplanade Golf and Country Club of Naples, a beautiful golf course community.

This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for exterior living. A gourmet island kitchen and breakfast area have an adjacent pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Outside the brick paver driveway leads to a courtyard area in front of the attached, side-loaded, three-car garage, which offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at $1,549,990.

Stock Signature Homes’ Magnolia Collection is headquartered at 2639 Professional Circle, Suite 101 in Naples. For more information, visit the company website at www.FlStockDevelopment.com or call (239) 592-7344. Stock Development is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FLStockDevelopment. Stock Development is headquartered at 2639 Professional Circle, Suite B10 in Naples.

Above: The Marigold great room. Left: Lely Players Club & Spa. Below: The South II pool, the Majestic II exterior, the Polynesia exterior.

Stock features furnished models & move-in ready homes in Southwest Florida’s finest neighborhoods

Lely also includes three championship golf courses. Four Venice residences are available for immediate occupancy with prices starting at just $344,990. The Venice is a ground floor residence with 2,287 square feet under air and 3,064 total square feet, including the attached two-car garage. It is a three-bedroom, three-bath great room style coach home offering an island-style kitchen.

Stock Custom Homes has completed its furnished Polynesia model on Marco Island. The 3,903-square-foot, two-story Polynesia features an interior by Soco Interiors’ Daniel Kilgore. The open concept plan includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, an upstairs loft, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa.

The spacious great room features four pocketing sliding doors opening to the spectacular pool area and covered lanai beyond. This large lanai runs the entire width of the home and includes a complete summer kitchen, perfect for entertaining guests. The outdoor fireplace is a sitting area with a sofa and two club chairs.

Upstairs on the loft level, the two guest bedrooms each have their own bath. Both bedrooms have sliding doors opening onto a long covered balcony overlooking the lanai and pool below. The loft is the casual entertainment area of the home with media cabinetry and television. A small desk with a linen chair placed off to the side provides extra workspace for the owner or guests. The Polynesia model is priced at $2,805 million.

Within Quail West, Stock Custom Homes’ Atherton estate also earned a Sand Dollar Award. The residence includes a great room with a fireplace, a wine room, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, a study, formal dining room, a spacious island kitchen, an exercise room, an outdoor living area with a custom pool and spa, fireplace, summer kitchen, and dining and conversation areas. The plan also includes two two-car garages. Priced at $3,236,980 furnished, the Atherton features an interior by Charlotte Horvath at Soco Interiors.

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If the clubhouse is the social and recreational centerpiece of a community then Kalea Bay’s will surely be one of the busiest places in the gated, luxury residential high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

“There are several reasons buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay,” said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay.

“The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular community clubhouse. Not only will it be a dramatic site as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it will also be the envy of every community in the Naples’ area.”

Kalea Bay’s 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance.

The clubhouse, which is currently under construction, will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet café, a gift and 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 Lodge.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy. If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn’t on a resident’s schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

“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,” stated Lodge. “This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

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

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

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

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the fall and will coincide with the anticipated completion of the first residential tower, which is 90 percent sold.

“The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to recently release Tower 2 earlier this year,” said Lodge. “Currently, the number of contracted residences in our second tower exceeds the $80 million mark.”

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

Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,204 total square feet. Resistences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

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

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 designs’ that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today,” said Lodge.

The master bedroom includes an oversized 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 for the way people live today,” said Lodge.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site 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.
Enjoy the Views. Inside and Out at AQUA at Pelican Isle

Only 6 residences remain in boutique marina front high-rise tower

Residents at AQUA at Pelican Isle are inspiring, whether you’re looking over the Gulf of Mexico through expansive glass patio doors and windows or taking in the vibrant Wiggins Bay Estuary vistas from above. The boutique marina front high-rise residential community offers panoramic views “inside-and-out” from its two towers in Naples’ newest waterfront community.

And with planked oak wood or marble floors throughout and custom crafted kitchens, there’s plenty to gaze at on the inside too. “AQUA’s unique and thoughtfully designed details are rare among Naples’ tower residences for sale today, living more like single family homes, ensuring its each residence a canvas for a creative life well lived,” says Darline Hillard, Director of Sales at AQUA’s new Tower II. “Sales at have reached 80 percent with only six luxury residences, including a palatial penthouse, available for sale,” she adds.

AQUA Tower II features three levels of exciting penthouses sited adjacent to the Pelican Isle Yacht Club at Wiggins Pass in North Naples. One outstanding penthouse suite is available, offering more than 6,500 square feet of living area and value priced at $4.85 million. The penthouse features four bedrooms and four and one-half baths, a grand salon, family room (or den or fifth bedroom), dining room, master suite with study with wet bar and more than 3,100 square feet outdoor living area thanks to a grand sunset terrace with rooftop terrace and more. Additionally, all AQUA residences offer more than 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den. Major design features include high ceilings, gourmet kitchens with Wolf® gas cooktops, Subzero® refrigeration and wine coolers, Miele dishwashers, sunlit back-to-front living areas, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space, sunrise and sunset terraces, and more.

Enhancing the AQUA experience are exceptional conveniences including 24-hour security, a state-of-the-art movie theater, a private library, resort-style pool and spa, fitness center with his and her glass block steam rooms and cedar lined dry sauna facilities, ski lounge with rooftop terrace and much more. Additionally, all AQUA residences enjoy amenities that include an outdoor putting green, outdoor dog run, fire pit, a game room with billiards, bar, TV, fireplace and high definition interactive virtual golf simulator, three spacious guest suites, plus the Club AQUA pavilion with fireplace, TV and wet bar, fireplace, coffee bar and catering kitchen overlooking the waterfront and marina, plus a new outdoor waterfront pavilion with fireplace, TV and wet bar.

Contracts for AQUA Tower II are ongoing, with Naples-based PACT Reality serving as the exclusive listing agent. Three furnished models by award-winning interior designers Antonacci Design, Renee Gaddis Interior Design and Beasley & Henley Interior Design, are available for purchase and open daily for viewing. Each model reflects the modern architectural style of the high-rise and showcases several features of AQUA’s sophisticated and refined design, while offering distinctly different floor plans and finishes.

For further information about the select opportunities at AQUA or to schedule a tour of the decorated models, please call 239-591-2727, visit online at www.aqua-naples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 11625 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110.
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CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet and priced from the low $200s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. 14 model homes open daily. Ask about several move-in ready homes.

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Only five developer-owned home sites and two builder-owned home sites from $1.695 million are available in the gated, park-like Firenze, a custom estate enclave with only 13 sites.

The Prato neighborhood, limited to 34 custom estates, offers a captivating ambiance with open golf course, lake and orchard views. Gulfshore Homes’ Dorado estate model has 8,862 total square feet in a 6,336 square-feet-under-air great room, pool bath, and custom pool and spa. Also under construction is its unfurnished Villa Adriana II model, priced at $2.45 million furnished, includes an upstairs bonus room.

In the Fairgrove neighborhood, two available residences offer golf course, lake and preserve views. Frizone’s 5,847-square-foot Villa Ferrari, priced at $3.99 million, is a four-bedroom, five-and-a-half bath great room plan with double-island kitchen, formal dining room, second-floor game room, and covered terrace. Iron Star Luxury Homes’ 3,983-square-foot Villa Lago is priced at $3.29 million with completion expected in December.

Top Left: Gulfshore Homes’ furnished Dorado estate model in Prato offers a total of 8,862 square feet in a 6,336 square-feet-under-air, open concept floor plan with a study, four bedrooms, and four-car garage. Above: Harbourside Custom Homes’ completed two-story 3,672-square-foot four-bedroom plus study Villa Adriana II model, priced at $2.45 million furnished, includes an upstairs bonus room.

Left: Frizone’s 5,847 square feet, two-story Villa Ferrari residence in Talis Park’s Fairgrove neighborhood is a four-bedroom, five-and-a-half bath great room plan with second-floor game room and spacious outdoor living area.

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Pulte Homes has purchased 71 home sites in the village of Amanda in Fidler’s Creek, the master planned community off of Collier Boulevard, three miles east of Naples. The company plans to build designs from its Classic Series of one-story, single-family homes ranging in size from 1,671 to 3,077 square feet with two to five bedrooms and open, flexible living spaces.

For more information about Pulte Homes at Fidler’s Creek, call 877-285-3147 or visit www.pulte.com/fidler-screek.

Preliminary sales are underway for Richmond Park, the newest Naples community by Neal Communities. The VIP list already has more than 340 people signed up to receive exclusive updates at www.richmondparknldes.com. VIPs enjoy early access to floor plans, home sites, model home openings, invitations to special events and more. A grand opening event to unveil the models is slated for January 2018.

In the 15-acre neighborhood will have 104 carriage homes in four floor plans ranging from 1,355 to 1,725 square feet of living space. Richmond Park has lakes and amenities including a clubhouse with pool/spa and a sundek for lounging.

Michael Greenberg, Southwest Florida regional president for Neal Communities, says residences will be available to close this year. Until the Richmond Park models open, interested buyers can browse the builder’s furnished models and amenities including a clubhouse with pool/spa and a sundek for lounging.

For more information, visit the website or call 844-859-2236.

Lane Boy has joined Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property South- west Florida, LLC, as director of real estate. Mr. Boy recently returned to Southwest Florida after several decades in a different region, where he was the CEO of two real estate-related businesses for 20 years, a director in Southwest Florida’s largest real estate and the founder of a company that published one of Australia’s highest selling real estate magazines. He is a graduate of University of Queensland in Australia and Duke University.

Jamie Bresnahan has been named commu- nity sales associate for the Ashton Woods communi- ty of Marzb Cove in Fidler’s Creek. Ms. Bresnahan brings nearly a decade of profes- sional sales and marketing experi- ence representing a wide range of products throughout the southeastern United States, Florida and the Caribbean to her new position. She most recently was an area sales manager for Q Drinks, directing all sales and marketing activity for Florida and working directly with the distributor’s management team. She also helped develop sales incentive programs for wholesale- ers and forecasted projected sales based on current trends, regional and chain buying patterns. She earned a bachelor’s degree in advertising from the Univer- sity of Florida and obtained her Florida real estate license in February 2015.

Kim Felts has joined Miromar Development Corp. as sales associate for Miromar Realty at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. A licensed Florida real estate agent and former broke, Mr. Felts brings nearly 20 years of experience in the real estate, mortgage and buyer’s agency markets to his new position. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Ball State University.

Adam Palmer has been named director of Landquest Commercial has been named 2018 president of the Florida CCIM Chapter of the CCIM Institute. Mr. Palmer is a principal and a managing director with LandQuest’s Southwest Florida team. He has previously served as presi- dent of the Southwest Florida CCIM District and as president of the Com- mercial Investment Professionals.

Bruce Stephan has joined Max- well, Hendry & Simmons, LLC as a senior appraisal- er, specializing in commercial real estate valuation. Mr. Stephan has worked in the real estate appraisal field since 1975 and has found- ed three successful appraisal firms in Southwest Florida. He is a graduate of Florida State University, he holds dual MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute, an international association of professional real estate appraisers.

