Developers are pouring millions of dollars into new senior communities across the region, and say more are planned.

ENIOR COMMUNITIES WITH VARYING levels of amenities have been popping up across Southwest Florida as developers prepare for waves of Silent Generation members and soon the baby boomer generation, whose oldest members are edging into their 70s.

Many retirees became familiar with the region’s sunny charms as part-time residents or on vacations from northern states where they had careers and raised families. Now they’re ready to move into apartments that require less maintenance and offer services that help ease old age while stressing the values of living independently and staying active mentally and physically as long as possible.

“I think (developers) are seeing several things,” said Shad Haston, CEO of the Florida Assisted Living Association. “They’re realizing the senior market is a nice return on investment. They understand that a lot of baby boomers will be retiring. They understand that New York is no longer the third largest state in the U.S. and it’s probably related to the economy as well as the climate that Florida has. I think we’ll see more across the region.

**Grace Place**

Julia Van Domelen first heard about Grace Place for Children and Families in 2004, when she was president of Christ Child Society of Naples.

Grace Place was founded in response to an overwhelming need in the Golden Gate City community to provide pathways out of poverty through education. Mrs. Van Domelen was one of the original volunteers working with Grace Place children when it was an after-school homework club.

This tiny “homework club” became an incorporated nonprofit education center for early childhood education, school-age programs and adult classes. Throughout its short history, Grace Place had built considerable momentum.

Mrs. Van Domelen and her late husband, Bill, were astounded about the severity of the unmet needs of Golden Gate City families. Only one major grocery store serves the highest concentration of population in Collier County, making the area a food desert for healthy and affordable food. Of the families that Grace Place serves, 88 percent have incomes below the poverty line.

And let’s not forget about quality childcare. Only 135 quality childcare spots are open for the community’s 2,746 children.

**Grace Place issues $875,000 ‘West Side Challenge’**

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In praise of American critics

One of the pleasures in writing columns is serious conversation, just as one of the pleasures in reading is communion.

Column writing, in fact, requires reading of other opinions, other minds and experiences, other writers and readers who respond. Maybe that's more than conversation; maybe it's communion, a sacred sharing.

Such conversation does not begin, “Nice hat, moron,” as one hotshot who emailed me last week may not know — unless he's a professional fashion critic. In that case, he's an inarticulate bumbler who should find another job.

But conversation may begin sharply, like this criticism from a letter arriving the next day: “Roger, it seems you can just not let go...” The responsible media, represented by traditional daily newspapers, radio, and television news programs, will present the facts as they are known. You are not serious, are you?

That letter, quoting from my column “Just the facts” (Florida Weekly, Jan. 25-31), is hard: It takes grace, courage, discomfort, disciplined etiquette (you can't fly off the handle), and profound respect, along with knowing. Along with ideas or facts that have some value.

A critic respects ideas. He or she acknowledges that you respect them, too.

Critics, good ones, take you seriously and I abhor the bias, if it exists.

So in that spirit I embrace the criticism — the conversation — of readers. For a decade I've written columns in this space that won me both apologists and sharp critics.

I relish the praise. But I celebrate criticism more than praise because criticism is hard. It takes grace, courage, discomfort, disciplined etiquette (you can't fly off the handle), and profound respect, along with knowing. Along with ideas or facts that have some value.

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No longer just tweeting, President Donald J. Trump has been issuing a stream of executive orders and memo-
randa since his inauguration. On Jan. 24, his pronouncements involved the Key-
stone XL and Dakota Access pipelines. Both projects were denied or delayed by the Obama administration,
each after massive public protests. Now, with the Trump admin-
istration’s actions, buttressed by a ser-
vice Congress under Republican control,
 fossil-fuel megapro-
ects are getting the
 green light.

But it will take more than the stroke
of Trump’s pen to quash the vigorous
resistance to these two pipelines, or
the growing global demand for urgent
action to address the climate change
crisis.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is the
1,100-mile long, $1.8 billion pipeline that will carry
unleaded oil from the Bak-
ken oil fields in North Dakota, through
South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois,
where it would connect with another pipeline to carry the crude to the Gulf of Mexico.

Opponents of DAPL fear a pipeline rupture could poison the Missouri River, which provides fresh water for
17 million people. The center of oppos-
ition has been at two protest camps on
and around the Standing Rock Sioux Reser-
vation, where the pipeline is slated to
cross the river.

The proposed Keystone XL pipeline
would carry the world’s dirtiest fossil fuels, tar sand bitumen, from Alberta, Canada,
across Nebraska, into the United
States. Construction of the pipeline
has been repeatedly delayed by agency pro-
cedures.” Along with a fourth memo
issued by the Trump administration,
which creates a suspension of the
interest of the United States,” effectively
alone, the apotheosis will begin.

The work of unraveling President
Barack Obama’s legacy is underway, but
even as his substantive legacy washes
away, the apotheosis will begin. The ap-
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Obama isn’t a martyr, but his supporters
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A tale of crafty feline betrayal

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Pets seem to be a perennially popular topic, so allow me to continue with the cat-versus-dog conflict. Both teams in our house — our dog Jessie on one side and cats Dinah and Tulip on the other — are hotly competing for the honor of being cast back to the shelters hence they came.

We already took poor Jessie’s inventory of destruction in our last installment, and while I can’t say she’s been a saint since her attitude adjustment, she’s had no truly outrageous episodes since. I can’t say the same for her feline companions. We recently discovered that since Dinah has insisted on becoming an outdoor cat, she conned her way into the two of us could have killed her.

Until we found the collar, we were none the wiser. Dinah is in and out of the house all day long and prefers to spend her late mornings and afternoons napping on the lanai within easy access of her escape hole in the screen. She leaves her brand of expensive cat food, even though she gets plenty at home.

When Dinah had fleas, they almost immediately replaced screens in their pool cage — as we do — because she refuses to be turned back, because we actually did and maybe the two of us could have killed her.

But how does a nice family not recognize a kept cat from a stray? Because Dinah is shameless, persistent and smart enough to know that two families are better than one. Apparently, about four months ago she would cry outside their door all day long and prefers to spend her late mornings and afternoons napping on the lanai within easy access of her escape hole in the screen. She leaves her brand of expensive cat food, even though she gets plenty at home.

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a lot more baby boomers considering Florida for retirement.”

The coming wave of seniors who are looking for such communities won’t end with boomers (born 1946 to 1964), he adds. Generation X (1965 to 1980) is on their heels followed by Millennials (1981 to 1997), which the Pew Research Center reported last year has already surpassed boomers in population with 76.4 million people, bolstered by young immigrants.

In the last five years through 2016, assisted living facilities in Florida grew from 3,035 to 3,201, The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration records show. Of those 66 new facilities, 34 were in the Southwest Florida region that includes Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, DeSoto and Sarasota counties.

Those do not include independent living senior communities. AHCA estimates that the population of those 65 and older will grow by nearly 200,000 people across the region in the next 14 years, to 919,000 by 2030.

Frances Henn, a former operations analyst for The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, used to vacation in Florida and has lived here since 2004. She plans to rent an apartment at Campo Felice Retirement Living, a new 55-plus independent living community being built in downtown Fort Myers, scheduled to open in mid-April. She appreciates cultural opportunities in the River District such as the theater, a new public library and an ice cream shop.

“It was just too tough to keep the house so I started looking at independent living,” said Ms. Henn, 74. “It’s walking distance to downtown, which is just beautiful now. It seemed to have everything I wanted.”

Meanwhile, the construction continues with companies investing in upscale, resort-style housing projects that offer different levels of service for seniors as they age, with some residents managing complex illnesses including dementia. Typically, that includes independent living units, as well as assisted living and memory care spaces with medical staff.

Quadrum Global, an international real estate investment company that has developed apartments and hotels, is building a facility for seniors in south Fort Myers by Lakes Park, called Avida.

“This is our first (senior) community,” said Seth Schumer, head of U.S. investments. “This is a new brand.”

An investment of more than $90 million, he said, Avida is expected to have a 10 percent to 11 percent return — slightly more than apartment projects but less than hotels. The units will be available for rent at current market rates when Avida opens in 2018.

Rental rates for upscale senior and assisted living facilities now range from about $1,800 for independent living spaces to $6,000 per month for seniors who require memory care, such as those with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease or dementia who might wander away from home.

The 430,000 square-foot Avida campus will have 272 independent living apartments and 28 cottages, as well as 125 assisted living and 35 memory care spaces, said Colin Marshall, president of Quadrum Senior Living Management.

Kevin Callans, president of Crowther Roofing, and Pat Robinson, project manager of Campo Felice Retirement Living, in downtown Fort Myers. He said the company’s mission is “to provide all of the things we’d want for our own mother and father, and even ourselves one day, as we grow older.”

This region, as you know, is very desirable for retirement and senior living.

In addition to construction jobs, new senior communities will also create long-term positions for service industry and medical care jobs. Filling those positions could be a challenge, Assisted Living Association’s Mr. Haston predicts. Those could include certified aides such as LPNs and medical technicians.

I really think you may be on the cusp of a shortage right now, especially in your area (Southwest Florida),” he said. Scott Flagel, executive director of American House Coconut Point, a new community that offers independent, assisted living and memory care, agrees.

“The challenge is not finding seniors to move into these; it’s the workforce,” he said. “We don’t have enough skilled workers in this area to meet the needs of these communities. “You’re competing for all those certified aides, you’re competing with the worker that can work at restaurants, department stores and so forth.”

Avida is expected to create 140 long-term jobs.

In downtown Fort Myers, The MacFarlane Group is building what will be Ms. Henn’s new home, Campo Felice Retirement Living. It is a $58 million renovation of the old Amtel Hotel, which towers 24 stories over the city marina and sat vacant for years. It will include 82 independent living suites ranging from 556 to 933 square feet, with annual rentals starting at $1,900 per month. That includes daily meals, housekeeping, rides to the doctor, 24/concierge services, a salon, spa, salt-water pool, four eateries, a wellness center, a 49-seat theater and other amenities.

Heather Battey, Campo Felice’s executive director, said it will be “like the Ritz-Carlton but a retirement community. If you want a Diet Coke and you don’t have one, we’ll go get it for you.”

In addition, Campo Felice’s second phase of construction, expected to be complete by early 2019, will cost $45 million and include a nine-story building with 99 assisted living and 20 memory care apartments, as well as three floors of space for medical offices.

Between the two projects, Campo Felice Retirement Living is expected to create about 170 long-term jobs downtown. Those include housekeeping, maintenance, server, driver and concierge positions, as well as medical staff such as nurses in the assisted living and memory care facilities.

Although the community accepts anyone 55 or older, the average age of residents who plan to move in so far is 76. The downtown River District with its many restaurants, shops and weekend festivities such as Art Walk, offers seniors an active, waterfront lifestyle, said Rebekah MacFarlane Barney, chief operating officer of the MacFarlane Group.

“I think a lot of our project is location, location, location,” she said.

Lois and Bill Harris also plan to move to Campo Felice when it opens in April. She was a receptionist and he worked as an X-ray technician in Altoona, Pa. They started coming to Southwest Florida in the mid 1990s and eventually started spending about five weeks here every winter.

“We’ll be close to Centennial Park,” said Ms. Harris, 78. “They have a lot of activities. And that’s what we want.
Now we have all this landscaping to do. It’s just time to really relax and enjoy ourselves.”

Another company, American House Senior Living Communities, opened new senior facilities in Bonita Springs and Estero in 2015 and 2016. Next it is planning American House Fort Myers slated to open in the spring of 2018. It will include 30 independent living, 74 assisted living, and 20 memory care apartments.

“We recognized a shortage of quality, affordably priced senior housing in Florida,” emailed Dale Watchowski, president and CEO of American House and its affiliated company, REDICO. In addition to current projects, he wrote, “We are currently looking at potential acquisitions and development sites in Florida.”

The United Group of Companies is another real estate organization that is looking to develop senior communities in Florida in addition to Sandalwood Village in Naples, which opened in 2015, and Diamond Oaks Village in Bonita Springs, set to celebrate an opening early this year. Those communities are focused on giving seniors “a truly independent lifestyle,” wrote Jonathan Masullo, United Group’s chief marketing officer, in an email.

“We frequently have residents moving in from communities that are more focused on assisted living. These residents didn’t need those extra services and were paying a lot of money unnecessarily,” Moore Park at Grey Oaks in Naples opened in 2015 with a combination of independent, assisted living and memory care suites. The company has been approached by a builder to create another community, said vice president of resident services Steve Brinkert, but it hasn’t made a decision yet.

“We see increasing demand for our particular community, Moore Park,” he said. “That is because, as you say, there are weekly more and more seniors relocating to Florida to retire. And perhaps even more importantly we have long-standing residents here in the Naples-Collier County area who are aging and who may live in any one of our neighborhoods here in Naples. They’re finding now as they age they want to maintain an active and healthy and luxury lifestyle. But at the same time, they recognize they need to plan for their future health care needs, so we can fulfill that.”

In December, the Punta Gorda Housing Authority opened The Verandas for low-income homes. Another 60 are scheduled to open by mid-March. The $20 million project helped restore public housing that was destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004, said Loraine Helber, executive director of PGHA. Residents pay one-third of their income for rent.

“The Verandas in Punta Gorda was opened for low-income seniors in December by the Punta Gorda Housing Authority. It’s a $20 million project.”

In the know

65 and older by county

- Collier County: 99,207 or 28.3 percent of the population
- Charlotte County: 61,669; 36.8 percent
- Lee County: 171,675; 24.9 percent
- Florida: 3.9 million; 19.4 percent

—Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

The United Group of Companies built Sandalwood Village in Naples and is constructing this community, Diamond Oaks Village, in Bonita Springs. It is scheduled to open this year.
A record crowd at Empty Bowls Naples scooped up 3,000 handmade bowls and every drop of soup donated by 50 area restaurants and country clubs so nothing was left by the time the event was over on Jan. 28. The final amount raised for the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida had not been tallied as of press time, but organizers were optimistic the figure will surpass the record $97,000 raised last year.

1. For $20, attendees picked out a handmade bowl to keep and used it to hold their choice of soup.
2. A dozen volunteer potters spent the morning throwing bowls that will be used at Empty Bowls Naples 2018.
3. Servers filled bowls for a steady stream of customers until there was nothing left to ladle.
4. Kamela Patton, left, superintendent of Collier County Schools, and Marina Turcetta, a 10th grader at Barron Collier High School, dished out soup as long as the supplies lasted.
5. Lisa Miller, left, and Jodie Pientka were first and second in line at Empty Bowls Naples for the 11th year in a row.
6. Naples Mayor Bill Barnett was among the Empty Bowls Naples volunteers.
7. Donna Torrance, now retired as an art teacher at Barron Collier High School, organized the first Empty Bowls event in Naples.
8. Natasha Edwards, with daughter Alana, missed out on a handmade bowl but enjoyed a serving of New England clam chowder just the same.
9. Event co-chair Betsy Dawson

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The Naples Center of Florida Gulf Coast University invites anyone who wants to learn about financial strategies for a successful retirement to enroll in a four-session workshop starting Thursday, Feb. 9, and continuing on Thursdays through March 2. Meeting time is 6:30-9 p.m. at the center at 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

Participants will learn about financial basics, retirement income, investments, risk management (insurance, Medicare, and long-term care policy considerations) and estate planning.

Instructor Kenneth Wise is a founding partner of Findley Wise Wealth Management and a managing director of UBS Wealth Management.

Registration is $79 per person, $99 per couple. To sign up or for more information, call 425-3270, email continuinged@fgcu.edu or visit www.fgcu.edu/ced.

World affairs expert to speak at FGCU Liebert Lecture Series

Author Sarah Chayes, senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will discuss “Systemic Corruption and Its Dangers – At Home and Abroad” as part of the Liebert Lecture Series at Florida Gulf Coast University on Friday evening, Feb. 17, at FGCU. Presented by the university’s Department of Political Science and Public Administration, the evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Chayes, the author of “Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security,” is an international authority on corruption and its implications. In May 2016, she participated alongside UK Prime Minister David Cameron, Secretary of State John Kerry and world leaders from more than 40 countries at the first international summit devoted to tackling corruption.

Prior to her position with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, she served as special assistant to the top U.S. military officer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen; and participated in Cabinet-level decision-making on Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Arab Spring. In 2005, she founded Arghand, a manufacturing cooperative in which men and women of southern Afghanistan work together produce skin-care products using the region’s fruit and its derivatives. The goal was to promote sustainable development and expand alternatives to the opium economy. Ms. Chayes has also been the Paris correspondent for NPR.


For more information about Ms. Chayes’ appearance at FGCU and the Liebert Lecture Series, call 590-7840, email Liebertlectures@fgcu.edu or visit www.fgcu.edu/worldaffairslectures.
GRACE PLACE

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below the age of 5 who live in the community. If that’s not eye-opening enough, only 1 percent of the families necessary to teach their tots how to thrive in school. Only 1 percent of the families served by Grace Place speak English as their primary language in the home.

The Van Domelems have a strong history of changing lives. Through their foundation and their personal philanthropic investments, they have exercised a passion that lifts children out of poverty through housing, health care and education. In 2009, the Kalamazoo Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized the couple with the Distinguished Philanthropist Award. The Van Domelems have generously supported Open Doors Kalamazoo, established Burgess Gardens, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in southwest Michigan, and helped create the Van Domelen Center for the Caring Network with the Diocese of Kalamazoo Catholic Charities.

Knowing they could make a difference in Golden Gate City, they began to fully embrace the mission of Grace Place from a philanthropic standpoint in 2014, making a significant investment that would transform Grace Place forever.

Prior to that investment, Grace Place housed all its education programs in a former chapel that was remodeled into multi-purpose space to serve its growing number of families. The parish hall was, and still is, used for family literacy programs and the Friday Food Pantry that serves more than 225 families each week.

Among many other gifts, the Van Domelems’ capital investment supported the construction of the first new building and all infrastructure for the 5-acre campus. Mrs. Van Domelen says it is the largest gift the couple have made in their “southern hometown” of Naples.

Mr. Van Domelen died in December 2015, without having had the chance to see the building he had made possible. However, Grace Place installed a special camera so that the Van Domelems could view progress of the construction from their home in Michigan.

The Van Domelen Education Center building (fondly known as V-DEC among employees) provided much needed classrooms for the Bright Beginnings early childhood education program, for moms and tots and for school-age programs.

With that transformational investment, soon other generous philanthropists came to the table with more gifts to expand the entire west side of the Grace Place campus. Now the organization has launched the “West Side Challenge” campaign with a generous investor providing $875,000 in matching funds to complete the west side of the campus.

“I have seen Grace Place become stronger and more visible than ever before,” Ms. Evans says. “When the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy recognized Grace Place in 2012 as a program provider, Bill and I both knew the organization was ready for us to invest our transitional gift.”

The West Side Challenge is not just about completing campus buildings, says Tim Ferguson, chief executive officer for Grace Place. “It’s about supporting our ‘cradle-to-career’ model that helps break the chains of poverty through a comprehensive and multi-generational program.”

Barbara Evans, chief development officer for the nonprofit, is confident the community will come forth to raise the $875,000 in matching funds by March 31 this year.

“Julia and Bill Van Domelen launched Grace Place to new levels,” Ms. Evans says. Those who want to help meet the West Side Challenge to ensure the continuation of that forward pace are invited to call her at 234-2403 or send an email to Barbara@graceplacenaples.org.

— Barbara Wilson is director of marketing and communications for Grace Place for Children & Families.
AAUW can help pay tuition for women over 21

The Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation Inc. is accepting applications for scholarships. Awards are made for tuition assistance to women over 21 years of age who reside in Collier or southern Lee counties and are pursuing an associate, bachelor’s or master’s degree at an accredited college or university.

