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ACH YEAR IN MAY, PEOPLE WHO GREW UP in Harlem then left come from all over the United States to the community’s Brown Sugar Festival. But for many drivers passing by on U.S. 27, midway between Fort Myers and West Palm Beach, Harlem is nowhere. Just before crossing the railroad tracks into Clewiston there is a small green and white sign announcing its presence that is mainly acknowledged by locals, delivery drivers or people on business, those who have close family or friends here, or someone who got lost. Turn off at Lewis Boulevard and you’ll enter Harlem a mile down the road. At the entrance is a small

SEE HARLEM, A8

“We’re a lonely world out here.”
— Eddie Redd, 51, Harlem, resident and founder of the Harlem Young Men’s Club

Sugar town remains a segregated black community, its residents isolated by history, geography and economic challenges.
Marching down Pennsylvania Avenue

On March 4, 1829, only 21 days before his 62nd birthday, newly elected and apparently still-nimble President Andrew Jackson found himself sneaking out a back window of the White House to escape the massive, liquor-laced crowd gathered for his inauguration.

Or he may have left by a side door; no one is certain. He made his way to Gadsby’s Hotel to spend his first night as president.

The nation’s most preeminent public house had been thrown open to all the people that day, not just the wealthy or the elite, by the nation’s most populist-minded president to date. His embrace came from their money. They had been made to feel welcome. It was their property, after all — their White House, their city and streets, and now their president — and likely some part of the White House had been thrown open to all the people that day, not just the wealthy or the elite, by the nation’s most populist-minded president to date. His embrace came from their money. They had been made to feel welcome.

That would not be the case, now. Times have changed, and not simply the times or the era, but the era’s great political philosophy. A year ago, the National Park Service effectively put all federal land off limits to Americans during the inauguration along the 2-mile stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House, the most iconic and storied public places in America.

Those include sidewalks along Pennsylvania Avenue, Lafayette Park in front of the White House and the large ellipse behind it, Liberty Plaza and the Lincoln Memorial where Americans have protest-ed war and unequal rights or celebrated moon landings and rock ‘n’ roll — the most American of places.

But the National Park Service decided to have none of it, suggesting an unfortu-nate contemporary reality: The Jacksonian openness of the 19th century, the populist fuel in the American tank that celebrates public property and public rights now seems to burn at a much cooler, more reluctant temperature. That is, if it isn’t supercharged by the challenge to authority of its defenders.

In the case of the Jan. 20 inaugura-tion of our nation’s 45th president, that has meant the Washington D.C.-based Partnership for Civil Justice Fund. A non-profit agency run by do-good lawyers, the Partnership insists on the right of Ameri-cans to celebrate or protest, either one, and to gather peacefully on public prop-erty without being harassed or arrested by authorities.

Without its efforts in recent weeks and months, that wouldn’t have happened.

With more than 20 groups seeking permits to protest (or in the case of Bike-ers For Trump, to celebrate) Mr. Trump’s election on or around Inauguration Day, the National Park Service had stopped them cold — until late last week.

On Thursday afternoon, with the threat of the Partnership stepping into court on Friday, the Park Service relented and agreed to permit protestors. Who they would permit was not clear at press time.

This wasn’t Mr. Trump stopping them, this was the National Park Service.

“If it was Hillary they would have stifled dissent (as well),” said Carl Messineo, a founder with Mara Verheyden-Hilliard of the Partnership, speaking to public radio station listeners a couple of weeks ago.

“It’s an enormous problem because there is this national groundswell: People want to articulate a vision for the future that is not Trump’s.”

In fact, the largest protest of a newly inaugurated president in history is like-ly to take place on Jan. 21, outsizing even protests against Richard Nixon and George W. Bush, to date the most signifi-cant.

And they’ll come whether permitted on federal land or not — Washington is a patchwork of federal and local property, and the local property remains open to all comers thanks in part to the Partnership, Mr. Messineo says.

The women’s march (estimated to include 200,000 or more by itself) has a permit to march on D.C. land, and people do have some spaces there, but they haven’t been permitted to march to the Lincoln Memorial.

Nevertheless, he added, “They are the force on the ground, and they will find a way and a space to express themselves.”

As it should be and has always been, at least since the day Andrew Jackson rode into town.

The White House party had begun on the steps of the Capitol earlier in the day at his swearing in, about a mile east of his new home.

There, President Jackson had appeared to deliver a speech few of the many thou-sands gathered could hear. A ship’s cable had been stretched across the portico steps to prevent celebrants from crowd-ing too close, but they soon overcame it. Jackson had left the building from a side door and mounted a white horse, which he rode up Pennsylvania toward the already crowded White House.

It was an American moment unlike any previous, full of brawny, merry, mudy-booted men who drank too much.

When they couldn’t get into the White House by the front door to greet their new president and drink the punch, they climbed in through the windows, break-ing the China and ruining chairs. A heads-up steward finally got the crowd out after Jackson’s departure by moving the punch outside to the lawn.

“The reign of King Mob seemed triumphant,” said Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story, who was there.

And maybe it will be again, this time. Democracy, after all, is a big, beauti-ful, ungainly party. May its closing bell never ring.

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We’re less than two weeks away from the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. No one doubts this is a watershed moment in the history of American democracy. In addition to those appalled by Trump’s election, I hear from readers who voted for the man. His supporters are jubilant. In a word, they want anyone who didn’t vote for Trump to shut up and eat dirt. Some express their passion by shouting in capital letters. GET OVER IT. LIBERALS LOST. END OF STORY. But they don’t stop there. They give multiple reasons for celebrating Trump’s victory — of course, it meant Hillary didn’t win. Most reserve a special place in hell for her. But they also see it as joyful because Trump will obliterate the legacy of President Obama accused of “leftism” whose eight years in the Oval Office brought the country to the edge of ruin. (Note to self: The U.S. economy added 178,000 jobs in November, and the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent, the lowest level seen since 2007.)

Comments in my column about Trump’s hate mongering, racism and misgivings about his temperament trouble some. In a sore point, Trends & Topics says they will support Trump to the end, despite my plea, in my previous column, that they should just vote “no” on the Republican candidate. Trump, in my view, is too shortsighted. Others just deflect by changing the subject entirely or point to those accusing Trump as, in fact, the real haters, Hillary’s “basket of deplorables” is mentioned frequently as Exhibit “A.”

Others who comment rebut Trump’s imagined shortcomings, choosing instead to focus on his good qualities, most especially his business acumen. They gloss over character flaws associated with the man’s temperament, intellect and/or personality as perceived by others. His supporters are hypnotized by the incandescence of the radical change he promises. Their glee is bright with the prospect of whatever purpose of revenge they harbor. It runs the gamut, from extinguishing the cult of liberalism, to the demise of the “slob-bering” media, eradication of Obama socialism, banishment of leftist historians, destruction of academia, the exile of milk toast Mellons, and lopping off New York and California from America’s body politic.

I will give Trump supporters this: Most passionate in their belief, Trump will be good for the country. He will, they say, reverse the economic decline suffered by the poor and middle class under eight years of Obama. They trust the billionaire’s financial acumen to fulfill all the promises he has made to rescur the economy from the grip of liberalism.

Trump will be a chicken in every pot and one in the freezer to spare. And no longer will it be a free lunch anymore with stealing his or her chicken.

Trump supporters tell me he will end government as we know it. I’ll accept that the Affordable Care Act will go down in flames, dumping the 20 million Americans who have health care insurance for the first time. He will lead conservatives in their fight to privatize Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. It will be the end of American socialism.

And for those waving the flag of white nationalism, they tell me it just feels great to have the black guy out and the white guy in, and an Ameri- can Putin as commander-in-chief. I imagine Trump as their personal angel of vengeance. They boast he will crush diversity and freedom of religion as an American ideal. Jews, Muslims, women, LGBTs and people of color will be put in their place. He will be the undisput- ed leader of disunion, will neuter fed- eral government and will permanently erode the rights of federal citizenship. Civil rights are for white people.

Of those excitedly anticipating the Trump presidency, one reader of this column wrote and proposed that we make a bet. He suggested we agree in one year to check in with each other and decide the state of the state of America under Trump.

He predicts Trump will usher in a new era of American greatness. He predicts Trump will be the worst presi- dent in American history and put our democracy in ruins. Trump is right, I tell him. If he is wrong he’d buy mine.

I thought it a civil proposal, offered in the spirit of closing the distance between us on a matter about which we presumably agree. But there’s no satisfaction in winning a bet that Trump will be a disaster for the country. It’s a zero-sum game. We all eat off the same table, no mat- ter who hosts or buys the dinner. I say without hesitation I hope I am wrong. But I thank you for asking, my fellow American.

Defund the UN

It’s hard to even know how much the U.S. pays in total, but it’s probably around $8 billion a year. We should withhold some significant portion of it, and demand an end to the U.N.’s institutional hostility to Israel and the implementation of that to improve the U.N.’s accountability. There are individual U.N. agencies that do good work, and we can continue to sup- port those.

Realistically, though, the U.N. will always be a disappointment. The fact is that the closest thing to what the future envisioned in the U.N. is NATO, a like-minded group of nations that has been a force for peace, order and freedom. That is why President-elect Donald Trump should embrace NATO and turn his critical eye to the U.N., where there is the genuine opportunity to, if nothing else, save some money and rattle the cages of people taking advan- tage of our beneficence.

The U.N. is dismally dismissed as the U.N. “the thing.” The thing will always stumble on, but maybe Donald Trump can teach it a lesson or two. He will surely make it pay its own value as its nemesis, Israel.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Rob McNaghten retired in 2003 as vice president of real estate investments at Nationwide Insurance. It was his wife, Sue, who first became involved in The Founders Fund Inc., the nonprofit for which Rob now serves as chairman of the board of trustees.

Since its founding in 1991 by the golf members of The Club Pelican Bay, The Founders Fund has awarded more than $3.4 million to more than 600 Collier County students. Each spring, more than two dozen high school graduates earn scholarships that are renewable on an annual basis; the fund currently supports 110 students.

The fund has just one part-time employee, with the 16 trustees doing the vast majority of work. Mostly snowbirds, they want to give back while in their seasonal community and do so by organizing a biennial golf tournament and banquet for which they procure auction items and solicit sponsor participation.

The trustees also personally visit local high schools to interview the 70-80 students each year who apply for scholarships; they then select the recipients.

The Founders Fund has an endowment of almost $650,000 that is administered by the Community Foundation of Collier County. The goal is for the fund to reach $1 million within the next few years and to have the returns support additional scholarships.

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Harlem Timeline

1925 Sugar becomes the predominant crop in south-central Florida.

Jan. 14, 1929 Southern Sugar Company opens its first mill at what becomes Clewiston.

1930 The city of Clewiston is formed. Investors led by Charles Stewart Mott purchase the Southern Sugar Company, which had gone bankrupt, and form United States Sugar Corp.

1940s The city of Clewiston begins to outpace other forms of agriculture.

1950s U.S. Sugar opens a new refinery in Clewiston.

1964 The first South Florida sugar refinery opens in Clewiston.

1970 After integration, with students being bused in to Clewiston, The Harlem Academy is shut down.

1980s The Great Recession.

1990s The community sits at the edge of the vast sugar cane fields that abut its southern borders.

2000 Harlem Community Public Library opens.

2001 The community with an identity all its own. Like parts of cities across the U.S., Harlem remains in many ways a segregated black community, its residents isolated by history, geography and economic challenges.

2002 Thomas Diner is founded.

2009 to 2010 economic challenges.

2010s After integration, with students being bused in to Clewiston, The Harlem Academy is shut down.

2015-2016 Emma Byrd is elected the new Hendry County Commissioner for District 1, including Harlem. Fidel Castro dies.

HARLEM

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church and a large cemetery, Washington Memorial, the grass dotted with tiny pale violet flowers and uneven rows of tombstones.

Down the street and around the corner on a main street that has seen better days sits Thomas Diner, known for having the best breakfast in town, and for its burgers and wings. Founded in 2002 by the late Louis “Cookie” McKenzie, the family business grew out of the need for chicken wings and fries during a Brown Sugar Festival, survived the Great Recession, and continues to endure. Business has been spotty, and recently the family has been grieving. Mr. McKenzie’s son Thomas Horace, for whom the diner was named, lost his sister late last year to leukemia.

Thomas Horace, 36, a big, soft-spoken man, developed a love for foie gras when he attended Lincoln Culinary Institute in West Palm, although you won’t find the dish here due to the need for chicken wings and fries.

“I love food,” said Mr. Horace with a laugh.

“I always thought it was one, but I was in a group and everybody was talking about it,” he said. “Apparently, I was wrong.”

For people who have never heard of Harlem, their most common reference point is the traditionally black Manhat-
tan neighborhood, which is about as apt as comparing Staten Island to Sanibel Island. It is not officially a city or part of one, although Harlem and Clewis-
ton residents have developed close ties since the school system was integrated in the late 1960s.

Mr. Horace’s mom, Mary McKenzie, a special ed teacher who retired last year, recalled her high school years when students from the old Harlem Academy were bused uptown to Clewiston.

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F YOU ASK SOMEONE WHO LIVES IN Harlem where she’s from, she will likely tell you Clewiston, and the two are often spoken of as one and the same. That’s how Mr. Horace thinks of it, but friends disagree.

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many of them elementary school age. At day’s end, along streets that end where sugar cane fields begin, neighborhood kids came out to play, a few of them rolling down the road on hoverboards. One buzzed along in a 4-wheeler.

The trajectory for many, as they get older, includes plans to leave town and find jobs elsewhere. That’s the case for two young friends, resident Dura Hunter and Darius Gilkes, who was visiting over the holidays. They had fun growing up here riding dirt bikes or playing sports, and have family roots that may bring them back on Christmas, but both plan to answer the call of life outside Clewiston and Harlem.

“There’s nothing here,” explained Mr. Hunter, an 18-year-old senior at Clewiston High School and a linebacker for the Tigers who plans to play college football.

Other residents echoed that assessment, including Eddie Redd.

“We’re a lonely world out here,” he said over coffee at the diner one morning.

There are too few youth programs, good jobs or cultural opportunities for young people in Harlem, said Mr. Redd, who is 51. To help, he started the Harlem Young Men’s Club, organizing events at the library, basketball games and car washes. He coaches them on how to prepare for interviews and tries to ensure they get to church on Sunday.

When he was growing up, Harlem had a movie theater where he watched karate and gangster films. Older residents recall that in the 1960s and ‘70s, as the sugar industry grew, Harlem had a red light, theater, gas station, laundromat, post office and other shops and amenities that have disappeared.

“This town used to be bangin’, you know?” said Ms. McKenzie, who is 65. “But it just went down. A lot of the good people passed away, the business evaporated.”

With weak job prospects, Mr. Redd sees a cycle in which some kids grow up and drift into crime and drug dealing to support children of their own. Some hang out in the afternoons or evenings along parts of Harlem Academy Avenue, where people can get a drink or some drugs.

“Whatever ruffles your feathers,” Mr. Redd said. “Whatever you like to do, this is where you get it.”

A few become “real thugs.”

“You don’t mess with that kid,” Mr. Redd said. “That kid is hungry. That kid’ll eat you up.”

First and always, there is the sugar company. United States Sugar Corp. towers over Clewiston and Harlem literally and economically.

Residents have mixed feelings about the company. It has provided jobs and dipped into its hefty pocketbook to fund civic projects throughout Harlem history, including churches, a civic center, low-income apartments and a pool, but as such its power looms large.

“We call it a big plantation,” said one resident who declined to give his name. “That’s what it is. They control everything.”

Mr. Redd said it’s hard to speak badly of a company that has provided so much assistance; at the same time, he feels they could do more.

“Without U.S. Sugar I think this town couldn’t function,” he said. “But they don’t do nearly enough to help people in this community.”

The Clewiston News reported that blacks started moving to the area in the 1920s in South Florida, black laborers and their families lived in sugar company-owned camps such as Harlem in small railroad car-style shacks.
small numbers in the 1920s, first living near the shore of Lake Okeechobee. By the middle of the decade, sugar had become the predominant crop among other forms of agriculture, and huge swaths of the Everglades were being drained to plant cane.

In 1928, black laborers moved to an area that eventually became Harlem. Many lived in what was then called Townsite, housed in railroad-car style barracks, which became part of the growing community.

In 1929, the Southern Sugar Company opened its first mill.

In 1931, as the Great Depression started to eviscerate the economy, Southern Sugar was bought out by U.S.C.

Seasonal migrant workers from Jamaica started arriving in the early 1940s to work in the growing industry. They also came from the Bahamas and elsewhere, residents recalled.

Although the sugar-owned housing had been made for single workers with no closets, small front porches, and community showers and bathrooms, they soon became family homes.

The parents of Lovvorn Dixon, a long-time middle school teacher who retired in 2015, were among Harlem’s early residents. Born and raised here in the ‘50s and ‘60s, she earned a degree from Florida A&M University and came back to be a teacher.

As a girl, her family of seven siblings shared a three-room shack. Her dad was a barber, and worked for the city of Clewiston, and her mom was a dietician at the hospital. Though they had little money, they didn’t consider themselves poor. They had a pasture with cows, grew their own food, and were raised in the church.

“We had a lot of love in that little shack,” she said.

Later, in the early 1970s, a federal “self-help housing” program improved cramped living situations, although residents still had to share community bathroom facilities. It provided funding that allowed the people of Harlem to build their own single-family homes, where many still live today.

Until the ninth grade, Ms. Dixon attended Harlem Academy, an elementary and high school that at one time had 580 students. A year later, schools were integrated. She and her classmates were bused uptown to Clewiston High School, where she graduated in 1971.

“Some of us did ask, ‘why can’t they come out here to our school?’” Ms. Dixon said. “But that was the law and we had to abide by the law.”

After integration, the old Harlem Academy was shut down in 1970, a major loss to the community. Its principal, Amos Alvoid Thomas, later became assistant superintendent in Hendry County.

Considered one of Harlem’s most influential pioneer residents, A.A. Thomas and his wife, Lois, arrived in 1932. A Florida native who attended school at Florida A&M, he later earned a master’s degree from Columbia University in New York, located on the edge of Manhattan’s Harlem.

The Clewiston News reported that he was largely responsible for building up the Academy, and spent 46 years serving families in the school system. After the school closed he started a day-care center.

He was a strict but beloved principal. Professor Thomas, as he was called, didn’t go easy on students who failed to return to campus from lunch by 1 p.m. One former student recalled, “If you wasn’t on that campus he’d be sitting there to put that paddle on you.”

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Jan Karski's experience in World War II spanned the gamut from reserve officer and junior diplomat to Polish Underground courier to the Polish government in exile in London. A traveling exhibit detailing his extraordinary life opened recently at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. “The World Knew: Jan Karski’s Mission for Humanity” will remain on display at the center in Naples through May 14.

In 1940, as a member of the Polish Underground, Mr. Karski was betrayed. Arrested and tortured by the Gestapo, he tried to commit suicide to prevent providing information on his group’s activities. Miraculously, he was able to escape with the help of the Polish Resistance.

In 1942, he snuck into the Warsaw Ghetto under disguise in order to investigate conditions there. He also went undercover in a transit camp, where he saw Nazi mistreatment and killing of Jews.

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Bicycle club video promotes 3-feet rule

Florida has the most cyclist fatalities per million population in the nation. Naples Velo Bicycle Club has a 30-second video promoting cycling safety in Collier County. The video can be downloaded easily for sharing on social media and with family, neighbors, friends and colleagues.

The series of accidents led the leader in the death of a commuter bicyclist. "Naples Velo wants to remind everyone to be respectful of each other when passing them," Don Rupprecht, Naples Velo president, says. "Whether cycling or driving, we want to help bring safety awareness to our roadways; this was our motivation in creating the video. We want to bring awareness to the 3-foot rule."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the Outdoor Foundation, more than 63,000 residents and visitors cycle in Collier County. Two years ago, several Naples Velo members were seriously injured in accidents involving motorists; one accident resulted in the death of a child bicyclist, and another in the death of a commuter bicyclist. The series of accidents led the leadership of Naples Velo to initiate change and enhance the cycling awareness and safety in Southwest Florida.

A member of the League of American Bicyclists, the nonprofit Naples Velo Bicycle Club promotes cycling activities, develops and conducts educational programs on cycling safety and skills, enhances cycling awareness through advertising and community events and supports the enactment of cycling safety laws, amateur cycling racing and other charitable organizations that share its mission.

The club hopes bicyclists download the new video and share it on social media as well as with colleagues and neighbors. Go to www.vimeo.com/18856483. Naples Velo welcomes tax-deductible contributions to help fund public cycling safety projects. It is strictly an all-volunteer part-time organization and does not have any paid staff. For more information, visit www.naplesvelo.com.

Step out for a free program about how to prevent falls

Step Smart Collier invites the public to a free fall-prevention and safety program Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Two sessions are offered starting at 1:35 and 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Keith Dameron, CEO of Step Smart Collier, and health analyst Mark Tesoro of LeeHealth will address the three ways in which risks of falling can be reduced: adapting the physical environment, managing prescription drug use and improving balance through simple exercise regimes.

The program will include displays and information from companies, hospital staff, hardware representatives and professional advisers. Free computerized balance testing, safe medication management information (bring a list of your medications), and information about adaptive equipment, exercise programs and fall prevention measures for home and outdoor safety will be available.

Falls are the leading cause of injury and death for seniors. Every 15 seconds somewhere in the United States, an older adult is seen in an emergency medical facility for a fall related injury. Falls can result in fractures, broken bones and head injuries.

Senior Floridians account for more than 100,000 hospital treated injuries from falls with medical charges exceeding $3 billion. The average death rate of seniors who have fallen in Collier County is 55 percent higher than the average for the state of Florida. The mission of Step Smart Collier is to educate seniors on how to prevent falls. The organization is an all-volunteer partnership of concerned citizens, health-related nonprofits and businesses assembled in 2015 to increase seniors’ awareness of the fall risks they face and how to mitigate those risks.

For more information, call Doug Hartman at 331-8662 or visit www.stepsmartcollier.com.
Learn more about mentoring Immokalee high-schoolers

The Guadalupe Center invites those interested in becoming a mentor to a college-bound Immokalee High School student to learn more at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, on the Terrace at Caxambas in Fiddler’s Creek. The 20-30 students who need mentors are new enrollees in the center’s Tutor Corps program that pairs them as after-school tutors with youngsters in kindergarten through grade two.

Tutor Corps high-schoolers, the first in their families to pursue higher education, earn up to $4,000 in college scholarship money. Their adult mentors have no financial obligation, nor do they have to travel to Immokalee. As mentors, they provide a listening ear and guiding hand.

