Prayers answered when congregations trade properties

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Executive Pastor James Boyd of Life Christian Church, who also happens to be a commercial real estate agent in Michigan, came up with the “church swap” proposal after learning about another local congregation facing some tough questions about its future. Pastor James and his wife, Tracy, who serves as lead pastor at Life Christian Church, moved to Naples 6½ years ago from Michigan to help revitalize a church that was hurting for some fresh faces. Since then, Life Christian has grown from fewer than three dozen adult members to more than 650, with Sunday attendance swelling to more than 1,100 over two services. “It’s been such a fun ride,” Pastor James says of the journey. “The biggest part isn’t really the number of people. We don’t just want to gather people; we want to see life change in people. Our
Donald Trump has provided a significant gift to the American people, and I for one am deeply grateful.

The Trump administration — the Trump venture — is a finely polished mirror, a mirror somehow guileless and incapable of flattery.

We Americans love flattery. We love the mirrors that tell us we’re the greatest, the most generous, the most remarkable, the most American. But in the last 18 months and thanks to Mr. Trump, Americans have been better able to see the truth about ourselves, and not just our favorite facts. In the long run that can only bode well. Better to know than not know.

The truth became evident again last week when Mr. Trump questioned the need to welcome any immigrants from “shithole” countries — Haiti, El Salvador and the 54 nations that exist on the African continent, inhabited by more than 1.2 billion people stowing together in a mix of races, religions, cultures, languages and ambitions that almost defy demographics.

He compared them to would-be immigrants from Norway, with less than 6 million prosperous people — 2.5 million less than live in the five boroughs of New York City — 95 percent of them Norwegian by birth and history and the rest either European or “other” (2 percent). In other words, Mr. Trump compared a people snow white from their nose to their toes to Africans, Haitians and Salvadoreans, who are not.

Let’s pretend for a moment that the comparison Mr. Trump made was merely pragmatic, not racist. In practical terms, for example, is Haiti a shithole country? Some 35 percent of Americans, those who continue to support Mr. Trump, think so. They began to defend his statement in social media posts with vigor and a logic that went like this: One, Haiti is a shithole so Mr. Trump is telling the truth and the liberal media is lying about it; and two, we are not racists for saying so.

Practically speaking, they’re right. The economy of Haiti is in a shambles, corruption is widespread, the government is ineffective, the island is besieged by natural calamities and crime is high. El Salvador can be described in similar terms. Africa? Those terms don’t work for the massive continent, but for some countries, yes.

But the truth lies far from such facts. The truth is, Haitians have as much courage and grace as anybody on the planet, and so do Salvadorans, and so do Africans, including the North Africans.

I know some of them, Americans living and working to establish lives of opportunity, security and opportunities for their children the rest of us embrace. But the people I know send money back to their relatives. Do you and I send money to individuals whom we owe nothing? They go back in the middle of disasters and try to save family members and friends. They rebuild little villages and towns where they grew up, start schools, establish systems that provide clean water, invite their families to see this “shining city on the hill,” a phrase we other Americans have proudly used to characterize ourselves.

Here’s the funny thing about the mirror: Ireland could have been described in exactly the same way Mr. Trump and a third of Americans see Haiti, now — as a shithole, a place from which 4.5 million Irish immigrated to the United States between 1860 and 1930. England, too, with many other European places. And Asia? Well, of course, from the Koreas to the southeast, and from India to China to Japan, shitholes all.

During the Great Famine in Ireland, from 1845 to 1852, 1 million people starved to death — not just from the potato blight but from the policies and laws of the Brits, who attempted their extermination. That’s 1 million human beings on a single, little island. No wonder they came.

For centuries in England, people were burned, hung and decapitated, their heads mounted around city gates and city centers if their politics, religion or daily behavior didn’t suit the powers that were. No wonder they came.

Similar conditions existed at one time or another in all the major European countries and Russia and Asia, as well. And eventually their people — the lucky, the bold, the tough and enduring — made their way here. No wonder.

What this means becomes evident in the Trump mirror: First, we’re looking at the reflection of a nation founded by shithole escapees, who brought so much energy and talent and grit. Second, without shitholes the United States of America would be nothing.

And finally, we can recognize this inarguable truth (thank you, Mr. Trump): A failure to understand is a failure to be truly American.
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OPINION

Tweety Bird Trump

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Tweety Bird Trump is at it again. Actually, he never really stops. I'm referring, of course, to President Tweety Bird Trump. One has to show all the due respect, and that is all I can muster. So, Tweety is pecking away as he starts off the New Year with his Twitter bombast bomb blasts.

Most of his output is the routine ridiculous stuff: He suggests that another political opponent—in this case, Huma Abedin, who has been attached at the hip to Hillary Clinton her entire adult life—should be jailed for her sloppy handling of classified materials, at least in President Tweety Bird's mind. He also takes credit for the significant aviation achievement that we have no commercial airline fatalities in 2017. Of course, he had little to do with it.

And then there's his running trash-talk battle with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, who would be a clown, except for the fact that he's developing a nuclear arsenal that threatens world annihilation if not expertly finessed. Tweety obviously is not a finesse kinda guy. He ridicules the Socks Korean tyrant by calling him "Rocket Man."

They're well-matched, and it's not just their small pudgy hands. They both have fragile egos that they try to cover with bluster. So when Kim makes a speech taunting the United States by saying, "The nuclear button is always on my desk," Tweety Bird Trump can't resist. "Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & far more powerful one than his, and my Button works!”

Besides the fact that Tweety is once again displaying that he's always very insecure about size, he's also playing with fire at the very moment Kim also was hinting he might be willing to lower the temperature just a tad.

Maybe the Trump belligerence is part of an "Art of the Deal" scheme. I know... let's do like everyone else and search for clues in his 1987 bestseller "The Art of the Deal." Yes, it was written by someone else with little input from Donald Trump, but let's look anyway. How about this quote: "I never get attached to one deal or one approach," That might explain why Tweety Bird constantly contradicts himself. It keeps his adversaries off balance as they're trying to bargain with him. The other side of that is that his word means very little because he can't be trusted to mean what he says, and has little or no impulse control.

Here’s another insight worth pondering: "You can't con people, at least not for long."

That's the thing: His base, those millions of people who were conned into thinking he'd be their champion, should have figured out from his actions that he was blading them their reasons that alienated them in the first place. Instead, he has constantly promoted the interests of the same robber barons who have cheated the system and obliterated economic fair play. If "people will eventually catch on," they certainly aren't yet.

That other Tweety Bird, the cartoon figure, always exaggerates, "I tot I taw a Puddy Tat." When he looks at Trump, he'll say, "I tot I taw an autocrat." ■

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

TWEET

If Hillary Clinton could deliver a political speech half as effectively as Oprah Winfrey, she might be president today.

The actress, media mogul and erstwhile queen of daytime TV gave what, if ever she becomes president, will be known to history as the Golden Globes address. The first de facto convention speech ever delivered at an awards show, it brought down the house and predictably stoked talk of Oprah 2020.

In the era before Trump, this would have been risible. Once upon a time, military service, political experience, a policy portfolio and national-security chops were mandatory to passably run for president. That time feels like a long time ago.

What Donald Trump proved is that a celebrity with charisma, performative ability and gobs of free media can, in the right circumstances, trump convention-al politicians who lack all three. People who were merely governors and senators, who had never really performed on a big stage or truly mastered the media (they were just politicians, after all), stood at a distinct disadvantage.

A common cold-water argument against Oprah running is that Democrats will most need in 2020, an experienced, boring politico who prior to 2008 had come as close to being a reliably competent executive. This line works on paper. Republicans said the same thing about Barack Obama, who prior to 2008 had come as close to being a genuine celebrity-blow as a working politician can get. Yet Donald Trump succeeded where the worthy, earnest, managerial Mitt Romney failed.

On the current trajectory, what Democrats will most need in 2020 is someone with a big enough personality that Trump can't diminish and negatively brand him or her. This is what he did with the rest of the Republican field and Hillary Clinton in 2016, and he easily could do the same against "Pocahontas," aka Elizabeth Warren, and "Crazy Bern- nie" Sanders.

Oprah, used to commanding a massive microphone and managing a matchless brand, might be relatively immune to this treatment. She'd be the empathetic healer, the advocate of abused women, running to make history in the shadow of the civil-rights movement.

If, that is, she's truly interested. Even the best campaigns have down cycles and bring humiliations of the sort celebrities usually avoid. Why would Oprah, who at the moment never has to encounter anyone who isn't in awe of her, want to sign up for that?

Half the country would, by definition, begin to dislike her. She would have to fight with that part of the Democratic base committed to Bernie Sanders and suspicious of her as a Hollywood billionaire. She'd experience something that she's never truly had to encounter: negative press.

For the first time, she wouldn't be completely in control of her own image. She'd have to answer for her promotion of kooky products and theories over the years, and open up more about her private life that has been almost entirely shielded from public view. If Oprah ran and lost, she'd become a failed presidential candidate. She could reasonably never quite return to being Oprah Winfrey again.

In short, there are compelling reasons for her not to make the plunge. The inherent absurdity of the idea is not one of them. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Empty Bowls Naples introduces advance sales for 12th annual lunch

Empty Bowls Naples holds the 12th annual Empty Bowls lunch to help fight hunger in Collier County on Saturday, Jan. 27. As in years past, crowds will line up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cambier Park in downtown Naples for hot soup donated by local restaurants and clubs and ladled into pottery bowls handmade by artisans, students and other volunteers. Live entertainment, a silent auction, pottery demonstrations, a pottery sale and a paint-your-own-bowl booth will be part of the fun.

Standing in line to get into the park does not have to be part of the Empty Bowls experience, however. This year, for the first time, tickets are available in advance and entitle holders to enter Cambier Park at a separate entrance. Purchase tickets for $20 each at www.emptybowlsnaples.com. Print out the email confirmation and bring it to the big green flag off Park Street southwest of the event’s main stage, where check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the lunch will be distributed through the Empty Bowls Naples grant program to local food- and hunger-related agencies. Organizers estimate nearly 40,000 people in Collier County are living with food insecurity, which means they do not know where their next meal will come from.

More than 4,000 bowls have been made for the lunch this year. Participating restaurants and the soups they will serve are: Asian Noodle & Grill; Merry Farms, African peanut stew; First Watch; Captain & Ding Dong Soup; Brooks Gourmet Burgers & Curry; Brio Tuscan Grille; Bleu Provence, cauliflower with yellow cornbread croutons; JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort; West Coast clam chowder; Larry’s Lunchbox, split pea; Shea’s at Lansdowne Street, beef macaroni; Steamers of Naples, New England clam chowder; Sunburst Café, chili; Swan River Seafood, Mom’s chicken noodle; Talis Park, beef barley vegetable; Texas Tony’s Rib House, Burgoo three-meat stew; The Arlington of Naples, conch chowder; The Club at Mediterra, butter-nut squash; The Dock at Crayton Cove, loaded baked potato; The Local, lentil; The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, butternut squash; The Sauce Lady, creamy tomato basil; The Turtle Club, hearty roasted chicken and orzo; Tiburon Golf Club, black-eyed pea; Timeless-An MHK Eatery, creamy chicken wild rice; True Food Kitchen, Jennitl; Two Guys Kitchen & Catering, chicken noodle; Vi at Bentley Village, seafood chowder; Whiskey Park, seafood gumbo; Whole Foods Market, New England clam chowder; Wilderness Country Club, tomato basil; Wynn’s Catering, white bean and ham; and Zookie’s Sports Pub & Grill, chicken enchilada.

La Colmar Bakery & Bistro will provide bread with every bowl of soup.

Friends of Empty Bowls Naples membership for $50 includes admission to the lunch and your choice of a pottery bowl from the exclusive Friends of Empty Bowls table and a commemorative miniature bowl. Visit the website www.emptybowlsnaples.com for more information.
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that range from all-in-one motor coaches to fifth-wheel and bumper-pull trailers filled with the recognizable trappings of home life: cats and dogs, comfy sofas, keys hanging by the door, air fresheners that smell of Christmas, showers, stoves and cabinets, even some with washers and dryers, albeit usually on a relatively small scale.

"Home is where we park it," says Joe Masiello, who lives with his wife, Donna, in their Montana High Country RV trailer year round. Their stops over the last year include Virginia, Tennessee and Lee County.

RVers come from nearly any place in the U.S., including Alaska. Many are seasonal residents from Midwest or Northeastern states. While their ages often in their 60s and 70s make them part of the baby boomer or earlier generations, they also include what some RVers and resort managers say they have observed is a growing number of families with children.

Although there are no official counts of who lives life on the road for what periods of time, most are considered to be part-time RVers, such as those who spend a clement winter in South Florida before rolling back north to fixed residences. A growing number others live full time on wheels, possibly keeping a home base or post office box somewhere, while running their business from wherever they are or traveling as "workampers": going from job to job or volunteer position throughout the year.

The Masiello's routine for several years has been to travel from a campground in Virginia to enormous Amazon.com warehouses, where they work a seasonal job with hundreds of other RVers over the holiday shipping season, this year in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Finally, they travel on to the Army Corps' W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam park and campground in east Lee County outside Fort Myers.

Here until April, they and other volunteers make the rounds at public schools to teach the Corps' water safety courses, featuring Bobber the Water Safety Dog, for prekindergarten through fifth grade kids. In exchange, they get a place to park and hook up to amenities for the season.

The Amazon job is their main source of income for the year, and it is hard work. A company spokesperson, Brenda Alfred, said it hires "hundreds" of seasonal workers through its CamperForce program for RVers. For three to four months ending on Dec. 23, they work at four huge warehouses, which range in size from 800,000 to 1,000,000 square feet, which Amazon calls "fulfillment centers" in Kentucky and Tennessee. Workers are assigned to either pick, pack, stow or receive packages sent during the holidays.

Pay rates vary from $10.75 to $11.75 per hour and include a paid campsite, according to the company website. Workers are expected to be "open to working voluntary and mandatory extra hours" with time-and-a-half pay for overtime. They are expected to "move large quantities of merchandise throughout a 10 to 12-hour day" in warehouse conditions that can range in temperature from 60 to 90 degrees.

Mr. and Ms. Masiello, who are 74 and 69, respectively, are also "one of Amazon's love stories" she said. They met working at one of the warehouses in 2013. "That same day Donna started," Mr. Masiello recalled, "I just kept looking at this good-looking girl and going mmhm— and the rest is history!"

Ms. Masiello, who grew up in Pitts- burgh, Pa., and had past experience in RV traveling before meeting her husband, said the life has allowed her to see the US. and learn about its history at places where they stay such as Grey's Point Camp in Tipping, Va., on the Rappahannock River. "I was a gypsy," she said. "I always wanted to see everything and never could ... I got to see all the states, practically, so it's been great."

The couple hopes to break from their yearly routine in coming years. "We'd like to get out West and visit the rest of the country," said Mr. Masiello, who is their designated driver with his past experience behind the wheel of a semi-truck.

Richard and Linda Beck, the Masiello's fellow volunteers and friends at the Franklin Lock campground, are retirees who live in their RV for four months per year here before returning to their home in Strasburg, Ohio. They find the volunteer work rewarding, teaching kids lessons that can save their lives, and the weather here isn't bad either.

"It's nice to leave the cold weather in Ohio and come down here where it's nice and warm," Ms. Beck said.

FOR SOME, RVING IS ENTIRELY A LIFESTYLE choice while for others it can also be a way to save money on rising housing costs while offering a unique chance to see the countryside and meet fellow trav- elers.

"I can see the state of Florida anytime I want and bring my home with me or anywhere in the country for that matter," said Debi Bartnik.
She and her husband, a retired law enforcement officer named Terry, sold their Florida home in 2012 and since then have lived full time in their RV. “And it’s affordable. The people are amazing that you meet. We’ve met everyone from an astronaut to engineers to military, it’s an amazing lifestyle.”

The Barntiks, who were parked at Jetty Park Campground in Cape Canaveral in early January, run an antiques and estate sales business, Atlantic To Gulf Estate Services, out of their 36-foot Tiffin Allegro. Also along for the ride: their 14-year-old Scottish terrier, Koko, who is enjoying Jetty Park.

“She gets to run, chase squirrels, she loves it, she absolutely loves it,” Ms. Barntik said.

They regularly attend shows such as the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival on the first weekend of every month. The biggest show of the year is coming up on Feb. 2-4, Ms. Barntik said. They have also stayed at Jonathan Dickinson State Park near Jupiter.

She gives RV life a good review, “0.5 out 10,” subtracting a half point for lack of space.

“You have to be able to live with your spouse in an enclosed space,” she said. “There’s no door to slam if you get mad. This is what I always tell people if they say I don’t know if I could do that: ‘If you like cruising, and you don’t mind being on a cruise, you may like this lifestyle.’

“I’m originally from Long Island and I’m an Italian cook so what I had to get used to is the cooking, the limited amount I could cook at a time.”

To get mail, Ms. Barntik said they have a post office box on Merritt Island, but most parks have mail service for RVers as well.

The RV industry has grown dramatically since bottoming out during the Great Recession, said Dave Kelly, director of marketing for the Florida RV Trade Association. The number of shipments of RVs from manufacturers to dealers in the U.S. dropped from 535,000 in 2007 to 560,000 in 2009, before growing each year. The count for 2017 is expected to be about 500,000.

“The whole industry is just exploding,” he said.

In Jessica Bruder’s 2017 book about people who live on the road, “Nomadland,” she reports on how the economy, including the rising cost of home ownership and rents compared to stagnant wages, has been a factor in pushing many towards living life full time in an RV or trailer job.

Mr. Kelly attributes the increase in the lifestyle choice and the attraction of the “social aspect,” being a part of a friendly community, and says that people who commit to selling their homes or leaving rental units and living full time in an RV without any home base are rare.

“But we’re seeing more people we call ‘extended timers,’ he said, who go out on the road five, six, seven months out of the year or more.

“The internet and cellphones have just made it even more liberating, more freedom for people who do want to get out on the road,” he said.

At Sanctuary RV Resort in Bonita Springs, which opened in 2014, 400 spots are sold out with people on the waiting list.

“That’s not unique to us, either, that’s everybody, all our competitors, too,” said general manager Rebecca Dwyer.

“The RV market is definitely on the rise in the whole country. Generally, it’s baby boomers, and they are getting out of the cold weather. So instead of purchasing a home in our area they can try different areas before they decide if they want to purchase something.”

The average age of those at the resort is 59, which includes some younger families.

“We’ve had several campers who are homeschooling and they travel all around the country, and they’ve committed for like a five-year time span to go to every state and use it as part of their homeschooling,” she said. “We’ve also found, too, that the couples that are younger they can work from anywhere in the country, their job is like a work-from-home type of job.”

At Collier-Seminole State Park on the southwestern edge of the Everglades, 105 spots are for RVs and tents, which allow stays of up to two weeks, also fill up during the busy season in South Florida from roughly Thanksgiving through April.

“We’re definitely seeing a rise in visitors, and an increase in size in RVs,” said Terrance Torvund, the park’s manager.

Many travelers pass through on a circuit of state campgrounds including Kure Beach State Park in North Carolina and places such as Bahia Honda in the Keys, he said. Collier-Seminole also recruits a staff of 11 volunteers each year, typically RVers, who park there for about four months in return for their service.

They help us maintain the park such as checking in campers, cleaning the bathrooms, greeting visitors and helping us with our resource management goals such as clearing trails and moving exotic,” Mr. Torvund said.

The Collier-Seminole State Park campground offers 105 spots for tents and RVs. It fills up from Thanksgiving through April. A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE HOURS AWAY

Mike Gorrell, Paula Gorrell and cats Holly and Uno stay at Gulf View RV Resort in Punta Gorda.

After they were married in the 1980s, their first RV, a 14-foot 1972 Shasta, was an affordable way to go camping with family. One of their favorite memories of RVing is traveling to the NASCAR races in Talladega, Ala., in the 1990s. They discovered Gulf View five years ago and found it so agreeable with its many activities and welcoming neighbors, they’ve been back ever since, driving down during the winter months from their home in Clinton, Mass., where they first met so many years ago as high school teachers.

For a free overnight stop on the way down, they prefer a truck stop where they usually have more activity going on, instead of a Wal-Mart or Cracker Barrel, which often allow RVers to stay if they follow rules of etiquette such as leaving after one night, not making a mess, and buying something from the store.

They often stop at a Love’s truck stop a few hours away from Gulf View the night before, get a hot meal and some rest, and drive on to their winter destination during daylight hours.

“Camping in the dark’s a bummer,” Mr. Gorrell said.

While the Gorrells are not ready to sell their house and live in their RV full time, some of their neighbors are.

“Now you’ve got a bunch more people in this park who are selling their houses and going full time,” he said.

“We’re definitely seeing a rise in visitation and an increase in size in RVs,” — Terrance Torvund, Collier-Seminole State Park manager
Collier Freedom invites all to join Women Together for Freedom event

The Women Together for Freedom march and rally organized by Collier Freedom takes place Saturday, Jan. 20, one year after the Women’s March on Washington and similar events took place across the country (including Collier Freedom’s inaugural event, the Women’s March for Social Justice).

All are welcome. Although admission is free and registration is not required, more than 750 people had signed up as of press time earlier this week.

Marchers will begin forming at 4 p.m. at the intersection of Broad Avenue South and Third Street South. The 1-mile march sets out at 5:30 p.m. and will proceed north on Third Street South, turn right on Fifth Avenue South and right on Eighth Street South to enter Cambier Park from the south side.

The rally from 6-8:30 p.m. in the park will include several speakers, numerous community organizers and representatives of various organizations that promote respect, dignity and justice for all. Speakers include Kathy Mayo, president of the local chapter of NOW; Char Wendel, professor at Hodges University and former president of Planned Parenthood in Collier County; activist and social worker Araceli Gomez; Anna Karim, vice president of the Muslim Democratic Caucus of Florida; and a representative from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Tamara Paquette will serve as emcee.

Eight female artists have been commissioned to create original pieces to adorn the stage and to be auctioned off online the week after the rally. Young filmmakers from Lorenzo Walker Technical College will premiere original short films on women’s issues. Local bands The Woodwork and the True Blue Soul Band, both with female lead singers, will provide entertainment.

Attendees are encouraged to wear red and black — the colors of the #MeToo movement raising awareness of sexual abuse and harassment — and, if they desire, to carry signs addressing a key issue of importance to them (i.e., women’s rights, sexism, racism, climate change, LGBTQ, xenophobia and immigration). Collier Freedom invites all those who wish to carry #MeToo placards to gather in a “#MeToo cortège” at the center of the march.