Candidates must demonstrate the need for financial assistance and must have a GPA of at least 2.0. The application deadline is Feb. 28. Previous recipients may apply.

For additional information and to apply, go to www.aauwnl.org and click on Local Scholarships, or call scholarship committee chair Jeanne Stetson at 941-3481.

Florida association invites applicants for scholarships

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is accepting applications for a scholarship opportunity provided by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections. The FSASE is offering three $1,200 scholarships to eligible Florida residents enrolled or accepted as full-time students in a senior college or university in Florida.

Applicants must be political science, public or business administration or journalism/mass communication majors who have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students should also demonstrate a financial need.

Completed applications and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards will review the applications and select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE scholarship committee. The three winners will be announced at FSASE conference this summer.

Scholarship applications and guidelines can be downloaded at www.CollierVotes.com or picked up at the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office, 2750 Enterprise Ave., Naples. For more information, call 252-VOTE or go to the website.

Press club offers media journalism scholarships

The Naples Press Club Scholarship Committee is interviewing students who are interested in obtaining a Terrence J. Miller $1,000 NPC Scholarship. Candidates must have graduated from a Collier County high school or be on schedule to graduate this spring, and they must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

For an application or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com. The application deadline is Feb. 28. Previous recipients may apply.

For additional information and to apply, go to www.naplespressclub.org.
Florida consumer sentiment continues upward climb

The University of Florida

Consumer sentiment among Floridians ticked up another one-half point to 92.8 in January — the highest reading since March 2002 — from December’s record-breaking revised figure of 92.3, according to the latest University of Florida consumer survey.

Florida’s trend tracks national figures released last week by the University of Michigan, with the national consumer sentiment index at the highest level since February 2004.

Of the five components that make up the Florida index, three increased and two decreased.

Perceptions of one’s personal financial situation now compared with a year ago showed the greatest increase, rising 5.4 points, from 82.8 to 88.2. With the exception of those 60 and older, this view is shared by all Floridians.

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Expectations of personal finances a year from now rose 2.5 points, from 83.9 to 106.4. Views on the future of the national economy were gloomier, however: Expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next year dropped 3.3 points, from 99.9 to 96.6, while anticipated U.S. economic conditions over the next five years decreased 2.7 points, from 98.5 to 95.8.

Economic data in Florida continue to be generally positive. Although the December unemployment rate in the Sunshine State remained at 4.9 percent, the number of jobs added last year statewide was 251,400 — a 3.1 percent increase compared with a year ago. The industry sector gaining most jobs was leisure and hospitality, followed by education and health services, then professional and business services.

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“There is no doubt that the state’s economy is in better shape than it was several years ago,” Hector Sandoval, director of the Economic Analysis Program at UF’s Bureau of Economic and Business Research, said. “But the overall pessimistic short- and long-term expectations about the national economy are shared by most Floridians and are strongest among those with income under $50,000, Mr. Sandoval added. Those expectations might reflect uncertainty associated with upcoming economic policy changes by the new U.S. administration, he said. “The next few months will be key to understanding these changes and assessing their potential impact.”

Conducted Jan. 1-26, the UF study reflects the responses of 449 individuals who were reached on cell phones and who represent a demographic cross section of Florida.

The UF researchers’ index is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a two, and the highest is 150. Details of this month’s survey are at www.bebr.ufl.edu/csi-data.
BBB warning: Just hang up if caller asks ‘Can you hear me?’

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about an old scam with a new twist. The “Can You Hear Me?” scam has long been used to coerce businesses into purchasing office supplies and directory ads they never actually ordered, but now it’s also targeting individual consumers.

During the last few days of January, more than half of the reports to BBB scam tracker were about this particular scam.

Consumers say the calls are about vacation packages, cruises, warranties and resignation ticket items. So far, no one has reported money loss, but it’s unclear how the scams will play out over time or if the targets will be victimized at a later date.

Here’s how it works: You get a call from someone who almost immediately asks, “Can you hear me?” Their goal is to get you to say, “Yes,” which most people would do instinctively in that situation. There might be some fumbling around; the person might even say something like “I’m having trouble with my headset.”

The “person,” however, could be a robocall recording your conversation. And your “Yes” reply could later be edited to make it sound like you authorized a major purchase.

Here’s the advice from the BBB:

■ Use Caller ID to screen calls, and consider not even answering unfamiliar numbers. If it’s important, the caller will leave a message and you can call back.

■ If a caller asks, “Can you hear me?”, do NOT answer, “Yes.” Just hang up. Scammers change their tactics as the public catches on, so be alert for other questions designed to solicit a simple “Yes” answer.

■ Make a note of the caller’s number and report it to www.bbb.org/scamtracker to help warn others. BBB shares its scam tracker information with government and law enforcement agencies, so every piece of information is helpful in tracking down scammers.

■ Consider joining the Do Not Call registry to cut down on telemarketing and sales calls by visiting www.donotcall.gov. This might not help with scammers since they don’t bother to pay attention to the law, but you’ll get fewer calls overall, and that might help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent.

■ Check your bank and credit card statement regularly for unauthorized charges. It’s also a good idea to check your telephone and cell phone bills, as well. Scammers might be using the “Yes” recording of your voice to authorize charges on your phone. This is called “cramming” and it’s illegal.

The Collier County Sheriff’s Office cautions residents to be aware that distraction burglars are again at work.

These criminals generally target senior citizens at their homes by posing as tree trimmers, appliance repair workers or contractors pointing to a problem with a roof.

Here’s how a recent incident in Pelican Bay unfolded: The 86-year-old victim told deputies he was in his back yard around 4 p.m. when he was approached by a man who said he needed to check the water pressure inside the residence due to some work going on in the street.

The victim led the suspect inside his house to a bathroom to check the water pressure. The suspect was left unattended for about five minutes while the victim was in another room. The suspect left the residence without telling the victim.

The victim became suspicious and walked outside to check the street and did not see anyone working.

Although the victim initially didn’t notice anything out of place, his further investigation revealed several pieces of jewelry had been stolen from inside the residence.

Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

An investigation continues. Anyone with information is asked to call the CCSO at 239-938-2200 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers at (800) 780-8477.

Safety tips from the CCSO

■ Be suspicious of workers who arrive unannounced.

■ Never allow a stranger to come into your house.

■ Be cautious about anyone who tries to lure you out of your house to another part of your property.

■ Insist on identification and call the company. Have the person wait outside. Use a number from the phone book, not one given to you by the worker.

■ Always notify CCSO when you see someone going from door to door trying to sell a service or product, even if they appear to be legitimate. Let deputies confirm their occupational license or the validity of their company.

■ Remember, if it’s too good to be true, it probably is.

■ And finally, if you are worried about a suspicious stranger, call 911 immediately and give a description of the individual.

Naples Preserve nature talks liven up Tuesday mornings

The winter-spring series of fun, free and educational nature talks on Tuesdays at Naples Preserve continues Feb. 7 with “Me and My Watershed.” Weekly 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 for the rest of this month: Feb. 14, Southwest Florida hurricane history and what it can tell us about the future; Feb. 21, Survival in the swamp; and Feb. 28, the links between freshwater fish and wading birds. Visitors can also stroll the preserve’s boardwalk and see the many birds, gopher tortoises and other small animals that call the nature sanctuary in the city home. The preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail E. For more information, call 239-262-4900 or follow Friends of the Naples Preserve on Facebook.
Schools’ standardized tests are often criticized as harmfully rigid, and in the latest version of the Texas Education Agency’s STAAR test, poet Sara Holbrook said she flubbed the “correct” answer for “author motivation”—in two of her own poems that were on the test. Writing in the Huffington Post in January, a disheartened Holbrook lamented, “Kids’ futures and the evaluations of their teachers will be based on their ability to guess the so-called correct answer to (poorly) made-up questions.”

Ironies

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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 Queen’s English world. For more information, call Karen Lannan at 350-2550, email klannan@comcast.net or visit www.esu.org/Naples.

The Naples Press Club meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Tiburon Golf and Country Club. Naples Restaurant Experts Ryan Callan, Matt Wrice and Eric Staats will discuss the research and reporting that went into their four-part series “Clipped Wings.” The series will explore offshore Lake, the aftermath of the series’ completion and reporting that went into their four-part series “Clipped Wings.” The series will explore the world of antiques collectors and admirers, meets the first and third Thursday of the month at the Club at Longshore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way. The next meeting is 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 Questers membership. The 2017 national convention takes place in May in St. Petersburg. For more information, call 591-3888 or emailing carolgoode9@gmail.com. Visit www.naplessar.org.

The Naples Peggers invites anyone who likes cribbage to play from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at East Naples Community Park, 3000 Thomason Drive. The social meeting fee is $10. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 794-1113 or email cathyleekers@gmail.com.

The Wellesley Club of Naples invites Naples residents to the second Thursday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meeting is 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 Questers membership. The 2017 national convention takes place in May in St. Petersburg. For more information, call Karen Lannan at 330-6026, email naplesS40@gmail.com or visit www.naplessar.org.

The Neapolitan Quilters, a group of quilters and collectors, meet at 10 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Tiburon Golf and Country Club, 1311 Tiburon Dr., Naples. All former TWA flight attendants are invited to join the Clippered Wings for a monthly lunch at different locations around town. More so than wine with Flair” will showcase the latest styles from Patching- ton’s. Guest speaker and author Penny Zee will discuss “The Love That Makes a Difference,” and vocalist Lindsay Gra- ham will entertain. Seating is limited, and advance payment of $40 is required. For reservations and payment directions, call 314-2207 or email cwcarnes@gmail.com.

Singles Solo of Collier County was organized more than 25 years ago to create and organize recreational, cultural, charitable and social activities for those who are single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. for happy hour followed by dinner on the first Friday of the month at different restaurants around town. The next get-together is Feb. 3. For more information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjhj@aol.com.

Wine Tasters of Naples is a social club that meets from 5:30-7 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More than wine with Flair” will members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and ser-

Twelve students recently competed in the first tournament of the year with CHESS K-12 on Marco Island. Fifth-grader Alex Sousa finished in first place, winning all four rounds; 10th grader Michael Curiale and first grader Charles Hainschild each won three games and tied for second place. A playoff Saturday, Feb. 4, between Michael and Charles will determine who takes home the first and second place trophies.

The Naples Garden Club is welcoming new members and guests to its meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower arrangement judging that is at 7:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org.

The Naples Chapter, Florida Soci- ety, Sons of the American Revolution meets the second Thursday of the month at the Club at Long- shore Lake, 1139 Phoenix Way. The next meeting is on Feb. 9. For more information, call 732-6080 and the meeting starts at noon. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 732-6080.
Members and guests of the Naples Music Club enjoyed “Jazz on the Bay” at Naples Yacht Club. Jerry Stawicki & His Trio entertained, and the evening’s proceeds were designated for the Naples Music Club’s scholarship fund.

The Naples chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) meets the second Sunday of each month at the Naples Municipal Airport. The chapter is one of approximately 1,700 EAA chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. The Naples chapter also serves a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots’ lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Feb. 11. For more information, call 447-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

The local chapter of Delta Gamma alumnae invites members to join its various events and meetings in Collier and Lee counties. The chapter’s annual luncheon social and fashion show is set for Saturday, March 11, at The Club at Barefoot Beach. For more information about these and other events, visit www.greaternaplesdeltagamma.com or email jdfollese@comcast.net.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Naples Municipal Airport. The chapter is one of approximately 1,700 EAA chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. The Naples chapter also serves a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots’ lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for $5 includes pancakes, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Feb. 11. For more information, call 449-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

The League of Women Voters of Collier County meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the auditorium at Naples Botanical Garden. A panel discussion titled “What’s Next for Solar in Florida?” will be moderated by Neville Williams, solar entrepreneur, journalist and author of the books “Chasing the Sun” and “Sun Power.” Panelists will include Jim Henderson, William C. Huff Companies; Mary Dipboy, founder of Florida’s first solar co-op and a FLsUN advisory board member; and Chad Washburn, deputy director of Naples Botanical Garden, which is a LEED Gold Standard institution. A representative from the Florida Solar Energy Center at the University of Central Florida will give a presentation before the panel discussion. All are welcome. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.lwvcoll.org.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in North Naples. The next meeting is Feb. 13. Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. For more information or to make a reservation, call Juliana Meek at 262-2699 or email julianadar@comcast.net.

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Pi Beta Phi alumnae are invited to attend the annual Monmouth Duo Luncheon with the Kappas at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Country Club of Naples. Guest speaker will be “CEO of Humor” Yvonne Conte. Cost is $30, with reservations and payment in advance required. Pi Phis are also invited to the next Angels on the Town mixer starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at T. Michael’s in Venetian Village. For reservations or more information about either of the above events, call Connie Kindsvoort at 249-4969 or email conkinsk@aol.com.

Eastern Airlines SWFL Silverliners, a philanthropic organization of former flight attendants, welcomes all former and present flight attendants from Eastern Airlines as well as other airlines to join the chapter. Lunch meetings start at noon on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 11. For reservations or more information, call Darlene (Hall) Follese at 495-9741 or email dfollese@comcast.net.

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Watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here’s where CCSO deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Feb. 6-10:

**Monday, Feb. 6**
Coronado Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Speeding
U.S 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Pine Ridge and Livingston roads: Red-light running

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**
Orange Blossom Drive and Goodlette-Frank Road: Aggressive driving
Logan Boulevard and Immokalee Road: Speeding
Golden Gate and Wilson boulevards: Speeding

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**
Collier Boulevard at Oak Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving
Naples Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Radio Road and Davis Boulevard: Red-light running

**Thursday, Feb. 9**
Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running
Immokalee Road and I-75 northbound exit: Red-light running
Collier and Logan boulevards: Red-light running

**Friday, Feb. 10**
Airport-Pulling Road at Pelican Marsh Elementary School: Speeding
U.S. 41 East and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Speeding
Livingston Road and Delosol Lane: Aggressive driving

BEHIND THE WHEEL

**Fiat 500X is a tasty remix with Italian flair**

Cars are often like recipes. Take similar ingredients, then substitute some regional flavor and the results can be two distinct products that still share many common pieces. It’s the difference between Yankee bean soup and pasta fuzoli. And the Fiat 500X is doing the same in the car world.

Last year we tested the Jeep Renegade, and even mentioned that the Fiat 500X is built at the same Italian factory. But just because these two vehicles are joined at the hip from birth until they get off the cargo ship, does not mean they are the same crossover.

The Fiat 500X is an exercise in extending a singular vision. The original Fiat 500 has an iconic design that made it instantly endearing when the retro car was brought to the U.S. in 2010. So to get the “X” crossover, they took the subcompact dimensions and super-sized it. That meant making the cute Fiat 500 taller and wider. Plus, there was a new set of rear doors and cargo space to add behind them. The result is something beefier, but the DNA is still quite clear — sort of like the difference between a poodle and a labradoodle.

Inside the gain in size makes a huge difference. The dash still matches the exterior color in a very stylish way, but now there’s more space so that the climate control, gearshift, and radio display do not feel squashed together. There’s real space in the back to carry a few extra family and friends, and the cargo area is surprisingly useful for the small crossover class. And since the 500X only looks like its economy-minded sibling, it comes with plenty of nice options that aren’t available on the Fiat 500. It includes, power seats, dual zone climate control and a rear view camera.

Upper trim levels have interesting features like European-inspired leather, and a dual pane sunroof. All of this creates a very comfortable and fashionable atmosphere. But all of these extra features come with an extra cost. So while the base model is $20,995, anyone having fun with the option sheet can easily take the price over $30K. The result is an extremely comfortable 500X with all-wheel drive, but that might not be the best target market for most people.

On the road is where the Fiat 500X will find most of its fans. As we noted with the Jeep Renegade, it makes for a fine small four-wheel drive vehicle because the motor seems to want to emphasize low-gear torque over all-out speed. The 500X has the same powetrain combo (1.4-liter turbo mated to a six-speed manual transmission) as a more powerful 2.4-liter that only gets a nine-speed automatic) but the feeling is quite different.

The Jeep is fortified with extra off-road packaging, which also adds weight. Thus, with comparable trim levels, the 500X is always the more sprightly choice. That makes the Fiat a little bit quicker, and more importantly, it feels faster than the Jeep because the engine isn’t working as hard when accelerating to highway speeds. So the goal for most people looking at the 500X is likely going to be about keeping the weight (i.e., options) down to maximize the fun. Plus, the steering and suspension are set more to European car standards, instead of the Jeep’s American 4x4 prowess. It means the 500X is not as capable as an off-road machine, but for the majority of us who don’t leave the pavement that often, this is the more exciting one to drive.

The Fiat 500X is not the fastest, largest or most economical of the compact crossovers. But what it does have going for it is an intoxicating mix of popular ingredients that result in genuine appeal. Like Guy Fieri, the Fiat 500X does enough to proudly flaunt its Italian heritage mixed with American flair. And that passion, more than anything else, creates a true attraction.

**Tune up your driving skills with AARP**

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

**Saturday, Feb. 11**: 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American House, 11400 Longfellow Lane, Bonita Springs; 913-9430

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 977-4043

**Thursday, Feb. 16**: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 404-8925.
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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Super Bowl Sunday 5K, the first event presented by the new sporting event club RunDurance, a new sporting event club, sets off 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.

Collier County Medical Society Alliance hosts Walk for Wellness at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Clam Pass. Cost and events to be announced on the organization’s website, 465 Seagate Drive. (561) 795-2359 or ccmsonline.org.

The sixth annual Southwest Florida Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Florida Southwestern State College in Fort Myers. The event includes raffles, music, refreshments, family activities and more. $50 in advance, $60 for same-day registration at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (239) 462-9880 or visit 202southwestfloridawalk.kintera.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.lechalth.org.

Step out for the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.’s 18th annual Heart and Sole Walk from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 25, starting at Centennial Bank, 5481 Tamiami Trail N. Participants can choose to do a 5K walk or an untimed 5K. Registration for $25 includes a continental breakfast, lunch, T-shirt and entertainment. Sign up online at www.pasfi.org or stop by PASFI headquarters at 9262 Premier Way, Naples.

The Naples Coconut Run takes off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Lowdermilk Park. Organized by Gulf Coast 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.naplescoconutrun.com.

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

The 8th annual Southwest Florida Komen Race for the Cure takes place Saturday, March 4, at Coconut Point in Estero to raise awareness about and funds to fight breast cancer. For registration details, visit www.komenwestflorida.org.

Naples Pathways Coalition hosts the annual Naples Bike Bash & Family Festival starting at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 5, at Lowdermilk Park. Cyclists can pedal routes varying in length from 10 to 100 miles, and everyone can enjoy outdoor fun that includes family activities, buffet lunch provided by Moe’s Southwest Grill, vendor expo and a power walk to Fifth Avenue South. Registration to ride is $45-$60. For more information or to register, call 777-7778 or visit www.naplespathways.org.

FGCU’s Counseling and Psychological Services hosts its third annual Out of the Darkness campus walk setting out at noon Sunday, March 12, at the university’s main campus to raise awareness about suicide prevention. Anyone can register as a walker, a virtual walker or a volunteer at the event’s website. Participants will fundraise on behalf of the organizers to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For more information or to register, email jregis@fgcu.edu or visit www.afsp.org/fgcu.

The 2017 Gulf Coast Sailing Club Charity Regatta takes place Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, off the Naples coastline. All classes of sailboats are welcome to participate and registration includes a regatta dinner and awards night at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, which includes a presentation by Tucker Thompson. Registration starts at $25 and proceeds will benefit Avow Hospice’s Children’s Bereavement Program, Freedom Waters and local sailing programs in both Marco Island and Naples.

