Primary voting registration deadline approaches; security top priority

BY KRISTINE GILL
Florida Weekly Correspondent

New security measures are in place as the Collier County Supervisor of Elections prepares for the primary election in August. “What happened in 2016 was an attempt and nothing was compromised,” said Trish Robertson, communications coordinator for the supervisor’s office. Still, Ms. Robertson said federal funding has covered integration of the Albert network, a federal project protecting government agencies from cyber attacks. And the Supervisor’s office plans to work with an outside vendor for the upcoming general election in November. Staff is undergoing training for the systems in the meantime.

The primary election in Collier County will be held on Aug. 28 with early voting spanning eight days from Aug. 18 to Aug. 25. The deadline for primary voting registration is July 30. Ms. Robertson is expecting a turnout of about 25 percent of eligible voters for the primary election. That’s a slight uptick from the 21 percent of voters who voted with in person on Aug. 28, 2018.

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By Florida Weekly Staff

Our relationships with our pets go something like this:
We feed. They eat. They poop. We scoop.
And we wouldn’t have it any other way because that’s the price of unconditional love.
We adore them, and the feeling is mutual.
That is why we photograph our cats, dogs, lizards and birds.

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It’s a massive agreement, one hardly ever laid out in simple terms like this, and it shows just how profoundly we support each other. All of us contribute something (even poor people pay taxes, starting with sales tax), and all of us get a return on our investment that surrounds us 24/7, all our lives. That’s socialist living. Only a few citizens question its basic premise. Most do not, on the left or the right, especially when they become seniors.

Do we get back what we put in? Some do, perhaps. Most probably don’t — they may get more than they put in, especially if they live a long life as so many more Americans are doing today. Endless haggling takes place to determine who isn’t paying their fair share, of course, or who is paying too much. Since we’re human, we have to put up with our best selves and our worst selves — with users and takers and greedy folk, and with hard-working honorable souls who insist on doing their fair share. Both.

Before the 20th century, nothing like this had ever existed or been attempted on a large scale over time, especially a scale that incorporates so many people from so many different cultures, religions and all the races — e pluribus unum. It’s new. We have a lot of fine-tuning and adjusting to do. But it works.

I began to think about this the other day when I was standing in line to pay a restaurant bill. An older man adorned in a big square jaw, a MAGA hat and a pleasant smile asked the cashier if the establishment offered any price breaks to those 65 or older — about 4 million of us live in Florida and more than 46 million in the nation, a figure that may reach 98 million by 2060. “Do you have a senior discount here?” he asked boldly. Maybe he thought age made him more deserving than, say, the young mother with two little kids standing behind him; or perhaps he just figured it’s a stupid system anyway, they give a lot of stuff away, why shouldn’t I take advantage when everybody else is?

A senior discount, though, is entirely different than social security or Medicare, for example. Those are not giveaways, any more than public education, police and fire protection, or public libraries and parks are giveaways. People put money into those programs all their lives, and they get back some of it, or all of it, or more than they put in, in the end. Contributions, through taxes, are not strictly voluntary. That’s our American agreement.

But what compels a senior citizen, especially one well off, to expect a “senior discount” from a private business? There are many senior discounts here and there. I’ve never figured out if businesses offer them to bring in senior money, or if they do it to be respectful, or both — a way of saying thank you for maintaining our socialist society all those decades before you retired, you old fool. Spend your social security check here! I just don’t know. But I do know that I dislike being asked, myself. Why should I get a break that other people don’t — because I have lines in my face?

“Hi, how are you? (A brief pause for an eyeball inspection.) Would you like the senior discount, today, sir? It’s 5 percent off!”

Roger 1: “No, I would not like the senior discount, I’ll bet I can run your little rear into the ground, or outwork you, or outlast you, or outthink you, or all of the above. Senior, hell. I may have to get old, but I don’t have to get mature, as a pal says. See?”

Roger 2: “Sure, thank you. And do you have any old stale bread you’re not going to use, or maybe the rest of that steak the dude at table 4 isn’t going to finish? You could just give me a doggie bag. Throw in the leftover fries, too, and some of that wasted salad on table 6.”

Roger 3: “That’s it? Only 5 percent? I am a senior! I am very old! I have lived a long time and suffered a great deal and just suppose they gave it to you. And just suppose they gave it to you. What a great country!"
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What's happened since then? Is the planet doomed? Are we on our way to environmental hell?

Probably not. In fact, even without the accord, the U.S. is doing much more to reduce carbon emissions.

Our greenhouse gases, including CO2, are continuing to fall, largely due to replacing coal with solar gas.

Solar and wind, heavily subsidized, are growing at an unprecedented rate.

Four states are raising requirements for renewables.

In Florida, utilities continue to shutter coal plants, replacing them with solar and natural gas.

California is installing solar panels on all new homes.

Battery improvements are spurring electric cars and driving auto emissions to new lows.

Meanwhile, other countries are pollut- ing like crazy. However, by soaring energy costs, China and Germany-then-Germany are re-upping on coal. Both subsidize renewable energy and offset ridicu- lous electricity costs with cheap coal.

A study by RWI Leibniz Institute for Economic Research found 61 percent of Germans object to paying even modestly higher energy bills to fund renewables.

China, the world’s biggest polluter, is living up to its Paris promises by build- ing coal plants at a frantic pace. And, as reported in the Wall Street Journal and no one to notice, others countries are finding big investments in wind and solar must be paired with equally big invest- ments in gas plants for when the wind isn’t blowing or the sun isn’t shining.

And nature isn’t cooperating. Massive wildfires in California and elsewhere have pumped vast amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere, undoing years of green measures. Volcanic eruptions are doing the same in Bali and Sicily. Kilauea in Hawaii has poured greenhouse gases into the air for months and shows no signs of stopping. Buying electric cars doesn’t stop Mother Nature.

We’re learning the Paris accords have no meaning anyway. Even with the U.S. curtailing emissions, the world is about to pass the Paris goal of holding the temperature rise from preindustrial levels to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050.

British scientists recently forecast warming of 1.0 to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2022, far from now. That follows a report in Nature Climate Change predicting temperature increases at twice the rate previously thought. An ear- lier study published in Nature Climate Change reported a 90 percent likeli- hood the earth will be warmed by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius by the end of the century in spite of a 90 percent reduc- tion of carbon emissions. David Vic- tor of UC San Diego said, “There’s no scenario under which temperature rise could be contained below 2 degrees.”

But none of this may matter, because all forecasts are now suspect. The U.N. International Panel on Climate Change admitted its narrow projections further than 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Celsius. The U.K. Center for Ecology & Hydrol- ogy admitted it’s about 2 degrees. The journal Nature says the issue is “stubbornly uncertain.” The fact is nobody knows.

What we do know is there has been little temperature change since 2000. We know loss from the Greenland ice cap has been minimal and, according to the National Oceanic and Atmo- spheric Administrations, damage from major hurricanes has increased. The Journal of Hydrology reported a study showing major floods have not increased in the past 80 years.

Peter Wood, head of the National Association of Scholars, is quoted as saying, “The whole discipline of climate change is a farrago of unreliable statis- tics, arbitrary research techniques and politicized prophesying.”

Faced with this uncertainty, the plan- et keeps perking along. Trump is in synch with the great majority of Common- cans who worry about jobs, the econ- omy and overseas threats, but waste little angst on climate change.

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REGISTRATION

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ers who turned out for the last local pri-
mary in 2014. There were about 208,000
registered voters in the county as of July 21.

During early vot-
ing for the national
general election in
2016, a greater
turn-out was anticipated and so early voting
took place for more than eight days.

“We saw quite a jump in early voting in 2016,” said Ms. Robertson. That was also
when the Supervisor’s office added a new
voting location with the opening of its
new building on Enterprise Avenue in East
Naples. That new location will remain
during early voting next month.

A similar uptick is expected com-
pared to the 2014 general election, which
brought in 64 percent of voters. The
office is expecting around 65 percent of
voters this November.

A trend has emerged in recent years
of more voters taking advantage of early
voting and voting by mail. Ms. Robertson
said it will be interesting to see which
method wins out, as most seasonal resi-
dents will be out of town during the
primary this year.

“Of course we want more people to
vote and we’re doing everything we can
to achieve that,” Ms. Robertson said.

The general election in November
will have a long ballot with 14 amendments
and referendums. In Florida, primaries
are closed meaning you can only vote
for contenders in your own registered
political party for the primary election.
As such, there are two universal primary
elections this year, meaning that voters
of either political party will get to choose
between members of the same political
party who are running in those races
and the winner will be chosen before
the general election. The two universal
primaries are for the Board of County
Commissioners District 2 seat and the
countywide Clerk of Courts position.
Winners of those primary elections will
do not have to face voters in November.

County judge and Collier County Pub-
lic Schools board positions are also on the
ballot. For a full list of each race and their
candidates, visit www.colliervotes.com.

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photo ID with you to your voting loca-
tion along with a signature.

in the know

Early voting locations

The following is a list of early voting locations:

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> Everglades City Hall – 102 Copeland Avenue N., Everglades City
> Golden Gate Community Center – 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples
> Immokalee Community Park – 321 N. First St, Immokalee
> Library Headquarters – 2395 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples
> Marco Island Library – 210 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island
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The nomadic year of being crowned Miss International 2017

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For Kelsey Craft, a 26-year-old who lives in Estero and is a physician assistant at Gulfstream Urology in Fort Myers and Bonita Springs, it has been the year of being crowned Miss International. Since then her life was “flipped upside down.” It was the year of visiting all 50 states and six foreign countries as a Miss International spokesperson for her chosen platform: to decrease preventable diseases, including obesity and heart disease, through healthy choices.

It was a year of ups and downs in planes and sometimes on the ground: the year her father died as she was flying stuck in London because of Hurricane Irma, of keeping her belongings in a storage locker in Bonita Springs and living out of a suitcase, and the year of graduating with a master’s of medical science degree from Nova Southeastern University.

The Miss International organization sets itself apart from other beauty pageants in that besides beauty, community service is emphasized, specifically the winner’s reigning year of promoting whatever message she chooses.

“It isn’t all about the glitz and glamour,” she said, “It’s about, what do you want to do with this year?”

Contestants are scored most heavily on personal interviews with judges and on fitness, evening gown, and fun fashion wear events (there’s no swimsuit competition). Miss International started 30 years ago, according to the organization’s website, and the rules include that a contestant must be age 19 to 30, single, without children and “of good health and moral character.” Ms. Craft also had to win the Miss Florida International statewide competition before moving on to compete for the highest crown.