Collier Freedom T-shirts will be available for a $25 donation to the grassroots organization that was founded “to create an inclusive community regardless of race, nationality, faith or sexual orientation for a common vision of freedom, equality and social justice.”

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Through March, Rookery Bay staff will coordinate burns with the Florida Forest Service and work with partnering land managers and local fire departments to ensure the burns are conducted safely and efficiently at various locations.

Residents in adjacent areas will see and possibly smell smoke from the fire. Fire personnel will closely monitor the fires until they are extinguished each day.

The main purpose of the burns is to reduce fuel loads and manage wildlife habitat. Prescribed burns also help to increase ecosystem diversity and control invasive plants.

Know where to watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies will be on traffic duty the week of Jan. 22-26:

**Monday, Jan. 22**
- Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running
- Green and Sunshine boulevards: Speeding
  - U.S. 41 East and Barefoot Williams Road: Speeding
  - Vineyards and Arbor boulevards: Aggressive driving
  - Lakeland Avenue and Piper Boulevard: Speeding
  - Orange Blossom Drive and Yarbary Lane: Speeding

**Wednesday, Jan. 24**
- Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 East and Lakewood Boulevard: Red-light running
- Randall Boulevard and Immokalee Road: Speeding

**Thursday, Jan. 25**
- Golden Gate Parkway and 68th Street Southwest: Speeding
- Estey Avenue at East Naples Middle School: Aggressive driving
- Airport-Pulling Road and Vanderbilt Boulevard: Speeding
- Red-light running

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**Bright ideas**

- Polk County Sheriff's officers responded to an unusual 911 call on New Year's Eve. Michael Lester, 89, of Winter Haven, started off by telling the dispatcher, “Umm, I’m drunk. I don’t know where I’m at. I’m just drunk driv- ing.” The dispatcher urged Lester to pull over and park, but he explained that he was driving on the wrong side of the road near a Publix and wondered where the police were. WTVT reported that officers finally caught up with Lester, who helpedfully explained he’d had several beers, hadn’t slept much and had taken methamphetamine earlier in the day; he was jailed on a DUI charge. Officers later posted on their Facebook page that “in this particular incident, nobody was hurt, so we couldn’t help but ولو 9و (that means we Laughed Our T-shirts Off).”
- Disgruntled driver Matthew Midd-leton, 49, of Peterlee, England, spotted a speed camera near Hartlepool Rugby Club in October and decided to take a stand. He got out of his car and stood in front of the camera, blocking it, until police arrived on the scene. Middleton further antagonized the officer by calling him a “pig” and giving his name as Elvis Pres- ley. “I act just like what I did war the crime of the century.” Middleton told Metro News. “I know I shouldn’t have done it. People have just been laughing about it ... well, apart from my wife.” Middleton was fined about $54 plus court costs for his antics.

**Awesome**

- Bertha Vickers of Margontown, Miss., turned 100 on Jan. 9. To celebrate, she bagged a deer. “I was sort of shaking until I got ready to shoot,” Vickers told the Clarion Ledger. “I didn’t think it was all going to go right.” Vickers still lives in her home and mows her own lawn, tends a garden and hunts for squirrels. “I don’t know why everybody is mak- ing such a big deal about it,” she said. “It was just a do. I would love to jell a buck.”

**Least-competent criminal**

- When Dustin Johnson, 22, of Minot, N.D., tried to steal $4,000 worth of mer- chandise from a local Hobby Lobby, he failed to take into account that shopping carts don’t have snow tires. The Grand Forks Herald reported that over a seven-hour period on Jan. 3, Johnson filled a cart then fled the store — where the cart became stuck in snow in the parking lot and flipped over. Johnson fell down, then got up to run, leaving behind his wallet with photo ID matching the shop- lifter’s description. Minot police caught up with Johnson at his home.

**Extreme climate news**

- It may be cold where you are, but it’s hot in Broadford, a small town about an hour from Melbourne, Australia, where on Jan. 5, the highway began melting. Temperatures of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and higher reactivated an ingredient in the road surface, turning it into a sticky mess on the Hume Freeway. 9News reported. Motorists were warned by Victoria police to avoid the right lane and expect delays over a 10km stretch. Officials also put in place a fire ban and urged people to stay indoors until the heat abated.

**Smoke ‘em if you got ‘em**

- Christians in a Portuguese village carry on a curious tradition during Epiphany: They encourage their young children to smoke cigarettes. Vale de Salgueiro locals told Fox News that nobody is sure what the smoking symbolizes, but the centu- ries-old tradition persists. And Portuguese authorities don’t intervene, despite the fact that the legal age to purchase tobacco in Portugal is 18. Writer Jose Kiberlirha researched the tradition and said that since Roman times, villagers in the region have done things that were out of the norm during winter solstice celebrations.

**The litigious society**

- Siera Strumlauf and Benjamin Robles of California, and Brittany Crittenden of North Dakota, both filed lawsuits against Starbucks for underfill- ing its lattes and mochas. According to Reuters, the judge cited lack of evidence brought by the plaintiffs, who accused the coffee chain of fraud by making its cups too small and instructing baristas to skim on ingredients and adhere to low “fill-to” lines on milk pitchers. The suit also claimed milk foam should not be counted toward advertised volumes, an opinion Rogers said reasonable cus- tomers do not hold. Starbucks and the plaintiffs had no comment.

**Weird science**

- Researchers have discovered that 99 percent of green sea turtles born in the northern parts of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef are now female. “Sea turtles’ gen- der is determined by the tow that the eggs are incubated, and warmer temperatures reduce the number of male hatchlings,” the author of a new study, marine biologist Michael Jensen, told The News Y ork Times the shift in gender sug- gests climate change is having a more dramatic effect on sea turtle populations than scientists realized. “We’re all try- ing to wrap our heads around how these populations are going to respond to those changes,” he said. Researchers warn that continued global warming will threaten the persistence of these populations.
Guadalupe Center hopes locals will want to ‘Discover Mentoring’

Guadalupe Center invites the public to learn about opportunities to mentor Immokalee college-bound high school students at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Terrace at Caxambas in Fiddler’s Creek.

“Discover Mentoring” attendees will meet and hear from mentors and staff of the Guadalupe Center’s Tutor Corps Program. More than 20 students enter the program each year so they can be tutors to kindergarten- through second-grade students each day after school, earn up to $4,000 in college scholarship money and be paired with an adult mentor.

“Mentors can make a huge impact in the lives of Immokalee students,” said Dawn Montecalvo, president of the center. “They can become lifelong supporters, confidants and friends.” Many Tutor Corps students are the first of their families to attend college, and they benefit greatly by being paired with an adult who has experienced college.

Admission to “Discover Mentoring” for $25 includes a buffet meal and cocktails at happy hour pricing. RSVP by calling 908-561-4754 or emailing lfox08@comcast.net.

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The Red Sox open the 18-game exhibition season with a game against the northeastern University Huskies at 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

Learn about airport master plan

The Naples Airport Authority invites the public to an informational open house to kick off its master plan study from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the commercial airline terminal and Naples Municipal Airport.

The master plan, last updated in 1997, will support Naples Airport Authority in achieving strategic goals and result in a plan for safe, efficient and environmentally conscious airport facilities to meet the current and long-term transportation needs of the community. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide input. This will be the first of several open houses to be held during the two-year study. The airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and non Aviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,018 takeoffs and landings. For more information, visit www.FlyNaples.com/masterplan.

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At the beachfront Clam Pass just north of Naples city limits, a scenic boardwalk traverses a vibrant natural habitat dominated by special trees. Birding enthusiasts often catch sightings of shore birds, pileated woodpeckers and yellow-crowned night herons along the way.

Clam Pass guided nature walks, which take about two hours, set out from the tram stop gazebo near the parking lot at the Collier County park at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. On Sundays from 9-11 a.m., a tour guide wearing an orange vest strolls the pass and welcomes queries from walkers.

The Briggs Boardwalk, just south of Naples, is a Great Florida Birding Trail site open from dusk to dawn, year-round. The ½-mile boardwalk is a self-directed nature tour passing through five unique habitats, including scrub and brackish ponds. Signs along the walk describe the flora and fauna in each community and volunteers help visitors identify plants, birds and other animals they may encounter while out on the trail. A spotting scope set up on an elevated observation platform also overlooks brackish ponds.

Conservancy volunteers man the walk from 9 a.m. to noon seven days a week, January-April, except in inclement weather and on holidays. Guided tours take place at 10 a.m. daily from January-March.

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He earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and an MBA from Hodges and also holds a doctor of business administration in management from Argosy University Sarasota.

“We are pleased to have John assume this central leadership role,” John Agnell-li, chairman of the board for Hodges U., said in making the announcement. “We believe that as an alumnus of Hodges University, his deep understanding of the student body and the Hodges and Southwest Florida culture is a winning formula to ensure quality education in alignment with our mission, values and goals into the future.”

A private, nonprofit institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees, Hodges U. was founded in Naples in 1990 as Interna- tional College. It was renamed in 2007 in honor of benefactors Earl and Thelma Hodges. The university offers a variety of academic programs online and on its Naples and Fort Myers campuses. Learn more at www.hodges.edu.

Building STEAM as conference nears
Collier County students and parents, school district staff and others are invited to the Collier County Public Schools 2018 STEAM Conference taking place Saturday, Jan. 20, at Golden Gate High School. Doors open at 8 a.m. and programs are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The conference includes an enhanced STEAM Village with more than 50 interactive STEAM activities. Keynote speaker Ravi Huthesis, the former guitarist for the band Han- son, is an artist-entrepreneur and a cul- tural diplomat for the U.S. Department of State.

The conference ends with the presen- tation of awards for the Collier Regional Science and Engineering Fair. To register or for more information, visit www.collierschools.com or email Traci Kohler at kohlet@collierschools.com.

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Cardiovascular diseases account for one in three deaths in this country, including old age. Nearly half of all Americans have at least one cardiovascular disease risk factor, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes. About 80% of all strokes and heart attacks can be attributed to these risk factors.

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Healthy Living Expo headed to the Y

The Healthy Living Caravan brings the third annual Healthy Living Expo to the Greater Naples YMCA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. The free event is open to the public and includes BMI and blood pressure checks, vision and hearing screenings, spinal screenings, foot and gait analysis, health and wellness education and products, door prizes and raffles.

Sponsors include: NCH Brookdale Geriatric Center, Golden Care, Brookdale Senior Living, Captel Caption Telephones, Comfort Keepers, Hoghund Family Hearing, Physicians Regional Medical System, American House Fort Myers, Florida Blue, Seniors Blue Book, The Woodruff Institute for Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery, MedExpress Urgent Care, Naples Daily News and the Greater Naples YMCA.

The Healthy Living Caravan is an organized group of vendors that offer free health fairs to residential communities, businesses, churches and social groups in Collier and Lee counties. For more information, visit www.HealthyLivingCaravan.com.
BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
Andrews McMeel Syndication

My dog Keeper was used to be a brown- and-white tornado on the exam table at the veterinary hospital. He’s a nice boy otherwise, and I don’t know what it was in his past life that made him fear being on top of the table, but it has always been a struggle for veterinarians to examine him because he’s trying so hard to escape.

Lots of people have the same problem with their dogs and cats. Some animals are so fearful that they tremble, cry, defecate or throw up in the car on the way to the veterinary clinic. We are lucky that Keeper enjoys car rides and even went into the clinic; he just doesn’t like being on the exam table. Nonetheless, I wanted to make veterinary visits more pleasant for him, not to mention easier on the vets and staff who had to handle him.

My fellow Pet Connection columnist Dr. Marty Becker has been concerned about this problem for a long time. It’s what inspired him to found Fear Free, which trains vets, technicians and other animal professionals to recognize, reduce and prevent fear in animals who are so fearful that they tremble, cry, defecate or throw up in the car on the way to the veterinary hospital. He’s a nice boy otherwise, and I don’t know what it was in his past life that made him fear being on top of the table, but it has always been a struggle for veterinarians to examine him because he’s trying so hard to escape.

Keeper will eat anything, but Dr. Becker likes to offer something special. Speaking at the 2017 conference of the American Veterinary Medical Association, he said: “Food is currency in a pet’s world. You’ve got to have really good treats. Pet-Tabs are a penny in a pet’s mind, but they don’t normally get hot deli turkey or bacon-cheese-flavored squeeze cheese.”

For pets that are extremely fearful, preparation for veterinary visits can begin as much as a week in advance with what Dr. Becker calls “a magic carpet ride of pheromones.” Spray or wipe down the pet’s carrier regularly with the chemical concoctions that simulate the soothing substances mother dogs excrete or the markers that cats use to make a place or person feel familiar. Line carriers with fleece blankets that have also been treated with pheromones. That helps the car ride be less frightening.

We used another Fear Free technique on this most recent visit. I went inside to check us in while my husband waited in the car with the dogs. They didn’t enter the clinic until an exam room was ready for them, so there was no sitting around in the lobby and allowing anxiety to build up.

I don’t know whether Keeper will ever love being on an exam table, but it’s sure a lot easier now to have him on one. As long as I remember to bring treats, I may no longer have to warn vets and techs to hang on to him so he doesn’t try to flee over the edge.

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At the recent Golden Globes ceremony, nearly every woman, whether she was an actress, a producer, a writer, or even a reporter on the red carpet, showed up in black. Why? Because women, including actresses, waitresses, factory workers, executives and housekeepers are finally speaking up — loudly and clearly — about sexual harassment, inequality in the workplace and sexual assault in general.

It started with the #MeToo movement on social media, which sparked a conversation and a realization that those of us who have experienced harassment and/or assault are not alone. If it can happen to powerful, famous women like Salma Hayek and Gwyneth Paltrow, and they publicly share their stories, then maybe the rest of us will start thinking and talking too.

#MeToo soon led to the #TimesUp campaign started by artists and activists to better the conditions of all women in the workplace. As one of the founders, actress America Ferrara said in an interview, “Time’s up on silence; Time’s up on behavior that makes women and minorities less safe in the workplace.”

The #TimesUp movement was diluted because they personally found some of the actresses’ black gowns to be “trashy,” “shifty,” and “at best,” “inappropriate.” Another thread had women complaining about “too much cleavage” “underboob” and “sideboob.” A meme that was reposted a few times on social media pictured Halle Berry, Eva Longoria and Margo Robbie in their black gowns. The text read, “Dear Hollywood, it’s kind of hard to fight ‘sexual harassment’ at the Golden Globes when you’re dressing like a slut.”

What saddened me the most about this was that all of them were from women. In response, each woman put her own stamp on what she thought was appropriate. “Lady Bird” won best movie at the 75th Annual Golden Globe Awards. Frances McDormand wore a long-sleeved, high-necked black dress — that’s Frances McDormand’s look, it’s what she obviously feels comfortable in.

It brings up an interesting conversation — in their solidarity, should the actresses eschew their signature styles? In fact, maybe they shouldn’t have worn any make-up, or gotten their hair done or worn heels. Perhaps they all should have worn the same long sleeve, high-necked, loose-fitting dress.

Maybe there shouldn’t have been a red carpet or champagne — begging the question that possibly there shouldn’t have even been an awards show honoring artistry and talent at all. How far do we take our indignation over visible cleavage?

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With an audience of up to 20 million people, female attendees of the Golden Globes band together in solidarity and wore all black to bring awareness to the cause. Rather than talk about their gowns on the red carpet — they talked about #MeToo and #TimesUp. Most particularly, they talked about their acceptance speeches. For me, a film lover, a fashion aficionado, a connoisseur of glamour and a feminist — I found it empowering and exhilarating.

But for some women on social media feeds, the #TimesUp movement was diluted because they personally found some of the actresses’ black gowns to be “trashy,” “shifty,” and at best, “inappropriate.” Another thread had women complaining about “too much cleavage” “underboob” and “sideboob.” A meme that was reposted a few times on social media pictured Halle Berry, Eva Longoria and Margo Robbie in their black gowns. The text read, “Dear Hollywood, it’s kind of hard to fight ‘sexual harassment’ at the Golden Globes when you’re dressing like a slut.” One commenter weighed in, “They show so much cleavage and then they complain about men looking at them!”

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small groups create scenarios where real life change can happen.”

Their current building, a 17,000-square-foot former gymnasium at 1048 Costello Drive, in their third location after beginning in 2011 at a building behind the Wendy’s on U.S. 41.

After spending a great deal of resources upgrading the Costello Drive building to suit their needs, Life Christian’s leadership team realized they were quickly outgrowing the property. Sundays became a madhouse for parking, even though the church shares parking with surrounding businesses that are closed during worship services.

Though they weren’t actively searching for a new and bigger location, a Life Christian overuse came from Michigan last summer and preached for a new and bigger location, a services.

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But we thought, ‘Wow, that’d be awesome to watch.’”

Enter C3 Church, a non-denominational Christian congregation on a sprawling campus at 15300 Tamiami Trail N. with more than 46,000 square feet of building space. The 20-year-old congregation was in danger of losing the property, however, due to mounting bills and not enough members to support a campus that size.

“When the three pastors met, Pastor James says, he wondered if they had been presented an opportunity to answer everyone’s prayers. He suggested a church swap.

“A what?” he laughs as he remembers the term.

“I had never said the words before, so it was a shock even to me that it came out of my mouth.”

Intrigued, Pastor Neller asked Pastor James to present the idea of a church swap to the C3 Church board of directors.

The two leadership teams agreed from the beginning to pay whatever the appraisal price of the properties was without any haggling. Because C3 Church had some leftover damage from Hurricane Irma (there’s a seven-figure insurance claim pending for damages) and Life Christian needs to build out most of the new campus to suit its needs, these costs were subtracted from the final purchase price with zero issues, according to Pastor James.

He is adamant that being faith-based played a huge part in the church swap working out despite the vast disparities in values because of size and condition of the properties.

“Deals can go sideways very quickly because everyone’s out for themselves,” he says “But because we’re faith-based, we believe in things outside of ourselves. Anything we bring up that needs to be in the deal, the answer has always been yes.”

Could it be divine intervention? “There’s never been a frowning face during this process,” he says.

The deal closed just weeks ago. Both congregations are sharing the Costello Drive campus until renovations are complete and Life Christian moves to the Tamiami Trail North campus.

“Every time (Pastor Neller and I) start or end a conversation, we look at each other and say, ‘Look what God is doing!'” Pastor James said.

The old C3 Church at 15300 Tamiami Trail N., above left, has been purchased by Life Christian Church and will be under renovation for the next several months. Both C3 Church and Life Christian are holding services at Castello Drive, above right, for now.
Device claims and aims to stop motorists from texting behind the wheel

By Mary Thurwachter
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A JUPITER DAD FOUND a way to put the brakes on distracted driving and he already feels more comfortable knowing his teenage daughter will be safer behind the wheel.

“When you start looking up the statistics, it’s unbelievable,” says Antony Livingston, creator of a distracted driving device he feels certain will save lives. “Distracted driving has taken over drinking and driving and speeding accidents,” he says. “It needs to be solved somehow.”

The National Safety Council reports that 1 in 4 accidents in the country is caused by texting and driving.

“Safety starts at home, and old habits die hard,” says Mr. Livingston. “We can get to a point where we say, ‘We are not going to be distracted drivers.’

The weeklong summer intensive program begins with a weekend of team-building activities followed by daily sessions providing first-hand experience in local government, health care, law enforcement, business, agriculture, media, human services, environment and the arts.

This year’s program takes place from Saturday through Friday, June 2-8. Tuition is $500. The deadline for applying is Feb. 2. Applications are at www.napleschamber.org/youth-leadership.

For more information, call Amanda Beights at 403-2903 or email amanda@napleschamber.org.

Teens can apply now for Youth Leadership Collier

The Leadership Collier Foundation is accepting applications for the Class of 2018 Youth Leadership Collier program that empowers Collier County high school students to become effective leaders through hands-on experiences and fieldwork with key organizations. The program is also designed to encourage young citizens to return to or stay in Collier County to begin careers and community leadership.

The workshop begins with activities on Saturday, June 2, followed by daily sessions providing first-hand experience in local government, health care, law enforcement, business, agriculture, media, human services, environment and the arts.

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Naples chamber presents ‘Customer Service Reinvented’

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce presents Dan Chiodo, founder of Impact Training & Executive Coaching, with “Customer Service Reinvented” as part of its Professional Education Series from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan 24, at chamber headquarters.

Attendees will learn methods of conducting excellent customer service, techniques for dealing with Millennials and Generation Z, ways to communicate clearly with the client and ways to stand out from the competition.

The seminar is relevant for individuals and teams from both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Cost is $25 for chamber members, $35 for others. Registration and a light breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. Chamber headquarters are at 2390 Tamiami Trail N, 34103. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events or for more information, email Nikki Dvorochak at nikkie@napleschamber.org.
Livingston, 48. “You do everything you can to protect your family, so why would you let them risk their lives over a text message? Our mission is to eliminate distracted driving and to convince future generations of drivers to put down their phones and make our roads a safer place for everyone.”

His impetus for the invention was being a father to a teenage driver (he has three older children as well).

“About four years ago, my wife and I were on a motorcycle and you get a much better vantage point from there,” he said. “I noticed how many people were doing it (texting) and my two youngest stepkids were just starting to drive and it worried me.”

His device is a cradle positioned in the glove compartment. To operate the car, the designated phone must be in the cradle. The car won’t start otherwise, but the driver can still make calls through Bluetooth features.

If the phone is taken out of the cradle when the car is being driven, an emergency message is sent to the parent. That’s exactly what happened when Mr. Livingston’s stepdaughter, Lilly, began to drive one of her dad’s test vehicles.

“Originally, she was on board, really liked the idea,” Mr. Livingston said. “That was until she realized that she was going to have to use it. She wasn’t very good at abiding by the rules for the first few days. But she’s fine now. She understands the importance of it. She’ll be the first one to tell you, ‘Oh, you should have seen this guy texting all over the road today.’ She sees a lot more now that her hands are on the steering wheel and not texting because her phone is in the glove compartment.”

“It took her two or three days before she stopped complaining about it or doing things she shouldn’t be doing, like floating the phone off the dock. After a few days of that we threatened to take the vehicle away.”

There are a lot of apps and features that try to prevent texting and driving and all are easily bypassed by teens and those technically advanced, Mr. Livingston explained. “This is the only system that solves the issue.”

The device sells for $399 through the website. That price doesn’t include installation, which takes less than an hour by a certified mechanic. It has a lifetime warranty once it’s installed.

While that price seems high, Mr. Livingston said potential buyers could be reminded that they pay $1,000 for smartphones these days. And, it’s hard to put a price on the safety of our children.

He says his is the only device that’s been approved through the FCC. “It works flawlessly, which is nice,” he said. “People can’t believe it actually works and they’ve tried everything.”