For more information, including details about tickets to see and hear Mr. Thompson, visit www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org.
Mental health should top list of concerns for the new year

BY DEENA BAXTER
Special to Florida Weekly

We learned as children that Humpty Dumpty shattered after falling off the wall. The king and his horsemen couldn’t fix him. Luckily for Humpty, the queen and her court patched him up and also realized he had suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition to mending his body they helped him mend his mind.

As we launch into another new year, mental health should rank high on our list of resolutions to improve our well being. Why is this important? Because one out of four people suffers from mental illness during their lifetime, and it has far-reaching impacts. I experienced it personally when we lost our youngest adult son, Kevin, to bipolar mental illness in 2012.

Kevin’s death was by suicide. Kevin was in denial. In addition to suffering bipolar disorder, he had something called anosognosia. A prominent feature of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, anosognosia is a sick person’s unawareness that he or she is ill. That was Kevin’s greatest obstacle. Sadly, some other members of my family and many, many in our society suffer from it as well. How else can we explain why my home state of Florida ranks 49th out of 50 in per capita spending for mental health services?

Bipolar mental illness rocked Kevin’s world — and ours. It was like living with the “Peanuts” character Pigpen as Kevin went through unending cycles of highs and lows, out-of-control spending and risky behavior and job losses caused by paranoia, aggressive behavior and angry outbursts. His erratic behavior started when he was 18 years old, but he wasn’t definitively diagnosed with bipolar disorder for 25 years, at age 31, five years before his death.

People often ask me about medications. Yes, Kevin was prescribed psychotropic medications, but they all came with significant side effects. He was especially unwilling to live with the sexual side effects. Often, a person needs to try different meds for several months to find the most effective type and dosage. Medication can work wonders for many who are committed to doing that; they don’t work for everyone, however.

Additionally, we are a society that embraces over-medicating and self-medicating. Musician Damon Albas said it well: “In the ’60s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.”

Kevin contributed to his problems by self-medicating. He binged on illegally obtained Ritalin during high school and college; through grad school and beyond, he chose pot and alcohol, a highly toxic brew for someone with bipolar disorder. Once he reached 18, we were limited getting into treatment, and the stigma of mental illness added another obstacle.

Kevin’s illness wove its way into our blended family’s DNA, destabilizing the Baxter family love boat. It kept us in a constant state of heightened alertness that was exhausting. We love all three of our sons, but Kevin received significantly more financial and emotional support.

Left untreated, mental illness and addiction often isolate the patient and the family. That’s why I’ve partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County to help shine a bright light on this topic. We’re working together to keep our community safer and welcoming for those living with mental illness and impairment as well as those who care. The focus isn’t on zero-tolerance, an impossible goal. We can’t guarantee 100 percent safety, but safer is definitely better. We can do that by teaching children, teens and adults of all ages about awareness, personal responsibility, safe practices and watching out for each other.

When we’re feeling overwhelmed in situations that seem too much for us, it’s important to ask for help. It’s not a sign of weakness to seek professional help.

NAMI-Collier’s mission is to improve the quality of life of persons affected by serious and persistent mental illness and their caregivers through support, education and advocacy. NAMI-Collier helped more than 6,000 children, teens and adults in 2016 and trained more than 1,300 law enforcement officers and other first responders in crisis intervention. All services are provided at no cost.

Contact NAMI and learn more by calling 260-7900 or by going online to www.namicollier.org.

— Deena Baxter launched the Surviving Suicide and Sudden Loss Project in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County in 2014. The project includes a book, a creative arts website, www.WriteOnMyMind.com, and mental health advocacy and outreach. Ms. Baxter is also the author of “Surviving Sudden and Unexpected Loss.” All profit from book sales flows to NAMI of Collier County and other nonprofit mental health organizations.

Reflections on five years of the Mayo connection

Almost five years ago, NCH became the first health-care system in Florida and the seventh in the nation to become a proud member of the Mayo Care Network, a network that today has grown to more than 40 members strong. Our aspiration in this collaboration with Mayo, perennially first-in-the-world for medical institutions according to the U.S. News and World Report, was ultimately to assimilate Mayo’s three-part culture: first, placing the patient in the center; second, by embracing education as we transform from a community hospital to a teaching institution and third by growing our research initiatives.

At the recent annual review with our Mayo colleagues, the NCH senior team discussed our collaborative progress with a focus on how best to quantify the value of membership in the Mayo Care Network. Among many themes reviewed, the following four stood out:

— eConsults — During our initial conversations with Mayo Clinic leaders, we were hugely attracted by the potential ability to quickly obtain a consultation from a Mayo physician by sharing a patient’s electronic medical record. About 80 percent of the time, the patient doesn’t need to leave home for this to happen. For example, recently an NCH patient obtained a reassuring plan for continued treatment with Mayo Clinic colleagues. The Mayo physician reviewed the patient’s record and called the NCH team to discuss a potential treatment plan for the patient.

— Mayo Clinic leadership training — NCH Chief Medical Officer Dr. Frank Astor had the brilliant idea of sending Mayo Clinic leadership to our hospital for Mayo training. The Mayo leadership team discussed our collaborative initiatives with Mayo Clinic leaders, the NCH senior team and Mayo colleagues. The NCH leadership team discussed our collaborative projects with our Mayo colleagues, the NCH senior leadership team and Mayo Clinic leaders. The Mayo Clinic leadership team discussed our collaborative projects with the NCH senior leadership team and Mayo Clinic leaders.

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asking if NCH could send our young, aspiring, competent physician and administration leaders through the same training Mayo implements for its future leaders. To date we have had 48 folks inculturated with the values, tradition and respect for Mayo's core principles.

Astor, Mike Riley and Lori Rice, our NCH Mayo Clinic administrator, visited Sparrow Health’s outstanding integrat- ed oncology program in Lansing, Mich. Learning best practices from other institutional leaders was an unanticipated benefit when we joined the Mayo Care Network. Again, this sharing is of inestimable value.

In the aggregate, our membership in the Mayo Care Network has exceeded our expectations in many ways. “We don’t have time to make all the mistakes ourselves” is a semi-factitious phrase we have used as we have shared with and learned from others who are on the same journey to help everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life.

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

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What makes Dr. Flaharty so confident in this product line? It was developed by none other than Dr. Kristen Holaday, his wife and business partner, who founded Trilogy Labs in 2014. All Azul skincare products are manufactured at Trilogy’s own production facility in Fort Myers, Florida. Drs. Holaday and Flaharty know how crucial medical-grade skin-care is to maintaining your investment in healthy, rejuvenated skin, and have combined their skills and knowledge to create the Azul Blue Diamond Line. It’s your new secret weapon to fight aging and keep your skin rejuvenated between spa treatments.

Enzyme Polish skin conditioner increases the effectiveness of other serums and moisturizers. Gentle foaming beads break down the protein “glue” that holds dead skin cells together, rinsing away built-up debris and leaving your skin smooth and glowing.

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Be part of the skincare revolution! Get the Azul Blue Diamond Line at any of our three office locations in Fort My- ers, Naples or Bonita Springs. To find out more or pick up the phone today at (239) 415-7576, or contact us with your questions. Let Azul be your skin’s best ally against the ravages of time, stress and dry Florida winters.
A cat's mouth is a fascinating object of study. It's a killing machine, filet knife and hairbrush, all in one. Here's how it works.

Kittens are born without teeth and develop 26 deciduous, or baby, teeth, starting with the incisors and followed by the canines and premolars (molars don't come in until adulthood). By the time a kitten is 7 months old, 30 adult teeth, including the missing molars, have made an appearance. But how do those teeth work?

Cats aren't designed to chew. After killing their prey by biting or crushing the neck, spine or throat with their sharp fangs (known as canines), they tear off the meat with their carnassial teeth — long-bladed molars and premolars — swallow it (bones, feathers and all) and let their digestive juices go to work. Whatever isn't digested exits the system, either through the front end — regurgitation — or out the rear, as waste in your cat's litter box.

The rough feline tongue is an equally important player in the cat's mouth. Its sandpaperlike surface is perfect for grooming process. Those same barbs effectively remove dead hairs and debris from the cat's coat. If your cat has a few hairs out of place, the tongue serves as a convenient built-in hairbrush to, er, lick them into shape.

Notice that your cat licks herself clean right after a meal? Instinct tells her to remove food odors that might excite the interest of predators. If your cat licks you after you get out of the shower, she might be trying to restore your "normal" smell.

One drawback to the tongue's design is that cats can't spit things out. Because the tip of the tongue touches the water's surface, the cat rapidly pulls it upward, bringing a column of water along for the ride. The jaws close and the tongue swallows. In the space of a second, cats can lap water four times, and the tongue's speed during the process has been clocked at 1 meter per second.

You lean in to love on your cat and suddenly you jerk away, appalled. That breath! It smells like he's been swigging tuna juice straight from the can. That stink can be from periodontal disease or from cat cavities, known as oral resorptive lesions. Veterinarians say that half of all cats have some type of dental disease by the time they are 4 years old. That doesn't mean it's normal.

A cat whose breath smells is the victim of gum disease or some other health problem. To adopt or foster a pet Dogs and cats adopted from Humane Society Naples come with vaccinations, sterilization surgery, microchip and 90 days of health insurance. Visit the animals ready for adoption at the main shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Rd. N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), or at the satellite adoption center at Coastalside Center during mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit www.HSNaples.org for more information.

Pets of the Week

**Maggie**

**Profile:** 2-year-old pug/terrier mix who is a perfect little girl with an adorable face. She does well with other dogs and will make a great family pet. Her adoption fee is $150.

**Murphy**

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**Profile:** 5-year-old domestic short hair who loves to be both high up on the tower and down low on your lap. His adoption fee is $65.

**Sylvia**

**Profile:** 7-year-old tabby domestic shorthair who enjoys the company of humans and other cats. Her adoption fee is $55.

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It all started with Sarah Jessica Parker’s eyeliner. I was scrolling through an online slideshow of red carpet fashion from the recent Golden Globe Awards and there was Sarah Jessica Parker in a flowy white Vera Wang gown looking very lovely and ethereal, with her eyes made-up dramatically. When I clicked on the comments though, readers gave her smoky black eyeliner a big fat thumbs down. The general consensus being that SJP is “too old” to pull off a smoky eye. In fact one commenter wrote, “She needs to wear makeup that’s more flattering to a middle-aged woman like herself.”

Ouch. Sarah Jessica Parker and I are the same age.

I have scads of black eyeliner and I often wear it if I have a dressy event in the evening. But, if someone as rich and famous and thin and glamorous as Sarah Jessica Parker can’t get away with it anymore, then neither can I.

I quickly googled make-up tips for “middle-aged” women and according to everything I read, I’m breaking a lot of rules and may be in need of a middle-aged make-up makeover. Apparently, I shouldn’t be wearing ANY shimmery eye shadow because it will “sink into the lines” around my eyes and leave me with sparkly wrinkles. I see the logic here, but on the other hand, aren’t sparkly wrinkles better than plain, old, regular wrinkles? I mean, if you have laugh lines, aren’t they even better with a little shimmer?

Another tip had me stymied — apparently, when you reach my elderly state, you shouldn’t define your eyebrows with powder anymore because “eyebrows become more sparse with age” and you should just accept that those tiny little hairs fall out. While I’ll never believe in penciling your eyebrows in Chucky The Clown style, I say if your eyebrows are aging, put a little brown powder on them and give them some life.

There was even a suggestion in one online article that only girls in their 20s could pull off fun fingernail designs and that the rest of us needed to resign ourselves to clear polish. While I’m terrible at long nails, I love seeing ladies of all ages proudly sporting festive airbrushed fingernails. And, indeed, the same article told me to toss out all my black eyeliner and either wear none at all or find a soft brown. Eye shadow, if worn at all, should be matte and beige.

But, like Sarah Jessica, I’m just not ready to retire my smoky eye yet. As a columnist and event photographer, I attend a ton of to-dos around Southwest Florida and I get to people-watch a lot. I remember one fancy fundraising soirée I attended not long ago where a beautiful lady in her 70s was wearing long, fun pink false eyelashes. Her eye shadow was shimmering and she even had little jeweled appliqués dotting the tops of her eyebrows. She looked happy and fun in a gold sequined shift dress — she sparkled in the best sense of the word. And even though I didn’t know who she was, I thought to myself that I’d love to sit down and have a martini with that broad because she looked like someone who embraces life and loves to have a good time.

So, as we ease into event season, I say let’s wear the dark eyeliner and the shimmering shadow — and who cares what anyone thinks?

Life is too short for matte and beige — not when there’s so much sparkle still out there.

— Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week...
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A lifetime of involvement in good causes

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Lessons learned from his parents have served as a blueprint for Edward Morton's professional success and as motivation for his decades of work to improve the lives of others.

The Naples resident has been a managing director for the Wasmer, Schroeder & Company investment services firm since 2006. He came to that job after 35 years at Naples Community Hospital, where he rose from assistant-interim comptroller to CEO.

“I have wonderful partners and it’s a wonderful firm,” said Mr. Morton, who received an accounting degree from Notre Dame University, where he also played football and ran track. The firm manages fixed-income for wealth managers all over the country. “We don’t have a very large retail presence,” Mr. Morton said. “We do an awful lot of behind-the-scenes.”

Upon moving to Collier County in 1972, Mr. Morton said, he made it a point to become involved “in what I thought were good causes.” His list of “good causes” is wide ranging.

Over the years, he’s been president of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, coached youth track and spearheaded the creation of women’s track teams at Collier County high schools. He was an original member of the Collier County Education Foundation’s “Partners in Education” program. Since 2013, he’s been a member of the board of governors for the State University System of Florida.

In winter, insects and rats try to head indoors in Florida, keeping pest control firms busy

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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If you’re an entomologist, the names and numbers may fascinate or even delight you. But if you prefer a bug-free life in which the facts of the matter remain obscure, this story may not be for you.

Unless you’re willing to make a call. And who you gonna call? Pest busters, of course. Who else?

But first, here are the facts, according to such sources as the Smithsonian and the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Services: About 900,000 species of insects have been identified on the planet (there are far more, of course), roughly 91,000 in the United States (there are many more here, too). More than 200 million insects may exist for each human on the planet, or roughly 300 pounds per pound of human. In North Carolina, when scientists sampled soil to a depth of five inches they were able to calculate that roughly 124 million animals inhabit each acre; in Pennsylvania that figure jumped to 425 million per acre.

That’s a lot of bugs.

So what does a home or business owner do to keep them outside, not inside?

That may not be an effortless task. But have no fear: The pest busters are here. And they have some advice — that is, after they issue dire warnings.

See bugs, A4

“... the two things that bother people the most around here are roaches and the red fire ant.”

— Michael Rios, Prototype Pest Control

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Michael Rios advises Floridians not to leave pet food outside.

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Learn how to tell your business story

Naples Advanced Toastmasters invites business owners and managers to “Storytelling: The Biggest Business Skill of the Next Five Years,” a free program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive.

Several guest speakers will discuss how storytelling can bond a customer to your product, how to connect with your client base through stories and how to share your corporate culture in a memorable way.

Speakers include Byron Donalds, Rhonda Brazina, Marianne Oehser, Christine Cagnoni, Mary Lou Williams, Dr. Joel Ying and Kathryn MacKenzie. All are longtime members of Naples Advanced Toastmasters. Chapter president Anne Hagan promises that whether you are in product or real estate sales, developing your first novel, or ready to promote your invention, attendees will find a few noteworthy ideas.

Everyone likes a good story, Ms. Hagan says, adding the businesses that can tell one will have increasing advantage. “As the deluge of content in our lives grows, what stands out has to be increasingly compelling,” she says. “Those who can create, find and tell good stories — stories that create emotion and experiences that engage an audience in personal ways — will build followings to their outsize advantage.

“Personal brands are built on, among other things, telling and sharing great stories. Stories make presentations better. Stories make ideas stick. Stories help us persuade. Savvy leaders tell stories to inspire us, motivate us.”

Toastmasters is an international nonprofit organization that since 1924 has helped members develop public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback. In the same way that practice should improve your golf game, having a supportive environment to practice your public speaking will offer you an opportunity to feel more comfortable in front of an audience. For information about local chapter meetings, visit www.toastmasters.org.

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Termites are just one little pest living in colonies, the biggest of which can include 1.5 million individuals and consume up to a pound of wood in a house, in a day — that information comes from a Terminix pest control website.

One way to help keep them is to ensure wood on a house has no contact with the dirt, because termites can tunnel, the experts say.

But for many people, that’s the least of their pest worries.

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After almost 11 years in the business he’s seen a few things. “The weirdest thing was walking into a house one time and a kangaroo jumped out.”

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But on several occasions he’s seen cockroaches run across the walls and ceilings right in front of him, he recalls. Hundreds of them. After all, a single female cockroach can produce 150 to 300 in a lifetime — about a year for an American cockroach.

There are black- and brown-widow spiders, scorpions and other things he shrugs off as not too worrisome. Bedbugs, oh yes, bedbugs. Difficult to get rid of.

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Jeffrey Feld, CEO and president of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, has been named a Thom- son Fellow for 2017. The award is given by the Fall- com Thompson of New York and Naples initi- ated a fellowship named in his honor for a fellow- ship program in honor of Mr. Thompson's 75th birthday. The fellowship enables recipients back in high school and currently contemporary Israeli society with a firsthand look at the polit- ical, religious and cultural issues affecting the Middle East. Seventy-five fellowships have been awarded to distinguished com- munal leaders and scholars.

Raymond Strick- len and Richie Brousseau. Evans have been elected by their fel- low concerned citizens to the chair and vice chair, respectively, of the city of Naples Air- port Authority. The board includes five citizen volunteers, each appointed by the Naples City Council for a four-year term, to govern the airport authority. Other com- missioners are Ted Brousseau. Donna Messer and James Rideout. After his election as chair, Mr. Stricklen appointed commissioners to work on committees for the coming year. Mr. Rideout chairs the audit committee, which includes Mr. Brousseau. Ms. Messer chairs the consultant selection committee, which includes Ms. Messer. Ms. Brousseau serves as legal liaison and Ms. Messer continues as the noise com- mittee liaison for the city.

Mr. Stricklen is a senior consultant for Leidos, a defense contractor head- quartered in Reston, Va. The Air Force veteran also holds an airline transport certificate and has more than 5,000 hours of flight time and turboprop expe- rience. His career includes working for Science Applications International Corp., where he joined the company with experience in aerospace electronics, space and aviation control and systems marketing.

Mr. Evans holds a business degree from Kent State University, worked for 3M for 34 years and retired from a mili- tary intelligence career in 2000. He became a full-time Naples resident in 2003 and served on the airport authority's noise compatibility committee prior to being appointed to the board of commissioners.

Mr. Brousseau has been a certified pri- vat pilot since 1971 and was honored in 2015 by the FAA with his Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. A Naples resident since 1971, he retired in 2006 after serv- ing 27 years as a Collier Circuit judge.

Ms. Messer heads a Naples firm that specializes in coaching, mentoring, and collaboration results on labor-management collabora- tion. She previously spent three decades with American Airlines in a variety of executive positions.

Mr. Rideout, who was appointed to the board in 2013, held executive assignments throughout the country during his career with the IBS. After retiring to Naples in 1989, he became an active community volun- teer and served as executive director of The Naples Players for 12 years.

Crystal Steere has joined the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club as spa director to oversee the opera- tion of The Spa at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Ms. Steere brings with her more than 10 years of expe- rience in spa management, most recent- ly as director of spa and fitness at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. She is cer- tified as a master massage therapist through the American Council on Exercise and also holds a bachelor’s in business manage- ment with a specialization in hospitality and resort management from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Benjamin Brown, a partner in the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP which has been the chair of the Naples chapter of the national legal litigation firm since 1971, Mr. Brown has practiced at both the trial-court and appellate levels. He represents local and national lenders, loan servicers, contractors, professional fiduciaries and others with a focus on commercial business and real estate dis-putes. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and earned his juris doctor from the University of Miami’s law school in 1969. He has earned a certificate from the Quailes & Brady Leadership Program at North- ern Arizona University’s Kellogg School of Management.