The prize package is worth upward of $10,000, she said, including a travel allowance, wardrobe and makeup sponsorships and other odds and ends such as luggage. During her travels she represented American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women, attending Heart SEE INTERNATIONAL, A26.
and why we share those images around the
world via Facebook and Instagram.

This year’s Florida Weekly Pet Lover’s
edition drew more than 800 photo entries
from across Southwest Florida and included
some of the sweetest canines and felines
imaginable, plus some more exotic critters
who have worked their way into their own-
ers’ hearts and homes.

Each photo was beautiful, or funny, or
interesting or surprising — all spoke to the
loving connection between pet and human.

In our heart of hearts, we wish we could
have awarded first place to each entry. It
was tough to choose, and, alas, not every-
one could be a winner. Here are this year’s
favorites, chosen by our unapologetically
pet-loving editors:

■ First place: Shakespeare, Karma, Sir
Effington and Henri, beloved fur babies
belonging to Alisa Coccari and David Pad-
dick of Bonita Springs.

Ms. Coccari submitted the picture on July
6, the day her husband snapped it in their
home. It is the only one that exists of all four
family pets together.

Shakespeare, an 11-year-old yellow Lab-
rador retriever, died July 8 after a two-year
fight with lymphoma; Henri, a 10-week-
old chocolate English Labrador, had been
introduced to the family just two weeks
prior. Karma, a black Lab who Ms. Coccari
describes as “the house manager and wise
old soul,” and Sir Effington, a rescue cat
“who THINKS he’s a dog,” complete the
picture.

When she learned it was the winning
photo, Ms. Coccari broke down and cried.

“It hit me that this is our only image of
all of them together in that magical flash of
time,” she says, adding she had completely
forgotten about entering the Florida Weekly
contest.

Ms. Coccari rescued Karma 13 years ago
from an organization in South Carolina,
where she lived at the time. After a move to
Boston, she adopted Shakespeare through
a Connecticut rescue agency. The three
spent several years together in the Cayman
Islands before Ms. Coccari moved to Naples
to be near her father.

Karma, Shakespeare and Ms. Coccari met
Mr. Paddick (who volunteers with Hol-
lydogs Greyhound Rescue & Adoption in
Bonita) while out on a walk about five years
ago. “He treated us all to ice cream, and
we’ve been together ever since,” she says.
The very un-catlike Sir Effington, who
plays fetch and “just wants to hang with the

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dogs,” joined the fray two years ago. Henri, who hails from champion English and Finnish bloodlines, completes the canine crew.

While everyone in the house is heartbroken over the loss of Shakespeare, the new pup “is helping all of us move forward with his boundless energy, pure joy and the hilarious laughter he brings forth into the house while we are all grieving,” Ms. Coccari says.

Learning their photo had won our contest, she adds, “was like Shakespeare tapping us on the shoulder.”

**Second place:** Lilly and Crosby, senior feline siblings who divide their time between Naples and Somerset, Pa., with Kim and Chris Hindman and their teenage son, Dezi.

It took Lilly (short-haired, blue eyes) and Crosby (long-haired, one green eye and one blue eye) about 18 months to come out from under the bed after they were adopted from the Somerset Humane Society five years ago.

“They had been horribly abused and were frightened and very unfriendly,” Ms. Hindman, who estimates the grand dames are 16-18 years old. “Now, though, they are finally secure and it gives us all a sense of purpose to have given them peaceful elderly years.”

The cats share their space with the Hindmans’ 14-year-old Labradoodle.

“It has been a humbling experience to keep cats that had been abandoned,” Ms. Hindman adds.

**Third place:** Harley, a Yorkie-bichon mix whose favorite thing to do is give owner Leslie Kern “facials.”

Even though Harley “is not the brightest bulb in the pack” of three pampered pups who go back and forth between Naples and North Potomac, Md., with Ms. Kern and her husband, “she is absolutely the most loving and joyful creature to ever grace this planet,” Ms. Kern says.

“Harley finds joy in everything, as evidenced by her tail, which wags 24/7,” she adds.

The Kerns got Harley from a friend’s litter 10 years ago. Their other dogs are Tucker, a 13-year-old Shihtzu, and Lexi, a 4-year-old Maltese.

“We can’t imagine life without a dog,” Ms. Kern says.

We hope you enjoy the winning photos printed here along with as many others as we could fit on these pages.

Every entry can be viewed on our Facebook page: Florida Weekly. The photo album is named “2018 Pet Lovers Photo Contest Entries.” We encourage everyone who entered to find their pet, tag the photo and post a comment.

After all, they’re not just pretty pictures — they’re portraits of love.

Enjoy!

— Extra treats for Florida Weekly’s Megan Roberts, who kept track of 800-plus Facebook entries, and organized them in a massive spreadsheet that allowed editors to look at each entry, pick favorites and then vote for the three winners.
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COMMENTARY

Karl Wickstrom fought for environment

BY RAY JUDAH

We should all mourn the recent passing of marine conservationist Karl Wickstrom, founder of Florida Sportsman magazine and inspirational leader in the effort to restore our rivers, estuaries, Everglades and Florida Bay from the ravages of polluted water released from sugar cane fields in south Florida.

Like many of us, Karl was heartbroken over the destruction of our marine ecosystem due to the mismanagement of water releases from Lake Okeechobee and politicians at all levels of government unwilling or incapable of “getting the water right” because of their allegiance to Big Sugar’s self-serving interests.

Our coastal estuaries are in peril due to irresponsible government oversight on the timing and volume of water released from Lake Okeechobee and excessive nutrients, sediments and toxic brew of insecticides, pesticides and fungicides released from sugar cane fields resulting in fish kills, increase frequency and duration of red tide, massive harmful algae blooms and destruction of marine habitat.

Karl frequently talked about the importance of our estuaries as vital nursery habitat for over 70 per cent of our commercial and recreational fisheries. He always used to lament the fact that those working to restore our rivers and estuaries were on a 50-year losing streak in trying to influence public policy to prevent the demise of a once bountiful and healthy marine ecosystem.

Karl was a kind and gentle man but maintained a firm resolve to fight the corruption and injustices in the political arena to focus public attention on providing responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources.

The most meaningful way to honor Karl Wickstrom’s incredible legacy is to hold your elected officials accountable and work to implement public policy in support of restoring and conserving our marine resources for future generations.

— Ray Judah, now retired, is a former Lee County commissioner.

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Striving for patient satisfaction

Health care is changing and so must NCH in order to continuously improve patient satisfaction, quality and safety as well as our colleagues’ engagement, satisfaction and efficiency.

With the above mandate, our team led by CNO Jon Kling, chief administrative officer Zach Bostock, chief experience officer Gary Tomczyk, director social work- er Frank Astor and a group of others including physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists, case managers, social workers and therapists of all types, have started a pilot project on 4 North of the Baker Hospi- tal. This 4-bed, high-volume room has chal- lenging patient satisfaction scores gleaned from very sick elderly patients. The goal is to decrease hospital-acquired complic- ations while improving patient satisfaction.

Traditionally, 4 North cared for card- iac telemetry patients whose physicians were either hospitalists from a few different groups and/or independent physi- cians. Typically, these hospitalists cared for patients across many in-patient units with wide ranges of illnesses and an under- standably unpredictable schedule. Thus, patients, families and nurses caring for these patients could not easily schedule meetings, discussions, queries or other necessities with the attending hospitalist.

After a series of open dialogue and communication, open dial- og among all the caregivers twice a day and full-time geographically dedicated physicians, we have some of the early changes and attributes of NCH’s new nursing unit model on 4 North led by nurse managers Teresa Deviese and Lau- ren Vernieri. In speaking with patients, families, physicians, nurses, social work- ers, case managers, therapists, Pharma- cists and others, the following comments and facts emerged.

A typical older patient who just had successful gall bladder surgery by Dr. Luigi Querusio said of his hospital- ist Dr. Shannon Davis, “She spends a lot of time with me, always on the floor and available.” Not surprisingly, the patient also knew that NCH had embraced a culture of learning. Lacie had been with our academic team earlier in her rotation, so she had a chance to catch up with her attending, Dr. Brian Pulford. The results thus far are impressive. The aim of every hospital is to discharge patients safely and early; most patients agree. Unfortunately, our average discharge time has been about 6 p.m. With our new system, we now have 84% of patients dis- charged before 1 p.m. This earlier time obviously frees up beds, creating the equivalent of about 33 extra beds. Everyone commented on fewer phone calls among caregivers as communication became face- to-face with higher patient and family satis- faction. Moreover; problems and concerns are addressed quickly. Our goal is to keep people well and away from the hospital. But if you need to be hospitalized, you want to have a safe and high quality experience to live a happier, healthier and longer life.
NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEKL
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San Diego photographer Mike Sakasegawa prides himself on seeing the beauty in mundane objects. The Washington Post reports. But something about his latest subject took social media by storm. On July 12, as Sakasegawa (p) turned home from his morning run, he noticed a round, yellow object rolling down the street. “I thought it was a tennis ball or something,” he said, but in fact it was a lemon. So he did what any self-respecting photographer would do: He captured video of the fruit as it continued its journey to the bottom of the hill, then posted his 1.5-minute documentary to Twitter. Within 24 hours the video racked up more than 2.5 million views. “I post stuff that’s similar to this all the time,” Sakasegawa said. “Most of the time, it floats on by.” By the next day, the lemon video had gained more than 100,000 likes, was retweeted tens of thousands of times, and a literary agent had contacted Sakasegawa, wondering if he’d like to make the lemon into a children’s book.

Inexplicable

Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo isn’t going to spend her summer sitting in a stuffy office. Instead, she announced on July 14 that she is holding summer office hours at state beaches, beginning with Scarborough State Beach in Narragansett. She and members of the Office of Constituent Services, who will help connect residents with state services, started their new schedule on July 16. The governor told the Associated Press she looks forward to hearing directly from residents while visiting some of the state’s most popular destinations.

Least-competent criminals

■ Rye Wardlaw, 40, walked up a big fail on July 8 at NW Eagle Experience in Vancouver, Wash., when he broke into the business in the pre-dawn hours. According to The Washington Post, Wardlaw tried and failed to enter through a back door using a metal pipe, then knocked a hole through the wall. After climbing through, he knocked over a set of lockers. Then, carrying a burrito and a beer he nicked from the company’s refrigerator, he wandered into the “Kill Room,” an escape room dressed to look like a serial murderer’s hideout. Among the blood-splattered walls and fake cadavers, Wardlaw got scared, but he couldn’t ... escape. So he called 911 four times and pleaded for help. Clark County Sheriff’s officers accepted his confession and charged him with second-degree burglary.