Mr. Livingston, who was born in Toronto but has lived in Florida for 11 years, says the device is not just for young drivers.

“We’re finding from the market research now that it really does not matter what the age parameters are anymore,” he said. “We used to say 15-25, but we have had women in their 60s text and drive. More people are willing to admit they do it.”

Owner of Parallax Business and Management Consultant Inc., Mr. Livingston says he has been working on updating and upgrading a variety of technological devices for 20 years. He has not sought investors for the distracted driving device but is financing the project himself.

“We’re pushing for national release by the end of this month (January),” Mr. Livingston. “It looks like it’s going to forward if we can get people to police themselves. We’re going to the major networks, CBS and NBC, and we hope to have some spots through the Olympics. We are trying to negotiate to be one of the main sponsors for the new ‘American Idol,’ but we haven’t closed that deal yet.”

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Here's something investors rarely con-
sider: Imagine you bought 10 shares of the
Antisocial Media Co. (ticker: SCRAM)
for $100 each, and it offers a respectable
3 percent dividend. That's an annual payout of
$30. That's not a huge sum, but healthy com-
panies tend to increase their dividends
regularly.

A few years down the line, Antisocial
Media may be trading at $200 per share. Imagine
that its dividend yield is still 3 percent, as its dividend has been
generally raised to $6 per share. (Note that
$6 is a 3 percent yield for anyone buying the
stock at $200, but since you bought it at
$100, you receive a 6 percent (tens of
percent yield on your initial investment.)

Now imagine that many years later,
your initial 10 shares have doubled in
cost and become 40 shares, each worth $225 now.
Your initial $1,000 investment is now val-
ed not just at $2,250, but per share for a yield that's still 3 percent,
so your 40 shares deliver a whopping
$120 per year of income — 6 percent per year
on a $1,000 investment. That's an
impressive return of 27 percent per year
(look, we're being generous when we
say that's an annual rate of 27 percent)
—and without even counting any
stock-price appreciation. The
yield on your initial investment has gone from
3 percent to 27 percent, because you just
bounced on to a growing company. Even if the
stock price drops, you're still likely to
get that 27 percent payout — unless the
company is in trouble.

For a list of exciting dividend-paying
stocks we've recommended, test-drive our
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letter for free via fool.

The Motley Fool Take
Under-the-Radar and Promising

If you've ever picked up an iPhone, you've likely used some of Skyworks Solutions' (Nasdaq: SWKS) technologies. Skyworks makes various semiconductors — amplifiers, filters, front-end modules, etc. — that help improve wireless signals and go a long way in making some of the
biggest tech companies. About 40 per-
cent of its revenue was recently tied to Apple products.

Skyworks is coming off a stellar quar-
ter, when revenue jumped 18 percent year over year to $985 million and earnings per share popped 15 percent. Its balance sheet is
pristine: It ended the year with a
working capital of $6.6 billion and no
long-term debt.

The company has been expanding its
custom base and getting its technolo-
gies into more devices, diversifying its
business. Its chips can be found in
smart thermostats, home security systems,
vehicle telematics systems, drones and
smartwatches.

Skyworks' share price has surged more than
30 percent over the past year, but
there's likely more growth ahead. With a
recent forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of just 18, the stock is
relatively inexpensive compared to the
household tech sector — plus it offers a
growing dividend, which is the latest. (The
Motley Fool owns shares and short January 2018 $105 calls of Sky-
works Solutions. One Fool service has
recommended Skyworks shares, while another has recommended short options. Remember, we are motley!) ■

My Dumbest Investment
Friends and Family — No, Thanks

Friends and family may make for a
solid telephone plan, but investing advice? Not
so much, at least in my experience.

When dealing with cancer research
startups … all these investments turned out to be the big losers for me, and I made
them based on advice from friends and family. I am not too smart, but it took some real pain to learn this. Listen, I'm learning now
unless I do a lot of research first.

— J.R., Kerrville, Texas

The Fool Responds: It's always best to make investment decisions based on your own
research, analysis and thinking. Friends and family may mean well, but much of the
time they haven't done much digging into whatever they're recommending — they've just
heard about it somewhere.

Also, a drug called prostate can-
cer, was in the news for its ultra-high
price tag, and its initial maker, a com-
pany called Dendreon, ended up filing
for bankruptcy. Its assets were bought by
Valeant Pharmaceuticals, which later
sold them to a Chinese company.

Wildcat oil companies and cancer
research startups sound like classic penny
stocks? Send us an email to
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The Motley Fool Take
Ask the Fool
300,000 per Share?!?

Read that shares of Warren Buf-
fft's company, Berkshire Hath-
away, are priced around $300,000
apiece. Can that be right? How can most people invest in it?

— J.S., Santa Rosa, California

You read that correctly. The
shares that traded for less than $20
apiece when Buffett took over the
company in the early 1960s topped $300,000 in early December
2017. In his 50th anniversary let-
to shareholders, Buffett noted a $182,635 percent gain in the market
price of the company's shares in
those 50 years. That's an average annual gain of more than 21 percent!

Berkshire Hathaway's share price is
below $300,000 is indeed too high for the investor who isn't primarily
ly for the Class A shares. In 1996, Buffett introduced Class B shares, valued at
1/30th of Class A shares, which were
much more affordable for average
investors. (They initially traded near $100 apiece.)

In 2003, when Class A shares were
price near $100,000 and Class B shares around $10, Buffett split the B's 50-for-4, bringing
their price down to around $60. From there, they have grown to nearly
$200, as of this writing.

What are audited financial state-
ments?
— E.N., Sioux City, Iowa

Publicly traded companies
test you can invest in on the
stock market — are required to report on their earnings and finan-
cial condition each quarter. They
issue comprehensive "10-K" reports once a year, along with their annual report. In the intervening quarter, it's
likely that they issue less substantial "10-Q" reports.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

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at the Greater Naples Chamber of
Comerce, Contact Karen Klukiewicz
at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.
napleschamber.org.

□ Consultants from the Small Busi-
ness Development Center at Florida
Gulf Coast University are available
at the Greater Naples Chamber of
Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N.,
every Thursday. To make an ap-
pearance for a free session, call Suzanne Spietz at 474-2855.

□ BNI Downtown Naples Net-
workers meet at 7 a.m. every Thurs-
day at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777
Mooring Line Drive, Cali Jamie Bergen
at 572-5720 for more information.

□ Business After Five for members
and guests of the Greater Naples Cham-
ber of Commerce takes place from
5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Modern
Home 2 Go, 5076 Tamiami Trail N. Res-
nervations required by Jan. 15. Sign up at www.
napleschamber.org.

□ The Bonita Springs Area Cham-
ber of Commerce hosts "Business
Marts: Beyond Business Cards" from
10-noon Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Se-
ner, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive
in Bonita. Byron McCartney from Be
BRILLIant Marketing will share five tips
for establishing better business rela-
tionships and will also discuss common networking mistakes to avoid. $30 for members in advance, $25 at the
door; $35 at the door for non-members. RSVP
by calling 992-2943 or by going to www.
bonitaspringschamber.com.

□ The Public Relations Society of
Florida Gulf Coast Chapter meets from
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23,
at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker
is Stephanie Shuler, the Collier
County Sheriff’s Office Community
Engagement Department will discuss
"How Social Media, 10:30 a.m., before
During and After Hurricane Irma." $30
for members, $38 for others. Reserva-
tions are required by Jan. 20 and can be
made at www.gulfcoastpr.org.

□ The Collier Building Industry
Association holds its January board
meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tues-
day, Jan. 30, at the Hilton Naples. Mark
Strain, chairman of the Collier County Planni-
ing Commission, will update a Collier
County hearing examiner, will discuss
"Growth, Infrastructure and Services." $30 for CABA members, $55 for others. Includes heavy hors d’oeuvres (cash
bars). To sign up, visit www.cbia.net or
call 485-6622.

□ Email business meeting announce-
tions to ctpierco@floridaweekly.com.
NETWORKING

Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida honors Jerry Nichols as Healthcare Networker of the Year

1. Jennifer Spencer, Karen Smith and Maria Jimenez
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5. Karl Sheffield and Alice Sheffield
6. Linda Deldin, Jerry Nichols and Susan Grose
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9. MJ Scarpelli, Ed Dort and Russell Burland
10. Tom Schneider, Linda Glaser and William Glaser
11. Teresa Shaw and Jerry Nichols

Florida Weekly welcomes submissions for the Networking photo pages from business events, grand openings, professional association meetings, etc. We need 300-dpi photographs of groups of two or more people, facing the camera and identified by first and last names. Questions? Email editor Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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505 mixed-use project takes shape downtown

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

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In the heart of downtown at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Fifth Street South, the three-story, $18 million development will blend 8,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space with four condominiums each on the upper floors. Residences range from $2.5 million for 2,330 square feet to $2.9 million for a 2,463-square-foot unit.

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ny space; 10-foot ceilings; linear fireplaces; Wolfe, Sub-Zero and Bosch appliances; and two covered, secure, on-site parking spaces. Fully furnished, fully decorated and decorator-ready options will be offered as well.

Welton Equities Inc., based in Kansas City, Mo., is the developer. Stoft Cooney Architects designed the project. Naples-based T. Jerulle Construction is the builder, and Renee Gaddis Interiors is handling design duties.

“We think the timing’s right,” the company’s managing partner, Doug Weltner, said after the groundbreaking. “We think Fifth Avenue is at a place where it’s looking for more residential living. It’s all about demand.”

Inside and outside, the building will feature a clean, modern look emphasizing the use of glass, something John Cooney described as “very cool, contemporary spaces that I think everybody will enjoy.”

Michelle Lauzier, a sales associate with Mr. Lawler at Premier Sotheby’s, echoed his enthusiasm.

“It’s a little urban for the area, which is really cool,” she said. “It’s got a European edge to it, very clean and simple, but awesome.

“It’s easy living for somebody on Fifth Avenue, where they can run down and get coffee, they can close up easily and go to wherever they are from up North,” she said, adding amenities packages for boating, country club and other lifestyles could become part of the offerings available to buyers.

“We hope to incorporate the whole lifestyle so that somebody can come down here for a weekend and feel that they have just experienced every part of Naples,” Mr. Lawler added.

For more information about 505 Fifth Avenue South, call 261-3939 or visit 505on5th.com.

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An artist’s rendering of the front elevation of 505 Fifth Avenue South.

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When Watercourse residents Betty Sue and Todd LePage first visited Talis Park, they were impressed by its attractiveness and how happy everyone seemed. Pleased by the proximity to the Vyne House clubhouse and the positioning along Lake Il Corso, they chose a residence in Watercourse, an enclave of single-family detached villas built by Artisan Associates, the exclusive builder of homes by Distinctive Communities.

"The floor plan is well thought-out, and it perfectly suits our needs," said the LePage's. "We love having a pool, a beautifully landscaped outdoor area, and a roomy lanai. It was a pleasure working with Dave Sturdyvin and his staff. We heartily recommend Talis Park, Watercourse, and Artisan Associates to anyone considering purchasing a home in Naples."

Watercourse’s 29 Spanish Eclectic lakefront residences range from 2,530 to 3,638 square feet in three- and four-bedroom great room plans with a study, island kitchens, and landscaped outdoor living areas with heated pools or spas. Standard features include architecturally detailed ceilings in the living areas, Viking kitchen appliances, and porcelain tile flooring. Options include natural gas outdoor grills and fire pits. A $30,000 Talis Park Sports Membership is included with every Watercourse purchase.

Distinctive Communities now offers a one-story, four-bedroom Azurea II floor plan on homesite six in the neighborhood. Offered at $1.385 million, the 2,948-square-foot home will be the only one-story, four-bedroom Watercourse residence to feature a private driveway. A furnished model is available for viewing daily. The Berolina has 2,979 square feet of living area with three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths and more than $100,000 in upgrades, offered at $1.515 million furnished.

Watercourse residents enjoy immediate access to Talis Park’s award-winning Vyne House clubhouse with formal and casual dining, two fitness centers, spa, wine room, board room, golf pro shop, resort-style pool and deck, and rotunda with a double-sided fireplace overlooking the 18th green. The nearby Sports Complex features six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, bocce courts, lap pool, and playground.

Talis Park’s new-fashioned, “come-as-you-are” atmosphere encourages residents to live the best versions of their lives among exclusive privacy and second-to-none service. Members enjoy complimentary daily beach access via the Beach Runner, the community’s exclusive new beach shuttle service, in addition to numerous social events created and managed by the Talis Park team. From daily fitness classes, sports clinics, and costume parties to ballroom dancing and cooking classes, bocce nights, and outdoor movies and concerts, Talis Park’s social calendar offers something for everyone.

Visit Talis Park’s Garden House Information & Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road, North Naples, or visit talispark.com.
Richard and Robin Kinley didn't set out to make history when they first visited Babcock Ranch last year. But when they got there, they had no doubt it was the place they wanted to call home.

"For me, it was just like the first time I met Robin," Richard Kinley explained. "I knew she was the one. After meeting with builders and looking at floorplans, we came back out to the lot that we were considering to sit and enjoy the sunset – and that was it. We knew this was where we wanted to be."

The Kinleys were the very first to contract for a new home at Babcock Ranch, and on January 4th they made history again as the very first residents of the solar-powered town. But they didn't have the town to themselves for long. James and Donna Aveck closed on their Homes by Towne home just over a week after the Kinleys moved in – and a steady stream of closing and move-in dates will follow in the weeks ahead.

Even during that first week, the Kinleys weren't really alone. They were toasted by future neighbors at a welcome reception on their move-in day. Fellow homebuyers gathered again for breakfast on the Kinleys' first morning at Babcock Ranch to celebrate another significant milestone for their new hometown – the opening of Slater's Goods & Provisions, the market café and general store located at Founder's Square.

"We were the only people living here, and we already knew more people than we did after years in our Atlanta neighborhood," Kinley said. "Before anyone else moved in, Robin was off to a quilting show with a new neighbor."

For Babcock Ranch developer Syd Kitson, the budding relationships between neighbors are the building blocks of a real hometown.

"When I think about where I grew up, it's the people who made it feel like home," Kitson said. "We can build great buildings, great public spaces, outstanding schools – but it's the people who live here – their shared experiences and traditions – that will ultimately define what life at Babcock Ranch is all about."

Early residents of Babcock Ranch don't have to rely on their imaginations to see what life in this innovative new town has to offer. They're settling into new homes in walking distance from a downtown district that is already bustling with daily activity. Residents can walk or bike to Founder's Square to enjoy farm-to-table dining at the Lakeside Table & Tap restaurant or to check out equipment at Curry Creek Outfitters for outdoor adventures. The Hatchery provides collaborative workspace for innovative ventures to take root, upstairs from Square Scoops Coffee & Creamery. Slater's Goods & Provisions is a one-stop shop for staple items and locally sourced produce, as well as farm-to-table dining in a more casual setting. Slater's also offers healthy, pre-made meals and an impressive array of ingredients sure to inspire future residents to create their own culinary adventures at home.

The completion of neighborhood amenities and the opening of the downtown district before the first residents arrived is just one of the multitude of ways the solar-powered town sets itself apart.

"We're the only developers in the nation who are both homes and residents have to wait until a certain number of people move in before the promised amenities are constructed," Kitson said. "At Babcock Ranch, we've delivered on the home-town experience and the lifestyle from day one."

Many future residents already spend a lot of time at Babcock Ranch – joining in activities, visiting the shops and restaurants, and watching their homes being built.

Bethany and Jerry Hunt recently signed a contract with Homes by Towne. They said being able to live close to a great school for their two young children was a big attraction. Babcock Neighborhood School opened last August – well ahead of the first residents – for students in grades K-6. A larger K-8 school building to accommodate twice as many students will open next fall, and the high school is expected to open the following year. For the Avecks, young families like the Hunts are part of the attraction.

"We like that it is multigenerational," Donna Aveck said. "We've been surrounded by people who are all our age, and we are looking forward to events where you see children. It's really all about the lifestyle – the opportunity for lifelong learning, the exercise, being in the environment with the trails and getting to know our neighbors. We are excited about being part of the history of Babcock Ranch."

The history was on full display as future residents celebrated the recent opening of Slater's. Cowboys who work their herds from horseback on remote areas of the new town's acreage rode past as a reminder that this brand new town is already rich in history.

"With our first residents now starting to move in, 2018 will go down as the year that the vision for our sustainable new town came to life," Kitson said. "Together, we are carrying forward the Babcock family's tradition of outstanding environmental stewardship."

For more information about the homes and lifestyle of this groundbreaking new hometown, located just north-east of Fort Myers off of State Road 31, visit the Discovery Center at 42850 Crescent Loop in Babcock Ranch, call 877-709-6620, or visit us online at BabcockRanch.com.
Golf experience attracting Seaglass homebuyers

ith the award-winning Ronto Group’s 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay on schedule for completion this summer, future residents are looking forward to enjoying the community’s golf experience. The combination of the tower’s elevating floor plan choices, various Bonita Bay Club membership opportunities, and Bonita Bay’s award-winning lifestyle that includes five championship golf courses, Seaglass is redefining the high-rise living experience.

The Bonita Bay Club’s golf operation is legendary. A two-story, 15,000 square-foot facility houses the golf pro shop, tournament offices, and merchandise offices, as well as underground storage for 260 carts and 2,600 golf bags. Director of Golf E.J. McDonnell, PGA oversees a staff that includes 25 PGA Professionals. Ten of the PGA Professionals and seven Fitness Professionals are Titleist Performance Institute Certified, creating one of the largest programs in the country.

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“Buyers don’t want to have a home with large portions left largely unused,” believes Sink. “They want to put their money into things they actually use on a daily basis, instead.” Additionally they are trying not to leave as much of an imprint on the environment. Rather than focusing on size, many of today’s luxury buyers look for high-end finishes such as luxury baths with full-tile showers; hardwood flooring; high-end appliances, cabinetry and tile; quartz countertops; upgraded interior trim packages and even upgraded exterior details, Mr. SInk says.

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- Private balcony and expansive windows for sweeping views of the Gulf of Mexico and Naples skylines
- Aqua opened its second 32-unit tower in May 2017. Only five residences, including a palatial penthouse and two furnished models open daily for viewing, remain available for sale. Prices range from $1.995 million to $4.85 million.
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My first golf experience at Mediterra

I've been continuing my search for a new home located in a community where I can live life the way that I choose to live it. After several visits to London Bay Homes' Mediterra community on Livingston Parkway in North Naples, I've decided it's the perfect place for me. The setting is beautiful, and it has every amenity on my checklist, including two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses and a private 10,000 square-foot beach club on Little Hickory Island. I've been really intrigued by the golf courses. Several friends told me the golf experience at Mediterra is legendary and an important piece of the community's social fabric. I've always wanted to learn how to play the game and to enjoy the fun that goes along with it. I spoke with my Sales Executive, Lisa, about it and she raved about the quality of instruction and how inexperienced golfers like me are welcomed. On top of that, because I'll be buying a home built by London Bay, I'll be eligible to get a full golf membership right away rather than being placed on the membership waiting list as a Limited Golf Member. That's a huge benefit! Membership opportunities are limited to a total of just 450 full golf members.

Lisa and I went to the golf pro shop and she introduced me to Rob Anderson, the director of golf, and his team. I immediately felt comfortable and at home. Rob asked me about my golf experience. When I told him I was a beginner, he smiled and told me about The Club's "get golf ready" programs for ladies on Monday afternoons from 2:30 until 3:15. The sessions focus on the fundamentals of the game, giving comfortable with coming to the golf course, visiting the pro shop and locker room, and getting on the carts and going to the driving range. It all sounded perfect to me. New players typically make a connection with someone that is staffing these clinics and that generally develops into some individual instruction. Rob invited me to attend one of the sessions and I immediately took him up on the offer!

When I went to the get golf ready session, I met Christine Maier, an aspiring tour professional who is at Mediterra during winter season. We hit it off right away! I asked her if she would give me lessons and she immediately agreed. After working with her at the Club's Golf Learning Center that offers the latest in swing analysis technology, I was ready to go out on the courses. I signed up to play in one of the ladies' 9-hole events the Club holds on Wednesday afternoons. These are fun, social events. They don't play individual games. They play a team scramble, fun stuff. So I enjoyed my first golf experience. I'm feeling overwhelmed. Both courses were designed with golfers of all skill levels and feature nine tee options. While both courses can offer a stern challenge depending on tee selection, beginner golfers appreciate that neither course has a hole with a forced carry over a water hazard. I played in a couple of the Wednesday afternoon events and got to know a little bit about both courses. The North Course blends naturally with the topography with subtle doglegs that angle away from the line of play. I was especially captivated by the 7th and 17th holes. The 7th hole is a hole unto itself with a natural tree line, a beautiful water feature, and not a home in sight. The setting has a northern feeling and conjures a sense of being removed from the day-to-day. The 17th hole is a gentle boomerang par 5 with a natural setting that includes a unique bent leaning pine tree that provides an appealing memory point. There are no home intrusions on the 7th hole.

The South Course was a real challenge with its elevated greens, fast chipping areas, and strategically placed bunkers with beautiful flashing. The signature of the South Course is a corridor that showcases views of holes 11 through 14. The 11th hole is a beautiful straight par 4. On the horizon, golfers also see the 12th tee, the 13th green, and the 14th hole in the distance. The setting offers striking sunset views. Like the North Course, the South Course features beautiful water features.

I'm looking forward to playing lots of golf at Mediterra and to making new friends with my fellow golfers. I'm going to check out the Club's private, members-only beach club next. Stay tuned! Visit the Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Parkway two miles north of Immokalee Road. The Sales Center and model residences are open daily. Visit Mediterra online at MediterraNaples.com.
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Local experts will share their insights into the Southwest Florida residential, land and commercial real estate sectors at The News-Press Market Watch 2018: “Focus on Real Estate” from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Germain Arena.

Presenters will be Denny Grimes, residential real estate expert and founder of Denny Grimes & Company; Randy Thibault, land sales and development expert and owner of Land Solutions Inc.; and Stan Studer, CCIM, commercial real estate expert and founding partner with CRE Consultants. Attendees will also receive a booklet with detailed market statistical information.

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Tickets are on sale now for $50 general admission, $600 for reserved tables of eight and $750 for reserved tables of 10. Admission includes all presentations and a networking session. A cash bar will be available. Sign up at www.Market-Watch2018.com.
Ave Maria sells over 300 homes in 2017

A record breaking sales year once again for Ave Maria as the master planned community reports 305 new home sales in 2017. With more than 40 floor plans from three builders with prices from the high $100 to over $500s, Ave Maria is on every new home buyers list.

Make plans to visit Ave Maria this season and tour 22 decorated model homes. New home buyers recognize the incredible value and high quality of life while still enjoying the close proximity to Naples' beaches and culture. Ave Maria has something for everyone including young couples, growing families, and active retirees.