Michael Dana has joined the cor- porate and tax group of the firm of Cohen, Farber, P.A., as managing director. Mr. Dana advises American businesses and their owners with respect to U.S. tax matters. He also provides legal advice in connection with all aspects of formation, opera- tion and disposition. His diverse practice includes advising clients on corporate, partnership, tax, securities and other business law matters. He previously was a lawyer at the Naples office of an Ohio- based firm. A 2004 graduate of George- town University Law Center, he received his master of laws in Taxation in 2011.

Land Development

David Farmer has been named CEO at Metro Forecast- ing Models LLC, a high-tech firm that provides forecasts for development demand, population growth and housing demand for communities. Mr. Farmer has nearly 30 years of land development industry experience and is a profes- sional planner and certified city plan- ner with extensive experience in real estate development, planning and civil engineering, modeling and infrastruc- ture design and construction. He is a former chairman of the Southwest Flor- ida District Council for the Urban Land Institute and is also a national instructor for the ULI. Headquartered in Bonita Springs, Metro Forecasting Models employs a team of GIS professionals, a software developer, an economist and a research assistant. The firm’s models have been used by local governments and private industry for more than 35 years. Mr. Farmer is a co-founder of the company.

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FROM THE TOP

ON THE MOVE

Mr. Morton was raised there and in Miami, where his father bought a small home so his children could attend an academi- cally rigorous high school.

“That’s very rewarding because I’ve had the chance to use my trust, to influence the education process for 350,000 to 400,000 students and to acknowledge the importance of affordability and account- ability on the part of the schools,” he said about the SUS position.

And the most important thing is something his late parents, both children of Irish immigrants, instilled in their offspring.

“Fire was also a very real threat, very, very well read, and they insisted that both their children would be educated and go to college and raise families here,” said Mr. Morton.

Edward F. Morton was a New York City policeman before he retired and moved the family to Islamorada, where he was a commercial fisherman and owned a small grocery store. Mr. Mor-}

Donna Martucci has joined Preferred Travel Naples as an independent travel affiliate. Ms. Martucci specializes in multi- generational travel, river cruising, cus- tomed tours, groups and family travel. She has traveled to many of the major cit- ies in Europe, the Caribbean Islands, Boston and Miami and her career began more than 30 years ago in Lehigh Valley, Penn. She has resided in Naples for the past 15 years.

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Business Meetings

A Job Search Support Group meeting takes place from 9-10:30 a.m. every Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University offer valuable resources and answers to all your questions. The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2990 Tamiami Trail N, will host the event from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, Feb. 19. Call 772-3720 or check nassap.org for more information.

Orientation for new members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 8-9:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, at chamber headquarters, 290 Tamiami Trail N, Mutual of Omaha Bank is the morning's sponsor. Register by emailing Bethany Sawyer at bethany@napleschamber.org.

Wake Up Naples for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Naples. The program will consist of an engaging presentation of the day's business news by WorkforceNow, with panelists Christopher Westley, director of the Regional Economic Research Institute at FGCU; African American Business Expo and the Johnson School of Business at Hodges University; and John Meyer, dean of the School of Business and Technology at FNW. The morning is sponsored by Jewish Family & Community Services of SWFL. $25 for chamber members, $35 for others. Registration required by Feb. 3. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

Business After Hours for members and guests of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Cafe at Bonita Beach, $25 for members and guests, $30 for others. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitasonline.com/chamber/events.

The East Naples Merchants Assn. holds its monthly meeting and networking event from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Biltmore Seafood & Meatsery, relation to a possible product, where will the market end up? Is the market ended up being a total scam, but it was a successful "chart play" for a time. I just didn't get out in time to beat the sellers.

— M.T., Japan

The Fool Responds: Many people get excited when they see the word "China" in a company name, so they simply buy it and put it on the shelf, the country has more than a billion people, which could translate to boffo sales. Some caution is warranted when buying a company doing a lot of business in China. It ended up being a total scam, but it was a successful "chart play" for a time. I just didn't get out in time to beat the sellers.
NETWORKING

A seminar by Ciccarelli Advisory Services at Vi at Bentley Village

1. Denise Rakich, Susan Hansen and Jill Ciccarelli Rapps
2. Bill Bond, Lynn Ferraira and Elaine Bond
3. Gloria Shaheen, Patricia Shaheen and Peggy Rowley
4. Paul Ciccarelli and Kim Ciccarelli Kantor
5. Jan Kantor and Tina Redhefteck
6. Anthony Curatolo and Nancy Sullivan
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Norm Gentry has joined BUILD as vice president/project manager. Mr. Gentry has more than 26 years of experience in the commercial construction industry and has managed more than $50 million dollars of construction projects. He has held a general contractor’s license since 2000 and is a certified LEED Accredited Professional. At BUILD he will provide leadership throughout the pre-construction and construction phases from inception through warranty. He will also take a leadership role in managing client relationships and project resources. He is a member of Collier Country Development Services Advisory Council and the Collier Building Industry Association.

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London Bay Homes manages all new home construction sales and marketing in Mediterra. The five showcase models are among 17 London Bay model homes now open for viewing, in various stages of construction or planned for 2017. Mediterra residents enjoy two championship golf courses, a private beach club and numerous other recreation and dining amenities. New homebuyers can purchase a golf membership without the delay of what otherwise is approximately a one-year waiting list. For more information, call 949-8989, go to www.MediterraShowcase.com or stop at the sales center. The entrance to Mediterra is on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road and west of I-75. ■
NEWSMAKERS
From page 8

Karen Vetranor has been named community representative for WCI Communities at La Morada Naples. Vetranor joined WCI in 2013 at Raffia Preserve in Naples, has more than 30 years of real estate sales and technology experience. She will introduce homebuyers to the variety of one- and two-story designs available in the exclusive neighborhoods of LaMorada Naples, where prices are from the mid-$300,000s to $1 million. Models are open for tours.

The entrance to LaMorada Naples is on Woodcrest Drive off Immokalee Road, approximately one mile east of Collier Boulevard.

Minto Communities and The Isles Club at The Isles of Collier Preserve received two awards from the National Association of Home Builders at the 2017 International Builders Show held in Orlando. Minto and The Isles Club received a silver NAHB Nationals Award for Best Clubhouse and a silver NAHB Nationals Award for Best Community Facilities. The Isles of Collier Preserve is a 2,400-acre community bordered by the east by the Naples Botanical Garden and the west by Dollar Bay. More than half of the acreage is dedicated to natural habitat and preserve areas connected by an eight-mile network of biking paths and recreational trails. The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the coastal cottage style of Naples Beach Hotel.

Best in American Living Award for Community Clubhouses.
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4

7474 Cathedral Cir – Guest Park, with pool views. 3/3 plus den. Screened lanai with new furniture, stainless steal appliances, newer air-source heat pump. 

9645 Celebration Cir – Guest Park, with pool views. 3/3 plus den. Screened lanai with new furniture, stainless steel appliances, newer air-source heat pump.

9815 Highgrove Dr – Guest Park, with pool views. 3/3 plus den. Screened lanai with new furniture, stainless steel appliances, newer air-source heat pump.

OPEN HOUSE 1-4

11415 Kestrel Ct – A private paradise in gated community with tennis, fitness, boating, clubhouse.

11114 Monte Carlo Blvd – Spectacular, spacious, high ceiling, 2-car garage, barbecue. Close to Venetian Village with shopping and dining. 2/2 plus den.

OPEN HOUSE 1-4

6618 Ilex Cir – Lakeside pool home with view of pond, palm trees, orchids and sunsets! 2/2 plus den.

4595 Chippendale Dr – Well cared for home with updated bathrooms, new paint,kitchen, enclosed lanai and fenced yard. 2/2 plus den.

OPEN HOUSE 1-4

9815 Gulf Shore Blvd N – Guest Park, with pool views. 3/3 plus den. Screened lanai with new furniture, stainless steel appliances, newer air-source heat pump.

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OPEN HOUSES ARE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**
- **$395,000**
  - 382 4th Ave S #382 - Ready to move in
downstairs living space 2 years ago. 1st floor
tower of lake and golf course. Upscale
furnishings. Impact glass. 3/3 (H11403)
  - 7373 Golden Gate Point Dr - Beautifully
designed 1st floor unit. Terrific views of the
beach and trams. JimScartz.com. 2/2 (C12469)
  - 8121 Middle Dr - Exceptional lake views
from a 2nd floor unit. Beautifully upgraded
closets and 2nd bedroom. Fenced yard. Large
townhome. JimScartz.com. 3+Den/3 (C12690)

**MOODYSTON**
- **$1,945,000**
  - 5322 Maravilla Dr - Luxury living at its
best in 5th Ave neighborhood. Enjoy
tropical surroundings. 3+Den/3.5 (H11557)
  - 8792 Bayou Sound Dr - New home in
the heart of Naples. Beautifully designed
and equipped. 4/2 (H11142)

**MOONLIGHTS**
- **$2,000,000**
  - 15100 Snow Creek Dr - Amazing home
with water and golf course views. Live in
the luxury lifestyle of "Mariners Yacht & Country Club" in this
custom manor home. 4/4 (H11184)

**NAPLES**
- **$50,000**
  - 3201 Dru Dr. - Outstanding older
quality home with all the amenities of a
modern home yet the charm and feel of an
older home. JimScartz.com. 3/3 (H10902)
  - 3281 7th Ave SW - Excellent location near
downtown Naples and Old Naples. This
charming 2nd floor townhome has been
nicely updated. 2/2 (C13050)

**NEW GARDE RUNE**
- **$1,756,000**
  - 13462 Kent St - Great Room villa.
Gourmet kitchen, SS appliances, granite,
tiled floors in 18" cream tile. 2+Den/1.5 (C13155)
  - 15202 San Michele Blvd - Gated
community, waterfront, pool, spa. JimScartz.com. 3+Den/3.5 (C12818)

**BONITA BAY**
- **$2,225,000**
  - 15351 Via Riva - 2/2 - Ready to move in
next month with new bathrooms and
newly painted. JimScartz.com. 2/2 (C13061)

**VILLAGE GREEN**
- **$319,500**
  - 8706 Old Farms Rd - New 1st floor
home with an open floorplan, granite
counters, all SS appliances, tile throughout.
JimScartz.com. 3/2 (H11194)

**MOORINGS**
- **$1,290,000**
  - 4245 1st Ave S - Amazing waterfront
home with a lake view. 3/2.5 (C12914)
  - 52710 Gulf Shore Blvd - Top floor
condo in prestigious "The Moorings." 3/3 (H11594)

**NAPLES PARK**
- **$420,000**
  - 714 Poinciana Ave - Charming beach
home. Perched on a small island in the
beachfront section of Plantation Bay. 2/2
(I12302)

**LELY RESORT**
- **$325,000**
  - 5505 Players Cove Dr #102 - Peaceful
lake views from "Players Club and Spa". 3/3 (H11417)
  - 6555 Valen Way #G-203 - Peaceful lake
views from "Players Club and Spa". 3/3 (H11189)

**LELY RESORT**
- **$339,900**
  - 5515 Golden Bay Drive - Comfortable
condo near the "Players Club and Spa". 3/3 (H11566)

**MANCHESTER SQUARE**
- **$360,900**
  - 3362 Kent St - Great Room villa.
Gourmet kitchen, SS appliances, granite,
chesterfield style amenities. JimScartz.com. 3/3 (H11015)

**RIVER VIEW**
- **$399,900**
  - 325 Sunset Ln - Amazing open floorplan
home on 2.34 acres, this wonderfully
tended oasis is move-in ready! 3/2 (H11576)

**TANNERY HILL**
- **$500,000**
  - 3591 Estero Blvd - Amazing ocean
views from "Players Club and Spa". 3/3 (H11529)
  - 2245 Valencia Lakes Cir - Outstanding
wide water views from "Players Club and Spa".
3/3 (H11520)

**NAPLES**
- **$256,000**
  - 101 Captain Flamingo Cir - Fabulous
waterfront home with all the amenities of a
modern home yet the charm and feel of an
older home. JimScartz.com. 3/2 (C12963)

**STRAFORE PLACE**
- **$225,000**
  - 2718 21st Street SW - Excellent location
to downtown, 1.14 acres. Great pool/lanai/home
in a great location. 3/2 (H11517)

**PARKS HILL**
- **$208,000**
  - 3472 Kent St - Great Room villa.
Gourmet kitchen, SS appliances, granite,
counter, tile in diagonal, crowd tailoring, formal
dining room, family room, breakfast nook, 3+Den/3 (H10670)

**VILLAGE GREEN**
- **$159,900**
  - 625 26th Ave - Fabulous location near
town. 3/2.5 (C12963)

**ARMS OF PELICAN BAY**
- **$2,000,000**
  - 8373 Pelican Bay Blvd - 2 storey
condo in Pelican Bay. Great room, family
room, huge lanai, 4/3.5 (H11478)

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND**
- **$1,150,000**
  - 1183 Portside Drive - Beautifully
designed and equipped. 4/2 (H11195)

**COLLIER'S RESERVE**
- **$1,180,000**
  - 11073 Breckway Drive - Amazing
waterfront location on the estuary of the
Bay. Bright, open great room, family room,
den/office, large lanai. Beautifully designed
and equipped. 4/3.5 (H11479)

**PARK AVE MARIA**
- **$113,000**
  - 7386 Estero Blvd - Amazing ocean
views from "Players Club and Spa". 3/3 (H11529)

**COLLIER'S RESERVE**
- **$1,150,000**
  - 8526 Pelican Bay Blvd - 2 storey
condo in Pelican Bay. Great room, family
room, huge lanai, 4/3.5 (H11478)

**VILLAGE GREEN**
- **$183,000**
  - 638 26th Ave - Fabulous location near
town. 3/2.5 (C12963)

**NAPLES**
- **$200,000**
  - 603 110th Ave N - Charming beach
home. Pool/pavement deck. Great room/
family or entertaining! 4/2 (H11148)

**NAPLES**
- **$50,000**
  - 3462 Kent St - Great Room villa.
Gourmet kitchen, SS appliances, granite,
kitchen island, tile, dual sinks in main bath,
walk-in closet, tiled, pool, screened lanai, Barky
Dickens. 3/3 (H11599)

**LELY RESORT**
- **$300,000**
  - 6332 Players Cove Dr - Great Room
villa. Gated community, waterfront, pool,
spa. JimScartz.com. 3+Den/3.5 (C12894)

**DUNLEAVY**
- **$250,000**
  - 2260 S 57th Ave - Beautiful pool
home with a rich and perfect length of
beach. 3/3 on main level and 2 split
design/editable associate. JimScartz.com. 3+Den/3 (H10902)

**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**
- **$339,900**
  - 1046 Shell Harbor Ct - Beautiful pool
home with lake view. 3/2.5 (C13125)

**GOLDEN GATE ESTATES**
- **$375,000**
  - 3275 Golden Beach Dr - Gourmet home
remodeled in the style of the Collier's Reserve
golf course with, excelente views and a
eesape in a private view of the Gulf of
Mexico from this fantastic home! 3/3 (H11573)
  - 8640 Capri Way - Beautifully designed
and equipped. 3/3 (H11194)
  - 8074 Players Cove Dr #102 - Exquisite
waterfront home with all the amenities of a
modern home yet the charm and feel of an
older home. JimScartz.com. 3/3 (H11520)

**VILLAGE GREEN**
- **$319,500**
  - 2591 Condo Unit - Large poolside
condo with views. 2/2 (C12963)

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Moving 6 million units would be a milestone for any company, but local nonprofit Baby Basics decided such an event is worthy of a community celebration. This year, the group is hosting a concert with Naples Philharmonic performers to thank locals for their support in providing that number of diapers to area families in need.

The concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Naples United Church of Christ will bring together performers including saxophonist Lew Del Gatto and trumpeter Dan Miller, vocalist Rebecca Richardson, flautist Leelo Basham, violinist Glenn Basham, cellist Adam Satinsky, the Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Band and the church’s sanctuary choir.

All of the artists are donating their time and talent, and Shula’s Steakhouse has kicked in a complementary cocktail party with hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine for VIP ticketholders and those who purchase premiere concert seating. The post-concert party takes place from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Shula’s at the Hilton Naples.

Neapolitan Jean Ann Lynch founded Baby Basics in her northern home of Ridgewood, N.J., in 1990 to provide diapers to low-income, working parents, allowing them a little more cash to feed and shelter themselves and their children. Baby Basics now has affiliate organizations throughout the country, including the local chapter, which has grown to include 10 distribution sites in Naples and Bonita Springs.

According to the National Diaper Bank Network, diapers can cost families an average of $100 a month. In low-income homes, parents often have to spend more than that because they only have enough cash to purchase small quantities at a time, Mrs. Lynch says.

In addition, many people don’t realize that a household that depends on two working parents cannot go the thrifty way. By Lindsey Nesmith

Lynn Davison’s figurative art on exhibit at the Alliance for the Arts

Lynn Davison’s ‘Modesty2’ is a brutally honest representation of the artist’s body from her lower face to upper thighs, the non-airbrushed body of a then 66-year-old woman who bore children. The work is ruthlessly honest, with substantial hips, rounded belly, bulges and wrinkles. Her hands grip a long sheet of plastic bunched up in front her breasts and obscuring her face.

“All that one of my stomach that went to the Smithsonian was at the National Portrait Gallery for a year,” says the Naples-based artist. “So my belly was hanging up in Washington, which I thought was really funny.”

In an artist’s statement accompanying the piece, she wrote: “Paid models are a luxury and rarely found in artists’ studios. It should surprise no one that I have spent much time studying and painting my own mirrored figure, as it has evolved from youthful girlishness to the not-so-girlish figure you see in ‘Modesty2’. ... The belly had become the palpable focus of the work. Its scars, wrinkles and fat spoke of a life that has been well-lived.”

In her later years, she didn’t think she had the patience to sit and do a nude self-portrait, but then thought she should do one again, “Just to see what’s happening.”

“Modesty2” by Neapolitan Lynn Davison is on display at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.
It is often more difficult to review a short book than a long book. Such is the case with a fine children’s book like the latest in Brad Meltzer’s Ordinary People Change the World series. Earlier titles in the series have included child-friendly biographies of Amelia Earhart, Jackie Robinson, Lucille Ball and Martin Luther King. Amelia Earhart, Jackie Robinson, Lucille Ball and Martin Luther King. These inspirational narratives written for children from 5-8 years old invite youngsters to dream bigger and to pursue their dreams energetically.

Now Mr. Meltzer gives a voice to Jim Henson as if Mr. Henson was writing a memoir. He offers characterizing details and “sue their dreams energetically.” This was “Sam and Friends,” in which his highly expressive Muppets first came alive. Mr. Henson’s imagination was the great gift he continued to develop.


Keep believing, keep pretending, keep practicing. The full flourishing of the Muppets, through “The Muppet Show” and “Sesame Street,” required teamwork: writers, actors, puppet builders and more. But the key ingredient that allowed imagination to become fully realized was practice.

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Mr. Henson’s occasional setbacks. What might have seemed like frivolous indulgences were encouraged, allowing him to find his way to a notable career in television and movies. One influence was Edgar Bergen, a ventriloquist whose invention, Charlie McCarthy, seemed human to young Henson.

As a teenager and young adult, Mr. Henson had early experiences in local television that set him on the road to universal acclaim. This show was “Sam and Friends,” in which his highly expressive Muppets first came alive. Mr. Henson’s imagination was the great gift he continued to develop.