■ In Mesa, Ariz., two troopers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety were surprised to find themselves being pulled over on State Route 51 by a black Dodge Charger on July 11. The troopers were in an unmarked Mustang and had spotted the Charger behind them sporting law enforcement-style emergency lights, reported ABC15 Arizona. A registration check revealed the car was registered to a private citizen, who soon activated his flashing lights and pulled the troopers over. When the (real) troopers approached the Charger, they found 44-year-old Matthew Allen Disbro of Mesa wearing a security uniform and a gun belt with a hand gun, cuffs and pepper spray. The car also contained a siren box, police radio and a vest with a baton and knife. Disbro was arrested for impersonating an officer.

Awesome

■ Indian River County sheriff’s officers stopped Earle Stevens Jr., 69, on June 27 after another driver called 911 complaining that Stevens’ Mercury Grand Marquis kept tapping her bumper in a McDonald’s drive-thru lane. The officers noted “a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath ... His speech was slurred and his eyes were red and glossy.” He also had an open bottle of Jim Beam bourbon in a brown paper bag on the passenger seat. Stevens, of Vero Beach, struggled to produce his ID and said he’s never had a valid Florida driver’s license, according to Treasure Coast Newspapers. He also explained he was not drinking while driving, only when he stopped for stop signs and traffic signals. After failing several field sobriety tests and a breath test, Stevens was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a license.

■ Florida Highway Patrol officers pulled over a Nissan sedan on May 6 on I-95 after observing erratic driving, reported the Miami Herald. Indeed, Port St. Lucie resident Scott Allen Garrett, 56, smelled of alcohol, had an open bottle of 92-proof Sailor Jerry Spiced Rum on the passenger seat, was slurring his words and had “red, very glassy and bloodshot eyes,” according to the police report. Garrett then told officers his dog had been driving — which would have been notable on its own, but was particularly interesting considering there was no dog in the car with him. Garrett was charged with DUI.

Hey, it’s Florida

■ Florida Highway Patrol captains for Clean Water.

Captains for Clean Water is a grassroots nonprofit organization that advocates for the elimination of harmful, large-scale Lake Okeechobee discharges into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River Estuaries by restoring the natural flow of Lake Okeechobee water south into the Everglades and Florida Bay. Find out more at captaintocleanwater.org

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Roberth Webster has a favorite series of books — they're about Pete the Cat. Like many of his classmates in The Immokalee Foundation’s Immokalee Readers program, Roberth was behind his grade level in reading and needed extra help to catch up. In fact, when he began second grade last fall, he was reading at an early kindergarten level and wouldn’t have been able to find out about Pete and his adventures — like the fact that Pete goes to the beach and doesn’t like the water.

Students such as Roberth will continue to learn in the after-school Immokalee Readers program thanks to a strategic initiative partnership award of $358,550 from the Naples Children & Education Foundation. The award fills “fundamental gaps in children’s services,” according to the wine festival foundation’s criteria and comes from money donated during the Naples Winter Wine Festival auction in January.

Immokalee Readers helps about 650 students in kindergarten through fifth grade in all five Immokalee elementary schools by matching them with high school-age tutors — 113 this school year. Supervised by teachers, the tutors meet with their young counterparts after school three or four days a week to supplement their classroom instruction and improve their reading skills.

Students at Lake Trafford Elementary, like Roberth, meet four times a week. “Roberth has worked hard in both his regular classroom and Immokalee Readers,” said Marisol Sanders, Immokalee Readers coordinator. “He has made great strides in just a couple of months, and his test scores will likely show that he is now reading at grade level.”

Ginette Rincon chooses the reading programs for the Immokalee Readers based on students’ needs and interests. At Lake Trafford, young readers use the LitArt program to boost their reading comprehension, writing skills, oral language skills, phonemic awareness and vocabulary.

The young readers aren’t the only ones who benefit from the Immokalee Readers program. “Students involved in The Immokalee Foundation’s programs can apply to be tutors. If accepted, they are trained and then supervised by certified classroom teachers,” Ms. Vasquez said. “We make things. The other day we read a book about the Earth, and then we made an Earth with a balloon and papier mache. Then they read. They pick books the teachers supply — both fiction and nonfiction — and we help them read.”

“Tutors apply for the Immokalee Readers job like any other,” said Ms. Sanders. “They turn in a resume and are interviewed, which is great experience for them,” she said. “They have to maintain a 3.0 GPA and remain drug- and crime-free. We do drug screens and background checks, too. And as tutors, they get to participate in career panels, ACT and SAT preparation. These are the kids who want to enrich their lives and those of the little ones who need their help.”

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Immokalee Readers gets a big boost from NCEF

If accepted, the students stay after school three days a week to do their homework and participate in lessons about world affairs, leadership, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), and college and career exploration.

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, supports effective, disciplined charitable programs that significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. For more information, visit www.NaplesWineFestival.com.

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Other speakers at the induction ceremony represented all aspects of the Take Stock students’ support system. Dolores Sanchez was the parent speaker; Elizabeth O’Donnell spoke on behalf of the mentors and Joyce Hagen represented the foundation board of directors.

Following the student, parent and mentor speakers, each group stood and took a pledge. The students promised to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, to remain crime- and drug-free, to do their part to encourage their success, including asking for help on their behalf, if needed.


Forty new scholars earn spots in The Immokalee Foundation’s scholarship program

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was familiar with The Immokalee Foun-dation’s programs before earning a place in Take Stock. She was in the founda-tion’s Career Development Program for high school students and a tutor for the young students in its Immokalee Read-ers program.

Ms. Gomez Trejo, who will be a senior at Immokalee High School in the fall, hopes to be the first in her family to attend college and has her sights set on Florida State University.

Adriana Trejo attended the Take Stock in Children induction ceremony with her daughter, “It was such an exci-ting day for both of us,” Melanie Gomez Trejo said. “My mom was proud of me for being able to part of this scholar-ship program. She has been my motiva-tion to work hard at school.”

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“The families enjoyed the opportu-nity to see the students introduced and to meet their mentors,” said The Immokalee Foundation program events coordinator Victoria Grimaldo. “A lot of times, the mentors get to meet their mentees and their mentees’ families for the first time at this event.”

The evening’s student speaker, Maria Plata, a former Immokalee Foundation Take Stock student, attended Florida Gulf Coast University. After graduaz-ing, she traveled to Thailand, Dubai and elsewhere. She’s returned to Immokalee, working on her career and post-second-ary opportunity by helping out in her home community as the foundation’s career and internship coordinator. “To hear Maria talk about her post-second-ary career path — having known her as a high school student, young adult and now my colleague — was a real highlight,” Ms. Grimaldo said.

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“You will not walk this path alone,” said Joyce Hagen, board chairwoman, in a message printed on the program for the celebration. As Ms. Hagen wel-come the students, they were sur-rounded by supportive family members and young students.

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Walk events, and teamed up with the Blue Zone Project, which advocates for health initiatives that increase longevity. Last year was the third time Ms. Craft entered the Miss International pageant after moving to Florida following the completion of her bachelor’s degree in Idaho.

Ms. Craft was born in Alaska. This year she returned there, finally taking a small plane into Tuluksak, where her dad lives. But she grew up in Longview, Wash., with an older brother, raised by a single mom who worked as a phlebotomist. She misses Washington state’s beautiful landscapes. She doesn’t miss the rain.

She is also quite tall. Even in middle school she wore pants that didn’t fit, as if she’d rolled them up to walk through a deep puddle.

“I was nicknamed High Waters Girl at one point because I couldn’t afford pants that were long enough,” she said.

This year she made appearances at her old high school, at Girl Scout meet and greets, at Florida Gulf Coast University, at her old sorority. She served meals at a homeless shelter, and let a little girl try on her crowns. Across the U.S., she pointed out that heart disease could be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices such as diet, exercise and mental health. She talked about “the simple things we can take control over” such as regularly checking your blood pressure, body mass index, blood sugar and cholesterol.

On the road, she found that the other pageant contestants, who had won vari-
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She took a day trip through six Northeastern states with Miss Vermont, attended the Southern New England Heart Walk with Miss Rhode Island, attended the 9-11 Museum with Miss New York, and stayed with Miss Hawaii for a week on the island of Oahu. Miss Arizona introduced her to her favorite barbecue place in Phoenix, Bobby-Q.

And still, the year of her reign is not quite over. Ms. Craft was awarded the crown on August 5, 2017 in Charleston, W. Va., and will soon leave to crown next year's pageant winner. Then it will be time to resume “the simple life” — full-time work, repaying student loans, reconnecting with friends. But for a few more weeks she’s the Miss International of healthy choices, armed with information aimed at living longer as well as better: stress relief, sleep, and a sense of purpose are among the Blue Zone Project’s Power 9 fundamentals. And, heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, but some 80 percent of those deaths are preventable.

Her nomadic 26th year wasn't always easy, but it was also the year that she chose, with her passion for travel. It was a year that added to her thirst for visiting other places more than quenching it. “That will never stop, there's not even enough time in a lifetime.”

Miss International at a Heart Walk in Washington D.C.

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The Pulitzer Prize winning Sun Coast Media Group newspapers, a South Florida family and employee-owned company founded in 1976 by Derek Dunn-Rankin, was sold on June 18 to Minneapolis-based Wealthy Adams Publishing Group. At least one thing will remain the same: it’s still a family owned company.

The wealthy Adams family, which made a fortune through investments in community banks, radio, wine, billboard ads, Camping
**Bitter Coffee**

My dumbest move was definitely investing in Jammin’ Java. Stupid me.

— Joe E., Oak Lawn, Illinois

**The Fool Responds:** Jammin’ Java was a terrible investment. Our surgeons, too.

In fact, it was a great example of the classic “pump-and-dump” scheme, and it even ended up being charged with by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

These schemes involve dastardly sorts buying shares of a company’s stock and then hyping up the company online or in mailings, often fraudulently. That causes gullible investors to buy shares, driving up the price. The hypesters then sell their shares at a profit, triggering a collapse in the share price that wipes out many investors.

In this case, they touted the success of one of coffee-centric companies such as Starbucks and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (later Keurig Green Mountain) and now Keurig Dr Pepper after a recent merger, suggesting that Jammin’ Java might perform similarly well.