The Jan. 26 program will allow prospective mentors to hear from current mentors and mentees as well as from the staff of the Guadalupe Center Tutor Corps program. RSVPs are requested by Jan. 17 and can be made by calling (908) 581-4754 or by emailing lfox08@cmcast.net.

For more information about the Guadalupe Center and its mission to break the cycle of poverty for children in Immokalee, call 657-7711 or visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

Tryouts set to sing for the Red Sox

Think you have what it takes to sing in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 10,000 people? The Boston Red Sox are on the search for new voices to sing “The Star Spangled Banner” at more than a dozen 2017 Spring Training games at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers.

Auditions will be held at the park from 4:30-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16-17. All ages are welcome to try out. Space is limited, and reservations are required by 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Call Natalie Johnson at 226-4743.

Those who cannot audition in person should call Ms. Johnson about submitting a taped audition.

The Red Sox’ 19-game exhibition season opens at 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, against the Northeastern University Huskies. For ticket information, visit www.boston.redsox.mlb.com.

Naples Preserve nature talks

The winter-spring series of fun, free and educational nature talks on Tuesdays at Naples Preserve continues on Jan. 17. Speakers include rangers, researchers, foresters and other subject-area specialists from a variety of the region’s parks, nature organizations and educational institutions. Presentations often include photographs and artifacts, and the speakers will inform as well as dispel myths.

Programs start at 10 a.m. and are suitable for ages 7 and older. Here’s what’s coming up: Jan. 17, the Florida Forest Service’s Champion Tree program; Jan. 24, artificial reefs along the Naples coastline; and Jan. 31, “Bird Brains.”

Visitors can also stroll the preserve’s boardwalk and see the many birds, gopher tortoises as well as a wide variety of birds and bugs.

Guided sessions can help awaken your stressed spirit

If the stress of daily living and family and global tensions are weighing you down, don’t despair. Here’s an oasis. Registration is underway for the next six-week spiritual intensive meditation program based on the teachings of Eckart Holle.

Sessions meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 19-Feb. 23, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. Cost for all six sessions is $35. The registration deadline is Jan. 12. Participation is limited to 50 people.

This is not a discussion group. Facilitator Linda Allen has been a student of Mr. Holle for 16 years and has led intensives in Wisconsin for several years and in Southwest Florida since mid-2013. She has practiced the art of meditation for more than 40 years.

To sign up or for more information, call Donna Cartey at 784-7734 or email journeytopresence@gmail.com.

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If you give a child an essay contest to enter …

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy invites Collier, Lee and Charlotte county children in kindergarten through second grade to enter the Florida Celebration of Reading essay and art contest. The competition is based on best-selling children’s author Laura Numeroff’s “If You Give A Mouse A Cookie.” Ms. Numeroff will attend the 17th annual celebration.

“If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” recounts a young boy’s efforts to satisfy the over-the-top demands of a mouse who visits his home. To enter the contest, young authors/illustrators are asked to write and illustrate a brief story that begins with the sentence, “If you give me a … I’m going to ask for a …”

Entries are limited to a maximum of 100 words, must include an illustration (no larger than 8½ by 11 inches) and must be submitted electronically to contest@barbarabush.org by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18. Contest guidelines and the official entry form are at www.barbarabush.org/FloridaCelebrationContest.

A panel of education and community leaders will assist in reading and judging entries. Three winners will be selected from each grade. Contest winners will be notified by Feb. 3 and, accompanied by their parents, will be recognized at a VIP breakfast kicking off the Celebration of Reading on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The students will be Ms. Numeroff’s guests at the breakfast and will be able to share their winning submissions with the author.

Laura’s books have been a staple in households across America for nearly three decades and are truly some of the most beloved books by children,” says Liza McFadden, president of the Barbara Bush Foundation. “We can’t wait to read the stories our young readers create.”

In addition to Ms. Numeroff, the Celebration of Reading evening program — chaired this year by Jeb Bush Jr. — will feature guest appearances from New York Times best-selling authors Chris Gardner ("Pursuit of Happyness"), Candice Millard, former writer and editor for National Geographic magazine; and Elin Hilderbrand, best-selling author of 17 novels.

Since 2001, the Florida Celebration of Reading has raised more than $36 million for the Barbara Bush Foundation in support of family literacy programs that help children and their parents improve their literacy skills. For more information, visit www.barbarabush.org/events.
Schulze foundation grants $100,000 to The Immokalee Foundation

More Immokalee youth will gain literacy skills and receive career guidance through The Immokalee Foundation, thanks to a $100,000 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. The funds will benefit students of various ages enrolled in TIF’s Immokalee Readers program and its career development programs.

Immokalee Readers is an after-school program designed to target the lowest-performing student readers by complementing the reading instruction they receive during the regular school day. The program, which matches high school-age tutors with the younger children, currently involves 545 students enrolled in Immokalee’s five elementary schools and 180 trained high school students.

TIF’s career development programs expose students to their choices for a future in college, the military or vocational school and introduce them to different aspects of the working world while stressing foundational skills such as effective communication and leadership techniques. Career development education through TIF begins as early as middle school and continues through high school.

Richard “Dick” Schulze, chairman emeritus of Best Buy Co. Inc., started the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation in 2004. In addition to education, RMSF supports human and social services efforts as well as programs and students studying health and medicine. While most of its grants support non-profits that serve working- and middle-class families in Collier and Lee counties as well as seven Minnesota counties, some funding fuels programs that are national in scope.

Mr. Schulze was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., and now lives in Naples with his wife, Maureen. The grant process is administered locally through a Naples office.

For more information about The Immokalee Foundation, including how to volunteer, become a mentor or make a donation, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Southwest Florida Community Foundation announces 2017-18 scholarship process

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s scholarship application process for the 2017-18 school year begins this month. Need-based scholarships require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available at www.fafsa.gov. Approximately $500,000 in scholarship money is available through more than 100 scholarships for high school students, undergraduate and graduate students from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

Beginning Jan. 16, students can apply for scholarships at www.floridacommmunity.com/scholarships. The application process closes March 3. Students can review the scholarships available and watch a tutorial about how to create and submit the application. They can apply for multiple scholarships and upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and the FAFSA student aid report. Educators, mentors, parents and students can find resources to complete the FAFSA form through the local “FAFSA first” website recently launched by the FutureMakers Coalition at http://fafsafirst.org. The goal of the coalition is to transform the local workforce by increasing the number of Southwest Florida residents with degrees, certificates and other high-quality credentials.

Book drive underway

Kunjani Craft Coffee & Gallery invites the public to help build the library at Fun Time Early Childhood Academy by contributing to the “Books are a Fun Time” donation drive. Pick up a list of recommended titles at the gallery (or find the list on Fun Time’s Facebook page) and then purchase a book and return it by Sunday, Jan. 29. The gallery will hold a “Books are a Fun Time” celebration from 1-3 p.m. that day.

Among the suitable books on the list are pre-K favorites such as “Good Night Gorilla” by Peggy Rathmann, “The Very Busy Spider” by Eric Carle, “Feel the Wind” by Arthur Dorros, “I Read Signs” by Tana Hoban, “Mouse County” by Ellen Stoll Walsh and “Planting a Rainbow” by Lois Ehlert.

For 58 years, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy has integrated play with learning to meet the individual and educational needs of Collier County’s most vulnerable students. By providing preschoolers a creative, nurturing environment built on a research-based curriculum, the school’s 84 students from low-income working families graduate with the skills needed to excel in kindergarten and life.

Kunjani Craft Coffee & Gallery serves locally baked goods as well as African-inspired organic coffee and tea. The gallery at 780 Seagate Drive also offers handmade fair trade art, bags and jewelry. Monthly fundrais- ing efforts benefit various local chari- ties.
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- [1] A poll revealed in December (sponsored by Usborne of Graz and Austria Press Agency) that Austria’s “word of the year” for 2016 was a 52-letter word beginning “bundespraesident” and referring to the postponement of the runoff election for president in 2016. (2) The Wall Street Journal reported in December a long-standing feud on the tiny Mediterranean island of Gozo, Malta, which has only 37,000 residents but two opera houses because of the owners’ mutual antipathy.

**Roundup from the world’s press**

■ With car-camel collisions increasing in Iran’s two southern provinces, an Iranian government ministry is in the process of issuing identification cards to each camel, supposedly leading to the development of a “license plate” for each of the animals. Authorities told the Islamic Republic News Agency that the registration numbers are needed if an accident victim needs to report the camel or help trace smugglers. (No actual U.S.-style license plates on camels have yet made the world’s news photographs.)

■ Martin Shkreli became the Wall Street bad boy in 2015 when his company, Turing Pharmaceuticals, raised the price of Daraprim, a drug approved by the government to treat a parasitic infection in immunocompromised patients, from $13.50 to $750. This is a reminder that it is not just pharmaceutical companies that price-gouge. Martin Shkreli became the Wall Street bad boy in 2015 when his company, Turing Pharmaceuticals, raised the price of Daraprim, a drug approved by the government to treat a parasitic infection in immunocompromised patients, from $13.50 to $750. This is a reminder that it is not just pharmaceutical companies that price-gouge. Martin Shkreli became the Wall Street bad boy in 2015 when his company, Turing Pharmaceuticals, raised the price of Daraprim, a drug approved by the government to treat a parasitic infection in immunocompromised patients, from $13.50 to $750. This is a reminder that it is not just pharmaceutical companies that price-gouge. 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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

- Baby Basics of Collier County holds its eighth annual Walking Challenge at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at North Collier Regional Park. Participants can walk from 1½ to 6 miles to raise funds to help provide diapers for low-income, working families. For more information, visit www.babybasicscollier.org.

- Humane Society Naples hosts the 11th annual Race for the Paws 5K Walk/Run starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Naples Municipal Airport. To sign up or for more information, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.org.

- The Super Bowl Sunday 5K, the first event presented by the new sporting event club RunDurance, sets out at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is $35. A portion of proceeds will benefit IMAGINE Children’s Health Center. RunDurance founders are the father/son team of Doug and Joseph Hebel, who also plan to organize soccer tournaments. For more information, visit www.runduration.org.

- The second annual Boston Red Sox Celebrity Classic to benefit Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida tees off Tuesday, Feb. 21, at The Forest Country Club in south Fort Myers. Registration is $400. For more information, visit www.elhec.org.

- The Naples Coconut Run takes off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Lowdermilk Park. Organized by Gulfcoast Runners, the 5K race and 1-mile fun run benefits the Naples High School Marching Band and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. Registration is $35 for adults, $15 for students. For more information, visit www.naplescoconutnutrun.com.

- Friends of the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Collier County step out for the 14th annual Walk for NAMI-Coast Collier on Saturday morning, Feb. 25, at Cambier Park. To form a team or for information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, email jacquelyn@namicollier.org.

- The second annual Naples Coconut Run holds its eighth annual Walking Challenge (Across From Sam’s Club) on Saturday morning, Feb. 25, at the Naples Pier. All classes of sailboats from 1½ to 6 miles to raise funds to help one who may be helped and/or to any-one who may be helped by the therapeutic effects of boat-ing. Craig Spicer of the GCSC is the 2017 regatta chairman. Boat registration starts at $125, and sponsorship packages begin at $300. For more information, visit www.gulfcoast-sailingclub.org.

Chubb Classic issues a call for volunteers

Volunteers are needed Monday through Sunday, Feb. 13-19, to help with the Chubb Classic golf tournament at The TwinEagles Club. For a $75 registration fee, all volunteers receive a tournament golf shirt and outerwear piece, a visor or hat, four daily grounds passes for family and/or friends, free lunch during working shifts and general grounds access all week with volunteer badge.

Visit www.chubbclassic.com to read descriptions of more than 20 volunteer committees ranging from marshals to on-site hospitality. Helpers are also needed for Taste of SW Florida, a two-day food festival held in conjunction with the golf tournament.

For more information or to register as a volunteer, call 593-3900 or visit www.chubbclassic.com.

Those who want to attend the tournament as spectators can purchase tickets at the Naples PGA TOUR Superstore.

Daily general admission is $15; weekly general admission tickets for $30 are valid Tues-day-Sunday, Feb. 14-19. Ages 17 and younger get in free with a ticketed adult. Parking is $5 per day or $20 for Tuesday-Sunday.

Talon Club hospitality tickets for $125 per day or $325 for the week and include VIP parking, appetizers, beer and wine.

Sign up to set sail in charity regatta

The Gulf Coast Sailing Club’s 41st annual charity regatta sets sail Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, in the Gulf of Mexico off the Naples Pier. All classes of sailboats can race.

Proceeds from registration fees and sponsorships will benefit the children’s bereavement program of Avow, the Marco Island Community Sailing Center, the Naples Community Sailing Center and the Freedom Waters Foundation. All of the beneficiaries help bring the joy of sailing to blind, special needs and disadvantaged youth and/or to any-one who may be helped by the therapeutic effects of boating. Craig Spicer of the GCSC is the 2017 regatta chairman.

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Wine Tasters of Naples is a social club that meets from 5:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a $7 door fee; guests pay $9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The club sponsors other tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for $20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbar8142@gmail.com.

The Naples branch of the English Speaking Union welcomes new members who want to help people learn and speak the English language. Upcoming events include the annual Churchill Dinner, a Shakespeare competition, the Queen’s Birthday Celebration and programs about news from England and the English-speaking world. For more information, call Karen Lannan at 380-2533, email klannan@comcast.net or visit www.esu.org/Naples.

Members of the Naples Men’s Bridge Club have been playing every Wednesday for more than 25 years at various country clubs and community rooms around Naples. The club uses a combination of duplicate boards and Chicago bidding. Play begins at 9:45 a.m. for five rounds of six boards with five different partners. After a break for lunch, the games wrap up around 3 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, email johnfieldhouse@comcast.net.

The Naples Peggers invite anyone who likes cribbage to play from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomas Drive. The annual membership fee is $10. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 747-1113 or email cathykee-ler@gmail.com.

The Naples MacFriends User Group has hundreds of members who share a passion for all thing Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information, visit www.naples-mug.com.

Coastal Chess clubs in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the Lutheran Church, 325 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park off Good钜 Arbor Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@skellierpublishing.com or visit WWW.Chess7.net.

The Naples Wednesday Bridge Club welcomes new members to join in at 9:45 a.m. every Wednesday in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for $10 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Cathy Keeler at philbar8142@gmail.com.

The Neapolitan Queستers, a group of antiquities collectors and admirers, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month either at the home of a member or at a local historical site. The next meetings are Jan. 12 (for a trip to Venice to learn about Nantucket baskets and whaling) and Feb. 9 (at the Marco Island home of a member for a program about World War II letters and artifacts). Potential members can attend two meetings without joining. Annual membership for $45 includes local, state and national Queستers membership. The 2017 national convention takes place in May in St. Petersburg. For more information, email local president Roberta Raas at raraass@gmail.com.

The American Association of University Women-Greater Naples Branch welcomes anyone who loves to learn from one another. Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday at the Hodges University, as guest speaker. For more information, email johnfieldhouse@comcast.net.

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to join the chapter. Lunch meetings start at noon on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 14. For reservations or more information, call Darlene (Hall) Follese at 495-9741 or email jdfollese@comcast.net.

The Naples base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI) meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit www.ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

The Southwest Florida Ski & Travel Club holds a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parrot Room at Gulf Coast Inn, 2555 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Social gatherings are the third Tuesday of every month at varying locations. The next social meeting is Jan. 17, and the next business meeting is Feb. 7. For more information, call 839-3711 or visit www.naplesskiclub.com.

Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta are invited to a meeting for lunch and a “Journaling for Joy” workshop starting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Eagle Creek Country Club. All Gamma Phi Betas are welcome. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

The Naples Doll Club meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2900 County Barn Road in Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 18 and Feb. 1. All who love and enjoy the beauty of dolls from antique to contemporary are welcome. For more information, call 530-0010 or email wlm34112@gmail.com.

Pi Beta Phi alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at The Club at Mediterr. Payment in advance is required. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

The PCBUG computer and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to its meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Naples Regional Library, 600 Central Ave. For more information call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

Friends and fans of Ohio State University are invited to “Grow the Fund,” an event hosted by Huntington Private Client Group for the Buckeyes in Naples Foundation, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the bank’s North Naples location, 8889 Pelican Bay Blvd. The cost of $30 per person includes food and drink. Reservations are required and can be made by calling John Goldsberry at 405-7068 or email jgoldsb181@aol.com.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at 1655 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

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

CLUB NOTES
Most walkers sign up before the day of the event, form teams and raise funds. The two-mile walk is non-competitive, family and pet-friendly. It’s also the biggest fundraiser of the year for the food bank, which hopes to top last year’s total of $305,000.

The Walk supports emergency food programs that feed children, families, seniors and others in need through the food bank’s network of more than 150 partner agencies. These agencies operate food pantries, soup kitchens and other feeding programs that serve 26,000 Southwest Floridians each week.

All funds from the Walk will stay in the Southwest Florida area. Last year, the Walk raised enough to provide $183 million worth of food to those who often don't know where their next meal is coming from in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

Miromar Outlets is an in-kind sponsor for the Walk. Mr. Staner provides the venue at no cost, and also helps promote the event through advertising and social media. “It saves us money,” said Marta Hodson, the food bank’s community relations manager and Hunger Walk coordinator. “We don’t have to pay for an event location; it’s private property, so we don’t have to pay for street closures. We have built-in security on site.” The Walk route is on paved surfaces around the mall area, and there are lots of water fountains and restrooms, so the food bank doesn’t have to rent Port-O-Lets, she said.

Not only that, the mall is a convenient location within easy access off I-75, and there is plenty of free parking, she said. “The staff at Miromar is excellent to work with and very accommodating in providing what we need to make sure the event goes smoothly.”

The mall has always wanted to help with community events since it opened in 1999, Mr. Staner said. “We want to pay back to the community, residents, businesses.”

People shouldn’t have to go hungry, Mr. Staner said. “Having food on the table is one of the most important things in peoples’ lives.”

Ms. Hodson said the food bank appreciates the mall’s partnership in fighting hunger. “We’re grateful because it means that more money we raise actually goes to provide food to the community, and not expenses for the walk. That makes our net number larger.”

Miromar Outlets even fields a team in the Walk, including employees and corporate staff. In the last two years alone, the team raised about $5,500. Mr. Staner also goes around the office collecting money before the Walk, and sends emails out to social media contacts.

Hosting the Walk is also a plus because it provides exposure, Staner said. Customers walking along the Walk route may see a store they hadn’t seen before, and come back to check it out, he said. “It gives us an opportunity to showcase Miromar Outlets.”

The Hunger Walk isn’t the only non-profit fundraiser the mall hosts. Other events include the ALS walk, also called Lou Gehrig’s disease, Making Strides for Breast Cancer, and others.

Presenting sponsors for the Walk are Garden Street Companies and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office. The major sponsor is the Copperleaf Charitable Foundation. Gold sponsors are CenturyLink, Florida Gulf Coast University, McDonald’s and Lipman.

Most people are coming from in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. About 1,000 people sign up for the Walk each year, Mr. Staner said. "We have built-in security on site. The staff at Miromar is excellent to work with and very accommodating in providing what we need to make sure the event goes smoothly."
BEHIND THE WHEEL

BMW X5: Don’t mess with a winning formula

The X5 crossover unashamedly has followed BMW’s performance image. That might sound like not a little odd for a class that’s built on off-road appearance, but the Bimmer’s irreverence has always made it a true threat in the luxury segment. So as the world around the X5 evolves for more seats, hybrid drive-trains and other updates, it might be good for BMW to remember what got them noticed in the first place.

The X5’s shape has not changed much since the original came along nearly two decades ago. Flared wheel arches announce that it’s more sports car than SUV, and the rear includes the inward “Hofmeister Kink” styling touch that gives BMW’s sedans a strong presence. But now in its third generation, the X5 has its most handsome and aggressive face yet.

There’s even some function behind the form with design elements like the two-piece tailgate. It’s more expensive to produce than a single-piece unit, but those who picnic off the rear hatch appreciate the ample overhanging bench that keeps legs from touching the dirty bumper.

Inside, the driver gets a setup familiar to anyone who has driven BMWs in the last few years. In a crossover like the X5, sharing a layout with sporty sedans makes the atmosphere one of the most performance-oriented in its class. For passengers, the space is good for a mid-size crossover, and even the rear seats can be adjusted for a more individual-style comfort. But there is an option that messes with this high execution.

A couple of weeks ago, this column focused on the rise of the three-row mid-size crossover, but luxury carmakers were mostly dismayed because they would rather provide more passenger space to five occupants than squeeze a third row. The X5 is one of the few exceptions. For $71,000, BMW will add two more seats and an air ride rear suspension to compensate for the expected extra weight.

The X5 is about as long as the Mercedes GLE and Lincoln MKX (both of which are two-row exclusives). The room in BMW’s third-row is exceptional—tightly, something the sporty rear roofline doesn’t help. And shoehorning these seats into the rear can also eat into the second-row’s limited space. Really, the seven-passenger option feels less functional and more like an acknowledgement that the X5 is the largest crossover BMW offers.

Other luxury brands (like Mercedes and Lincoln) have full-size vehicles to handle three-row duty. We’ll likely see a larger X7 in the next couple of years, so big family BMW fans should wait until then.

In fact, the X5 has never been built for ultimate space efficiency. This crossover was built specifically to reinforce the company’s “Ultimate Driving Machine” attitude. Big tires, multi-link rear suspension and a rear-wheel drive bias in the optional xDrive all-wheel drive mean the X5 has to mash more components under the rear floor than a front-wheel drive competitor. And losing out on a little rear cargo room makes a whole lot of difference on the road.

With the adjustable suspension setting in Sport mode, the X5 handles like a true BMW. With plenty of grip, it’s confi dent on corners. The variable speed sensitive steering has a sports car-like feel with a heavier motion than other luxury machine, but at the same time in never seems daunting.

The $56K base model’s turbocharged six-cylinder has more than enough power to sustain the X5’s performance image, and the available turbocharged V8 is a true sports car in disguise. The only powerplant that seems out of place is the eDrive (a $5,700 option). The hybrid electric system is so focused on regenerating power for the battery that it creates a drag the moment the driver lifts off the accelerator. It’s exception- ally efficient, but it also creates a back-and-forth motion that could make some passengers carsick.

Instead, stick to the basics with this one. The BMW X5 created the niche for a sporty offering in the premium crossover marketplace. Today it’s being adapted for more people, better efficiency and other duties that go against its performance heart. But those who see through the clutter of these new options will re-discover the driver-ori ented crossover they’ve never stopped loving.