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It’s not enough, Mr. Meltzer tells his readers, to be a dreamer. The practice — the hard work — is as important as the dream.

Mr. Henson saw his work as a way of bringing people together. Author Meltzer has him say: “I wanted our audience to know that despite all the chaos, and despite our differences, there is nothing more fun than being together.” And the mesh between the easy, conversational voice the author invents and the images created by Mr. Eliopoulos is perfect. The lessons are amusingly presented, and the enthusiasm should motivate youngsters — as long as they remember the parts about practicing and about Mr. Henson’s occasional setbacks.

Well, I don’t want to write a review longer than the book. What Mr. Meltzer is doing in this series is important. Try this medicine on your children and grandchildren. It goes down easy.

About the author
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— Lynn Davison, Naples artist

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over the years. (My body) is much more interesting now than when I was younger, because I’m older and things are more interesting, more saggy, and there’s more to it. It’s not a soft little female figure anymore. It’s just more interesting.”

The figurative painter is endlessly intrigued by this: “I don’t know why. Some people are more attracted to one thing or another. I remember the first time when I was real little, I saw a book my stepmother had, and it was of etchings. And I saw a couple of Goya’s ‘Disasters of War’ and it just struck me.”

Even now, she says, when she’s looking through art books, it’s always the figurative painter who appeals to her. “When I was in high school, I was taking art lessons from a fellow in Sarasota, a landscape artist. He taught me basics, which was really nice, but it was always a struggle to do landscapes; I couldn’t care less about it.

“I’ve loved anatomy. I love how a figure is put together. I love seeing bones under skin and how light affects that. I like something that hits me in the gut, and pretty, soft things don’t do that, particularly. It has to have more feeling to it.”

A collection of Davison’s paintings and drawings will be on exhibit at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers from Feb. 3-25. The artist will be present at the opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and will give a conversational talk and walk, discussing her work, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Davison rarely exhibits in the area; she mainly shows in Sarasota, Tampa and Atlanta. She’s been showing in Sarasota for 50 years, she estimates. Her work is part of the public collections of the University of Tampa, Ohio University (Athens), the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, the Ringling Museum of Art, the Polk Museum of Art, the city of Tampa and the city of Orlando, just to name a handful. Her last local exhibit was a one-woman show at the Naples Museum of Art in 2011.

She doesn’t know any places in Naples she’d feel comfortable with, or whether the community would share her aesthetic.

“It’s nice to be isolated and not get into the whole local art economy or art scene. I like to stay out of local politics.”

At press time, Davison was still determining which pieces would go into her show. “When I have a show, I like to have a variety of sizes and prices. I get bored if I go to a show where everything is the same size, or the same theme, over and over.”

In addition to her paintings, she’ll include some small works that are 4-by-6 inches, created on her iPad. She’ll have close to 100 of those, she says, and will put them up haphazardly in an alcove at the Alliance.

“A bunch of them, not in a row. No particular order to it. It’s just as if you have a wall that you tack things to, just things that interest you.”

The iPad drawings were fun to do, she says.

“They would be like snapshots of how you produce a painting. It would suggest things, and you could play with that. And if it didn’t work, it didn’t matter; you hadn’t spent months on it. It was a very freeing experience.”

She’s also going to exhibit some of her studies of the back of a head and hands. A portrait doesn’t have to be just a feature on a face, she says. “You can tell someone by the back of their head, and it really intrigued me. I had seen bald heads, and I thought, ‘That’s really nice.’ So I had (a friend) pose, with his wife’s hands on top of his head, and I saw that as a portrait, because it’s a particular head. It doesn’t have eyes or mouth, but I see it very much as a portrait. I saw as much as a portrait as looking at someone straight on.”

Davison also creates paintings that, like those of Balthus, are somewhat surrealistic and seem to be a scene in a story or a play. One, which will not be exhibited at the Alliance due to space limitations, is called “Boat.” It shows a nude woman (Davison, again) in a precariously tilted rowboat, her right leg in the water. Is she testing the water? About to jump? To add to the mystery, a chunk of meat is nailed to a seat in the boat. Using meat in some of her paintings came about from a conversation with a friend who was talking about someone who was feeling sorry for herself. They had an expression in their family that someone should tie a piece of meat to you, and at least the dogs would like you.

“So it was, ‘Don’t feel sorry for yourself, we’ll give you a piece of meat!’ So I did several paintings with meat attached.”

She has also done paintings of a newly married man and woman together, embracing in various poses, as viewed from above (her New Love series.) A gallery owner in Sarasota she’d been friends with for years, the late Allyn Gallup, had challenged her, saying, “You do all these figures, but nothing is ever erotic.”

“So I thought, OK, I would do some erotic things, or try to… I did these specifically for him, because he’d been ribbing me for years that my figures are not particularly erotic.

“You never know what’s going to be pushing you, or what’s going to intrigue you,” she says.

“That’s how incorporating plastic with figures came about.

She was looking at a wastebasket with a plastic liner. “You could see through it, and I thought, ‘That would be really interesting’: I had my husband sit with plastic over his hands, and it was real simple. I was curious about what disappears, what comes to the foreground, what reflects. You can see so many colors in the plastic. The plastic almost makes its own design and rhythm, and combining that with what I happened to have under the plastic. I also thought of the plastic as something that people would put over something to protect it.”

But when she started showing those paintings, she realized that people had other ideas.

“Some would see a morgue, or things that I had absolutely no idea they would see. They would see bodies that would be dead bodies. That was not my intention.”

But, she says, that’s fine. “Everybody brings their own ideas to what they’re looking at. It isn’t for me to say. It’s not my problem after I’ve put it out there. I don’t want them to see just what I see. I want them to see whatever they want to. I just don’t want them to say it’s badly done.”

“You go through these periods too, of things that fascinate you. You start something, then something else will fascinate you, and you will go with that.”

She hasn’t done any paintings with plastic lately, she says.

A precursor to that were paintings of paper towels or of white cloth. “I just wanted to see what I could see in that, and the more I looked, the more I could see the reflection, how light changes. You can see an orange or a yellow or a blue.”

It became quite fascinating, she says, a lesson in learning to see.

“It’s the same that I see with flesh, with skin. I just see so much. I see the reflection, how light hits a skin and shadows. It’s all most the same thing. I guess. It’s all a looking; it’s all seeing... It’s amazing how much we don’t see. So maybe that’s a good thing, to help people see things.”

She may tell herself stories about her work, but it changes while she’s working on it, sometimes from day to day.

“People want this whole heavy dialogue about what (my paintings) mean and the deep meaning. Darned if I know.”
Eighth annual ‘Jazz to Broadway’ concert benefits Laces of Love

A former Saturday Night Live Band saxophonist and other award-winning musicians join forces for the eighth annual “From Jazz to Broadway” concert to benefit Laces of Love at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at Covenant Church of Naples. General admission tickets are $50; platinum tickets with reserved seating for the concert and an afterparty hosted by Norman Love Confections and Prestige Catering are $120.

Laces of Love provides new shoes, especially sneakers, to low-income and disadvantaged children in Collier and Lee counties. Since its incorporation in 2005, the nonprofit has provided more than 30,000 pairs of new shoes to deserving youngsters. Laces of Love does not give shoes directly to children. Recipients are determined with help from guidance counselors and school nurses in public schools and from various nonprofit organizations. Many times the Laces of Love shoes are the first pair of new shoes the child has ever had.

The lineup of performers for “From Jazz to Broadway” includes Broadway veteran Glory Crampton (“The Phantom of the Opera,” “The Fantasticks”); the women’s a cappella group BLING!; the gospel group Higher Ground; trumpeter Dan Miller, who performed for 20 years with the Wynton Marsallis; saxophonist Lew Del Gatto, who performed with Harry Connick Jr. and Higher Ground; Dan Miller, who has performed with Harry Connick Jr. and Wynton Marsallis; saxophonist Lew Del Gatto, who performed for 20 years with the Saturday Night Live Band; concert pianist Jodie DeSalvo; recording artist Robert Williamson; and the local duo Billy Dean and Dawn.

Concert organizer Tamra Nashman, and Morning Blend will emcee the evening. Richardt and Courtney Perna of Fox4 will also perform.)

Tickets area available in advance by calling 591-1172 or email info@lacesoflove.org. For more information about Laces of Love, visit www.lacesoflove.org.

EVENTS, OFFERS, & NEW PROCEDURES

Wednesday, February 8 [ 2:00-4:00 PM ]
Advances in Cosmetic Surgery & Non-Surgical Procedures Q&A Seminar
Meet Dr. Kent V. Hasen, Board Certified Plastic Surgeon and Brandie Gostigian PA-C for an in-depth Q&A seminar focused on the latest advances in surgical and non-surgical procedures for the face, breast and body — procedures that offer a slimmer and more curvaceous you. Refreshments will be served. RSVP today!

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Contact Jeanne by phone at 591-1172 or email info@lacesoflove.org for more information to give your guests.

If the shoe fits
New sneakers of all sizes (lace of Love collects shoes for children from toddlers to high school seniors) and monetary donations of any amount (100 percent of which are used to purchase shoes unless otherwise designated) are always gratefully accepted.

Laces of Love also facilitates the donation of cleats and sports shoes to many student athletes in Southwest Florida.

Hosting a shoe party can be a fun and rewarding way to get together group of neighbors, golf or tennis buddies, church friends, bridge partners, soccer moms and co-workers. Invite them for brunch or dinner, tea or happy hour — whatever your pleasure — and ask them to bring a pair of new sneakers for a boy or girl, child size 3 up to adult size 12.

Laces of Love is happy to provide handouts with more information to give your guests. As host, you can deliver shoes to Laces of Love headquarters, or someone from the organization can pick them up from you.

All donations will be tagged “from Laces of Love” and delivered to a public school or nonprofit to be given to a deserving child.

Ready to arrange a party? Call Jeanne Nealon at 591-1172 or email info@lacesoflove.org.

— If you prefer to donate money, make your check payable to Laces of Love and mail it to Laces of Love headquarters at 7655 Bethany Place, Naples, FL 34105.

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THEATER

Dead Accounts — By The Naples Players through Feb. 26 at Suncoast Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Bell, Book & Candle — By The Naples Players through Feb. 5 at the Suncoast Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Burn This — By Laboratory Theater of Florida Feb. 3-35, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0841 or www.labatory-theaterflorida.com.

Chicago — At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 9901负责同志, 7:30, 8:45 and 2 p.m. 278-2422 or www.barbarabmann.com.

33 Variations — By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates through Feb. 4 at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 939-2785, 936-3299 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Phantom — At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Feb. 11. 362-7370 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Shear Madness — By Florida Repertory Theatre through March 12 in the ArtStage Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.


Fancy an excursion? Naples Opera Society hosts a trip to Miami to see Florida Grand Opera’s “Eugene Onegin.” The motor coach departs from Crossroads Shopping Center at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The trip includes dinner, the pre-show lecture and the 8 p.m. performance at the Adrienne Arscht Center of the Performing Arts. www.naplesoperasociety.org

THURSDAY 2.2

Garden Show — Naples Botanical Garden presents an art show with mahjong from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 991 Winterberry Drive. 389-7872 or www.marcojcmi.com.


Gypsy Jazz — Hot Club of SBQ performs at 6-9 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. 204-5260 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Moonlight on the Marsh — Florida Gulf Coast University hosts a lecture by stacks bird expert Luisa Fernanda Veach from 3:45 p.m. to sunset. Free with regular park entry. 463-4588 or www.friendsofloverskey.org.

Fridays 2.3

See Shells — Bonita Springs Shell Club hosts its 21st annual show and sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee. 695-2428 or www.bonitaartcenter.org.

Meet the Butchers — Clyde and Nikki Butcher welcome visitors to their Big Cypress Gallery to see Mr. Butcher’s newest digital shots and large-format silver photos from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday, Feb. 4. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.


Art Exhibit — Betty Wilson, the 2016 resident artist at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, displays and sells the work she completed during her year in residency from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-0696 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

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Tango Time — Pablo Regun Tango hosts workshops with Patricia Tosceda and Eva Lucero from 2:31-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. A performance and milonga follow from 7:30-9 p.m. $30-$60 for workshops. $20 for show and dance. 6716 Old Banyan Way. (350) 785-8899 or www.paboloportunango.com.

Brew to You — Bonita Brew Fest 2017 brims with unlimited beers, ciders and food from vendors like Johnsonville Marketplace and live music by Speal with and Woline Sosa starting at 4 p.m. at Riverside Park. $15-$70. 10498 Reynolds St. www.bontiabrewfest.com.

Tickling the Ivories — Pianist Dori Doss performs for the Naples Opera Society with the Naples Orchestra and Chorus at 7 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at Golden Gate High School. 2925 Titan Way. $18-$20, 298-7991 or www.naplesoperaorchestra.com.

SUNDAY 2.5

Treasure Hunt — Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park welcomes beachcombers on a guided tour to see the shells at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-0696 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Om in the Garden — Bend, stretch and breathe with an instructor from green fingers from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. $10 for members, $20 for others. 642-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Art on Marco — Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a craft show featuring works in a variety of mediums from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 218-0841 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Cruisin’ — Miromar Outlets hosts a car show featuring classic, custom and exotic cars from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Slip & 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.watersideshops.com.

Free Concert — Naples Dixieland Jazz Band performs at 2 p.m. at the Cam- ber Park band shell. 643-1150 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film — FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “The Second Mother” (Brazil, 2015) at 2 p.m. at the university’s Nearsenhall Theater. Free. 451-7509 or www.artscenterbonita.org.

Meet the Creators — For the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a multimedia presentation about female composers from 5:50-8:30. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8899 or www.artscenterbonita.org.

MONDAY 2.6

Sunset Yoga — Instructor from green monkey yoga lead a sunset yoga session on the beach at 5 p.m. today at Delnor- Wiggins Pass State Park. $5 plus park entry fee. 598-0388 or www.greenmonkey.com.

Opera Night — Naples Opera Society hosts a recital featuring the works of Werther and Faust at 7:30 p.m. At The Norris Center. $10. 898-5079 or georgerow- Bowman@gmail.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Big Band Concert** – Stardust Memories Big Band performs from 7-9 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. Free. 823-7240.

**American Heroine** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy presents a lecture about Betty Zane, a 16-year-old girl who helped Americans win the last battle of the Revolutionary War, from 1-3 p.m. at Vi at Bentley Village. $24 for members, $29 for others. 850 Retreat Drive. 431-2000 or www.fgcu.edu.

**All That Jazz** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a performance of songs from the Broadway classic “Chicago” from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Arlington. 7900 Arlington Circle. 307-3000 or www.fgcu.edu.

**Veterans Panel** – FGCU hosts its 15th annual Veterans Voices symposium where a panel of war veterans from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan share their experiences from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the university’s main campus. Free. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

**For the Birds** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a bird tour of the garden at 8 a.m. Free with admission. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

**Do your little ones have some wiggles to get out?** Award-winning children’s entertainer Ellen Allard (“Driving in My Car,” “Rattlin’ Bog”) performs at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Temple Shalom. — www.naplestemple.org

**Learn about the avian creatures that make themselves at home at Naples Botanical Garden during a guided bird tour that starts at 8 a.m. Tuesday.** — www.naplesgarden.org

**The Bonita Springs Shell Club** holds its 24th annual show and sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Brookdale Senior Center.

**The traveling production of the Tony- and Grammy award-winning “Beautiful – The Carole King Musical” stops at Arts—Naples Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 7-12.** — www.artsnaples.org

**World-renowned tango team Patricio Touceda and Eva Lucero** host workshops from 2-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. Saturday at Pablo Repun Tango. The pair heat up the dance floor and host a group dance after the late session. — www.pablorepuntango.com

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**Heart Song** – CAPA presents a Valentine’s Day chamber concert at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $10-$40. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org. See story on page C10.

**Moonlight on the Water** – Collier-Seminole State Park hosts nighttime canoe trips from 8:30-10:30 p.m. today and Thursday, Feb. 9, 85. reservations required. 20200 Tamiami Trail E. 394-3397 or www.floridastateparks.org.
WHAT TO DO

COMING UP

Nature Talk – Learn all about sea turtles at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee. 397-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Lifelong Learning – Learn to make origami airplanes from 9 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Tribunal Talk – Hodges University presents a lecture about the Nuremberg trials from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 9. $10. 510.2655 Northbrooke Drive. 598-6153 or www.hodges.edu.

Ocean Talk – Oceanographer and author Ellen Prager makes ocean science entertaining from 6-8 p.m. Thurs- day, Feb. 9, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. $20 for members, $25 for others. 300 Tower Road. 530-9940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Free Bird – Lynyard Skynyrd performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Germain Arena with special guests Outlaw and Blackfoot. $40-$80. 948-7825 or www.fgcu.edu.

Bluegrass Concert – Dana Louise & Glorious Birds perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Arts Center Bonita Springs. $20-$30. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

All Greek to Us – St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church kicks off Greek Festival 2017 at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10. The party continues throughout the weekend with food, cultural demonstrations, markets, exhibits, giveaways and more. Free admission Friday, $5 through the weekend. 7100 Airport Road. 591-3430 or www.saintkatheriner_ALERT.ORG.

Here’s Lookin’ at You – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “Casa blanca” (1942) at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. $6 for members, $8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4757 or www.fgcu.edu.

Sunset Yoga – Local yoga instructor Caryn Gallagher leads a beachside session at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Seagate Beach. Free, but donations appreciated. (239) 505-9642.

Cool Winter Nights – Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts a family fun night with a bounce house, rock climbing and video games on an inflatable screen and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Golden Gate Middle School. Free. 774-4434 or www.colliersheriff.org.

Moonlight on the Marsh – Florida Gulf Coast University hosts a lecture by water experts William Mitsch and Juliet C. Sproul titled “Restoring the Great Florida Everglades: What Has Gone Right and What Has Gone Wrong” at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. 325-1365 or www.fcu.edu.

Live Music – Cover band Hester Prynn performs from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Miromar Outlets. 948-7756 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Cool Concert – Echoing Air performs the work of Henry Purcell and his contemporaries on period instruments from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs. 9801 Bonita Beach Road. 293-3111 or www.stmarysbonsita.org.

Ocean Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Free. www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

Walk On By – Dionne Warwick performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Seminole Casino Immokalee. $95. (800) 218-0007 or www.marinemuseums.org.

Crackin’ Claws – The Everglades Seafood Festival returns to Everglades City Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12. 692-2277 or www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

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

Romance will fill the air at the next Spectrum Series concert presented by the Cultural and Performing Arts Center. “A Musical Valentine” showcases classic love songs performed by two married couples who are also musical duos: Mary Bowden and David Dash on trumpet, and Catherine Lan and Tao Lin on piano.

The Naples Opera Society invites opera aficionados to catch the bus to Miami for performances of Florida Grand Opera. Tickets include 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 Gustav III of Sweden in 1792.

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PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You don’t like rejection. But instead of trying to “ram” your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you’ll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don’t really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to maintain your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you’ll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don’t exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like your fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln, you have a way of handling the most difficult situations with grace and conviction.

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This deal occurred in the quarterfinal match between Italy and the United States at the 2004 world team championship in Istanbul. The Italians defeated their longtime rivals by the slender margin of 12 IMPs in the 80-deal clash.

The Italy-U.S. confrontation was an up-and-down affair, with the lead changing hands many times. Today’s deal helped put the Americans into the lead at the end of the second 16-board segment.

The bidding shown took place when Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin were North-South for Italy. Mr. Duboin ruffed the opening spade lead and had to decide how to breach the trump suit.

West’s four-spade bid indicated a distributional hand with few high cards, so it would seem that declarer would do best by leading a low diamond from his hand to see whether West had a singleton honor. In the actual case, this would have resolved the issue immediately. If an honor did not appear, declarer would play the king, and if it lost to the ace, he would have to decide whether to finesse East for the jack when the suit was next led from dummy.

