So far, panther deaths lower for the year than in 2016

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On Nov. 13, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported the 26th Florida panther death of 2017. The number is relatively low compared to previous years, according to FWC official Carol Knox.

“Last year was a pretty high year for mortalities,” Ms. Knox said of 2016 numbers. FWC recorded 42 panther deaths last year, with 34 of them being road kills. Of the 26 panther deaths this year, 21 have occurred via road collisions. By mid-November last year, there had been 37 deaths, with all but five via road kill. Ms. Knox agreed that this year’s numbers are relatively low compared to 2016, but was reluctant to say there’s a pattern forming.

“For now, it’s looking like a better year with respect to mortalities, but people always want to know if that means things are better or worse? It’s so hard to reach a conclusion with just one year of data,” she said.

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COMMENTARY

Change your ways

A couple of New Yorkers, Leonard Bernstein (adopted) and Stephen Sondheim (born), wrote the music and lyrics to a song half a century ago that defines civil behavior for men in America.

The song arrived in a Broadway musical called “West Side Story,” first staged in the fall of 1957, before hitting the silver screen four years later. A couple of gangs on New York’s west side — the Sharks and the Jets — one Puerto Rican and one Anglo, hate each other and face off violently. But their members are ultimately redeemed (though not saved) by the tender love of a Puerto Rican girl, Maria, and an Anglo boy, Tony, who ignore the old loyalties and biases.

Against the odds, the two decide to celebrate their love in the face of powerful cultural imperatives against them.

If the names seem antiquated and the story itself ancient (Shakespeare completed a similar story, “Romeo and Juliet,” in 1595, after all), its reflection of love remains as contemporary as ever.

Equally as timeless is the prescription for young males, couched in the lyrics of a song called, “Cool.” Here, one of the Jets tries to talk his homeboys into restraint rather than an aggressive response to an attack on their gang.

“Boy, boy, crazy boy,
Get cool, boy!
Got a rocket in your pocket,
Keep coolly cool, boy!
Don’t get hot,
Cause man, you got
Some high times ahead...
‘Boy, boy, crazy boy!
Stay loose, boy!
Breeze it, buzz it, easy does it,
‘Turn off the juice, boy!
Go man, go,
But not like a yo-yo schoolboy,
Just play it cool, boy,
Real cool!”

Such advice is an antidote to the impetuous whimsy of anger, the desire to wound a perceived enemy without further consideration.

The same civilizing wisdom — restrain your urges and use them to make your world better, not worse — holds when it comes to how boys and men treat women, too. Or more specifically, how boys and men use their sexual urges to treat anybody.

The prescription in “Cool” is straightforward: Learn to control yourself. And the idea is simple enough to define: If you want a better life, control your instinctive emotional and physical actions. But it has to be taught and practiced. And whose job is that?

It’s our job.

So when people like Harvey Weinstein, Roy Moore, Kevin Spacey, Louis C.K., Brett Ratner, Terry Richardson, Ben Affleck, Michael Oreskes, Dustin Hoffman, Oliver Stone, Dr. Larry Nassar and others become exposed as kings with no clothes — when they’re seen in the naked light of their misbehaviors, their use of power to sexually harass and abuse women and children because they have no discipline or control — one thing becomes abundantly clear to me: Somebody didn’t do his or her job, once upon a time.

So, did these turkeys have unloving, unable or undutiful parents? Probably. Obviously they were never taught how to behave and chose not to learn later. Either that, or they were taught how to misbehave and chose to continue misbehaving, later.

But parents aren’t the only ones who can teach proper civil behavior. So the chance for boys, in particular, to learn is not limited entirely to the home. Teachers, coaches, ministers, friends and the parents of friends can help do the job, too, if they choose.

Teaching takes work, however — it takes time, commitment and relative sobriety. But it has to be done or we get herds of male users and abusers.

In my view, it all comes down to this: If you have children, your job is to teach them that each person they encounter must be accorded respect and a general acceptance, at first glance — regardless of race, sex, creed, or style and appearance.

It doesn't matter how you voted or where your political loyalties lie. It doesn't matter how rich or poor you are, how mad you are at your spouse or partner, how drunk, violent or inept your own parents once were. None of that matters.

What matters, instead, is this: You teach your children how to behave, now. Not tomorrow or the next day.

In addition to the simple creed above, parents and teachers must also require children never to take advantage of any who might be weaker, less savvy or less stable — whether male or female. It’s an American thing, not a liberal or a conservative thing. This is what we do, unless we aren’t doing what we should be doing.

None of the current revelations, by the way, has to do with restraining the urge or hobbling the courage to love. Willing lovers may have to push past social boundaries or restrictions imposed by others — by religion, by race, by time or age, by sex, by occupation, by geography.

Such was the case for Romeo and Juliet, for Tony and Maria in “West Side Story,” and for many real-world couples. Love is not always easy to define, nor does it fit into neat categories.

But what the Roy Moores and Harvey Weinsteins undertake has nothing to do with love.

Instead of loving, they bully and abuse. Nobody told them: “Go man go, but not like a yo-yo schoolboy. Just play it cool, boy — real cool.”

Or, they chose to ignore it.

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OPINION

The Male Chauvinist Pigdom

I've written facetiously before about a fictional nation, the Male Chauvinist Pigdom. Unfortunately, it's very real and not funny, unless you get your jollies from the stories that are emerging of the male pigs — not all of us, mind you, but far too many — who brutalize the females of our species.

Day after day, plausible horror stories of sexual assault finally spew after festering for years. The lineup of alleged pervs reaches the highest levels of celebrity, presidents of the United States, powerful movie producers and so many performers and prominent journalists — it's an all-star list of rapists, gross exhibitionists and those who abuse their power over the careers of their victims.

Oh, I almost forget child molesters, perhaps the worst of all. Roy Moore, the Republican Party's official candidate to be the next United States senator from Alabama, stands accused in a well-documented Washington Post article of imposing himself sexually as described by Leigh Corfman, a 14-year-old girl back in 1979. Moore was in his 30s. Additionally, Post reporters interviewed other teenagers from that time, who said he also put romantic moves on them, all while he was serving as an assistant district attorney in Gadsden, Ala.

One would think such credible revelations would be devastating to a candidate for Senate, even nearly 40 years later, particularly when the now 70-year-old Moore has evolved into a Christian zealot. Twice he's gotten through out of office for his fanaticism, but he keeps rising again. Part of that can be attributed to the fact that 86 percent of the state's population, according to a Pew survey, identifies itself as "Christian," 49 percent as "evangelical."

For whatever reason Moore, with his stands against Muslims, gays, on and on, has a crepuscular climate where not only can he and his supporters defend him by claiming that this is a liberal hatchet job, never mind the evidence, but then offer the most bizarre justifications in case the allegations are true. As state auditor Jim Ziegler told the Washington Examiner: "Take Joseph and Mary. Mary was a teen-ager and Joseph was an adult carpenter. They became parents of Jesus." That is not made up.

What has happened is that the Moore case has exposed a large number of weasels who also are in abundance. They are the ones obviously trying to weasel out of their dilemma, where an accused child molester could be joining their Senate caucus. Some in the GOP have been saying that Moore should abandon his Senate quest if the charges can be proven. Obviously, the道德挑战 charges will be proven.

As Mitt Romney, who joined John McCain in the party's non-weasel herd, and then on Twitter: "Innocent until proven guilty is for criminal convictions, not elections. I believe Leigh Corfman. Her account is too serious to ignore. Moore is unfit for office and should step aside.

What we are finally realizing is that the way of life in our Male Chauvinist Pigdom includes a lot of sexual oppression. If we're not among the list of perpetrators, which grows by the moment, all too many of us are enablers. The MCP is not really a part of the civilized world. If there is a civilized world.

— Bob Franken is an Emmy Award winning reporter who covered Wash- ington for more than 20 years with CNN.

There is no ‘Without Trump’

Ed Gillespie went from potential vindicator of Trumpism to "cuckovaria" in the space of a couple of hours. The Virginia Republican, campaign- ing for governor in a treachery political environment defined by an unpopular president of his own party, ran the only race he reasonably could. He distanced himself from Donald Trump personally, hoping to lessen his losses in heavily Democratic Northern Virginia, while hitting up a Christian zealot. Twice he's gotten through out of office for his fanaticism, but he keeps rising again. Part of that can be attributed to the fact that 86 percent of the state's population, according to a Pew survey, identifies itself as "Christian," 49 percent as "evangelical."

First, it's not going to be convinc- ing to Trump-haters. Ed Gillespie is not the slightest bit Trumpy. He is earnest, wonky and friendly. When he distanced himself from Trump, it was credible because he hadn't been close to Trump to begin with. He had never met him, and all of Trump's support on Twitter was unsolicited.

None of this made the slightest dif- ference in voters in Northern Virginia, where Northam racked up margins bigger than Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. These people weren't show- ing up to send a message to Gillespie, the otherwise unthreatening candidate who happened to run a barrage of negative ads against Northam (not the first time this has happened in electorate- al politics). They were showing up to send a message to Trump, whom they believe is a clear and present danger to all that they hold dearest.

So as a sheer political matter, there can be no such thing as Trumpism without Trump, or Anti-Trumpism without Trump, or Anything Else with- out Trump. It is difficult enough for a candi- date to run away from a conventional president of his own party; it is going to be even harder with a president who dominates the media to an extent no other president has, and courts — nay, enjoys — radioactive controversies.

In practice, Trump himself is going to loom all the larger in the party. He is the main issue in American politics, and he may be the only Republican fit to weather the storm — he has a proven ability to turn out his voters, he doesn't have to win elections in nonpresidential years, and his persona works for him, if not for anyone else. If the worst comes and Republicans lose both houses of Congress next year, Trump's importance will be fur- ther magnified as the only Republican standing between Democrats and uni- fied control of the federal government.

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Banke named SWFL Children's Charities Signature Vintner for wine and food fest

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The two-day festival includes chef vintner dinners at private homes on Friday, March 2, followed by the grand tasting and live auction on Saturday, March 3, at Quail West Golf and Country Club in Naples. Representing Jackson Family Wines at this year’s Signature Vintner Dinner on Nov. 28 is Erik Ackerman, vice president of The Spire Collection, comprised of wineries from the Jackson Family portfolio. Ms. Banke will attend the fest in March.

“The Jackson family is well known for their passion for philanthropy and education, and has been a longtime supporter of SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. and champion for pediatric health care through their involvement in the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest,” said Bill Toler, trustee and vintner committee co-chair for SWFL Children’s Charities. “We are honored to have Barbara Banke join this year’s event as Honored Signature Vintner, and look forward to celebrating this special vintner’s unique offerings as we sip, savor and cheers to 10 years of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.”

For more information, see 222.swflwinefest.org.

SWFL Children’s Charities gives $2.7 million to Golisano Hospital

SWFL Children’s Charities, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting health care and health science education in Southwest Florida, recently presented $27 million to Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, with $1 million designated for children’s mental and behavioral health programs. Contributions were raised through the 2017 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

Over the past nine years, SWFL Children’s Charities has raised $86,380,000 for Golisano, making the organization the second largest donor next to Tom Golisano. Funds were raised in support of the building of the new state-of-the-art facility, as well as for special funding initiatives including NICU incubator beds, a neonatal and pediatric ambulance, pediatric surgical equipment, pediatric cardiology, children’s mental and behavioral health programs, and pediatric cancer.

“We are grateful for the endless generosity of SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. and for our community’s dedication to providing exceptional health care to our region’s youngest patients,” said Dr. Larry Antonucci, president and CEO for Lee Health.
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not as much about being wild and crazy that haven’t been back in years that come watering hole from college. I see people coming back to visit their old local and even Thanksgiving night, there’s people. "That Wednesday maybe five or six years ago and come from a Costco spokesperson, the retailer don’t open on Thanksgiving. According to a Costco spokesperson, the retailer will continue to uphold that tradition in the name of allowing employees a chance to relax and enjoy time with their families. There’s an unofficial observance every Black Friday called National Day of Listening. The day was spearheaded in 2008 by a nonprofit called StoryCorps, an organization that asks everyone to take a few minutes to thank a teacher or two, or record interviews in veterans hospitals, senior centers, homeless shelters and other community centers. StoryCorps founder Dave Isay hopes to eventually

Ms. Schomburg says of her preferred Black Friday destination. “I never go to Best Buy or Toys”R”Us. The lines are ridiculous.”

But before the shopping, there is the actual Thursday holiday, Nov. 23 this year. Some might say that each year the third Thursday of November is swallowed up more and more by designated shopping/celebrating days.

Take Wednesday, for example. For most, it’s the last work day of the holiday week. In the last decade, it has come to be known as “Blackout Wednesday” or “Drinksgiving,” one of the biggest bar nights of the year.

With a long weekend ahead and many college kids back home for the actual Thursday holiday, many take the comfort of a home as an enabler to go drinking with friends they haven’t seen in a while. Mothers Against Drunk Driving says Thanksgiving Eve approaches New Year’s Eve and the Fourth of July in the number of drunk driving incidents. Police increase details around local watering holes, bars staff up like it’s the weekend has become many bigger chains and malls more of a Murky Thursday as the norm between Black Friday and Christmas, which accounts for 30 percent of annual retail sales occur between Black Friday and Christmas, according to the National Retail Federation. For some retailers, such as jewelry, it’s even higher. Black Friday continues to seep into more of a Murky Thursday as the norm has become many bigger chains and malls opening their doors just after dinnertime on Thanksgiving.

Ms. Schomburg is usually on the road by 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, on her way to conquer her shopping route. She usually gets the map out of the newspaper and mark it up with the best places to hit. “I love Black Friday shopping. People are usually very nice and laughing a lot. Sometimes I like to just sit there and watch people go crazy over something that’s not really a great sale,” she says.

Naples residents Josh Leppo and Eddie Rogers are frequent visitors to Miromar Outlets for Black Friday. One year they left the mall to hit Best Buy in Coconut Point for the television sales. Mr. Leppo said he’d never do it again. “We waited from midnight until about 5 a.m. when the doors opened. I got the TV I wanted, but I also got a lot more stuff than I needed,” he said. “The wait was just unbearable.” JCPenney is one-upping the field this year, with national business hours starting at 3 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Costco is one of a number of retailers that don’t open on Thanksgiving. According to a Costco spokesperson, the retailer will continue to uphold that tradition in the name of allowing employees a chance to relax and enjoy time with their families. There’s an unofficial observance every Black Friday called National Day of Listening. The day was spearheaded in 2008 by a nonprofit called StoryCorps, an organization that asks everyone to take a few minutes to thank a teacher or two, or record interviews in veterans hospitals, senior centers, homeless shelters and other community centers. StoryCorps founder Dave Isay hopes to eventually

Nearly 115 million Americans will shop this Black Friday.

compile a digital archive of the wisdom of humanity through this initiative. The National Retail Federation expects over 100 million Black Friday shoppers this year, and over 150 million overall in stores and online on Thanksgiving weekend, with the average shopper spending $280.10.

For overall holiday spending in November and December 2017, NRF expects America to spend more than $675 billion. That’s equivalent to the nominal GDP of Switzerland — or the bottom 86 countries on the list. “With employment and incomes increasing, consumers are more confident this year and that is reflected in their buying plans for the holidays,” NRF president and CEO Matthew Shay said in a press release. “Retailers have been stocking up in expectation of this, and all signs are that this will be a busy holiday season. Retailers are preparing for a rush of consumers leading into Thanksgiving and all through December, and are offering a wide array of merchandise and promotions so shoppers can find great gifts and great deals at the same time.”

Note: it appears the best deals are in fact not offered on Black Friday. Many media outlets report that the best savings are actually the week leading up to Thanksgiving. According to the meteoric rise of online shopping and Amazon. Last year, the number of online shoppers on Black Friday eclipsed the number of in-person shoppers for the first time, according to NRF.

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The Florida panther, Florida’s official state animal, has been listed as a federally endangered species since 1973. As the state grows, suitable habitat for panthers and other wildlife shrinks. Encounters with Florida panthers are relatively rare but do occur, particularly in rural parts of Florida. If you feel threatened by a panther, or have lost pets or livestock to a predator, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation’s Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC.

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During the era of the Cross Country, Volvo has also been making a move upmarket. Today, the flagship 90-series vehicles are a line that offers true luxury with Swedish flair. It mixes sturdy lines with soft gradual curves to have an Ilex-like appeal. While this is distinctive, details like the LED headlights and swept-back profile are the kind of elements that would not look out of place in other more mainstream Europeans like Audi.

An interesting feature of the V90 is the body cladding. A dark plastic protection perimeter has been a hallmark of these tougher wagons. Volvo has been using it for two decades, as have other beefy suburban machines like the Subaru Outback. Cladding still comes on the base $53,292 V90 Cross Country. But a loaded test vehicle like ours costs around $70K. And it includes a package that makes the cladding body-colored.

There’s an argument that this kind of appearance takes some of the distinctive away from the Cross Country versus the standard V90 wagon. But for those who are getting happy with the option boxes, it seems fitting that a vehicle costing nearly triple the amount of an Outback can look less like a Subaru.

The flagship V-series cars are ushering in a new generation of premium interiors. Soft leathers, piano black trim and a jewel-like ignition switch. The rear seats even have an option to have their own individual climates.

As a true Volvo, it’s loaded with safety features. It includes whisked protection, lane departure warning, pedestrian/low-speed collision avoidance, and plenty of airbags. It has Volvo’s latest semi-autonomous features, which means the car is programmed to be more cautious than most Florida drivers.

But what really gives the V90 an upper-class distinction is its infotainment system. The iPod-like finger-swipe interface is part of its Sensus system. It’s modern, premium and one of the best ways to provide many features without being distracting or confusing.

The stereo has a setting to turn the hands of a hardy 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine. In our upper-level T6 trim, this is supercharged and turbocharged to 316 horsepower. What’s most remarkable about getting so much power out of such a small displacement is how unremarkable it feels. The delivery is smooth, and there’s always plenty of extra pep on tap. It’s just like the hot six-cylinder turbo offerings in previous generations.

The big difference with the four-cylinder is fuel economy. The V90 Cross Country now requires premium fuel, but it yields a 25 percent increase in average gas mileage compared to its last turbo predecessor (25 mpg versus 20 mpg.)

An overly aggressive start/stop function also aids in economy, but anyone who wants to defeat this can do it through the individual driver settings.

In total, Volvo is now a solidly a European luxury marque. The sensible Swedish brand has graduated from being a college professor’s car. But the V90 Cross Country has not forgotten its lesson in business, ethics and architecture.
Chinese jewelry made with bird features can be valuable

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Birds’ feathers furnish the iridescent blue color on some antique Chinese jewelry. Gold-colored necklaces, earrings, pins and even hair ornaments were made in China with kingfisher feathers before the first century.

Few collectors know how difficult it is to make the delicate blue jewelry or how easily it is damaged. The met-alsmith places thin strips of hot gilt copper on a flat outline of the finished piece. After cooling, it’s cleaned and polished, and glue is put into the empty spaces created by the strips. Then, using tweezers, small pieces of the fragile, shaped feathers are put on the glue.

The feathers tend to rot over time, so few pieces remain from before the 17th century. Most similar 20th-century jewelry is made with blue enameled, not feathers, because of efforts to protect the kingfisher. A few pieces of antique kingfisher feather jewelry made from the 1600s to the 1800s were sold at a recent Neal auction. A pair of Chinese hairpins with gilt copper outlining blue birds and flowers was estimated at $400 to $600 and sold for $854, including the premium.