Amenities for an Active Lifestyle
Ave Maria has amenities for all ages. Panther Run Golf Club at Del Webb, the on-site 18 hole course designed by Gordon G Lewis, offers challenging play alongside natural beauty and wildlife. Ave Maria’s water park, open exclusively to residents, features two water slides, interactive water adventure playground, resort and lap pools, spa, and beach volleyball.

The North Park boasts a playground, baseball, basketball, and soccer fields. The South Park is a great spot to walk your four-legged friend at dog park or play bocce. Pack a picnic and relax at the covered outdoor pavilion.

Quality of Life
In Ave Maria, homeowners realize the importance of quality of life. Top notch education is available to all children whether it’s from our highly-rated Collier County Public Schools, the private K-12 Donahue Academy or Ave Maria University. The preferred method of transportation in town? A golf cart! Nothing beats zipping to Publix or to the pub on your golf cart. Best of all, new friends are easily made in Ave Maria with so many opportunities through the calendar of events hosted by the Master Association as well as the natural gathering spots of the coffee shop, pub, and outdoor patios of our town center restaurants. Life—made simple.

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CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1,133 to over 5,000 square feet and priced from the high $100s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. Customize your dream home with several options including outdoor oasis with pool, kitchen, and cabana bathroom or an extra bedroom or flex room above the garage.

Visit the on-site sales center and tour 14 model homes open daily. Ask about several move-in ready homes.

Del Webb Naples
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The on-site Oasis Club at Del Webb Naples features over 12,000 square feet of resort and lap pools, tennis courts, bocce and pickleball, fitness center, library, café, fire pit, arts & crafts studio, and library. Dine at the brand new Rusty Putter for breakfast, lunch or afternoon bites. Visit an on-site sales representative to learn more about the Del Webb lifestyle. 5 model homes open daily.

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Naples magic. Our good friends have fallen in love with Naples. It only took a day or two—right about the time we enjoyed a picture-perfect afternoon at the beach while the temperatures in our hometown up north hovered around 30 degrees. They’re enamored by the city’s small-town charm, the beautiful Gulf of Mexico beaches and all the things to do here during the winter. Like biking and jogging or golf.

Yesterday, we introduced them to the custom estate homes created by London Bay Homes and Romanza Interior Design as part of the Naples Collection of fully furnished models and on-your-lot homesites from Park Shore to Port Royal. They were awed by the photos my husband and I took while touring London Bay’s two grand Gordon Drive estates right on Cutlass Cove in Port Royal. But we wanted them to experience it for themselves so we visited the Chelston model near Fifth Avenue South. They loved the level of luxury and attention to detail by London Bay and Romanza’s fabulous design, furniture and finish selections, and use of color.

Toby Cloutier, our London Bay sales executive, also shared architecture and interior design plans for the Watlington, a new two-story four-bedroom model London Bay is building at 41 Fifth Street South in Naples. It will have 4,182 square feet, a private backyard with a pool, spa and firepit, a study and a butler's bar. The architecture really appeals to my friend who's an artist. She appreciated the coastal style. “It’s old Florida but with an updated contemporary aesthetic,” she pointed out.

The Watlington has an open-concept floor plan creating a large flowing space between great room, kitchen and a dining room. Our friends know after visiting the Chelston, the finishes and furnishings will be incredible. They love the idea of having a second-floor bonus room, which they could use as a yoga studio or home gym. The Watlington's location—five blocks from the beach, five blocks to Fifth Avenue South in an established neighborhood—is perfect for them. They’re avid joggers and cyclists and the surrounding streets are quiet.

The pool area is like a resort. There’s an outdoor living area under roof with a fireplace and full outdoor kitchen to enjoy evening candlelight dinners under the twinkling stars. The pool has a really unique sunken spa and a stone wall with three waterfalls. We loved the shallow bench area within the pool that has four water loungers and three tables—convenient for setting down my wine glass while taking a dip.

"All you need is a personal bartender to bring you a Renovateur," I joked, referring to the cocktails we enjoyed last night at The French Brasserie Rustique on nearby Fifth Avenue South, Naples’ lovely downtown area. "And a chef who can prepare burgundy snails," she sighed. “I’m still dreaming about that homemade puff pastry.” "And spending the winter here in Naples," her husband chimed in. “I could definitely get used to this.”

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Discover your place in paradise during CBIA’s February single-site Parade of Homes at Naples Reserve

Discover the ultimate lakefront lifestyle – complete with umbrella drinks, tiki huts and a private island – when Naples Reserve hosts the Collier Building Industry Association’s single-site Parade of Homes Feb. 9-11 and Feb. 16-18. More than a dozen beautifully decorated attached villas, single-family and custom estate model homes will open for tours in one of South Naples’ best-selling communities.

Naples Reserve channels the ambience of Florida’s old beach towns with Southern Coastal architecture and the spirit of Key West in a 68-acre community woven amongst 22 freshwater lakes – including the centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake.

Experience more than 3,500 square feet of air-conditioned space, Naples Reserve’s fully furnished models capture the community’s casually awesome lifestyle. Models boast up to four bedrooms and a variety of flexible home designs featuring great rooms, studies, private master suites and large outdoor living areas for alfresco entertaining. Some models also showcase sparkling pools with spas and fire pits.

Naples Reserve models are featured in six distinctive neighborhoods from Southwest Florida’s top homebuilders, including Ashton Woods, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes.

At Naples Reserve, homes are designed to fit into the natural water-front setting, embrace the laid-back community style and reflect the distinctive personality of each neighborhood.

In Egret Landing, Ashton Woods and D.R. Horton homes start from the low $300,000s and offer up to four bedrooms, three and a half-baths and just over 3,000 square feet of living space with wide lake and garden views.

Naples Reserve’s newest neighborhood, Parrot Cay, two-bedroom, two-bath attached villa homes, Coral Harbour offers 1,539 square foot D.R. Horton-built residencies starting in the high-$200,000s.

Just a short stroll from the community’s Island Club, Savannah Lakes features fresh designs. One- and two-story homes by D.R. Horton and Ashton Woods offer three to four bedrooms and up to four and a half-baths and 3,200 square feet priced from the high-$300,000s.

Mallard Point is Naples Reserve’s intimate neighborhood of one- and two-story homes offering secluded preserve and lake views, three bedrooms and up to two and a half-baths. With up to 2,100 square feet of living space, homes from builder Ashton Woods start in the mid-$300,000s.

Homebuyers can discover some of Naples Reserve’s largest residences in Sparrow Cay, with up to 3,516 square feet of living space. One- and two-story homes with up to four bedrooms and 3,200 square feet SHFS from Stock Signature Homes and Ashton Woods start in the mid-$400,000s.

Parrot Cay offers custom estate homes boasting up to four bedrooms, four and a half-baths and 3,500 square feet SHFS from Stock Signature Homes and Ashton Woods start in the mid-$400,000s.

Naples Reserve offers complimentary one-year social memberships at Walker’s Hideaway Marina of Naples, a yacht club along the Gordon River offering a marina, indoor storage for 600 boats, two waterside restaurants, outdoor pool and sauna, and access to Naples Bay.

Naples Reserve resident’s four-legged friends find a place to play at the Walk & Wag dog park. An additional dog park, Paws Awhile, is planned, as well as the Kid’s Cove playground and picnic area and a meandering linear park for biking, hiking and jogging. Navigating a loop road circling Naples Reserve, the park is designed to engage residents with their natural environment and provide an alternative mode of transportation throughout the community.

Naples Reserve offers the vacation-every-day lifestyle you’ve longed for, close to all downtown Naples has to offer – plus the famous white-sand Gulf of Mexico beaches.

Naples Reserve’s Parade of Homes models are open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Homes are priced from the high-$200,000s to more than $1 million. A $5 donation per visitor is requested to benefit the CBIA’s scholarship fund.

Learn more about Naples Reserve at paradeofhomes.com or Naples Reserve’s Parade of Homes at www.naplesreserve.com/parade-of-homes. Visit the community at 10485 Naples Reserve Circle, located off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 10 minutes from I-75, Exit 10. ■

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Closings begin on Tower 1 at Kalea Bay
Rooftop amenities now in place

The construction on Tower 1 at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-style high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, has been completed and closings have begun to take place.

According to Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay, 100 of the tower’s 120 residences are scheduled to be closed by the end of January.

“The transformation of this property over the past few months has been phenomenal,” Lodge said. “And the reception among both residents and prospects reflects that. From the clubhouse and its amenities to Tower 1 itself, Kalea Bay is truly stunning.”

The completion of the tower and the commencement of closings comes just weeks after the building’s rooftop amenities were completed, including the rooftop pool, which is surrounded by comfortable chaise lounges, dining tables and chairs, and plush conversation areas, the sky lounge, and an open-air fitness center with cantilevered roof that opens and closes.

“Whether lounging poolside or enjoying the company of friends in our community room, the views from the rooftop can only be described as spectacular,” stated Lodge. “From up here, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, several nature preserves and even two of the highest ranked beaches in the United States. There’s not another place like it in Southwest Florida.”

She added, “We had very high expectations for our ‘sky amenities’ and I must admit that those expectations have been exceeded on every level.”

Only six units remain in Tower 1. Residences in Tower 2, which was released for sale in the summer of 2017, are also available. The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

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 3,919 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 design’ 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.

“Master suites, kitchens and main living areas in most units 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 oversized lanais on every residence,” said Lodge. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million in Tower 1 and $1.4 million in Tower 2. In addition to Tower 1, the construction of Kalea Bay’s 88,000-square-foot club amenity center has also been completed.

Kalea Bay’s main amenity area is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance. The clubhouse features 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 overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Lodge. “Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.”

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

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

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts, and guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

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. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com.
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Ronto’s new Eleven Eleven Central offers unprecedented amenities

The Ronto Group’s new Eleven Eleven Central community on Central Avenue between 10th Street and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples offers the combination of an unprecedented array of amenities and a maintenance-free, walkable/bikeable downtown lifestyle. Eleven Eleven Central will be built by Ronto in three phases and include 210 residences in three four-story over parking building phases at completion. Ronto is accepting reservations for Phase I residences. The Phase I offering features five two-bedroom, two-bedroom plus den, and three-bedroom open-concept floor plans ranging from 1,407 to 2,297 square feet of total living space, including covered outdoor balconies. Pre-construction pricing starts in the low-$500’s.

With its amenities and coveted location, Eleven Eleven Central will serve as an access-controlled master planned oasis in the heart of Naples and transform how people live downtown. Homebuyers will no longer need to choose between living in fully-amenity gated communities removed from downtown or living in less amenity rich environments downtown. Eleven Eleven Central will provide the convenience of downtown living and the amenities luxury homebuyers prefer. Scheduled for completion in Phase I, the community’s approximately 60,000 square foot courtyard amenity deck will feature a 3,500 square feet resort-style pool with a beach entry and two 90-foot lap lanes, chaise lounges and poolside tables, two spas, outdoor showers, poolside cabanas, numerous grills, a cabana bar and grilling area with large screen televisions, multiple fire pits with built-in seating areas, a hammock lawn, a life-sized outdoor chess set, a yoga stretching area, and two bocce ball courts. The outdoor amenities will be expanded during Phase II to include a 20,400-square foot Courtyard Park complete with park benches, a putting green, yoga lawn, and fenced dog runs for large and small dogs.

Inside, Eleven Eleven Central will invite residents to enjoy a nearly 4,000-square foot clubhouse that will provide an ideal setting for residents and guests to socialize while taking full advantage of the amenity deck and pool. The clubhouse will include a bar, billiards tables, card tables, large screen televisions, and a catering kitchen adjacent to an outdoor grill and fire pit. A fitness center also measuring nearly 4,000-square feet will include a stretching and functional movement area, state-of-the-art exercise equipment, massage rooms, and rest rooms. Unlike many residential settings that have limited accommodations for visitors, Eleven Eleven Central will provide six community guest suites that can be reserved for family members and guests. Resident storage areas and bike storage areas will also be included. The property will be managed by a professional staff. Common area maintenance will be provided.

Eleven Eleven Central will also provide two amenities that extend beyond the property into the surrounding community. Fifth Avenue South just five blocks away, downtown Naples’ attractions will be a short walk or bike ride from Eleven Eleven Central. Residents will not endure the time-consuming rigors of seasonal traffic and will enjoy immediate accessibility to downtown’s popular shopping, dining, and entertainment destinations. For those who crave sunshine, sand, and surf, the beach is just three-quarters of a mile from Eleven Eleven Central via the sidewalks and bike lanes on Central Avenue. As an additional measure of convenience, a community beach shuttle is planned. Eleven Eleven Central’s location also provides ready access to Baker Park and the Gordon River Pedestrian Bridge and Boardwalk being developed by the City of Naples on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road to connect Central Avenue and downtown Naples to the popular Gordon River Greenway along a scenic pedestrian and bicycle friendly route.

The residences at Eleven Eleven Central reflect Ronto’s ability to create a living environment that is comfortable while making a statement. Every floor plan includes an outdoor balcony with views of the amenity courtyard or the surrounding neighborhood. Each residence will feature the luxurious standard finishes that are Ronto’s hallmark or optional finishes that will allow each resident to finish their home to suit their preferences. Standard finishes in the open-concept living areas include 10-foot ceilings, smooth walls with finish paint and 8-inch clean-lined baseboards, polished chrome lever style door hardware, porcelain tile flooring, electric washers and dryers. Standard features in the open kitchens showcase large working islands, stainless steel undermount sinks, granite or quartz countertops with a four-inch backsplash, North American Cabinets, and a Whirlpool stainless steel appliance package, including a slide in range with a convection oven and a French door counter depth refrigerator. Standard features in the owner’s bath include under-mount sinks, a 60 by 32-inch tub, framed glass shower doors, 36-inch height vanities, comfort height elongated toilets, and chrome fixtures.

“Our goal at Eleven Eleven Central is to provide the things that make Naples popular – sun, fun, and luxury – in a way that’s never been done before,” said Ronto Group president Anthony Solomon. “The location will put residents in the middle of downtown’s action and excitement. The beach, galleries, restaurants, and shopping are all within easy walking distance. Our residents will also enjoy all the sun, fun, and luxury they want right at home. The courtyard amenity deck and Courtyard Park will be the heart of the community. There’s nothing else like it in all of Naples. The controlled access, clubhouse, fitness center, and the availability of six guest suites will also set Eleven Eleven Central apart.”

The Eleven Eleven Central Sales Gallery located at 100 Goodlette-Frank Road South in downtown Naples is open daily. Visit IIIICentral.com.
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Stock offers beautifully furnished models across SW Florida: 2017 Sales Volume Reaches $264 Million

Stock Development’s home building division, including their Signature and Custom lines, has released its 2017 sales report, showing 333 new home sales worth over $260 million. The company also increased its new home closing volume by three percent with 241 closings worth $265.5 million.

“Stock had a terrific year with an 11 percent increase in sales volume over 2016,” said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Signature Homes. “The new year, Stock has completed a vast array of beautifully furnished models and move-in ready homes throughout Southwest Florida.”

This gives homebuyers an amazing opportunity to leave the bitter cold up north and enjoy the warm Florida sunshine this winter in a beautiful new, move-in ready home. Stock has an unparalleled selection of homes and neighborhoods to choose from.

At Fiddler’s Creek, Stock offers a secluded enclave of homes within the Marsh Cove community. It consists of 50 homesites along two intimate cul-de-sacs. More than half of the homesites offer water views.

“These are two beautifully furnished models in a phenomenal neighborhood,” said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Signature Homes. “The finishing touches are being put on a third model, which will be complete this month. Two inventory homes have been through permitting and are scheduled to start construction soon.”

Stock’s offerings in Marsh Cove include seven single-family custom estate floor plans. These residences feature three and four bedrooms plus a study and range from 2,812 to over 3,600 square feet of air-conditioned living space. The homes offer three-car garages and multiple outdoor living areas overlooking the lakes and fairways of the Arthur Hills-designed Creek Course. The base price for Stock’s homes at Marsh Cove begin at $769,990, plus lot.

The Belfield plan includes a great room, optional wet bar, island kitchen and breakfast nook that open to a large outdoor living area that can include a fireplace and outdoor kitchen. It also includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, and a three-car garage. The Belfield model features an interior designed by Clive Daniel Home. The home is priced at $1,357,120.

Stock's Majestic II is located in Esplanade Golf and Country Club of Naples, a beautiful golf course community. The Majestic II four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. It is priced at $1,558,290.

Acknowledged for their stunning beauty, Quail West’s Preserve and Lakes courses weave through grand estate, single-family and villa neighborhoods. The stunning 70,000-square-foot club-house complex includes formal dining, an enlarged and redesigned pre-function spaces, an amazing 12,000-square-foot dedicated fitness and wellness building, a full-service salon and spa, a glass-enclosed indoor heated pool, and lighted Har-Tru tennis courts.

The 4,238-square-foot Matera II estate residence offers four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, formal living room with a fireplace and a wet bar, a formal dining room, a large island kitchen, family room and dinette, and multiple covered lanai spaces that include a summer kitchen, fireplace, dining and conversation areas, and a pool and spa. The plan includes a porte cochere, a three-car garage, and a two-car garage. The Matera II is priced at $2,884,170 and includes an interior design by Soco Interiors.

The new Calista estate model is celebrating a Grand Opening this weekend. The 5,906 square feet residence will be one of light Florida living with color elements. The overall presence will be of one light Florida living with an air of casual barefoot elegance. The Calista is priced at $4,273,685.

Please join us today for a tour of Stock Signature Home’s furnished models and move-in ready homes!

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Moorings Park Grande Lake, the new Life Plan Community being developed by Moorings Park and London Bay Homes, is inviting the public to a special event aimed as an introduction to the new community.

The informational luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m., at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 22, by calling 239-998-6620.

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is located on Premier Drive, on the south side of Golden Gate Parkway, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston roads, inside the entrance to Naples Grande Golf Club.

Building upon the foundation that has made Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks the preferred choice for Life Plan communities in Southwest Florida, this third incredible neighborhood is planned for the next generation of residents.

Situated on 55 acres in the heart of Naples, Moorings Park Grande Lake will combine one-of-a-kind vistas of magnificently landscaped lakes and championship golf with luxury homes and exceptional healthcare.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is being created in partnership with esteemed luxury custom homebuilder and developer, London Bay Homes, long known for its award-winning architectural design and attention to detail.

“Future residents will be attracted to its natural beauty, classic design and total commitment to enabling them to live longer, healthier and happier lives,” stated Daniel Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc.

“For nearly three decades, the brand promise of ‘Private Label Living’ has reflected our commitment to building and developing the finest luxury homes in Southwest Florida,” said Mark Wilson, President of London Bay Homes. “It’s an honor for us to now extend our philosophy of choice in design to the area’s newest community.”

The community will consist of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses. Prices start at $1.4 million with 70 percent refundable entrance fees.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is a pet-friendly campus and has been designed to take advantage of the views of a 28-acre lake and the picturesque golf course beyond.

The physical environment presents an innovative and resort-style blueprint that provides for seamless physical and virtual experiences. It also maximizes the beauty and appeal of waterfront living combined with high-end materials and services.

Consistent with other Moorings Park campuses, Moorings Park Grande Lake will include common areas that promote social interaction, which will allow and encourage residents to choose from indoor and outdoor activities year-round.

A few of the planned outdoor activities or amenities include a yoga pavilion, walking paths, lakeside parklettes with boardwalks, gardens, fire pits and overlooks; and several bird-watching spots. The areas for social gatherings were designed so the family members and friends of our residents could join in the various activities, which could include events such as outdoor concerts.

The clubhouse, as planned, will feature casual and fine dining venues, a private dining room, ballroom, art studio, wellness center, state-of-the-art fitness center, strength and cardio area, salon and spa, and a resort-style pool with poolside cabanas.

Also located in the clubhouse will be the Center for Healthy Living. The center is home to rehabilitation services, as well as the Case 360 concierge healthcare program, which was developed in partnership with NCH Healthcare System. The Case 360 program offers a higher level of personalized primary care. Services are available to residents of Moorings Park with no additional fees, other than typical co-pays. The Case 360 concierge physicians are accessible by appointment, plus 24/7 access via phone, text or email.

Should the need arise, Moorings Park Grande Lake provides its residents world-class Assisted Living and Memory Care in existing centers of excellence, at no additional cost.

“As you can tell, this is going to be a spectacular community,” concludes Lavender. “Please visit us and learn more about London Bay Homes luxurious design and Moorings Park’s commitment to Simply the Best® qualities, services and amenities.”

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5 and Saturday, 10 to 2. Bottom: The buildings of Moorings Park Grande Lake feature a coastal-inspired architectural design.
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**Model homes grand opening at Fronterra in Naples Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th**

CC Homes a Codina-Carr Company has announced the grand opening of new model homes at its Fronterra new home community in Naples, Florida. Located minutes from Downtown, 5th Avenue and the beach, Fronterra offers outstanding low pricing from the high $200’s for one or two-story single-family homes.

Official grand opening celebrations are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, January 27th and 28th. Guests are invited for family fun, music and light bites each day from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Three model homes are open for viewing on-site at the family-friendly community, which is situated on Davis Boulevard between Radio Road and Collier Boulevard.

With only 154 homes available, the builder says that those interested should attend the grand opening to secure their favorite home site in the neighborhood.

“Pricing will definitely go up after the grand opening, so now is the best time to buy,” said Diana Ibarria, Senior Vice President of CC Homes. “When you see these models, you will be blown away by the high-end finishes that are included. These are truly cutting-edge homes.”

Fronterra homes include CC Homes’ signature “5-Star Package” of upscale, modern features included standard. Kohler faucets, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, 9-to-10-foot ceilings and wood cabinetry are among the many details that buyers of CC Homes love.

Fronterra offers floor plans that range in size from 1,348 to 2,251 square feet under air. Homes have between two and five bedrooms and between two and three-and-one-half bathrooms. Home designs include great rooms, laundry rooms, walk-in closets, garages as well as patios and covered terraces.

“Many of our customers are so satisfied with the new home buying process and value that they receive when purchasing from us, that they choose to buy from us again and again,” said Diana Ibarria of CC Homes. “Builders Jim Carr and Armando Codina have been doing this for a combined 60-plus years and it shows in how thoughtfully and carefully these homes are designed and constructed.”

With projects throughout the state of Florida, CC Homes is ranked among the Top 5 Homebuilders in both South and Southwest Florida.

CC Homes received recent recognition for aiding homeowners during the Hurricane Irma recovery even paying for clean up and repairs. In addition to Fronterra, other projects in the Naples and Fort Myers area by this builder include Maple Ridge at Ave Maria and Torino and Traditions at Grey Oaks.