Instead, Mr. Duboin crossed to dummy with a club at trick two and led a diamond to the queen. When this lost to the singleton ace, he had to go down one.

At the other table, Bobby Levin and North dealer, both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**
- 8
- Q 10
- K 76
- A Q 8 7

**WEST**
- 10 7 6 5 4
- A K Q J 9 2
- 7 6 4
- A
- 10 9 6 2

**SOUTH**
- A K J 8 3 2
- Q 10 8 5 4
- K 4

The bidding:
- North: 1 ♦
- East: 1 ♦
- South: 3 ♦
- West: 4 ♦

Opening lead — five of spades.

Steve Weinstein of the U.S. also reached six diamonds and got a spade lead. Here, too, the Italian West had bid four spades at his first turn. Mr. Weinstein considered his first play in the trump suit very carefully and found the winning line by leading low from his hand at trick two. The appearance of West’s ace gave the Americans a 16-IMP pickup on the deal.
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FILM CAPSULES

20th Century Women ★★★ ½
(Annette Bening, Lucas Jade Zumann, Elle Fanning) In 1979, a singer mother (Ms. Bening) asks two female friends (Ms. Fanning and Greta Gerwig) to help her 15-year-old son (Mr. Zumann) become a man. Ms. Bening leads the stellar ensemble in this wonderful coming of age story that sublimely captures the travails of adolescence and the spirit of the ’70s. Don’t miss it! Rated PG-13.

Silence ★★★
(Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson) Director Martin Scorsese’s latest follows two priests (Mr. Garfield and Mr. Driver) as they travel to Japan to find their mentor (Mr. Neeson). It notably lacks Mr. Scorsese’s dynamic style, and as a result is a dull bore of 161 minutes. Rated R.

Hidden Figures ★★★
(Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae) African-American women and brilliant mathematician 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 unhappy father and 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 show-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.

La La Land ★★★★★

La La Land ★★★
(Bryan Cranston, Emma Stone, JK Simmons) The 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.
**LATEST FILMS**

**‘A Dog’s Purpose’**

Is it worth $107 No

“A Dog’s Purpose” has a terrible start and gets worse from there. A red retriever runs away from the pound and is caught by two irresponsible day laborers. It’s a hot summer day. They leave the dog in the truck, windows rolled up, as they go inside to get horribly drunk. Expectedly, the hot dog begins panting. It’s the 1950s. A mother (Juliette Binoche) and her son Ethan (Bryce Gheisar) soon pass by, and seeing the dog in discomfort, proceed to break the window, take the dog out and bring the canine home with them.

Some will view this as a righteous move to help a poor animal. Others (like me) note that they didn’t even try to find the truck owners, broke into and destroyed personal property, then stole the dog. That’s illegal.

But really, we should’ve known something like this was coming, what with the usual but not engaging opening moments and all. As director Lasse Hallström’s (“The Hoax”) film begins, Josh Gad (“Frozen”), providing voiceover in a hopeful, child-like tone, asks, “What is the meaning of life?” and “Are we here to get horribly drunk.”

Expectedly, the hot dog creates a sense of hope and happiness. Whether Ethan finds a trucker to help a poor animal. Others may find the truckers with them to find out. Will Ethan and the dog (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) ever find love? Sure, if she’ll get out of her own pigheaded way. These scenarios don’t evoke sympathy so much as groaning frustration.

“A Dog’s Purpose” is a pandering, scheming, unfortunate movie. Sure, dog lovers will find plenty of cuteness to enjoy. Other dog lovers will have seen the controversial video on social media featuring an animal handler forcing a German shepherd into rough water to film a scene and boycott the movie. They should consider themselves fortunate. While the details of that event are in dispute, this is not: The movie is frustrating. It doesn’t even train Bailey, but doesn’t stop Ethan from taking him everywhere off leash, including a fairground with hundreds of people who may be allergic to pet dander. Later, Ethan’s girlfriend (Brett Robertson) brings the dog to his high school football games. In another segment, the reincarnated dog attends college courses and fine dining restaurants.

All this dog drama doesn’t even get into the human storylines, which are never interesting. None of the four vignettes — in which the dog’s soul comes back as another breed and his travels with humans — are substantial on their own terms. Did Ethan’s dad (Luke Kirby) have to be a drunk? It serves no purpose to the story. Why does Carlos (John Ortiz) live alone? We don’t spend enough time with him to find out. Will Maya (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) ever find love? Sure, if she’ll get out of her own pigheaded way. These scenarios don’t evoke sympathy so much as groaning frustration.

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“there’s a rat under the table. That’s a simple but real point. 用户名为 "dan HUDAK" 的人在忘了它的基本情况。
Humans — we have a problem. We. Are. All. Going. To. Die.

This is indisputable. It is also the frightening reality portrayed in many of the films at this year’s Sundance Film Festival. With issues of climate at the forefront of the programming, the reality of our certain inevitability coming sooner than later is blamed squarely on none other than ourselves. Humans. We are destroying ourselves.

The overriding consensus among those I rubbed shoulders with in Park City last week is that the administration taking shape under President Donald Trump will deserve full brunt of the responsibility. The thought is that because Mr. Trump is an open climate denier, most every effort our country has made to reduce carbon emissions and to spearhead and utilize renewable and sustainability energy sources will be scrapped, lost, destroyed.

Other concerns problematic to the new administration also received their due during this usual celebration of independent film and filmmakers.

There were no interruptions or outbursts during a press conference at the opening of the festival when, in the middle of a question to festival founder Robert Redford, a reporter asked a question about self-censorship out of fear. He started, “We’re entering into a very dark period...” Pretty much everyone nodded along.

Mr. Redford pointed out that when it seems darkness is surrounding us, we look to the light — the light featured in solid storytelling and filmmaking. Good spin, Bob.

Sundance 2017 opened with “An Inconvenient Sequel,” a follow-up to the 2006 Oscar-winning “An Inconvenient Truth.” Ten years later, former Vice President Al Gore, who attended the screening and participated in a panel discussion afterward, is still at it. The movie dives even deeper into the kind of serious trouble the Earth is in, contending that warming has put our planet in its deepest, darkest era. And while the United States has been
the biggest violator of carbon emissions, some of our leaders, Mr. Gore and President Barack Obama among them, worked hard to effect global consensus in a fully supported Paris Agreement to reduce warming internationally.

The end of "An Inconvenient Sequel" addresses the potential obstacles in a Trump administration. Mr. Gore says he still has hope, but he looks worried. When asked about the selection of Rex Tillerson (who spent many years with Exxon Mobil) for secretary of state, for example, he pauses in silence for nearly 15 seconds before responding that oil corporations have advanced climate denial in a way that is “deeply unethical.”

During the panel discussion, Mr. Gore refused to bash President Trump after being peppered with questions designed to have him do so. He intends to keep his conversations with President Trump confidential and communication open, his conversations with President Trump to have him do so. He intends to keep in a way that is “deeply unethical.”

A collaboration between Sundance Institute and The Redford Center brought 14 feature documentaries, shorts and virtual reality experiences with a focus on environmental matters to the 2017 Sundance Film Festival, among them: “Chasing Coral” by Jeff Orlowski, an exploration of dying coral reefs attributed to carbon emissions warming the seas; and Susan Froemke’s “Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman,” a view of the need for global responsibility through the eyes of a Montana rancher, a Kansas farmer and a Florida fisherman. By far, the best party of this year’s festival was the one John Legend hosted after the screening of WGN’s “Underground.” At Park City’s legendary Riverhorse on Main, Mr. Legend proved that not only is he one of America’s most brilliant musical voices, he also has a strong and impassioned political voice for those who may not. He is the co-executive producer of “Underground,” the television series set in 1850s Georgia where plantation slaves fight for their lives, their futures and their freedoms by traveling the Underground Railroad. Sound familiar? [1]

—Eric Raddatz, presentation editor at Florida Weekly, is also the founder of independent film festivals in Naples and Fort Myers and the host/curator of “T.G.I.M.,” Southwest Florida’s indie film show.

Florida Weekly’s Eric Raddatz, right, and Alex Gibney at Sundance.
Families, felonies come to life in ‘Dead Accounts’ at the Sugden

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Players presents Theresa Rebeck’s “Dead Accounts” through Feb. 26 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. The show explores family relationships and values through the comedic bend of the protagonist, Jack, who has recently absconded with $27 million from the “dead accounts” belonging to his Manhattan employer.

When the play opens, Jack (played by Chris Rand) has suddenly and without warning returned to his family home in Cincinnati, Ohio, the center of the country and the symbol of the honest, simple values he was raised on. His rambling sentences — not to mention his frenetic behavior, including a $1,000 bribe of a grocery store clerk for a Graeter’s ice cream fix — infer that something is very wrong.

It appears his time spent working in finance in New York City has put his Midwestern moral barometer on a sliding scale. As he sees it, “People die or forget or paperwork gets lost … the person attached to the account is just not there anymore. So, it’s nobody’s money.”

But families have a way of illuminating what lurks in our shadow selves, and Jack’s justification that the theft he perpetrated is not really grand larceny does not fly with them.

“It’s the bank’s money,” is the crystal clear response from his sister, Lorna (Judith Gangi Santos).

But Jack has run away from more than just a multi-million-dollar felony. He’s also hiding from his wife, Jenny (Mary Mitchell), who wants a divorce.

Although Jack can’t explain to himself how he ended up getting on a plane to flee his cold, barren Manhattan life for the refuge of the tree-lined neighborhood of his Ohio hometown, a childhood memory recounted to him by his devoutly supportive mother, Barbara (Margo Crupi), and his ever-questioning sister might help explain it.

Through comical family dynamics, “Dead Accounts” reminds us that home and family are the ground to return to when you lose your bearings.

‘Dead Accounts’
- Who: The Naples Players
- When: Through Feb. 26
- Where: The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre
- Cost: $30 for adults, $10 for students
- Info: 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org
Put ‘My Broadway’ on your list

Larry Alexander — who performed as Marius in “Les Misérables” on Broadway and was the opening act for one of Liza Minnelli’s world tours — brings his “My Broadway” to TheatreZone at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Accompanied by a three-piece band (including TheatreZone Artistic Director Mark Danni on drums), Mr. Alexander will perform some of Broadway’s most beloved songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Webber, George Gershwin and other contemporary composers. Throughout the night, he will share stories about his life and personal connection to the music. Over the past 10 years he has appeared in 18 TheatreZone productions. His one-time-only performance of “My Broadway” for TheatreZone comes on the heels of his appearance in “Amadeus” (Feb. 9-19, see story below) with the professional company. In April and May, he will have the title role in TheatreZone’s production of “Legs Diamond.”

Tickets are $50-$85, with a limited number of $100 VIP tickets including aisle seating and a pre-show reception. For tickets or more information, call the box office at (888) 966-3352 or visit www.theatrezone-florida.com.

‘Amadeus’ headed to G&L Theatre

A Tony Award winner for Best Play and Academy Award winner for Best Film, “Amadeus” is on the TheatreZone stage for II performances Feb. 9-19.

The highly fictionalized account of the lives of the composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri in the court of Emperor Franz Josef II weaves a confrontation between mediocrity and genius into a dramatic tale of power.

Salieri has given himself to God so that he might realize his sole ambition to be a great composer. Mozart is a foul-mouthed, graceless oaf who has that which is beyond Salieri’s envious grasp: genius.

‘While ‘Amadeus’ is not a musical, it is about one of the greatest musicians of all time, and the play has wonderful music playing throughout the evening,’ TheatreZone Artistic Director Mark Danni says.

The TheatreZone cast of 13 includes Frank Blocker as Salieri, Adolpho Blair as Mozart and Larry Alexander as Franz Joseph II. Mr. Blocker, who is making his TheatreZone debut, has extensive experience on stage, on television and in film. Mr. Blair is well known to Southwest Florida theatergoers, and Mr. Alexander is a TheatreZone favorite (see story above).

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The 1980s and 1990s were the heyday of antiques and specialty shows across Florida.
I remember how we would get up early on a Saturday and drive south to Miami shows for the South Florida Depression Glass Club’s show before heading on down for the D.S. Clark show in Coconut Grove.
We’d stop for dinner somewhere in Coral Gables before heading across the bay for Lou Baron’s Original Miami Beach Antique Show, which drew more than 1,000 dealers from around the world.
That show was open until 10 on Saturdays, so we had plenty of time to score a few finds before heading back to Palm Beach County, where we’d rest up for Sunday’s fun at the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival.
Back then, the West Palm Beach show routinely attracted 1,300 dealers, who filled all the expo buildings and adjoining fields and tents.
The D.S. Clark show is long gone and because of construction on the Miami Beach Convention Center, the Miami Beach show is now west of Miami at the fairgrounds.
But the Depression glass show, which moved to Pompano Beach, is still going strong, as is the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival.
“All three huge expo buildings will be full of fabulous antiques and vintage collectibles from all over the world,” said Kay Puchstein, who along with her husband, Bill, promotes the West Palm Beach show.
Many return year after year, she said, citing Dee De Corey and her husband, Bob. “The Coreys have made a name for themselves in innovative lighting applications over the years and this year is no different,” she said. “This year, they are concentrating on drop shower chandeliers with elegant gold Aurene pulled feather shades.”
Mr. Corey also specializes in antique lighting repair and restoration.
They’ve come to the show since 1989 — three years longer than I have.
I liked the show enough that I was a monthly vendor there in the late ‘90s and again in recent years.
Even the monthly shows, with several hundred dealers, are about the largest in Florida. But the February extravaganzas bring together dealers from around the country, and with them comes fresh merchandise.
You’ll never know what you’ll find.
I promise you this: You’ll find me there, shopping at least. I also hope to make it to the South Florida Depression Glass Show and to the Punta
Gorda Antiques Show, across the state.
I guess it’s better to have too much to do than to have too little!
Here’s a rundown:
The West Palm Beach Antiques Festival —
Noon-5 p.m. Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 4 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 5, South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach. Adult daily admission is $10, seniors $9; with a $1 discount coupon for adult admission available on the website. Early buyers VIP admission, 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 3, is $25; VIP tickets are good for the entire weekend. Children under 16 are admitted free. Info: (941) 697-7475 or email info@wpbaf.com or www.wpbaf.com.

American Glass, Pottery, Dinnerware Sale —
The South Florida Depression Glass Club brings together dealers from across the country, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 4 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 5, Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. Admission: $7; coupon available online. Info: www.SFDGC.com.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 4 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 5, Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. Admission: $7; coupon available online. Info: www.SFDGC.com.

The Punta Gorda Antiques Show —
Feb. 4-5, Charlotte Harbor Events Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. Info: (239) 877-2830 or www.allmanpromotions.com.

The Original Miami Antique Show —
This show, formerly known as The Original Miami Beach Antique Show, draws 1,000 dealers from around the world. Feb. 10-13, Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami. Info: (239) 732-6643 or www.miamibeachantiqueshow.com.

Doll Show & Sale —
By the Fort Myers Doll Club and the Cape Coral Doll Guild, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 4-5, Fort Myers Doll Club, 1001 NE Eighth St., Fort Myers. Admission: free; for children under 12. Info: (239) 540-8628.

The Venice Antiques Show —
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Thursday, Feb. 2, 10 P.M.
Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
Phryne investigates the world of street urchins when a young boy hires her to find his missing brother.

Friday, Feb. 3, 9 P.M.
Live from Lincoln Center
50 Years of Mostly Mozart
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts' Mostly Mozart Festival, one of the world's major music festivals. The visionary programming celebrates the genius of Mozart with signature performances and new commissions.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 P.M.
As Time Goes By
Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer play characters who find each other—and romance—later in life. The results are often poignant and funny.

Sunday, Feb. 5
8 P.M. – Mercy Street
Season 2: One Equal Temper
As Pinkerton looks at the Greens more closely, they join forces to hide an ugly secret. McBurney, hoping to distance Foster from Mary, sends him to a nearby army camp on a house call. Alice helps Frank escape and Samuel earns Charlotte's request.

9 P.M. – Victoria on Masterpiece
Part 4: An Ordinary Woman
Will Victoria and Albert marry? Will the queen promise "to obey" her foreign prince?

Monday, Feb. 6, 10 P.M.
In Their Own Words: Muhammad Ali
Follow Muhammad Ali's path from a gym in Louisville to boxing successes, conversion to Islam, opposition to the draft, exile from the ring, comeback fights, Parkinson's disease and his inspirational re-emergence at the Atlanta Olympics.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8 P.M.
Finding Your Roots
Season 3: Tragedy • Time • Comedy
Uncover a history of tragedies and triumphs in the families of three of America's funniest men: Norman Lear, Jimmy Kimmel and Bill Hader.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 9 P.M.
Nova: Ultimate Cruise Ship
Weighing 54,000 gross tons and stretching over two football fields, the Seven Seas Explorer is no ordinary boat. Join pioneering shipbuilders as they endeavor to build the ultimate cruise ship.
Q: The surrealness of the current presidential election got me to thinking about my favorite fictional president: Frank Underwood. Can you tell me when “House of Cards” will be back?

— Niall T. in Nevada

A: Season five of the high-stakes political drama will drop May 30 on Netflix. As with every season, all episodes will be available at once, but try to pace yourself. If you’re like me, you’ll watch them all in one weekend and then be sad that you have to wait another whole year to see what Kevin Spacey, Robin Wright and the rest of the gang have up their sleeves. Also returning are Michael Kelly, Jayne Atkinson, Neve Campbell, Derek Cecil, Paul Sparks and Joel Kinnaman. I’m really looking forward to this season, with the tagline “We make the terror,” and with Frank and Claire running as president and vice president, respectively, it opens up a whole new world of dastardly deeds done under the guise of patriotism.

Q: “This Is Us” is a wonderful ensemble piece. I care about the lives of every single character. Do you know yet if it has been renewed for another season?

— Layla C., via email

A: NBC’s freshman family dramedy has indeed been renewed for a second season. And I can do you one better: The network has so much faith in its new series it has renewed it for a third season as well. This is almost unprecedented; usually it’s the long-established series that get multiple-season renewals, not new series. That really says something about NBC’s confidence in the show.

Q: Are rumors of a “Charmed” revival true?

— Valerie E., via Twitter

A: The CW recently confirmed it is developing a revival of the popular supernatural series that aired from 1998-2006. The catch with the reimagining of the series is that it will be set BEFORE the original one, in 1976. The new version will be written by Jessica O’Toole, Amy Reed and Jennie Snyder, who all work on the CW’s “Jane the Virgin.” No characters, storyline or cast has been announced yet, but I’ll keep you posted.

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or send an email to letters@cindyelavsky.com.

CELEBRITY EXTRA

Coming in May: ‘House of Cards’

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

At NBC’s freshman family dramedy, Frank Underwood. Can you tell me when “House of Cards” will be back? The network has so much faith in its new series it has renewed it for a third season as well. This is almost unprecedented; usually it’s the long-established series that get multiple-season renewals, not new series. That really says something about NBC’s confidence in the show.
Parents often have to stretch the supplies of disposable diapers they do have, often resulting in diaper rash and a hygiene problem for their children. “It makes it very difficult for them to make ends meet,” she said. “Our role is to provide them with a helping hand.”

She estimates that in 2016, the local chapter helped about 435 families. The recipients are always grateful, Mrs. Lynch says, and find wonderful ways to express their thanks. One example is a young family with twins whose father was back in school. Money was tight, and they qualified for Baby Basics to supply the children diapers. Years later, when they had left the program, the couple
reimbursed the program for the estimated amount it spent diapering their twins. “We received a check in the mail and a wonderful letter about what a helping hand we’d been,” Mrs. Lynch says. To receive diaper assistance, families must be working and not receiving cash assistance. Mrs. Lynch suspects the number of local families needing help and qualifying for it is increasing.