John R. Wood Properties welcomes the following new agents to its team:

Old Naples office – Beth McNichols and Joe McNichols
Central office – Cheryl Allen and Christy Starks.
North Naples office – Chloe Bow- man and Brady Pacific.

Richmond Park Real Estate announces the following top performers for August 2017:

Naples Parkshore office – Top list- ings producers team, The Roboc Team; top listings producer individual, Liz Biswurm; top sales producers, The Fortune/Golf Team; and top sales pro- ducers individual, Michael May.

Naples Fifth Avenue office – Top listings producers team, The Lummis Team; top list- ings producer and top sales producer individual, Sue Ellen Mathers; top sales producers team, The Bordner Team.

Sanibel-Captiva office – Top listings and sales producers team, The McMurray & Nette Team; top listing producer individual, Brian Murray.

Fort Myers office – Top listings and sales producers team, Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team; top listings producer indi- vidual, Ed Bledsoe; top sales producers individual, Roger Vaughn.

Cape Coral office – Top listings pro- ducers team, The Gorman & Associates; top listings and sales producer individual, Marc Wozny; top sales producers team, The Maatsch Team.

Home prices in Canopy start in the upper $400,000s. Lawn maintenance is included, and there are no Community Development District fees. For more information, visit the sales center at 3783 Canopy Circle or call 209-6115.

The national building contractor Suffolk recently topped off Miromar Development’s University Village, a mixed-use development adjacent to Florida Gulf Coast University. More than 350 trade partners attended the event with 20 different trade companies represented.

Encompassing 100 acres, University Village will provide off-campus stu- dent residences, retail and convenience shops and restaurants. The property connects to the southern side of FGCU via South Village Boulevard and will create an environment where students, staff, faculty and community members can meet, shop and eat. The first phase of University Village will be comprised of The Residences at University Village and the University Village Shops.
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An endearing pair
The unlikely bond between a queen and her servant makes for a heartwarming film. C17

Go, Spartans!
Cheering on Michigan State, and more fun around town. C22-23

Where’s the beef?
Restaurant critic Karen Feldman finds delicious satisfaction at the new Vegan Kitchen. C27

Explore the unexpected
Ringling International Arts Festival celebrates its ninth year with cutting-edge shows

ETC ... season opener tackles a tough topic
The Naples Players’ ETC ... Readers Theatre presents its first full-length reading of the season, Johnna Adams’ elegant and chilling “Gidion’s Knot,” at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Toby Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Over the course of a 90-minute parent/teacher conference, a distraught mother and an emotionally overwhelmed primary school teacher have a fraught conversation about the mother’s son/teacher’s student, Gidion. As his story is revealed, the women try to reconstruct a satisfying explanation and come to terms with the excruciating reality that their worst nightmare has come true.

Corryn (Lori Grandon) is an intelligent single mother whose son wrote a shocking school paper that depicted his peers and teachers performing disturbing acts of violence. Gidion’s school chose to suspend him, and a meeting is called between Corryn and the boy’s teacher, Heather (Dede Browlee), for the purpose of discussing the uncomfortable and inappropriate subject matter of the paper and whether it should be accepted as the creative exploration of an adolescent who lives in a world filled with hyper-neurotic parents and the media.

Lori Grandon, left, is the mother and Dede Tucker Browlee is the teacher in the staged reading of “Gidion’s Knot” that opens the new season for ETC ... Readers Theatre.
The fourth David Slaton novel keeps Ward Larsen on top of the spy thriller mountain. While it works well as a stand-alone novel, readers who know the mountain. While it works well as a stand-alone novel, readers who know the
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er mountain. Whileputer memory stick holds a photo of a man named Zavier Baland, the fast-rising Frenchman slated to take over DGSI, his nation’s premier counterterrorism agency. The photo shocks Slaton, who recognizes the person as Ali Samir, an Islamic terrorist who Slaton murdered 15 years back. Or did he? Who is responsible for leaving this clue for Slaton? What should he do about it? If Samir survived to reinven himself as Baland, is France about to install an ISIS secret agent as its bulwark against terrorism? Could anything be more dangerous for the French Republic? Can Baland be exposed and/or stopped? The plot is revealed through the alternating perspectives of several key players. Principal among these is Slaton, whose domestic life is portrayed as the antithesis of his murderous, if patriotic, occupation. His concern for his wife and child are consistently at war with his concern for Israel, Israel’s allies and humanitarian values. Mr. Larsen enters Baland’s mind and probes deeper and deeper into Baland’s inner exposure to Slayton’s planning and execution of his assassination is totally professional in choice and execution of the best vantage points from which to gather information while keeping hidden, the best vantage points for firing her weapons. She is great at mind games. For instance, In the aftermath of an attack seemingly meant to assassinate him, Slaton discovers a flash drive with a plastic case on which his name appears. He is not an anonymous stone mason any longer. This is the flash drive with the photo of Baland. If it is Baland. The fourth key character is Aziz Uday. Still a young man, Uday has become the would-be caliphate’s information technology mastermind. However, he has become somewhat disillusioned with the excesses of ISIS. He and other ISIS operatives are run by Malik. Uday is commanded to finish work on an extensive database that will enable an enormous, last-dich effort against France aimed at restoring ISIS’s credibility as its resources crumble. “Assassin’s Code” is a dazzling exercise in balancing momentum and restraint, passion and cool-headedness, revelation and reticence. Its settings are marvelously drawn, and its mainstay is wound up tight. About the author Ward Larsen is a USA Today best-selling author, and four-time winner of the Florida Book Award. His first thriller, “The Perfect Assassin,” is currently being adapted into a major motion picture by Amber Entertainment and SND/ M6 Films. He has also been nominated for the Macavity Award. A former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, Mr. Larsen flew 22 missions in Operation Desert Storm. He has served as a federal law enforcement officer, airline captain and is a trained aircraft accident investigator. He lives in Sarasota.
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When you step in front of an audience, you have weeks or maybe even a couple months of rehearsals under your belt. Now imagine you're an actor stepping on for the first time in an audience without any idea what's going to happen next.

Once you're standing in the lights, you're handed a script in an envelope — one you've never seen or performed before.

And then you begin, not knowing what's about to happen; your audience can see there are no prior knowledge of it. He or she sees it for the first time when you step in front of them, audience, mere seconds from performing it.

Talk about performing without a net. The one-person play is just one of seven offerings at this year's Ringling International Arts Festival, Oct. 16-21, when you could expect the unexpected, explore the unexpected.

Dwight Currie, curator of performances at Ringling Museum of Art, describes the festival, now in its ninth year, as "a four-day, center- piece event highlighting the role of the actor and new forms and new expressions in contemporary performance."

The shows offered multiple times over the course of the festival, include singing, music, theater, dance and multimedia performances. Each show runs approximately an hour, and attendance can see three in one day. It's a rare opportunity for Southwest Floridians to experience avant-garde, innovative performances from around the world.

The Ringling's promotional material describes its "White Rabbit Red Rabbit" as "a drama realized in real time by actor and audience together."

It's indicative of the kind of edgy, experimental shows RIAF presents. The playwright, says Mr. Currie, is "that this show should come out of the envelope with that immediacy. No director. No stage. No audience direction, no production. Just take it out of the envelope and read it to the audience and have the actor, knows what's going to happen next, and they take the dramatic journey together."

It's another highly anticipated show at this year's RIAF is Volker Gerling's "Portrait in Motion."

Over 14 years, this German artist walked around his country, camping on the land and taking black-and-white photographs of people he met. He turned them into flipbooks. In "Portraits in Motion," he shows these flipbooks, projected on a big screen, while telling stories about the people.

He calls them "flipbook movies" or "thum cinema."

"Portraits in Motion" won the Total Theatre Award for Innovation at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Volker Gerling will take 16 or more consecutive pictures of a person, a group of people, or a place," says Mr. Currie. "He flips through them (for us.) Doing that, he can control how long, or how fast those images come and go. He's interested in the stories behind those images."

Mr. Gerling's portraits are moving, thoughtful, lyrical, humorous. A woman laughs. A teenage couple kiss. A woman lights a candle in the darkness, and her face is softly illuminated.

He did not want to miss anything along the way, so I chose to go slowly, on foot," he writes in his artist's statement. Onstage, "for a brief moment, the people in my flipbooks come to life. They are so real that sometimes you feel you have known the people in them for years. I tell their stories, and tell of my big, small, serious, and bizarre encounters. My show is a gentle and thoughtful reflection about the fleeting nature of life and the moment and what it means when people meet each other."

"What's beautiful about it is that it's hand held," says Mr. Currie. "That flipping through, and holding in his hand, these brief two or three-second encoun ters ... as it all unfolds, it's a beautiful expression. If you slow it down, there's no escape for the audience."

"The man moves and engages in the world at a pace that results in deeper understanding and illumination. I just like what he does. He takes the time to

Audiences have to be adventurous and willing to step out in faith in attending this play.

"There's no way we can explain to anybody what they're going to see, because no one has seen what they're going to see, and no one else will ever see it again," Mr. Currie says. "My advice is not to think about it, if you don't want to be surprised; ..."

"Thumb cinema"

Another highly anticipated show at this year's RIAF includes performances by Nobunatu, an a cappella quintet from Zimbabwe that performs Zimbabwean songs, Afro jazz and gospel. They also perform with traditional instruments (minimal percussion and thumb piano) and dance.

"They're superstars in their own country," says Mr. Currie. "They're coming to this country for the very first time."

In November, they'll be performing at the Lincoln Center in New York City. Nobunatu was nominated for Best Musician of the Year at the Zimbabwe International Women's Awards in 2017.

Their name means an African concept of valuing humbleness, love, unity and reality with a woman's perspective.

James McGinn, a native of Sarsota now living in Antwerp, Belgium, returns to Florida to present "Ing an Dies," described as "a shape-shifting love story told amidst a pre-apocalyptic landscape."

Mr. Currie describes it as a "highly conceptual choreographed work," saying, "It explores a lot of new in work."

EnsemblemembewSRQ will present two programs. It will perform "The Space Around You: Musical Reflections in the Turrell Skyspace,"

James Turrell sculpts natural light with his work in much the same way John Laramd Adams sculpts and gives form to environmental sound and the bird sound and the sounds of the wind," says Mr. Currie.

The ensemble's second program, "The Magical World of Berio's Sequenzas," will be performed in the Huntington Gallery.

"Berio's Sequenzas are extraordinary demanding solo works for musicians," says Mr. Currie. "I would be surprised if there'd be another ensemble touring these works. You have to have artists who are willing to take the risks, and they wanted to do it."

"Venti Vertebrate, an Italian performance group, consists of two brothers, one with a background in circus and the other in theater. They've created "an extraordinary physical comedic theater on a vertical stage," says Mr. Currie. That stage is a video screen approxi mately three stories tall. They perform on it by hanging on cables as the audience's head."

It's about two guys, who I like to think, are trapped in a cell phone," he says. "They deal with video vintage gaming; it's live action in the rigors or constraints — or liberties — of a digi-

This year's RIAF cutting-edge shows include, clockwise from top left: "Happy Hour," "Nobunatu," and "White Rabbit Red Rabbit."