Q: We inherited a table and we are having trouble finding its value. It was bought in Granada, Spain, during the early 1970s and shipped to the U.S. with a duty value of $1,500. Wood with geometric borders were common. Your table is decorated with ivory. They left a legacy of Hispano-Moorish art and design, and Granada still is a center of cabinet work. The company was established by ancestors of today’s owner, Miguel Laguna, in 1877. The characters on your table are Arabic for “God is the greatest.” Tables similar to yours have sold for about $2,000.

Q: My mother’s crimson is marked with a crown above “Eschenbach” and “Bavaria-Germany.” She and my dad were in Europe after World War II. Can you tell me who made this and about how old it is?

A: Eschenbach is a brand name used by more than one porcelain factory in Windischeschenbach, Bavaria, Germany. A pottery was established there in 1513 and made ceramics three years later. Oscar Schaller & Co. took over the pottery in 1928. The company made Eschenbach and other household and decorative porcelain. In 1995, the factory was taken over by Gebruder Winterling A.G., which continued to make Eschenbach porcelain. Winterling went bankrupt in 2000 and the trademarks and assets sold. The factory closed in 2003. This mark is no longer being used.

Q: About 30 years ago I won an animation cel in pencil from “Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night.” The tube it came in was from the Cambridge Exchange Ltd. Inc. in Pompano Beach. There is a certificate of registration with this information: “Hand drawn in pencil, U.S. GA Reg. No. 5129965. Artist: Filmation Studio. 1987 Number: one of a kind original, Retail Value: $500.00.” What is it worth now?

A: “Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night” was a 1987 animated film produced by Filmation Studio. It can take 24 cells to produce one second of animation. Each cel starts out as a pencil drawing on paper. A piece of celluloid or acetate plastic is put on top of the drawing and the picture is traced with ink onto the plastic or by a xerograph. Then, the color is filled in on the opposite side. The cells are then photographed in sequence to make a film showing moving figures. Collectors tell us the most valuable cells are the original ones used to make the movie. The subject should be an identifiable character looking at you with eyes open. Original Disney cels can sell for $1,000 to $1,500. Your cel is not from the 1940 Walt Disney movie; it’s from a later Filmation film, and not worth as much. Cambridge Exchange is out of business.

Tip: If possible, vacuum, don’t dust, your books to prevent the spread of mold spores.

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. By sending a letter with a question and a picture, you give full permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. Write to Kovels (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fl. 32803.
Shangri-La Springs, a historic property in downtown Bonita Springs, has resumed its scheduled renovations following the effects of Hurricane Irma. The property is currently undergoing interior renovations to its existing hotel rooms and an expansion of its dining room and kitchen. The Spa at Shangri-La Springs will remain open during the renovation and the on-site fitness programs will return on Dec. 14. The organic restaurant and full-service boutique hotel are slated to open in 2018.

Allegiant has launched three new nonstop routes to Punta Gorda/Fort Myers from St. Cloud, Minn., and two New York cities: Rochester and Newburgh. The service to St. Cloud Regional Airport has fares as low as $85. Service to Newburgh via Stewart International Airport has fares as low as $65 and service to Rochester via Greater Rochester International Airport offers fares as low as $78. The new routes will operate twice weekly and according to Allegiant will bring more than 45,000 additional visitors to the Fort Myers/Punta Gorda area annually.

Allegiant offers 40 nonstop routes to the Punta Gorda Airport (PGD). See Allegiant.com for more details.
Nerd alerts

Since Twitter announced that it would allow 280-character messages rather than its original 140, a whole new world has opened up for the game-addicted among us. Gizmodo reports that tweeters are using the expanded two-page tweet-by-tweet play board games such as chess, Connect Four, Shogi and Go. Games are even being customized; one tweet enthuses about “Marine biology twitter-chess.” With a new marine biology fact every time a piece is moved, and a scientifically accurate death scene when a piece is taken,” Uh, OK.

A sharp-eyed Google Earth user from Leeds, England, searching for Longcross Studios in Surrey, came across a “Star Wars” fan’s dream: the Millennium Falcon, nestled inside a ring of stacked shipping containers and covered with a tarp. Andi Durrant tweeted about his find on Nov. 8. The spaceship was used in filming “Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi” at Longcross; that movie is set for release Dec. 15.

Sweet

Becky Reilly of Omaha, Neb., was forced to call in a roofing company after discovering thousands of honeybees had invaded her home’s attic, producing so much honey that it was dripping down the side of the house. “We heard a loud and rhythmic buzzing, and it was somewhat terrifying because we knew what it meant,” Reilly told KETV. Jason Starkey of Tahoka Green Roofing said he removed about 40 pounds of honey on Oct. 26 before moving the bees and tackling the damage, which he called “horrible.” Local beekeeper John Gebuhr moved the bees to his garage, but he is pessimistic about their survival through the winter. But Reilly’s friends and neighbors are thrilled: They’re getting honey for Christmas.

Inappropriate

An Indonesian museum, De Mata Trick Eye Museum in Yogyakarta, has been forced to remove an exhibit that encouraged visitors to take a selfie with a waxwork of Adolf Hitler. The figure, which stood in front of a giant image of the entrance to Auschwitz concentration camp, had been on display since 2014, and the museum said it was one of the most popular displays. Metro News reported that the museum originally defended the exhibit as “fun,” but when the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles demanded its removal, the museum complied, taking it down on Nov. 10.

Ewwww

Sean A. Sykes Jr., 24, of Kansas City, Mo., has discovered one way to avoid the justice system. Sykes was detained in a Sept. 1 traffic stop, but he denied any knowledge of the drugs and handguns found in the car, The Kansas City Star reported. As he was being questioned at the police station, the detective wrote in his report, Sykes was asked his address. In response, he “learned to one side of his chair and released a loud fart before answering with the address. Mr. Sykes continued to be flatulent and I ended the interview,” the detective wrote. Charges were not filed at that time, but Sykes was pulled over again on Nov. 5 and was in possession of marijuana, crack cocaine and a stolen pistol. He was in custody awaiting a bond hearing.

Least-competent criminals

A loss prevention officer at a Vero Beach Walmart happened to catch 25-year-old Cheyenne Amber West and another woman as they carried out some complicated maneuvers in the electronics aisle on Nov. 6. The officer told the Indian River County Sheriff’s Office that West and her friend chose a computer, video game controllers and other items worth $3.70. “I am just trying to get gifts for my son that I cannot afford,” West told officers. “The computer is for my husband. Since he just got me a new twist on yard work

Council officers for the village of Blubberhouses in North Yorkshire, England, stumbled upon seven trash bags full of marijuana plants at the side of a road on Nov. 12, according to the BBC. They contacted the North Yorkshire Police, whereupon Constable Amanda Hanusch-Moore tweeted a photo of the bags and invited the owners to “come and speak to us at Harrogate Police Station, we’re more than happy to discuss.”

Voting woes

Douglas Aaron Shuttlesworth, 34, was simply trying to exercise his civic duty when he reported to an elementary school in Harrisburg, Pa., to vote — on Monday, Nov. 6, the day before Election Day. Susquehanna Township police arrested Shuttlesworth for DUI after he appeared at the school incoherent and admitted he had driven there to vote. The Associated Press reported that Shuttlesworth’s mother elucidated: Her son thought it was Tuesday.
Giving thanks for women who nurture a motherless friend

It’s not so much that I dread Thanksgiving — dread is an unnecessarily dramatic word for a holiday that centers around a bird. It’s more accurate to say that I don’t exactly look forward to the holiday.

Even as a kid, I wasn’t a big Thanksgiving fan. Why did we have a holiday that had nothing to do with presents and was all about food that I wasn’t crazy about?

I wanted SpaghettiOs and Pop-Tarts and yet I was being forced to eat stuffing and cranberry sauce.

As a young adult with a husband and child, I was a terrible cook, so I couldn’t even get into the creating-an-unforgettable-meal part — we always did Thanksgiving at the homes of relatives. It wasn’t until I was in my 30s that I realized how much my mother loved Thanksgiving and how much it meant to her. As a result, I started loving how much she loved it. She absolutely adored cooking a feast — and she was good at it. She loved setting the table just so and especially having friends and family around it. Her favorite pink wine would flow as we passed around all of her perfectly prepared traditional dishes. Afterwards, there would always be pumpkin pie, Trivial Pursuit and more pink wine.

So, yes, Thanksgiving is the time of the year when I miss my mom, who passed away in March 2013, the most. I suppose it’s a good thing then that lately, other than the day itself, we pretty much skip over Thanksgiving and go straight from Halloween to Christmas. Besides the sentimental Publix commercials that can make me ugly cry harder than an episode of “This Is Us,” I do my best to keep a stiff upper lift during Thanksgiving week.

But, I can’t help it. I miss my mother and often feel so cheated that she died of lung disease at only 70.

So, for me, and I hope for so many of us motherless daughters, we can be thankful for the women in our tribe who offer us those loving, maternal qualities and gestures that fill the void. While some of the women in my life who give of their hearts are older than me, most of the women in my life who give of their hearts are older than me, most are around my age, and others are even younger. Age isn’t a factor when helping to mother someone who needs it.

This Thanksgiving, I’m thankful for my tribe of women friends that has made every day since my mother died less painful.

I’m thankful for my friend who walks with me at 6 a.m. every morning and reminds me to breathe, and for my friend who always loans me her cozy 30-year-old wool sweater every time I travel up north, and for my friend who is a nurse who will come over and take my blood pressure whenever I’m having a panic attack (“See? 120 over 80 — you’re fine; it’s just nerves.”)

I’m grateful for my stepmother and stepfather who always make sure I know that I have a seat at their Thanksgiving table, and for my mother’s best friend in Ohio who called me before Irma hit and begged me to fly up and stay with her, and for my husband’s aunt who is a sort of surrogate mother to him and therefore to me, too.

I couldn’t live without my sweet friend in Tennessee who prays for me every day, or my Cuban friend who makes me laugh and takes me dancing, or my bestie who, though a few years younger than me, has the right answer for everything and the most tender way of telling the truth.

And there are so many more who, this Thanksgiving, help me focus on how blessed I am.

But a girl only has one mother. On Thanksgiving Day, I’ll be raising a glass of pink wine and toasting her on her favorite holiday.
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Dave Norris was a healthy 65-year-old, until one day he had trouble swallowing. His doctor discovered a malignant tumor in his stomach and Dave sought treatment at a large cancer center in another city. There, they saw him as patient number 1125157, not Dave Norris. Every other week, Dave flew across the country for treatment until he discovered a Florida Cancer Specialists clinic only minutes from his home. Here, Dave was given a successful knockout round of treatment, all while being treated like Dave Norris, not just another number. The care and compassion Dave received inspired him so much that he has dedicated the next chapter of his life to helping other Florida Cancer Specialists patients.

During this season, Florida Cancer Specialists thanks the many people involved in the fight against cancer and those touched by this disease.

“I am thankful for the doctors and nurses at Florida Cancer Specialists who cared for me as a person and a neighbor, not just as a patient and a number.”

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HEALTHY LIVING

Don’t harm yourself when you’re hurting

People deal with difficult feelings in all sorts of ways. They may talk with friends, go work out or listen to music. But some people may feel an urge to hurt themselves when distressed. Hurting or thinking about harming yourself doesn’t mean you have a mental disorder. But it is an unhealthy way to cope with strong feelings. Finding new ways to cope can help you get through difficult times.

Some unhealthy ways people may try to relieve emotional pain include cutting, burning or hitting themselves. These behaviors can be difficult to detect. People usually keep them a secret. Wounds can often be treated at home and covered with clothing or jewelry.

“The largest percentage of people who engage in non-suicidal self-injuring behaviors are teenagers,” says Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp, a National Institutes of Health-funded psychologist at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Around two out of 10 teens and college-aged students report trying this behavior at least once.

Those are the key ages because youths are changing environments, Dr. Muehlenkamp explains. “Transitioning into college or from junior high into high school creates a lot of potential change. You lose the familiarity of your social group and your social support might shift. There’s a lot of new stress and pressures.”

People who are anxious, are depressed or have an eating disorder are also more likely to turn to self-injuring behaviors. So are those in sexual minority groups who experience discrimination and bullying, such as those who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

“Self-injury is a sign that someone is struggling,” says Dr. Muehlenkamp. “Many youths transition out of it. But those who engage in it more repetitively and chronically may benefit from a direct clinical intervention.”

If you’re a parent or caregiver who’s concerned, look for frequent unexplained injuries and clues like bandages in trashcans. Watch to see if the person wears appropriate clothing for the weather. Someone who is self-harming may wear long pants or sleeves to cover their injuries, even when it’s hot.

“The way most people find out is the first reaction is essential to whether or not they will seek help,” Dr. Muehlenkamp says.

If someone confides in you, “your first reaction is essential to whether or not they will seek help,” Dr. Muehlenkamp explains. “Be as nonreactive and nonjudgmental as possible.”

Not everyone who self-injures is suicidal. But the only way to know is to ask.

If they express any suicidal thinking, get them connected with a mental health provider. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 for advice.

Parents can open conversations with their kids by asking them if they’ve heard of self-harming behaviors or if they know friends who do it. If a friend has confided in them, they can offer to go talk to a trusted adult with their friend to get them help.

There are no medications for treating self-injuring behaviors. But some medications can help treat mental disorders that the person may be dealing with, like depression or anxiety. Mental health counseling or therapy can also help you learn new ways to cope with emotion.

Dr. Clint Potter of Advanced Individualized Medicine will discuss medical marijuana, answer questions and help potential patients determine whether they are eligible for the treatment in sessions starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at his office at 720 Goodlette Road N. in Naples.

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2013 revealed that nearly 8-in-10 doctors approved of the use of medical marijuana. A study in California published a year later found that 93 percent of medical marijuana patients said it alleviated symptoms of their serious medical conditions.

Amendment 2, signed into Florida law in November 2016, provides for the use of medical marijuana under the supervision of specially licensed physicians.

“Finally in Florida we can be assured that patients are receiving safe, high quality cannabis and can avoid the risks of ‘unknown mixes,’ from illegal drugs,” Dr. Potter said. Studies have showed that medical marijuana can help people suffering from back injuries, chronic pain, cancer, multiple sclerosis and a host of other debilitating conditions, he said, adding, “Patients should have access to something that will help them.”

Space is limited at the session and RSVPs are required. Sign up at www.naplesaim.com/register.

Anyone who would like to register for medical marijuana the night of either of the events should bring medical records to support their diagnosis. Those who have the proper records and who are determined eligible after a consultation with Dr. Potter will be able to complete registration that night. For more information, call Advanced Individualized Medicine at 260-3880.
HEALTHY BRIEFS

SHINE can help seniors navigate Medicare enrollment

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is underway through Dec. 7, and the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida reminds Medicare beneficiaries that now is a good time to review their Medicare coverage. For those considering making changes to coverage, SHINE is available to help. The agency’s Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders program volunteers are trained Medicare counselors who provide free, impartial information and personalized assistance throughout Southwest Florida. Counselors will be at Aveo Hospice Lyon Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 30, at Aveo Hospice Lyon Center, 1233 Whippoorwill Lane.

Appointments are not necessary.

To receive optimal assistance, individuals interested in SHINE Medicare counseling should go prepared with a list of current prescriptions including dosages, and their current Medicare plan information. A review of projected next-year prescription costs can sometimes yield a savings of several hundred dollars for Medicare beneficiaries.

Clinic offers free services once a month

PANIRA Healthcare Clinic, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable, convenient and quality professional medical services to everyone in the community, hosts a free clinic for low-income individuals and family from 2-6 p.m. every second Wednesday at 5309 Tamiami Trail E. in Naples. The next free clinic is Dec. 13.

Clinic owners Lawrence and Geneve Egger and their team provide health-care services to those who need immediate and/or ongoing care. Their model utilizes a walk-in clinic and a primary medical facility in East Naples. Walk-ins are welcome, but potential patients are encouraged to call the clinic at 239-4568 to schedule an appointment and verify eligibility.

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By Kim Campbell Thornton

Lots of dog and cat breeds have a history that seemingly stretches back into the mists of time. They adorned Renaissance royal courts, hunted with King Arthur, or were the favored pets of Chinese emperors.

But some breeds have a more recent origin. They were developed in the United States or have associations with certain American places or people. Take our quiz to see how much you know about pets who can claim to be among the country’s founding animals.

1. Name the states with which the following breeds are associated.
   - Catahoula Leopard dog
   - Boykin spaniel
   - Plott hound
   - Chinook

2. Which of the following groups of dogs cannot claim to be born in the USA?
   - American Eskimo, Australian shepherd, Boston terrier, Carolina dog
   - American foxhound, Curly coated retriever, Retriever, Black and Tan Coonhound, American Dor Retriever

3. Following breeds are associated with the founding animals.
   - The Catahoula is the state dog of Louisiana; the Boykin of South Carolina; the Plott hound of North Carolina; and the Chinook of New Hampshire.
   - The original cocker spaniel was developed in Britain, although a distinctive American variety was recognized in the U.S. in 1946. The labrador and curly coat were developed in Britain. The Chihuahua is native to Mexico.

4. The blue lacy, also known as the lacy dog, is native to which one of the following states?
   - A. Wisconsin
   - B. Texas
   - C. Louisiana
   - D. Florida

5. All of these dogs found a home with American farmers, who prized them for their versatile working abilities and family friendliness.
   - A. American pit bull terrier
   - B. American Shorthair
   - C. Rat terrier
   - D. All of the above

6. What is the state cat of Maryland?
   - A. Baltimore tabby
   - B. Calico
   - C. Chessie
   - D. Maryland mouser

7. What is the state cat of Massachusetts?
   - A. Boston bobtail
   - B. American shorthair
   - C. Tabby cat
   - D. Patriotic mewsile

8. The American wirehair was developed in Britain, although a distinctly American variety was recognized in the U.S. in 1946.
   - A. New York
   - B. Montana
   - C. Wyoming
   - D. Colorado

**Answers**

1. A. Minnesota
   - B. Oklahoma
   - C. South Carolina

2. A. American pit bull terrier, Boston terrier, Treeing Walker Coonhound, Black and Tan Coonhound, American Eskimo, Australian Shepherd, Chinook, American Water Spaniel

3. A. Nebraska
   - B. Massachusetts
   - C. South Carolina

4. A. Wisconsin
   - B. Texas
   - C. Louisiana
   - D. Florida

5. D. All of the above

6. C. Chessie
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Mayor to speak at the Family Friendly Business Awards

Mayor Bill Barnett will be speaking at the Family Friendly Business Awards, conducted by Collier Child Care Resources, from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail North.

Forty-three local businesses will be recognized for having family supportive practices and policies such as flex time, wellness programs or child care subsidies. This event includes networking from 8-9 a.m., followed by a plated breakfast during the award ceremony from 9-10 a.m. Cost is $35 per person. To purchase tickets, visit eventbrite.com. For more information, call CCCR at 643-3908.

Mayor Barnett’s speech will touch on the value of family-friendly businesses for the community. He will also talk about the current state of commerce in Collier County and what can be expected in the future.

“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,” said CCCR Executive Director Niccole Howard.

The Family Friendly Business Awards is a networking event open to the public. Vendor tables can be purchased by any local business (including non-winners) and cost $100. Other event sponsorships are available. To purchase a vendor table or sponsor the event, call Alicia Browner at 643-3908.