The benefit will also be a great opportunity for people who want to volunteer with Baby Basics to find out more about the program and how they can help. Tickets are $35 for general admission and $800 for VIP admission. To purchase tickets, call United Church of Christ at 261-5469 or visit www.naplesucc.org.

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■ “Travel Treasures of the World,” a benefit for Friends of Foster Children Forever hosted by Preferred Travel of Naples, takes place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Special guest Andrea Bocelli is an Italian classical crossover tenor and singer-songwriter who has recorded 15 solo albums, three greatest hits albums and nine complete operas. For ticket information, visit www.acs-bucketlistbash.com.

■ Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples celebrates C’mon’s fifth anniversary with Night at the Museum: A Pirate Ball starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Guests at the casual event will have their own experiences highlighting the unique approach to learning experienced by the museum’s young visitors. For tickets or more information, call 260-7008 or visit www.cmon.org.

■ Everglades Wonder Gardens holds its second annual Enchanted: An Evening of Wonder, from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the gardens in Bonita Springs. The signature event includes cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, wildlife encounters and “Enchanted Experiences,” a mystery wine pull, seated dinner under a tent, entertainment, live auction and other magical moments. Dr. Steve and Connie McIntosh are honorary chairs. Debbie and Dennis Gilkey, Trish Leonard, Jacke McCurdy, Karin Moe, Gay Price, Marjorie Rubacky, Sandie and Ernie Schaub and Katie and Dave Shellenberger are co-chairs. Sponsors include Arthrex, Best Moving and Storage, Brennan Mann & Diamond, Gilkey Organization and TLC Marketing & Creative Services Inc. Tickets are $150 ($250 to include a Feb. 6 patron party at Northern Trust in Bonita Springs). Other support and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Thomas Hecker at 992-2591 or visit www.evergladeswondergardens.com.

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The Greater Naples YMCA celebrates its 50th anniversary with a “Gold Garden Gala” on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Naples Botanical Garden. Dania and Winston Justice are the evening’s chairs. Special guests will include Naples resident and YMCA member Michelle Konkoly, who won multiple gold medals in swimming at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Proceeds will help fund YMCA scholarships and improvements to the center’s aquatic facilities.

Tickets are $500 for one, $900 per couple and $3,500 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets or get more information, call Lori Reynolds at 963-3768, email lreyolds@greaternaplesymca.org or visit www.greaternaplesymca.org.

Temple Shalom Sisterhood hosts “Cost La Vie: An Afternoon in France” on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Helene Gaillet de Neergard, a former professional photographer who captured the rhythms of nighttime New York City in her photographs of Miles Davis, Lena Horne, Artie Shaw, Cab Calloway, David Frost and Mohammad Ali, will share stories of what she calls her “amazing life” and how she recovered after it was splintered.

The luncheon will feature French cuisine, a “Stroll Down the Champs Elysees” fashion show by Evelyn & Arthur, and music by harpist Laura Lou Roth.


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The Naples Art Association honors is annual “For the Love of Art” on Saturday evening, Feb. 25 at NAA headquarters, 585 Park St. The event company Artistic Science promises a night that celebrates the arts with interactive artistic experiences, live demonstrations, a graffiti wall, culinary creations, a silent auction and an after party on the back deck.

VIP tickets are $450 per person, $750 per couple; general admission tickets are $250 and $450. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 462-5630 or go to www.NaplesArt.org.

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If you’re one of those people for whom wurst is best, head to Our Savior Lutheran Church for the 10th annual Naples Germanfest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Deep-dive into Bavarian delicacies like schnitzel, beef rouladen, bratwurst, knackwurst, German potato salad, spaetzle, pretzels, strudel and a whole lot more while enjoying polka music, dancing, stein-holding contests, family activities and lots more. Entry is $7 (free for ages 18 and younger), with proceeds benefitting local charities including Arow Hospice, Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida and D.R.A.F.T. Fund. For more information, call 597-4091 or visit naplesgermanfest.com.

The Greater Naples YMCA hosts an introductory healthy cooking class with Food for Life instructor Joanne Irwin from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Insight on how nutrition supports health goals, a cooking demonstration and a meal are included. $30. 963-9777 or hroderick@greaternaplesymca.org.

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 like shish kabobs, 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. 591-3430 or www.stkatherine.net.
CUSINE NEWS

The famed Everglades Seafood Festival returns Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at City Hall on the Circle in Everglades City. In addition to all the stone crab, gulf shrimp, Indian fry bread and freshly caught Florida fish guests can eat, the dulcet twang of Nashville stars will keep the party hopping through the weekend. Scheduled to perform while the claw-cracking goes on are Little Texas, A Thousand Horses, The Kentucky Headhunters, Tim Elliott, Garrett Speer and Nadia Turner. Kids will have carnival rides to enjoy and adults can browse craft booths in between servings of seafood. For ticket details and a full schedule of events, visit www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com.

Chef/nutritionist Ruth Fehr at Purple Spoon discusses using food for health and healing in classes from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18. Ms. Fehr will guide home cooks on the optimal uses of fat and protein, the best sources of carbohydrates and sweet treats that don’t compromise health. Classes are $70 each. For more information or to sign up, call 908-3842 or visit www.chefkristina.com.

Couples can enjoy a Valentine’s Day prix-fixe menu and dancing at Paradise Wine from 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14. The four-course menu includes crab bisque with sherry-infused foam, raspberry-brie purse, beef wellington with red wine reduction and red velvet cake. $40 per person. 8965 Tamiami Trail N. 687-3155 or www.paradisewinellc.com.

Tony’s Off Third hosts a wine tasting with Huneeus Vintners from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. $35, attendance is limited to 40 people. 1300 Third St. S. 262-7999 or www.tonysoffthird.com.

Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

- The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.goodlifenames.com – Kitchen Knife Skills: Saturday, Feb. 4 ($80); Sweet & Savory Tastes for the Season: Wednesday, Feb. 8 ($75); Valentine Dinner: Friday, Feb. 10 ($75); Havana Night: Wednesday, Feb. 15 ($69)

- Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-3463 or www.surlatable.com – Italian Flavors Desserts: Friday, Feb. 3 ($69); Exploring Italy Risotto: Friday, Feb. 3 ($69); Date Night Italian Romance: Friday, Feb. 3 ($79); Spectacular Spanish Paella: Saturday, Feb. 4 ($69); Knife Skills: Friday, Feb. 4 ($59); Date Night Evening in Paris: Saturday, Feb. 4 ($79); Valentine Macarons: Sunday, Feb. 5 ($69); Handmade Chocolate Treats: Sunday, Feb. 5 ($69); Girls Night Out Cooking with Wine and Cheese: Sunday, Feb. 5 ($69); Valentine Macarons: Monday, Feb. 6 ($69); Spanish Tapas 101: Monday, Feb. 6 ($69); Spanish Tapas: Monday, Feb. 6 ($69); Fresh Pasta Workshop: Tuesday, Feb. 7 ($69); American Steakhouse Classics: Wednesday, Feb. 8 ($69).

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

A Table Apart, 4295 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, 221-8540

Hawaiian chef Jeff Acol and his French wife, Jessica, are devoted to serving only sustainable seafood and naturally raised meats, but that’s only one of the characteristics that sets them apart. Their menu reflects a union of diverse influences, blending cuisines, flavors and techniques in uncommon ways. An appetizer of escargot, for instance, is inspired by Philippine adobo, so the appetizer of escargot, for instance, is inspired by Philippine adobo, so the appetizer of escargot is inspired by Philippine adobo...

7th Avenue Social, 489 Seventh Ave., S., Naples, 231-4553

A lot of Naples restaurants offer great food, but few do it with the fun and funky vibe that 7th Avenue Social has achieved. The space once occupied by Flava is now owned by Colin Estrem. The menu features innovative cocktails, house-made pickles, onion rings, fried calamari was excellent, but I could have made a meal of the tender-crisp rapped potatoes with splendid roasted tomatoes. A warm chocolate tart with vanilla ice cream and slivered almonds was a perfect finish to the meal. Beer and wine served.

PAST REPASTS

22 Tartine & Tartelette, 1121 Health Park Blvd., Naples; 888-1151

This cozy little restaurant just off Goodlette-Frank and Immokalee roads might seem an unlikely setting for excellent French fare, but that’s what you will find here, along with ample parking, a friendly staff and ...
Up to the challenge of buying local, delivering fresh

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Chances are that if you like to socialize in Naples, you’ve most likely enjoyed the show-stopping creations of Artichoke and Company, one of the most prominent catering services in Southwest Florida. We chat with chef and owner Brian Gorman about his distinguished background working with the top names in Manhattan restaurants, his arrival in Florida and his success for on the local cuisine scene.

Q: What is your culinary background?
A: I went to New York Culinary School in 1992 and worked for David Bouley and as a chef at other fine restaurants in New Jersey and Florida until I became the chef/owner of Artichoke and Company in 1997.

Q: What can you tell us about working with David Bouley?
A: Straight out of culinary school, I was hired as an unpaid intern at New York’s top-rated restaurant, Bouley, for three months. This was one of the most sought-after internships in all of the country. There were anywhere from five to 10 interns there at any given time. So in three months, I saw more than 40 interns come and go — and only one would work. I was the one and only one would be hired. I was the one and only one who had rented a condo here for three years and moved to Florida.

Q: What brought you to Southwest Florida?
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Q: How do you find challenging?
A: Today’s biggest challenge is buying fresh. You can buy product anywhere and it can get delivered every hour if you choose, but buying a fresh product at the right price is a challenge. As a business owner, keeping costs in line in a skyrocketing market and keeping our prices low is a challenge. I suppose it will never change, but we work hard at it and overall we do it well.

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Completed Carrara Residences ready for move-in
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Above: Priced from the $700s, Carrara offers the simplicity and convenience of “lock-and-leave,” maintenance-free condominium living along with the spacious, luxurious ambiance one would expect in a community of Talis Park’s stature.

Talis Park announced that completed penthouse-style condominium residences are available for purchase and immediate move-in in the North Naples community’s Carrara neighborhood. An enclave of spacious residences being built by WCI Communities, Carrara will feature 90 penthouse-style condominiums in 15 midrise buildings at build-out. Each building includes three floors over parking with two residences per floor. A designer-decorated furnished Carrara model is open for viewing.

Priced from the $700s, Carrara offers the simplicity and convenience of “lock-and-leave,” maintenance free condominium living along with the luxurious ambiance one would expect in a community of Talis Park’s stature. Each residence includes a private elevator lobby, a spacious great room, a gourmet island kitchen, an “on the view” owner’s suite, two guest ensuites, a library/media room, a powder bath, and secured ground level parking. The luxury penthouse-style residences offer more than 2,000 square feet of air conditioned living space and feature wrap-around loggias.

Located on the first residential floor, the Carrara model showcases an interior or by Jinx McDonald, President & Interior Designer at Jinx McDonald Interior Designs in Naples. McDonald and her team of Cynde Thompson, a licensed designer, and Janine Blume, associate designer, have created a fresh, modern interior design that takes full advantage of the abundance of natural light, capturing views, and privacy afforded by the home’s floor plan. Intended to reflect the “new” Naples look that is neither cottage, contemporary, nor transitional, the design eschews staid brown tones and features a palette of vibrant colors in Caribbean blues and sea-glass greens. The kitchen features glossy white cabinetry contrasted with dark charcoal quartz countertops and complementing backsplashes. The adjoining dry bar features a mirrored back-splash accent to reflect light.

The great room presents a sectional sofa upholstered in natural woven fabric and placed on a 90-degree angle. Two armchairs sport a fun geometric pattern in Caribbean blue. The breezy, light drapery panels are layered in white, gray and turquoise blue. Custom abstract art by a Naples artist, commissioned exclusively for the model, introduces color on each side of the wall-mounted, framed flat-screen television. The great room's zero-corner pocketing doors stack back to reveal the main wrap-around loggia and extend the living space. The combination of the wraparound loggia and a private al fresco area at the den provide a total of more than 700 square feet of outdoor living space.

The main wall of the owner's suite features a molding detail in a grid pattern framing a custom-built king bed with a soft silver-gray finish. Additional furnishings feature inlays of mother-of-pearl, decorative hardware, and reflective accents to add to the serenity of the room. The owner's bathroom includes glossy white vanity cabinet inlay with his-and-hers sinks, silver-toned wallpaper and accents of salty blue and misty gray. The space offers a separate tub and shower, private water closet, and an oversized walk-in closet.

One of the guest rooms features painted walls in a dramatic Caribbean blue, a king bed in ebony wood tones, and a painted blue chest. Kiwi and turquoise pillows pop against a white coverlet. The second bedroom includes twin beds pushed against a custom wall-mounted upholstered headboard with textured geometric patterns in deep blues and sea glass. Oversized pillows lend additional softness to the beds. Each guest room has a walk-in closet and private full bath. The den's tailored sleeper sofa accommodates additional guests. The room’s black painted desk and bookcases contrast against a textural accent wall.

WCI is also accepting contracts for newly-introduced luxury Terrace Homes presented within the first two of eight three-story mid-rises in Talis Park’s Viansa neighborhood. Offering 2,850 square feet of living space, 48 three bedroom plus den, three-and-a-half bath Viansa Terrace Homes will feature nature preserve views and a refined home design that balances everyday living with easy al fresco entertaining. Homes in Viansa start at $605,000. The first Viansa building is scheduled for completion in late February and will include a furnished model.

The Carrara residences overlook Talis Park’s Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf course and the community’s award-winning Vyne House clubhouse. Tennis, bocce, bar, and a lap pool at Talis Park's new Sports Complex, golf, and the fitness center, spa, and dining venues at Vyne House are just minutes away. The Carrara neighborhood also features a private hospitality area. The fitness center, spa, and dining venues at Vyne House are just minutes away. The Carrara neighborhood also features a private hospitality area that includes a pool, a covered gathering area, restrooms, and grills. The hospitality area is located just steps away from Talis Park’s Casa Cortese Grille, an outdoor lounge experience adjacent to the Talis Park Golf Club’s pristine driving range that has been transformed into a sports center complete with a pool table, shuffleboard, darts, and a high-tech golf simulator that is available for both indoor instruction and indoor practice. The new sports center provides residents and their guests with yet another venue for enjoying Talis Park’s relaxed lifestyle.

Talis Park is located on Livingston Road just north of Immokalee Road in North Naples. Visit Talis Park’s award-winning Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livington Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com.
AQUA at Pelican Isle, the boutique luxury condominium community adjacent to Wiggins Pass in North Naples, enjoys its picturesque, relaxing waterfront location, warm tropical climate and balmy Gulf of Mexico breezes. AQUA takes advantage of its waterfront location and outfitted its marina front poolscape with private Marina Cabanas (available for purchase to homeowners only). The Marina Cabanas are designed for those buyers who desire an extra indulgence of shade or sunshine, nearby living area with comfortable seating, air conditioning, wet bar with refrigerators and microwaves, and a full bath. The cabana lifestyle allows you to grill a steak or your catch of the day on a private built in gas grill, eat ceviche and sip on a mojito, or kick back for a deep tissue massage that can be arranged by the concierge, all with the view of the water, yacht basin and pool.

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AQUA also offers to residents-only, a select few interior Guest Cottages for purchase. These Guest Cottages are located along the lobby and amenity level, either overlooking the pool or the putting green. These cottages can function as an out of the home office, studio, personal game room, exercise room and more.

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The truly exquisite penthouse suites offer more than 6,500 square feet interior living area, also featuring a grand terrace and private balconies that total over 2700 square feet of outdoor living area spanning across the entire residence maximizing both sunrise and sunset views.

Located in beautiful Naples, Florida, AQUA combines a waterfront lifestyle with Wiggins Bay and the Gulf of Mexico right outside the front door and downtown Naples and its top-rated beaches a short drive away.

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Sales for AQUA Tower II have reached 70% with Naples-based PACT Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent. For further information about the select opportunities at AQUA, please call 239-991-2727, visit online at www.aqua-naples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34103. Three new models are also underway. Located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34103. All residences at AQUA are offered from $1.995 million and above, exclusively from PACT Realty.
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Mediterra is offering an exclusive opportunity for the public to explore fully furnished multimillion dollar model homes, discover luxury performance automobiles and experience its 5-time Community of the Year lifestyle during the 2017 Mediterra Model Home Showcase. The event provides a rare glimpse inside Naples’ premier golf and beach club community, ranked among the top country clubs in the world.

London Bay Homes is opening the doors to five inspiring single-family villa and estate model homes and putting guests in the driver’s seat of Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Maseratis courtesy of event partner Naples Motorsports.

Come visit Mediterra this weekend: Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5, noon to 5 p.m.

Created by the award-winning team of London Bay Homes and Romanza Interior Design, the showcase homes are priced from $1 million to more than $3 million, and promise to wow with resort-style custom pools and spas, expanded outdoor living areas and open floor plans perfect for entertaining in style. The models feature the latest in architectural and interior design and elegant extras for inspired living - dancing water and fire included.

Event guests will receive a model map and registration form at the gatehouse that will guide them to four of Mediterra’s intimate neighborhoods and embark on a journey through the community’s unfolding scenery of rolling hills, nature preserves, sun-dappled lakes and glancing views of 36 holes of Tom Fazio-designed golf.

The showcase models offer one- and two-story floor plans, 2,810 to 4,493 square feet of living space, three and four bedrooms, and home-specific second-floor lounges and recreation rooms. Specialty flooring, ceiling and wall treatments, and floor plans designed with multiple alfresco gathering areas to enjoy Florida’s outdoor lifestyle demonstrate London Bay Homes’ commitment to Private Label Living and personal expression.

Showcase visitors will be among the first to view Mediterra’s two newest models. Recently completed Capriano luxury villas in the Lucarno and Cortile neighborhoods. One of London Bay Homes’ most popular floor plans, the single-family models feature individual personalities and display the array of options available to owners.

The maintenance-free Caprianos each offer four bedrooms, studies, four full baths and second-floor lounge areas with wet bars and large sundekes. Their open floor plans meld great room, dining area and kitchen, and flow through pocket sliding glass doors to outdoor living, dining and kitchen areas.

Both models showcase custom-designed pools and spas, firescapes and architectural elements, including trellises, pergolas and entry courtyards with fountains.

Spanning 4,493 square feet of living space, the Capriano in Cortile overlooks a nature preserve and features a pool with a cascading waterfall fountain and spa. Design elements include a transitional design, travertine and wood flooring, and a palette of white, neutral gray, black and teal. Overlooking a lake in Mediterra’s Serata neighborhood, the model’s outdoor areas include an award-winning pool with dancing streams of colored water emerging unexpectedly from the pool deck. It has a three-car garage.

London Bay Homes also has seven single-family luxury villas and custom estate homes currently in various stages of construction at Mediterra, and another seven starts planned for this year.

London Bay Homes, an award-winning homebuilder and developer in the South-west Florida luxury home market for more than 25 years, manages all new construction sales and marketing for Mediterra. The builder offers homes priced from $1 million to more than $7 million, and an exclusive opportunity for new homebuyers to purchase a golf membership without the delay of what otherwise is approximately a one-year waiting list.

For more information about the showcase visit www.MediterraShowcase.com, call 239-949-8989 or visit Mediterra, located on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road and west of I-75.
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Ave Maria hosts over 40 floor plans from high $100s

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Quality of Life
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CC Homes, presents 3-6 bedroom homes in one and two-story floor plans ranging in size from 1133 to over 5000 square feet and priced from the high $200s. Homes are offered in three neighborhoods: Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge Reserve, and Coquina at Maple Ridge. Customize your dream home with several options including outdoor oasis with pool, kitchen, and cabana bathroom or an extra bedroom or flex room above the garage.