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We were walking through the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, when we arrived at an exhibition of 18th and 19th century furnishings.

My friend Mike paused and gasped, “Oh, my gosh, Scott! There are my chairs!”

There was a set of black lacquer Hitchcock-style chairs, their stenciled designs worn from over a century of use.

At first glance, they were identical to the mixed set of stenciled chairs I’d found for Mike everywhere from thrift stores to yard sales to antiques shops.

But the chairs I’d given Mike were very modern in their construction, from the screws used to join the backs to the screws used to join the seats to the nylon glides on the bottoms of the legs to keep the feet from marring the floors.

Still, the design was classic. And it was a classic with which I had grown up.

If memory serves me, White’s Furniture sold the Hitchcock line near downtown Fort Myers, sold Tell City furniture that was inspired by the Early American designs.

And who can forget Ethan Allen, which had a whole line of stenciled furniture? Lambert Hitchcock mass-produced his stenciled chairs in the first half of the 19th century, and by the end of the 1850s, his Connecticut factory was producing more than 15,000 chairs a year.

As innovative as he was as a designer, he was not successful as a businessman, and the factory folded, as did another venture. It wasn’t until the 1940s that the Hitchcock name was revived and plans for the furniture, and the factory, were made.

But Hitchcock also had a design inspired by Lyndon Johnson’s LBJ Ranch — one of those has an asking price online of $1,000. Others similar to mine are listed at more than $300 online, leaving me wishing that any way you look at it.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THURSDAY 10.12
Lifelong Learning - Naples Botanical Garden. The fall floral arrangement workshop focused on plant manipulation from 2-4 p.m. $35 for members, $40 for others. 645-4773 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Evening on Fifth - Shops and restaurants along Fifth Avenue South host a post-Imra fundraising evening from 5-8 p.m. with a photo booth, food and drink specials, live music, 5thAvenueStrong T-shirts and more. www.fifthavenue-strong.com.

FRIDAY 10.13
Boat Show - MarineMax hosts the first annual Marco Boat Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Sunday, Oct. 15, at Rose River Marina. $5, kids 12 and under are free. 951 Bald Eagle Drive, 682-0900 or www.marinemax.com.

Fundraiser - Pianist Jodi DeSalvo and surprise musical guests perform at a fundraiser for United States Air Force veteran Renee Whisner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Etudes de Ballet. $50-$60. 3285 Pine Ridge Road, 777-0416 or www.etudesdebalte.com.

SATURDAY 10.14
To Market, To Market - Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6333 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

More Fresh Stuff - The Bonita Springs Farmers Market is set up for a new season from 8 a.m. to noon at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Find local produce and seafood, fresh flowers and works by area artisans. www.buylocallee.com.

THEATER
She Kills Monsters – By The Naples Players through Nov. 5 at the Suzanne Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.


Pippin - By Broadway Palm Theatre through Oct. 29, 1380 Golden Gate Parkway, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

The Odd Couple: Female Version – By Broadway Palm Theatre through Oct. 29, 1380 Golden Gate Parkway, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.


Veronica’s Room – By Laboratory Theatre of Florida on select dates Oct. 20-Nov. 4. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheatre.com.


SUCCESSFUL MARATHON RUNNER
Jay Prentiss – By The Naples Players through Nov. 5 at the Suzanne Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

 premiered in 2008 by a New York theater company, is about a woman who runs a successful marathon, but her life is in turmoil as she’s dealing with her ex-boyfriend and her health. Performing in the role of Jay Prentiss is Emily Balbach, who was a former marathoner herself. Balbach is a native of St. Louis and has been training for the Boston Marathon for the past couple of years. She graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in English and is currently working on her Master’s degree in Education at the University of Minnesota.

SUNDAY 10.15
Youth Day - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts Youth Empowerment Day with a fishing clinic, self-defense demonstrations, guided hikes and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free with park entry fee. 3800 Corkscrew Road, 992-0311 or www.floridaestatesparks.gov.

Free Concert - Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. Free. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

MONDAY 10.16
Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Trash” (2014) at 7 p.m. Three kids in Brazil make a terrible discovery in a garbage dump and find themselves running from the cops. $10, 1030 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artscenterbonita.org.

Pups in the Garden - Naples Botanical Garden welcomes leased dogs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free for members, $9.95 for others. 645-4773 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Free Film – Mercato screens “Legally Blonde” (2001) on the lawn at sunset. Elle Woods follows her ex-boyfriend to law school and figures out there’s more to her than good looks. Free. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Zoo Lecture - Naples Zoo hosts a talk withzoologist Amy Dickman about her lion conservation work with Rhula Carnivore Project in Tanzania from 6-8 p.m. Free for members, $80 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

Beef Fest - Brew Ha Ha returns to Mercato with more than 60 craft beers, a stein-holding competition, silent auction and surprise musical guests. From 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 254-1080 or www.mer catoshops.com.

Oktoberfest - Rusty’s Raw Bar & Grill celebrates Oktoberfest with a German buffet, a pumpkin carving contest and more fun starting at noon Saturday, Oct. 21, 2700 Immoklees Road. www.rustyfc.com.

Blues Concert – Jimmy Thackery & TheDrivers perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. $53-$58. 10305 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artscenterbonita.org.

How Does Your Garden Grow? – Naples Yard & Garden Show hosts vendors, horticultural experts, lectures and more from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Collier Extension Services. 5714700 Immoklees Road. 352-4800.


The Full Score – Naples Philharmonic performs the score live to a screening of “La La Land” at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at ArtisNaples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Giants of the Everglades – Rook Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts an opening reception for its exhibit of photographs by Dennis Goodman from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. The show is on display through Oct. 31. 301 Tower Road. www.rookbayery.com.


Film Fest – Naples International Film Festival screens a variety of independent films Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 26-29. The festival kicks off with an opening night celebration and screening at St. John Farmers Market. Performances continue through the weekend at Silverspot Cinema before the festival returns to the arts center for Sunday’s closing reception and awards. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Vocal Concert – Gulfshore Opera presents the Gulfshore Tenors in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Naples Botanical Garden. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Swamp Time – Clyde and Niki Butcher offer island views and a live concert featuring Gulfshore Opera’s their third annual fall festival and fundraiser for Big Cypress National Preserve from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. Admission is free. All proceeds from guided swamp wagon tours ($40 per person) will be donated to the Preserve for its student education programs. 695-2428 or www.clydebutcher.com.

Boo La La - Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour and the Above Board Chamber host an NGRN community event for all ages. Proceeds drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the boutique at 900 Neapolitan Way. Sign up by emailing Sue Huff at suehuffi.com. For information about donating blood, visit www.givebloodclc.org.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Boo Bash** – Little ones can enjoy trick-or-treating, characters, jugglers and more from 9-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Waterside Shops. Reservations required. Proceeds benefit Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples. 598-1605 or www.watersideshops.com.

**Hoots & Hisses** – Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a day of eco-friendly Halloween happenings from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The fun includes costume contests, a spooky scavenger hunt and more creepy-crawly activities, face painting and refreshments. www.conservancy.org/hood-ahisses.

**Monster Mash** – The Villages at Venetian Bay hosts trick-or-treating, costume contests, arts and crafts and more fun for little ones from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Free. 261-6100 or www.venetianbayvillage.com.

**Blues Concert** – Victor Wainwright & The Train perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. 4050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8949 or www.centerbonitaborita.org.

**Indian Dance** – Indian arts and culture organization Raaga Inc. presents Odissi Dance Company performing “Das Avatar – Rise of Humanity Vs. Evil, through The Ages” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 643-6668 or www.rraggafl.org.

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Psychic Fair – Spirit’s Row hosts a psychic fair with a panel of readers, crystal light bed, table tipping, soul painting and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Unity Church of Bonita Springs. $5. 28285 Imperial Pkwy. 947-3100 or www.unitybonita.com.

Suspicious Minds – Country crooner Dwight Yoakam performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

You Should Be Here – Country artist Cole Swindell performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Germain Arena. $35-$45. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Pops – Broadway vocalists and circus acrobats perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 7-10, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Prog Rock – L.A.-based rockers Ambrosia performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Southwest Florida Event Center. $28-$38. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Art Show – Naples Artcrackers hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.


Dinner with the Artists – Naples Art Association pairs painter Marcus Zottier and chef Amber Phillips for a before-your-eyes collaboration that ends in a delicious dinner Tuesday, Nov. 14. $25 per person, $50 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-6537 or www.naplesart.org.


Rocking Chair – Humorist Jean Robertson, a 73-year-old YouTube star known for her witty speeches and observations, performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 829-850. 481-4849 or www.barbaramannpah.com.

Man in the Mirror – Southwest Florida Event Center hosts a Michael Jackson tribute and dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 829-850. 481-4849 or www.barbaramannpah.com.

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Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

High Seas Hoedown – Local country band Local High Seas performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 829-850. 481-4849 or www.barbaramannpah.com.

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Zoo Lecture – Naples Zoo hosts a talk with veterinarian and Florida bonneted bat specialist Frank Ridgley from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Free. For members, $10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

Jazz Concert – Trumpeter and saxophonist Fernando Ferrone performs Latin jazz from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. $25-$30. 1030 Winterberry Drive.

Masterworks – The Naples Philharmonic performs works by Sibelius, Britten and DeBussy at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Last Man Standing – Comic Tim Allen performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

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Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of “The Exterminating Angel” at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. 18B-$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Tribute Show – Journey tribute band Chain Reaction performs a dinner show from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Southwest Florida Event Center. $25-$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 249-9910 or www.swflpac.com.

Art Show – Hotworks hosts the 20th bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show, a juried fine art and craft event, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at Gulf Coast Town Center. www.hotworks.org.


You’ve Got A Friend In Me – Composer Randy Newman performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Pointe After Dark – Naples Bay Resort hosts a three-course dinner and concert by a BeeGees tribute band from 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29. $120-$150. www.pointeafterdark.com.

Scaramouche – Queen tribute band God Save The Queen performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Germain Arena. $33-$63. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.


Downtown Christmas – Fifth Avenue South hosts its 44th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting with performances, music, a tree lighting at Sugden Plaza and more from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Free. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

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A Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Opera hosts its annual holiday dinner with performances of popular melodies and opera scenes at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Club at The Strand. $125. 5840 Strand Blvd. 629-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Masterworks – The Naples Philharmonic performs works by Brahms, Saint-Saens and Meyer at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

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Many worship at the shrine of Barbra Streisand.

Many gay men, especially, revere her.

And there's much to admire: the voice, the acting, the directing, the rags-to-riches Brooklyn-to-Broadway story. The drama. Her humor. The unconventional beauty.

She is one of the few performers to have an Oscar, Grammy, Emmy and Tony Award on her shelf.

Alex More, a struggling actor (OK, a broke, unemployed, uninsured actor) is enthralled with her. And when, in Jonathan Tolins' play “Buyer & Cellar,” he stumbles upon a job that involves working for her, he's ecstatic.

Apparently, Streisand has set up her basement in her Malibu home like a Main Street exhibit, complete with shops filled with dolls, candy, antiques and costumes she wore for various movies, TV specials and album covers. There's even a frozen yoghurt machine.