As Jammin’ Java has no profits and its stock was trading in penny-stock territory (that is, for less than about $5 per share), it is highly speculative. Penny stocks are often speculative enterprises, without solid track records of rising revenue and earnings. Jammin’ Java’s stock was trading at about $0.10, with a market value of $400,000 — while posting negative revenue, at $1 million, in 2017. It was completely unprofitable. You might have bought a share or two in the past, but you should have sold them back.

**Ask the Fool**

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Can you explain the term priced for perfection? — C.P.L., online

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It suggests that a stock’s price is too high, with investors expecting the perfect catalyst for it and a correspondingly high valuation. It also hints at riskiness, because if the company makes some mistakes or there’s some bad news, the stock price could take a significant hit.

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**Renting makes sense if you don’t plan to be in the home long-term.**

If you’re considering buying a home, make sure you consider getting a reverse mortgage in retirement, which can provide much-needed income. Reverse mortgage lenders can build wealth by investing in stocks and other things.

Homeowners can also benefit from tax breaks, such as the deductibility of mortgage interest paid. That deduction is huge, especially if property values in your area rise.

Buying a home, on the other hand, can allow you to build equity with every mortgage payment — unless, of course, your home’s value falls, in which case you can end up “underwater,” owning more than the home is worth. Over long peri-

**My Dumbest Investment**

**NAME THAT COMPANY**

I trace my roots back to both a chemical company founded in Korea in 1947 that began making toilet paper and an electronics company formed in 1958 that introduced the first radios, TVs, refrigerators, washing machines, elevators and more in Korea. The former was eventually known as Lucky, while the latter went by Goldstar (Remington Goldstar electronics such as TVs and CD players?) Today my name reflects both companies and my motto is to go big or go home.

Seoul, I boast annual sales over $9 billion, and my market value recently topped $31 billion. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We’ll announce it in next week’s edition.

**Last week’s trivia answer**

I trace my roots back to 1980, when I was formed as a result of a leveraged buyout. I lost my market value recently $47 billion. Who am I?

Remember: A $2 stock can really be worth $0.10, while a $500 stock might be worth $1,000 — and be headed there, too.

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**The Leadership Collier Foundation and Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** will be holding the 2018 Business softened on Saturday, October 21 at Gulf Coast High School in East Naples. All ages ages six to 21 are welcome to attend and bring a vendor table for the $10,000 annually. The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Collier Children Business Fair at Collier Children’s Park. A ticket for the event is $10, but there are free admission tickets available at the Naples Accelerator, 3510 Kraft Road. The association meets on the second Thursday of each month to educate, amuse and enrich.

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**Collier Child Care Resources** will be the beneficiary of a free networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21 at Nautical Night Out, 621 S. Third Ave. The event will be hosted by CCRC Business 101, an exclusive group of philanthropic women led by local women through CCRC’s mission and programs. To secure a ticket, visit www.collierchildcare.org/free-networking-event.

**The East Naples Merchant's Association** will hold its next networking event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 2 at Buege’s help with local at 12712 Tamiami Trail E. The association meets on the second Thursday of each month to cultivate new business contacts in the area.

**Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call 239-264-1970.

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**MONEY & INVESTING**

**Precious metals a bright investment over the long term**

By Eric Bretan

The second quarter of 2018 has not been kind to investors and buyers of precious metals such as gold and silver. With the Federal Reserve easing its monetary policy, interest rates are low, and investors do not have an incentive to own assets such as precious metals. In fact, the price of precious metals is set via daily trading, any shift in supply or demand will move the price. Over the long run, supply is set by mining companies and demand is set by physical users of precious metals. If the current prices are too high, investors and speculators move the market by buying and selling the contracts and physical metals. It is these players whom AGP manages and are a universal form of money.

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Housing and economic diversity — It matters to millennials

BY JACOB WINGE

There’s been a lot of talk and little action during the reign of this current county commission. Every day we pay for another study and hire another team of consultants and then three or four months later we get an action plan to solve some issue and then totally reject it and go back to the cycle of hiring attorneys, consultants, and planners. One issue in particular, “Affordable Housing.” The term is only used by county leaders to skew the number of housing units in commission districts where the current county staff and Habitat for Humanity leaders either own land, want to buy land, or have alternative sites (parks) available to turn to housing.

This does not take into respect other sources of market housing that is affordable. In an analysis of zip codes 34104, 34105, 34112, 34113, and 34114, it was determined that East Naples has over 50 percent of dwellings valued $250,000 or less as compared to Collier County. Spread throughout the county, there are at least 1,440 approved homes Habitat has built in East Naples than is represented by the plan; it is only safe to surmise that other commission district numbers have been swollen or suppressed to support staff’s recommendations over the betterment of our community.

There is all of this focus on building “affordable housing” in East Naples, particularly in the Bayshore Arts District and on the East Trail. Yet, the one thing that stands out is the lack of economic diversity. There are no jobs in these areas: storage.

House Hunting

This turnkey furnished, 4-bedroom-plus-den villa in the private gated community of Serafina at Tiburon overlooks the third green of Tiburon’s Gold Course. A fountain courtyard welcomes guests to the covered entry that opens to a grand foyer and sweeping staircase. The home and décor/furnishings have been redesigned for today’s more open, contemporary lifestyle. Features include hardwood and marble floors, crown molding, custom cabinetry, lighted niches, fireplace, wet bar, outdoor kitchen and pool with spa and tankless hot water heaters. The chef’s kitchen with island, two dishwashers and breakfast bar adjoins the family room. The first-floor master suite has French doors leading to the large screened lanai. Upstairs are two en-suite bedrooms, an expansive office/bonus room, and a screened balcony overlooking the lanai and golf course. The guest cabana has hardwood floors and a full bath.

Karyn and Rowan Samuel of John R. Wood Properties have the listing for $1,950,000, which includes a transferable Tiburon “Signature” membership. For more information or to arrange a private showing, call 298-3555, email rowan@lovingnaples.com or visit www.lovingnaples.com.
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units, a few small auto repair shops, and some minor outlying retail areas. There are no hotels, no business complexes for new industry, just blighted, empty old shopping centers decaying away along with the infrastructure in the area, beckoning for the return Kelly Road and the impoverished and crime-riddled area surrounding it.

County leaders should focus on housing. But they should focus it where the jobs are. Where people can have shorter commutes and not clog up arterial roads for half hour-to hour-long commutes on US 41, SR 951, Pine Ridge and Airport Roads. We have some great business sectors in North Naples, with a job density ratio over twice that of similar areas in East Naples. North Naples doesn’t have housing that is affordable and neither does the City of Naples.

This forces the majority of northbound traffic on US 41 and westbound traffic on Pine Ridge throughout the day as many workers have shifts, which create multiple work traffic times on these roads. If there was workforce housing in North Naples and in the City of Naples, we would see an immense shift in traffic problems. Incentivizing the growth of mixed income around activity centers should be encouraged only where the needs of economic diversity, infrastructure, and commercial resources are met to support the increase in population.

Unfortunately for the citizens of Collier County and for young families and workers, the Board of County Commissioners have ganged up to keep a NIMBY mentality of keeping housing that is affordable out of certain districts and piling it up all in one area: 52 percent of it exists in East Naples, while the overwhelming majority of the jobs are located miles and miles to the north.

For the sake of our infrastructure, county leaders must shift the focus of taxpayer dollars, particularly over one million dollars of community redevelopment grants, away from multi-million dollar nonprofits who only buy land and build low-income communities that teachers, firefighters, EMS, and small business owners do not qualify for, and instead use those funds to redevelop business and commerce zones in East Naples, build up a world-class Bayshore Arts District and create an environment for economic diversity and, in time, housing that is affordable for those workers. —

—Jacob Winge is a member of the East Naples Civic Association Board of Directors.
The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities is an award-winning master-planned community inspired by nature, infused by historic references to the classic southern coastal architecture of Old Naples, and designed to accommodate an active lifestyle that is connected to nature.

Just four miles east of downtown Naples, The Isles of Collier Preserve provides residents with a stunningly beautiful private world bordered by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden and Dollar Bay. More than 1,300 acres of the community’s 2,400 acres are dedicated to natural habitat and nature preserves connected by a network of recreational trails, nature observation stations, bike paths and waterways for kayaking.

Residents and visitors enter The Isles of Collier Preserve through a gatehouse archway distinguished by a reflecting pool. Next stop for visitors, the Discovery Sales Center, described as more nature center than sales center. A “Neighbors Room” presents displays on neighbors Rookery Bay Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden, and Convenance of Southwest Floriada, among others. A rustic boardwalk encircles a recreated cypress wetland and 14’ cypress tree replica. Visitors can take a virtual tour at interactive stations, take an eco-friendly electric boat ride or explore via Minto-provided bicycles or kayaks.

**World-class amenities inspired by Collier history**

The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community’s center. Like the original Naples Beach Hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch.

Residents and friends gather at The Isles Club for dining and social functions, swimming in the resort-style pool and lap pool, tennis, pickleball and water aerobics in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

**Waterfront Bar and Grill now under construction**

Rising along quiet waters in the community is the Overlook Bar and Grill, brimming with the authentic Old Florida charm that pervades the community. Now under construction, the venue is slated to be the new heart of social life at The Isles of Collier Preserve. Residents can gather for cocktails with friends or casual dining, while enjoying vistas of vibrant sunsets over the Cypress Waterway.

**Entity choices to meet every lifestyle**

Minto offers a selection of 43 innovative, energy-efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve that complement their spectacular natural surroundings and present a contemporary interpretation of classic Florida coastal home styles. Selections include coach homes, villas and single-family homes ranging from the mid-$300s to more than $1.5 million.

For a limited time only, Minto is offering up to $60,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready coach homes and up to $50,000 in savings on select single-family and villa homes.

**Visit 16 furnished models**

Sixteen furnished models include nine single-family homes, four one-story villas, and three award-winning coach homes. Single-family homes range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air, and are priced from the high-$400s to over $1.5 million. Designed for entertaining, homes feature gourmet kitchens with large seating and serving islands, open floor plans, private guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with water and nature views.

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-$400s to $600s. All include two-car garages. Two-and-three-story coach homes also include private elevators. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto’s distinctive luxury touches.

Villas range from 1,565 square feet under air to 1,862 square feet under air, and are priced from the mid-$300s. Villa homes include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garage.