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What do you enjoy most about your jobs?
Not a day goes by that we do not feel more blessed than the day before. Our clients are such wonderful individuals with such incredible and fascinating histories. It brings such joy to be able to give back to them. They certainly have earned their right to grow old with respect and dignity and we are so lucky to be able to provide them with this opportunity.

Are there any new products or services that you will be promoting in the near future?
We are excited to be rolling out our Nurse Advocacy Program. So many of our clients live in Southwest Florida without family members nearby and we sometimes are overwhelmed with managing their own care. We are putting together a staff of experienced nurses that will become their clinical liaisons. These caregivers will complete an initial assessment that includes medications, physicians and medical history. Our nurses will then be available to accompany our clients to physician appointments, procedures and most importantly, will immediately be available in the event of a medical emergency to communicate with the health care providers on their behalf. We feel this program will provide comfort level to family members who will now have a professional to communicate on their loved one’s behalf and also keep them informed.

What is your process for screening and selecting new caregivers?
Selecting caregivers is one of the most critical components of our business and we feel our process is a key factor in our success. Our caregivers are the people that go into your loved one’s home and care for them and it is crucial that they are screened and selected to the best of our ability. We begin our hiring process with a telephone interview to determine if there is a language barrier. Our clients do not need the added frustration of not being able to communicate effectively with their caregivers. We then look at their experience and training as we require this additional screening, we really feel that this added screening really sets us apart from the majority of home care agencies in the area. Although these practices are critical steps in the hiring process, the final and most important step is determining if the caregiver is the “right fit” to become a member of our team. Character, compassion and passion are not only qualities that we look for but are essential before we allow them to work as an “Angel.” Unlike many of the agencies in this area, our caregivers are employees, not independent contractors. The caregivers have Workers Compensation and liability insurance coverage as well as payroll tax withholdings, training and performance evaluations. This eases a huge burden from our clients who may otherwise be responsible for these expenses if using an independent contractor.

How has technology positively impacted your business?
We have contracted with a company called ClearCare that offers a comprehensive system that we use to schedule and manage our caregivers. In addition, ClearCare offers a product called “The Family Room.” This provides family members with a secure access portal that allows them to always be in the know. They have access to schedules, the caregiver team, medications, invoices and daily details down to the tasks that were completed during each shift. In addition, they can add “to-do” items for the caregivers to complete over and above the initially assigned tasks. This is invaluable to our families who are geographically not able to be hands on.

What are some of the changes you have seen in your industry in the past few years?
We have seen a proliferation of new providers from start-up moms and pops to hospital-based organizations. This is a very positive trend and will most likely lead to improved accountability for outcomes. It is an exciting and definitely challenging time for all providers.

What has been your most difficult challenge in the past year?
There is no question that all of us have faced enormous challenges with the changes in the new labor laws and the elimination of the companionship exemption. With the overtime regulations it has become increasingly difficult to provide continuity and consistency of caregivers. So many of our clients suffer from some sort of impaired cognitive function or dementia and would definitely do much better with familiar caregivers. Unfortunately, overtime is not a luxury that most individuals can afford so it has become increasingly challenging to minimize the number of caregivers in order to meet our clients’ scheduling needs and yet conform to the new labor laws.

What are some of the major challenges you see for your industry in the next 10+ years?
Approximately 8,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day, which equates to almost 4 million/year. It is estimated that only 55 percent have some retirement and 42 percent of those have less than $100K. This means that almost half of retirees will be living on Social Security alone. It is a fact that it is more cost-effective to remain in the home when individuals just need a little assistance; however, it will be a tremendous financial challenge to both retirees and their families with such limited resources.
future growth. Problem is, the same forces that make growth imperative also make it incredibly daunting.

When the rules you used to live by become obsolete overnight, it doesn’t exactly foster calmness and confidence, notes Amanda Setili. In a recent blog post, she details with some tough strategic dilemmas:

■ Do we craft a careful plan or simply plunge right in?

And yet, we cannot afford to let fear, uncertainty and doubt paralyze us. “You’re going to feel fear, sure,” she adds. “And you must act in spite of it.”

Setili, the author of “Fearless Growth: The creative, responsive and agile,” says Ms. Setili says. “This gives you the information you need to innovate new products and services and ways of doing things, and stimulate growth. You can also observe and cater to your outlier customers — the ones who use your products and services in unusual ways — to gain insights. They can provide you with a window into emerging market trends and ideas for new products and services.”

■ Rule No. 3: Partner, borrow and share — In the past, businesses needed to own or take responsibility for every aspect of their value chain, from research to development to operations to sales and marketing. Not anymore. Today, businesses that grow fearlessly know that highly predictable markets often create situations in which all competitors look alike and margins are thin; thus, market uncertainties can create new opportunities for them to differentiate themselves. These companies are willing to take prudent risks and know how to invest in people, but they operate confidently in uncertainty.

“Having the right risk mentality and moving quickly gives you an advantage over competitors that are slower to respond,” Ms. Setili says. “Take a cue from the film industry and try placing multiple small bets. Repeat past successes and keep budgets realistic and proportionate to projects. You can also target niche customer groups that you can uniquely please.”

■ Rule No. 2: Get in sync with your customers — Your customers are a powerful yet often underutilized source of ideas for new products and services, improved current offerings and new ways to do business. In fact, they’re often willing to contribute by giving product improvement ideas, technical support for other customers, videos, reviews, referrals, content related to your products and other marketing value — all of which help you stay current, sync, mitigate risk, and remain prepared for whatever the future might bring.

“You can stay ready for the future by collaborating with customers, paying attention to outliers and observing how customers customize and use your products.”

■ Rule No. 1: Embrace uncertainty — People are wired to fear uncertainty, but it’s important to capitalize on uncertainties in your market, rather than letting them slow you down. Companies that grow fearlessly know that highly predictable markets often create situations in which all competitors look alike and margins are thin; thus, market uncertainties can create new opportunities for them to differentiate themselves. These companies are willing to take prudent risks and know how to invest in people, but they operate confidently in uncertainty.

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Keeping clients informed and in compliance about health care

What is the most significant change you've seen in your industry over the last year?

Without question it's the future of the Affordable Care Act and the whole Repeal and Replace discussion. Replacement legislation began with President Trump's Executive Order on the ACA. The first replacement legislation was called the American Health Care Act and it was pulled before a Senate vote. Its counterpart is called the Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017. Whatever name is finally attached to Repeal and Replace, it's the job of your health insurance agent to keep you informed and in compliance.

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry this year?

It's all about technology. We are seeing a lot of clients who are beginning to think about the technology they have implemented and how to maximize their value. As well as those who are exploring what technology is available and then matching that technology to their needs and goals. My clients want paperless technology and sometimes insurance can be a very paper-intensive business. I sell insurance but I also need to modernize my clients with 21st century technology.

How are you growing and developing your employee skills?

From a health insurance standpoint, I would like to see a greater emphasis on wellness which over time, could lead to improvement in the overall cost of medical care arising out of chronic conditions.

What's your superpower?

Using my teaching background, I am able to translate very technical information (like the Affordable Care Act) into basic terms that my clients and prospects can understand.

How is social media impacting your industry or business this year?

Social media helps me keep up with my industry, my clients and my prospects. I use LinkedIn on a daily basis. I know that most of my clients checked me out on LinkedIn before deciding to do business with me.

How are you using technology to improve your business?

I see my job as knowing what technology to my clients based on their needs and goals. My clients want paperless technology and sometimes insurance can be a very paper-intensive business. I sell insurance but I also help to modernize my clients with 21st century technology.
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■ SCORE Naples invites small business owners to a workshop entitled “Har- nessed the Power of QuickBooks” from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Dec. 2, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N, Presented by Cheryl Tarry, management, and President for www.scorenaples.org or call 430-0081 for more information.

■ The Above Board Chamber holds its holiday party from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at The Arlington on Eighth, Naples. Guests are asked to bring items non-perishable food for donation to area nonprofits, $25. Sign up at www.abo”"
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NEW LISTING
Even after Irma, closed sales increase by 1 percent in October

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The evidence that a hurricane hit the Naples area in September became less visible in October because residents were quick to address damages to their property and county and utility service providers worked overtime to get the area back to normal as quickly as possible. The Naples area housing market finished on a positive note in October, with closed sales increasing 1 percent over October 2016, according to the latest numbers from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

“October could have been better, but it did pretty well given the fact that we had no historic perspective of how the market would behave after a hurricane,” said Bill Coffey, broker manager of Amerirvest Realty Naples. Even though overall pending sales decreased 11 percent in October, he added, “Some pockets of the market saw really good activity during the month.”

“The drop in pending sales is most likely because many homes damaged by the hurricane are in need of repair before they can go back on the market.”

There were 57 closed sales of high-end, luxury properties priced above $1 million in October, a 36 percent increase over October 2016. Yet closed sales of properties priced below $300,000 dropped 12 percent, a loss of just 32 sales compared to October 2016. Also reflected in the October report, closed sales for single-family homes priced between $1 million and $2 million increased 50 percent last month, while closed sales of condominiums in the $300,000-$500,000 category.

The October report shows an 8 percent decrease in inventory, or about 400 fewer homes available compared to October 2016 levels. “Tradesmen and construction supplies are in high demand right now,” said Dominic Pallini, NABOR president and broker at Vanderbilt Realty. “Reports of roofing companies and carpenters being booked several months out with hurricane repair jobs puts things in perspective when you look at our inventory. Homebuyers want move-in ready

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T"en custom home sites, a completed furnished model, and a model under construction remain available in TwinEagles’ Lake Estates neighborhood. Lake Estates showcases 19 south or west-facing lakefront homes sites located directly on a 34-acre lake, the largest lake in TwinEagles.

Lake Estates features minimum 3,500 square feet residences by Stock Gles. Lake Estates neighborhood. Lake Estates features an octagonal space that projects to the outdoor kitchen and dining area.

The darker gray wall tones continue to the outdoors, a club room that opens to a covered lanai, an open outdoor living area, pool, and the 34-acre lake. Pocketing sliders offer views of the lake and collect pieces over time. Excitingly eclectic furnishings that blend people live and collect pieces over time.

A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes’ completed 3,903 square feet Amalfi residence is open for viewing and purchase in TwinEagles’ Lake Estates neighborhood. A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes is offering homebuyers $50,000 towards options.

Priced at $2,067,000 with furnishings, Rutenberg’s Amalfi model includes 3,903 square feet under air with a great room that opens to a covered lanai, an open kitchen and dining area that also opens to the outdoors, a club room that opens to the outdoor kitchen and dining area, a study, four bedrooms, four baths, and a three-car garage. The Amalfi showcases an interior by Licensed Interior Designer Kelley Vitorino.

Vitorino’s design presents a light, playful style that fosters an atmosphere of updated sophistication layered on a traditional Amalfi coast farmhouse. Her color palette includes light background tones with fabrics in creams, chocolate, light aqua, and pops of vibrant red. The flooring in the main living areas is a chiseled edge travertine in an Ashlar pattern. Excitingly eclectic furnishings that blend the old and new are indicative of how people live and collect pieces over time.

The foyer opens into a great room where pocketing sliders offer views of the outdoor living area, pool, and the 34-acre lake. Walnut beams traverse the ceiling while a comfortable seating group is assembled around the feature wall. Two clean-lined sofas in a chocolate brown fabric are paired with wood-framed occasional chairs. The dimensions of the space allows for two clean-lined cocktail tables both finished in metal and glass. A recess in the feature wall is trimmed with wood and houses a media console with a flat screen television mounted against a textured background.

The double-island kitchen features clean-lined cabinetry in a dark espresso finish. The smaller prep island is topped with a unique granite offering a splash of personality. The perimeter and outer counter-height island feature chic quartz countertops. Left: The outdoor furnishings on the Amalfi’s lanai are finished in a distinctive light driftwood tone with pops of chocolate and red. Below: Priced at $2,067,000 with furnishings, A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes’ completed 3,903 square feet Amalfi residence is open for viewing and purchase in TwinEagles’ Lake Estates neighborhood.

The open floor plan continues into the master bedroom that offers an unparalleled dining venue, and an expansive club room that opens to a covered lanai, an open outdoor living area, pool, and the 34-acre lake. Pocketing sliders offer views of the lake and collect pieces over time. Excitingly eclectic furnishings that blend people live and collect pieces over time.

Ronto is also developing Naples Square downtown Naples, the Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay, and Orange Blossom. A project located on Central Avenue in downtown Naples is being launched this month. Visit the TwinEagles Sales Center at 11330 TwinEagles Boulevard, or visit TwinEagles online at twin eagles.com.
The first residential tower at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, is 90 percent sold. Of the 120 residences in the 22-story tower, only 12 remain.

“The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2 earlier this year,” stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. “Currently, the number of residences already under contract in the second tower exceeds the $60 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 offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 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 vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets,” Lodge said.

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

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

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

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

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million in Tower 1 and $1.4 million in Tower 2. Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

Top: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Above Left: Kalea Bay’s Tower 1 and Tower 2 were equipped with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. Right: The second tower at Kalea Bay offers spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico. Below Right: Kalea Bay’s 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools. Bottom: Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans.

large lake at the community’s entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an expansive pool deck, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

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

“What better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for lunch, dinner or drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico,” said Lodge. “This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

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

The Club at Kalea Bay will be in excellent hands when it opens. That’s because Stephen G. Jones, CCM, has been hired as the Club’s General Manager. The Club holds true for its tennis program with the recent hiring of the club’s new Director of Tennis, Nestor Nunez.

Kalea Bay’s Inga Lodge and Lori Pheasant are also among the best in their industry. During the recent Sand Dollar Awards, sponsored by the Collier Building Industry Association, Lodge was named the Sales Manager of the Year and Pheasant took home the Sales Person of the Year award.

The three furnished models at Kalea Bay, which are located in Tower 1, also received several prestigious Sand Dollar Awards in a multitude of categories including, two for Interior Design of the Year and two for Best Specialty feature.

One of the models also won in the category Best Closet Design. For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com.
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Babcock Ranch events inspire active living

Jingle Bell Run has students leading the way toward better health

From miles of trails, sparkling lakes and an activities calendar that boasts a variety of free weekly fitness classes - the new solar-powered town of Babcock Ranch provides ample opportunities to pursue an active, healthier lifestyle. While the first residents won’t settle in until the first of next year, students at Babcock Neighborhood School are helping Life-style Director Michelle Churchill blaze the trail.

Every Monday afternoon, you can find Churchill putting a group of enthusiastic young recruits in the quest for physical fitness through their paces from Founder’s Square and out onto the trail around Sunset Lake. The Jingle Bell 5k and 10K run scheduled for December 9th inspired students to form an after school running club.

“Each day, I was seeing students out at recess time running around Crescent Loop at Founder’s Square which they have adopted as their running track,” Churchill explained. “After talking to some of the kids and the teachers and asking who would like to do more running and learn how to be able to run a longer distance and build some endurance and stamina – I had a good show of hands, so I decided to set up the Monday afternoon run club. All students from 2nd through 6th grade were invited to join and we had 20 sign up.”

The first week started with a walk and or run around their “track” at Crescent Loop for Churchill to assess ability levels.

“It’s not a competitive environment – it’s about being the best they can be for themselves and encouraging an active lifestyle and healthy living,” Churchill said.

Heading into week four of training, Churchill said most of the students are already able to complete the full 5K route – and all are looking forward to the Jingle Bell race on December 9th.

For Churchill, the running club is a chance to share her personal passion. She started running at the age of 10 in her home town of Birmingham, England and competed in track and cross country through high school. She continued running to stay fit after finishing high school and embraced the opportunity to resume competitive running after moving to Southwest Florida. Her accomplishments include qualifying for the Boston Marathon in 2016 – one of 8 marathons and 6 half marathons on her resume. But at Babcock Ranch, her focus is on providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to improve their overall fitness.

“Among our students, it is so rewarding to see kids who, with the right encouragement, have gone from mostly walking to running almost the whole distance in a very short period of time,” she said. “It’s a model that works for all different kinds of activities and all different ages. It’s not about competing with others – it’s challenging yourself to constantly improve – and having fun while you’re doing it.”

Located off State Road 31 north of the Lee County Civic Center, the solar-powered town being built by Kitson & Partners will include 10,500 homes, nearly 50,000 residents and six million square feet of commercial space. When the first residents begin settling into homes in the Lake Timber neighborhood in January, they’ll discover a downtown district already vibrant with daily activity.

In addition to the natural amenities and expansive trails open for all to explore on their own, Babcock Ranch offers a variety of fitness classes free to any and all who want to shape up. From yoga to a strenuous fitness boot-camp, Churchill aims to provide a diverse menu of fitness activities for all ages and interests.

“Working out can and should be something to look forward to – not a chore to be avoided,” Churchill said. “It’s not just about healthy living. It’s about connections, being part of an experience that builds lasting friendships.”

If you prefer to chart your own path to fitness, the staff at Curry Creek Out-fitters is ready to help. Rent a kayak or canoe, or grab a fishing pole and bike (or bike) up to the fishing dock on Sunset Lake. The first two of many Zagster bike share stations placed for Babcock make it easy to grab a bike for an hour or a full day of exploration using an app on your smartphone.

“Bikes are a great way to test drive the active lifestyle our new town has to offer,” said Michael Serfoss, retail operations manager for Babcock Ranch. For those who don’t want to ride solo - just grab a friend and pedal out in a bright red Surry complete with canopy.

“It’s amazing to see people really embracing the Babcock lifestyle,” Serfoss said. “They come in a bit hesitant and leave saying ‘wow, what a concept.”

“There’s really no limit to opportunities for residents and guests alike to reap the health benefits of a more active lifestyle here,” Churchill added. “Everyone can find an enjoyable way to be actively involved.”

The Jingle Bell Run is the second opportunity for running enthusiasts to pursue their passion at Babcock Ranch. The first event held in conjunction with the Babcock Ranch Founder’s Fest last April attracted more than 500 competitors to help christen the first trails in the eco-friendly town. To register for the December 9th race and learn more about future events, visit www.babcockranch.com/events.
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homes, and these delayed listings of homes needing repairs will create a higher demand for inventory moving into season.”

Inventory increased on the high and low ends of the condominium market in October. While the report shows no increase or decrease in inventory overall, 76 condominiums (a 7 percent increase) were added to the $300,000 and below market in October, and 10 condominiums (a 10 percent increase) were added to the $2 million and above market.

Median closed prices in the single-family home market increased to $425,000 (3 percent) in October, while median closed prices in the condominium market increased to $250,000 (4 percent). The median closed price for condominiums in the $2 million and above category dropped 42 percent in October to $2,345,000, while the median closed price for single-family homes in the same price category increased 22 percent to $2,375,000.

“There’s been a big increase in showings for high-end homes recently,” said Coco Amar, a managing broker at John R. Wood Properties. Geographically, there was a decrease in median closed prices for condominiums in all areas except North Naples in October, she added.

Broker associate Brenda Fiorotti of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Florida Realty pointed to evidence of bracket creep at the lower end of the market, where some homes once priced below $300,000 moved into the $300,000–$500,000 category. “This may also account for some of the lost inventory in the $300,000 and below single-family home market, where demand has always been higher,” she said.

The NABOR October 2017 market report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary.