Alex is beside himself, giddy with joy.

His job duties aren't exactly clear, but he's supposed to oversee the shops in the cellar, keeping everything clean and presentable.

It's the flimsiest of premises. While it's true that Streisand does have a basement like that, which she wrote about in her book “My Passion for Design,” the playwright makes it very clear that this play is pure fantasy, even to the point of having Alex say, “This is a complete work of fiction ... This is not journalism.”

Kody C. Jones (education director at the Florida Repertory Theatre) plays the role of Alex with great enthusiasm. The elfin performer, who sports a faux-hawk, is very lively and likeable. And he tells us, even some women.”

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Alex claims that before he started the job, “I was not so much of a Barbra queen,” but working in her cellar with her clothing and hundreds of acquired items sends him into rapture.

And then, one day, Streisand herself goes down into her basement, and the two start talking.

Theatre Conspiracy founder and director Bill Taylor designed the set—an oversized white door with two semi-circular store windows on either side. (Unfortunately, there was some kind of malfunction or misdirection on opening night, and the window's contents, on a kind of Lazy Susan rotating platform, went through a number of different arrangements before finally settling on the correct one.) In front of the stores sits a burgundy and gold chaise lounge — so magnificent Streisand herself would probably declare it “Gor-jus!” Mr. Jones makes good use of it, perching on it, reclining upon it and draping himself over it throughout the play.

The music also seemed intrusive at times, beginning and ending abruptly. (We get to hear the opening lines of “The Way We Were” a couple of times.) It would be more effective if the music faded in and faded out, rather than just stopping.

“Buyer & Cellar” questions how well an average person can get to know a celebrity, and whether the two can ever truly become friends.

The problem is, Mr. Tolins' material doesn't go far enough and doesn't give Mr. Jones quite enough to work with. It's a missed opportunity, barely glancing over the subject matter.

The play feels like a fantasy or a wishful supposition turned into a one-man play, but doesn't explore the concept — or its main characters — as deeply as one might wish.

You don't have to love Barbra Streisand to get a kick out of “Buyer & Cellar,” but fans should especially enjoy it.
**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

**Asleep at the switch**

BY STEVE BECKER

A fine declarer, besides playing his cards well, does everything he can to induce the defenders to make a mistake. Take this case where declarer combined both qualities to make a doubled contract that seemed doomed from the start.

West led a club, taken by dummy’s ace, and South faced his first problem — how to handle the spades so as to lose only one trump trick. (He also had two heart and two diamond losers to worry about.)

After deciding that East had the trump ace but probably not A-J-x, declarer led a low spade from dummy. East went up with the ace and played the diamond ace, hoping West had the king and could give him a ruff.

But when West produced the deuce on the ace, denying the king, East returned the king of clubs instead, ruffed by South. Declarer now made the key play when he led a low heart to the ace, West following suit with the seven and East the four. It was a very innocent-looking play that might have caught anyone asleep at the switch. But East was soon to learn why South had taken the ace so early in the proceedings.

Declarer next cashed the spade and diamond queens, preparing for the situation he hoped now existed. His efforts were amply rewarded when he led a heart from dummy, forcing East to win with the king. East had only clubs left and had to lead one, allowing South to dispose of his jack of hearts while ruffing in dummy. Declarer then claimed the rest to make four spades doubled.

Had South disclosed his intentions by drawing trumps and cashing the K-Q of diamonds before playing the ace of hearts, East might have jettisoned his king under the ace and thereby defeated the contract. Perhaps East should have done that anyway, but South’s smooth-as-silk operation caught him completely by surprise.
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HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to take advantage of your generosity. But before your sensitivity toward others overwhelms your good sense, check his or her story out carefully.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong Scorpian sense of fairness lets you see all sides of a dispute. Continue to remain impartial as you help each person work through his or her particular grievance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trust your keen Sagittarian insight to help you see through an offer that might not be all it claims. A closer look could reveal disturbing elements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With the Goat exhibiting a more dominant aspect these days, you could find it easier to make your case, in front of even the most skeptical audience.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're eager to Ram headfirst into that new project. But before you do, find out why some of your colleagues might not appear to be as gung-ho about it as you are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) All that dedicated hard work you've been putting in pays off better than you expected. So go ahead, reward yourself with something befitting a beauty-loving Boar.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to take on that new challenge. And if your self-confidence is sagging, instead of telling yourself why you can't do it, list all the reasons why you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is one time when you might want to put some distance between you and the job at hand. It will give you a better perspective on what you've done and still need to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Resist that occasional lapse into Leonine laziness that sometimes overtakes the Big Cat. Don't cut corners. Do the job right at this time, or you might have to redo it later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You know how you like to do things. And that's fine. But watch that you don't impose your methods on others. A current financial crunch soon eases.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be firm in your own views, but also flexible enough to welcome the views of others.
**THURSDAY, OCT. 12, 8 P.M.**
**Doc Martin**
Season 9, Ever After

Mrs. Tishell’s long-standing crush on Dr. Martin Ellingham takes a dramatic turn. With Doc and Louisa’s baby in her care, she boards a bus out of the village leaving an enigmatic message for Dr. Ellingham to meet them at the castle.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 9 P.M.**
**Great Performances**

**Grammar Salute to Music Legends**
Salute Shirley Caesar, Charlie Pride, Jimmie Rodgers, Nina Simone, the Velvets Underground and more.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 9 P.M.**
As Time Goes By

Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer play the crush on Dr. Martin Ellingham that set about tracking down the Gestapo suspects who killed their men.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 17, 8 P.M.**
**Finding Your Roots**
Season 4, Part 1 and Part 2

Characters who find each other — and romance — later in life. The results are often poignant and funny.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 15, 8 P.M.**
**The Durrells in Corfu**
Season 2, Part 1

Louisa meets a handsome fellow Brit; her effort to get Greeks to pay for English cooking falls flat.

**9 P.M. – Poldark**
Season 3, Part 3

A failed harvest incites food riots; Demelza and Ross welcome an addition; lish cooking falls flat.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 10 P.M.**
**Frontline: Fight for Mosul**

FIlmed across the entire nine-month campaign, the documentary features extraordinary combat footage of one Iraqi Special Forces unit that bore the brunt of the fight.
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Stronger ★★★
(Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany, Miranda Richardson) After losing his legs from just above the knee in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, Jeff Bauman (Gyllenhaal) adapts to a new lifestyle with his girlfriend (Maslany), mother (Richardson) and friends helping him. It’s an inspiring true story, and Gyllenhaal’s performance is Oscar-worthy. Rated R.

Patti Cakes ★★½
(Danielle Macdonald, Bridget Everett, Cathy Moriarty) Patti (Macdonald), an overweight white girl in New Jersey, dreams of becoming a rap star. Macdonald makes a splash in what could be a break-out performance, but the movie is too predictable to be truly memorable. Rated R.

The Trip To Spain ★★½
(Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Claire Keelan) Friends and comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon play versions of themselves as they sample fine dining and tourist attractions throughout Spain. Most of it is good conversation that’s reasonably consistently funny, though it does get a bit too chatty for its own good at times. Not Rated: Adult themes.

Rebel in the Rye ★★
(Nicholas Hoult, Kevin Spacey, Sarah Paulson) Author J.D. Salinger (Hoult) struggles to be a writer and later struggles with success in this uneven biopic. It’s a conventional movie for perhaps the most unconventional artist of our time — there’s little doubt the real Salinger (who died in 2010) would hate it. Rated PG-13.

The Only Living Boy in New York ★½
(Callum Turner, Pierce Brosnan, Kate Beckinsale) In his early 20s and aimless in New York City, Thomas (Turner) sleeps with his father’s (Brosnan) mistress (Beckinsale) and ends up even more confused about life. The ending is decent, but this is the type of indie that’s full of high-minded ideas that never amount too much. Rated R.

Wind River ★★½
(Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen, Kelsey Asbille) In a frigid and remote Wyoming territory, a hunter/ tracker (Renner) and inexperienced FBI agent (Olsen) search for the murderer of a teenage girl (Asbille). The frostiness of the snow-covered terrain provides a nice texture to the compelling story; too bad the last act is a bit weak. Rated R.

Logan Lucky ★★★
(Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Daniel Craig) The Logan siblings (Tatum, Driver, Riley Keough) and career criminal Joe Bang (Craig) plan to rob the Charlotte Motor Speedway during the biggest race of the year. It’s a fine return to form for director Steven Soderbergh (“Oceans 11”), and is full of cameos to keep you smiling. Rated PG-13.

Kidnap ★★
(Halle Berry, Sage Correa, Chris McGinn) A desperate mother (Berry) will stop at nothing to rescue her kidnapped son (Correa). The story is thin and the action is decent; too bad for Berry that mediocrity is not good enough. Rated R.
LATEST FILMS

‘Victoria & Abdul’

\[\text{Is it worth $10? Yes}\]

It was an unlikely relationship at an odd time in a forbidden place. Usually Hollywood makes a love story of such a construct, and to be sure, “Victoria & Abdul” contains love, just not of the sexual kind.

Instead, its titular figures share a “Harold & Maude” type of friendship that feels both organic and enduring. As a result, director Stephen Frears’ (“Philomena”) film is a heartwarming success, a moving story of fulfillment manifesting in the most unlikely of places.

By the late 1880s, Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) of England was near the end of her reign and, to put it simply, she was over it. Her beloved husband Albert died more than 30 years earlier, and subsequently Victoria and Abdul’s friendship during a 2003 visit to the former queen’s summer home. It had largely been eradicated from history prior to then, and given that only select moments of their relationship are documented we must surmise that there’s a fair amount of artistic license in play here. That's okay: As long as the spirit of their connection is appropriately captured, we should be. It’s an interesting social dynamic that Frears deftly incorporates, and dramatically stronger.

Lee Hall’s screenplay is based on the book by Shrabani Basu, who discovered Abdul Her Majesty. It’s an interesting social dynamic that Frears deftly incorporates, and dramatically stronger.

Scottish servant, John Brown. In fairness, Victoria's people have reason to be suspicious. At this time England has recently taken over India, and Muslim soldiers are attacking British forces in India as a response. Abdul is Muslim and comes from meager means, so him doing "royal" lifestyle is feasible. Her family and staff, however, fear Abdul wants to embar-

The only real flaw in “Victoria & Abdul” is its frequently shifting tone. It goes from earnest friendship to lighthearted moments to serious drama seemingly on a whim, and this lack of narrative balance is unsettling. Thankfully by the end it's the relationship between Victoria and Abdul that you remember most, which is how it should be.

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\[\text{> Dench was Oscar-nominated for playing}\]

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Guadalupe

Guadalupe Center holds its signature gala, themed “Welcome Aboard,” on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Amy Heuerman is chair of the evening that benefits the center’s three educational programs serving Immokalee students from cradle to career. Ms. Heuerman is an artist, children’s book author and illustrator, as well as a former elementary school teacher. “Welcome Aboard” begins with a cocktail reception and meet-and-greet with high school students within Guadalupe Center’s Tutor Corps program, along with a presentation from a Tutor Corps student.