**An award-winning master-planned community**

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including the 2016 Best in American Community Facility.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit MintoUSA.com.
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Resort ambiance meets value for families and retirees at Orange Blossom Naples

New single-family homes priced from the $200's are now available at Orange Blossom Naples, a resort style gated community on Oil Well Road in North Naples. The combination of Orange Blossom’s comprehensive array of amenities, attractively priced beautiful residences, K-12 schools located within one mile, and immediate proximity to retail shopping provides unprecedented value to working families and retirees intent on enjoying a resort lifestyle at a Naples address. No other gated community in Naples can offer the level of amenities and new residences from the $200’s price point available at Orange Blossom.

Everything in One Place

Enjoying this new, richly landscaped gated entry feature, to its massive, thoughtfully designed amenity complex, Orange Blossom has been created to provide opportunities for fun throughout the day. The setting offers an ideal environment for working families with children and for retirees who enjoy an active, healthy living experience. Two huge resort-style pools and a spa surrounded by palm trees and green spaces serve as the centerpiece of Orange Blossom’s amenity offering. Chaise lounges line the expansive pool decks. Tiki huts and cabanas provide shady places to relax, or to enjoy a beverage from the outdoor bar. Two full-length basketball courts, a pair of tennis courts adjacent to the pool complex, a beach volleyball court, bocce ball courts, shaded picnic areas, children’s playgrounds, a fishing pier at one of the community’s sparkling lakes, and spacious lawns offer additional possibilities for outdoor fun. A Poshville Community Center includes a well-appointed social room for gatherings with friends and neighbors, a catering kitchen, and a fully equipped fitness center. The Community Center also features large covered outdoor terraces for enjoying opportunities to socialize with neighbors, family members, and guests.

The combination of Orange Blossom’s comprehensive array of amenities, affordably priced new residences, and its location provides an unprecedented value to working families and retirees intent on enjoying a resort lifestyle while residing at a coveted Naples address. K-12 schools are situated within one mile of the community. Retail shopping venues, a Publix grocery store, family restaurants, bars, a public golf course, and its location provides an unprecedented value to working families and retirees intent on enjoying a resort lifestyle that is attached to many bells and whistles inside and outside the home.

To schedule your private tour, contact an Orange Blossom New Home Consultant at 877-45-LENNAR or visit www.lennar.com for more information.

Pulte Model Homes

Pulte Homes at Orange Blossom Ranch offers 9 Life Tested® single family home designs starting from the upper $200’s to the low $400’s. Pulte’s one- and two-story consumer-inspired floor plans range from L674 to 2,426 square feet of living space, with 2 to 6 bedrooms, 2 to 6 bathrooms and 2- to 3-car garages. Two professionally decorated models are available for viewing daily – the Canopy and Dockside – each showcasing beautiful design selections such as a super lanai with pools.

Residents are at the heart of every Pulte home. Each of the 9 open floor plans offer Whirlpool® and Moen® appliances, granite countertops in the kitchen and owner’s bath, and Smart Home prewiring, while allowing you the freedom to personalize your home by choosing from a collection of stylish design features and finishes, including options such as extended walk-in showers, garden tubs, zero-corner sliding glass doors, extended lanais, additional bedrooms, and more.

Pulte’s Classic series encompasses 6 open designs base priced from the upper $200’s to the mid $300’s, featuring 2-5 bedrooms, 2-4 bathrooms, 2- to 3-car garages, and connected living and dining areas ideal for entertaining.

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This summer, Stock Signature Homes has put in place an amazing showcase of luxury homes in beautiful neighborhoods. These include new inventory homes and the release of a new upscale neighborhood in Fiddler’s Creek.

“We have one of the largest selections of homes available in the area with a wide range of price points,” said Leger-Wetzel. “These homes are available in three series of exceptionally designed homes: Stock Classic Homes, Stock Signature Homes and Stock Custom Homes.”

Stock Signature Homes has a spectacular Marigold inventory home open in the Isles of Collier Preserve.

The Marigold’s superb floorplan includes 3,578 square feet under air plus a covered lanai measuring 1,000-plus square feet. It features a great room with an optional built-in entertainment center, a large gourmet island kitchen and breakfast area and a formal dining room.

There are four bedrooms (or three bedrooms plus an optional bonus room), a study and four and one-half baths. The master suite features twin walk-in closets, a soaking tub and a large walk-in shower. The home is priced at $1,300,655.

Lely Resort is home to three spectacular championship golf courses and four clubhouses and is the eight time recipient of the Collier Building Industry Association’s Community of the Year Award.

Coach homes have been selling quickly. These residences are available in Signature Club and Tasori, priced from just the $300’s and a furnished model is open.

The Tasori neighborhood is located within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely’s three championship golf courses. It also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes.

An on-site sales center is located in Signature Club. It showcases the coach homes residences of both neighborhoods.

Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features a selection of amazing lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course.

Stock also has furnished models open at Naples Reserve, including three models from the recently introduced Stock Classic Homes Collection. Stock is building in Naples Reserve’s Parrot Cay and Sparrow Cay neighborhoods.

The Classic Series models include the Plantation II with an interior design by Soco Interiors, the Marathon II with an interior design by Pizzazz Interiors and the Siesta II with an interior design by Robb & Stucky. All are being built in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood. They are base priced from just $429,990. Floorplan details can be found at www.stockdevelopment.com.

Stock has also released a new luxury home neighborhood at Fiddler’s Creek.

“Capistrano is a spectacular enclave of 33 luxury homes offering five brand new floorplans, featuring a variety of spectacular golf course views,” said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Stock Development. “Most of the homes offer views across the beautiful fairways of the championship golf Creek Course.


The floorplans also give homebuyers an amazing array of choices.

The uniquely designed single and two-story floor plans range from 2,627 to 3,702 square feet under air. They offer extraordinary flexibility with options that give the homes a range of three to six bedrooms. There are from three and one-half baths in the smallest home to four full baths and two half-baths in the largest plan.

All of the homes include large great rooms that open to a screened and covered lanai, which features outdoor kitchen and pool bath options. Inside, homeowners may choose a formal dining room, a formal study or extra bedroom suites.

The two-story plans include a large loft with a wet bar option and a bath. In each, a bedroom may also be included. All homes include a three-care garage.

Stock has released introductory pricing from the mid-$500’s in Capistrano. On spectacular Marco Island, Stock Custom Homes offers the two-story Malibu. This five-bedroom, five and one-half bath great room style home has 3,629 square feet under air and a total of 5,283 square feet, including a spectacular outdoor living area and an attached two-car garage. The features a formal dining room and expansive master suite downstairs, while upstairs the home offers three full bedroom suites, one of which has a covered balcony. Priced at $2,499,000, the Malibu features and interior design by Vogue Interiors.

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Kalea Bay residents love the community’s amenities
Tower 2 now under construction

A clubhouse should be the social and recreational centerpiece of a community, and at Kalea Bay, the gated, luxury residential high-rise community currently being developed on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, that couldn’t be more true.

“There are several reasons buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay,” said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. “The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den, three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular main amenity area, which includes our community clubhouse. Not only is it a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it’s now the envy of every community in the Naples area,” Lodge explained.

Kalea Bay’s 88,000-square-foot main amenity area, which opened in early January, 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, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a fitness center, a snack bar, a lakeside fire pit, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

“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.

“We have the perfect place for all three,” said Lodge. “The indoor/outdoor restaurant serves incredible meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts. Guest suites that can accommodate overnight guests and family members are also located nearby.

Residents also have a shuttle service that originates from the clubhouse and takes them to the beach.

“There are only minutes away from Kalea Bay’s stated Lodge. “They include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #9 nationally, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #2.”

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with spectacular sunsets,” Lodge said.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler’s pantry and oversize island, all standard features.

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

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

“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

Prices in Tower 200 begin at $1.4 million.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road. Call (239) 793-0180 or visit KaleaBay.com.
A n outstanding waterfront address close to Old Naples, Mangrove Bay provides a world-class lifestyle, combining estuary views and Gulf of Mexico access with all the nearby shopping and entertainment venues of 5th Avenue South.

Mangrove Bay offers a choice of one- and two-story, Old Naples cottage-style luxury single-family homes complete with private pools and individual boat slips. Built on Old Naples’ last remaining significant waterfront property for residential development, the homes at Mangrove Bay are designed for those with exceptional taste desiring an unequaled residence and lifestyle.

Mangrove Bay will be breaking ground on The Amenities Center which will have a private on-site concierge to cater to every resident’s needs, comprehensive property management services, state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and full ground level storage area for resident’s kayak, canoes, paddle boards and jet-skis. Residents may choose from a wide range of fitness activities that include public and private golf and tennis nearby. In addition, residents will enjoy easy access to the new 20+/- acre Baker Park and bridge accessing the 120+/- acre Gordon River Greenway Preserve with trails immediately adjacent to the community. This remarkably distinguished location makes Mangrove Bay a rare jewel indeed.

The Captiva II floor plan features an attractive open concept design with soaring vaulted ceilings and expansive outdoor area complete with pool and covered living space. The Amelia floor plan exemplifies open concept living with an expansive master suite, two guest bedrooms, 3 ½ baths and a den on a single story. Perfect for entertaining, the great room seamlessly flows to a partial covered charming outdoor space.

Old Florida architecture is exemplified in the brilliantly crafted Keewaydin floor plan. The second story features a loft living area allowing for picturesque views as well as two guest bedrooms giving the first floor master and open concept living space privacy and functionality. The most versatile of Mangrove Bay’s waterfront homes, the Useppa is offered in three different elevations varying in square footage. The largest of the three is a true two story old Florida masterpiece of architectural innovation. With the expanse of Palm Cottage, all floor plans may include a second-story guest suite.

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The single story Palm Cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,534 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

Step into The Coquina, a charming three bedroom, two-story cottage style home, and prepare to be impressed. This home is designed to maximize privacy and functionality in an exquisite floor plan. The alley entry with two-car garage paves the way to a beautifully situated outdoor area complete with pool and covered living space.

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Perfecting Development
A lost art continues
to thrive, one
stitch-in at a time

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It’s a familiar tableau: a lovely lady bent over the top of an embroidery hoop by fireside, engrossed in the womanly art (or chore) of stitching or mending. She could be draped in a veil and stitching an intricate design in silk threads while attended by a crew of ladies-in-waiting, or a harried housewife repairing her family’s tattered togs attended only by her family. But only when such tasks were outsourced to the textile mills did needlework gain recognition for the skilled art

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It’s time for hysteria in The Keys — mini-lobster season

BY LAURA RICHARDSON
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Attention, lobster lovers everywhere: Christmas in July isn’t just a ploy designed by the Hallmark Channel to recycle its cloying made-for-TV holiday movies. Replace the Christmas tree with the glassy surface of the ocean and, here in the Florida Keys at least, the “gifts” underneath take the form of those scrumptious creatures born to satisfy all your crustacean cravings: succulent, juicy, spiny lobster.