Tune up your driving skills with AARP

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

Friday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piney Pkwy., Naples; 954-6005.
Saturday, Jan. 28: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at American House, 1400 Longfellow Lane, Bonita Springs; 913-9430.
Wednesday, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 597-1043.

Watch out for traffic cops

Here’s where CCSO deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Jan. 16-20:

Monday, Jan. 16

Bayshore Drive and Botanical Place Circle: Speeding

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Golden Gate Parkway and 44th Street SW: Aggressive driving

Wilson Boulevard: Speeding

Davis Boulevard and Market Street: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Orange Blossom Drive and Livings ton Road: Aggressive driving

Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary: Aggressive driving

Thursday, Jan. 19

Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads: Aggressive driving

11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary: Speeding

Livingston and Immokalee roads: Aggressive driving

Friday, Jan. 20

Palm Drive and U.S. 41 East: Red-light running

Vanderbilt Beach Road and U.S. 41 North: Speeding

Collier Boulevard and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Speeding

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HEALTHY LIVING

Revised guidelines issued for ways to reduce risk of peanut allergy

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Peanut allergy is a growing health problem for which no treatment or cure exists. People living with peanut allergy, and their caregivers, must be vigilant about the foods they eat and the environments they enter to avoid allergic reactions that can be severe and even life threatening.

The allergy tends to develop in childhood and persist through adulthood. However, recent scientific research has demonstrated that introducing peanut-containing foods into the diet during infancy can prevent the development of peanut allergy.

A panel sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, has issued new clinical guidelines to aid health-care providers in early introduction of peanut-containing foods to infants to prevent the development of peanut allergy. The addendum to guidelines that were issued in 2010 provides three separate general rules for infants at various levels of risk for developing peanut allergy and is targeted to a wide variety of health-care providers, including pediatricians and family practice physicians.

Living with peanut allergy requires constant vigilance. Preventing the development of peanut allergy will improve and save lives and lower health care costs. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the NIH, said, “We expect that widespread implementation of these guidelines by health-care providers will prevent the development of peanut allergy in many susceptible children and ultimately reduce the prevalence of peanut allergy in the United States.”

Addendum guideline No.1 focuses on infants deemed at high risk of developing peanut allergy because they already have severe eczema, egg allergy or both. The expert panel recommends that these infants have peanut-containing foods introduced into their diets as early as 4 to 6 months of age to reduce the risk of developing peanut allergy. Parents and caregivers should check with their infant’s health-care provider before feeding the infant peanut-containing foods. The health-care provider may choose to perform an allergy blood test or send the infant to a specialist for other tests, such as a skin prick test or an oral food challenge. The results of these tests will help decide if and how peanut-containing foods should be safely introduced into the infant’s diet.

Guideline No. 2 suggests that infants with mild or moderate eczema should have peanut-containing foods introduced into their diets around 6 months of age. And guideline No. 3 suggests that infants without eczema or any food allergy have peanut-containing foods freely introduced into their diets.

In all cases, infants should start other solid foods before they are introduced to peanut-containing foods. Clinical trial results reported in February 2015 showed that peanut consumption began in infancy and continued until 5 years of age led to an 81 percent reduction in development of peanut allergy in infants deemed at high risk because they already had severe eczema, egg allergy or both. This finding came from the landmark, NIH-funded Learning Early About Peanut Allergy study, a randomized clinical trial involving more than 600 infants.

Dr. Daniel Rotrosen, director of NIAID’s division of allergy, immunology and transplantation, said the LEAP study clearly showed that introduction of peanut early in life significantly lowered the risk of developing peanut allergy by age 5. “The magnitude of the benefit and the scientific strength of the study raised the need to operationalize these findings by developing clinical recommendations focused on peanut allergy prevention,” he added.

In 2015, NIAID established a coordinating committee representing 26 professional organizations, advocacy groups and federal agencies to oversee development of the addendum guidelines to specifically address the prevention of peanut allergy. The coordinating committee convened a 26-member expert panel comprising specialists from a variety of relevant clinical, scientific and public health areas. The panelists, chaired by Dr. Joshua Boyce, professor of medicine and pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, used a literature review of food allergy prevention research and their own expert opinions to prepare draft guidelines. The draft guidelines were available on the NIAID website for public comment from March 4 to April 18, 2016. The expert panel and coordinating committee reviewed the 104 comments received and then developed the final addendum guidelines.

The new guidelines appeared Jan. 5 in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and will be co-published in the Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; Journal of Pediatric Nursing; Pediatric Dermatology; World Allergy Organization Journal; and Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology.

Related resources, including a Summary for Parents and Caregivers, are freely accessible at www.niaid.nih.gov.
Bonita Community Health Center presents its 10th annual health fair, “Cruise to a Healthier You,” from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 14, at 3501 Health Center Blvd., Bonita Springs. Attendees can receive free skin cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, cholesterol tests and refreshments. Several BCHC physicians will give brief presentations.

Admission is free. An event “passport” will be stamped at each visit vendor tables, with a completed passport making the guest eligible for door prizes. For more information, visit www.bonitaealthcenter.com.

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Physician Group added 33 physicians and 18 nurse practitioners/physician assistants this past year for a total of 170 caregivers. With 12 internal medicine residents coming for a three-year training program, “I’m optimistic we will be “growing our own” internists.

As much as I personally enjoyed the traditional private practice model for 23 years, starting or continuing with a solo or small group private practice will become even more daunting due to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act. Basic fee-for-service reimbursement amounts from Medicare will be frozen starting 2019. Traditionally, commercial insurers follow Medicare’s lead.

In Southwest Florida, prevention will continue to gain momentum. The Blue Zones Project will expand to the Immokalee region, now having had excellent results in our community live longer, happier lives. Eighty percent of our illnesses are self-induced. Focusing on prevention helps everyone: the individual, who feels better; the community, which is more productive; and the nation, which spends fewer resources on repairing its citizens.

At NCH, learning best practices from Mayo and our 46 Mayo affiliates will grow. Since we became a member of the Mayo Care Network 4½ years ago, 58 of our physicians and administrators have gone through the Mayo leadership course. Little by little, we are assimilating the world-class ethos of Mayo clinic. The Mayo School of Medicine is also the academic sponsor of our internal medicine residency program. Also, NCH’s facile access to consultation with Mayo’s clinicians will continue to help our care providers and patients in many good ways.

Locally, health and health care are important aspects of the great climate we provide. Despite the changes around us, I’m still optimistic. Please watch the forecast as we continue to help everyone in our community live longer, happier and healthier lives.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

The Year of You!

T he holidays are over, and the joy that’s been in the bloodstream all year, to start this new year exactly the way we want to. It can be a very exciting time! New possibilities, new horizons. The traditional resolutions – this year I mean it! – to improve yourself in certain areas, exercise more, get organized, eat better… are all excellent objectives, and as the year progresses, making headway on these goals will not only give you great pride of accomplishment, it will enhance your quality of life and improve your self-confidence.

But what about an immediate boost? Studies show that one of the best ways to stay motivated to keep charging forward on those long-term resolutions is to put a few goals on your list that you can accomplish right now. After all, how good would it feel to be able to check a few things off that list today? Keep your ongoing resolution to “eat better” by all means, but also put “eat a healthy lunch today” on your list. There’s no longer this great, daunting undertaking. Now it’s just something you are already doing.

Here at Azul, we have dedicated 2017 as the Year of You! From things you can do today, right now, to look and feel better, to longer-term objectives to keep you feeling motivated throughout the entire year and beyond. Dr. Patrick Flaharty and Azul’s team of get-your-groove-back specialists will carefully customize a plan that fits your personal best. If you’ve been wondering about how to get started, take a look at some of these simple methods to bring a smile back as you look forward in the new year.

Refresh with the ultimate in relaxation and restoration. “Put ‘Drug my therapist’ on your list! How about being able to check that off in less than an hour! Though the stress of the holiday season may have taken its toll, why let that carry over into your brand new year? It’s one more resolution that’s within your reach right now. A favorite among patients and staff, our signature Hydrafacial MD is relaxant and restorative. Your skin will be soothed and softened with this unique resurfacing facial that exfoliates, hydrates and infuses your face with antioxidants, peptides and hyaluronic acid. The best part is the deep facial delivered instant results with no discomfort or downtime, and is perfect for all skin types.

In no more time than a quick lunch-break, the Hydrafacial MD will truly pamper and restore your skin, bringing it all from-torn-within, and don’t be surprised if you hear “Wow, you look great!” as you walk in a room. Love your look with a Liquid Facelift. Want to make a more dramatic change, but not quite ready for a surgical facelift? With each passing year, gravity, the environment and even our facial movements contribute to the aging look of our skin. And we’ve reminded of this, every time we look in the mirror! But unless you can actually stop time, creating and drooping is inevitable. However, a non-surgical Liquid Facelift offers a turn-back-the-clock option that’s quick and effective, restoring a more youthful appearance with little to no downtime.

Using injectables (like Botox and dermal fillers), the versatile Liquid Facelift gently lifts overall (or specific) facial features, restores your natural facial contours and reduces wrinkles, creases and folds, resulting in a more relaxed, refreshed, youthful look and a friendlier smile.

It’s your year! So, are you ready to make 2017 the Year of You? Make it easy on yourself – start with small steps, that you can do today. When you’re ready, we invite you to come in for a consultation – a very relaxed, easy conversation where we’ll talk about what your goals are, make sure all your questions are answered, and then think over what steps you can take that best fit your lifestyle. Just visit our website at www.azulbeauty.com or give us a call at (239) 415-7576 to learn more. We look forward to toasting a new you in 2017!”

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PET TALES

Pup search

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Buying a puppy seems like a simple process. Puppies are available from private individuals, pet stores, shelters and online sellers.

But where you get your puppy can determine whether you have a great experience or a bad one. A study published in the May 15, 2013, issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association found that puppies obtained from pet stores were significantly more aggressive and fearful than those obtained from non-commercial breeders and were more likely to develop separation anxiety.

Buying a puppy from an online seller is also risky. Internet scams abound.

French bulldog breeder Carol Gravestock in Durham, Ontario, Canada, recently received a phone call from a family connected by an unscrupulous online puppy seller. The sophisticated setup referred the buyers to a website, who had no idea what they were talking about.

They gave the buyers a cellphone number to call, claiming to be out of the country and available only by cellphone. Other red flags include puppies offered from “rescues” or “shelters.”

Looking for a French bulldog? Sometimes the dogs are touted as bulldogs. Sometimes the dogs are touted as being from “rescues” or “shelters.”

To protect yourself, avoid buying a puppy sight unseen from online sellers. Be wary if you’re told that the person is out of the country and available only by cellphone or email.

“Google it,” Grassvestock says. “Nine times out of 10, that phone number or email address will come up across multiple sites, sometimes with warnings attached.”

Other red flags include puppies offered for unusually low prices or sellers who ask you to wire money or send it by Western Union.

“They contacted the airline — no reservation. They finally contacted the real breeder associated with the website, who had a number of conversations with breeders and were more likely to develop separation anxiety.

When you purchase a puppy sight unseen, it’s impossible to know what the parents are like or whether the pup was raised in a home environment with plenty of human attention and socialization to normal life experiences. But if the parents have nice temperaments and aren’t shy or aggressive, it’s likely that your new puppy will share those positive traits.

When you want a specific type of dog, seeking a knowledgeable breeder and meeting his or her dogs in person is the best way to find a puppy. Benefits include early housetraining and socialization of pups and up-to-date health clearances on the parents.

Meeting a puppy’s parents, or at least the mother, is a plus. When you purchase a puppy sight unseen, it’s impossible to know what the parents are like or whether the pup was raised in a home environment with plenty of human attention and socialization to normal life experiences. But if the parents have nice temperaments and aren’t shy or aggressive, it’s likely that your new puppy will share those positive traits.

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Finding the right puppy from the right breeder doesn’t offer instant gratification, but it’s a safer, smarter way to go. Just remember that good things come to those who wait.
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I don’t know — every year I realize that these resolutions that absolutely MUST start on Jan. 1, doom us to fail. The first day of the year is complicated — first of all, the traditional New Year’s Day food. A plate full of black-eyed peas with ham, cabbage and cornbread is not exactly diet-friendly. Plus, someone’s bound to hand you a mimosa or a Bloody Mary that day — and if you can stand not to dip your nacho chip in cheese dip while watching football, then you are clearly meant for sainthood. And, trust me, I know very few of my girlfriends who didn’t get at least one “Happy New Year” text from an ex that they didn’t struggle with whether or not to respond to.

As a result of New Year’s Day indulgence and setbacks, many of us give up on our resolutions and Dry January drowns in disappointment.

I say start your resolution whenever you feel ready. Jan. 1 isn’t a magic date. And if you decide to make this month Wet January, you can always make next month Dry January — just be sure to walk every day, avoid dairy, and don’t text your ex on Valentine’s Day. I don’t know — maybe we should set our sights on March…

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

THE DIVA DIARIES

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A few days after New Year’s, a girlfriend and I were enjoying happy hour at one of our favorite little bars where we caught up on everything we’d missed in each other’s lives over the busy holidays. To balance out all the celebrity deaths of 2016, we were happy to talk about the four holiday engagements of various friends, the birth of another friend’s first grandchild, and some juicy gossip that shall remain back at the bar.

But, I’m not alone in disapproving myself in January. I’ve talked to bunches of friends who promised to give something up — or start something up — on Jan. 1 and now that it’s over a week into the New Year, nothing is new — other than the guilt they feel for failing. Some excerpts from a few recent conversations:

• “Have you noticed that everyone who gives up dairy is skinny? I’ve decided to stop eating dairy in 2017 — except cheese. I really love cheese. Do you think if I give up dairy and keep eating cheese it counts as giving up dairy?”
• “I’ve vowed to take a walk every single day of 2017. So far, I’ve walked to the mailbox each day without fail and I’m winning at this resolution — I never said how FAR I would walk…”
• “I’m totally not texting with my ex in 2017 — no texting with him at all. I did send him a message on Facebook, but that’s NOT texting.”

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Sorry to say it, millennials and you other tech addicts, but at some point you’re going to have to stow away the smartphone and brave the world, meet people, shake a few hands and talk about, well, your business and how you can help a potential client. Gasp. Yup, you read it correctly. Face to face in the real world.

No matter if your LinkedIn profile gets 10 or 100 views a week or your Twitter, Instagram and Facebook connections number in the thousands, face-to-face interaction is still the ticket to getting ahead in your career and attracting more customers. Raise your hand if you’ve actually met — as in person — 50 percent of your cyber site contacts.

Social media has its place in your networking efforts. In fact, it’s more important than ever in establishing your brand and building business relationships. (Just be wary of the occasional contact who’s trying to make a love connection. It happens, says Lani Click, founder and president of Clicking In.)

Face time

Despite booming growth in the technology of social media, networking experts say the road to success is through actually meeting people.
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Data breaches and identity theft are among the most common security risks for businesses today. To help small business owners and nonprofit organizations in Southwest Florida, the Identity Fraud Institute at Hodges University presents a workshop about developing a data breach response plan from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan 27, at the university’s Naples campus, 2655 Northbrooke Drive.

“The average cost to mitigate a data breach is $4 million, or $158 per compromised record,” says Carrie Kerski, director of the institute. Data breaches are more than an IT risk or issue, she adds. “Business owners and managers can be held accountable for the breach even if they outsource their IT.”

Ms. Kerskie says most breaches are the result of employee error, which makes it more important than ever for businesses owners, HR practitioners and those in finance, security and IT to understand how to prevent breaches and what to do when one occurs.

Course attendees will learn how data breaches occur, the consequences of a breach, how to reduce the risk of a breach and how to identify applicable privacy laws as well as how to develop a data breach response plan and begin to develop data privacy policies.

Small businesses are the top target for hackers, yet very few know how to prevent or mitigate a breach, Ms. Kerskie says. “Having a data breach response plan in place saves you time and money and reduces stress on the organization,” she says. “It is more cost effective to be prepared as opposed to hoping it never happens to you.”

Registration is $345 ($295 for Hodges University students and employees as well as nonprofit and government employees). Registration is required and can be completed at https://hu.formstack.com/forms/data_plan. For more information, call Ms. Kerskie at 598-6281 or email ckerskie@hodges.edu.

Workshop outlines how to prevent, respond to a data breach
Forum, which hosts seasonal thought leadership and idea exchange forums in exchange for an annual membership fee (Fortune 500 companies. Someone has to see your name seven times to really build that trust. Using a mix of media makes it memorable.”

**Identify your audience**

Before you attend an event or strike up an online connection, know whom you need to reach.

In her book, “Building Brand (You),” Ms. Woolley identifies three core audiences each businessperson should connect to. The top of the list is the ideal customer but equally important are building peer and inspirational networks for professional and personal support.

Networking today means many things, said Ms. Woolley, an English-based Blue Ocean Authority, Business Innovators Radio and author of the 2011 “Ask TAM,” a blogbook of 365 Social Media Tips, Tricks and Tools.” “It means an online and in-person presence — you want to be where potential clients are. You may be on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or LinkedIn. You need to know who your ideal client is and go where they are to provide high-quality, valuable information.

Networking is part of someone’s business strategy, they need to integrate online and offline.”

Understanding your audience is also about knowing how best to reach them. Test a text, email a potential customer who works in an office, send a private Facebook message and never underestimate the power of a good old-fashioned phone call, she says.

“You can’t convey emotion in emails and they (call) card or set misinterpreted ideas depending on whatever the person is feeling that day,” Ms. Patzer said. “People are afraid to talk to the phone. You’d be pleasantly surprised that decisions can be made during a short telephone conversation.”

**Get social**

Experts say it’s perfectly acceptable to make an initial introduction through social media.

“Social media is very, very powerful and I use it a lot,” Ms. Click said. “If you rely on it too much, you waste a lot of time because of its addictive quality. It’s always ready and you have to realize you’re never going to stay on top of it. If you try to cover them all, it’s overwhelming.”

Ms. Click also owns Palm Beach Pursers and has her social media focus. She’s not a fan of Facebook but loves LinkedIn and credits Instagram for forcing her creativity with clever hashtags and titles. While planning a series of YouTube video for a new pure collection, a young intern advised each be limited to 15 seconds.

“I’m flexible and will try new things,” she said. “We posted them and had a huge response.”

When trying to get press for her clients, Ms. Woolley said she gets the most response by sending information to reporters’ Twitter accounts.

**Present a professional image**

Remember a lot of your initial networking is virtual and potential clients (and employers) are going to visit your business and social sites. Invest in a professional head shot, says Ms. Woolley. “It costs about $100. Pictures are so valuable. I flip through social media profiles and some still make me think, ‘Are they “real” people? They’re not thinking.’ Their head is cropped out of a group shot on the beach. You see someone’s shoulder and it looks like they’re talking to a friend is clipped out. Or they have red eyes. It conveys a message of someone who can’t pay attention to the details.”

Presenting the right image, one that reflects your brand, can also get mud-died by the past, including negative messages you’ve liked on a friend’s Facebook page. Some people still aren’t getting the message that potential clients are going to dig into your virtual world and pass judgment.

After this election season, people are forgetting how to be human beings and are saying nasty things online, said Ms. Woolley. “This comes back to haunt you.”

**Get out there**

At some point, most businesses need to get outside their comfort zone and make a personal appearance at a chamber event, lecture or conference to increase the odds of landing new business.

“I’m seeing more successful young executives locally and nationally who have a really strong presence about them in person,” Ms. Woolley said. “They know real business happens in person.”

One Board Chamber, a faith-based organization with chapters in Lee and Collier counties, focuses on the face-to-face, offering monthly lectures or panels led by local experts. January’s event “Workplace Law – How to Stay out of Jail in 2017” certainly has an attention-getting title, but they bring together members to network. Many are still at it an hour after the talk, said founder Jeanne Sweeney.

“My goal is for members to walk in, meet other people and walk out the door having learned something,” said Ms. Sweeney. “There is sustenance in what we offer. We want people to get something out of this, that they just learned and that their business is going to get better because of what they learned. Our members work together and there is a huge support system. Some members call us ‘the family’.”

Ms. Click also emphasizes substance and sincerity over networking. “I’m a former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley discussing survival after scandal and Jeff Greene’s rise from a busboy at The Breakers to billionaire real estate mogul. She’s also sponsored networking events focused on arts, crafts, culture, books and her purse collection.

A former playwright, Ms. Click often thinks of networking in terms of the theater, creating events with people based on ideas. You have to put effort into being memorable to be successful. You have to understand why people are at an event, what they’re looking for and how you can help them.

She also helps attendees overcome the don’t-know-anyone jitters by introducing them to others. “No one feels like a stranger,” Ms. Click said. “That’s that key to networking: You have to be sincere.”

Not every networking opportunity is so cozy or friendly.

Even high-ranking CEOs of major companies lose their cool when it comes to working a room. There’s also a general consensus that newly minted MBAs aren’t always trained in communication skills.

“Human contact is still very important,” said Ms. Patzer. “The key to networking is to find out as much as you can about the event and determine a realistic goal. Talk to five people who may be an ideal client or a referral. Everything about networking is all about you and them, you and what you can do for them.”

Exchange business cards, send an immediate friend request on Facebook or connect on LinkedIn, she recommends. “Take selfies together and tag each other.”

“You’ve made a connection if even they lose your business card.”

The follow-up is important, says Ms. Woolley and Ms. Patzer, and should segue into coffee or a business meeting.

But cautions Ms. Patzer, watch it doesn’t “turn into a pick-your-brain fest.”

**Do your research**

Not every chamber or association icebreaker is going to result in million-dollar deals. Not every business contact become your ideal client.

“Finding the right event to make the right connections is important,” said Ms. Woolley. “If you’re trying to get business from a CEO you need to profile them on LinkedIn. We’re likely to attend by thinking about your one or two best customers — where you met them, activities they like and their lifestyle. Children at home will probably do more morning events. If you’re not meeting your ideal customers move on and find another opportunity. People waste a lot of time at nonproductive networking events. They’re doing something even if it isn’t effective.”

Social media also helps you gain support of an unknown number of potential clients but be as honest and truth isn’t always practiced on some sites.

Also, don’t disconnect your connectives. “If you’re trying to get an entry into a person’s life you have to probably connect them to a second or third connection who can make a warm introduction,” says Ms. Woolley. “Some people completely overlook this. They’re reinventing the wheel by looking for a phone number or finding an administrative assistant.”

Case in point: Ms. Woolley landed online training courses based on her book by following up on a pop-up LinkedIn suggestion. She reached out to that connection and inquired about getting book reviews.