Sponsors to date include the Moglia Family Foundation, London Bay Homes, TD Ameritrade, JPMorgan Chase & Co., MarineMax, Seminole Immokalee Casino, Gulfshore Life, Preferred Travel, Port Royal Jewelers and Waterside Shops. Individual tickets are $500. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or to learn more about Guadalupe Center, visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

Youth Haven kicks its annual fund-raiser up a notch by turning next year’s event into an evening affair. The “Soirée of the Season” is set for Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets go on sale in August. For more information, visit www.youthhaven.org.

Champions For Learning holds the annual Night of Champions from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Proceeds benefit student programs including Take Stock in Children and the Real World Learning Model. Betty and Marcelo Alvarez, Dolly Bodick, Collier County Public Schools, Mary and Clay Cone, The DeVoe Family, Joyce and Willis Heim, Dorothy and Moe Kent, Jinx and John K. Paul, Ericson AF Proper, Virginia Quirk, Lloyd Liggett, Geraldine Martin, John K. Paul, Ericson AF Proper, Virginia Quirk, Barbara Uible and Dr. C. Todd Vedder will be honored for their impact on the lives of students through mentoring, leadership, collaboration and community investment with educators or students.

Tickets are $300. Table and sponsorships are available. Funds raised will help Champions For Learning provide safe, quality, affordable education and care for 96 children of low-income working families in Collier County. For more information about the black-tie optional gala and performer Acclaimed singer-songwriter Frank Turner, visit 261-8284 or visit www.championsforlearning.org.

The 18th annual Pet Lovers Gala: “Kreeve de Paws: Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball” to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday evening, Feb. 9, 2018, at Naples Botanical Garden. Honorary co-chairs are Sharon and Dolph Voe Arts. Tickets are $400. Formal invitations will be mailed. For information about sponsorship opportunities, email Annemarie Zoller at events@hsnaples.org.

The Neighborhood Health Clinic hosts a gourmet valentine dinner Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening begins with a reception featuring a samples from more than 10 winemakers selected by The Ritz-Carlton’s sommelier. Guests will then enjoy dinner, live entertainment, a live auction, dancing and more. Guests will be able to be “life savers” by donating directly to clinic, where 90 cents of every dollar goes to patient services for NHC’s approximately 200 working, uninsured patients a week. Tickets are $375, and sponsorships are available. For more information, call 342-7416 or visit www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy holds a garden party-themed gala “Help Fun Time Kids Bloom” on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Honorary event chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chairs and co-chairs are Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Stacey Deffentbaugh of NK2 will emcee the evening, and Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will serve as the auctioneer. Dinner, dancing and more, including a grand prize drawing for jewelry donated by Bigham Jewelers, will be part of the fun. Sponsors to date include: Shirley Hulse, presenting sponsor, and Val Trottman, beverage sponsor. Honorary chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chairs are Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Tickets are $300. Tables and sponsorships are available. Funds raised will help Fun Time Academy provide safe, quality, affordable education and care for 96 children of low-income working families in Collier County. For more information, call 261-8284 or visit www.FunTimeAcademy.org.

The 12th annual “A Night at the Seaside to Benefit Neighborhood Health Clinic” is set for Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at Naples Botanical Garden. For information about the black-tie optional evening, visit www.operanaples.org. ■

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violent video games or if it should be met with zero tolerance in the wake of escalating gun violence and school shootings like Newtown.

Before the meeting date, however, Gidion chooses to end his life by suicide. Heather never expects the bereaved mother to show up on the day and time of the meeting, but Corryn keeps the appointment, and together the women consider whether Gidion could have been bullied severely, or whether he could have been an abuser.

Using minimal costuming and sets, and with scripts in hand, the actresses focus directly on their tortured characters as mother and teacher grapple with the desire to point blame away from themselves at the same time each questions her own culpability.

“Gidion’s Knot” premiered at Shepherdsown’s Contemporary American Theater Festival in 2012 and is now making the national rounds.

“Johnna Adams has given us a play that forces us to ask a lot of questions about our contemporary society,” said TNP’s Associate Artistic Director and ETC curator Jessica Walck, who acts as director of this reading. “Have we just become blame shifters? Have bureaucratic decisions shackled us against doing what is humanly right? Considering the violent times we live in, can we afford to not react to violent ideas? What should the relationship be between parent, teacher and student to truly make a difference on today’s youth? As a society, we are culturally moving into times of social isolation, how far is too far? We know there is a problem but how do we fix it?”

A talkback with the director and two actors will take place immediately after the performance.

“If I have learned anything from this play, it’s that communication is the key to change,” Ms. Walck said. “I hope many in the audience will want to stay and discuss the issues the play brings up.”

“Gidion’s Knot” is the first full-length published play that TNP is exploring through its ETC — Readers Theatre program as a possible choice for a full production in the company’s 2018-19 season.

“The audience feedback we receive during the talkback will be a vital part of our decision process,” Ms. Walck said.
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The Farm City BBQ of Collier County moves to Cambier Park in downtown Naples this year. Hosted by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County and with deep roots in the local business and agricultural communities, the 62nd annual feast is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Over the years the day-before-Thanksgiving tradition has raised more than $350,000 for nonprofit organizations that benefit local youth leadership development programs.

The National Farm City Council was formed 62 years ago in an effort to help bring together business and agricultural communities. Their goal was to demonstrate the interdependence of a vibrant network of farmers and business owners that help support the economy and provide the basic essentials that every citizen needs. From the truck driver to the rancher, the fisherman, the futures broker and the biotechnology scientist, they all play an important role in making sure that Americans have access to a healthy and abundant supply of food.

In Collier County, the Farm City BBQ was formed in a similar way. Event volunteers remember when area farmers had a bad year of crops. The business leaders reached out to the farmers, inviting them for a barbecue and sharing in the little produce that was available so that their families wouldn’t go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. A year later, the Immokalee farming community wanted to reciprocate the hospitality, so they invited the business leaders for a BBQ in the “country.” Since then, the event has rotated from “city” to “country” locations; last year’s site was Seminole Immokalee Casino, and the year before was Naples Municipal Airport.

This year’s event chairman is Bill Barker, chairman and president/publisher of the Naples Daily News.

Beneficiaries of the 2017 barbecue are the Collier County 4-H Association, Youth Leadership Collier, the Collier County Junior Deputies League and Key Club International.

About the beneficiaries

The Collier County 4-H Association funds and supports the activities of Collier County 4-H, reaching more than 2,600 students every year. In addition to traditional 4-H agricultural programs, Collier County 4-H students learn how to build and program robots, create murals using drones, write and deliver effective speeches and become leaders through numerous other hands-on experiences. Programs take place in Collier County Public Schools during the school year, in after school settings and in many traditional 4-H clubs throughout the community.

Youth Leadership Collier empowers students to become effective and ethical leaders, showcases Collier County through field work with key organizations and encourages students to come back to (or stay in) Collier County to begin their careers and community leadership.

In cooperation with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, the Collier County Junior Deputies League helps prepare local youth to become responsible, law-abiding citizens. The league’s 34-acre site in eastern Collier County is used for youth activities throughout the year, and plans are underway to add a pavilion, camp centers with restrooms, six camp sites with fire rings and a fishing dock to expand programs for Collier youth.

Key Club International is the high school-based service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. Twelve Collier County high school Key Clubs provide more than 600 members with opportunities to perform community service and be mentored in leadership, communication and other vital development skills.

In the know

The 2017 Farm City BBQ

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CUISINE NEWS

■ Timeless - An MHK Eatery continues to ramp up its roster of culinary services, and now diners can enjoy brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; happy hour from 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily; with half-priced beer and assorted snack specials; and home delivery of the restaurant's coal-fired pizzas throughout downtown Naples, starting at the southwest boundary of Goodlette-Frank Road and Golden Gate Parkway 90 Tamiami Trail N. 338-4325 or www.timelesseatery.com.

■ Chef Koko, the culinary mastermind behind Naples’ only Korean barbecue restaurant, Zen Asian BBQ, plans to open a new spot based on Japanese izakaya, or gastropubs, later this fall at 8847 Tamiami Trail N. Namba, named for the Osaka entertainment district that houses the majority of these establishments, will feature an assortment of ramen, sushi and dishes prepared on a robata grill.

Of particular interest to those who can't get enough of Asian comfort foods will be Chef Koko’s signature ramen. Though one iteration is currently available at Zen Asian BBQ, Koko teamed up with a ramen specialist to tweak his signature D-hour broth so Namba guests will be able to add up to nine toppings, like spicy bean sprouts or Kikurang ear mushrooms, to their bowls.

For updates about Namba’s opening, visit the restaurant’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/namba-ramen-nbals.

And don’t forget: In honor of National Ramen Month, Zen Asian BBQ offers a 50 percent discount on all ramen orders through October. 10823 Tamiami Trail N. 50 percent discount on all ramen orders through October. 10823 Tamiami Trail N. 949-7117 or www.eatatzen.com.

■ Tickets are on sale for the third annual Foodie Camp offering a variety of 90-minute, themed cooking classes taught by local chefs Oct. 16-25. The lineup includes Alexander Bernard of Alexan-ders, Isabel Polo and Mary Shipman of IM Tapas, Brian and Nicole Roland of Crave Culinaire, Jesse Houseman of Bistro 821, Tony Ridgway of Ridgway’s Bar & Grill, Lisa Boet of Chez Boet, Jean Harvey of The Real Macaw, Abel Gonzalez of Bayside Seafood Bar & Grill, Kristopher Juhlinville of St. Matthew’s House, Keith Casey of KC American Bistro and John Busic of Fujiyama and Club Sushi.

Sign up at www.eventbrite.com (search The Local) to benefit the James Beard Foundation. $350.

■ The Restaurant hosts its final craft cocktail dinner event at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the restaurant, where guests will enjoy a round-up selection of the series’ best cocktails and dishes. $65. 1205 Third St. S. 609-0007 or www.damicoscontinental.com.

Chef Koko’s newest restaurant, Namba, will highlight his specialty ramens that guests can finish with custom toppings. Pictured here is his Hokkaido ramen.

■ Celebrate Oktoberfest at Rusty’s Raw Bar & Grill on Saturday, Oct. 21. Brunch and bottomless mimosas are from 10 a.m. to noon, wings are 50 cents all day, and the Oktoberfest buffet with everything from bratwurst to weinerechnitzel starts at noon. A stein-hoisting contest is part of the fun, and a pumpkin-carving competition starts at 2 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 263-9464 or www.rustysraw.com.

■ Sea Salt hosts a three-course luncheon to benefit the David Lawrence Center’s program to assist those coping with trauma after Hurricane Irma from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23. Scott Burgess, CEO of the mental-health center, will be a special guest. $75 includes a glass of wine.

The restaurant is at 866 Third St. S. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com (search for David Lawrence benefit luncheon at Sea Salt). For more information, call Tanya Buchanan at 434-7258.

■ The Continental hosts its second annual “Dig the Pig” family-style dinner featuring Palmetto Creek Farm pork at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Guests will enjoy a three-course meal featuring local pork and vegetables from Inyoni Farms. $66 ($94 with premium wine pairings). Reservations required. 5323 Airport-Pulling Road. 996-3236 or www.thefishandchips.com.