The last Wednesday and Thursday of July have been designated as lobster mini-season since 1975 when, in an attempt to reduce tensions between professional and hobbyist bug-hunters, the Florida legislature enacted a bill establishing a 48-hour recreational lobster sport fishing season before the official opening of the commercial season. It was, in short, a success. Mini-season this year is July 25-26, when 48 hours translate into a veritable hysteria out on the reefs, with more than 50,000 people in the water at any given time. Last year’s estimates posit an increase of more than 900 times the usual density of boat traffic across the reef system. To be clear, that’s a lot of boats out on the water — and even more bodies underneath them, poking around, often without the proper equipment in the water or dive flags overhead.

It’s a tumultuous, exciting, dangerous time for anyone out on the water. And for

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It is recommended that lobster mini-season participants have an adequate amount of snorkeling experience.
Dear Readers: Thank you for writing...
BEHIND THE WHEEL

With its CT6 plug-in, Cadillac delivers the premium green machine

Never underestimate the importance of an automotive image — especially at the top echelon. A car like the Cadillac CT6 has an impression of being large, premium and exclusive. And the executive-level one seen here also has a green aura. That’s because it’s also a plug-in hybrid that can run the morning commute on pure electric power.

The plug-in version doesn’t announce its eco-friendly nature very loudly, however. Aside from badges on the sides and rear, the design doesn’t stray far from standard CT6. It’s a long, luxury sedan with a wide grille, sharp creases and the...
from it really is. Now that we rely less on women to clothe their bodies and beautify their homes, it’s clear that needlework is more than just women’s work. It’s a profoundly time-consuming and gratifying art that has extended beyond the realm of female domesticity.

To that end, the members of the Neapolitan chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America recently gathered in a cozy Marco Island sitting room for one of their twice-monthly stitch-ins, an opportunity for them to make progress on a current project with the camaraderie of like-minded friends — and experts who have become friends and are happy to lend advice and resources to those who are stretching their skills to the limit. “That’s one of the nice things about this group, is being able to expand and being pushed outside my limits,” said Samantha Baeza, a three-dimensional embroidery artist who recently joined the gathering; she was diligently stitching a small group project in University of Michigan’s blue and yellow. “I have all these people I can draw on and give me advice.”

Today the group is in the company of two expert needle workers. At one end of the arc of sitters placed on barstools and chairs is Terry Hanway, an Irish part-time resident from County Wicklow who is also a member of the Guild of Irish Lacemakers. She’s working on a beautiful white work piece in the Mountmellic technique. This type of Irish embroidery gained popularity during the Great Famine that started in 1845 when girls could earn some income for their families, she said. “Mountmellic was started by the Quakers in the famine and they taught the girls so they could sell them,” she said. “There was often no other way to make money.”

Luan Callery, the other accomplished needlewoman in the group today, is sitting at the opposite side of the room in an armchair. She is an award-winning needle worker and designer who favors stumpwork, a three-dimensional embroidery technique, and threadpainting, a surface embroidery technique that uses only one strand at a time of embroidery floss to create wonderful detailed and dimensional pieces. She often designs her own work and today is creating embroidered leaved with wire and floss for a stumpwork piece. Each of the techniques of embroidery, which includes any craft that requires a needle to apply thread or yarn in decorative patterns, stretch back to 30,000 years ago to Cro-Magnon Russia and are believed to have originated in Asia and the Middle East. Traditions in Western culture are traced to ancient Greek mythology and were largely viewed as a female domestic skill, along with other fiber arts, such as sewing and weaving. Experts have noted that while there is little change through time in the types of materials used, the craft results in remarkable sturdy and refined work. Most needle workers still use the traditional silk, cotton and wool threads their forbears plied millennia ago. The techniques, however, vary throughout the world, and lavishly embroidered clothing and household goods became a visual signal of wealth, with many noble families employing an in-house embroiderer for personalized and singular service. Nuns, particularly in France and Italy, were often viewed as masters of the craft and employed their skill in the service of the Catholic Church.

Unsurprisingly, several of the ladies at the stitch-in were introduced to embroidery by their mothers and grandmothers. Sometime in the 15th-century, materials and techniques became more accessible and a girl’s facility with a needle became a marker of femininity, indicating her ability to provide clothing and linens for her future family. In colonial America, girls began work on samplers as early as six years of age in order to learn basic stitches, letters and numbers — useful for keeping track of linens — followed by skilful pictorial work that often conveyed the values and traits of the girl and her family as she approached a marriageable age.

Kathy Egan, whose current project is a white-on-white needlepoint pattern, said her mother was always very patient with her as a child learning to manage a needle. “My mom had seven kids, and she would stop what she was doing to help me,” she said. “I got really good at French knots because of her.”

Now with time, space and a desire to express their creativity, they’ve circled back to those elementary skills to build upon them. It’s common, Ms. Hanway said, to turn to more utilitarian needle arts like sewing and knitting while raising a family and pick up the pretty techniques again when that phase of life has passed. For many of the women, it’s a relaxing and productive pastime that can lift them out of their daily stress because they have to focus intensely on their work.

“If you have a stressful day, if you sit down and stitch, your stress melts away,” Ms. Hanway said.

Ann Smith, who worked on a needlepoint project, agreed and said her needlework was very therapeutic when her husband died. Ms. Egan also echoed the sentiment, acknowledging its calming effect during challenging periods of her life. “During the most stressful times of

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**Dragon stumpwork by Diana Hutchinson.**

**Smocking by Kathy.**

**“Girl with the Pearl Earring.” Needlepoint by Luan Callery.**

workers working on their projects at a recent stitch-in.
FLORIDA WRITERS

With ‘The King Tides,’ James Swain turns in a new direction

Mr. Swain's portrait of Daniels is spellfully dimensioned and most laudable, world of the depraved characters whose survival skills are as estimable as their addictions. While his portrait of Lancaster is fully dimensioned and most laudable, Swain's portrait of Daniels is spellbinding. The pressure she has put herself under is tearing her apart. She feels responsible for what's happening to Nicki, as her age-regressed videos have put her niece at risk. Lancaster even tells her what a bad idea it was to use a version of herself as bait.

While his portrait of Lancaster is unlikelier, perhaps it has a future. Mr. Swain, who lives in the Tampa area, takes readers through greater Fort Lauderdale, especially the city's seedy and sordid locations. Readers discover how bad people can flourish in bad neighborhoods, which turn out to be good hiding places. While taking us on the tour and deeper into the case, the author brings readers inside the mind of the depraved characters whose world of the depraved characters whose survival skills are as estimable as their addictions. While his portrait of Lancaster is fully dimensioned and most laudable, Swain's portrait of Daniels is spellbinding. The pressure she has put herself under is tearing her apart. She feels responsible for what's happening to Nicki, as her age-regressed videos have put her niece at risk. Lancaster even tells her what a bad idea it was to use a version of herself as bait.

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**WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO**

**Terrifying Funk** – Here Come The Mummies performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Southwest Florida Event Center, 532-955. 10535 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.sfewcenter.com.

**Party in the Estuary** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center celebrates the fourth annual National Estuary Day with guided tours, paddleboard demonstrations, presentations and much more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Free. $25 for VIP, 100 Tower Road. 530-9940 or www.rookerybay.org.

**Laugh-In** – Stage 2 Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. $15. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

**Art ALIVE** – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District, the area west of Airport-Pulling and north of Pine Ridge roads, open their doors to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Look for the magenta and white art flags to locate participating galleries. Free. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

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**Free Film** – Mercato screens “The Nightmare Before Christmas” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

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**Trick-or-Treat** – Mercato hosts a Halloween extravaganza with store-to-store trick-or-treating, a pumpkin patch, a deejay, face painting, stilt walkers and more from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

**Free Concert** – Mudbone Fingers performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

**Art Wear** – Naples Art Association hosts its second annual runway show and reception featuring wearable works of art, “Scene to Be Seen” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, followed by an after-party at 8:30 p.m. $80-$200. 262-6370 or www.naplesart.org.

**Free Film** – Mercato screens “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

**All Lit Up** – The Jewish Federation of Collier County hosts a Hanukkah celebration with a candle lighting, live music, children’s activities and more at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

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**#SWFL TOP PICKS**

**#LOVE IT**

- Count the butterflies as they flutter by with Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary as it participates in the annual North American Butterfly Association’s Summer Count from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26. The organization’s survey territory is the only one in Collier County, so they need help! — corkscrew.audubon.org

**#LAUGH IT**

- Make the kids ditch Fortnite and pass a few unplugged hours at Barnes & Noble playing board games at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26. — bn.com

**#STAGE IMPROV**

- Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents “Annie” through Aug. 11. 1380 Colonial Blvd. Show times and ticket prices vary. Pictured: Piper Sobon as Annie, Peyton as Sandy, Melissa Whitworth as Grace and Victor Legarreta as Oliver Warbucks. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422. — www.broadwaypalm.com

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**#7.30**

- WWE Live’s SummerSlam Heatwave Tour visits Germain Arena at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 30, with stars like Shinsuke Nakamura, A.J. Styles, Asuka and many more. — www.germainarena.com

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**7.28**

- Belly laughs abound when Stage 2 Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. www.thestudioplayers.org
LOBSTER
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“If you don’t know, ask a local. We at Dream Catcher Charters are always ready to help a person who is misguided out there, (in order) to help save our shallows.”

— Captain Steven P. Lamp

those looking out from land, the view is often unbelievable.

Since its inception 43 years ago, mini-season has grown to become one of the most well attended and fiercely competitive events in Florida. Thousands of tourists from across the country fly into the Keys days beforehand, filling up hotels, RV parks, marinas and the guestrooms of generous friends and family. It’s a huge event for recreational fishers, for the hospitality industry and especially for charter boats, which can sell out months in advance.

Families, couples, singles and strangers jostle together, all fighting for a spot on the most coveted boats, many of whom have honed their list of secret dive spots over the course of decades—a list so secret that it’s not even shared with family or friends. Many of these spots are open only to longtime professional divers and those who power out the backcountry and anchors that flip over mass destruction.