Fronterra’s three model homes are appointed by award-winning interior design firm, Design West of Naples. Each model features a timeless Santa Barbara style exterior paired with a fresh, new feel inside.

The Anaheim model home, base-priced from $305,990, features three bedrooms, great room, kitchen with adjacent family room, loft, master suite with walk-in closet and master bath with dual vanity, and two-car garage. This model home features transitional design with contrasts of dark and light finishes, cream colored fabrics with pops of sea glass green and royal blue. Highlights of the model home include the kitchen backsplash with colored glass and natural stone accents in teardrop shapes, a glass stair rail, and wood flooring with mitered wood floor detail.

The Huntington model, base-priced from $305,990, features one-story, three bedrooms, great room, kitchen with island, master bedroom with two walk-in closets, and an attached garage. The Huntington model features a soft contemporary design with white lacquer finishes combined with gray cashier, neutral fabrics, textural elements, and mixed metals details. Highlight includes vessel sinks and accent tile in the master bath.

Conveniently located with easy access to major roadways like the I-75, Fronterra positions homeowners right in the heart of Southwest Florida and its many attractions. Nature preserves, popular shopping malls, coffee shops and restaurants are all in the immediate area. Paver sidewalks meander throughout the community, and beautiful landscaping provides privacy and curb appeal. Fronterra’s gated entrance and community pool with cabana are other features that make Fronterra a fantastic place for families to live.

The Fronterra Sales & Models Gallery is open daily on Davis Boulevard near Exit 101 of the I-75 at the address 8725 Madrid Circle, Naples FL 34104. To plan your visit or receive more information, please call 239.207.3721 or visit www.FronterraFL.com.
Tour three models, learn about new Fronterra community

Barron Collier Companies and CC Homes host a model grand opening event at Fronterra from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27-28. Entrance to the new development is on Davis Boulevard between Radio Road and Collier Boulevard. All are welcome to tour three model homes and enjoy music, refreshments and family fun.

All three models have three bedrooms and 2½ baths and interiors designed by Design West.

Priced from $301,990, the two-story Anaheim is finished with gray and white cabinetry, shiplap architectural details and coastal inspired accents. The two-story Doheny, priced from $331,990, has contrasting dark and light finishes and cream-colored fabrics with pops of sea glass green and royal blue. Details include a glass stair rail and a kitchen backsplash with colored glass and natural stone accents. The one-story Huntington is priced from $305,990. The model features a soft contemporary style with white lacquer finishes with neutral fabrics and mixed metal details.

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Theater critic Nancy Stetson enjoys adults behaving badly at Florida Repertory Theatre. C12 ▶

FLEISCHMANN PARK SET FOR 21ST ANNUAL ART FEST NAPLES
Art Fest Naples celebrates its 21st year bringing art lovers a chance to browse, purchase and talk about fine art all day Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, at Fleischmann Park. The juried show draws 140 artists and artisans from around the country to display and sell their works in all mediums, from photography and fiber art to clay pieces, paintings and fine jewelry.

The event will benefit Additional Needs Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to shifting the emphasis from those with disabilities or special needs to those without.

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Sanibel Island photograph by Marc Damon

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BY NANCY STETSON
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Debut novel illuminates the boundaries of community, connectedness and identity

Lauren Doyle Owens, who lives in the Fort Lauderdale area and has set her first novel there, is someone to watch. Her stunning literary murder mystery debut is at once a nail-biter and a brilliantly nuanced evocation of how communities work and don’t work. How proximity to others does not create communities that have expected effectiveness. Ms. Owens builds her novel around a large cast of well-drawn supporting characters reinforces the themes of connectedness and renewal.

Originally from Maryland, Ms. Owens is a graduate of Florida International University’s MFAP program.

— 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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Bernard White, about to turn 80, has lived in the suburban community of Seven Springs for decades and witnessed its socio-economic changes. Since his wife’s death, he has become increasingly withdrawn. When he sees smoke rising from his neighbor’s house, he calls 911 and awaits the firemen, police and paramedics. The fire seems to have covered a murder. But why Adel? Who really knew her, anyway?

Bernard feels helpless in the situation, somehow responsible for what happened. The tragedy wakes up the neighborhood, leading Bernard to begin a tentative re-engagement.

Amy Unger, a cancer survivor, spots the fire on her way home. Once a promising artist, she thought briefly of photographing or sketching the scene. But she is not yet ready. She is still cowed by her husband’s disdain for her avocation. The marriage has gone cold, and Pete’s business ventures absorbed in a much more profound tragedy. The fire seems to have covered a murder. But why Adel? Who really knew her, anyway?

While the police suspect Maddie’s boyfriend could be the murderer, she must deal with her unexpected pregnancy. She struggles to break the habit of piercing her thighs as a mechanism to relieve tension. The outer pains mask the inner ones. Maddie meets her challenges with a surprising degree of effectiveness.

Murders of elderly women in the neighborhood continue. These are not random. The killer has an agenda. What’s his motive? Is he an outsider or someone in their midst?

The cluster of murders brings the neighbors together. The older residents, self-named “the originals”, rediscover old, faded friendships. As they catch up with each other’s lives, they form a kind of buddy system that has expected yet energizing consequences.

For Bernard, a close friendship with an attractive woman develops, as do memories of past infidelity. Amy’s artistic creativity is reborn and released in a series of paintings about the murders. She paints with confidence, fulfilling her deepest needs.

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Through these three focal characters, whose lives hardly The Killers have an agenda. What’s his motive? Is he an outsider or someone in their midst?

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This is a remarkable debut by a distinctive talent of great promise.

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BY PHIL JASON

The third annual Collier County Jewish Book Festival, a project of the Jewish Federation of Collier County in cooperation with the Jewish Book Council, continues through April with programs that include solo presenters, two authors matched by a common theme (the authors sharing the bill do not co-present or share the stage, but provide back-to-back presentations) and one event with three debut novelists. Here's what's coming up:

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Temple Shalom: “The Orphan’s Tale” describes the escape and the ones left behind. The novel is based on true stories, and the Swallows and Amazons are an adult summer camp for vegans.

■ 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Naples Conference Center: Three authors discuss their new works and their careers: Jane Healey (“The Saturday Evening Girls Club”), Sana Krasikov (“The Patriots”) and Ellen Umansky (“The Fortunate Ones”).

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Five-time Emmy Award-winner Alan Zweibel is a writer of “Saturday Night Live” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm.” His book “The Other Shulman” won the Thurber Prize for American Humor in 2006. His latest project is the Passover Haggadah parody “For This We Left Egypt?,” co-written with Dave Barry and Adam Mansbach.

■ 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Beth Tikvah synagogue: As a character in her own book, Abigail Pogrebin (“My Jewish Year”) is presented as a somewhat rebellious family member who feels her Jewish life has not been as rich as it might have been. So she embarks on an entire year of research, observance and writing about every ritual, as it might have been. So she embarks on an entire year of research, observance and writing about every ritual.

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Temple Shalom: “Anna and the Swallow Man” tells of the forbidden romance between a young Jewish Polish immigrant and a black blues guitarist from the South.

■ 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Hilton Naples: Silcom writer Susan Silver talks about “Hot Pants in Hollywood: Sex, Scorpio & Silcoms.” The afternoon also includes Joan Rivers’ biographer, Leslie Bennetts (“The Last Girl Before Freeway”).

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Temple Shalom: It’s all about love and writing about every ritual, as it might have been. So she embarks on an entire year of research, observance and writing about every ritual.

■ 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Temple Shalom: Ms. Savit imagines Krakow in 1939, when young Anna, her father taken by the Nazis, meets a mysterious, somewhat magical fellow whom she follows through the most dangerous situations.

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so many people who play with us, and the family aspect, that collaboration, is so important.”

So that’s what popped into his head when he was trying to name the band: The Family Crest. It just fit. “The funny thing is, we don’t have a crest,” he admits. And he’s not out searching for someone to create one for them, either.

The band will headline WGCU Public Media’s Twisted Strings concert on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers. The event, a fundraiser for WGCU, opens its gates at 4 p.m. Performing as guests arrive will be Southwest Florida’s Hot Buttered Nuggets, who play everything from Louis Armstrong to Tom Waits to the Ink.

Local group Laura’s Auras, which has been described as “half Leonard Bernstein, half Lynyrd Skynyrd,” open at 5 p.m. It will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by Simply Three (Glen McDaniel, Nick Villalobos and Zack Clark), a crossover string trio whose repertory includes Puccini, Gershwin, Adele, Coldplay and Michael Jackson.

The Family Crest, headlining the event, takes the stage at 8:15 p.m.

The concert highlights classical instruments played in a decidedly non-classical way, blending jazz, blues, rock, soul, hip-hop and world music.

Mr. McCormick is not only excited about performing at Twisted Strings, but being an audience member, too. “I’m stoked to be able to see all these groups playing as well,” says the native Californian. “There’s a lot of classical crossover going on. It’s love being put in context with groups like this. I love unique music, orchestral music.”

The Family Crest includes a violinist, a cellist, a flutist and a trombone player. “It’s been called an orchestral indie rock band and some say it plays baroque pop.”

“You know, pop, I love that, but a lot of people don’t know what that refers to,” says Mr. McCormick. “It just sounds cool to a lot of people. But orchestral rock really describes very simply a lot of the elements of our sound.”

If pressed to describe his band’s music, he might say, “It’s eclectic, with a lot of different genres going on.”

They’re often compared to Arcade Fire and Beirut, he says. “People generally don’t go to a rock show and see a flute, or a cello and violin, or a trombone,” he says. He loves watching the expressions on audiences’ faces when they hear those instruments, or when cellist Charly Akerot does a solo on “Beneath the Brine.”

“They’re not used to seeing an instru- ment like that,” he says.

He remembers the first time he saw Cursive, a band from Omaha, Neb., perform. “They had a cellist, Greta. I remember that.”

He recalls he’d been so sick the day before, he couldn’t even speak. “They’d had to cancel a concert in Philadelphia. But Bob Boilen, host and creator of the Tiny Desk Concert series, was reassuring. ‘I felt that I was in a safe place,’ Mr. McCormick says. ‘I love those people, because that’s what performers need. You can see how much those people care about music … That’s what makes NPR Music so amazing, the whole stuff is enthusiastic and excited about new music.”

The Family Crest has an intriguing mixture of sound, mixing jazz, pop, folk, rock and classical. And the sound is constantly evolving. Its new album, “The War Act I,” slated for release on Feb. 23, has some Middle Eastern-sounding songs.

“One of the songs started off having a spaghetti western, Quentin Tarantino kind of vibe,” he says. “I realized how similar the Native American (sounds) were similar to Middle Eastern. It breaks down all these different styles; you hear all the influences from all these different places. It makes us more human. We’re not as separated as we think we are. Exploring music in that way is really fun; we see how it connects us.”

Expanding family

In addition to Mr. McCormick, The Family Crest consists of co-founder John Seterelin (bass), Charlie Gieseg (drums and percussion), Laura Bergman (flute, percussion and vocals), George Moula Sama (trombone), Owen Stut (violin) and Mr. Akerot on cello.

Mr. McCormick originally studied opera, but left the conservatory he was attending and moved to San Francisco. He and Mr. Seterelin were in another band, and Mr. McCormick was the sole writer for the group. But he was growing increasingly unhappy. “My mindset was, I was making very commercial stuff that didn’t hold a lot of personal weight.”

“when I plan- ning on leaving to do something else, I didn’t know what, and I wanted to have a project that in the future I could look back on and say, ‘That’s the best thing that I made. I took 10 years out of my life, because I made this thing.’ And it turned into its own thing.”

He reached out to other musicians, using Craigslist and fliers and talking to friends of friends. “We just wanted to collaborate with a bunch of people,” he says, and in doing so, they wound up having an extended family of musicians.

“We thought we’d have five people, but there are about a hundred on the first record. French horn players and tuba players and flute, all these things I’d never written for.”

“Having this door open for musicians led me write for different instruments that I didn’t expect.”

“Whenever he’s writing for a new instrument, such as a bassoon, for example, he’ll ask the musician everything he can think of about the instrument.”

“Specifically, I’ll ask how a bassoon player likes to play the instrument,” he says. “Not what it can do, but what it should do.”

He likens it to the difference between being a given a piece that’s out of his range but do-able, and singing something in his wheelhouse as a tenor where he can have fun with it.

“That’s been my goal, to learn as much as I can about (each instrument.) It’s a great way to learn how to com- pose,” he says. “That’s how it became orchestral — all these things I was learning to write.”

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**Enjoy ‘Wildlife & Wetlands’ at Delnor-Wiggins art show**

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts its 20th annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the park. This year’s theme is “Old Florida,” with entries depicting the Sunshine State in days gone by and/or using natural materials.

Admission is free with the regular park entry fee.

Visitors will be able to meet and chat with the participating artists in a naturally shaded area of the beachfront park. A percentage of the proceeds through sales of the artwork will be donated to the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Visitors can also purchase tickets for a drawing of chance.

There will be live music and food for purchase from Naples Beach Adventures, Jonesey BBQ and Royal Scoop Ice Cream.

Admission to the park is $4 for one-person vehicle, $6 for 2-8 person vehicle and $2 each for walkers and bicyclists.

A Collier Area Transit Beach Bus will drop people off at the park entrance throughout the day; bus riders will be charged $2 per person for park admission. For Beach Bus details, go to www.goCATbus.com.

For more information about the show, call 997-0496 or visit www.delnorwiggins.org.

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**Marco center welcomes Wisconsin arts foundation**

The Marco Island Center for the Arts and Dillman’s Creative Arts Foundation from Lac Du Flambeau, Wis., host a Mid-Winter Arts Festival from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, on Marco. David Becker’s “The Most Important Watercolor Workshop” at 12:35 p.m. will prelude Hannah Ineson’s “Illustrated Watercolor Journaling” at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Becker then presents “Heavy Bodied and Fluid Acrylics Demonstrated Together,” at 3:15 p.m.

Rose Edin’s video “Making the Most of Watercolor” will be shown in The Art Center Studio throughout the day. Some of Ms. Edin’s watercolor prints will be raffled off, and a silent auction of original artwork as well as books and videos by celebrated artists. Door prizes will be awarded each hour. Auction proceeds will support scholarships to programs at Dillman’s.

Dillman’s Bay Resort is a family-owned resort founded in 1934 in the Wisconsin Northwoods. Dillman’s Creative Arts Foundation was formed in 1978 as a nonprofit to provide options to resort guests. The foundation hosts 30 noted instructors for a variety of courses in state-of-the-art lakeside studios May-October.

The Marco Island Center for the Arts is at 1010 Winterberry Drive. Admission to the Mid-Winter Arts Festival is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 394-4223.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER


A Streetcar Named Desire — By The Studio Players through Feb. 4 at the Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9522 or www.theuditplayers.org.


Flamingo Court — By The Marco Players through Jan. 21 at The Marco Players Theatre, 1389 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.org.

Night and Day: Love Lost and Found through the Eyes of Cole Porter — By TheatreZone through March II in the ArtStage Studio Theatre. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarepeducation.org.

Chicago — By Broadway Palm Theatre through Feb. 4. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Crimes of the Heart — By The Laboratory Theatre of Florida through Jan. 30. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com or 218-0481.


How the Other Half Loves — By Florida Repertory Theatre through Jan. 31 in the Historic Arcade Theatre. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarepeducation.org.


The Secret Garden — By TheatreZone Feb. 8-18 at the GSE. Theatre, at Community School of Naples. 13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.


THURSDAY 1.18

Mah Jongg on Marco — The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island invites mah jongg players to join the games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or www.marcojcmi.com.

Travel Talk — Betty MacLean Travel hosts a presentation about expedition cruises and national parks. www.broadwaypalm.com.

FRIDAY 1.19

Farmers Market — Stock up on fresh produce and more at the St. John Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church. 625 11th Ave. N.


Jazz Concert — Dan Miller and Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform the music of George Gershwin at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wagner Opera Center. $10-$50, 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

My Wife Hates Me — Comedian, writer and podcaster Rick Voss takes the stage tonight and Saturday, Jan. 20, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 1.20

Ride, Run, Walk — Naples Pathways Coalition hosts its annual Bike Brunch with bike rides of all levels, a 3K run/walk, live entertainment, family activities, local craft beers and more from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cambier Park. Check website for registration fees. 777-7186.

To Market, To Market — Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 404-6333 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Beach Art — Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park host the 20th annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show with works in a variety of mediums, live music, food, drawings and more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park. Free with regular park admission. www.delnorwigginspark.com.

Art Show — Artfest Naples returns to Fleischmann Park with more than 140 artists working in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, Jan. 21. 634-2337 or www.artfestnaples.com. See story on page CI.

Orchids Galore — The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance holds its annual orchid sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Naples Conference Center. Admission is free. 1455 Pine Ridge Road. 269-6839 or www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

Art Alive — The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Starry Night — Big Cypress National Preserve, designated by the National Park Service as an International Dark Sky Place, hosts a ranger-led astronomy program with constellation tours and telescopic viewing of stars, nebulae and other galactic formations at 7 p.m. Free. Hiking attire and a red light flashlight are recommended. www.nps.gov/blcy.

Starr Night — Big Cypress National Preserve, designated by the National Park Service as an International Dark Sky Place, hosts a ranger-led astronomy program with constellation tours and telescopic viewing of stars, nebulae and other galactic formations at 7 p.m. Free. Hiking attire and a red light flashlight are recommended. www.nps.gov/blcy.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

More Produce — Stock up on local produce and assorted locally made goods at the Bonita Springs Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon at the Promenade at Bonita Bay.


SUNDAY 1.21
Fresh Produce — Stock up on fresh produce and more at the Naples Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner Pine Ridge and Livingston roads.

Pat on the Back — Naples Botanical Gardens celebrates its Award for Garden Excellence, bestowed by the American Public Gardens Association, with a full day of demonstrations, lectures, tours, activities, discounted admission and more from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 643-7270 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Activate — Mercato hosts a healthy living showcase from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Yoga Lab Naples leads a free class at 9:30 on the lawn. Free. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Treasuries in the Sand — Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 254-1080 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

New to You — Naples Italian American Club hosts an antique auction from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 945-7669 or www.imperialauc.com.

Author Event — Co-authors Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child present the latest installment of their Pendergast series, “City of Endless Night,” at 3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble. Free. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Foreign Film — FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “Things to Come” (France, 2016) at 2 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. A philosophy teacher soldiers through the death of her mother, getting fired and a cheating husband, $6 for members, $8 for others. 1000 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Through Their Eyes — GenShoah SWFL hosts a presentation on how descendents of Holocaust survivors can preserve their family stories at 5 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 538, reservations required through check sent to the museum. Please specify the desired session. 4670 Tamiami Trail N. 262-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

MONDAY 1.22
Beach Yoga — Friends of Lovers Key and Naples Yoga Center offer a morning yoga session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the gazebo and continuing weekly through April. $10, plus park entry fee. 592-4809 or www.friendsofloverskey.org.

Non-Fiction Talk — Friends of the Library of Collier County host a talk with Michael J. Tougias, author of “So Close to Home,” at 9 a.m. at Country Club of Naples. $45 for members, $35 for others. 885 Burning Tree Drive, 262-8335 or www.collier-friends.org.

Naples Yoga Lab kicks off the healthy living showcase called Activate Naples with a free session at 9:30 a.m. Sunday on the lawn at Mercato. Following the class, learn about products and services from various health and wellness experts until 1 p.m. — www.mercatoshops.com.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance holds its annual orchid sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Naples Conference Center on Pine Ridge Road. — www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.org.

Big Cypress National Preserve, designated by the National Park Service as an International Dark Sky Place, hosts a ranger-led astronomy program with constellation tours and telescopic viewing of stars, nebulae and other galactic formations starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, weather permitting. — www.nps.gov.

Choo, choo! Volunteer train aficionados from the Naples Train Museum are on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Naples Depot Museum to help visitors enjoy all manner of model and miniature trains inside the museum and outdoors under the sun. — www.naplesmuseum.org.

Impressionist Jimmy Keys brings his many faces and voices to Barbatella for a show at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Reservations recommended. 263-1955.
WHAT TO DO

**Short Stuff** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation on Napoleon Bonaparte from 1-3 p.m. at Bentley Village. $24 for members, $29 for others. 850 Retreat Drive. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

**Script Club** – Actors and staff from Gulfshore Playhouse discuss Arthur Miller’s “The Price” at 4 p.m. in the conference room at South Regional Library. Limited seating. Reservations required. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

**Capri Dinner** – Artichoke & Company hosts a three-course dinner with live music from Michael D’Amore, lead singer of The Capris, from 6-9 p.m. Reservations required. $34.95. 11920 Saradrienne Lane. 263-6979 or april@artichokeandcompany.com.

**Films for Film Lovers** – Centres for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Only Human” (Spain, 2004) at 7 p.m. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

**Surf’s Up** – Jan & Dean’s Beach Party featuring Dean Torrence performs favorite California hits from the 1960s at 8 p.m. today and Wednesday, Jan. 24, at TheatreZone’s G&L 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. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

**Marco Market** – Stock up on fresh produce and more at the Marco Island Farmers Market from 7:30 a.m. to noon at Veterans Community Park. 901 Park Ave.


**Art Flick** – Marco Island Center for the Arts screens “America Rising: The Arts of the Gilded Age” at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23. Free, but donations appreciated. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.com.

**Tales from the Coast** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts marine scientist David Guggenheim as he discusses his coral reef conservation work in the Caribbean from 6-8 p.m. Call about pricing. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

**Juried Fine Art Show to Benefit** Additional Needs, Inc.

**Birding in the Garden** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a birding walk from 8-10 a.m. Free with garden admission. 643-7270 or www.naplesgarden.org.

**Take A Hike** – CREW Land and Water Trust leads 2 free guided walks through its marsh trails from 9 a.m. to noon. 4600 Corkscrew Road. 657-2253 or www.crewtrust.org.

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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.

Art After Hours – Enjoy free admission, docent discussions, live entertainment and live entertainment in the Frank Foyer and the Hayes Hall galleries at Artis—Naples from 6-9 p.m. Use your smartphone and take a guided flashlight tour of the sculptures around the Kimberly K. Querry and Louise A. Simpson Cultural Campus. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

COMING UP

Book Sale – Replenish your bookshelves with bargain finds from the Indoor/Outdoor Parisian Style Book Fair Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, at Headquarters Library. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Holocaust Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture titled “Perfume, Powder, Lotion and Beauty,” from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 25, at Hodges University. $12 per lecture, $60 for the series. amay@hodges.edu or 598-6153.