“She didn’t do that but forwarded my information to someone who did,” she said. “I got a phone call from the person who selects books to review. She didn’t even know my name ended up on her desk out of the hundreds of other requests. I cut through the clutter.”

As part of her service to her members, Ms. Sweeney offers free press release and blog distribution and opportunities to attend speaker and after-hours events held at a variety of venues in both countries. But to her, the trend in networking is the personal touch she provides. Ms. Sweeney makes a point of always being accessible via cellphone and social media (she answered her cell phone during a doctor’s appointment).

“I make sure no one gets lost in the shuffle,” she said. “I help people figure out social media and walked them through Facebook. One of my members called them to practice a pitch. With most businesses there’s usually one thing they’re not really good at. They let me know if they have financial, legal or marketing needs and I would be a member to consult for free.”

Ms. Patzer said the future of networking is a mix of online and offline interactions with the trend being toward fewer personal meetings and more online. “You can do anything online and never leave your house. But just because you can’t meet doesn’t mean you should. Put the phone away and look into someone’s eyes and have a real conversation. That’s so vital today.”
**MONEY & INVESTING**

Macy's numbers reflect a downward trend for department stores

As my wife will tell you, I can't stand shopping. This is especially true of clothing shopping. I never know what looks good on me or what style of jeans happens to be in at the moment. Because of this, I avoid department stores as much as I can. I probably haven't been in one in more than a year.

Unfortunately for most of these retail locations, I am not the only one who's been staying away.

Just last week the largest department store chain, Macy's, announced another quarter of terrible earnings. Why did this happen, and what does the future hold for the company and department stores in general?

In looking at the earnings release from Macy's, there was no silver lining to the slew of horrendous numbers the company reported.

First, comparable sales fell 2.1 percent, at the low end of its projections. The CEO blamed this partially on "ongoing weakness in bandannas and watches."

Next, the chain announced 2016 earnings of $2.95 to $3.10 a share — not good considering projections had been for $3.40 a share. Management cited a sluggish holiday season as the reason for the disappointing income numbers.

And finally, the Macy's folks said they do not anticipate the negative momentum turning around anytime soon. In fact, the management team projected sales will decline another 2 percent in 2017.

There were two reactions to this poor news: First, the stock dropped around 10 percent in after-market trading. Then the Macy's management team announced it would be laying off 6,200 employees and closing 100 stores, allowing it to focus on high-performing locations and its e-commerce efforts.

Clearly, the future of Macy's is not looking particularly bright. With store traffic anticipated to continue in decline, Macy's is looking for alternate sources of revenue. It hopes its Bluemercury beauty shops will continue to flourish, and the company is expanding its off-price locations, Macy's Backstage. It also hopes it can gain traction in international markets like China and Kuwait.

While these ventures can certainly add incremental revenue to Macy's bottom line, most of them are either too small or too early in development to be needle-movers in the short term. Amazon, Wal-Mart, Target and online stores will continue to chip away at department store customers.

To raise capital to fund its growth plans, Macy's has resorted to selling its crown jewels: its vast real estate holdings. In October, it sold five stores to a national REIT, including its flagship location in San Francisco and its stores in Portland and Minneapolis.

Yet despite all of these issues, Macy's stock still trades at a healthy 15 times earnings and pays a 4 percent dividend. With the company struggling, many analysts are questioning whether it will maintain this payout and whether this multiple is justified. Until the chain can demonstrate a solid turn-around plan, I would be very hesitant to jump into this stock.

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

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My Dumbest Investment
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My dumbest investment was following the advice of a TV broker for stock purchases. I recommended buying more and more stock in the Brazilian mining company Vale. It ended up dropping more than 50 shares, and lost 12.5 percent of my retirement. He said, “Oh, well.”

The Fool Respondes: When listening to financial gurus or reading their recommendations, it’s important to remember that you probably aren’t skilled in what their full track record is. Many will say about some great calls they’ve made, but they won’t be so eager to mention bad ones. Even with good calls, you typically won’t hear about the times they changed their minds, and you may end up hanging on to shares they no longer believe in.

In mind, too, that even the best stock analysts and investors will occasionally be wrong. That’s why it’s smart to be fully engaged in your investing, knowing your investments well and following their developments, so that you’ll know if and when they go off course. Be wary, too, of putting too many eggs in one basket. That’s why I recently reduced a fifth of my portfolio. Vale had some horrible years recently, in part due to falling commodity prices. It has more than doubled over the past five years, but is still well below its levels of a few years ago.

Last week’s trivia answer
I trace my roots back to 1902, when I trace my roots back to 1902, when I am a company that provides drugs to market. For example, my products are fireproof tiles and drywall – which covered walls without warping or burning – and the boon since the second world War was great for business. Today, based in Chicago and with a market value around $4 billion, I’m a giant in my field, offering products such as Sheetrock, cement board, joint compound, flooring materials, caulking, primers, acoustical ceiling panels and installations of suspended ceiling systems. Who am I?

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Danish drug giant Novo Nordisk (NYSE: NVO), a kingpin in the diabetes space, disappointed Wall Street and investors following the release of its third-quarter results in late October. The company cut its long-term profit growth forecast from 10 percent to 5 percent and investors following the release of its earnings report from 5 to 7 percent. That’s why it’s smart to be fully engaged in your investing, knowing your investments well and following their developments, so that you’ll know if and when they go off course.

The steady rise in global diabetes trends offers Novo Nordisk the chance to succeed simply through sheer volume, even if profits take a bit of a pause in the near term. Within the U.S., the company’s major market for Big Pharma, the percentage of the population diagnosed with diabetes has grown from 7.7 percent in 1999 to 9.2 percent in 2004, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Novo Nordisk is a drug company that long-term investors seeking income should consider. (The Motley Fool has recommended Novo Nordisk.)

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Don’t buy stock in any companies without doing your own research. Learn how they are profitable and promising they are. Two books that can help you evaluate companies, without resorting to their annual reports, are the “50 Most Undervalued Stocks in the Market” by Joel Greenblatt and “The Little Book That Still Beats the Market” by William J. O’Neil. Both authors offer links labeled “About Us” or “Company Information.” Click on “Investors” and try to read through at least the most recent annual report. A “Career Opportunities” section can show how heavily the company is hiring and what kinds of workers it needs.

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— T.R., Richmond, California

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The East Naples Chamber of Commerce joins us for your yoga on the beach at Donation Yoga Naples at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Lowdermilk Park. A donation of $10 will benefit HSIN. Sign up at hsinaples.org.

The Collier County Building Industry Association holds the first CCBI-CCGM business breakfast of the new year on 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at CBIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane. Admission is free. All CBIA members are welcome. RSVP by emailing info@ cbia.com.

The Gulf Coast Business Advisory Group hosts a networking event on 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Naples Chamber of Commerce Building at Kraft Road. Guest speaker Doug Weibel, CPA, of Weibel, Hennells & Carufe will discuss what effects the recent election might have on taxes. Free, but registration required at www.gulfcoastbusinessgroup.com.

East Naples Merchants Association is available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N, every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

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D. R. Horton’s first single-family model home has opened in the Savannah Lakes neighborhood at Naples Reserve. The Wheaton has three bedrooms, 3½ baths plus a den along with the great room/kitchen/dining area in 2,540 square feet of living space. The coastal contemporary interior design is by Mercedes Lopez of One of a Kind Design.

The Wheaton also has a three-car garage and a lanai. The model includes an optional extended lanai, an aquarium glass window in the dining room, a pool bath and a screen-enclosed pool and raised spa with a spillway.

Base pricing for the Wheaton is $429,990. The new model and a neighboring model currently under construction will serve as D. R. Horton’s sales center at Naples Reserve.

Naples Reserve was created by iStar, which was named 2015 Developer of the Year by Builder and Developer magazine. Naples Reserve’s centerpiece 125-acre Eagle Lake has a mile-long stretch of lakefront adjacent to Picayune Strand State Forest.

The entrance to Naples Reserve is off U.S. 41, two miles southeast of Collier Boulevard. For more information, stop by the sales center or go to www.naplesreserve.com.

Neal Communities invites the public to the grand opening of Avalon of Naples, a multifamily carriage home community at the southeast corner of Davis Boulevard and County Barn Road, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Four decorated models will be open, and visitors will enjoy complimentary food and music.

In the gated beach enclave of Vista Del Mar in Old Naples, this four-bedroom-plus-den, five-bath residence has 5,098 square feet under air and a total of 9,592 square feet. Details include a private elevator, formal living room, a second-floor guest cabana suite and a master suite that encompasses the entire third floor. The pool/spa and outdoor living area with full kitchen are set within a European-style formal garden with water features and patio areas. James Bates of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty has the listing for $7,495,000. To arrange a visit or for more information, call 961-3973, email james@jwbates.com or visit www.jwbates.com.
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The sales center at Mediterra has been updated inside and out.

The redesigned lobby at the Mediterra sales center has a comfortable seating area.

**NEWSMAKERS**

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Avalon of Naples has quick delivery homes starting from $299,976. The community will have 19 coastal-themed buildings with four floor plans ranging from 1,335 to 1,725 square feet under air. Options include two or three bedrooms and one- or two-car garages. The community spans more than 17 acres, including six acres of natural preserve, and has a large center lake. Residents will have a community clubhouse, heated pool/spa and a large sun deck with shade cabanas and a grill area. For more information, call 2D-4198 or visit www.avalon-naples.com.

BUILD has recently completed construction of the 10,000-square-foot clubhouse at LaMorada, a WCI Communities development south of Immokalee Road and east of Collier Boulevard in Naples. The British West Indies-inspired space features a grand lobby, culinary arts center, theater and amenities. Two tables are surrounded by four club chairs each. The sales center displays and used new photography from throughout the golf and beach club community to tell its lifestyle story.

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Mediterra offers single-family and villa homes by London Bay Homes with prices from $1 million to more than $7 million. A number of new homes will be permitted.

Pricing of the Montserrat design begins at $689,000. For more information call Alison Whalen at 941-960-1980 or email alisonwhalen@gmail.com.

Mediterra has unveiled its redesigned and renovated sales center. The project was led by Milesbrand, a Denver-based firm that creates distinctive brand identification for real estate companies, communities and homebuilders around the world. At Mediterra, the agency simplified the sales center displays and used new photography from throughout the golf and beach club community to tell its lifestyle story.

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Art in the park brought to you by Naples Artcrafters

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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In a town that seems to renew its population, culture and institutions every few years, something that has stuck around for five decades can be considered a rare find. As Naples Artcrafters marks its 50th anniversary, it does so with a commitment to keeping the group small and casual rather than celebrating its success by expanding its membership and mission.

Keeping with tradition, Naples Artcrafters members stage outdoor art shows in Cambier Park (one show this year will set up in Fleischmann Park) on the second Saturday of each month October through April.

“We’re an artist-run show,” member Bonnie Hawley says. “It’s a cute little show in the park. And while we’re going to add a segment near the children’s playground, overall we get larger than that it would lose its ambience and we would lose control of it.”

With that decision, the group has decided to keep close to its founding members’ mission to have a more informal organization that welcomes crafters and fine artists alike. The group has been extremely active since its inception, though the earliest members were more interested in hosting macramé or jewelry lessons than staging shows and exhibitions, Ms. Hawley says. Over the years, it grew from an informal club to a nonprofit organization that welcomes proceeds from its events to other area organizations, including Empty Bowls Naples and the City of Naples Parks & Recreation Department, to promote art in the community.

The city of Naples recognized Nov. 14 as Naples Artcrafters Day, and Mayor Bill Barnett cut the ceremonial ribbon at that month’s show.

“I like being part of Artcrafters because we have a common goal of making things with your hands and if you make it, you have to sell it,” Ms. Hawley says. “As a single mother and artist, Naples has been really good to me.”

THE STORY OF
George M. Cohan

TheatreZone presents a toe-tapping tribute to American musical theater

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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From tap dancing to heartfelt tributes to the red, white and blue, “George M!” takes audiences back to the origins of American musical theater. The show opens the 2017 season for TheatreZone, running Jan. 12-22 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.

Based on the life of George M. Cohan, a founding father of Broadway’s musical tradition and composer of classics including “Give My Regards to Broadway” and “You’re A Grand Old Flag,” the production is the perfect choice to kick off TheatreZone’s 12th season, according to Mark Danni, artistic director of the

“George M!” emphasizes how much the Broadway legend “wanted things to be louder, faster and funnier.”

— Charles Logan

FROM TOP: Brittany Ambler plays Ethel Lewy, George’s first wife. Brittany Halen is George’s sister, Josie. Charles Logan, who stars as George M. Cohan.

A typical Naples Artcrafters monthly show in Cambier Park.

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By Lindsey Nesmith
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Abuse in the name of redemption shapes the lives of Irish lassies

Set near Dublin in the 1960s, this unusually novel carefully constructs a powerful vision of religiously run asylums. Its focus is on two teenage girls who are assigned to the Magdalen Laundries at The Sisters of the Holy Redemptorist Convent. Their parents have turned over their care to the convent, believing that its discipline and Spartan living conditions will bring the young women to faith, responsibility and eventually to productive, upright lives. That’s the positive spin on the parents’ motives, which readers will find far less noble.

In fact, the institution is a prison and slave labor operation, all in the name of community scorn, Teagan, moreover, is betrayed by the leaders of her neighborhood church, accused and convicted of immoral behavior. She is denied any legal proceedings or any opportunity to defend herself. Priestly misconduct goes unchallenged.

In the view of Sister Anne, the girls’ sinful natures must be beaten out of them. This woman is addicted to slicing her arms with a sharp blade. Her action is at once an act of faith, a punishment and a force that refuses to be ground down.

In the Middle Ages brought to the later 20th century, V.S. Alexander’s exploration of the convent’s living conditions and the personalties of those who reside there is entirely convincing and compelling. This is a place where silence is the norm. The furtive communications between Nora (renamed Monica) and Teagan (renamed Teresa) and among all the Magdalen girls exist in an extremely effective manner. The inmates have a range of responses to their situation. Some expect to become nuns, others expect eventual freedom, and others wish they were dead.

Suspense grows out of Nora/Monica and Teagan/Teresa’s on-and-off preparations to escape, as well as from their successful but temporary escapes. The surrounding cultural environment insists on their capitulation and return to the convent. These same episodes reveal the spiritual nature of these girls, the life force that refuses to be ground down. Following one of her escapes, Nora/Monica becomes pregnant. How the nuns and the girl’s peers respond to this situation is among the most interesting aspects of the book. I won’t tell you the outcome.

“The Magdalen Girls” is not pleasant reading. One can be sickened by the abuses of power and abandonment of responsibility by dysfunctional parents and by church authorities. Mr. Alexander has provided a deep psychological probing of the perverse dynamic linking harsh punishment with ostensible love. In this case, as well, we have the perversion or at least the misunderstanding and misapplication of religious dogma.

This author has a magnificently effective text.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

Nora Craven and Teagan Tiernan are in their mid-teens. Their home lives are disastrous: their parents strongly judge mental and unloving, their fathers done in by drinking. Both seek to escape, but as minors they have no standing. Their relationships to the Catholic Church are unfulfilling, but it is the church and/or its institutions that will dominate their lives.

Nora and Teagan both end up spending time in confinement in the Magdalen Laundry at the convent. Over the course of a year, they endure poor food and strenuous labor, with their only hope that conformity to a harsh, identity-crushing routine — or escape — will bring them a viable future. The fact that they have been turned over to the authority of Sister Anne, the Mother Superior, predicts a gloomy fate, as this woman is on the edge of a psychotic breakdown.

In essence, the girls are abandoned by their parents. As Magdalen girls, they are objects of community scorn, Teagan, moreover, is betrayed by the leaders of her neighborhood church, accused and convicted of immoral behavior and denied any legal proceedings or any opportunity to defend herself. Priestly misconduct goes unchallenged.

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Friends of the Library present fourth annual nonfiction series

The fourth annual Nonfiction Author Lecture Series presented by Friends of the Library of Collier County begins Monday, Jan. 23, with Pulitzer-Prize winner David Hoffman, author of “The Billion Dollar Spy: A True Story of Cold War Espionage and Betrayal.” A contributing editor to The Washington Post, Mr. Hoffman tells the riveting story of a spy who cracked open the Soviet military research establishment and renders a penetrating portrait of the CIA’s Moscow Station, an outpost of daring espionage in the last years of the Cold War.

Lawrence Goldstone, acclaimed author of “Birdman,” headlines the Monday, Feb. 20, lecture with a discussion of his “Drive! Henry Ford, George Seiden and the Race to Invent the Auto Age.” In his illuminating account of the birth of the automobile, Mr. Goldstone chronicles the visionaries, hustlers and dreamers who came together to transform the world.

The series ends Monday, March 20, with marine scientist Ellen Prager, Ph.D., who is recognized for her expertise and ability to make science understandable and entertaining for people of all ages. In “Sex, Drugs and Sea Slime: The Oceans’ Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter,” Ms. Prager reveals that hidden beneath the sea’s waves are a staggering abundance and variety of active creatures engaged in the never-ending struggles of life: to reproduce, eat and avoid being eaten.

All three programs take place at the Country Club of Naples. Doors open for Continental breakfast at 9 a.m. and the lectures start at 9:30 a.m. Series tickets are $125 for Friends members, $155 for others. Individual tickets are $45 and $55, respectively.

To buy tickets or for more information, call Marlene Kern at 262-8133, email mkern@collierfriends.org or visit www.collierfriends.org.

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‘GEORGE M!’

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professional company.

“Our audiences always love tap danc- ing, so it’s been on our short list a while,” he says. “It’s a big, tap-dancing, traditional American show about the man who invented the modern musi- cal.”

Written by Michael Stewart, John Pascal and Francine Pascal, “George M!” debuted in 1968. The story follows Mr. Cohan from the time he was a boy performing vaudeville acts in his family troupe, “The Four Cohans,” to his prolific career writing and producing musicals in the first half of the 20th century.

Best known for his addi- tions to the American Songbook, he’s epitomized by many per- formers as the ultimate show- man who lived for the stage.

“Mr. Cohan from the time he was a boy performing vaudeville acts in his family troupe, “The Four Cohans,” to his prolific career writing and producing musicals in the first half of the 20th century.

He started the whole musical theater genre,” says TheatreZone choreographer Karen Molnar. “He would work on one show after another. He’d go home at night and lay in bed for 10 minutes and be up with a new idea for a song. It was his whole life.”

The show packs in 20 song-and- dance numbers, and with the short rehearsal time, Ms. Molnar is grateful for having a cast that can pick it up quickly.

“It’s one number after another,” she says. “It’s challenging but fun.” Many of the tap moves are standard steps that Mr. Cohan created, she adds. And because the actors are all professionals, “You don’t have to spoon-feed it to them.”

The sound and sight of a group of dancers executing such precise movements reliably entralls audiences everywhere, she says. “The (dancers’) feet are making eight sounds to a beat, and it’s so precise they sound like one person. It’s just amazing to get human beings to do that intricate work so pre- cisely.”

In addition to a tight rehearsal schedule, dance captain Charles Logan — who originally was cast to play Mr. Cohan’s producer, Sam Harris — quickly stepped into the lead role when the first actor playing Mr. Cohan had to drop out less than two weeks from opening night.

Playing Mr. Cohan has been a dream for some time, Mr. Logan says, and he seized the opportunity.

“I was learning the num- bers anyway with the choreographer, so that was a big help,” he says, adding the biggest challenge has been learning his lines. “George talks a lot and he stays on stage almost the entire time,” he says.

TheatreZone’s cast of “George M!” also includes Shawn Shears and Meghan Jimenez as George’s parents, Jerry and Nellie Cohan.

Naples Artcrafters

ARTCRAFTERS

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Naples Artcrafters requires members to have at least part-time residency in town and to have their works juried by a standards committee before being accepted in to the group. Both requirements keep the membership small — which means members must take an active role in produc- ing and running the monthly shows (for which the booth fee is just $65 a month).

Lots of artists want in, but not many make it. The selection process is rigorous and thorough.

“We don’t want anything mass-produced — it must all be original and hand- made,” Ms. Hawley says. Membership also must reflect a variety of mediu- ms. “We’ve had to limit the number of photogra- phers and jewelers because we don’t want the show to be out of balance,” she explains.

Mayor Bill Barnett, in red shirt, presents the city of Naples’ proclamation of Nov. 14 as Naples Artcrafters Day to member artists Corky Ditocoff, Clark Lindberg and David Arrowsmith.

Naples Artcrafters member Dusty Holmes creates a pine needle basket at one of the group’s art shows. Ms. Holmes is also the nonprofit organization’s volunteer treasurer.
Fall under the romantic spell of ‘Bell, Book & Candle’

BY PATRICE SHIELDS
Special to Florida Weekly

Visiting New York producer/director, writer Chris Goutman believes in love’s magic powers and explores them with The Naples Players in “Bell, Book & Candle.” The old-fashioned romantic comedy is on stage through Feb. 5 at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Mr. Goutman is perhaps best known for his work on the daytime television shows “All My Children,” “As the World Turns” and “Guiding Light.” He believes “Bell, Book and Candle” has something to say about magic.

“I’m not just referring to the spells and potions that spice up the play, but to the kind of magic that happens between two people and the transformative power of true love,” he says.

The original script was written by writer/director John van Druten, who rose to notoriety in the 1950s with his Broadway smash hit, “Cabaret.” Earlier in his career, “Bell, Book & Candle” served as the inspiration for the beloved 1960s television series “Bewitched,” starring Elizabeth Montgomery. Mr. Van Druten’s stage comedy starred Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer on Broadway. It was followed by the 1958 film version with James Stewart and Kim Novak.

The story focuses on a beautiful and beguiling witch, Gillian, who is living incognito amongst a world of mortals. She’s attempted to live a normal life in the Murray Hill district of New York City in the 1950s. After understandably falling for her handsome publisher neighbor Shepherd Murray, she takes up her witchly expertise to expose the magical goings on in high-society Manhattan.

“Real magic, which relies on human chemistry, trumps false magic, based on manipulation and deception, every time,” says director Mr. Goutman. “But don’t think too much while watching the play,” he advises. “Sit back, relax and let ‘Bell, Book & Candle’ cast a spell on you.”

The Naples Players’ production of “Bell, Book & Candle” has further complicating matters are Gillian’s meddling aunt, Miss Holroyd (played by Diane Davis); her mischief-making warlock brother, Nicky Holroyd (Rex Soriano); and an author-turned-witch hunter Sidney Reditch (James Simmons), who is out to expose the magical goings on in high-society Manhattan.

Rehearsals for “I Hate Hamlet” begin March 6, and the show runs April 19-May 14 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. For more information, call 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org/auditions.