For those venturing out with a legal charter, a good captain will provide equipment, instruction and a strongly enforced charter, a good captain will provide equipment, instruction and a strongly enforced price, Weather can do anything. Spots can be closed for the entire mini-season. A living practitioner of the old “teach a man to fish...” adage, he does everything possible to ensure that it’s the customer who bags his or her bug, not the captain.

“Lobstering for first-timers can be difficult,” he says. “We teach the best way we can without harvesting them ourselves.”

He urges his customers and anyone visiting the island to be respectful of the island’s residents, who invite visitors to enjoy the open waters surrounding their home alongside them. More often than not, he says, locals are willing to offer help or guidance.

Even if you’re not a paying customer, Lamp is adamant that divers should feel comfortable asking for help when they need it—especially when it comes to protecting the reef. “If you don’t know, ask a local,” he says. “We at Dream Catcher Charters are always ready to help a person who is misguided out there, (in order) to help save our shallows.”

Safety first, always

You don’t have to be Michael Phelps to enjoy a full day’s worth of lobstering, but it is recommended that participants have, at the very least, an adequate amount of experience with snorkeling. Tides can change, and with so many bodies in the water it’s important to always have a partner nearby. Driving alone—never recommended—has had deadly consequences in mini-seasons past; just a couple of years ago, 22-year-old Joseph Grosso had wrapped up a successful day of diving with his brother when he decided to go back down, alone, for one more dive. It’s unclear whether Grosso became tangled in his dive rope or simply misjudged the amount of air he had left in his SCUBA tank. He sur-

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faced unconscious, and despite resuscitation attempts, died of suffocation.

The drive to catch just one more has proven fatal in a number of other instances, which is why so much of the marketing surrounding 2018’s mini-season seems to be focused on safe diving practices.

For Christy and Chris Johnson of Sea-Squared Charters (and yes, it’s a pun on their company name), it’s important that none of their customers waste precious energy diving at fruitless spots. Though the duo has amassed hundreds of GPS lobster hole locations over the course of their 13 years in the charter business, they still make sure a crewmember on one of their four boats jumps in first to make sure the hole is “live.” After ensuring lobsters are present, they offer in-water lessons on how best to locate the bugs and tickle them out of their holes.

Like Lamp, it’s important to the Johnsons that their customers are taught how to catch lobsters themselves, rather than sit back and watch their booty be netted for them.

“They don’t do the work for the guests, but they’re there to coach them for success,” says Chris, whose company hosts family-friendly charters for a variety of sport fish year-round.

“With families, it’s all about quality time together without the interruption of electronics or the everyday business of life,” he explains. “Providing them with a charter experience that exceeds their expectations. Showing them the beauty and wonder of our coral reef. Making sure they laugh and have fun.”

This precise emphasis on the enjoyment and reverence for nature has become pervasive amongst most charters operating out of the Keys. For the Johnsons, focusing their charters on less-crowded spots a few miles out into Florida Bay ensures their customers are not so bogged down with the same as SPF 50) and have plenty of provisioned waters, including the Dry Tortugas and Everglades, too.

Make sure your dive gear has been checked recently and that you are in good enough shape to tread water twice as long as you might think. Make sure you have your dive flag, that your dive register is up to date, and that you are in good enough shape to dive without having to rely on someone else’s help.

Lobster can be fiendishly difficult to coax from their protective caves, and any murkiness in the water can make visibility impossible. You are not allowed to spear them, and if you’re lucky enough to find one, you might also find yourself elbow-to-elbow with someone who swears they spotted it first.

More importantly: Before you can remove a lobster from the ocean to put in your boat, you must measure it to ensure it meets the legal limits. Hundreds of bugs have been lost to those sorry souls who gleefully manage to snare their first one after hours of trying, only to find out it’s a hair too short.

While there are those who swear by the lobster snare method, purists maintain the only real way to catch a bug is by using your own two (gloved) hands. Whichever method you choose, be conscious and wary of other ocean creatures that might make their home alongside a lobster in its hole, including moray eels, stingray, fire coral and lionfish.

Steer clear of commercial lobster traps and of protected waters, including the Dry Tortugas and Everglades, too.

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Make sure you have your dive flag, that you never dive alone and that you avoid accidentally snaring someone’s head instead of a lobster.

Protect yourself from the sun (contrary to popular belief, clear water is not the same as SPF 50) and have plenty of provisions in your boat, including a radio.

Be kind to the reef, and to your fellow hunters. But above all else, before you set out for what promises to be another record-breaking, heart-pumping, lobster-snatching mini-season: Make sure you have plenty of butter in the fridge back home, Oh, and a pot big enough to hold those tasty suckers. ■

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kind of stretched profile that looks like it wants to own the asphalt. So the first impression is out to be one of extravagance than of the frugal machine within.

While the base CT6 starts at $55K, this hybrid is a $76,090 machine. Cadillac makes up that difference by giving it plenty of standard features that would otherwise be upgrades. There’s a head-up display, Bose 10-speaker surround sound stereo, 360-degree parking camera, power sunshade, cooled seats, dual rear entertainment screens and a night vision camera. Even with all these amenities, buyers need to be mindful about a very specific option: The all-black interior has nearly no color distinction, and all the plastic pieces have a similar sheen to the leather. In fact, one person thought he was in a rental car. Luckily for Caddy fans, there are two no-cost color options for a far more premium experience. (The gas-only versions of CT6 go one step further with a platinum package that’s worth every penny, as it upgrades the interior colors and materials to world-class. It’s not available on the Chinese-built hybrid model, though.)

Yes, this Caddy came from China. A legendary American brand importing a flagship sedan from the Far East isn’t blasphemous; it’s just economics. All the fully gas-powered CT6s are proudly built in Detroit, but the hybrid version comes from the other factory where the car is far more popular. The Chinese government is making a heavy push away from fossil fuels; in fact, some major cities such as Shanghai have areas where combustion engine cars are not allowed. That makes a plug-in luxury hybrid a true asset in China compared to just a personal statement in the U.S. It would likely be unprofitable for the Detroit factory to tool up for this version, so GM’s only real choice for us was to import or to not offer it at all. What really matters in the eco-car world is what’s under the hood. There’s a 2.0-liter turbocharged gas engine with two electric motors sandwiched between it and the transmission. The batteries are larger than those of competitors. This eats into the trunk space, but the good news is the CT6 plug-in has a pure electric range of up to 31 miles. That’s impressive in the luxury hybrid world. And this green machine is no slouch. The turbo gas motor makes 265 horsepower, and the electric power brings the total rating to 335 horsepower. When driven for sport instead of economy, the instant torque of the electric motors makes it quick off the line before adding gas power under heavy acceleration.

The motors are constantly looking for the ideal balance of gas and electricity, including braking regeneration and battery charging. This causes the car to rev higher in odd situations like idle and low-speed driving. It doesn’t feel like the driver is losing any control, but it does give the impression the vehicle is constantly doing high-level math in the background. Cadillac is not alone in going after the luxury hybrid market.

Earlier this year we reviewed the BMW 740e full-size plug-in. On paper, the Cadillac is the instant winner. As a pure electric vehicle, it delivers more than double the 14 miles of the German-made Beamer. The Cadillac has 10 more horsepower in pure gas form, and 13 more total horsepower than BMW. Plus, the base price of the CT6 plug-in is $15,875 less than the 740e. The gap is even a bit wider for owners, because the Cadillac’s larger range makes it available for a $7,500 tax credit — nearly $3,000 more than offered for the BMW. But unlike its more expensive competitors, it takes a mindful eye to properly dial-in the CT6 plug-in’s luxury-level experience. And that’s important, because once the kudos for going green die down, flagship cars are more about flaunting premium than value.
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ARTS COMMENTARY

Looking for a sign? Here it is.

If you're looking for a sign in your life, take a drive down McGregor Boulevard. Just outside downtown Fort Myers, at the intersection of McGregor and Altamont (a street name that always makes me think of the Stones), you'll likely find one outside Custom Fitness. Owner Karen Goldberg has made a tradition of putting inspirational quotes on a sandwich sign for all to see. Sometimes the sign is on the sidewalk, easily readable from the street as you drive by; sometimes it's facing out, propped up against the gym's glass wall.

She has only five lines to work with, with room for 10 or 11 characters on each line. That's even fewer characters than a Tweet.

She's so short, they sound like Zen koans, or things Yoda might say. The quotes have to do with fitness, but like Nike's "Just do it" slogan, many can apply to other areas of life, too.

For example, a recent one: "Fear not going slow. Fear standing still."

While you can apply it to the act of getting fit, you can also apply it to so many other things, such as relationships or your career; sometimes progress is made in incremental steps and growth can only be seen in hindsight.

Ms. Goldberg, who also acts and directs at Theatre Conspiracy and is a founding member of the company based at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, likes to approach things creatively.

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"It had to do with a Mother's Day special," she says. "It said something like, 'Your Mother called. She wants to feel our front door.'" She was inspired to start using signs at her boutique gym after seeing one outside a chiropractor's office.

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Some have a sly humor to them, such as the one that reads: "Running late for my sauna does." Other favorites: "Muscles look good on you!" and "Sweat or regret. Choose wisely."

She did have a client suggest one: "Blame it on the Bosu." (A Bosu is a half-sphere piece of balancing equipment.)

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"I am an insomniac," she says. "I don't want a sign that says the same thing all the time." If it did, she explains, the sign would just blend into the landscape and people would stop noticing it.

"I do hope to inspire," she says. "People enjoy them, and often tell me what their favorites are."

"You can't finish what you don't start." Her favorite! "Our heaviest weight is our front door."

"It's an old trope; if you open that door, you've made the commitment to be there," she says.

During the annual Edison Festival, she cleverly put a couple of Thomas Edison quotes on the sign. "There is no substitute for hard work" was one.

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Some have a sly humor to them, such as the one that reads: "Running late for work doesn't count."

Others include: "Excuses don't burn calories, our sauna does." "Wake up, kick ass, sleep, repeat."

"They weights aren't going to lift themselves."

"Sweat, smile and repeat."

"The body achieves what the mind believes."

"Just do it. Then do it again."

"Be stronger than your excuses."

"If you can text, you can lift."

"Whether you think you can or can't, you're right."

"The only bad workout is the one you didn't do."

"Today is another chance to get it right."

"Push yourself. No one else will."

"Muscles look good on you!"

"Sweat or regret. Choose wisely!

"Healthy looks good on everybody!"

"You can't finish what you don't start."

"See what happens when you don't give up."