“Compared to closed sales in September, which dropped 30 percent month over month, October’s 1 percent increase in closed sales is an indication that we recovered rather quickly from the hurricane, and buyer interest in our market is still very strong,” said Adam Vellano, BEX Realty–Florida west coast sales manager.

Budge Huskey, president of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, agreed and added that if Hurricane Irma had not hit and the market had kept the same pace as it did last September and October, “We would have seen 400 more sales and been on track for a 6 percent increase in total closed sales year-to-date.”

For more information, visit www.naplesarea.com.
Only five luxury residences, including a palatial penthouse, remain available for sale at AQUA at Pelican Isle - the boutique marina front high-rise condominium community in Naples.

According to AQUA director of sales Darline Hilliard, buyers at AQUA, built nearby Wiggins Pass and the Gulf of Mexico, are drawn to the new boutique condominium tower community for the development’s prime waterfront location, its modern design and luxurious finishes, and the tremendous value it offers residents looking for desirable waterfront living in a brand, new condominium that lives more like a single family home.

Prominently positioned within a beautifully landscaped and gated community, AQUA’s exclusive residences benefit from high quality fixtures and fittings and offer easy access to Pelican Isle Yacht Club’s world-class marina and resort-style amenities via an optional membership.

Designed to live like single-family homes, AQUA’s spacious waterfront residences feature picturesque views of the marina, mangrove lined estuaries and spectacular sunsets thanks to open floor plans and elevated ceilings.

The AQUA Tower II furnished models and unfurnished custom residences are located on the third and fourth floors of the tower, starting at $1,995 million to over $2.545 million. These floor plans range between 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, sunlit back-to-front living areas, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space, sunrise and sunset terraces, and more.

One of the outstanding penthouse suites 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, grand salon, family room (or den or fifth bedroom), dining room, master suite with study with wet bar and more than 1,000 square feet outdoor living area thanks to a grand sunset terrace with sundeck, wet bar and gas grill spanning across the entire west side of the residence overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and mangrove lined estuaries of Wiggins Bay and AQUA’s 29-slip marina plus an expansive private sunrise balcony adjacent to the family room and three guest suites.

The remaining unfurnished AQUA custom Estate Residences and two designer furnished models, are priced to start at $1,995 million to over $2.545 million. These floor plans range between 3,900 to just under 4,200 square feet with three or four bedrooms, three and 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, 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 concierge services, 24-hour staffed front desk, 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, sky lounge with rooftop terrace and much more.

Additionally, all AQUA residences enjoy amenities that include an outdoor putting green, dog run, three fire pits, a game room with billiards, bar, TV, fireplace and high definition interactive virtual golf simulator, Wii games and Apple TV, three spacious guest suites, plus the Club AQUA social room with large curved screened TV and entertainment area with wet bar, fireplace, coffee bar and catering kitchen overlook- ing 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 Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent. Two furnished models by award-winning interior designers Antonacci Design and Renee Gaddis Interior Design are open daily for viewing and two are available for purchase. 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 239-998-2772, visit online at www.aqua-naples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 1805 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34102.
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■ The Avila model by DIVCO Custom Homes has opened in the Cas-sina neighborhood at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. The luxury lakefront villa is the newest addition to the builder’s Executive Collection of homes. With three bedrooms plus a den and 4½ baths, the Avila has 3,385 square feet under air and 4,996 total square feet. The furnished model is open daily. For more information, call the Miromar Lakes sales gallery at 425-2340 or 877-809-9444 or visit www.miromarlakes.com.

■ Naples Reserve has surpassed the $90 million mark in home sales to date. The iStar community reports the sale of 80 homes within six of its distinctive neighborhoods.

Egret Landing has maintained its lead as the community’s most popular neighborhood with its offering of lake- and nature-view single-family homes by Ashton Woods and D.R. Horton. Prices start in the mid-$300,000s.

The newest neighborhood in the community is Coral Harbor, with two-bedroom, two-bath attached villa homes by D.R. Horton starting in the high-$200,000s. Homes in the Savannah neighborhood with its offering of lakefront villas, starting in the high-$200,000s.

Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes.

The entrance to Naples Reserve is off U.S. 41, two miles southeast of Collier Boulevard. For more information, visit www.naplesreserve.com.

■ FI Star Construction is nearing completion on the Fiesta single-family home at Arrowhead Reserve off Lake Trafford Road in Immokalee. With three bedrooms plus a den in 1,765 air-conditioned square feet, the Fiesta is priced at $199,900. Including the covered entry, lanai and two-car garage, the home has a total of 2,505 square feet under roof.

For more information, call Elvira Nodal at David C. Brown Realty, 878-8001, or email elvinodal@yahoo.com.

■ As the final phase of new homes for sale winds down at Mockingbird Crossing in North Naples, D.R. Horton is offering 12 new homes for quick move-in. In addition, the Easton model home is available for purchase. Priced at $633,230, the Easton model has 3,148 square feet of living space with three bedrooms, each with a full bath, an upstairs bonus room and bath, den, oversize lanai, outdoor kitchen and pool bath. An optional furniture package is also available for this home, with furnishings by City Furniture. Homesites in Mockingbird Crossing encompass about one-third of an acre. Seven home plans are available, with prices starting in the high-$400,000s. Entrance to the community is off Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Ellie Stevenson at 682-0476 or visit www.drhorton.com/swfla.

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Luxurious estates, acre+ home sites available in Talis Park

The award-winning Talis Park community, developed by Kitson & Partners in North Naples, features a diverse collection of custom single-family residences and home sites. Priced from $1.55 million, homes are designed and built by a renowned team of homebuilders including Distinctive Communities, Frizzone, Gulfshore Homes, Harbourside Custom Homes, Ironstar Luxury Homes, M Development, McGarvey Custom Homes, and Sunwest Homes.

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 24 custom estates, offers a captivating ambiance with open golf course, lake and orchard views. Gulfshore Homes' Dorado model has 8,862 total square feet in an open floor plan with study, four bedrooms, and four-car garage, offered at $4.975 million furnished. Sunwest Homes' Grand Santa Barbara model, priced at $4.495 million, has 9,200 square feet with a great room, island kitchen, summer kitchen, pool bath, and custom pool and spa. The master suite and two guest suites are on the first floor, while the second floor offers a master suite with covered terrace and sun deck. M Development's two-story, 6,272-square-foot Villa Ferrari, priced at $3.99 million, is a four-bedroom, five-and-a-half bath great room plan with second-floor game room, 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.

Eight builder-owned home sites are available in the Corsica neighborhood. Harbourside Custom Homes' furnished Villa Adriana II model is priced at $2.45 million. An unfurnished, 3,016-square-foot Villa Adriana II is scheduled for completion this month, priced at $1.75 million. Also under construction is Harbourside's unfurnished Villa Roma, priced at $1.75 million. The 3,016-square-foot floor plan has four bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, study, and three-car garage. The great room and dining area open to a screened outdoor living area with fireplace, summer kitchen, pool, spa, and colonnade.

Distinctive Communities' Berolina detached single-family villa is available in the Watercourse neighborhood. Priced at $1.515 million, the 2,979-square-foot three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath villa includes more than $100,000 in upgrades. Visit Talis Park’s Garden House information and sales center, 16980 Livingston Rd., or online at talispark.com.

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All things old become new again and with that spirit of renewal in mind, Artis—Naples has shaken up its highly anticipated annual production of Tchaikovsky’s famous Christmas ballet, “The Nutcracker.” Scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28-29, in the center’s Hayes Hall, Naples audiences will get an eyeful of Moscow Ballet’s Russian-themed spectacle as it takes over for Miami City Ballet, which is debuting a revamped version of the production in California during its regularly scheduled Naples run.

“Because of the specifically Russian background of the dancers, it definitely has that feeling of an Eastern European setting,” said David Filner, Artis—Naples' vice president of artistic operations. “One of the great things about the work is that it's great music and dancing, and having a variety of choreography is going to be a positive thing for our audiences.”

Featuring principal dancers Ekaterina Borchiakova and Andrey Batalov, Moscow Ballet’s “Great Russian Nutcracker” is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary tour of North America. Boasting an array of exciting visual elements like backdrops created by “La La Land” set concept designer Carl Sprague, lavish
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Showing kids how ordinary people can have enormous effects on our world


These two recent titles add scope and impact to Brad Meltzer’s already substantial “Ordinary People Change the World” series. The series of picture books, which has 2 million copies in print, provides young readers (as well as their parents and grandparents), with laudable heroes. The hook is that children were no so exceptional. Another attraction is that Mr. Meltzer imbeds a good deal of historical information through his writings and exercises his mind to find new paths for successful protest. This paved the way for the Indian Relief act of 1914 and set the pattern for his later activities back in India through the Indian National Congress. This political force slowly broke down the shackles of British rule of India.

Gandhi’s commitment to nonviolent protest influenced future leaders throughout the world. “I Am Sacagawea” repeats the formula while providing insights into a very different slice of history.

The young Shoshoni Indian tells of her tribel being attacked by another tribe. She was captured and given to a French Canadian man. At that time, she received her name. She also became pregnant and had a child named Pomp. This teenager proved her worth as a translator, as someone who understood the terrain that the Lewis and Clark expedition first encountered, and as someone capable of finding food and of rescuing supplies that had fallen from boat. This young girl saved the soldiers and frontiersman; she also helped them obtain much needed horses from the Shoshoni, whose territory the expedition enquired for that reason. Not content to remain with her tribe, she continued on with the Corps of Discovery, carrying her child, and reached the Pacific.

Mr. Meltzer imbeds a good deal of early1800-era history in his brief narrative. The impact of these two books — and the whole series — results from the shared vision of the author and the illustrator. The language and the art are in perfect synch with one another. These are books that impower young people to dream big while recognizing that dreaming is not enough. Best for readers 5 to 8 years old and in kindergarten through grade 3.

About the author and illustrator
Brad Meltzer is The New York Times bestselling author of “Heroes for My Son,” “Heroes for My Daughter” and many suspense novels, including “The House of Secrets.” He hosts the History Channel television shows “Brad Meltzer’s Decoded” and “Brad Meltzer’s Lost History.” He also helped find the missing 9/11 flag that firefighters raised at Ground Zero. He lives in Florida with his wife and their three children. Christopher Eliopoulos began his illustration career at Marvel and has worked on thousands of comics, including “Franklin Richards: Son of a Genius,” “Pet Avengers,” “Cow Boy” and “Cosmic Commandos,” all of which he wrote and illustrated. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and their identical twin sons.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.
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Both Naples-based opera organizations have begun their 2017-2018 seasons. Gulfshore Opera held its concert of “The Very Verdi” in a sold-out performance at Artis—Naples in early November. But the season has just begun. Here’s a view of what opera-lovers have to look forward to in the upcoming months.

Gulfshore Opera
Gulfshore Opera continues its mission to bring opera to Southwest Flor- ida with performances in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, from Marco Island to Punta Gorda.

It holds community concerts, classic cabarets, taste of opera (which provides both dinner and song) and a full- fledged opera as well as a gala.

Opera is “very overt emotions. It’s cathartic in that you watch these people go through these dramatic situations,” says Ms. Pearce. “You can live through this drama yourself; just like in good theatre, it is the most chal- lenging and refined discipline of the human voice … the operatic training is extremely intensive, it goes on for many, many years.”

Not only do singers have to learn how to breathe and support their voice- es, but they have to study various lan- guages and how people move in the costumes of the era.

“it’s layer upon layer of different disci- plines in theater and music,” she says.

Here’s what’s coming for Gulfshore Opera’s fourth season:

- **Christmas with the Gulfshore Tenors**
  - **5 p.m. Dec. 3**
  - Naples Italian American Foundation, Naples
  - Tickets: $30
  - Christmas music sung by the Gulfshore Tenors.

- **Holiday Taste of Opera**
  - **6:45 p.m. Dec. 2**
  - Club at the Strand, Naples
  - Tickets: $25
  - Dinner and live entertainment of popular melodies and famous opera scenes by various professional singers.

- **Very Verdi**
  - **7 p.m. Jan. 28**
  - First United Methodist Church, Punta Gorda
  - Tickets: $35 and $25

- **Tebar**
  - **7 p.m. Jan. 10**
  - Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers
  - Tickets: $45

- **The Very Verdi concerts are com- posed of opera hits from the Verdi operas.**

- **Verdi is one of the two most beloved composers of opera music in the Amer- ica opera houses, says Ms. Pearce.**

- “He wrote very famous arias and ensembles. Verdi’s well known for a lot of passion, big singing. It’s very exciting and over- the-top emotional singing.”

- **Vocal Tour de France**
  - **7 p.m. Jan. 11**
  - Daniels Pavilion, Arts—Naples, Naples
  - Tickets: $49

- **Gulfshore Opera Professional Artists in Residence**
  - **7:30 p.m. Jan. 19**
  - Naples Botanical Garden, Naples
  - Tickets: $45

- **Steffanie Pearce and Emerging Artist**
  - **7:30 p.m. April 5**
  - Marco Island Center for the Arts, Marco Island
  - Tickets: $30, $25

- **Opera Naples**
  - “We pretty much follow the same formula,” says managing director Jerry Goldberg.

  “All of the opera we do is world-class opera; we bring in artists from all over, who sing in the major houses around the world. Our artistic director, Ramon Tebar, who is relatively young, is building a heck of a world-wide reputation.”

- **Opera Naples’s upcoming season:**

  - **Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series featuring violinist Frank Huang**
    - **7:30 p.m. Feb. 23-24**
    - The Wang Opera Center, Naples
    - Frank Huang, concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and winner of the Naumburg and Han- nover International Violin Competitions will join artistic director Tao Lin in a program featuring masterworks for violin and piano. Tickets: $20-$55.

  - **Opera Naples Chorus**
    - **7:30 p.m. March 2**
    - The Wang Opera Center, Naples
    - Chorus and orchestra, “Rigoletto” is performed. Tickets: $30, $25.

  - **Opera Naples’s upcoming season:**

  - **Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series**
  - **An Evening of Romantic Russian Trios**
    - **7:30 p.m. April 11**
    - The Wang Opera Center
    - Avery Fisher, Award winner performing violin- ist Cherny, Kim, Naumburg Award- winning cellist David Requiro and artistic directors Catherine Lin and Tao Lin perform piano trios by Anton Arensky and Tchaikovsky. Tickets: $20-$55.

  - **Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series**

- **Concert: The Opera Naples Renata Scotto Academy**
  - **7:30 p.m. April 16**
  - The Wang Opera Center
  - Participants chosen by Ms. Scotto will perform a program of varied operatic arias and ensembles. Tickets: $20-$55.

  - **Le Nozze di Figaro**
  - **7:30 p.m. April 30**
  - The Wang Opera Center
  - Participants chosen by Ms. Scotto will perform a program of varied operatic arias and ensembles. Tickets: $20-$55.

  - **Opera in the Garden**
    - **5:30 p.m. Nov. 18**
    - Botanical Gardens, Naples
    - Performance of classic operatic arias and an evening of fine dining to benefit Opera Naples Perfor- mance and Community Outreach Pro- grams. Tickets: $100 and $500, tables of 10: $5,300 and $5,000.

  - **The Phantom Gala**
    - **7:30 p.m. Feb. 20**
    - Naples Botanical Garden
    - Gala, in conjunction with performances in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, from Marco Island to Punta Gorda. Tickets: $350 and $500, tables of 10: $3,500 and $5,000.

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I was the little boy who loved Christmas. By this time of the year in the early 1970s, I already would have been plotting the installation of our Christmas tree.

For years, we had an artificial tree.

I couldn’t understand why people discarded their trees after the holidays when my mother and my grandparents neatly tucked theirs away in a closet or the attic come January.

So the week after each Christmas, I dragged home trees that I stood in the back yard and decorated with flowers and discarded ornaments. One year, I set a tree atop a pinecone in the hopes it would regenerate. Of course, we know how that ended.

I now have my grandparents’ ornaments, neatly tucked theirs away in a closet or the attic come January.

Colleens on sale. They cost $8 at the new Edison Mall, where Optimist Club’s lot — and determined to set a tree atop a pinecone in the hopes it would regenerate. Of course, we know how that ended.

That evening, my grandfather assembled the tree, standing it atop the dining table and sticking the branches into the center pole.

Bits of cellophane fell everywhere, just like needles from a fresh tree.

I lacked the scent of a fresh tree, but that fake fir lent a touch of magic to the room with its twinkling lights and sparkling Shiny Brite ornaments.

The lights always held sway. I now have my grandparents’ ornaments, in addition to many of the baubles for myself. I’d also buy ornaments to use as gifts.

Somehow, the gentle memories of Christmas ease the pain of separation.

When I see the sparkling tree, I’m transported back in time.

I wish you happy memories this holiday season.

THE FIND:

A 1960s plastic West German nativity set.

Found: Déjà Vu Design & Consign, 4086 PGA Blvd. (the former Loehmann’s Plaza), Palm Beach Gardens; 561-225-1950 or www.dejavudesigncenter.com.

Cost: $5

The Skinny: I remember seeing these nativity sets in Sears and other retailers of the 1960s and ’70s, but I don’t remember seeing one like this, which has a button you can click to see a slide show of holiday scenes through a peephole in the back.

The nativity stands about 3 inches high and is made of hard plastic, and Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are handpainted. It’s marked West German, which dates it from before 1990 — judging from the scenes on the slides, I’d say the dates from the ’60s. Look into the window and be transported back in time.

Upcoming shows

>> West Palm Beach Antique & Flea Market — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through May on Northlake Avenue, west of Dixie Highway. Info: www.westpalmbeachan... 203-886-1727.


>> Historic Downtown Arcadia Antique Fair — Nov. 25 along Oak Street, 863-993-5115 or arcadiantiquefairs.com.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Miracle on 34th Street – By The Naples Players Nov. 29-Dec. 23 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Emma Bombeko: At Wit’s End – By The Marco Players Nov. 29-Dec. 17 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7250 or www.themaroplayers.com.


A Tuna Christmas – By the Off Broadway Theatre through Dec. 25. 1180 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwayatpalm.com.

Disgraced – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 10 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 323-4488 or www.floridarep.org. See review on page C30.

THURSDAY 11.23

FRIDAY 11.24

Grand Illuminations – The Villages on Venetian Bay hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.venetianvillage.com.

Sing Along – Flamingo Island Flea Market welcomes karaoke fans from noon to 5 p.m. at Bahama Mama’s Tiki Bar. Step up to the mic or just watch; either way, you’re sure to enjoy the show. 10950 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs. www.flamingoisland.com.

Say Candy Cane – Brave the crowds and take the kids for a photo with Santa at Moran Outlets now through Dec. 23. www.mironmaroutlets.com.

SATURDAY 11.25

To Market, To Market – Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Reckless Saints – By Florida Repertory through Dec. 10 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

By Florida Repertory


Tree Lighting – Mercato hosts a tree lighting ceremony with face paintings and local performers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Downtown Christmas – Fifth Avenue South hosts its 44th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting with performance troupes, music, a tree lighting at 7 p.m. and more from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Free. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.


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, 325-3010 Bonita Beach Road. 529-3923 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Take a Hike – CREW Land & Water Trust leads a free guided walk through its bird rookery swamp trail from 9 a.m. to noon. 1295 Shady Hollow Blvd. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

Come Up Field Trip – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts an excursion to the Flagler Mansion in Palm Beach that includes a Gilded Age tea lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 6:05 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. Transportation included and departs from North Naples. $95 for members, $115 for others. 434-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Faith Lutheran Church. 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. 434-5811 or www.flcnaples.com.