— Patrice Shields is the marketing for The Naples Players.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY.1.12

Garden Flow – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a tai chi session at 9 a.m. $10 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Walk & Draw – Naples Zoo hosts an animal drawing tour with artist Lee Hammond from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $35, bring a sketchpad. 262-5490 or www.napleszoo.org.

Art in the Park – Naples Artcrackers members display and sell their work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrackers.com. See story on page C1.

Wellness in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a wellness fair with vendors, pop-up services and lectures from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free with garden admission. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art in Bonita – The Bonita Springs National Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, Jan. 15, at Riverside Park. Free admission, but a $5 donation at the gate appreciated. 1049 Old 41 Road; 952-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Art in the Glades – Artists and crafters set up booths from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McLeod Park in Everglades City 695-2905 or www.evergladeshistoric.org.

Meet the Artist – Nature photographer Donna Murphy greets guests and talks about herhibit featuring forms of tree bark from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Free. 104 Old 41 Road; 952-8989 or www.corkscrewaudubon.org.

Beadwork – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts an opening reception for the exhibit “Rekindled: Contemporary Southern Eastern Beadwork” from 1-4 p.m. (877) 902-1111 or ah-tahthihki.com.

Now & Forever – Air Supply perform at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $75-$139, (800) 218-0007 or www.moresunparadise.com.

Swinging’ – Trumpetman Dan Miller and the Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform the music of Herb Alpert at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $25, 10150 Bonita Beach Road; 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Car Show – Drug Free Collier 디자인 브랜드의 도서관의 실험과 전시를 위해 열리는 차리를 10 a.m. to noon on at Greater Naples YMCA. Free. 5450 YMCA Road. 262-6767 or www.dffreecollier.org.

SUNDAY.1.15

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

Sip & Shop – Enjoy 5% mimosas and bloody Marys from noon to 3 p.m. at Waterside Shops to benefit Champions For Learning. 598-1605 or www.waterbluegrass.com.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. Free. 262-3340 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Open House – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts an open house to introduce its spring schedule of courses from 2-4 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. Free. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

BraVo, Italy! – Gulfshore Opera performs at 3 p.m. at Naples Italian American Foundation. 7035 Pineapple-Pulling Road. 329-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Nature Talk – Naples Preserve hosts a lecture about Florida Forest Service’s Champion Tree program at 10 a.m. Free, 1690 Tamiami Trail E. 261-4290.

Bee’s Knees – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture about supporting native bee populations from 10-11 a.m. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Hello, Fresh – NCH Farmers Market posts up at the hospital’s central campus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2157 Pine Ridge Road. www.nchmd.org.


Lunch & Learn – Rockey Bay Envi- ronmental Learning Center presents “Aquarius: To Live and Work Beneath the Sea” starting at noon. $30 for members, $35 for others. Includes lunch. 500 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rockeybay.org.

Edible Art – Naples Art Association presents performance artist Juan Diaz with chef Chelsea Jones at City Place. Free. Catering for Dinner with the Artist from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at NAAA headquar- ters, 585 Park St. 262-6571 or www.naplesart.org.

Zarzuela Concert – Spanish singers perform arias and romances from zarzuelas, the country’s beloved musical genre at 8 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

WEDNESDAY.1.18

Lunch & Learn – Everglades Wonder Gardens presents a lecture about the Calusa at 9:30 a.m. Free with admission. 27180 Old 41 Road; 992-2591 or www.evergladeswondergardens.com.

Jewish Concert – The Naples Jewish Congregation hosts a $5 donation at the gate appreciated. 1043 Old 41 Road; 952-8989 or www.naplesgarden.org.

COMING UP

Paper Arts – Naples Botanical Garden hosts an ikbeka-themed origami workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Thurs- day, Jan. 19. 9:35 for members, $40 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.


Moo-Ki on the Marsh – Florida Gulf Coast University welcomes aquatic ecologist Leon P.M. Lamers with a program titled “The Dutch Solution to Florida’s Water Problems” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Hilton Naples, 911 Fifth Ave. S.

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Storycraft – Learn how to craft and perform original stories at a workshop led by master storyteller Geraldine Buckley from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the office of Dr. Joel Ying. $45. 2335 Tamiami Trail N. 267-6480 or www.geraldinebuckleyworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Aargh – The Marco Island Historical Museum hosts Pirate Day 2017 with themed crafts, face painting, treasure hunts and more from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Jazz Concert – The Dan Heck Trio performs from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. $20. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 262-3095 or www.uunaples.org.

Stargazing – Look up with the Everglades Astronomical Society and enjoy constellation tours, telescopes and an interpretative presentation starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Collier-Seminole State Park. Free with park entry fee. 20200 Tamiami Trail E. 394-3397 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Rent's Due – Actor and playwright Frank Blocker presents “Stabilized Not Controlled,” a play that pits an evil landlord against a rent-stabilized septuagenarian, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Light Show – Seminole Immokalee Casino lights up the sky with a fireworks show starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Free. (800) 218-0008 or www.moreninparadise.com.

Classical Concert – The Bach Ensemble performs instrumental and choral works by Bach and Mozart at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, in The Bower Chapel at Moorings Park. 120 Moorings Park Drive. 732-1055 or www.thebachensemble.org.

Rant, White and Blue – Comedian Lewis Black performs Jan. 20-22 at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Author Talk – Collier County Jewish Book Festival hosts Robert P. Watson (“The Nazi Titanic”) and Josh Arenson (“Orchestra of Exiles”) at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at Beth Tikvah. $12 in advance, $15 at the door. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. 263-4205 or www.jewishbookfestival.org.

Chamber Concert – CAPA hosts the Ars Nova string ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

The Gambler – Kenny Rogers takes the stage at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.


Empress of Soul – Gladys Knight performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art After Hours – The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples hosts extended hours with live music from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. Free. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

■ Opera Naples presents “Concierto de Zarzuela,” an evening of Spanish music and dance Ramón Tebar at the piano, at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center.

— www.operanaples.org

■ Silverspot Cinema celebrates spaghetti Westerns with a screening of the Clint Eastwood classic, “A Few Dollars More,” and a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. Monday.

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■ Grammy-winning bluegrass artist Marty Raybon & Full Circle perform with American Bluegrass Express at 5 and 8 p.m. Sunday at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center.

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**WHAT TO DO**

Blues guitarists Tab Benoit, pictured, and Damon Fowler take the stage at The Naples Grande Beach Resort from 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. $35. www.naplesgrandebeach.com/tab.

**Stars & Stripes Forever** – New Chorale of Southwest Florida performs patriotic songs and classic show tunes at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at St. Finbar Community Center. $15-$25. 13520 Tamiami Trail E. 775-2876.

**Hostie Olympics** – Hodges University hosts a lecture about the 1936 Berlin Olympics from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 26. $10. 2647 Professional Way. 598-6123 or www.hodges.edu.

**Dream Peace** – Hodges University debuts an exhibit of works by artist Myra Roberts titled “Dream Peace: Images of Holocaust Heroes and Heroes on Thursday, Jan. 26. The works will be on display through March. Free. (800) 466-8007 or www.hodges.edu.

**Art Reception** – FGCU’s Bower School of Music & the Arts hosts an opening reception and lecture for the exhibition “Matthew Shlian: Telemetry” from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the U. Tobe Hall. Free. 590-7199 or www.artgal-lery.fgcu.edu.

**Choose Your Rock** – The audience votes for the music it wants when Billy McGilgan and his band perform works by rock’s biggest stars at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Arts—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artsnpeles.org.

**Chickee Chat** – Naples Historical Society hosts a talk about the history of Everglades Wonder Garder from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, Jan. 27, 12th Ave. S. 563-8464 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

**Flower Show** – Gulf Coast Garden Club hosts a flower show and plant sale from 2:30-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Unity Church of Bonita Springs. 28285 Impe- rial Blvd. www.gulfcoastgardencclub.org.

**Circus, Circus** – Garden Bros. Circus performs at 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28, at Germain Arena. $10-$37. 597-1900 or www.artsnpeles.org.

**Organ Concert** – Organist Dwight Thomas performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs. Free. 9801 Bonita Beach Road. 992-4343 or www.stmarysbonita.org.

**Guitar Man** – Award-winning guitar-is Richard Smith performs from 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at Agave. Free. 598-3473 or www.richardsmithmusic.com.

**Composer Tribute** – TheatreZone presents Valerie Lemon singing works by Academy Award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at Germain Theater. $55-$8125. 1327 Liv-ingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

**Soup’s On** – Harry Chapin Food Bank hosts the 11th annual Empty Bowls lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Cambier Park. Guests can purchase a handmade bowl and fill it with soup provided by one of more than 50 participating restaurants to help the food bank feed the area’s hungry population. $20. 591-8848 or www.emp-tybowlsnaples.org.

**Country Jam** – Country musicians Easton Corbin, Joe Nichols and Josh Turner perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Collier County Fairgrounds. $32.50-$52.50. 455-1444 or www.collier-countyfairgrounds.com.

**Year of the Rooster** – Seminole Casino Immokalee celebrates the Lunar New Year with performers Bang Kieu, Dan Nguyen, Thuy Nga, Anh Minh and Ho Le Thu at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Free. (800) 218-0007 or www.moresun paradise.com.

**Car Show** – Collier-Semino State Park displays antique autos while guests enjoy live music, food and craft vendors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Free. 20200 Tamiami Trail N. 394-3397 or www.flordiastateparks.org.

**A Century of Show Tunes** – Vet-eran Broadway vocalists perform works by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber and more at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Arts—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artsnpeles.org.

**Sunday Jazz** – Dick Hyman per-forms works by Henry Mancini at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Arts—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artsnpeles.org.
WHERE TO GO

Choral Concert – Voices of Naples presents “With a Voice of Singing” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Free, but freewill offering appreciated. 250 Sixth St. S. 455-2582 or www.voicesofnaples.org.

Italian Film – Italian Cultural Society screens “Un Boss in Salotto” (Italy, 2014) at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the Norris Center. Cristina lives a peaceful life until her older brother Ciro, who has to attend a trial, asks to spend house arrest at Cristina’s house. $5. 755 Eighth Ave. S. www.italianculturalsociety.com.


Artist Talk – Hodges University hosts a chat with painter Myra Roberts about her Florida images and works of social commentary from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. Free. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. 263-4290 or www.artisnaples.org.

Documentary – GenShoa SWFL screens “No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank’s Story” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Temple Shalom. Free, but reservations required. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. genschoa@icloud.com.

Doo-Be-Doo – The Doo Wop Project performs Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 5, at Artis—Naples. 529-3925 or www.artisnaples.org.

Latin Jazz – Steve Uscher’s Tropical Jazz, featuring Winnie Purple, performs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacentor.org.

Sunset Concert – Friends of Lovers Key presents local singer/songwriters Alan Bradford, Dave Clayton and Bill Veach from 3:45 p.m. to sunset Thursday, Feb. 2, at Naples Botanical Garden. Free, but registration encouraged. 252-3360 or www.friendsofloverskey.org.


Author Talk – Friends of the Library of Collier County host a luncheon with author Joy Fielding (“She’s Not There”) at noon Friday, Feb. 3, at Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. $150-$180. 262-8135 or www.collier-friends.org.

Armchair History – Author Kathleen Cox recounts her mother’s experiences as a Red Cross Girl during World War II at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Bonita Springs Lions Club. $5. 10346 Pennsylvania Ave. 390-2092 or www.bonithistoricalsociety.org.


Mozart in Naples – Gulfshore Opera presents Mozart concert arias and other vocal gems at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Tickling the Ivories – Pianist Dror Biran performs classical pieces with the Naples Orchestra and Chorus at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at Golden Gate High School, 2925 Titan Way. $18-$20. 298-7911 or www.naplesorchestraandchorus.com.


Big Band Concert – Stardust Memories Big Band performs from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Cambier Park. 823-7240.

Nature Talk – Naples Preserve hosts a lecture about watersheds at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Free. 1690 Tamiami Trail E. 261-4290.

Around Town – The Naples Philharmonic performs Mozart’s Symphony No. 39 and Tchaikovsky’s “Mozartiana” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at First Presbyterian Church Bonita Springs and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at United Church of Marco Island. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

In the Around Town section, please send Word or text documents and faxes with time, date, location, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday. No phone calls, please.

Go to www.artfestnaples.com for more information.
Southwest Floridians can record a conversation with StoryCorps

The StoryCorps MobileBooth — an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio — is parked at Fort Myers through Feb. 3.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that work load and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don’t be surprised if they’re reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it’s best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It’s a good time to go on that fun getaway you’ve been planning. You’ll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week’s end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIUS (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now’s a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

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This is certainly disappointing, since you would have made the contract if West had had the decency to hold the king of clubs, or if he had held only three trumps instead of four, or if East had started with two spades instead of three.

However, when you give the matter a bit more thought, you realize that the contract was practically certain from the outset and that you should have made four hearts despite your bad luck.

All you had to do was to discard a club at trick two! You could then ruff the spade continuation at trick three, draw trumps and take the club finesse. But this time, because East doesn’t have a spade to return, you finish with 10 tricks even though the club finesse loses.

Rejecting the temptation to ruff the spade ace at trick two is consistent with a guiding principle of good dummy play. Declarer assumes the worst — namely, that the club finesse will lose and that the trumps are divided 4-2 rather than 3-3 — and he then caters to these possibilities in whatever way he can.

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**Young dancers invited to try out for Naples Ballet’s ‘Sleeping Beauty’**

The Naples Academy of Ballet holds open auditions for its spring production of “Sleeping Beauty” on Saturday Jan. 14, at the studio at 1005 Fifth Ave. N. Ages 5-7 will try out from 1:30-2:15 p.m., followed by ages 8 and up (not on pointe) from 2:15-3:15 p.m. and ages 10 and up (on pointe) from 3:15-4:15.

Auditions are open to any student from any school in Southwest Florida. Casting will be announced the following week.

Christophe Maraval, Naples Ballet artistic director, is the choreographer for “Sleeping Beauty.” Toshiko Tompson directs the production.

For more information, call Jessica Painter at 732-1000 or email giving@naplesacademyofballet.com.

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**‘Lion King Jr.’ returns to Marco**

The Island Theater Company on Marco Island repurposes “The Lion King Jr.” for encore performances Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-15, at Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. APM Custom Homes is sponsoring the production.

Join young company members as they journey to the Pridelands with the kind and wise Lion King Mufasa and his queen Sarabi. Follow along as their son, Simba, journeys from a tragic childhood to rule the Pridelands like his father before him. Along the way he encounters friends including Pumba and Timon as well as enemies such as his Uncle Scar and the hyenas. Ultimately, Simba finds the strength to return to his homeland and restore order for all animals and rule with kindness and wisdom.

More than 26 local youngsters, all of who performed in the show last season, return to the stage.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for students, and can be purchased at Centennial Bank, 645 E. Elkom Circle, during business hours. Tickets are also available online at www.theateronmarco.com and can be purchased at the door 30 minutes before each performance.

The Island Theater Company season continues with “Singin’ Broadway” (Feb. 24-26) and “Men Are Dogs” (on select dates March 6-24).

For more information, call 394-0080 or visit the website.
Gulfshore Opera welcomes soprano Patricia Racette

Soprano Patricia Racette brings “Diva on Detour” to town for Gulfshore Opera’s third annual benefit at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Ms. Racette has performed in many of the world’s major opera houses and is a particular favorite at San Francisco Opera and The Metropolitan Opera. In the midst of her brilliant operatic career, she took a detour to revisit her early love for jazz singing. She recorded “Diva on Detour,” an album of songs from Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Edith Piaf.

For the first part of the Gulfshore Opera benefit concert, she will be accompanied by pianist Craig Terry and will also share the stage with Gulfshore Opera’s professional artists in residence as she performs some of her signature Puccini arias.

The second half of the program will be songs from her “Diva on Detour” album. Tickets start at $28 for the concert alone and go up the $200 for premium tickets that include a reception with the artists and dinner at The Bonita Bay Club following the concert.

For reservations or more information, call 529-3925 or visit www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Catch the bus to Florida Grand Opera

The Naples Opera Society invites opera aficionados to catch the bus to Miami for the new season of Florida Grand Opera. Tickets includes round trip coach transportation and driver tip, dinner in Coral Gables, a 7 p.m. pre-opera lecture and the 8 p.m. performance at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts in Coral Gables. All opera excursions are on a Saturday. Here’s the schedule:


March 25: Jorge Martin’s “Before Night Falls” – The story of a Cuban writer who faces a terrifying situation in his homeland: Neither is he free to be and to express himself artistically, nor is he free to leave. He is persecuted and silenced, but he resolves to escape.

May 6 Verdi’s “Un Ballo en Maschera” – Based on the real-life assassination of King Gustavus III of Sweden in 1792.

Naples passengers board the bus at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Shopping Center. The bus makes its first pickup at 10:45 a.m. at the Ace Hardware shopping center in Cape Coral and then stops at Cypress Trace shopping center in Fort Myers at 12:30 p.m. before heading to Naples.

Mezzanine seats are $140 and rear orchestra seats $165. Order forms are at www.naplesoperasociety.org. For more information, call Eugene Buffo at 431-7509 or email ehandjhb@gmail.com. A check for tickets can also be mailed to Naples Opera Society, 2485 Crayton Road, Naples FL 34103.
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Hidden Figures ★★★ (Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae) African-American women and brilliant mathematicians Katherine (Ms. Henson), Dorothy (Ms. Spencer) and Mary (Ms. Monae) play integral roles in launching astronaut John Glenn into outer space in the early '60s. It hits the racial plights you expect and have seen before, but the performances are solid and it tells a great (true) story about three tremendous women. Rated PG.

Fences ★★½ (Denzel Washington, Viola Davis, Jovan Adepo) In 1950s Pittsburgh, Troy (Mr. Washington) is an unhappily married husband who blames racism for derailing his promising baseball career. Washington does double duty as actor and director, and his performance alongside Davis is tremendous. Both are shoos-ins for Oscar acting nominations. Rated PG-13.

Passengers ★★ (Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen) On a space ship, Jim (Mr. Pratt) and Aurora (Ms. Lawrence) wake 90 years before their scheduled arrival to their new destination. It's slow, predictable, and thoroughly mediocre. More comic relief is sorely needed, especially from the two leads. Rated PG-13.

Jackie ★★★ (Natalie Portman, Billy Crudup, Peter Sarsgaard) Former First Lady Jackie Kennedy (Ms. Portman) speaks with a journalist (Mr. Crudup) about the days following her husband's murder in November 1963. Ms. Portman's performance and the natural intrigue we have about this time in Jackie's life will be enough for most to enjoy it; take note, though, that some of what's on screen is not taken from verified true events. Rated R.


Collateral Beauty ★★★ (Will Smith, Edward Norton, Kate Winslet) Successful ad exec Howard (Mr. Smith) loses his daughter and his life falls apart. His friends/colleagues (Mr. Norton, Ms. Winslet, Michael Pena) then recruit three actors to represent Love (Keira Knightley), Death (Helen Mirren) and Time (Jacob Latimore) to connect with Howard and help any way they can. It's told with the same tone as "A Christmas Carol," so it's a nice mixture of seriousness and levity. And you can see the cast loving the material. This is a feel-good tale with a perfectly timed holiday season release. Rated PG-13.

Nocturnal Animals ★★★ (Amy Adams, Jake Gyllenhaal, Aaron Taylor-Johnson) An art gallery owner (Ms. Adams) receives a book manuscript from her ex-husband (Mr. Gyllenhaal) that isn't based on true events, but nonetheless makes her think about their past. Writer/director Tom Ford nicely plays with the question of how art imitates reality, and the performances are solid, especially Gyllenhaal. Rated R.
LATEST FILMS

‘Silence’

Is it worth $10? No

Notably lacking from Martin Scorsese’s “Silence” is the distinctive dynamic style that makes the master auteur’s work special. There’s very little music, no sweeping camera movements and precious few filmmaking techniques on display. Consequently nothing about the movie is captivating, and at times it’s barely interesting, resulting in a dull slog of 161 minutes.

The story, written by Mr. Scorsese and Jay Cocks (“Gangs of New York”) and adapted from the Shusaku Endo novel of the same name, is one of religious imperialism and philosophy. In 1640, Portuguese Jesuit priests Sebastian Rodrigues (Andrew Garfield) and Francisco Garupe (Adam Driver) venture to Japan to find their mentor, Father Ferreira (Liam Neeson). Because the roughly 300,000 Christians in Japan are being persecuted for their beliefs, Rodrigues and Garupe believe Ferreira is in danger. Although they know the Buddhist majority is murdering Christians in inhumane ways, they assume the risk, citing God’s will for strength and guidance.

It’s on the journey to find Ferreira that the film grinds to a screeching halt. He’s not easy to locate, and the Christians who’re eager to help have no idea where he is. The plot then becomes episodic as Rodrigues and Garupe soothe Christians with confessions and teachings, all the while wary of Inquisitors coming to kill them. As Rodrigues journeys from one village to the next it also becomes repetitive, with the only creativity being the brutal ways Christians are murdered.

When you look at your watch after an hour and a half and sigh in dread that you have another hour to go, it’s a terrible feeling. After the last hour doesn’t get any better, your feeling is validated — though you of course don’t feel good about this because it means the movie never improves.

To its credit, “Silence” raises thought-provoking issues, albeit in a mundane way. At its core, this is about the desire to continue to have faith even as it conflicts with your experiences. Surely no just and merciful God would allow innocent people to die at the hands of extremists, right? Prayer is used to ensure this will not happen, but when prayers aren’t answered, Rodrigues and Garupe can’t help but question their beliefs.

The idea of spreading religion where it’s not wanted is also discussed, which is certainly prescient now as well. Your religious inclinations will likely dictate how Christianity and Buddhism are depicted, but it’s nonetheless worth pointing out that Mr. Scorsese doesn’t seem to be picking sides. He’s interested only in asking the questions; it’s through the strength of Mr. Garfield, Mr. Driver and Mr. Neeson’s performances that trying to find the answers becomes heart wrenching and complex.

Unfortunately, it all plays out in a way that’s exhaustingly tedious. A movie doesn’t have to be flashy to be good, but tighter editing in this case would have quickened the pace. Mr. Scorsese is going for a distinctly subtle feel in “Silence.” If he succeeds at all, he succeeds too well — because it’s so subtle and quiet that it never resonates.

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An unusual all-wooden washboard was sold in 2016 by Hess Auction Group. It has threaded wooden rollers instead of a corrugated metal or glass rubbing surface. The maple rollers rolled in opposite directions and, according to the ads, the “screw threads do all the work.” The first wooden rollers were made by the Hubbard Brothers, and the Mother Hubbard Roller Washboard was a popular item sold door-to-door in the early 1900s. The washboards were no longer made after 1935, because they were not needed if you had an electric washing machine.