■ Sea Salt hosts a master chef collaboration in celebration of James Beard’s collection of letters, “Love and Kisses and a Halo of Truffles,” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. With chefs Fabrizio Aielli, Jason Godard, Josh Zeman, Kenneth Tufo and Norman Love, who will be joined by vintners and Italian truffle hunters, guests will enjoy a truffle-themed dinner that will benefit the James Beard Foundation, $350. 866 Third St. S. 434-7258 or www.seasalt-naples.com.

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The Chianti connection

There’s one wine-growing area that’s probably among everybody’s favorites: Chianti. We all love pizza, pasta, red sauces and the other cuisines that are so characteristic of the area, but there’s lots more to explore, and so many Tuscan wines to appreciate. Plus, the area has changed quite a bit in the last few years in the way it makes and classifies its wine, so a bit of catching up is certainly in order.

The region of Tuscany is mostly the area west and southwest of Florence, to the coast. It includes the walled city of Lucca (well worth a visit) and Pisa, as well as the famous winemaking towns of Montalcino, Montepulciano, Maremma and Bolgheri. That’s the easy part. How the wines are classified is a bit more fun to figure out.

The Chianti area is divided into several sub-regions. The most famous is Chianti Classico, which are the bottles that came in a straw basket. In Italian this type of bottle is called a “fiasco,” and there’s a reason for that. We don’t drink it any more (and neither should you), having discovered so many other delightful alternatives.

Most wines from the various Chianti regions are legally classified loosely according to quality. You’ll see the letters DOC or DOCG on the label or neck band. These classifications are decreed and bestowed by the governing authorities. In the past few years, they initiated another classification called “Gran Selezione,” which is given only to Classico wines that have been aged for a minimum of 2½ years.

In Italy, as well as other places like France and Spain, wine is not considered a beverage. It’s food, and part of a meal like everything else on the table. So Tuscan wines, with their high acidity and firm tannins, pair perfectly with tomato dishes, which are also acidic and contain a considerable amount of salt. This salty component, incidentally, helps to modify and calm down the tannin. Of the contents. Other reds, such as Canaiolo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, or Syrah can also be used in smaller quantities. Back in the day, we used to drink Chianti out of a rounded bottle that came in a straw basket. In Italian this type of bottle is called a “fiasco,” and there’s a reason for that. We don’t drink it any more (and neither should you), having discovered so many other delightful alternatives.

The tasting panel and I were delighted to recently evaluate a wide range of Tuscan wines.

Sample widely.

A: Why do sulfites in wine sometimes give people headaches?

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Brett H., Fort Lauderdale

A: They don’t. Generally, people who experience headaches from red wine are sensitive to the histamines that occur as a natural by-product of fermentation. Some asthmatics do experience a sensitivity to sulfites, but this is relatively rare.
Vegan Kitchen offers meatless cuisine you can really sink your teeth into

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Vegan Kitchen

794 Neapolitan Way, Naples; 307-4813

Vegan Kitchen offers meatless cuisine that looks, tastes and feels like real food. The group moved about a mile south into a smaller space on Neapolitan Way that was once a Pizza Hut but now bears no resemblance to one whatsoever. That’s the end of the pep talk.

Vegan Kitchen is the reinvented Loving Hut. It was created by some of the founders of the Loving Hut. It was created by some of the founders of the Loving Hut, which founder Supreme Leader Chiang Hai would appear seemingly perpetually. In fact, Vegan Kitchen serves a form of wheat protein that looks, tastes and feels like real food. That’s the end of the pep talk.

Choosing from among the entrees might be the toughest part of dining here. Szechuan eggplant, lemongrass salad, which was large and substantial to serve as a meal. Service was pleasant and efficient throughout our meal, even as the room filled with tables, although he eyed the meaty wood-ear mushrooms, and the aforementioned wheat protein in this salad, which was large and substantial enough to serve as a meal. Everyone was greeted warmly and fed well.

My husband, who does not eat meat albeit he is a vegan, was happy to dine someplace where he didn’t have to worry about whether there was chicken stock in the rice or bacon in his vegetables, although he eyed the meaty looking protein suspiciously until the server assured him that it was indeed wheat based. Vegans will be delighted with this place. I feel sure confirmed meat lovers will be pleasantly surprised as well. Give it a try. There are worse things than going meatless for one meal.

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‘Mr. Color’

Carleton Varney reflects on six decades of design

BY AMY WOODS

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His 34th book, published earlier this year, is a colorful coffee-table tome titled “Decorating on the Waterfront.” The author, well-known interior designer Carleton Varney, graces its cover in signature South Florida style, sporting an ascot, a pocket square and no socks.

The inspiration for the book comes from the 80-year-old’s life living on bays, lakes and oceans from Nantucket, Mass., to Palm Beach. It takes an artful look at projects along the shores of California, the Caribbean and beyond through stunning images and inspirational stories.

“I’ve always been on the water,” said Mr. Varney, who grew up in the peninsula town outside Boston and now resides off South Ocean Boulevard. “Decorating on the Waterfront” is an homage to his experiences, both personally and professionally, and his passion for where land meets sea.

“I love it here,” said Mr. Varney, who travels about half the year for business and as a much-sought-after guest lecturer. “I love it here not because of the society scene but because I love being able to sit in my living room and see a beautiful view.”

One of his earlier books, 2006’s “In the Pink,” recalls the accomplishments of Dorothy Draper, the famous American decorator for whom he started working fresh out of college.

“It was my first job,” Mr. Varney said. “I was 20 and at the beginning of my career. I would vacuum the floors, deliver and pick up items and actually work beside her.”

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He works for Ms. Draper for seven years — she died in 1969 at age 79 — and while he unmistakably has established his own legacy in living rooms, lobbies and luxury properties around the world, he got his chops under her employ.

“Ms. Draper said a room should look decorated before you put any furniture in it, and she was right,” Mr. Varney said. “Many people think that decorating is all about what you buy, what you fill a room with. Everything about decorating is about layers. You pick a schematic, and you have to know who you are within that schematic.

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Playing with light, textures and angles, Gary Shanabarger of Edward Gary Design creates rooms that attract attention. He finds glamour in every space, without overstepping its purpose or sacrificing its potential. Luxe Living’s Michael Korb caught up with the designer to ask about his career...

Q: Is there a moment you knew you wanted to be an interior designer?  
A: When I was 9 years old my parents began the process of building our home from the ground up. I remember looking at the plans and the interior and exterior finish selections and being very excited to be involved in those decisions. My parents encouraged me to voice my opinions and actually selected things based on my choices, which I was able to see come to fruition. After college, a career in New York City in visual design, and starting a luxury floral and event company in Naples, I ultimately found myself back to where I began — now helping others to create their own dream homes.

Q: Where did you learn your craft?  
A: After first working under merchandisers in the visual retail world, I began creating temporary, but fully realized environments in the event world. As I began my foray into the interior design world, I worked alongside my sister, Kathryn Carbone, an accomplished interior designer on the East Coast of Florida, before striking out on my own to create Edward Gary Design.

Q: Do you have a formula for how you build out a room?  
A: Each room has its own formula. It’s own function. I have a conversation with the space. I listen to what it tells me. What the client requires. A piece of art, a favorite rug, a general feel... something that’s intimate to the client that I can build around. I love nature and the play of light, interacting with the space as well as the environment beyond the space; the temperature of light.

Q: What’s the first thing you ask clients when you meet them?  
A: Getting to know a client and establishing a common design language is the most important foundation for success. To get there requires a series of questions, some of which include: How would you identify your personal style? How do you like to live? How do you WANT to live? How many people will occupy the space? What is the function of this room for the clients? Of course, there is also the important question: What’s the budget?

Q: Is there a trend that you’re excited about?  
A: While remaining very aware of what’s new and exciting in all elements of design, actual trends are something I try to encourage clients to avoid, so that every space I design remains timeless, based on quality craftsmanship with an artist’s integrity, and boundless, fearless freedom in exploring personal style with no rules.

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Edward Gary (above, left) is known for transforming spaces. A soaring two-story great room in a Port Royal residence got a face-lift with a chalk white staircase over dark wood flooring, while wood slotting is the perfect visual divider (top middle). A burgeoning collection of contemporary art drove the decision to go with a neutral background in this Bay Colony penthouse (top right). Oversized linen sofas, faux driftwood floor lamps, and peppercorn gray walls over glossy white moldings create a sense of relaxation in this beach getaway (right).

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Masterworks with a Russian accent
East West Fine Art helps turn customers into art experts

It’s safe to say that many of us tend to shop for art in the wrong places — big box stores, furniture stores, or retail chains with bin after bin of questionable canvases. But if you’re going to be decorating a new home in Southwest Florida, an effort should be made to stop by one of East West Fine Art’s two Naples locations: 9115 Strada Place in Mercato and 2425 Tamiami Trail North in the Bigham Galleria.

The galleries represent some of the finest Russian, American and European academically trained artists. Mother and daughter owner/operators Olga and Leeza Arkhangelskaya are Russian natives dedicated to educating customers on the history and importance of each artist and work they represent.

The Bigham Galleria location primarily exhibits academically trained masters of the Russian school, while Mercato mixes paintings and sculpture from Russian, American and European artists. Both of the 2,000 square foot galleries are mini museums with the added benefit of having price tags on the displays. (Prices tend to range from $1,000 to $40,000.)

Representing such powerful artists as Stanislav Plutenko, Georgy Kurasov and Slava Fokk, each gallery has a number of selections from each, in what can only be described as a feast for the eyes. Stopping in for a quick peek gets visitors an impromptu education from Olga or Leeza about the artists and the pieces hanging before them. If you love art, this is the place to come.

“Kurasov is neoclassicism,” says Leeza, while standing in front of the artist’s work. “The artist is credited with inventing the form. He creates a softness of the human form with these precise angles... It’s very pleasing to the eye. And to be credited with creating a movement is almost unheard of.”

If these walls could speak you’d notice a slight Russian accent. East West Fine Art’s two Naples locations feature a wide array of Russian, European and American art from such premier artists as Stanislav Plutenko, Georgy Kurasov, and Slava Fokk. Mother and daughter team Olga and Leeza Arkhangelskaya have an encyclopedic knowledge of the artists they represent.

It’s a talking point sure to keep guests impressed if you place one over your couch. And while the Kurasov pieces truly are dynamic and demand attention, works by Plutenko, which can run up to $40,000, will have you contemplating the artist’s meaning for a lifetime. Magical, surreal, impactful and mesmerizing, each work generates more thought and inquiry than a semester of college the price suggests.

“And we can work with people and help them coordinate with their décor,” says Leeza. “You will have a real work of art in your home. It’s not a print from Ikea.” And that work will feed your soul. Not to mention make your couch look great.

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When it comes to architecture, it’s tough to be hotter than Matthew Kragh of MHK Architecture & Planning. Though far from single-handedly, he is changing the face of Naples. In fact, he’s so popular right now he recently opened a restaurant themed on his architectural style.