Choral Concert – Genesis Ensemble performs a festival of Advent carols at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Westgate Chapel. $15-$20, must pre-register at www.westgatechapel.com.

MONDAY 11.27

On the Beach – Bend and breathe on the beach during a guided yoga session from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Del-nor-Wiggins Pass State Park. $5 plus regular park entrance fee. www.green-monkeyyoga.com.

DOCUMENTARY – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “First Positions” (2011) at 7 p.m. The documentary follows several top dancers preparing for the Youth America Grand Prix. 10500 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 11.28

Take A Hike – CREW Land & Water Trust leads free guided walks through its marsh trails from 9 a.m. to noon. 4600 Corkscrew Road, 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

You Scream, I Scream – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation on ice cream from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Royal Scoop’s Pavilion Shopping Center location. $17 for members, $19 for others. Includes lunch and ice cream. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Sugarpalm Dreams – Moscow Ballet’s “Great Russian Nutcracker” takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Arts—Naples, 597-1000 or www.artinnaples.org. See story on page C21.

Joyful & Triumphant – FGCU’s choirs perform traditional holiday selections and works by modern composers at 7 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Free. www.triumphantchoir.org.

COMING UP

God Save The Queen performs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Wang Opera Center. $10-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Scaramouche – Queen tribute band God Save The Queen performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Germain Arena. 833-663, 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.


Christmas Market – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts a holiday bazaar with unique vendors, live entertainment, crafts, carriage rides and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Free with park admission. 992-0311 or www.koreshanstateres_parks.gov.

Christmas Moments – Local musicians perform holiday selections from around the world at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $25. 10510 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8899 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Artist Talk – Artist Bill Farnsworth talks about his process illustrating “Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto” from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4701 Tamiami Trail N. Free for members, $10 for others. 263-9200 or www.theholocaustmuseumswfl.org.


ART A LIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Tree Lighting – Mercato hosts a tree lighting ceremony with face paintings and local performers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Free Concert – The Ben Alien Band performs at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. 254-3080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Downtown Christmas – Fifth Avenue South hosts its 44th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting with performance troupes, music, a tree lighting at 7 p.m. and more from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Free. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.


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Take a Hike – CREW Land & Water Trust leads a guided walk focused on mosquitos and their role in the local ecosystem from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 8. $15-$25. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

Blues Concert – Chicago-based Lil’ Ed & The Blues Imperials perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $25-$30. 10510 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8899 or www.artcenterbonita.org.
**WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO**

**Night Lights in the Garden** – Naples Botanical Garden kicks off its annual holiday light displays with a musical performance by Patchouli & Terra Guitarra, yard games and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. Festivities continue on select dates through Jan. 3. $5-$25. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.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.

**Shake it, Baby** – Naples Players hosts Cabernet & Cabaret, where guests can learn the fundamentals of burlesque dancing while enjoying some vino from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Sugden Community Theater. $35 for members, $55 for others. 262-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

**Boats on Parade** – Marine Industries Association of Collier County hosts its annual Christmas Boat Parade through Naples Bay from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. www.miacc.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.

**Met Live** – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Humperdinck’s “Hansel & Gretel” at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. $18-$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

**Santa in the Sand** – Friends of Lovers Key hosts an afternoon of lunch, games and prizes with Santa from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Lovers Key State Park. Admission is park entry fee and donated toy. Reservations required. (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

**Slam Dunk** – The Harlem Globetrotters bring their basketball wizardry to Germain Arena at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

**Tradition** – As part of Palm Cottage’s Ten Days of Christmas educational program, guests can learn about Southwest Florida holiday traditions at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Free for members, $13 for others. 157 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

**Elves on Parade** – Fifth Avenue South hosts a Christmas parade that processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

**Brass Concert** – Naples Chamber Brass performs holiday selections at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Wang Opera Center. $10-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

**Dinner with the Artists** – Naples Art Association pairs painter Michael Monroe and chef Bob Schultz of Creative Catering Naples for a before-your-eyes collaboration that ends in a delicious dinner Thursday, Dec. 14. $130 per person, $250 per couple. 585 Park St. 262-637 or www.naplesart.org.

**All About That Bass** – Over 70 musicians playing tubas, euphoniums and more perform Christmas favorites at Fifth Avenue South’s annual Tuba Christmas at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Sugden Plaza. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.
WHAT TO DO

Choral Concert – Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida and the Symphony Orchestra of Southwest Florida performs a holiday pops concert from 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs. 28290 Beaumont Road. 560-5659 or www.symphonichorale.org.

O Tenenbaum – Naples Historical Society hosts a presentation on the history of tree décor at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Palm Cottage. Free for members, $13 for others. Free for members, $13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.


Christmas Tunes – Naples Historical Society hosts a presentation and demonstration on how theVictrola played an important role in holiday celebrations at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. Free for members, $13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Christmas Reading – Naples Historical Society hosts a reading of “A Visit from St. Nicholas” by Clement Clarke Moore beside the fireplace at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at Palm Cottage. Free for members, $13 for others, 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Gather Round – Naples Historical Society presents a favorite Christmas recipes from years past at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and a sing-along at 8 p.m. Free for members, $13 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Noble Ape – Comedian Jim Gaffigan performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Germain Arena. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-9570 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Free Concert – Nikki Talley performs Americana music from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Beethoven, Faure and Ravel with featured pianist Yefin Bronfman at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 4-6, at Artis—Naples. 979-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

The Sound of Silence – Art Garfunkel performs selections from his collaboration with Art Garfunkel, as well as his solo compositions at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Artis—Naples. 979-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Les Beaux Arts – Opera Naples hosts a chamber concert featuring violinist and New York Philharmonic Orchestra concertmaster Frank Huang at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $20-$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Hypnosis – Hypnotist John Apatian performs at 8 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Wang Opera Center. $30-$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Jazz Concert – Jazz Impromptu and Bob Zottola & Company performs with vocalist Michelle Amato at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Wang Opera Center. $30-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Coffee, Tea & Broadway – TheatreZone presents show tunes and Broadway standards with a continental breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Jan. 17. $35. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9900 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Zoo Lecture – Naples Zoo hosts a lecture about Florida’s bear population with Mike Orlando, assistant coordinator for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s bear management program, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Free for members. $10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.
WHERE TO GO

Surf’s Up – Jan & Dean’s Beach Party featuring Dean Torrence performs favorite California hits from the 1960s at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23-24, at TheatreZone’s Glik Theater. $50-$75. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Dance – Miami City Ballet performs choreography by Balanchine and Robbins to music by Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Arsht—Naples. 597-8900 or www.arsitanaples.org.

FLORIDA FESTIVALS

Art Basel – Art Basel Miami Beach happens Dec. 7-10 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. $60 per day or $180 for four days. 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach. www.artbasel.com/miami-beach.


— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpegs with time, date, location, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.


Very Verdi – Performers from Gulfshore Opera perform works by Giuseppe Verdi at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Rose History Auditorium. 845-560. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org

Jazz Concert – Dan Miller and Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform the music of George Gershwin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Wang Opera Center. $80-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

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The conversations in this play are adult, sophisticated. There’s mention of Jerry Saltz, the senior art critic for New York magazine, Frieze, Woody Allen movies, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. But “Disgraced” also deals with racial profiling, Islamophobia, 9/11, sexism — and that ever-tricky task of self-identity.

Amir was raised Muslim, but has rejected his faith, claiming it’s “a backwards way of being and thinking.” He has changed his family name to Kapoor, leading people to think he’s from India. He drinks. He eats pork.

Emily finds it refreshing, especially in the New York art world. It’s interesting to see the two interact in these roles, as they played husband-and-wife in Florida Rep’s “Doublewide,” which closed last season.

But Emily finds inspiration in Islamic art, incorporating its patterns and repetition into her own work. She sees beauty and wisdom in the Islamic tradition. A curator from the Whitney, Isaac (Gregg Weiner), comments on her earnestness, her total lack of irony, and finds it refreshing, especially in the New York art world. It’s interesting to see the two interact in these roles, as they played husband-and-wife in Florida Rep’s “Doublewide,” which closed last season.

In “Disgraced,” Mr. Weiner plays an erudite New Yorker, a man who travels all over the world to select art for exhibitions. He’s interested in Emily’s art and, if he likes it, may choose to exhibit it.

This edgy play is unsettling, in the best possible way. It’s challenging and thought-provoking. You may leave feeling shattered.

“Disgraced” won’t be everyone’s cup of tea. It’s stimulating, and it’s unsettling. And prejudice makes its ugly appearance — prejudice against anyone who is “other,” different than however we are.

“Think: “God of Carnage,” with more diverse couples. Isaac is a white Jewish man, while his wife Jory is African-American. Amir is of Pakistani descent, raised Muslim, though he denies his identity. Yet there is no hint of sapphism, only authenticity. Ms. Burttram has the more difficult role. She plays the kind that are on the life-changing side of the spectrum.

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Think: “God of Carnage,” with more diverse couples. Isaac is a white Jewish man, while his wife Jory is African-American. Amir is of Pakistani descent, raised Muslim, though he denies his upbringing and hides it from others, while Emily is a white, American woman. Mix with alcohol, self-hatred and anger, and it makes for an explosive concoction.

You believe these are two long-married couples, as they communicate with each other in verbal shorthand, or just a glance. Even the way they simply say their spouse’s name speaks volumes.

This is a quartet of actors at the top of their game, and it’s gripping to see them verbally dance and spar. The two men seem determined to push each other’s buttons while their wives try, unsuccessfully, to keep the peace.

Amir, is, admittedly, a difficult character to like. While he and Emily display moments of tenderness early in the play, he is someone who continually allows his anger to get the best of him. He berates an employee over the phone, he throws and breaks things. And Isaac, for his own complicated reasons, feels the need to be contrary, to instigate arguments.

Ms. Hodges, who played Ann Atwater in “The Best of Enemies,” portrays Jory as a complex character, filled with secrets. A lawyer at heart, she’s always thinking a couple of moves ahead when it comes to her life and her career.

Ms. Burttram has the more difficult role, playing a good-hearted person without making her seem like a Disney character. Yet there is no hint of sapphism, only authenticity.

A fifth character, Abe (Imran Sheikh) rounds out this cast. He plays Amir’s nephew, whose naiveité and desire for his uncle’s legacy helps set into motion circumstances he couldn’t have foreseen.

As all youth do, Abe is struggling to figure out who he is and changes appearance as well as his name.

Stefanie Genda’s perfect-pitch costumes also help define these characters, whether it’s Amir’s 60s-era count shirts, Isaac’s trendy glasses or Emily’s leather jacket orarty necklace. And Dennis C. Maulden’s set is superlative — a spacious upper East Side Manhattan apartment, complete with terrace on one end and a white marble fireplace opposite. The front door is so realistic I believed that if I stepped through it, I’d find myself on the streets of New York.

This attention to detail only helps elevate this already stratospheric play. “Disgraced” won’t be everyone’s cup of tea. It’s challenging and thought-provoking.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Ashley Jones stars in holiday thriller on Lifetime Movies

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I’ve been rewatching all the “True Blood” episodes and want to know about the actress who plays Daphne, a waitress at Merlotte’s who gets involved with Sam. What can you tell me about her?

— Janet Y.

A: Ashley Jones has been in a ton of stuff since breaking into the biz. You can catch her on Lifetime Movies playing Miriam in the thriller “You Killed My Mother,” which premieres Friday, Dec. 8. The plot centers on 10-year-old Joaana “Jo” Flay and her race to save the life of her mother, who is dying of liver failure. The hospital director, Miriam Preston (played by Ashley), refuses to appeal her failed transplant request because the mom is an alcoholic. When her mother dies, Jo plots an insane and elaborate scheme of revenge against those she holds responsible.

Ashley told me she was drawn to the role because of the relationship between Miriam and her son.

“My own son, Hayden, was only 8 months old when I first read the script, so I could only imagine going through something like Miram’s journey in this movie. She’s a very smart and strong woman. I also like stories that are more psychologically based.”

Ashley also has a feel-good Christmas movie, “12 Days of Giving,” premiering Dec. 3 on the UP Network.

Q: I was happy to read about Nathan Fillion’s new series in your column a few weeks ago. Now what can you tell me about his “Castle” co-star, Stana Katic?

— Jarrett F.

A: Stana stars in the 10-episode crime-thriller series “Absentia” playing special agent Emily Byrne, who’s been kidnapped by a serial killer she was pursuing and is assumed dead. Six years later she turns up very much alive, but confused and with a fuzzy memory of her captivity. Sony Pictures Television Network says we can expect more news “in the coming weeks.”

READERS: Amazon has bought the global television rights to “The Lord of the Rings” series. Certain restrictions, however, mean the multi-season production adaptation of the “LOTR” world will center on events that took place before the first “LOTR” book, “The Fellowship of the Ring.” The series eventually will stream on Amazon Prime.

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Daddy's Home 2 ★★★
(Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell, Mel Gibson) Co-dads Dusty (Wahlberg) and Brad (Ferrell) have their own fathers (Gibson and John Lithgow) come to town for Christmas, which leads to family chaos. It's notably funnier than its 2015 predecessor, and is the perfect way to get in the Christmas spirit this year. Rated PG-13.

Wonderstruck ★★★ 1/2
(Julianne Moore, Millicent Simmonds, Oakes Fegley) In separate storylines set 50 years apart (1927 and 1957), deaf 12-year-olds (Simmonds and Fegley) in New York City search for what they feel their lives are missing. Strong performances, great visuals and masterful direction from Todd Haynes ("Carol") make this one of the nicest and most fulfilling movie experiences of the year. Rated PG.

Thor: Ragnarok ★★★ 1/2
(Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Cate Blanchett) Thor (Hemsworth) and Hulk (Ruffalo) must save Thor’s home planet of Asgard from the villainess Hela (Blanchett). The action and visual effects are top notch, and best of all it’s hilarious from start to finish. Rated PG-13.

Suburbicon ★
(Matt Damon, Julianne Moore, Oscar Isaac) In a perfect 1950s American town, a home invasion kills Gardner’s (Damon) wife (Moore), leaving him with his son (Noah Jupe) and sister-in-law (Moore again) to care for. There's much more to the story than that, but it doesn’t matter because nothing about this movie is in the least bit entertaining. Rated R.

Only The Brave ★★★
(Miles Teller, Josh Brolin, Jeff Bridges) Firefighters in Arizona bond and battle wildfires in this dramatic true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. It’s not perfect, but it’s moving enough to do the real people justice. Rated PG-13.

Breathe ★★★
(Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Tom Holland) Paralyzed in his prime from polio, Robin (Garfield) finds new meaning in his life thanks to his wife (Foy) and other loved ones. Garfield and Foy are strong as the leads, and it’s ultimately a hopeful story that's not as depressing as it looks. Rated PG-13.

Happy Death Day ★
1/2
(Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, Ruby Modine) Sorority girl Tree (Rothe) is murdered, then relives the day until she can find the killer. It's illogical and lame, with few original ideas and plenty of logical gaps. Rated PG-13.

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‘Justice League’

★★ 1/2
Is it worth $10? Yes

The opening scene in “Justice League” is, in a word, lame. Batman (Ben Affleck) stops a petty criminal, and then uses the criminal as bait to draw a large mosquito-looking demon to them. The sequence is dark, cartoonish, and doesn’t look impressive at all.

This is not a good start to a movie DC Comics fans can’t wait to see after the tremendous success of “Wonder Woman” earlier this year. Thankfully “Justice League” and its new characters grow on you over the course of its 121 minutes, making it a moderate success that gets better as it goes.

As it turns out, the aforementioned mosquito was a scout for Steppenwolf, a CGI-created villain played by veteran character actor Ciaran Hinds. Steppenwolf wants to take over the world by gathering three “mother boxes” that will make him all-powerful. He is large and imposing, and if you find that his name prompts you to sing “Magic Carpet Ride” in your head, you will not be alone.

What’s Batman to do against giant mosquitoes and a villain who was born to be wild? Create a team, of course. He and Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot) remain on good terms. They also recruit the super-fast Flash (Ezra Miller), the half man/half machine Cyborg (Ray Fisher), and the amphibious Aquaman (Jason Momoa). Some come more willingly than others, but each has a unique skill that pays off in key moments.

What’s interesting about “Justice League” is that the more you watch the more you enjoy it. The opening moments are dark and dour, and even Wonder Woman’s entrance is botched (it should’ve come as she crashes through the door — you’ll know what I mean when you see it). Then, the Flash offers some levity. Cyborg gets cooler and less self-pitying, and Aquaman lets the fun part of his personality show. This is all essential. Previously Batman has been one-note boring. Surrounding them with more playful characters makes the movies more engaging, and boy, has this franchise needed that.

Perhaps one reason for the tonal shift is that director Zack Snyder, who also made “Man Of Steel” and “Batman v. Superman,” stepped away from post-production earlier this year after his daughter’s suicide. In stepped co-writer Joss Whedon to finish the film, which led to $25 million worth of reshoots and additional scenes. Judging by the tone of Whedon’s wildly successful “The Avengers” movies, it’s fair to extrapolate that at least some of the lighter style and humor in “Justice League” comes from Whedon’s influence.

To be clear, though, the story itself is nothing special, and the dialog is as straightforward as it comes. The action and visual effects will not impress you, though there are some cool sequences. Ultimately, “Justice League” earns a reluctant recommendation because it has just enough to let you walk out feeling like it wasn’t a total waste of time.

— dan HUDAK
punchdrunkmovies.com

Brett Ratner’s production company helped finance “Wonder Woman”; Gadot said that because of the sexual misconduct allegations against Ratner she will not sign on for “Wonder Woman 2” (scheduled for December 2019) until he is no longer associated with the project.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE
A delicate operation

BY STEVE BECKER

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Take this case where South wound up in four hearts after East had opened with three diamonds. Declarer won the opening club lead with the ace and drew trumps in three rounds, East discarding a diamond on the third heart.

South could see four potential losers — three diamonds and a spade. With East known to hold all the missing diamonds, making the contract seemed to depend on the unlikely possibility of finding the queen of spades singleton or doubleton. However, declarer proceeded to prove that his chances were considerably better than that.

His first step was to cash the A-K of spades. When the queen did not appear, he then made the key play of cashing the king of clubs before exiting with a third spade. West won with the queen and had no choice but to return a high club, since a spade lead would allow dummy’s jack to score a trick.

As declarer had planned, West’s forced club return stripped East of his last club, leaving him subject to a throw-in play. Accordingly, after ruffing the club, South led a diamond to the nine. East won with the ten but had to yield the game-going trick to dummy’s king.

Note that if declarer had not cashed the club king before conceding a spade to West, the contract would have failed. Without that play, West would have returned a club to South’s king. When a diamond was next led and ducked to East, he would have been able to exit with his last club, thereby escaping the endplay.

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 8 P.M.
Ethan Bortnick: Generations of Music
Join the talented young virtuoso for a concert spanning generations and genres and featuring guests Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary), Bethany Yarrow and cellist Rufus Cappadocia.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24, 9 P.M.
Salute to Vienna
One of the most lavish song and dance gala concert specials ever produced for PBS was taped live at the historic Konzerthaus in Vienna, Austria.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25, 8 P.M.
The Beatles: Eight Days a Week
Based on the first part of The Beatles’ career (1962-66), this documentary chronicles the period in which the Fab Four toured and captured the world’s acclaim.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 9:30 P.M.
Great Performances
The Moody Blues: Days of Future Passed Live
The concert captures the historic group in performance in Toronto during their 2017 world tour, where they played the “Days of Future Passed” album in its entirety.