Q: I’d like to know the value of a crocheted bedspread my great-grandmother made about 1910. It is made of squares with a rose in the center of each square. I realize that everyone has handmade items that are only worth sentimental value, but this spread is in perfect condition and is exceptionally beautiful. What do you think it’s worth?

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This all-wooden washboard sold at auction for $195. It is 22 inches high and still in working condition, although it is at least 80 years old.
er or online. Size, condition and design will affect price. An old double-bed size spread, with old thread and old design, might sell for less than $100.

Q: What can you tell me about a Garland Jr. toy stove? Is it a salesman’s sample?
A: Most little stoves, even exact replicas of full-size stoves, probably were made as toys. Some may have been salesman’s samples or as items for display. Some were offered free or for sale to customers who bought a full-size stove. Garland Stove was founded by brothers Jeremiah and James Dwyer in Detroit in 1853. The Garland brand name is now owned by Manitowoc Foodservice, which makes Garland ranges, broilers and griddles.

Q: How much are the 1996 edition of Pokémon cards worth? The cards are American and Japanese and are in albums, but a few are missing. We think some might be worth something. How can we find out?
A: Pokémon started out as a video game for Game Boy in February 1996. The name Pokémon is a contraction of the words “Pocket Monster.” The first Pokémon cards were Pocket Monster cards issued in Japan in October 1996. There were 102 cards in the set. The first Pokémon cards in English were in the Demo Game pack, issued in limited quantity in December 1998. The first set of 102 cards in English was issued in the U.S. in January 1999. There are over 700 different Pokémon characters today. Incomplete sets of cards sell online for a few dollars. Value is determined by rarity and condition. The best place to find current values is to go to a store or to a website that sells cards.

Q: I won a Shelley cup, saucer and plate two years ago. The pattern is called “Crochet.” I thought I’d check it out. I didn’t realize Shelley stuff was so big. I just thought it was a bone china cup — not a big deal. Now I wonder if you can give me a rough value and age?
A: Joseph B. Shelley started out as a salesman for Foley China Works in Longton, Staffordshire, England, in 1862 and became a partner in 1872. His son, Percy Shelley, joined the firm in 1880. By 1884, father and son were running the business. The company became Shelley China in 1910, and in 1929, it became Shelley Pottery. In 1966, it was bought by Allied English Potteries. A set that includes a cup, saucer and cake plate is called a “trio.” Your Crochet trio is listed online for $79 to $102.

Q: I came across an old R.C. Allen 10 Key Calculator Model 35 that my dad used for his business. On the front, it says “World Famous 10 Key Calculator, American and Swedish Patents.”
A: Ralph C. Allen founded his company in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1902. The company made and distributed calculating machines, cash registers and typewriters. This calculator was made in 1948. It originally sold for $397. Old calculators are not very useful and not popular collectibles, so they are very hard, if not impossible, to sell.

Tip: Ordinary beer is great for cleaning a gilded mirror frame. Just pour it on a soft rag, rub gently and dry.

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. The amount of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.
COLLECTOR’S CORNER

Collectors love the thrill of the hunt

What drives most collectors? I can’t speak for others, but for me, it’s the thrill of the hunt.

Back in the ’80s and ’90s, before there was an internet and before you could just look anything up and order it, I loved to drive to Miami for the day to go record shopping.

I’d start in Palm Beach County, work my way through Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood before heading to Miami’s Little Haiti for French records at Les Cousins, on Second Avenue just off 79th Street, then on to Sounds of Music in Coral Gables for classical LPs and CDs and the original Spec’s in South Miami for classical, folk and world music.

I’d duplicate those efforts on the west coast, visiting Rainbow Records, on Cleveland Avenue across from Lee Memorial Hospital, before heading down to the independently owned Record Bar in Naples and Record Trader in east Fort Myers, where Chester Rogers had a knack for hunting down rarities.

You never knew what you’d find.

I’ve always had the same thrill for antiques, too.

For a year or two before she died in 1949, my great-grandmother wanted to expand her set of Lenox china to a service of 24. That way, she could entertain in the manner in which she wanted and she’d have two sets of 12 to leave to my grandparents and my grandfather’s sister.

Alas, Lenox discontinued her pattern in 1948, and when she died, my great-grandfather and my grandfather’s sister divided the dishes into two even sets of six — essentially rendering the service useless.

It became a mission of sorts to find pieces.

Mrs. Turschwell had a tray in her store at the Collier Arcade in downtown Fort Myers. Grandma passed on that because it was too large to fit in the cubbies of her buffet.

Fort Myers dealer Mary Nooe later had one three-piece place setting in Grandma’s pattern. I think I paid Mary $35 for it — on layaway, mind you.

It wasn’t until about a decade ago, when I found an entire service in St. Petersburg that I was finally able to combine the dinnerware into something truly special.

The thrill of the hunt. That might mean finding imperial Russian porcelain buried beneath a pile of Christmas ornaments, as I recently did, or happening upon the silver-plated tureen that happens to match the pitcher I found a couple weeks before.

Whatever the find, it keeps me hungry for more.

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Bought: West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach. The next show, the biggest of the year, is Feb. 3-5; www.wpbf.com.

Cost: $20

The skinny: In mid-December, I found a gorgeous pitcher with a shell motif at Gannon’s Art & Antiques in Fort Myers. The next show, the Festival, South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach Antiques, is Feb. 3-5. I love the shell motif of the vividly colored pitcher. My pieces date from the 1880s or ’90s, and are silver over copper. The Tufts company closed in 1915. The lid to the tureen has been dropped and its handle repaired, but there’s enough silver remaining on the piece to make it glow. I love the shell motif of the vividly detailed design. As with the pitcher, it’s beautiful and it’s timeless — just like the sea.

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Wine & Food Fest announces hosts of Chef Vintner Dinners

SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. has announced the hosts of its 2017 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest’s Chef Vintner Dinners. The dinners will be held Friday, Feb. 24.

Ten gourmet dinners will launch what Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest officials call the weekend of giving. Guests will partake in themed, intimate dining experiences in private venues, featuring food presented by celebrated chefs, paired with fine wines.

“Magical Greek Isles” will be hosted by Bill Toler and Debbie Toler at their Barefoot Beach waterfront home in Bonita Springs. First, an ambassador from Krug will pour award-winning champagne. The evening’s wines will be presented by the 2017 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest’s Honored Signature Vintner, V Madrone Cellars. The wines will be paired with Greek-inspired cuisine provided by Chef Mike Mueller of Café & Bar Lurcat.

Tom Liber, Stephanie Liber, Renee Gaddis and Pason Gaddis will host on Useppa Island. The Only Naples Restaurant Where Fresh Seafood is Flown in Daily From New England!

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Chef Louis Salad Special $14
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Baked Haddock Bill $13
Topped with grilled sea scallops and American cheese served with rice and veggies

Swordfish & Sea Scallop Stir-Fry $9
Sautéed with fresh vegetables and a sweet teriyaki sauce over rice

Fresh Halibut Sandwich $9
On a seared roll with lettuce, tomato, onions and tartar sauce served with fries

COURTESY PHOTO

Tom Liber, Stephanie Liber, Renee Gaddis and Pason Gaddis will host on Useppa Island.
“Grapes, Glitter & Gold” will be presented by Art Cherry and Bev Cherry, with Jason Stephens and Kelly Stephens. Staglin Family Vineyard will serve as the vintner for the evening, and Chef Gregory Scarlatos of FUSE Global Cuisine will exhibit his culinary talents for guests. The evening will take place in Royal Harbor on Naples Bay.

Russ Conrad and Kerrie Conrad and Bob Winter and Susan Winter will present “Pop the Cork!” on Bonita Beach. Williams Selyem Winery will serve as the vintner, with Chef Jeremy Houston of Capital Grille providing the dining experience.

Guests will enjoy “Southern Tides: Barrels, Bluegrass & Burlap” on Useppa Island with hosts Pason Gaddis and Renée Gaddis and Tom Liber and Stephanie Liber. The vintner for the evening will be Debbie Toler and Bill Toler.

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DINNERS

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is Saint Helena Winery, and dinner will be presented by Chef Andy Hunter of The Bay House.

“White Nights” will be presented by Rich Harding and Cindy Harding in Miromar Lakes. Husic Vineyards will pour the wines for the evening, accompanied by the culinary talents of Chef Bob Boye of Cru.

Guests can dine in a “Winter Wonderland” with dinner hosted by Chad Kocses and Danielle Kocses in Naples’ Quail West community. Hunnicutt will serve as the vintner for the evening, with dining provided by Chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire.

Joe Pavich and Jenn Pavich will present “Under the Tuscan Stars” at the West Bay

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Guests can enjoy the best of the elements with “Fire & Ice,” presented by Rob Wilson and Rio DeArmond at their Coquina Sands home in Naples. Gamble Family Vineyards will pour the wine, and Chef Jason Mallon of Ocean Prime will create the culinary experience.

In addition to the private Chef Vintner Dinners, the two-day festival includes The Grand Tasting and Live Auction on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

To learn more, visit the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest website at www.swflwinefest.org.

About the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest

In the past eight years, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, SWFL Children’s Charities’ annual signature fundraiser, has raised $16 million, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County. It is one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country.

The nonprofit SWFL Children’s Charities Inc. donates 100 percent of the event proceeds to three local beneficiaries. Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida is the primary beneficiary. Florida Southwestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University receive funds from the event to provide scholarships and equipment to educate the community’s next generation of pediatric health care professionals.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

‘Shameless’ headed back to Showtime for season eight

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

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A: Charlie F., via Facebook

— I am not God, but I can tell you that according to series regular Leslie Jordan, the show is indeed returning for a 10-episode season, and the cast is set to start shooting in July for a fall premiere. As of this writing, NBC and other cast members had neither confirmed nor denied Mr. Jordan’s statement.

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A: It will indeed. Word just came down that Amazon has green lit a third season of the alternate-reality apocalyptic drama. “As timely as ever, the exploration of characters at a dark point for humanity has provided incredible stories for two seasons,” Joe Lewis, Amazon Studios head of comedy and drama, said in a statement. “Eric (Overmyer, season-three showrunner and executive producer) and his team are doing an incredible job crafting stories about the inner lives of those who struggle to do good in a world that is not.”

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Join the international superstar trio and special guest Plácido Domingo for a magical night of music beneath the stars in Florence, Italy’s beautiful Santa Croce Square. Il Volo pays tribute to the Three Tenors with songs in true operatic style.

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Hamilton’s America

Great Performances follows the creation of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s pop culture Broadway phenomenon “Hamilton” and the history behind it.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 7 P.M.

Country Pop Legends

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SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 9 P.M.

Victoria on Masterpiece

Part 1, Doll

As a new queen, the young Victoria struggles to take charge amid plots to manipulate her. Her friendship with the prime minister leads to a crisis in Parliament.

MONDAY, JAN. 16, 9 P.M.

Brain Fit: 50 Ways to Grow Your Brain with Daniel Amen, M.D.

Award winning psychiatrist, brain-imaging expert and bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen and his wife, Tana Amen, give you 50 ways to grow your brain and their best secrets to ignite your energy and focus at any age.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17, 9 P.M.

Frontline: Divided States of America Part 1

Examine the partisanship that gridlocked Washington and charged the 2016 presidential campaign.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17, 9 P.M.

Frontline: “Divided America,” Jan. 17-18

Observe again the rise of populist anger on both sides of the aisle and the racial tensions that erupted throughout the country in the prelude to the 2016 presidential campaign.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18, 9 P.M.

Frontline: Divided States of America Part 2

Observe again the rise of populist anger on both sides of the aisle and the racial tensions that erupted throughout the country in the prelude to the 2016 presidential election.
**SAVE THE DATE**

**Party:** “Casino Royale”

Gentlemen Against Domestic Violence’s (GADV) annual gala, hosted by the Naples Yacht Club, Friday, March 3, at 6 p.m. for cocktails and the silent auction, followed by the drawing for a David Yurman diamond cuff and a Starburst penknife. The Plate.” Game time is 8 p.m. for cocktails and the silent auction. Dinner and a live auction will be followed by the drawing for a David Yurman diamond cuff and a Starburst penknife from Bigham jewelers. Live auction items include a week for two aboard the WOOFZ (World’s Oldest Feline at Sea), a golf package for two at the Fairmont Scottsdale (Arizona) and a Celebrity Cruise/Betty MacLean travel Caribbean cruise for two.

**Fun Time Early Childhood Academy**

hosts its annual gala Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Resort. This year’s theme is “Step Up to the Plate.” Game time is 6 p.m. for cocktails and the silent auction. Dinner and a live auction will be followed by the drawing for a David Yurman diamond cuff and a Starburst penknife from Bigham jewelers. Live auction items include a week for two aboard the WOOFZ (World’s Oldest Feline at Sea), a golf package for two at the Fairmont Scottsdale (Arizona) and a Celebrity Cruise/Betty MacLean travel Caribbean cruise for two. Tickets start at $300. For reservations or more information, call 261-8284 or visit www.FunTimeAcademy.org.

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holds its fifth annual “Hats for Cats” ladies luncheon and shopping extravaganza from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at a private club in Port Royal. Prizes will be awarded for the Most Creative and Most Glamorous chapeaux. Tickets are $95. Table sponsorships are available. For more information, call 860-4955.

**The English Speaking Union**

hosted its 13th annual luncheon Thursday, March 2, at the Naples Yacht Club. This year’s guest of honor was Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Mr. Harper visited the United States to promote the Closer North Initiative, the Canada-U.S. border dispute and the potential of the bilateral relationship. The luncheon featured a keynote address by Mr. Harper, a musical performance by the Naples Philharmonic, a special dance performance by the Naples High School Dance Team and a silent auction featuring items from a four-day, 12-country tour of Canada in March 2017. Tickets for $125 are available by calling 239-597-7271 or online at www.esuflorida.org.

**The Naples Music Club**

holds its annual gala Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Naples Yacht Club. This year’s theme is “Jazz on the Bay.” The evening includes wine and savory bites and music by Jerry Stawski and his trio. Tickets are $150, with proceeds benefiting the club’s student music outreach programs. For more information, call 858-9205 or visit www.naplesmusicclub.org.

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**Friends of Opera Naples**

host an “Evening in the Life of Renata Scotto” Monday, Jan. 30, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. A world-renowned soprano, stage director and opera teacher, Ms. Scotto performed on the stages of the world’s greatest opera houses for 40 years. She performed 26 roles with the Metropolitan Opera and inaugurated the “Live from the Met” telecast opposite Luciano Pavarotti. Tickets to the black-tie gala start at $350. For more information, call Signe Larson at 963-9050, email info@operanaples.org or visit www.operanaples.org.

**The Shelter for Abused Women & Children’s**

“Gentleman Against Domestic Violence” annual gala, Thursday, Jan. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Ms. Ali’s book, “I’ll Hold Your Hand So You Won’t Fall,” was inspired by her father and has been praised by influential sources including Dr. Tania Atwood, media critic for ABC News, and Parkinson’s advocate Michael J. Fox. Tickets for $25 are at www.absn.org/speaker_lunch.

**The Right Honourable Countess of Carnarvon**

 hosts its “The Archangel Fund for Collier County Charities” annual gala Thursday, Feb. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest of honor is The Right Honourable Countess of Carnarvon, who lives with her family at Highclere Castle, the setting for “Downton Abbey,” and is 6 p.m. for cocktails and the silent auction. Tickets for $300 are available by calling 262-0333 or by visiting www.artsforgivingnaples.org.

**Miracles in Action**

also sells beaded jewelry and handicrafts at area farmers markets, with proceeds helping the Mayan artisans feed and educate their children. For more information, visit www.miraclesinaction.org.

**The 2017 American Cancer Society’s Imagination Ball: “Glitz, Glamour & Giving”**

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SOCIETY

VIP preview at Ocean Prime to benefit No Kid Hungry

1. Cameron Mitchell greets guests during a preview dinner at Ocean Prime Naples
2. Adria Starkey and Jerry Starkey
3. David Cizatelli, Chad Kodak, Mara Muller and Amy Kodak
4. Margo Kestecka, Andrea Hoover and Rich Kestecka
5. Chris Hogan, Gigi Arnes, Cheryl Loufer and Cathy Christopher
6. Larry Andrews and Cheryl Andrews
7. Cameron Mitchell, Melly Mitchell, Sherry Crimmins and John Crimmins
8. Dudley Goodlette and Barbara Goodlette
9. Carl Ferretrom, David Gust and Mike McCormick
10. Phil McCabe and David Miller
11. Joyce Terce, Gary Terce, Phil McCabe, Garrett Richter and Diana Richter
12. Richard Mair and Lisa Mair with Sean Kings and Janus King
13. Glenn Midnet and Kathleen Midnet
14. Patricia Shields, Delores Sorey, John Sorey and JoAnn Lawrence

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Opening reception for Southwest Florida Pastel Artists member show at the Naples Depot Museum

1. Patricia Coggins and Dana Martin
2. June Pretzell and Julia Meyer
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■ Metro Diner, established in 1992 in Jacksonville, opens its first Naples location Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Naples Walk. The restaurant at 2440 Vanderbilt Beach Road will serve all-day breakfast, lunch and dinner. As featured on Guy Fieri’s “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives,” the menu features crab-cake benedicts, fried chicken and waffles and shrimp and grits from its scratch kitchen.

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■ Jewish Congregation of Marco Island holds its fourth annual Jewish Deli Fest from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Shoppers will enjoy New York delicatessen and baked goods like kosher-style corned beef and pastrami, matriz ball soup, babka, cheese-cake and more. Diners can either eat at the synagogue or take their selections home. Find a coupon for $1 off any deli sandwich at the congregation’s website. For more information, call 642-0800 or visit www.marcojcmi.com.

■ St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church holds its annual Greek Festival from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. In addition to a market, cultural exhibitions and performances, guests can enjoy a smorgasbord of Mediterranean delicacies including shish kebobs, grilled octopus, baklava, mixed platters, Greek beverages and more. Organizers will also provide a drive-thru line for diners who would rather take their selections home. Admission is free on Friday, and $5 for the entire weekend. For more information, call 591-3430 or visit www.stkatherine.net.

— Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com.
The Dish:

Pork Belly Tacos

The Price: $12

The Place: Public House

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During our drive home from the kids’ first day back at school, my car got smacked. The other driver couldn’t tell the officer what happened (I certainly could), and after working through a fit of rage, I was still shaken up when we all arrived home. That’s when my husband suggested we should soothe ourselves with a tasty Tuesday night supper at freshly opened Public House. The restaurant had just completed its first service the day before, but the food and service left no evidence of it — it was so delicious that all our small plates were worthy of featuring here, but I’ll stick to the tacos since they were an excellent distraction for me.

The chewy morsels of pork belly, dressed in a hoisin-ginger glaze and topped with cilantro slaw and mango, were the perfect balance of sweet and salty. This dish is probably the best I’ve tasted in recent memory. Pork belly tacos don’t seem like a particularly exotic menu item, but Public House’s execution is unique and explosive — unlike our low-speed, totally preventable collision.

One More Thing: Order the cinnamon-sugar doughnuts for dessert. They are freshly fried and served with chocolate sauce and another I can’t quite name, but my money’s on something vanilla bean-ish. Neither of the dippers was mentioned in the menu, so maybe it was supposed to be a surprise.

— Lindsey Nesmith
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In many parts of the world, wine isn’t considered a beverage. It’s food … part of the meal. That’s because people in places like France, Italy, and Spain enjoy food-and-wine matching traditions that go back hundreds of years. But why do tomato and wine matching traditions that go back hundreds of years.

If it grows together, it goes together.

If we want to get the most out of the experience of wine, aside from just slogging it from a glass, it helps to apply some basic principles to pairing with food. Some restaurant patrons decide what they want to eat and then choose a wine to go with. Others (including me) pick the wine first and then look at the food side of the menu. Either way, keeping in mind a few fundamentals will go a long way to assuring that the wine enhances the food, and vice versa.

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Next: Consider how the food is cooked.

Next comes what chefs like to call “flavor bridges” that connect the food with wines that have the same flavor profiles. A simple example is pairing a buttery, creamy chardonnay with — wait for it — battered popcorna. Sounds silly, but it works surprisingly well. On a more serious note, taste components like the acid in tomato sauce work with acidic wines, such as Chianti or Barbera. In red wines, tannin is a big factor in pairing with food. Tannin is a mouthfeel that gives us the dry, “fuzzy” sensation on the palate. It comes from the seeds, stems and skins of red grapes. Mostly, we want to diminish the effects of tannin, and we can do that by pairing reds with fatty foods, such as steaks and chops. Another technique is to pair tannic wines with saltier foods, because the salt counteracts the tannin as well.

Now-a word about Champagne and sparkling whites made in the Champagne style: In general, they go with almost any food. The high acidity pairs with Asian and Latin dishes, with smoky and spicy foods and also with egg dishes at Sunday brunch. We’ll visit this topic again, because there are lots of wines and lots of foods. Watch for information about the “lemon law” in wine and food pairing in upcoming issues. Meanwhile, here are a few of our recent value discoveries.


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**Ask the Wine Whisperer**

**How long will a bottle of wine last once it’s open?**

**Jerry Greenfield**

General, one to three days, depending on the wine. If you drink rare wines and don’t finish a bottle at one sitting, it’s a good idea to have some sort of wine preservation system. The Vac-u-Vin is a favorite of ours. The stoppers have a valve on top, and you extract the air from the bottle with a small hand pump, which keeps the wine nicely until the next evening.**

**Jerry Greenfield is the Wine Whisperer. He’s also the creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” is available on Amazon and also at www.wine-whisperer.com, where you can read more of his writings.**

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Germain shifts gears, trades in car business for upscale steakhouse

It might seem like something of a leap to go from operating successful car dealerships to running a high-end restaurant. But that’s what Bob Germain Jr. has done with the opening of St. Germain Steakhouse at Seaport Place in the space formerly occupied by Stoney’s Steakhouse.

Unlike the rest of the herd — Shula’s, Jimmy P’s Charred, Capital Grill, Fleming’s and Preston’s — it’s not situated in an obvious spot along U.S. 41. Nonetheless, it’s just a stone’s throw from downtown and there’s even valet parking for those who wish to leave that chore to others.

St. Germain is worth finding, for the well-executed food and the fact that entrees are served — get ready — with potatoes and, in some cases, vegetables! Yes, it appears that the insanity of all a la carte menus at meat markets is going the way of the pig-footed bantamcock, although it is an agonizingly slow process.