50 Years Ago – Start Jan. 1, 1968, and go around the calendar in music, politics, sports, technology and popular culture with presenter Steven Valdespino starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Golden Gate Library. Free, but registration required. 2432 Lucerne Road. 252-4542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

A Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Opera hosts a dinner with performances of popular melodies and opera scenes at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Bay Colony Club. $125. 5200 Pelican Colony Blvd. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.
WHAT TO DO

Fill ‘er Up – The 12th annual Empty Bowls pottery sale and soup buffet returns from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Cambier Park. $20, 590-8848 or www.emptybowlsnaples.com. See story on page A6.

Art at Mercato – The Art Festival at Mercato takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Jan. 27-28, 293-9448 or www.boulderbrook.net.

Met Live – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of “Tosca” at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 8:33 Vanderbilt Beach Road. $18-$24, 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Country Jam – National country recording artists Randy Houser, Parmalee, David Nail and Runaway June perform all afternoon starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Collier County Fairgrounds. 37-562, 455-1444 or www.colliercountycarnival.com.

Twisted Strings – WGCU Public Media’s second annual outdoor music festival at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers melds classical music with jazz, blues, soul, hip-hop and world music. Gates open at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, www.twistedstrings.org. See story on page Cl.

Csardas – The Hungarian-American Club of Southwest Florida hosts and evening of dinner and dancing with Hungarian and gypsy music at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at The Audubon Country Club. $55 for members, $65 for others. 625 Audubon Blvd. 293-0358.

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movements, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Free with park entry fee. 597-6416 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Bluegrass Concert – Balsam Range combines elements of jazz, country, gospel, swing and old-time mountain music at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artinaples.org.

Capri Dinner – Artichoke & Company hosts a three-course dinner with live music from Michael D’Amore, lead singer of The Capris, from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29. Reservations required. 597-6416 or www.artinaples.org.

Pops – Vocalist Ellis Hall takes a musical journey through the sounds of Ray Charles, Motown and more Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artinaples.org.

Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Opera Center. $35-$95. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Shell of a Time – Bonita Springs Shell Club hosts a show and sale of its members’ bivalve creations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at Brookdale. Free. 774-208-8001 or elvishuft@hotmail.com.

Sketchy – The revered sketch comedy group Second City performs Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at Artis—Naples. 597-9000 or www.artisnaples.org.

Future Stars – Opera Naples Renato Scappo Academy students perform operatic arias and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the David and Cecile Wang Center. $20-$85. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Free Concert – Hester Prynn performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Jazz Trio – The Marco Island Center for the Arts welcomes the Washington, D.C.-based Peter and Will Anderson Jazz Trio in concert from 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the center’s Luraitz & Rush Galleries. $25 for members, $30 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Vocal Concert – Spanish mezzo soprano Maria Jose Montiel performs arias along with French, Spanish and Brazilian favorites at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $35-$55. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Vocal Tour of France – Gulfshore Opera’s resident artists perform French opera classics at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Artis—Naples. 592-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Songwriters at Sunset – Friends of Lovers Key host a beach barbecue and performances by local singer/songwriters Ray Carbone, Kip Lawrence and Houseboat Jim at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. Free with park entry fee. www.friendsofloverskey.org.

Art Lecture – Florida Gulf Coast University’s Art Galleries host a lecture by Wendy Wischer, whose exhibition “Parallel Journeys” will be on display through March 1, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the U. Tobe Music Hall with a reception to follow. Free. 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. 590-7199 or www.fgcu.edu.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Corkscrew After Hours – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary celebrates World Wetlands Day with guided evening walks, themed activities, entertainment and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Regular admission applies and is valid for two days. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Baby Love – Mary Wilson, former members of The Supremes, performs with The Shirelles at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $59. (800) 219-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Om in the Swamp – Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez hosts a meditation at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary’s natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. $10 for members, $20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Muddin’ – Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a 1.5-mile swamp walk for beginners from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. $30 for members, $20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Car Show – Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers hosts its annual Antique Car Exhibition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Free for members, $25 for others. 2305 MacGregor Blvd. 334-7419 or www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.


Holocaust Film – GenShoah SWFL screens “Fanny’s Journey” (France, 2016) from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Beth Tikvah. Fanny and her sisters attempt to escape Nazi-occupied France but many dangers lie ahead. Free, but reservations required. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. shelley-goodman@rogers.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, Feb. 7. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.


Grand Opera Night – Gulfshore Opera stages scenes from “Carmen,” “The Merry Widow” and “West Side Story” at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. $38-$68. 991 Winterberry Drive. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Tea for Two – Brambles Tea Room and Storytellers of the Round Table team up for an evening of love stories and tea from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8. 340 Fifth Ave. S. 262-7894 or www.bramblestearoom.com.

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

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Carrie Lund as Fiona, Jason Parrish as William, Kate Hampton as Teresa, Faith Sandberg as Mary and Paxton Whitehead as Frank in “How the Other Half Loves.”

British farce! It can be so difficult for us Yanks to get it right; the tone, the audience, the inflections, the timing.

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William and Mary are the fledgling couple, not innocent and have no idea they’ve been used as scapegoats by the adulterous pair whose respective spouses erroneously believe that they are having affairs with other people.

Hope you’ve followed that.

It just gets increasingly more complex as the couples get together to try and help each other, only to make things worse.

As in any farce, the first act sets up the premise and the second act is one long, extended punch line, or a series of punch lines, as the set-ups come to their natural and rib-tickling conclusions.

Tony-nominated Broadway and screen actor Paxton Whitehead is superb as Frank. Perpetually befuddled and living in his own personal fog, he is Mr. Magoo-ish, without being a caricature. Ms. Lund as his long-suffering wife is a little haughty and a little naughtily. She looks after her husband as if he were a toddler.

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**Contract Bridge**

South does it with finesse

By Steve Becker

Occasionally, declarer knows from the bidding or play that the normal percentage play in a suit cannot succeed, while another approach offers at least some chance of success.

South was confronted by just such a situation in today’s deal, where West’s double of four spades stopped his partner from bidding five hearts, which would have gone down only one. However, we can only report what actually happened, which is that South found himself in four spades doubled.

Two rounds of hearts were led, declarer ruffing the second. The normal play in the trump suit would have been to lead a spade to the king followed by a spade to the jack. But West’s one-trump bid and subsequent double made it clear that this was one finesse that was guaranteed to fail.

South therefore rejected the normal play in favor of one that gave him at least some chance to avoid a trump loser. He had to hope that East was dealt the doubleton ten of spades.

Accordingly, he cashed the ace of spades at trick three and then led the jack. Had West started with the Q-10-x of spades, or with any four spades including the queen, this “backward” approach would have proven fruitless, since West would have been assured of a trump trick come what may.

As it was, though, West was a dead duck. If he covered the jack with the queen, East’s ten would fall under South’s ace when the next spade was led, and dummy’s nine would pick up West’s eight to make the contract. And if West did not play the queen on the jack, South would let the jack ride to achieve the same result.

Since West’s spade holding was rather anemic, he should have passed four spades to give his partner the option of bidding five hearts. He has our gratitude, though, because without him, we’d have had no story to tell.

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The thrill of the hunt is as memorable as the acquisition. Younger generations are not collecting the finery that people of my grandparents’ and parents’ era did. So that means some of the goodies that were priced in the thousands 40 years ago are priced in the hundreds today, and I very nearly could afford some of these goodies with my lawn-mowing money. Long ago, someone told me never to buy an antique as an investment, but rather to buy it because I liked it. The same thing goes for the limited-edition collectibles that flood the market today. Only buy an object because you like it and plan to display it. And remember: Sometimes, the thrill of the hunt is as memorable as the acquisition.

That’s why I smile at the sweet memories of traveling the highways of 1970s Florida. A couple of shows… Naples Doll Show — Say hi to my mom at this show, which brings in dozens of national dealers, noon-5 p.m. Jan. 19, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 20, New Hope Events Center, 7675 Davis Blvd., Naples. Tickets: Adults, $8 (adults only), $3 (Sat and Sun only); $3 for children 12 and under; www.naplesdollclub.com or 239-530-0010.

Gulf Coast Sarasota Antiques Show — Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and March 4, Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota; 941-228-7758. ■

**THE FIND:**

A monumental Parian vase

**Found:** Consign & Design, Promenade Plaza, 9880 Alternate A1A, Palm Beach Gardens; 561-694-9064.

**Paid:** $55

**The Skinny:** An object of quality always stands out. This Parian ware vase makes that case for me beautifully. Parian was an unglazed white porcelain created in the 19th century that resembled marble. It drew on the white biscuit porcelain created at the French factory of Sevres.

English firms capitalized on the ware, displaying it at the Great Exhibition of 1851, according to The Antiques Almanac (www.theantiquesalmanac.com).

Initially, factories used the medium to produce copies of classical marble busts and sculptures. It meant that for the first time, members of the middle class could own expensive-looking artwork. The English firms of Copeland & Garrett, Worcester, Minton and Wedgwood all made Parian. So did Fenton, of Bennington, Vermont, which created pieces encrusted with grapes, leaves and other flora.

Online sources suggest this 18-inch vase, which is covered with roses and chrysanthemums, was made in 19th-century France or Germany. It’s unmarked. But I do know it would have been priced many times what I paid for it had I been shopping in the 1970s. That’s a lot of lawns to mow.

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**FILM CAPSULES**

**The Post ★★★**
(Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Bob Odenkirk)
The owner (Streep) and executive editor (Hanks) of The Washington Post debate whether to publish articles on the newly leaked and highly classified Pentagon Papers in the early ’70s. Director Steven Spielberg’s latest is a good drama that tells a good story and is by no means a disappointment, but it’s also unlikely to be the strong Oscar contender many are expecting. Rated PG-13.

**Downsizing ★★**
(Matt Damon, Kristen Wiig, Christoph Waltz) With the promise of a better life, Paul (Damon) and his wife Audrey (Wiig) agree to shrink themselves and live out their days in a micro-community. It doesn’t go as planned, of course, and worse the film goes in unexpected directions that don’t work. A definite disappointment from writer/director Alexander Payne. Rated R.

**Darkest Hour ★★★ 1/2**
(Gary Oldman, Ben Mendelsohn, Lily James) Gary Oldman is tremendous as Winston Churchill in the first month of his run as prime minister in May 1940. Churchill deals with the escalating war in Europe and turmoil within his own party in this fascinating look at the complexity of power and war. Rated PG-13.

**Wonder Wheel ★★**
(Kate Winslet, Justin Timberlake, Jim Belushi) Unhappily married to Humpty (Belushi), 1950s Coney Island waitress Ginny (Winslet) has an affair with young lifeguard Mickey (Timberlake). Meanwhile, Mickey has a crush on Humpty’s daughter from his first marriage, Carol (Juno Temple). It’s the kind of love triangle we know writer/director Woody Allen can do well, but here he runs out of creativity quickly. Rated R.

**The Disaster Artist ★★★★**
(James Franco, Dave Franco, Seth Rogen) Hollywood failures, friends Tommy (James Franco) and Greg (Dave Franco), decide to make their own film, “The Room,” which inadvertently becomes a cult classic as one of the worst movies ever made. Funny without being mean-spirited, it’s a great movie about the making of a terrible movie. Rated R.

**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri ★★★★★**
(Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell) Frustrated that the town police chief (Harrelson) has made little progress in solving her daughter’s murder, fiery Mildred (McDormand) pays for strong words on three billboards to move the investigation along. The performances and script are tremendous, and best of all the film has real personality. It’s a sure Oscar contender. Rated R.

**The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★★**
(Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer, Jonathan Pryce) It’s the story of how Charles Dickens (Stevens) wrote “A Christmas Carol,” and in doing so established many of the Christmas traditions and sentiments we still hold dear today. At least, that’s what it thinks it’s about. It really doesn’t do any of that well, and as a result plays like a lump of coal in your stocking. Rated PG.
Is it worth $10? Yes

A great actor can say a lot without saying anything at all. After “Hostiles,” let there be no doubt Christian Bale is a great actor.

Bale’s Capt. Joe Blocker is a study in repressed emotion and fearing internal pain. It’s 1892 in Colorado, and this former Union soldier is ready to retire. He’s spent his post-Civil War career in the untamed American West, tracking, arresting and killing Native Americans who harmed White people. He speaks softly because mere words cannot describe the horrors he has seen.

What’s interesting about writer/director Scott Cooper’s (“Black Mass”) film is that we learn through dialogue what Joe has done, and why he did it, but we learn the effect it’s had on him only by watching Bale, whose facial expressions and mannerisms say more than Joe could ever express verbally.

For example, when Col. Biggs (Stephen Lang) orders Joe to escort a Cheyenne chief named Yellow Hawk (Wes Studi) and the chief’s family to Montana, watch how a look of sorrow and fury overwhelms Joe’s face. Smalls ticks, such as moving his jaw to one side and looking away, suggest extreme unhappiness. He then tells the colonel why he doesn’t want the job, and because his face just emot- ed as much as it did we realize, and feel, how incredibly difficult this is for him.

Joe has help—and resistance—on the dangerous trip through Apache territory. His longtime cohort Tommy (Rory Cochrane) is emotionally spent; Henry (Jonathan Majors) has also been loyal to Joe for years; Rudy (Jesse Plemons) is fresh out of West Point, and Philippe (Timothée Chalamet) just joined the service. They are escorting the chief, his son Black Hawk (Adam Beach), Black Hawk’s wife Elk Woman (Q’orianka Kilcher), and a few others. They also come across a distraught White woman (Rosamund Pike) whose family has just been murdered, so Joe and co. help her.

Western fans will recognize elements of “Stagecoach” here, but in terms of tone and character it’s similar to “The Searchers” in that Joe is just as much of a savage as Yellow Hawk. Cooper is careful to not pass judgment on either character, and by not making either a hero or villain he allows for an unlikely understanding to form between the two.

On a larger level, thematically, Cooper also calls attention to the decline of the American West and mistreatment of Native Americans, which echoes “Danc- es with Wolves” without being preachy. Cooper runs into trouble, however, by not giving the 134-minute film a tighter edit. Some scenes run long, while a good number of others should’ve been excised completely because they do nothing to advance the story. A film like “Hostiles” shouldn’t feel this tedious.

Let’s hope Cooper, who did well with Bale in “Out of the Furnace” (2013) and “3:10 to Yuma” (2007), doesn’t make this kind of excess a habit.

Still, “Hostiles” is worth a look for its fine performances and scenic cinematography. And if you get anything from the message of putting yourself in your enemy’s shoes and understanding that perspective, even better.

**Did you know?**

> Christian Bale and Ben Foster, who plays a Union officer sentenced to hang for his crimes, also appeared together in the 2007 “3:10 to Yuma” remake.
Look for ‘Roseanne’ in March

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I remember you writing about “Roseanne” coming back to television, and I thought it would have premiered by now. Do you have any more details?
— Barbie Y., via email

A: The “Roseanne” reboot — which brings back pretty much all the series’ cast members, including Roseanne Barr, John Goodman, Laurie Metcalf, Sara Gilbert and both Beckys (!) — debuts Tuesday, March 27, on ABC for a nine-episode 10th season. In this iteration, Sarah Chalke (Becky No. 2) plays a new character named Andrea, a married woman who hires Becky (Lecy Goranson) to serve as her surrogate. “The Big Bang Theory” star Johnny Galecki returns as David, but because of scheduling conflicts, he will appear in only one episode.

An original cast member who won’t be back is Becky’s husband, Mark Healy, who was played by Glenn Quinn; Glenn passed away in 2002 of a heroin overdose. His character’s memory will be honored in the new season: David (Mark’s brother) and Darla named their son Mark. The decision not to recast the role, along with the naming of David and Darla’s son in honor of Mark, points to the conclusion that the character of Mark also will be deceased.

Q: I just finished both seasons of “The Crown” and absolutely adore it. But I heard that for season three, most if not all of the main roles will be recast. Why? I love everyone on the show.
— Connie F., Fort Myers, Florida

A: Netflix recently announced that Olivia Colman will replace Claire Foy as Queen Elizabeth II in seasons three and four of the hit historical drama. And the most recent “unofficial” announcement is that Helena Bonham Carter will portray Princess Margaret. From the get-go, series creator Peter Morgan spoke of his intent to recast characters to better portray them as they age. As of this writing, there has been no announcement as to who will take over the role of Prince Philip from Matt Smith.

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■ The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.

■ Solo Singles of Collier County was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. The Jan. 19 meeting place is Sam Snead’s at Lely Resort & Spa, followed by Olympic Café on Jan. 26. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

■ Wine Tasters of Naples members meet from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a $7 door fee; guests pay $9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The Jan. 19 place to be is Café Luna, followed by Blue Monkey on Jan. 26. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

■ Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 20 and Feb. 3. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward (place TBA). For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email diritchie@comcast.net.

■ The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance holds its annual orchid sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Naples Conference Center. Admission is free. 1455 Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call 269-6389 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ Phi Gamma Delta graduates living in or visiting Southwest Florida are invited to join local alumni for lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Moorings Country Club. Guest speaker Kathleen van Bergen of Artis—Naples will discuss change at the venue and how it survived Hurricane Irma. For reservations or more information, call Don Meek at 390-9030 or send an email to stork326@yahoo.com. More information is also at www.swflfijigrads.com.
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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 11th Ave. Free. For more information, call 949-3621 or 773-732-9992.

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Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club 86454, 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, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Jan. 26 and Feb. 9. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastoftheCoast.org.

The Hungarian-American Club of Southwest Florida welcomes everyone to Cockadoodle, an evening of dinner and dancing, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Audubon Country Club. The menu includes pork gulyas, chicken schnitzel with lemon caper sauce, spatzle, nokedli with cabbage, sautéed green beans with lemon caper sauce, spatzle, nokedli with cabbage, sautéed green beans with lemon caper sauce, and for dessert, Hungarian kreme sliced apple strudel with roasted peppers and for dessert, Hungarian kreme sliced apple strudel with roasted peppers. Cost is $50 for club members, $60 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Ted or Eva Hably at 293-0358.

Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters invite early birds who want to gain confidence speaking in public to its meetings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meetings are Feb. 1 and 15. First-time visitors are welcome to attend these meetings. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Ted or Eva Hably at 293-0358.

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Tech4Good SWFL, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, for a program about Google Drive. 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. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org. For more information about the organization, visit www.tech4goodswfl.org.

Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160 meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is always welcome to observe. For more information, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org.

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- The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 18067-Naples members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Feb. 7. Members also serve a buffet breakfast from 8:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome. Admission for 85 includes all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, donuts and pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee, with all proceeds benefiting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Feb. 11. The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaa1067.com.

- Questers, a club for anyone who loves antiques and preservation, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month for a field trip or a program at a member’s home. The next meeting is Feb. 8. For more information, call Roberta Raass at 566-8979.

- The Greater Naples Unit of the New York State United Teachers (retired) meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month through April in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake on Valewood Drive. All teachers are welcome. The next meeting is Feb. 8. For more information, call Paul Murphy at 993-7738 or Robert Lomicka at 514-7234.

- The Naples chapter of Sons of the American Revolution meets for lunch and a program starting at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at The Club at Longshore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way (Immokalee Road at I-75). The next meeting is Feb. 8. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit www.NaplesSAR.org.

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9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 – Behavioral analyst Carolyn O’Connell with “Five Fabulous Tricks to Better Behavior.”

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SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 10 A.M.
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Hyacinth Bucket is in a perpetual quest for perfection, to the chagrin of her downtrodden husband.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 10 P.M.
Victoria on Masterpiece Season 2, Part 2
Discontent is growing in the country, and an unexpected twist finally forces Victoria to put childish things away. Despite the healthy birth of an heir, she is paralyzed by an inexplicable sorrow. A tragedy in Coburg plunges Albert into his own torment.

MONDAY, JAN. 22, 9 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow Manor House Treasures
Antiques Roadshow takes inspiration from the furnishings and finery of the sprawling estates in popular period dramas in this special.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 8 P.M.
We’ll Meet Again Children of WWII
Join Ann Curry for the dramatic reunions of people separated by WWII. A Japanese-American woman sent to an internment camp hopes to find a childhood friend, and a survivor from a Jewish ghetto searches for the child of the couple who befriended him.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24, 8 P.M.
Nature: Animal Misfits
Life on earth is incredibly diverse, but it’s not always what you might expect. Alongside the strongest and smartest animals are a group of implausible misfits with unusual looks and behaviors, from a flightless parrot to a cool Arctic caterpillar.

“We’ll Meet Again: Children of WWII,” Jan 23
**Champions For Learning** holds the annual *The Choice Affair 2018* from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Honorary co-chairs are MS Center CEO and co-founder Dr. C. Virginia Quirk, Barbara Uible and Dr. C. Todd Vedder will be honored for their impact on the lives of students through mentorship, leadership, collaboration and community involvement with educators or students. Tickets are $300. For more information, call Jason Kurek at 643-4755 or email JKurek@Champions-For-Learning.org.

**Neighbors Health Clinic** hosts a gourmet vinner dinner fundraiser for the Naples Performing Arts Center, takes place Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at the center at 6645 Willow Park Drive. Tickets for $100 are available at www.betsandbroadway2018.eventbrite.com.

**Friends of the Collier County Museums** host “A Floribbean Night at the Museum” from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the main museum in the Collier County Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail E. Guests will enjoy salsa dancing to the Caribbean band, fresh rolled cigars and a buffet dinner. Tickets are $95 ($180 for two). Table sponsorships start at $1,000. For reservations or more information, call Bill Dwight at 315-2843 or email bill@bdwight.com.

**Bets & Broadway,** the third annual casino-night fundraiser for the Naples Performing Arts Center, takes place Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at the center at 6645 Willow Park Drive. Tickets for $100 are available at www.betsandbroadway2018.eventbrite.com.

**The Naples Players** present the gala fundraiser “Let Us Entertain You” on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, at The Naples Grande Beach Resort. The black-tie evening includes Broadway-worthy entertainment, cocktails, dinner with wine and a live auction. Tickets are $350 ($500 for patron tickets), with all proceeds benefiting the KidzAct youth theater program. Sponsors are Tanya and Denny Glass, Encore Bank, Ashley and John Paul Prebisch, William Raves Real Estate, BB&T, Fidelity Investments, FineMark National Bank & Trust, Inn on Fifth, Merrill Lynch, Naples Print Source, Port Royal Jewelers, Porcelanosa, Rutledge & Barnett Team Realtors, Sun Trust, Private Wealth Management and Sunshine Ace Hardware. For tickets or more information, call Delores Sorey at 248-8059 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

**Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** holds a garden party-themed gala “Help Fun Time Kids Bloom!” on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Honorary event chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chair and co-emcee is Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Stacey Deffenbaugh of Bigham Jewelers, will be part of the fun. Tickets are $300, with proceeds helping Fun Time provide safe, quality, affordable education and care for 96 children of low-income working families in Collier County. For more information, call 261-8284 or visit www.FunTimeAcademy.org.