With a thoroughly modern reinvention of the Florida cottage, he has tapped into a new consciousness of design for Southwest Florida. And houses such as this stunning single-family just four blocks from the beach and four blocks from the shops and restaurants of 5th Avenue South in Old Naples are a major reason why.

Coming in at 3,347 square foot under-air (3,913 under roof), this new home is a two-story monument to a life well lived. In fact, it’s easy to see why Encore Development brought together MHK Architecture, T. Jerulle Construction, and ALD Landscape Architecture to create this four bedroom (plus loft), three full- and one half-bath beauty. It’s the very definition of the ideal Naples lifestyle.

Furnished by Clive Daniel Home, the residence was designed with entertaining in mind. With wide wood floors under foot, 10-foot tray ceilings overhead, and a livability in between that blends elegance with comfort, family and

Just four blocks from the beach and four blocks to the action on 5th Avenue South, this home on the corner of 1st Avenue South and 5th Street North is ideal for being a part of the Naples lifestyle. Design highlights include an outdoor kitchen, fire feature and a dramatic staircase tower. Front cover: Designed to impress, the home’s great room encompasses a living room, dining room and kitchen, and opens directly onto a very private outdoor space.
friends alike can move freely from the high-end gourmet kitchen featuring Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances to the elegant dining area to the chic living room without ever being far from the action.

Interior designers Vrinda Albrecht and Susan Trivison knew the developer wanted a fresh coastal contemporary feel that would be appealing to a variety of buyers, so they worked closely off of Kragh's details.

“We selected furnishings that would complement the architectural features throughout the home, such as the stepped-geometric tray ceilings, the deep ebony wood flooring, and the contrasted black and white kitchen,” says Ms. Albrecht. “We used gray, black, and navy to add contrast to the overall white environment. (Then) we selected a classic track arm sofa with a beautiful textured Greek-key patterned fabric and oversized lounge chairs with a sleek gray-blue velvet covering. We used a lot of texture over pattern to keep the look updated and fresh.”

Frankly, it’s a study in upscale livability. The pair captured the essence of the coastal atmosphere by using the dark navy and highlighting with gray accents to keep it in line with current trends but also present a classic timeless appeal. “I’m totally bias, but I love this house,” says Realtor Dante DiSabato of William Raveis Real Estate, who was part of the team from Encore that developed the property. “It’s designed to be comfortable, yet stylish, and offers an amazing level of ease of use. It’s just so well thought out. This is a home where you can turn the key and immediately be experiencing all the best parts of Naples.”

The main living area opens onto an outdoor living area with western exposure, a custom pool and spa featuring rich ipe decking, an outdoor kitchen with dining area, and enough lounge area for you to perfect your tan. Also off the pool area is the large master suite with movie star good looks and an expansive en suite that features breathtaking tile work and a full body jet shower system. Conveniently, a spacious laundry room is nearby.

And if you’re looking for a bit of peace and quiet away from all the action, all you have to do is walk up the home’s dramatic custom staircase located in the home’s tower (or take the elevator) to find yourself in a loft perfectly perched to allow for views of both the pool area and side yard.

“We especially enjoy the upstairs loft which features a large white sectional and a cluster of uniquely shaped concrete tables,” says Trivison. “The bright white fabric is 100% live-able as it is a Sunbrella material that can be easily cleaned with warm soapy water or a little diluted bleach for life’s messier moments. It is a comfortable and inviting space that is well balanced with a large iron chandelier that mimics the beamed ceiling.”

The second floor is also home to three more bedrooms, one of which functions as a second master suite, meaning guests can enjoy the party long into the night and know they’ll have a room for the night. You know, maybe MHK should get into the hotel business, too.

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A Tiburon penthouse condo simplified for sophisticated elegance

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spot to enjoy with friends and family. (Originally) it was purchased new and had been professionally decorated in an elaborate traditional style that did not reflect their taste and lifestyle. They wanted interior design elements that would be more suited to their new vacation condominium in coastal destination such as Naples.’

Part of the challenge was that the husband preferred contemporary styling, while the wife leaned towards classic elements. With a blend of bone, taupe, subtle blues, and luscious textures, Ms. Krümm created a home that coexists nicely with the surrounding golf course views.

The end result is more cohesive and subdued, and feels perfectly suited to seasonal visits. Gone is the neuvo European line green accents that originally made up the master suite — replaced by a relaxing space that oozes comfort. The media room/study went from a frenzied collection of patterns to an elegant room that won’t induce a panic attack. Even more impressive was the finished results were achieved in such a short timeframe.

“Our plan was to update the unit with all new customized furnishings, fixtures, décor and wall finishes, while working around the existing cabinetry, flooring, and architectural details,” adds Ms. Krümm. Neutral backgrounds and fabrics on key furnishings allow for color to be incorporated through accessories such as accent pillows and artwork. “They were thrilled with the results — both luxurious and livable, with a timeless interior that now reflects both the husband and wife’s unique styles — fresh, polished, elegant, a fusion of traditional elements with modern nuances.”

The perfect vibe for an upscale vacation property. And one that feels like home for its owners.


Kira Krümm took the home’s den from chaotic to quiet thanks to warm grey upholstery on the sofa, a Neptune zinc leather coffee table, and smoke grey drapes (top). Warm hues and clean lines define the newly inviting living room anchored by a cozy seating area (below). Meanwhile, the master bedroom got toned down with a tufted bed in light neutral fabric topped with light seafoam bedding, a lounge chair in driftwood grey, and a library table doing desk duty in a weathered mineral finish.

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Clive Daniel Home earns 12 CBIA awards for design

Clive Daniel Home, the Naples-based home furnishings retailer, was named one of the top winners in the Collier Building Industry Association’s Sand Dollar Awards competition on Sept. 30. The firm led in the “win” category this year with a dozen awards for design excellence as well as recognition for its marketing and advertising expertise. The CBIA competition honors the area’s building and design community.

The new Sand Dollar awards bring Clive Daniel Home's total for design excellence to more than 200 since the showroom’s opening in 2011 by retailers Clive and Daniel Lubner.

“Receiving these prestigious awards reaffirms that the building industry agrees that Clive Daniel Home and our design team are unique in every way,” said Daniel Lubner, president of Clive Daniel Home.

Wilfredo Emanuel was the Best Interior Designer for his Naples Banyan private residence in the $4,500,001-$5,000,000 price range. He also won in the Best Outdoor under $30,000 category for his Farmhouse Chic custom home.

In the category of Single Family Detached Homes, Charlie Hansen and Rebekah Errett-Pikosky were winners in the $1,750,001-$2,000,000 price range for their Villa Adrianna III custom home in Talis Park. In the category of Best Master Suite, Charlie Hansen and Rebekah Errett-Pikosky were winners in the under $50,000 category for the same home in Talis Park.

In the Best Outdoor between $30,000 and $50,000, Catherine Baker and Richard Atkin were the winners for their Naples Silverleaf private residence.

The Clive Daniel Home Hospitality team was the winner of the Interior Design Remodel category $800,000 to $900,000 for their work at the Club Bar at Quail West.

Jackie Nelson was selected as Marketing Director of the Year. Clive Daniel Home’s in-house advertising department received Sand Dollar awards for its advertising and marketing efforts including Best Newspaper Ad, Best Magazine Ad, Best Special Event/Promotion, and Best Social Media, plus the top marketing award for Best Overall Campaign for an Associate Member.

The Sand Dollar Awards are presented each year by the Sales and Marketing Council of the Collier Building Industry Association, to member builders, developers, architects, remodelers, interior design firms, marketing, sales and/or advertising professionals who have demonstrated building, design and marketing excellence in the Collier County Area.

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- **Striped feline fur throw**, available at Clive Daniel Home — www.clivedaniel.com 261-4663

- **3-way indigo glass lamp with crystal base** by Regina Andrews, available at Norris Furniture & Interiors — www.norrisfurniture.com 263-0580

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- **13150 White Marsh LN #207**
  - Cross Creek End Unit with Golf Course Views
  - This is your perfect Florida retreat with beautiful golf course and preserve views of the Six-Mile South Preserve.
  - Barbara S Gaines (239) 246-9501.

- **6089 Lake Front Dr**
  - Lease Purchase Possibility
  - Lovely townhome in gulf access community on the Ten-Mile Canal. Minutes to the Gulf of Mexico. $129,900.
  - (866) 657-2300 8008032460.

**CAPE CORAL**

- **713 El Dorado Pkwy E**
  - Location, Location, Location!!
  - Great investment opportunity in SE Cape Coral. 3/2/1 garage home near Yacht Club.
  - (866) 657-2300 8005629416.

**LEHIGH ACRES**

- **5213 Beauty St**
  - Beautiful Large 3 Bedroom 2 Bath plus Den
  - This beautiful home has tons of space with just under 2300 sqft. This home offers a split floor plan with 3 bed/2 bath.
  - Jonathan Lleuere (239) 826-3857.

**CAPE CORAL**

- **1222 Old Marsh Lane #3233**
  - Great Starter Home in Cape Coral
  - Well-maintained 3 bedroom home, close to shopping and restaurants. A fenced yard with room for a pool!
  - Marija ‘Maya’ Petrovic (239) 888-0658.

**CAPE CORAL**

- **1003 SW 47th Terr #104**
  - Golf Access SW Cape Condo
  - Beautiful interacting canal with golf access located in SW Cape Coral. Just minutes and 1 bridge to river.
  - Cathy Canelli (239) 282-2843.

**NORTH PORT**

- **2220 NW 3rd Place**
  - New Single Family Home
  - Nice open floor plan connecting very spacious great room and the kitchen. Kitchen leads to a private dining room/den and into the laundry room.
  - (866) 657-2300 8005629350.

**CAPE CORAL**

- **2122 Old Marsh Lane #3233**
  - Galler’s Delight
  - 2 1/2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with new A/C last year.
  - (866) 657-2300 8003987459.

**LEHIGH ACRES**

- **3019 9th St W**
  - New Construction
  - New construction - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1540 sqft. A/C last year!
  - Jonathan Lleuere (239) 826-3857.

**CAPE CORAL**

- **2205 NW 3rd Place**
  - Best location in Lehigh Acres
  - Best location in LEHIGH ACRES! It offers three bedroom, two baths. This home has two living rooms, a huge kitchen.
  - (866) 657-2300 8003287201.

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LEHIGH ACRES
2508 46th St SW
Move In Ready
Beautiful new construction - 4 bedroom, two bath home ready to move in...
$217,750
Dagmar Conception (239) 850-5670

3/2/2 Well Maintained Home in Lehigh
This well maintained custom built home has been loved by 1 owner.
$218,900
(866) 657-2300 800LE04599.

CAPE CORAL
3608 SW 11th Ave
Almost New 4 Bedroom Home
This 4 bedroom, 2 bath plus family room was built in 2014 on an oversized lot. Plenty of room in & outside at this home.
$224,000
Harriett Mclaan (239) 246-0088

LEHIGH ACRES
4013 SW 20th Pl #207
Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage.
$239,900
Terri Lodge (239) 999-5560

LEHIGH ACRES
1408 SE 32nd St
Beautifully Updated
$241,000
(866) 657-2300 800CC04403.