MONDAY, NOV. 27, 8 P.M.
Celtic Woman: Homecoming Ireland
The band performs classics including “Walk Beside Me,” “Dulaman,” “Amazing Grace” and “You Raise Me Up.”

TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 8 P.M.
American Masters: This is Bob Hope
Explore the entertainer’s life with unprecedented access to his personal archives including writings voiced by Billy Crystal, clips from his body of work and interviews with Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O’Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29, 10:30 P.M.
David Gilmour: Live in Pompeii
See the Pink Floyd member’s two-night concert event from 2016.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30, 8 P.M.
The Big Band Years
Peter Marshall hosts this celebration of big bands of the 1930s and ’40s.

This is Bob Hope,” Nov. 28

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Friends of Lovers Key has joined with the Americana Community Music Association to offer a series of monthly free acoustic concerts of all original music starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The concerts will be in the large gazebo on the beach. Seating is available for the first 80 people. Bring a beach chair as additional seating is also available on the sand.

Refreshments will be available by donation to help the friends group.

Future Songwriters at Sunset concert dates are scheduled for Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5.

For more information, visit [www.friendsofloverskey.org](http://www.friendsofloverskey.org)

Friends of Lovers Key also is holding an event with Santa Claus for children. Santa on the Sand at Lovers Key State Park will begin at 1 p.m. Dec. 10.

The afternoon of fun and games helps the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs to collect donated, unwrapped gifts for needy children. Each child 8 and younger who donates a gift will have a chance to meet with Santa at the park.

Lunch will be provided for the children and snacks for adults. The park entry fee is $8 per vehicle for two or more people or $4 for a single person.

For more information, call Judy Greenwood, 708-359-0466 or email fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

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‘Joyful and Triumphant’ returns to Naples church

Mooreings Presbyterian Church will be filled with the sounds of joyful holiday music when the Florida Gulf Coast University Choirs perform some of the season’s most beloved music at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

FGCU’s Bower School of Music & the Arts proudly presents the fourth annual “Joyful and Triumphant Holiday Concert” as a gift to the community. Admission is free.

The program features the chamber and university choirs under the direction of Sandra Peter, interim director of choral activities, in a selection of traditional holiday favorites along with compositions from Palestine to contemporary composers.

“It’s been a joy and an honor to conduct the choirs at FGCU this semester, as Dr. Trent Brown has been on a fall sabbatical,” said Ms. Peter. She is here from Stetson University in Deland, where she is conductor of the Choral Union. “We are delighted to present a variety of choral pieces.”

With narrations interspersed between musical selections, the program will highlight the diverse holiday traditions of the season.

“The overall focus is one of peace, light, joy, hope and love,” Ms. Peter said. The choirs will be accompanied by Thomas Goetz, Ph.D., director of music at Mooreings Presbyterian Church.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required. If you plan to attend, visit www.fgcu.edu/joyful2017 or email Tifarah Pardue at tpardue@fgcu.edu.

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THE MOSCOW BALLET’S “GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER”

Though the choreography and scenery will be different, what remains the same is Tchaikovsky’s most famous work performed by the Naples Philharmonic. The two-act ballet for which Tchaikovsky composed the score wasn’t very popular when it debuted in St. Petersburg in 1892, but the suite, which includes such popular pieces as “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy” and “Waltz of the Flowers,” certainly was. The entire work encountered a resurgence in popularity in the 1960s and paired with its dance component, the ballet is an enormously popular holiday tradition throughout the United States.

Keeping things fresh for the Naples Philharmonic, however, are a few tweaks to the work specific to the Moscow Ballet’s performance and excitement about assistant conductor Radu Paponiu’s ballet debut.

“One of the exciting things about this collaboration is there are always slight adjustments — like switching order of dances — so it’s kind of fun for the orchestra to have a newer version,” Mr. Filner said. “And with Radu, it will be a great opportunity for him to make his ballet debut with us this season.”

Mr. Paponiu is a native of the Ukraine and recently completed his master of music degree in orchestral conducting at the New England Conservatory in Boston before taking up his current post at Arts—Naples earlier this summer. While in Boston, he served as conductor apprentice to the Handel and Haydn Society and served on the conducting faculty for the Juilliard School Pre-College Division in New York. Later in the week, he will conduct Handel’s “Messiah” featuring the Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Chorus.

Once Mr. Filner received word that Miami City Ballet, the company that has staged Arts—Naples’ “The Nutcracker” for years, would be unable to participate this year, he undertook the laborious process of finding a new company to continue the annual show, which has become a mainstay of the Naples holiday season.

“The two things that were critical were to have live music with the Naples Philharmonic and they had to feature local kids,” Mr. Filner said. “One of the great things is that it’s truly a community celebration and it’s one of the opportunities we have during the year to get different audiences and different artists onto our stage. Having those kids get the opportunity to perform with the Naples Philharmonic and world class dancers is an important part of our mission.”

Putting the kids through their paces for the last few months has been Christopher Maraval, ballet master at Naples Academy of Ballet. Working with children ages 6-15 from four local studios, Mr. Maraval is responsible for ensuring the kids are ready to step on stage as soon as Moscow Ballet arrives in town.

“There are really excited,” he said. “It’s all different and brand new, so the kids are really learning the new parts. Some are en pointe, which is a big deal for them to be on a big stage on pointe shoes.”

Some kids have been performing in the show for so many years that working with all the new faces and learning a new dance style has been an adjustment.

“Some of the kids have been doing it..."
for 10 years and knew the Miami danc- 
ers by name,” he said. “For everybody it will be a good change of pace. It’s a new experience.”

Twenty-six local children were cho- 

sen from a September audition and Mr. 

Maraval has been teaching them all the 

choreography and entrances each Sun- 

day ever since. The kids will have only 

one rehearsal with the professionals 

when they arrive for their late Novem- 

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Mr. Maraval get them up to speed in 

time.

Elena Pedan, a ballerina with Mos- 

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“I like to watch the process, how they 

try to show be their best dance, how 

they want to learn something new and 

how they want to dance with profes- 

tional company,” she said. “After the 

audition it’s very interesting to see their 

progress in the performance.”

Moscow Ballet’s “Great Russian Nut- 

cracker” has performances at 7 p.m. 

Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28-29, at 

Arts—Naples. Tickets for $15-$78 can 

be purchased at www.artisnaples.org or 

by calling the box office at 597-1000.

To learn more about Moscow Ballet, 

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The Jan. 9 program about “Facebook Live for Nonprofits” will take place at the regular location, the Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Guest speakers will be Cory O’Donnell, digital engagement editor, and Andrea Melendez, visual journalist, both from the News-Press.

The free club is for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission, community engagement and fundraising. Admission is free to regular monthly meetings, and a light dinner is served. For more information, visit www.tech4goodswfl.org.

■ Ikebana International Naples Chapter #166 resumes its monthly meetings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com or follow Ikebana Naples on Facebook.

■ 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 Dec. 6. Members also serve a buffet breakfast from 8-11 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 proceeds going towards the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career.

■ The Naples Orchid Society welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meeting is Dec. 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:45 p.m. and the program at 7:50 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

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

■ Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club #6544, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President’s Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 502 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Dec. 8 and 22. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0446 or visit www.ToastoftheCoast.org.

■ 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 Illich Ave. Free. For more information, call 949-3621 or 773-732-9982.

■ The Southwest Florida Pastel Society encourages and promotes member pastel artists through monthly meetings and programs, workshops, activities and exhibition opportunities. New members are always welcome. Regular meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Worthington Country Club. The next meeting is Dec. 19. For information, visit www.pastelsociety.org.

■ The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Faith Lutheran Church, 450 Goodlette-Frank Road. All are welcome to enjoy a program about “Christmas through the Ages” by member Joan Cordes-Nay. Election of officers will also take place. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call Jeanne Bruehler at 877-9276 or visit www.thegeccc.org.

■ Alliance Française de Naples holds its “Dîner de Noël” on Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at L’Auberge Restaurant. Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 5:30 p.m. Each guest is asked to be a small “box” — gift that box, holiday box, etc., valued no more than $15, to exchange. Cost is $55 for members, $60 for others. Menu choices for the three-course gourmet French dinner are at www.afnaples.org. For reservations, visit the website, print the reservations form and mail it with your check to Alliance Française de Naples, PO. Box 110075, Naples, FL 34108. For more information, call Denise Jenkins at 952-7576 or 952-0437.

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The 14th annual Hats in the Garden at Naples Botanical Garden

1. Mary Jo Kallergis, Lori Mross, Jane Wynn and Mary Balsamo
2. Brittney Chambers, Sarah Walters and Rachele Partyka
3. Amy Hills Baier and Barbie Hills
4. The Sustaining Leadership Council
5. Jorge Gomez
6. Aimee Schlehr, Joan Polk and Gregory Morrow
7. Kristine Meek, Juliana Meek and Meghen Holde
8. Pam Blackly, Tricia Kassling, Mary Ann Birkey and Donna McGinnis
9. Mary Jo Sulzman, Joyce Fitzgerald, Bonnie McMicken and Tracy Sourto
10. Sophie Dettweiler and Cynthia Sherman

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‘Real Housepets of Naples’ for Humane Society Naples

1. Dallas Blaylock, Ilyana Ivanova and Nancy Stojkoski
2. Alex DeStefano, Ginny Cabai and Tracey Talentino
3. Lane Wilkinson, Jennifer Conroy, Michael Frank and Kelly Ciacani
4. Lynn Greene and Katie Kemington
5. Laura Pacillo and Peggie Gibbard
6. Peter Schuette, Anne Reming and Doug Osten
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The Hours: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

The Menu: www.meridiancafe-naples.com

The Details: Barely a couple of weeks into business, Culinary Institute of America-trained Chef Raena Hobson is packing in diners at the Meridian Café. Her Naples Grilled Cheese knocks it out of the park with eight thick slices of Boar’s Head apple wood-smoked bacon, gooeyliciously two-year aged cheddar and French brie and immo-kalee-sourced tomatoes. The house-made savory bacon, onion and secret-spice jam kicks it up a notch, and everything is nestled between warm slices of Oakes Farms butter-grilled wheat bread. Portions are generous and wallet-friendly; one sandwich can make for two meals. All sandwiches can be made with gluten-free breads.

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Mr. Keane left Naples in 2007 and headed to the Blue Ridge mountains to hone his craft in creating inventive cocktails using local and seasonal ingredients. He has earned numerous mixology awards and was featured in Garden & Gun magazine for his rum expertise. Osteria Tulia is at 466 Fifth Ave. S. For more information about the drink menu and the guest bartender series, call 213-2073 or visit www.osteriatulia.com.

Looking for the perfect wine to pair with your Thanksgiving feast? The experts at Bleu Cellar at Bleu Provence recommend a 2017 Domaine Dupleix Beaujolais Village Village Noble, which they offer in limited supply for $16.99 a bottle. It’s described in an email as “multi-layed” and showing “great definition and depth, with dark berries and spice flavors. An open-knit and easygoing wine” that’s “very appealing and fun.”

An added note tells us 2017 has yielded France’s overall smallest harvest since 1945. “Due to the dry conditions through the growing season, every little disease was present in the vineyards. Small, ripe grapes were harvested in excellent conditions, and thanks to the small size of the crop, the Beaujolais is exceptional.” For more information, call 214-8239.

The Local now offers Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with menu items including brioché French toast with rasp- berry preserves and marcapone cheese, chocolate cinnamon rolls, pork tina breakfast burritos, bottomless mimosas and more. 3323 Airport-Pulling Road. 596-3276 or www.bleupralnepales.com.

Tickets are available now for Project HELP’s 20th annual Chocolate Extravaganza that takes place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Hodges University. In addition to providing a smorgasbord of chocolate treats, organizers will have heavy hors d’oeuvres, wine, dancing, costume contests and more. $95 per person. 2655 Northbrook Drive. 272-7227 or www.projecthelpaneples.org.

Tony’s Off Third hosts its annual Merry Champagnes & Sparklers tasting from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, when guests will sample 18 champagnes and sparkling wines. $25 per person, including a $5 discount on any purchase of the fea- tured wines. Reservations required. 1300 Third St. S. 262-7999 or www.tonysoftthird.com.

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs hosts the 24th annual Taste of Bonita from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Riverside Park. Attendees will fill up on tastes from more than 20 area eateries.

As they did last year, attendees at Taste of Bonita will enjoy live music from the bandshell at Riverside Park before, during and after they sample signature dishes from more than 20 local restaurants.

while listening to live music by Back-lash and Boo & Bon. Participating estab- lishments are: Angelina’s, Best Popcorn Co., Bonet Brothers BBQ, Buffalo Chips, Cape Coral High School, Cordobesita Argentinian Catering, Doug’s Seafood, Greek Gourmet, Jimmy P’s, Johnsonville Sausage, Kona Ice, Metro Diner, Moe’s Dogs, New York Pizza & Pasta, Rodes, Royal Scoop, Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse, Simply Southern BBQ, Tarpon Bay, The Royal Side Bistro and Tipsy Cow. Admis- sion is a suggested donation of $5, with food samples priced separately. 405-1400 or www.tasteofbonita.com.

21 Spices by Chef Asif hosts The Great Hope Gala to benefit the Maasha Aasha Foundation and victims of Hur- ricane Maria in Puerto Rico on Sunday evening, Dec. 12. Guests will enjoy a buffet of Indian specialties, Bollywood dancing, a benna artist, hudi app- lications, guest speakers, raffles, prizes, auc- tions and more. $70. Tickets can be purchased by searching “Great Hope Charity Gala Event” at www.eventbrite. com. 4270 Tamiami Trail S. 919-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com

Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner: The Good Life, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.good- lifeanaples.com – French Bistro Night Deaux: Thursday, Nov. 30 ($69); Appetiz- ers & Small Plates: Friday, Dec. 8 ($65); French Bistro Night Deaux: Thursday, Dec. 14 ($69).

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Beginning in 2005, Sarah Marquis and Sparky Marquis produced stunning world-class wines in McLaren Vale, Australia. The winery is named Mollydooker, which is Australian slang for a left-handed person.

The couple’s bold red wines garner outstanding ratings from critics all over the world. Their Carnival of Love Shiraz was Wine Spectator Number 2 Wine of the Year in 2016, and many of their other brands have received outstanding ratings.

Recently, however, a break-up between the two has left Sarah Marquis as the sole owner of the winery, and the new face of the brand. Since the beginning, Sparky Marquis, personable and outgoing, had served as the brand ambassador. Now it’s Sarah Marquis’ turn, and it’s apparent she’s up to the task.

She is confident in her ability to guide the winery — and the brands — into the future.

“We’re absolutely going to maintain our unique style,” she said during a conversation at the New York Wine Experience in October. “The wine’s intensity on the palate is very important.”

She and her winemaking team measure intensity by what they uniquely call “fruit weight,” a sensory term that embodies the velvety sensation of the wine on the palate, and its concentration. She plans to continue and build on the brand’s somewhat irrelevant approach to the way their wines are named and handled.

Names of the wines include “Barefoot Boy,” “Velvet Glove,” “Carnival of Love” and “Enchanted Path.” The couple also created the “Mollydooker Shake” as a way to make wine open up and “breathe.” Most of us would carefully uncork our bottles and pour the wine gently into a decanter, being careful not to agitate it or “bruise” the delicate liquid. Not these people. At a lunch a few years ago, Sparky Marquis opened a bottle of Carnival of Love, poured about three ounces into a glass, replaced the cap and gave the bottle a vigorous and punishing shake. He poured another glass, and we tasted the unshaken wine next to the one that had been mistreated. Night and day. The shaken wine was much more open, fruity and accessible. Sarah Marquis intends to carry on that tradition. In June, “Mollydooker at Sea,” a seven-night Caribbean cruise, will include intimate tastings, blending classes and wine lunches and dinners. For information on the cruise, email alink@cruiseshipcenters.com.

While some Mollydooker wines, such as the highly-rated Velvet Glove, run into the $50 range, the big, bold Carnival of Love and Enchanted Path Shirazes can be found for around $60, and are worth every nickel. Fortunately, the winery produces several quite pleasing wines for daily enjoyment, such as Two Left Feet red blend, The Maitre D’ Merlot and The Pint. We also have just found out about a device that actually removes sulfites and histamines from wine, and am in the process of researching it and verifying that it actually works. If it does, I will report on it in this column.

— Jerry Greenfield is The Wine Whisperer. He is wine director of the international Direct Cellars wine club. His book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” is available through his website.
Sometimes the memory of a great meal turns out to be better than the reality. I’ve had exquisite meals I recall with fondness for months or years. As is the nature of restaurant reviewing, I don’t often return to places I like because there’s always a new one to explore. And when I do return, that fond memory sometimes crumbles like day-old bread.

That’s never been the case when I return to Inca’s Kitchen. Each time I dine there, it seems to be better than the time before — and that’s saying something.

My first meal at Inca’s took place at the original restaurant, a hole-in-the-wall in Golden Gate Estates where the booths were rustic and chickens (prints and statuary, not live ones) dominated the décor. But the staff was exceptionally warm and the food was delicious and plated as if for royalty despite the modest surroundings. That was in 2008.

Chef/owner Rafael Rottiers enlarged the space to something more in keeping with the Naples style — sleek and sophisticated, a room that matched the food. It continued to attract a well-heeled clientele who heretofore never ventured east of the Naples city limits to dine.

He was so successful he opened a second location at the Pavilion in 2014, eventually closing the Golden Gate location. I don’t know why, but I assume it was because he couldn’t be in two places at once (he is quite particular about the quality of the food he serves).

My first meal in his swanky Pavilion location was as memorable as the previous one, but it took three years for me to return. It was a relatively slow Tuesday night. A musician in the bar was performing at a volume that didn’t interfere with our meal.

Chef Rottiers wasn’t resting on his laurels — or, in his case, his chirimoya. His years of experience in upscale restaurants are obvious in the menu, which offers numerous ceviches, tiraditos, chado, Peruvian pepper sauce, slices of avocado and pickled ginger. Think of it as Peruvian sushi with the bonus of a sauce so flavorful you want to spoon it up once the seafood is gone. (The ever-vigilant Mr. Rottiers sensed our desire to do so and supplied us with spoons.)

Our other appetizer was another Peruvian classic: conchitas a la Parmesana ($10), scallops topped with Parmesan and baked on the half shell. These were tender and plump and paired deliciously with the melted cheese.

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Cancha – large toasted corn kernels – are served with three kinds of pepper sauce for dipping. Move on to appetizers. Ceviche is always a good choice, but this time we tried the tiradito mixto virealino ($20), an array of corvina, shrimp and octopus in a creamy, dreamy sauce called achiote, Peruvian pepper sauce, slices of avocado and pickled ginger. Think of it as Peruvian sushi with the bonus of a sauce so flavorful you want to spoon it up once the seafood is gone. (The ever-vigilant Mr. Rottiers sensed our desire to do so and supplied us with spoons.)

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The city’s bulk fishing permit mean anyone can fish from the pier without a license. As a result, it’s a top destination for locals, many of them colorful characters who fish almost nightly and are happy to share their stories.