**The Neighborhood Health Clinic** hosts a live auction, dancing and more. The Naples Players take place Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Naples Botanical Garden. Honorary co-chairs are Sharon and Dolph von Arx. Tickets are $400. For more information, visit www.naplesplayers.org.

**Museum: Pirate Ball** to benefit the Golisi Children’s Museum of Naples takes place Saturday, Feb. 10, at the museum at 15080 Livingston Road. Pirates and their wenches will land on the shores of C’mon for live music and dancing, silent and live auction, dinner, drinks and the chance to win the Grand Prize Treasure Chest. Tickets are $350. For more information, call 260-7175 or visit www.c’mon.org.

**Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida** welcomes Barbara Pierce Bush as keynote speaker for the organization’s signature annual gala, The Choice Affair 2018, set for Saturday evening, Feb. 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. A 2004 graduate of Yale University, Ms. Bush is the CEO and co-founder of Global Health Corps, which she helped established in 2009 to engage the younger generation in addressing the world’s biggest health challenges. She was named one of Glamour’s Women of the Year in 2011, one of Newsweek’s Women of Impact (2013) and one of Fast Company’s Most Creative People in Business (2015). Craig Jones is chair of The Choice Affair 2018 for PPWCFSC. For tickets or more information, email events@ppscwcf.org.

**An Evening of Wine & Music** to benefit Baby Basics of Collier County take place from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. Tickets for $80 are available by calling Kath Ber- gin at 907-8815 or emailing kathbergin@ aol.com.

**The Designer Boutique** associated with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children’s annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 18-19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Vendors from around the county will have specialty clothing, jewelry, accessories and gift items. Learn more about this event here. The event atmosphere is free and open to the public. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-8862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org/mhb.

**The eighth annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children** takes place at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Linda Meak is chair of the event, and Donna Issenmann and Denise Wilburn are vice chairs. Tickets are $350. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-8862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org/mhb.

**Opera Naples** holds a sunset performance of classic operatic arias followed by fine dining Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Naples Botanical Garden. For information about the black-tie optional evening, visit www.operanaples.org.

**A “Vintage Affair: “Bright Lights & Bubbles”** to benefit The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida gala takes place Friday evening, March 4, at Quail West Golf & Country Club. Guests are encouraged to dress in “old Hollywood” style for the red-carpet walk and can expect to be treated like stars at the champagne reception followed by dinner and dancing. Jane Monreal from Fox 4 will emcee, and co-chairs are MS Center board member William Kenneth and Nikki Varveris. Proceeds from silent and live auctions will benefit the MS Center. Table sponsorships are $1,000, $2,500 and $5,000. For info and tickets, visit www.msmainevent.com. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-8862 or visit www.msmainevent.com.

**Champions For Learning** hosts a cocktail reception and silent auction to celebrate the 2018 Glass Slipper recipients and raise funds for student scholar-
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ships from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at a custom model home in Quail West. Tickets for $50 can be purchased by calling Heather Noel at 643-4755.

■ Saint Ann Catholic School, a ministry of Saint Ann Parish, hosts the second annual Saint Ann Latino Contemporany Art Auction at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples. Guests will meet prominent local and international Latino artists, bid on their artwork during the silent auction and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment, all while raising funds to perpetuate the Saint Ann Latino Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $250. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.SALCAA.org.

■ The American Red Cross-Florid-a’s Southern Gulf Chapter holds its Centennial Celebration & Gala the evening of Friday, March 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, call Susan Solomon at 785-654 or email susan.solomon@redcross.org.

■ The 10th annual luncheon to benefit New Horizons of Southwest Florida takes place Saturday, March 10, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. With a theme of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” the afternoon includes a silent auction, a performance by the Super Kids Club choir and stories from New Horizons students. Tickets are $90. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 948-4146, email info@newhorizonssofwfl.org or visit www.newhorizonssofwfl.org/luncheon.

■ The 2018 Heart Ball to benefit the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association in Southwest Florida takes place Saturday, March 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Event chairs are Nicole and Mark Stevens. Mrs. Stevens is a nurse practitioner and the health and safety coordinator at Canterbury School in Fort Myers. Mr. Stevens is the founder of Stevens Construction, signature sponsor of the 2018 ball. Tickets are $500. For more information, including details about additional sponsorship opportunities, call Kaleigh Rodden at 495-4912 or email kaleigh.rodden@heart.org.

■ Friends of Rookery Bay celebrate the tastes and feel of Old Florida at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. This year’s honorary chair is J. Dudley Goodlette. Tickets start at $250. For more information, visit www.rookerybay.org.

■ The eighth annual Bubbles, Bau-des and Broadway gala to benefit Gulfshore Playhouse takes place Monday evening, March 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call Lana Aylin at the theater, 262-7529, ext. 206.

■ The Old Bags luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for Wednesday, April 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The main attraction is a silent auction of more than 300 new and “previ-ously loved” designer handbags donated by individuals and local retailers.

Pat Wheeler is the chair, and Jennifer O’Dell is vice-chair. Tickets are $300. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Rebec-cia Thompson at 775-8862 or visit www. naplesheart.org/oldbags.

■ Champions For Learning and Suncoast Federal Credit Union host the annual Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner and awards ceremony from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Teachers of Distinction and the Heart of the Store recipient will be honored along with the newest Golden Apple teachers. Watch www.championsforlearning.org for more information as the date nears.

■ The Southwest Florida Office of the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association hosts the 14th annual SWFL Go Red For Women luncheon on Friday, April 27, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Amy Sanford, her mother Cathy Canterbury and sister Lauren Can-ter co-chair the afternoon at focuses on mindfulness, health and prevention of heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 and No. 5 killers of all Americans. Major sponsors to date are Arthrex, Lee Health and The Canterbury Family in memory of Dorothy Paffrath and Mar-garet Teixeira. For more information, call Monica Seif at 495-4903 or email Monica.Seif@heart.org.

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The ninth annual Pets on Third to benefit the Naples Dog Park

1. Animals for Education representatives with a ball python, a Burmese python and a reticulated python
2. Kate Haggerty and Betty Haggerty with Skittle and Hudson
3. Mayor Bill Barnett and the Naples Police Department K9 unit
4. Ray DeBates and Strawberry
5. A group from Big Cypress Animal Clinic
6. Lenny LaForest and Suggy
7. Kevin Calametti gives Hudson the high five
8. Sundance and Joy
9. Erik Keller and Liz Keller with Shirley

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**Cuisine News**

**The Local** has made some changes to its menu and is now offering smaller-sized dinner portions, as well as porchetta as an evening special. Using his grandmother’s recipe, Chef Jeff Mitchell stuffs the boneless pork roast with garlic, fennel, rosemary, fat and skin and finishes it with a Madeira-mushroom cream sauce.

“True pork lovers, porchetta is nothing short of a dream come true,” he said. “You get the crispy pork skin, fatty belly and tenderloin all in one bite.”

Other changes include three new appetizers (a small portion of salade nicoise, veggie crab cake and a sampler plate), the addition of kung pao avocado to the dinner menu along with two new pizzas and South Beach steak (skirt steak served with basil salsa verde, tomato and avocado). The Local is at 5233 Airport-Pulling Road. For reservations, call 596-3276 or visit www.thelocalnaples.com.

**Tony’s Off Third** now offers a complimentary wine tasting from 5-7 p.m. every Wednesday. Saturday, Jan. 20. The menu includes seasonal salad greens with fruits and vegetables, local fish in a cashew crust and seasonal vegetables over wild rice and granola with chocolate-cashew butter. $74. 2531 Station of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

**Purple Spoon** in Bonita Springs offers a dinner and discussion with local health experts about gaining power over diabetes at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. The menu includes seasonal salad greens with fruits and vegetables, local fish in a cashew crust and seasonal vegetables over wild rice and granola with chocolate-cashew butter. $74. 2531 Station of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

**Cosmo’s Italian Cafe & Pizzeria** celebrates its 10th anniversary with $25 all-you-can-eat pizza party from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Proceeds benefit Collier County 100 Club, which provides financial assistance to families of fallen first responders in Collier County and Florida. 530 Tamiami Trail N. 262-8818 or www.cosmospizzanaples.com.

**Venue Naples** hosts a cooking class featuring the cuisine of Abruzzo, Italy, with chefs Massimo Criscio and Dino Alberti at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22. Three-course dinner, demonstrations and a glass of wine included for $75. The event space also hosts a pop-up wine dinner featuring vintages from Morlet Family Vineyards paired with four courses at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, for $105. 12340 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venuenaples.com.


**Ario at the JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort** celebrates the extravagant and delicate truffle in a special dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29. The five-course menu with optional sommelier wine pairings is a duel between “Top Chef” alumni John Tesar and Gerald Sombrichter, who is chef de cuisine at Ario. $201 (add $75 for wine pairings).

**Burntwood Tavern** in Mercato offers a Mardi Gras menu from Jan. 22-Feb. 13, with crawfish cakes with creole mustard sauce, seafood gumbo, shrimp po’ boy sandwich, Cajun cobb salad, jambalaya, blackened chicken, pecan pie, bar specials and more. 631-8964 or www.burntwoodtavern.com.

**Timeless-An MIKH Eatery** celebrates The Super Bowl starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, by serving two draft beers, all-you-can-eat pizza and wings and a square on the game-themed menu of $45. Owner and local architect Matthew Kragh will be behind the bar. 90 Tamiami Trail N. 331-4235 or www.timeless-lessetaire.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.goodlife-enables.com – It’s Greek to Me Night: Thursday, Jan. 25 ($67); French Bistro Night: Wednesday, Jan. 31 ($67).

**The Purple Spoon**, 2531 Chamber of Commerce Dr., Bonita Springs, 598-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com – Knife Skills: Saturday, Jan. 20 ($58); Breakfast for Dinner: Thursday, Jan. 25 ($64); Southern Italy: Friday, Feb. 2 ($74).

**Sur La Table**, 5901 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or www.surlatable.com – Confident Seaboard: Friday, Jan. 19 ($79); Pasta at Home: Friday, Jan. 19 ($69); Date Night Healthy Thai: Friday, Jan. 19 ($79); Three Desserts Every Cook Should Know: Saturday, Jan. 20 ($60); Knife Skills 101: Saturday, Jan. 20 ($55); Date Night A Taste of Tuscany: Saturday, Jan. 20 ($79); Ultimate Bowls: Sunday, Jan. 21 ($69); Far East Noodles: Sunday, Jan 21 ($69); Winter French Bistro: Sunday, Jan. 21 ($79); Meatless Monday: Monday, Jan. 22 ($69); Knife Skills 101: Monday, Jan. 22 ($69); Ultimate Bowls: Monday, Jan. 22 ($69); Deliciously Gluten-Free: Tuesday, Jan. 23 ($69); Exotic Persian Flavors: Tuesday, Jan. 23 ($69); Fast, Healthy, Delicious: Tuesday, Jan. 23 ($69); Cravings from Scratch: Wednesday, Jan. 24 ($69).

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**Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nemsith at lnemsith@florida-daweekly.com.**
The Dish: Gruyere and Prosciutto Grilled Cheese
The Price: $11.95
The Place: Nordstrom’s Café Bistro, Waterside Shops
The Menu: www.nordstroms.com
The Details: My usual January dry-out diet only lasts so long before I need a relief meal, and this year it came on a Saturday afternoon when a good friend had news to share. So instead of heading over to Waterside’s more virtuous option, True Food Kitchen, we opted to tuck into a hearty meal that complemented the chilly weather and our overwhelming desire for carbs. Up to the top floor of Nordstrom we went, where I ordered the Gruyere and Prosciutto Grilled Cheese to wipe out my day’s allotment of calories in one shot. Between two slices of onion bread were warm and satisfying nutty gruyere, salty prosciutto and a thick slathering of onion jam. It was tasty and indulgent enough to give me the boost I needed to continue a daily dose of green smoothies and hard-boiled eggs.

One More Thing: I almost devoted this edition of The Dish to the café’s Bistro Crab Bisque, which was so rich and slightly tangy I could have bathed in it. If you’re looking for the quintessential bowl of bisque, this is it. ■

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Here are some capsule summaries of previously reviewed restaurants:

**Another Broken Egg Café**
670 Tamiami Trail N, Naples
300-06/96
While Another Broken Egg offers traditional items, there’s lots of unusu-
al fare, too. Crab cakes topped with poached eggs and Andouille-infused Hollandaise, for example. Omelets with loBSTers and Brie and even some breakfast appetizers, like the Baked Brie Delight — a slab of warm cheese served with apples, raisins and pecans lightly sautéed in Grand Marnier butter sauce paired with toasted French bread. Other winners were a large bowl of house-made granola, fruit and quinoa with strawberries, blueberries, bananas, coconut and vanilla Greek yogurt; the Baccozeno, an omelet with cream cheese, bacon, chorizo, Monterey Jack and green onions; and the Hey Lucy! omelet with chorizo, sautéed onions, green chiles and cheddar. A Belgian waffle and gluten-
free pancakes were top-notch as well. A bonus: The staff is uniformly welcoming and efficient. Lunch served, too. Beer and wine served.

**Zoës’ Kitchen**
22941 Lyden Drive, Estero
494-3540
9108 Strada Place, Suite 14110
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Zoës’ Kitchen is a fast-casual concept that invites patrons to “Live Med” (as in, embrace the healthy cuisine and mindset of the Mediterranean region). The approach emphasizes grilling lean meats — there are no microwaves or fryers in the kitchens — and seasoning food generously with naturally fla-
vorful fresh herbs, spices and lemon. There are plenty of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options for those with special dietary needs. There’s also an authenticity to Zoë’s food that bucks the usual corporate-chain mentality of shying away from intense flavors. Items such as lamb kabas, fano and quinoa sal-
ads, pitas stuffed with salmon or Greek chicken and cauliflower rice bowls are accompanied by savory sauces such as Moroccan harissa, Greek tzatziki and Middle Eastern shuk. Beer and wine.

**KC American Bistro**
Pavilion Shopping Center
3554 North Tamiami Trail, Naples
566-2371
Never mind that you can’t see this place from the road, concealed as it is on the side of a shopping center that’s not the center of the Neapolitan uni-
verse. KC American Bistro has a loyal following and for good reason: Chef/ owner Keith Casey is talented and cre-
ative and runs a first-class restaurant that’s only gotten better in the eight years since he opened. Menu dishes are organized by regions of the country, and it’s fun to mix and match. The Florida fresh ceviche, consisting of black grouper and yellowfin tuna with corn and bell pepper in a citrus marinade and cilantro crème fraiche, was less spicy than most, but flavorful nonetheless. The Maryland blue crab soufflé was full of lump crab, lightly browned and crisp on a pool of sweet corn puree. Trollop king salmon encrusted in pumpkin seeds came atop a stellar sweet potato gratin, and the zinfandel braised short rib was fork tender and devoid of fat, made even better by a wild mushroom veal jus. Pannip-laced mashed potatoes and Brussels sprouts were perfect accompa-
niments. For dessert: house-made choc-
olate ganache with wild berry coulis was rich and just right for two. Full bar.

**Bill’s Steak & Seafood**
4221 Tamiami Trail E., Naples
455-5111
Looking for a place to dine and dance? Bill’s on the East Trail has what you’re after. Never mind the somewhat drab exterior. There’s valet parking and a thoughtful staff whose aim is to ensure guests have a great evening. Booths are most distant from the band so you might land one if you want it (although most people the night of our visit were more interested in proximity to the band and dance floor). There are no surprises on the menu, but the New England-themed seafood menu is solid with lots of choices for meat and seafood lovers. Salads were fresh and the New England clam chow-
der was laden with clams and potatoes. A surf and turf special included a tasty one-pound lobster, corn on the cob and a big baked potato along with the steak. Both the wine list (bottle and glass) and cocktail menu contained a wealth of choices. And the band played on.

**Bill’s on the East Trail**
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Reviewed September 2016

**PAST REPASTS**
It wasn’t that long ago when Bayfront Place was a popular dining destination. There was Roy’s. And Stoney’s Steakhouse. And, for a brief time, Alto Jazz Kitchen/Mereday’s Brasserie.

As you might expect in a place with such a history, the current version of Stoney’s Stone Crab operates where Alto/Mereday’s once were. Yet another door for us as we arrived, another greet—

ervice was attentive throughout dinner with the notable exception of wine service. We wound up pouring it ourselves as the dining room quickly filled up. It wasn’t a big deal, just something that seemed out of character for a restaurant that clearly prides itself on service.

One month in, Stoney’s shows great promise. With few exceptions, the staff in front and back of the house do a great job of delivering the goods. Let’s hope this is the start of a Bayfront Place renaissance.

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Has your vision for the future of your business changed in anyway leading into 2018?

Not really, like 2017 for most individuals and families, purchasing a home is the largest transaction they will make in their lifetime. The purchase of an automobile is the second largest transaction that most individuals are involved in during their lifetime. Still, while the internet has changed retailing, I continue to believe that auto customers would like to purchase from a local community-involved dealership. I take great pride in knowing, that for the past 27 years, Don Gasgarth’s Charlotte County Ford remains focused on our local community and continues to be involved. That continues to be our vision for 2018 and beyond. Yes, there is still a place for a locally owned dealership to meet the community needs. I hope to be that dealer serving Southwest Florida for years to come.

How are you responding to changes in the local economy?

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

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What makes you such a people person?

I enjoy customer and community interaction. I really enjoy being a Ford dealership in Charlotte County.

Tell us about your staff?

I hire truly great people and treat them right as evidenced by the fact many of my employees have been with me for over 15 years. Our staff is well trained to put our customers first. They know our products inside and out!

Within the context of your current marketing/promotional strategy, how do you differentiate your company from your competitors?

Being a complete locally owned dealership sets us apart from all other dealers. We have many local customers that have been doing business with us for years.

What's your superpower?

I never give up! And I listen, listen, listen.

What do you truly love about working here in Charlotte County?

Everything!

How do you find inspiration in today's business climate?

I wake up everyday thankful for my loyal employees and customers. I certainly could not be successful without my family’s support and my true love, Kay Gasgarth. She has been a trusting partner and my best friend! She makes it a lot easier to go to work everyday.

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Because Florida lends itself to a more laid-back version of America’s national pastime, players pose for photos and sign autographs.

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LOL Allowed
Yuck for a few bucks at intimate comedy clubs throughout Southwest Florida serve up adult beverages and dinner alongside major belly laughs. Comedy's biggest names include pit stops at these smaller venues, where that front row table makes you fair game as the butt of a joke by Tom Green or Shawn Wayans and the sledgeomatic slug of Gallagher who recently performed at the Laugh In Comedy Café in Fort Myers.

Off the Hook in Naples has staged thousands of shows since its original founding on Marco Island. Coming performances include Mr. Green (known for his eponymous MTV show) and Mr. Wayans, one of the famous funny brothers and star of "In Living Color."

Visani in Port Charlotte hosts stand-up legend Bobby Collins and Jeff Dye, who spent months traveling Asia with the old-man entourage of Henry Winkler, William Shatner, George Foreman and Terry Bradshaw for NBC's "Better Late Than Never." This year, Robin Williams impersonator Roger Kabler takes the stage at Laugh In as does Steve Hytner, best known as Kenny Bania on "Seinfeld."

If unscripted is more your thing, check out open-mic nights or the Improv Café the first Saturday night of each month at the Bonita Center for the Performing Arts' Moe Auditorium.

Bonita Center for Performing Arts, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989
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During a recent excursion, Capt. Kyle Davidson provided a history lesson about local landmarks and islands, including Boca’s lighthouse and Whidden’s Marina, the longest operating in Southwest Florida. He also managed to finagle a few leaping dolphins into the Katara’s wake, much to the delight of its 10 passengers. Guests can also opt to dine on Cabbage Key.

Cruises depart from The Pink Elephant and public boat docks on Fifth Street.

Boca Boat Cruises, Boca Grande, 888-416-2628, bocaboat.com

The County Fair Affair

This time of year Southwest Florida hosts farmers markets and festivals, galas galore and more. But if you really want to experience the local color, consider checking out county fairs in Charlotte, Collier and Lee. So much more than carnies and cotton candy, rides and attractions, the annual events showcase our homegrown side – youth talent contests, arts and crafts, blue ribbon-winning cakes, jams and jelly, plants and produce and award-winning livestock raised by 4-H student chapters.

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County fairs aren’t just for teeny boppers, especially if you visit on a school night. Enjoy performances by talented local musicians and dancers, browse vendor booths, agricultural and livestock halls, and witness the pageantry of crowning a county queen.

The Charlotte County Fair, Jan. 26 to Feb. 4, offers nightly dog and magic acts and may be one of the few places you’re bound to encounter a youngster demonstrating his or her poultry showmanship skills. Having tried to catch a chicken before, we’re certainly impressed.

2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, 941-629-4252, thecharlottecountyfair.com

The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair celebrates 94 years during its Feb. 22 to March 4 run. By far the oldest and largest in the region, this year’s event offers Elvis acts, a petting zoo and performing lumberjacks and sea lions not to mention creative living and home arts class exhibits and contests. There’s even a nod to the sideshow with a real live human inside a Conjurer fortunetelling machine.

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Collier County 42nd annual fair, this year from March 15 to 25, is attended by more than 60,000 guests. Two stages and a beer tent host nearly continuous entertainment by local bands and musicians, dance groups and animal acts. There’s also a demolition derby and the silent action fundraiser, Make Life Fair, which benefits fair association members and their families fighting cancer.

751 39th Ave. N., Naples, 239-455-1444, colliercountyfair.com

Iconic Bars

There’s nothing at all fancy about any of these bars, and that’s exactly the entire point. Although two are located in the middle-of-nowhere Southwest Florida, our top three tend to attract an equal amount of locals and visitors, blue collar and upper crust.

Mayors and other local glitterati have been spied enjoying a stogie on the patio of the World Famous Cigar Bar in downtown Fort Myers. Inside, the bar is stocked with plenty of scotch and bourbon to accompany the perfect cigar you pick from the humidor and enjoy in comfortable overstuffed leather couches and armchairs. Neophytes never fear: the knowledgeable staff will help you navigate the many selections.

1502 Hendry St., Fort Myers, 239-337-4662, worldfamouscigarbar.com

For nearly half a century, Mercedes and motorcycles have filled the parking lot at Stan’s Idle Hour in Goodland (near Marco Island) on any given Sunday. Home of the annual Mullet Festival and its own dance, the Buzzard Lope created by the late Stan Gober, the restaurant is a people-watching mecca, especially when they hit the outdoor dance floor. Among its menu of seafood and sandwiches is a “Liter Side” of hamburgers and chicken fingers that make us LOL. And Stan’s is also getting the message out: It’s open on other days as well.