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Kalea Bay releases second tower as first tower approaches sellout

Prices start at $1.3 million

Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, announced the community’s second tower has been released for sale.

“Our first tower, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed this Fall, has already surpassed the 80% sold mark,” stated Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. “The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2.”

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. The incredibly designed residences offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve. They are perfect living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect living areas have direct views to the water and preserve.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

- Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/4.5 bath plans with 3,794 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

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

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

“Our floor plans have an open design that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today,” said Wilson.

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, 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,” Wilson said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails. “We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence,” said Wilson. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

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

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

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million. In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community’s clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed this fall.

“The 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, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe.

Above: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Kalea Bay’s first and second towers were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. The custom kitchens feature Wolf and SubZero appliances and an oversized island. Left: Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. Below: The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe.

“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.

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) 793-0100 or online at KaleaBay.com.
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Home sites, furnished model residences, and unfurnished, move-in ready homes are available for purchase in TwinEagles’ remaining neighborhoods. Product choices range from carriage homes to single-family homes, estate residences, and grand estate residence home sites. A full golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed home at TwinEagles.

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Thirty-one buildable home sites and three furnished homes at various stages of completion are available in Lennar’s Kinross neighborhood. Two furnished models are open for viewing. Home sites 52-feet wide and 145-feet deep or deeper, and six floor plans from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet priced from the high $400’s to the low-$600’s continue to drive sales in Kinross. Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high $400’s to the low-$600’s price point.

The 2,247 square feet Maria furnished model in Kinross is base-priced at $559,094. The Maria plan includes a great room, island kitchen, and 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. Lennar’s Angelina plan offers 2,601 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 Angelina plan is base-priced at $544,094. An Angelina model is open for viewing.

Minto Florida’s Dundee neighborhood offers a final opportunity to purchase 2,600 to 2,800 square feet under air residence in the $600,000 to $800,000 price range at TwinEagles. Thirty-one 62 x 135-feet buildable sites remain available. Dundee features capivating water, preserve, and golf course views. Minto is presenting seven floor plan choices in Dundee. A $35,000 builder incentive is applied to options, upgrades, or closing costs is available for newly constructed homes in Dundee.

One unfurnished move-in ready residence and three buildable home sites are available in Minto’s Lockford neighborhood. Lockford features one and two-story floor plans ranging from 2,600 to 3,800 square-feet under air. Homes on 60-foot sites are priced from the low-$500’s to $1 million. Minto’s Prestwick Grand and Turnberry Grand furnished models are open for viewing. Base-priced at $560,990, the Prestwick Grand’s 2,905 square-feet great room plan includes two bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a study, sitting room, formal dining room, an island kitchen, and a lanai that features an outdoor kitchen, and a two-car garage. The Turnberry Grand includes 3,811 square feet with a two-story great room, three bedrooms, three full-baths and two half-baths, a study, formal dining room, a lanai with an outdoor kitchen, an upstairs bonus room with a covered outdoor terrace, and a three-car garage with a tandem space. Turnberry Grand pricing starts at $674,990.

Ten estate home sites are available in TwinEagles’ Hedgestone neighborhood. Hedgestone showcases 2,800 to 5,000 square feet residences by Stock Signature Homes and A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes. Stock’s furnished Windsor II model is open for viewing and purchase and is priced at $2,067,000 with furnishings. Stock’s furnished Windsor II model and Divco’s Monteego model have sold and remain open for viewing.

Eight grand estate home sites are available in the Glasgow, Sterling Hill, and Inverness neighborhoods. These sites range from nearly an acre to over 1.5-acres and are priced from $632,500 to $775,000. A thirty-foot setback ensures residences in Glasgow, Sterling Hill, and Inverness will be at least sixty-feet apart. The remaining site in Glasgow offers a final opportunity to build within the neighborhood.

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### Coach Homes

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ONE Interiors to be inspired by acclaimed Adriana Hoyos Design Studio

JAXI, developer of ONE, the 16-story boutique, luxury condominium to be built on the bank of the Caloosahatchee River in the Historic Fort Myers River District, has announced that the interiors for the elegant development will be inspired by ADRIANA HOYOS DESIGN STUDIO. The interior design of all public areas in ONE will be inspired by Hoyos’ and her international design firm whose work has graced the pages of Architectural Digest, Interior Design, Florida Design, and Lute Magazine, to name a few.

Recognized as a boutique design firm specializing in high-end interiors and furniture design, ADRIANA HOYOS DESIGN STUDIO has completed hundreds of projects in a variety of developments including high-rise residential and luxury homes, to major hotels and resorts. The international 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.

“ONE will become the newest design manifest of Adriana Hoyos,” says the designer who is known for weaving nature, simplicity and classic style into her work.

“In addition to her extremely impressive reputation and diverse experience with luxury developments, we chose Adriana Hoyos for our project because we feel that her design philosophy and passion in creating timeless, sophisticated designs, while also making the spaces inviting and interesting to look at, fit perfectly with our vision for ONE,” says JAXI Managing Member Eduardo Caballero.

Designed by world-renowned architects BeharFont & Partners, ONE will be located at 2583 First Street. The boutique tower will feature 26 exclusive for-sale condominium residences with pricing from the low $500,000’s to over $2 million. Reservations are now underway and estimated delivery is scheduled for the last quarter of 2018. The beautiful tower will feature two-and three-bedroom residences ranging from 1,500 to 2,286 square feet, as well as two penthouses spanning from 3,900 square feet to over 5,000 square feet, one of which is already reserved.

Luxurious features at ONE include private entrance elevators, 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. ONE will also feature smart technology and assigned covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access.

In addition to all of the enviable unit amenities, ONE will feature indulgent building amenities including: a heated cascading Infinity-edge pool overlooking the water, a serene landscaped riverfront promenade; a fitness room; a beautiful lobby, owners’ lounge with a bar, concierge services, high speed internet and Wi-Fi in all public areas.

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 are being conducted from the beautiful sales gallery located on the first floor of the Fort Myers City Pier building at 1300 Hendry Street. To learn more call (239) 500-JAXI (5294), ext. 1 or visit www.OneFtMyers.com.
Founder’s Square
The Heart of Babcock Ranch

The band shell that will host concerts for those gathered on an inviting green has been completed. On the opposite side of the green, a splash pad is nearly finished and waiting to hear the playful laughter of children of all ages. Benches that offer inviting places to relax, read, have conversations with friends, or enjoy views of Lake Babcock have been installed. A lakefront boardwalk at the northern edge of the green beckons the young and the young at heart to take a stroll along the lake or, perhaps, to rent a kayak, paddle board, or row boat and enjoy being on the water. This is Founder’s Square, the 13-acre heart of the Downtown District at Babcock Ranch, a new eco-centric town being built by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County just 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31. Babcock Ranch is the first solar powered town in the world and will include 19,500 homes, nearly 50,000 residents, and 6 million square feet of commercial space.

Kitson’s approach at Babcock Ranch is focused on creating a sense of place that will be embraced by residents and visitors alike. Founder’s Square epitomizes that vision. It will serve as Babcock’s central gathering place, the site of community events and celebrations, and the anchor for every aspect of life in the new town.

Visitors will stop by the information center at Woodlea Hall, Babcock’s first civic building scheduled to be completed late this month includes indoor and outdoor dining and a beer garden adjacent to the green at Founder’s Square. Babcock Ranch is a new eco-centric town being created by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County just 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31. Babcock Ranch is the first solar powered town in the world.

The heart of Babcock Ranch is found in pre-World War II neighborhoods in Fort Myers, Naples, and Charlotte County. The Babcock style carries that notion onto a day-to-day street to encourage the interaction and sense of belonging that are the essence of Babcock Ranch. Founder’s Square will serve as a central gathering place and the site of community events and celebrations at Babcock Ranch. More importantly, it will be the anchor for every aspect of life in the new town. The lakefront Table & Tap restaurant scheduled for completion late this month includes indoor and outdoor dining and a beer garden adjacent to the green at Founder’s Square. Babcock Ranch is a new eco-centric town being built by Kitson & Partners in Charlotte County just 20 minutes east of Fort Myers off Florida State Road 31. Babcock Ranch is the first solar powered town in the world.

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The level of personal engagement visitors and residents will experience at Founder’s Square is also embedded in Babcock’s neighborhoods. The town’s architectural styles contribute to the sense of place Kitson is creating and showcase the styles that emphasize backyard living that isolates neighbors from one another. The Babcock style is found in pre-World War II neighborhoods in Fort Myers, Naples, and Southwest Florida. Deep porches characterize these regional styles typically run the length of the front facade and sometimes wrap around the sides of the house. These design principles are applied to the town’s architectural styles – Craftsman, Farmhouse, Coastal Gulf Vernacular, Spanish, and Colonial/ West Indies. Grouped around parks and streetscapes, the homes and their porches will be positioned tighter to the street to encourage the interaction and sense of belonging that are the essence of Babcock Ranch. Founder’s Square carries that notion onto a day-to-day platform that will resonate even more vividly as families and neighbors create lasting memories together.

To learn more about the eco-centric, solar powered town being created by Kitson & Partners at Babcock Ranch, visit babcockranch.com.
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Quail West announced that Stock Signature Homes’ Cameron furnished model is open for viewing and purchase in the North Naples community’s Cortland neighborhood. Cortland offers nineteen 55-foot home sites that showcase Quail West’s golf course and water views. The neighborhood offers a selection of thirteen floor plans by Stock Signature Homes, the exclusive homebuilder in Cortland. The four-bedroom plus study floor plans range from 3,504 to 4,289 square feet under air and are base-priced from $1,089,990 to $1,209,990.

The 4,297 square feet furnished Cameron model includes a formal living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, wet bar, a kitchen with a t-shaped island and family room, a study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a three-car garage. The outdoor living space offers a fireplace, a kitchen with a bar and dining area, and a pool and spa. The Cameron floor plan is base-priced at $1,209,990. The Cameron model is priced at $2,358,583 with furnishings.

Stock’s furnished Stella model will make its debut in the Cortland neighborhood this month. Base-priced at $1,089,990, the 4,238 square feet Stella will include a formal living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, wet bar, a double-island kitchen and family room, a study, four bedrooms, and four-and-a-half baths. The living room and family room will open to an outdoor living space featuring a fireplace, an outdoor kitchen with a walk-up bar and dining area, and a pool and spa. The Stella model is priced at $2,339,460.

The Stella and Cameron models will now join the Normandy II model in Cortland. Priced at $2,267,125 with furnishings, the Normandy II model’s open concept floor plan includes four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a study. A massive living area includes a great room, dining area, a wet bar, a double-island kitchen, and an entertainment bar overlooking the outdoors. One of the guest bedrooms is designed as a cabana suite. The great room opens to the outdoors where covered lanais, a summer kitchen, fireplace, and a pool and spa await. The Normandy II floor plan is base-priced at $1,984,990.

Quail West’s Preferred Builders also continue to introduce completed furnished estate models. Diamond Custom Homes’ two-story, 5,541 square feet under air Magnolia estate showcases an open-concept floor plan with a great room, bar, spacious dining area, gourmet island kitchen, and a comfortable lounge area. The right room and lounge both open to an outdoor living area with a year round kitchen, a covered loggia, and a pool deck with a fire pit. Additional gathering places include a library and an upstairs space with a television viewing area and billiard rooms, both of which open to outdoor terraces. The plan features four bedrooms, one of which is a downstairs VIP suite, and four-and-a-half baths. The furnished Magnolia model is priced at $3,895,000.

London Bay Homes’ Avignon estate model is priced at $4,975,000. This stunning grand estate home offers 5,895 square feet under air. The thoughtfully designed floor plan includes a wide foyer with views of the outdoor living area and pool, an elegant sitting area and gallery that opens to the outdoors, a spacious study that also opens to the outdoors, a massive island kitchen, dining area, great room, and wet bar, four bedrooms, five full baths and one half-bath, multiple covered outdoor living areas that include a full kitchen with a walk-up island bar and overlook a beautifully landscaped green space, pool and spa.

Fox Custom Builders’ 5,669 square feet Casa Bellissima estate model is a four bedroom, four-and-a-half bath, two-story residence with formal living and dining rooms, a library, two-sided fireplace, three wet bars, island kitchen, family room, and an upstairs leisure room. The residence features an outdoor living area with an outdoor kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa, as well as a walled landscaped courtyard off the family room, and a walled landscaped courtyard off the master bath with an outdoor shower. The Casa Bellissima is offered at $4,295,000 with furnishings.

Seagate Development Group, LLC’s 5,693 square feet Pine Valley estate will open within the next week to ten days. The floor plan includes a great room that opens to an outdoor living area with a pool and spa, a fireplace, and an outdoor kitchen and dining area. A detached one-bedroom cabana will be situated adjacent to the pool. The plan features a clubroom with a media area, a bar with a window that opens to the outdoor living area, a wine room, a double-island kitchen, and a lounge. One of the guest bedrooms serves as a VIP suite. The Pine Valley model is priced at $4,295,000.

Seagate’s 5,464 square feet furnished Calusa estate model is slated for completion in March. The Calusa features a great room that flows into a double-island kitchen and a dining area with an indoor/outdoor bar that opens to a covered lanai. A gallery hallway will lead to a club room, two VIP guest suites, and double doors opening to a garden courtyard. A guest casita will be located off an outdoor living area with an outdoor kitchen and bar, fireplace, pool and spa, and a fire pit. The owner’s wing will include a study, a master bedroom with a private terrace, and a master bath. The Calusa model is priced at $4,295,000.

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Sweet 16: Naples Reserve features 16 spectacular models during the 2017 Single-Site Parade of Homes

Whether you fancy yourself a connoisseur of lakefront sunsets from your private boat dock, a top tennis player or a (chaise) lounge lizard who understands pools are best enjoyed with an umbrella drink, you’ll find your perfect lifestyle – and home – during the single-site Parade of Homes at Naples Reserve. The parade, sponsored by the Collier Building Industry Association, offers a taste of Naples’ most unique lifestyle with tours of 16 model homes and the resort-inspired Island Club, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fully furnished homes, created by the area’s best builders, feature gourmet kitchens, sweeping scenic views, custom pools and spas, and special places and spaces – inside and out – to entertain friends and family, relax by a cozy fireplace and more.

Model homes are now open in five of Naples Reserve’s 11 neighborhoods, woven into a tapestry of 688 natural acres and 22 freshwater lakes, one with its own private island. The community offers attached villas, single-family homes and custom estate homes by Ashton Woods, D.R. Horton, Florida Lifestyle Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes.

Parade models represent nearly endless lifestyle options within 2,100 to more than 3,500 square feet and feature three and four bedrooms, swoon-worthy master suites, expansive outdoor living areas, and home-specific studies, dens, sunny kitchen nooks and second-floor lofts. The essence of lakefront living is experienced throughout Naples Reserve, especially along the 125-acre Eagle Lake, where homebuyers have the opportunity to build a floating dock in their backyard. The lake is home to the destination Kontiki Island (tiki hut included) and offers a mile-long stretch along the channel island ambience with a sweeping stretch of beachfront for volleyball and sunning, bocce courts, plus plenty of spaces to relax, including the open-air Chat ’n Chill Tiki Bar, a waterfall pool and Latitudes Cafe.

Close to downtown Naples and the area’s Gulf of Mexico beaches, Naples Reserve was created by award-winning developer iStar to offer premier lakefront living and amenities on the water’s edge. Naples Reserve’s Parade of Homes models are open Friday through Sunday, Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26, 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 suggested to benefit the CBIA’s scholarship fund.

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Whether you’re challenging friends to a round of golf or simply relaxing at home, you’ll love the lifestyle in Ave Maria. Come visit us today. Discover 21 model homes and 40 floor plans to choose from. 2 to 6 bedroom homes range in price from the high $100s to the $500s. And don’t forget to bring your camera. There’s so much to see and do you’ll want to capture every moment. Ave Maria. Picture Perfect.
New homes are move-in ready at Lely Resort: Players room open for residents

Over the past 15 years, Stock Development has built an abundance of beautiful residences and amazing lifestyle amenities at Lely Resort, the seven time Community of the Year. With the winter season here, Stock has recently 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.”

Fewer than 100 new homes remain for sale in the community. With sell out of the community nearing, lifestyle remains king as Stock continues to improve the amenities that Lely Resort offers.

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 banquet 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. Amazing single-family homes and twin villas are available in Lakyia. This exclusive 242-acre enclave has a private guarded entrance and gated entrance, sculptured 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 packages.

Offering a spacious and comfortable, the Arvanita provides its residents an easy Florida Lifestyle. This three-bedroom, two-bathroom home offers 1,916 square feet of living area and 2,577 total square feet including a screened and covered lanai and an attached two-car garage.

The floorplan 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 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 sun deck 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 two walk-in closets. It is priced at just $426,825.

The exquisitely designed Tivoli III is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extravagant, lakeside and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf.

Spaciousness and livability are the hallmarks of this three-bedroom, three-bath great room-style home. The Tivoli III features a formal study, a gorgeous island-style kitchen with a dining room, a screened covered lanai and an attached two-car garage.

The home offers 2,062 square feet under air and is a total of 3,037 square feet including the lanai, the entry and the garage. The home is move-in ready for $691,865.

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

Cipriani 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 B model is available for only $598,100.

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 neighborhood features an selection of amazing lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Prices start in the $400s.

Lely Resort has three championship golf courses and a spectacular club facility. The Player’s Club & Spa is an amazing 38,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse.

The expanded Tikí Bar by the resort-style pool has twelve foot awnings around all sides, six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

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Own a slice of paradise with this 3/2 pool home. Open bridge, golf access, 2 boat lifts, private spa. 1-866-657-2300

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Laketown home in award-winning community with resort style amenities, 4 bed/3 bath, study, granite kitchen, 3 car garage! 1-866-657-2300

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Move in ready 3/2 with a pool in Mahogany Run Gateway. Gorgeous granite countertops. 1-866-657-2300

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Open floor plan, volume ceilings, bay windows, hurricane shutters, 2 car garage. On an oversize lot! 1-866-657-2300

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Location! Location! Location! Custom kitchen with additional sinks in the island. 5 sliders, western exposure, water views! 1-866-657-2300

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A delightful Jewel set in an ultra-convenient location. Double master, split floor plan, huge price reduction, walk through the beautiful front door into a wide open floor plan to the living room dining and kitchen. 1-866-657-2300

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4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home on canal. Deep water, sailboat access and there’s already a dock and boat lift ready!
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**Gulf Access - Monte Carlo Condo**
Delightful two-bedroom, two bathrooms, first floor condo. New carpet and tile and new washer and dryer installed.
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$499,900
800CC012555.

**Stunning Sanibel Retreat**
Sanibel Beachfront living your whole family to this oversized home on Sanibel Island. Deeded beach access in the community!
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**Custom Built Pool - San Carlos Estates**
One of the most desirable and sought after neighborhoods in Bonita Springs. High ceilings jetted tub granite countertops.
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**Gulf Access Home Site on Large Lot**
3 bed 3 bath 2 car garage home in NW Cape Coral with Gulf Access. Built with a 2-room separate guest suite open floor plan.
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**Stunning 3/2/2 Pool Paces Community**
You will not believe the features of this home and the amenities the community has to offer! Schedule your showing today.
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Top located in the popular Rosegarden Area (UNIT 64) overlooking intersecting canals.
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Beautiful 3/2 + den, pool home located in unit 69. Cape Harbour, dining & shopping, andturnkey.
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$599,000
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**Exquisite Gulf Access Pool Home**
This gorgeous 2 story home offers 2251 sqft of paradise living with 3 bed 3 bath 3 car garage + bonus room!
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**4 Bed/3 Bath Pool Home in SW Cape Coral**
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