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Time for Tin City

Another nod to Naples’ past, Tin City Waterfront Shops – so named for four 1920s tin-roofed buildings – offers locally owned boutiques, gift stores, galleries, waterfront cafes and restaurants and plenty of photo opps.

Once the hub of the city’s fishing industry, the specialty shopping district features water-hugging boardwalks, open-air and under-roof corridors connecting four rustic red, yellow and blue hued buildings and a picture-perfect setting along the Gordon River.

Although the clam and oyster processing are long gone, Tin City retains its maritime ambience and a charming setting to shop Naples-made soaps and souvenirs, browse for bikinis and baubles and nosh on gourmet cuisine or enjoy an ice cream cone on a breezy deck.

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Here are four of my favorite spots for dining al fresco.

Naples

When it comes to a restaurant in which the view and the food are both memorable, M Waterfront Grille has few peers. This Naples favorite offers a stunning view of Venetian Bay along with excellent food and exceptional service. And as if that’s not enough, the wine list is exemplary as well.

The management describes the cuisine as cutting-edge continental — a term coined by former executive chef Brian Roland and still used by current chef John Berry. What that means is food that isn’t fussy but is fresh and carefully composed.

The kitchen makes its own butter and you may be tempted to make a meal of the bread as a result. Fresh fish selections and steaks are expertly executed but vegetables get their due as well. Try to save some room for dessert as these are all house-made and superb as well.

And then there is that spectacular view, made even
more glorious by the sun as it slowly sets beyond the horizon, washing the water and bayfront homes in rainbow hues on its way. If possible, schedule your meal so that you are seated and have a beverage in hand before this happens. (Dog lovers can bring their pooches and dine on the dog-friendly patio. What you sacrifice in scenery you make up for by having your best buddy with you.)


Bonita Springs

Coconut Jack’s Waterfront Grille offers a prime view of lovely Estero Bay from the comfort of its screened deck, complete with palm-thatched roof. Settle in with a tropical drink and you might think you’ve landed on a Caribbean island rather than a bustling establishment just a stone’s throw from Bonita Beach Road.

It’s a great spot for taking in a sunset or, if you’re lucky, seeing a few wild dolphins taking a leisurely swim past the area.

The food here has something of an island flavor as well, with a preponderance of seafood and casual fare. The tequila oysters Rockefeller is a well-executed starter but simpler dishes, such as the BBQ pork nachos and coconut shrimp, are good bets, too. Full entrees are available but I’m partial to their baskets and sandwiches, like the lazy lobster roll and the fish ‘n’ chips or scallops basket.

Desserts are worthwhile here, too. They aren’t typically made in house but are well chosen, such as a coconut cream pie from nearby Dolly’s Produce Patch & Eatery and a Key lime pie with sweet mango sauce from Sweet Melissa’s Ice Cream Shoppe. Consumed outdoors, I could swear they taste even better.

Coconut Jack’s Waterfront Grille, 5370 Bonita Beach Road SW, Bonita Springs. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Full bar. 239-676-7777.
Fort Myers

As you wend your way toward Sanibel and Captiva islands, a large and stately structure on the right just a couple of miles before the Sanibel Causeway may catch your attention. It’s worth pulling in and exploring if you are in need of food and drink. The Lighthouse Restaurant & Bar is well-equipped to supply both as well as a marvelous view of the area’s gorgeous waters and some impressive boats moored at the nearby marina. Seafood’s the star of the menu here, particularly the local variety, such as black grouper, Florida lobster tail and shrimp, but there are plenty of choices for those who prefer that their proteins keep their feet/hooves on the ground. There are also vegetarian options available. On a day or evening when the weather is inviting, ask for a table on the sprawling porch from which you will have a prime view of the water and, if you time it right, a photo-worthy sunset. The porch is covered, screened and heated so you can dine and drink in comfort.

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Punta Gorda

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Crab lovers get their due as well, with crab cakes, soft shell crabs, a blue crab bucket and a steam pot, all served with hushpuppies, new potatoes and corn. For carnivores, there are three steak options, three chicken dishes and the aforementioned surf and turf.

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The Revs Institute for Automotive Research

Start your engines and head to Collier County for one of Naples’ many hidden gems where car enthusiasts are in a paradise that’s all their own at The Revs Institute for Automotive Research.

Jennifer McWhinnie of Fort Myers says you’d never know Revs is there, “It’s an unassuming building in the warehouse district and it’s only been open to the public for three years now – my husband and I really enjoy it – it’s an incredible place.”

 Owned by Miles Collier of the famous Collier family, the museum houses the Collier Collection – over one hundred cars ranging from the late 1800s to the mid 1990s.

“There’s one entire room that’s completely dedicated to one-of-a-kind Porsches,” says Ms. McWhinnie. “Even if you’re not into cars, it’s a fascinating museum with great tour guides.”

Whether you’re interested in checking out a 1927 Packard Speedster, a 1954 Osca Sports-Racer, or a 1961 Maserati, you’ll need to purchase your tickets online or by calling the institute. To keep the two-hour tour enjoyable and intimate, walk-ins are, regrettably, not allowed.

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6 Ways to Enjoy Captiva Island.

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RestaurantsOnCaptiva.com
Visitors and newcomers to Fort Myers can’t help but notice that plenty of places around these parts have the same name — the Edison Mall, the Edison restaurant, the Edison Bridge — the list goes on. Thomas Edison (or “Mr. Edison” as many of the local old-timers still refer to him) was this area’s most famous snowbird. He, along with his friend and next door neighbor, Henry Ford, are why so many northerners followed his lead and migrated to the sunny banks of the Caloosahatchee River.

When Thomas Edison and his wife Mina, decided on Fort Myers as a winter retreat in 1885, they built their waterfront home just outside downtown. Later, they added a botanical garden and a laboratory where Edison researched exotic plants and trees. In 1911, Henry Ford purchased the adjoining property to the Edison’s for he and his wife Clara’s winter escapes from chilly Detroit.

Today, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates are one of the most popular historical attractions in Southwest Florida and attracts up to 250,000 visitors a year. Touring the properties provide the rare experience of stepping back in time to old Florida and reliving how the man who discovered the light bulb discovered his paradise — and came up with the famous quote, “There is only one Fort Myers and there are 90 million people who are going to find it out.”

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The 20-minute cruise includes a professional guide who narrates and educates passengers on all the monkey business they’re seeing live. It’s a not-to-be-missed opportunity and is even included with your ticket to the zoo. Oh — and don’t forget your camera!

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These days, not much has changed at this laid-back, yet luxurious resort that has famously attracted folks with last names like Bush, Hepburn, and Buffett. But, it’s not the flash and the crowds that bring politicians, actors, and writers to the Gasparilla Inn — in fact, it’s just the opposite. The Gasparilla Inn allows its guests to experience old Florida at its most relaxed and peaceful. The inn and cottages still have a 1930s feel, yet with all the modern conveniences. Plus, there are several eateries at the resort, including the famous Pink Elephant (known to regulars as “The Pink”) which serves up some of the finest fresh seafood from local waters.

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Named for conservationist Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling, this 6,400-acre tropical wilderness is protected forever from developers and provides a sanctuary for a variety of native mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, and plants.

Whether you tour Wildlife Drive in your car or bicycle, or you choose to hike one of the many trails, don’t forget your camera, as sightings may include alligators, manatees, turtles, bobcats, otters and more than 245 different species of birds. Kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddle boards are another way to see the sights as you tour through Tarpon Bay and the mangrove filled creeks that wind through the refuge.

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But things have changed. Today, Southwest Florida boasts four bicycle-friendly cities according to the League of American Bicyclists — Naples, Cape Coral, Sanibel and Venice. That’s more than a quarter of the bike-friendly communities in all of Florida.

“Our network of pathways and bike lanes has expanded quite dramatically, especially in the past five to 10 years,” said Dan Moser, a longtime bicycle/pedestrian advocate and traffic safety professional.
So, strap on that helmet, jump in the saddle and help yourself to the more than 1,300 miles of bike lanes, paved shoulders, side paths and sidewalks in Southwest Florida. After all, the sun always shines, the wind's always at your back and the terrain is as flat as a pointless conversation.
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**Cruising**

For the cruiser set — those bikes built for a leisurely ride to the beach — there are miles of bike lanes on Sanibel Island. Cruise to brunch at the Over Easy Café or pedal out to shoot photos of migrating birds or ever-present alligators in the J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge. In Naples, pedal down to Gulf Shore Boulevard from the Naples Pier and gawk at the exquisitely appointed mansions along the Gulf of Mexico. Up north, in Punta Gorda, grab a yellow loaner cruiser (it's free) and check out this quaint city on beautiful Charlotte Harbor.

**Fitness**

If you're riding for fitness, there are many bike routes that are both scenic and challenging. Cape Coral, in Lee County, replaced many of its four-lane roads with one driving lane and oversized bike lanes. Over in Fort

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**Adventure**

Tired of the drone of tires on asphalt? Pump up your heart rate at one of the area’s mountain bike trails (OK, a Florida mountain is a 10-foot rise, but the trails are challenging and tons of fun). Caloosahatchee Regional Park in Lee County offers about 10 miles that are more

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**Speed**

For the really skilled rider who doesn't mind riding 20 or 30 miles, or even more, at paces up to 25 mph (that's Tour de France speed) there are many bike shops and riding clubs that offer organized group rides. If fast is your bag, Naples Cyclery runs group rides nearly every day. (The schedule is on its website.) In Lee County, the Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club holds group rides at various paces nearly every day. And up in Charlotte County, the Peace River Riders Bicycle Club and the Charlotte County Cyclists hold a number of group rides and special events.
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- Diarrhea
- Rectal prolapse
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What is the most significant change you've seen in your industry over the last year?

The most significant change in the surgical arena over the last year has been the emergence and specialization of robotic surgery. More and more patients, through the internet and social media, have been educated as to the advantages of robotic surgery. Patients who have undergone this type of surgery are spreading the word and giving testimony regarding this minimally invasive procedure through one or more dime sized incisions. They realize that such surgeries result in less pain, less discomfort and minimal scarring. I joined the bandwagon from the very beginning and now can claim having performed over 500 DaVinci robotic procedures within Charlotte County. As a board certified colorectal surgeon, I have performed the most robotic surgeries in Southwest Florida.

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?

Personally, as a general surgeon/colon rectal surgeon, I am proud of the community to face one of their greatest fears - finally bowel control problems are coming out of the closet. There are sayings that ring true, such as the reference to a "pain in the ass." Patients are suffering in silence from painful anorectal disorders. Incontinence, irritable bowel syndrome and constipation problems are causing individuals to avoid social situations with family and friends from fears of having discomfort or an accident. I offer an ever growing array of diagnostic procedures and non-surgical and surgical treatments for fecal incontinence. For example, I have extensive experience with the Inter-Stim therapy for Bowel Control, which uses an implant of a pacemaker-like device that stimulates sacral nerves, which strengthens the pelvic floor and sphincter complex. The list of treatment options are various including TEM Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery, Soleta gel injections, and anorectoplasty, to name a few. Patients are so grateful to regain normal living without having to Google the nearest bathroom.

How are you responding to changes in the local economy?

The population of Charlotte County has expanded significantly. The census has grown by 11.6 percent since 2010 with approximately 38.8 percent of the population being over 65. With increasing population comes greater demands for health care. As a surgeon in an independent practice, I am becoming a dinosaur in the universe of expanding group practices. That only makes me more resilient and eager to keep up with the pace and diversity of my patient population. I welcome the opportunity to expand my practice. I am constantly seeking out the most up to date medical equipment so that I can more efficiently test and treat my patient population. My patient's treatment depends on a correct diagnosis. In my office, we have a variety of GI/GU tests and rectal physiology studies that are available in house to correctly diagnose a patient's condition and then set a course of action. An excellent staff and highly trained technicians allow me to service the growing needs of our local community.

Who am I?

NAME: Domingo E. Galliano Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.S.C.R.S.
TITLE AND COMPANY: Owner of University Surgical Associates
YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 21
YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: 28
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Surgeon
EDUCATION: Board Certified Colon & Rectal Surgery
Board Certified General Surgery
Board Certified Surgical Critical Care
HOMETOWN: New York City

Name the top three elements or practices that have been absolutely critical in the success of your business.

Diversity: I am a board certified in three different areas: general surgery, colon and rectal surgery, and surgical critical care. That allows me a comprehensive understanding and a vast surgical knowledge base to address any of my patient's medical issues from head to foot. Newest surgical advances: When not in the office or operating room, I am often attending national and international conferences being educated and trained in new surgical procedures. The community will see me often in the newspaper advertising my talks on such topics as IBS, fecal incontinence, hemmorhoids, GERD and gastrointestinal disorders. I pride myself on striving to be the first surgeon to introduce various technological advances to Charlotte County. Marketing: A comprehensive and continually updated website is mandatory for today's businesses. In my case, a user-friendly website allows my patients to review my credentials and gain information on the various procedures my practice offers. Doctors are typically not good business men or women. For me, business is all about staying on the top of your game.

What's your superpower?

My superpower lies in my passion for surgery. This is what I was born to do. Everybody has a gift they were born with. As a young kid, I would hang around my father who was a surgeon and his job seemed pretty exciting. I couldn't imagine wasting my life in a job that I didn't love. People tell me to slow down because I work so hard. They don't realize that each day is an adventure. For me, the learning curve is endless because science is moving at an incredible pace.
State parks

Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park
12301 Burnt Store Road
Punta Gorda
(941) 575-5861
Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is comprised of 42,000 acres and protects 70 miles of shoreline along Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte and Lee counties.
Boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing.

Don Pedro Island State Park
8450 Placida Road
Placida
(941) 964-0375
Don Pedro, part of an extensive chain of barrier islands extending along Florida’s Gulf Coast, is accessible only by private boat or ferry. Boaters can tie up at the dock on the mangrove-lined bay side of the island.
Boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Cayo Costa State Park
880 Belcher Road
Boca Grande
(941) 964-0375
With nine miles of beautiful beaches and acres of pine forests, oak-palm hammocks and mangrove swamps, this barrier island park is a Gulf Coast paradise.
Beaches, bicycling, boating, cabins, camping, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Gasparilla Island State Park
880 Belcher Road
Boca Grande
(941) 964-0375
The centerpiece of Gasparilla is the restored Boca Grande Lighthouse built in 1890. Swimming, snorkeling, fishing and nature study are popular activities.
Beaches, bicycling, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, restrooms, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Mound Key Archaeological State Park
Managed by Koreshan State Historic Site
3800 Corkscrew Road
Estero
(239) 992-0311
Prehistoric Native Americans are credited with creating this island’s complex of mounds with an accumulation of seashells, fish bones and pottery. Mound Key is believed to have been the ceremonial center of the Calusa Indians when the Spaniards first attempted to colonize Southwest Florida.
Boating, fishing, hiking/nature trail, interpretive exhibit, restrooms, wildlife viewing.

Lovers Key State Park
8700 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach
(239) 463-4588
A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits and bald eagles. The two-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shelling, swimming, picnicking and sunbathing.
Beaches, bicycling, boat ramp, canoeing and kayaking, concession and restaurant, fishing, hiking/nature trail, picnicking, playground, restrooms, showers, swimming, tours, visitor center, wildlife viewing.

Koreshan State Historic Site
3800 Corkscrew Road
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Visitors can fish, picnic, boat and hike where Cyrus Teed’s visionaries, who came to Estero in 1894 to build New Jerusalem for his new faith, Koreshanity, once carried out survey experiments to prove the horizon on the beaches of Collier County curves upward.
Boat ramp, camping, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, historic site, picnicking, playground, restrooms, wildlife viewing.

Collier-Seminole State Park
20200 E. Tamiami Trail
Naples
(239) 394-3397
The 7,271-acre park lies partly within the great mangrove swamp of southern Florida, one of the largest mangrove swamps in the world.
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Big Cypress National Preserve Oasis Visitor Center
5215 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee
(239) 695-2000
nps.gov/bicy/index.htm
Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife, including the elusive Florida panther. Canoeing and kayaking, hiking, hunting, ORV use, tours.

Estero Bay Preserve State Park
Managed by Koreshan State Historic Site
3800 Corkscrew Road
Estero
(239) 992-0311
The first aquatic preserve established in Florida, this is one of the most productive estuaries in the state. The bay is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Bicycling, boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking/nature trail, restrooms, wildlife viewing.

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
11135 Gulfshore Drive
Naples
(239) 597-6196
The mile-long stretch of white sugar sand at Delnor-Wiggins has been rated one of the best beaches in the nation. The 166-acre park is a tropical paradise for beach lovers, boaters and divers. Beaches, boat ramp, boating, fishing, picnicking, restroom facilities, scuba diving, showers, swimming, wildlife viewing.

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
137 Coastline Drive
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(239) 695-4593
A 2,000-foot long boardwalk at Big Cypress Bend, meandering through the old growth cypress, enables the visitor to experience the beauty of this unusual swamp. Hiking/nature trail, tour, wildlife viewing.

Everglades National Park
Gulf Coast Visitor Center
815 Oyster Bar Lane
Everglades City
(239) 695-3311
nps.gov/ever/index.htm
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Naples
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(239) 262-2323
coastlandcenter.com

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Contact: Business Improvement District
649 Fifth Ave. South
Naples
(239) 692-8436
fifthavenuesouth.com

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(239) 254-1080
mercatoshops.com
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thirdstreetsouth.com

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Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 998-1605  
watersideshops.com

**Lee County**

**Sanibel Outlets**  
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Fort Myers  
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10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 454-1974 or (888) 471-3939  
sanibeloutlets.com

**Edison Mall**  
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160 specialty shops surrounded by  
including Dillard's, Target, Apple Store, Michael Kors and Barnes & Noble —  
all surrounding several acres of lakes with a boardwalk. Its variety of dining options for all tastes is topped by the elegant Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.  
23106 Fashion Drive  
Estero  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 992-4259  
simon.com/mall/edison-mall

**Gulf Coast Town Center**  
This outdoor mall opened in phases between 2005 and 2007, and is still expanding in its location just off Interstate 75. The center features Bass Pro Shops, Belk, Best Buy, Costco, Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney and Target as its anchor stores, and offers a variety of dining options to suit every budget and taste.  
9903 Gulf Coast Main St.  
Fort Myers  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
(239) 267-5107  
gulfcoasttowncenter.com

**Periwinkle Place**  
This island gem was selected by the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau as Sanibel's top shopping destination - 25 shops, including the original Chico's, the award-winning Blue Giraffe Restaurant and Sanibel Day Spa among covered boardwalks, lush landscaping, tropical fountains and a butterfly garden.  
2075 Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel  
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**NAPLES**
- **Passions:** Outdoor water activities, golf. Nearly 100 area golf courses plus Gulf Coast shoreline for outdoor water pursuits and a serious art scene are chief draws to this resort area.
- **PROS:** Good weather and air quality. Low serious crime rate. Above-average doctors per capita.
- **CONS:** Cost of living 81 percent above national average. Not especially walkability.
- **NOTED:** Decent economy.
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■ CONS: Low walkability rank, low rank on Milken Institute list of best cities for successful aging.

■ NOTED: On the list in 2015.

■ TRIVIA: Area named by the British in 1757, but undeveloped for two centuries.