221 Goodland Dr. W. Goodland, 239-394-3041, stan-sidlehour.net

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BY KAREN FELDMAN

It wasn’t all that long ago that would-be farmers were told it wasn’t possible to raise organic and sustainable crops in Southwest Florida. “No way,” declared the naysayers with conviction. “It’s not possible in this climate. In this sandy soil. With the plethora of pests. Too much bacteria. The weather is too volatile.”

It turns out they were very wrong. The intrepid farmers didn’t listen and farms have cropped up all over the region. Worden Farms and Three Suns Ranch in Punta Gorda. Asbury Acres and 12 Seasons in North Fort Myers. Florida Microgreens in Cape Coral. Circle C in Bonita Springs. Buckingham Farms in, well, Buckingham. Southern Fresh in Fort Myers. Inyoni and Oakes in Naples. Dozens of small farms have followed suit, producing vegetables and beef and pork and cheese and eggs and honey and fruit and microgreens. And that’s led to partnerships with local restaurants where chefs have embraced the opportunity to trade in the commercially distributed products they once had no choice but to purchase for the local ones of which they’d long dreamed.

A few ambitious restaurateurs have even gone so far as to go whole hog into the farm-to-table movement, buying virtually all of their produce, meats and seafood from local producers — local meaning within a few hundred miles. That allows them to know who grew what they purchase and how it was grown. And they know that what they receive will be fresh and that it hasn’t traveled cross country or been gassed to ripen. For customers, it means they can enjoy food that’s fresher, more nutritious and has more vibrant flavor.

Here, then, are four such establishments throughout Southwest Florida that have embraced this healthy, delicious movement.

Table & Tap

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“We’re sourcing locally and responsibly, trying to keep it as local as possible,” he says. “We’re in the process of having our own real farm-to-table initiative, starting at Babcock, having our own farm operations. We have cattle on the property and we want to harvest our own vegetables.”

They already get all the honey they use from hives on the property, including Brazilian pepper, orange blossom, blueberry and palmetto.

“Lots of little microfarms in the area have been stopping by to tell us about themselves,” Mr. Howze says.

The restaurant currently offers products from nearby farms in dishes such as cage-free omelets, pork belly steamed buns, brussels sprouts with goat cheese, fried green tomatoes, shrimp and grits, bacon-wrapped meat-loaf and tequila Key lime pie, among other items.

The developers plan to plant gardens in each neighborhood so that residents will be able to grow and harvest their own vegetables. There also will be gardens to supply the restaurant as well as Slater’s Goods & Provisions, an organic market and café that will open soon, and the development’s charter school, which opened this fall.

Table & Tap, Babcock Ranch, 42850 Crescent Loop, Punta Gorda; 941-235-6906. Online: tableandtap.co. Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Full bar. Reservations recommended.

Harold’s Restaurant
Fort Myers

The name’s simple enough — the first name of chef/owner Harold Balink — but if you have tasted the food produced by this talented, generous and creative soul, you know it’s a synonym for pure deliciousness.

Harold’s is the latest of Mr. Balink’s culinary endeavors — others being Harold’s on Bay, H2 and Cru — and it’s the most intimate, with a mere 35 seats. It’s also the most ambitious because it’s all farm- and sea-to-table with a menu that changes weekly, as the ingredients do.

Obviously, there are times when he has to go further afield for products than others (summer is a tough time to grow produce here), but you’ll find plenty of local delights on the menu, items like Circle C pork belly with hoisin, cashews and brussels sprouts, and Jackman Ranch beef.

He also uses Circle C honey, as well as foraged mushrooms, line-caught fish and free-range, sustainable game.

After being in business for two years, he’s finding it easier to procure the items he seeks.
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“So many people are coming out of the woodwork,” he says. “I’m getting purple carrots from one person and incredible tomatoes from another. Boat captains will text me on Sunday to let me know what they’ve got, and Circle C Ranch supplies my eggs, poultry, lamb and pork.”

Besides resulting in dishes that have pure, vibrant flavors, Mr. Balink sees another advantage: “It’s created a sense of community, promoting conversations between vendors and clients.”

It spurs ideas as chefs ask for products, and farmers work to meet those needs, expanding their repertoire and the choices available for the restaurants.

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And although the menu changes regularly, Mr. Balink understands that there are some dishes his customers expect to see, such as the roasted cauliflower “Buffalo style” with blue cheese appetizer, the house-made pappardelle with Bolognese sauce and scallops in some form.

“But beyond that, the menu is based on what I get, and I have fun with each dish,” he says. So do his customers.


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region to embrace the farm- and sea-to-table movement. As a pioneer it wasn’t easy. At first, he had to contract with farmers to grow what he needed and then hope the crops would grow.

“Over the years, Nick (Batty of Inyoni Farm in Naples) has been our main supplier,” Mr. Mitchell says. “He’s very flexible. And Worden Farms (in Punta Gorda) has been good to work with.”

Five years later, he now does business with a variety of farmers – they are posted on his website – and so has access to a wide range of products. That’s allowed him to start doing brunch on the weekends in addition to his well-established lunch and dinner service.

He can count on getting his staples, such as kale, spinach, leaf lettuce, arugula and zucchini, pretty much all the time. Other regulars on the menu include Key West shrimp pizzas, Pine Island clams oreganata and lots of Palmetto Creek pork belly, even at breakfast.

“I love breakfast,” Mr. Mitchell says. “Fresh squeezed orange juice, a good cup of coffee and bacon.”

The Culinary Institute of America grad just started weekend brunch in November and is slowly adding to it with things like the farmers market frittata, which will contain whatever vegetables are fresh and in season. Recently, that included zucchini blossoms.

Some items are evergreens. The organic kale Caesar salad is a favorite, along with the pot roast with grandma’s veggies and the vegan Korean veggie tacos. Cowboy steaks, a local catch, burgers and pizzas provide something for every diet and taste.

The main point, he says, is “to highlight what Southwest Florida has to offer. We have a unique blend of cultures. Different things can be farmed here. Now I’ve standardized a lot of things. I’ve found out what works and stuck with it.”

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Purple Spoon Culinary
Bonita Springs

Chef/owner Kristina San Filippo calls Purple Spoon a culinary hub, a gathering place for local farmers, top-drawer culinary professionals and community members who love healthy food prepared in fresh ways.

The Culinary Institute of America alumna uses organic ingredients grown locally, and the farmers are often present as she leads a cooking class or holds a wine dinner or monthly community dinner during which you pay what you can and sample a variety of dishes made with what was fresh and available that day. During a recent event offerings included vegan vegetable curry soup, tacos made with pork or buckwheat topped with zesty salsa, crunchy okra and sweet winter squash.

On Wednesday afternoons, she welcomes the farmers in for a farmers market so customers can buy direct from the producers.

When she isn’t planning a class or dinner, she creates prepared meals that customers can drop in and buy.

“On Monday, we look at what farmers bring in – the produce, local meat and eggs,” she says. “We start with a baseline vegan, gluten-free menu and do the prepared items from that platform,” she says. “Then we add some meat that’s been humanely raised and harvested. Our food is both healthful and indulgent, with really good entrees but dessert will have some butter and sugar.”

Prepared items include soups, grain salads, roasted vegetables, vegetable salads, and a line of vegan sweets, even chocolate cashew butter.

“We want people to eat well and enjoy food, but we realize we all don’t have time to cook at home every night,” Ms. San Filippo says. “They can get their ingredients here from the farmers and on the nights you can’t cook, we’ve got you covered.”

Themes for cooking classes and dinners are wide ranging – for Christmas there was the feast of the seven fishes, as well as a class called A Bounty of Seafood, one on sushi, another on Southern Italian cooking. There are periodic tours of local farms that include lunch or dinner.

The experiences help people understand how the process of growing and harvesting food – both vegetable and meat – works.

“They feel the connection and then are committed to making it a part of their life,” says San Filippo.

Chef Kristina San Filippo of Purple Spoon Culinary.
Early morning fisherman off Gasparilla Island.
The Gulf beaches and winter sunshine probably brought you here and you have the tan — or sunburn — to prove it. But as you'll soon discover there's so much more than the Gulf shore. From put-in spots for boats of all sorts along Placida Road in Charlotte County to the foodie scene in Fort Myers and Naples, distilleries and craft breweries, and hundreds of miles of trails meandering through city, county, state and national parks, we've got you covered whatever your vacation style.

Brew Crew or Cocktail Culture

Home to one of the biggest wine festivals on the planet, Naples restaurants and wine bars take vino pretty seriously. You'll find great wine cafés throughout the region, but if you want a totally local experience (good grapes just don't grow in Florida), find a tiki bar serving umbrella drinks or check out a craft brewery or distillery. Almost every bartender here has created a signature drink, taking an old classic for a new spin, elevating adult beverages to an art and perfecting rumrunners, sunsets, hurricanes and other fruity tropical mainstays. Bonus for made-from-scratch mixes, real fruit-infused spirits, oak-planked smoked drinks and a choice of ice cube shapes.

From Punta Gorda in Charlotte County to Marco Island south of Naples, Southwest Florida has 15 craft breweries and counting and ale trail and tour websites dedicated to highlighting these homegrown destinations. Raise a pint or two to the local brew masters and take home a growler of your fave if you're checking your luggage. The area also offers three distilleries: Alligator Bay Rum in Punta Gorda, Cape Coral's Wicked Dolphin Rum and newcomer List Distillery, which uses local oranges and other fruit for flavored rums, vodka, gin and specialty liquors.

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Waterside Shops in Naples rivals Rodeo Drive with its selection of designer boutiques including Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany, Salvatore Ferragamo, Michael Kors and anchors Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom. Also popular in Naples is the picturesque Village on Venetian Bay and Mercato, the latter also a nightlife hotspot. For local flavor and a downtown experience, visit the national and locally owned retailers along Fifth Avenue South or nearby Third Street South, just two blocks from the Naples Pier and a commercial hub since the 1930s.

Culture Vulture

Into arts and entertainment? Southwest Florida closes down entire streets for art shows and fairs, offers major performing arts halls and art galleries plus smaller community venues, visual arts centers and a year-round calendar of performances, festivals and special events.
World-class entertainers and Broadway productions take the stage at Barbara B. Mann in Fort Myers and Artis-Naples. The region also offers a dinner theater, two opera companies plus orchestras and symphonies.

Got Kids?

If you’re traveling with your children or grandchildren, there’s plenty to do and they might learn a thing or two in the process. The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples offers interactive exhibits exploring the swamps of the Everglades, scaling a two-story tall banyan tree and experimenting with water. Kids can also act out potential career choices (farmer, fisherman, architect, artist, weather forecaster or veterinarian) and experience the cold of an igloo, the sound of sea and wind, and the color of the rainbow. No need to pack a lunch: C’mon has a café and a fun gift shop.

The landmark blue water tower on Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers is part of the IMAG History and Science Center campus offering over 60 interactive exhibits. At IMAG, sharks and fish glide through the water of a 3,200-gallon aquarium and a touch tank provides a literal hands-on opportunity for little ones to interact with friendly stingrays, sea stars, urchins and horseshoe and hermit crabs. With a focus on science, technology, engineering and math, exhibits include a Nano Lab, Mind Magic puzzles, a virtual history tour of past and present Fort Myers, and a Living Lab featuring turtles, a ball python, bearded dragon and prairie dogs. There are also daily animal encounters, stingray feedings and an Idea Lab.

Add a little water: SunSplash in Cape Coral and Sun-N-Fun Lagoon in Naples offer multiple slides, lazy rivers, waterfalls and kiddie pools. Both operate seasonally with limited hours beginning around March.

African penguins are making a special appearance through April at the boutique Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, a 43-acre landmark founded in 1919 as a botanical garden. Exotic animals, which now include lions, tigers and bears (oh my!) plus gators, birds and
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Pack like a Pro

Swimsuits, sunscreen and sunglasses are mandatory. Plan on packing at least two suits, one stylish to wear lounging by the resort pool or beach, the other more sporty in case you take an unexpected plunge while paddleboarding or kayaking. Think resort casual when planning your wardrobe; only a handful of restaurants still require collared shirts, ties and suitcoat for nighttime dining. Southwest Florida style is laid-back – sundresses and flip-flops, polo shirts and shorts are practically standard issue.

Winter nights can dip into chilly, restaurants crank up the AC during the day, and breezy waterfront venues necessitating a sweater, pashmina or light jacket.

Village-inspired shopping venues mean lots of ground to cover; bring comfortable shoes.

Outfitters and captains provide all the gear you'll need for hitting the water, although you might want to invest in a waterproof camera to capture the scenery and the fish that didn't get away.

Serious shellers should consider a collapsible scoop ideal for travelling and a mesh bag for easy rinsing.

Finally, if you're hitting the brewery or distillery tours, make sure your Uber app's up to date.

Outdoor Adventurer

Parks, expansive nature preserves, wildlife refuges and the western fringe of Everglades National Park cater to those who prefer hiking or biking the path less traveled or discovering mangrove tunnels and secluded waterways aboard a kayak or paddleboard. Quiet modes of transportation let you blend in with nary a notice by wildlife – everything from raccoons and birds to gators and dolphins and the occasional manatee. Local charter captains also know the best spots to fish for snook, tarpon, grouper and other big game fish. Trained naturalists lead guided flora and fauna tours, swamp walks and shelling excursions. Or climb aboard a swamp buggy and rumble through the jungle of Telegraph Swamp and the working ranch during an eco-tour of Babcock Ranch in Charlotte County.
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Southwest Florida is known for great golf, ranking somewhere among the most holes per capita. That urban legend-y and somewhat subjective list depends on the survey; a quick Google search showed Collier County No. 1 or No. 5. Created by famed golf architects and PGA pros – think Greg Norman, Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus among them – the majority of the region's courses lie behind physical walls, exclusively for use by gated community residents and country club members.

Nonetheless, there are plenty of public and semi-private courses offering a playing experience and 19th-hole comparable to the swankiest clubs, some so steeped in the natural setting you might momentarily forget your game. The Golfin' Guy, aka David Theoret (and in full editorial disclosure: this writer's brother), has played most of Southwest Florida's courses – private and public – for his blog. Mr. Theoret has a 10 handicap and, unlike his sister, isn't a disgrace to the family's Scottish heritage. Here are five of his faves:

**Tiburón Golf Club**
Consistently rated among Florida's top 20 golf facilities by Golf Digest and GOLF Magazine, Tiburón offers two challenging Greg Norman-designed 18-hole courses, simply named the Black Course and the Gold Course. The Black hosts the PGA Tour's QBE Shootout, often attended by the Shark himself. Both courses introduce elements of Australian design with open approaches to the greens that encourage the bump-and-run shot, Mr. Theoret noted. Located adjacent to the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, the landscaping reflects the lushness of its neighbor and there's a noticeable lack of rough to stop wayward hooks and slices. “Both courses are known for the use of stacked sod wall bunkers, crushed coquina shell bunkers and the absence of conventional rough,” said Mr. Theoret. “The
green complexes can prove to be quite tricky, leaving the average player looking for a ‘do over.’” Playing the length of the 7,005-yard Black Course is more suited for low-handicapper and pro players. “The forward tees are a different story; the course is much more playable and low scores are a definite possibility.

— Tiburón Golf Club, 2620 Tiburón Drive, Naples, 239-593-2200, tiburonnaples.com

Kingsway Country Club
The Charlotte County course is conveniently located just minutes from I-75, offers an 18,000-square-foot Old Florida clubhouse and underwent a complete redesign by Ron Garl and Chip Powell in 2005. Because tees are close to greens, it’s also one of the few Southwest Florida courses conducive to walking. “Many players take full advantage especially during season and it’s still easy to get around,” said Mr. Theoret. Greens, he added, are “fast and true. The subtle undulations and long sweeping breaks on a few keep you honest on the putting green.” Among the more memorable holes: the short 335-yard par-four No. 12 demanding accuracy off the tee to avoid a large waste area nestled along the fairway and two looming pot bunkers. “Although this is the shortest par four on the course, it is by no means a pushover.”

— Kingsway Country Club, 13625 S.W. Kingsway Circle, Lake Suzy, 941-625-8898, kingswaycountryclub.com
Old Corkscrew Golf Club
One of the area’s youngest courses, Old Corkscrew was designed by the Golden Bear himself – legend Jack Nicklaus – and opened in 2007. Located eight miles east of the interstate, it’s a bit out there but benefits from the lack of a built environment. Translation: A more natural Florida setting and wildlife encounters, no homes or even a clubhouse ... yet. “In addition to playing one of, if not the nicest course in Florida, you’re likely to see your fair share of wildlife,” said Mr. Theoret. “They can usually be found searching for food in marshes that are typically surrounded by palmetto groves, cypress trees and tall pines.” Most of the greens are elevated 10 to 20 feet and undulate like Busch Gardens coasters, he noted. “No matter where you play from, this course is going to test your mettle. Water figures into most tee shots, coming into play on nearly every hole. You will also find many sculpted bunkers guarding the large fairway landing areas, as well as numerous greenside sand traps that add to the challenge of hitting the greens. In some cases you will be surprised to find a second water hazard lurking greenside.”

— Old Corkscrew Golf Club, 17320 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-949-4700, oldcorkscrew.com

Lely Resort Mustang Course
While he gives props to Lely 54 holes of golf, Mr. Theoret singles out the Lee Trevino-designed Mustang for proving a challenge for low handicap players as well as accommodating average golfers. “The course offers a variety of golf holes that are difficult to a point, but always fun to play,” he said. “You can easily recover from most errant shots. Trevino also designed generous landing areas and fair entries to the greens; almost always there is ample bail out room.” Other player friendly features, including easy-to-negotiate hazards, “keep many people coming back year after year.”

He does warn about No. 6, called the “Marsh” for a reason. The water isn’t readily visible from the tee. There are fewer homes and the course wends around 12 lakes and stands of tall Florida pines.


Raptor Bay Golf Club
The Audubon International’s first gold-certified club in its Signature Sanctuary program, Raptor Bay at the Hyatt Coconut Point is surrounded by 22 acres of lakes and over 200 acres of nature preserve and unaltered native landscaping. Do yourself a favor and pick up the yardage booklet for the nine-hole Osprey and nine-hole Hawk courses; it covers all the environmental efforts undertaken as well as a hole-by-hole description of Raptor Bay’s frequent flyers (bald eagles and egrets) and wildlife. Mr. Theoret said the course design incorporates native sand and stands of palmettos. You’ll also notice a void of sand bunkers and homes along with tree-lined fairways and well-guarded greens lending “a tournament feel. What I like most is you need to hit the greens or pay the price,” he said. Because of its design, missing the green by a few feet can result in a lost ball.

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Keep up with the newest surgical advances: When not in the office or operating room, I am 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.

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  Downtown Fort Myers
  fortmyersartwalk.com

- **ART ALIVE walks**
  First Wednesday each month
  November through June, as well as October 2018 (5 to 8 p.m.) and third Saturday of each month from January through March, 2018 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
  Studios and galleries north of Pine Ridge Road and south of Trade Center Way between Taylor and Airport Pulling roads in Naples Art District.
  naplesartdistrict.com
  (239) 269-5070
  naplesartdistrict.com

- **Music Walk**
  Third Friday of each month
  The downtown event from 6 to 10 p.m. features live music at a variety of venues, including restaurants, galleries and bars, plus a variety of street performers all over the newly renovated downtown Fort Myers River District. Music Walk venues showcase a variety of music, from acoustic soloists to punk rock, piano, steel drums and saxophone.
  Downtown Fort Myers
  fortmyersmusicwalk.com

- **Alive After 5**
  Third Thursday of each month
  From 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, explore downtown Punta Gorda. There is live entertainment, wine tastings, an Artists’ Village and Indie Market with art and craft demonstrations, art receptions, restaurants for grabbing a bite and an evening of fun. There is plenty of free parking.
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  (239) 590-7145

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  Information - leegov.com/parks/

- **Edison Festival of Light 5K**
  Feb. 17 at 5:45 p.m.
  Fort Myers River District-Downtown
  Information - edisonfestival.org or (239) 334-2999

- **Boston Red Sox spring training**
  Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
  JetBlue Park at Fenway South
  11581 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers
  Tickets - (617) 482-4SOX

- **Minnesota Twins spring training**
  Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
  CenturyLink Sports Complex
  14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers
  Tickets - (612) 33-TWINS; (800) 33-TWINS

- **Tampa Bay Rays spring training**
  Grapefruit League games begin in late February.
  Charlotte County Sports Park
  2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte
  Tickets - raysbaseball.com
What is the most significant change you've seen in your industry over the last year?
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Who am I?
NAME: Sue Garand
TITLE & COMPANY: Business manager, St. Andrews South GC
YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 11
YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: 11
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Private golf club
EDUCATION: Some college and Business of Hard Knocks
HOMETOWN: Orland Park, Ill.

Who am I?
NAME: Charlie Priester
TITLE & COMPANY: General manager Head PGA Professional, St. Andrews South GC
YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 12
YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: 12
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Private golf club
EDUCATION: College
HOMETOWN: Jacksonville

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How do you find inspiration in today's business climate?
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Don Pedro Island
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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
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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.

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Gasparilla Island
State Park
880 Belcher Road
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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.

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.

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fws.gov/dingdarling
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Preserve Oasis Visitor
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5215 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee
(239) 695-2000
nps.gov/ever/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.

Delnor-Wiggins Pass
State Park
11135 Gulfshore Drive
Naples
(239) 597-6196
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Fakahatchee Strand
Preserve State Park
137 Coastline Drive
Cape Coral
(239) 489-4593
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.

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1200 W. Retta Esplanade
Punta Gorda
Hours vary by business
(800) 639-0020 or (941) 639-8721
fishville.com

**COLLIER COUNTY**

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coastlandcenter.com

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

**LEE COUNTY**

**Sanibel Outlets**

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20350 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers
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sanbeloutlets.com

**Coconut Point**

This picturesque outdoor mall features more than 140 stores 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
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(239) 992-4259
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**Third Street South**

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Hours vary by business
Concierge Kiosk
Camargo Park, opposite the Fleischmann Fountain
(239) 434-6533
thirdstreetsouth.com

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10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 489-1221
thebelltowershops.com

**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, JCPenny 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
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11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday
(239) 267-5107
gulfcoasttowncenter.com

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Sanibel
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Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
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periwinkleplace.com

**Promenade at Bonita Bay**
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South Bay Drive
Bonita Springs
Hours vary by business
promenadeshops.com

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