Mr. Germain has enlisted friends and family to help him, including his daughter, Nicole, and the venerable restaurateur Cloyd Pate.

St. Germain bills itself as “a traditional neighborhood steakhouse. Dedicated to the good old days in Naples.” I’m assuming that’s a reference to St. George and the Dragon, which closed just down the street in 2012 after more than four decades of serving discerning Neapolitans.

I confess to missing the throne-like chairs and throw pillows that were trademarks of the bygone Stoney’s and made dining seem like a regal experience. In its place at St. Germain are standard wood chairs and tables dressed in white linens; there are only a very few booths, wood chairs and tables dressed in white linens; there are only a very few booths, and lightly salted, the fries needed no garnish.

Prime rib is touted as a house specialty made red pepper hummus. (Bread and butter are available if you prefer.)

Entrees were as impressive as the appetizers. A 14-ounce veal chop ($46) was cooked perfectly, with a charry exterior yet still moist within. It looked a little barren on the plate, which was adorned with a pickled pepper, half a miniature tomato, a parsley sprig and a flower, but a side of French fries accompanied the chop in their own container. Hot, crisp and lightly salted, the fries needed no enhancement.

Prime rib is touted as a house specialty made from Mr. Pate’s signature recipe. It comes in two sizes; 12 ounces ($28) and 16 ounces ($36). Although the website states these are carved and served tableside, my 12-ounce cut came from the kitchen and I didn’t see any tableside service taking place. Perhaps they will add that as the restaurant gets more established.

The prime rib was a good choice, the meat richly flavored, juicy and cooked just as ordered, accompanied by lively horseradish sauce and a baked potato that came with large dollops of butter and sour cream.

Our seafood lover was equally pleased by his grouper ($36), a tender filet in a tangy-sweet pomegranate beurre blanc served with jasmine rice and broccoli. We also ordered on “shareable” — one of the 11 vegetables you can order a la carte. We skipped the 8th lobster mac and cheese and instead sampled the sriracha-glazed brussels sprouts ($12). They were tender-crisp and had just a hint of glaze that added zest but not heat and went nicely with all of our entrees.

A pistachio and cherry bread pudding ($7) was disappointingly bland. A slice of creamy Key lime pie ($7) was the better of the two desserts.

Even in its early days, St. Germain is showing polish and style. With its array of offerings from land and sea, it’s easy to feel bullish about this new steakhouse.

Black grouper with broccoli and jasmine rice was as well prepared as the meats.

Mussels paired well with pernod sauce.

Swift’s The Prisoner ($65) — we moved on to the menu, which offers a wealth of beef and other meaty entrees but also provides fodder for those who prefer their protein with fins or shells. Cioppino, grouper, salmon, shrimp, twin lobster tails, classic oysters Rockefeller and other seafood options are available and, from those we tasted, got the same level of attention in the kitchen.

Our party of three enjoyed a trio of impressive appetizers: a bowl of black mussels in an aromatic white pernod sauce ($23), grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree ($14), which were tender and deliciously smoky, and a generously proportioned plate of attention in the kitchen. Our party of three enjoyed a trio of impressive appetizers: a bowl of black mussels in an aromatic white pernod sauce ($23), grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree ($14), which were tender and deliciously smoky, and a generously proportioned plate of attention in the kitchen. Our party of three enjoyed a trio of impressive appetizers: a bowl of black mussels in an aromatic white pernod sauce ($23), grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree ($14), which were tender and deliciously smoky, and a generously proportioned plate of attention in the kitchen. Our party of three enjoyed a trio of impressive appetizers: a bowl of black mussels in an aromatic white pernod sauce ($23), grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree ($14), which were tender and deliciously smoky, and a generously proportioned plate of attention in the kitchen. Our party of three enjoyed a trio of impressive appetizers: a bowl of black mussels in an aromatic white pernod sauce ($23), grilled calamari steaks with roasted red pepper and carrot puree ($14), which were tender and deliciously smoky, and a generously proportioned

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Naples Reserve’s Parade of Homes models are open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Homes are priced from the high-$200s to more than $1 million. A $5 donation per visitor is requested to benefit the CBIA’s scholarship fund. Learn more about the Parade at www.naplesreserve.com/parade-of-homes.

Visit Naples Reserve at 14885 Naples Reserve Circle, located off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection and 10 minutes from I-75, Exit 101.
Kalea Bay is a gated, resort-life-style, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples. More than three months ago it celebrated the topping off of its first residential high-rise tower which is slated to be completed by fall of next year.

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

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at $1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,795 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

“Residents of Kalea Bay will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout,” stated Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay’s Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

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

“Our kitchens have an open design we call lifestyle designs that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for today’s hosts and hostesses,” said Wilson. “The layout of the kitchen can be experienced firsthand through a replica of one in our sales center.”

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

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

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features.

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

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States. The beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9.

Kalea Bay’s community clubhouse area is also slated for completion around the same timeframe as the first tower.

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

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

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

If 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 Wilson. “The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with HarTru tennis courts, plus pickleball courts. Near by are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

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

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

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0140 or online at Kaleabay.com.
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Lennar Corporation is offering significant buyer incentives for purchases of new-build and completed unfurnished residences in the Kinross neighborhood at TwinEagles. Homebuyers can take advantage of a three percent discount on newly constructed homes and a 12% savings on completed move-in ready residences. Exquisite views, home sites measuring 52-feet wide and 145-feet deep or deeper, and six floor plans ranging from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet priced from the high $400’s to the low-$600’s continue to drive strong buyer appeal in Kinross. Five completed and soon to be completed unfurnished, move-in ready homes are available. Two furnished models are open for viewing and 31 buildable home sites remain available. A golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed home at TwinEagles. Base pricing includes a caged heated pool and spa, a summer kitchen with a refrigerator, a paved pool deck, lanai and driveway, wood ceilings on the lanai, crown moldings in the living areas and owner’s bedroom, and additional features.

The 2,247 square feet Maria plan includes a great room and island kitchen, a spacious dining area, three bedrooms, a den or fourth bedroom, three full baths, a covered lanai off the great room and owner’s bedroom, and a two-car garage. The Maria plan is base-priced at $580,094.

An Angelina model showcases an interior by Baer’s Furniture’s Janet Graham, ASID that blends contemporary flair with traditional lines. The color palette in the living areas includes muted grays while the flooring is 20 x 20-inch neutral porcelain tile. Ceiling details and custom built-ins add to the look. In the kitchen, extensive perimeter cabinetry features a creamy linen finish with raised panel doors. An extensive island provides ample space for food preparation and offers a natural casual gathering area. Dark espresso hardwood flooring in the den blends perfectly with an espresso-toned custom built-in topped with a gray granite counter that provides cabinetry, shelves for books and accessories, and a 42-inch space for a television. A soft color palette of silver, gold, cream, and blue bathes the owner’s bedroom in a tranquil atmosphere. In the owner’s bathroom, the bathroom cabinetry and granite countertops match the kitchen while porcelain tile extends along the tub deck and into the shower. The lanai’s lounging area includes two chaises with beige cushions. The outdoor kitchen features cabinetry with a built-in grill. The countertop is executed in granite with a decorative backsplash.

In addition to the Maria, Victoria, and Isabella residences, Lennar’s Angelina floor plan offers 2,061 square feet with a great room, island kitchen, formal dining room, two bedrooms, a den or third bedroom, two full baths, and a two-car garage. The great room and owner’s bedroom open to a covered lanai. Coffered ceiling details are featured in the great room, dining room, and owner’s bedroom. The Angelina plan is base-priced at $543,094. An Angelina model is open for viewing.

An Angeline model showcases an interior by Robb & Stucky’s Tricia Lynch and Cynthia Bradford, ASID. Their color palette includes whites, creams, and beige with splashes of blue. Flooring throughout the living areas is beige 20 x 20-inch porcelain tile while the den features hardwood. A custom built-in in the great room functions as the entertainment center while providing storage and display space. The plan is ideally suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town family members and friends. The 2,346 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at $522,094 and includes a large great room, a bonus room, an owner’s suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town family members and friends. The 2,346 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at $522,094 and includes a large great room, a bonus room, an owner’s suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town family members and friends. The 2,346 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at $522,094 and includes a large great room, a bonus room, an owner’s suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town family members and friends. The 2,346 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at $522,094 and includes a large great room, a bonus room, an owner’s suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town family members and friends. The 2,346 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at $522,094 and includes a large great room, a bonus room, an owner’s suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage.
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It’s the only way to play without delay, to jump to the top of the waiting list. And London Bay Homes currently offers a variety of buying opportunities in Mediterra—whether you build or buy a fully furnished single-family villa or estate model home, some just steps from the golf course.

Golf membership at Mediterra is a hot commodity; the wait right now is about a year,” said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes, which manages all new home sales and marketing for the community. “We know many homebuyers are looking for a home in a golf club community because they want to play golf, and they’re looking specifically in Mediterra because of its reputation for great golf. With a new home purchase, homebuyers can also buy a membership without the wait.

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Above: Seagate Development Group, LLC’s award-winning Oakmont estate model is one of a selection of 15 new furnished and unfurnished estate residences that are already completed or scheduled for completion during the 2017 season at Quail West. Quail West’s clubhouse renovation includes an expanded pre-function space overlooking the indoor glass enclosed pool with a completely new lighted bar with a contemporary glass wall that will contain moving water and mood lighting. Below: Renovations to Quail West’s two golf courses will address enhancements to the irrigation systems, green complexes, adjacent grass areas, and fairways. The golf practice area will be enlarged. Improvements to the Preserve course are expected to be completed this month.
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JAXI introduces ONE
new boutique waterfront condominium to be built in the Historic Fort Myers River District

JAXI, developer of the 32-story Allure luxury condominium to be built in the Historic Fort Myers River District, has announced plans to develop ONE, a new boutique condominium to rise on the Caloosahatchee River next door to Allure.

Designed by world-renowned architects Behar Font & Partners, ONE will be a 16-story tower featuring 26 exclusive condominium residences with pricing from the low $500,000’s to over $2 million. The boutique tower will feature two- and three-bedroom residences ranging from 1,500 to 2,286 square feet. ONE will also include two penthouses spanning from 3,900 square feet to over 5,000 square feet, one of which is already reserved.

"Several interested buyers at Allure communicated to us that they were looking for a spacious riverfront residence in a boutique building that would be completed and ready for occupancy sooner than Allure, so we listened to them and decided to develop ONE to meet their needs," says JAXI Managing Member Eduardo Caballero. "We expect to begin construction on ONE by the middle of this year with an estimated completion in late 2018," he adds.

In addition to listening to feedback from buyers, the developers are also committed to the long-term success of the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District. "We believe very strongly in the continued growth and popularity of this tropical urban paradise which is clear by our continued presence in this market with the introduction of ONE," says Caballero.

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

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

In addition to all of the enviable unit amenities, ONE will feature indulgent building amenities including: a heated cascading Infinity-edge pool with waterfall overlooking the water; a serene landscaped riverfront promenade connected to Allure; a fitness room with interactive virtual on-demand fitness classes; a club room with bar; a pet grooming room; indoor and outdoor yoga studios; fire pits and a relaxing sandy beach; concierge services; high-speed Internet and Wi-Fi in all public areas; and assigned covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access.

Just like Allure, ONE’s prime location in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, put residents in a vibrant neighborhood that is continuing to thrive and evolve. Offering the best of arts, culture, and entertainment; while combining tropical urbanism and small town charm, the Historic Fort Myers River District has become extremely attractive to visitors and local residents alike.

With over 50 cafes, bars and restaurants, the pedestrian and pet-friendly historic downtown offers unlimited options for dining and nightlife to suit any taste. Arts and culture abound in the River District where the brick streets are lined with eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater.

Sales for ONE will be conducted from the beautiful Allure sales gallery located on the first floor of the Fort Myers City Pier building at 1300 Hendry Street. To learn more about ONE, call (239) 500-JAXI (5294), ext. 1.
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Move-in ready homes available at Lely Resort: new amenities have debuted

Sto ck Development and Lely Resort are synonymous with beautiful residences and amazing lifestyle amenities. With the winter season here, Stock has completed an array of move-in-ready homes for those seeking an escape the cold, snowy weather up north!

“At Lely Resort we have put together a wonderful selection of move-in ready homes from coach homes to twin villas to single-family homes,” Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort Stock. “Prices begin at just $398,100 in one of Naples most highly amenitized communities.”

As sell out of the community nears, Stock continues to improve the amenities at the seven time Community of the Year.

The Players Room is the newest addition to The Players Club & Spa. This multi-purpose building is located adjacent to the main clubhouse. It offers a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features elegant banquette seating.

“We are constantly assessing the changing needs of our residents and pride ourselves on providing them with the best possible amenities,” said Stock. “The Players Room is a wonderful complement to an amenity complex that has already won numerous Best Clubhouse Awards over the past decade.”

Homebuyers also have a tremendous number of multi-family and single-family residences to choose from at Lely Resort. Stunning coach homes are also available in Signature Club and Cipriani. The new coach home sales division has opened on-site in the Signature Club where they are showcasing the coach home residences of both single-family homes and furnished models. Furnished models are open.

Captiva is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely’s three championship golf courses. The neighborhood also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. The Venice II model is available for only $398,100.

Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument. Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The new coach model features an array of amazing lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Prices start in the $400s.

Lely also has amazing single-family homes. In Lakoya, Stock offers a wide variety of single-family homes and twin villas from its existing sales center. This exclusive 242-acre enclave has a private guarded and gated entrance, sculptures, landscaping, classical gardens, spectacularly choreographed fountains and elegant paved walking paths. Beautifully furnished models are open in the neighborhood and these floor plans have exceptional standard features and upgrades.

Open, spacious and comfortable, the Arvanita provides its residents with an easy Florida lifestyle. This three-bedroom, two-bath home offers 1,96 square feet of living area and 2,577 total square feet, including a screened and covered lanai and an attached two-car garage.

The floor plan includes formal living and dining rooms with elegant tray ceilings and the third bedroom is shown as an optional study. The island-style kitchen includes a breakfast nook and is creatively designed to maximize open space and create extra room for entertaining in the adjacent living and dining rooms. The main living area opens via stacked 8-foot tall sliding glass doors to the lanai, which includes a richly landscaped and furnished sundeck surrounding a luxurious pool and spa. The master suite is situated at the rear of the home and also opens directly to the pool area. It features split vanities, a soaking tub and a shower, as well as walk-in closets. It is priced at just $441,825.

The exquisitely designed and furnished Majestic model is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf course. This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,660 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. It is priced at $1,649,990.

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

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

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2016 year of milestones at Ronto’s Naples Square

In fourth quarter, 2013, The Ronto Group received final approval from the City of Naples for the development of Naples Square, a community at the intersection of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Since then, Ronto’s vision of a walkable, bikeable community that would bring a sense of cohesion to downtown containing 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South has transformed how people live in Naples’ downtown district. That vision continues to unfold, and was marked by numerous milestones in 2016.

In July, 2014, Ronto broke ground on Naples Square Phase I. By January, 2016, just 18 months later, Naples Square’s first residents were moving in and Ronto announced the completion of the three initial fully-furnished models in the Phase I building. The models remain open for guided tours with a sales associate. Throughout 2016, construction of the Phase II building that started in November, 2015 progressed at a rapid pace. Now, 73 Phase II residences are on schedule for completion next month, and less than 10 of the Phase II residences remain available for purchase.

As the Naples Square lifestyle continued to captivate homeowners, Ronto introduced its Phase III offering in March, 2016. Eight Phase III floor plans ranging from L460 to 3,238 square feet under air are base-priced from $695,000 to $1,550,000. The one and two bedroom plus den plans feature newly designed and re-named iterations of the Ronto signature. Residences will enhance the outdoor cooking and entertainment experience. A club room and a furnished fire pit area on the courtyard will open to the pool area and terrace will open to the pool area and include a bar, television, billiards room, and a furnished fire pit area on the courtyard level. Other amenities include a fitness center, secure under-building parking, and bicycle storage within the garage.

Naples Square has enhanced the look and feel of Naples’ downtown district. The community’s architecture and site plan by Matthew Kragh, AIA, of MHK Architecture & Planning ties Naples Square into the fabric of the Old Naples street grid system and into current and future plans of the Naples Pathway committee and the City of Naples. Pavered streetscapes and sidewalks, including fountains at each of Naples Square’s signature roundabouts that were completed in 2016, have transformed existing city streets to create a cohesiveness that unites every element of downtown.

Vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic can now flow from 10th Street to Bayfront on a redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South between 10th and Goodlette-Frank Road within Naples Square. The landscape design along 3rd Avenue South was created by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design, Inc. Andrea has brought a park-like ambiance to Naples Square while merging pavered walkways, entry water features, and the fountain roundabouts with Washingtonia and Medjool Date palms and a mix of plantings. Ornamental trees will ultimately create a canopy to provide shade and soften the building mass. Plantings include Chistia, Variegated Dwarf Schefflera, and Bougainvillea. Asian Jasmine, a carpet-like ground cover, is used in the pedestrian areas. Naples Square’s key intersections, crossings, and building entry features are identifies by tall palms. Building corners that are adjacent to the community’s roundabouts are softened by tall, scattered height Washingtonia palms.

The development of Naples Square is indicative of a national trend toward transforming downtown areas from simply serving as attractive destinations to places where people can be fully engaged in every aspect of city life on a day-to-day, walkable basis. This type of walkable lifestyle is especially attractive to Baby Boomers and retirees who put a premium on active, healthy living and convenience. Naples Square is providing that lifestyle.

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The Isles of Collier Preserve by Minto named Community of the Year

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities recently received Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA) 2016 Sand Dollar Awards for Community of the Year, Best Special Event for Residents for the Isles Club Grand Opening, and Best TV commercial. Minto’s ultra-luxurious Tamarind Grande model at The Isles of Collier Preserve also won for Best Specialty Feature for its unique guest casitas.

The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 as a 16-room inn. Like the historic hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large arched front porch. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway, The Isles Club includes an array of active lifestyle and wellness amenities. Residents and friends gather here for social functions, swimming in the stunning resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A sunny landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid $300s to $1 million plus. The community currently presents 16 fully furnished model homes for touring.

For a limited time only, buyers will have the opportunity to take advantage of $50,000 in incentives on several move-in ready homes including a Pimento single-family home, Dahlia villa home and Orchid Grande coach home.

The Pimento single-family home includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,333 square feet under air, with two bedrooms, den, two-and-a-half baths and three-car garage and is priced at $853,237. The Dahlia villa home is 1,565 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, pool and spa, and two-car garage. It is priced at $526,550. The Orchid Grande three-story coach home is 2,169 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, two baths, den, sun room, third floor observatory, two-car garage, and private elevator. It is priced at $607,150.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just 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 mintofla.com.

Above: The Isles Club, The Isles of Collier Preserve and Pimento interior.
Allure is destined to become Downtown Fort Myers’ most sought-after address

Anticipation for ALLURE, a magnificent, luxury high-rise condominium community to be built on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, has been escalating rapidly since sales for the exciting development were launched. ALLURE will feature two sleek, contemporary 32-story towers hosting 292 open-concept, luxury residences. The property spans three acres directly on the wide, glimmering river within easy walking distance—or a trolley ride—to the charming downtown with all of its shops, restaurants, theaters, galleries and nightspots. One, two, and three-bedroom floor plans are available with prices from the $300’s to over $1 million.

In addition to some of the most breathtaking views of the river, as well as a panorama of historic buildings, estates, gardens and bridges, residences at ALLURE will boast an enviable array of design features and finishes. Among the most noteworthy are natural-gas ranges and ovens, seamless glass walk-in showers (some with double shower heads), and a smart-technology-driven, high-efficiency HVAC system. The chef-inspired kitchens will feature European frameless cabinetry, quartz waterfall-style islands and ceramic glass backsplashes. Luxurious residences at ALLURE will also feature private entrance elevators and include covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access. Charging stations for electric vehicles will also be provided.

ALLURE is destined to become the city’s most enviable address given its world-class, resort-style amenities and features. Residents will enjoy a grand porte-cochere entry with an eye-catching water feature, a pool deck with a cascading, infinity-edge pool overlook- ing the water, and a tranquil, “Allure Your Senses” rooftop garden with monumental works by international artist Edgardo Carmona.

ALLURE will also feature a peaceful, landscaped riverfront promenade, a private screening room with cutting-edge audiovisual equipment and theater-style seating, men’s and women’s spa facilities with saunas and showers, social gathering rooms with fireplace, billiards, game tables, and areas for relaxing and quiet reading. Residents of ALLURE will also enjoy Bocce Ball on the rooftop and Pickleball by the pool. Fiber-optic wiring for high-speed Internet and WiFi will keep residents connected and the concierge service will ensure daily life runs smoothly and effortlessly for all of those fortunate enough to call ALLURE home.

ALLURE’s prime location in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, puts residents in a vibrant neighborhood that is continuing to thrive and evolve. Offering the best of arts, culture, and entertainment, while combining tropical urbanism and small town charm, the Historic Fort Myers River District has become extremely attractive to visitors and local residents alike. With over 50 cafes, bars and restaurants, the pedestrian and pet-friendly historic downtown offers unlimited options for dining and nightlife to suit any taste. Arts and culture abound in the River District where the brick streets are lined with eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater. Residents of ALLURE looking for a night on the town can enjoy a theatrical production, followed by an elegant dinner, and top off the evening with cocktails at a popular nightspot, and it is all just steps or a trolley ride away from their luxurious home.

“In addition to all of our on-site amenities, Allure’s prime location provides our residents with five square miles of amenities right outside of their door,” says ALLURE Sales and Marketing Director Barbara Bengochea-Perez.

As if that weren’t enough, the city also organizes regular concerts and special events including Art Walk and Music Walk that have become extremely popular among downtown residents and visitors.

Adding to the excitement and growth of the area is the Autograph Collection® Hotel, one of Marriott’s top lifestyle hotel brands, which is planned for the River District as part of the Harborside Hotel, one of Marriott’s top lifestyle hotel brands. This development will include 292 luxury residences, a 175-room hotel, and over 500,000 square feet of amenities right outside of their door.

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With more than 30 years of experience in interior design, Jennifer Stevens, senior design director of Romanza Interior Design, has perfected clean, contemporary style in Southwest Florida. Luxe Living’s Michael Korb talks to her about the roots of her design.

Q: Was there a specific moment when you knew you wanted to be a designer?