Forbes 25 Top Places To Retire Rich in 2015

NAPLES

■ This Gulf of Mexico city on Florida’s west coast holds considerable appeal for the affluent elderly. Some 42 percent of its residents are age 65 or older. Naples sports 10 miles of beachfront and the area claims to have more golf holes per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. The city's $65,000 median household income masks the wealth at its high end. The median home price is $591,400.
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16520 S. Tamiami Trail • (239) 454-8009
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CNN Money’s Best Places to Retire 2015

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They seem almost as one, these idyllic, sun-splashed barrier islands just off the Lee County coast.

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Actually, until a 1926 hurricane blasted them apart, they were one island. Now, they’re two, but they share a lifestyle and more.

Until 1963, the islands could be reached only by boat.

But a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland in 1963 and many things changed. More people moved there and more tourists visited.

Many of those residents and visitors are often spotted doing the “Sanibel Stoop,” walking along an island beach collecting shells. Sanibel is one of the world’s top shelling destinations and home of the Bailey-Mathews National Shell Museum, the only such museum in the country.

Sanibel is also home to J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a pristine retreat where more than 220 species of birds can be found.

It’s all just a convenient drive over a bridge from the mainland.
Fort Myers

Fort Myers was incorporated in 1885 with a population of 349, and two years later, became the county seat when Lee County was carved out of what was then Monroe County. Then, it was little more than a cow town of a few ramshackle buildings hugging the river.

The downtown area along the Caloosahatchee is now known as the River District and borders the governmental hub of the county with city, county, state and federal offices.

The city offers a vibrant, diverse arts scene. Florida Rep, one of the nation’s top repertory companies, is based in the downtown Arcade Building, which opened in 1908. Theater-rich Fort Myers also offers the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Theatre Conspiracy and Laboratory Theatre.

The River District is speckled with architectural gems such as the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, the Burroughs Home (built in 1901) and the Lee County Courthouse, which was constructed in 1915.

Two Major League Baseball teams, the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins, have spring training in Fort Myers.

Estero

Estero used to be little more than a wide spot on U.S. 41 between Fort Myers and Naples, an unincorporated place to grow oranges and fish the Estero River.

But since Dec. 31, 2014, it is now the Village of Estero, Lee County’s newest incorporated community.

Estero is bustling beyond what anybody might have imagined even very late in the 20th century. It’s virtually the economic centerpiece of Southwest Florida now that Hertz has moved its global headquarters to the heart of the village. The company has a $70 million, 300,000-square-foot complex within walking distance of Coconut Point mall. A short jaunt north of Hertz is a new 180,000-square-foot Walmart Supercenter.

Throughout, Estero brims with shopping, movies, fine dining and hotels.

But bits of the past remain at the Koreshan State Historic Site, which preserves 11 old buildings that provide a glimpse into history. The Koreshan Unity was a religious cult founded by Cyrus Teed that moved to Estero in 1894. The Koreshans are gone now, but a growing, vibrant community where business mixes with pleasure remains.
Bonita Springs

This golf mecca in southern Lee County is much more than tee boxes and greens. Indeed, there are numerous golf courses throughout the 39 or so square miles of Bonita Springs; they are beautiful courses, too many to name here without omitting some. Heck, there’s even a disc golf course at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center.

But Bonita Springs is much more than golf or fishing or boating, and it’s getting better all the time. The Centers for the Arts by its name tells you it is about arts in the plural.

Film festivals. Art shows. Adult education. Pottery classes.

Bonita Springs, which became an incorporated city in 2000, is sprucing up the downtown area straddling Old 41 Road with a redevelopment program.

Longtime residents know their city has come a long way in a short period of time. In 1970, the population was just a bit shy of 2,000. Today, it’s more than 49,000.

Any mention of Bonita Springs must include the Everglades Wonder Gardens, a throwback to old Florida roadside attractions. It opened in 1936 and is still right there today along Old 41.
Cape Coral

Only a little more than half a century ago, there was no place called Cape Coral.

Two visionary Baltimore businessmen and brothers, Leonard and Jack Rosen, essentially created a city by buying a huge swath of land, bulldozing trees and digging one of the world’s most extensive canal systems.

Then, the people started coming. And they haven’t stopped.

Now, the 1957 creation by those Baltimore boys is the largest city in Southwest Florida in size and population, a community of more than 160,000 people spread over 120 square miles.

It is now home to four public high schools, theaters, shopping, highways and businesses of all sorts.

Where locals once hunted and fished in a vast expanse of pine trees and palmettos, it is now a place where people of all ages shop, dine, work, raise families and enjoy retirement.

The Rosen brothers might not recognize what they created along the shores of the Caloosahatchee and Pine Island Sound all those years ago, but they surely must have envisioned it.

Alva

This rural, unincorporated swath of Lee County east of Fort Myers is a retreat reminiscent of a bygone Florida, a place of citrus groves, cattle, oak trees and trails where residents can ride horses through woodlands.

An assumption many newcomers make is this town must be named for Thomas Alva Edison, the legendary inventor who owned a winter home in Fort Myers. Not so.

Peter Nelson, a sea captain, Danish immigrant and rugged Florida pioneer, chose the name, and it has nothing to do with Mr. Edison. Mr. Nelson chose the name because of small white flowers, called alvas, that he found. So Alva it became in the late-19th century, and Alva it remains today.

Residents want to preserve Alva’s unique charms and have created a website (alvafl.org). On top of the homepage is this mission statement: “Dedicated to preserving the tranquility and beauty of Alva.”

The website also notes Alva has a “unique historical, rural, agricultural and equestrian ambience.”

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Lehigh Acres

In some ways, Lehigh Acres resembles Cape Coral. Both were created by visionary northern businessmen in the 1950s and have grown beyond what anybody could have predicted 60 years ago.

But while residents of Cape Coral long ago became an incorporated city, Lehigh Acres remains an unincorporated, 86-square-mile tract of eastern Lee County that about 96,000 people call home.

Lehigh Acres’ origins can be traced back to the days when Dwight Eisenhower was president and television was in black and white. That’s when Chicago businessman Lee Ratner bought 18,000 acres of scrubland and pine trees east of Fort Myers. Few people lived there at the time.

Even before that, what is now Lehigh Acres became known to thousands of young Americans who were stationed at Buckingham Army Airfield, an Army Air Forces training base during World War II.

Now, Lehigh Acres is known as a community where housing is affordable, and its location just east of I-75 puts it within easy driving distance of downtown Fort Myers, Southwest Florida International Airport, Florida Gulf Coast University, the beaches and golf courses.

Pine Island

This 18-mile-long stretch is Florida’s largest island. But it’s more than the answer to a state geography trivia question.

Pine Island is a glimpse into Florida’s past, to a time before high-rise condos and five-star resorts. It has five communities, each with its own charms, from Bokeelia to the north to St. James City to the south.

In between is Pine Island Center, where motorists drive into the island’s heart and reach the fork. Head north, and a left turn takes one to Pineland; its setting overlooking Pine Island Sound is arguably the most beautiful view in Lee County.

Before driving onto the island, motorists go through Matlacha, a fishing village-turned-art colony on a separate small island that, for the record, is pronounced, “mat-la-SHAY.” Check out Matlacha’s art galleries, bars and restaurants before or after visiting the four other communities.

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Fort Myers Beach

Don’t get confused. Fort Myers Beach is located on Estero Island. The bridge connecting it to the mainland is called the Matanzas Pass Bridge.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach was incorporated in 1995. The island is a seven-mile-long playground of beaches, hotels, restaurants and shops.

The island also has a rich history. Long before the first Europeans reached what is known now as Fort Myers Beach in the 1500s, the native Calusa resided on the island. Remnants of their time and culture are visible at the Mound House, an early 20th-century house built atop one of the mounds the Calusa tucked away from the main road.

The primary road along the island is Estero Boulevard, where most of the Beach’s hotels, shops and restaurants are located.

Near the island’s north end is a pedestrian-friendly shopping and dining district known as Times Square.

It’s all here on Estero Island, aka the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

North Fort Myers

From North Fort Myers’ shores on the Caloosahatchee, the skyline of downtown Fort Myers is clearly visible. That’s “the city” over there. Business and life are different on the north side of the river with fine waterfront homes, restaurants, shops and treasures of all sorts in this unincorporated part of Lee County mixing with the farms of rural Florida.

The Shell Factory & Nature Park has been an iconic attraction in North Fort Myers for decades.
Over to the east of Interstate 75 is the venerable Lee Civic Center, home to a wide array of activities. The center is used for events such as the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair, concerts, gun shows, craft fairs, RV shows and more.

Another classic venue in North Fort Myers is the Shell Factory & Nature Park, a tourist stop for decades and a place for locals to eat and listen to music.

Yes, North Fort Myers has its attractions, but venture off U.S. 41 and I-75 and you’ll find charming rural settings with names such as Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm and the ECHO Global Farm. When one ventures into these farms and private ranches, “the city” seems farther than just a river crossing away.

**Boca Grande**

This tony resort on Gasparilla Island is an outpost of charm, grace and wealth. *The Wall Street Journal* once called it the preppiest place on Earth.

Boca Grande’s downtown district is a haven of small shops and cafes, far removed from the malls and chain restaurants dotting many other Florida communities. No high-rise condos touch the sky above Boca Grande.

The centerpiece of town is the rustic Gasparilla Inn, which opened in 1911. The resort has three croquet lawns and is home to the Gasparilla Inn Mallet Club. Interested? The inn offers packages that range from $210 to $590 per night.

Boca Grande has long been a retreat for the elite, from business leaders to politicians and even movie stars; actress Katharine Hepburn was a regular in town in the 1980s.

It’s not all about kicking back on the beach here. The village offers a bicycle path and is home to the World’s Richest Tarpon Tournament, where the entry fee per boat is $5,000.

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Punta Gorda

In Punta Gorda, time is divided between now and B.C., or Before Charley, the powerful hurricane that barreled through the city in 2004.

In the wake of the storm, Punta Gorda essentially reinvented itself. An organization called TEAM Punta Gorda was formed to help the city’s recovery.

The city still retains that old-time Florida feel with an historic district near a charming downtown. With a population of about 17,000, it remains the only incorporated community in Charlotte County.

Although small, Punta Gorda offers much in the way of beauty, art and culture. The city is nestled along the water where the Peace River meets Charlotte Harbor.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra provides a dose of class and classical music.

One of the big changes since Hurricane Charley was the addition of the Charlotte Harbor & Event Center on the waterfront, a venue for all sorts of activities. The center is a short walk from downtown restaurants, shops and galleries.

Yes, Hurricane Charley was a destructive intruder, but it left behind a determined community that has used the 13-plus years since to reinvent and improve itself.

Port Charlotte

When Forbes magazine in 2015 named the best 25 places to retire in America, Port Charlotte was on the list.

Forbes noted that the cost of living is 8 percent lower in Port Charlotte than the rest of the country, and the unincorporated community has above-average air quality and a low serious-crime rate. It also has great recreation, shopping and culture.

The Port Charlotte Town Center is a major mall, and baseball fans will want to spend time at Charlotte Sports Park, spring-training home of the Tampa Bay Rays and regular-season home of the Charlotte Stone Crabs of the Class A Florida State League.

Then there’s the Charlotte Players, a community theater troupe that traces its roots back to 1961 and calls the Cultural Center of Charlotte County home.

So with many activities at hand and just a short drive to airports in Punta Gorda, Sarasota and Fort Myers, Port Charlotte isn’t just a great place to retire, as Forbes noted. It’s a great place to live, period.

Englewood

Englewood is a community straddling two counties, Charlotte and Sarasota, but it’s a singular place.

So much can be found around its bustling, art-district heart on West Dearborn Street. Just east of town, visitors can hike, camp and ride bikes in the Myakka State Forest. On the other side of Englewood is Manasota Key, a beautiful barrier island with restaurants and cottages overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Also on Manasota Key is the Hermitage Artist Retreat, where some of the nation’s top creative talent can get away from it all and focus on their art. A short ferry ride away is Palm Island Resort, a distinctive resort with private villas tucked away in subtropical paradise.

In town, there are plenty of things to do, even simple delights such as strolling West Dearborn Street and checking out the shops and bistros.

This is a community that offers a barbershop quartet, the Lemon Bay Chord Company; and a theater, the Lemon Bay Playhouse. The prestigious Ringling College of Art & Design has a center in Englewood.

Yes, Englewood may be part of two counties, but it is, indeed, a singular place.
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It’s also a foodie oasis with its gourmet Table & Tap restaurant and Slater’s market. There’s a lot to see and do, so where do you start?

You can find all the answers at Woodlea Hall, also known as The Discovery Center, in Founder’s Square. The civic and information hub of Babcock, it is perhaps the most important initial destination for first-time visitors, whether visiting for a day fishing on the lake or looking for more information about the town’s new charter school.

Here you’ll find town ambassadors who can tell you everything you want to know real estate, events, where to eat, plans for autonomous cars at Babcock, or any other question you have about the town.

If a day outdoors is on your agenda, The Discovery Center also houses Curry Creek Outfitters, a gateway to the area for hikers, bikers, kayakers, boaters, and fishing enthusiasts alike. Rent a kayak or bike. And if you forget the sunscreen, Curry Creek has that too. It’s a fully-stocked outdoor shop.

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Naples

Naples is rich in more ways than where it ranks on lists of wealthiest places to live.
Yes, according to Wikipedia, Naples has the second-highest percentage of millionaires of any city in the country. And, yes, Naples also has the sixth-highest per-capita income in the U.S.
But Naples is rich in other ways — culture, beauty, restaurants, nature and sheer elegance.
This sun-splashed little city on the gulf is a cultural mecca, packed with theater from Artis—Naples to the Naples Players, Theatre Zone and Gulfshore Playhouse.
The city’s shopping districts are among the classiest anywhere, from Fifth Avenue South to Third Street South to Mercato.
The city’s wealth is most strikingly evident along Gordon Drive, a street that goes south from the downtown district.
Walk over from Fifth Avenue South and visitors can stroll out on the Naples Pier, which juts into the gulf. The pier is popular with fishermen, but also provides a vantage point from which to soak in the beauty of Naples, which stretches in both directions. It’s a view that doesn’t take a millionaire to appreciate.

Golden Gate

Look at Golden Gate on a map and it’s easy to notice that the roughly four square miles of this community are essentially a square shape.
It’s also easy to note that it’s conveniently located east of Interstate 75 in Collier County just north of where the highway turns east toward Fort Lauderdale on the other side of Florida.
On Florida’s west coast, though, Golden Gate and its affordable neighborhoods are close to so much to do and see.
Cultural, recreational and environmental activities are all within a short drive at Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Preserve and Collier-Seminole State Park.
Fishing in the Ten Thousand Islands, golf or walking on a gulf beach are activities that are all a short drive away.

So are the theaters, shops and restaurants of Naples. Affordable living near everything one could want. That really does make Golden Gate a square deal.

Everglades City

Finding what Florida looked like long ago doesn’t require a time machine.
All it takes is a trip to Everglades City, a tiny dot on the Florida map about 35 miles south of Naples on the edge of the Ten Thousand Islands.
You won’t find skyscraping condos or shopping malls in this town next to Chokoloskee Bay.
You’ll find the Everglades City Rod & Gun Club, a Victorian-era reminder of the past. The club’s roots date back to the 19th century, and sitting on the porch under a fan, one can almost see the hardy pioneers who worked the area more than 100 years ago.
More of that history can be found at the Museum of the Everglades, a Collier County collection housed in a building that opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry.
From Everglades City, one can go on eco tours, kayaking adventures or a fishing day trip.
The town is only 1.2 square miles of houses with tin roofs, royal palms and lots of Florida the way it used to be.
Ave Maria

Many Florida communities are focused on a golf, tennis or boating lifestyle.

In Ave Maria, located about a half-hour drive east of Naples between Immokalee Road and State Road 29, the focus is on the Catholic faith.

Ave Maria is a planned community that opened in 2007. Domino's Pizza founder and philanthropist Tom Monaghan is the driving force behind it and Ave Maria University, located adjacent to the town square.

On its website, the university proclaims that it is “devoted to Mary the Mother of God, inspired by St. John Paul II and blessed Teresa of Calcutta and dedicated to the formation of joyful, intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, scholarship and service.”

The community, developed independently of the university, boasts a golf course, waterpark and recreational areas, along with a town center that features a variety of small shops and restaurants along with a Publix.

But in the middle of town is the monument to the community’s roots: the Ave Maria Oratory, a magnificent church built on what was once a tomato field.
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Immokalee was once known as Gopher Ridge and also Allen’s Place before acquiring its current name, which means “my home” in the Seminole language.

Immokalee has a connection to millions of Americans who have likely never heard of this agricultural town: about 90 percent of the nation’s winter tomatoes come from farms in and around this rural community. Cucumbers, bell peppers and citrus also are major crops.

But Immokalee is about more than farming. Seminole Casino Immokalee and its hotel stay abuzz with gaming, food and drink, special shows and concerts year-round, thanks to 38 live gaming tables and more than 1,300 slot machines.

Where nearby Naples is considered blue blood, Immokalee represents blue-collar Collier County. Neighborhoodscout.com reports 54.2 percent of its workers are employed in blue-collar work, well more than twice the national average of 27.7 percent. The website also notes that Spanish is the most common language in the town and that 42.3 percent of residents were born in other countries.
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Marco Island

This place was once known as Caxambas, a tough name to spell and pronounce that's a Native American word for “fresh water.”

This island is blessed for a number of reasons besides its now easier-to-pronounce name. For starters, it's the biggest of the Ten Thousand Islands.

It's also an ideal place for all sorts of water sports, from kayaking to fishing and sailing.

It's possible to catch a boat on Marco Island and make a journey south to Key West, the southernmost city in the continental United States, in less than four hours.

The 22.8-square-mile island is connected to the mainland by the SS Jolley Bridge. Once visitors or newcomers cross that bridge, they'll find just about everything they need for a good time.

Marco Island has hotels, restaurants, shops, beaches, golf courses and plenty of ways to get out and enjoy the water, including six miles of beaches.

Off the sand, a theater troupe has been a staple of the island since the 1970s, bringing live shows to residents and visitors under the banner of the Marco Players. That's an easier name to deal with than the Caxambas Players.
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<td>Spacious and airy, southern exposure home on a wide direct sailboat canal with quick access to the river and open water.</td>
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<td><strong>5 Bed + Loft 3 Bath Pool Home on Golf Course</strong></td>
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<td>Key West Style Home, Enjoys the many conveniences this 3 bed 2 bath home in the established community of Parker Lakes.</td>
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<td>Water View Villa at Estero, Lovely 2 bed 2 bath + den beautiful view in Fairways Bend Village at The Vines.</td>
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<td>Pristine Lakeview Coach Home, Like new 2 bedroom, plus den and 2 bath coach home with 1 car garage. The home has a large lanai.</td>
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<td>First Floor Southwind, Not offer available - But here it is! Beautiful coach home 2 bed + 2 bath.</td>
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<td>Very Nice Pool Home 3/2/2, Beautiful, good size pool to enjoy in this 3/2/2 amenities like golfing, fishing, &amp; tennis and boating in this area.</td>
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<td>Close to Shopping, 3/2 Cape Coral home conveniently located close to shopping, dining and beaches!</td>
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3/2/1 with a Great Floor plan
Many new items including brand new air conditioner, new hot water heater, new front entry door with smart key lock.
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Great Family Home
3/2 lovely location home.
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2 bedroom 2 bath 1st floor condo in desirable Brookshire Community. Location Location!
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This well maintained townhome has a beautiful view of the club house across the lake on an over size corner lot.
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