372 SpaULDING St E
Beautiful & Well Maintained in Twin Lake Estates
3 bedroom 2 bath pool home sitting on 1/2 an acre in Twin Lake Estates. Family fence (239) 357-6739.
$259,000

CAPE CORAL
3422 Oasis Blvd
SW Cape - New Construction
Brand new 4 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! New upgrades! Amazing amenities! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$261,850
(866) 657-2300 800SN038111.

PUNTA GORDA
2212 SE 26th Street
Assessments Paid - New Construction
4 bedrooms near Agualinda Blvd & Beach Pkwy. Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$289,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN092811.

ROTONDA WEST
8231 Grand Palm Dr
4 Bedrooms + Den - New Construction
Main floor has a nice open floor plan connecting the living room, dining room, and great room giving you plenty of room for entertaining!  Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home
$299,000
Art Borsch (239) 994-4496

ESTERO
8323 Grand Palm Dr #1
1st Floor-Million Dollar View
This 2214 sqft home has 3 bed, 2 bath and a spacious den located on a .30 of an acre in the gated community of Shadow Lakes.
$319,000
Ty Pattison (239) 233-0550

3 Bedroom 2 Bath w/Den in Gated Community
This 2214 sqft home has 3 bed, 2 bath and a spacious den located on a .30 of an acre in the gated community of Shadow Lakes.
$319,000

132 Shadow Lakes Dr

LEHIGH ACRES
2623 SW 22nd Avenue
New Construction - Full Builder’s Warranty
Grande kitchen counters, the everywhere except bedroom, stainless appliances in kitchen, linear 2 car garage, full irrigation systems.

$277,970
(866) 657-2300 800LE04599.

2623 SW 9th Ave
Capativating Home w/a Beautiful Private Pool
Located in our gated community with view of Lakefront and 2 car garage.
$279,999
Kimberly Quintana (305) 764-2182

702 SW 9th Ave

CAPE CORAL
8541 Fairway Bend Dr
Fairway Bend Waterfront Beauty
3 bed 2 bath awesome view. Electric shutters, granite kitchen with tiled floors.
$285,900
Joan Borsch (239) 994-4484

CAPE CORAL
41 Long Meadow Lane
New Construction
Brand new 4 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$285,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN041190.

FORT MYERS
3904 SW 20th Place

3 Bedroom 2 Bath w/Den - New Construction
Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home with 1 car garage. The home has a large lot.  Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home
$299,000
Art Borsch (239) 994-4496

1st Floor Coachhome!!

2 Bedroom Wrap Around Water View
Like living on an island this adorable coach home is sure to delight you!
$219,000

1409 SE 32nd St
Like New 2 Bedroom, Plus Den and 2 Bath Coach Home
Pristine Lakeview Coach Home
Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home
$244,900
(866) 657-2300 800FR02B424.

LEHIGH ACRES
729 SpaULDING St E

Sw Cape - New Construction
Brand new 4 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$256,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN041175. 

CAPE CORAL
3422 Oasis Blvd

41 Long Meadow Lane

New Construction
Brand new 4 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$256,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN041175.

4 Bedrooms near Agualinda Blvd & Beach Pkwy.

Kelly Greens without the Fees
Kelly Greens Village condos with great view off season golf and no joining fee!
$239,000
(866) 657-2300 800FM033713.

CAPE CORAL
3422 Oasis Blvd

3 Bedroom 2 Bath w/Den in Gated Community
This 2214 sqft home has 3 bed, 2 bath and a spacious den located on a .30 of an acre in the gated community of Shadow Lakes.
$239,000

4308 SW 20th Place

Great Price on 2/2 + Den/2 Car Garage Villa
Gorgeous, immaculate open floor plan villa with many upgrades! Amazing amenities!
$248,000
(866) 657-2300 800CA045056.

CAPE CORAL
2212 NE 26th Street

5/4 Pool Home
5 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$250,000
(866) 657-2300 800CA045056.

CAPE CORAL
3422 Oasis Blvd

41 Long Meadow Lane

New Construction
Brand new 4 bedroom 3 bath home with large open concept layout! Washer & dryer, electric garage door opener, full irrigation system.
$256,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN041175.

4 Bedrooms + Den - New Construction
Main floor has a nice open floor plan connecting the living room, dining room, and great room giving you plenty of room for entertaining!
$285,445
(866) 657-2300 800SN041190.

LEHIGH ACRES
2508 46th St SW
Move In Ready
Beautiful new construction - 4 bedroom, two bath home ready to move in...
$217,750
Dagmar Conception (239) 850-5670

3/2/2 Well Maintained Home in Lehigh
This well maintained custom built home has been loved by 1 owner.
$218,900
(866) 657-2300 800LE04599.
Remodeled Home in Bokeelia
Remodeled and updated 2/1/2 home with 2 car garage
$299,900
(866) 657-2300
BOKEELIA

Open! Bright! Updated 3 Beds! 2 Baths!
3 beds/2 updated bathrooms/lofts/brand new A/C plus more. Community pool/lanai/workout room & more. 
$290,000
(866) 657-2300
FORT MYERS

3 Bedrooms + Den - New Construction
Great triple lot - 1,663 sq ft, 4" insulated panel interior doors, stainless steel appliances, paver driveways and screened paver lanai. 3-car garage. 
$294,335
(866) 657-2300
CAPE CORAL

Full Builders Warranty - New Construction
3 bedroom + den, stainless kitchen appliances, granite kitchen countertops, 3 car garage, screened lanai. The everywhere except bedrooms. 
$299,160
(866) 657-2300
CAPE CORAL

4360 SW 20th Avenue
3 Bedrooms + Den - New Construction
$379,000
(866) 657-2300
CAPE CORAL

Magnolia Lakes in Gateway Home
Beautiful New Construction
Grande kitchen countertops, tile everywhere except bedrooms, stainless steel kitchen appliances, lanai, 3 car garage and full builder’s warranty. 
$319,465
(866) 657-2300
ESTERO

The Reserve at Estero
Gorgeous New Construction in Bonita Springs
Large 4/2/2 home built by Toll Brothers. 
$315,000
(866) 657-2300
PUNTA GORDA

Pool Home on Double Lot
Luxurious Pool Home
$299,900
(866) 657-2300
CAPE CORAL

19795 Vintage Trace Circle
Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home in Punta Gorda Isles
Gorgeous pool home! Beautiful living space with upgrades, landscape and pool! Don’t miss it! 
$290,000
(866) 657-2300
ST. JAMES CITY

3740 citrus St.
Perfect Family Home
Gorgeous 3/2 Pool Home in SW Cape Coral with stunning upgrades. 
$299,900
(866) 657-2300
BONITA SPRINGS

4040 Springs Ln SW
Newly Constructed Home
3 bedrooms 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores. 
$374,000
(866) 657-2300
BONITA SPRINGS

1235 Osceola Drive
River District
Prestigious Area & Home
$379,000
(866) 657-2300
CAPE CORAL

1311 1st Toll Cir 339513
Original Owners - Upgrades Galore
Additional living area added at construction. Extra large, lake front lot, granite crown molding. Easy to show. 
$349,900
(866) 657-2300
BONITA SPRINGS

3063 SW 27th Court
Beautiful New Construction
$325,000
(866) 657-2300
BONITA SPRINGS

5001 SW 20th Avenue
Punta Gorda Island Home
$329,000
(866) 657-2300
BONITA SPRINGS

1414 Beechwood Trl
Prestigious Area & Home
$320,000
(866) 657-2300
FORT MYERS BEACH

1419 SE 13th Pl
Golf Access Pool Home
Bring your boat! Golf access 4 bedroom 3 bath pool home, sitting on an oversized lot w/a 35’ wrap around dock! 
$379,000
(866) 657-2300
NAPLES
Immaculate Gulf Access Pool Home
- Lovely updated, golf access home completely updated! Gorgeous updated kitchen: 3 bed/2 baths, heated salt water pool!
- (866) 657-2300

Spectacular 4-5 Bed, Den Pool Home
- Custom home with over $100,000 in upgrades: from whole house generator, & RO, dream kitchen & laundry with LG appliances.
- (866) 657-2300

Canal Living in St. James City
- Old school charm with spacious great room, attached garage, boat dock & covered lift.
- (866) 657-2300

Beautiful 3/2 Waterfront Pool Home
- Gorgeous well maintained pool home with amenities.

Tanglewood Neighborhood
- Charming 4 bedroom home in the Tanglewood neighborhood with extra garage and parking for your boat and/or RV!

Canal & Pool Home in PGI
- Come and see this well maintained 4 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home on a saltwater canal.

Beautiful 4 bedroom home in the Tanglewood neighborhood with extra garage and parking for your boat and/or RV!

Beautiful Gulf Access Pool Home
- Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches!
- New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning gulf front home features; 1443 sqft of living area, 3/2 with spa covered.

Immaculate Gulf Access Pool Home
- Gulf Access Pool Home in Bella Terra
- New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning gulf access heated pool home.

Stunning 4 bedroom home in the Tanglewood neighborhood with extra garage and parking for your boat and/or RV!

Gated Community
- Spectacular 3/2 Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift
- Enjoy the Florida lifestyle with this beautiful direct gulf access pool home.

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Spectacular 3/2 Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift
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Miriam Golden (239) 333-9538

Bonita Springs
- 4417 Little Hickory Rd
- Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches!
- New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning gulf front home features; 1443 sqft of living area, 3/2 with spa covered.

Beautiful Gulf Access Pool Home
- Must see this one. Everything is done! Beautifully landscaped!
- (866) 657-2300

4/2 Pool Home on Saltwater Canal in PGI
- Come and see this well maintained 4 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home on a saltwater canal.

Spectacular Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift
- Enjoy the Florida lifestyle with this beautiful direct gulf access pool home.

Gated Community
- 2711 SE 24th Ct
- Bostler and Water Lovers Delight
- 4/2 Move-in ready home located in the Everglades Norton Park Neighborhood is under 1 mile to the Caloosahatche River.

Former Mercedes Model Home!
- 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home with custom pool.

Gated Community
- 5131 SW 19th Ave
- Gorgeous, Immaculate and Pristine
- This 4 bed, 2.1/2 bath gulf access heated pool home. 18’’ lie on the diagonal with travertine borders. Carpet in all rooms.

4851 Rock Sound Rd
- 5 Acre Custom Built Home
- 3 bed 3 bath w/731 sq ft custom built with many extras, huge 3000+ sqft garage, fenced, zoned agricultural.

Gulf Access Pool Home
- Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath SW Cape sailboat access home on a wide canal.

Open House
- Open Sat & Sun 11-2
- Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches!
- New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning gulf front home features; 1443 sqft of living area, 3/2 with spa covered.

4403 Chiquita Blvd S
- Former Mercedes Model Home!
- 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home with custom pool.

There are numerous real estate listings throughout the document, including properties in Port Charlotte, Fort Myers, North Port, Cape Coral, Estero, St. James City, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, and Bonita Springs. Each listing includes details such as price, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, features, and contact information for potential buyers.