A: I was always interested in art and architecture. A good friend of mine, a landscape architect, recommended I take a look at interior design as a career path in my early college years, and I landed on something I was passionate about. The process of using materials, space and various decorative elements in combination to create a living space resonated with me. I was hooked.

Q: Do you have a specific style that you are known for? If so, how do you describe it?

A: More than a specific style, I want the spaces I design to evoke a sense of comfort and livability at the same time as they provide an aesthetic impact. My best work is reflected in spaces that combine interesting materials and some dramatic artwork or accessories as statement pieces in a way that creates a welcoming feel.

Q: What’s your background? Where did you learn your craft?

Jennifer Stevens

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A: I have a degree in interior design from Michigan State University, and am NCIDQ certified and licensed in the state of Florida. I have worked primarily in Florida, but over my 30-year career work has taken me to many locations throughout the southeast United States, to many portions of the east coast and as far away as British Columbia for a private residence for longtime clients.

Q: What are the steps you go through in order to feel you understand exactly what your client is looking for?
A: I ask lots of questions. It helps me to understand how my clients live and who they will be sharing their living spaces with. What resonates with them aesthetically? How do they use various spaces? What mood do they wish to create? How formal or informal is their lifestyle? What elements are most important to them to reflect in each space? I get to know my clients throughout the entire process of designing their home, which guides the selections I make for them.

Q: Are there a few emerging trends that you're excited about?
A: Living and working in south Florida we get to use wonderful pieces of outdoor furniture that are both sculptural and functional. The continuing trend of more clean-lined furnishings is great. The use of a variety of metal finishes in combination keeps it interesting. Another favorite trend is the use of layered lighting and simple drywall shapes to accentuate ceilings.

Above: Ms. Stevens used specialty ceiling treatments combined with contemporary lighting to create dramatic imagery in this kitchen. Additional elements include a freestanding island breakfast bar and glacier-finished maple perimeter cabinetry with pure white quartz countertops paired with a crystal white backsplash.

Above: Moving, illuminated water indulges the senses, creating a relaxing soundtrack and the ambience of a personal resort. Linear elements are both simple and dynamic by design. A raised weatherproof wood plank deck is nestled within a fringe of palm trees, enhancing the resort feeling with a cozy day bed.

Left: A serene color palette of blues, aqua and sands evokes a sense of comfort and relaxation. Light hardwood French oak Provence flooring is showcased throughout the space.

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But in the case of this Ray Colony home, it was more than a little something. The space felt small, confining, cluttered and above all, dated. After all, like so many other homes in the area, it had lived its life as a 1980s rendition of a Mediterranean-style villa.

Luckily, its new owners weren’t willing to live in Olive Garden’s corporate housing for any longer than they had to and called Judith Liegeois Designs and Herscoe Hajjar Architects to make some magic happen. And did they ever. If not for the barrel ceiling, it would be hard to believe this is the same place. Yet, the renovations could be characterized as minor, thanks to Herscoe Hajjar Architects’ addition through subtraction.

Gone from the main space are the hip shelves that ran along the top of the walls, allowing for a cleaner, less dated look. Also, the architects built out a wall in the dining room and created inset consoles that deliver a more sophisticated look.

“The new homeowners knew that the villa in its original state suffered from inappropriately stylistic flaws,” says Rob Herscoe. And that is to say that the new owners had eyes.

“Our clients were interested in updating their new home and customizing it to their own personal style,” says Ms. Liegeois. “They had definite ideas for the kitchen and bathrooms specifically. They wanted to create a more refined environment.”

Ms. Liegeois was asked to bring the home to a more sophisticated and classic modern aesthetic and to incorporate many of the personal treasures (antique pieces, etc.) the homeowners had collected. They also have a significant art collection, so placement was a priority for them.

“We always take the clients’ lifestyle and personal preferences as the most significant part of the project when designing a home,” says Ms. Liegeois. “Communication between us and our clients is essential and extremely personal. In this particular case, both the husband and wife were very involved in

Above: Though the footprint of the space changed very little, small architectural modifications — removal of the faux columns, reduction of hip shelves along the top of the walls, a monochromatic paint scheme and bright, wide-plank flooring — transformed the family room.

Right: New cabinets, crown molding and hidden refrigerator doors take the kitchen from forgettable to modern, but it’s the large-scale use of beautiful Carrera marble as counter surface, backsplash and waterfall edge island that brings in the wow factor.

Judith Liegeois Designs and Herscoe Hajjar Architects turn a dated Mediterranean into a showstopper

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The final look is updated and architecturally authentic in its details, adds Mr. Herscoe.

And while the living and dining areas may garner significant “Ooos” and “Ahhs” from guests for their brilliantly clean and simple statements, the new kitchen has also been transformed with dramatic Carrera marble throughout. And we mean throughout. From the new waterfall edge island to the backsplash and beyond, the clean white and gray surface makes a powerful statement that is thoroughly modern and elegant at the same time.

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The “before” picture, bottom right, shows just how traditional this house used to be. And while it may have been terrific two decades ago, it was utterly forgettable in today’s realm. Simply by switching to an ultra-white paint throughout, Ms. Liegeois made the space current, clean and sophisticated. It’s like walking into an art gallery you never have to leave.
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A Talis Park beauty reflects the homeowners’ time in Southeast Asia

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had a college professor who used to talk on and on about inter-textuality and how that concept could be applied to life. Accord-ing to him, and probably Jean-Paul Sartre, every waking second impacts and influences our future in one form or another.

It makes sense when you think about it. And a perfect example of it is this lovely four bedroom, 4½-bath home in Talis Park. Completed last year, it represents the tastes of style of its owners, Rafael and Lillian Guaty, who spent years working and living in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

“When we got here we had just come from Asia,” says Mr. Guaty. “We lived there 11 years — and we lived in California in the interim for a little bit, with that Spanish style with the arches ... we wanted

Above: If you’re looking for a dramatic entrance, you’ll be hard-pressed to find something more engaging than the one at this 4,800-square-foot under air (6,000 total under roof) property built by Harwick Homes and designed by McHarris Planning & Design.

Left: Though the homeowners’ time in Southeast Asia is reflected throughout the home, perhaps it is best showcased in the master bath, which features an open-air shower and sculptural soaking tub.
to go to a more open concept with some traces of Asian. But the primary vision was for it to be open. And to bring the indoors out and the outdoors in.”

“To accomplish their goal and create the perfect space, they enlisted the help of Mark Smith, president of luxury homebuilder Harwick Homes. Mr. Smith had started the design of a spec home with Joe McHarris of McHarris Planning & Design that made water a major feature viewable from the great room. When Mr. Guaty saw the plan, he suggested they move the water feature to make it a focal point from the foyer — and they were off to the races.

“When I saw that I basically said, ‘That has to be the centerpiece of the house,’” the homeowner says, adding, “I think we went through about 23 different versions of the (architectural) plan.” And after what all parties enthusiastically call an enjoyable collaboration, the finished product is a gorgeous creation that subtly reminds the homeowners of their time in Asia.

In fact, perhaps nowhere is that more evident than in the master bath, where the Guatys wanted more of that in-and-out look that is so prevalent in the East. “We have been to a lot of hotels and properties in Southeast Asia — Vietnam, Bali — and they all had a bathroom outside,” he says. “But we said, ‘How do we do that in Florida with the bugs?’ That’s where Mark came in and said, ‘We’ll come in and put up a screen.’ There’s trellis there that you can’t see with screen, so you feel the outside, but not a single bug gets through.”

And the glass doors are retractable into the wall, really giving a sense of being one with nature. There’s even a bamboo tree growing in the shower. A free-standing tub rests alongside those sliders, so when the doors are open, it’s as if you’re in the bath outdoors.

In addition, the Guatys knew they didn’t want a formal living room — they’d had them before in the majority of their 22 previous homes (correct, they moved a lot) and felt they were a waste of space.

“Nobody ever sits there,” Mr. Guaty says. “In too many Florida homes, he adds, you walk in the front door and into the living room. It may have a pool as a backdrop or it may not, but nobody ever sits there. We wanted to shift that focal point to the entry — the water feature with the palm trees and then the rest of the pool in the back.”

It’s a nice size foyer where you can greet people, but it maintains the privacy of your kitchen and family room and dining room,” says Mr. Smith. “And the outdoor living space is just really dramatic.”

To take full advantage of seeing as much of the outside as possible from inside, they chose commercial floor-to-ceiling windows that allow for an unobstructed view of that pool area with its palm trees.

“I think this is the first time Harwick used them in a home,” says Mr. Guaty. “And to be honest with you, it’s one of those things where you kind of hold your breath. Because I know the look, but I didn’t want it to look like we’re coming into a 7-Eleven. But they’re perfect. People walk in here and they have no idea they’re commercial.”

Another highlight that features clean lines is the contemporary wine cellar. Again utilizing a commercial-style glass door, the refrigerated room uses stainless steel racks, making it a veritable work of art.

And speaking of art, the interior design was handled completely by Mrs. Guaty and features a refined edit of spaces that allow perfectly for the couple’s Asian art pieces to be on display. It’s a lovely blend of watercolors that dance ideally with the outdoor area.

“The Asian experience overseas really filtered our likes toward the clean lines look,” Mr. Guaty says. “Symmetry was important. Clean lines. That was the goal.”

… Everything worked out. People ask me if we would change anything and I say, ‘No.’ We love the whole house. There is nothing we would change.”

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Above: A coffee bar/seating area is a cozy nook from which to take in the rest of the main living space. A modern wine cellar encased in glass can be seen on the far wall.

Below: The dramatic pool area features in-water palm trees that are not only stunning, but a entertaining distraction for the homeowners’ grandchildren. The water surrounding the trees is just 18 inches deep.
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Q: I'm looking for lighting that will really make my home stand out — something dynamic. What would you suggest?

A: Light as art becomes a focal point in someone's home. It's a dramatic feature that creates depth and interest. Everybody has art on their walls, but when you create it with light, it's unique to that home. Often they're small little fixtures, but when you put them in a certain pattern and in a certain quantity, they become more — there's a synergistic effect. Of course, we tend to use LEDs in these cases because people tend to want to use their light walls all the time, day and night, and it doesn't create any extra heat or use much wattage. We're working on one right now that is going straight up a wall to a 28-foot ceiling. But you can do it on an 8-foot ceiling, say in a narrow foyer, to create some interest. It really is dramatic.

Q: My walk-in closet lighting seems to just throw shadows. Can closets actually have decent lighting or is that a dream?

A: Well, the owner of the closet above wanted it to be very well lit but didn't want to see the light source. She wanted a crystal chandelier, so we incorporated in-cabinet lighting, under-cabinet lighting, over-cabinet lighting, and 2-inch adjustable LEDs angled toward the clothes. And each one is on its own switch, so she can do whatever she wants in there. Chandeliers alone cause tremendous striation because of the crystals, so we increased the lumen level of the LEDs to correct that. So not only can it be done, but it can be done beautifully.

Q: Why is it important to consult with a professional lighting designer when replacing or putting new lighting in your home?

A: Lighting is currently in the midst of an LED technology revolution, and it is important to understand the way that these changes can affect your home and your lifestyle. So many factors — color temperature, brightness, size, lumens, energy efficiency, the final expense — should be considered when selecting new lighting. Additionally, knowledge of safety and building codes is essential. For example, the 12-foot chandelier (above, left) connects to a 32-foot ceiling and it gives you just as much drama from down below as you get from the second floor. And we fitted it with LEDs so there's no heat and we shouldn't have to change a bulb for 20 years. A professional lighting designer takes all of these important factors into consideration, as well as assists with the decorative decisions, so that you are pleased with your investment for years to come.
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“When my parents started Scan Design back in 1969, it was to bring Scandinavian sensibility, cleaner lines and calmer environments into the U.S.,” says Jesper Knudsen, who along with his brother, Peter, and another partner, own Scan Design, a Danish furniture and design retailer that recently opened its eighth and ninth stores in Naples and Fort Myers respectively.

They had been eyeing the Southwest Florida market for some time, but hesitated because of logistics. They could justify the three-hour drive to Miami to deliver furniture from their Orlando warehouse, but the five hours to Naples was just too much. Then they heard that Denmark Interiors was looking to close its showrooms in Naples and Fort Myers, and the final piece of the puzzle fell into place — Denmark had its own warehouse in Fort Myers.

At 10,000 square feet, the Naples location is a small footprint for the business compared to its other locations. But it gives Scan Design a place to test the waters before considering going larger. Regardless, shoppers are met with a fine selection of unique styles that not only look good, but feel great, too.

“One of my biggest things is comfort and ergonomics,” Jesper says. “There is a lot of contemporary out there, but the quality and comfort just isn’t there.”

Warm and inviting might not be the first thing you think of when imagining Scandinavian design, but Scan Design, which recently moved into the former Denmark Interiors locations in Naples and Fort Myers, is looking to change that. Clean lines blended with high-quality craftsmanship from around the globe are a hallmark of the Scan Design philosophy.
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“She’s been doing that since the beginning,” Jesper says. “And my brother (who handles merchandising and display) is in charge of putting it all together.”

“It’s that sense of family that has kept the business growing for all these years.

“IT’s all about the service level,” says Jesper. “Recently in our south Orlando store there was an elderly customer sitting on a sofa. I said hello to her and asked if she wanted a bottle of water or anything and she said, ‘No, I’m just here with my daughter and granddaughter. I bought furniture from you 40 years ago. My daughter bought furniture from you. And now my granddaughter is buying furniture from you.’

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You could be forgiven if you thought this was an Italian showroom. And while certain pieces are sourced in Italy, it’s the minimalist lines and simple designs that still adhere to the Scandinavian approach. The store features a range of fine furniture as well as accessories and art.
Move It!

Miami spa getaway can help get you in shape for the New Year

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After enjoying — and often overindulging — in all the holiday goodies, our focus now turns toward shedding the extra baggage we accumulated and concentrating on getting into shape. Trust us, it’s the perfect time to plan a spa getaway.

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<td>Corner Lot House SW Lehigh</td>
<td>FORT MYERS</td>
<td>Check out this 3 bed 2 bath starter home in SW Lehigh. This house sits on a corner lot with a fenced back yard.</td>
<td>$120,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Spacious Townhome</td>
<td>LEHIGH ACRES</td>
<td>Sandalwood Estates is centrally located in the exclusive South Point area and close to restaurants, beaches.</td>
<td>$134,900</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Lakefront View</td>
<td>FORT MYERS</td>
<td>Totally remodeled 2 bed 2 bath 1st floor end unit with access lakefront view!</td>
<td>$140,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Great Listing! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home</td>
<td>LEHIGH ACRES</td>
<td>Screen porches, security system, 2 car garage. Close to ICU, 3 bedroom, 3 bath unit for the perfect home owner to move in.</td>
<td>$140,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Direct Access - 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Condo</td>
<td>LEHIGH ACRES</td>
<td>Dock your boat right outside this first floor condo. 1162 sqft, private lanai. Convenient SW Cape location.</td>
<td>$149,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>2 Bed/2 Bath Single Family Home off McGregor</td>
<td>FORT MYERS</td>
<td>Quaint 2 bed/2 bath home with great bones. Gorgeous Royal Palms in front yard. Located just off McGregor.</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Bright, Airy, Second Floor Corner Condo</td>
<td>CAPE CORAL</td>
<td>A must see - too many features, immaculate, upgraded finishes, 1460 sqft, perfect location and views.</td>
<td>$157,500</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Gulf Access End Condo</td>
<td>CAPE CORAL</td>
<td>End condo with over 1,000 sqft under air, full size washer and dryer, 2 bed 2 bath, about 10 minutes to beach. Includes boat dockage.</td>
<td>$158,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Desirable West Lehigh Home</td>
<td>FORT MYERS</td>
<td>Clean 3/2/2 home with open floor plan, screened lanai, laundry room, fenced yard, security system, sprinkler system.</td>
<td>$162,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>2/2 Direct Access Condo in a 55+ Community</td>
<td>CAPE CORAL</td>
<td>2nd floor unit with great Sunset/Views. You must see to believe. Call today for your immediate showing!</td>
<td>$169,000</td>
<td>1-866-657-2300</td>
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<td>Bella Terra 2+2 with Carport and Storage</td>
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<td>Bella Terra 2+2 with carport and storage.</td>
<td>$175,000</td>
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<td>Stunning Whiskey Creek Villa</td>
<td>FORT MYERS</td>
<td>This is a must see - 3 bedroom 2 bath 1 car garage villa. Rarely available, but here it is!</td>
<td>$175,000</td>
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FORT MYERS

Gated Community, 2 Car Garage
Beautifully maintained condos with 2 car garage, 2 bedrooms, in quiet gated community. Black faces easy so you can enjoy.
1-866-667-2300
$184,000
800M364891.

CAPE CORAL

Assessments Paid
Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath home, great room layout, screened Lanai, rear yard w/splash for pool. Assessments paid.
1-866-667-2300
$179,900
800C537569.

LEHIGH ACRES

Beautiful New 2016 Home 3+Den
Are you looking for that dream home? Nothing beats brand new. You will be this home’s first owner!
1-866-667-2300
$299,500
800E669732.

LEGENDS

Beautifully remodeled pool home with 3 bedroom 2 bath home, has a very private large lanai that looks out onto a huge lake.
1-866-667-2300
$274,900
800M648735.

LEHIGH ACRES

Tropical Retreat in the Heart of SE Cape Coral
Lovely villa with all upgrades oversized large waterfront view.
1-866-667-2300
$247,900
800M477568.

FORT DENAUD

Fl Denaud/Labelle 3 Bed/2 Bath Pool Home
Center lot single family pool home with screened Lanai. Tiled and carpet in bedrooms, 2 car garage, updated landscaping.
1-866-667-2300
$190,900
800M077393.

LEHIGH ACRES

Located Location Location
In prestigious yet affordable Whiskey Creek. Private no-traffic golf course views of the practice green.
1-866-667-2300
$249,900
800WRO4280.

CAPE CORAL

Custom Features
Not a cookie cutter home! Custom features abound: 3 bed 2 bath pool home, across from Park! Real wood floors in bedrooms!
1-866-667-2300
$269,900
800C07569.

FORT MYERS

2 Bed 2 Bath Fairway Bend
Don’t miss seeing this beauty.
1-866-667-2300
$269,900
800M4648735.

FORT MYERS

Location Location Location
In prestigious yet affordable Whiskey Creek. Private no-traffic golf course views of the practice green.
1-866-667-2300
$249,900
800WRO4280.

CAPE CORAL

Beautiful Home 3 Bed 2 Bath + Den
Beautifully remodeled pool home with 3 bedroom 2 bathroom and den has tons to offer. Home has large white tile. 
1-866-667-2300
$249,900
800E669732.

CAPE CORAL

3 Bedroom in Brookshire
Sought after Brookshire! 3 bedroom 2 bath with screened Lanai, private rear yard!
1-866-667-2300
$239,900
800P0740982.

CAPE CORAL

Ft Myers Country Club Area
Adorable and modern three bed 2 bath with 2 car garage, 2 bed/2 bath pool home, across from Park! Real wood floors in bedrooms!
1-866-667-2300
$249,900
800C07569.

CAPE CORAL

Spacious Home in Port Labelle
This spacious pool home is tiled throughout with new carpet in the bedrooms. Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home with 2 car garage.
1-866-667-2300
$239,900
800M6375673.

BONITA SPRINGS

Highland Woods
2 bedroom/2 bathroom located in Highland Woods. Well maintained throughout AC. Private golf membership included.
1-866-667-2300
$189,900
800CGO578.

LEHIGH ACRES

4 Bedrooms in West Lehigh
Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home with 2 car garage. All tile floors and brand new kitchen cabinets and counter tops.
1-866-667-2300
$199,900
800E363283.

LEHIGH ACRES

Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home with 2 car garage. All tile floors and brand new kitchen cabinets and counter tops.
1-866-667-2300
$199,900
800E363283.

LEHIGH ACRES

4/4 Duplex Next to Downtown Cape Coral
Great investment opportunity just minutes away from downtown Cape Coral.
1-866-667-2300
$225,000
800C0365749.

CAPE CORAL

4/4 Duplex Next to Downtown Cape Coral
This bright, 3/2 home in SE Cape and happy home includes spacious tiled Florida room for entertaining & relaxing.
1-866-667-2300
$235,000
800G8360584.

LEHIGH ACRES

Lost Creek 2 Bed 2 Bath Estero C.C
Lovely villa with all upgrades oversized large waterfront view.
1-866-667-2300
$247,900
800M477568.

TROPICAL REEF

Exceptional Whiskey Creek Pool Home
2 bedroom/2 bath/2 garage – solar heated pool – large fenced back yard.
1-866-667-2300
$289,900
800M707812.

CAPE CORAL

3 Bedroom 2 Bath Gateway Home
Well maintain 3 bedroom 2 bath home in Gateway/ Low home fees!!!
1-866-667-2300
$269,900
800M3637178.

CAPE CORAL

The Fantastic Opportunity Won’t Last
This amazing, large 2 master suite bedroom home, has a very private large lanai that looks out onto a huge lake.
1-866-667-2300
$274,900
800M3648917.

FORT MYERS

3 Bedroom 2 Bath Gateway Home
Well maintain 3 bedroom 2 bath home in Gateway/ Low home fees!!!
1-866-667-2300
$269,900
800M3637178.

CAPE CORAL

Country Estate
Informal setting in custom home in Northwest Lehigh Acres. Open floor plans with high ceilings. Three suites.
1-866-667-2300
$279,900
800M477568.

FORT MYERS

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$289,900
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$279,900
800M477568.
Gulf Access - Monte Carlo Condo
Delightful two-bedroom, two bathroom, first floor condo. New carpet and tile and new washer and dryer installed!!
1-866-657-2300 8003674255.

Stunning Sanibel Retreat
Sanibel Beachfront bring your whole family to this oversized home on Sanibel Island. Deeded beach access in the community!
1-866-657-2300 8003674272.

Custom Built Pool Home in San Carlos Estates
One of the most desirable and sought after neighborhoods in Bonita Springs. High ceilings, jetted tub granite countertops.
1-866-657-2300 8003674226.

Ft Myers
7 Bedroom Ranch Home in Brackencliff
Room for the entire family. Everything you need. Heated pool & spa! 3 stall barn w/600 sqft air conditioned office.
$875,000 1-866-657-2300 8003674292.

West Bay Club
Enjoy all that life has to offer at the West Bay Club in this Courtyard Design Home. Three bedroom.
$879,000 1-866-657-2300 8003674294.

Better Than New Construction
Gorgeous gulf access home located on 200+ ft canal in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral. Deeded beach access just steps away from your own private dock.
$899,000 1-866-657-2300 8003674294.