"Fitness. The gift that keeps giving!"

"Good things come to those who sweat."

"Don't be average. Be awesome."

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

"I want my signs to be inspirational," Ms. Goldberg says, "and sometimes I just plain out want funny. And if I find something that's a cross between fitness and funny, that's my favorite."

She changes the message frequently. "I get bored easily," she says. "I don't want a sign that says the same thing all the time." If it did, she explains, the sign would just blend into the landscape and people would stop noticing it.

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By Linda Thistle

HOROSCOPES

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.
CONTRACT BRIDGE

Reducing the luck element

BY STEVE BECKER

In many hands that appear to depend on the success of a finesse—ordinarily a 50-50 proposition—declarer may be able to increase his chances by adopting a different method of play that avoids or at least delays the finesse. For example, he may establish a side suit or devise an endplay, and in so doing raise his chances of making the contract to better than 50 percent and possibly as high as 100 percent.

The same general idea applies to cases where a favorable suit break is involved. In today’s deal, let’s say East wins the spade lead with the queen and continues with the ace, which South ruffs. If South then draws two rounds of trump and plays the ace and another club, hoping for a 2-2 split, he goes down.

But this would be the wrong way to play the hand. What he should do after ruffing the spade is lead a heart to the eight, ruff a diamond, cross to the king of hearts, cash the ace of diamonds and ruff dummy’s last diamond.

With all the spades and diamonds eliminated from dummy, South now leads a low club and plays low after West produces the queen. West is then forced to return a diamond or a spade, allowing South to discard a club from dummy while he ruffs in his hand and so make the contract. East cannot save his partner by overtaking the queen of clubs with the king, since he would have to return a spade or a club, either of which also hands declarer the contract.

This method of play caters not only to the clubs being 2-2, but also to a 3-1 division with West holding a singleton honor. Similarly, if West should happen to follow low to the first club lead, the nine would then be played from dummy, endplaying East if he started with a singleton club honor.

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FILM CAPSULES

Leave No Trace ★★★
(Ben Foster, Thomasin McKenzie, Dale Dickey) A father (Foster) and daughter (McKenzie) live off the grid in Oregon, but things change when he is arrested for living on public land. It’s a minimalist, fascinating study of an unusual but healthy father-daughter relationship that features solid performances from Foster and McKenzie. Rated PG.

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ★★
(Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, James Cromwell, Claire Howard) Owen (Pratt) return to the setting of “Jurassic World” to evacuate the dinosaurs when a volcano threatens the island. The premise may be a bit different, but not much feels new, or fresh. It’s a downer when you spend 128 minutes watching a movie and leave feeling like you’ve seen it before. Rated PG-13.

American Animals ★★★½
(Evan Peters, Blake Jenner, Barry Keoghan) Four college students steal rare books from a university library in 2004. Watching these normal guys plan and execute a heist, and wrestle with their consciences along the way, is a fascinating expose of otherwise good people doing a bad thing. Rated R.

Incredibles 2 ★★★
(Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson) When Elastigirl (Hunter) is given an assignment, Mr. Incredible (Nelson) has to stay home with the kids in this sequel to Pixar’s 2004 hit. This is the 20th Pixar movie and it’s not among the studio’s best, but it is quite satisfying. Rated PG.

Ocean’s 8 ★★
(Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway) Debbie Ocean (Bullock) and her team plan to steal a $150 million necklace during the Met Gala in New York City. A spinoff of the male-dominated “Ocean’s II” movies, this female-led dramedy lacks the wit, clarity and ingenuity to keep us interested. Rated PG-13.

The Seagull ★★
(Annette Bening, Saoirse Ronan, Elizabeth Moss) Based on Anton Chekhov’s renowned play, the adaptation follows a group of mismatched lovers at a Russian summer estate in the early 1900s. Some of the humor and drama connects, but too often it’s too listless to ignite the screen. You’re left with the feeling that you’d rather see this extraordinary cast perform the play on stage. Rated PG-13.

Solo: A Star Wars Story ★½
(Alden Ehrenreich, Donald Glover, Joonas Suotamo) Young Han Solo (Ehrenreich) meets Lando (Glover) and Chewbacca (Suatomo), and flies the Millennium Falcon for the first time, in this “Star Wars” story. Ehrenreich doesn’t have Harrison Ford’s boyish charm in the title role, which is a shame. Worse, though, is the labored story and murky color scheme. Rated PG-13.
**LATEST FILMS**

**Skyscraper**

Is it worth $10? Yes

In the marketing blitz prior to the release of “Skyscraper,” Dwayne Johnson released two “vintage” posters for the film, one an ode to “Die Hard” and the other paying homage to “The Towering Inferno.” The choices are appropriate, as “Skyscraper” is very much in the mode of those action classics. And to its credit, it’s a fun watch in its own right.

This is not a movie for the faint of heart or the astrophobic. Johnson stars as Will Sawyer, a safety and security expert hired to inspect the new tallest building in the world, called the Pearl, in Hong Kong. The former FBI agent with a prosthetic leg takes his wife Sarah (Neve Campbell), daughter Georgia (McKenna Robert) and son Henry (Noah Cottrell) along for the trip.

Things are fine until Will is double-crossed by his ex-partner (Pablo Schreiber) and framed for setting the 220-story building on fire. Will is across town when the fire begins, which means he needs to get back into the building above the fire line on the 90th floor to save his family, all while being pursued by police. This leads to him climbing up a 100-story crane, rotating it around, swinging its hook to break a window and then jumping from the crane into the building. It’s astonishing. The scene is in the trailers and on the film’s main poster, and it has inspired a good deal of derision for its unlikelihood and ignorance of science. I don’t know if you’ve seen this kind of thing before, just not quite like this.

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The Dish: Burrata caprese with prosciutto added

The Price: $12 (plus $3 for prosciutto)

The Place: High Tide Bar & Grill in Whole Foods at Mercato, 9801 Strada Place

The Hours: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Menu: www.wholefoodsmarket.com/service/high-tide-bar-grill-0

The Details: Did you know that Whole Foods has its own sit-down restaurant? I’m talking about past all those tasty lunch items, past the baked goods counter and even beyond the dizzying array of wines. Nestled in the back right corner of the store is High Tide Bar & Grill, a culinary concept in place for a little over a year as the Mercato Whole Foods underwent a multi-million renovation process. They have breakfast items priced as low as $5 and a great mix of lunch and dinner options made to order. I went with a shareable dish, the burrata caprese with prosciutto. The cheese was light and creamy, with plenty of tomatoes, bruschetta bread and prosciutto to pair for a delightful, light lunch.

One More Thing: Though they do have a wine list guests can choose from, you should be able to buy essentially whatever you want from the store and bring it over to High Tide to pair with your meal. Also an open secret of Whole Foods itself — you can try any-thing in the store. They will open up a full box of whatever goodies catch your eye so you can get a taste-test. Give it a try!

— Robbie Spencer
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Great spots around Third Street South
A trio worth noting

1 MEDITERRANO
From its aqua-hued walls to the warm hospitality of owner Milos Ljubenovic, Mediterrano makes guests feel as if they are dining in a cozy café along the Mediterranean. The menu amplifies that impression, with its well-executed mélange of dishes that represent Spain, Morocco, Italy and Greece. I’m partial to the tagines and paellas, but it’s hard to go wrong here. If the weather allows it, dine al fresco on the lushly landscaped patio out front. This time of year, you can take advantage of a three-course early dining menu that’s $29 from 5 to 6 p.m. and a three-course prix fixe menu all night for $35.

2 RIDGWAY BAR & GRILL
1300 Third St. South, 262-5500, www.ridgwaybarandgrill.com
Tony Ridgway has been pleasing discerning palates for more decades than many of his customers have been alive. In the space that was once Chef’s Garden, Mr. Ridgway now welcomes guests to a more clubby and casual dining room, but the food and service remain top drawer. Pets are welcome on the sprawling patio outdoors and some Fridays his renowned crispy fish makes a comeback. On weekends, there’s also brunch. The famed Truffles carrot cake remains on the menu, as does the apple galette (which must be ordered when you place your entrée order).

3 SEA SALT
1186 Third St. S., 434-7258, www.seasaltnaples.com
Chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli and his talented culinary team continue to surprise and delight with modern seafood and other culinary treats, including 130 sea salts collected from around the globe and a world-class wine list. For $34, savor the chef’s summer menu, a three-course menu any evening from 5 p.m. to close. It offers a choice of three dishes in each course. The covered patio affords prime viewing of foot traffic along Third Street, and pets are always welcome.

— Karen Feldman, cuisine@floridaweekly.com
The term izakaya may be new to you, but if you’ve been to Namba Ramen & Sushi, you have experienced this Japa- nese version of a gastropub.

It has a relaxed, informal vibe, with mellow music wafting through the tranquil space filled with muted hues – bamboo lanterns, pale green walls and lots of light wood – and a cozy 36 seats.

Presiding at the bar is chef/owner Pitk “Koko” Hermkhunthod, aka Chef Koko. He is the creative force who helped launch Zen Asian Bistro to great acclaim. In January, he opened Namba in the Marketplace at Pelican Bay, on the southwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and U.S. 41.

Originally from Thailand, Chef Koko trained in Japan for 5 years, learning the fine art of sushi creation, then headed to New York City and two years with famed Chef Masaharu Morimoto. Next was Miami before he landed in Naples. I hope he puts down roots here because his ramen is magnificent, his sushi is a study in elegant simplicity and the small plates we tasted were superb.

(A note: The chef returns from a vacation in Thailand and Japan on Aug. 3. While the restaurant is open, there will be no sushi until Monday, Aug. 6.)

Know first that because of its diminutive size, Namba (named for a district in Osaka, Japan) takes no reservations, so be prepared for a wait unless you get there at an off hour. That’s what we did, arriving for a late lunch on a Saturday afternoon.

The result was that the two servers had plenty of time to cater to our needs and did a fine job of it.

There are standard wines available, but we chose sake, which seemed fitting and did a fine job of it.

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8847 Tamiami Trail N.,
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Rating:
Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½

Hours: Lunch served 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; dinner served 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. (Closed Sunday.)

Reservations: Not accepted

Credit cards: Accepted

Price range: Small plates, $5-$18; sushi, $5-$15; ramen, $12-$16

Beverages: Wine and beer served

Seating: Tables and a few seats at the sushi bar

Specialties of the house: Ramen and sushi

Volume: Low to moderate

Pages free at first

Website: www.nambanaples.com

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